

# California

## Research Outline

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This outline describes major sources of information about families from California. As you read this outline, study the *United States Research Outline* (30972), which will help you understand terminology and the contents and uses of genealogical records.

## RECORDS OF THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

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The Family History Library has many of the records listed in this outline. The major holdings include census, early Catholic, military, and vital records.

Some of the sources described in this outline list the Family History Library's book, microfilm, and microfiche numbers. These are preceded by *FHL*, the abbreviation for *Family History Library*. You can use these numbers to locate materials in the library and order microfilm and microfiche at Family History Centers

## FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG

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The Family History Library's records are listed in the Family History Library Catalog located at the library and at each Family History Center. To find a record, look in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog for:

- The *place* where your ancestor lived, such as:

**UNITED STATES - CENSUS RECORDS****CALIFORNIA - VITAL RECORDS - INDEXES****CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES - NATURALIZATION****CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES - VITAL RECORDS**

- The *record type* you want to search, such as:

**UNITED STATES - CENSUS RECORDS****CALIFORNIA - VITAL RECORDS - INDEXES****CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES - NATURALIZATION****CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES - VITAL RECORDS**

The section headings in this outline match the names of record types used in the Family History Library Catalog.

## **ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES**

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The following archives, libraries, and societies have collections or services helpful for genealogical research.

- California State Archives

1020 "O" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Telephone: 916-653-7715  
Fax: 916-653-7363

- National Archives—Pacific Region (Laguna Niguel)

24000 Avila Road  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677  
Telephone: 714-360-2641  
Fax: 714-360-2644

- National Archives—Pacific Region (San Bruno)

1000 Commodore Drive  
San Bruno, CA 94066

Telephone: 415-876-9009  
Fax: 415-876-9233

- California Genealogical Society

1611 Telegraph Ave., Suite 100  
Oakland, CA 94612-2154  
Telephone: 510-663-1358

- California State Library

914 Capitol Mall  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Telephone: 916-654-0261  
Fax: 916-654-0241

A helpful guide to the California State Library is Gary E. Strong and Gary F. Kurutz, eds., *Local History and Genealogical Resources of the California State Library and Its Sutro Branch* (Sacramento: California State Library Foundation, 1983; FHL book 979.4 A1 No. 96).

- Society of California Pioneers

1 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94119-1850  
Telephone: 415-957-9858  
Fax: 415-957-1849

*Mailing address:*

P.O. Box 1850  
San Francisco, CA 94119-1850

To learn more about the history and record-keeping systems of California counties, use the 16 inventories of the county archives produced by the Historical Records Survey around 1940. The Family History Library has 13 of these inventories.

Two helpful guides to California archives and repositories are:

Coy, Owen C. *Guide to the County Archives of California*. Sacramento: California Printing Office, 1919. (FHL film 962744.)

*Directory of Archival and Manuscript Repositories in California*. Redlands, Calif.: Beacon Printery, 1975. (FHL book 979.4 J54d; film 1036038 item 3.)

## Computer Networks and Bulletin Boards

Computers with modems can be useful tools for obtaining information from selected archives and libraries. In a way, computer networks themselves serve as a library. The

Internet, certain computer bulletin boards, and commercial on-line services help family history researchers:

- Locate other researchers
- Post queries
- Send and receive e-mail
- Search large databases
- Search computer libraries
- Join in computer chat and lecture sessions

You can find computerized research tips and information about ancestors from California in a variety of sources at local, state, national, and international levels. The list of sources is growing rapidly. Most of the information is available at no cost.

Addresses on the Internet change frequently. As of April 1997, the following sites are important gateways linking you to many more network and bulletin board sites:

- USGenWeb

<http://www.usgenweb.com/>

A cooperative effort by many volunteers to list genealogical databases, libraries, bulletin boards, and other resources available on the Internet for each county, state, and country.

- Roots-L

<http://www.rootsweb.com/>

A useful list of sites and resources. Includes a large, regularly updated research coordination list.

For further details about using computer networks, bulletin boards, and news groups for family history research, see the *United States Research Outline*, 2nd ed., "Archives and Libraries" section.

## **FamilySearch™**

The Family History Library and some Family History Centers have computers with FamilySearch™. FamilySearch is a collection of computer files containing several million names. FamilySearch is a good place to begin your research. Some of the records come from compiled sources; some have been automated from original sources.

## **BIBLE RECORDS**

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The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) collection contains many volumes of Bible records for families from California and other states. Volumes 2 through 24 of this

set were microfilmed in 1972 at the DAR Library, Washington, D.C. (FHL films 844415-21). Each volume is individually indexed. Another partial index to these volumes and the collection described under “Genealogy” is E. Kay Kirkham, *An Index to Some of the Family Records of the Southern States* (Logan, Utah: Everton Publishers, 1979; FHL book 973 D22kk v. 1; fiche 6089183).

## BIOGRAPHY

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The California State Library and the Bancroft Library at the University of California-Berkeley have major collections of California biographies. Between 1929 and 1962 the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) prepared a 26-volume biographical collection, *Records of the Families of California Pioneers*. It is found at the DAR Library in Washington, D.C., and at the Family History Library (films 844436-46). Each volume has an every-name index. An index to the principal persons in each biography is Robert L. Davignon, *Pioneers of California Index* (Salt Lake City: Family History Library, 1986; FHL book 979.4 D32pi 1986; film 1421606 item 7; fiche 6051447).

There are many published statewide, regional, and county biographical collections. A representative biographical encyclopedia is Alonzo Phelps, *Contemporary Biography of California—Representative Men*, 2 vols. (San Francisco: A.L. Bancroft and Co., 1881; FHL film 468754 item 2).

An index of biographies published in 61 county histories from 1855 to 1898 is J. Carlyle Parker, *An Index to the Biographies in the 19th Century California County Histories*, Gale Genealogy and Local History Series, Vol. 7 (Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1979; FHL book 979.4 D32p).

## CEMETERIES

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The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) collection contains tombstone inscriptions from California cemeteries. This collection is described in the “Genealogy” section of this outline. A separate DAR collection of cemetery records from some counties is in *Vital Records from Cemeteries in California to 1962*, 17 vols. (N.p.: Daughters of the American Revolution. California, 1968; FHL films 558288-91).

Another important collection is *Cemetery Records of California*, 11 vols. (Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society, 1954-63; FHL book 976.7 V22L; films 874068 items 1-3, vols. 1-3 and 874075-77, vols. 4-11).

# CENSUS

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## Federal

Many federal census records are at the Family History Library, the National Archives, and other federal and state archives. The *United States Research Outline* provides more detailed information on these records.

The Family History Library has the U.S. federal censuses for the state of California for 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920. The 1890 census has been destroyed.

Statewide indexes are available in book format for the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses. Soundex (phonetic) indexes are available on microfilm for part of the 1880 and all of the 1900, 1910, and 1920 censuses.

Mortality schedules for the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses are at the California State Library. A published index to the 1850 schedule is available at the Family History Library.

## Colonial and State

Pre-statehood lists (called *padrons*) of Spanish, Mexican, and Indian residents have been published in *The Quarterly (Historical Society of Southern California)*, vols. 15, 18, 41-43, 54 (FHL book 979.4 B2s). Especially helpful are the Los Angeles censuses of 1790, 1836, and 1844. The original records are scattered among various archives. The Family History Library has copies on microfilm.

The California State Library and the Family History Library have copies of a state census of 1852 (FHL films 909229-34). This census gives information on the entire household, including an individual's state or country of birth and last residence.

The California State Archives also has some censuses for California cities covering the period 1897 to 1938. These generally contain only the names and addresses of the persons enumerated, although some records give more information. The Family History Library has copies of several of these censuses through 1910, including:

- Los Angeles and San Jose (1897)
- San Diego (1899)
- Oakland (1902)

## CHURCH RECORDS

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Before 1900 the largest religious groups in California were the Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational churches. The Family History Library has several histories of the Catholic, Presbyterian, Latter-day Saint, and Methodist churches in California.

### Roman Catholic

The first Catholic missions were organized in 1769. Most of the mission records begin in 1770 and are on film. The Family History Library and the Bancroft Library have extensive collections of the early records. For the index to these records, see Thomas W. Temple III, *An Alphabetical Listing of the California Mission Vital Records* (Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1985; FHL film 1307621 item 4; fiche 6047009).

The following sources may help you find Catholic mission records:

Weber, Francis J. *A Select Guide to California Catholic History*. Los Angeles: Westernlore Press, 1966. (FHL book 979.4 K21c.)

Bowman, J.N. "The Parochial Books of the California Missions, 1961," *The Quarterly (Historical Society of Southern California)*, vol. 43, no. 3. (FHL book 979.4 B2s.)

Barton, Noel R. "Genealogical Research in the Records of the California Missions," *Genealogical Journal*, vol. 4, no. 1. (FHL book 973 D25gj.)

