The Student Monograph Collection Index

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The first President of the San Mateo County Historical Association, Dr. Frank Stanger, was also a history professor at San Mateo County Junior College. As part of his class assignments, he required his students to write monographs of events, places and families from San Mateo County.

Like all student work the results are uneven, but the best of these papers could definitely have been published. Fortunately, a large collection is located in the SMCHA Archives, where it is easily accessible for use.

However, it wasn't always easy to know what was there, so our newest database. This original list was compiled by Craig Siulinski from the card catalog in the History Museum Archives and edited by Archival Collection Specialist, Debra Peterson.



"The San Mateo County Historical Association's student monograph collection includes winners of the Charles N. Kirkbride competition at San Mateo Junior College (now College of San Mateo). The award was given to the best three term papers written each year on local history. Ranging from the 1930s to the late 1980s, they contain one-of-a-kind photographs and interviews with local historical figures.

"The Historical Association's staff is continually increasing the accessibility of our collections across online platforms, whether it is partnerships with other local historical organizations, Facebook, or the Association's Online Collections Database." [Debra Peterson]

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