



Past and Present

New Display at the Archives

A new display of historical surveying materials is available at the Archives courtesy of the Mount Diablo Surveyors Historical Society. These materials tell the history of government surveying in California.

All government surveys in California are based off of three meridian points atop three peaks: Mount Diablo in Contra Costa County, Mount San Bernardino in San Bernardino

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Archives' 5 Year Anniversary Event

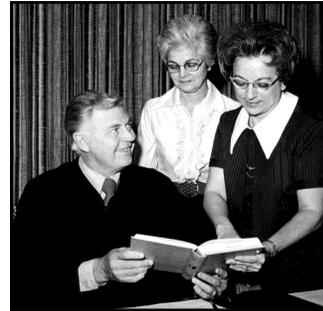
October marks the five year anniversary of the Santa Clara County Archives!

An anniversary celebration will be held on October 21st from 5pm to 7pm at the County Archives Facility. County Archivist Trista Raezer and Chair of the Board of Supervisors Dave Cortese will speak. Historical items from the Archives will be on display and light refreshments will be served. All members of the public are invited to attend. Formal invitations will be sent in the following weeks. Please RSVP by October 14th. You can contact the Archivist with any questions about the event at (408) 792-1895 or at Trista.Raezer@ceo.sccgov.org

The County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors established an Archive Policy by Policy Resolution 04-14, dated September 14, 2004. In that resolution, the Board of Supervisors recognized "the need for a formal archive policy to insure the preservation and availability for historical and evidentiary purposes of the official papers and artifacts of the County of Santa Clara." The resolution stated that it is "County policy to establish and maintain a Countywide Records Management program, utilizing the cooperation and support of County agencies and departments, and to identify it as a priority to enable the County to systematically control the creation, maintenance, and disposition of all County records, as well as provide a County archive

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Superior Court Judge James A. Wright. See County Highlight, page 4.

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.



Ribbon cutting at the Archives grand opening.

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New Display at the Archives (continued)

County, and Mount Peirce in Humboldt County. The Mount Diablo Meridian Point, established in 1851, is the point of reference for all surveying in Santa Clara County.

The display includes maps, surveyor chains, surveyor monuments, surveyor transits, and historical information. The display can be viewed during open hours.



Archives' 5 Year Anniversary Event (continued)

facility for use by the public, the County organization, and any individual or organization in need of historical and evidentiary information about the County of Santa Clara.” Space for an Archives was secured in 2004. Archivist Michael Griffith was hired in April of 2006, and the 3,500 square foot Archives opened to the public in October, 2006.

The Archives had its grand opening on October 25, 2006. Speakers included former Supervisor James T. Beall, Jr., former County Executive Pete Kutras, former Clerk-Recorder Brenda Davis, the Honorable Judge Paul Bernal, former acting chair of the County Historical Heritage Commission Karen White, and State Archivist Nancy Zimmelman Lenoil.

The Archives has grown extensively since its grand opening. The Archives now houses 42 collection of historical materials and has drawn researchers from as far away as Canada, Sweden, Michigan, New Hampshire, and Idaho. Please join us as we celebrate five years of achievements.



Speakers at the Archives' grand opening event.



The Santa Clara County Archives Committee. These individuals were instrumental in starting the Archives.

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New Volunteer Project

An exciting new volunteer project will be starting in the next few weeks at the Archives. Earlier this summer the Archives acquired the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds' collection of historical materials and photographs. This collection is quite extensive and will take time to catalog and made available to the public. The first step will be for volunteers to catalog the nearly 100,000 photographs, negatives, and slides. The photographs will also be re-housed in archival quality polypropylene sleeves.

The Archives has two groups of volunteers: students from Foothill College and retirees who gather each Thursday morning. Other volunteers from the local community are also welcome. Examples of photographs from the Fairgrounds collection are shown below. If interested in volunteering, please contact the County Archivist at (408) 792-1895 or at Trista.Raezer@ceo.sccgov.org.



Above left: the property that was purchased to be developed into the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, circa late 1930s.

Above right: display for Mobilgas at the first Santa Clara County Fair held in 1941.

Right: a child on a ride at the first Santa Clara County Fair in 1941.



