

Collection processed by Don Walker and Leigh Johnsen
2012San Joaquin County Historical Society
11793 North Micke Grove Road
Lodi, CA 95241
Phone: (209) 331-2055
Fax: (209) 331-2057
URL: <http://www.sanjoaquinhistory.org/>

San Joaquin Valley College (Woodbridge, Calif.) Collection, 1884-1977

Collection number: Ms40

San Joaquin County Historical Society

Processed by:

Don Walker and Leigh Johnsen

Date Completed:

2012

Encoded by:

Leigh Johnsen

2012

San Joaquin County Historical Society. All rights reserved.

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

11793 North Micke Grove Road

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 In addition, the history of the college is chronicled in newspaper clippings and published and unpublished essays and articles.

Access Information

Collection is open for research by appointment.

Conditions of Use

The library can only claim physical ownership of the collection. Users are responsible for satisfying any claimants of literary property.

Preferred citation: [Item name], San Joaquin Valley College Collection, Ms40, San Joaquin County Historical Society and Museum, Lodi, California.

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

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
Box 2, Folder 3	Student Register. 1883-1897
Box 2, Folder 4	Trustees' Minute Book. 1884-1894

Series 3 **History and Publicity 1884-1977**

Scope and Content Note

Published and unpublished historical documentation and advertising.

Box 2, Folder 5

Advertising. 1887

Box 2, Folder 6

Historical Landmark Dedication. 1956

Box 2, Folder 7

Mills, Freeman B., "History of Woods School." 1935

Box 2, Folder 8

Myers, Celia Adams, "San Joaquin Valley College," *San Joaquin Historian* 13:130-151. 1977

Box 2, Folder 9

Newspaper Clippings. 1884-1973

Box 2, Folder 10

"Woodbridge College Notes." 1912