Descriptive Summary

Title: South Bay Photo Collection

Dates: circa 1880-1967

Collection Number: Consult repository.

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Abstract: The collection consists of color and black and white photographs, negatives, postcard-backed photos, and tin-types. Subjects of the photographs include people, businesses, churches, houses, schools, farming, transportation, and natural disasters. Communities covered in this collection include Compton, Torrance, Carson, Dominguez, Redondo Beach, Lynwood, Lakewood, San Pedro, Wilmington, Los Angeles, Terminal Island, and the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Language: Collection material is in English

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Acquisition Information

Photos were acquired over many years through donations and collecting by Archives staff.

History

The South Bay Photos Collection was created from the photographs originally collected in the Compton History Collection, the Heritage House Collection, and the South Bay History Collection. Many of the photos are assumed to be from the collections of Robert Gillingham and other local historians of Compton and the South Bay. These photographs were then arranged to parallel the South Bay History and Compton History Collections.

The South Bay is defined in this collection as the area south of the Los Angeles International Airport and the Glenn Anderson Freeway (CA 105) and west of the San Gabriel River Freeway (CA 605). Generally, the cities in this collection are within the borders of the Rancho San Pedro land grant, made in 1784.

Scope and Content

The collection covers all areas of the South Bay, as well as communities in the Los Angeles area, including Glendale, Burbank, Santa Monica, and downtown Los Angeles. A majority of the photos 5x7 or 8x10 in black and white. Many of the photographs of people are professional portraits, including two tin-types. Most of the negatives have been created from the photographs and are not original film. All of the aerial photos were shot professionally, the second set being created by Pacific Air Industries.

Arrangement

The collection has been organized into 12 series:

Series I. Carson, circa 1944
Series II. Compton, circa 1880-1967
Series III. Dominguez, no dates
Series IV. Lakewood, 1945
Series V. Lynwood, 1913, 1921, 1926, 1928
Series VI. Palos Verdes, circa 1920s, no date
Series VII. Redondo Beach, circa 1880-1925
Series VIII. Regional, 1932-1959
Series IX. San Pedro, 1883-1932
Series X. Terminal Island, 1933
Series XI. Torrance, 1902, 1910, 1924
Series XII. Wilmington, circa 1880s, no date

Geographic Areas
Carson (Calif.)
Compton (Calif.)
Dominguez Hills (Calif.)
Lakewood (Calif.)
Lynwood (Calif.)
Long Beach (Calif.)
Los Angeles (Calif.)
Palos Verdes Peninsula (Calif.)
Rancho Palos Verdes (Calif.)
San Pedro (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Terminal Island (Calif.)
Torrance (Calif.)
Wilmington (Calif.)

Subjects
Agriculture--Farm Produce
Agriculture--Harvesting
Earthquake damages
Methodist Church--Buildings
Public schools--California--Compton
Public buildings--California--Compton
  Compton History Collection
  Heritage House Collection
  Robert C. Gillingham Working Papers Collection
  South Bay History Collection

Series I  Carson circa 1944
  Physical Description: 1 item
  Scope and Content Note
  This series includes a photograph of a plane flying over Carson during World War II.

  1 Clouds over Carson circa 1944

Series II  Compton 1884-1967
  Physical Description: 4 linear feet
  Scope and Content Note
  These photos cover all aspects of Compton and are organized by subject.
### Aerials 1920-1967

**Physical Description:** 16 items  
**Scope and Content Note**  
These photos were taken from the air documenting Compton’s growth and physical changes and are arranged chronologically.

2. Looking east on Compton Blvd, Ramsaur Stadium in lower right 1920  
3. Looking northeast from Dominguez Hill, Dominguez Junction in upper left 1924  
4. Looking north on Long Beach Blvd, Angeles Abbey Mausoleum in center (three copies with negatives) 1928  
5. Looking north through Compton, Alameda Blvd on right (2 copies) 1928  
6. Looking east through Compton (2 copies) 1930  
7. Looking north on Long Beach Blvd through Compton 1931  
8. Looking north through Compton 1932  
9. Looking northeast through Compton, Compton Creek and Compton Junior College in foreground 1936  
10. Looking east through Compton, Compton Junior College in lower right (3 items) 1937  
11. Looking north at Compton, with Dominguez Seminary in center (3 copies with negatives) 1941  
12. Wilson Park, upper left (2 copies) 1945  
13. Central Compton, looking south, Alameda Blvd, upper right 1951  
14. Looking north through east side of Compton, Compton Junior College in lower center (2 copies) 1954  
15. Looking northeast through south east side of Compton, Compton Junior College in lower center (with negative) 1956  
16. North part of Dominguez Industrial Tract, looking northeast 1959  
17. Compton Civic Center 1967

### Agriculture and Farming 1880-1920

**Physical Description:** 17 items  
**Scope and Content Note**  
These photos are of the sugar beet and vegetable industry in and around Compton. Many of these photos are undated, but from around the turn of the century, and have been arranged chronologically to the best of our knowledge.

