Descriptive Summary

**Title:** San Joaquin Valley College (Woodbridge, Calif.) Collection  
**Date:** 1884-1977  
**Collection Number:** Ms40  
**Location:** Erickson Vault  
**Extent:** 1 linear foot  
**Contributing Institution:** San Joaquin County Historical Society and Museum  
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Lodi, CA 95240  
**Language of Material:** Records written in English  
**Abstract:** The San Joaquin Valley College Collection includes founding documentation for the school, related legal opinions, and administrative records. Also included are academic catalogs and bulletins, school newspapers, and invitations and programs related to student activities and organizations. In addition, the history of the college is chronicled in newspaper clippings and published and unpublished essays and articles.

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Related Material

**Title:** Live Oak School (Lodi, Calif.) Records,  
**Date (inclusive):** 1919-1956 (Ms84)  
**Title:** Ray and Turner Schools (Lodi, Calif.) Registers,  
**Date (inclusive):** 1910-1998 (Ms83)  
**Title:** Salem-Needham School (Lodi, Calif.) Scrapbooks,  
**Date (inclusive):** 1935-1939 (Ms21)  
**Title:** San Joaquin County (Calif.) Schools Collection,  
**Date (inclusive):** 1866-1973 (Ms41)

Historical Sketch

In 1878, the Church of the Brethren in Christ established its headquarters in Woodbridge, California. One year later, it opened Woodbridge Seminary, a preparatory school, which in 1883 became San Joaquin Valley College a four-year institution. The college graduated its first class two years later and a total of approximately fifty students before closing its
doors in 1897 due to competition from better-financed institutions in the San Francisco Bay Area. Notable among its graduates was Congressman Marion DeVries, who later became U.S. Tax Collector for the Port of New York. The college's curriculum included traditional classical courses, as well as business, music, and art.

**Scope and Content**

The San Joaquin Valley College Collection consists of three series: 1. Academic and Social Activities, 2. Administrative and Legal Documentation, and 3. History and Publicity, each arranged in alphabetical order by subject or title. Material in the collection includes administrative records, legal opinions, school catalogs and bulletins, documentation of student activities and organizations, and historical essays.

**Subjects**

Lodi (Calif.)--History
San Joaquin County (Calif.)--History
San Joaquin County--Schools

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**Series 1 Academic and Social Activities 1886-1897**

Scope and Content Note

School newspapers and bulletins, commencement invitations, academic catalogs, constitution and history of a literary society, printed programs of school activities, and school colors.

- **Box 1, Folder 1** College Ensign Newspaper. 1890-1893
- **Box 1, Folder 2** Commencement Bulletin. 1892
- **Box 1, Folder 3** Commencement Bulletin. 1893
- **Box 1, Folder 4** Commencement Bulletin. 1894
- **Box 1, Folder 5** Commencement Bulletin. 1895
- **Box 1, Folder 6** Commencement Bulletin. 1896
- **Box 1, Folder 7** Commencement Invitations. 1886
- **Box 1, Folder 8** Commencement Invitations. 1887
- **Box 1, Folder 9** Commencement Invitations. 1889
- **Box 1, Folder 10** Commencement Invitations. 1891
- **Box 1, Folder 11** Commencement Invitations. 1893
- **Box 1, Folder 12** Commencement Invitations. 1894
- **Box 1, Folder 13** Commencement Invitations. 1895
- **Box 1, Folder 14** Commencement Invitations. 1897
- **Box 1, Folder 15** Philophronean Literary Society, Constitution and History. 1890
- **Box 1, Folder 16** Recital, Play, and Debate Programs. 1893-1894
- **Box 1, Folder 17** School Catalog. 1886-1887
- **Box 1, Folder 18** School Catalog. 1887-1888
- **Box 1, Folder 19** School Catalog. 1892-1893
- **Box 1, Folder 20** School Catalog. 1893-1894
- **Box 1, Folder 21** School Catalog. 1894-1895
- **Box 1, Folder 22** School Colors. 1894

**Series 2 Administrative and Legal Documentation 1878-1903**

Scope and Content Note

Founding documentation, legal opinions, trustees' minute book, student register, and receipts.

- **Box 1, Folder 23** Articles of Incorporation. 1883
- **Box 1, Folder 24** Founding Agreement. 1878
- **Box 1, Folder 25** Legal Opinions. ca. 1897
- **Box 2, Folder 1** Real Estate and Taxes. 1878-1903
- **Box 2, Folder 2** Receipts. 1890-1895
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