
Port Chicago Debris Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Port Chicago Debris Collection

Dates: 1944

Collection Number: 1984.4

Creator/Collector:

Extent: 1 box

Repository: Contra Costa County Historical Society
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Abstract: The collection contains one piece of twisted metal debris which is labelled as debris from the Port Chicago explosion in 1944.

Language of Material: English

Access

This collection is open for research.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Content of Collection

The collection also includes a photograph of ruined buildings from the explosion, and a copy of an article on the explosion from the Contra Costa Gazette of July 17, 1944. The piece of metal was found in the hills 1.5 miles southeast of Port Chicago. No information is provided on the source of the metal, so it is unclear how the metal was identified as being from the explosion. The photograph of damaged buildings is labelled as photo #195 and slide #53429. All three items together were part of a very large donation by CCCHS co-founder Louis Stein in 1984.

Indexing Terms

Port Chicago

clippings, photographs

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