

Los Gatos Library Local History Collection

Finding aid for

Historic Property Research Collection

Date range: ca. 1881 - present

Bulk dates: ca. 1900/2010

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Summary Information:

Creator: Los Gatos Library

Extent: 30 linear feet (16 boxes; 7 binders; 109 books)

Abstract: The Historic Property Research Collection, located in the Los Gatos Library Local History Room, contains official documents, photographs, handwritten notes, books, and other documentation of historic properties within and around the Town of Los Gatos. Folders in Boxes are organized by street, and then by address of residence. This collection is useful for carrying out property research, or for the purpose of remodeling historic buildings.

Call number: Historic Property Research Collection

Language: English

Acquisition Information: The Los Gatos Library acquired these papers over the course of several decades, with each item being of differing provenance. Not all provenance is known. The majority of the items contained in the Historic Property Research Collection were acquired through donation or public research. The Los Gatos Historic Resources Inventories of 1941 and 1991 were contracted by the Town of Los Gatos. The Street Improvement Contracts and Property Assessments were official Town documents, now in the public domain. Authors or agencies who produced any books published outside of public domain hold copyright to those items.

Access Restrictions: The collection is open to research.

Copyright: Copyright remains with the Los Gatos Library. Some items are in the public domain.

Cite as: [item], folder, box, Historic Property Research Collection, Los Gatos Library Local History Collection.

Background Information:

The Historic Property Research Collection is an assortment of items that have been retrieved from a large Vertical File compiled by Library staff and volunteers, books, photocopies, city directories, telephone directories, and official Town documents that have been held by the Library since their original purchase or creation.

Scope and Content:

The Historic Property Research Collection is divided into several series. Boxes 1-13 contain folders separated by street name, with the documents inside folders placed in ascending order of street address. These folders come from a former Vertical File, and may include photographs, photocopies, hand written notes, real estate pamphlets, typed documents, or items printed from the internet.

The Los Gatos Historic Resources Inventories of 1941 and 1991 were produced by Anne Bloomfield of San Francisco. They include copies of the original assessments of historic properties and structures within the Town of Los Gatos.

Street Improvement Contracts and Property Assessments are original documents from 1883 – 1916 and are stored in archival boxes.

As it Was by Doris Rankin is a book describing life, important residents, and buildings in the Town of Los Gatos from before 1965. An index of addresses mentioned is kept in the front of the book.

Historic Homes Tour Programs are a series of pamphlets produced between 1995 – 2018 for local walking tours, each highlighting several historic homes throughout Los Gatos.

City Directories include 60 books which hold the directories of all residents and businesses of the Town of Los Gatos from 1881 – 1974. Polk City Directories comprise the time span of 1881 – 1974.

Subjects:

- Los Gatos (Calif.)
- Los Gatos (Calif.)--History
- Structures
- Residences
- Property Assessments

Contents listing:

Folder # Description

BOX 1

Historic Property Research Collection

1	Preservation Guidelines
2	Los Gatos Museum Survey
3	Bellringer I 1976-77; Bellringer II 1987
4	Historic Preservation Committee
5	Neighborhoods

BOX 2

Historic Property Research Collection

1	Adobes of Los Gatos
2	Streets
3	Almond Grove
4	Cleland College District
5	Edelen District
6	Fairview Plaza District
7	Glen Ridge District

- 8 Harding – Mediterranean District
- 9 Johnson – LG Blvd
- 10 Lyndon Subdivision District

BOX 3
Historic Property Research Collection

- 1 Almendra Ave
- 2 Alpine Ave
- 3 Ashler Ave
- 4 Austin Corners
- 5 Bachman Ave
- 6 Bancroft Ave
- 7 Bayview Ave
- 8 Bean Ave
- 9 Bella Vista Ave
- 10 Belmont Ave
- 11 Bentley Ave
- 12 Blossom Hill Road
- 13 Broadway – History – 67 Broadway
- 14 Broadway – 68-198 Broadway

