Finding aid for the Leonard Nadel photographs and other material relating to housing and urban redevelopment in Los Angeles, 1947-1998, bulk 1947-1957

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Leonard Nadel photographs and other material relating to housing and urban redevelopment in Los Angeles


Number: 2002.M.42

Creator/Collector: Nadel, Leonard

Physical Description: 8.75 Linear Feet (14 boxes)

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Abstract: Consisting primarily of photographic material by Leonard Nadel from 1947 to 1957, the collection records early efforts by the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) to promote integrated public housing for the city's growing multi-ethnic population, and also documents several areas of the city that the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) had targeted for commercial revitalization. Nadel's black-and-white negatives, contact prints and two unpublished photographic books form the bulk of the collection, supplemented by handwritten notes and related documents.

Request Materials: Request access to the physical materials described in this inventory through the catalog record for this collection. Click here for the access policy.

Language: Collection material is in English.

Biographical/Historical Note

The American photojournalist Leonard Nadel was born in Harlem, New York in 1916 to Austrian-Hungarian parents and grew up in the Bronx tenements. After graduating from City College of New York, Nadel trained at the Army Signal Corps Photographic Center and served as a lab technician and combat photographer during World War II in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippine Islands. Upon leaving the army, he returned to New York and received a master's degree in education from Teachers College, Columbia University. He taught briefly before moving to Los Angeles to study photography at the Art Center College of Design, during which time he began photographing public housing sites.

In 1947 and 1948 Nadel documented the Pueblo del Rio housing development in South Central Los Angeles, originally built in 1940 for African-American defense industry workers. Nadel showed his material to Frank Wilkinson of the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), who suggested that he also document Aliso Village, another of the agency's housing projects. Nadel assembled two books from his documentation of Pueblo del Rio and Aliso Village, but they were never published.

In 1949 Wilkinson hired Nadel as a photographer for HACLA to make a photographic record of living conditions in both the slums and the new housing projects that were built in Los Angeles during and immediately after World War II. Several of these projects were championed by or carried out under the auspices of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). Nadel was employed by HACLA until 1953, when Frank Wilkinson was blacklisted by the Committee on Un-American Activities and forced to resign from the agency. Nadel left HACLA under protest.

From 1953 through the 1980s, Nadel worked as a freelance photographer, producing documentary work for various agencies and magazines such as National Geographic, Look, Forbes, Life, and Paris Match. For over two decades he was the primary west coast photographer for Business Week. Of particular note is his 1956 documentation the Bracero program for the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Republic.

Nadel married Brazilian-born Evelyn De Wolfe, a staff writer for the Los Angeles Times in 1961. Over the next eighteen years they collaborated on numerous freelance projects for domestic and international publications, ranging from documenting the life of a Japanese geisha to living with a stone age tribe in New Guinea. Nadel also continued to document the city of Los Angeles, particularly focusing on street mural art during the 1960s and 1970s. Leonard Nadel died in 1990.

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The videocassette And Ten Thousand More has been digitized. Access is available only to on-site readers and Getty staff: http://hdl.handle.net/10020/2002m42av.

Related Archival Materials
The collections of the Los Angeles Public Library and the Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research each contain photographic images made by Leonard Nadel during the time he worked for The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). The Photo Collection of the Los Angeles Public Library contains approximately 290 copy negatives and corresponding black-and-white copy prints made from original materials held by HACLA. The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles Photograph Collection, held at the Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research, contains 225 black-and-white photographs produced by HACLA, forty-two of which were taken by Nadel. The National Museum of American History holds a collection of Nadel’s Bracero photographs.

Scope and Content of Collection
Consisting primarily of photographic material by Leonard Nadel from 1947 to 1957, the collection records early efforts by the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) to promote integrated public housing for the city’s growing multi-ethnic population, and also documents several areas of the city that the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) targeted for commercial revitalization. Nadel’s black-and-white negatives and contact prints form the bulk of the collection, supplemented by handwritten notes and related documents. Also included are two unpublished books produced by Nadel. Series I contains most of Nadel’s documentation of HACLA and CRA projects in the 1940s and 1950s. His work as a documentary photographer for HACLA records living conditions in the slum areas of Los Angeles and, to some extent, the new housing projects that replaced them, including Avalon Gardens, Rose Hill Courts, Ramona Gardens, and the unrealized Elysian Park Heights project. From aerial and panoramic views to close-range shots, Nadel documented not only the physical environment and buildings, but also their inhabitants. A good portion of the material focuses on individual families or tenants, affording a very personal portrait of slum and project life. Also included are photographs of the planning meetings of city officials and architects (including Richard Neutra, Robert Alexander, and Lloyd Wright).

Nadel also documented several areas of the city that the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) targeted for commercial revitalization in the 1940s and 1950s. He made meticulous photographic surveys, sometimes block by block, of the slums and historic areas targeted for demolition and redevelopment, including Bunker Hill, the Temple Street area, Ann Street, and the Alameda Street area. Documentation of the Bunker Hill Renewal Project is particularly extensive.

Series II contains Nadel’s unpublished books and related material on Pueblo del Rio and Aliso Village, the two HACLA projects that Nadel documented most extensively. Through photographs and text, two large leather-bound volumes tell in detail the stories of the two housing projects, focusing not just on the architecture and layout of the complexes, but also recording the family lives and project-supported social networks of the tenants.

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Arrangement

Subjects - Names
Wilkinson, Frank
Wright, Lloyd
Neutra, Richard Joseph

**Subjects - Corporate Bodies**
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, California

**Subjects - Topics**
Public housing -- California -- Los Angeles -- 20th century
Urban renewal -- California -- Los Angeles -- 20th century

**Subjects - Places**
Los Angeles Region (Calif.) -- Social conditions -- 20th century
Ramona Gardens (Los Angeles, Calif.) -- Description and travel
Boyle Heights (Los Angeles, Calif.) -- Description and travel
Bunker Hill (Los Angeles, Calif.) -- Description and travel
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- Description and travel
Aliso Village (Los Angeles, Calif.) -- Description and travel
Slums -- New York (State) -- New York
Slums -- California -- Los Angeles
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- Buildings, structures, etc.
Chávez Ravine (Los Angeles, Calif.) -- Description and travel
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**Genres and Forms of Material**
Videocassettes -- California -- Los Angeles -- 20th century
Gelatin silver prints -- California -- Los Angeles -- 20th century
Photographs, Original
Panoramas -- California -- Los Angeles -- 20th century
Black-and-white negatives -- California -- Los Angeles -- 20th century
Aerial photographs -- California -- Los Angeles -- 20th century

**Contributors**
Nadel, Leonard
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, California
Wilkinson, Frank

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**Series I. Projects related to housing and urban redevelopment, 1947-1998, undated**

**Physical Description:** 3 Linear Feet (6 boxes)

**Scope and Content Note**
The series consists primarily of negatives, contact prints, and notes that Nadel produced while working for the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) in the 1940s and 1950s. In addition to documentation of HACLA's public housing projects, there are also photographic surveys of the city's slums and historic areas targeted by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for demolition and revitalization. Additionally, there are photographs of the planning meetings of city officials and architects, tours, hearings, and conferences. Also present is documentation of slums in New York, which Nadel took in the early 1950s when he was sent to that city to prepare a comparative documentary study of the two cities. See Series II for Nadel's extensive documentation of the Pueblo del Rio and Aliso Village projects.

