

## **H.D. Gibbins Collection, ca. 1890-1910**

### **P-041**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** H.D. Gibbins Collection

**Dates:** ca. 1890-1910

**Collection Number:** P-041

**Creator/Collector:**

**Extent:** 2.5 linear feet (Boxes: letter, ½ letter, 5 x 7)

**Repository:** Seaver Center for Western History Research, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

**Finding Aids:** A series level finding aid is available.

**System of Arrangement:** Arranged alphabetically by location.

**Location:** Seaver Center Repository

**Abstract:** Views of Southern California communities particularly Los Angeles, the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Valleys, Santa Catalina Island, and coastal cities. Photographer's first name not known; last name is dubious. ("H.D. Gibbins Photos" appears on several of the photographs, but it is not known whether the photographer himself identified them or if another person did so. Captions in the same penmanship appear on all of the photographs, many of them misspelled.) The original gift consisted of glass negatives; prints were subsequently produced from most of the negatives by the History Division.

**Language of Material:** English

### **Access**

Research is by appointment only.

### **Publication Rights**

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### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Biography/Administrative History**

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## **Scope and Content of Collection**

The collection is divided into both subject and geographical headings assigned by former History Department curators and archivists. The geographical headings include: Los Angeles city center; Los Angeles neighborhoods; Los Angeles County; and California cities and counties. Subject headings under Los Angeles County include but are not limited to Beaches and Piers; Cliffs, Mountains, Rock Formations; Parks and Lakes; Streets and Neighborhoods; and Sports and Recreations. Other subject headings include cities located outside of Los Angeles County, such as Chino, Colton, Highland, Redlands, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Santa Ana. Within these large sections are smaller categories that focus on the history, landscape, built environment, and development of Southern California and the Southwest from approximately 1890-1910.

## **Indexing Terms**

Adobe houses--California--Photographs  
Agriculture--California--Photographs  
Animals--California--Photographs  
Architecture--California--Photographs  
Beaches--California--Photographs  
California  
California--History--Photographs  
California, Southern  
Churches--California--Photographs  
Cityscapes—California—Photographs  
Cliffs--California--Photographs  
Courthouses--California--Photographs  
Cities and towns--California—Photographs  
Hotels--California--Photographs  
Industries--California--Photographs  
Landscape--United States—Photographs  
Los Angeles, California  
Los Angeles (Calif.)--History--19th century--Photographs  
Los Angeles (Calif.)--History--20th century--Photographs  
Los Angeles County (Calif.)  
Missions--California—Photographs  
Parades--California--Photographs  
Parks--California--Photographs

Piers--California--Photographs  
Plants--California--Photographs  
Photographs  
Recreation—California--Photographs  
Restaurants--California  
Rock formations--California--Photographs  
Streets--California--Photographs  
Vehicles--California--Photographs  
Veterans--California--Photographs

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## **Series 1: Los Angeles County**

### **Scope and Content:**

The series is divided into subject headings ranging from the history, landscape, built environment, and development of Los Angeles County from approximately 1890-1910. Includes images of the Sawtelle Veterans' Home (now the site of the Veterans' Administration Hospital in West Los Angeles); Sugar Loaf Rock at Santa Catalina Island (razed in 1929); Haystack Rock at Point Fermin in San Pedro (likely Sentinel Rock) as well as Deadman's Island near San Pedro (dredged in 1928); various views of the San Gabriel Mountains including the resorts and railroads; and various attractions at the Venice-of-America amusement pier.

### **Subseries 1:           Animals**

P-041-0005   Seal Rocks, Catalina Island, California  
P-041-0006   Seals Playing At Catalina Island, California  
P-041-0044   Pigeon Farm, Los Angeles  
P-041-0121   Pasadena, Calif., Ostrich Farm  
P-041-0074   Gulls At Redondo Beach, Calif.  
P-041-0059   Mt. Lowe Burros

### **Subseries 2:           Beaches and Piers**

P-041-0119   Catalina Island, Avalon From Sugar Loa  
P-041-0133   Catalina Island, Calif., Avalon Bay  
P-041-0016   Long Beach, Calif., Bathing Beach  
P-041-0017   Long Beach, Calif. - Pier  
P-041-0018   Long Beach, Calif. - Pier  
P-041-0019   Long Beach, Calif. - Store & Majestic Skating Rink

P-041-0135 Catalina Island, Calif. Banning Beach

**Subseries 3: Churches, Missions, Cemeteries**

P-041-0033 Los Angeles, Calif., First Methodist-Episcopal Church 6th & Hill Streets.

