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## **William A. Parish photographs of late-19th century architecture in Southern California photCL 182**

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**Contributing Institution:** The Huntington Library Photo Archives

**Title:** William A. Parish photographs of late-19th century architecture in Southern California

**Creator:** Parish, William A. (William Alfred), 1906-1982

**Identifier/Call Number:** photCL 182

**Physical Description:** 1.42 Linear Feet (1 box)

**Date:** approximately 1942

**Abstract:** A collection of photographs taken approximately 1942 of Southern California structures built in the late 19th century. Huntington Library curator William A. Parish took the photographs to accompany a proposed book on regional architecture, and his typescript draft is also part of the collection.

**Language of Material:** Materials are in English.

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**Preferred Citation**

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of William A. Parish, approximately 1960s-1970s.

**Biographical / Historical**

William A. Parish (1906-1982) held several positions at the Huntington Library, rising to Acting Art Curator and Curator of Prints. He authored a number of Huntington Library exhibition catalogs, including one on English eighteenth-century architecture, published in 1941.

**Scope and Contents**

This collection contains photographs and an unpublished draft typescript on Southern California architecture, 1870-1900, by Huntington Library curator William A. Parish, dating from approximately 1942. Parish traveled all over the region to take photographs of late-19th century buildings, which include churches, houses, businesses, railway depots, warehouses, and schools. There are about 100 black-and-white prints, 8 x 10 inches and smaller, with Parish's identifications written on the back. Images are mostly exteriors with some close-ups of architectural details. The draft typescript, written for a proposed Huntington Library Press book, includes demographic statistics for Southern California in the late-19th and early-20th centuries, and a list of Southern California architects, some with dates and names of their buildings. Photographs include structures in the Los Angeles area, Ventura County, San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County. Some residences pictured are those of Theodore Lukens, Jackson Graves, and Charles Fernald.

**Processing Information**

Processed by Huntington Library staff, circa mid-20th century. In 2020, Suzanne Oatey created a finding aid derived from a collection file.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Architecture -- California -- 19th century  
Architecture, Domestic -- California -- 19th century  
Church buildings -- California -- 19th century  
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- Buildings, structures, etc.  
Pasadena (Calif.) -- Buildings, structures, etc.  
San Luis Obispo (Calif.) -- Buildings, structures, etc.  
Santa Barbara (Calif.) -- Buildings, structures, etc.  
Ventura County (Calif.) -- Buildings, structures, etc.  
Drafts (documents)  
Photographs

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Fernald, Charles, 1830-1892 -- Homes and haunts  
Graves, J. A. (Jackson Alpheus), 1852-1933 -- Homes and haunts  
Lukens, Theodore Parker, 1848-1918 -- Homes and haunts

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