Tim McKay Postcard Collection

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Tim McKay Postcard Collection

**Dates:** 1900-2005

**Collection Number:** 2007.02

**Creator/Collector:** Tim McKay

**Extent:** 3381 postcards relate to the Northwestern California region. About two thousand additional cards relate to other geographic regions.

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**Abstract:** The postcard collection, especially those showing Northwestern California scenes, follow Tim McKay's lifelong interests in the natural world and in the ways that people and communities use their surroundings for livelihood and solace. These examples were selected by Petra Wilkinson.

**Language of Material:** English

**Access**

Processed Northwestern California portions are open for use by appointment. Unprocessed portions are available for use by appointment.

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**Acquisition Information**

When the Tim McKay Collection was gifted in 2007 the postcard collection that McKay had been amassing for the previous decade was included. A few binders holding postcards from Del Norte County and the Benicia, CA area were not included in the gift.

**Biography/Administrative History**

See essay by Susie Van Kirk.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

The postcard collection, especially those showing Northwestern California scenes, follow Tim McKay's lifelong interests in the natural world and in the ways that people and communities use their surroundings for livelihood and solace. McKay also saved/collected contemporary cards celebrating arts, events, and political causes for the Humboldt Bay region. These are incorporated into the History-Ephemera section of the main McKay Collection (2007.01). Additional portions of the collection remain unprocessed. These cover other geographic areas and novelty cards showing animals and flowers. The unprocessed portions are available for research by appointment.

**Indexing Terms**

Humboldt County (Calif.) - History

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