P-041-0046 Los Angeles, Calif., Plaza Mission

P-041-0048 Los Angeles, Calif., Rosedale Cemetery

P-041-0088 San Gabriel - Mission

P-041-0089 San Gabriel - Mission - Bells

P-041-0125 San Gabriel Valley, Calif. Mission San Gabriel

**Subseries 4: Cliffs, Mountains, Rock Formations**

P-041-0060 Mt. Lowe, CA, Cable Road

P-041-0062 Mt. Lowe, Calif., Granite Gate

P-041-0063 Mt. Lowe Railroad

P-041-0064 Mt. Lowe Railroad

P-041-0091 San Pedro, Calif., Breakers

P-041-0092 San Pedro, Calif. - Cliff

P-041-0093 Deadman's Island, San Pedro, California

P-041-0094 California Haystack Rock, San Pedro, California

P-041-0095 San Pedro, Cal., Hay Stack Rock

P-041-0096 Shell Hunting, San Pedro, California

P-041-0107 Santa Monica, Cliff At Santa Monica, Calif.

P-041-0126 San Gabriel Mountains, Rubio Canyon

P-041-0134 Catalina Island, Calif., Sugar Loaf

**Subseries 5: Hotels, Businesses, Government Buildings**

P-041-0025 Los Angeles, Calif., Court House

P-041-0040 Los Angeles, Calif., Maier & Zobelein Brewery Aliso Street.

P-041-0050 Los Angeles, Trans-Continental Freight Co. (Horse-drawn moving van)

P-041-0051 Los Angeles, Troy-Van & Storage Company (Horse-drawn moving van)

P-041-0061 Mt. Lowe, Echo Mountain

P-041-0065	Mt. Lowe, Calif., Ye Alpine Tavern
P-041-0075	Hotel Redondo, Calif.
P-041-0106	Santa Monica, Calif. -- Arcadia Hotel
P-041-0117	Venice, Calif., Ship Cafe
P-041-0118	Venice, Windward Avenue
P-041-0123	Redondo, Calif., Bird's-eye View
P-041-0124	Santa Monica Bath House
P-041-0130	Pasadena, Calif., Green Hotel
P-041-0131	Pasadena, Calif., Raymond Hotel
P-041-0132	Catalina Island, Calif., Sea Beach Hotel Avalon

**Subseries 6:            Industry**

P-041-0030	Los Angeles, Edison Power Plant
P-041-0035	Los Angeles, Hauling Oil
P-041-0049	Los Angeles, Refinery Southern Refining Co.

**Subseries 7:            Parks and Lakes**

P-041-0001	Lake On Baldwin Ranch, Arcadia, California
P-041-0026	Los Angeles, Calif., Eastlake Park
P-041-0027	Los Angeles, Calif., East Lake Park
P-041-0028	Los Angeles, Calif., Palm Drive, East Lake Park
P-041-0029	Los Angeles, Calif., Winter At East Lake Park
P-041-0031	Los Angeles, Calif., Elysian Park
P-041-0032	Los Angeles, Elysian Park - New Year's Day
P-041-0037	Los Angeles, Hollenbeck Park
P-041-0038	Los Angeles, Calif., Hollenbeck Park
P-041-0039	Los Angeles, Calif., Hollenbeck Park
P-041-0045	The Plaza, Los Angeles, California
P-041-0053	Los Angeles, West Lake
P-041-0054	Los Angeles, Calif., West Lake Park
P-041-0055	Los Angeles, Calif., West Lake Park

P-041-0056 Los Angeles, Calif., Palm Drive, West Lake Park  
P-041-0070 Pomona Park  
P-041-0103 Santa Ana, Calif., Cactus Plant, Baldwin Ranch  
P-041-0104 Santa Ana, Calif., Lilies, Baldwin Ranch  
P-041-0105 Santa Ana, Calif., Palm Trees, Baldwin Ranch

**Subseries 8: Plants and Crops**

P-041-0043 Oldest Palms in Los Angeles  
P-041-0052 Los Angeles, Calif., Twin Palms, 119 College Street. James Jones Brass  
Works (1905 Directory)  
P-041-0067 Pasadena, Calif., Orange Grove  
P-041-0090 San Gabriel - Orange Grove

