About the Archives

The Yolo County Archives is the official repository for Yolo County records, as well as donated materials relevant to the history of the county. The Archives was officially founded in 1985 thanks to the efforts of the Yolo County Historical Advisory Committee, former Yolo County Librarian Mary Stephens, and many community members.

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.

https://www.friendsyca.org/



Charley Chambers and Lulu Wyatt of Winters. Photo YHM01042. Acc. #2022-005.

Archives staff will perform up to one hour 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.



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Public research by appointment only

HOURS:

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thursday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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: Workers picking apricots near Winters. Ca. 1930. Photo by Paul Hollingshead. Photo M01-026. Acc. #1999-003.



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Winters Collections



Collections

Subject & Research Collections: Winters Subject Collection, Joann Larkey Research Collection on Winters, Winters Library Vertical Files.

Government: Winters Library Records, Winters General Plan, Government Documents Collection records on Winters.

Property and Tax Records: Deeds, Official Records Tax Assessor Rolls and Lists, Tax Assessor Maps (ca. 1850s-1970s).

Maps and Plans: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Winters (1928-1941), Winters High School Plans, Winters Cemetery Map.

Winters Tales Oral Histories: 24 interviews with Winters residents conducted by the Winters Friends of the Library (1999-2002). Transcripts available at the Archives. Audio has been digitized by California Revealed.



Workers in the Earl Fruit Company Packing Shed. July 1903. Photo 101-003.



Seaman's Opera House. 1989. UC Davis Dept. of Environmental Design. Map No. 545. Acc. #2013-014.

Betty Coman Collection: Photos, letters from the Japanese community of Winters, to Jack Vasey, Vasey Brothers records, funeral announcements.

Monticello Dam Scrapbook: Photos, newspaper clippings, and publications documenting the creation of the Monticello Dam.

Schools and School Records: Winters High School yearbooks (1907-2005), Winters High School Football Films (1939-1979).

Clubs and Organizations: Soroptimists

International of Winters (1978-2021), Winters Fortnightly Club (1930-1992).

Check out more collections on our database:



Reading Room

Select Titles:

Larkey, Joann. Winters: A Heritage of Horticulture, A Harmony of Purpose. Woodland: Yolo County Historical Society, 1991.

Lopez, Gloria. An American Paella. 2007.

Materials from the Reading Room Collection do not circulate and must be viewed onsite at the Archives.

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.



Main Street looking west from Railroad Avenue. Photo 111-005, Acc. #1993-015.