Register of the Madera County (Calif.) Sheriff's Wanted Notices Scrapbook, 1895-1911

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Biography
Madera, was a lumber town that had been created when the California Lumber Company built a flume from their timber properties to the railroad (1876). For this reason, "Madera," the Spanish word for lumber, was chosen as the town's name. On March 11, 1893, that part of Fresno County north and west of the San Joaquin River was organized as a new county and named after the town. The granite city jail was built in 1876 and was the one of the oldest jails in California when torn down (ca. 1990). During the time in which these records were kept, S. W. Westfall, C.A.H. Warfield and S. C. Cornell were sheriffs in Madera County, while Frank B. Braire, was Madera city Chief of Police.

Scope and Content
The Madera County, California Sheriff's office used this wanted and reward circular scrapbook from 1895-1911. The scrapbook of 246 pages is comprised of reward and wanted notices from counties all over California and from other states as far away as Illinois and New York. Notices are in the form of postcards, printed flyers, and written letters. Many notices
include photographs of the criminals or missing persons. There are detailed descriptions of stolen property and the suspected individuals. Many of the descriptions include Bertillon measurements. Crimes run the gamut from bigamy to theft. There are a number of circulars from detective agencies and from state prisons at Folsom, San Quentin and the Preston School of Industry, Ione. The scrapbook provides a review of criminals in California and the names of law officers in the state for the years covered.

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Folder Folder 1  Madera Sheriff's Wanted Notices Scrapbook 1884-1911
Scrapbook Ledger of 246 pages, 40 cm. [Missing pages include 1-2; 5-6-11-12; 14-16; 29-30; 33-34; 37-44; 51-52; 65-68-83-84; 91-92; 125-126; 133-136; 143-144; 159-160; 175-176; 187-188; 231-234. Some pages shows evidence that reward circulars have been removed.]

Folder Folder 2  Index of names and aliases of criminals and missing persons.

Folder Folder 3  Index of names and location of law enforcement officers and agencies.