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# INTRODUCTION

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It's weird! It's wacky! It must be California history! During the 2017 California Archives Crawl, the California History Room at the California State Library, has joined with other Sacramento institutions including the California State Archives, the Center for Sacramento History and the Sacramento Room at the Sacramento Public Library, to share some of the more unusual items in our collections with you! If you would like more information about California's odd historical moments and unusual folklore please consider viewing our research guide to [California Oddities](#) or contacting us via the following methods.

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## ENJOY OUR DISPLAY!

## UNUSUAL CALIFORNIANA

Some items from California's history are so unique that historians consider them treasures. Here are just a few such items that Mr. Gary Kurutz, Curator Emeritus, has selected for your viewing pleasure!

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Starkweather, Joseph. (1852). *[Auburn Ravine, 1852]*.

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*Ax Your Tax Board Game With Original Mockup.* (ca. 1978). California State Library, Howard Jarvis Collection,

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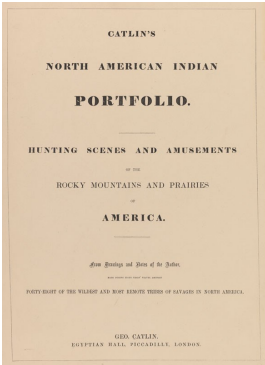


Bidwell, John. (ca. 1844). *Mapa Del Valle Del Sacramento.*

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Catlin, George. (1844) *Catlin's North American Indian Portfolio: Hunting Scenes & Amusements of the Rocky Mountains & Prairies of America*. London: G. Catlin.



Dawson, William Leon, Allan Brooks, William L. Finley, Wright M. Pierce, and Donald R. Dickey. (1923). *The Birds of California: A Complete, Scientific and Popular Account of the 580 Species and Subspecies of Birds Found in the State*. Format de luxe, Patrons' ed. San Diego: South Moulton Company.



Starkweather, Joseph. (1852). [*Head of Auburn Ravine, 1852*].

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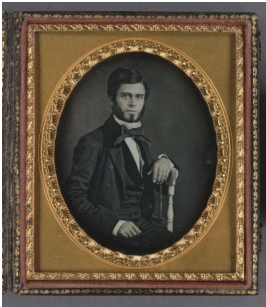
*Jerome's Livery Stable. (1855).*

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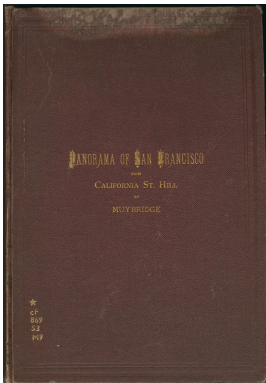
*John Rollin Ridge. (1850).*

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*Johnson, George Howard. (1852). John Frederick Morse.*

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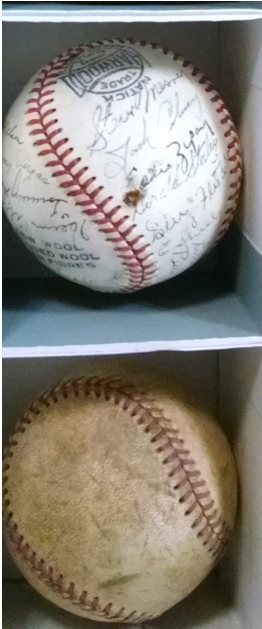
*Muybridge, Eadweard. (1877). Panorama of San Francisco From California Street Hill By Muybridge. San Francisco: Morse's Gallery.*

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## SURPRISING REALIA

You may think that the State Library just has books, photos and periodicals, but you'd be wrong! See the downright weird stuff we have in our manuscript collections as selected by our manuscript librarian, Mike.

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*Baseballs.* (ca. 1945.) California State Library, Pacific Coast League Baseball Ephemera Collection.



*Reagan Advertisement Poster.* (ca. 1950). California State Library, Stanton Delaplaine collection,

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*Opium Pipe.* (c. 1850.) California State Library, Skar Chinese collection.

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## ECCENTRIC INDIVIDUALS

California has had its fair share of personalities. Here are some of the larger-than-life people who've put California on the map, as selected by one of our reference librarians, Karen!



Bradley & Rulofson. (1870). *Norton I.*  
San Francisco: Bradley & Rulofson



*Bummer & Lazarus.* Button.



*Mrs. Sarah Winchester, Only Known  
Portrait in Existence, # 1217.* (1900).

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## ODD PROFESSIONS

In Southern California, there is an entire cadre of professionals, that strangely enough, are dedicated to the art of making you laugh, cry, and cheer at the silver screen. See the earliest days of this industry as compiled by our photography librarian, Marianne!

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Baldwin, J. (1890). *[Portraits of Actress]*. Sacramento: J.E.D. Baldwin.

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*Gilbert's Melodeon, Corner Clay and Kearny Streets.* (1854). San Francisco: Perham Nahl.

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Hoover Art Company. (1920). *[Ramon Novarro]*. Los Angeles: Hoover Art Company.

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## JUST PLAIN DIFFERENT

It's clear, California exceptionalism is alive and well and expresses itself in many unusual ways. You can see more examples of it in our bimonthly display created by our library technical assistant, Sharon!

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Hysten, A., & SoCa Digitization Project. (1946). *[Female Sword Swallower]*. Los Angeles.

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*[C.W.J. Johnson with His One Man Band Invention]*. (1890).

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Frashers Inc. (1940). *Shetland Pony Chariot Team*, W.K. Kellogg Institute of Animal Husbandry, Pomona, Calif. Pomona: Frashers Inc .

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