

VESTIGES of *Lands End*



Left: The Photo Gallery at Sutro Heights, ca. 1894-1900s; *Right:* The Parapet with Photo Gallery at the far left side, ca. 1894-1900s.

Photo Gallery

A one-story wooden building with a distinctive Queen Anne style tower and fishscale shingles stood at the northeast corner of the Sutro Heights Parapet. This was the Photo Gallery, built in 1894.

Here, visitors could have their tintype images taken, rent “marine glasses” to view Seal Rocks, and buy souvenir photographs and postcards of nearby attractions.

The gallery was operated by W. C. Billington and later John Billington from 1894 to the early 1900s. It continued to serve visitors into the 1920s, when the building was converted to a garage. By this time, many people owned their own cheap box camera and the days of the novelty photographer were nearly over.

The building was demolished by the Works Progress Administration in 1939.