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Collection Summary
Collection Title: Photographs from the Walter S. Johnson papers
Date (inclusive): circa 1870-circa 1975
Collection Number: BANC PIC 2012.103
Collector: Johnson, Walter S.
Extent: 3 boxes, 3 oversize folers, 3 albums (circa 1,100 photographic prints, including 2 tintypes), 4 framed photographs, 67 negatives and 1 cased photograph : b&w and color ; 53 x 43 cm or smaller.
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Box making--California--Photographs.
Photograph albums.
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Gift ; of Walter S. Johnson Foundation ; 2011.

Biography/Organization History
Walter S. Johnson (1884-1978) was a businessman and philanthropist based in San Francisco, California. An early partner in the Stockton Box Corporation, he helped to develop the company into the American Box Corporation, which later became the American Forest Products Corporation. He also helped establish the Friden Calculating Machine Company (Friden, Inc.). In 1959 Johnson donated $2 million for the preservation of the Palace of Fine Arts, and continued to support the Palace financially for the rest of his life. In tribute, the city named the surrounding grounds the Walter S. Johnson Park. In 1968 Johnson established the Walter S. Johnson Foundation to support his various philanthropic interests.

Scope and Content Note
Includes formal portrait photographs and snapshots of Walter S. Johnson; his family, friends and other associates; and events pertaining to his business and philanthropic pursuits. Also includes photograph albums pertaining to Johnson’s early career as a lawyer and partner in the Stockton Box Corporation; to his leadership of the American Box Corporation; and to the Panama Pacific International Exposition. Some material depicts logging, lumbering and other aspects of wooden box manufacturing. Also includes other photographs depicting P.P.I.E. and the Palace of Fine Arts, as well as portraits of architect Bernard Maybeck. Ambrotype depicts Alfred A. Johnson, father of Walter S. Johnson.

PIC_box 1
Photographic prints: Walter S. Johnson portraits, personal, family and career.
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folder 1  Walter S. Johnson: personal portraits.
folder 2  Walter S. Johnson: tintype portraits.
folder 3  Personal and family.
folder 4  Personal and family (ct’d).
folder 5  Career.
folder 6  Career (ct’d).

PIC_box 2
Photographic prints: disbound albums, P.P.I.E, events, leisure and travel, military, etc
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folder 1  Photograph album (disbound): Forestry.
folder 2  Photograph album (disbound) : Forestry (ct’d).
folder 3  Photograph album (disbound) : “Corporate”.
folder 4  Loose photographs from PPIE album (--fALB vol. 1).
folder 5  Events.
folder 6  Leisure and travel.
folder 7  Military.
folder 8  Palace of Fine Arts.
folder 9  Numbered and listed photographs (as received).
folder 10  Loose photographs from --fALB vol.3 (group portraits).
folder 11  Sarah Bernhardt commercial studio portrait.
folder 12  PPIE photograph exhibit labels.
folder 13  Miscellaneous papers.

AX_box 1
Oversize photographic prints: various subjects BANC PIC 2012.103--AX
folder 1  American Forestry Products Corp. scrapbook leaves.
folder 2  American Forestry Products Corp. group portrait.
folder 3  Family portraits.
folder 4  Family photograph album (disbound).
folder 5  Family photograph album (disbound)(ct’d).
folder 6  Walter S. Johnson portraits.
folder 7  Walter S. Johnson portraits (ct’d).
folder 8  Bernard Maybeck portraits.
folder 9  Photograph album (disbound): Friden Corp.

B_folder 1
Oversize photographic print: Walter S. Johnson portrait. BANC PIC 2012.103--B

C_folder 1
Oversize photographic prints: portrait and Friden event. BANC PIC 2012.103--C

C_folder 2
[Wfriden Corp. event in Italy: bouquet room. 1953.]

Photograph albums
Volume 1. BANC PIC 2012.103--fALB
Scope and Content Note
Album of Panama-Pacific International Exposition photographs.

Volume 2 BANC PIC 2012.103--ALB
Scope and Content Note
Volume 2. Snapshot photograph album pertaining to post-World War I activities of Walter S. Johnson, including the early development of the Stockton Box Corporation. Photographs depict Johnson (wearing soldier's uniform in many images), business associates, construction of company building(s), logging and lumbering, a company town, and possibly friends and family.

Volume 3 BANC PIC 2012.103--fALB
Scope and Content Note
Photograph album pertaining to the American Box Corporation and affiliate companies (e.g. General Box Distributors, Associated Lumber and Box Company, etc.). Includes portraits of Walter S. Johnson and company staff, and snapshots depicting company facilities throughout California, logging, lumbering, manufacturing, and company products.

Framed P.P.I.E. photographs
[Panama Pacific International Exposition. Festival Hall. Photograph by Theodore Lewis Lenzen.] BANC PIC 2012.103--FR
[Panama Pacific International Exposition. Tower to the Court of Abundance. Photograph by Theodore Lewis Lenzen.] BANC PIC 2012.103--FR

Cased photograph
Ambrotype portrait of Alfred A. Johnson, Sr. Taken circa 1860. BANC PIC 2012.103--CASE

Negatives
Miscellaneous copy negatives of portraits, family snapshots, etc., 4x5 in. or smaller. BANC PIC 2012.103--NNEG
  Shelving location: NNEG misc. box 10

Miscellaneous copy negatives of portraits, family snapshots, etc. in 5x7 sleeves. BANC PIC 2012.103--NNEG(5x7)
  Shelving location: NNEG(5x7) misc. box 11

Miscellaneous copy negatives of portraits, family snapshots, etc. in 8x10 in. sleeves. BANC PIC 2012.103--NNEG(8x10)
  Shelving location: NNEG(8x10) misc. box 12

Miscellaneous copy negatives of portraits, family snapshots, etc. in 35mm strip sleeves. BANC PIC 2012.103--NNEG(strip)
  Physical Description: Shelving location: NNEG(strip) misc. box 13