18. Drawing of Omri J. Bullis diary, on Alameda Street north of El Segundo Blvd (with negative) circa 1880  
20. Pumpkin patch and farmers, including G.H. Mason, C.I. Mason, and Charles Heath no date  
21. Mayo Ranch exhibits for County Fair (2 copies and negative) circa 1903  
22. Loading sugar beets into wagon, current location of Long Beach Blvd 1910  
23. Sugar beet hauling 1910  
24. Sugar beet harvest from Ward Farm, East Artesia Blvd (3 copies with negative) 1910  
25. Holly Sugar Co. beet dump, Alameda Blvd 1910  
26. Beet dump into Southern Pacific railroad cars, north of Olive St. 1910  
27. Beet dump into Southern Pacific railroad cars, Alameda Blvd at Myrrh St (2 copies with negative) 1910  
28. Dominguez Estate Co. grain(?) train no date  
29. Sugar beet hauling 1914  
30. Cauliflower hauling 1914  
31. Hauling cauliflower north from Pacific Electric station, Compton 1915  
32. J. Lee Shepard Ranch, on Long Beach Blvd south of Alondra 1916  
33. Unloading cauliflower 1920
Buildings and Parks 1875-1951

Physical Description: 21 items
Scope and Content Note
These are photos of residences, clubs, parks, and other miscellaneous buildings that were not primarily businesses. Some of the home photos were collected as part of “Compton Homes of Yesterday,” a report on historic homes in Compton made by Bennett. This report is in the Compton series of the Local History Collection. This subseries is arranged chronologically.

35 Mrs. S. A. Wood and daughter Fannie in front of C.E. Wood home, E. Main St 1875
36 Anson Stevens home, Anson, Catherine, and Nettie Stevens in foreground circa 1885
37 William Gaines house (later Heritage House) (?) circa 1885
38 Artesian well on F.E. Barron property circa 1894
39 Artesian Well on Kent Property, Tamarind and Laurel no date
40 Charlie Heath and his house 1897
41 Home of Jessie Smith at Tamarind and Laurel circa 1900
42 Garden shed in back yard of Mears-Black home circa 1900
43 Harmon Higgins home and family circa 1900
44 Pacific Electric Railway Station 1902
45 William Gaines house (later Heritage House) 1904
46 Ward’s Fruit Ranch 1910
47 John Abbott home, Compton Blvd east of Alameda St 1914
48 Palmer house circa 1914
49 Typical residences collage, H. J. Mayo house in top left circa 1920s
50 Chamber of Commerce building (drawing) circa 1920s
51 Club buildings, Woman’s Club in lower right circa 1920s
52 Las Campanas Hospital (3 copies with negative) 1940
53 J.H. Bennett home, Editor, Compton Enterprise circa 1941
54 Cressey Park 1946
55 Taylor house, razed for Compton Junior College circa 1951

Businesses 1887-1960

Physical Description: 21 items
Scope and Content Note
These photos show the various businesses in Compton, many within the business district centered on Main Street/Compton Boulevard. They are arranged alphabetically by business name, with unidentified and general businesses located at the end. Note: Main Street was renamed Compton Boulevard in 1932.

56 Community Savings and Loan Association building 1963
57 Compton Center with Sears 1960
58 Compton Enterprise building (3 copies) circa 1901
59 Compton Enterprise building 1902
60 Compton Enterprise building, during demolition 1941
61 Compton-Gardena Milling Co. circa 1920s
62 Haylock General Variety Store (with negative) 1895
63 Haylock General Variety Store 1895
64 Los Angeles Cycle Car, proposed new industry for Compton 1914
65 Luxe Gasoline filling station circa 1930s
66 Mason Bros Plumbing and Hardware, north side of Compton Blvd (2 copies with negative) circa 1906
67 Mason's hardware store; Charles Mason on right, Frank Mayo on left circa 1918
Series II Compton 1884-1967
Businesses 1887-1960

68 McKee Hotel 1894
69 McNeil's blacksmith shop, Compton Blvd west of Tamarind St circa 1890s
70 McNeil and Shawrack Blacksmith Shop, in front L-R George Rogers, William Shawrack, Dick Heichew, Allen Kent, and Louis Page, Sr., Compton Blvd west of Tamarind St 1895
71 Neel and Towne Funeral Directors circa 1920s
72 Neel and Towne Funeral Directors and neighboring house circa 1920s
73 Newmark and Edwards Grain Dealers, first office on Court St, downtown circa 1890
74 Newmark and Edwards Grain Company, second office circa 1891
75 Peterson Lumber Co., North Alameda St circa 1930s
76 Stockwell Market, interior and, from Herald American, exterior (four photos with negatives, a-d) circa 1900, circa 1930, circa 1960
77 Business block 1887
78 Cheese Factory, Alameda and Myrrh Streets circa 1900
79 Main Street business, unidentified 1914
80 Industrial buildings (2 copies) circa 1920s
81 Business buildings in Compton circa 1920s

Churches 1879-1936

Physical Description: 33 items
Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically by church, these photos include the Baptist, Catholic, Congregational, and Methodist Churches. A majority of the photos are from the Methodist Church, and includes photos of the interior and exterior of the church buildings and parsonages, gatherings of church members, and photos of some of the pastors from the late 19th and early 20th century.

