

California

[reviewed and updated for microfilm and microfiche]

Cemeteries

Vital Records from Cemeteries.

Microfilm	4 rolls		Locality	California
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There are 17 volumes in this series prepared by the Genealogical Records Committee of the California Daughters of the American Revolution. There are also some death notices from cemeteries in a few counties. It should be noted that cemeteries for a county may appear in more than one volume.

Census

California State Census, 1852.

Microfilm	3 rolls		Census	California
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This is a transcript of the 1852 state census of California prepared by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The California Constitution of 1849 required the 1852 census. The 1850 census of California did not record the residents of three of the twenty-seven counties, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and Santa Clara. They represented a substantial portion of the population in the state at that time. The census is similar to the federal census of 1852. Instead of the estimate of property value, the previous residence of each individual is recorded. There are thirteen volumes, each with its own index. There is no consolidated index. The typescript copy does not follow the sequence in the original records so it is extremely difficult to locate the corresponding entry in the original. This transcript does not include the numerous Chinese residents. Other omissions include entries that were too difficult to read.

Indians of California Census Rolls Authorized under the Act of May 18, 1928 as Amended, Approved May 16–17, 1933.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1853	Locality	California
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History

California County and Regional Histories.

Microfilm	33 rolls		Locality	California
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The bibliography listing the titles of histories and atlases in this series is R016.9794/R327.

Immigration

Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Francisco, California 1893–1934.

Microfilm	28 rolls	NARA M1389	Immigration	California
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This index is subdivided into three geographical components based upon point of origin. Rolls 1–21 are the general index. Rolls 22–27 contain the names of individuals arriving from the Philippines, Honolulu from 1902–1907, and insular possessions 1907–1922. The last roll is the index to arrivals from the East Indies.

Index to Passenger Arrivals at San Diego, California ca. 1904–ca. 1952.

Microfilm	6 rolls	NARA M1761	Immigration	California
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Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving in San Francisco, California from Honolulu, 1902–1907.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1440	Immigration	California
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Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving in San Francisco, California from Insular Possessions, 1907–1911.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M1438	Immigration	California
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Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Pedro/Wilmington/Los Angeles, California, June 29, 1907–June 30, 1948.

Microfilm	118 rolls	NARA M1764	Immigration	California
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Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Pedro/Wilmington/Los Angeles, California, 1907–1936.

Microfilm	7 rolls	NARA M1763	Immigration	California
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There are over 94,000 index card to aliens and citizens arriving at the towns at the mouth of the Los Angeles River.

Form 548 and 548-B give the person's name, age, sex, marital status, place of nativity, physical description, occupation, citizenship, race, ability to read and write and in what language, place of last permanent residence, port and date of arrival, destination, purpose for entering the U.S., intention of becoming a U.S. citizen, head tax status, and previous citizenships. In addition the names of persons accompanying the alien and the name and address of the alien's nearest relative or friend whom the alien intended to join, and the name and address of the alien's nearest relative or friend in the country of his or her origin. Past dates and places of residence are listed for aliens who had previously been in the country.

Form 521 includes the person's name, sex, age, place of nativity, country of citizenship, home address, and the names of any accompanying children under the age of 16. The alien's occupation, destination in the U.S., name of the person to whom he or she was destined, the intended length of any stay were recorded. Both aliens and citizens completed this form.

Lastly there is a numbered form that includes the person's photograph, name, country of citizenship, place of nativity, father's and mother's place of nativity, naturalization information, age on his or her last birthday (*e.g.*, age 32 on 3 May 1919), height, name and date of arrival of vessel, vessel flag (such as U.S. registry), physical marks or peculiarities, complexion, and hair and eye color.

Form 685, Seaman's Identification Card, includes the person's photograph, name, age on his last birthday, nationality, and marks such as scars and tattoos.

Register of Citizen (1943–1947) and Alien (1936–1949) Arrivals by Aircraft at San Francisco, California.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA A3361	Immigration	California
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Manifests of Alien Arrivals at San Ysidro (Tia Juana), California, April 21, 1908–December 1952.

Microfilm	20 rolls	NARA M1767	Immigration	California
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There are duplicate copies of rolls 1–5.

Statistical and Nonstatistical Manifests, and Related Indexes, of Aliens Arriving at Andrade and Campo (Tecate), California, 1910–1952.

