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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: This collection of over 100 maps documents the State of California, but especially its southern counties. Although the maps are predominantly reproductions they also include a number of originals, with some dating back to the 1820s. Early plats and diseños document the settlement of Southern California, with an emphasis on Orange County, and provide information on land ownership, land divisions, and geographical features. Other more recent thematic maps illustrate the state’s geology, show transportation grids, and document the California coast and islands. The collection also includes a large number of contemporary city and county maps and large-scale USGS (United States Geological Survey) maps. The maps occasionally include neighboring states.

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Processing Information

Scope and Content of Collection
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Diseños are maps or plats of Spanish and Mexican land grants, which usually accompanied petitions for such grants. Plats are maps, charts or plans that show the location, boundaries, and ownership of individual properties.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged into 6 series.

Series 5. California coastal and island maps, 1852-1959. 0.7 linear ft.
Series 6. Thematic maps of California, 1855-1964. 2.3 linear ft.

Related Material
The following collections in Special Collections and Archives, contain related materials:
- MS-R01, Don Meadows Papers, Subseries 5.6, Maps
- MS-R72, Richard Egan Manuscript Maps of Orange County

Physical Description: 1.2 linear ft.

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series contains rancho and rancho-era maps of Southern California, many of them photoduplicates with some originals dating back as early as circa 1824. Most of the materials document Southern California but the series also includes one Northern California map of Pulgas Ranch (San Mateo county). The bulk of this series is reproductions and originals are indicated at the file level.

Arrangement
The maps are arranged by category, and alphabetically within each category.

Box 1 : 1, XOS 1
Box XOS 1

Maps with multiple ranchos
Map of Orange County, California, 1889.

Scope and Content Note
Original map depicting ranchos San Juan Cajon de Santa Ana, Las Bolsas and San Joaquin, Trabuco, Niguel, Boca de la Playa, Mission Viejo, Canada de los Alisos and Lomas de Santiago. Scale is listed as 60 chains per inch.
Box XOS 1  Orange County adobes, trails, ranchos, springs and other points of historic interest, 1937.
   Physical Description: Original map.

Box XOS 1  Reproductions of rancho maps, 1860-circa 1960.
   Physical Description: 5 maps.
   Scope and Content Note
   Reproductions were made circa 1950-circa 1965.

Box 1 : 1  Title Insurance and Trust Company maps, circa 1950-circa 1965.
   Physical Description: 8 maps. Original maps.

Box 1 : 2-7, XOS 2  Individual rancho and rancho-era maps
Box 1 : 2  Los Angeles County, 1858-1887.
   Physical Description: 10 maps.
   Scope and Content Note
   Reproductions of plats were made circa 1960-circa 1980. Includes maps of the following ranchos and communities: San Jose de Buenos Ayres, La Cienegas, La Brea, Cahuenga Tract, San Antonio or Rodeo de Las Aquas, San Vicente y Santa Monica, Los Felis, and Cuati.

Box 1 : 3-7, XOS 2  Orange County
Box 1 : 7  Diseño de los parages llamad[o]s S[ta]. Gertrudas, coyotes, bolsas, alamitos y sierritos, 1834.
   Physical Description: Original map.

Box 1 : 3  Plat of Los Nietos township, 1862.
   Scope and Content Note
   Reproduction, circa 1950

Box 1 : 3  Rancho Los Nietos, Bor[r]ad[a]or del Diseño de los Ranchos de Nietos circa 1834-circa 1875.
   Physical Description: Original map.

Box 1 : 4  Rancho San Joaquin, circa 1858.
   Physical Description: 4 maps.
   Scope and Content Note
   Reproductions were made circa 1960-circa 1980.

Box XOS 2  Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana, 1868-1883.
   Physical Description: 9 maps.
   Scope and Content Note
   Reproductions were made circa 1960-circa 1980.

Box 1 : 5  Other Orange County rancho maps, 1834-1875.
   Physical Description: 20 maps.
   Scope and Content Note
   Reproductions were made circa 1960-circa 1980. Includes Las Bolsas, San Juan Cajon de Santa Ana, Los Nietos, Niguel, and Boca de la Playa.

   Physical Description: Original map.
Series 2. Maps of Orange County, county and cities, 1887-1986

Physical Description: 1.1 linear ft.

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series comprises county and city maps of Orange County. Materials also include development, freeway, and road maps. The bulk of this series is original maps and reproductions are indicated at the file level.

Arrangement
Maps are arranged alphabetically within each category.

Box XOS 15-16

County maps, 1892-1986

Box XOS 15

County maps, 1912-1986.

Physical Description: 11 maps.

Box XOS 16

Maps of landmarks, bikeways, road systems, ranchos, population distribution, election, soil survey, school district, paved roads, voting precinct, and a malaria survey, 1892-1974.

