A guide to the Aston family photographs of the Farallon Islands, 1949-1969

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Acquisition Information
SAFR-00788
The collection was donated to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park in 1994. According to correspondence in the collection file, the donor's daughter is the great-grand-niece of Bob and Adella Aston.

Historical or Biographical Note
Euclid "Bob" Henry Aston (1897-1970) was a California coast lighthouse keeper.
Bob Aston was born on March 20, 1897, in San Francisco, California. In 1922, after serving in the United States Navy during World War I, he joined the United States Lighthouse Service. He served at various lighthouses on the California coast, including two years at the Farallon Islands lighthouse. When Mr. Aston retired in 1937, he was the keeper of the Cape Mendocino lighthouse.
Mr. Aston was married to Adella Aston (1909-1989). He died on July 29, 1970.
Sources:
Collection Scope and Content
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Contains photographs of Bob and Adella Aston's arrival at Southeast Farallon Island and photographs taken while on the island, 1949-1969. There are 12 black-and-white photographic prints. The photographs show the Aston's on board WILLOW (built 1942; tender; U.S. Coast Guard) and the island crane carrying them ashore. Landscape views of the island show landmarks such as the lighthouse, keepers' quarters, and water cisterns.

Item list:
1. U.S. Coast Guard member assisting Adella with her life jacket as Bob looks on while aboard WILLOW. (1) black-and-white photographic print, 8.5 x 10.25 in.
2. Bob, Adella, and three unidentified men, possibly aboard WIL 2, the small boat assigned to WILLOW. (1) black-and-white photographic print, 8.5 x 10.25 in.
3. Crane hoisting Bob and Adella ashore in a transfer net. WILLOW is in the background, bow view. (1) black-and-white photographic print, 7.75 x 10.25 in.
4. Crane hoisting people ashore in a transfer net. WILLOW and WIL 2 are in view.
5. Bob standing at the base of the lighthouse. (1) black-and-white photographic print, 8.75 x 10.5 in.
6. General view of Southeast Farallon Island, showing the lighthouse on Tower Hill in the distance and the keepers' quarters at the base of the hill. (1) black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in.
7. Keepers' quarters at the base of Tower Hill, with the lighthouse visible at the top of the hill. (1) black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in.
8. View from Tower Hill, with the landing site crane on the left. WILLOW is just offshore. (1) black-and-white photographic print, 8.5 x 11 in.
9. View from Tower Hill, with the keepers' quarters and cistern domes in view. (1) black-and-white photographic print, 8.5 x 10 in.
10. Bob and Adella seated on the rocks on Southeast Farallon Island. (1) black-and-white photographic print, 8.5 x 10 in.
11. Bob and Adella walking on Southeast Farallon Island. Additional people are in the background. (1) black-and-white photographic print, 8.5 x 9.75 in.
12. Bob and Adella standing on the deck of WILLOW with Tower Hill and the lighthouse in the background. (1) black-and-white photographic print, 8.75 x 10 in.

Collection Arrangement
No arrangement due to the small size of the collection.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
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