BOX 4**Historic Property Research Collection**

- 1 Caldwell Ave
- 2 Camino del Cerro
- 3 Central Ave
- 4 Chestnut Ave
- 5 Cleland Ave
- 6 Clifton Ave
- 7 College Ave
- 8 Creffield Heights
- 9 Cypress Way
- 10 Dittos Lane
- 11 Edelen Ave
- 12 Ellenwood Ave
- 13 Englewood Ave
- 14 Euclid Ave
- 15 Eucalyptus Drive

BOX 5**Historic Property Research Collection**

- 1 Fairview Plaza
- 2 Farley Road
- 3 Fiesta Way

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| 4 | Ford |
| 5 | Foster Road |
| 6 | Garden Hill Drive |
| 7 | Glen Ridge Ave |
| 8 | Greenwood Lane |
| 9 | Grove Street |
| 10 | Harding Ave |
| 11 | Hernandez Ave |
| 12 | Highland Ave |

BOX 6
Historic Property Research Collection

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| 1 | Jackson Ave |
| 2 | Johnson Ave |
| 3 | Johnson Ave |
| 4 | Kimble Ave |
| 5 | Littlefield Lane |
| 6 | Loma Alta Ave |
| 7 | Loma Vista Ave |
| 8 | Los Gatos – Almaden Road |

BOX 7
Historic Property Research Collection

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| 1 | Los Gatos Blvd |
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- 2 Los Gatos Blvd
- 3 Los Gatos Blvd
- 4 Los Gatos – Saratoga Rd
- 5 Madrone Ave
- 6 Magneson Loop
- 7 East Main St
- 8 West Main St.

BOX 8
Historic Property Research Collection

- 1 Massol Ave
- 2 Miles Ave
- 3 Monterey Ave
- 4 Mozart Ave
- 5 New York Ave
- 6 Nicholson Ave
- 7 Oak Meadow Dr
- 8 Overlook Rd
- 9 Palm Ave
- 10 Pennsylvania Ave
- 11 Peralta Ave

BOX 9
Historic Property Research Collection

- 1 Quito Rd
- 2 Reservoir Rd
- 3 Roberts Rd
- 4 Rogers St
- 5 San Benito Ave
- 6 Santa Cruz Ave
- 7 Santa Cruz Hwy
- 8 Santa Rosa Dr
- 9 Shannon Rd
- 10 Spencer Ave
- 11 Spring St
- 12 Stacia St

BOX 10
Historic Property Research Collection

- 1 Tait Ave
- 2 Tait Ave
- 3 Tourney Rd
- 4 Towne Terrace
- 5 University Ave
- 6 University Ave
- 7 Villa Ave

8 Walnut St

BOX 11

Historic Property Research Collection

1 Wheeler Ave
2 Whitney Ave
3 Wilder Ave
4 Winchester Blvd
5 Wissahikkon Rd
6 Wood Rd

BOX 12

Historic Property Research Collection – Out of Area

1 Campbell
2 Guadalupe Mines
3 Monte Sereno
4 New Almaden
5 San Jose
6 Santa Cruz
7 Saratoga

BOX 13

Historic Property Research Collection – Mountain Communities

1 General Information
2 Alma

3	Boulder Creek
4	Burrell
5	Highland (Skyland)
6	Holy City
7	Laurel
8	Lexington
9	Loma Prieta
10	Patchen
11	Redwood Estates
12	Wrights Station
13	Wheeler Ave

Los Gatos Historic Resources Inventory by Anne Bloomfield (1941)

6 Binders

Los Gatos Historic Resources Inventory by Anne Bloomfield (1941)

1 Binder

Street Improvement Contracts (1893-1914)

1 Box

Property Assessments (1914-1916)

1 Box

***As it Was* by Doris Rankin (1965)**

1 Book

Historic Homes Tour Programs (1995-2018)

1 Box; 5 books

City Directories (1881 – 1974)

60 Books

Telephone Directories (1954 – 2005)

42 Books