
Guide to the County Photographers' Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: County Photographers' collection

Dates: 1950-1993

Collection number: 2006-013

Creator: Santa Clara County (Calif.) County Photographers

Collection Size: 32 containers

Repository: Santa Clara County Archives.

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Abstract: This collection consists of black and white and color photographs - approximately 50,000 negatives, 2,500 slides, and 4,500 prints created by the County Photographers to document the activities and development of the county's government.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult Archives staff.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection is open for research.

Publication Rights

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Preferred Citation

County Photographers' collection, 2006-013, Santa Clara County Archives.

Acquisition Information

These records were among collections transferred by the Planning Department in 2006.

Processing Information

The photographic material in this collection was identified and separated from the larger accession of which it was a part. The material was cataloged into a database, re-housed into appropriate archival sleeves and storage containers, and arranged sequentially by photograph order number.

Administrative History

The County Photography Department was utilized for many decades to document the activities and development of the county's government. Charles A. Taddo was the Director of the County Photography Department during much of the time span of this collection.

Scope and Content of Collection

The County Photographers' Collection consists of black and white and color photographs - approximately 50,000 negatives, 2,500 slides, and 4,500 prints. These photographs depict a wide array of the county's activities and development between 1950 and 1993. They include aerial photographs of rural and urban parts of the county; portraits, award ceremonies, and retirement functions of county officials and employees; interior and exterior construction progress of various county buildings, such as the county government center, county service center, juvenile center, public and mental health centers,

county jails and hospitals; as well as a variety of photographs that include the airports, schools, courts, and parks throughout the county.

The collection was cataloged into a database, in which each record contains the following information: order number, date of photograph, subject, black and white or color, quantity of photographs, film format or size, and the county department that ordered the photographs. The database is searchable by subject keyword, date, format, or county department.

The photographic film formats found in the collection include 35mm, 126, 127, 828, 120, 620, 4x5, as well as prints ranging in size from 2x3 to 11x14.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged sequentially by photograph order number.

Online Index

Search the collection holdings for pictures of individuals or specific subjects using our [online index](#).

Indexing Terms

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

Santa Clara County (Calif.)--Photographs

Santa Clara County (Calif.)--Aerial photographs

Agriculture--Santa Clara County (Calif.)--Photographs

Building construction--Santa Clara County (Calif.)--Photographs

Government facilities--Santa Clara County (Calif.)--Photographs

Government officials--Santa Clara County (Calif.)--Photographs

Health care facilities--Santa Clara County (Calif.)--Photographs

Historic sites--Santa Clara County (Calif.)--Photographs

Justice facilities--Santa Clara County (Calif.)--Photographs

Parks--Santa Clara County (Calif.)--Photographs

Schools--Santa Clara County (Calif.)--Photographs

Transportation--Santa Clara County (Calif.)--Photographs
