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CALIFORNIA HISTORY SECTION

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VITAL STATISTICS AND INDEXES



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*California History Room
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Can't come to the library just yet? No worries! There are a number of resources you can use remotely to gather basic vital statistics for your family tree, or even to do research for your next paper! Here are some of the resources you might be able to use without visiting us. Please [contact us](#) if you have any questions about these items.

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ENJOY YOUR RESEARCH!

DIGITAL RESOURCES

Births, deaths marriages and divorces. Get basic biographical information about ordinary Californians from the online following indexes!



Births

FamilySearch

- * [Birth index for 1905-1995](#)
- * Other scattered county records
- * Free at <https://familysearch.org/>

Ancestry.com

- * Birth index for 1905-1995
 - * Other scattered county records
 - * By subscription and at all [California State Library locations](#)
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Marriage and Divorce

FamilySearch

- * [Marriage index for 1960-1985](#)
- * Other scattered county records
- * Free at <https://familysearch.org/>

Ancestry.com

- * Marriage Index for 1949-1959
 - * Marriage index for 1960-1985
 - * Divorce Index, 1966-1984
 - * Other scattered county records
 - * By subscription and at all [California State Library locations](#)
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DIGITAL RESOURCES



Deaths

Rootsweb

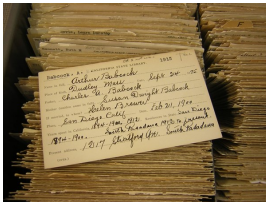
- * [Death index for 1940-1997](#)
- * Free at <http://home.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>

FamilySearch

- * [Death indexes for 1905-1929 and 1930-1939](#)
- * [Death index for 1940-1997](#)
- * Other scattered county records
- * Free at <https://familysearch.org/>

Ancestry.com

- * Death Index for 1905-1939
- * Death index for 1940-1997
- * Social Security Death Index 1935-2014
- * Records varying by date and county
- * By subscription and at all [California State Library locations](#)



Other Indexes

These digitized California History Section indexes might also be helpful to you. If you can't view them online, please [contact us](#) for reference services.

Ancestry.com

- * California, Pioneer and Immigrant Files, 1790-1950
- * California, Biographical Index Cards, 1781-1990
- * By subscription and at all [California State Library locations](#)

CALIFORNIA INFORMATION FILE I REMOTE ACCESS

With over 1.4 million references, the “California Information File I” is the premiere file on California history! If you’re in California, [consult us](#) about subject headings and then use it at one of these libraries or find it on [Worldcat](#)!

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| • Black Gold Cooperative Library | • CSU, Fresno |
| • CalTrans Library | • CSU, Sacramento |
| • CSU, Chico | • CSU, Stanislaus |
| | • Carlsbad City Library |
| | • Los Angeles Public Library |
| | • Humboldt State University |
| | • Kern County Library System |
| | • Merced County Library |
| | • Monterey Public Library |
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| • Ontario City Library | |
| • Riverside Public Library | |
| • Sacramento Public Library | |
| • San Diego Public Library | |
| • San Francisco State University | • Santa Monica Public Library |
| • San Jose Public Library | • Stanford University Library |
| • San Luis Obispo Library | • Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library |
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CALIFORNIA INFORMATION FILE I REMOTE ACCESS

Do you live outside of California? Do you still want to consult the “California Information File I,” the premiere file on California history? [Consult us](#) about subject headings and then check it out at one of these libraries or find it on [Worldcat](#)!

- [Yale University Library, CT](#)
- [Boise State University, ID](#)



- [Idaho State Historical Society Library & Archives, ID](#)
- [University of Nevada, Reno, NV](#)

SAN FRANCISCO NEWSPAPER INDEX REMOTE ACCESS

The “San Francisco Newspapers Index” provides approximately 1.8 million newspaper citations from the [Call](#), [Examiner](#) and [Chronicle](#)! Check out a copy of the index at one of these other libraries or find it on [Worldcat](#)!