Physical Description: 32 maps.

Box XOS 16

California State Board of Health map of Orange County antimalaria survey, 1922.

Physical Description: 3 maps.

Box XOS 16

Map of Orange County, showing original ranchos, 1935

Box XOS 16

Projects included in Orange County water bond issue, 1937

Box XOS 16

Proposed good road system, Orange County, California, 1912

Box XOS 16

Voting precinct map, 1931

Cities and surroundings

Box XOS 16

Commercial maps of the cities of Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Corona Del Mar, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Dana Point, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Habra, Laguna Beach, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Orange, Seal Beach, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, and Westminster, circa 1956-circa 1977.

Physical Description: 20 maps.

Box XOS 4

Development and real estate maps

Alamitos Bay Tract, 1967

Box XOS 4

Berry Rancho, 1963

Box XOS 4

Bird's eye view of McPherson, Los Angeles Co. California, circa 1900

Box XOS 4

City of Costa Mesa, 1975

Box XOS 4


Physical Description: 2 maps.

Box XOS 4

City of San Juan Capistrano, circa 1970.

Physical Description: 2 maps.

Box XOS 4

Dana Point Tract map, 1928

Box XOS 4

Gray Tract, Lotspeich and Company Tract, circa 1890

Box XOS 4

Huntington Beach Company land map, 1920

Box XOS 4

Kal-South Development, 1972

Box XOS 4

Laguna Beach, circa 1970

Box XOS 4


Physical Description: Reproduction. 2 maps.

Box 1 : 17

Map of proposed incorporated area of Costa Mesa, circa 1953

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Box XOS 4

Map of Rice's addition to Tustin, 1887.
Physical Description: 3 maps.

Box 1 : 16

Map of San Juan by the Sea, 1887
Map of the town of Earlham, circa 1890.
Physical Description: 3 maps.

Box XOS 4

Map of the town of McPherson and lands adjacent thereto, 1888.
Physical Description: 2 maps.

Box XOS 4

Orange Coast College aerial photograph, 1964
Plat of Excelsior Place, Orange, Los Angeles County, California, 1887
Record of survey of lots 11 and 12 of Berry Rancho, 1953
Record of survey of a portion of Banning Tract, 1948.
Physical Description: 2 maps.

Box XOS 4

San Clemente, circa 1970.
Physical Description: 2 maps.

Box 1 : 17

San Juan Capistrano about 1875, 1961.
Physical Description: 4 maps.

Box XOS 4

Santa Ana Army Air Base map, 1943
Subdivision map of Anapauma, 1972
Supplementary map to Rice's addition to Tustin, 1888
Town of El Modena, circa 1880
Tract map Dana Point, circa 1930
Metropolitan Map Series, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Garden Grove, 1970.
Physical Description: 15 maps.

Box XOS 5

Physical Description: 2 maps.

Box XOS 21

Road maps by the State of California Transportation Agency, Department of Public Works, of Dana Point, South Laguna, San Juan Capistrano, Mission Viejo, El Toro, El Toro Station, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Hills, Capistrano Beach, circa 1970.
Physical Description: 8 maps.

Box XOS 5

Topographic maps
Topography in vicinity of Newport Bay, 1911.
Scope and Content Note
Reproduction was made circa 1960.

Box XOS 5

Scope and Content Note
Reproduction.

Physical Description: 1.2 linear ft.

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of maps of Southern California counties and cities with emphasis on the cities and counties of Los Angeles and San Diego. The bulk of this series is original maps, reproductions are indicated at the file level.

Arrangement

The series is arranged alphabetically by city, with materials in each grouping arranged chronologically whenever possible.

Los Angeles and Long Beach

County and city maps

Carriage drive and railroad map of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, 1884

The county of Los Angeles and parts of San Bernardino and San Diego counties, 1885

Map of the city of Long Beach, circa 1900.

Physical Description: 2 maps.

Scope and Content Note

Bird’s eye view of Long Beach on verso.

Map of the County of Los Angeles, 1880.

Physical Description: 2 maps.

Map of the County of Los Angeles, 1877.

Scope and Content Note

Reproduction were made circa 1920.

Map of the County of Los Angeles and parts of San Bernardino and San Diego Counties, California, 1885.

Map showing location of Redondo Land Company, circa 1887

East Los Angeles, 1888.

Scope and Content Note

Reproduction was made circa 1950-circa 1960.

Los Angeles as it appeared in 1871, 1929.

Los Angeles city map No. 1, 1849.

Scope and Content Note

Reproduction was made circa 1920

Los Angeles Examiner’s map of San Pedro harbor and vicinity, 1904

The Los Angeles Times suburban sections, 1962.

