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Archives' Images at the Oakland Museum of California

The Oakland Museum of California will be using images from the County Photographer's Collection as a part of a new permanent exhibit about Silicon Valley. This exhibit will be displayed in a mock-up of an innovator's garage, much like the garages used by the founders of Hewlett-Packard, Steve Jobs, and the founders of Google.

Images used from the County Photographer's Collection

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Scale used by the Division of Weights and Measures. See County Highlight, page 6.

The Archives is "Moving"

The Archives is "moving" to a new home within the structure of County government. Since the Archives opened in 2006 its operations have been managed by the Clerk-Recorder's Office. Starting on May 12th the Archives will be managed by the County Executive's Office. The Archives will stay in the same location at 1875 Senter Rd. San Jose, CA 95112.

The move will not affect the day to day operation of the Archives, but the website and email addresses will change. The Archives URL will still be <http://archives.sccgov.org>. However, when you visit the website, it will be embedded within the County Executives' webpage (<http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/ceo>), instead of the Clerk-Recorder's webpage (<http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/rec>).

The new email will be Archives@ceo.sccgov.org The Archivists' new email will be Trista.Raezer@ceo.sccgov.org

Mission

The mission of the Santa Clara County Archives is to collect, preserve, and make available the historical records of Santa Clara County government. The Archives' goals are to be a center for research and information about Santa Clara County and to foster an appreciation and understanding of the county's history and development.

Two Restored Maps

Two of the most valuable maps at the Archives have been conserved and restored by conservator Kathleen Orlenko. This project was made possible by a generous monetary donation from an anonymous donor last year.

The first map is the "Official Map of the County of Santa Clara California Compiled...by Order



of the Hon. Board of Supervisors, 1874-1875" and measures 38" x 57.5". There are no other known copies in existence. The map was brittle, water damaged, and stained with dust. Ms. Orlenko removed the paper map from its cloth backing, flattened and cleaned the map, and made a protective portfolio to store the map in.

The second map is of the City of Santa Clara from about 1866. It

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Archives' Images at the Oakland Museum (continued)

will include aerial photographs of IBM and photographs of County employees with computer equipment during the 1960s and 70s.

The exhibit will open mid summer. Information about the Oakland Museum of California can be found at <http://museumca.org/>. Information about the County Photographer's Collection can be found at <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt00002317/>.

Two Restored Maps (continued)

measures 42" x 47". It was in the same condition as the County map and Ms. Orlenko performed the same treatment on it.

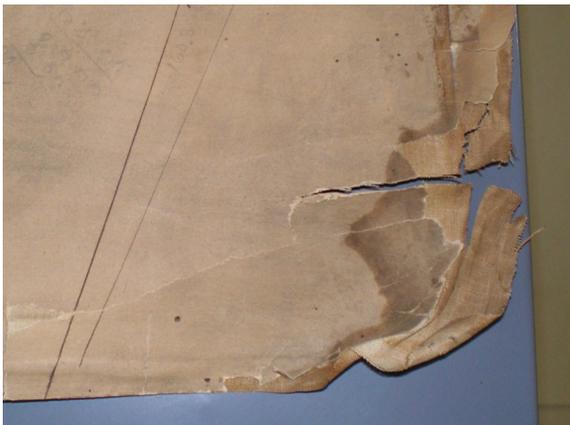
These two maps can be viewed at the Archives.



Left: County map before conservation. The right hand side has water damage.



Right: County map after conservation. (Color change is due to the camera.)

