
Patton Family Collection of Photographs and Negatives: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Patton Family Collection of Negatives and Photographs

Dates (inclusive): 1885-1945

Bulk dates: 1895-1907

Collection Number: photCL 282

Creator: Patton family

Extent: 16 boxes (7.73 linear feet)

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Language: English.

Access

Advance arrangements for viewing negatives must be made with the Curator of Photographs. The collection is open to qualified researchers by prior application through the Reader Services Department. For more information, please visit the Huntington's website: www.huntington.org.

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Provenance

Gift of Anne Wilson Patton, 1957.

Processing Information

The glass plate negatives and prints made from those negatives were rehoused, numbered and arranged by Brita Mack and Jane Apostol in the late 1980s. Jane Apostol rehoused, numbered and arranged the remainder of the collection, and created the original Container List, in 2005. In November 2006, Sue Luftschein created this finding aid based, in part, on the original Container List.

Physical Characteristics or Technical Requirements

The collection consists of glass plate and film negatives, copy prints from these negatives, and original photographs. Boxes 1-2 contain the copy prints, plus some photographs for which there are no existing negatives. Original glass plate negatives are housed in boxes 6-12. Original film negatives, boxes 13-15, are housed in cold storage.

Biographical Note

In 1844, Benjamin D. Wilson, second Mayor of Los Angeles, married Ramona Yorba, daughter of Bernardo Yorba, a well-known land owner during California's Mexican period. After Ramona's death, Wilson married Margaret S. Hereford in 1853. He was the father of one son and three daughters. Mariona Wilson married James DeBarth Shorb (1842-1896) and Ruth Wilson married George Smith Patton (1856-1927) (one-time District Attorney of Los Angeles and the first Mayor of San Marino) on December 10, 1884. Ruth and George sired two children, George Smith Patton, Jr. (1885-1945) or "Georgie" and Anne Wilson Patton (1887-1971) or "Nita." George Smith Patton, Jr., General in the United States Army, became famous in World War II as "Old Blood and Guts."

Patton and his family resided at Lake Vineyard, apparently built by Benjamin Wilson on 128 acres in the heart of present-day San Marino. This house, Lake Vineyard I, was torn down in 1910 to make way for a larger house, Lake Vineyard II, which was the site of planning sessions for the incorporation of present-day San Marino.

Ann Wilson, Ruth Wilson Patton's sister, lived with the Patton family at Lake Vineyard and may have been the photographer for the images in the first four boxes of the collection, and was the photographer and creator of the photograph album in Box 5.

The Patton and Banning Families, both prominent in the history of Southern California, shared a close relationship; Benjamin Wilson and Phineas Banning (founder of the Port of Los Angeles and of Wilmington, California) were business partners. George S. Patton, Jr., married Beatrice Banning Ayer.

Scope and Contents

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Boxes 1 and 2 contain copy prints of glass plate negatives taken by Ann Wilson, sister of Ruth Wilson Patton, and printed in her darkroom on the family's Lake Vineyard property. These photographs depict members of the Patton family and friends of the family; interiors of both of the Lake Vineyard houses in San Marino, California (Lake Vineyard I and II); views of the Lake Vineyard property; and photographs of the Patton family and friends on Santa Catalina Island and views of Catalina. Box 3 contains photographs of the Banning residence in Wilmington, California, along with images of the Patton and Banning families at family celebrations; and photographs (many created by studio photographers) of members of the Patton family, including George S. Patton, Jr.; Anne Wilson Patton; Ruth Wilson Patton; and George Smith Patton, Sr. Box 4 contains snapshots taken by an unidentified individual of (presumably) Patton family friends at various resort locations in California, including Catalina and Mount Tamalpais, as well as photographs of the Patton family at Lake Vineyard. Box 5 contains a photograph album created by Ann Wilson that contains images of members of both the Patton and Shorb families.

In addition to the images created by Ann Wilson, the collection includes photographs created by Joseph Harrison Lamson, Frank G. Schumacher, George Steckel, and James D. Westervelt.

Many photographs have annotations on the verso added in 1976 by Hancock Banning.

Arrangement

The collection is generally arranged by photographer and subject. Copy prints of Ann Wilson's glass plate negatives form the first part of the collection, followed by copy prints of photographs taken by an unidentified individual. Box 5 houses a photograph album created by Ann Wilson.

