Los Angeles County Government Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Los Angeles County Government Records

Dates: 1825-1985

Collection Number: Consult repository

Creator/Collector:

Extent: Book volumes, loose serials, and boxes: legal, letter and oversize

Repository: Seaver Center for Western History Research, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

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Abstract: Los Angeles County government archival records are predominantly from the Registrar and Recorder’s Office and the Tax Collector’s Office. The holdings are incomplete. Subject matter includes court records of criminal, civil and probate cases; property and tax records including tax assessments, tax receipts, redemption of real estate certificates, land patents, deeds and mortgages; cattle brand registers and leather brand samples; mining records; voters registers and poll records; and treasurer records including journals. Significant are two large collections of incorporation records. Also there are county-issued serial publications. In English and Spanish. 1825-1985, undated. A container list is available (see also separate finding aids for court records GC-1164 and the two collections of incorporation records GC-1145 and GC-1145.1).

Language of Material: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

The government records came to the museum from various sources. Notably, records created by the Los Angeles County Registrar and Recorders Office were transferred to the museum for public research use as well as preservation. Records also came from the Tax Collector’s Office and other county agencies.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

Public records--California--Los Angeles County--Records and correspondence

Los Angeles County (Calif.). Department of Registrar-Recorder

Los Angeles County (Calif.). Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector

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