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Jr.. According to Matt Garcia, author of *A world of its own: race, labor, and citrus in the making of Greater Los Angeles* (Chapel Hill: Univ. of North Carolina Press, c2001), the ranch was really a self-contained universe, where white, Japanese, and Mexican workers worked, and lived, segregated by race, class, and marital status. The album documents very well this sprawling compound, which included the groves, packinghouse, offices, gardens, pumphouse, barns, bunkhouse or "clubhouse" (designed by the Pasadena architects Green & Green) for white, unmarried employees, library, and numerous cottages, with names like Fairchild, Underwood, Williams, and Ball, for white, married managers and their families.

Photographs of the personal homes of the Leffingwell family, in Whittier and Fullerton, are also included. Several interior shots of the clubhouse show that it was well-furnished with many amenities; in addition to the library, there was a piano, card tables, rocking chairs, and pictures. There are many photos of the ranch managers and their families, ranch hands, lemon pickers, including a group of Japanese pickers in the groves, packers, washers, orchard sprayers (Stearns Brothers), pruners (Ed. Williams), disk harrow operators (Carey, Lolke), drivers, and operators of the ranch's own well-boring rig, steam engine and air compressors. Identified are Mr. Booge, Fred Keller, William Denman, several members of the Mabrey family--Oly, Urb, and Pearly--Samuel Turner, Walter England, and Edward Beck. There are photos of Mrs. Gray, wife of Leffingwell's ranch manager, and her daughters, Rachel Gray and Jessy Gray, dated 1902. There were many luxurious flower and vegetable gardens on the ranch, and the many close-up photos of plants and flowers, such as aloe, cactus, acacias, eucalyptus, banana tree blossoms, tree tomato from Jamaica, jacaranda, sweetpeas, pelargoniums, bottlebrush, ranunculus, anemones, freesias, and roses, suggest that the photographer was someone with a great interest in botany, perhaps one of the graduates of the agricultural colleges who lived on the ranch, conducting scientific experiments for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. The photographer also documented the Fiesta de las Flores parade in Los Angeles of May 9, 1901; and the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena of Jan. 1, 1902. Views of Pasadena include the Hotel Green, Hotel Raymond, Marengo Ave., and the ostrich farm.

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