**Arrangement**
Series I: Projects related to housing and urban redevelopment, 1947-1998, undated

Series I.A: Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, 1948-1997, undated

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Series I.A. **Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, 1948-1997, undated**

Physical Description: 1.5 Linear Feet

Scope and Content Note
The bulk of the subseries consists of negatives, contact prints, annotated envelopes and notes produced by Nadel as a documentary photographer for the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). From aerial and panoramic views to close-range shots, Nadel documented not only the physical environment and buildings, but also their inhabitants. A good portion of the material focuses on individual families or tenants, affording a very personal portrait of slum and project life. In addition to documentation of public housing projects such as Avalon Gardens, Ramona Gardens, Basilone Homes, and the unrealized Elysian Park Heights project, the subseries also contains extensive documentation of slums, particularly near downtown Los Angeles. Among the other HACLA-related material is a copy of *There's Nothing Sentimental About Your Cash Register*, which consolidates HACLA's 8th, 9th, and 10th annual reports with accompanying photographs, and a copy of *And Ten Thousand More*, the 1949 University of Southern California student film produced for HACLA. Also included is a small amount of material related to Frank Wilkinson, planning meetings of city officials and architects (including Richard Neutra, Robert Alexander, and Lloyd Wright), tours, hearings, and conferences. See Series II for Nadel's extensive documentation of the Pueblo del Rio and Aliso Village projects.

Arrangement
Arrangement is chronological by project or topic, with obviously related material, mostly undated, occasionally included in a grouping. Nadel's original grouping of material within each envelope is retained. The envelopes often contain a mixture of subjects and projects, and each group is therefore classified according to the preponderance of the visual materials contained within it. The notes on these envelopes and the accompanying note cards do not necessarily reflect the subject matter of the negatives and prints contained in them.

box 13, folder 1

The 8th, 9th, and 10th consolidated annual report of the Housing Authority of Los Angeles, 1948

Physical Description: 1 reports

Scope and Content Note

box 14, folder 1

*And Ten Thousand More*, 1949

Physical Description: 1 item

Scope and Content Note

Slums, 1948-1952, undated

Scope and Content Note
Includes extensive documentation of slum areas in and near downtown Los Angeles, often by specific street address. Note cards include information regarding names of occupants, family composition, wages earned, rents paid, and living conditions.
Mixed use areas (industrial and housing), 1948 August
  Physical Description: 31 items(30 negatives, 1 envelope)
  Scope and Content Note
  Housing in downtown Los Angeles, housing in construction and industrial areas, and views of Chávez Ravine.

Tent living on Rose Hill, 1948 October 14
  Physical Description: 13 items(11 negatives, 1 envelope, 1 note card)
  Scope and Content Note
  Perea family (2701 Amethyst St.) and Allman family (4000 Amethyst St.).

219 N. Olive St., 1948 October 21
  Physical Description: 6 items(5 negatives, 1 envelope)
  Scope and Content Note
  Exterior, interior, bedroom, kitchen, and inhabitants.

Burned out housing, circa 1948
  Physical Description: 5 items(4 negatives, 1 envelope)
  Scope and Content Note
  Includes one interior scene with a woman and child.

Chaney family, Hewitt St., 1950 April 21
  Physical Description: 2 items(1 negative, 1 envelope)

Fickett Hollow area of Boyle Heights, 1950 July 22
  Physical Description: 7 items(3 negatives, 3 contact prints, 1 envelope)
  Scope and Content Note
  Also includes a view of tenements behind City Hall.

Aliso St., 1952
  Demolition, 1952 June 2
  Physical Description: 5 items(2 negatives, 2 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Children playing in Aliso alley, 1952 July 15
  Physical Description: 3 items(1 print, 1 negative, 1 envelope)

Fighting tenement fire, 1952 September 12
  Physical Description: 6 items(3 negatives, 2 prints, 1 envelope)

205 N. Flower, 1952 June 9
  Physical Description: 3 items(1 negative, 1 contact print, 1 envelope)

Ord St. near City Hall, 1952 June 12
  Physical Description: 3 items(1 negative, 1 contact print, 1 envelope)

Mission Road 1952
  Mission Rd., 1952 July 23
  Physical Description: 3 items(1 negative, 1 contact print, 1 envelope)

319 N. Mission Rd., 1952 August 22
  Physical Description: 3 items(1 negative, 1 contact print, 1 envelope)
  Scope and Content Note
  Rehabilitating housing.
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**box 1, folder 24**

Inter-council conference, undated

Physical Description: 3 items (2 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Scope and Content Note

Materials displayed on walls relate to veterans housing.

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**box 1, folder 25**

Basilone homes, 1949 January 12

Physical Description: 18 items (9 negatives, 8 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Scope and Content Note


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**Civic Center area, 1950-1951, undated**

Scope and Content Note

Includes views of downtown Los Angeles's civic buildings and the slums in their immediate vicinity.

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**box 1, folder 26**

View of City Hall and Federal Building, 1950 May 1

Physical Description: 3 items (1 negative, 1 contact print, 1 envelope)

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**box 1, folder 27**

Civic Center views, 1951 January 10

Physical Description: 21 items (10 negatives, 10 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Scope and Content Note

Views of Los Angeles taken from a tower, views of City Hall, and views of Los Angeles River.

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**box 1, folder 28**

First St. area and demolition, 1951 July 13

Physical Description: 32 items (16 negatives, 14 contact prints, 2 envelopes)

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**box 1, folder 29**

Tenements near City Hall, undated

Physical Description: 4 items (2 negatives, 1 contact print, 1 envelope)

Scope and Content Note

Includes a view of the Los Angeles River.

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**San Pedro, 1950-1952**

**box 1, folder 30**

Channel Heights, 1950 June 16

Physical Description: 5 items (2 negatives, 2 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Scope and Content Note

View of housing with children playing on lawn.

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**box 1, folder 31**

Rancho San Pedro grading, 1952 July 24

Physical Description: 11 items (5 negatives, 5 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Scope and Content Note

S. Mesa to Centre and W. First to Second St. area.
Elysian Park Heights project, 1950-1997, undated

Scope and Content Note
Elysian Park Heights was HACLA's proposed public housing project meant to replace the old, predominantly Latino Chávez Ravine neighborhoods of La Loma, Palo Verde, and Bishop, and the surrounding hillside grazing lands. Lying in close proximity to downtown Los Angeles, Chávez Ravine was viewed as underutilized, and its established, but poor communities were labeled as “blighted.” When the tide turned against public housing with the election of Norris Poulson as mayor of Los Angeles in 1953, the Elysian Park Heights project was halted, even though most of the neighborhoods had been demolished in preparation for the new housing. The land, which had been purchased for the housing project under eminent domain with funds allocated by the Federal Housing Authority, was repurchased by the city with the stipulation that it be used for a “public purpose” which was eventually translated into a baseball stadium.

