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Yolo County Archives' Discover. It. Yourself. (DIY) History

(Woodland, CA) – Are you interested in the history of Yolo County? Would you like to participate in making Yolo County's history more accessible? Come explore the history of Yolo County through Discover. It. Yourself. (DIY) History at www.yolocountyhistory.com, a digital repository and workspace created by the Yolo County Archives.

DIY History is an online archive that is freely accessible to the public and serves to both showcase and preserve original content from the Yolo County Archives, such as photos, court reports, marriage licenses, land reclamations and more that have been digitized by dedicated local volunteers. The website also allows the public to transcribe historical documents and help identify photographs from a variety of collections.

“DIY History is a great resource to our communities and residents,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “By creating this online database, visitors to the website can find and research a variety of information and participate by transcribing historical items.”

The online repository was created using an open source software called Omeka, in combination with Scripto, a MediaWiki tool that allows members of the public to transcribe. This kind of peer reviewed transcription is a tool that can transform how researchers and general users interact with archival materials.

DIY History was initially funded through a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the California State Library, and continues to be financially supported by the Friends of the Yolo County Archives.

For more information about DIY History or to become a volunteer, contact the Yolo County Archives and Records Center at (530) 666-8010 or archives@yolocounty.org. Visit the Yolo County Library at: www.yolocountylibrary.org or connect with the Yolo County Library on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

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