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## **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  
San Francisco, California 94107-1272

**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.

 <http://content.cdlib.org/search?style=oac-img&sort=title&relation=ark:/13030/kt0j49q24k>

### Access

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### Acquisition Information

Gift of Florence V. Flinn, 1969

**Project Information:** *Photography Digitization Project: The Lawrence & Houseworth Albums, 1860-1870*

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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.)

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Banks--California--San Francisco  
Bays (Bodies of water)--California  
Bridges--California  
Canyons--California  
Canyons--Nevada  
Churches--California  
Cities & towns--California  
Cities & towns--Nevada  
Cityscapes--California--San Francisco  
Copper mining--California--Copperopolis  
Covered wagons--California  
Dwellings--California--Calistoga  
Dwellings--California--Oakland  
Dwellings--California--San Francisco  
Geysers--California  
Hotels--California--San Jose  
Hotels--California--San Francisco  
Hydraulic mining--California  
Indians of North America--California  
Lakes & ponds--California--Oakland  
Lakes & ponds--Nevada  
Lumber industry--California--Mendocino  
Mercury mining--California--Santa Clara  
Mills--California  
Mining--Nevada  
Mission Churches--California--San Francisco  
Mountains--California  
Mountains--Nevada  
Naval yards & naval stations--United States--California  
Piers & wharves--California--San Francisco  
Piers & wharves--California--Sacramento  
Piers & wharves--California--Oakland  
Quartz mining--Nevada  
Railroad bridges--California--Folsom  
Railroad construction & maintenance--California  
Railroad dining cars--United States--California--Oakland  
Railroad sleeping cars--United States--California--Oakland  
Railroad tunnels--California--Cisco  
Railroads--California  
Railroads--California--Oakland  
Redwoods--California  
Rivers--California  
Schools--California--San Francisco  
Schools--California--San Jose  
Ships--United States--California--San Francisco  
Silver mining--Nevada  
Steamboats--United States--California--San Francisco  
Streams--California

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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

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