Descriptive Summary

Title: Model Colony audio-visual collection

Dates: 1930-present

Collection number: Consult library

Collector: Ontario City Library

Collection Size: Approximately 500 items including motion picture film, analog and digital audio, analog and digital video.

Repository: Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, Ontario City Library
Ontario, CA 91764

Abstract: The Model Colony Audio-visual collection consists of a variety of items pertaining to the history of Ontario and the area, its social life and customs, and significant people of the West End of San Bernardino County. Also included in this collection are motion picture films on DVD and videotape, starring actors who made Ontario their home and films featuring Oscar-winning art director Henry Bumstead, an Ontario native. In addition, there are several reels of amateur film footage of various events and attractions in California, such as Disneyland, Santa's Village, and the Tournament of Roses Parade, and local videotaped events such as the Ontario All States Picnic and Parade. The collection also includes informative videos created by the City of Ontario about the city and city business.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access Conditions

Materials are accessible during the regular hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room. Advanced notice suggested. Please note that due to a lack of playback equipment and the fragile condition of motion picture film and reel to reel audio, most materials are inaccessible at this time.

Publication rights

Consult library.

Preferred Citation


Acquisition Information

Collected or created by the City of Ontario and others, 1970-present.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Ontario (Calif.)
Ontario (Calif.)--History
California
California--Social life and customs--20th century