San Francisco Lantern Slide Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: San Francisco Lantern Slide Collection
Dates: 1890-1940
Collection Number: SFP 49
Creator/Collector: Moulin, Gabriel Taber, I. W. (Isaiah West), 1830-1912 Cardinell-Vincent Co.,
Extent: 9 boxes (726 lantern slides). See itemized list under "Additional Collection Guides"
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Abstract: This artificial collection consists of 726 lantern slides documenting significant San Francisco events including the Midwinter Fair of 1894, the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, and Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915. There are an extensive amount of exterior shots of San Francisco’s public schools after the 1906 Earthquake. The collection of lantern slides was assembled by San Francisco Public Library over the years from donations. The first donation of lantern slides was presented as a bequest from Dr. Louis J. Sawyer in 1935. Most of the slides are black and white but some are hand-colored and date circa 1890s - 1940s. Some lantern slides have the photographer, publisher or collector noted on the slide and has been incorporated into the finding guide. The photographers include Gabriel Moulin, Cardinell-Vincent, I. W. Taber and H.T. Henning. The collectors include Dr. Louis J. Sawyer and the publishers include George Kanzee and C. R. Skinner Manufacturing Co..

Language of Material: English

Access

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

This artificial collection was created with the base of the Dr. Louis J. Sawyer gift in 1935. The source of the acquisitions of the other lantern slides is unknown.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

Panama-Pacific International Exposition (1915 : San Francisco, Calif.)
California Midwinter International Exposition (1894 : San Francisco, Calif.)
San Francisco (Calif.) -- Earthquake and fire, 1906.
Earthquakes -- California -- San Francisco -- Photographs.
Public schools -- California -- San Francisco.
Lantern slides.

Itemized inventory to collection