Assessor's Office Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Assessor's Office records
Dates: 1912-1945
Collection number: 2006-008 and 2007-003
Creator: Santa Clara County (Calif.) Assessor's Office
Collection Size: 4 volumes and 4 oversize map books
Repository: Santa Clara County Archives.
San Jose, CA 95112-2527
Abstract: This collection contains assessment records created by the County Assessor's Office.
Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult Archives staff.
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English
Access
Collection is open for research.
Publication Rights
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Preferred Citation
Assessor's Office records, 2006-008 and 2007-003, Santa Clara County Archives.
Acquisition Information
These records were among collections transferred by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in 2006 and by the County Surveyor in 2007.
Processing Information
The material in this collection was identified and separated from the larger accessions of which it was a part. The assessment records were placed in chronological order. An index was created for the map books.
Administrative History
The Assessor's Office was established as an elected position in 1850 and remains so today. The principal duty of the assessor is to fix the value of all real and business personal property in the county as a basis for tax calculations. The assessor also grants exemptions to qualifying properties. During the nineteenth century, the assessor on occasion carried out additional tasks, including serving as superintendent of schools in the early 1850s.
Scope and Content of Collection
For the scope and content of the collection, see the descriptions of the major subdivisions.
Arrangement
The collection is divided into two major subdivisions, assessment records and school district assessment map books.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Santa Clara County (Calif.) Assessor's Office
Real property maps

Assessment records, 1912-1931
Physical Description: 4 volumes.
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of four volumes of assessment records, two volumes of the secured assessment tax roll for San Jose in 1912, one volume of delinquent assessments for 1912, and one volume of assessments of property owned by public service corporations in the county for 1931.

School district assessment maps, circa 1925-1945
Physical Description: 4 map books.
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series contains four school district assessment map books. Each volume contains maps for school districts that are, for the most part, in the same geographical area of the county. The maps are only partially identified. Some include the name of the school district, some the name of the town or city, and others have no name. The maps normally include street names and subdivision or addition names. For each parcel on a map, the owner's name is indicated, and sometimes an identifying number and/or the tax are included. Cities and towns covered include San Jose, Los Altos, Sunnyvale, Alviso, Milpitas, Campbell, and Los Gatos. At least thirty-three school districts are identified by name.

Arrangement
Each volume has been assigned an identifying letter. An index has been created, listing towns and school districts with volume and page references. This index is available at the Archives.