- [Banning Family Collection of Photographs, Part I \(photCL 180\)](#)
- [Banning Family Collection of Photographs, Part II \(photCL 451\)](#)

Index Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the [Huntington Library's Online Catalog](#).

Persons:

Banning, Hancock, Sr.--Photographs.

Huntington, Henry Edwards, 1850-1927--Photographs.

Lamson, Joseph Harrison, 1840-1902.

Patton, Anne Wilson--Photographs.

Patton, George S. (George Smith)--Photographs.

Patton, George S. (George Smith), 1885-1945--Photographs.

Patton, Ruth Wilson--Photographs.

Patton, Susan Glassell--Photographs.

Schumacher, Frank G., b. 1861.

Steckel, Geo. (George), b. 1864.

Westervelt, James D., b. 1844.

Wilson, Ann.

Family Names:

Banning family--Photographs.

Shorb family--Photographs.

Organizations:

United States Military Academy--Photographs.

Virginia Military Institute--Photographs.

Places:

Long Beach (Calif.)--Photographs.

Lowe, Mount (Los Angeles County, Calif.)--Photographs.

San Gabriel River Valley (Calif.)--Photographs.

San Marino (Calif.)--Photographs.

Santa Catalina Island (Calif.)--Photographs.

Sant Cruz (Calif.)--Photographs.

Wilson, Mount (Calif. : Mountain)--Photographs.

Tamalpais, Mount (Calif.)--Photographs.

Wilmington (Los Angeles, Calif.)--Photographs.

Subjects:

Bicycles--Photographs.

Children--Photographs.

Dwellings--California--San Marino--Photographs.

Horsemanship--California--San Marino--Photographs.

Interiors--California--San Marino--Photographs.

Military cadets--Photographs.

Parades--California--Pasadena--Photographs.

Recreation--California--Photographs.

Ships--California--Photographs.

Tennis--California--San Marino--Photographs.

Document Types:

Clippings.

Negatives.

Notes.

Photograph albums.

Photographs.

Container List

Photographs

Family, Lake Vineyard, and Catalina photographs

Box 1, Item 1-30

Patton family photographs, 1895-1896

Note

[George Smith Patton Sr., Ruth Patton, Nita, Georgie, and unidentified children, in and around the Lake Vineyard house, playing with pets, on horseback, playing tennis.]

Note

[No glass plate negative for numbers 8, 26, 28. Digital surrogate available for number 15.]

Box 1, Item 31-46

Patton family photographs, 1897-1898

Note

[Ruth Patton, Nita, Georgie, and unidentified children, in and around the Lake Vineyard house, playing with pets, on horseback.]

Box 1, Item 47-69

Patton family photographs, 1897-1898

Note

[No glass plate negative for numbers 54-59.]

Note

[Ruth Patton, Ann Wilson, Nita, Georgie, members of the Banning family, and unidentified children, in and around the Lake Vineyard house, playing, riding bicycles.]

Box 1, Item 70-84

Patton family photographs, 1899

Note

[George Smith Patton, Sr., Nita, Georgie, Maurice Phillips, and unidentified children, in and around the Lake Vineyard house, playing, riding bicycles.]

Box 1,
Item 85-99.1

Lake Vineyard interiors, 1897-1904

Note

[Some with members of the Patton family.]

Note

[No glass plate negative for numbers 87, 94.]

Box 1,
Item 100-122

Lake Vineyard and Patton family photographs, 1900-1904

Note

[Lake Vineyard interiors, many with Patton family members and friends.]

Note

[No glass plate negative for numbers 101, 102, 104, 108-111a, 112-118.]

Box 1,
Item 123-144

Lake Vineyard and Patton family photographs, 1901-1903

Note

[Patton family and friends on the porch at Lake Vineyard.]

Note

[No glass plate negative for numbers 123, 128, 129, 131, 132, 134, 136-142. Digital surrogate available for numbers 127 and 143.]

Box 1,
Item 145-175b

Lake Vineyard and Patton family photographs, 1900-1901

Note

[Exteriors of the Lake Vineyard house, Lake Vineyard grounds, and Patton family members and friends around the grounds.]

Note

[No glass plate negative for numbers 146-152, 154, 155, 157-160, 163-170, 175.]