Contacting the Archives

Our address: 1875 Senter Road, San Jose, CA 95112

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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Trista.Raezer@ceo.sccgov.org. (**NEW e-mail**)

COUNTY HIGHLIGHT

Superior Court

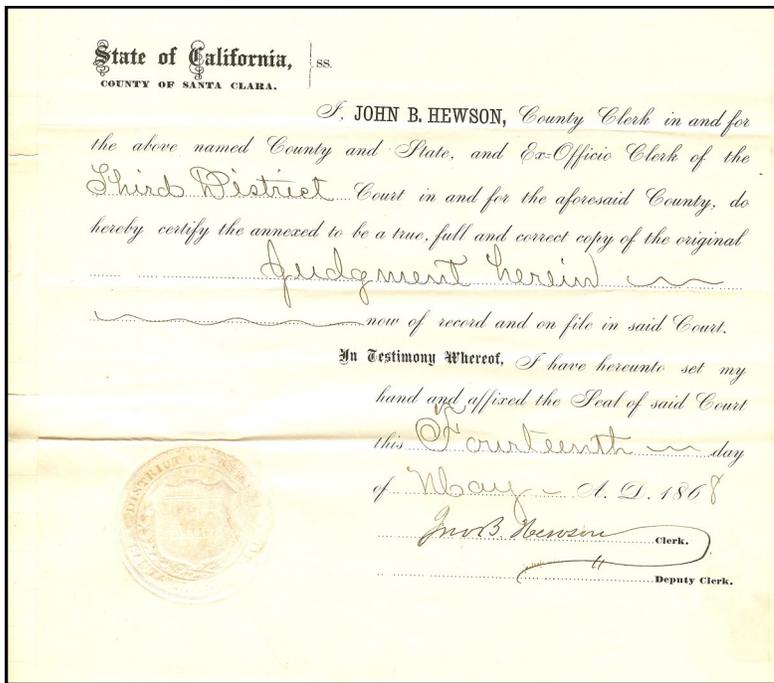
In 1849, the California state constitution established a state supreme court and nine district courts, placing Santa Clara County in the 3rd district. The County also had a county court and a justice court for each township. In 1872 the judicial districts were reorganized, putting Santa Clara County in the 20th district. In 1880 the judicial courts were abolished and the Santa Clara County Superior Court was established. The Court is comprised of the following divisions: civil, criminal, family, juvenile, probate, small claims, and traffic. More history about the Court and the Old Court House can be found at http://www.sccourt.org/general_info/contact/och_history.shtml



Above: Old Court House, circa early 1960s. It was constructed from 1866 to 1868 at the cost of \$200,000. A dome on top was destroyed by a fire in 1931.

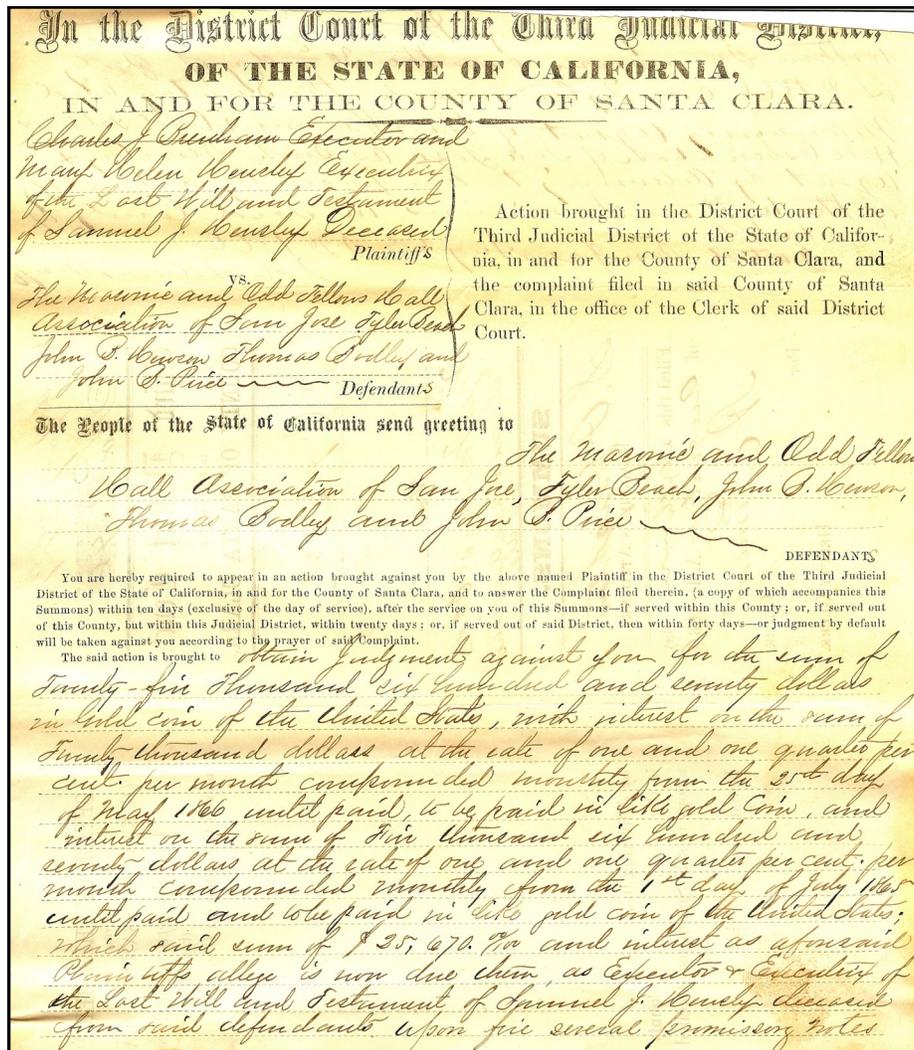
Right: Old Court House, 1974.