82 Sunday School Class, Baptist Church, Reverend Whitting, Pastor no date
83 Catholic Church on left, various appliances on lawn (2 copies) 1937
Congregational Church circa 1872-1896

Physical Description: 4 items
Scope and Content Note
Photos of the Congregational Church

84 Church and parsonage, Tamarind and Almond Streets no date
85 Church with bell tower, and parsonage, Tamarind and Almond Streets no date
86 Ladies Aid Society 1896
87 Church, exterior (3 copies with negative) circa 1872

First Methodist Church 1879-1940

Physical Description: 22 items
Scope and Content Note
Photos of the Methodist Church building, interior and exterior.

88 Church and parsonage, exterior circa 1880
89 Parsonage, Reverend and Mrs. Bunker in foreground (2 copies) 1900
90 Exterior, northwest corner of Willowbrook Ave and Palm Street (2 copies with negative) 1906
91 Exterior (2 copies with negative) 1911
92 Exterior (3 copies and 3 negatives) 1940
93 Exterior (2 copies with negative) circa 1943
94 Interior circa 1940
95 Interior, chancel in center no date
96 Interior, chancel (2 copies) no date
97 Interior, communion table in center (2 copies) no date

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98 Interior, communion table no date
99 Interior, chancel no date
100 Picnic circa 1890
101 Sunset Social (2 copies) 1916
102 Sunset Social 1936
103 Sunset Social 1937
104 Sunset Social 1938
105 Sunset Social (2 copies) 1939
106 Sunset Social circa 1940
107 Ladies group 1940

First Methodist Pastors circa 1875-1936

Scope and Content Note
Portraits of First Methodist pastors.

108 Bovard, Marion M. no date
109 Cool, Peter Y., 1879-1880 circa 1879
110 Robinson, Timothy E., 1883-1885 and 1900-1903 circa 1883
111 Robinson, Timothy E., 1883-1885 and 1900-1903 circa 1883
112 Leach, Charles, 1892-1895 circa 1893
113 Bunker, A.W., 1895-1900 circa 1895
114 Jennings, William A., 1923-1927 circa 1923
115 Norcross, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence, on "Old Timers' Day," 1931-1936 1935
116 Toothaker, Frank M., 1936-1941 1936

City of Compton 1885-1950s

Scope and Content Note
This series is of photos related to the infrastructure and government of the City of Compton, including utilities, public works projects, and city streets. Photographs in the Civic Buildings and Public Works groups are arranged chronologically; the Streets group is arranged alphabetically by street and then chronologically. Note: Main Street was renamed Compton Boulevard in 1932.

Civic Buildings 1924-1935

Scope and Content Note
Photos of Compton public buildings.

117 Water Department staff and office (2 copies with negative) 1924
118 First City Hall 1925
119 Public Library, 2 photos (2 copies of one photo, one print of photo from book) 1930
120 Post Office, with staff 1935

Public Works circa 1930-1950

Scope and Content Note
Photos of public works projects under construction.

121 Cementing side of Compton Creek East Branch circa 1930s
122 East Compton drain, looking north along Santa Fe Ave from Palmer Ave circa 1950s
123 East Compton drain, looking south along Santa Fe Ave from Palmer Ave circa 1950s
Streets 1885-1962
Physical Description: 14 items
Scope and Content Note
Photos of streets in Compton.

124 Compton Blvd from Alameda St, looking west 1885
125 Compton Blvd, looking west (2 copies) 1888
126 Main Street (Compton Blvd) stoop 1895
127 Street scene 1895
128 Compton Blvd, looking west circa 1900
129 East Compton Blvd, Neel and Towne building in background(?) 1910
130 Compton Blvd, with cars circa 1912
131 Compton Blvd at Tamarind Street, looking east (with 2 negatives) 1915
132 Compton Blvd, looking east (2 copies) 1916
133 Compton Blvd 1920
134 Compton Blvd from Alameda St, looking west 1962
135 Victoria Street ribbon cutting 1959
136 Willowbrook Ave, looking north, old Methodist Church in background 1905
137 Willowbrook Ave, looking north from Compton Blvd (2 copies with negative) 1905
138 Willowbrook Ave with Pacific Electric Railway train (with negative) 1914

Earthquake 1933
Physical Description: 54 items
Scope and Content Note
This series consists of photos taken immediately after the March 10, 1933 earthquake. The photos have been arranged alphabetically within four groups: Buildings, mostly along Compton Boulevard; Schools; Streets, mostly Compton Boulevard and the intersecting streets; and Miscellaneous.

