

Brink family: 1859 to today



Past and present: Perry Brink (1830-74) and his wife Fidelia (1834-75) are shown in the photograph at left, found inside a gold locket that was once the casing for a pocket watch. The locket is part of a collection of Brink's memorabilia that belongs to Larry Brink of Arcadia, CA, the great-great-grandson of the founder of Brink's. Larry Brink, 68, active in the commercial refrigeration and air conditioning business in Southern California for more than 40 years, discovered the contents of the locket the night before a family reunion last May brought together more than 30 descendants of Perry Brink spanning five generations. They are shown below in Glendale, CA, assembled in front of a Brink's truck provided by LA Metro. The photo of Perry Brink and his wife is the only known photo of the couple. It was believed to have been taken in Chicago in 1859 as an ambrotype, a popular portrait medium of the 1850s. The process utilized a glass negative that was converted to a positive with opaque backing. A selection of other photos brought to the reunion by Brink's family members appears on pages 4-5.