Views of the ravine and views of the city from the ravine, 1950 April-1950 June

Physical Description: 54 items (27 negatives, 22 contact prints, 4 envelopes, 1 note card)

Scope and Content Note
Bishop Rd. and Effie St., Chávez Ravine Rd. and Lilac Terrace, Chávez Ravine Rd.
Shot on 23 April, 1 May, and 6 June. For joined panorama (12-123 a-c) see Box 13, Folder 1.

Panoramas, 1950-1997, undated

Physical Description: 13 items (11 photographic prints, 2 items)

Scope and Content Note
Two two-part panoramic photographs, and a third, single view, and eight small joined panoramas (comprised of two, three, or five photographs). Also includes notes by Nadel on Chávez Ravine and print-outs of Los Angeles Times articles.

Panoramic view of downtown Los Angeles from Elysian Park, circa 1950

Physical Description: 10 items (4 negatives, 4 contact prints, 1 envelope, 1 note card)

Scope and Content Note
Looking towards City Hall.

View of City Hall through palm trees in Chávez Ravine, circa 1950

Physical Description: 3 items (1 negative, 1 contact print, 1 envelope)

Children, 1950 April 21

Physical Description: 27 items (12 negatives, 12 contact prints, 1 envelope, 2 note cards)

Scope and Content Note
Includes views of streets (Effie St. and Brooks Ave., Davis and Curtis streets, Spruce and Effie streets), houses, and a view of the hill looking towards the city.

Street scenes, 1950 April 23

Physical Description: 5 items (2 negatives, 2 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Scope and Content Note
Children on dirt roads.
Sheep grazing, 1950 April 29 and 1950 May 1
Physical Description: 20 items (14 negatives, 3 contact prints, 1 envelope, 2 note cards)
Scope and Content Note
Views of a shepherd and his sheep, and two women standing in front of a quonset hut house. Includes negatives for the seven joined panoramas of the ravine in Box 13, Folder 1.

Yolo Dr. and Pine St., circa 1950
Physical Description: 5 items (2 negatives, 2 contact prints, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Children playing in streets, two girls sitting on the rear bumper of a car.

Robert Alexander with two children, 1950 August 31
Physical Description: 3 items (1 negative, 1 contact print, 1 envelope)

Architects’ conference on Elysian Park, 1950
Architects’ conference, 1950 October 2
Physical Description: 46 items (11 negatives, 33 prints, 1 envelope, 1 note card)
Scope and Content Note
Architects depicted include Richard Neutra, Robert Alexander, Patterson, and Cimino.

Conference participants, circa 1950
Physical Description: 13 items (12 negatives, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Includes Charles Waldman of HACLA: Reynald Jackson; Mr. Mayer, Management Director; Mr. Sweeting, Chief Project Planner; and Mr. Cimino, Development Division.

Architects, circa 1950
Physical Description: 5 items (4 negatives, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Includes Richard Neutra, Robert Alexander, and Cimino.

Drafting department and development division, 1950 October 2
Physical Description: 25 items (12 negatives, 12 contact prints, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Portraits of Pete Perez, Lou Clerging (?), Jack Thass (?), and Sam Beckett.

Personnel, circa 1950
Physical Description: 9 items (8 negatives, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Portraits of Sid Grun (?), Clinton Arnold, Vicki Alonzo, Gracie, Botsy, Manny, and Ignacio Lopez.

Portraits, circa 1950
Physical Description: 5 items (3 negatives, 1 contact print, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Includes Rosen, F.W. [Frank Wilkinson], Nadel, Cimino, and a woman.
Panorama of Lookout Mt. area, 1951 December 5
Physical Description: 5 items (3 negatives, 1 contact print, 1 envelope)

Views and meetings, 1952, undated
Physical Description: 32 items (21 negatives, 10 contact prints, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Views of the ravine, images from a conference or hearing including speakers, presenters, and portraits of participants, including a portrait of Tash Koshida (dated 21 May 1952). Also includes an image of a tenement near City Hall.

Demolition, 1952
Demolition of housing, 1952 June 12 and 1952 July 8
Physical Description: 7 items (3 negatives, 3 contact prints, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Curtis St. near Paducah and La Loma streets.

Demolition, fires, and house moving, 1952 June 24
Physical Description: 15 items (7 negatives, 7 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Broad views of demolition, 1952 July 8
Physical Description: 11 items (4 negatives, 4 contact prints, 3 envelopes)
Scope and Content Note
Chávez Ravine, view from Curtis St.

Demolition in the ravine, circa 1952
Physical Description: 14 items (13 negatives, 1 envelope)

Mailboxes, 1952 July 8
Physical Description: 3 items (1 negative, 1 contact print, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Mabrina [?] and Effie streets.

Elysian Park Heights trial, 1952 September 3
Physical Description: 17 items (6 negatives, 5 contact prints, 5 envelopes, 1 note card)
Scope and Content Note
Carleton Williams (Los Angeles Times), Magnus [?] White (Los Angeles Examiner), Welton Weber (Assistant City District Attorney), and Clara McDonald.

Mexican dance group at Palo Verde School, undated
Physical Description: 34 items (10 negatives, 22 contact prints, 1 envelope, 1 note card)

Portrait of an older male resident of Chávez Ravine, undated
Physical Description: 5 items (2 negatives, 2 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Frank Wilkinson, 1950-1997, undated
Scope and Content Note
Frank Wilkinson, the assistant director of HACLA, was accused by in 1952 by real estate interests of being a Communist for his championship of the Elysian Park Heights housing project proposed for Chávez Ravine. Refusing to state his political affiliations when under oath during hearings related to the matter, Wilkinson was fired from HACLA in 1953. He was a life-long civil liberties activist and a leading opponent of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.
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Tour, 1949 April 26,

Physical Description: 59 items (28 negatives, 29 contact prints, 2 envelopes)

Scope and Content Note

Participants included Brock, Sasesmon (?), Rhea, Holtzendorf. Also a view of the Cole Hotel.

Santa Fe area, 1950 December 28

Physical Description: 50 items (23 negatives, 23 contact prints, 3 note cards, 1 envelope)

Scope and Content Note

Houses, backyards, and rooftop views of Damon, Mateo, E. Eighth, Santa Fe, Enterprise, and Hunter streets.

Olympic area, 1950 December 29

Physical Description: 46 items (21 negatives, 21 contact prints, 3 note cards, 1 envelope)

Scope and Content Note

Houses and alleyways in Wilston, Elwood, Lawrence, and Channing streets.

Parking lots and the Fourth St. ramp, 1955 August 9

Physical Description: 24 items (11 negatives, 12 envelopes, 1 note card)

Bunker Hill Renewal Project, 1951-1956

Scope and Content Note

The 133-acre Bunker Hill Urban Renewal Project, conceived as a project to raze the once-stately Victorian neighborhood that had drastically declined due to the suburbanization made possible by the trolley lines and furthered by the automobile and the development of Los Angeles's freeway system, and to revitalize it as a business district, was begun by the CRA in 1955. It is scheduled for completion in 2015, making it the longest redevelopment project in Los Angeles. The area is bounded by First St. on the north, Hill St. on the east, Fifth St. on the south and the Harbor Freeway on the west. The first stage of the project, documented by Nadel, was massive slum clearance and the flattening of the hilltop.