Box 2,
Item 176-197

Lake Vineyard and Patton family photographs, 1901-1907

Note

[Exteriors of the Lake Vineyard house, Lake Vineyard grounds, and Patton family members and friends around the grounds.]

Note

[No glass plate negative for numbers 176-178; 184, 185, 189, 190, 197.]

Box 2,
Item 198-210

Lake Vineyard grounds and San Gabriel Valley views; George Jr. at Tournament of Roses, 1900-1907

Note

[No glass plate negative for number 209. Digital surrogate available for number 210.]

Box 2, Item 211-220	<p>Lake Vineyard II, undated</p> <p>Note [Interiors and exteriors.]</p> <p>Note [No glass plate negative for number 214a.]</p>
Box 2, Item 221-231	<p>Lake Vineyard II, undated</p> <p>Note [Interiors and exteriors.]</p>
Box 2, Item 232-249	<p>San Marino and San Gabriel Valley; Cooper House; Patton family and friends, 1895-1901</p> <p>Note [No numbers 239-241.]</p> <p>Note [No glass plate negative for numbers 232, 235-238, 243-249.]</p>
Box 2, Item 250-271	<p>Family trips, c. 1900-1905</p> <p>Note [No glass plate negative for numbers 250-261.]</p>
Box 2, Item 272-290.1	<p>Views of Catalina; Patton family and friends, 1899-ca. 1902</p> <p>Note [No glass plate negative for numbers 272.1, 272.2, 275, 275.1, 276, 280, 284, 284.1, 285, 286.1, 289, 290.1]</p>
Box 2, Item 291-306.1	<p>Views of Catalina; Patton family and friends, 1899-ca. 1902</p> <p>Note [No glass plate negative for numbers 291-291.3, 293.1-293.3, 294.1, 299.1-299.3, 300.1-300.6, 301.1, 304.1, 306.1.]</p>
Box 3, Item 307-317	<p>Views of Banning residence in Wilmington; Patton family and friends, ca. 1900</p>
Box 3, Item 318-336	<p>Virginia Military Institute and West Point: cadets and views; George Jr., 1903-1904</p>
Box 3, Item 337-347	<p>George Smith Patton Jr., 1885-1945</p> <p>Note [Number 344 missing as of November 2006.]</p>
Box 3, Item 348-359.1	<p>Ann Wilson Patton, undated</p> <p>Note [Includes clipping.]</p>
Box 3, Item 360-361	<p>Ruth Wilson Patton, undated</p>
Box 3, Item 362-364.2	<p>George Smith Patton Sr., undated</p>
Box 3, Item 365-370	<p>Susan Glassell Patton (Mrs. Lemoyne Wills), undated</p> <p>Note [Includes note re: geneology.]</p>
Box 3, Item 370.1 Box 3, Item 370.2-370.3	<p>Ann Wilson, undated</p> <p>Mrs. Adelaide Brown, 1908</p>

Box 3, Item 370.4 Box 3, Item 371-374 Box 3, Item 375-376	"Aunt Nellie" (Mrs. Eleanor Brown), undated Lake Vineyard II, undated George Smith Patton I; Susan Glassell Thornton Patton, undated Note [George Smith Patton I was the father of George Smith Patton, Sr.] Note [Copies of oil portraits from Lake Vineyard. No print for number 376.]
Box 3, Item 377	Lake Vineyard and Catalina, c. 1895 Note [17 photographs glued into small booklet, created by Ann Patton.]
Box 3, Item 378 Box 3, Item 378.1-381	Patton family with Henry E. Huntington and Hancock Banning at Lake Vineyard, November 1903 "Patton family Album", undated Note [Prints made from negatives lent to the Huntington Library by Special Collections, University of California at Fresno. To be used only with prior permission.]
	Snapshots printed from negatives created by an unidentified individual
	<u>Catalina</u>
Box 4, Item 382-387	Views, undated Physical Description: [Numbers 385-387 prints only.]
Box 4, Item 388-389	"Ma and I on Catalina Island," undated
Box 4, Item 390	"Me wading," undated
Box 4, Item 391-393	Glass-bottom boats, undated
Box 4, Item 394	Sailboat, undated
Box 4, Item 395	Boats, undated
Box 4, Item 396	Seal Rocks, undated
Box 4, Item 397-399	Tents, undated
	<u>Boats</u>
Box 4, Item 400	Battleship, undated
Box 4, Item 401	Battleship and birds, undated
Box 4, Item 402	"View on Northern boat", undated
Box 4, Item 403	"Fire drill on Northern boat", undated
Box 4, Item 404-405	"Government boat", undated
Box 4, Item 406	"Gas launch", undated
Box 4, Item 407	"Boats-one 3-master", undated
Box 4, Item 408	"4-masters", undated
Box 4, Item 409	Fishing boats, undated
	<u>Redondo Beach</u>
Box 4, Item 410-411	Gulls on pier, undated
	<u>Long Beach</u>
Box 4, Item 412	"Me-Long Beach," undated Note [Boy with rope.]

