
Virginia City, Nevada, Photograph Collection: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Virginia City, Nevada, Photograph Collection

Dates (inclusive): approximately 1898-1900

Collection Number: photCL 287

Creator:

Extent: 33 photographs in 2 boxes : glass negatives ; plate 14 x 20 cm + copy prints in 1 folder.

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Abstract: This collection consists of 33 glass-plate negatives (and corresponding copy prints) of Virginia City, Nevada, chiefly in the late 1890s. Views include: interior and exterior scenes of the saloon, court house, sheriff's office, houses, stores, restaurants, and miners.

Language: English.

Access

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Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Virginia City, Nevada, Photograph Collection, The Huntington Library, San Marino, California.

Provenance

Provenance unknown, transferred from the Manuscript Department in the 1950s. Item 29 was added to the collection in 1987.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of 33 glass plate negatives (and corresponding copy prints) of Virginia City, Nevada, chiefly in the late 1890s. Views include: interior and exterior scenes of the saloon, court house, sheriff's office, houses, stores, and restaurants. There are a few photographs dealing with mines in the area, and one of a mining shack with children and mules (Item 29).

Approximate date of photographs based on 1898 calendar that is visible on item 7. G.W. Miller is identified as the photographer on items 31-33.

Item titles in square brackets supplied by cataloger based on typescript list of items found with the collection.

- [Nevada Mining Photograph Collection \(photCL 144\)](#)

Arrangement

The items have been given Huntington item numbers 1-33, but are arranged in order according to numbers stamped on the envelopes in which the negatives were received (from 179-238, with gaps).

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the [Huntington Library's Online Catalog](#).

Subjects

Bars (Drinking establishments) -- Nevada -- Virginia City -- Photographs.

Frontier and pioneer life -- Nevada -- Virginia City -- Photographs.

Mines and mineral resources -- Nevada -- Virginia City -- Photographs.

Mining camps -- Photographs.

Virginia City (Nev.) -- Photographs.

Forms/Genres

Photographs.

Contributors

Miller, G. W., photographer.

Container List

Folder 1	Copy prints
Item 1a	[Virginia City, Nevada, saloon interior and seven men [copy print].] [approximately 1898] Physical Description: 1 photograph. Related Material The large print of this item is housed as oversize material and cataloged as photOV 10189.
Item 2	[Virginia City, Nevada, a saloon interior and 3 men.] [approximately 1898] Physical Description: 1 photograph.
Item 3	[Virginia City, Nevada, saloon interior and Henry Tobeners, Gold Hill.] [approximately 1898] Physical Description: 3 copies.
Item 4	[Virginia City, Nevada, exterior of the court house.] [approximately 1898] Physical Description: 1 photograph.
Item 5	[Virginia City, Nevada, interior of the court house.] [approximately 1898] Physical Description: 1 photograph.
Item 6	[Virginia City, Nevada, interior of the court house and one man.] [approximately 1898] Physical Description: 1 photograph.
Item 7	[Virginia City, Nevada, mine office.] [approximately 1898] Physical Description: 1 photograph.
Item 8	[Virginia City, Nevada, Geo. Noel District Attorney.] [approximately 1898] Physical Description: 1 photograph.
Item 9	[Virginia City, Nevada, real estate office interior.] [approximately 1898] Physical Description: 1 photograph.
Item 10	[Virginia City, Nevada, interior sheriff's office and four men, Tim Quirk is at the desk.] [approximately 1898] Physical Description: 1 photograph.
Item 11	[Virginia City, Nevada, Brokers office.] [approximately 1898] Physical Description: 1 photograph.
Item 12	[Virginia City, Nevada, interior of home.] [approximately 1898] Physical Description: 1 photograph.

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| Item 13 | [Virginia City, Nevada, interior of home.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph. |
| Item 14 | [Virginia City, Nevada, restaurant next to international hotel.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph. |
| Item 15 | [Virginia City, Nevada, interior of wine cellar owned by Disset across from present fir house.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 2 copies. |
| Item 16 | [Virginia City, Nevada, John Finigan's interior store.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph. |
| Item 17 | [Virginia City, Nevada, general store interior.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 2 copies. |
| Item 18 | [Virginia City, Nevada, general store interior.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph. |
| Item 19 | [Virginia City, Nevada, interior drug store.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 2 copies. |
| Item 20 | [Virginia City, Nevada, interior of bakery.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph. |
| Item 21 | [Virginia City, Nevada, Chris Ziegler meat market.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph. |
| Item 22 | [Virginia City, Nevada, Robert Cleator shoe store.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph. |
| Item 23 | [Virginia City, Nevada, Wheeler and Hall hardware store.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph. |
| Item 24 | [Virginia City, Nevada, Dwyer's Haberdashery.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph. |
| Item 25 | [Virginia City, Nevada, interior of novelty store.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 2 copies. |
| Item 26 | [Virginia City, Nevada, drug store interior.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 2 copies. |
| Item 27 | [Virginia City, Nevada, interior of candy store.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph. |
| Item 28 | [Virginia City, Nevada, Bert Harris cigar store.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph. |
| Item 29 | [Virginia City, Nevada, shack and people.] [1900]
Physical Description: 1 photograph. |

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| Item 30 | [Virginia City, Nevada, horse team.] [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 2 copies. |
| Item 31 | 3 pm shift. Brunswick Lode No. 2., Virginia City, Nev. [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph.
Group portrait of miners. Photographer: G.W. Miller. Title transcribed from text on image. |
| Item 32 | Chollar Mine. Virginia City, Nev. [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph.
Group portrait of miners. Photographer: G.W. Miller. Title transcribed from text on image. |
| Item 33 | Day shift. Union mine, Virginia City, Nev. [approximately 1898]
Physical Description: 1 photograph.
Group portrait of nine miners. Photographer: G.W. Miller. Title transcribed from text on image. |

Neg. Box 1

Glass-plate negatives

Access Information

[RESTRICTED] Please use copy prints. Access to the original negatives is restricted. Arrangements for viewing negatives must be made in advance with the Curator of Photographs.

Neg box 1

Items 1-16

Neg box 2

Items 17-33