Finding Aid for the California Historical Society collection of historic postcards 0399

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Title: California Historical Society collection of historic postcards
Collection number: 0399
Contributing Institution: USC Libraries Special Collections
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 5.0 linear ft. 6 boxes
Date: circa 1900-1979
Abstract: This small collection of postcards came to USC chiefly through the California Historical Society. Many of them appear to have originated with the same few families, based on notes and addresses on them. The images are of geographic subjects especially California, but there are also many European scenes and some non-geographical postcards.
creator: California Historical Society.
Organization
The postcards are organized by geographical location or by theme. The geographically-organized postcards progress from most local (Los Angeles) to most global (countries outside the United States).
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Scope and Content
The six boxes of postcards in this collection contain images from all over the world, but the strength of the collection is in its images of Los Angeles and its environs in the early to mid-20th century. Many of the postcards are even older, especially some of the European ones which appear to be from late 19th to early 20th century. Though the bulk of the collection is the postcards that depict views of geographic features and urban scenes, there are a number of postcards with images of famous paintings, cartoons, holiday greetings, etc.
Related Archival Materials
Subjects and Indexing Terms
California Historical Society.
California--Postcards
Europe, Western--Postcards
Missions--California--Postcards
Photographic postcards
United States--History--20th century--Postcards

California Postcards
Box 1  

**Los Angeles (City)**

Scope and Content
Los Angeles--General Views
Los Angeles--Architecture--General
Los Angeles--Architecture--Churches
Los Angeles--Architecture--Commercial
Los Angeles--Architecture--Commercial--Hotels
Los Angeles--Architecture--Domestic
Los Angeles--Architecture--Public
Los Angeles--Architecture--Train Stations
Los Angeles--Parks
Los Angeles--Streets
Los Angeles--Angel's Flight
Los Angeles--Court Flight
Los Angeles--Hollywood--General
Los Angeles--Hollywood--Architecture--General
Los Angeles--Hollywood--Architecture--Commercial
Los Angeles--Hollywood--Architecture--Domestic
Los Angeles--Hollywood--Radio Shows
Los Angeles--Hollywood--Streets
Los Angeles--Venice
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California--Other Counties

Scope and Content

Box 2
Alameda
Alameda--Architecture
Butte
Calaveras
Calaveras--Natural Features--Big Tree Grove
Calaveras--Natural Features--Mercer’s New Calaveras
Imperial
Inyo
Kern
Lake
Mendocino
Mono
Monterey
Nevada
Orange
Orange--Buena Park
Orange--Laguna Beach
Placer
Riverside
Riverside--Palm Springs
Sacramento
San Bernardino
San Bernardino--Big Bear and Big Bear Lake
San Bernardino--Lake Arrowhead
San Diego
San Diego--Panama California Exposition, 1915-17
San Diego--Ramona

Box 3
San Francisco
San Luis Obispo
Santa Barbara
Santa Clara
Santa Cruz
Siskiyou
Sonoma
Tuolumne
Ventura

Box 3 California Missions
Box 4  National Parks
  Scope and Content
  Death Valley
  Sequoia National Park
  Yosemite National Park

Box 4  Camp Scenes

Box 4  Redwood trees/ Redwood Highway

Box 4  Ocean Scenes

Box 4  Desert Scenes

Box 4  California--Miscellaneous
Box 4-5

United States (Other than California)

Scope and Content
Arizona
Arkansas
Colorado
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Louisiana
Massachusetts
Minnesota
Montana
Nevada
Nevada--Boulder Dam
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
Oklahoma
Oregon
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Virginia
Washington
Washington, D.C.
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Yellowstone National Park
Southwestern United States
### Foreign Postcards

**Scope and Content**
- Asia
- Australia
- Canada
- Cuba
- Denmark
- England
- France
- Germany
- Greenland
- Holland
- Italy
- Mexico
- Norway
- Russia

### Topical Postcards

#### Animals

#### Art

#### Chinese Porcelain

#### Holidays

#### Humor

#### Transportation
- Airplanes
- Automobiles
- Ships

#### Western Themes

#### Miscellaneous