Microfilm	5 rolls	NARA M2030	Immigration	California
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Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Ventura, California, May 1929–December 1956.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA A3363	Immigration	California
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Record of Persons Held for Board of Special Inquiry at the San Pedro, California, Immigration Office, November 3, 1930–September 27, 1936.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1852	Immigration	California
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Index to Passenger Arrivals at San Diego, California, ca. 1904-ca. 1952.

Microfilm	6 rolls	NARA M1761	Immigration	California
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Land

Index to Private Land Grant Cases, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, 1853–1903.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA T1214	Locality	California
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The land grants were originally made by the Spanish and Mexican governments and later confirmed by the U.S. government between 1852 and 1910.

Index to Private Land Grant Cases, U.S. District Court, Southern District of California.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA T1215	Locality	California
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Index by County to Private Land Grant Cases, U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of California.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA T1216	Locality	California
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The index is to Spanish and Mexican land grants for ranchos listed by county as the counties existed on 1 January 1939. The arrangement is by county, rancho name, and name of claimant. The library has two copies.

California Private Land Claims Dockets Numbered 1 through 111, plus index.

Microfilm	5 rolls	NARA T910	Locality	California
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Cases are on rolls 1–4; index is in roll marked 118.

Ranchos Plats.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	California
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These are plats of privately patented lands in the state of California. Burgess Mck. Shumway, *California Ranchos Patented Private Land Grants Listed by County*, R929.3794/S562C/1988, contains an index to the patentees. There does not appear to be any particular sequence to the plats on this roll of microfilm.

Military—Militia

California State Militia Index to the Muster Rolls of 1851 to 1866.

Microfiche	23 fiche		Fiche	California
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Following statehood in 1850, California provided for the establishment of militia units to protect the citizens from Indian depredations. At that time most of the population was in the northern and central parts of the state so most of their units were from the same area. Attendance was usually semiannually. During the Civil War many of the units were taken into Federal service. The California National Guard replaced the militia system in 1866.

There are about 71,000 names in the index. Perhaps they represent some 35,000 different individuals. Nominal duplications would indicate internal migration within the state and promotions in rank.

The index consists of a number of fields following the name of the militiaman. The date is either that of his being mustered into the service or the date the unit was mustered into state service. The county code consists of a two or three letter abbreviation of the unit followed by two number2 indicating the unit with the county. The "certdate" or certification date column fixes the time a person was in a given locality and date of the original muster roll.

The last two fiche are the unit summaries. They are listed alphabetically by county code and thereunder by the part of the unit.

Military—Civil War (1861–1865) Union

Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of California.

Microfilm	7 rolls	NARA M533	Locality	California
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The index is alphabetically arranged by name of soldier giving his rank and unit of service.

Regimental Histories. Records of California Men in the War.

Microfiche	10 fiche		Fiche	Arkansas
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Regimental Histories. George Henry Pettis, Frontier Service during the Rebellion.

Microfiche	1 fiche		Fiche	Arkansas
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Miscellaneous

California Information File.

Microfiche	550 fiche		Fiche	California
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The 720,000 cards in this index provide coverage to subjects in California from the 1840s to April 1986. It indexes early California newspapers, important periodicals, biographies, manuscript collections, and special files on California pioneers and notables. Of the 1.4 million citations, an estimated 65% are to personal names.

**The Federal Indian Policy in California, 1846-1860 by William Henry Ellison.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 908795	Locality	Misc.
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Item 2. This film is located with the Genealogies.

Record of Name Changes, 1866–1883.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #978907	Locality	California
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These are item 2 on the roll containing the Folsom and San Quentin prison records. The entries are in a ledger book, alphabetical by original name, giving adopted name, name of petitioner, county, dates of filing and court order, and fees. The ledger does not list the reason for the name changes.

Prison Records (Folsom, San Quentin).

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #978907	Locality	California
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The film has three items: Register and descriptive list of convicts, Folsom, 1880–96 is item 1; Register and descriptive list of convicts, Folsom, 1884–86 is item 3. Folsom records have been published in book form by Lois A. Dove, *California State Prison: Folsom, California, 1879–1903*, 2 vols. (1988), R929.3794/C153/1988 and R929.37945/D732R/1988. San Quentin records have been published as *California State Prison at San Quentin and Other Locations, Lists of Officers, Employees and Prisoners, 1856–1858*, R929.37946/C153/1991.

