Sonoma County highways collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Sonoma County highways collection

Dates: 1940-1976

Collection Number: Consult repository

Creator/Collector: CalTrans (California Department of Transportation)

Extent: 16 boxes

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Abstract: These right-of-way appraisal files were developed by the California Highway Commission (CalTrans) to document the right-of-way access needed to build Highway 101 through Sonoma County. Also included are some files for Highways 12, 116 and 1. Dates range from 1940s to 1970s. These files document an important milestone in the history of Sonoma County, the creation of Highway 101, which transects the county south to north. The files include appraisals, photographs of properties, comparable property reports, economic and development appraisals, correspondence, reports, and detailed maps. The photographs provide valuable historic detail of architectural styles, automobiles, gardens, and scenes of parts of Sonoma County prior to development. The appraisal notes and reports are rich with detail and commentary on economic conditions, development plans, the impact of historic events, and the diverse inhabitants of these properties.

Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research by appointment.

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Scope and Content of Collection
The materials are organized into sixteen boxes, arranged geographically by highway number, then by city/town, south to north or west to east. Boxes contain economic reports, appraisals, photographs, legal documents, maps, ownership information and correspondence. There are a total of 299 folders in the 16 boxes. The Sonoma County Highways Collection was processed, and a full inventory created, by Paula Hammett and Jayelene Lyons, February-June, 2017. An additional detailed spreadsheet describing the files relating to Highway 101 through Santa Rosa, from Baker Street to Mendocino Avenue, was created by Paula Hammett.

Indexing Terms
California Department of Transportation.
Land use – California – Sonoma County.
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