Buildings 1933
Physical Description: 20 items
Scope and Content Note
Photos of buildings immediately after the earthquake.

139 Aranbe Hotel/Symphony Theatre 1933
140 City Hall #1, front entrance 1933
141 City Hall #2 1933
142 City Hall, #3 1933
143 City Hall, #4, with American Legion volunteers in foreground (2 copies) 1933
144 City Hall, #5 1933
145 City Hall, #6 (four copies with negatives) 1933
146 Liberal Furniture Store 1933
147 Masonic Temple (2 copies) 1933
148 Security First National Bank, #1 1933
149 Security First National Bank, #2, during rubble removal (2 copies) 1933
150 Security First National Bank, #3 (2 copies with negative) 1933
151 Security First National Bank #4 (2 copies with negative) 1933
152 Security First National Bank #5 (3 copies with negative) 1933
153 Security First National Bank #6 (3 copies with negative) 1933
154 Stockwell Building #1 (with negative) 1933
155 Stockwell Building #2 1933
156 Stockwell Building, #3, interior, with John Stockwell 1933
157 Symphony Theatre/Aranbe Hotel #1 (2 copies with negative) 1933
158 Symphony Theatre/Aranbe Hotel #2 (2 copies with negative) 1933
159 Young Hotel, Willowbrook Ave 1933

Schools 1933

Physical Description: 16 items

Scope and Content Note

Photos of school buildings, interior and exterior, immediately after the earthquake.

160 Compton High School original building, shifted east off its foundation during earthquake (2 copies with negative) 1933
161 Compton Union High School and Junior College, men’s gym (3 copies with negative) 1933
162 Compton Union High School and Junior College, temporary classrooms on the athletic field 1933
163 Compton Union High School and Junior College, Commerce Building 1933
164 Compton Union High School and Junior College, south arcade (four copies) 1933
165 Compton Union High School and Junior College, shop building (2 copies with negative) 1933
166 Compton Union High School and Junior College, north arcade (2 copies with negative) 1933
167 Compton Union High School and Junior College, women’s gym (2 copies) 1933
168 Compton Union High School and Junior College, Library (3 copies with negative) 1933
169 Compton Union High School and Junior College, Library (3 copies with negative) 1933
170 Compton Union High School and Junior College, Administration Building during demolition 1933
171 Roosevelt Junior High School, boys’ gym (2 copies with negative) 1933
172 Roosevelt Junior High School, auditorium (3 copies with negative) 1933
173 Roosevelt Junior High School, boys’ gym 1933
174 Roosevelt Junior High School (2 copies with negative) 1933
175 Rosecrans School (2 copies) 1933

Streets 1933

Physical Description: 18 items

Scope and Content Note

Photos of streets, mostly Compton Boulevard and intersecting streets, immediately after the earthquake.

176 Compton Blvd, looking east from Tamarind Street (3 copies with negative) 1933
177 Compton Blvd and Tamarind Street 1933
178 Compton Blvd looking east from Pacific Electric rail tracks (five copies with negatives) 1933
179 Compton Blvd and Tamarind Street, looking north 1933
180 Compton Blvd east of Tamarind Street with Sentinel on duty (2 copies with negative) 1933
181 Compton Blvd east of Tamarind Street (3 copies with negative) 1933
182 Compton Blvd, south side, east of Tamarind Street (four copies) 1933
183 Compton Blvd, south side (two copies with negative) 1933
184 Compton Blvd, north side, east of Tamarind Street (2 copies with negative) 1933
185 Compton Blvd, looking west from Alameda (3 copies with negative) 1933
186 Compton Blvd, north side, with crushed car in foreground (3 copies with negative) 1933
187 Compton Blvd, looking west at crushed cars (four copies with negative) 1933
188 Compton Blvd, Security First National Bank on left 1933
189 Compton Blvd, kids watching demolition 1933
190 Compton Blvd, crushed parked cars 1933
191 Tamarind Street, Catholic Church on left 1933
192 Tamarind Street, damaged building (2 copies) 1933
193 North on Tamarind Street, Masonic Temple on left 1933

Miscellaneous 1933

Physical Description: 3 items
Scope and Content Note
Various earthquake photos and a pass into the Restricted Area.

194 Temporary business location in former Rabbit Show Building on N. Alameda, north of Rosecrans (3 copies with negative) 1933
195 Refugees salvaging belongings after the earthquake (2 copies) 1933
196 Restricted Area pass for Robert Gillingham (2 copies and 2 negatives) 1933

Events 1912-1963

Physical Description: 9 items
Scope and Content Note
The photos in this series are from events in the Compton community: parades, the installation of the first water fountain on Compton Boulevard, and others. They are arranged chronologically.

