
San Joaquin County (Calif.) Sheriff's Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: San Joaquin County (Calif.) Sheriff's records

Dates: ca.1880 - ca.1920

Collection number: MSS23

Collector: Michael Canlis

Collection Size: 3 linear feet

Repository: University of the Pacific. Library. Holt-Atherton Dept. of Special Collections
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Abstract: The collection consists of three County Jail Log Books, thirteen volumes of Mug Books containing approximately 7600 photographs, and a State of California Parole Violators ledger.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection open for research.

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Biography / Administrative History

This collection consists of records kept by long-time San Joaquin County Sheriffs Thomas Cunningham(1871-1899) and Walter Sibley (1899-1915). Cunningham was an early advocate of many techniques of modern criminology, including fingerprinting. He kept thorough photographic records of all prisoners in his own jail and collected photographs of prisoners in other California jails as well.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection consists of three County Jail Log Books, thirteen volumes of Mug Books (criminal photograph record books) containing approximately 7600 photographs, and a State of California Parole Violators ledger. The Jail Log Books provide: name of arresting officer, crime and punishment, as well as prisoner name and number. An index to names of individuals in the Mug Books is available.

Indexing Terms

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

Crime -- California -- San Joaquin County

Criminals -- California -- San Joaquin County

Law enforcement -- California -- San Joaquin County

San Joaquin County (Calif.) -- History --x Sources

Cunningham, Thomas, -- 1838-1900

Sibley, Walter

Other Finding Aids

An index to names of individuals in the Mug Books is available.

Box 1

Mug Books (criminal photograph record books)

- Unnumbered vol. [204 pp.; 612 photos] c.1880-1889
- Vol. 2 [204 pp.; 612 photos] 1889-1900
- Vol. 3 [204 pp.; 612 photos] 1900-
- Vol. 12 [200 pp.; 600 photos] c.1905
- Vol. 13 [200 pp.; 600 photos] c.1905
- Vol. 17 [200 pp.; 600 photos] c.1905

Box 2

Mug Books (criminal photograph record books)

- Vol. 20 [204 pp.; 612 photos] c.1910
- Vol. 21 [204 pp.; 612 photos] c.1910
- Vol. 26 [200 pp.; 600 photos] c.1910
- Vol. 27 [200 pp.; 588 photos] c.1910
- Vol. 29 [211 pp.; 633 photos] c.1915

Box 3

Mug Books (criminal photograph record books)

- Vol. 32 [325 pp.; 880 photos] c.1915
- Vol. 33 [325 pp.; 880 photos] c.1915

Box 4

Records

- San Joaquin County Jail Record 1887-1891
- San Joaquin County Jail Record 1892-1894

Box 5

Records

- San Joaquin County Jail Record 1895-1896
- California Parole Violators book c.1908 - c.1920