Finding aid for the Controller-Treasurer Records

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Controller-Treasurer records
Dates: 1858-1990
Creator: Santa Clara County Controller-Treasurer
Collection Size: 3 folders, 2 portraits, 2 framed bonds, 2 framed drawings, 1 framed print, 15 bound volumes
Repository: Santa Clara County Archives.
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Abstract: This collection consists of bonds, tax rates and tax information pamphlets, County Auditor's Office records, Tax Collector's receipts, portraits, receipt books, and a scrap book.
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
Acquisition Information
The tax pamphlets and Sunol receipts were transferred from the Planning and Development department to the Santa Clara County Archives in 2006. The Tax Collector Records were donated in 2009. The school district warrants were originally part of a donation to the Gilroy History Museum and transferred with the donor's consent to the Santa Clara County Archives in 2011. The bonds, portraits, receipt books, and scrap book were transferred from the Controller-Treasurer's Office in 2012.
Administrative History
The county treasurer was established as an elective office at the County's creation in 1850. The treasurer's duties were to collect money due the County and to appropriately disperse funds. The treasurer also served as tax collector in 1850, after which time the sheriff collected state and county taxes. The office of tax collector was officially created as an elected office in 1861. From 1876 to 1893, the treasurer served as ex-officio tax collector. The county recorder served as county auditor until 1893, although the auditor was officially a separate office after 1860. The auditor's duties were to examine the accounts maintained by the county treasurer. In 1951, the new county charter established the treasurer, as well as the tax collector and auditor, as appointed positions. In 1958, the office of controller was created to assume the responsibilities of the auditor. In 1967, the controller/treasurer office was created to consolidate the functions of the treasurer, tax collector, and auditor. Currently, the controller/treasurer is part of the County's Department of Finance.
Scope and Content of Collection
This collection consists of bonds, tax rates and tax information pamphlets, County Auditor's Office records, Tax Collector's receipts, portraits, receipt books, and a scrap book.

**Arrangement**

This collection is organized into seven series: Bonds, Tax Rates and Tax Information Pamphlets, County Auditor's Office Records, Tax Collector's Receipts, Portraits, Receipt Books, and Scrap Book. All series are arranged in chronological order.

**Indexing Terms**

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

- Bailey, D. C.
- Economics.
- Finance.
- Krumb, J.G.
- Leavenworth, M.
- McComas, Rush
- Receipts.
- de Saissett, M.
- San Jose (Calif.)
- Santa Clara County (Calif.)
- Santa Clara County (Calif.) County Auditor
- Santa Clara County (Calif.) County Treasurer
- Sunol, Dolores
- Sunol, J.
- Taxes
- Taxation--California--Santa Clara County.
- Taxes, Collection of
- Thompson, Austin M.

**Reference:**


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**Series I: Bonds, 1865-1988**

Physical Description: 12 bound volumes

- **Bonds, 1865-1908**
  - Court House, Jail, and School District Bonds, 1866-1917
  - School Register of Bonds, 1883-1900
  - Treasurers Register of Bonds, 1923-1968
  - Court House Register of Bonds, 1866-1867
  - Record of Bonds or Securities, 1951-1967
  - County Sanitation District No. 4 Bonds, 1961-1963
  - Cupertino Sanitary District, Local Improvement District No. 13 Bond Register, 1969-1985
  - Wakefield Terrace Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project Fund, 1971-1986
  - County Sanitation District No. 4, 1973-1987
  - County Clerk Trust Fund and Warrant Register, 1987-1988

**Series II: Tax Rates and Tax Information Pamphlets, 1938-1953**

Physical Description: 1 folder
Series III: **County Auditor's Office Records, 1858-1880**

- Physical Description: 1 folder
- Series Scope and Content Summary
  This series consists of warrants issued to the County Treasurer, which are grouped into two sub-series: 1) Auditor’s office payment orders per the Board of Supervisors and 2) warrants issued by the County Superintendent of Schools on behalf of the school district.

Series IV: **Tax Collector's Receipts, 1891-1893**

- Physical Description: 1 folder
- Series Scope and Content Summary
  This series contains tax receipts from the City of San Jose, Dolores and J. Sunol, and M. de Saissett. Items are arranged chronologically within series.

Series V: **Portraits, circa 1950s-1960s**

- Physical Description: 2 framed portraits
- Series Scope and Content Summary
  Portraits of County Controller John Francisco and Controller Ed Glaeser.

Series VI: **Receipt Books, 1861-1879**

- Physical Description: 2 bound books
- Series Scope and Content Summary
  This series consists of two small bound books of payment receipts.

Series VII: **Scrap Book, 1883-1955**

- Physical Description: 1 bound volume
- Series Scope and Content Summary
  This scrap book consists of newspaper clippings of articles about the Treasurer's Office. Many of these articles are listings of bonds and tax rates. The scrapbook also includes a few articles about race horses and most wanted criminals.