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/



Blacks Station (Zamora). Photo by J. C. Shinkle. YHM02915. 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: Cacheville School. Photo YHM00050. Acc. #2022-005.





Collections

Subject & Research Collections: Joann Larkey Research Collection files on Dunnigan, Yolo, and Zamora.

Government: Yolo-Zamora Water District; Dunnigan, Yolo, and Zamora Fire Protection Districts; Yolo Branch Library Records; Dunnigan General Plan.

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 Yolo (1912-1930), Zamora Town Hall, UC Davis Department of Environmental Design drawings of historic buildings in Yolo.

Borach Family and Store Album: Album containing photos, newspaper clippings, correspondence, cards, and certificates from members of the Borach family of Yolo.



Mail carrier George Scott outside the Yolo Post Office. Photo YHM01980. Acc. #2022-005.



Zamora Sewing Club. Photo G18-003. Acc. #D2011-004.

Schools and School Records: Wildwood School Records (1887-1961), Cacheville School Reunions (1944-2015), Elwyn Richter Collection school books.

Leonard Knight Family Collection:Photos, newspaper clippings, and certificates from the Leonard Knight family of Yolo.

Yolo Thursday Club: Minutes, scrapbooks, directories, and photographs (1908-2016).

Dunnigan Family Collection: Photos, postcards, and correspondence from the Dunnigan family.

Photograph Collection: Images of people, places, and activities from

numerous sources.

Many photographs
have been digitized
and can be viewed
online through our
database.



Reading Room

Select Titles:

Anderson, Tom. Data on Mary's Chapel and Cemetery. 1990.

Hermle, Elaine. The History of Black's Station/Zamora and Its People. Zamora Historical Research Society, 1994.

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.



Dunnigan Odd Fellows Hall. 1948. Photo by Walter Bernhardt. Photo YHM02917. Acc. #2022-005.