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## **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

**Location note:** P-4G:B001467 (C012172) The Society of California Pioneers. San Francisco, California.

**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**

Edgar Spalsbury Portrait Album ca. 1875. Gift of George Edwin Parker, 1964. Society of California Pioneers.

### **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.

### **Conditions Governing Access**

Collection open for research.

### **Conditions Governing Use**

There are no restrictions on access.

### **Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Actors--Portraits

Civil War leaders

Photograph albums

Political Portraits

Portrait Collection