San Francisco Cabinet Card Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: San Francisco Cabinet Card Collection
Dates: 1870-1900
Collection Number: SFP 59
Creator/Collector: Taber, I. W. (Isaiah West), 1830-1912
San Francisco Public Library
Extent: 5 pamphlet boxes with 450 cabinet cards
Repository: San Francisco Public Library. San Francisco History Center
San Francisco, California 94102
Abstract: The artificial collection consists of over 450 portrait cabinet cards by San Francisco, California photographers and photo studios collected by the San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library. The cabinet cards range in date from the 1880s – early 1900s.
Language of Material: English

Access
The collection is available for use during Photo Desk hours.

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Acquisition Information
The portraits were acquired from various sources, including donations and purchases.

Biography/Administrative History
The collection was collected and assembled by the San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library. The collection includes multiple accessions and donors received over the life of the San Francisco History Center.

Scope and Content of Collection
The artificial collection consists of over 450 portrait cabinet cards by San Francisco, California photographers and photo studios collected by the San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library. The cabinet cards range in date from the 1880s – early 1900s. The pictorial portraits include prominent San Francisco men and women including Lillie Coit, Chief of Police I.W. Lees, M.H. DeYoung, Archbishop Riordan, and Lotta Crabtree, as well as significant artists, writers, businessmen, politicians, entertainers. At least half of the portraits are unidentified. San Francisco photographers and photography studios represented include Bradley and Rulofson, Elite, Falk, Mora, Morse, Sarony, Taber, New York Gallery and others.

Indexing Terms
Photographers -- California -- San Francisco.
San Francisco (Calif.) -- Biography -- Portraits.
Group portraits
Cabinet photographs
Card photographs
Men -- Portraits.
Women -- Portraits.
Children -- Portraits.

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