Finding aid to the Adolph Petsch collection of photographs of Pasadena and Southern California PC 020

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Acquisition Information
The Wagner family in memory of Adolph Petsch.

Access
Collection is open for research.

Related Collections
Los Angeles, 1932-33, PC 17

Scope and Contents
Consists of 51 cabinet photographs of Pasadena, California and other Southern California cities, including Long Beach and Los Angeles. The photographs document many of the houses, churches, hotels, schools, and businesses in Pasadena between the years 1881-1888. Some photographs show the Long Beach Hotel, Mission San Gabriel, and two bird's eye views of Los Angeles.

Biographical / Historical
Adolph Petsch was an early Pasadena resident. In 1881 he and three other businessmen formed the Hermosa Land and Water Company in Cucamonga, San Bernardino County. Petsch was active in civic affairs and assisted in the organization of the inaugural La Fiesta de los Angeles in 1894.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Cabinet photographs
Pasadena (Calif.) -- Pictorial works
Long Beach (Calif.) -- Pictorial works
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- Pictorial works
T.G. Norton & Co.
Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)
Weingarth, George
[Residence] of Stamm circa 1881-1888  
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.  
General Note  
Written on verso: "Marengo Ave. E.C. Webster bought it afterwards."

[Residence] of Stamm 1884  
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.  
General Note  
Written on verso: "Marengo Avenue, 1884 [G.]T. Stamm, Milwaukee brewer, S. Marengo Ave. one of the first fine houses originally part of W.O. Swan ranch (orchard)."

Pasadena circa 1881-1888  
Creator: Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)  
Creator: Weingarth, George  

Hermosa Vista circa 1881  
Creator: Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)  
Creator: Weingarth, George  
General Note  
Written on verso: "Hermosa Vista Hotel in South Pasadena abt. [18]81."

M.E. Church circa 1881-1888  
Creator: Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)  
Creator: Weingarth, George  
General Note  
Written on verso: "On Orange Grove Ave. 1st church in Pasadena built 1878 some Methodist gave the piece of land to build the church on. There were only cypress trees land was not cultivated."

[Presbyterian] Church circa 1881-1889  
Creator: Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)  
Creator: Weingarth, George  
General Note  
Written on verso: "Second church in Pasadena (on California Street) was moved later. Lime hedge around, cypress and pepper tree."

[Philip Beck barn and residence] circa 1885  
General Note  
Written on verso: "Philip Beck barn and temporary residence on Iowa tract, Cucamonga, abt. 1885, raised oranges (was vacant land.) [Hermosa tract 6 x 40 acres (enclosed with concrete wall)] Iowa tract outside of wall."

[Presbyterian Church (Episcopal Church?), Pasadena] circa 1881-1888  
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.  
General Note  
Written on verso: "Presbyterian Church (Episcopal Church?), Pasadena."

[Colorado Street, Pasadena during a hailstorm] 1884  
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.  
General Note  
Written on verso: "Colorado Street, Pasadena during a hailstorm, 1884. Williamson Store, foreground. On right: Plumbing shop, Billiard Room."
[Spanish bayonet] 1884
   Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
   General Note
   Written on verso: "Pasadena 1884 Spanish bayonet, used to make pin cushions of them; grows 20 years then comes blossom within 3 weeks, dies after abt. 6 weeks."

[Mr. C.J. Frese's house in Pasadena] circa 1881-1888
   General Note
   Written on verso: "Mr. [Carl] J. Frese's house in Pasadena. Corner of Pasadena and Walnut St. 2 city lots [...] lots sold but still in vineyards, gradually people built their houses on these lots."

[Pasadena 1884, Grand Hotel and the Williamson Store] 1884
   Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
   General Note
   Written on verso: "Fair [Oaks] and Colorado, Pasadena, 1884. In the foreground cypress hedges, ground not used (turpentine weeds) = school lot."

[Corner of Walnut and Pasadena Ave.] circa 1881-1888
   Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
   General Note
   Written on verso: "Corner of Walnut and Pasadena Ave. (Mr. and Mrs. Frese on porch of shack on George Weingarth's house.) Not the main house."

Pasadena looking east circa 1881-1888
   Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
   General Note
   Written on verso: "From Raymond Hotel. In the foreground weeds, next row to the right vineyard, in the center deciduous trees (peach or apricot, plums that loose their leaves in winter.)"

Long Beach circa 1881-1888
   Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.

   Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
   General Note
   Written on verso: "[Northeast] [corner] of Orange Grove and [Colorado], nearly to [Pasadena] Ave. (orchards)."

[Residence] of P.M. Green circa 1881-1888
   Creator: Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)
   Creator: Weingarth, George
   General Note
   Written on verso: "Foot of Orange Grove and Colombia St."
Pasadena, Fair Oak Ave. looking north [from north of Colorado tract] circa 1881-1888
Creator: Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)
Creator: Weingarth, George
General Note
Written on verso: "On the left first brick house in Pasadena (B.F. Bell house) in the center [...] 1st shoemaker in [Pasadena]."

Umbrella tree circa 1883-1884
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
General Note
Written on verso: "abt. 1883/84"

[North of Fair Oaks near Arroyo Seco Canyon] 1884
General Note
Written on verso: "1884 up beyond north of Fair Oaks, near Arroyo Seco Canyon."

[Millard Canyon] 1886
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
General Note
Written on verso: "Millards Canyon, 1886"

Palms, San Gabriel circa 1881-1888
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.

