Inventory of the Terminal Island/Port of Los Angeles Collection SPC.2018.042

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**Contributing Institution:** California State University Dominguez Hills, Gerth Archives and Special Collections

**Title:** Terminal Island/Port of Los Angeles Collection

**Identifier/Call Number:** SPC.2018.042

**Physical Description:** 5 boxes 3 boxes of photographic negatives, 2 boxes of photographic prints

**Physical Description:** 2.42 Linear Feet

**Date (inclusive):** 1938-December 1947

**Language of Material:** Collection material is in English.

**Abstract:** This collection contains over 400 black-and-white negatives and photographic prints of Terminal Island, Port of Los Angeles, San Pedro, Port Hueneme, and Catalina Island, taken between 1938 and 1947. Photographs include businesses, residences, airports, warehouses, coastlines, railroads, and neighborhoods.

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**Scope and Contents**

The Terminal Island/Port of Los Angeles collection (1938-1947) contains over 400 black-and-white negatives and photographic prints of Terminal Island, Port of Los Angeles, San Pedro, Catalina Island, Cerritos Channel and Port Hueneme, California. The bulk of the negatives are of Terminal Island taken between March-April 1942, just weeks after the citizens were removed as a result of Executive Order 9066 and before the entire area was demolished. Despite the beginnings of some overgrown foliage, the residences appear as they were when the settlement was evacuated. In front of each dwelling is a sign that states “East San Pedro Tract.” Other images in the collection include roads, local businesses, residences, buildings, warehouses, aerials, and other additional photos. Notable photos include the Union Pacific Railroad near the Cerritos Channel, the Catalina Airport, the Oxnard Cannery, and the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation, and the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation.

**Biographical / Historical**

About 3,500 Japanese Americans lived on Terminal Island before World War II, in a community called East San Pedro. In 1942, the island’s residents were forcibly removed from their residences by the United States government and relocated to incarceration camps. Their neighborhoods on Terminal Island were destroyed. This was the first incarceration of a Japanese American community during World War II in the United States.

**Processing Information**

This collection was processed by Kathryn Brunet, 2019.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Terminal Island (Calif.)
Port of Los Angeles--1890-1900.
Aerial photography
Japanese Americans
Japanese Americans-California
Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
Rancho San Pedro (Calif.)
Santa Catalina Island (Calif.)
Port Hueneme (calif.)
Port of Los Angeles
Photographic negatives of Terminal Island, Catalina Island, Port Hueneme, and San Pedro October 28, 1940-March 23, 1942

Material Specific Details: Photographic negatives are 7 x 9 inch and 4 x 5 inch. Some 8 x 10 photographic prints of negatives included.

Scope and Contents
Photograph negatives of Catalina Island, Terminal Island, San Pedro, and Port Hueneme, California.

Catalina Island, California
Images include Granite Quarry.

Port Huemene, California
Images include harbor, lighthouse, warehouse buildings, Oxnard Cannery, and Marine Railway Lamia Boat Company.

San Pedro, California
Images include Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation and oil derricks.

Terminal Island, California
Images include houses, buildings, churches and businesses such as Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Yuguchi Market, Catalina Marine Curing and Packing Company, Minatoya Cafe, Coney Island Cafe, Sanhurst Hotel, Wilson Grocery Store, Harbor Boat Building Company, Sims Brothers Boat and Tackle, and Franco Italian Packing Company. Some photographs have sign in front that state "East San Pedro Tract."

Photograph numbers:

Photographic negatives of Port Hueneme and Terminal Island March 21, 1942-July 20, 1942

Material Specific Details: Photographic negatives vary in sizes from 2 x 3 inches to 8 x 10 inches.

Scope and Contents
Photographic negatives of Terminal Island and Port Hueneme, California. Some negatives also include 2 x 3 print.

Port Huemene, California
Images include buildings, houses, and the Oxnard Cannery.

Terminal Island, California
Images include houses, buildings, churches, and businesses including Lone Hotel, Busy Bee Cafe, Island Beauty Shoppe, Charter Brothers Independent Service, and Cannery Cafe. Most of the images contain a sign that states "East San Pedro Tract."

Photograph numbers:
1151, 1297, 1332, 1364, 1369, 1376-1394, 1474-1494, 1496-1510, 1512-1527, 2142, 2160-2165, 2201, 2240, and 2268.
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Photograph negatives of Terminal Island, Cerritos Channel, and San Pedro, California 1938-February 11, 1946

Material Specific Details: Photographic negatives sizes vary from 2 x 3 inches to 8 x 10 inches.

Photograph numbers:
2515-A, 2516, 2518-2519, 2537-2543, 2673, 2687, 2688, 2690-2692, 2694-2708, 2710-2717, 2983-2991, 2999, 3001, 3003, 3004, 3013, 3023-3026, 3135-3138, 3192, 3194-3201, 3269, 3270, 7715, 7718, 11363, and 11379.1-11379.3.

Scope and Contents
Photographic negatives of Terminal Island, San Pedro Harbor, Cerritos Channel, and Catalina Island, California. Some images are appraisal photographs for H.O.L.C [Home Owners Loan Corporation]. Also included are images of a dredger, titled “Seattle.”

Catalina Island, California
Images include the Seaplane Base on Catalina Island and airplanes at the base.

Cerritos Channel, California
Images include shoreline and businesses, such as Marine Hardware Company and C.J. Henry Paints and Oil Company.

San Pedro, California
Images include railroad tracks, warehouses, aerials of the harbor, the Municipal Ferry, Berth 36, and the Naval Air Station.

Terminal Island, California
Images include of railroads, trains, docks, the harbor, ditches, and roads under construction.

Photograph prints of Port Hueneme, Cerritos Channel, San Pedro, Terminal Island, and Catalina Island, California circa November 18, 1940-December 1947

Material Specific Details: Photographic prints vary in sizes from 2 x 3 inches to 8 x 10 inches.

Scope and Contents
This box contains photographic prints of various sizes of Port Hueneme, Cerritos Channel, San Pedro, Terminal Island, and Catalina Island, California. Most of the photographs contain notes about date, location, photographer, and other information related to the image.

Multiple photographs are prints of negatives from earlier boxes.

Catalina Island, California
Images include Mt. Orizaba and Catalina airport.

Cerritos Channel, California
Images include Union Pacific Railroad near the Cerritos Channel.

Port Hueneme, California
Images include houses, warehouses, and aerials of Port Hueneme.

San Pedro, California
Images included a boathouse and bluff near Cabrillo Beach and Naval Supply Depot.

Terminal Island, California
Images include streets on Terminal island, Naval drydocks, US Naval Base, and aerials of Terminal Island and Hammond Lumber Yard.

Photograph numbers:
This box contains various numbering patterns with some unnumbered photographs.
box 5, folder 1-15  Photograph prints of Terminal and Catalina Island, California August 20, 1940-October 8, 1943

Material Specific Details: Photographs with backing are 13 x 9 inches.

Scope and Contents
This box contains mostly aerial photographic prints of Terminal Island and Catalina Island with notes about location, altitude, direction, date, photographer, and subject. It also includes one folder of photocopied photographs with notes about buildings and locations on Terminal Island.

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