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## **Finding aid for the Santa Barbara earthquake photograph album 7059**

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**Language of Material:** English

**Contributing Institution:** USC Libraries Special Collections

**Title:** Santa Barbara earthquake photograph album

**Identifier/Call Number:** 7059

**Physical Description:** 1 album.

**Date (inclusive):** 1923-1925

**Abstract:** Photograph album of earthquake damage in Santa Barbara after earthquake of June 29, 1925. The album opens with photographs of steel frame buildings in Tokyo after a 1923 earthquake and ends with photographs of the collapse of the Hotel Vincent in Benton Harbor, Michigan. The sequence of photographs illustrates "A Warning" given in the first photograph, a poem that extols the virtues of steel frame buildings in preventing earthquake damage.

**Storage Unit:** 1

**Scope and Contents**

The Santa Barbara earthquake photograph album consists of 47 photographs, 46 of them depicting earthquake damage in Tokyo, Santa Barbara, and Benton Harbor, Michigan. The album opens with a poem entitled "A Warning" that extols the importance of steel frames in structures to prevent earthquake damage. The first photographs are of a steel frame building in Tokyo, the Yusen Building, that survived a 1923 earthquake. They are followed by a few photographs of other buildings in Tokyo that suffered extensive damage during that quake. The bulk of the album is photographs of earthquake damage in Santa Barbara after the earthquake of June 29, 1925. The album concludes with a few photographs of the Hotel Vincent in Benton Harbor, Michigan, "A building that crumbled" between January 28 and 29, 1924, presumably after an earthquake.

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of Marla Woodward, November 29, 2017.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Buildings -- California -- Santa Barbara -- Photographs

Buildings -- Japan -- Tokyo -- Photographs

Buildings -- Michigan -- Benton Harbor -- Photographs

Earthquakes -- California -- Santa Barbara -- Photographs

Benton Harbor (Mich.) -- Buildings, structures, etc. -- Photographs

Santa Barbara (Calif.) -- Buildings, structures, etc. -- Archival resources

Tokyo (Japan) -- Buildings, structures, etc. -- Photographs

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