Guide to the Albany Library Historical Photograph Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Albany Library historical photograph collection,

Date (inclusive): 1891-2001
Date (bulk): (bulk 1905-1994)
Collection number: Consult repository
Collector: Albany Historical Society (Albany, Calif.)
Extent: 601 items601 online items
Albany, California 94706
Abstract: The Albany Library Historical Photograph Collection includes images related to the history of Albany, from the late 1800s to 2001. Notable aspects of the collection includes images of homes and buildings (including school buildings, the public library, and the Peralta Park Hotel), street scenes, significant individuals, and historic events (such as the Judson Powder Works explosion in 1905, the Fourth of July Parade in 1913, the City's 75th Anniversary celebration in 1983, and the opening of the new Albany Library in 1994).

Language: English.

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Access
Collection open for research.

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Preferred Citation

Please use the following citation format for all items: [Item (title)]. Albany Library Historical Photograph Collection. Albany Library (Albany, Calif.)

Acquisition Information
Majority of items in the collection were donated by the Albany Historical Society in 1994.

**Project Information: Albany Library Historical Photograph Digitization Project**

In the fall of 2001, the library received an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant from the State Library for an historical photograph digitization project. The goals of the project were preservation (by creating and storing archival scans) and increased access (by making images from the collection available on the World Wide Web). During the project year (October 2001-September 2002), 550 photographs from the collection of the Albany Historical Society were scanned. An additional 51 images, previously not cataloged, were scanned and added to the collection, including some photographs donated to the library by individuals and organizations in the community. MARC catalog records for all 601 images were created and added to the Alameda County Library's online catalog. Each record includes a thumbnail that links to a larger version of the image. In addition, a separate [web page](#) was created to provide direct access to the Albany Historical Photograph Collection.

**Administrative History**

The Albany Historical Society was founded in 1977 by Catherine Webb, a local historian who had been documenting the history of Albany for more than thirty years. In January 1994, to coincide with the opening of the new library building, she donated the entire collection of the Historical Society to the Albany Library, where it is displayed in a special alcove designed to house it. Since then, members of the community have donated additional materials to the library's collection.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

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**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**

Accornero family  
Barassi family  
Barbegelata family  
Barbegelata-Machado family  
Blank, Jerome--Mayor  
Browne, Gerald  
Call, Hubert F.--Mayor  
Clark, Richard ("Dick")--Mayor  
Cola family  
Ganong, Ruth--Mayor  
Hein, George--Mayor  
Howell, Lewis M.--Mayor  
Olson family  
Sbragia family  
Toreky family  
Webb, Catherine  
Albany (Calif.)  
Albany Hill--California  
Codornices Village--California--Albany  
Gill Tract--California--Albany  
Albany (Calif.)--75th Anniversary  
Albany (Calif.)--Fire Department  
Albany (Calif.)--Mayor  
Albany (Calif.)--Police  
Albany (Calif.)--Volunteer Fire Department
Albany High School (Albany, Calif.)
Albany Library--California
Albany Methodist Church--California--Albany
Baseball--California--Albany
Business enterprises--California--Albany
Church buildings--California--Albany
City council members--California--Albany
City halls--California--Albany
Clubs--California--Albany
Codornices Village--California--Albany
Cornell School--California--Albany
Dwellings--California--Albany
Golden Gate Fields--California--Albany
Judson Powder Works
Municipal government--California--Albany
Parades--California--Albany
Peralta Park Hotel--California--Albany
Railroads--California--Albany
Saint Alban's Episcopal Church--California--Albany
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (Calif.)
Schools--California--Albany
Stores, Retail--California--Albany
Streets--California--Albany
Veterans Memorial Park--California--Albany

Genres and Forms of Material
Photograph
Screened Print
Digital Image