**Subseries 9: Residences**

P-041-0021 Adobe House Built in 1780, Los Angeles  
P-041-0109 Sawtelle (?), Calif., Veterans Soldiers Home  
P-041-0110 Sawtelle (?), Calif., Soldiers Home  
P-041-0111 Sawtelle, Calif., Band Kiosk, Soldiers Home  
P-041-0120 Santa Catalina Island, Avalon From Mountains  
P-041-0128 Sawtelle (?), Calif., Soldiers Home  
P-041-0034 Los Angeles, Calif., General Otis Home  
P-041-0036 Los Angeles, Calif., Hollenbeck Old Folks Home

**Subseries 10: Sports and Recreation**

P-041-0002 Fishing at Catalina Island, California  
P-041-0003 Golf Links, Avalon, Catalina Island  
P-041-0004 Jew Fish  
P-041-0022 Los Angeles, Calif., Chutes Park  
P-041-0023 Los Angeles, Calif., Chutes Park  
P-041-0024 Los Angeles, Chutes Park  
P-041-0112 Venice, Calif., Camel Rides

- P-041-0113 Venice, Calif., Camel Rides
- P-041-0114 At Venice, Calif., "Maggie"
- P-041-0115 Venice, Calif., Midway Plaisance
- P-041-0116 Venice, Calif., Midway Plaisance and Venice Lagoon

**Subseries 11: Streets and Neighborhoods**

- P-041-0007 Sumner Avenue, Avalon, Catalina Island, California
- P-041-0041 Los Angeles, Calif. Main & Spring Streets. Junction Near 10th Street.
- P-041-0042 Main Street north from 5th Street
- P-041-0047 Los Angeles, Calif., Ralphs Grocery Store North on Spring St. from 6th St.
- P-041-0057 Los Angeles, CA, 3rd Street Tunnel
- P-041-0058 Los Angeles, Calif. Looking East At 4th And Spring Street
- P-041-0068 1st and Thomas Streets, Pomona
- P-041-0069 Pomona, 2nd Street
- P-041-0127 Catalina Island, Catalina Ave., Avalon

**Subseries 12: Train Stations and Rail Yards**

- P-041-0020 Los Angeles, Calif. A.T. & Santa Fe Depot
- P-041-0108 Santa Monica, S.P. Yards At Santa Monica, Calif.
- P-041-0129 Pomona, Salt Lake Depot

**Series 2: Chino, California**

- P-041-0008 Chino Beet Sugar Factory
- P-041-0009 Chino Park
- P-041-0010 Chino Park

**Series 3: Colton, California**

- P-041-0011 Blasting Rock For Cement, Colton, California
- P-041-0012 Colton, Calif., Cement Plant

P-041-0013 Colton, Calif., Cement Plant  
P-041-0014 Colton, Calif., Lime Works

**Series 4: Highland, California**

P-041-0015 Highland, Calif., Asylum at Highland

**Series 5: Ontario, California**

P-041-0066 Ontario, Calif.

**Series 6: Redlands, California**

P-041-0071 Redlands, Calif., Mirror Lake, Smiley Heights  
P-041-0072 Redlands, Calif., Smiley Library  
P-041-0073 Redlands, Calif., Smiley's Residence  
P-041-0122 Redlands, Calif., Main Street.

**Series 7: Riverside, California**

P-041-0076 Riverside Co., Calif., Court House  
P-041-0077 Riverside, Calif., 4th of July Parade (1904)  
P-041-0078 Riverside on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 1904  
P-041-0079 Riverside on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 1904  
P-041-0080 Riverside on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 1904  
P-041-0081 Riverside, Calif. Irrigation Ditch  
P-041-0082 Lake Riverside, Calif.  
P-041-0083 Riverside, Calif. Magnolia Ave.

**Series 8: San Bernardino, California**

P-041-0084 San Bernardino, Calif. Court House  
P-041-0085 San Bernardino--San Bernardino Valley  
P-041-0086 San Bernardino, Calif. 3rd Street  
P-041-0087 San Bernardino, Calif., Urbita Springs

**Series 9: Santa Ana, California**

P-041-0097	Santa Ana, Calif., Business Street
P-041-0098	Santa Ana, Calif., Court House
P-041-0099	Santa Ana, Calif., 4th St.
P-041-0100	Santa Ana, Calif., Park
P-041-0101	Santa Ana, Calif., Park
P-041-0102	Santa Ana, Calif., Park