The Yolo County Archives is the official repository for Yolo County records, as well as donated materials relevant to the history of the county. In 1976 an inventory of all county-created records was conducted. Fearing that the records, some dating back to 1849, would be damaged or lost, Mary Stephens, the then Yolo County Librarian, and the Yolo County Historical Advisory Committee led the efforts to create a county archives. By 1983, funding was obtained from a federal grant, Yolo County, and many community members. The Yolo County Archives was officially founded in 1985.

The Friends of the Yolo County Archives was founded in 1986 as a non-profit organization whose purpose is to support the services and facilities of the Yolo County Archives. Please contact the Archives if you are interested in becoming a member. https://www.friendsyca.org/

The Yolo County Archives is the main source for the history of the people, places and culture of Yolo County. It houses thousands of unique reference and research resources.

(Image on cover: High school students posed on a car in Esparto c. 1905. N13-012.)

Some of our holdings include:

**County Records**
- Board of Supervisors
- County Clerk/Recorder
- Superior Court
- Tax Rolls
- Great Register
- Naturalization and Immigration
- Board of Education
- Deeds

**Subject Collections**
- Schools
- Towns
- Churches
- Businesses
- Cemeteries

**Reading Room Collection**
- Secondary sources
- Local authors
- Finding Aids & Indexes

**Robert F. Dunn Obituary Collection**

**Holdings also include Maps, Photographs, Yearbooks, Community & Family Collections and Newspapers.**

**Online Access**

View Archives collections through our Axiell database, Online Archive of California, California Revealed, and the Yolo County Library Catalog.

The Archives also has access to ancestry.com and over 5,000 digital newspapers through Newspapers.com.

**Services**

Archives staff will perform up to thirty minutes of free research. Additional time is available, upon request, for a fee.

Staff-approved, digital or physical copies of non-fragile materials is allowed. There are fees associated with this service.

Patrons receive assistance to identify potentially useful collections or records.

**Volunteers**

The Archives needs your help!

Arrange archival collections
- Create finding aids, inventories, indexes, exhibits and Facebook posts
- Digitize photographs and collections
- Provide outreach assistance
- Conduct research for patrons