

San Francisco Carte-de-Visite Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library
Creator - pht:	Shew, William J., , 1820-1903
Creator - pht:	Taber, I. W. (Isaiah West), 1830-1912
Creator - pht:	Lainer, Charles
Creator:	Morse's Palace of Art
Creator:	San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library
Title:	San Francisco Carte-de-Visite Collection
ID:	SFP 44
Date [inclusive]:	1862-1898
Date [bulk]:	1862-1870
Physical Description:	.5 Cubic Feet 1 box
Physical Location:	The collection is stored onsite.
Language of the Material:	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract :	The artificial collection contains approximately 140 cartes-de-visite taken by over 30 known San Francisco, California photographers/photography studios working mostly in the 1860s and 1870s and collected by the San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library.

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], San Francisco Carte-de-Visite Collection (SFP 44), San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library.

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Biographical / Historical

The collection was collected and assembled by the San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library. The collection includes multiple accessions and donations received over the life of the San Francisco History Center.

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Scope and Contents

The artificial collection contains approximately 140 cartes-de-visite taken by over 30 known San Francisco, California photographers/photography studios working mostly in the 1860s and 1870s and collected by the San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library. The cartes-de-visite range in date from the 1860s – 1880s and are albumen photographic prints mounted on card. Photographers and studios most prominently represented include Bradley & Rulofson; C. L. Cramer's California Gallery; E. R. Higgins; Charles Lainer; G. D. Morse / Morse's Palace of Art; New York Gallery; William Shew; C. E. Watkins' Art Gallery and Wise & Prindle. At least half of the portraits are unidentified. The versos of the cards include printed studio name and location and/or handwritten notations about the sitter. The collection does include a small amount of cartes-de-visite by photography studios outside of San Francisco and the United States.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by photography studio/photographer name.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

The collection is available for use during Photo Desk hours.

Publication Rights

All requests for permission to publish from photographs must be submitted in writing to the Photo Curator. Permission for publication is given on behalf of the San Francisco Public Library as the owner of the physical items.

Provenance

The portraits were acquired from various sources, including donations and purchases.

Processing Information

Processed by Christina Moretta in 2019.

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Related Materials

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Researchers are encouraged to see also San Francisco Cabinet Card Collection, San Francisco Portrait Collection and Wayne April Portrait Photograph Collection.

Gallery	Subject	Gallery Location
Acme	unidentified	San Francisco
Bayley & Cramer's Fine-Art Gallery	Alice Kingsbury	San Francisco
Bayley & Winter's Fine-Art Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
Blauert	Irine Meusdorffer	San Francisco
Blauert	unidentified	San Francisco
Bradley & Rulofson	Joaquin Miller	San Francisco
Bradley & Rulofson	Anson Burlingame	San Francisco
T. A. Brown's Photograph Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
Chalmers & Wolfe	unidentified	San Francisco
Walter H. Cook	Martha Ada Staniar	San Francisco
C. L. Cramer's California Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
C. L. Cramer's California Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
C. L. Cramer's California Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
Edouart's Photographic Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
Flaglor & Parker Cosmopolitan Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
Florence Photograph Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
Fowzer	unidentified	San Francisco
Hamilton, Tidball & Morse	unidentified	San Francisco
E. R. Higgins	unidentified	San Francisco
E. R. Higgins	unidentified	San Francisco
E. R. Higgins	unidentified	San Francisco
Holler	unidentified	San Francisco
Holler	Miss Nerva Stuse	San Francisco
A. P. Johnson's Photographic Gallery	Burnett	San Francisco
Charles Lainer	Johnny & Oscar Meusdorffer	San Francisco
Charles Lainer	Oscar E. Meusdorffer	San Francisco
Charles Lainer	"Trusion"	San Francisco
Charles Lainer	unidentified	San Francisco
Charles Lainer	unidentified	San Francisco
Charles Lainer	unidentified	San Francisco
G. D. Morse / Morse's Palace of Art	unidentified	San Francisco
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G. D. Morse / Morse's Palace of Art	unidentified	San Francisco
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Munroe & Potter, Temple of Art	unidentified	San Francisco
New York Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
New York Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
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New York Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
People's Art Gallery (J. D. Godeus)	unidentified	San Francisco
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Perkins	[illustration / business card]	San Francisco
J. M. Pickett & Co.	unidentified	San Francisco
Jacob Shew's Photographic Gallery	Mary Meek	San Francisco
William Shew	John Rudde	San Francisco
William Shew	Butler, Benjamin Franklin (Civil War General)	San Francisco
William Shew	Schuyler Colfax	San Francisco
William Shew	Lark	San Francisco
William Shew	unidentified	San Francisco
William Shew	unidentified	San Francisco
William Shew	unidentified	San Francisco
William Shew	unidentified	San Francisco
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William Shew	unidentified	San Francisco
William Shew	unidentified	San Francisco
William Shew	unidentified	San Francisco
William Shew	Tom Cooper	San Francisco