Notecards and annotations on envelopes contain information on housing conditions, rents, and occupancy. There are also frequent observations on the occupants including names, ages, occupations, length of tenancy, and other family matters. Other general topics noted are land use, alleyways, traffic, and street conditions.

Scale model of Bunker Hill, 1951 January 17

Physical Description: 12 items (3 negatives, 6 contact prints, 2 note cards, 1 envelope)

Scope and Content Note

Prints and negatives do not match.

First to Fifth streets, Flower to Hill streets, 1951 March 1

Physical Description: 71 items (24 negatives, 23 contact prints, 22 envelopes, 2 note cards)

Scope and Content Note

For CRA study.

First and Olive to Second and Hill streets area, 1952 April 14

Physical Description: 21 items (10 negatives, 10 contact prints, 1 envelope)
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209 S. Olive St., 1955 September 29

Physical Description: 25 items (11 negatives, 12 envelopes, 2 note cards)
Scope and Content Note
Also includes 345 S. Clay St. and 133 S. Hope St. Group numbered Bunker Hill 2, 67-77.

box 3, folder 16

Slums, 1955 September 30

Physical Description: 22 items (10 negatives, 11 envelopes, 1 note card)
Scope and Content Note

box 3, folder 17

Substandard housing, 1955 October 5

Physical Description: 24 items (11 negatives, 12 envelopes, 1 note card)
Scope and Content Note

box 3, folder 18

Substandard and poor housing, 1955 October 6

Physical Description: 17 items (7 negatives, 8 envelopes, 2 note cards)
Scope and Content Note

box 3, folder 19

Slums, stores, alleys, and street conditions, 1955 October 8-1955 October 10

Physical Description: 36 items (16 negatives, 17 envelopes, 2 note cards, 1 note)
Scope and Content Note

box 4, folder 1

Playgrounds, substandard, poor, and acceptable housing, traffic, and general views, 1955 October 18

Physical Description: 45 items (21 negatives, 2 note cards, 22 envelopes)
Scope and Content Note

box 4, folder 2

General views, traffic, playgrounds, 1955 October 19

Physical Description: 29 items (14 negatives, 15 envelopes)
Scope and Content Note
View from W. Fifth and S. Figueroa looking northeast; traffic on S. Figueroa from Fourth St. ramp looking north; ramp at Fourth; Fourth and S. Flower hillside; playground at rear of 119 S. Olive; playground next to 334 S. Figueroa. Group numbered Bunker Hill 2, 140-148.
Traffic, land use, housing and street conditions, shopping, and recreation, 1955 October 26

Physical Description: 52 items (25 negatives, 26 envelopes, 1 note card)

Scope and Content Note

Images documenting land use include 638 W. First from the rear, Clay St. looking northwest from 328 Clay, W. Second and S. Hill looking north. Also included are street conditions at W. Third St. and S. Hope, the alleyway at Olive Ct., and views of shopping areas, and playgrounds. Group numbered Bunker Hill 2, 149-174.

Traffic and general views, 1955 October 26

Physical Description: 14 items (6 negatives, 7 envelopes, 1 note card)

Scope and Content Note
Views of traffic at W. First and S. Olive, and S. Olive, Fourth, and 5th streets.

General views taken from the Edison building looking north and from the 1100 block of Huntley Dr. Group numbered Bunker Hill 2, 175-179.

Housing and street conditions, 1955 October 31

Physical Description: 30 items (13 negatives, 14 envelopes, 3 note cards)

Scope and Content Note

Shopping, 1955 November 29

Physical Description: 26 items (12 negatives, 13 envelopes, 1 note card)

Scope and Content Note
Shopping areas in and around Bunker Hill. Also includes views of Pershing Square, Angels Flight, a general view from Bay and W. First looking south west, and street conditions near the Second St. tunnel. Group numbered Bunker Hill 2, 193-204.

People, 1955 November 9

Physical Description: 15 items (7 negatives, 8 envelopes)

Scope and Content Note
People on 3rd St., Grand St., W. 4th St., and S. Clay St. Group numbered Bunker Hill 2, 205-211.

County garage, 1956 January 12

Physical Description: 6 items (1 negative, 1 envelope, 4 note cards)

Scope and Content Note

Temple area, 1948-1957, undated

Scope and Content Note
Includes interior and exterior residential views of the Temple Street area which was a fashionable residential neighborhood in the late-nineteenth century.
Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, 717 Temple, 1948 August 23

Physical Description: 1 item (1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Empty envelope numbered A-532.

1138 Colton and 146 N Beaudry, 1956 August

Physical Description: 16 items (6 negatives, 7 envelopes, 3 note cards)
Scope and Content Note
Group numbered Temple 2a-7b.

General views, land use and streets, and public and residential buildings, 1956 August 14-1957 November 16

Physical Description: 37 items (18 negatives, 19 envelopes)
Scope and Content Note
General views from 110 Boylston, Glendale Blvd. and Colton, Flower and Court, Huntley Dr. and W. Second, and from Huntley Dr. Streets and terrain at Temple St. from the Harbor Freeway, W. First and Douglas, Toluca, and the Second St. Bridge from Beverly Blvd. and Lucas. Land use at W. First and Fremont, from Court and Douglas to Glendale Blvd., and W. Second to Huntley Dr. near Beaudry. Public buildings include the Echo Park library at Glendale Blvd. and Temple, and the Board of Education Employment Office on N. Temple. Residential addresses include 1142 Mignonette, 1138 Colton, and 1145 Court. Also included are a recreation area at 912 Diamond, and shopping on the corner of Temple and Fremont. Group numbered Temple 31-48.

Residential, 1956 August 14-1957 November 18

Physical Description: 17 items (8 negatives, 9 envelopes)
Scope and Content Note
Residential interiors and exteriors at 133 1/2 and 146 N. Beaudry, 1551 Court, 1350 Temple, 301 N. Figueroa, 811 Temple, and 1134 Angelina. Land use at Court and Toluca. Group numbered Temple 49-56.

Slums (interiors), 1957 July 25

Physical Description: 3 items (1 envelope, 2 note cards)

Residential interiors, 1957 November 25

Physical Description: 25 items (12 negatives, 13 envelopes)
Scope and Content Note

Streets, public and residential buildings, 1957 November 14

Physical Description: 23 items (11 negatives, 12 envelopes)
Scope and Content Note
General views of streets include the Colton and Court streets area, and the northeast corner of Diamond and N. Figueroa. Residential exteriors at 327 N. Fremont, 911 (Rex Apartments), 912 and 916 Diamond, 212, 218, and 255 N. Fremont. Public buildings include the County Health Building, N. Figueroa, and Municipal Power and Light, 110 S. Boylston. Recreation includes the church playground behind 200 N. Beaudry. Group numbered Temple 1-11a.
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box 4, folder 16 Streets and alleys, land use and terrain, public and residential buildings, 1957 November 15
Physical Description: 39 items (19 negatives, 20 envelopes)
Scope and Content Note

box 4, folder 17 Land use, shopping, residential, and recreation, 1957 November 21
Physical Description: 49 items (24 negatives, 25 envelopes)
Scope and Content Note
Includes Temple, Beaudry, Court, Fremont, Colton, Rockwood, Figueroa, Patton, and W. Second streets and Glendale Blvd. Also includes Boylston market and a general view of the Temple Street area. Group numbered Temple 57-80.

box 5, folder 1 Residential and commercial buildings, shopping, land use, recreational, streets and alleys, 1957 November 21
Physical Description: 43 items (21 negatives, 22 envelopes)
Scope and Content Note
Group numbered Temple 81-104. Missing negatives 102, 103, and 104.

box 12, folder 1 Views and housing, undated
Physical Description: 22 items (21 slides, 1 slide box)
Scope and Content Note
35mm color slides.

