

Finding Aid to the County Government Records Collection

Descriptive Summary

Title: County Government Records Collection

Date Range: 1850-1920's

Collection number: 1984.4

Repository: County History Center, Contra Costa County Historical Society, 724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-229-1042

Abstract: These are records of the government officials of Contra Costa County, including records of the Board of Supervisors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, County Hospital, and other miscellaneous items collected by Louis A. Stein.

Legal status: public

Information for Researchers

Access: Collection is open for research.

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Scope and Content: There is a wide variety of material ranging from ledgers to individual papers concerning several departments in county government. Generally the date range begins about 1850s to the early 1900s. The collection is a fragment of the overall possible collection. The majority of the records of the Board of Supervisors are located at county administration building, 651 Pine Street, Martinez, CA. Each individual agency may have more records in their own collection.

Arrangement of Materials: Below is a listing of some of the items in the collection.

Board of Supervisors

- Roads, 12 folders
- Petitions, 1854-1878
- Sinking Fund Rec 1858-61

County Clerk

- Fee Book, 1855-1856

Hospital Records

- Admission and Discharges, 1929-1947
- List of Aged Persons, 1892-1907
- Register of Patients and Inmates, 1908-1933
- Registers, 1894-1914
- Surgery Records, 1912-1941

Tax Collector

Current Accounts, 1878-1892
Delinquent Tax Records, 1854-1855
Execution Book, 1893-1898
Road District Tax Books, 1877-1878, 1889-1890, 1881, 1886, 1889, 1890-1892, 1892
Road Fund Book (Districts 1, 2, & 3), 1870-1872
Tax Suits, 1852, 1865-66
Tax Cases, c 1866-1885

Treasurer

Treasurer's Statements, file folders in 1 box
Ledgers 1850-1920, 1940
Warrant Books, 1857-1870, 1864-1874
Receipt Books, 1911-1922
Cash Books 1892-1924, non-inclusive

Miscellaneous Items: These items are arranged in file folders in boxes.

Public Official Documents: These are arranged alphabetically by subject in file folders in 8 boxes.
The majority of the materials are handwritten.

Coroners Inquests
Abstracts (Chain of Title)
Richmond Municipal Water District Bonds
Bonds (Sureties), arranged by surname
Insanity claims, arranged by surname

Miscellaneous Items (Leshner Room)

Census, 1852, 1860, 1870 (clippings), 1990
Great Register, 1884, 1898
Voter Registry, 1914
Native American Index, 1852
County Sheriff's mug shots, 1901-02, 1907-08, 1917-18, 1923
Sheriff's criminal photobook, 1895-1906

Indexing Terms: Treasurer, County Supervisor, Tax, Roads, Sheriff