Guide to the Lawrence & Houseworth Photography Albums: California Views

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Lawrence & Houseworth photography albums: California views,
Date (inclusive): 1860-1870
Collection number: C005667; C005668; C005669
Collector: Society of California Pioneers
Extent: 1,495 items in 3 albums1,495 online items
Repository: Society of California Pioneers
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Abstract: The Lawrence & Houseworth albums contain photographic prints published in the 1860s that document the many aspects of gold, silver (Comstock Lode), and quicksilver mining; the building of the Sutro Tunnel; the growth of northern California industries; mining towns including Columbia, Volcano, Brown's Flat, French Corral, and Birchville; cities such as San Francisco, Oakland, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Stockton, and Sacramento; churches and schools; the development of transportation including covered wagons, shipping and the construction of the Central Pacific Railroad; railroad cars; portraits of Native Americans; and some of the state's natural wonders including the Sierra Nevada, Yosemite Valley, Lake Tahoe, and the Big Trees of Calaveras and Mariposa counties.

Language: English.

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Acquisition Information
Gift of Florence V. Flinn, 1969

Project Information: Photography Digitization Project: The Lawrence & Houseworth Albums, 1860-1870
These 1,495 photographs were digitized and catalogued as part of a one-year project funded by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, to preserve and provide access to these unique, historically important images. The project entailed photographing each photograph to create 4x5" color transparencies that serve as both the archival form of the images and the source of the digital images. Supporting metadata accompanies each image. All photography, scanning and cataloguing were performed onsite by a professional museum photographer and Society staff. In addition to submitting these digital objects to the Online Archive of California (OAC), we intend to have them available on our website by the end of 2004.

Biography / Administrative History

This collection represents the "desk" or "tourist" catalog of views for sale that had once belonged to the illustrious San Francisco stereopublishing firm of Lawrence & Houseworth. All of these samples were numbered and captioned so that prospective clients could readily select the photographs of greatest interest. They were available either as twin-imaged stereographs or singly as "album views" mounted on standard-size carte de visite cards.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

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

Subjects
Alameda County (Calif.)
Alpine County (Calif.)
Amador County (Calif.)
Calaveras County (Calif.)
Contra Costa County (Calif.)
El Dorado County (Calif.)
Fresno County (Calif.)
Madera County (Calif.)
Mariposa County (Calif.)
Mendocino County (Calif.)
Merced County (Calif.)
Monterey County (Calif.)
Napa County (Calif.)
Nevada
Nevada County (Calif.)
Placer County (Calif.)
Sacramento County (Calif.)
San Francisco County (Calif.)
San Mateo County (Calif.)
Santa Clara County (Calif.)
Santa Cruz County (Calif.)
Sierra Nevada (Calif. and Nev.)
Solano County (Calif.)
Sonoma County (Calif.)
Stanislaus County (Calif.)
Tuolumne County (Calif.)
Yuba County (Calif.)
Streets--California--Sacramento
Streets--California--San Jose
Streets--California--San Francisco
Streets--California--Santa Cruz
Transportation facilities--California
Trees--California
Trestles--California--Long Ravine
Trestles--California--Newcastle
Universities & colleges--California--Oakland
Universities & colleges--California--Santa Clara
Valleys--California
Waterfalls--California--Yosemite

**Genres and Forms of Material**
Photographic prints