

Theodore E. Peiser photographs, circa 1874-1905

Overview of the Collection

Photographer	Peiser, Theodore E
Title	Theodore E. Peiser photographs
Dates	circa 1874-1905 (inclusive) 1874 1905
Quantity	208 photographic prints (4 boxes plus 1 oversize folder)
Collection Number	PH0282
Summary	Photographs of the faculty and students of the Territorial University, the National Guard after six days service under martial law during the Chinese riots in Seattle, the Seattle Base Ball Club in 1886, and the Camp Lawton corrals and stables for military troops departing for the 1900 Boxer Rebellion in China
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Languages	English

Biographical Note

Theodore E. Peiser, an early pioneer photographer, was active in Washington State from the 1880s to 1907. He documented early scenes in Seattle including pioneers, a 1900 military expedition to China, and the Territorial University. Unfortunately, early during his stay in Seattle, he experienced the loss of his photographic studio and equipment in the Great Fire that swept the city in June of 1889. However, some of his photographic images did survive.

Theodore E. Peiser was born in California in 1853. Arriving in Washington State in the early 1880s, he was actively involved in the photography business in Seattle until about 1907. During his stay in Washington, he managed to capture significant scenes of the early history of Seattle and the outlying region. He also frequently photographed scenes in King County and the surrounding region such as the Port Gamble Mill, Snohomish riverfront, and Snoqualmie hop farms. His original studio on 2nd Avenue between Marion and Columbia Streets was destroyed along with his equipment and negatives in the great Fire of 1889 that swept the city's downtown district. He subsequently moved his photography

studio to a number of locations in the city: 1516 1/2 Front Street (1894), 2010 Western Avenue (1901), 2406 1/2 6th Avenue (1905), and 415 Eitel Bldg. (1906).

However, in 1907 an entry in the March 10th issue of the *Seattle Times* reflects his situation: "Broken in health, bronchitis and asthma having been left in the wake of a severe grip attack, Theo. E. Peiser, a pioneer photographer of Seattle and the city's leader in that business previous to the great fire, when he lost everything, has been brought down to actual want. There is left to him only the memories of what fortune was once his and what he might have been. Just now the only possible move, his physician tells him, that will save his life is a change of climate, and Lake County, California has been designated as the place where he should go. This will be made possible only through the sale of his photograph gallery outfit including many valuable plates, views and portraits. Among the plates are many pioneer scenes of Seattle, Peiser having come here in 1883. His is at the present time the oldest photographer in point of local service in the city. His home is at 7543 Sunnyside Avenue, this city."

Peiser's date of death is unknown.

Content Description

Photographs include documentation of the faculty and students of the Territorial University, the National Guard after six days service under martial law during the Chinese riots in Seattle, the Seattle Base Ball Club in 1886, and the Camp Lawton corrals and stables for military troops (7th Regiment, 1st Cavalry, Black American detachment - Troop C, 9th Cavalry) departing for the 1900 Boxer Rebellion in China (the "China Expedition"). Photos also depict troop ships departing from Seattle harbor (U.S.A.T. *Lawton*, Athenian, U.S.A.T. *Garonne*, U.S.A.T. *Egbert*, U.S.A.T. *Rosecrans*, U.S.A.T. *Kintuck*), 1900. Subjects also include Seattle scenes, Port Ludlow, and Port Gamble.

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