Many original mission records and other Catholic records have been gathered into central repositories. These include:

- Santa Barbara Catholic Mission  
Santa Barbara (Old Mission)  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

A guide to this extensive collection is Maynard J. Geiger, *Calendar of Documents in the Santa Barbara Mission Archives* (Washington: Academy of American Franciscan History, 1947; FHL book 979.491 A5g, vol. 1).

- Diocese of Los Angeles  
3424 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90010  
Telephone: 213-637-7000

- Diocese of Sacramento  
210010 Broadway  
Sacramento, CA 95818-2541  
Telephone: 916-733-0299  
Fax: 916-733-0215
- Diocese of San Diego  
3888 Paducah Drive  
San Diego, CA 92117  
Telephone: 619-490-8200  
Fax: 619-490-8272

## **Methodist**

Holt-Atherton Church Archives  
University of the Pacific  
3601 Pacific Avenue  
Stockton, CA 95211  
Telephone: 209-946-2404  
Fax: 209-946-2810

## **Presbyterian**

San Francisco Theological Seminary Library  
2 Kensington Road  
San Anselmo, CA 94960  
Telephone: 415-258-6636

## **COURT RECORDS**

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Major California courts that kept records of genealogical value were established as follows:

***Supreme court*** is a statewide appellate court. The Family History Library has copies of plaintiff and defendant indexes to records of supreme court cases from 1850-1930 (FHL films 978908-9).

***Court of appeal*** is a statewide intermediate appellate court. The Family History Library has plaintiff and defendant indexes to records of cases from 1900-1930 (FHL films 978910-11).

***Superior courts*** have countywide jurisdiction over civil and criminal cases including probate and juvenile cases, and appeals from citywide justice and municipal courts. The superior courts replaced the district courts. The Family History Library has some



superior court records, such as San Francisco County attachments for 1850 and 1869 to 1872 (at this time it was the district court; FHL films 974856-7).

Original court records are located at the various county or city courthouses. You can also find records and indexes at the California State Archives, including *Index to Transcripts of Court Cases in State Archives* (Sacramento: Attorney General, N.d.; FHL film 978914).

## DIRECTORIES

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Directories of heads of households were published for major cities of California. The Family History Library, for example, has:

- Los Angeles

1873-1935            FHL films 1376980—  
1910, 1942, etc.    FHL books 979.493 E4LL

- San Francisco

1850-1861            FHL fiche 6044468-83  
1861/62-1934       FHL films 1377422—  
1910, 1936, etc.    FHL books 979.461 S1 E4p  
1935, 1945-46, 1961, FHL films 1321020  
1962

## EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION

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### People

In the colonial era Spaniards established most of the early settlements, although England and Russia also made expeditions to California. During the 80 years of Spanish and Mexican dominion in California (1769-1848), few immigrants came from Spain and Mexico, and even fewer came from other countries.

In 1841, overland travelers from the United States began to come to California. In 1846, war broke out between the U.S. and Mexico when American settlers in California protested Mexican rule and set up a republic. By 1848, when the U.S. acquired the area, fewer than 15,000 settlers lived there. Over half were Spanish or Mexican. The rest were of various nationalities, including English, Scottish, Irish, German, French, and Italian.

The discovery of gold in California in 1848 triggered a major exodus from the eastern states. Chinese also began to arrive in California. By 1850, Anglo-Americans (U.S. citizens of English descent or birth) made up the majority of the population. Individuals from New York, Pennsylvania, and the New England states predominated in migration during the gold rush years.

From 1850 to 1860, many immigrants came from the countries of northern Europe (especially Ireland) and from China. In the 1860s many came from western border states. The Chinese continued to immigrate to work on the Pacific railroad, which was completed in 1869. Until 1870, most of the Chinese came from the maritime provinces of China, especially Canton. In 1882, the Chinese Exclusion Act suspended the immigration of Chinese laborers to the U.S. Other nationalities who arrived in this period were the Germans, Italians, French, and Portuguese.

In the 1880s a southern California real estate boom brought the first large migrations from the Midwest and the number of English and German immigrants increased. Other major increases were among the Italians, Portuguese, and Japanese. Japanese laborers could not legally leave Japan until 1885, but after that date, many came to California. The number of Mexicans dropped, and the Irish increased only slightly.

After 1890 the Italians, Mexicans, and Japanese became the major immigrant groups. Other countries that have contributed substantial numbers to California's population are Russia, Canada, the Philippines, and Poland.

The Irish, French, Italians, and Chinese tended to settle in San Francisco. The Mexicans, Russians, and Japanese settled mostly in the Los Angeles area, as did Anglo-Saxons from the Midwest. Few Blacks settled in California until World War II. Those from the southern states usually went to Los Angeles or Oakland.

## Records

The major seaports of California have been Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, and San Diego. There are very few passenger lists for the west coast ports. The Family History Library has 10 microfilms of crew lists from the U.S. Customs House for the years 1848 to 1851, 1854 to 1862, 1881, 1886, and 1892.

The National Archives has recently discovered passenger lists of vessels arriving at San Francisco for the years 1893 to 1953, with an index for 1893 to 1934. The Family History Library has copies of the lists for the years 1903 to 1918 and the indexes from 1893 to 1934.

A reconstruction of passenger lists is Louis J. Rasmussen, *San Francisco Ship Passenger Lists*, 4 vols. (Colma, Calif.: San Francisco Historic Record and Genealogy Bulletin, [1965-]; FHL book 979.461/S1 W3r; film 1000139). This covers primarily 1850 to 1852.

An excellent source of about 30,000 names of miners, immigrants, and other pioneers in the gold rush is Charles Warren Haskins, *The Argonauts of California* (New York: Fords, Howard and Hulbert, 1890; FHL film 1033667; fiche 6051188). This is indexed by Libera Martina Spinazze, *Index to The Argonauts of California* (New Orleans: Polyanthos, 1975; FHL book 979.4 H2w index; film 928163 item 2; fiche 6051192).

Histories and records for ethnic groups such as the Chilean, Chinese, French, German, Irish, Jewish, Yugoslav, and Polish are listed in the Family History Library Catalog under CALIFORNIA - MINORITIES.

Records of American Indians are found in the Family History Library Catalog under CALIFORNIA - NATIVE RACES. From the National Archives—Pacific Region (San Bruno), the library has acquired copies of agency records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the years 1873 to 1947.

## GAZETTEERS

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Several helpful guides to California place names have been published. Two of the most useful are:

Gudde, Erwin Gustav. *California Place Names*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1969. (FHL book 979.4 E2ge.)

Sanchez, Nellie Van de Grift. *Spanish and Indian Place Names of California*. San Francisco: A.M. Robertson, 1930. (FHL film 1320727 item 2.)

## GENEALOGY

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Most archives, historical societies, and genealogical societies have special collections and indexes of genealogical value. You must usually search these in person. A published collection for early California is Marie E. Northrop, *Spanish-Mexican Families of Early California: 1769-1850, 2 vols.* (New Orleans: Polyanthos, 1976; FHL book 979.4 F2n).

Some notable manuscript collections of compiled genealogies are:

***Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Collection.*** This collection consists of transcripts of Bible records, cemetery records, church records, marriages, deaths, obituaries, and wills. It was microfilmed in 1971 at the DAR Library, Washington, D.C., and is available on 42 films at the Family History Library (FHL films 844409-50, 844435-449, and others). The volumes are generally arranged by county and many have individual indexes.

***The Spanish-American Mission Collection.*** This is a collection of family group records showing the ancestry of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from the Southwest. It is on microfilm at the Family History Library (FHL Spanish America films 940001-6).

***Society of Mayflower Descendants (California) Collection.*** This is a large collection of alphabetized family group records for California families. It was microfilmed in 1974 at the Society's headquarters in San Francisco and is at the Family History Library (FHL films 963193-230 and 965671-85).

## HISTORY

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1542-1812	Spain, Mexico, England, and Russia made various claims to California, but most settlements were Spanish.
1769	The first permanent settlement was made by the Spanish in the San Diego Bay area.
1821	Spain granted Mexico its independence. California was included with Mexico.
1841	Americans began traveling overland to California.
1846	War broke out between the United States and Mexico. U.S. settlers in California set up a republic.
1848	Mexico ceded California to the United States. Gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill.
1849	The Gold Rush attracted over 100,000 people to California.
1850	California became the 31st state
1869	Completion of the transcontinental railroad gave California a direct connection with the East. Great numbers of Chinese were imported to work on this railroad.
1884-1885	A railroad rate war (1884) and a California real estate boom (1885) caused a new wave of overland immigration.

The Family History Library has numerous state and local histories by James M. Guinn and other authors. Sources for studying the history of California include:

Bancroft, Hubert H. ed. *History of California*. 6 vols. San Francisco: A.L. Bancroft and Co., 1884-90. (FHL book 979.4 B4b vol. 1-6; film 982473 items 1-2, vols. 1-2; items 3-5, vols. 4-6; film 1321070 item 4, vol. 3.) There is an index in 979.4 B4b which covers 1542 to 1859.

