

Guide to the Southern California Oil Fields Aerial Photographs

WA Photos 1306



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: WA Photos 1306

TITLE: Southern California oil fields aerial photographs

DATES: 1928-1980s

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 13.19 linear feet (21 boxes)

LANGUAGE: Captions (in the negative) and envelope annotations in English.

SUMMARY: 163 glass plate negatives of aerial photographs of oil fields in southern California by unidentified photographers, 1928-1931. Photographs were taken to locate and record existing oil well properties. Identified locations include Bakersfield, Fellows, Goleta, Kern Front Oil Field, Kettleman Hills, Lompoc, McKittrick, Midway-Sunset Oil Field, San Joaquin, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, and Santa Paula. Circa 100 photographic prints (circa 1940s-1980s) and film negatives showing the same or similar views are also present. Included is a 5 1/4-inch floppy disk. Original envelopes for glass plates are included in the collection.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps, Inc. on the William Robertson Coe Fund No. 3, 2016.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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Processing Information

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These materials have been arranged and described according to national and local standards. For more information, please refer to the Beinecke Manuscript Unit Processing Manual.

Each glass plate negative is housed with a preservation photocopy of its original envelope. Most envelopes include notes on scale, tilt, and other relevant information. Original envelopes are housed separately.

Broken slides are housed separately.

Scope and Contents

163 glass plate negatives of aerial photographs of oil fields in southern California by various photographers, 1928-1931.

Photographs were taken to locate and record existing oil well properties. Identified locations include Bakersfield, Fellows, Goleta, Kern Front Oil Field, Kettleman Hills, Lompoc, McKittrick, Midway-Sunset Oil Field, San Joaquin, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, and Santa Paula.

Circa 100 photographic prints (circa 1940s-1980s) and film negatives showing the same or similar views are also present.

Included is a 5 1/4-inch floppy disk.

Original envelopes for glass plates are included in the collection.

Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Glass Plate Negatives, 1928-1931. II. Photographic Prints and Film Negatives, circa 1940s-1980s. III. Computer Media, circa 1976-1982.

Collection Contents

Series I: Glass Plate Negatives, 1928-1931

Series I contains 163 glass plate negatives of aerial photographs of oil fields in southern California.

Identified locations include Bakersfield, Fellows, Goleta, Kern Front Oil Field, Kettleman Hills, Lompoc, McKittrick, Midway-Sunset Oil Field, San Joaquin, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, and Santa Paula.

Numbers in parentheses following each location indicate the number of negatives present.

Series I is arranged alphabetically by identified location.

b. 1-3	Bakersfield (38)
b. 3	Fellows-Taft (2)
b. 3	Goleta (4)
b. 9	Kern Front Oil Field (5)
b. 4-5, 13-15	Kettleman Hills (28)
b. 6-8, 16	Lompoc (32)
b. 8	McKittrick (12)
b. 9	Midway-Sunset Oil Field (10)
b. 10	San Joaquin Valley (13)
b. 11, 16	Santa Ana (8)
b. 11	Santa Clara (1)
b. 16	Santa Paula (1)
b. 12	Other (9)
b. 20	Original envelopes

Series II: Photographic Prints and Film Negatives, circa 1940s-1980s

Series II contains circa 100 black-and-white and color photographic prints showing aerial views of California.

Multiple prints appear to have been made from the glass plate negatives in the collection.

Series II is not arranged.

b. 17, 18
(Oversize)

Photographs

Series III: Computer Media, circa 1976-1982

Series III contains one unlabeled floppy disk.

b. 19

5¼-inch floppy disk
2017-wa-0042_001
1 Floppy Disk

circa 1976-1982

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Genres / Formats

Aerial photographs
Born digital
Floppy disks
Glass negatives
Photographic prints
Photographs

Subjects

Mines and mineral resources -- California
Oil fields -- California -- Pictorial works
Oil wells -- California

Geographic Names

Bakersfield (Calif.) -- Pictorial works
California, Southern -- Pictorial works
California -- Pictorial works
Fellows (Calif.) -- Pictorial works
Goleta (Calif.) -- Pictorial works
Kettleman Hills (Calif.) -- Pictorial works
Lompoc (Calif.) -- Pictorial works
San Joaquin Valley (Calif.) -- Pictorial works
Santa Ana (Calif.) -- Pictorial works
Santa Clara (Calif.) -- Pictorial works
Santa Paula (Calif.) -- Pictorial works

Acquired From

Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps, Inc.,
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