Historical Records Survey, American Imprints Inventory, #31, California Imprints, 1833–1855.

Microcard	4 cards		Fiche	California
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Naturalization

Selected Indexes to Naturalization Records of the United States Circuit and District Courts Northern District of California, 1852–1928.

Microfilm	3 rolls	NARA T1120	Locality	California
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Applications for naturalizations 1879–1903 contain the date, name, place of residence, and nativity of the applicant as well as the names and residences of the witnesses. For San Francisco for the years 1855–1912, the index to certificates of citizenship give the date, name, and nativity of the applicant, and the volume and page number where it was recorded. The lists are alphabetical. The index to declarations of intent, 1851–1904, gives the applicant's name, date, and the volume and page where it was recorded. The index to naturalizations for 1853–1867 gives the name of the applicant, nativity, date of naturalization, and the court. There is also a space for remarks. The index to certificates of naturalization 1854–1905 has recorded minutes, the record number, and the volume and page where the record can be found. The alphabetical index to declarations of intentions and petitions of naturalization for the years 1906–1919 gives the applicant's forename and surname and the book and page where the declaration and the petition are recorded. The index to declarations of intent and petitions for 1920–1928 is listed alphabetically.

Naturalization Index Cards from the Supreme Court at San Diego, California 1926–1956.

Microfilm	5 rolls	NARA M1526	Locality	California
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Naturalization Index of the Superior Court for Los Angeles, California, 1852–1915.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1608	Locality	California
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Index to Citizens Naturalized in the Superior Court of San Diego, California, 1853–1956.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1609	Locality	California
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Index to Declarations of Intentions in the Superior Court of San Diego, California, 1853–1896.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1612	Locality	California
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Index to Naturalization Records of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, Los Angeles, 1887–1937.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M1607	Locality	California
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Index Cards to Overseas Military Petitions of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division (Los Angeles), 1943–1945, 1954, 1955–1956.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M1606	Locality	California
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Naturalization Index Cards of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, Los Angeles, 1915–1976.

Microfilm	15 rolls	NARA M1524	Locality	California
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The first 15 rolls go through the name Roosa Rimilianen.

Index to Naturalizations in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, 1852–ca1989.

Microfilm	20 rolls	NARA M1744	Locality	California
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The first 20 rolls go through the name C. Burton.

The Foreign-Born Voters of California 1872.

Microfiche	5 fiche		Locality	California
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Vital Records—Births

California Department of Health. Index to Births 1956–1987.

Microfiche	456 fiche		Locality	California
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There is a separate alphabetical index for each year. Each entry gives the surname, forename, and initial of the child as well as the month, day, and year of birth. There is a numerical code for the county of birth. Most importantly is the inclusion of the maiden name of the mother.

Vital Records—Deaths

California Death Index, 1905–1939.

Microfilm	7 rolls	FHL 168044+	Locality	California
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The index to death is in two alphabetical sequences for the years 1905–1929 and 1930–1939 respectively. Fetal deaths, i.e., stillborns, appear alphabetically at the end of each series.

The numerical codes for the units of age are:

1 = Years

2 = Months

3 = Days

4 = Hours

5 = Minutes

6 = over 100 years

blank = unknown.

The codes for the county of death are:

Alameda = 60

Alpine = 02

Amador = 03

Butte = 04
Calaveras = 05
Colusa = 06
Contra Costa = 07
Del Norte = 08
El Dorado = 09
Fresno = 10
Glenn = 11
Humboldt = 12
Imperial = 13
Inyo = 14
Kern = 15
Kings = 16
Lake = 17
Lassen = 18
Los Angeles = 70
Madera = 20
Maria = 21
Mariposa = 22
Mendocino = 23
Modoc = 25
Mono = 26
Monterey = 27
Mursed = 24
Napa = 28
Nevada = 29
Orange = 30
Placer = 31
Plumas = 32
Riverside = 33
Sacramento = 34
San Benito = 35
San Bernardino = 36
San Diego = 80
San Francisco = 90
San Joaquin = 39
San Luis Obispo = 40
San Mateo = 41
Santa Barbara = 42
Santa Clara = 43
Santa Cruz = 44
Shasta = 45
Sierra = 46
Siskiyou = 47
Solano = 48
Sonoma = 49
Stanislaus = 50
Sutter = 51
Tehama = 52
Trinity = 53
Tulare = 54
Tuolumne = 55
Ventura = 56
Yolo = 57
Yuba = 58