Ann Street, 1952-1956
Scope and Content Note
The Ann Street Redevelopment Project, approved by Los Angeles Mayor Norris C. Poulson in 1954, was the first redevelopment plan in the state of California.

box 5, folder 2 Houses, 1952 June 18
Physical Description: 53 items (17 negatives, 17 contact prints, 1 note card, 18 envelopes)

box 5, folder 3 Demolition ceremony, 1956 January 11
Physical Description: 23 items (22 negatives, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Demolition ceremony in 1956 including Mayor Norris C. Paulson and Councilman Ernest E. Debs, to make way for redevelopment.

Alameda area, 1952
Houses, 1952 June 12
Physical Description: 64 items (21 negatives, 21 contact prints, 22 envelopes)
Scope and Content Note
Includes the following streets in the Alameda area: Alameda, Commercial, Hewitt, Garey, Vignes, Jackson, and DuCom[___].
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**box 5, folder 5**  
**Gas tank, 1952 November 18**  
Physical Description: 6 items (5 negatives, 1 envelope)  
Scope and Content Note  
Also includes the area around Second and Hill streets, and City Hall.

**box 13, folder 4**  
**Correspondence and notes, 1951-1998, undated**  
Physical Description: 3 items  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes a letter from Percival G. Hart, executive director, CRA Los Angeles to Howard Holtzendorff, executive director, HACLA, and a note on the verso of an advertising card regarding negatives related to the CRA.

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**Series I.C. Various subjects, undated**  
Physical Description: 0.5 Linear Feet  
Scope and Content Note  
This subseries encompasses a variety of topics and subject matter that relate to public housing. The photographs were most likely made by Nadel during the period when he worked for HACLA and documented CRA projects, but for which a specific project has not been identified.  
Arrangement  
Materials are arranged thematically, by subject, or by the names of known individuals.

**box 5, folder 6**  
**Monsignor O’Dwyer, undated**  
Physical Description: 4 items (1 negative, 2 envelopes, 1 print)  
Scope and Content Note  
Monsignor O’Dwyer was an ardent supporter of public housing.

**box 5, folder 7**  
**Discrimination, undated**  
Physical Description: 2 items (1 negative, 1 envelope)  
Scope and Content Note  
Sign on balcony rail of apartment building reads: Nice rooms and apartments for white [sic] only.

**box 5, folder 8**  
**First African Methodist Episcopal Church (1st AME) congregation, undated**  
Physical Description: 4 items (3 negatives, 1 envelope)  
Scope and Content Note  
Not used [in book?].

**box 5, folder 9**  
**Ed Davenport, undated**  
Physical Description: (4 negatives, 4 contact prints, 1 envelope)

**box 5, folder 10**  
**Richard Lewis, undated**  
Physical Description: 5 items (4 negatives, 1 envelope)  
Scope and Content Note  
Blind folk singer Richard Lewis performing at Sixteenth and Central streets.

**box 5, folder 11**  
**Blind female folk singer, undated**  
Physical Description: 11 items (7 negatives, 3 contact prints, 1 envelope)  
Scope and Content Note  
Musician’s hatband reads: Israel must repent. Also includes a family in their home and other tenement interiors, tenements behind City Hall, and burned out buildings.
Box 5, folder 12  
**People, powerlines, and views, undated**

- Physical Description: 19 items (19 negatives)
- Scope and Content Note
  - Unidentified subjects and areas.

Box 5, folder 13  
**Storefronts and people on streets, undated**

- Physical Description: 10 items (8 negatives, 2 envelopes)

Box 13, folder 18  
**Watts, 1990, undated**

- Physical Description: 7 pamphlet(s)
- Scope and Content Note
  - Seven copies of the pamphlet Watts '65 commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Watts rebellion. One 4x5 negative of an African American boy crying.

**Series II. Unpublished books, 1947-1994, undated bulk**

- Physical Description: 5.25 Linear Feet (7 boxes)
- Scope and Content Note
  - The series contains Nadel's unpublished books and related material on the two HACLA projects that he documented most extensively, Pueblo del Rio and Aliso Village. Nadel began documenting Pueblo del Rio while a student at the Art Center College of Design. In the late 1940s he showed some of the photographs to Frank Wilkinson, who encouraged him to continue his documentation, suggesting that he also photograph Aliso Village. Shortly thereafter Wilkinson hired Nadel as a photographer for HACLA. The books Nadel compiled from his material are titled, "Pueblo del Rio: the study of a planned community" and "Aliso Village, USA."

- Arrangement

**Series II.A. Pueblo del Rio, 1947-1948**

- Physical Description: 2 Linear Feet
- Scope and Content Note
  - The subseries consists of Nadel's unpublished book, "Pueblo del Rio: The Study of a Planned Community," and additional photographic material related to the project. Originally built in 1940 for African-American defense industry workers, Pueblo del Rio is a housing development located at 52nd Street and Long Beach Avenue in South Central Los Angeles. The mid-century modernist project was designed by the Southeast Housing Architects, which included Richard Neutra, Gordon Kaufman, Adrian Wilson, and the firm of Wurdeman & Becket. The chief architect on the project was Paul R. Williams, Los Angeles's first successful African-American architect, known as the "architect to the stars" for the many private residences he designed for the Hollywood elite. Nadel began documenting Pueblo del Rio while a student at the Art Center College of Design. In the late 1940s he showed some of the photographs to Frank Wilkinson, who encouraged him to continue his documentation, and later hired him as a photographer for HACLA.

- Arrangement
  - Materials are arranged thematically, and include views of the project, and of community life such as activities and organizations within the project, schools, and named residents in a variety of activities and settings. The last part of the subseries consists of the book matter, including selected images, text, and the maquette.

