Butte County Roads Petitions and Reports MSS 323



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Collection Summary

Title

Butte County Roads Petitions and Reports **DATES:** 1850-1851; 1853-1867; 1883-1896; 1898-1908

Call Number

MSS 323

Creator

Butte County Board of Supervisors

Language of Materials

English

Extent

Items: 3 boxes, 2 oversized items Linear Feet: 1.04 linear feet

Abstract

This collection contains petitions and reports and other documents related to early Butte County roads and other transportation such as ferries and bridges.

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Information for Researchers

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research without restriction.

Usage Restrictions

No restrictions.

Publication Rights

The library can only claim physical ownership of the collection. Users are responsible for satisfying any claimants of literary property.

Alternate Form of Material

No other forms of material.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Joan McDougal and Ruby Swartzlow

Processing Information

Processed by: Rachel Lilia Arteaga, February 22, 2011 Encoded by: Rachel Lilia Arteaga, February 28, 2011

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Online Catalog Headings

These and related materials may be found under the following headings in online catalogs.

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Butte County (Calif.). – Court of Sessions
Butte County (Calif.). – Board of Supervisors
Butte County (Calif.) – History.
Butte County (Calif.) – Transportation.
Roads – California – Butte County – History.
Roads – California – Butte County – Maps.
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Related Collections

No related collections.

Biographical/Historical Note

Starting in 1850 the Butte County Court of Sessions held local jurisdiction over county government business, acting like a board of supervisors. Butte County public road matters fell under the jurisdiction of the Court of Sessions. In 1855 the Butte County Board of Supervisors was created leaving the Court of Sessions to deal with only certain criminal matters. Therefore after 1854 the records of this collection are addressed and labeled as the Butte County Board of Supervisors not the Court of Sessions. In 1863 the Court of Sessions was abolished.

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Scope and Content/Collection Overview

This collection deals primarily with road petitions and reports during the years 1850 through 1908. There are several years missing including all of the 1870's. Document types include but are not limited to road and ferry petitions, surveyors reports, hand drawn maps of roads, field notes, bridge and road plans, and public notices. The general geographic region covered by the collection is Butte County and neighboring cities and towns. These cities, towns, and geographic areas include but are not limited to: Adams Town, Bangor, Bidwell Bar, Burt's Ferry, Butte Mills, Cherokee Flat, Chico, Diamondville, Dogtown, Feather River, Forbes Town, Hamilton, Helltown, Honcut, Inskip, Jackson's Ford, Johnson's Bridge, Leonard's Ferry, Lynchburg, Marysville, McConnell's Ferry, Morris Ravine, New Philadelphia, Oregon Gulch, Oroville, Placer City, Sacramento River, Sewell's Ranch, Spanish Town, Stringtown, Table Mountain, Thomson Flat, Yankee Hill, Yuba City, Wyandote.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically by date filed if the date is available.

Material Cataloged Separately

No material cataloged separately.

Detailed Description of the Collection

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Box 1 Undated: 1850 – May 1857 (12 Folders)
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Folder 1: Undated (includes maps, bridge plans, and undated documents)

Folder 2: 1850-1851 (includes ferry petitions)

Folder 3: 1853 **Folder 4:** 1854

Folder 5: January – April, 1855

Folder 6: May, 1855

Folder 7: June – July, 1855

Folder 8: August – December, 1855 **Folder 9:** January – April, 1856

Folder 10: May – June, 1856

Folder 11: July – December, 1856

Folder 12: January – May 1857

Box 2 June 1857 – 1885 (9 Folders)

Folder 1: June – December, 1857

Folder 2: January – June, 1858

Folder 3: July – December, 1858

Folder 4: 1859

Folder 5: 1860

Folder 6: 1861

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Folder 7: 1862 - 1867

Folder 8: 1880 - 1881, 1883 (includes bridge plan for unknown bridge)

Folder 9: 1884 - 1885

Box 3 1886 – 1908 (5 Folders)

Folder 1: 1886 - 1888

Folder 2: 1889

Folder 3: 1890-1892 (includes correspondence between F. J. Williams and John

A. Roebling's Sons Co. concerning an order of wire rope)

Folder 4: 1893 -1894, 1896, 1898 – 1899

Folder 5: 1900 – 1908

Oversized items (filed in the oversized manuscript cabinet)

Item 1: Map of roads on both sides of Feather River north of Honcut Creek

Item 2: Map of road from Hamilton House to Dogtown and Butte Mills

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