Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education records, 1858-1937

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Overview of the Collection

Collection Title: Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education records,

Dates: 1858-1937

Identification: SCG.00036

Creator: Sonoma County (Calif.). Board of Education Sonoma County (Calif.). Superintendent of Education

Physical Description: 20 volumes

Language of Materials: English

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Abstract: This collection contains official records and reports of the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools and the Sonoma County Board of Education, including records of the Board of Examination, and the Trustees of Common Schools. Includes record primarily concerning matters such as teacher registrations, certification, training, student examination results and diplomas, etc. Also includes meeting minutes.

Biography/Organization History

1882-1880: The role of Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools was established as part of the Office of County Assessor in 1852; the chief fiscal officer held the title, "Assessor and Superintendent of Schools."

1880-1956: Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools becomes an elected position in 1879; staff grows through post-World War II years.

1956: Sonoma County Board of Education established as an independent elected body, charged with overseeing, but not directly managing education infrastructure and programs, which remained under direct management of the Superintendent; prior to 1956, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors served in the role of Board of Education.

Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE) was established as an independent agency in 1964, neither part of County nor State government systems.

Scope and Contents

Official records.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.

Organizations
Sonoma County (Calif.). Office of Education
Sonoma County (Calif.). Board of Education
Sonoma County (Calif.). Board of Examination
Sonoma County (Calif.). Trustees of Common Schools

Topics
Education -- California -- Sonoma County
Schools -- California -- Sonoma County.
Teachers -- California -- Sonoma County.

Conditions Governing Access:

Materials stored offsite, but collection is open to research. In many cases, further details on individual volumes can be found by calling staff at the Sonoma County History and Genealogy Library. To view these materials, please call staff at 707 308-3212 to request they be brought from the Archives to the Library
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Acquisition Information
Gift: County of Sonoma; acquired before 1994

Processing History
Processed by Sonoma County Library staff before 1994.

Arrangement of Materials:
Organization: arranged in seven series: I. Record book of the County Board of Examination, 1876-1934.; II. Records of the proceedings of the Board of Education for Sonoma County, beginning ...; III. Record of expiration of certificates and life diplomas, 1907-1932; IV. Minutes of Board of Education, 1858-1937; V. School district record book, 1898-1937; VI. Election of school trustees, 1874-1881; VII. Reports of the trustees of common schools, 1858-1865; and VIII. Register of requisitions . Chronological within each series, except as noted.

Scope and Contents
Official records.

SCL Special Collections Control Number: SCG.00036.Ser.I
Series I. Record book of County Board of Examination 1876-1934
Note:
Series content list:
March 1, 1876-June 14, 1901: CABINET 24) : Accession 1960
June 1902-June 1934 : Cabinet 37 : ROW 31 (CABINET 37) : Accession 2660
Physical Description:
Extent: 2 volumes
Scope and Contents
1876-1902: Many loose pages, much of book is blank
1902-1937: Loose pages in 1930 and 1934 include loyalty oaths.
Scores of tests taken by applicants for teaching positions.

SCL Special Collections Control Number: SCG.00036.Ser.II
Series II. Records of the proceedings of the Board of Education for Sonoma County beginning ... 1887-1898
Accession no: 2739
Note:
Series content list:
April 8, 1887-Jan. 4, 1898 : Cabinet 37 : ROW 31 (CABINET 37) : Accession 2739
Physical Description:
Extent: 1 volume
Scope and Contents
A newspaper article is glued to the inside front cover, loose page at 401
**SCL Special Collections Control Number:** SCG.00036.Ser.III

**Series III. Record of expiration of certificates and life diplomas 1907-1917, 1925-1932**

**Accession no:** 2690

**Note:**

Series content list:
- 1907-1917, 1925-1932 : ROW 31 (CABINET 37) : Accession 2960

**Physical Description:**
- Extent: 1 volume
- Scope and Contents
  - Teaching certificates in alphabetical and chronological order.

**SCL Special Collections Control Number:** SCG.00036.Ser.IV

**Series IV. Minutes of the Board of Education 1887-1923**

**Note:**

Series content list:
- 1887-1898 : ARCHIVES ROW 31 (CABINET 37)
- 1898-1910 : ARCHIVES ROW 31 (CABINET 36) : Minutes of Board of Education : Accession 2619

**Physical Description:**
- Extent: 3 volumes
- Scope and Contents
  - Meeting minutes from the Sonoma County Board of Education

**SCL Special Collections Control Number:** SCG.00036.Ser.V

**Series V. School district record book 1898-1937**

**Note:**

Series content list:
- 1898-1907 : ARCHIVES ROW 31 (CABINET 37) : Record book school districts : Accession 2657
- 1907-1914 : ARCHIVES CABINET 38 : Record book school districts : Accession 2811

**Physical Description:**
- Extent: 3 volumes
- Scope and Contents
  - Note: Teachers, trustees, date school opened and closed, notes when school was visited (listed by school district.)
  - 1913-1937: Many loose pages

**SCL Special Collections Control Number:** SCG.00036.Ser.VI

**Series VI. Election of school trustees 1874-1881**

**Accession no:** 2635

**Note:**

Series content list:
- June 27, 1874-June 4, 1881 : ARCHIVES ROW 31 (CABINET 36) : Accession no. 2635

**Physical Description:**
- Extent: 1 volume
- Scope and Contents
  - One school district per page
Series VII. Reports of the trustees of common schools 1858-1865

Note:
Series content list:
1858-1861: ARCHIVES ROW 31 (CABINET 36): Accession no. [????]
1860-1865: ARCHIVES ROW 31 (CABINET 36): Accession no. 2645

Physical Description:
Extent: 2 volumes
Scope and Contents
Titles varies. Lists trustees of each school district as well as funding for the district.

Series VIII. Register of requisitions 1880-1908

Note:
Series content list:
1880-1884: ARCHIVES ROW 31 (CABINET 36): Register: Accession no. 2644
1884-1886: ARCHIVES ROW 31 (CABINET 36): Register of requisitions #B: Accession no. 2645
1886: ARCHIVES ROW 31 (CABINET 36): Register of requisitions #C: Accession no. 2637
1891: ARCHIVES CABINET 24: Register: Accession no. [????]
1898-1900: ARCHIVES CABINET 13: Register: Accession no. 1543
1900-1903: ARCHIVES ROW 31 (CABINET 37): Register: Accession no. 2746
1902-1906: ARCHIVES CABINET 38: Register: Accession no. [????]
1907-1908: ARCHIVES CABINET 13: Register: Accession no. 1544

Physical Description:
Extent: 8 volumes
Scope and Contents
Titles varies. Lists trustees of each school district as well as funding for the district. Divided by type of funds; in chronological order.

[2637]: Chronological list on ledger pages. Columns titled Date, No. In whose favor, Fund, District, For, Receipted by. The "For" is "teaching." The "Fund" is "Co" and the "For" includes "Teaching," "Supplies" and "Repairs."

[2638]: Chronological lists on ledger pages. Columns titled: Date, No., District, Amount, In whose favor, Receipted by. The "For" is "teaching." The pages are entitled "State Fund."