
A guide to the Marilyn Blaisdell photograph collection, 1851-1920

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P77-005

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Title: Marilyn Blaisdell photograph collection

Date: 1851-1920

Identifier/Call Number: P77-005 (SAFR 24819)

Creator: Blaisdell, Marilyn

Physical Description: 21 items.

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

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Abstract: The Marilyn Blaisdell photograph collection, 1851-1920, (SAFR 24819, P77-005) is comprised of photographs of early views of San Francisco, California. The collection has been processed to the Item 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], P77-005 (SAFR 24819), Marilyn Blaisdell photograph collection, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

Acquisition Information

SAFR-00001

GOGA-00789

Received from Marilyn Blaisdell as an exchange in return for loan of SFMM negatives and prints in 1977. The original paperwork states that there were (23) 8 x 10 in. photographic prints, but only (21) were found at the time of processing in 2016 (7 in Classified Collection storage and 14 in P-number collection storage). Two copy negatives were made from the photographic prints in 1995 and on an unknown date.

SAFR-00001 is a blanket accession that was transferred from the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) to the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park in September 1988. GGNRA had previously acquired the collection from the San Francisco Maritime Museum when it became a unit of the National Park Service in 1977.

GOGA-00789 was transferred from the J. Porter Shaw Library to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) in February 1985.

Historical or Biographical Note

This collection does not include a historical or biographical note.

Collection Scope and Content

The Marilyn Blaisdell photograph collection, 1851-1920, (SAFR 24819, P77-005) is comprised of photographs of early views of San Francisco, California. The collection has been processed to the Item level and is open for use.

Contains copy photographs of waterfront views in San Francisco, California, 1851-1920. There are 21 unique photographic images in 23 physical forms (black-and-white photographic copy prints and black-and-white copy negatives). The collection includes both photographed views and photographs of illustrated views. Most views are from on land looking toward the waterfront with landmarks such as Yerba Buena Island or Alcatraz Island in the distance.

Collection Arrangement

Arranged into two File Units: File Unit 1. Classified collection items; File Unit 2. Photo collection items.

Related Materials

Marilyn Blaisdell photographs, circa 1920-1942. SFMNHP, (SAFR 19411, P78-365a).

Marilyn Blaisdell photograph, undated. SFMNHP, (SAFR 19420, P78-374a).

This material is located at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Waterfronts

San Francisco (Calif.)

Black-and-white prints (photographs)

Black-and-white negatives

Classified
collection storage

File Unit 1. Classified collection items, circa 1870-1920

Extent: 7 photographs (9 physical forms).

Physical Description: 7 black-and-white photographic prints, 8 x 10 in.; 1 black-and-white negative, 4 x 5 in.; 1 black-and-white negative, 5 x 7 in.

Scope and Content Note

Consists of photographs separated from the original P77-005 donation and assigned item numbers according to a classification scheme developed by the San Francisco Maritime Museum.

Stored in
Classified
Collection.

Item No. A12.35406. Boxes filled with herring on shore beside a felucca, North Beach, San Francisco, California, circa 1910-1920

Extent: 1 photograph (2 physical forms).

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white silver-gelatin photographic print, 8 x 10 in.; 1 black-and-white negative, 5 x 7 in., pl (8 x 10 in.), n (5 x 7 in.) Photog. No. 1652

Scope and Content Note

An unidentified man is seated on shore. Copy of a postcard.

"Fisherman's Wharf scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print.

Caption: 1652 - Landing the fish, North Beach, San Francisco, California.

Stored in
Classified
Collection.

Item No. A20.35407. Waterfront, San Francisco, California, circa 1906

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white silver-gelatin photographic print, 8 x 10 in., pl (8 x 10 in.) Photog. No. 160

Scope and Content Note

View from Telegraph Hill toward the Embarcadero and piers. The Ferry Building is in view on the far right.

"Waterfront scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print.

Caption: 160 Waterfront as seen from Telegraph Hill San Francisco-California. Destroyed by earthquake and fire Apr. 18, 1906.

Stored in
Classified
Collection.

Item No. A20.35408. **Market Street, San Francisco, California, 1906 December 28**

Creator/Collector: Waters, R. J.

Extent: 1 photograph (2 physical forms).

