San Jose Day Nursery Records

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Descriptive Summary
Title: San Jose Day Nursery Records
Dates: 1916-2009
Collection Number: 2016-76
Creator/Collector: San Jose Day Nursery
Extent: 9.5 linear feet (17 boxes)
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Abstract: Records of the San Jose Day Nursery, including history of the organization, scrapbooks and photo albums, financial records, membership lists, roll books, employee attendance records, and Board of Directors minutes.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
The records were donated to History San Jose in 2017 by the San Jose Day Nursery.
Biography/Administrative History
The San Jose Day Nursery was organized in June, 1916, by a small group of women to meet the daycare needs of working mothers. The charter directors were Mrs. C. R. Dodge, Mrs. Josephine Rogers, Mrs. A. T. Herrmann, Miss Alice Meyers, Miss Agnes Howe, Mrs. F. G. Rupert, Mrs. W. G. Alexander, Mrs. Nellie Thompson, Miss Sarah J. Chapman, Mrs. E. A. Franzen, Mrs. Della Gallahorn, Mrs. Laura Bacon Bailey, Mrs. Mildred Eddy, Mrs. E. K. Johnson, Mrs. Lucy McClintic, Miss Emma Wiesendanger, Mrs. William E. Keith, Mrs. M. W. Kapp, Mrs. Osgood and Mrs. James Beatty. The nursery originally occupied a vacant kindergarten building on North Second Street loaned by the City Board of Education, but eventually moved to 32 North Seventh Street in 1923, and expanded next door in 1926 to North Eighth Street. Groundbreaking for the current building at 33 North Eighth Street, designed by George Kocher, was held in May 1936.
Scope and Content of Collection
Records of the San Jose Day Nursery, including history of the organization, scrapbooks and photo albums, financial records, membership lists, roll books, employee attendance records, and Board of Directors minutes. The records document the history of the organization, as it struggled to fund itself through World War I and World War II, and grew from a small collective of women to a modern daycare facility.
Indexing Terms
Day care centers
Working mothers
Poor children
Women--Societies and clubs
San Jose Day Nursery
San Jose (Calif.)
scrapbooks
photograph albums
minute books
attendance records
ledgers (account books)
membership lists

Inventory of the San Jose Day Nursery Records