**Views, 1947-circa 1948**
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| box 5, folder 14 | **Aerial view, circa 1948**  
  Physical Description: 2 items (1 negative, 1 envelope)  
  Scope and Content Note  
  Note reads: Not used [in book?] |
| box 5, folder 15 | **Maps and views, circa 1948**  
  Physical Description: 19 items (18 negatives, 1 envelope)  
  Scope and Content Note  
  "Map showing public housing developments under the management of the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles," "Unit and housing numbering map," views of the project, people, and daily life (areas for hanging laundry, baseball, mail delivery), and of a sign bearing the legend: 1200 children living here please drive carefully. |
| box 5, folder 16 | **Unit and house numbering map, circa 1948**  
  Physical Description: 3 items (2 negatives, 1 envelope) |
| box 5, folder 17 | **View from across the railroad tracks, circa 1948**  
  Physical Description: 7 items (5 negatives, 1 envelope, 1 note card)  
  Scope and Content Note  
  Includes images of a burned down house. |
| box 5, folder 18 | **Exterior views, circa 1948**  
  Physical Description: 6 items (3 negatives, 1 envelopes, 2 note cards)  
  Scope and Content Note  
  Includes one image of a man sitting at a desk. |
| box 5, folder 19 | **Exterior views and stairway, 1947 October 31**  
  Physical Description: 5 items (3 negatives, 1 envelope, 1 note card) |
| box 5, folder 20 | **Various subjects, circa 1948** |
| box 5, folder 21 | **Staff and office, circa 1948**  
  Physical Description: 8 items (7 negatives, 1 envelope)  
  Scope and Content Note  
  Note reads: Not used [in book?] |
| box 5, folder 22 | **Maintenance staff, circa 1948**  
  Physical Description: 5 items (4 negatives, 1 envelope)  
  Scope and Content Note  
  Maintenance staff standing in front of Pueblo del Rio administration building. Note reads: Not used [in book?] |
| box 5, folder 23 | **1200 children sign, circa 1948**  
  Physical Description: 4 items (3 negatives, 1 envelope)  
  Scope and Content Note  
  Images of signs bearing the legend: 1200 children living here. Please drive carefully. Note reads: Not used [in book?] |
| box 5, folder 24 | **Clinic, circa 1948**  
  Physical Description: 10 items (9 negatives, 1 envelope)  
  Scope and Content Note  
  People at clinic. Note reads: Not used [in book?] |
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| 5   | 24     | Congregation outside church, circa 1948  
Physical Description: 4 items(3 negatives, 1 envelope)  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes a little girl dressed in her "Sunday best." |
| 5   | 25     | Interiors, circa 1948  
Physical Description: 10 items(7 negatives, 1 envelope, 2 note cards)  
Scope and Content Note  
Some images include inhabitants engaged in various activities. |
| 5   | 26     | Kitchen, dining room, bedroom, and bathroom, circa 1948  
Physical Description: 7 items(3 negatives, 4 envelopes)  
Scope and Content Note  
Kitchen, dining room, bedroom, and bathroom. |
| 5   | 27     | Resident Council meeting, circa 1948  
Physical Description: 3 items(2 negatives, 1 envelope) |
| 5   | 28     | Ballet, ping pong, Murray's girl, circa 1948  
Physical Description: 4 items(3 negatives, 1 envelope) |
| 5   | 29     | Jamis, circa 1948  
Physical Description: 2 items(1 negative, 1 envelope)  
Scope and Content Note  
Portrait of a young girl with her face leaning on her hand. |
| 5   | 30     | Talent show, circa 1948  
Physical Description: 10 items(9 negatives, 1 envelope)  
Scope and Content Note  
Performers and audience. |
| 5   | 31     | Children, circa 1948  
Physical Description: 13 items(11 negatives, 1 envelope, 2 note cards)  
Scope and Content Note  
Children in classroom and playing or grouped outside. Includes an exterior view of the Pueblo del Rio administration building, and a portrait of Mrs. Terry [?]. |
| 6   | 1      | Children at nursery, circa 1948  
Physical Description: 12 items(11 negatives, 1 envelope) |
| 6   | 2      | Children, exterior of school [?], circa 1948  
Physical Description: 7 items(6 negatives, 1 envelope) |
| 6   | 3      | Mrs. Terry, circa 1948  
Physical Description: 18 items(17 negatives, 1 envelope) |
| 6   | 4      | Samuel family, circa 1948  
Bessie Samuel and family in kitchen, circa 1948  
Physical Description: 2 items(1 negative, 1 envelope)  
Scope and Content Note  
No Subnote Content |
**Box 6, Folder 5**

**Family activities, circa 1948**

- Physical Description: 9 items (8 negatives, 1 envelope)
- Scope and Content Note
  - Includes images of groups of adults and children, and baseball game. Note reads: Not used [in book?].

**Book matter, circa 1948**

**Images, circa 1948**

- **Group 1, circa 1948**
  - Physical Description: 51 items (25 negatives, 26 envelopes)
  - Scope and Content Note
    - Group labeled "1" on envelope.

- **Group 2, circa 1948**
  - Physical Description: 63 items (31 negatives, 32 envelopes)
  - Scope and Content Note
    - Group labeled "2" on envelope.

- **Group 3, circa 1948**
  - Physical Description: 25 items (12 negatives, 13 envelopes)
  - Scope and Content Note
    - Group labeled "3" on envelope.

- **Text, circa 1948**
  - Physical Description: 42 items (41 negatives, 1 envelope)
  - Scope and Content Note
    - Pages of texts, captions, and page numbers for the book.

- **Box 11, Folder 1**

**"Pueblo del Rio: The Study of a Planned Community", circa 1948**

- Physical Description: 1 volume
- Scope and Content Note
  - Bound volume of 100 pages containing a photographic essay on the Pueblo del Rio housing project, illustrated with 76 gelatin silver photographs.
Series II.B. **Aliso Village, 1948-1994, undated bulk**

**Physical Description:** 3.25 Linear Feet

**Scope and Content Note**

The subseries consists of Nadel's unpublished book, "Aliso Village, USA," and additional material related to the project. Designed in 1942 by the Housing Group Architects, lead by Ralph Flewelling and including Lloyd Wright, the garden city-style Aliso Village was one of the first racially integrated public housing projects in the United States. It was built in the Boyle Heights area known as "The Flats," which in the 1930s was one of the most impoverished areas of Los Angeles. Aliso Village was demolished in 1999 and replaced by a new housing project, Pueblo del Sol.

Nadel documented Aliso Village from 1948 to 1949. The book he assembled is a photographic study of four families - Asian, African-American, Caucasian, and Latino - living in this historic community. Between 1949 and 1951 Nadel made a concerted effort to find a publisher for the book. In 1949 he made a trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City to meet with supporters and potential publishers. In addition to meeting with representatives from organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the American Council on Race Relations, he also met with photographers Edward Steichen and Roy Stryker, who assessed his photographs. The related correspondence and Nadel's meeting notes are included in this subseries. Although there was interest in the project at the time, the book was never published.

**Arrangement**

Materials are arranged thematically, and include views of the project, and of community life such as activities and organizations within the project, and its schools. This is followed by a section on each of the four families Nadal documented in-depth, as well as notes pertaining to Aliso Village in general, and the families in particular. The last part of the subseries consists of the book matter, including slides of the selected images, the introductory text, the maquette, and correspondence and notes regarding the book and Nadel's efforts to publish it.

**Views of Aliso Village, 1948-1949**

- **Aerial view in winter, 1948 January 12**
  - Physical Description: 3 items(2 negatives, 1 envelope)
  - Scope and Content Note
    - Taken after a snowfall.

- **Aerial views of Aliso Village from Lookout Mountain, circa 1948-1949**
  - Physical Description: 4 items(3 negatives, 1 envelope)

- **View of Aliso Village through slum, circa 1948-1949**
  - Physical Description: 4 items(3 negatives, 1 envelope)

- **Slums near Aliso Village, 1948 October 28**
  - Physical Description: 3 items(2 negatives, 1 envelope)
  - Scope and Content Note
    - Includes two girls playing ball in a back courtyard.