California Department of Health, *Death Index, 1940–1993.*

Microfiche	518 fiche		Fiche	California
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The index to deaths is arranged alphabetically by the name of the decedent as entered on the death certificate. The index is subdivided into the following years: 1940–1949, 1950–1959, 1960–1969, 1970–1979, 1980–1989, and 1990–1993. Each entry consists of the name of the decedent, spouse's initial, sex, Social Security number, county of death, city of death, the death date by month, day, and year, registration number, and state file number. The county of death is indicated by a numerical code rather than the full name of the county.

The numerical key is:

02 Apline
03 Amador
04 Butte
05 Calveras
06 Colusa
07 Contra Costa
08 Del Norte
09 El Dorado
10 Fresno
10 or 60 Alamda
11 Glenn
12 Humboldt
13 Imperial
14 Inyo
15 Karn
16 Kings
17 Lassen
19 or 70 Los Angeles
20 Madera
21 Marin
22 Mariposa
23 Mendocino
24 Merced
25 Modoc
26 Mono
27 Monterey
28 Napa
29 Nevada
30 Orange
31 Placer
32 Plumas
33 Riverside
34 Sacramento
35 San Benito
36 San Bernardino
37 or 80 San Diego
38 or 90 San Francisco
40 San Luis Obispo
41 San Mateo
42 Santa Barbara
43 Santa Clara
44 Santa Cruz
45 Shasta
46 Sierra

47 Siskiyou
 48 Solano
 49 Sonoma
 50 Stanislaus
 51 Sutter
 52 Tehama
 53 Trinity
 54 Tulara
 55 Tuolumme
 56 Ventura
 57 Yola
 58 Yuba

Vital Records—Marriages

California Department of Health. *Marriage Indexes 1960–1986.*

Microfiche	1204 fiche		Fiche	California
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The index to marriages consists of two separate indexes, one by bride and the other by groom, alphabetically for the following years: 1960–1969, 1970–1979, 1980–1985, and 1986.

Vital Records—Divorces

California Department of Health. *Divorce Index 1978–1984.*

Microfiche	113 fiche		Fiche	California
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This index arranged alphabetically by the spouse filing for the divorce. A typical entry contains the surname, forename, and middle initial of the spouse filing for the divorce; the surname, forename, and middle initial of the other spouse; the type of divorce; the county; the month, day, and year of the divorce; the case number, and the state file number.

If the divorce was granted between 1966 and 1977, the following key designates the type:

- 1 or blank = divorce
- 2 = annulment—fraud
- 3 = separate maintenance
- 4 = annulment—void marriage; another marriage still in effect
- 5 = divorce—dismissed
- 6 = divorce—dismissal
- 7 = complaint for divorce

If the divorce was granted between 1978 and 1984, the following key reflects the type:

- 1 or blank = divorce
- 2 = legal separation
- 3 = annulment

California Department of Health. *Preliminary Husband 1966–1977.*

Microfiche	106 fiche		Fiche	California
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This index is arranged alphabetically by the name of the husband. The entry consists of his surname, forename, and middle initial; year of birth; the surname, forename, and middle initial of his wife; her year of birth; the year of marriage; the preliminary month and year; the type; the county where the divorce was granted; the case; the number; and the file.

California Department of Health. *Final Divorces, 1966.*

Microfiche	77 fiche		Fiche	California
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This index provides the county where the event occurred, the three initials of the husband; the type; month and year of the petition; the month and year of disposition; and the state file number.

California Department of Health. *ORS Finals, 1962–1975.*

Microfiche	11 fiche		Fiche	California
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This index is arranged alphabetically by the name of the husband. The entry contains the surname, forename, and middle initial of the husband; the surname, forename, and middle initial of the wife; the type; the county of dissolution; the month, day, and year of the event; and the state file number.