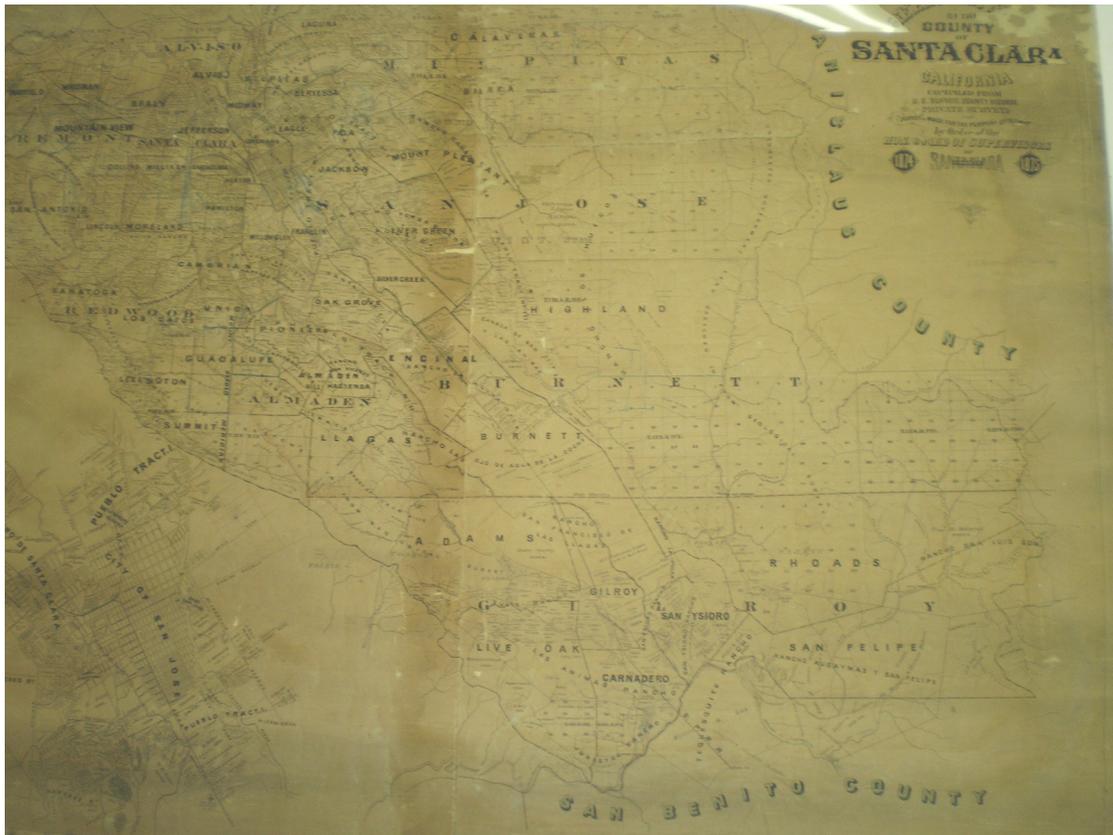


Left: City of Santa Clara map before conservation.



Right: City of Santa Clara map after conservation. All of the tears were repaired.

Two Restored Maps (continued)



“Official Map of the County of Santa Clara, 1874.” A street level view of San Jose and Santa Clara are on the lower left quadrant of the map.

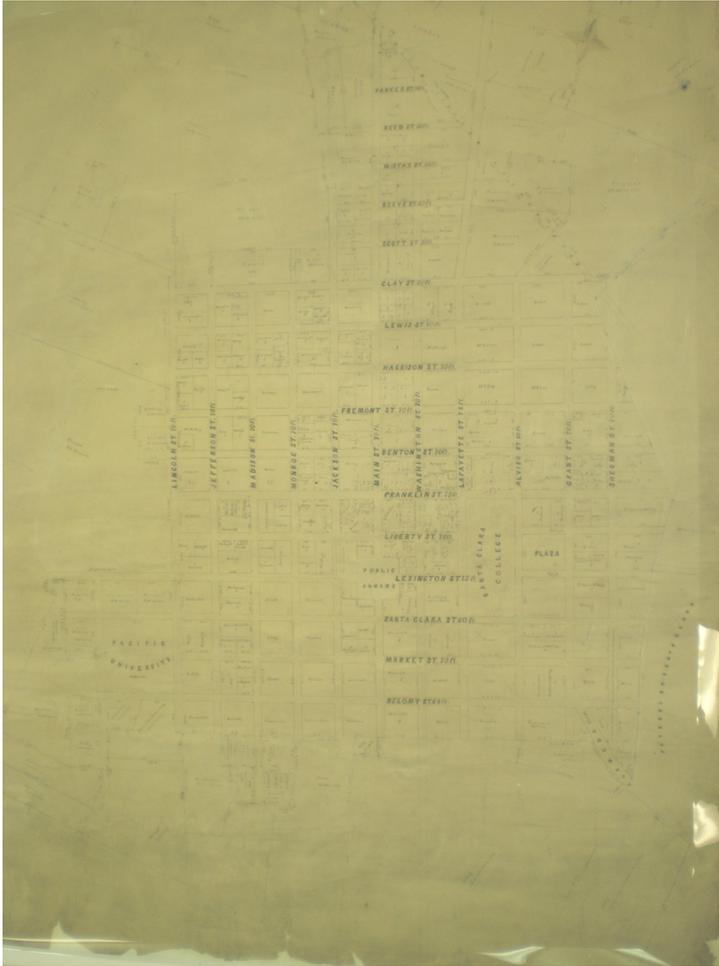


Close up view of the County map. School districts, towns, and ranchos are labeled.



Close up detail of Oak Hill Cemetery.

Two Restored Maps (continued)



City of Santa Clara, circa 1866. Hand drawn in ink and pencil.

Close up view of map showing Santa Clara College and surrounding streets.



Close up detail.