Physical Description: 2 maps

The Maclay San Fernando Ranch, 1886

Map of Richfield farms, 1887

Map of the Town of Saint James, 1887

Map showing operated lines of Pacific Electric Railway, 1911

Motor stage map of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange and Riverside counties, circa 1920

Map of Los Angeles and Orange counties, 1914

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   Physical Description: 5 maps.
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes original and reproduction freeway, sports and recreation maps.

Box XOS 20 and XOS 22  San Diego
   County and city maps
      City of San Diego, 1914
      Map of Coronada Beach, San Diego, California, 1886
      Map of San Diego City, California, 1895
      Wadleigh's map of the city of San Diego, 1888
      Physical Description: 7 maps.

   Physical Description: 1.4 linear ft.
   Series Scope and Content Summary
   This series comprises USGS topographic maps from the 1: 24,000 through the 1: 500,000 series. The series are incomplete focusing only on Southern California locations. All the maps in this series are original.
   Arrangement
   Maps are arranged by scale then alphabetically by quadrant name. Researchers should note that quadrant names are not established to reflect cities depicted.

Box XOS 7- 9  1 : 24,000
Box XOS 7  Alberhill, 1954
      Physical Description: 3 maps.

   Physical Description: 7 maps.

Box XOS 7  Cañada Gobernadora, 1948-1968.
   Physical Description: 6 maps.

Box XOS 7  Corona South, 1954-1967.
   Physical Description: 2 maps.

Box XOS 7  Dana Point, 1948-1968.
   Physical Description: 3 maps.

Box XOS 7  El Toro, 1949-1968.
   Physical Description: 3 maps.

Box XOS 7  Laguna Beach, 1948-1965.
   Physical Description: 3 maps.

Box XOS 7  La Habra, 1950-1964.
   Physical Description: 3 maps.

Box XOS 8  Los Alamitos, 1949-1964.
   Physical Description: 2 maps.
Box XOS 8  
Newport Beach, 1949-1965.  
Physical Description: 2 maps.

Box XOS 8  
Orange, 1949-1964.  
Physical Description: 3 maps.

Box XOS 8  
Prado Dam, 1949-1967.  
Physical Description: 2 maps.

Box XOS 8  
Physical Description: 4 maps.

Box XOS 8  
San Juan Capistrano, 1948-1968.  
Physical Description: 3 maps.

Box XOS 9  
Santiago Peak, 1954  
Box XOS 9  
Seal Beach, 1949-1965.  
Physical Description: 3 maps.

Box XOS 9  
Tustin, 1948-1972.  
Physical Description: 3 maps.

Box XOS 9  
Physical Description: 3 maps.

Box XOS 9  
1 : 31,680  
Box XOS 9  
Garden Grove, 1927  
Box XOS 9  
Newport Beach, 1927  
Box XOS 9  
Orange, 1927-1935.  
Physical Description: 2 maps.

Box XOS 9  
1 : 50,000, Santiago Peak, circa 1950  
1 : 62,500  
Box XOS 11 and XOS 21  
Box 1 : 11  
Anaheim, 1901-1906.  
Physical Description: 7 maps.

Box 1 : 11  
Capistrano, 1941  
Box 1 : 11  
Las Bolsas, 1934  
Box XOS 21  
Salton Sea and Vicinity, 1928  
Box 1 : 11  
Santa Ana, 1907-1932.  
Physical Description: 8 maps.

Box 1 : 12  
1 : 125,000  
Box 1 : 12  
Capistrano 1921-1941.  
Physical Description: 2 maps

Box 1 : 12  
Corona, 1911  
Box 1 : 12  
1 : 250,000, Southern California Sheet No. 3, 1919  
Box 1 : 12  
1 : 500,000, Salton Sink, 1908.  
Physical Description: 5 maps.
Series 5. California coastal and island maps, 1852-1959

Physical Description: 0.7 linear ft.

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of various maps depicting the California coast and its adjacent islands. The series also includes United States Coast and Geodetic Survey Maps. The bulk of this series is original maps and reproductions are indicated at the file level.

Arrangement

The series is arranged topically, with materials in each topical grouping arranged chronologically whenever possible.

Box XOS 10
Coastal maps
Box XOS 10
City of San Francisco and its vicinity, 1853


Scope and Content Note
Reproduction of 1939 original.

Box 1 : 13
Monterey Harbor, circa 1852
San Francisco Peninsula, 1869
Santa Cruz and Ano Nuevo, 1854

Western Coast of the United States, 1853.

Physical Description: 2 maps.

Scope and Content Note
Original and a reproduction made circa 1950.

Box 1 : 13, XOS 10 and XOS 18
Island maps
Box 1 : 13, XOS 10
Catalina Island

Catalina Harbor, 1852.

Physical Description: 2 maps.

Box XOS 10
Map of Santa Catalina Island, undated
Santa Catalina Island and San Pedro Channel, 1866
San Clemente Island, undated
Santa Rosa Island, 1938


Physical Description: 15 maps.

