Joe Keehn Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Joe Keehn Collection
Dates: 1886-2009
Collection Number: RG 1000 Acc 09-006
Creator/Collector: Keehn, Joe, ca. 1924-Keehn Brothers (Firm)
Extent: 1 box
Repository: Yolo County Archives
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Abstract: Various photos from the Keehn family. Location: A4.5
Language of Material: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
Joe Keehn, 2009
Biography/Administrative History
Born circa 1924, Joseph Keehn is a member of the Keehn family, who have resided and worked in Woodland for six generations. The first members of his family arrived in the US in 1865, settling in Missouri. Five brothers were trained in construction and and building, the eldest eventually making his way across the country, and convincing the rest of his family to settle in Woodland in 1891, where they started Keehn Brothers, a commercial and residential building company. Joe was the youngest of five children. He graduated from Woodland High School, joined the US Merchant Marines and did three tours of duty in the South Pacific during World War II. Upon his return he joined the family business. In 1948 he met a nurse at Woodland Clinic and married her. Joe and Florence Keehn have been married ever since and have four daughters. They have lived in the same house on College Street for 57 years and Joe has compiled thousands of photos and bits of history about Woodland and the various structures built by his family. He became a board member for the Friends of the Yolo County Archives in 1997 and participated in many annual projects such as the Stroll Through History and the Yolo County fair booth for the Friends group until 2009.
Scope and Content of Collection
Notes, brochures, pamphlets, newspaper articles and non-original photos of Yolo County events, Yolo County Historical Society events, and Friends of the Yolo County Archives events. Some research items, including: register of Yolo County funerals (1886-1896), railroad history in Yolo County, information on Yolo County agricultural products, and information on books by Yolo County authors. Memorabilia, notes, non-original photos that are of, and were used in, the 2002 Yolo County Archives fair booth. All original photos have been entered into the Yolo County Archives original photo collection. One original diploma for Marie Germeshausen was encapsulated then removed from collection and placed in area for oversized items.
Indexing Terms
Woodland (Calif.)--History--20th century