Chapman, Charles E. A *History of California: The Spanish Period*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. (FHL fiche 6051216.)

Hunt, Rockwell Dennis. *California and Californians*. 4 vols. Chicago: Lewis Pub. Co., 1932. (FHL book 979.4 H2h; film 1000092 items 1-4.) Volumes 3 and 4 contain biographical material.

A bibliography of local histories for California is Margaret M. Rocq, *California Local History: A Bibliography and Union List of Library Holdings*, 2nd ed. (Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1970; FHL book 979.4 H23r; supplement, 1961 to 1970, is 979.4 H23r Supp.; 1950 ed. is on film 1000136 item 3).

## LAND AND PROPERTY

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### Spanish and Mexican Records

Until 1822 Spain granted land to settlers. From 1822 to 1846 Mexico granted land and processed claims for the earlier Spanish grants. Many of these early records are at the California State Archives and the Bancroft Library. One set of surviving records, dating from 1833 to 1845, is the Spanish Archives Record Group available at the California State Archives and the Family History Library (FHL films 978888-901; indexes are on FHL films 978888-890). The National Archives also has some early claim records, such as the "Mexican Expedientes, 1822-1846." The following give names of early landowners:

Avina, Rose Hollenbaugh. *Spanish and Mexican Land Grants in California*. 1932. Reprint. New York: Arno Press, 1976. (FHL book 979.4 R2m.) This publication gives a history of land distribution and a list of pre-1847 ranchos.

Cowan, Robert G. *Ranchos of California, A List of Spanish Concessions, 1775-1822, and Mexican Grants, 1822-1846*. Fresno, Calif.: Academy Library Guild, 1956. (FHL book 979.4 R2cr.)

When the U.S. acquired California in 1848, it agreed to recognize earlier claims. A commission was established in 1852 to process the claims. The National Archives has these commission records, including petitions and translations of Spanish documents. These are indexed in J.N. Bowman, *Index to the Spanish-Mexican Private Land Grant Records and Cases of California*, 1958, Reprint (Berkeley, Calif.: Bancroft Library, University of California, 1970; FHL film 833343).

The Family History Library and the National Archives have records of private land grant cases from U.S. circuit and district courts from 1852 to 1910. There are no records of gold rush claims except those that were contested in the courts.

### Federal and State Records

Unclaimed land became the public domain . Portions were surveyed and sold by the federal government through land offices. The first general land offices were established in Los Angeles and Benicia in 1853. Some land office records are at the National Archives—Pacific Region (San Bruno) and the National Archives—Pacific Region (Laguna Niguel).

Federal land patents, and copies of tract books and township plats, are at the California State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825, Telephone: 916-979-2800. The National Archives has the original tract books, plat maps, and land-entry case files. These include cash entries and homestead entries.

Records of state land grants are located at the State Lands Commission, 100 Howe Ave., Suite E 100 S., Sacramento, California 95825, Telephone: 916-574-1900.

## **County Records**

After land was transferred to private ownership, subsequent transactions have been filed with the county recorder. The Family History Library has microfilm copies of deeds and mortgages for some counties and is presently acquiring records of other counties. For example, for Sacramento County the library has deeds (1848-80s) on 59 films, and an index (1849-1910) on 97 films.

## **San Francisco Records**

The library has copies of original pre-statehood records for San Francisco, 1838 to 1851, on 21 films. These include Spanish grants and early Alcalde deeds. The original records are at the San Francisco County Courthouse.

After the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906, a law was passed to establish the ownership of land. A claimant filed the proper papers with the superior court, which, if approved, gave him title to the land. These claims are called the McInerney actions. The original records are at the San Francisco County Courthouse. The Family History Library has copies of these claims for the years 1906 to 1984 on 880 microfilm rolls. They are indexed by the name of the plaintiff (claimant).

The library also has 332 microfilms of deeds (1849-1900) and land indexes (1850-1916) from San Francisco County.

## MAPS

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A helpful statewide atlas is Warren A. Beck, *Historical Atlas of California* (Norman, Okla.: University of Oklahoma Press, 1974. (FHL book 979.4 E3b; fiche 6054102).

City ward maps of San Francisco for the years 1853, 1856, 1867, 1877, and 1894 are on FHL film 1377700; fiche 6016767-71. These are useful with census reports.

The Family History Library has a selection of maps of the gold regions and mining districts, ghost towns, railways, and topographic features. Large map collections from pioneer times to the present are also at each of the University of California campuses (including Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz) and the fourteen campuses of California State College.

## MILITARY RECORDS

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The *U.S. Military Records Research Outline* (34118) provides more information on federal military records and search strategies.

Many military records are at the Family History Library, the National Archives, and other federal and state archives. The *United States Research Outline* provides more information on the federal records. For California the following sources are especially helpful:

### Indian Wars

- *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During Indian Wars and Disturbances, 1815-1858* (FHL films 882753-94).
- *Registers of Enlistments in the United States Army, 1798-1914* (beginning on FHL film 350307).
- *Old War Index to Pension Files, 1815-1926* (FHL films 821603-09).
- *Pension Index Files, Indian Wars, 1892-1926* (FHL films 821610-21).

### Civil War (1861-1865)

The Family History Library has an index to compiled military service records of Union Army volunteers from California (881609-15). The compiled military service records and the pension records have not been microfilmed and are only available at the National Archives. The Family History Library has the pension index on microfilm.

An exhaustive list of the Civil War volunteers is found in Richard H. Orton, *Records of California Men in the War of Rebellion, 1861-1867* (Sacramento: State Office, 1890; FHL book 979.4 M2a; film 1000133 item 4; fiche 6051180). An index to this list is J.

Carlyle Parker, *A Personal Name Index to Orton's "Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1867"* (Detroit: Gale Research Company, 1978; FHL 979.4 M2a Index).

## **World War I (1917-1918)**

World War I draft registration cards for men age 18 to 45 may list address, birth date, birthplace, race, nationality, citizenship, and next of kin. Not all registrants served in the war. For registration cards for California, see:

United States. Selective Service System. California. *World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*. National Archives Microfilm Publications, M1509. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1987-1988. (Beginning on FHL film 1530652.)

To find an individual's draft card, it helps to know his name and residence at the time of registration. The cards are arranged alphabetically by county, within the county by draft board, and then alphabetically by surname within each draft board.

Most counties had only one board; large cities had several. A map showing the boundaries of individual draft boards is available for most large cities. Finding an ancestor's street address in a city directory will help you in using the draft board map. There is an alphabetical list of cities that are on the map. For a copy of this map see:

United States. Selective Service System. *List of World War One Draft Board Maps*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives. (FHL film 1498803.)

## **Additional Records**

The California State Archives has military records from the California Adjutant General's office dating from 1849 to 1945. These include papers of the California Militia from 1850 to 1916, registers of California Volunteers in the Civil and Spanish-American Wars, records of California National Guard Units, and enlistment records from World War I and World War II. The Family History Library has microfilm copies of some of these records from 1858 to 1923 on 35 rolls. Records from World War I that include name, biographical, geographical, and newspaper card files are on the last 17 rolls of this set.

## **NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP**

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Naturalization proceedings were under the jurisdiction of the district court (a state court not a federal court) from 1850 until 1880. The county court was also given this



responsibility from 1862 to 1880. The county clerk was the clerk of both these courts and kept the records. An 1872 state statute required the clerk to keep two alphabetical sets of records, one for declarations and one for admission to citizenship.

In 1880 the district and county courts were discontinued and the superior court took over all their functions, including naturalization. The county clerk was also the clerk of this court.

The California State Archives has records of Sacramento County for the years 1850 to 1903. The Los Angeles County Archives (225 North Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012) has records of Los Angeles County for the years 1856 to 1886. The Family History Library has microfilm copies of naturalization records for some other California counties and is currently acquiring additional records. Declarations of intention (1870-1928) for Alameda County, for example, are available at the Family History Library.

Naturalization records could also be filed in U.S. district courts after 1850. In counties where a federal district court sits, the federal court, not the superior court, has jurisdiction over naturalization. The Family History Library has:

- **Declarations of intention from the U.S. Northern District Court for the years 1846 to 1903 (FHL films 977767-70).** The originals are located at the National Archives—Pacific Region (San Bruno).
- Declarations of intentions from the U.S. Southern District Court for the years 1927 to 1948 (FHL films 1249797-840). The originals and more recent records are at the National Archives—Pacific Region (Laguna Niguel).

Records of the U.S. Eastern District Court are at the National Archives—Pacific Region (San Bruno). U.S. Central District Court records and San Diego Superior Court records are at the National Archives—Pacific Region (Laguna Niguel).

The Family History Library also has an extensive collection of voting records that name the court where an individual applied for naturalization and the date (see “Voting Registers” section).

