Overview of the Collection

Title: S. L. Walkley Photograph Albums

Dates (inclusive): approximately 1888

Collection Number: photCL 57

Creator: Walkley, S. L., 1867-1891

Extent: 97 photographs in 2 albums in 2 boxes: albumen prints; images 11 x 18 cm, sheets 17 x 25 cm, volumes 18 x 28 cm.

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Abstract: Two albums containing ninety-seven photographs, chiefly by amateur photographer S. L. Walkley (approximately 1867-1891), of buildings and landscapes in Los Angeles County and San Diego County, California, in 1888. These professional-quality views by Walkley depict newly constructed buildings, street scenes, and the natural landscape, including the flora.

Language: English.

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Provenance
Purchased from McLeans' Book Shop, November 1925.

Biographical Note
Selden Lord Walkley (approximately 1867-1891) moved to Southern California from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in late 1887 due to poor health. Walkley was an active amateur photographer and a member of the Photographic Society of Philadelphia. He wrote a letter, "Photographing in Southern California," published in the April 27, 1888, issue of The Photographic Times and American Photographer (pp. 198-199). In 1888, Walkley built an expansive Dutch Colonial Revival house on St. John Avenue in the Carlisle Heights subdivision of Pasadena. Walkley died on July 7, 1891.

Scope and Content
Two albums containing ninety-seven photographs, chiefly by amateur photographer S. L. Walkley, of buildings and landscapes in Los Angeles County and San Diego County, California, in 1888. These professional-quality views by Walkley depict newly constructed buildings, street scenes, and the natural landscape, including the flora. These volumes may have been Walkley's own albums as they contain photographs of the construction and finished exterior of his residence on St. John Street in Pasadena, California.

The albums include photographs of houses, hotels, streets, and buildings in Pasadena, California and the surrounding towns of Alhambra, San Gabriel, Whittier, and others as well as views of the Arroyo Seco, Little Santa Anita Canyon, Eaton Canyon, and the path to Mount Wilson in the San Gabriel Mountain area. There are photographs of downtown Los Angeles; Hotel del Coronado and Old Town San Diego in San Diego County; and Avalon and Avalon Harbor on Santa Catalina Island. Several photographs show African American trainers with camels and elephants as well as an open circus wagon containing lions (volume 1, items 37-40). These scenes may be associated with the Sells Brothers Circus, which visited Los Angeles in October 1888 (See also volume 2, item 31). There is one photograph of a train labeled "Tia Juana & N.C. & O. Rwy. Train" (volume 1, item 30), presumably referring to the National City & Otay Railroad, a subsidiary of the Santa Fe Railroad, formed in 1886, which connected downtown San Diego with the Sweetwater Dam (San Diego County), La Presa (San Diego County), and Tijuana (Mexico). Two photographs bear the imprint of C.W. Herr and depict street scenes in Provo, Utah and...
Ogden, Utah (volume 1, items 35 and 36).
Many pictures include Walkley’s name and a printed caption on the image as well as numbers between 4012 and 4147, presumably the photographer’s negative number. Penciled identifications provided by a former Huntington staff member, Ed Carpenter, are included on many of the album pages.
Collection title devised by cataloger; date based on a handwritten note for volume 2 item 23, a photograph of Walkley’s residence, which gives the date as October 31, 1888. 1888 was also the year that the Hotel del Coronado opened.

Arrangement
The photographs appear to be arranged chronologically, based on the numbers that appear on the prints.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library’s Online Catalog.

Subjects
Hotel del Coronado (Coronado, Calif.) -- Photographs.
Mission San Gabriel Arcangel (San Gabriel, Calif.) -- Photographs.
Raymond Hotel (Pasadena, Calif.) -- Photographs.
Sells Bros. Circus -- Photographs.
Adobe buildings -- California -- Photographs.
African Americans -- Photographs.
Circus -- California -- Photographs.
Hotels -- California -- Photographs.
Missions -- California -- Photographs.
Railroad stations -- California -- Photographs.
Arroyo Seco (Los Angeles County, Calif.) -- Photographs.
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Forms/Genres
Photographs.
Photograph albums.

Contributors
Herr, C. W., photographer.

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        #4108

Item 8  Original San Gabriel Mission
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        #4109

Item 9  [Whittier train station with passenger train in front]
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Item 24  **A.T. & S.F. Depot. San Diego, Cal.**
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#4126

Item 25  **New Court House, San Diego, Cal.**
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Item 26  **M.E. Church Block - San Diego, Cal.**
View of the M.E. Church Block with the Kohn Building partially visible at right. "S.L. Walkley. Photo."--photographer imprint at lower right of image.
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Item 27  **5th St. From D. San Diego, Cal.**
View of commercial street with signs for Prentice & Blum Dry Goods, Bradt & Sons, and Howard & and Howard & Lyons Real Estate visible. "S.L. Walkley. Photo."--photographer imprint at lower right of image.
#4129

Item 28  **Coronado Ferry Wharf, San Diego, Cal.**
View of the wharf with the "Roseville of San Diego" and "Coronado Ferry" boats at the dock. "S.L. Walkley. Photo."--photographer imprint at lower right of image.
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Item 29  **Courtyard - Hotel Del Coronado, Cal.**
"S.L. Walkley. Photo."--photographer imprint at lower right of image.
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Item 30  **Tia Juana & N.C. of O. Rwy. Train.**
Locomotive and two passenger cars, presumably of the National City & Otay Railroad visible on a dirt street in a small town, presumably in or near Tijuana. "S.L. Walkley. Photo."--photographer imprint at lower right of image.
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Item 31  **[San Fernando Pass, Beale Cut]**

Item 32  **[San Fernando Pass]**

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  View of African American trainers with circus animals, presumably of the Sells Bros.
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  "Chipped Obsidian used as a sort of mace or royal insignia."

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