Collection on Santa Clara County's Agricultural Past

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Collection on Santa Clara County's Agricultural Past
Dates: 1847-1952
Bulk Dates: 1890/1930
Collection number: Consult repository
Collector: San Jose Public Library
Collection Size: 200 items
Repository: San Jose Public Library
San Jose, California 95112

Abstract: These items were selected from the collections of the California Room to give an overview of life in Santa Clara County before it became known as Silicon Valley. The materials cover the years 1847-1952, with most dating to the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Materials include photographs, postcards, letters, maps, pamphlets and other ephemerae. The emphasis is on the portrayal of rural and small town life in Santa Clara County including farms, orchards, canneries, streets, transportation, education, recreation and everyday activities. Materials were chosen from the files of the California Room and the Arbuckle Research Collection.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information
Materials collected by San Jose Public Library. Consult repository for more information.

Project Information
These materials were assembled from the collections of the San Jose Public Library's California Room and digitized as part of a one-year statewide project (Local History Digital Resources Project) from July 2005 through June 2006. The project funded training in digital project management and the scanning of 200 items to form a core collection of digital objects. Project work was supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. The scanning was performed by Northern Micrographics of La Crosse Wisconsin.

Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.

Places
San Jose (Calif.)
Santa Clara County (Calif.)
Santa Clara (Calif.)
Gilroy (Calif.)
Los Gatos (Calif.)
Saratoga (Calif.)
Milpitas (Calif.)
Palo Alto (Calif.)
Campbell (Calif.)
Cupertino (Calif.)
Morgan Hill (Calif.)
Mountain View (Calif.)

**Topics**

Orchards--California--Santa Clara County
Fruit--California--Santa Clara County
Agriculture--California--Santa Clara County
Prune Industry--California--Santa Clara County
Dried Fruit--California--Santa Clara County
Fruit--Drying--California--Santa Clara County
Hotels--California--Santa Clara County
Streets-California--Santa Clara County
Trees--California--Santa Clara County
Flowering Trees--California--Santa Clara County
Street-Railroads--California--Santa Clara County
Farm Buildings--California--Santa Clara County
Cyclists--California--Santa Clara County
Railroads--California--Santa Clara County

**Genres and Forms of Materials**

Photographs
Postcards
Pamphlets
Invoices
Leaflets
Programs
Letters (Correspondence)
Proclamations
Atlases