Title: Historic Postcards collection
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.
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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[Box/folder# or item name], Historic Postcards collection, Collection no. 0399, Regional History Collection, Special Collections, USC Libraries, University of Southern California
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
Postcards--United States--History--20th century

California Postcards
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Los Angeles (County)

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Altadena/Mt. Lowe
Arcadia
Beverly Hills
Burbank
Calabasas
Catalina (Santa Catalina Island)
Claremont
Glendale
Glendale--Parks
Hermosa Beach
Inglewood
Lakewood
Long Beach
Marineland
Pasadena
Pomona
Redondo Beach
San Marino
San Pedro
Santa Monica
Sierra Madre
South Pasadena
Topanga
Universal City
Whittier

Other Cities in Los Angeles County
Box 2-3

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
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Santa Barbara
Santa Clara
Santa Cruz
Siskiyou
Sonoma
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  Nevada
  Nevada--Boulder Dam
  New Mexico
  New York
  North Carolina
  Oklahoma
  Oregon
  South Carolina
  South Dakota
  Tennessee
  Texas
  Utah
  Virginia
  Washington
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  West Virginia
  Wisconsin
  Yellowstone National Park

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