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- [CalTrans Library](#)
 - [CSU, Chico](#)
 - [CSU, Fresno](#)
 - [CSU, Hayward](#)
 - [CSU, Northridge](#)
 - [CSU, Sacramento](#)
 - [Carlsbad City Library](#)
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 - [Riverside Public Library](#)
 - [San Francisco State University Library](#)
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 - [Stanford University Library](#)
 - [Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library](#)
 - [UC, Berkeley](#)
 - [UC, Davis](#)



SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE INDEX REMOTE ACCESS

The “San Francisco Chronicle Index” provides citations to California-related articles in the [*San Francisco Chronicle*](#) up through 1980. Check out a copy of the index at one of these other libraries or find it on [Worldcat](#)!

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| | • San Francisco State University Library |
| | • San Mateo County Library |
| | • Stanford University Library |
| | • Stanislaus County Free Library |
| | • Stockton-San Joaquin County |



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| | • University of San Francisco |
| | • University of the Pacific |

MISCELLANEOUS INDEXES

While many indexes and vital records cover the entire state, others only cover small areas. You can use our websites to learn about these, then [contact us](#) to discuss remote access options.

The screenshot shows the California State Library website. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, About Us, Contact Us, Services, Collections, and Search. Below this is a 'Guided Search' section with a 'Last Modified' timestamp. The search fields include: Title (with a search icon), Author, Subject, Year, Publisher, Words included? (with a dropdown menu), and Collections to search (with a dropdown menu). There are also buttons for 'Find', 'Reset', and 'Go'. Below the search fields is a 'Limit search to' section with 'Language' and 'Format' dropdown menus. At the bottom, there is a 'Search Tips' section with a link to 'Library search tips (http://www.library.ca.gov/searchtips/)' and a table with columns: 'Exact library name', 'Library location', and 'Library website'. The table contains one row: 'California State Library', 'Sacramento', and 'http://www.library.ca.gov/'.

[Catalog](#)

If you are looking for subject indexes or vital statistics one of your best sources is our [catalog](#). If you find a title you are interested in, please [contact us](#) about access options.



URL: <http://catalog.library.ca.gov/F/?func=find-a-0>

Type in Subject Box: (genealogy) or (indexes) or (births) or (registers)

Limit: By desired location

The screenshot shows the California Information File II website. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, About Us, Contact Us, Services, Collections, and Search. Below this is a 'California Information File II' section with a search icon. The search fields include: Keyword, Author, Title, and Date. There are also buttons for 'Submit Query', 'Reset', 'Help', and 'Tips'. Below the search fields is a 'Conditions of use | Accessibility | Contact Us | Privacy Policy' link.

[California Information File II](#)

Sometimes our indexes and vital statistics are covered in more detail in the California Information File II a continuation of the analog California Information File I!



URL: http://dbs.library.ca.gov/dbtext_html/QueryCalinfo.htm

Type in Subject Box: (Indexes) OR (births etc.) OR (registers)

For a narrower search: Add a place to your keyword search

MISCELLANEOUS INDEXES BY COUNTY

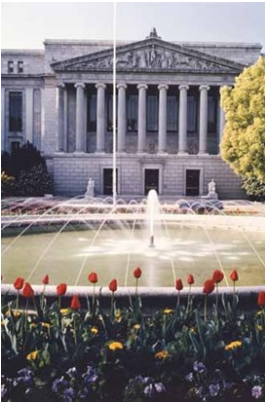
Sometimes, you just need information from a specific county.

While these records are mostly hard-copy, if you find a title you're interested in, please [contact us](#) to discuss access options.



OTHER PLACES TO LOOK

Of course neither online databases nor California History Section has everything, so we suggest that in addition to looking at these resources, you contact the following organizations



Other California State Library Sections

[Government Publications Section](#)

[Within Law Library](#)

[Sutro Library](#)

[General Information](#)



- <http://www.library.ca.gov/gps/index.html>
- http://www.library.ca.gov/collections/law_coll.html
- http://www.library.ca.gov/about/sutro_main.html
- http://www.library.ca.gov/collections/general_coll.html



Government Agencies

[California State Archives](#)

[Center for Health Statistics and Informatics](#)

County Registrars and Recordors



- <http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/>
- <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHSI/Pages/Program-Landing1.aspx>



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