- **Exterior views, circa 1948-1949**
  - **Group A, circa 1948-1949**
    - Physical Description: 34 items(33 negatives, 1 envelope)
    - Scope and Content Note
      - Group labeled "A" on envelope.
Group B, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 9 items(7 negatives, 1 envelope, 1 note card)
Scope and Content Note
Group labeled "B" on envelope.

Exteriors with people, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 19 items(17 prints, 1 envelope, 1 note card)
Scope and Content Note
Includes view of the housing project from the freeway.

Administration building, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items(2 negatives, 1 envelope)

Maintenance, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 4 items(3 negatives, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Tree spraying and exterior painting.

Infrastructure, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 7 items(6 negatives, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Includes the reception office, maintenance shop, and community bulletin boards.

1500 children sign, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 0 items (2 negatives, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Sign bearing the legend: 1500 children live here. Please drive carefully.

Outdoor laundry lines, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items(2 negatives, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
132 N. Clarence St.

Laundry scenes, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items(2 negatives, 1 envelope)

November 1948 meeting, 1948 November 1
Physical Description: 25 items(24 negatives, 1 envelope)

Resident Council II meeting, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 6 items(5 negatives, 1 envelope)

Couple at a Resident Council meeting, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 2 items(1 contact print, 1 envelope)

Management and Resident Council meeting, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items(2 negatives, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Meeting of residents and staff around desk of Miss Hedges.

Management and Inter-council meeting, 1948 November 8
Physical Description: 10 items(9 negatives, 1 envelope)
Clinic, circa 1948-1949
  Negatives, circa 1948-1949
  Physical Description: 17 items (14 negatives, 1 envelope, 2 note cards)

Prints, circa 1948-1949
  Physical Description: 4 items (3 contact prints, 1 envelope)
  Scope and Content Note
  Mothers and babies.

Immunization at Utah St. school, circa 1948-1949
  Physical Description: 7 items (6 negatives, 1 envelope)
  Scope and Content Note
  One of the children being immunized is Arthur Ramirez, Jr.

Movie night, circa 1948-1949
  Negatives, circa 1948-1949
  Physical Description: 9 items (8 negatives, 1 envelope)

Print, circa 1948-1949
  Physical Description: 2 items (1 contact print, 1 envelope)
  Scope and Content Note
  Children watching movie.

Conflicts, circa 1948-1949
  Negatives, circa 1948-1949
  Physical Description: 4 items (3 negatives, 1 envelope)
  Scope and Content Note
  Boys fighting, little girl on her knees.

Prints, circa 1948-1949
  Physical Description: 2 items (1 contact print, 1 envelope)
  Scope and Content Note
  Boys fighting.

Children and children's activities, 1948-1949
  Children in mixed groups, circa 1948-1949
  Physical Description: 9 items (8 negatives, 1 envelope)

Children's activities, circa 1948-1949
  Physical Description: 12 items (11 negatives, 1 envelope)
  Scope and Content Note
  Children playing on the catwalk, playing football, in kindergarten, at story time, and portraits of children.

Little children, circa 1948-1949
  Physical Description: 6 items (5 contact prints, 1 envelope)
  Scope and Content Note
  Looking out of windows, sitting on stoop, playing.
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Two children standing against fence, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 2 items (1 contact print, 1 envelope)

Outdoor and indoor activities, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 23 items (22 negatives, 1 envelope)

Eating, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items (2 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Sleeping, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items (2 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Nap time, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 4 items (3 negatives, 1 envelope)

Lunch, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 11 items (10 negatives, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Includes children on playground equipment.

Jungle gym, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 6 items (5 negatives, 1 envelope)

Kindergarten, 1948
Thanksgiving play, 1948
Physical Description: 4 items (3 negatives, 1 envelope)

Thanksgiving party, 1948
Physical Description: 4 items (3 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Boy Scouts, circa 1948-1949
Boy Scout troop, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 6 items (5 negatives, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
First aid (William Taggart), presentation of colors (William Taggart and Charles Wilson), drills.

Presentation of colors, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 2 items (1 contact print, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Troop includes Charles Wilson and William Taggart, Jr.

Young craft group in community hall, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items (2 negatives, 1 envelope)

Food shopping truck, circa 1948-1949
Negatives, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 2 items (1 negative, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Original envelope contained two glassine sleeves. Negative for Aliso building through slum door is missing.

Prints, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items (2 contact prints, 1 envelope)
Contact prints of various activities, circa 1948-1949
Scope and Content Note
Many of the contact prints are represented in other Aliso Village groupings, as negatives and/or prints.

box 8, folder 8
General and community activities, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 136 items (1 negative, 135 prints, 1 envelope)

box 8, folder 9
Community activities, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 184 items (1 negative, 183 contact prints, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Contact prints.

Four families, circa 1948-1949

box 8, folder 10
Group shot, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 10 items (9 negatives, 1 envelope)

box 8, folder 11
Families standing around, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 4 items (3 negatives, 1 envelope)

Wong family, circa 1948-1949

box 8, folder 12
Family portrait, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 2 items (1 contact print, 1 envelope)

box 8, folder 13
Wongs shopping, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 4 items (2 contact prints, 1 envelope, 1 notecard)

box 8, folder 14
George Wong at school, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items (2 contact prints, 1 envelope)

box 8, folder 15
Richie Wong at playgroup, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items

box 8, folder 16
Richie Wong's third birthday party, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 2 items

box 8, folder 17
Lunch, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items (2 contact prints, 1 envelope)

box 8, folder 18
Supper, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 6 items (5 contact prints, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Includes George Wong with Richie.

box 8, folder 19
Mrs. Wong at ceramics class, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items (2 contact prints, 1 envelope)

box 8, folder 20
Mrs. Wong at clinic, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 2 items (1 contact print, 1 envelope)

box 8, folder 21
Wongs at Griffith Park Zoo, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 13 items (12 contact prints, 1 envelope)
Trimming the Christmas tree, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 2 items(1 contact print, 1 envelope)

George Wong at work, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 8 items(7 contact prints, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Lettering on door reads: County Auditor, Budget and Report Division, Property Section.

Ramirez family, circa 1948-1949
Bath time, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 15 items(13 contact prints, 1 envelope, 1 note card)

Boys playing at home, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items(2 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Pillow fight, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items(2 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Mr. Ramirez teaching a class, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 7 items(6 contact prints, 1 envelope)

Ramirez boys at playgroup, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 2 items(1 contact print, 1 envelope)

Repairing the car, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 2 items(1 contact print, 1 envelope)

Mr. Ramirez at Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 2 items(1 contact print, 1 envelope)

Family at home, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 6 items(5 contact prints, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Patsy Ramirez ironing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramirez decorating the Christmas tree, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 4 items(3 contact prints, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Includes Ramirez family portrait and Patsy Ramirez playing tennis.

Mr. Ramirez studying in the library, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 2 items(1 contact print, 1 envelope)

Ramirez family at supper, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 8 items(7 contact prints, 1 envelope)
Scope and Content Note
Also Mr. Ramirez playing with baby and boys reading.

