A Guide to the Charles M. Stern photograph collection

P86-019

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**Title:** Charles M. Stern photograph collection

**Date:** 1931-1940, 1955-1963

**Identifier/Call Number:** P86-019 (SAFR 17061)

**Creator:** Stern, Charles M.

**Physical Description:** 4 items.

**Repository:** San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, Historic Documents Department

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**Abstract:** The Charles M. Stern photograph collection, 1931-1940, 1955-1963, (SAFR 17061, P86-019) are comprised of photographs of KOREAN BEAR (built 1955; cargo ship), MARIPOSA (built 1931; passenger vessel) and PRESIDENT COOLIDGE (built 1931; passenger vessel). The collection has been processed to the Collection level and is open for use.

**Physical Location:** San Francisco Maritime NHP, Historic Documents Department

**Language(s):** In English.

**Access**

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**Preferred Citation**

[Item description], [Location within collection organization identified by Collection Number/Series Number/File Unit Number/Item Number], P86-019 (SAFR 17061), Charles M. Stern photograph collection, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

**Acquisition Information**

SAFR-00001

GOGA-00890; SAFR-02281

Item 1 was a gift from Charles M. Stern in 1985 (SAFR-00001, GOGA-00890).

Items 2-4 (SAFR-02281) were originally donated by C. [Charles] M. Stern in 1991. They were found in Karl Kortum’s office circa 1996 and formally accessioned into the Park’s collection in 2014.

**Historical or Biographical Note**

This collection does not include a historical or biographical note.

**Collection Scope and Content**

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Contains photographs of the Pacific Far East Line vessel KOREAN BEAR (built 1955; cargo ship), the Oceanic Steamship Company vessel MARIPOSA (built 1931; passenger vessel), and the Dollar Steamship Line vessel PRESIDENT COOLIDGE (built 1931; passenger vessel), all in unidentified locations, 1931-1940, 1955-1963. There are 4 unique photographic images (black-and-white photographic prints).

**Item Inventory**

Item 1. KOREAN BEAR (built 1955; cargo ship) moored, close-up view off the port bow, 1955-1963. (1) black-and-white photographic print, 15.75 x 19.5 in.

Item 2. MARIPOSA (built 1931; passenger vessel) underway in heavy seas, port broadside view, 1931-1940. "S.S. Mariposa. Probably MALOLO" is handwritten on the bottom of the print, but the image appears to more closely resemble MARIPOSA. (1) black-and-white photographic print, 5 x 7 in.

Item 3. PRESIDENT COOLIDGE (built 1931; passenger vessel) docked, view off the port bow, 1931-1938. The bow is damaged. (The damage was possibly a result of the collision with the tanker FRANK H. BUCK on March 6, 1937, but this could not be confirmed.) (1) black-and-white photographic print, 3.75 x 4.75 in.

Item 4. PRESIDENT COOLIDGE (built 1931; passenger vessel) docked, detail view of the port bow, 1931-1938. The bow is damaged. (The damage was possibly a result of the collision with the tanker FRANK H. BUCK on March 6, 1937, but this could not be confirmed.) (1) black-and-white photographic print, 3.75 x 4.75 in.

**Collection Arrangement**

No arrangement due to the small size of the collection.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Passenger ships
Cargo ships
Merchant ships
Black-and-white prints (photographs)
Gelatin silver prints