Descriptive Summary
Title: County Tax Assessor's Books
Dates: 1850-1904, 1913-14, 1923
Collection Number: 1984.4
Creator/Collector:
Extent: 60 linear feet
Repository: Contra Costa County Historical Society
Martinez, California 94553
Abstract: This collection consists of some 200 hard bound volumes of the property tax records of Contra Costa County. It provides detailed property holdings of all persons owning taxable property in Contra Costa County from the beginning of the county through the end of the 19th century. It also contains many maps delineating specific land holdings throughout the county from 1873.
Language of Material: English
Access
The collection is open for research.
Publication Rights
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Preferred Citation
County Tax Assessor's Books. Contra Costa County Historical Society
Scope and Content of Collection
These field books contain detailed descriptions of real, personal and other taxes collected by Contra Costa County. Some are labeled "duplicate copy". Others are labeled "Supplemental Assessment Book". Some volumes use separate empty pages within the volume to include "delinquent taxes", often for a previous year. Certain volumes are exclusively Poll Taxes; others include the Poll tax within the primary volume. All show internal evidence of being the original bound books used by the tax collector, containing notes, scribbles and marks to show that they had been copied into a final, clean assessment book. Only three final books are currently in the collection, obtained by gift in December, 2015. See Guide to Collection for more details.
Indexing Terms
tax assessment
Guide to Collection