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Summary
Title: Princess Sophia (built 1912; passenger vessel) postcards,
Date: 1918
Collection No: P05-031
Creator: Lind, H. C.
Extent: 2 items.
Repository: San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (Calif.)
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Abstract: The collection consists of 2 black-and-white photo postcards, depicting the steamer PRINCESS SOPHIA on Vanderbilt Rock.
Physical Location: Historic Documents Department
Language: In English.

Indexing Terms
The following are indexing terms related to the description of this collection.
Princess Sophia (built 1912; passenger vessel)
Princess Sophia (Steamboat)
Shipwrecks--Alaska

Access Information
Access
This collection is open for research.

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**Processing/Project Information**

**Processing and Cataloging**
Processed by Charles Miller and completed 5/10/2005.
ANCS+ Catalog No. SAFR 20723.
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 20723 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**
**Historical Note**
PRINCESS SOPHIA was a steamship owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway. She was built in 1912 by Bow, McLachlan & Co. at Paisley, Scotland. On October 23, 1918 she was caught in a storm and ran aground on Vanderbilt Reef, midway between Skagway and Juneau. The reef was yards away from the shore, but efforts to rescue the passengers and crew were unsuccessful. On October 25, a second storm swept her off the reef, and she sunk. All 75 crew and 268 passengers were lost.

**Custodial History**
The collection was donated to the San Francisco Maritime Museum by H. C. Lind on October 18, 1954. 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 collection consists of 2 black-and-white photo postcards, depicting the steamer PRINCESS SOPHIA on Vanderbilt Rock. Captions on the cards are: "PRINCESS SOPHIA on Vanderbilt Reef" and "PRINCESS SOPHIA ten hours after striking Vanderbilt Reef, October 24, 1918."

**Arrangement**
No arrangement.