

Thaddeus R. Brooks surveying notebooks, 1863-1876 (SFH 737)

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1/1 **San Francisco street grades and survey monuments, circa 1863.**

Volume includes table with Present Official Grade in Red; streets and cross streets with measurements in feet and inches; locations of monuments. Laid in is a single folded sheet of paper which includes a map of the area bounded by Larkin, Hyde, Washington and Union streets, also with measurements noted.

1/2 **San Francisco, 1866-1867.**

Volume cover inscribed: BROOKS, possibly with address of 605 Montgomery St. Notes mention surveying work on level of Mission Bay Bridge (p. 4); Potrero & Bay View Railroad Co., with embossed seal of company on front free endpaper; contract with J. R. Myers; cost estimates for P & BV RR, p. 16, 22 31; D. Hewes, p. 25, with map of streets bounded by Brannan, King, Third and Fourth streets; grade for Rope Walk (p. 32); prices for rails, tiers, spikes (p. 45). A cross section of rail is on p. 49. Notes also mention Kearny St., Sutter St. & Central RR; B. S. Brooks grade of Perry St.; levels for Doble, p. 80; diagram Omnibus RR, p. 86. Pages at end of volume include bridge diagram; schedule (budget) for Potrero and Bay View Railroad; L. L. Robinson's opinion on estimates; draft of letter to President and Directors of P & BV RR; maps of streets bounded by Sixth, Fifth, Bluxome and Townsend streets, and of Fifth, Fourth, Jewett and Townsend; radius of ground rail of the curve of Omnibus Railroad; map of owners of lots and lot dimensions on streets bounded by Market, Mission, Seventh, Eighth.

1/3 **San Francisco, Laguna Survey, circa 1871.**

Cover inscribed: BROOKS. Front free endpaper reads: T. R. Brooks, Reese's Building, opp Bank Exch[ange]. The volume is comprised of Brooks' pencil measurements and surveys of the twenty-six 100 vara lots that were included in the Laguna Survey, work done to open and extend Green, Union, Filbert, Greenwich, Lombard, Chestnut, Polk, Van Ness avenue and Franklin streets. Entries are arranged numerically. Maps superimpose old diagonal Laguna Survey lots on new (current) grid. Left-hand pages include map and survey (with owners' names, square footage, and structures drawn and described), the 100 vara lot commercial value. Right-hand and succeeding pages identify lot number; owner(s); square footage taken for streets, and square footage left; improvements assessed, and amounts; damages.

1/4 **San Francisco and Colusa County, California, 1872-1876.**

One volume of 220 numbered pages, chiefly field notes, private surveys and street grades. Page 1 includes a Mission Dolores church and grounds plan dated July 19, 1872; page 8 includes survey notes for work for Miller & Lux, July 15, 1873; pages 5-7 and 23 detail a racetrack laid out for Wm. Ogden of Grand Island (Colusa); page 25 is a survey for Wm. P. Harrington, Jr. April 18, 1875; p. 28 details work for John Gill and drainage of streets in Colusa, June 17, 1875. Page 217 includes pasted diagram of gate poised upon a horizontal axis for a dam, and page facing 220 is a survey of Oregon Central Railroad and J. B. Stephen's barn at East Portland.

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1/5 **San Francisco and Colusa County, 1874.**

One volume's cover is blind stamped: Level 4. Front free endpaper inscribed: T. R. Brooks San Francisco. The entries describe work both in San Francisco and in Colusa County. Entries include work for J. G. Kittle March 18, 1874 on p. 2, with map/survey of Harrison St. and Rincon Place on p. 3; names and addresses of Brooks' contacts; mention of misappropriation of O & C Railroad money; a note refers to H. Casebolt and J. Casebolt, Laguna/Filbert/Octavia/Union streets, June 25, 1874. A survey of Mary McFadden property at Guerrero, Falcon and Eagle streets, San Francisco follows. The ninth leaf includes Brooks' personal bookkeeping and a list of surveying and drafting equipment paid for. Includes a note: Started for Colusa Tuesday morning Aug. 25 1874 (p. 16) Another note reads: Commenced at Richards [Colusa County]... Oct 21, 1874.

A second volume has cover blind stamped: No. 2. Covers are detached. This volume records Colusa County surveys. An early pencil entry reads: "Commenced laying out levee on Nelson McVey's land south of Richards Monday Oct. 5, 1874." Entries mention various placenames, townships and towns, including Sycamore City, Butte Slough, Grand Island township, Colusa town, Spring Valley township, Sacramento River. Other property owners include John P. Harrington, William Ogden, J. Grinnell, Stovall, John Boggs. Mentions of Peter Burke are scattered throughout; he was an Irish immigrant laborer working under Brooks. One page includes a draft for an advertisement for Brooks' Civil Engineering, Surveying & Draughting business, published in the *Colusa Sun* in January 1875.

1/6 **Trautwine's Engineers' Pocket Book, 1875.**

Front free endpaper inscribed: T. R. Brooks May 1875. This published work includes Brooks' notes and diagram following last printed page, Rule for Calculating Areas, dated May 29, 1865. A news clipping, "The Charleston's Speed," is inserted in rear pocket.