

Guide to the Berkeley History Online

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Berkeley History Online

Dates: Circa 1873-1996

Collection number: Consult repository

Collector: Berkeley Public Library

Collection Size: Approximately 340 linear feet (of which 223 linear feet are book shelves, 82.5 linear feet are file drawers, 15.5 linear feet are map/poster drawers, and 18 linear feet are miscellaneous items including framed prints)200 online items

Repository: Berkeley Public Library
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Abstract: Berkeley Public Library's online local history collection includes images of historical interest of Berkeley from the 1870s through the 1990s. These images portray the social life and customs of Berkeleyans, past and present. They document commercial, residential, and public buildings; city agencies, including the fire department and public library; street scenes; neighborhoods; notable individuals; average citizens; group portraits; annual events, including the How Berkeley Can You Be Parade; political demonstrations; fires and other major events; university and school buildings and campus scenes; and panoramas of the city.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

 <http://content.cdlib.org/search?style=oac-img&sort=title&relation=ark:/13030/kt500023rn>

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information

Collected by Berkeley Public Library staff and others.

Project Information

These photographs and other images were assembled primarily from the Berkeley Public Library's Berkeley History Room collection, including several from the Swingle Collection, a subset of the History Room collection. A significant number of images came from the Berkeley Fire Department's historical photo collection, as well as from the Shades of South Berkeley collection, which is housed at the South Branch of the Berkeley Public Library. The digitization project was part of the California Local History Digital Resources Project (LHDRP), a multi-year program supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. Leveraging the infrastructure of the California Digital Library (CDL) in partnership with Califa and Infopeople, the LHDRP explores a model to aggregate, preserve, and provide permanent public access to local history materials maintained by California cultural heritage institutions via a single statewide online access point. For more information, see the [project website](#) .

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.

Names and Places

Berkeley Public Library

Berkeley Fire Department

Shattuck Hotel
University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley (Calif.)
Shattuck Avenue
Telegraph Avenue
University Avenue
People's Park

Topics

Buildings--California--Berkeley
Hotels--California--Berkeley
Storefronts--California--Berkeley
Stores & shops--California--Berkeley
Streets--California--Berkeley
Universities & colleges--California--Berkeley
How Berkeley Can You Be Parade

Genres and Forms of Materials

Photographic prints
Photographic postcards
Panoramic photographs