For records after September 1906, contact the National Archives—Pacific Region (San Bruno) for northern California and the National Archives—Pacific Region (Laguna Niguel) for southern California, or the local office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

## **NEWSPAPERS**

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The California State Library has an extensive collection of California newspapers. Other large libraries in the state also have newspaper collections. Many newspapers are available on microfilm, and some libraries participate in interlibrary loan services.

Several guides and union lists of newspapers are available at university, college, and public libraries. A guide to early California newspapers is J. Budenz, Paul J. Smith, and J.H. Young, comps., *Early Newspapers and Periodicals of California and the West* (San Francisco: W. R. Howell, 1970; FHL book 979.4 A3b; film 1421815 item 8).

## PERIODICALS

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The major genealogical periodicals helpful for California research are:

*Ash Tree Echo*. 1966—. Published by the Fresno Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1429, Fresno, CA 92516-1429. (FHL book 979.4 B2at.)

*San Diego Leaves & Saplings*. 1973—. Published by the San Diego Genealogical Society, 2925 Kalmia St., San Diego, CA 92104. (FHL book 979.498 B2s.)

*Lifeline*. 1965—. Published by the Genealogical Society of Riverside, P.O. Box 2557, Riverside, CA 92516. (FHL book 979.497 B2L.)

*Orange County California Genealogical Society Quarterly*. 1964—. Published by the Orange County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1587, Orange, CA 92668-1587. (FHL 979.496 B2g; fiche 6087663—, vols. 1-27.)

*Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society (Quarterly)*. 1964—. Published by the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society, 2635 Homestead Rd., City Library, Santa Clara, CA 95051. (FHL book 979.473 B2s.) Title changed to *Santa Clara County Connections* in 1987.

*The Searcher*. 1964—. Published by the Southern California Genealogical Society, 103 South Golden Mall, Burbank, CA 91502. (FHL book 979.49 B2s.)

*Valley Quarterly*. 1962—. Published by the San Bernardino Valley Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2220, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2220. (FHL book 979.495 B2v.)

## PROBATE RECORDS

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The earliest probate records in California were kept by the probate courts in each county. Since 1879 the superior court in each county has held the jurisdiction over probate matters. The county clerk is usually the custodian of these records. You can obtain copies of the original records (such as wills and estate files) by writing to the county clerk.

Many records of Humboldt, Marin, Mendocino, Nevada, Sonoma, and Sutter counties are at the California State Archives. The Family History Library has copies of some probate records, including 33,000 wills filed in San Francisco between 1906 and 1922 on 127 microfilms.

## VITAL RECORDS

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### Local Records of Births and Deaths

The church records in California provide the earliest evidences of births and deaths. County recorders eventually kept vital statistics. Monterey County, for example, recorded a few births as early as 1824. Most clerks kept better records in the decades following the Gold Rush. The Family History Library has been acquiring microfilmed copies of the original records from many counties. For example, the library has 81 microfilms of births from Los Angeles (1905-19, indexed 1905-23), and deaths (1877-1905, indexed 1873-1920). You can also write to each county clerk for information.

Delayed registration of births began in 1943. These records are kept by each county. You can write to the county clerk for information. The Family History Library has copies of delayed births for many counties, such as Los Angeles, for the years 1943 to 1964.

### State Records of Births and Deaths

The statewide registration of births and deaths began in July 1905, and was generally complied with by 1920. While the library has not obtained copies of the state records, it does have the index to deaths for 1905-1929 (films 1686044-8), 1940 to 1983 (beginning on fiche 6332560.) For certificates and information, write to:

Office of Vital Records and Statistics

304 "S" Street

Sacramento, CA 94244-0241

Telephone: 916-445-2684

Fax: 800-858-5553

*Mailing Address:*

P.O. Box 730241

Sacramento, CA 94244-0241

The current fees for obtaining copies of the state's records are listed in *Where to Write for Vital Records: Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Divorces* (Hyattsville, Md.: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, March 1993; FHL book 973 V24wv). Copies of this booklet are at the Family History Library and at many Family History Centers. Or you can write to the Office of Vital Records and Statistics (above) for current information.

## Marriages and Divorces

The first law that required the recording of marriages was passed in 1850. Each county usually kept these records as soon as it was organized. The Family History Library has copies of the marriages for many counties. For example, Los Angeles County marriage applications (1850-1905) and certificates (1851-1919) are available on 120 microfilms.

The statewide registration of marriages began in 1905. The state records are indexed. The index for 1960 to 1985 is available at the Family History Library (fiche 6332554—). The library has not obtained copies of the actual certificates from the state office. Write to the Office of Vital Records and Statistics (address above) for further information.

Divorce records have been kept by the superior court in the county where the divorces were granted. You can write to the clerk of the court for information. You can also write to the State Department of Health for records since 1962.

## Inventory of Vital Records

You can learn more about the history and availability of vital records in *Guide to Public Vital Statistics Records in California, Vol. II, Deaths* (San Francisco: Historical Records Survey, 1941; FHL book 979.4 V2h; film 897426 item 5).

## VOTING REGISTERS

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California voter registration records can help you locate most male citizens between the years of the federal censuses. The first voter registration records were county poll lists. Although poll lists were required by law after 1850, the earliest records are incomplete.

In 1866, poll lists were replaced by voter registers known as the Great Registers. Each voter was required to register with the county clerk, giving his full name, age, state or country of birth, occupation, and address. If naturalized, he was to declare the name of the court and the date when the naturalization took place. An 1872 law required all counties to print an alphabetical list of voters every two years. Since 1895, data on voters has been more detailed.

All but a few of the Great Registers are available at the California Section of the California State Library in Sacramento. Duplicate copies are at the Bancroft Library at the University of California in Berkeley, and also in county courthouses. Most are on microfilm at the Family History Library. For example, for San Francisco the library has 190 films that include the:

- Great Registers, 1866-1898

- Indexes, 1866, 1888-1904
- Index of naturalized voters, 1850-1898

## FOR FURTHER READING

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These handbooks will give you more detailed information about research and records in California.

Parker, J. Carlyle. *Sources of Californiana: From Padron to Voter Registration*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1969. (FHL book 929.1 W893 I34; film 897217 item 31; fiche 6039417.)

Temple, Thomas W. II. *Sources for Tracing Spanish-American Pedigrees in the Southwestern United States*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1969. (FHL book 929.1 W893 F14b; film 897215 item 35; fiche 6039366.)

Sanders, Patricia. *Searching in California: A Reference Guide to Public and Private Records*. Costa Mesa, Calif.: ISC Publications, 1982. (FHL book 979.4 J5s; film 1033954 item 3.)

Eichholz, Alice, ed. *Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*. Rev. ed. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1992. (FHL book 973 D27rb 1992; computer number 594021.) Contains bibliographies and background information on history and ethnic groups. Also contains maps and tables showing when each county was created.

## COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

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## California Historical Background

### History

Effective family research requires some understanding of the historical events that may have affected your family and the records about them. Learning about wars, governments, laws, migrations, and religious trends may help you understand political boundaries, family movements, and settlement patterns. These events may have led to the creation of records that your family was listed in, such as land and military documents.

The following important events in the history of California affected political boundaries, family movements, and record keeping.

1542-1821	Spain, Mexico, England, and Russia made various claims to California, but most settlements were Spanish.
1769	The first permanent settlement was made by the Spanish in the San Diego Bay area.
1821-1822	Spain granted Mexico its independence. California was included with Mexico.
1841	Americans began traveling overland to California.
1846	War broke out between the United States and Mexico. U.S. settlers in California set up a republic.
1848	Mexico ceded California to the United States. Gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill.
1849-1852	The Gold Rush attracted many settlers to California. By 1852 the population increased to 250,000.
1850	California became the 31st state
1869	Completion of the transcontinental railroad gave California a direct connection with the East. Great numbers of Chinese were imported to work on this railroad.
1884-1887	A railroad rate war (1884) and a California real estate boom caused a new wave of overland immigration.
1898	Over 300,000 men were involved in the Spanish-American War, which was fought mainly in Cuba and the Philippines.
1917-1918	More than 26 million men from the United States ages 18 through 45 registered with the Selective Service for World War I, and over 4.7 million American men and women served during the war.
1930s	The Great Depression closed many factories and mills. Many small farms were abandoned, and many families moved to cities.
1940-1945	Over 50.6 million men ages 18 to 65 registered with the Selective Service. Over 16.3 million American men and women served in the armed forces during World War II.
1950-1953	Over 5.7 million American men and women served in the Korean War.
1950s-1960s	The building of interstate highways made it easier for people to move long distances.

1964–1972

Over 8.7 million American men and women served in the Vietnam War.

Your ancestors will become more interesting to you if you also use histories to learn about the events that were of interest to them or that they may have been involved in. For example, by using a history you might learn about the events that occurred in the year your great-grandparents were married.