197 Group photo at country fair no date
198 Water fountain dedication (3 copies with 3 negatives) 1912
199 Benjamin Watts at water fountain before dedication (with negative) 1912
200 Paving of first street celebration (2 copies with negative) 1916
201 Armistice Day Parade 1919
202 Fourth of July Parade, float decorate with cross pattee 1921
203 Parade down Compton Blvd, possibly Armistice Day (2 copies with negative) 1925
204 Pacific Wire Products groundbreaking, attendees labeled 1937
205 Diamond Jubilee Queen Judy Cobb 1963

Floods 1887-1962

Physical Description: 52 items
Scope and Content Note
Photos in this collection document the many floods during the 19th and 20th centuries and are arranged chronologically.

206 Northeast corner of Compton Blvd and Tamarind St (2 copies with negative) 1887
207 Compton Blvd looking east from Tamarind St (3 copies with negative) 1888
208 Compton Blvd looking west towards Tamarind St 1903
209 Flooded street 1914
210 Magnolia St, looking east from Willowbrook Ave to Alameda St 1914
211 Flooded field 1914
212 Culver St, looking north from Main St (with negative) 1914
213 West Compton Blvd and Compton Creek 1914
214 Compton Blvd 1914
215 Acacia St (2 copies) 1914
216 Field east of Compton (with negative) 1914
217 Flooded field 1914
218 Compton Blvd, looking west from Willowbrook Ave (2 copies with negative) 1914
219 Palm Street, looking west from Willowbrook Ave (2 copies with negative) 1914
220 Compton Blvd, looking north on Willowbrook (3 copies with negative) 1914
221 Washout of Compton Blvd Bridge (2 copies with negative) 1914
222 Compton Blvd looking east from Willowbrook Ave (3 copies with negative) 1914
223 Willowbrook Ave looking north from Compton Blvd (2 copies with negative) 1914
224 Compton Blvd and Willowbrook Ave looking southwest (2 copies with negative) 1914
225 Compton Blvd, looking east from Acacia St, Methodist Church on right (with 2 negatives) 1914
226 Flooded street, Willowbrook Ave (?) 1914
227 Tamarind Street, looking north from Compton Blvd (3 copies with negative) 1916
228 Flooded home 1926
229 Flooded street 1926
230 Flooded street near Compton Blvd. 1926
231 Flooded home 1926
232 Hose truck on flooded street in front of the Buick dealer 1926
233 Flooded field, Compton Creek(?) 1926
234 Car going through flooded street 1926
235 Business buildings 1926
236 Car in front of flooded businesses 1926
237 Passenger in car going through flooded street 1926
238 Passenger and driver on car in flooded street 1926
239 Truck going through flooded street 1926
240 "Fishing" from truck stuck on flooded street 1926
241 "Fishing" from truck stuck on flooded street 1926
242 "Fishing" from truck stuck on flooded street 1926
243 "Fishing" from truck stuck on flooded street 1926
244 Flooded home 1926
245 Flooded street and businesses 1926
246 Flooded street 1926
247 Flooded street 1926
248 Flooded field, Compton Creek(?) 1926
249 City Hall block (with negative) 1926
250 Rowing down N. Willowbrook Ave 1926
251 South Willowbrook Ave, flooded home and railroad tracks (3 copies) 1926
252 Willowbrook Ave and Myrrh St (2 copies) 1926
253 Los Angeles River, south of Compton, looking east (2 copies) 1926
254 City Hall (2 copies with negative) 1926
255 Rear view of City Hall (3 copies with negative) 1926
256 Owl Truck Company, behind Security Bank Building, Tamarind and Magnolia Streets (3 copies with negative) 1926
257 Fire truck in front of drugstore, Tamarind St. 1926
258 Willowbrook Ave and Olive St (with negative) 1937
259 South Willowbrook Ave (with negative) 1937
260 House at 123 S. Santa Fe Ave 1937
261 Downtown Compton (2 copies with negative) 1937
262 Compton City Hall (2 copies) 1938
263 Rosecrans Ave looking east, Whaley Junior High on right 1958
264 Compton Blvd intersection 1958
265 Avalon Blvd from Tank #1 on Dominguez Hill (9 negatives) 1958
266 East side of Compton 1959
267 Northeast side of Compton, Casa Venida area, #1 1962
268 Northeast side of Compton, Casa Venida area, #2 1962
269 Northeast side of Compton, Casa Venida area, #3 1962
Heritage House 1908/1959

Physical Description: 41 items

Scope and Content Note
This series is of photographs from the Heritage House Museum collection that could not be identified well enough to fit in any other series. A majority of the photos are not dated; they have been kept in the original order from the Heritage House collection. Most were likely a donation to that museum from the Mears family, though the lack of description on each photo prohibits us from adding them to the Pioneer Family subseries. The final photo is from the creation of a monument at the Heritage House Museum.