Gallery	Subject	Gallery Location
William Shew	unidentified	San Francisco
Silas Wright Selleck	Farrell McMorry, Katie (Mary Catherine), Mary (Keany) McMorry	San Francisco
Silva's International Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
William Summerhays	unidentified	San Francisco
William Summerhays	unidentified	San Francisco
Taber	unidentified	San Francisco
Thors Portraits	unidentified	San Francisco
Vaughan	Etta Fischer	San Francisco
Vaughan	unidentified	San Francisco
Vaughan	unidentified	San Francisco
Vaughan	unidentified	San Francisco
Vaughan	unidentified	San Francisco
C. E. Watkins' Art Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
C. E. Watkins' Art Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
C. E. Watkins' Art Gallery	unidentified	San Francisco
C. E. Watkins' Art Gallery	Ramon Aguirre	San Francisco
Wise & Prindle	unidentified	San Francisco
Wise & Prindle	unidentified	San Francisco
Wise & Prindle	Katie McMorry	San Francisco
<u>Galleries outside of San Francisco</u>		
East Oakland Gallery	unidentified	California
Gustav Fagersteen	Johnny Fisher	California
John Pitcher Spooner	unidentified	California
L. J. Stinson	unidentified	California
Wright's Art and Portrait Gallery	Crissie	California
<u>Galleries outside of California (arranged alphabetically by state)</u>		
J. Battersby	unidentified	Illinois
B. Gray	unidentified	Illinois
McManus	unidentified	Illinois
J. P. King	Charles M. Purdie	Iowa
E. Anthony	Charles Sumner	New York
E. Anthony	unidentified	New York
E. Anthony	"The Cherubs"	New York
B. Appleton & Co.	Edwin Booth	New York
Brady's	unidentified	New York
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Gallery	Subject	Gallery Location
Brady's	Daniel Webster	New York
Brady's	(James) Lick	New York
F. Forshew	Henry Faster Cox	New York
Hallett	George Washington Cox	New York
Lazier	unidentified	New York
George G. Rockwood	unidentified (possibly Field?)	New York
J. F. Ryder	Lotta Crabtree	Ohio
Boyd	unidentified	Oregon
Alex Gardner	Field	Washington, D.C.
Alex Gardner	unidentified	Washington, D.C.
<u>Meussdorffer Family</u>		
W. Biede	Redle Meussdorffer	Germany, Nurnberg
G. Engelbrecht	Wilhelm Meussdorffer	Germany
G. Engelbrecht	Heinrich Meussdorffer	Germany
Heinrich Lutz	D. S.(?) Meussdorffer	Germany, Kulmbach
Gebrüder Lützel	Lini Meussdorffer	Germany, Munich
H. Traut	Carl and Maya Daniels (née Meussdorffer)	Germany, Munich
<u>Galleries Outside of United States</u>		
Robert Armstrong	"Father"	Scotland, Edinbergh
Brompton Photographic Studio	"Grandfather Gosvernor"	England, London
Elliott and Fry	"Uncle Tom"	England, London
Herman Koch	Robert	Germany, Berlin
R. H. Lord	Rudolf (?)	England, Cambridge
Alexander MacNab	"Uncle Fred"	Scotland, Glasgow
S. Moriyama	unidentified	Japan
S. Moriyama	unidentified	Japan
H. VanDyck	C. G. G.	England, London
Cecil W. Wood, photographer	unidentified	
<u>Unidentified Galleries</u>		
Unidentified Gallery	Harry Blackwoods	
Unidentified Gallery	General U.S. Grant	
Unidentified Gallery	Martha Ada Stanian	
Unidentified Gallery	William Strong	
Unidentified Gallery	"The Motherless"	
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Controlled Access Headings

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- Photographers -- California -- San Francisco
- Cartes des visite
- Card photographs
- Men -- Portraits.
- Women -- Portraits
- Children -- Portraits.
- Group portraits
- Photographic prints.