Box 4, Item 413	"Me on sand, Long Beach," undated Note [2 boys.]
Box 4, Item 414-415	Bathers, undated
Box 4, Item 416-419	Breakers, undated Note [Number 416 print only.]
	<u>Santa Cruz</u>
Box 4, Item 420-422	Arch Rock, undated
Box 4, Item 423	Rocks along coast, undated
Box 4, Item 424	Fishing pier. Fish on deck, boat Mizpah in background, undated
Box 4, Item 425-426	Suspension bridge, undated
Box 4, Item 427-428	Surf, undated
	<u>San Francisco</u>
Box 4, Item 429	San Francisco from Bay, undated
Box 4, Item 430	Boat, off San Francisco, undated
	<u>Muir Woods</u>
Box 4, Item 431	Group walking along railroad track, undated
	<u>Mount Tamalpais</u>
Box 4, Item 432-436	Panoramic views, undated
Box 4, Item 437	San Francisco Bay and Mount Tamalpais, undated
Box 4, Item 438	Hotel, undated
Box 4, Item 439	Train, undated
Box 4, Item 440	Train marked "Mount Tamalpais Gravity," undated
Box 4, Item 441-442	Railroad tracks, undated
	<u>Los Angeles</u>
Box 4, Item 443	Pigeon farm, undated
Box 4, Item 444	Westlake Park: birds on a float, undated
Box 4, Item 445-448	Parade scenes, undated
	<u>Mount Wilson</u>
Box 4, Item 449	"Ma and I on Mount Wilson," undated
	<u>Mount Lowe</u>
Box 4, Item 450	Squirrel by sign: "To Inspiration Point," undated
	<u>Pasadena</u>
Box 4, Item 451	Hotel Green, undated
	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Box 4, Item 452	Moonstone Beach, undated
Box 4, Item 453	Gulls on a float, undated
Box 4, Item 454	Birds on a rock in water, undated
Box 4, Item 455	Unidentified high school, undated
	<u>Military school and camp scenes</u>
Box 4, Item 456-471	Cadets at military school, undated
Box 4, Item 472-484	Military camp views, undated
	<u>Lake Vineyard</u>
Box 4, Item 485	Wilson House, Lake Vineyard, undated

