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## **PASADENA DIGITAL HISTORY COLLABORATION**

### **THE PDHC PROVIDES YOU WITH ACCESS TO THE GREATEST COLLECTION OF DIGITIZED, HISTORICAL ARCHIVES IN PASADENA – NOW MADE EASIER WITH A REVAMPED WEBSITE AND DATABASE**

On April 21, Pasadena Digital History Collaboration will be launching a revamped website and image database for Preservation Week. Now it will be easier than ever to find the photo you're searching for among the 7,000 records that are available on the PDHC database! Our records now include Pasadena City directories, with eleven already scanned and available online. They range in years from 1881 to 1924.

They also include the records of a new organization. We are proud to announce the addition of a new contributing partner – the City of Pasadena's Planning Department. The Planning Department has added more than 400 photographs of homes throughout Pasadena with more records soon to come.

Founded by Pasadena City College Shatford Library, Pasadena Museum of History, and Pasadena Public Library, PDHC is a consortium of cultural institutions dedicated to assembling, digitizing, and making web-accessible historical documents and artifacts that represent Pasadena's heritage for the benefit of both the local community and researchers world-wide.

### **RELATED PROGRAMMING**

#### ***Capture the Memories***

**Event:** Do you have family photos that show Pasadena's past? Would you like your family to be a part of a larger history of Pasadena and share them with researchers and people specifically interested in our community? PDHC is looking for family photos of Pasadena to add to their digital collection of online historical images. Bring in your photos, and students from PCC's Digitization Skills Certificate Program will scan them on the spot and add them to the database. Participants will receive a cd with copies of their digitized images.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 20, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Location:** Orientation Room (LL-311), Shatford Library, Pasadena City College, 1570 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91106. Please note that free parking will be available that day in Lot 5 off of Bonnie Avenue.

**Reservations:** None required.

#### ***Shoebox Collections***

**Event:** View current "shoebox collections." Learn what resources are available to research your own family photos. Presented by Pasadena Public Library's Local History

Librarian Dan McLaughlin and Susie Ling, Pasadena City College Associate Professor, Social Sciences.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 pm

**Location:** Technology Learning Center, Pasadena Central Library, 285 E Walnut St, Pasadena, CA 91101

**Reservations:** Space is limited; reservations suggested. Please email dmclaughlin@cityofpasadena.net.

### ***Address Sleuths***

**Event:** Facebook users are encouraged to post a Pasadena address on the PDHC Facebook page. It can be any address – your home or a property you’ve always found fascinating. Our volunteers will then do the research for you and send back some interesting tidbit within two weeks – it could be a photo, an architectural plan, or information about past owners. Who knows what our address sleuths will uncover?

**Date & Time:** Sunday, April 21 through Saturday, April 27

**Location:** <https://www.facebook.com/pasadenadigital>

**Information:** [www.pasadenadigitalhistory.com](http://www.pasadenadigitalhistory.com) | [info@pasadenadigitalhistory.com](mailto:info@pasadenadigitalhistory.com)

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