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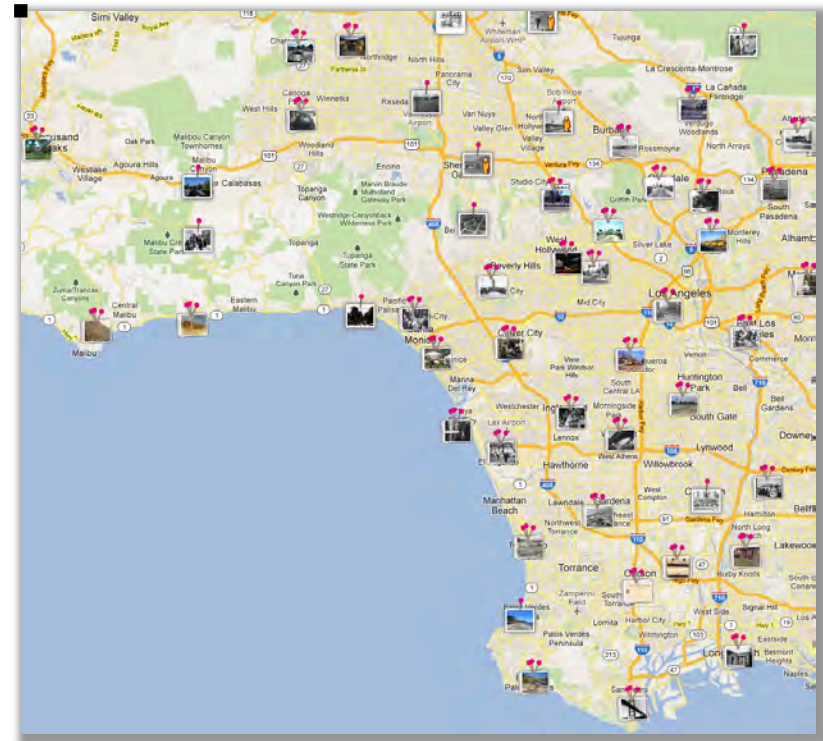
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What is **historypin**?

- Social mapping website and app that allows users to pin **images**, **video**, and **audio** clips to Google Maps
- Users include a “**story**” about each image (and other metadata) and other users can add their own stories
- Designed by non-profit **We Are What We Do** in partnership with **Google**
- Currently about **232,793 items** pinned with about **400,000 visitors** per month
- Currently **45,000** contributors and **1,110** institutions



What does **historypin** do?

- **Branded Historypin channel**
- **Pinning photos, audio, and video**
- **Overlay with Google Street View**
- **Collections**
- **Tours**
- **Participate in “Projects”**
- **Mobile app: augmented reality and Repeats**



Pepperdine University Special Collections & University Archives

Pepperdine University Special Collections & University Archives collect, organize, preserve, and make available materials with enduring historic value that can be used to support research, teaching, administrative activities, and community involvement. Materials included here focus on the pictorial historical record of Malibu and Los Angeles in Southern California.

Find out more at: library.pepperdine.edu/special-collections/

Channel Details

Channel views: 757
Fans: 5
Pins: 29
Tours: 3
Collections: 1

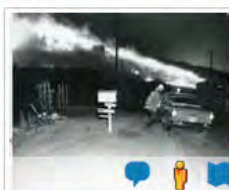
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Share:

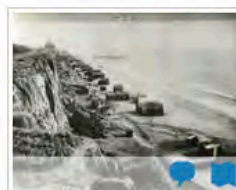
Find us on Facebook
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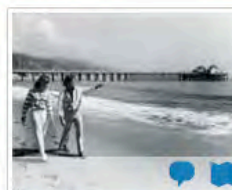
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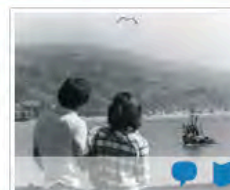
Wild fire near Zuma Canyon in central Malibu, 1956
26 December 1956
5625-5637 Busch Drive, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Malibu, CA 90265, USA
Views: 24



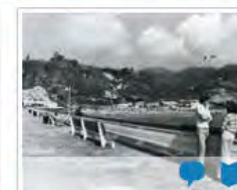
Santa Monica beach with old pier, ca. 1890
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Pacific Coast Highway, Santa Monica, CA 90401, USA
Views: 6