## Historical Sources

You may find state or local histories in the Family History Library Catalog under California or the county or the town. For descriptions of records available through Family History Centers or the Family History Library, click on **Family History Library Catalog**.

The descriptions give book or film numbers, which you need to find or to order the records.

## Local Histories

Some of the most valuable sources for family history research are local histories. Published histories of towns, counties, and states usually contain accounts of families. They describe the settlement of the area and the founding of churches, schools, and businesses. You can also find lists of pioneers, soldiers, and civil officials. Even if your ancestor is not listed, information on other relatives may be included that will provide important clues for locating your ancestor. A local history may also suggest other records to search.

Most county and town histories include separate sections or volumes containing biographical information. These may include information on 50 percent or more of the families in the locality.

In addition, local histories should be studied and enjoyed for the background information they can provide about your family's lifestyle and the community and environment in which your family lived.

About 5,000 county histories have been published for over 80 percent of the counties in the United States. For many counties there is more than one history. In addition, tens of thousands of histories have been written about local towns and communities. Bibliographies that list these histories are available for nearly every state.

For descriptions of bibliographies for California available through Family History Centers or the Family History Library, click on **Family History Library Catalog**. Look under BIBLIOGRAPHY or HISTORY - BIBLIOGRAPHY.

A bibliography of local histories for California is by Margaret M. Rocq, *California Local History: A Bibliography and Union List of Library Holdings*, 2nd ed. (Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1970; FHL book 979.4 H23r; supplement, 1961 to 1970, is 979.4 H23r Supp.; 1950 ed. is on film 1000136 item 3).

Local histories are extensively collected by the Family History Library, public and university libraries, and state and local historical societies. Two useful guides are:

Filby, P. William. *A Bibliography of American County Histories*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1985. (FHL book 973 H23bi.)

Kaminkow, Marion J. *United States Local Histories in the Library of Congress*. 5 vols. Baltimore: Magna Charta Book, 1975-76. (FHL book 973 A3ka.)

## State History

The Family History Library has numerous state and local histories by James M. Guinn and other authors. Sources for studying the history of California include:

Bancroft, Hubert H. ed. *History of California*. 6 vols. San Francisco: A.L. Bancroft and Co., 1884-90. (FHL book 979.4 B4b vol. 1-6; film 982473 items 1-2, vols. 1-2; items 3-5, vols. 4-6; film 1321070 item 4, vol. 3.) There is an index in 979.4 B4b which covers 1542 to 1859.

Chapman, Charles E. *A History of California: The Spanish Period*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. (FHL fiche 6051216.)

Hunt, Rockwell Dennis. *California and Californians*. 4 vols. Chicago: Lewis Pub. Co., 1932. (FHL book 979.4 H2h; film 1000092 items 1-4.) Volumes 3 and 4 contain biographical material.

## United States History

The following are only a few of the many sources that are available at most large libraries:

Schlesinger, Jr., Arthur M. *The Almanac of American History*. Greenwich, Conn.: Bison Books, 1983. (FHL book 973 H2alm.) This provides brief historical essays and chronological descriptions of thousands of key events in United States history.

*Webster's Guide to American History: A Chronological, Geographical, and Biographical Survey and Compendium*. Springfield, Mass.: G&C Merriam, 1971. (FHL book 973 H2v.) This includes a history, some maps, tables, and other historical information.

*Dictionary of American History*. Revised ed., 8 vols. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1976. (FHL book 973 H2ad.) This includes historical sketches on various topics in U.S. history, such as wars, people, laws, and organizations.



## California Statewide Indexes and Collections

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### Guide

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#### Introduction

In the United States, information about your ancestors is often found in town and county records. If you know which state but not the town or county your ancestor lived in, check the following statewide indexes to find the town or county. Then search records for that town or county.

The indexes and collections listed below index various sources of information, such as histories, vital records, biographies, tax lists, immigration records, etc. You may find additional information about your ancestor other than the town or county of residence. The listings may contain:

- The author and title of the source.
- The Family History Library (FHL) book, film, fiche, or compact disc number. If the words *beginning with* appear before the film number, check the Family History Library Catalog for additional films.
- The name of the repository where the source can be found if the source is not available at the Family History Library.

#### What You Are Looking For

- Your ancestor's name in an index or collection.
- Where the ancestor was living.

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### Steps

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These 2 steps will help you find information about your ancestor in statewide indexes or collections.

#### Step 1. Find your ancestor's name in statewide indexes or collections.

On the list below, if your ancestor lived between the years shown on the left, he or she may be listed in the source on the right.

1580–1900s	<i>Ancestral File</i> <i>International Genealogical Index</i> <i>Family History Library Catalog</i> - Surname Search
1580–1900s	California Information File. (Not at the Family History Library.) This file indexes many county histories, newspapers, biographies, and government documents, and has over 700,000 cards. It is at the California State Library.

- 1580–1900s *The Zamorano Index to History of California of Hubert Howe Bancroft.* (FHL book 979.4 B4b index.)
- 1700–1845 Eldredge, Zoeth Skinner. *Index to Padrones.* (FHL book 979.4 X22e.) These are lists of Spanish, Mexican, and Indian residents, during years from 1736 to 1845.
- 1750–1836 1836 Mexican Census of Los Angeles and Orange County Area Including the Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana after which the Rancho Santiago Community College District was Named. (FHL book 979.4 X2mx; film 1320513 item 15.) This often gives the person's age.
- 1770–1920 See the census indexes, 1850 to 1920. These are available at the Family History Library and many other libraries.
- 1770–1898 Parker, J. Carlyle. *An Index to the Biographies in the 19th Century California County Histories.* (FHL book 979.4 D32p.)
- 1770–1985 *The Gold Strike: the Paradise Genealogical Society Surname Index.* (FHL book 979.4 D32g; fiche 6087567.) The first index was published in 1985.
- 1770–1930 Kirkham, E. Kay. *An Index to Some of the Family Records of the Southern States: 45,500 References as Taken From Microfilms at the Genealogical Society of Utah.* (FHL book 973 D22kk, vol. 2; fiche 6089183.) This indexes DAR records of California.
- 1770–1848 Bancroft, Hubert Howe. *California Pioneer Register and Index, 1542–1848.* (FHL book 979.4 D3bh; film 1000137 item 1; fiche 6051337.)
- 1770–1973 Society of Mayflower Descendants (California). *Family Group Records.* (On 53 FHL films beginning with 963193.) These records are alphabetical.
- 1770–1860s Spinazze, Libera Martina. *Index to the Argonauts of California [by] Charles Warren Haskins.* (FHL book 979.4 H2w; film 1033667 item 1; fiche 6051188.) Haskins' book, *The Argonauts of California* . . . is on FHL film 1033667 item 1; fiche 6051188. It has lists of early settlers.
- 1770–1850 Temple, Thomas Workman, III. *An Alphabetical Listing of the California Mission Vital Records.* (FHL film 1307621 item 4; fiche 6047009.)
- 1770–1856 Parker, Nathan C. *Personal Name Index to the 1856 City Directories of California.* (FHL book 979.4 E42p.)
- 1770–1930 Kirkham, E. Kay. *An Index to Some of the Family Records of the Southern States: 45,500 References as Taken From Microfilms at the Genealogical Society of Utah.* (FHL book 973 D22kk, vol. 2; fiche 6089183.) This has a surname index to the DAR records of California which are mentioned below.
- 1770–1860 Daughters of the American Revolution. *Genealogical Collection.* (FHL films 844409–49.) See Kirkham's book above for a surname index.
- 1770–1962 Daughters of the American Revolution. (California). *Vital Records from Cemeteries in California, to 1962.* (FHL films 558288–291.) These records are also on FHL films 844409–14.
- 1770–1962 *Cemetery Records of California.* (FHL book 979.4 V22L vols. 1–11.) This appears to be a different collection from the DAR collection above.
- 1770–1960 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. *Family Group Records: Collected and Compiled by The Former Spanish-American Mission.* (FHL films 940001–06.)

