Descriptive Summary

Title: William F. James Papers

Dates: 1856-1966

Collection Number: 1991-119

Creator/Collector: James, William F.

Extent: .5 linear feet

Repository: History San Jose Research Library
San Jose, California 95112

Abstract: Small collection of papers and photographs from the estate of Judge William F. James, former Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge. The papers contain his notable opinions, and materials related to the dedication of the William F. James Boys Ranch in Morgan Hill, California.

Language of Material: English

Access
The collection is open to the public for research by appointment with the Curator of Library & Archives.

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Acquisition Information
The papers were donated to the San Jose Historical Museum in 1991 by Judge James' daughter.

Biography/Administrative History
William F. James was born on October 16, 1875, to a pioneer family in San Jose. He began practicing law in 1896, forming a law firm with Louis Oneal, where he worked before and after his career as a judge. He was appointed to the Superior Court in 1933 by Governor James Rolph Jr., presiding over the Juvenile Court, and retired in 1963. He passed away from a heart attack at his home on the Stanford University campus on August 18, 1966.

Scope and Content of Collection
These papers and photographs are a very small selection focused on his notable opinions, historical real estate transactions, and ephemera and photographs from the 1957 dedication of the William F. James Boys Ranch in Morgan Hill, California, part of the Santa Clara County Probation Department. See attached inventory.

Indexing Terms
Judges
Juvenile detention homes
Juvenile courts
California. Superior Court (Santa Clara County)
William F. James Boys Ranch
Santa Clara County (Calif.)
San Jose (Calif.)
photographic prints
deeds
civil court records

Inventory of the William F. James Papers