San Mateo Local History Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: San Mateo Local History Collection

Dates: 1880s-1980s

Bulk Dates: 1900-1970s

Collection number: Consult repository

Collector: San Mateo Public Library (Calif.)

Collector: San Mateo County Historical Museum

Collection Size: Approximately 1000 items, including photographs, correspondence, 3-dimensional items. 232 online items

Repository: San Mateo Public Library

San Mateo, Ca 94402

Abstract: The collection has two primary areas of interest, the first is the history of the city of San Mateo, the second is a record of the city's on-going relationship with the 101st Airborne, Company A. The historical photographs cover a broad range of San Mateo City's history, primarily commercial buildings. Collection includes several photographs depicting the damage caused by the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake. San Mateo Public Library's Screaming Eagles: San Mateo's Adopted Sons Collection contains primarily photographs and correspondence documenting the City's adoption of 101st Airborne, Company A during the Viet Nam conflict. Additional material was donated by 101st veterans.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

San Mateo's historical photographs were acquired by the library over a period of years; most photographs were donated or were commissioned by the City of San Mateo. Currently the original San Mateo City historical photographs are on a long-term loan to the San Mateo County Historical Museum.

Items that are associated with the 101st Airborne were collected primarily during the 1970s, some materials were donated later by veterans of the 101st Airborne.

Project Information

These photographs digitized as part of a one-year project from September 2005- July 2006 in order to preserve the materials and to provide web-based access to the contents of the collection. It was supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. Coordination for the Local History Digitization Project was provided by staff of the California Digital Library.

Project activities included conservation, photographic documentation, digitization, and cataloging.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.

Names
Wisnom Hardware (Firm)
Levy Brothers Store (Firm)
Crystal Springs Reservoir
San Mateo Public Library
101sr Airborne, U.S Army
Artavia, Joe
Patterson, Linda (Giese)
Wayne, Hugh
Murray, John

Places
San Mateo, Calif.
Fort Campbell, Kentucky
Republic of Vietnam

Topics
Buildings--California--San Mateo
Historic buildings--California--San Mateo
Commercial facilities--California--San Mateo
Churches--California--San Mateo
City views--California--San Mateo
City & town life--California--San Mateo
Libraries--California--San Mateo
Vietnamese Conflict 1961-1975

Genres and Forms of Materials
Photographic prints
Correspondence
Pamphlets