
Finding aid of the Abraham Anthony Scrapbook

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Abraham Anthony Scrapbook

Dates: 1881-1904

Collection number: C004812

Collector: Anthony, Abraham

Collection Size: 1 scrapbook (123 pages)16 inches by 12 inches

Repository: The Society of California Pioneers.

San Francisco, California 94107-1272

Abstract: This book contains newspaper clippings from San Francisco newspapers of Abraham Anthony's police career as a detective in the San Francisco Police Department.

Physical location: The scrapbook is stored on site at The Society of California Pioneers.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection is open by appointment for research.

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Preferred Citation

Abraham Anthony Scrapbook. The Society of California Pioneers.

Processing Information

These records were organized and cataloged in 10/19/2006 by Mariah Reilly.

Biography / Administrative History

Abraham Anthony appears to have been a police officer, with the rank of detective, in the San Francisco Police Department in the late 19th, early 20th century. He was known as, in the words of a Sunday Call article entitled "The Most Successful 'Woman-Hunter' of Our Western World", (no date). The article goes on to note: "For nearly nineteen years Detective Anthony has devoted himself to the task of looking up feminine truants, who, by their own volition or by some trick of circumstance, have become lost to the world that knew them before the black curtain of mystery fell between them and their former surroundings." The article does not give any background biographical information on Anthony, but recounts his exploits in his work in San Francisco. The article reproduces a photograph of Anthony, and concludes, "Women and girls are puzzling," concluded Detective Anthony - but he is neither the first nor the last man to so decide." The article was written by F. McMahon. Anthony is listed at 924 1/2 Post in San Francisco in the 1890 City Directory, his occupation listed as "policeman".

1881/1904 Anthony Abraham Scrapbook

Scope and Content of Collection

The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings of Police Detective Abraham Anthony's career in San Francisco in the late 19th and early 20th century. The clippings all deal with his work, which for some reason, dealt mainly with truant young women,

and women in general, especially missing persons, escaped criminals and even woman running away from husbands. There is also a handwritten table of contents, that seems to have been written later by someone at The Society of California Pioneers, it is written on their stationary. The table of contents is chronological, and listed by the title of the newspaper article, and gives the page number the article is located within the scrapbook.

Arrangement

Chronological.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Anthony, Abraham

Police - California - San Francisco

Criminals - California - San Francisco

Scrapbooks

"The Most Successful 'Woman-Hunter' of Our Western World". San Francisco, Sunday Call, n.d.

Related Material

"The Most Successful 'Woman-Hunter' of Our Western World", San Francisco Sunday Call, n.d. - Anthony, Abraham - Biographical File.