270 Marcelle on Prince no date
271 Woman (Portrait) no date
272 Baby in carriage no date
273 Baby in chair no date
274 Man with beard no date
275 Female child no date
276 Female child no date
277 Female child no date
278 Child no date
279 Child no date
280 Man with bicycle (tintype) no date
281 Man (small tintype) no date
282 Woman (postcard) no date
283 Man (postcard) no date
284 Woman in costume (postcard) no date
285 Woman seated no date
286 Man in sombrero hat no date
287 Four female nurses no date
288 Man outside, early 20th century no date
289 Child (postcard) no date
290 Man with two children no date
291 Woman outside no date
292 Woman in black no date
293 Two men and two women (postcard sent to Miss Hattie Mears) no date
294 Two men in car no date
295 Beulah dressed up in Will's clothes (postcard) no date
296 Old woman outside 1916
297 Woman with umbrella no date
298 Log cabin no date
299 House and brick road no date
300 Lake in Michigan 1911
301 Outdoor fire place at Glenn Ranch, California, on postcard to Harriet Mears 1928
302 Log cabin in snow no date
303 Glenn Ranch in winter no date
304 Mears-Black house 1908
305 Mears-Black house no date
306 Mears-Black house no date
307 Mears-Black gravesite (two photos, a-b) 1927
308 Mears-Black gravesite no date
309 Mears-Black gravesite no date
310 Barley field no date
311 Historic landmark installation at Heritage House Museum (four photos, a-d) 1959
Pioneer Families 1888-1940

Physical Description: 63 items

Scope and Content Note
The photos in this series are those of early settlers and major figures in Compton's history. They are arranged alphabetically by last name. Also included are photographs of civic and military groups.

312 Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Barron and their daughters Emma, Ida, and Pearl no date
313 Ada Bisbee no date
314 Mrs. Bisbee, mother of Ada no date
315 Samuel Bise, undertaker and livery stable no date
316 Minnie Buckham, Compton High alumna and school teacher no date
317 Irma and Flora Bunker, daughters of Reverend A. W. Bunker of the First Methodist no date
318 Paul Bunker, son of Reverend A.W. Bunker of the First Methodist no date
319 J. Newton Burgess, shepherd no date
320 Mrs. Emily Flood Compton no date
321 Mrs. Emily Flood Compton no date
322 G.D. Compton no date
323 G.D. Compton no date
324 Emily and G.D. Compton no date
325 Emily and G.D. Compton, with children(?) no date
326 Lavina and John Decker no date
327 Clarence A. Dickison, Mayor of Compton, 1925-1933 (2 copies) no date
328 Clarence Dickison speaking at tree planting for new housing tract circa 1927
329 Clarence Dickison and Eva Rice at tree planting circa 1927
330 Clarence Dickison and Eva Rice at tree planting circa 1927
331 Mr. and Mrs. J.A.J. Flood, Emily Compton's parents no date
332 (John) William Gaines, rancher, early owner of Heritage House (2 copies with negative) no date
333 Elizabeth Lord Gaines, wife of William Gaines (3 copies with negative) no date
334 John W. Gastrich, Superintendent of Compton Elementary Schools, 1925-1933 no date
335 Compton Commercial obituary for D.M. Hathorn (2 copies) 1915
336 Rena Hathorn 1914
337 C.A. Heath and family 1922
338 Harmon Higgins, original owner of Victory Park Tract no date
339 Mrs. Harmon Higgins no date
340 Harmon Higgins and family (3 copies with negative) no date
341 Mrs. E.H. Howard 1888
342 Reverend S. W. Jones and Mrs. Lennox no date
343 Ned Leach, Reverend Charles and Darla Leach's son no date
344 Reverend Irving Lovejoy family photo 1940
345 Reverend Lovejoy preaching on the 60th anniversary of joining the SW Conference 1940
346 Reverend Lovejoy with Reverend Toothaker (with negative) 1940
347 Roy Malcolm as a child, later taught at USC no date
348 Charles Mason (?), son-in-law of Dr. F.S. Whaley, first doctor no date
349 Mary Mason, daughter of Dr. F. S. Whaley, first doctor (2 copies with negative) no date
350 Florence Meek (2 copies) no date
351 Florence Meek no date
352 Mary Meek, mother of Florence no date
353 Theodore Meek, father of Florence no date
354 Mr. and Mrs. George H. Palmer on their wedding day (4 copies with negative) 1888
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Compton Elementary School 1920, 1956

Physical Description: 3 items
Scope and Content Note
Photos of the Compton Elementary School.

Compton Grammar School circa 1899-circa 1911

Physical Description: 9 items
Scope and Content Note
Photos of Compton Grammar School, including the building and classes.

Compton Junior High 1936

Physical Description: 1 folder
Scope and Content Note
Photo of Compton Junior High.