- 1770–1880 **California Mortality Schedules**, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880. (FHL book 979.4 X28c.) This gives residence, age, occupation, month of death, place of birth, and page.
- 1780–1866 *Index to the Muster Rolls of the California Militia, 1851–1866*. (Not at FHL.) This is available on 23 microfiche from the Sacramento Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 265 Citrus Heights, CA 95611-0265. This indexes militia lists at the California State Archives.
- 1780–1852 Rasmussen, Louis J. **California Wagon Train Lists**. (FHL book 979.4 W2r.) Lists immigrants whose names were found in newspapers and other sources.
- 1780–1864 Rasmussen, Louis J. **San Francisco Ship Passenger Lists**. (FHL book 979.461/S1 W3r, 2 vols.; film 1000139.) The lists are for 1850 to 1853 and a few as late as 1864.
- 1780–1873 Rasmussen, Louis J. **Railway Passenger Lists of Overland Trains to San Francisco and the West**. (FHL book 979 W3r, 2 vols.) Vol. 1 has lists for 28 July 1870 to 13 Nov. 1871; vol. 2, for 14 Nov. 1871 to 23 Apr. 1873.
- 1790–1920 **Census indexes, 1850–1880 and 1900–1920**. click on **Family History Library Catalog**. Then select CENSUS or CENSUS - INDEXES from the topics that are listed.
- 1800–1867 Parker, J. Carlyle. **A Personal Name Index to Orton's "Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion, 1861 to 1867."** (FHL book 979.4 M2a index.) Orton's book **Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion, 1861 to 1867**. (FHL book 979.4 M2a; film 1000133 item 4; fiche 6051180.) It tells where the soldier enlisted, his unit, and often where he mustered out or died.
- 1800–1865 United States. Adjutant General's Office. **Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of California**. (FHL films 881609–15.)
- 1800–1934 United States. Veterans Administration. **General Index to Pension Files, 1861–1934. (On 544 FHL films beginning with 540757.)** This is an index to pensions applied for by Union Army Civil War veterans or their widows, and by veterans of later wars up to, but not including, World War I.
- 1800–1920s *Vital Statistics Index. California State Library, Sacramento, California: ca. 1800s–1920*. (On 10 FHL films beginning with 1711369.) This has cards for birth and marriage notices, and voter registration information; also gives name and address of the inquirer for letters written in the period 1931 to 1960.
- 1815–1988 California. State Registrar. *Index to Deaths, 1905–1988*. (On 7 FHL films beginning with 1686044; fiche 6332560.)
- 1830–1910 Watson, Larry S. **California Special Indian Census, 1910**. (FHL book 979.4 X29w.) This gives place of residence, relationship, and often age.
- 1860–1990 California. State Registrar. *California Death Index, 1940–1990*. (On 524 FHL fiche 6334514–519.)
- 1878–1918 United States Selective Service System. *California, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*. (On 158 FHL films beginning with 1530652.) Men ages 18 to 45 are listed alphabetically by county or draft board.
- 1900–1985 **California Marriage Records Indexes, 1960–1985. (On 664 FHL fiche 6334139–140; 6332554–8.)**

For ideas on ways your ancestor's name might be spelled by indexers or in collections, see Name Variations.

## Step 2. Copy and document the information.

The best method is to:

- Make a photocopy of the page(s) with your ancestor's name.
- Document where the information came from by writing the title, call number, and page number of the index or collection on the photocopy. Also write the name of the library or archive.

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## Where to Find It

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### Family History Centers and the Family History Library

You can use the Family History Library book collection only at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, but many of our books have been microfilmed. Most of our films can be requested and used at our Family History Centers. To locate the address for your nearest Family History Center, [click here](#).

For information about contacting or visiting the library or a center, see *Family History Library and Family History Centers*.

### Libraries and Archives

You may be able to find the books at public or college libraries. If these libraries do not have a copy of the book you need, they may be able to order it from another library on interlibrary loan.

To use interlibrary loan:

- Go to a public or college library.
- Ask the librarian to order a book or microfilm for you through interlibrary loan from another library. You will need the title of the item and the name of the author.
- The library staff will direct you in their procedures. Sometimes this is free; sometimes there is a small fee.

You can find addresses and phone numbers for most libraries and archives in the *American Library Directory*, published by the American Library Association. *The American Library Directory* is available at most public and college libraries.

California Map



# Maps

## Computer Resources

### **MapQuest Maps**

Summary: Must know address, city, state, and zip code; more recent maps

### **Animap**

BYU FHL – on computer

Summary: Has each state with maps. Shows county boundary changes and allows marking of cities and finds distances.

### **Google Maps**

Summary: Has address finder, allows keyword searching, and allows street, satellite, or terrain views

### **Geology.com Maps**

Summary: Has Relief, Elevation, Drainage, Political and Road Maps for each state.

## California Maps Bibliography

Andriot, Jay. *Township Atlas of the U.S.* Virginia: Documents Index, 1991.  
Mic/Gen Ref – G 1201.F7 A5 1991

Summary: Shows the townships in a particular county for each state except Hawaii and Alaska. Maps start after 1930.

Evaluation of California Maps: pp. 69-100. One page history of state, list of counties and counties with minor civil divisions. Maps of census county divisions.

Eichholz, Alice. *Ancestry's RedBook: American State, County & Town Sources*. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1992.  
Mic/Gen Ref – CS 49.A55 1992. (3 copies in FHC)

Summary: The previous map is copied from page 71 of this book. On the next page is a listing of the counties, the date the county was formed and parent county, and date of first recorded deeds and certificates. The section also includes a brief history of California and genealogical research information.

Kirkam, E. Kay. *A Genealogical and Historical Atlas of the United States*. Utah: Everton Publishers, Inc., 1976.  
Mic/Gen Ref – G1201.E6225.K5 1976

Summary: Shows changes in boundaries in United States from Colonial days up to 1909. Civil War Maps and information.

Evaluation of California map: State historical information, p. 7; 1855 Map, p. 140; 1866 Map, p. 145; 1909 map, p. 204 and 205.

Mattson, Mark T. *Macmillan Color Atlas of the States*. Toronto: Simon & Schuster Macmillan, 1996.  
Mic/Gen Ref – Quarto Shelves G 1200.M4 1996.

Evaluation of California Maps: California maps and information on pages 31-37. Includes maps comparing California to other states, cultural features, population density, agriculture, economic facts, etc. Also includes a brief state history.

Thorndale, William and William Dollarhide. *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co, 1987.  
Mic/Gen Ref – G 1201.F7 T5 1987

Summary: History of Federal Censuses, records, and completeness. U.S. Maps from 1790 – 1920 showing U.S. boundary changes. Maps of each state for each census year beginning when the state was created up through 1920.

Evaluation of California Maps: pp. 43-50.

**Map Collection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the old section of HBLL library.** Twelve map drawers of the state of California.

**G4360 – G4864** State maps as early as 1852 up through 2000. Many of the maps show county boundaries and county seats, railroad lines, private land grants, population, etc. Some maps include information about what was happening that year.

To find more maps, search the byline for California maps, atlases, and gazetteers.





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# California Federal Census Population Schedules, 1850 to 1920

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## Guide

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### Introduction

Federal censuses are taken every 10 years. California residents are included in federal censuses from 1850 through 1880, and 1900 through 1920.

- The 1790 through 1840 censuses give the name of the head of each household. Other household members are mentioned only by age groupings of males and females.
- The 1850 census was the first federal census to give the names of all members of each household.

For more information about the U.S. Federal Censuses, see Background.

### What You Are Looking For

The information you find varies from record to record. These records may include:

- Names of family members.
- Ages of family members, which you can use to calculate birth or marriage years.
- The county and state where your ancestors lived.
- People living with (or gone from) the family.
- Relatives that may have lived nearby.

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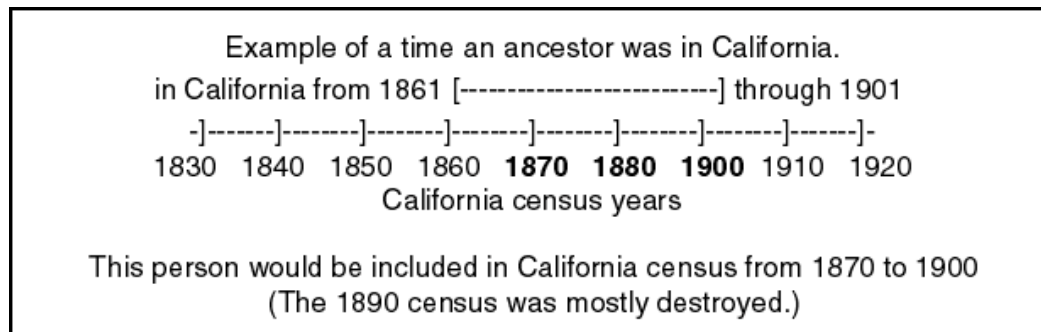
## Steps

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These 5 steps will help you use census records.

### Step 1. Determine which censuses might include your ancestors.

Match the probable time your ancestor was in California with the census years. This will determine which censuses you will search.



## Step 2. Determine a census to start with.

Start with the last census taken during the life of your ancestor.

The censuses from **1850 to 1920** give more information and include the name, age, and birthplace of every person in each household.

The censuses from **1790 to 1840** give the name of the head of each household and the number of males and females in age groups **without** their names.

The censuses for 1930 and later are available from the U.S. Census Bureau only.

For ways the census can help you find your ancestor's parents, see Tip 1.

## Step 3. Search the census.

For instructions on how to search a specific census, click on one of the following years:

1850 1860 1870 1880 1900 1910 1920

For information about archives and libraries that have census records, see Where to Find It.

