San Francisco Postcard Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: San Francisco Postcard Collection
Dates: 1900-1990
Collection Number: SFP 21
Creator/Collector: San Francisco Public Library.
San Francisco History Center.
Extent: 5,000 postcards
Repository: San Francisco Public Library. San Francisco History Center
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Abstract: The artificial collection contains over 5,000 photomechanical postcards of San Francisco, California collected by the San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library. The postcards range in date from the turn of the 20th century to 1990s. Events depicted on the postcards include world expositions the Panama-Pacific International Exposition and the Golden Gate International Exposition and the disaster 1906 Earthquake and Fire. Places represented are significant San Francisco buildings, businesses, hotels and restaurants as well as many general views. Postcard publishers include Edward H. Mitchell, Curt Teich, Smith News Company, Pacific Novelty Company, Stanley A. Piltz Company, and Mike Roberts.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Preferred Citation
San Francisco Postcard Collection. San Francisco Public Library. San Francisco History Center
Acquisition Information
Collected from various sources, including donations and purchases.
Biography/Administrative History
Collected by the San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library.
Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, Calif., 1906 -- Pictorial works.
Panama-Pacific International Exposition (1915 : San Francisco, Calif.) -- Pictorial works.
Golden Gate International Exposition (1939-1940 : San Francisco, Calif.) -- Pictorial works
San Francisco (Calif.) -- 20th century -- Pictorial works
Postcards
Postcards -- California -- San Francisco
Ephemera
San Francisco Postcard Subject Guide