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Descriptive Summary

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English .

Abstract

This collection represents a series of photos of the Richmond area in April 1865 just days after the retreat of Gen. Robert E. Lee and his troops.

Creator

Brady, Mathew B., approximately 1823-1896

Creator

Gardner, Alexander, 1821-1882

Creator

Handy, Levin C. (Levin Corbin), 1855-1932

Creator

Russell, Andrew J.

Creator

L.C. Handy Studios

Extent

0.9 Linear Feet

Repository

University of Richmond

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Use

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Processing Information

The collection consists of eight files in a flat, metal edged box. Files 4 and 5 occur in succession as they are both images depicting the Haxall Flour Mills and surrounding area. File folders separate each individual picture with one oversized image located in the back of the box.

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Biographical / Historical

At the beginning of April 1865, General Robert E. Lee and his Confederate troops retreated from Richmond, leaving the city in flames. A large portion of the riverfront burned, leaving much of the Downtown area completely or nearly destroyed. Photographers arrived to the city just days after the retreat of General Lee and his troops. Alexander Gardner was one of the first photographers to arrive in Richmond. Shortly after, on April 12, Matthew Brady and his men arrived and began taking photographs as well. After Matthew Brady died in 1896, his nephew-in-law L.C. Handy inherited his studio and photographs. This collection represents nine photographs of the hundreds taken over the course of the days following Lee's retreat and the chaos that ensued.

Scope and Contents

This collection represents a series of photos of the Richmond area in April 1865 just days after the retreat of Gen. Robert E. Lee and his troops. These photos showcase the aftermath of the burning and looting of the city. The collection contains photographs taken by Andrew Russell and are from a series housed at L.C. Handy Studios. Handy was the nephew of Civil War photographer Matthew Brady. Multiple areas are shown in the photographs including: the Capital, Customs House, Haxall Flour Mills, ruins of the arsenal, Gambles Hill, State Penitentiary, Kanawha Canal, and Cary (spelled Carey) Street.

Keywords

Richmond (Va.)
James River and Kanawha Canal (Va.)
Gambles Hill
Haxall Flour Mills
Carey (Cary) Street (Richmond, Va.)
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
Richmond (Va.) -- History -- Siege, 1864-1865
Photographs
Photographers
Soldiers
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Russell, Andrew J.
L.C. Handy Studios
Virginia Penitentiary

Bibliography

Sullivan, George, and Mathew B. Brady. In the Wake of Battle: the Civil War Images of Mathew Brady / George Sullivan. Munich; Prestel, 2004.

Arrangement

This collection contains one series.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Richmond Civil War Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/5451

Unit Date 1865

The State Penitentiary, Richmond, VA

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/5443

Unit Date April, 1865

Graphic Materials 1 MS-22 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

View taken from south side of the Canal Basin, Richmond, VA, showing Capitol, Customs house, etc.

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Unit Date April, 1865

Graphic Materials 1 MS-22 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Richmond, VA. Panoramic view of burnt district

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Unit Date 1865

Graphic Materials 1 MS-22 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

The Haxall Flour Mill, ruins of Gallego Mill in distance

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Unit Date 1865

Graphic Materials 1 MS-22 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Richmond, VA. View on James River and Kanawha Canal near the Haxall Flour Mills; ruins of Gallego Mills beyond

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Unit Date 1865

Graphic Materials 1 MS-22 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

The Ruins of Richmond, VA

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Unit Date 1865

Graphic Materials 1 MS-22 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

View from Gamble's Hill, Richmond, VA

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Graphic Materials 1 MS-22 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Ruins on Carey [sic] Street, Richmond, VA

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Unit Date April, 1865

Graphic Materials 1 MS-22 (box)

Container 8 (folder)