

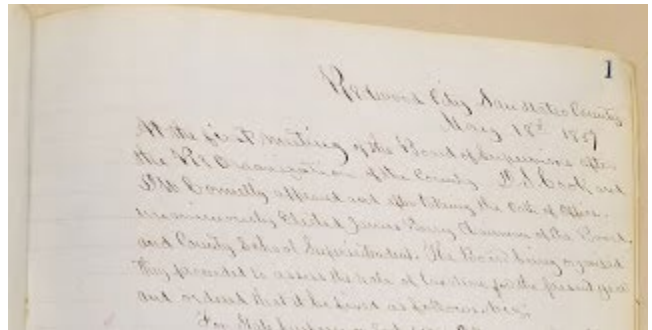
Board of Supervisor Minutes



Lauren Perritt and Cath Trindle spent weeks digitizing the Board of Supervisors minutes from the earliest records through 1940, thanks to the cooperation of the county. Housed in a closet in the Hall of Justice, these minutes contain some of the earliest records of San Mateo County residents.

The books start with #2 which leads one to wonder what happened to #1, until you read page one and realize that it is the minutes of the FIRST meeting of the board of Supervisors.

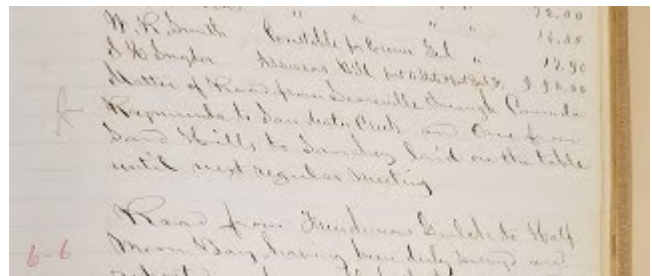
Among the information you will find in the minutes are the amounts of Poll and Road taxes.... a total of \$7 per taxable individual (able bodied men 21 and over) in 1857. The building of roads and the payment of those doing so consumes many pages in every volume. There are extensive lists of those who get relief from their property tax assessments. You can find lists of jurors and lists of election officials. The boundaries for elections are described and results of elections are presented for each district. This is just the beginning. There are many entries for individuals, which is why we are hoping to create an index to volumes 2-34.



Currently the index is complete for only a few volumes, but entries will be added as each book is done.



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