Mill Valley History Photograph Collection

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Mill Valley history photograph collection  
**Dates:** 1880-2006  
**Bulk Dates:** Circa 1890-1930  
**Collection number:** Consult repository  
**Collector:** Mill Valley Public Library. Lucretia Little History Room  
**Creator:** Little, Lucretia Hanson, 1908-1977  
**Collection Size:** Approximately 2,000-3,000 photographs, many with negatives 200 online items  
**Repository:** Mill Valley Public Library  
Mill Valley, CA 94941

**Abstract:** The Mill Valley Public Library History Room collection contains images of historical interest of Mill Valley, Mount Tamalpais, Muir Woods, and some immediate surrounding areas. There is a sizable collection of photographs and artifacts, such as brochures and timetables, from the Mount Tamalpais and Muir Woods Railway and the Northwestern Pacific Railroad that served Mill Valley primarily in the early part of the 20th Century. The collection of photos depicts the origins of Mill Valley as a lumber town centered around the old lumber mill. The images of Mount Tamalpais and Muir Woods depict scenes of hiking and the hiking clubs of the period, the panoramic views and natural beauty of the area, leisure activities, tourism, the taverns, inns, and trails on the mountain, and the annual Mountain Play. There is also a sizable collection of photographs on the annual Dipsea Race and some of the fires and floods that periodically ravished the town and countryside. There is also a sizable collection of photographs of notable people and families, including conservationist John Muir and Congressman William Kent. Many photos also depict commerce and town life in the early part of the 20th Century.

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

http://content.cdlib.org/search?style=oac-img&sort=title&relation=ark:/13030/kt038nc58s

**Access**

Collection is open for research during History Room open hours; please consult repository for more information.

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**Preferred Citation**

Mill Valley history photograph collection. Mill Valley Public Library, Mill Valley, California.

**Acquisition Information**

The original core collection was a gift from Lucretia Hanson Little. The library has maintained and grown the collection through the present time.

**Project Information**

The 200 photos for inclusion in the California Digital Library are intended to give a representation of life on the mountain in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. They also portray significant people, places, and events in Mill Valley history. Project activities included culling photos from the subject files and performing additional research, as necessary to fill in additional information. The photos were scanned by Northern Micrographics and the records were entered and cataloged by the History Room staff.

**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
John Muir
William Kent
Mount Tamalpais and Muir Woods Railway
Northwestern Pacific Railroad
Mill Valley
Mount Tamalpais
Muir Woods

Topics
Dipsea Race
Mountain Play
Fires
Floods
Hiking
Tourism
Inns
Taverns
Clubs
Trails
Panoramic Views

Genres and Forms of Materials
Photographic prints
Brochures