Finding Aid to the Don Mcpherson Postcard Collection, 1906-1950

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Summary
Title: Don McPherson postcard collection,
Date: 1906-1950
Collection No: P05-018
Creator: McPherson, Don
Extent: 31 items.
Repository: San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (Calif.)
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Abstract: The postcard collection consists primarily of views of west coast United States of America seaports and views of marine vessels.
Physical Location: Historic Documents Department
Language: In English.

Indexing Terms
The following are indexing terms related to the description of this collection.
Eureka (built 1890; paddle ferry)
Photography of ships
Harbors–United States
Mooring of ships
Harbors–Japan
Postcards
Photographic prints

Access Information
Access
This collection is open for research.

**Access Information**

**Condition Restrictions**

There are no restrictions based on the condition of this material. However, you should be aware that access to collection material is always at the discretion of NPS curatorial staff if the condition warrants restricting the access and handling of the collection items at any time.

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**Processing/Project Information**

**Processing and Cataloging**


ANCS+ Catalog No. SAFR 20706.

The collection is cataloged in the National Park Service (NPS) Automated National Catalog System (ANCS+). A portion of the ANCS+ catalog record can be viewed on the NPS Museum Collections on the Web Catalog by searching on the catalog number 20706 at [http://www.museum.nps.gov/safr/page.htm](http://www.museum.nps.gov/safr/page.htm). Do not include the acronym "SAFR" in the search.

**Administrative Information**

**History**

This finding aid does not have an agency history, biography, or historical note.

**Custodial History**

The items were donated to the San Francisco Maritime Museum by Don McPherson, some items on February 4, 1965 and others on March 7, 1966. The materials were accessioned into the National Park Service when the museum was made a unit of Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GOGA-735) and then were transferred to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park after the establishment of the new park in 1989 (SAFR-1).

**Acquisition**

Accession number SAFR-00001.

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**Scope and Content**

The postcard collection consists primarily of views of west coast United States of America seaports and views of marine vessels.

There are 29 postcards, 1 small map, and 1 photographic print. The bulk of the postcards are color lithographs, and are dated from ca. 1906 to ca. 1928. There is one color postcard, of the ferry EUREKA, dated ca. 1950.

20 of the postcards are of port cities. These include: Astoria, OR (1); Catalina, CA (2); Nagoya, Japan (1); Portland, OR (3); San Pedro, CA (3); San Francisco, CA (7); Sausalito, CA (1); Tacoma, WA (2). One of the San Francisco cards was sent to Oakland, and has writing on the back in either Chinese or Japanese.

The remaining nine cards are of vessels, none of which is repeated. The vessels are: a generic life boat, a generic sloop, ASAMA MARU (built 1929; passenger vessel), EMPRESS, MINNESORA (battleship), RHODE ISLAND (battleship), SURGING HOME FROM CALIFORNIA (clipper ship), TABORA (passenger vessel), VASHON ONE (passenger vessel), and a packet of 16 photographs of U.S. Pacific Fleet ships, published by Edward H. Mitchell. A small map shows the route of the INDIANAPOLIS and CHIPPEWA between Seattle and Tacoma. The photographic print is labeled on the back: “Steamer IMPERATOR entering New York on her maiden trip.”

**Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by port city, then alphabetically by vessel name, if known.