

ROEDING SCHOOL

Roeding School was originally a part of the Fresno County School system and was a separate district before it was annexed to the Fresno Unified School District. It first appears in the Fresno Unified School District directory during the school year 1952-53. It is located on the southeast corner of Dakota and West, at 1225 West Dakota. It has long been a school serving that particular area, the first building being erected in 1898.

In an interview, Mrs. Mariana Roeding Butler, the daughter of George C. Roeding, stated the school was named for her father, and not for her grandfather, Frederick W. Roeding, who donated Roeding Park.

The elder Mr. Roeding was a banker residing in San Francisco who owned much land in the vicinity of Fresno.

George C. Roeding, his son, moved to Fresno and became active in developing the land holdings of the Roeding family. He was a leader in valley agriculture, especially in the introduction and culture of Smyrna Figs. George Roeding became prominent in agricultural circles in California and at one time served as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California.

Before it was annexed to the Fresno Unified School District, Roeding School served students in grades K-8, but since annexation, it serves as an elementary school with enrollment limited to grades K-6.



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