Finding aid to the Photograph album of Chinese criminals, circa 1872, Vault 185

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Title: Photograph album of Chinese criminals
Date: circa 1872
Identifier/Call Number: Vault 185
Creator: Woodruff, Delos.
Extent: 1 photo album (144 photographic prints).
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Location of Materials: Collection is stored onsite.
Language of Materials: Collection materials are in English.
Abstract: Leatherbound album containing identification photographs of Chinese men and women (some identified by name), probably criminals, in San Francisco, California, circa 1872. Includes some inscriptions in pencil indicating names, crimes, and sentences.
General Note
Delos Woodruff embossed on cover. Portraits 1-120 numbered in ink.
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Biographical Information
Woodruff was an officer for the San Francisco Police Department stationed in Chinatown. According to an article in the San Francisco Alta, December 7, 1874, noting his resignation from the force: "His specialty was looking after Chinese thieves, in which he was most successful, and indeed he was looked upon as the head and front of the Chinese specials whenever any important duty was to be performed in that branch of the police service."
Scope and Contents
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Chinese--Portraits--California--San Francisco.
Crime and race--California--San Francisco.
Criminals--Portraits--California--San Francisco.
Forensic photographs--California--San Francisco.
Identification photographs--California--San Francisco.
Law enforcement--Photographs--California--San Francisco.
Legal photography--California--San Francisco.
Photograph albums--California--San Francisco.
Police--Photographs--California--San Francisco.
Portrait photographs--California--San Francisco.