On a Sunday stroll, circa 1948-1949
Physical Description: 3 items(2 contact prints, 1 envelope)
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              Physical Description: 2 items (1 contact print, 1 envelope) |
| 8, 37       | Wilson family, circa 1948-1949  
              Charles Wilson in kitchen, circa 1948-1949  
              Physical Description: 3 items (1 contact print, 1 envelope, 1 note card) |
| 8, 38       | At supper, circa 1948-1949  
              Physical Description: 6 items (5 contact prints, 1 envelope)  
              Scope and Content Note  
              Includes Mr. Wilson working at table, Mrs. Wilson doing laundry, boys washing dishes. |
| 8, 39       | Wilson boys in Sunday school, circa 1948-1949  
              Physical Description: 4 items (3 contact prints, 1 envelope) |
| 8, 40       | Mrs. Wilson in sewing class, circa 1948-1949  
              Physical Description: 3 items (2 contact prints, 1 envelope) |
| 8, 41       | Saul Wilson at Tenderfoot ceremony, circa 1948-1949  
              Physical Description: 3 items (2 contact prints, 1 envelope) |
| 8, 42       | Social tea, circa 1948-1949  
              Physical Description: 3 items (2 contact prints, 1 envelope) |
| 8, 43       | Wilson family relaxing, circa 1948-1949  
              Physical Description: (1 contact print, 1 envelope) |
| 8, 44       | Taggart family, circa 1948-1949  
              Family portrait, circa 1948-1949  
              Physical Description: 6 items (5 contact prints, 1 envelope)  
              Scope and Content Note  
              Includes large group of children and adults from the community gathered in the Taggert’s [?] living room. |
| 8, 45       | Bluegirls, circa 1948-1949  
              Physical Description: 3 items (1 contact print, 1 envelope, 1 notecard) |
| 8, 46       | Mr. Taggart and baby, circa 1948-1949  
              Physical Description: 2 items (1 contact print, 1 envelope) |
| 8, 47       | Taggart family at supper, circa 1948-1949  
              Physical Description: 5 items (4 contact prints, 1 envelope) |
| 8, 48       | Taggarts and home counselor, circa 1948-1949  
              Physical Description: 6 items (5 contact prints, 1 envelope)  
              Scope and Content Note  
              Discussing budget, teaching canning. |
| 8, 49       | Christmas, circa 1948-1949  
              Physical Description: 3 items (2 contact prints, 1 envelope)  
              Scope and Content Note  
              Bringing in Christmas tree, dressing up as Santa. |
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<td>Mrs. Taggart giving son a haircut, circa 1948-1949</td>
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<td>Notes on Aliso Village, circa 1948-1949</td>
<td>36 items (1 envelope, 35 note cards)</td>
<td>On envelope: Notations by photographer Leonard Nadel while working on the Aliso Village project - (quotes that inspired him, among them: Nature has no favorite nation, color, creed or occupation any place you point your finger to, there's someone with the same blood as you.)</td>
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Finding aid for the Leonard Nadel photographs and other material relating to housing and u...
### Copy slides of images used in book, Negatives 1949, slides 1994

**Physical Description:** 65 slides

### "Aliso Village, U.S.A.", circa 1949

**Physical Description:** 1 volume

**Scope and Content Note**
Bound unpublished volume of 122 pages with 136 gelatin silver photographs.

### Nadel's writings regarding the book, circa 1949

**Physical Description:** 4 items

**Scope and Content Note**
Contains the following typescript documents by Nadel about the book: Exhibit on Aliso Village study; Aliso Village; The concept; and Aliso Village, U.S.A.

### Correspondence and meeting notes, 1949-1951, undated

**Scope and Content Note**
Correspondence regarding attemps to find a publisher for the book. Also includes hand-written and typescript notes from meetings with supporters and potential publishers.

### May 10 - May 24, 1949

**Physical Description:** 7 items

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter from Floyd C. Covington executive director of the Los Angeles Urban League, to Lester B. Granger, executive director of the National Urban League, introducing and recommending Nadel and his Aliso Village project. Letter from Carey McWilliams to Nadel. Letter from Jack J. Spitzer to Rabbi S. Andhil Fineberg, director of the Community Service Department, American Jewish Committee, asking for support to publish Nadel's work. Letter from Floyd C. Covington to Leslie W. Ganyard, secretary of the Rosenberg Foundation.

### June 1949

**Physical Description:** 6 items

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter from Kenneth Hahn, chairman, Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations, to Nadel. Letter from A. A. Heist, director, American Civil Liberties Union, to Morris Ernst. Letter from Jack J. Spitzer, assistant executive director, Community Relations Committee of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council, to Nadel. Letter from Herschell Chanin, Jewish Labor Committee, to Irving Salert.

### July 20 - July 29, 1949

**Physical Description:** 6 items

**Scope and Content Note**
Summaries of meetings with Louis Hosch, executive secretary of the American Council on Race Relations; Roland Hemans; assistant director of the University of Chicago Press; W.T. Couch, director of the University of Chicago Press; Coleman Woddbury, director of Urban Redevelopment Study; Mrs. Dorothy Gazzolo, editor of *Journal of Housing*; and James Brown III, trustee of the Marshall Field Foundation. Letter from Nadel to Dr. Louis Wirth, American Council on Race Relations.
August 1949

Physical Description: 11 items
Scope and Content Note
Summary of meetings with Clarence Johnson, east coast regional race relations advisor for the Federal Housing Agency; Thomas Creighton, Progressive Architecture; Dr. Louis Wirth, director of the American Council on Race Relations; Dr. Gerald Breese, director of the Social Science Research Council; and Franklin Thorne and Dr. McGraw, Race Relations, Federal Housing Authority; Charles Abrams, publisher; Phillip Vaudrin, editor of the Oxford Press; Leo Johnson, director of the National Public Housing Conference. Letter from Victor Kayfetz (Victor Kayfetz Productions) to Nadel.

September 1949

Physical Description: 9 items
Scope and Content Note
Notes on meeting with the following persons: Edward Steichen; Miss Rose Terlin, editor of YWCA publications; Dr. Robt Weaver, New York University sociology department; Dr. Robert Merton, Columbia University, sociology editor for Harcourt Brace & Co.; Mrs. Dorothy Nathan, Community Service Department, American Jewish Committee; and Dr. Nadhil Fineberg, American Jewish Committee. Correspondence with John Morris, picture editor, The Ladies Home Journal.

October 1949

Physical Description: 1 item
Scope and Content Note
Notes on meeting with Roy Stryker.

1950 - 1951

Physical Description: 21 items
Scope and Content Note
Summaries of meetings with Francis Brennan, picture editor, Life History of WWII; Lee Jones, picture editor, This Week; Mrs. Anna Wolfe; children's editor, Woman's Home Companion; Ted Gorkinm picture editor, Parade; Holmer Cable, picture editor, Look; William White, picture editor, Daily News; Mr. Borstadt, picture editor, Saturday Evening Post, Philadelphia. Correspondence with John Morris; picture editor, Ladies Home Journal. Letter from Victor Kayfetz.

Exhibitions, 1951

Physical Description: 4 items

Filmstrip copyright agreement, undated

Physical Description: 2 items
Scope and Content Note
Agreement between Leonard Nadel and Robert Friedman and Donald Weiss, producers and writers, pertaining to production and distribution of two film strips on Aliso Village. The agreement is signed by Nadel and Friedman.