Box 4, Item 486-488	Olives at Lake Vineyard, undated
Box 4, Item 489-491	Poinsettias, undated
	<u>"Our houses"</u>
Box 4, Item 492-494	Unidentified houses, undated
	<u>Family and friends</u>
Box 4, Item 495	"Nita on steps," 1895
Box 4, Item 496	"Georgie and Nita at the fountain" (George Smith Patton, Jr. and Ann Patton), undated
Box 4, Item 497	"Georgie and Arvin by the fountain," September 1895
Box 4, Item 498	"Georgie, Arvin, and Aunt Suzie under date palm, Lake Vineyard," September 1895
Box 4, Item 499	"Georgie and Spot in wagon," undated
Box 4, Item 500	"Children in front of house," February 1896
Box 4, Item 501	"Me in garden," undated
Box 4, Item 502	"Me fishing," undated
Box 4, Item 503	"Nita and Georgie on beach in Redondo," undated
Box 4, Item 504	Georgie (?) and 2 unidentified women at beach, undated
Box 4, Item 505	"GSP playing tennis," undated
Box 4, Item 506	"Grandma and cats," undated
Box 4, Item 507	"Ma and cats," undated
Box 4, Item 508	"Ma eating peaches," undated
Box 4, Item 509	"Ma rowing," undated
Box 4, Item 510	"Me with hoe," undated
Box 4, Item 511	"Ma wading," undated
Box 4, Item 512	"Leona," undated
Box 4, Item 513	"Papa and I" [Leona?], undated
Box 4, Item 514-515	"Bert and Leona," undated
Box 4, Item 516	"Leona on grass," undated
Box 4, Item 517-519	"Leona picking flowers," undated
Box 4, Item 520	Unidentified woman on stepladder, undated
Box 4, Item 521	Group in buggy, undated
	<u>Additional snapshots</u>
	<u>Patton family and Lake Vineyard</u>
Box 4, Item 522-523	George S. Patton, Jr., in uniform, undated
Box 4, Item 524-525	George S. Patton, Jr., in uniform on front steps of Lake Vineyard, undated
Box 4, Item 525a-525b	Walking up and down the stairs at Lake Vineyard, undated Physical Description: [Negatives only.]
Box 4, Item 526	George S. Patton, Jr. at Lake Vineyard with two unidentified women, undated
Box 4, Item 527-530	Front steps of Lake Vineyard, undated
Box 4, Item 531-532	Dog and cat at Lake Vineyard, undated
Box 4, Item 533-537	Ann Wilson Patton, undated
Box 4, Item 538	George S. Patton, Sr., on horseback, undated
	<u>Cadets and friends</u>
Box 4, Item 539-542a	Group photographs and snapshots, undated
	<u>Catalina?</u>

Box 4, Item 543	Seascape, undated
Box 4, Item 544	Sailboat, undated
Box 4, Item 545-547	Wharf, with large fish hanging from hook, undated
Box 4, Item 548	Bathers, undated
Box 4, Item 549	Beach at water's edge, undated
Box 4, Item 550	Passengers seated on boat, undated
Box 4, Item 551-552	Exterior of unidentified houses, undated
Box 4, Item 553	Unidentified interior, undated
Box 4, Item 554	Unidentified woman in room, undated
Box 4, Item 555-556	Unidentified group in outdoor location, undated
Box 4, Item 557	Landscape with trees, undated
Box 4, Item 558	Grandstand (?), undated
	<u>"Photos removed to Patton Collection"</u>
Box 4, Item 559-561	San Pedro: Great White Fleet, undated
Box 4, Item 562-565	Mrs. Patton's Electric [automobile]. San Marino, undated
Box 4, Item 566	George S. Patton, Sr. at Catalina, undated Physical Description: [Print only.]
Box 4, Item 567	Georgie in the grass, undated Physical Description: [Print only.]
Box 4, Item 568	Parade, undated Physical Description: [Negative only.]
Box 4, Item 569-571	San Francisco Plunge, undated Physical Description: [Negative only.]
Box 4, Item 572	General view of Long Beach, undated Physical Description: [Negative only.]
Box 4, Item 573	Ocean view, undated Physical Description: [Negative only.]
Box 4, Item 574	Surf, Santa Cruz, undated Physical Description: [Negative only.]
Box 4, Item 575	Catalina Boats [men playing guitars], undated Physical Description: [Negative only.]
Box 4, Item 576	Battleship, undated Physical Description: [Negative only.]
Box 4, Item 577	Interior view of a bedroom [Lake Vineyard?], undated Physical Description: [Negative only.]
Box 4, Item 578	Trees, Santa Cruz, undated Physical Description: [Negative only.]
Box 4, Item 579	GAR camp, Long Beach, undated Physical Description: [Negative only.]

Photograph album

Box 5, Volume 1

Photograph album of Patton and Shorb Families, 1896-1902

Note

[Accompanied by note from Hancock Banning. According to Banning, many of the photographs were taken and developed by Ann Wilson in her darkroom on the Lake Vineyard property. He identified volume 1 (51) as the darkroom.]

Note

[Some duplication exists with other subjects and views in the collection.]

Glass plate negatives

Boxes 6-12

Glass plate negatives

Access Information

Advance arrangements for viewing glass plate negatives must be made with the Curator of Photographs.

Film negatives

Boxes 13-16

Film negatives

Access Information

Film negatives housed in cold storage. Advance arrangements for viewing film negatives must be made with the Curator of Photographs.
