Guide to the Palo Alto Stock Farm Records SC0006

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The Palo Alto Stock Farm comprised the major farming properties of Senator Leland Stanford. The first property of the Palo Alto Stock Farm was purchased in 1876 from George Gordon; later additions increased its size to approximately 8000 acres. The Stock Farm later became the site of Stanford University. Vina Ranch, a 55,000 acre ranch, was purchased by Leland Stanford between 1881 and 1885. The Ranch was sold in 1919.
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Catalogs (auction)
Clippings.
Wine and wine making.
Horse breeders.
Horses -- Stud-books.
Maps
Journals.
Studbooks.
Registers.
Marvin, Charles
Palo Alto Winery (Calif.)
Forbes, J. Malcolm
Kellogg, Peter C.
Lathrop, Ariel
Palo Alto Stock Farm (Stanford, Calif.)
Lathrop, Charles.
Palo Alto Stock Farm (Stanford, Calif.)
Brodhead, L.
Clark, John S.
Stanford, Leland
Reynolds, O. N.
Vina Ranch (Calif.)

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Employees' board memo 1897-1901
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Record of [railroad?] tickets issued to employees, inventory, list of employees, and other information 1880s
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Geldings and foals sent to Vina 1878-1888
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Copy book, letters 1884-1885
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Verification of horses and stock on hand 1894
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Folder of materials re pedigrees and history of 6 Stanford horses

Inventory of Francisquito cottage

Farewell to manager O. N. Reynolds from employees

Pedigree charts

Thoroughbreds sold at Madison Square Garden 1899

Package of letters relating to wool at Vina 1913

Inventory PASF and Vina 1900

PASF, register of white men who have been or are employed

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Vina breeding records

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Clippings concerning the Stock Farm
San Francisco Examiner, "Palo Alto Trotters" 1891 Jan 27
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San Francisco Call, "Yearlings at Auction" 1896 Nov 13
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The Strand Magazine, "A Cemetery for horses" 1901 Dec
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San Francisco Chronicle, "Palo Alto" 1881 Nov 20
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Record Union, "An Equine Paradise" 1889 Sep 24
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The Harness Horse, article on Charles Marvin 1947 Dec 10
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California Sports, "The Heyday of the Horse" 1926 Mar
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Palo Alto Times, "Trainer visits old haunts" 1952 Nov 6

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The Horse Review, "Airplane Flight Over Palo Alto" 1928 Dec 12

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General time book 1902 Jun 1-1903 Jan 30
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Board account of men employed at Palo Alto farm 1902 Apr 1-1903 Jan
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By-laws and rules and regulations of the National Trotting Association 1892 Feb 10
Office list of entrees received to the Inaugural Louisville Prize

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Breeder and Sportsman (article about Electioneer's skeleton) 1891 Jun 17

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Record book listing stallions, geldings, broodmares, colts, and fillies, with some notes re deaths, sales, and transfer between PASF and Vina 1883-1887

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Auction Catalogue of the Trotting Stock, Bred at Palo Alto Stock Farm, Santa Clara, California, The Property of Leland Stanford 1890