Pasadena circa 1881-1888
Creator: Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)
Creator: Weingarth, George
General Note
Written on verso: "?? Eaton House"

Pasadena, looking west circa 1881-1888
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
General Note
Written on verso: "[Fair Oaks] and Colorado. Pepper trees along the street, orange groves. Pampas grass used for decorations on parades and in house. When spark hits them, will explode. Not planted anymore. Cypress (or lime) hedges around orchards."

Bird's eye view of Pasadena circa 1881-1888
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
General Note
Written on verso: "Center of [Pasadena] on left dry goods store and bakery."

Bird's eye view of Los Angeles, California circa 1881-1888
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.

[Sierra Madre Hotel] circa 1883-1884
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
General Note
Written on verso: "Sierra Madre Hotel 1883/84. Between Sierra Madre and Pasadena 3 miles of barren land, only sage and cactus, jack rabbit hunting ground. Orange orchard set out right after hotel was built. Sierra Madre Villa, first tourist hotel of the region, about 3 miles east of Pasadena."
View on “Lucky Baldwin” place circa 1881-1888

General Note
Written on verso: "Lucky Baldwin Ranch, Arcadia, big orange groves, pastures, oak trees."

Arroyo Vista circa 1881-1888

Creator: Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)
Creator: Weingarth, George

General Note
Written on verso: "Mrs. Bangs"

[jacob weingarth's house] circa 1881-1888

Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.

Photographer
Written on verso: "Jacob Weingarths house [between] Orange [Grove] Ave. and Walnut St., Pasadena (in the angle). Built about 1878/9. Mrs. Weingarth, Mrs. Hodge, Mrs. Nelmes [indication Mrs. Hodge and Mrs. Nelmes are daughters of Mrs. Weingarth]. Garden around house [...] was oranges and some deciduous fruit. [Include small hand drawn map locating property of Jacob Weingarth and George Weingarth in Pasadena.]

Bird's eye view of Los Angeles, [California] circa 1881-1888

Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.

Raymond Hotel, 1880s [...] Pasadena 1880s

Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.

General Note
Written on verso: "Old Raymond Hotel in the early [18]80s, only open in winter. Raymond had the [...] summer in Vermont. Tourist business."

Interior of the old Mission circa 1881-1888

Creator: Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)
Creator: Weingarth, George

General Note
Written on verso: "San Gabriel"

Long Beach 1883 or 1884

Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.

General Note
Written on verso: "3rd and 7th from right: Hancock [...] C. Frese; 1883 or 84 Long Beach Hotel.

Long Beach circa 1882-1883

Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.

General Note
Written on verso: "Long Beach Hotel (run by Carlie [Cowley] and Mitchell). Only [...] in back of [...] just 2 or 3 [...] abt 1882/3. Horse car from Wilmington, connecting [...] with the [railroad]. Long hairs from Iowa.

Central School about 1882

Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.

General Note
Written on verso: "[Southeast corner of Colorado] and Fair Oaks Ave., abt. 1882
**Arroyo Vista circa 1881-1888**
Creator: Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)
Creator: Weingarth, George
General Note
Written on verso: "Arroyo Vista Hotel"

**[Arroyo Vista Hotel] circa 1881-1888**
Creator: Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)
Creator: Weingarth, George
General Note
Written on verso: "Arroyo Vista Hotel, BLB = Bloody Long Brigade"

**South Pasadena schoolhouse circa 1881-1888**
Creator: Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)
Creator: Weingarth, George
General Note
Written on verso: "Was built about 1882"

**[Eaton's Canyon] 1884**
General Note
Written on verso: Eaton's Canyon, 1884

**Washburn's [Residence] circa 1881-1888**
General Note
Written on verso: "Jacob's Weingarths house, 22 acres orchard (+ peaches etc.) from Orange Grove Ave. (in front) to Walnut St. Cypress hedge in front."

**[Celebrating the opening of the Santa Fe Railroad] circa 1881-1888**
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
General Note
Written on verso: "Celebrating the opening of the Santa Fe Railroad 1883?"
General Note
Most likely is the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Railroad, which opened between Los Angeles and Pasadena in 1885.

**Old Mission [San Gabriel] circa 1881-1888**
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.

**Lake Vineyard about 1882**
Creator: Ferndale Gallery (Pasadena, Calif.)
Creator: Weingarth, George
General Note
Written on verso: "Lake Vineyard Reservoir (Marengo Ave. and [...] abt 1882, looking south."

**Pasadena circa 1881-1888**
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
General Note
Written on verso: "Unidentified"
Pasadena circa 1881-1888
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
General Note
Written on verso: "Lake Vinyeard House? on lower Marengo Ave. near Calif. [...] boarding house."

[Untitled] circa 1881-1888
[Los Angeles House, Pasadena] 1884
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
General Note
Written on verso: "Los Angeles House, Pasadena, 1884. [Northwest corner] of Fair Oaks and Colorado (tourist hotel)."

La Cañada circa 1881-1888
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.

[Celebrating the opening of Santa Fe Railroad] circa 1883
Creator: T.G. Norton & Co.
General Note
Written on verso: "Celebrating the opening of Santa Fe Railroad, 1883?"
General Note
Most likely is the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Railroad, which opened between Los Angeles and Pasadena in 1885.

[Adolph Petsch's house] circa 1881-1888
General Note