

Richmond local history photograph collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Richmond local history photograph collection

Dates: 1900-2007

Bulk Dates: 1910-1920

Collection number: Consult repository

Collector: Richmond Public Library (Richmond, Calif.)

Collection Size: 260 items260 online items

Repository: Richmond Public Library
Richmond, CA 94804

Abstract: Richmond Public Library's digital photograph collection includes two hundred sixty photographs of historical interest on the City of Richmond from its earliest beginnings to 2007. There are photographs of the early settlers, local businesses, major industries, civic buildings, residences and neighborhoods. Prominently represented are the Standard Oil Company, the Pullman Company, and the Kaiser Shipyards. A small selection of color photographs document industries and buildings which still exist in the city today. Many of the historic photographs were taken by the Cheney Photo Advertising Company and from the Jack M. Barry collection. The color photographs were taken by staff member Rose Cheney (no relation to the Cheney Company.)

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

 <http://content.cdlib.org/search?style=oac-img&sort=title&relation=ark:/13030/kt4r29q3tz>

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Preferred Citation

Richmond local history photograph collection. Richmond Public Library, Richmond, California.

Acquisition Information

Collected by Richmond Public Library staff and others, 1910-present.

Project Information

The photographs were selected from the 2,500 photographs in the library's local history collection, commonly known as the "Richmond Collection." They provided a look at the City of Richmond's early beginnings and its development into an industrial city which played an important role in World War Two. The initial project of digitizing two hundred photographs took place during the 2005-2006 grant years. Activities included photographic documentation, digitization, and cataloging of the photographs. Digitization was performed by Northern Micrographics using flatbed scanners. A TIFF master, JPEG access image, and GIF thumbnail image were created for each photograph. Project Staff cataloged the photographs in CONTENTdm software and conformed to the CDL's Guidelines for Digital Objects specifications for descriptive and copyright metadata. An additional 60 photographs were added to collection during the 2006-2007 grant years. Northern Micrographics digitized twenty-five photographs. Thirty-five color photographs were taken with a NIKON D70 digital camera to document historical buildings and businesses which remain in existence today. The project was part of the California Local History Digital Resources Project (LHDRP), a multi-year program supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. Leveraging the infrastructure of the California Digital Library (CDL) in partnership with Califa and Infopeople, the LHDRP explores a model to aggregate, preserve, and provide permanent public access to local history materials maintained by California cultural heritage institutions via a single statewide online access point.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.

Names and Places

Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company

Kaiser Shipyards (Richmond, Calif.)

Pullman Company

Standard Oil Company

Point Molate (Calif.)

Richmond (Calif.)

Stege (Calif.)

Macdonald Avenue (Richmond, Calif.)

Topics

Boat & ship industry--California--Richmond

Business districts--California--Richmond

Industrial facilities--California--Richmond

Petroleum industry--California--Richmond

Railroad locomotive industry--California--Richmond

Schools--California--Richmond

Stores & shops--California--Richmond

Streets--California--Richmond

World War, 1939-1945--California--Richmond

Historic buildings--California--Richmond

Parks--California--Richmond

Genres and Forms of Materials

Map

Postcards

Photographs
