

Official and Surety Bonds and Election Certificates

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This is an index to four sets of records: Election Certificates 1856-1966, Official Bonds 1856-1934, Election Certificates 1930-1966 & Surety and Blanket Bonds

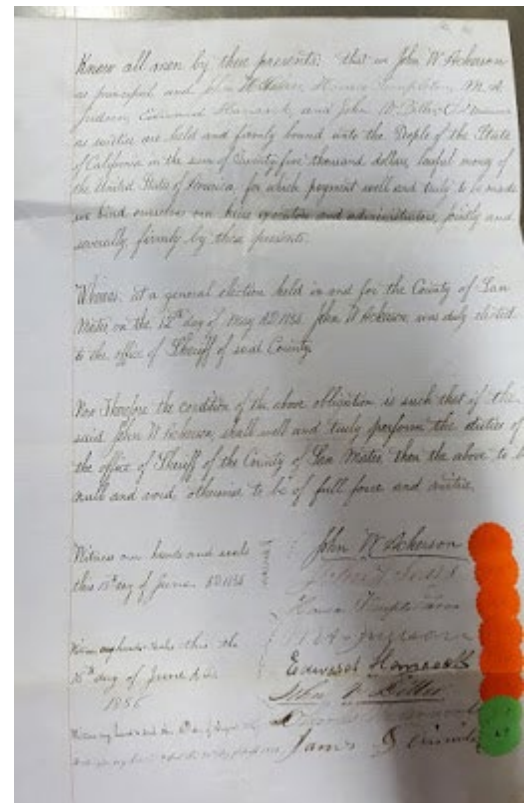
Before taking office, elected officials were required to file bonds. Election Certificates were documents signed by the county clerk, verifying the election. These bonds and certificates are located in the County Record Center in one of the small drawer cabinets (SM - RC5B1 - 15 - 21) You will find original signatures on many of the documents.

There are two indexes to the bonds and certificates. They are currently located on shelves that are being moved so the final location of the books is uncertain, but the indexes have been recreated digitally by Lauren Perritt and are available here.

Official Bond - A surety bond providing indemnity for failure of a public official to perform faithfully the duties of his office.

Surety Bond - A three party agreement between a contractor, the obligee (the county) and a surety company. The bond insures that the contracted work will be completed on time and on budget and will cover losses incurred by poor contract performance

Blanket Bond - A bond to protect an employer from loss due to dishonest acts of all employees. If the bond is issued for a fixed amount for which the position rather than the individual it is called a Position Blanket Bond.



Certificates of election.
§ 1284. The county clerk must immediately make out and deliver to each of such persons voted for only in that county (except to those persons elected to the office of representative in congress, member of state board of equalization, superior judge, state senator or assemblyman), a **certificate of election**, signed by him, and duly authenticated. [Statutes 1915, p. 844.]

