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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The Department of Finance was created in 1921 and was responsible for budgets, accounts, claims, purchases, printing, motor vehicles, and libraries. In 1927, the Legislature charged the Department with visiting state institutions to ascertain their condition and monitoring public buildings under construction. These photographs were created to document state-owned buildings and equipment, as well as the activities of state personnel from various agencies.

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Acquisition and Custodial History
The California State Archives acquired the Department of Finance, Director's Office Photographs according to state law.

Administrative History
The State Legislature created five new state agencies in 1921 - one of which was the Dept. of Finance (Stats. 1921, c. 603). The new agency absorbed a number of existing responsibilities from other agencies including budgets and accounts, claims and disbursements, purchases, printing, motor vehicles and libraries. The State Board of Control was to serve as the governing body for the department.

In 1927, the Legislature expanded and further defined the role of the Dept. of Finance as supervising all financial and business policies of state government and giving it the authority to conduct investigations in the interest of the state (Stats. 1927, c. 251). The State Board of Control was removed as the agency's governing body and replaced by the director of the Department. The 1927 legislation charged the Department - among other things - with visiting state institutions to
ascertain their condition and monitoring public buildings under construction. The Department was also given the authority
to audit the financial records of state agencies and institutions as well as to review and approve all state contracts and
purchases.

The Dept. of Finance continued to expand in subsequent years to encompass management of the State Agricultural Society
(California State Fair) and district agricultural associations (county fairs), acquisition and maintenance of state-owned and
rented office buildings, and management of state-owned public lands. The State Legislature transferred many of the
Department’s responsibilities (buildings and grounds, printing, purchasing) to a new state agency - the Dept. of General
Services - in 1963 (Stats. 1963, c. 1786).

Scope and Content
In 1955, the State Archives received a collection of photographs documenting state-owned buildings. The collection was
transferred by the Dept. of Public Works, Division of Architecture, but according to Fred W. Links of the Dept. of Finance, it
originated with his agency. Mr. Links, a longtime agency employee who spent many years as the Chief, Division of Budget
and Accounts and eventually rose to the level of Assistant Director, said he conceived of a project to photograph all
state-owned buildings for use by the Dept. of Finance with the work being carried out from about 1927-1930. The project
was eventually cancelled due to lack of funds.

An allocation for $1,500.00 appears within the Dept. of Finance’s budget during the 1927/1928 fiscal year for
"photographing various institutions". The 1927 legislation which broadened the agency’s responsibilities (Stats 1927, c.
251) also required that staff visit every public institution to assess its condition and needs, and that any public building
undergoing construction be visited to determine if construction contracts were being “faithfully executed”. The bulk of the
photographs were likely the result of this activity. There were, however, a substantial number dating from about 1917,
which would indicate that the documentation of state-owned buildings was begun earlier by an agency other than the Dept.
of Finance.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
California. Dept. of Finance
Links, Fred
Public buildings--California
Series 1 Historical Record Photographs circa 1917-1950

Physical Description: 3,585 items

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by name of state agency.

Scope and Content Note
Photographs document state-owned buildings, equipment, structures and activities of state personnel from various agencies. The largest portion of the collection includes images of such facilities as San Quentin and Folsom State Prisons, state parks, Exposition Park (Los Angeles), State Fairgrounds (Sacramento), Exposition Building (San Diego), state hospitals, state colleges, the University of California, special schools, armories, State Capitol and Capitol Park, and the Governor's Mansion. Of special interest is a large group of images documenting the San Francisco Harbor (circa 1917-1930) including the Ferry Building, State Belt Railroad, state dredgers and tugboats, piers, warehouses, wood ships, and activities on the waterfront (F3254:59). Approximately half the images are in albums which include detailed information about the construction of the buildings shown (dates, dimensions, materials, additions, etc.).

A smaller portion of the collection - labeled "action" photographs - is comprised of photos illustrating state agency activities which were collected by the Dept. of Finance for use in legislative budget hearings in 1938. This group includes the Dept. of Agriculture's Grain Lab field work and inspection activities; cadets in training at the California Maritime Academy; students and teachers at state colleges; anti-aircraft, tank and artillery training of the California National Guard; registering vehicles at the Dept. of Motor Vehicles; the drafting room at the Div. of Architecture; and, many other state agency activities.

Formats included are photograph albums, photographic prints, negatives, aerial photographs, and oversized photographic prints.

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