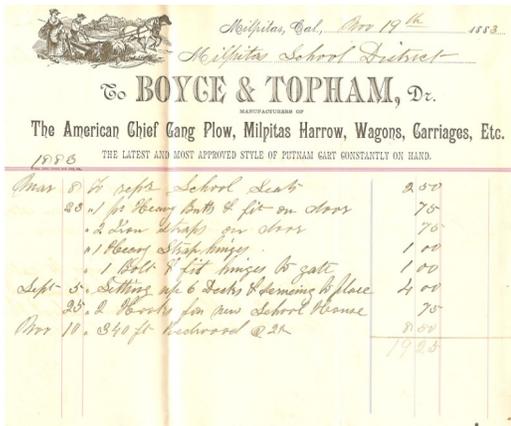
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One New Collection and one Addition to a Collection on the Online Archive of California

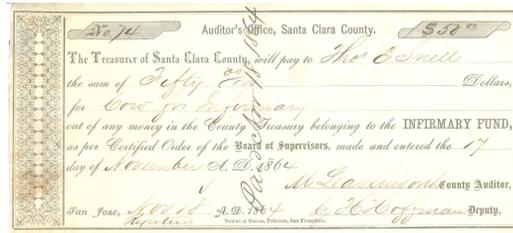
One new collection description and an updated description of a collection have been added to the Online Archive of California (<http://www.oac.cdlib.org>). The materials were donated to the Archives by the Gilroy History Museum.

The School District Records consist of orders from the County Superintendent of Schools and receipts for purchase of supplies. These records range from 1883 to 1884.

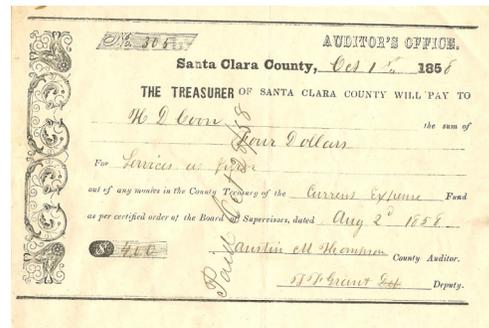
Some of the materials donated by the Gilroy History Museum fit into our existing Controller-Treasurer Records collection. These include warrants from the County Auditor and Treasurer. These new records range from 1858 to 1880.



Receipt for supplies purchased by the Milpitas School District, 1883.



Warrant for the purchase of a cow for the County Infirmarium, 1864.



Warrant from the County Treasurer to H. D. Coon for service as a juror, 1858.

Contacting the Archives

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Directions: Please see our website at <http://archives.sccgov.org>.

Our phone: 408-792-1895

NEW e-mail: Archives@ceo.sccgov.org

Hours: We are open Mondays and Wednesdays, 9am to 1pm, and by appointment on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 9am to 1pm.

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COUNTY HIGHLIGHT

Division of Weights and Measures

The Santa Clara County Division of Weights and Measures was founded in 1911 to “ensure the accuracy of commercial weighing and measuring devices, verify the quantity of both bulk and packaged commodities, and enforce the quality, advertising and labeling standards for most petroleum products.” (<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dms/>) The federal and state governments also have similar departments, but most enforcement is done at the county level. The mission of the Division of Weights and Measures is to “protect the buyer and seller in all monetary transactions using weights, measure or count.” (<http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/weights>)



Above and left: Employees showing off a display about the Division of Weights and Measures, 1961.

An employee measuring two stacks of wood and proving that the measure came up short, 1973.

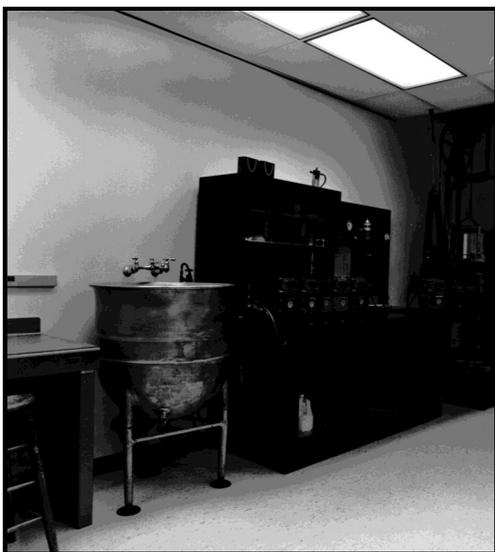


Weights and Measures employee testing gasoline at a service station, 1967.



Gasoline prices at a service station, 1972. The Division of Weights and Measures enforces accurate prices at the pump.

A Banquet fried chicken frozen dinner that was weighed to ensure that the weight on the label was accurate, 1972.



Interior of Weights and Measures' laboratory, 1974.

Deceptive packaging for Blink-N-Clean contact lenses solution, 1974.

