Descriptive Summary
Title: Covina Citrus Industry Photographs
Dates: 1880-1975
Bulk Dates: 1900-1950
Collection number: Consult repository
Collector: Covina Public Library
Collection Size: 200 items 200 online items
Repository: Covina Public Library
Covina, CA 91723
Abstract: This collection contains images which document the workers and working environments in Covina and the Covina area from the 1880's through the 1950's. Most of the images 1-115 show life in the orange groves and packing houses through the 1940's. Images 116-138 are of orange crate labels from Covina packing houses. Most Images 139 through 161 are of families, houses and everyday life, though there a few more of orange groves. Images 162-200 are of pictures taken on May 25, 2006 in the last remaining citrus grove in Covina. These pictures include images of tools and equipment used to cultivate and pick lemons.
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English
Access
Collection open for research. For items ccov_001-100 and 161, photographs are kept at Covina Public Library. For items ccov_101-116, originals are kept at Covina Valley Historical Society museum. For items ccov_117-138, originals are in a private collection. For items ccov_139-160, originals are kept at Powell Camera Shop. Items ccov_162-200 are "born digital" photos, available from the California Digital Library.
Publication Rights
Items ccov_006, 011, 012, 048, 067, 069, 072 are copyright Powell Camera Shop. Items 139-160 are copyright Covina Valley Historical Society. Items 162-200 are copyright Covina Public Library.
Preferred Citation
Covina Citrus Industry Photographs. Covina Public Library, Covina, California.
Acquisition Information
This collection was created by the Covina Public library during 2005-2006 as part of the local History Resources Digitization Project.
Project Information
These photographs came from Powell Camera Shop (which inherited the collection of Covina's pioneer photographer, Clarence Tucker), the Covina Valley Historical Society, the orange crate label collection of Wesley Berry, and the Covina Public Library. The aim was to bring together images of the working lives of Covina area residents during the period when most of the area was devoted to growing oranges, from the 1880's through the 1950's. The project was supported by a grant under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Library.
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
Covina, Calif.
San Gabriel Valley, Calif.
West Covina, Calif.
Charter Oak, Calif.
Topics
Agricultural facilities
Agricultural laborers
Agricultural machinery & implements
Aqueducts
Citrus fruit industry
Houses
Orange trees
Orchards
Railroad stations
Shipping
Fruit crate labels

Genres and Forms of Materials
Photographic prints
Fruit crate labels
Postcards
Equipment
Tools