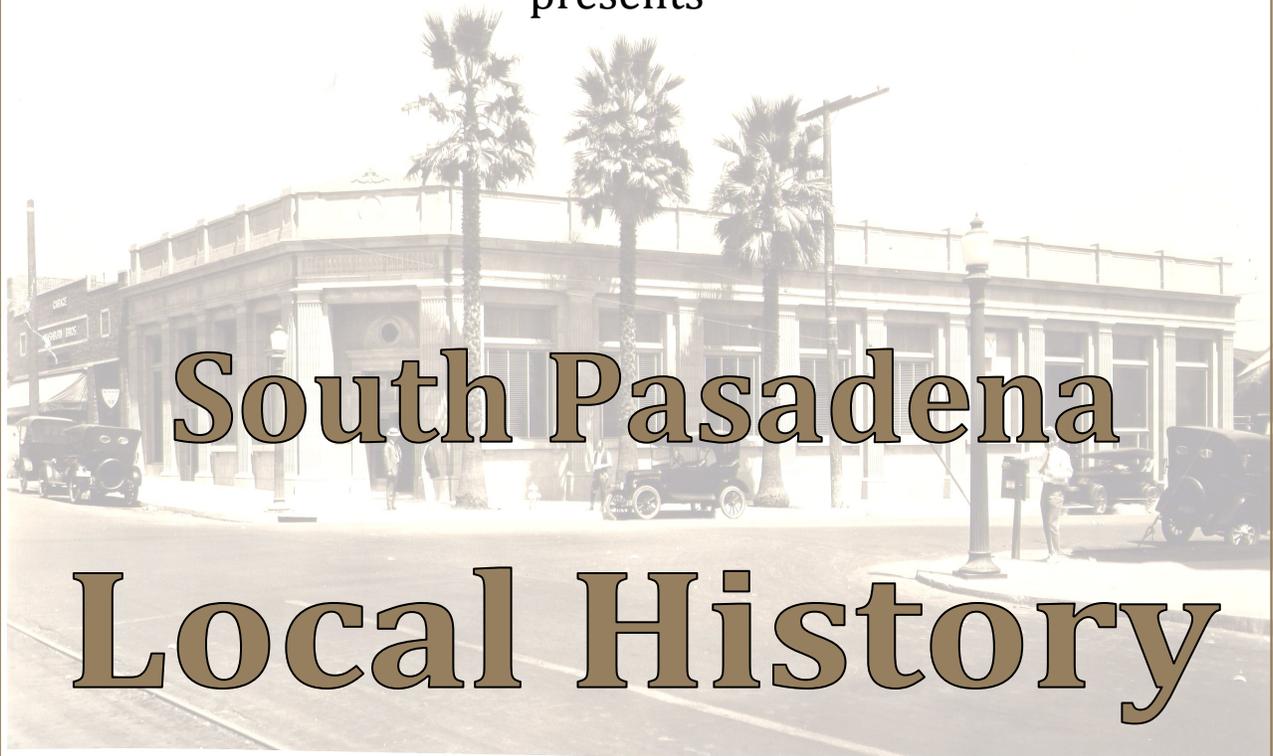


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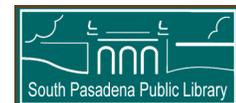


South Pasadena Local History

Collection



1100 Oxley Street
South Pasadena, CA 91030



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The Collection:

The Local History Collection collects and preserves our community's memory for current and future generations. The collection consists of a variety of materials relating to many aspects of South Pasadena history. Some major categories include:

- **Original Library Collection:** many of the materials from the South Pasadena Public Library's original book collection are preserved in this collection. All items were purchased by Nellie Keith, the City's first librarian, and bear her acquisition notations.
- **Historic Photographs:** more than 1500 photographs are included in the collection. They depict many aspects of the City including schools, businesses, people, and city events. Through the combined efforts of the Library and the Local History Digital Resources Program of the California Digital Library of the University of California, hundreds of images from the photograph collection are available via the Online Resources section of the Library's website at www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library. This project was funded in whole or in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.
- **South Pasadena Newspapers and Quarterly:** beginning in 1893 through 2010, the newspapers are recorded on microfilm and can be viewed in the library. An ongoing project to scan the microfilm to DVD will increase access as well as provide search function. Issues of the Quarterly from 1987-present are part of the collection. There is also an index of the articles in each issue.
- **Local Yearbooks:** the Collection contains South Pasadena Middle School Yearbooks from 1952-1962, Broadbent Military Academy Yearbooks from 1920-1937, and a complete set of South Pasadena High School Yearbooks from 1909-present.
- **City Records:** these materials include the City Directories from 1897-present, Building Permits from 1904-1928, Electrical Permits from 1914-1924, and Proposed and Adopted City Budgets.
- **Biographical Files:** the Collection maintains materials about the lives and accomplishments of notable residents of South Pasadena.
- **Obituaries:** obituaries published in South Pasadena Newspapers have been organized into an index to improve access.
- **Homes:** information regarding the history of many properties in South Pasadena is organized by address. Materials include building permit ledgers, historic photographs, and biographical information for the previous owners, architects, and builders.
- In addition to these categories, there are many materials relating to City Landmarks, the Library's early history, Post 140 of the American Legion, local government, Cawston Ostrich Farm, the 710 Freeway, and the Tournament of Roses. As a service to the community, the library collects and preserves these materials to increase their accessibility to the public. Due to the nature of the collection, which includes rare and unique material, it is non-circulating and can only be accessed within the library. Librarians can assist patrons in accessing and using the material. Please contact the Reference Desk at (626) 403-7350 or RDesk@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us for further information.

Donations Welcome:

Many of the materials in the Local History Collection would not be available without the thoughtful donations of private individuals. Items such as photographs, journals describing early city life, letters or postcards documenting key events, and any materials pertaining to South Pasadena properties are particularly desirable. Should you have any materials that pertain to the City's history that you would like to be considered as new additions to the Collection, please contact Chelsea Nassif, Local History Librarian, at (626) 403-7359 or cnassif@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us for further information.

Volunteer Opportunities:

There are many varied volunteer opportunities within the Local History collection. Contact Chelsea Nassif, Local History Librarian at (626) 403-7359 or cnassif@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us for further information.