

Office of the Treasurer Tax Lists for the City of Seattle, 1874-1876

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). Office of the Treasurer
Title	Office of the Treasurer Tax Lists for the City of Seattle
Dates	1874-1876 (inclusive) 1874 1876
Quantity	3 volumes
Collection Number	8004-01
Summary	Rolls of taxes levied by the City of Seattle on its residents, 1874-1876.
Repository	Seattle Municipal Archives Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 archives@seattle.gov
Access Restrictions	Records are open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

The position of City Treasurer was created in Seattle's first City Charter in 1869. The Treasurer administered the collection, management, and disbursement of all City monies, invested temporary surplus cash, kept accounts of all funds received and expended, and administered Local Improvement District assessments. The Treasurer, like the Comptroller, was an elected official until 1992, when a City Charter amendment abolished the two positions and consolidated the two departments into an executive agency, the Department of Finance.

Content Description

The collection consists of three volumes of information regarding taxes levied by the City of Seattle on its residents during the years 1874-1878. Tables include name of resident, description of property, value of real estate and personal property, total valuation, amount assessed for each tax, date of payment, and remarks. Taxes levied included Road Poll, Road Property, City, Gas Light, Fire, and Cemetery taxes.

Prominent early Seattleites whose names appear in the tax lists include religious leader Daniel Bagley, businessman (and later Mayor of Seattle) Bailey Gatzert, banker Dexter Horton, early pioneer (and widow of Dr. David "Doc" Maynard) Catherine Maynard, and early settlers Henry and Sarah Yesler.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Volume		
1	Tax Lists	1874-1875
2	Tax Lists	1876
3	Tax Lists	1877-1878

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Cemeteries--Taxation--Washington (State)--Seattle
Fire departments--Taxation--Washington (State)--Seattle
Gas lighting--Taxation--Washington (State)--Seattle
Property tax--Washington (State)--Seattle
Public utilities--Taxation--Washington (State)--Seattle
Roads--Taxation--Washington (State)--Seattle
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Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.).

Form or Genre Terms :

Tax records

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