Descriptive Summary

Title: San Francisco Stereograph Collection
Dates: 1860s-1915
Collection Number: SFP 45
Creator/Collector: Muybridge, Eadweard, 1830-1904; Watkins, Carleton E.; Keystone View Company
Extent: 4 stereograph boxes with 800 stereographs
Repository: San Francisco Public Library. San Francisco History Center
San Francisco, California 94102
Abstract: The artificial collection consists of over 800 stereograph cards of San Francisco, California collected by the San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library. The stereograph cards range in date from the 1860s – 1915. Events depicted on the stereographs include expositions California Midwinter Exposition in Golden Gate Park and the Panama-Pacific International Exposition and the 1906 Earthquake and Fire.

Language of Material: English

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

Publication Rights
All requests for permission to publish from photographs must be submitted in writing to the Photo Curator. Permission for publication is given on behalf of the San Francisco Public Library as the owner of the physical items.

Preferred Citation
San Francisco Stereograph Collection. San Francisco Public Library. San Francisco History Center

Acquisition Information
The stereographs were acquired from various sources, including donations and purchases. When known, provenance information is written on the stereograph verso with the accession number.

Biography/Administrative History
Stereographs are two photographs mounted side by side and appear three-dimensional when inspected with a viewer. 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
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Indexing Terms
Photography, Stereoscopic
San Francisco (Calif.)-- Photographs.
California Midwinter International Exposition (1894 : San Francisco, Calif.)
Panama-Pacific International Exposition (1915 : San Francisco, Calif.)
San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, Calif., 1906.
Stereographs
Card photographs

San Francisco Stereograph Collection Inventory