Scope and Content Note
Includes Anacapa, San Clemente, San Miguel, Santa Barbara, Santa Catalina islands along with Cuyler Harbor, Point Dume, San Diego and Santa Cruz Channel.

Series 6. Thematic California maps, 1855-1964

Physical Description: 2.3 linear ft.

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of California maps and include geologic, historic, and contemporary California state maps. The bulk of this series is original maps, reproductions are indicated on the file level.

Arrangement

The series is arranged topically, with materials in each topical grouping arranged chronologically whenever possible.

Box XOS 6
Geological map of the State of California, 1916

General state maps
Maps produced before 1800

- California as an island, 1666.
  Scope and Content Note
  Reproduction was made circa 1950-circa 1960.

- Carte de la Californie, 1757.
  Scope and Content Note
  Reproduction was made circa 1950-circa 1960. Published by Levée par la Société des Jesuites, 1757.

- Cette carte de Californie et du Nouveau Mexique, 1705.
  Scope and Content Note
  Reproduction was made circa 1950-circa 1960.

- Map of California, 1757.
  Scope and Content Note
  Reproduction was made circa 1950-circa 1960. Published in Noticia de la California, 1757.

- Le Nouveau Mexique et la Floride, 1656.
  Scope and Content Note
  Reproduction was made circa 1950-circa 1960.

- Passage par terre a La Californie, 1701.
  Scope and Content Note
  Reproduction was made circa 1950-circa 1960.

Maps produced 1800-1900

- Atlas of the world, California, 1895
- Britton and Rey's map of the state of California, 1875
- Central California, circa 1890
- Colton's California and Nevada, 1877
- County map of California, circa 1860
- County map of the state of California, circa 1875-1886.
  Physical Description: 2 maps.

- Geographical map of the state of California, 1893
- Map, a part of Southern California, 1886.
  Scope and Content Note
  Reproduction was made circa 1930.

- Map of California and Southwestern Pacific coast territories, circa 1880
- Map of California, prepared for the State Board of Trade, 1892
- Map of portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and San Diego counties, Southern California, circa 1890
- Map of Public Surveys in California, 1855
- Map of Public Surveys in California and Nevada, 1866
- Map of the state of California compiled expressly for the resources of California, circa 1884
- Map of the state of California, gold region, 1851, circa 1934.
  Physical Description: 2 maps.
Box XOS 14

A new map of Texas or and California, 1846.

Physical Description: 2 maps.
Scope and Content Note
Reproduction was made circa 1940.

Box XOS 14

Rand McNally and Co.’s California, 1881
Box 1 : 15

Rand McNally and Co.’s map of California, 1886
Box 1 : 15

R. L. Polk and Co.’s map of California, 1888
Box XOS 13

Santa Ana Daily Herald’s map of California, circa 1885
Box XOS 11

Topographic map of the mineral districts of California, 1853, Reproduction was made circa 1940.
Box XOS 14

Weekly call map of California and Nevada, 1882

Maps produced after 1900

Box XOS 12, XOS 17

California, 1906
Box XOS 12

California, circa 1906
Box XOS 12

California, southern half, 1901
Box XOS 12

Geomorphic map of California and Nevada with portions of Oregon and Idaho, circa 1906
Box XOS 12

Map of California, showing the state as it was known a century ago, 1948
Box XOS 12

Map of exploration in the Spanish Southwest, 1528-1793, circa 1960
Box XOS 12

Map of the marked historical sites of California, 1952
Box XOS 12

Premier map series of California, 1906
Box XOS 12

Southwestern United States, 1940
Box XOS 12

State of California, 1913

Transportation maps

Box XOS 17

Automobile road map of the State of California, circa 1950
Box XOS 17

California transportation maps, 1938-1942.

Physical Description: 42 maps.

Box XOS 17

Chicago and Alton railroad map of Western United States, circa 1887
Box XOS 17

The Federal Highway System, Progress Map, 1929.

Physical Description: 3 maps.
Scope and Content Note
Covers northern, southeastern, and southwestern California.

Box XOS 17

Geographical, topographical and railroad map of California, 1912
Box XOS 11

Map of exploration in the Spanish Southwest, 1528-1793, circa 1960
Box XOS 17

Pacific Electric Railway System in Southern California, 1912
Box XOS 17

Post route map of the states of California and Nevada, 1936
Box XOS 17

Southern Pacific R. R. and connections, 1883
Box XOS 17

Traveler’s official railway guide map of the United States and Canada, circa 1880
Box XOS 17

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Public Roads, California transportation maps, 1938-1942.

Scope and Content Note
42 maps.

Box XOS 17

World Aeronautical Chart, 1940-1964.

Physical Description: 3 maps.
Scope and Content Note
Includes Mojave Desert (2) and San Diego.