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Guide to the

San Quentin execution register

1897-1937

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Summary

Creator: California State Prison at San Quentin

Title: San Quentin execution register

Date: 1897-1937

Size: .33 linear feet (2 volumes)

Abstract: Volumes record 141 capital commissions with captioned photographs of each inmate executed. Entries include annotations by prison staff recording execution number, name, height, weight, build, nationality, date executed, distance of drop for hanging, whether the execution was successful on first attempt, and a brief description of the crime committed.

Access: Advance notice required.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Capital punishment -- California -- Marin County
Executions and executioners -- California -- History
Identification photographs
Prisoners -- California -- San Quentin

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Photograph albums
Registers (lists)

Names

California State Prison at San Quentin -- History