Edwards Ranch Records

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Acquisition Information
The records were donated to History San Jose in 2017 by an Edwards family member.
Biography/Administrative History
Wilson Edwards purchased land in 1872 in what is now Evergreen, but was originally part of the Rancho Yerba Buena Secorro Mexican land grant. He settled on the land with his bride Dolly Cottle, daughter of Benjamin Cottle. Wilson Edwards was descended from Henry Williams Edwards who came to California from Illinois in 1850, arriving in San Jose in 1853. Wilson’s son Lloyd L. (1886-1976) served as president of the San Jose Production Credit Association and president of Farm Loan Cooperative, and was living on the Edwards land near Aborn Road in San Jose at the time of his death.
Scope and Content of Collection
Eleven ledgers from the Edwards Ranch in the Evergreen area of San Jose, created by Wilson L. Edwards, Lloyd L. Edwards, and Edwards-Bingham (W. L. Edwards and Isaac Bingham). Includes two Farmer-District Cooperative Agreements for Lloyd Edwards’ farmland, dated 1947, for properties at White Road and Rt. 3, San Jose. These describe the land and prescribed conservation farming programs. Also includes a small ledger containing hand-written rainfall records for 1936-1975.