Civil Case
2569 in the
Third District
Court: Jose Je-
sus v. Manuel
Higuera, 1868.

Civil Case 2346 in the Third District Court: Charles J. Brenham et. al. v. Masonic and Odd Fellows Hall Association of San Jose, 1866.



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Probate Voucher from Probate Case 4773: S. R. Allen, 1901. This voucher is for the purchase of a headstone for Allen, paid for from his estate.

Criminal Case 10187 1/2, the People of California v. Steve Wade, 1894. Wade was found guilty of seducing a young women under the promise of marriage.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Justice's Court in and for the City of San Jose,
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA.

The People of the State of California,
Plaintiff
vs.
Steve Wade
Defendant

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me this day.....
Johnston Scott who, being first duly sworn,
deposes and says, that in the County of Santa Clara, State of California, on the ^{about} 13th
day of *April*, A. D. 189*4*, a ^{felony} ~~misdemeanor~~ was committed by one
Steve Wade

Defendant, as follows, to-wit: The said Defendant did
at the time and place aforesaid, wilfully ~~and~~ unlawfully ~~and~~ under a promise
of Marriage seduce and have sexual intercourse with *Zelpha Scott*, that said *Zelpha Scott* is, always has been, and was at
all times herein mentioned an unmarried female. That previous
to said sexual intercourse by said *Zelpha Scott* with defendant
said *Zelpha Scott* was of chaste character, that said act
of sexual intercourse was consented to by said *Zelpha Scott*
upon the sole consideration of said defendant's
promise to marry her the said *Zelpha Scott*
All of which is contrary to the form of the Statutes in such cases made and provided,
and against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of California.
And deponent therefore prays that a warrant may be issued for the arrest of
the said *Steve Wade*
and that he may be dealt with according to law.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this
3 day of *July*, 1895
Johnston Scott
Justice of the Peace in and for the City of San Jose.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury

State of California,
County of Santa Clara, } ss.

We, the Jury summoned to appear before

Amos O. Williams, Coroner of Santa Clara County, on the 4th day of

January, 1934, to inquire into the cause of the death of the person

over whose body we were duly sworn, and after hearing the evidence adduced, do find the deceased

to be John Maurice Holmes

A native of California

Aged 29 years 8 months 6 days

Married. Single. Widowed. Widower.

Sex male Race white Residence 1070 Blvd

Amesbury, San Jose, California

Resided in this Country All his life

Occupation Salaman

And that he came to his death at St James Park, near

McKinley Park, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California,

on the 4th day of November 1932.

From broken neck, from strangulation,

by hanging at the hands of a mob, the

members of which are unknown to this

jury; and that it is the opinion of this

jury that the Sheriff used his best judgment

in handling the situation and in attempting

to avoid the lynching of the prisoner.

All of which we certify in writing, and by us signed, this

day of January 1934

A. C. Eisenhoff Chas. W. Stone

W. C. Singletary Fred J. Kumburg

M. C. Hecop J. B. Paddock

M. R. Carlson E. C. Hammar

Emesh Logan Ralph W. Hoff

W. H. Schmidt

*PLEASE WRITE NOT USED.

Official Seal

Coroner Inquest Report for John Maurice Holmes. He was one of the two Brooke Hart kidnapers who was lynched by a mob in St. James Park in 1934. The mob broke down the doors of the County Jail to get to Holmes and his co-kidnapper Thomas Thurmond.

From Probate Case #5802: Jane Stanford's signed will. She was the co-founder of Stanford University.

p. 21 in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, set my hand and seal, in triplicate.
Jane Lathrop Stanford.

The foregoing Instrument, consisting of twenty-one pages, including this page, was on the day and date thereof, at the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, signed by the above named Jane Lathrop Stanford, and by her published and declared to be her Last Will and Testament in our presence, and we thereupon, at her request, and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, hereunto subscribe our names as subscribing witnesses, with our respective places of residence:
Montford S. Wilson, San Francisco, Cal.
John L. Horder, San Francisco.
Charles H. Lovell, Oakland, Cal.
J. J. Braker, San Francisco, Cal.