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## Guide to the Dance Cards and Invitations from California

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Dance cards and invitations from California,

**Date (inclusive):** 1876-1912,

**Date (bulk):** bulk 1879-1880

**Collection number:** MS-P042

**Extent:** 0.2 linear feet 1 box

**Repository:** University of California, Irvine. Library. Special Collections and Archives.

Irvine, California 92623-9557

**Abstract:** This collection comprises 30 dance cards, tickets, and invitations to balls and prize masquerades held in San Francisco, Oroville, and Petaluma (primarily San Francisco). The materials are printed; some of the dance cards are partially filled in and some invitations include holograph notations of individual attendees. Some contain rules and prize lists for competitions, a few contain information about the club or organization, and some list the names of the organizers or offices. The events were hosted by the Florence Social Club, the Elite Club, the Frolic Club, the Athletic Minstrels, and the Uniques, among others.

**Language:** English

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### Acquisition Information

Purchased in 2001-2005. No provenance information is available.

### Processing Information

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### Scope and Content of Collection

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**Arrangement**

Materials in this collection are arranged chronologically.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**

Dance--Archives.  
Balls (Parties)--California--San Francisco--Archives.  
Balls (Parties)--California--Archives.  
Clubs--California--San Francisco--Archives.  
Clubs--California--Archives.  
San Francisco (Calif.)--Social life and customs--Archives.  
California--Social life and customs--Archives.

**Genres and Forms of Material**

Invitations.  
Dance cards.

**Index Terms Related to this Collection**

Online Archive of California.

Box: 1 : 1      **Dance cards and invitations, 1876-1912**

**Physical Description:** 30 items.