Guide to the President Benjamin Harrison's tour of the Pacific Coast: photographs and ephemera, 1891-1987

Collection number: M0643

Department of Special Collections and University Archives
Stanford University Libraries
Stanford, California

Contact Information
Department of Special Collections
Green Library
Stanford University Libraries
Stanford, CA 94305-6004
Phone: (650) 725-1022
Email: specialcollections@stanford.edu
URL: http://library.stanford.edu/spc

Processed by:
Special Collections staff
Date Completed:
1993 Oct.
Encoded by:
Sean Quimby and Michael Olsen

© 2002 The Board of Trustees of Stanford University. All rights reserved.

Descriptive Summary

Title: Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901. Pacific Coast tour photographs and ephemera,

Date (inclusive): 1891-1987

Collection number: M0643

Creator: Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901

Extent: 1.5 linear ft.

Repository: Stanford University. Libraries. Dept. of Special Collections and University Archives.

Abstract: President Harrison’s speech-making tour in 1891 was, at that time, the longest journey ever undertaken by any President while in office. The 9,232 mile rail trip lasted one month and three days. The trip was partly planned and largely financed by the former Governor of California, Leland Stanford. The pioneer railroad builder had invited the President to his ranch in Palo Alto to discuss a professorship at the newly built Stanford University and to participate in the dedication of that institution. Included in the Presidential party were First Lady Caroline Harrison, her secretary and niece Mrs. Dimmick, Russell B. Harrison and his wife, Mary McKee (the Harrison's daughter), Carter B. Harrison and his wife, Postmaster General John Wanamaker, Secretary of Agriculture Jeremiah McClain Rusk, and Marshall Dan Ransdell.

Language: English.

Access Restrictions
None.

Publication Rights
Property rights reside with the repository. Literary rights reside with the creators of the documents or their heirs. To obtain permission to publish or reproduce, please contact the Public Services Librarian of the Dept. of Special Collections.

Provenance
Purchased, 1993.

Preferred Citation:
President Benjamin Harrison's tour to the Pacific Coast: photographs and ephemera. M0643. Dept. of Special Collections, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford, Calif.
**Acquisition Information**  
Purchased, 1993.

**Scope and Content**  
Collections largely consists of photographs taken during the tour, some of which are arranged in an album; subjects include the visit to Stanford University, San Francisco, Monterey, Sacramento, Salem (Oregon), the Presidential train and its crew, the Presidential party, and crowd scenes at various depots. Other items include the printed itinerary, a presentation copy of Harrison's published speeches from the tour, "Through the south and west with the President," miscellaneous research clippings on the tour and the Harrison family, 1959-87, and the wedding booklet of Marthena S. Harrison and Harry A. Williams, 1912.

**Access Terms**  
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.  
Harrison, Caroline Lavinia Scott, 1832-1892.  
Harrison, Carter B.  
Harrison, Russell B. (Russell Benjamin), 1854-1936.  
Rusk, Jeremiah McClain.  
Stanford, Leland, 1824-1893.  
Stanford, Jane Lathrop, 1828-1905.  
Wanamaker, John, 1838-1922.  
Stanford University--History.  
Presidents--United States.  
Albums.  
Photoprints.

| Box 1 | **Lithograph portrait of Benjamin Harrison, n.d.**  
|       | Physical Description: Includes map  
|       | Scope and Content Note  
|       | signed by Harrison |
| Box 1 | **Itinerary of the Tour of the President, to the Pacific Coast, 1891 Apr 14 - 1891 May 16**  
|       | Physical Description: Includes map  
|       | Scope and Content Note  
|       | signed by Harrison |
| Box 1 | **Our Bridal Chimes - wedding booklet of Marthena S. Harrison and Harry A. Williams, 1912**  
| Box 1 | **Through the South and West with the President. 1891 June**  
|       | Physical Description: Presentation copy  
|       | Scope and Content Note  
|       | Published by The Mail and Express. Inscribed to Richard Mansfield and signed by Harrison. |
| Box 1 | **"The Presidential Album" - "California Trip" n.d.**  
|       | Physical Description: Photograph album (55 photographs)  
|       | Scope and Content Note  
|       | Inscribed by Caroline Harrison |
| Box 2 | **Loose photographs. n.d.**  
|       | Physical Description: arranged in mylar sheets in 3-ring notebook |
| Box 2 | **Folder of miscellaneous research materials, 1959-1987** |