## Step 4. Search another census.

Repeat steps 2 and 3 until you search all the censuses taken during the life span of your ancestor. Each census may contain additional information.

If you skip a census taken when your ancestor lived, you risk missing additional information, such as names of in-laws or other relatives who may have lived with or near the family. Those names and relationships may help you identify earlier generations.

For other information about how to search the census, see Tips.

## Step 5. Analyze the information you obtain from the censuses.

To effectively use the information from the census, ask yourself these questions:

- Who was in the family?
- About when were they born?
- Where were they born? (Birthplaces are shown in censuses for 1850 to 1920.)
- Where were they living—town or township, county, and state?
- Where were their parents born? (Birthplaces are shown in censuses for 1880 to 1920.)
- Do they have neighbors with the same last name? Could they be relatives?

For more about comparing information in several censuses, see Tip 3.

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## Tips

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### Tip 1. How can the census help me find my ancestor's parents?

Searching the census taken closest to the time the ancestor married has the best possibility of finding your ancestor and spouse living close to their parents and other family members.

### Tip 2. How can I understand the information better?

Sometimes knowing why the census taker asked a question can help you understand the answer. Detailed instructions given to census takers are in the book *Twenty Censuses: Population and Housing Questions 1790-1980*, updated as *200 Years of U.S. Census Taking*, both by the U.S. Census Bureau.

### Tip 3. How can comparing information in more than one census help me?

Comparing censuses indicates:

- Changes in who was in the household, such as children leaving home or the death of grandparents or a child.
- Changes in neighbors. Remember, neighbors might be relatives or in-laws.
- Changes about each individual, such as age.
- Movement of the family within California to a different county or town.
- Movement of the family out of California if the family no longer appears in the census for California.

You will eventually want to know every country, state, county, township, and town where your ancestor was located. You can then check information in other records for those places. A careful check of all available federal census records can help you identify those places.

The age and estimated birth date of an individual may vary greatly from census to census. Often ages are listed more accurately for young children than for adults.

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## Background

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### Description

A census is a count and a description of the population of a country, colony, territory, state, county, or city. Census records are also called census schedules or population schedules.

Early censuses are basically head counts. Later censuses give information about marriage, immigration, and literacy. United States censuses are useful because they begin early and cover a large portion of the population.

### What U.S. Federal Censuses Are Available

Censuses have been taken by the United States government every 10 years since 1790. The 1920 census is the most recent federal census available to the public; the 1930 census will be released in 2002. The 1890 census of California was destroyed by fire.

## Types of Census Schedules

The following census schedules are available for California and were created in various years by the federal government:

- **Population schedules** list a large portion of the population; most are well-indexed and are available at many repositories.
- **Mortality schedules** list those who died in the 12 months prior to the day the census was taken, for censuses taken in 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880.
- **Agricultural schedules** list data about farms and the names of the farmers for the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 censuses.
- **Manufacturing or industrial schedules** list data about businesses and industries for the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 censuses.

## How Censuses Were Taken

People called enumerators were hired by the United States government to take the census. The enumerators were given forms to fill out and were assigned to gather information about everyone living in a certain area or district. Enumerators could visit houses in any order, so families who are listed together in the census may or may not have been neighbors. The accuracy of the enumerators and the readability of their handwriting varies.

After the census was taken, usually one copy was sent to the state and another to the federal government. Sometimes copies were also kept by the counties. Few of the state and county copies survived.

## When Censuses Were Taken

Census takers were supposed to gather information about the people who were part of each household on the following dates:

1790 to 1820: First Monday in August  
1830 to 1900: 1 June (2 June in 1890)  
1910: 15 April  
1920: 1 January  
1930: 1 April

If your ancestor was born in the census year, your ancestor should be listed only if he or she was born before the census date.

If your ancestor died in the census year, your ancestor should be listed only if he or she died after the census date.

The census may have actually taken several months to complete and may reflect births and deaths after the census date.

## Censuses from 1930 to the Present

U.S. Federal Censuses from 1930 to the present are confidential. The 1930 census will be available in 2002. You may ask the U.S. Census Bureau to send information about:

- Yourself.
- Another living person, if you are that person's "authorized representative."
- Deceased individuals, if you are "their heirs or administrators."

You may request information for only one person at a time. There is a fee for each search. To request information, you must provide the person's name, address at the time of the census, and other details on Form BC-600, available from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For the address of the U.S. Census Bureau, see *Where to Find It*.

## Colonial, State, and Local Censuses

Colonial, state, and local governments also took censuses. Nonfederal censuses generally contain information similar to and sometimes more than federal censuses of the same period. Some Spanish and Mexican colonial censuses exist for California for the 1790s, 1836, and 1844.

California became a state in 1850. There is an 1852 state census for California. See the census section of the *California Research Outline* for more information.

Colonial, state, and local censuses may be available on the Internet, at Family History Centers, at the Family History Library, and in state and local archives and libraries.

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## Where to Find It

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### Internet

Many Internet sites include census records, census indexes, or information about censuses. You may find the following sites helpful:

- California GenWeb and USGenWeb have links to indexes and records and may have links to archives, libraries, and genealogical and historical societies.
- CensusLinks on the 'Net includes links to Internet sites that have United States and Canada censuses and indexes. It includes information about censuses and how to use them, a Soundex calculator, census forms you can print, an age calculator, and more.
- The Archives and Libraries section of the *California Research Outline* lists Internet addresses for several California archives, libraries, and historical societies. These organizations may have microfilms and indexes of California census records, and the Internet sites may list what records they have.

### Family History Centers

Many Family History Centers keep copies of some census microfilms. Family History Centers can borrow microfilms of a U.S. Federal Census from the Family History Library. A small fee is charged to have a microfilm sent to a center.

You may request photocopies of U.S. Federal Censuses from the Family History Library. Staff at the Family History Center can show you how to request this service.

Family History Centers are located throughout the United States and other areas of the world. See *Family History Centers* for the address and phone number of the center nearest you.

### Family History Library

The Family History Library has complete sets of the existing U.S. Federal Censuses from 1850 to 1920. No fee is charged for using census microfilms in person.

For a list of indexes and other census records, click on **Family History Library Catalog**.

Select from the list of titles to see descriptions of the records with the film or book call numbers. Use that information to obtain the records at a family history center or at the Family History Library.

For information about contacting or visiting the library, see *Family History Library and Family History Centers*.

## National Archives

Copies of the existing federal censuses from 1790 to 1920 are available in the Microfilm Research Room in the National Archives Building and at the 13 Regional National Archives. The National Archives has a microfilm rental program for census records. Call 301-604-3699 for rental information.

## College and Public Libraries

Many college libraries have copies of census microfilms, particularly for their own states. Many larger public libraries have copies of the census soundex and populations schedules. Smaller public libraries may be able to obtain the records through interlibrary loan.

## State Archives, Libraries, and Historical Societies

The Archives and Libraries section of the *California Research Outline* lists Internet and mailing addresses for several California archives, libraries, and historical societies. These organizations may have microfilms and indexes of California census records, and the Internet sites may list what records they have.

## U.S. Census Bureau

To request information from the 1930 census and later censuses, you must provide your relative's name, address, and other details on Form BC-600, available from:

The U.S. Census Bureau  
P.O. Box 1545  
Jeffersonville, IN 47131  
Telephone: 812-218-3300

## Genealogical Search Services

Many genealogical search services will search the census for a fee. These sources can help you find a genealogical search service:

- CyndisList lists many companies and individuals who do research and mentions publications about how to hire a professional genealogist.
- Advertisements in major genealogical journals may help you find a researcher.

For more information, see *Hiring a Professional Genealogist*.

# U.S. State Censuses

## CALIFORNIA

1790  
Territorial Census

**FILM 1036747**  
**item 6**

1834  
City of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County

**FILM 0962211**

Special Information: Santa Barbara California. Catholic Church Mission. Baptisms 1782-84, death 1782-95; Census of Santa Barbara, California 1834.

1836  
1836 Mexican Census.

