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Guide to the Wings of History Aerial Photographic Collection (1936-1941)
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Title: Wings of History Aerial Photographic Collection,

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Contributing Institution: SJSU Special Collections & Archives

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 0.77 linear feet;1 box

Date (inclusive): 1936-1941

Abstract: The Wings of History Aerial Photographic Collection contains photographic negatives and prints of aerial images of San Francisco, Santa Clara Valley and Monterey Bay communities. Towns, prominent buildings and landmarks in Santa Clara Valley and San Francisco are represented. Of these, some of the structures of note include the Lick Observatory, Agnew State Mental Hospital – East Area, Alum Rock Natatorium, Spartan Stadium and the bridges of San Francisco.

Physical Location: Vault 2, Room 272, Bay 6, Shelf 3

Access

The collection is open for research.

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Processing Information

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Organizational History

The Wings of History Museum of San Martin, California began as the Northern California Antique Aircraft Association in 1962. A local flight club, the NCAAA organized a local fly-in which has in 30 years become the Watsonville Fly-in and Air Show. Proceeds from the fly-in were used to purchase the land and build facilities for what is now the Wings of History Museum.

Citation: 'About the Museum,' Wings of History Museum website, accessed 2/6/13,
<http://www.wingsofhistory.org/index.php/the-museum/about-the-museum>

Scope and Content of Collection

The Wings of History Aerial Photographic Collection, 1936-1941 contains photographic negatives and prints of aerial images of San Francisco, Santa Clara Valley and Monterey Bay communities. Towns, prominent buildings and landmarks in Santa Clara Valley and San Francisco are typical targets, and of note are prominent institutional structures such as the Lick Observatory, Agnew State Mental Hospital – East Area, Alum Rock Natatorium, Spartan Stadium, Golden Gate Exposition and the bridges of San Francisco.

Arrangement

This single series collection is arranged chronologically: Series I, Title Aerial photography of San Francisco and Monterey Bays, 1936-1941

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Wings of History Museum.

Agnews State Hospital (San Jose, Calif.)

Golden Gate Bridge (San Francisco, Calif.)—1930-1940

Golden Gate International Exposition (1939-1940 : San Francisco, Calif.)

Lick Observatory

Monterey County (Calif.) -- Aerial photographs

San Francisco (Calif.) -- Aerial photographs

San Francisco Bay Area (Calif.) -- Aerial photographs

San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (Oakland and San Francisco, Calif.)
San Jose State University (Calif.)
Santa Clara County (Calif.)

Series I: Aerial photographs of San Francisco and Monterey Bay communities, 1936-1941

Scope and Content of Collection

The contents in this series consist mostly of aerial photographs taken from a biplane circa 1920s-30s. In addition, there is a set of ground-based photographs taken at night to highlight structures built for the Golden Gate Exposition of 1940, and another smaller set of individuals and groups at the Wings of History museum. Several of the featured structures have since been repurposed, including the Alum Rock Natatorium, Agnew State Mental Hospital - East Campus, Southern Pacific Rail Yard of San Jose and Treasure Island (site of the Golden Gate Exposition). Images of San Francisco's SoMa district in 1936 and South Bay communities in the pre-WWII era can also be found. There are nineteen folders containing 113 photographic negatives and 10 prints; the series is arranged chronologically.

Physical Description

1 Box

Folder 1 - Alviso and Agnew Hospital, 6/7/1936

Language of Material: English

Folder 2 - Lick Observatory, 7/3/1936

Language of Material: English

Folder 3 - Capitola, 7/16/1936

Language of Material: English

Folder 4 - Monterey Road, 9/13/1936

Language of Material: English

Folder 5 - San Francisco Bay Bridge, 11/12/1936

Language of Material: English

Folder 6 - Golden Gate Bridge, 5/28/1937

Folder 7 - San Jose Downtown, 9/23/1937

Language of Material: English

Folder 8 - Alum Rock Park, 10/3/1937

Language of Material: English

Folder 9 - Spartan Stadium, 11/25/1937

Folder 10 - Alviso Flood, 2/3/1938

Language of Material: English

Folder 11 - Southern Pacific Railyards, 3/25/1938

Language of Material: English

Folder 12 - Santa Clara, 4/26/1938

Language of Material: English

Folder 13 - Los Gatos High School, 5/16/1939

Language of Material: English

Folder 14 - Alviso Flood, 2/28/1940

Language of Material: English

Folder 15 - Los Gatos Highway, 7/10/1940

Language of Material: English

Folder 16 - Salinas, 8/5/1940

Language of Material: English

Folder 17 - Golden Gate International Exposition, 9/23/1940

Language of Material: English

Folder 18 - Willow Glen and Milpitas, 4/19/1941

Language of Material: English

Folder 19 - Miscellaneous, n.d.

Language of Material: English