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white silver-gelatin photographic print, 8 x 10 in.; 1 black-and-white negative, 4 x 5 in., pl (8 x 10 in.); n (4 x 5 in.) Photog. No. 163

Scope and Content Note

Shows rebuilding of lower Market Street after the 1906 earthquake and fire. The Ferry Building is in view with scaffolding around the clock tower. Streetcars are on Market Street. There is a large billboard advertisement for Gen. Arthur cigars. Yerba Buena Island is in the distance.

"Earthquake scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print.

Caption: No. 163 Market St. from Montgomery Looking east Dec. 28\06.

Stored in
Classified
Collection.

Item No. A20.35410. **Waterfront view from Telegraph Hill showing North Point and the sea wall, San Francisco, California, 1891**

Creator/Collector: Britton & Rey

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white silver-gelatin photographic print, 8 x 10 in., pl (8 x 10 in.) Plate no. 105.

Scope and Content Note

Shows Joshua Hendy Machine Works. Meiggs' Wharf is completely filled in. Alcatraz Island is in the distance.

"Golden Era scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print.

Caption: Title: "Bird's-Eye View of San Francisco-No. 10. North Point and Sea Wall from Telegraph Hill. Printed above the image:"With S.F. News Letter, August 1, 1891."

Stored in
Classified
Collection.

Item No. A20.35412. **San Francisco, California, waterfront as seen from San Francisco Bay, circa 1890-1899**

Creator/Collector: Taber, I. W. (Isaiah West), 1830-1912

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white silver-gelatin photographic print, 8 x 10 in., pl (8 x 10 in.) Photog. No. B1736

Scope and Content Note

NEWARK (built 1877; paddle ferry) and ENCINAL (built 1888; paddle ferry) are underway. Telegraph Hill and Alcatraz Island are in view.

San Francisciana/Marilyn Blaisdell stamp is on the verso of the print.

Caption: San Francisco--Bay View--showing Ferryboats, Telegraph Hill and Alcatraz Island.

Stored in
Classified
Collection.

Item No. A21.35409. **San Francisco, California, as seen looking north from the California Street Hill, 1877**

Creator/Collector: Muybridge, Eadweard, 1830-1904

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white silver-gelatin photographic print, 8 x 10 in., pl (8 x 10 in.)

Scope and Content Note

Part 3 of a multi-part panorama, looking toward Alcatraz Island.

Photo and copyright by Muybridge. Morse's Gallery, 417 Montgomery Street.

"Golden Era scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print. San Francisciana/Marilyn Blaisdell stamp is on the verso of the print.

Caption: Panorama of San Francisco, from California Street Hill.

Stored in
Classified
Collection.

Item No. A22.35406. **Kearny Street, San Francisco, California, circa 1870-1879**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white silver-gelatin photographic print, 8 x 10 in., pl (8 x 10 in.)

Scope and Content Note

Looking down Kearny St. from Telegraph Hill. Streetcars are operating on the street.

File Unit 2. **Photo collection items, 1851-1920**

Extent: 14 photographs.

Physical Description: 14 black-and-white photographic prints, 8 x 10 in.

Scope and Content Note

Consists of photographs from the original P77-005 donation that were processed as part of the Park's regular photograph collection. They were not assigned a Classified Photograph Collection item number.

Item No. 01. **Lithograph of San Francisco, California, 1851**

Creator/Collector: Sinclair, Thomas S., approximately 1805-1881

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in.

Scope and Content Note

View toward Yerba Buena Island as seen from a hill. Telegraph Hill is on the left.

"Gold Rush scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print.

Item No. 02. **Lithograph of San Francisco, California, 1856**

Creator/Collector: Sinclair, Thomas S., approximately 1805-1881

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in.

Scope and Content Note

View toward Yerba Buena Island as seen from a hill.

"Gold Rush scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print.

Item No. 03. **North Beach and Meiggs Wharf as seen from Russian Hill, San Francisco, California, circa 1866**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in. Photog. no. 767

Scope and Content Note

"Waterfront scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print.

Caption: Panorama from Russian Hill, San Francisco. (No. 6.)

Item No. 04. **View from Telegraph Hill toward the waterfront, San Francisco, California, 1867**

Creator/Collector: Hecht, T. E.

