Humboldt County Collection (HCC) Map Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Humboldt County Collection (HCC) Map Collection
Dates: 1853-to date
Collection Number: 1999.15
Creator/Collector: Humboldt State University Library Special Collections staff
Extent: 420 maps in database plus approximately 10 series

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Abstract: The geographic focus of the HCC Maps Collection is Northwestern California, including towns, timber lands, railroad lines, waterways, and mines. Maps range in subject matter and purpose: coastal surveys, environmental inventories and analyses, geologic studies including earthquakes and landslides, public lands, maritime activities including shipwrecks, flood insurance and Sanborn maps, topographic and orthophotoquad maps.

Language of Material: English

Access
The collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information
Individual maps as well as sets are received from various sources.

Biography/Administrative History
Notable cartographers and map publishers include: Lentell; Doolittle; Forbes; Denny; Herrick; Belcher; Metsker; Susie Baker Fountain; Alderon Laird; Norman Smith; USGS; etc.

Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
Real property - California - Humboldt County - Maps