
Descriptive Summary

Title: Brisbane library history collection

Dates: Approximately 1850-2005

Bulk Dates: 1900-1982

Collection number: Consult library

Collector: Brisbane Library

Collection Size: Approximately 175 items, including photographs, postcards, and printed ephemera 173 online items

Repository: Brisbane Library

Brisbane, CA 94005

Abstract: The Brisbane Library History Collection includes images of historical interest to Brisbane, San Francisco and San Mateo County. The collection includes images from the mid-1800s to the present, with the majority of the images from the 1900s to the 1980s. These images document commercial, residential and public buildings (such as Brisbane Elementary School), San Bruno Mountain, historic and annual events (notably the Fourth of July celebrations and the Western Days parade), street scenes, small town life, group and family portraits, and significant individuals. The collection illustrates the diverse nature of Brisbane residents and records the changes that have taken place in the community.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Selected digitized images from this collection.

Access

Collection open for research.

Preferred Citation

Brisbane library history collection, Brisbane Library, Brisbane, CA 94005

Acquisition Information

Collected by Brisbane Library staff and others, 1974-present

Project Information

These images were assembled from items held by the Brisbane Library History Collection, and were digitized in order to provide broader access to information about Brisbane's past. The digitization project will allow the Brisbane Library to work closely with local teachers and students and develop collaborative projects using the History Collection. Other History Collection users, such as local residents, genealogists, environmentalists, authors, filmmakers, and developers will also benefit from the wider access provided by the project.

This 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 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 about the LHDRP, see <http://www.cdlib.org/inside/projects/oac/lsta/>.

Project activities spanned from July 2007 through June 2008. Activities included digitization and cataloging of selected photographs, postcards, and other printed ephemera in the History Collection. Digital objects were created and cataloged using CONTENTdm, a digital asset management tool shared by LHDRP participants. The cataloging conforms to the CDL's Guidelines for Digital Objects specifications for descriptive and copyright metadata (see <http://www.cdlib.org/inside/diglib/guidelines/>).

Digitization was performed by Northern Micrographics using flatbed scanners. For each physical item, three digital image files were created: a TIFF master, a JPEG access image, and a GIF thumbnail image. Digital image files conform to the CDL's Guidelines for Digital Images (see <http://www.cdlib.org/inside/diglib/guidelines/bpgimages/>).

Scope and Content of Collection

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Items were selected from a larger collection held by the Brisbane Library. That collection includes approximately 5000 images, 300 negatives, books about Brisbane, tape recorded oral histories, local newspapers dating back to 1930s, local history clippings and pamphlet files, and a few artifacts. Consult the library for more information.

Indexing Terms

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

Names

Allemand family
Blair family
Blair, Linwood
Blair, Vera
Blair, Walter
Bouret-White, Claire
Gomez, Dolores
Hosking, Richard
Leese family
Martin, John
Miller, Anja
Mozzetti, Charles
Radoff, Dorothy
Thilmany, Christina
Zeitelmann family

Places

Brisbane (Calif.)
South San Francisco (Calif.)
Brisbane (Calif.)
San Francisco (Calif.)
San Mateo County (Calif.)

Topics

Automobile service stations--1930-1960
Blair's Rangers
Boat and Ship Industry--1900-1920
Brisbane Western Days Parade
Building dedications
City and town life--California
Cityscapes--California--Brisbane
Civil defense--California--San Mateo County
Drum and bugle corps
Fourth of July celebrations
Hotels--California
Libraries--California
Military personnel--1910-1920

Military personnel--1940-1950
Motion picture theaters
Natural disasters--California
Pacific Gas and Electric Company--History
Parades--California
Parties
Patriotic societies
Politicians
Protest movements
Public utility companies--1900-1910
Railroads--California--1900-1910
School children
Schools--California--San Mateo County
Scouts and scouting
Teachers--California
Telephone--directories
Volunteers
World War, 1914-1918--California
World War, 1939-1945--California

Genres and Forms of Material

Books--1940-1950
Manuscripts
Maps--reproduction
Photographic postcards--1910-1920
Photographic postcards--1930-1940
Photographic postcards--1940-1950
Photographic prints--1940-1950
Photographic prints--1850-1860
Photographic prints--1900-1910
Photographic prints--1910-1920
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