Finding Aid for the Edgar Spalsbury Portrait Album C012172

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Title: Spalsbury, Edgar, Portrait Album
Identifier/Call Number: C012172
Contributing Institution: Society of California Pioneers
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 1.0 volume1 album (176 photographs)
Date: circa 1875
Abstract: This album contains a collection of portraits of famous figures, including actors and actresses, Civil War generals, and politicians.
Language of Materials note: English
creator: Spalsbury, Edgar, 1835-1897
Biography
Edgar Spalsbury was born on a farm in Jefferson County, New York in 1835. He grew to become a lawyer at the age of twenty. During the Civil War, Spalsbury served as a captain in Company C, 35th New York Infantry, and fought in the battle of Bull Run. After the war, Spalsbury moved west in search a milder climate for his frail health. In 1875, after spending some time in Chicago, (where according to his nephew George E. Parker, he served as a librarian) Spalsbury moved to Santa Cruz, California, establishing a law practice in 1876. Successful and popular among the citizens of Santa Cruz, he was elected Justice of the Peace and dubbed "Judge" by friends and supporters. He died in 1897.
Repository
Society of California Pioneers, 300 4th Street, San Francisco, CA 94107.
Preferred Citation note
Immediate Source of Acquisition note
Gift of George Edwin Parker, 1964
Scope and Contents of the Collection
This album contains portrait photographs of various public figures. Among those pictured are unnamed actors and actresses; period personalities including Thomas Carlyle, Simon Bolivar (Bolivar), Washington Irving, Charles H. Gough, John Godfrey Saxe, Rev. Doctor Edwin H. Chapin; political figures including Abraham Lincoln, Mary Todd Lincoln, Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, Horace Greeley, William Lloyd Garrison, William H. Seward, Stephen A. Douglas, William Brownlow, Mrs. Varina (Jefferson) Davis, Giuseppe Garibaldi, and John Wilkes Booth; Civil War generals Ulysses S. Grant, William T. Sherman, George B. McClellan, Philip H. Sheridan, Ambrose Burnside, Benjamin F. Butler, George G. Meade, Oliver O. Howard, Robert E. Lee, Joseph E. Johnston, Braxton Bragg, Ambrose P. Hill, John H. Morgan, and James Longstreet. The subjects are identified by his/her last name, written below each photo.
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