Norma Garrigues Dobay Family Photograph Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Norma Garrigues Dobay Family Photograph Collection
Dates: 1890-1950
Collection Number: SFP 91
Creator/Collector: Dobay, Norma Garrigues
Extent: 1 carton
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Abstract: Photograph collection depicting family life of French Americans in San Francisco, primarily during the first half of the 20th century. Photos depict friends and family at home, on vacation and playing sports, and in relation to French laundries. Collection contains many formal portraits, school portraits and a substantial number of photographs taken at the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island.
Language of Material: English

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

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Acquisition Information
Gift. 2007.

Biography/Administrative History
All four of Norma Garrigues Dobay’s grandparents immigrated to San Francisco from France in the 1890s, marrying and starting families shortly after their arrival. Many of the Garrigues women worked in and then later became proprietors of their own French laundries and raised their children in San Francisco. The families lived in South of Market, Haight, and Sunset neighborhoods.

Scope and Content of Collection
This collection contains the photographs of Norma Garrigues who, in 1937, was born into a French-American family which had been in San Francisco since the 1890s. The collection comprises primarily of photos taken and collected into albums by Norma’s mother, Emma Galy. The first album documents family and friends enjoying leisure activities such as swimming, camping, picnics, and travel to Lake Tahoe and Crater Lake in the 1920s and 1930s. The second album contains many photographs taken at the Golden Gate Exposition on Treasure Island (1939-1940) and family gatherings in San Francisco, Stockton and Los Angeles. There are photographs documenting Emma’s parents’ French laundry businesses located on Haight Street and in Hayes Valley as well as their homes on Haight Street and in the Sunset neighborhood. The third album is a collection of family portraits, collected by Natalie Goudy (Norma’s grandmother) and dates from the 1890s to the early 1950s. There are 11 additional folders, sorted by family member, containing studio portraits, wedding photos, and school photos, also ranging from the 1890s to the 1950s. Other ephemera includes a school graduation memories book, two newspaper clippings, and three postcard books sent from the southeastern United States.

Indexing Terms
French Americans - California.
Golden Gate International Exposition--(1939-1940 :--San Francisco, Calif.)
Dobay, Norma Garrigues
Photographic prints--1890-1900.
Photographic prints--1900-1910.
Photographic prints--1910-1920.
Photographic prints--1920-1930.
Photograph albums.
Portrait photographs--1910-1920
Portrait photographs--1920-1930