Photograph album of Los Angeles and surrounding areas, between 1920 and 1925

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Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Photograph album of Los Angeles and surrounding areas

**Date (inclusive):** between 1920 and 1925

**Collection number:** 94/205

**Physical Description:** 1 album (167 photographic prints) : b&w, 14 x 23 cm (albums)

Photographs (70 x 113 mm) are mounted two to a page on rectos and versos of leaves of heavy black paper, mounted either with black paper corners or affixed with glue; two larger photos (91 x 140 mm) are mounted individually on recto and verso of first leaf; some pages have ms. captions added below photos in white ink. Bound in stiff textured brown cloth covers, secured with brown cord; blind-stamped cover title "Photographs."

Spec. Coll. copy: album covers must have been untied earlier, and leaves removed; when leaves were replaced, they were misbound back to front and upside down, so that front cover, with title upside down, is now back cover. In modern beige cloth clamshell box, with spine title "Southern California."

**Abstract:** Family album of snapshots of views of Los Angeles and surrounding areas, probably taken between 1920 and 1925.

**Language:** Finding aid is written in English.

**Language of the Material:** Materials are in English.

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.

Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

**Physical location:** Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact UCLA Library Special Collections for paging information.

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**Scope and Content**

Photographs document sightseeing activities of a group of men, possibly brothers, their wives, and a little girl in and around the city of Los Angeles. The album contains several photos of the Earlcliffe Hotel, located at 231 S. Bunker Hill, as well as the view from a room at the hotel, suggesting that some members of the group are tourists, perhaps visiting family or friends who live in Los Angeles. The group visits Mt. Lowe, riding the narrow-gauge rail cars up through the canyons to Ye Alpine Tavern. Atop Mt. Wilson, there are views of the observatory and the sun tower. Numerous photos record outings to beaches, palisades, and piers in Santa Monica, Redondo Beach--there is a photo of the roller coaster there--and Manhattan Beach, where the group also visits gardens overlooking the ocean. Other photos include views of lemon groves in Laurel Canyon, boating and swans in Hollenbeck Park, the boathouse and palms of Westlake Park (now MacArthur Park), and palms and duck pond of Echo Park. Also included are numerous photographs of the rocky coast and surf at Point Firmin in San Pedro, and a wooded rocky stream in the Arroyo Seco. Several photos document the group's visit to one of several battle ships lying offshore (probably the USS Texas or the USS New York, both of which, as part of the Battle Fleet, were based in San Pedro between 1919 and 1925), and include a close-up view of the battery guns on deck of one of the ships. They also visit the Selig Zoo in Eastlake Park (later Lincoln Park), established in 1913 by motion picture pioneer William Selig to house the animals he used in his films, and the alligators of what is probably the Los Angeles Alligator Farm, a major tourist attraction between 1907 and 1953, located in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles. One photo (91 x 148 mm) of Victoria Glacier from the Chateau at Lake Louise in Canada, captioned and dated July 2, 1925 in brown ink on recto, is laid in.

Possible range of dates from date of sheet music of "Caresses" visible in photograph, and date of photograph laid in.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**
- Selig Zoo (Los Angeles, Calif.) --Photographs.
- Los Angeles Alligator Farm (Los Angeles, Calif.) --Photographs.
- Earcliff Hotel (Los Angeles, Calif.) --Photographs.
- Texas (Battleship) --Photographs.
- New York (Battleship : BB-34) --Photographs.
- Parks --California --Los Angeles --Photographs.
- Beaches --California --Santa Monica --Photographs.
- Beaches --California --Redondo Beach --Photographs.
- Beaches --California --Manhattan Beach --Photographs.
- Alligator farming --California --Los Angeles --Photographs.
- Citrus fruit industry --California --Los Angeles --Photographs.
- Zoos --California --Los Angeles --Photographs.
- Battleships --Photographs.
- Los Angeles (Calif.) --Photographs.
- Los Angeles (Calif.) --Buildings, structures, etc. --Photographs.
- Los Angeles Harbor (Calif.) --Photographs.
- Palos Verdes Peninsula (Calif.) --Photographs.
- Santa Monica (Calif.) --Photographs.
- Santa Monica Mountains (Calif.) --Photographs.
- Redondo Beach (Calif.) --Photographs.
- Manhattan Beach (Calif.) --Photographs.
- Lowe, Mount (Los Angeles County, Calif.) --Photographs.
- Wilson, Mount (Calif. : Mountain) --Photographs.
- Arroyo Seco (Los Angeles County, Calif.) --Photographs.
- Hollenbeck Park (Los Angeles, Calif.) --Photographs.
- MacArthur Park (Los Angeles, Calif.) --Photographs.
- Echo Park (Los Angeles, Calif. : Park) --Photographs.

**Genres and Forms of Material**
- Photographic prints.
- Photograph albums.

**Related Material**
- Part of the [Photograph Album Collection (Collection 94)](Collection 94) in UCLA Library Special Collections.