
Descriptive Summary

Title: Northwestern California Forest Communities Collection

Dates: Circa 1880-1954

Bulk Dates: Circa 1910-1935

Collection number: Consult repository

Collector: Humboldt State University. Library

Collection Size: 173 items173 online items

Repository: Humboldt State University Library.

Abstract: The Northwestern California Forest Communities Collection includes photographs, maps, and architectural and design drawings selected from several Humboldt State University Library collections for this project. Images were chosen to illustrate the broad range of people and activities typically associated with the early timber industry in Humboldt County. The company towns of Crannell (Little River Redwood Company) and Samoa (Vance Redwood Lumber Company and Hammond Lumber Company) are especially well documented. Promotional materials are included as well as residential, industrial and mechanical design drawings and infrastructure maps. Especially noteworthy are the series of promotional photographs produced for the Little River Redwood Company by Dold & Dold from 1924 and 1930 and the architectural drawings for the company town of Samoa which includes work by M. DeLin and E. F. Reese. Consult the library for more information about the collections from which these images were selected.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Online Items

Digitized collection materials available online.

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

The digitization project was part of the California Local History Digital Resources Project (LHDRP), a multi-year program supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. Leveraging the infrastructure of the California Digital Library (CDL) in partnership with Califa and Infopeople, the LHDRP explores a model to aggregate, preserve, and provide permanent public access to local history materials maintained by California cultural heritage institutions via a single statewide online access point. For more information, see the [LHDRP website](#).

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.

Names

Bullwinkel, Conrad
Cole, Ed.
Cole, Harry W.
Eureka and Klamath River Railroad
Hammond & Little River Redwood Co.
Hammond Lumber Company
Hammond Redwood Co.
Humboldt Northern Railroad
Little River Redwood Co.
Oregon and Eureka Railroad
Vance Redwood Lumber Co.

Places

Crannell (Calif.)
Eureka (Calif.)
Fairhaven (Calif.)
Humboldt Bay (Calif.)
Humboldt County (Calif.)
Little River (Calif.)
Mad River (Calif.)
Samoa (Calif.)

Topics

Architecture, Domestic--Designs and plans
Architecture, Industrial--Designs and plans
Automobile service stations
Automobiles
Barns
Boats
Bridges
Buildings
Cutover lands
Community centers
Company towns
Company towns--California--Humboldt County--Maps
Drying sheds
Employee eating facilities
Equipment
Fire hydrants
Forests

Garages
Gymnasiums
Horseback riding
Houses
Industrial facilities
Interiors
Kilns
Lodges
houses
Log ponds
Loggers
Lumbering--California-Humboldt County
Lumbering--California-Humboldt County--Maps
Lumber-yards
Machinery
Meat Industry
Mills
Offices
Parks
People
Piers and wharves
Portraits
Portraits, Group
Railroad bridges
Railroad cars
Railroad ferries
Railroad locomotives
Railroads
Redwoods
Schools
Sewerage
Ships
Steam donkeys
Storefronts
Stores & shops
Vehicles
Water tanks
Work camps

Genres and Forms of Materials

Architectural drawings
Design drawings
Manuscripts
Maps
Photographs
Postcards