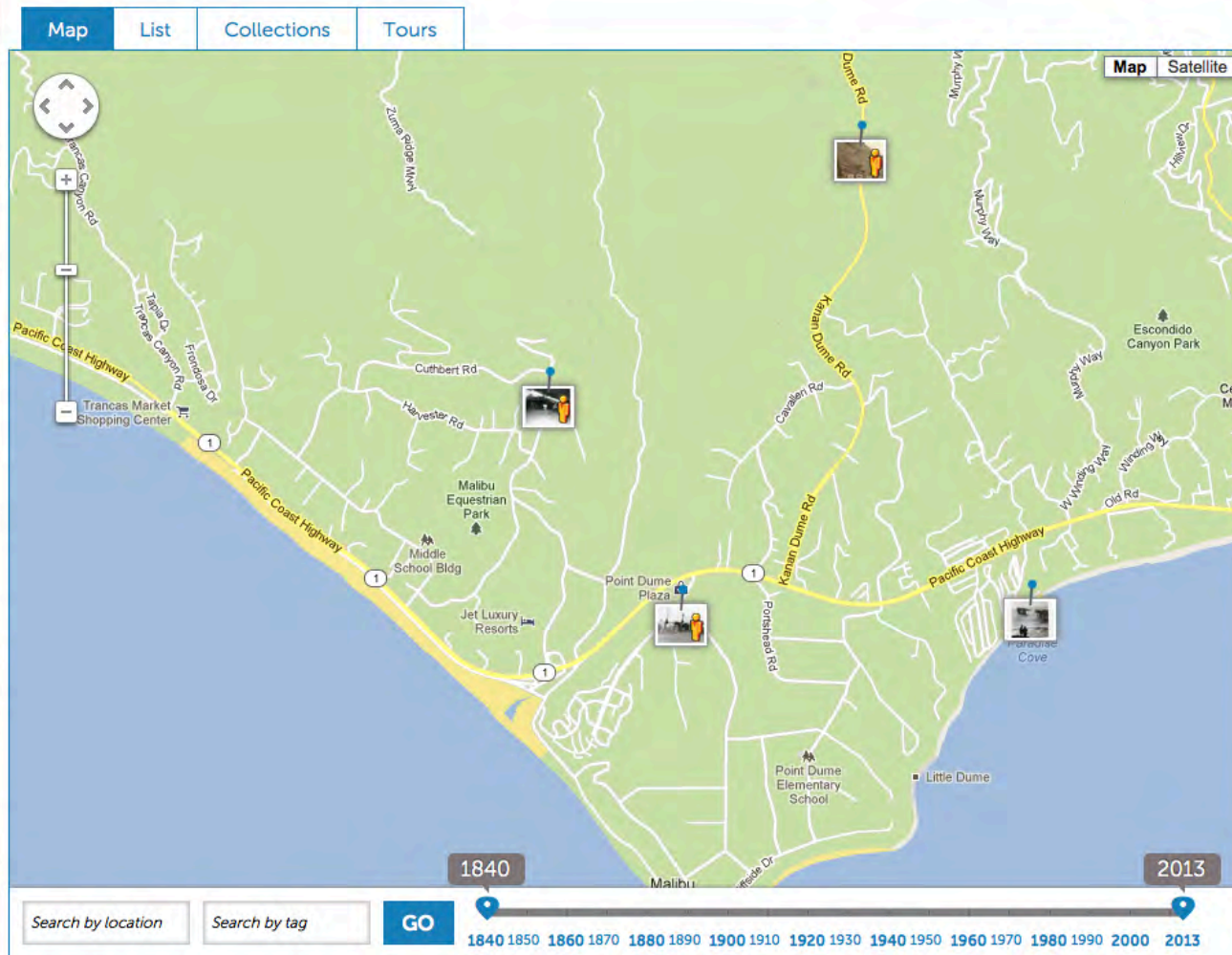
Pepperdine Students walking on Surfrider Beach
January 1979
23038 Pacific Coast Highway, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Malibu, CA 90265, USA
Views: 10



Pepperdine University students on the Malibu Pier
January 1979
23006 Pacific Coast Highway, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Malibu, CA 90265, USA
Views: 6



Pepperdine University students on the Malibu Pier
January 1979
23006 Pacific Coast Highway, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Malibu, CA 90265, USA
Views: 2



Historypin Repeats

Historypin Repeats are created using the [Historypin Smartphone App](#). They are modern replicas of your photos taken by other people or modern replicas of other person's photos taken by you.

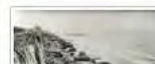


Comment Feed

Comments posted to your media by you or by other people.



A firefighter races by a squad car during an effort to contain the "Newton" wild fire that raged on December 26, 1956. The fire scorched the ... [\(read more\)](#)



A view looking south from the rim of Pacific Palisades, overlooking the original '99 Steps' which provided access to the northern portion



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California 1, Malibu
Address is approximate



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Choose stuff to add

Add something

Pin it to the map

All done

Your items:



Finish Later

Current item



Title required field

Santa Monica beach with old pier, ca. 1890

Remaining characters: 7

Description

A view looking south from the rim of Pacific Palisades, overlooking the original "99 Steps" which provided access to the northern portion of Santa Monica beach. The Hotel Arcadia, built in 1886, is visible in the distance, as is the stub of the wharf built by the Los Angeles and Independence Railroad company. This wharf was in use between 1875 and 1879, at which time it was purchased by the Southern Pacific Railroad company and partially

Tags

Beaches, Cliffs, Coastlines, Oceans, Hotels, Piers & wharves, Dwellings, Stairways

Remaining characters: 418

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Attribution

Original Link

Author/Director/Photographer

Notes

Date

? ? 1890

☐ I'm not sure



Note: To make it appear on the map you need to add both the date and the place

Without these details, your stuff will only appear on your channel. You can always add this info later.

Place

☐ I'd like to pin this to Street View

Map



Pinning a photo: metadata

historypin mobile app

- Historypin Repeat
- Walking tours



historypin



Explore our Historypin Projects and add your own memories. If you'd like to work with us to create a new Historypin Project, [get in touch](#).

Olympic memories

Have you got photos and memories from the Olympics through the ages?



Pinning The Queen's history

Have you celebrated a Royal Jubilee over the past 60 years or even seen a Royal visit?



Balboa Park

Celebrating the Centennial of the 1915-1916 Panama-California Exposition in San Diego, CA.



Me and my Chevy

Share your memories of your first cars, family holidays, road trips and more.



Amazing Grandparents

Is your Gran, Grandad, Nan or Pops awesome? Add your grandparents to our Hall of Fame.



Remember how we used to...

work, play, watch and listen, cook and clean, keep warm and celebrate. How did you used to do things?



historypin initiatives at Pepperdine

- **Pinning photos already in our digital collections (CONTENTdm)**
- **Developing tours and thematic collections**
- **Leveraging Historypin for outreach to individuals and potential partner organizations within the Malibu community**
- **Seeking out collaborative partners within the Pepperdine community (campus tours, incorporation into curriculum, student journalism, etc.)**

Special Collections and University Archives

MALIBU HISTORICAL COLLECTION

The Pepperdine University Libraries have established the Malibu Historical Collection as a repository for documents related to the history of the City of Malibu and its residents.

The goals of this collection are to collect, preserve, catalogue, and exhibit materials related to the history of this region, thus making them accessible to a global audience.

As a part of Pepperdine University's Special Collections and University Archives, the Malibu Historical Collection benefits from the department's commitment to the care and accessibility of materials through [programs and events](#), many of which have been specifically related to Malibu. The Malibu Historical Collection is a growing collection of historical materials, and we welcome [donations](#) that fit our collection scope.

The goals of the collection are:

- To tell the story of Malibu – its history, heritage, and people.
- To create a repository for papers, videos, oral histories, photos, books, and artifacts.
- To preserve the legacy and history of Malibu through the care of trained professionals.

Current collection highlights include:






- *Malibu Times* newspaper (1946-present)
- *Malibu Surfside News* newspaper (1973-present)
- [John Mazza Collection of Historic Surfboards](#) 
- Historic books related to Malibu and its residents
- [Charles Marowitz Collection of the Malibu Stage Company](#) 
- [Rindge and Adamson Family Papers](#) 
- [Webster Family Papers](#) 
- [Audio recordings of Malibu-related lectures and events](#) 
- Oral histories of long-term Malibu residents

Photo **scanning** and **pinning** projects with Malibu community members





Old coast highway looking south above Malibu
Pier compared to today's coast highway. Notice
old seacomber aquarium



Your name:

Name of person you are interviewing:

Approximate date photo was taken:

Location photo was taken:

People in the photo:

Title of the photo:

Story about the photo:

☐ I confirm that I am happy for my photographs to be shared on www.historypin.com.
All contributions will be clearly credited

[Internal use only] Session:

Activity Sheet 2: Recording the story behind a photo

Gathering information for telling the story behind a photo

Title for the photo

Date the photo was taken: If you can't find out the specific date, what year was it?

Whose photo is it?

Where was the photo taken? This needs to be as specific as possible, e.g. the address

The story of my photo

Tell me about this photo

Can you tell me more about the people or place in the photo?

What did it feel like to be there? If I was in the photo what would I hear, smell, see around me?

Is there anything else you want to add to your story about this photo?

historypin: the positives

- **New platform for discovery and interacting with images**
- **Possibility of augmented reality with mobile devices**
- **Financially feasible**
- **User friendly interface (very little learning curve for pinning)**
- **More features in development for future releases**

historypin: the negatives/unknowns

- **Works best with a certain class of images (known date, known location, usually outdoors, compatible with Google Map Streetview)**
- **Still some bugs with mobile site/History Repeats**
- **Not open source**
- **Not sure about its SEO/Search engine rankings**
- **Awareness of Historypin is still growing**

historypin: methods for measuring success

- **Workflow metrics: number of items pinned vs. staff time required**
- **Historypin measures of engagement: views, fans, repeats, stories**
- **Google analytics: click-throughs to Pepperdine University website or our digital collections**
- **Qualitative feedback from constituents and stakeholders**

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