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in. Photog. no. 59

Scope and Content Note

Gibbs' Warehouse is in the background.

"Waterfront scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print.

Caption: View of Waterfront 1867.

Item No. 05. **Illustration of a view from Telegraph Hill toward the waterfront, San Francisco, California, circa 1867**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in.

Scope and Content Note

Same view as in Item 04.

Caption: A Portion of San Francisco, Looking Towards Oakland.

Item No. 06. **Ajax (built 1864; steamship) docked at the Cowell's or Shaw's Wharf, San Francisco, California, 1867**

Creator/Collector: Hecht, T. E.

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in. Photog. no. 60

Scope and Content Note

A paddlewheel steamship (ferry?) is docked behind AJAX. A ship chandlery is in the foreground.

"Waterfront scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print. San Francisciana/Marilyn Blaisdell stamp is on the verso of the print.

Caption: Greenwich [sic] St. Wharf, 1867.

Item No. 07. **Zealous (frigate) underway on San Francisco Bay, California, circa 1867**

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E., 1829-1916

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in. Plate no. 1360

Scope and Content Note

View from Telegraph Hill toward the waterfront. Three schooners are also in view. Alcatraz Island is in the distance.

"Waterfront scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print. San Francisciana/Marilyn Blaisdell stamp is on the verso of the print.

Caption: British Steam Frigate Zealous.

Item No. 08. **San Francisco, California, view with Goat Island (Yerba Buena Island) in the distance, circa 1860-1900**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in.

Scope and Content Note

Old Fisherman's Wharf at the foot of Union Street. Sailing ships are docked at the piers and anchored in the bay.

"Waterfront scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print.

Caption: Goat Island, S.F. Bay, Cal.

Item No. 09. **Pacific Mail Dock, San Francisco, California, circa 1880-1900**

Creator/Collector: Weidner Photo

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in. Photog. no. 232

Scope and Content Note

Horse-drawn carriages are in view, one of which has "Winchester Hotel" and "Free Bus" on it.

"Waterfront scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print. San Francisciana/Marilyn Blaisdell stamp is on the verso of the print.

Caption: 232. Hacks at Pacific Mail Dock on Steamer Day. San Francisco. Calif.

Item No. 10. **View from Rincon Hill at Harrison and Essex Streets toward the waterfront, San Francisco, California, circa 1897**

Creator/Collector: Taber, I. W. (Isaiah West), 1830-1912

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in. Plate no. 61

Scope and Content Note

Yerba Buena Island (Goat Island) is in the distance. View also includes old Marina Hospital (large brick building to the left of the church in the right background).

"Golden Era scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print.

Caption: Picturesque San Francisco. Bay of San Francisco, Showing Goat Island, from Harrison and Essex Streets.

Item No. 11. **San Francisco, California, view as seen from the corner of Lombard and Hyde Streets looking east, circa 1897**

Creator/Collector: Taber, I. W. (Isaiah West), 1830-1912

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in. Plate no. 80

Scope and Content Note

North Beach neighborhood. Telegraph Hill is in the right distance. Yerba Buena Island is in the center distance.

"Golden Era scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print.

Caption: Picturesque San Francisco. Bird's-eye View from Corner Lombard and Hyde Streets, Looking East.

Item No. 12. **Ferry slips at the Ferry Building, San Francisco, California, 1910**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in. Photog. no. V-23

Scope and Content Note

Aerial view of the slips and the city as seen from over San Francisco Bay. Two ferries are docked.

"Waterfront scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print. San Francisciana/Marilyn Blaisdell stamp is on the verso of the print.

Caption: Ferry Slip S.F. 1910

Item No. 13. **Feluccas docked at San Francisco, California, circa 1900-1920**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in.

Scope and Content Note

A man is standing on the dock on the left.

"Fisherman's Wharf scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print.

Item No. 14. **Pier 21, San Francisco, California, circa 1900-1920**

Extent: 1 photograph.

Physical Description: 1 black-and-white photographic print, 8 x 10 in.

Scope and Content Note

Oceanic Steamship Company pier. An unidentified steamship is docked. People and automobiles are in the foreground.

"Waterfront scrapbook" is handwritten on the verso of the print. San Francisciana/Marilyn Blaisdell stamp is on the verso of the print.