Compton Union High School 1905-1915, 1954

Physical Description: 9 items
Scope and Content Note
Photos of Compton Union High School buildings, classes, and sports teams.
Class photo, graduating class of 1916, Otto Gillingham marked (oversize) circa 1915

Rugby team, R.C. and Otto Gillingham marked (oversize) 1913

Baseball team, labeled (oversize) 1913

Compton Union High School and Junior College 1927-1940

Physical Description: 15 items
Scope and Content Note
Photos of the Compton Union High School and Junior College shared campus.

Campus scenes collage 1927

“The Guard of the Trophies” statue in front of Administration building 1930

Arcade and patio, part of outdoor stage, (2 copies) 1930

Patio, north side 1930

Patio in the music building 1930

Men’s Gym 1930

Girls’ Gymnasium 1930

Home Economics building #1 1930

Home Economics building #2 1930

Commerce Building 1930

Aerial view (2 copies) 1932

Administration Building 1932

Arcade 1932

Campus scene 1935

Site of National Youth Administration building 1940

Compton Community College circa 1950s-1967

Physical Description: 14 items
Scope and Content Note
Photos of Compton Community College campus, including interior and exterior photos and students.

Site sign 1952

Aerial view #1, looking northwest 1953

Aerial view #2, looking northeast (4 copies) 1953

Aerial view circa 1950s

Sign circa 1950s

Student lounge (2 copies) circa 1950s

Library interior circa 1950s

Campus scene #1 circa 1950s

Campus scene #2 circa 1950s

Campus scene (2 copies) no date

Panorama of campus with snow-capped mountains no date

Laboratory classroom 1959

Administration building 1960

Aerial view 1967

Rosecrans School 1963

Physical Description: 1 folder
Scope and Content Note
Photo of the Rosecrans School.

Building exterior 1963
Scrapbooks circa 1900-1950

Physical Description: 142 items

Scope and Content Note

Four scrapbooks from the Heritage House collection, including two that were created by Heritage House staff.

4th of July album 1921

Physical Description: 17 photographs

Scope and Content Note

Photographs of floats in the 1921 Compton 4th of July parade, taken by W.S. Jones.

440 Float 1921
441 Pathfinder Club float 1921
442 Methodist Episcopal float 1921
443 Red Cross float 1921
444 Club float 1921
445 Float 1921
446 Legion Auxiliary float 1921
447 C of C (City of Compton?) float 1921
448 Indian Guides (?) float 1921
449 Float 1921
450 Downey Board of Trade float 1921
451 Goat cart 1921
452 Zerolene float 1921
453 W.E. Deans Rex-all Drugstore float 1921
454 Groceteria float 1921
455 Besgrade Flour Company float 1921
456 Union Oil Co. float 1921

Compton Homes of Yesteryear 1950

Physical Description: 15 photographs

Scope and Content Note

Photographs of houses built during Compton's early years and still standing in 1950.

457 Lessing 1950
458 James 1950
459 Taylor 1950
460 Congregational Parsonage 1950
461 Congregational Parsonage 1950
462 Palmer 1950
463 Hann/Hamm 1950
464 Angelo 1950
465 Harshman 1950
466 Howie 1950
467 no ID 1950
468 Haskin 1950
469 John Gries 1950
470 Culver-front 1950
471 Culver-back 1950

Goodrich Album circa 1900

Physical Description: 14 items

Scope and Content Note

Album of cartes-de-visite, cabinet cards, and tintypes given to the Heritage House in 1967 by the granddaughter of John Van Buren Goodrich, the first Circuit Court judge in Compton.

472 Page with 8 small photos circa 1900
Series II: Compton 1884-1967

Scrapbooks circa 1900-1950

SOUTH BAY PHOTO COLLECTION, circa 1880-1967
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581 Black house, Compton circa 1910

Miscellaneous 1908, 1931, 1944
   Physical Description: 4 photographs
   Scope and Content Note
   Photos of various activities in Compton history.

582 Watching the arrival of the Great White Fleet (copy) 1908
583 Prohibition bust (3 copies with multiple negatives, 2 copies in oversize) 1931
584 Portrait of S.C. Lewis, Officer Don Castillo, and Police Chief T. J. Potter 1933
585 War bond sales (2 copies with negative) 1944

Dominguez no dates
   Physical Description: 5 items
   Scope and Content Note
   Though it is not a city, these photos were labeled with Dominguez as the location; they are likely from Dominguez Hill and the surrounding area. This series includes photographs of the Dominguez train station and an early military battle. Oversize photos of Japanese farmers and the installation of a plaque noting the location of a Native American village are located in the oversize box.

586 Dominguez Tower train station (copy) no date
587 Battle of the Plains of Mesa during Battle of California drawing (copy, with negative, also 2 copies in oversize) no date
642 Japanese farmers in the field (oversize) circa 1914
643 Japanese farmers in the field (oversize) circa 1930s
644 Suanga Indian Village plaque dedication (oversize) circa 1970s

Lakewood 1945
   Physical Description: 1 folder
   Scope and Content Note
   This series includes an aerial view of Lakewood during World War II.

