

21. Box: Edgar Cohen: Biography and career as photographer

Folder #1: Biographical information

1. Edgar Andrew Cohen chronological life line
2. Genealogy of Edgar Cohen; listing residences and family members prepared by Pat Hathaway, 1977
3. List of living relatives of Edgar Cohen, compiled by Pat Hathaway ~ 1977
4. "History of Alameda: Edgar Cohen" p. 222, no date
5. "Albums offer a personal glimpse of Cohen family" by Dennis Evanovsky, no date
Presumably written for Oakland Heritage Alliance about two found albums of early Edgar Cohen photos. Album loaned to Paul Roberts in 2014, in his possession 2024.
6. Small piece of paper with tag that indicates it is a sample of Edgar Cohen's handwriting

Folder # 2: Early years-Marriage, Divorce, Property Dispute

1. Deed of Trust date Aug 26, 1899: Mortgage with Union Savings Bank and Edgar and Jessie Booth Cohen for property located at Lincoln and Pearl streets in Alameda, CA
2. "Did not want the Children", article from SF Chronicle Oct 23, 1902 relating divorce proceedings between Edgar A Cohen and Jessie Booth Cohen in which she stated that she did not want custody of their two children, Alfred Booth Cohen, and Beatrice Cohen.
3. Legal papers dated May 31, 1907 re: Dispute over the ownership and right to sell the property formerly owned by Edgar and Jessie Cohen, as a married couple. She claims to be sole owner with the right to sell post her divorce from Edgar in 1902. The buyer of the property is suing over whether it was a legal sale.
4. Legal papers re: Property dispute listed above
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Folder # 3: Photography Career

1. "Seeking Edgar", essay by Kate McAnaney dated March 20, 2024 outlining research on the photography career of Edgar Cohen
2. "Migration of Edgar A. Cohen's photographic collection", essay by Kate McAnaney, dated March 2024 reviewing possible scenarios of how Edgar's photographic collection of prints and glass plate negatives left Alameda

3. Letter of inquiry from Pat M. Hathaway of Pacific Grove, California requesting information about Edgar Cohen and location of prints in an effort to add to his collection of historical photos. Included is a brief family history of Edgar Cohen
4. Section of *Coasting* newspaper from Monterey, CA with an article about Pat Hathaway and his business of collecting and selling Historical Photos; dated Nov 10, 1982
5. "Monterey County Historical Society sorts through its massive collection of Pat Hathaway's photographs" by Sara Rubin, Monterey County Weekly, dated Nov 3, 2022 relating how MCHS became stewards of the Hathaway collection after his untimely death in 2020.

Folder # 4: List of Edgar Cohen's photography from various sources

1. List of locations of Edgar Cohen photographic material
2. List of Edgar Cohen photo prints owned by Cohen Bray House
3. Link to Online Archive of CA with list of Edgar Cohen material owned by Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley
4. List of Edgar Cohen prints and negatives purchased by Paul Roberts for his personal collection
5. List of prints and glass plate negatives donated to Cohen Bray House by Kate McAnaney, 2024 that she received from Norman Johnson of Monterey
6. List of Edgar Cohen prints from family photo albums owned by Alice Dingwall, scanned and shared by Marily Rimmer.

Folder #5: Complete list of Edgar Cohen negatives and prints acquired by Pat Hathaway in various years for his business of Historical Photo Collection.