

Finding Aid to the Port Chicago Debris Collection

Descriptive Summary

Title: Port Chicago Debris Collection

Date Range: 1944

Collection number: Accession 84-4

Collectors: Louis Stein and Ruth Weld

Extent: 1 box

Repository: County History Center, Contra Costa County Historical Society, 724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-229-1042

Physical location: Special Collections

Legal status: public

Information for Researchers

Access: Collection is open for research.

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Scope and Content: The collection contains one piece of twisted metal debris which is labelled as debris from the Port Chicago explosion in 1944. The collection also includes a photograph of ruined buildings from the explosion, and a copy of an article on the explosion from the Contra Costa Gazette of July 17, 1944. The piece of metal was found in the hills 1.5 miles southeast of Port Chicago. No information is provided on the source of the metal, so it is unclear how the metal was identified as being from the explosion. The photograph of damaged buildings is labelled as photo #195 and slide #53429. All three items together were part of a very large donation by CCCHS co-founder Louis Stein in 1984.

Arrangement of Materials

All three items are stored in one box.

Indexing Terms

Newspaper Clippings

Photographs

Port Chicago

Personal Names: