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Guide to the San Paola Festival film, circa 1950

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Human Studies Film Archives
Title:	San Paola Festival film
Date:	circa 1950
Identifier:	HSFA.1984.05
Extent:	1 Film reel (3 minutes; black-and-white silent negative; 100 feet; 35mm)
Language:	No linguistic content; Not applicable .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from the San Paola Society in 1984.

Related Materials

The Human Studies Film Archives also holds Brooklyn San Paulino Feast, circa 1939, Brooklyn Giglio film, 1956, and I Gigli a Nola, 1923.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The collection is open for research. Please contact the archives for information on availability of access copies of audiovisual recordings. Original audiovisual material in the Human Studies Film Archives may not be played.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Scope and Contents

1 roll of 35 mm nitrate negative motion picture film of the 1950 San Paola Festival, Brooklyn, NY. Footage documents the Giglio or Feast of St. Paulinus, an Italian religious pageant of liberation which originated in Nola, Italy and was recreated in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, New York by immigrants. Giglio refers both to the ceremonial structure, a tower, and to the spectacle surrounding its transport through the streets. Footage contains shots of men carrying the tower, crowds dancing in the street around it, and spectators.

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Local Numbers

HSFA 1984.5.1

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Fasts and feasts
- Festivals
- Italian Americans

Cultures:

- Italian Americans

Types of Materials:

- silent films

Places:

- Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.)
- North America