588 Aerial view 1945

Lynwood 1913, 1921, 1926, 1928
   Physical Description: 4 items
   Scope and Content Note
   This series consists of photos of Long Beach Boulevard in Lynwood, arranged chronologically.

589 Long Beach Blvd, looking northwest from Pacific Electric tracks 1913
590 Long Beach Blvd, looking south from Pacific Electric tracks (2 copies with negative) 1921
591 Long Beach Blvd, looking south to Carline (with negative) 1926
592 Long Beach Blvd, looking north from Pacific Electric tracks 1928

Palos Verdes circa 1920s
   Physical Description: 2 items
   Scope and Content Note
   This series consists of a portrait of Jose Sepulveda, owner of the Rancho los Palos Verdes, and the view of the Pacific Ocean from Las Ventas Inn.

593 North from La Ventas Inn circa 1920s
594 Jose Dolores Sepulveda, owner of Rancho Palos Verdes no date
Redondo Beach circa 1880, 1925

Physical Description: 11 items
Scope and Content Note
These photographs are mainly of the beach area and pier at the Redondo Hotel. Also included are photographs of the local salt industry and aerial views of the area, arranged chronologically. Oversize photo of a Fraternal Brotherhood meeting is located in oversize box.

595 Pier, beach and town circa 1880
596 Pacific Electric Rail car no date
597 Redondo Hotel and bathhouse, ATSF train in foreground (2 copies, overhead, and negative) circa 1890s
598 View of shipping from Redondo Hotel 1890
599 Redondo Hotel from the ocean circa 1894
600 Redondo Hotel, looking north circa 1894
601 Storm havoc on the pier circa 1900
602 Salt works (copy) no date
603 Aerial view #1 1924
604 Aerial view #2 1924
605 Pavilion and pier circa 1925
645 Uniform Rank, Fraternal Brotherhood, near Santa Fe train station (oversize) 1911

Regional 1932-1959

Physical Description: 27 items
Scope and Content Note
These photographs are aerials of various parts of Los Angeles County and one photograph of the oil industry located in the oversize box. The photos numbered under ID 618 were taken by Pacific Air Industries.

606 Los Angeles 1932
607 Looking southeast across Palisades and Santa Monica circa 1932
608 Los Angeles manufacturing district circa 1932
609 San Fernando Blvd, Burbank circa 1935
610 Northwest across Santa Monica Mountains to San Fernando Valley, Stone Canyon Reservoir in front 1941
611 Looking northeast from Watts toward Los Angeles, Coliseum in center 1941
612 Downtown Los Angeles, note City Hall building in center circa 1941
613 San Fernando Road and Broadway, Glendale circa 1941
614 Grand Central Airport, Glendale 1945
615 Southwest Park subdivision, Milton Kauffman Construction (2 copies) 1954
616 Looking southwest over South Bay area 1956
617 Looking northeast to Los Angeles, LA River at bottom no date
618 Aerials from Pacific Air Industries, numbered 1-148 1959
646 Oil pipes and pumps (oversize) no date

San Pedro 1883-1932

Physical Description: 5 items
Scope and Content Note
This series consists of photographs of the San Pedro harbor, including shots of the shipping and naval industries.

619 First Customs House, San Pedro 1883
620 Shipping, railways, and docks 1890
621 Buoy off of Point Fermin 1900
622 U.S. Navy fleet 1932
623 USS Langley, Naval airship carrier 1932
Terminal Island 1933

Physical Description: 1 folder

Scope and Content Note

This series consists of a photograph of the Edison electric plant on the island.

624 Long Beach Edison Electric plant 1933

Torrance 1902, 1910, 1924

Physical Description: 9 items

Scope and Content Note

This series includes photos of the railway station, aerials of Torrance industrial buildings, and a set of photographs giving a panoramic view of the original townsite.

625 Pacific Electric Railway Station (3 copies with negative) 1902
626 Torrance, panorama of city site (four photos, a-d) 1910
627 Torrance, air view of original town site area, looking south; Pacific Electric Railway shops, right foreground; end of Columbia Steel plant, left center; 1924 1924
628 Chanslor-Canfield-Midway Oil company (four photos) 1924
629 Columbia Steel Plant 1924
630 Pacific Electric Railway shops 1924
631 Torrance Brick Co. aerial (2 copies) 1924
632 Union Tool Co. (2 copies) 1924
633 Western Glass Manufacturing Co., aerial (2 copies) 1924
634 "Birds Eye view of Wilmington" (drawing) circa 1880s
635 Phineas Banning residence (drawing) no date

Wilmington circa 1880s, no date

Physical Description: 2 items

Scope and Content Note

This series includes an aerial drawing of Wilmington and a drawing of the Banning house.