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Acquisition Information

Some Views Around Vallejo and Mare Island was purchased in 1994.

Scope and Content

Some Views Around Vallejo and Mare Island contains 126 photographic prints of the Vallejo and Mare Island vicinity taken circa 1865 to circa 1910. Included are many early townscapes of Vallejo as well as views of many of its institutions and commercial areas, such as the Good Templar’s Home for Orphans, the Frisbie House, Plummer & Robinson, Star Mills, The Methodist Episcopal Church, the Church of the Ascension, Georgia Street, Santa Clara Street, Virginia Street, school buildings, the local rectory, and some private residences, including that of A. Powell. Also featured prominently in the collection is the Mare Island Navy Yard. Included are several photographs of ships and dry dock activity, street scenes, buildings, beaches, a U.S. Navy graveyard, and the Mare Island waterfront. Forming a large portion of the collection are the loose pages of an undated album entitled Some Views Around Vallejo and Mare Island. The pages contain mounted and captioned cyanotypes of the Mare Island Navy Yard, the town of Vallejo and its environs --including the Green Valley Falls, then a new source of Vallejo’s water supply --and other miscellaneous subjects such as persons from the Sandwich Islands, a Kanacka warrior, a shipwreck in Samoa, and a scene from Honolulu, Hawaii.

The collection also contains several portraits of unidentified men, most of them taken by Vallejo photographer James G. Smith.


Names found on some of the mount versos include Mary E. Leavey, Mrs. Lawton, E.D. Rule, and James Turner.

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