Voters

Jim W. Faulkinbury, *The Foreign-Born Voters of California in 1872 Including Naturalization Dates, Places, and Courts of Records.*

Microfiche	5 fiche		Fiche	California
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In 1866 California enacted a voter registration law in order to deal with voter fraud. The Great Registers of Voters started the next year and include the registrant's name, age, and place of birth. For foreign-born voters the place of naturalization and the court of record conferring the citizenship are also given.

This work is based on the California Great Register of 1872, which is the earliest year for which there are lists for most counties. The author used 1873 or 1875 lists for the counties without an 1872 register. Of the 184,157 voters in 1872, 61,691 were foreign born. The lure of the Gold Rush had brought people from Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

Each entry shows the person's name, age, country of birth, date and place of naturalization, court of record (or remarks), year of registration, year of register (i.e., 1872, 1873, or 1875), and county of residence. The author omitted occupations that would appear in the original records.

Great Registers of California: Miscellaneous County Voting Registers 1867–1890.

Microfilm	2 rolls	FHL 1434237+	Locality	California
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The collection consists of published voting registers at the Los Angeles Public Library.

The counties included are:

Alpine 1867–68, 1872

Colusa 1867

Inyo 1873, 1888

Kern 1873, 1877, 1882

Lake 1877, 1882, 1886

Lassen 1872, 1875, 1882, 1884, 1888

Mendocino 1872

Merced 1873, 1882, 1886

Modoc 1877

Mono 1873

Monterey 1873, 1877, 1882

Nevada 1873

Orange 1890

San Mateo 1873, 1888

Santa Barbara 1868–69, 1872, 1882, 1886, 1888

Santa Clara 1873, 1877

Santa Cruz 1873, 1877, 1882, 1888
Shasta 1879, 1884
Sierra 1868?
Siskiyou 1873
Sonoma 1873
Stanislaus 1873
Tehama 1872, 1873
Trinity 1882, 1884, 1886
Tulara 1877
Tuolumne 1867–69, 1872
Ventura 1873, 1884
Yolo 1873

Published listings include:

The California 1890 Great Register of Voters Index, R929.3794/C153/2001, 3 vols.
Index to the 1890 Great Register of Solano County, California, R929.37945/C874I/1994.
Index to the 1890 Los Angeles County Great Register, State of California, R929.37949/I38/1993.
Santa Clara County, California 1890 Great Register, R929.37947/S231/1999.
1890, The Great Register of Orange County, State of California, R929.37949/E34/1996.
J. Hoyle Mayfield, *The Great Register (Voter Registration) Kern County, California: A Partial Substitute for 1890 Census*, R929.37945/M468G/1995.
Great Register of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, 1890, R929.37945/G786/1992.
Madge Richardson Walsh, *1890 Great Register, Shasta County, California*, R929.37942/W226E/1992.
Butte County, California, 1890 Great Register. R2939.37943/B988/1993.
Great Register of the County of Fresno, State of California, 1890; Register Voters of Fresno County as of October 6, 1890, R929.37948/C786/1992.
Great Register of Marion County, 1890, R929.37946/G786.
Great Register of Voters, Sonoma County, California, 1890, R929.37941/G786/1989.
General List of Citizens of the United States in the County of San Luis Obispo and Registered in the Great Register of Said County, R929.

Los Angeles

Los Angeles City Directories, 1873–1882

Microfilm	1 rolls		Locality	California
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Marysville

Marysville City Directories, 1853–1858

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Nevada City

Nevada City Directories, 1856

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Oakland

Oakland City Directories, 1874–1880

Microfilm	4 rolls		Locality	California
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Sacramento

Sacramento City Directories, 1851, 1853–54, 1854–55, 1855–56, 1856–57, 1857–58, 1858–59, 1859–60.

Microfilm	fiche		fiche	California
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Sacramento City Directories, 1861–1881

Microfilm	4 rolls		Locality	California
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San Francisco

San Francisco City Directories, 1850–1861

Microfilm	fiche		fiche	California
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San Francisco City Directories, 1861–1882

Microfilm	2 rolls		Locality	California
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Stanislaus County

Register of Actions, Superior Court, vol. 1:370–vol. 3 1890–1915

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	California
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Stockton

Stockton City Directories, 1852–1856

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Tuolumne County

Tuolumne County Directory, 1856

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*denotes film owned by the LDS Church but on indefinite loan to the Genealogy Section.