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## **A guide to the Captain Albert Freeman Pillsbury photographs, 1906-1940**

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**Title:** Captain Albert Freeman Pillsbury photographs

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**Creator:** Pillsbury, A . F. (Albert Freeman), 1864-1957

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#### Acquisition Information

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The collection was given to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park by the daughter of Captain A. F. Pillsbury and accessioned in 2009. The daughter acquired the collection from her mother.

#### Historical or Biographical Note

Captain Albert Freeman Pillsbury was born in 1864 in South Thomaston, Maine, the son of Hiram G. and Sarah (Wentworth ) Pillsbury. He took to sea as a youth, and at the age of only 17 became the captain of a sailing vessel.

At 25, he became a licensed Master Mariner for both sailing vessels and steamships, being the youngest man up to that time ever to receive this unlimited license. In 1893, Captain Pillsbury commanded the freighter SS Progresso on a voyage from the East Coast to San Francisco. Deeply impressed with the Pacific Coast, he resolved to return, and in 1893 (?) then in command of the SS Mineola, returned to San Francisco to establish his permanent residence. In 1919, he formed a partnership with Captain Lebbeus Curtis for the practice of marine surveying, ship salvage and consulting engineering. Some years later, after Curtis moved to New York City, he formed a partnership with Walter L. Martignoni under the firm name of Pillsbury & Martignoni. He died in 1957. Source: Typescript obituary in HDC1584, folder 1.

#### Collection Scope and Content

The Captain Albert Freeman Pillsbury photographs (P09-016, SAFR 24439) consists of photographic postcards, a photograph album and framed photographs related to the life and work of Capt. A.F. Pillsbury

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**File Unit 1. Photographic postcards**

Tanker F[rank]. H. Buck on rocks at Pt. Pinos, Monterey Bay, 5-4-24, Heidrick Photo, No. 1.

Wrecked San Pedro, July 21, 1907. Photo by Meiser. Inscription on front: The San Pedro being towed by the Geo? Elder. Addressed to Miss Dorothy Pillsbury, 1547 Spruce Street, Berkeley, Calif.

British Steamer Queen Cristina ashore near Crescent City, Oct 1907. Addressed to Miss Dorothy Pillsbury, 1547 Spruce Street, Berkeley, Calif. with correspondence on back.

S.S. Alameda ashore at Fort Point, San Francisco, Calif. Note on back states: "AFP saved this ship." Addressed to Miss Dorothy Pillsbury, #1866 Fell St., City.

Waimanalo Beach opposite the stranded Manchuria, undated. Stranded Aug 20, 1906.

The Manchuria ashore on the NE coast of the Island of Oahu, Aug 20/06. Addressed to Miss Dorothy Pillsbury, 1547 Spruce Street, Berkeley, Calif.

Scene at San Pedro, Cal., undated. Color postcard published by M. Rieder, Los Angeles, Calif. No. 6731.

Postmarked Feb 23, 1907. Addressed to Miss Dorothy Pillsbury, 1547 Spruce Street, Berkeley, Cal

Snapshot of Iowan (actually Ohioan) aground off Land's End, 1936. Inscribed: Father (AFP) standing, GSP sitting.

**File Unit 2. Photograph album**

Album: Cover is leather and is worn; Capt. A. F. Pillsbury embossed in gold on cover; shoestring binding; pages are cloth with photographs mounted onto it. Location: The Moore Shipbuilding Company, Oakland, CA July 5 1918. See separation sheet in collection file, items processed as photograph collection.

Includes 3 loose photographs.

**File Unit 3. Framed photographs**

Framed b/w photograph: Just Another Pig Luncheon at the Bohemian Club, April 4, 1940 San Francisco, Calif.

Captain A. F. Pillsbury is front and center. See separation sheet in collection file, items processed as photograph collection.

Framed b/w photograph, Bohemian Club Luncheon, July 5, 1940, Captain A. F. Pillsbury front and center. See separation sheet in collection file, items processed as photograph collection.

**Collection Arrangement**

The collection is arranged into 3 file units: 1. Miss Dorothy Pillsbury postcards, 2. Capt. A. F. Pillsbury photograph album and 3. Bohemian Club luncheon framed photographs.

**Related Materials**

Captain Albert Freeman Pillsbury papers, 1883-1972 (HDC1584, SAFR 22213)

This material is located at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

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