James A. Scott Photograph Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: James A. Scott Photograph Collection

Dates: 1960-1995

Collection Number: SFP 24

Creator/Collector: Scott, James A.

Extent: 3 cubic feet: 6 boxes

Repository: San Francisco Public Library. San Francisco History Center
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Abstract: The photograph collection documents the architectural styles of San Francisco buildings photographed by James A. Scott from 1960 – 1995 (with the bulk of the collection 1965 – early 1970s). The collection includes over 4,000 photographic prints, 190 rolls of negatives and a photo essay entitled San Francisco Shooting Match. Scott photographed significant San Francisco buildings as well as residences in neighborhoods across the city. Over the span of 35 years photographing the city’s architecture, Scott was able to document the buildings demolished by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency in the Western Addition and South of Market districts.

Language of Material: English

Access

The collection is available for use during Photo Desk hours.

Publication Rights

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Purchase from photographer James A. Scott. 2000-02.

Biography/Administrative History

James Allen Scott was born on October 13, 1922 to Helen Lubin Scott and Donald Oliver Scott in San Francisco, California. The Scott family lived first in San Francisco and then in Eden of Alameda County. Scott attended Hayward Union High School and won a summer session scholarship to California School of Fine Arts in 1937. Scott photographed the architectural features of San Francisco from 1960 – 1995. From 1975 until his death, Scott lived on California Street in lower Pacific Heights.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

Architecture -- California -- San Francisco
Commercial buildings -- California -- San Francisco -- Photographs.
Historic buildings -- California -- San Francisco -- Pictorial works
San Francisco (Calif.) -- Buildings, structures, etc.
Photographic prints, 1960-1970
Photographic prints, 1970-1980
Photographic prints, 1980-1990

Finding guide to collection