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1836 & 1844  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

**FILM 0913156**

1852  
California state census, 1852.

Butte County	v. 1	1852
Calaveras County	v. 1	1852
Colusa County	v. 1	1852
Contra Costa County	v. 1	1852
Eldorado County	v. 2	1852
Klamath County	v. 3	1852
Los Angeles County	v. 3	1852
Marin County	v. 3	1852
Mariposa County	v. 3	1852
Mendoano County	v. 3	1852
Monterey County	v. 3	1852
Napa County	v. 4	1852
Nevada County	v. 4	
Placer County	v. 4	1852
San Diego County	v. 5	1852
Sacramento County	v. 5	1852
San Diego County	v. 5	1852
Index	v. 5	1852
San Francisco County	v. 6-8	1852
San Joaquin County	v. 8	1852
San Luis Obispo County	v. 9	1852
Santa Barbara County	v. 9	1852
Santa Clara County	v. 9	1852
Santa Cruz County	v. 9	1852
Shasta County	v. 9	1852
Sierra County	v. 10	1852
Siskiyou County	v. 10	1852
Solano County	v. 10	1852
Sutter County	v. 10	1852
Trinity County	v. 10	1852
Tulare County	v. 10	1852
Tuolumne County	v. 11	1852
Yolo County	v. 12	1852
Yuba County	v. 12	1852
Yuba County	v. 13	1852

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## U.S. State Censuses

### CALIFORNIA (cont.)

		State Census Microfiche Card 1 of 1
1852	(Statistical)	
1897	City of Los Angeles (A - Hays)	FILM 0981562
	City of Los Angeles (Hayse - Simmons)	FILM 0981563
	City of Los Angeles (Simpson - A)	FILM 0981564
	City of San Jose (Santa Clara County)	FILM 0981565
	<u>Refilming</u>	
	City of Los Angeles (A - Kelley)	FILM 0913157
	City of Los Angeles (Kelley - A)	FILM 0913158
1899	San Diego City	FILM 0982705
1902	Oakland City Census (Alameda County) (A - L)	FILM 0981566
	Oakland City Census (Alameda County) (M - Z)	FILM 0981567
1905	Long Beach (Los Angeles County)	FILM 0981568
	Santa Monica (Los Angeles county)	FILM 0981569 item 2
	San Buenaventura (Ventura County)	FILM 0981569 item 1
1906	Chico (Butte County)	FILM 0981570 item 1
	Long Beach (Los Angeles County)	FILM 0981568
	San Luis Obispo (San Luis Obispo County)	FILM 0981565 item 3
	San Pedro (Los Angeles County)	FILM 0981565 item 2
	<u>Special Information:</u> Alphabetically arranged by the first letter of surname.	
1908	Richmond (Contra Costa County)	FILM 0981570 item 6
	Kern (Kern County)	FILM 0981569 item 3
	Long Beach (Los Angeles County)	FILM 0981570 item 2
	Red Bluff (Tehama County)	FILM 0981570 item 3
	<u>Special Information:</u> Alphabetically arranged by the first letter of surname.	
1910	Monrovia (Los Angeles County)	FILM 0981570 item 7



### COUNTY HISTORIES ON MICROFILM

For many years the library has been purchasing county histories on microfilm. There are now county histories for eight states. The states are:

1. California
2. Indiana
3. Illinois
4. Michigan
5. New York
6. Ohio
7. Pennsylvania
8. Wisconsin

California, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin are classified in the Dewey Decimal Classification. The number is 900 with reel numbers following. Illinois, Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania are classified in the LC (Library of Congress) classification. The number is F with the reel numbers following.

Of all these histories New York is the only one where the name of the county or counties are found on the rolls of microfilm. For the other states, in order, to locate the call number for a particular county the patron has had to use the BYU Card Catalog.

Recently it was brought to my attention there are county indexes for each state in book form located in Hist/Rel Ref. This will make it much easier for the patron to locate the exact reel number for a particular county without a trip to the card catalog.

Most of the states use a different indexing system. Some counties are arranged alphabetically within the index and some are randomly arranged.

For each state attached to this sheet is a step by step explanation of how to use the index. The call numbers are given for both the book index and the microfilm on the explanation sheet for each state.

There are two states that have a surname biography index to their counties. These two states are Indiana and Ohio. The Indiana surname is on microfiche F and the Ohio surname index is on microfilm CS. There is an explanation on how to use these two indexes.

These tools should be helpful as you help the patrons in the future.

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900 Microfilm collection of California County and  
#162-195 Regional Histories

- Step 1 - Turn to the Index by County in back of book.  
Each county is typed in CAPS. Under each county  
you will find the number list which will get you  
in the correct reel of microfilm.
- Step 2 - Write the combination of letters and numbers (Number  
List) which appears under each county on paper.
- Step 3 - At the beginning of the book under the heading of Index  
to Microfilm, reel numbers are listed in numerical order.  
Under each reel is the number list which corresponds  
with the index at the back, i.e. Reel 1  
CLH 2  
CLH 3
- Step 4 - The label of each box will correspond with the Number  
List, i.e. CALIFORNIA COUNTY AND REGIONAL HISTORIES  
CLH 2  
CLH 3  
Roll 1 (means reel 1)
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**MARRIAGE INDEXES:**

Brides, 1960-1969	(106 fiche)	-----	6332554
Brides, 1970-1979	(127 fiche)	-----	6332555
Brides, 1980-1981	( 26 fiche)	-----	6332556
Grooms, 1960-1969	(106 fiche)	-----	6332557
Grooms, 1970-1979	(127 fiche)	-----	6332558
Grooms, 1980-1981	( 26 fiche)	-----	6332559

COLUMNS ON THE MICROFICHE INDEXES (in order):

NAME OF GROOM/BRIDE... each index is alphabetically arranged  
NAME OF BRIDE/GROOM... each index is alphabetically arranged  
(some names are abbreviated to conform with the available space)

AGE...GR...	age of groom at marriage
BR...	age of bride at marriage
CO...	county where marriage was performed
MO DA YR...	month, day, and year of marriage
CO...	county where license was issued
REGISTRAR NUMBER	certificate number issued by the county
STATE FILE #...	certificate number issued by the state
*...	the certificate has been corrected

**DEATH INDEXES:**

1940-1949	( 59 fiche)	-----	6332560 *
1950-1959	( 73 fiche)	-----	6332561 *
1960-1969	( 99 fiche)	-----	6332562 *
1970-1979	(111 fiche)	-----	6332563 *
1980-1983	( 49 fiche)	-----	6332564 *

COLUMNS ON THE MICROFICHE INDEXES (in order):

NAME OF DECEDENT...	surname, first name, middle initial
SP INIT...	initials of the spouse
SEX...	1 = male, 2 = female
SOCIAL SEC...	Social Security Number
CO...	county where the death certificate is filed
CT...	census tract (areas used to study births)
MO DA YR...	month, day, and year of death
REGISTRAR NUMBER...	number of the certificate issued by the county
STATE FILE #...	certificate number issued by State Registrar

NOTE: The two digits under CO are the CODE NUMBER for the county.  
Look on back of this page for the key to code numbers.

\* Available at BYU (1993)

KEY TO COUNTY CODES

County of Death

01 Alameda	17 Lake	33 Riverside	49 Sonoma
02 Alpine	18 Lassen	34 Sacramento	50 Stanislaus
03 Amador	19 L.A.	35 San Benito	51 Sutter
04 Butte	20 Madera	36 San Berna.	52 Tehama
05 Calaveras	21 Marin	37 San Diego	53 Trinity
06 Colusa	22 Mariposa	38 San Fran.	54 Tulare
07 Con. Costa	23 Mendocino	39 San Joaquin	55 Tuolumne
08 Del Norte	24 Merced	40 S.L. Obispo	56 Ventura
09 El Dorado	25 Modoc	41 San Mateo	57 Yolo
10 Fresno	26 Mono	42 Santa Bar.	58 Yuba
11 Glenn	27 Monterey	43 Santa Cla.	60 Alameda
12 Humboldt	28 Napa	44 Santa Cruz	70 L.A.
13 Imperial	29 Nevada	45 Shasta	80 San Diego
14 Inyo	30 Orange	46 Sierra	90 San Fran.
15 Kern	31 Placer	47 Siskiyou	
16 Kings	32 Plumas	48 Solano	

FINDING BIRTH, MARRIAGE, AND DEATH INFORMATION IN CALIFORNIA

Church records provide the earliest evidences of births, marriages, and deaths. Many pre-statehood Catholic Church records are available in the Family History Library. Look in the catalog under CALIFORNIA-COUNTY- CITY- CHURCH RECORDS. County recorders eventually kept vital records. For the earliest civil vital records look under CALIFORNIA-COUNTY- VITAL RECORDS.

The Family History Library has microfilmed copies of pre-1905 civil vital records in 40 of California's 58 counties. Additional records are being acquired. In the Library's collections are 11 counties that were recording births by 1860, and another 19 counties which began recording by 1880. Only 5 of these counties were recording deaths by 1860, but another 28 were keeping such records by 1880. In 28 of these 40 counties are marriage records dating from the 1850s. The Library has indexes which go beyond 1920 for only 5 counties.

The statewide registration of births, marriages, and deaths in California began in July, 1905. These laws were generally adhered to by 1920. The Library does not have copies of the records kept by the State. The reverse side of this page, however, describes indexes available for marriages (1960-1981) and deaths (1940-1983).

To obtain a copy of a certificate filed with the state, copy the information from the index and send your request to Vital Statistics Branch, 410 N St., Sacramento, CA 95814. The fee is \$11.00 for births and marriages, and \$7.00 for deaths.

# San Francisco County, Cal. index of naturalized voters, 1850-1898.

Cards contain name of voter and date when voter was naturalized. Also includes number of voter's precinct and ward.

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