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Yolo County Now Offers Residents 24/7 Online Access to Historic Collections

(Woodland, CA) – To increase access to the Yolo County Archives (YCA) and Yolo County Historical Collection (YCHC), the County recently unveiled its new digital asset management system. This platform contains digital reproductions and information about Yolo County’s historic records and objects. Individuals are encouraged to start exploring by visiting: <https://yc-ais.axiellhosting.com/>

Using simple, advanced, and expert search options, this platform allows users to search thousands of records from both YCA and YCHC simultaneously or each collection independently. The records include textiles, documents, furniture, ephemera, county records, photographs, maps, blueprints, and more. There are thousands of digitized photographs available to view and new digital content will be added over time.

“We’re excited to make our collection accessible online so residents can take the initiative to learn about Yolo County’s history and legacy when it fits their needs and schedules,” noted Heather Lanctot, the Yolo County Archives and Records Center Coordinator.

The Yolo County Archives is the official repository for Yolo County records. The collection dates from 1850-present and has records from various Yolo County agencies/departments and donations from families, community members, and local businesses. The materials include records, maps, blueprints, photographs, bound volumes, manuscripts, newspapers, yearbooks, and secondary sources in the form of published books and articles.

The Yolo County Historical Collection consists of historic objects from the 1830s -1930s, and illustrates what life was like for early Yolo County residents. The collection includes textiles, agricultural equipment, paintings, ephemera, photographs, archaeological items, tools, ceramics, household items, furniture, and personal items.

In January 2019, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors awarded the Yolo County Library a Technology Innovation Grant of \$99,900 to purchase a digital asset management system. YCA and YCHC collaborated with the Department of Finance to conduct a competitive solicitation process to select a vendor offering a digital asset management system that was most aligned with the County’s needs. The successful bidder, Axiell, helps institutions share culture and knowledge, and their customers are libraries, museums, archives, schools, publishers and retailers in 55 countries.

For in-person research assistance, YCA is open by appointment, on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Individuals can schedule appointments by email, archives@yolocounty.org, or by calling (530) 666-8010.

For more information about the Yolo County Library, Archives, or Historical Collection visit www.yolocountylibrary.org or connect with the Library and Archives on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

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