Guide to the Watson Airfotos Inc. photograph collection Mss 343

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Acquisition Information
Gift of the Teledyne Foundation, 1986.

Scope and Content
This collection of historical imagery of areas in Los Angeles and surrounding counties dates back to the 1920s (1927 to 1947). The Watson collection came to the Library as part of the gift from the Teledyne Foundation in 1986, and includes imagery in print and transparent film formats as well as postcard images and advertising stills.

Most of the Watson aerial photography is large scale (greater than 1:10,000) and primarily covers particular locations in Los Angeles county, as well as a few locations in Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. The imagery is identified in our catalog with flight IDs starting with "Watson-" followed by a three to four digit number.

Most images are oblique aerials. Watson also produced event and business photography which is also present in this collection.

Arrangement
Film: Box 1: frames 11A to 902-66; Box 2: frames 904-3 to 1695; Box 3: frames 1112 to 1267-5; Box 4: frames 1270 to 1699; Box 5: frames 1700 to 2267; Box 6: frames 1908-1 to 1995-2; Box 7: frames 2002 to 2267; Box 8: frames 407 to 1014; Box 9: frames 1072-3 to 1327-11; Box 10: frames 1329-1 to 2188.
Print: Box 11: frames 1A to 337A; Box 12: frames 341A to 547A-3; Box 13: frames 548A-1 to 799; Box 14: frames 801 to 1074-6; Box 15: frames 1080-6 to 1298; Box 16: frames 1300 to 1499-2; Box 17: frames 1500 to 1594-7; Box 18: frames 1621 to 1699; Box 19: frames 1700 to 1799; Box 20: frames 1800 to 1918-18; Box 21: frames 1923-1 to 2019; Box 22: frames 2020-1 to 2190-3; Box 23: frames 2193 to 2196i-309-1; Box 24: frames 2196i-310 to LAR-18.

Separated Materials
Frames between the range of 1A to 566A-1 are nitrates and are housed at the UCLA Film and Television Archive in Santa Clarita.

Related Material
Hugh Mitchell oblique aerial photographs, Mss 341. Department of Special Research Collections, UC Santa Barbara Library.
Pacific Air Industries photograph collection, Mss 345. Department of Special Research Collections, UC Santa Barbara Library.
Southern California aerial photography collection, Mss 309. Department of Special Research Collections, UC Santa Barbara Library.
Teledyne Geotronics photograph collection, Mss 344. Department of Special Research Collections, UC Santa Barbara Library.
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