

California History Section Materials

The Sacramento Fire Department

California State Library
California History Section
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cslcal@library.ca.gov

California State Library

- In operation since 1850
- One of the premiere collections of Far West material
- Mandate to collect anything to do with California
- Serves everyone



2 cities, 4 buildings, 6 sections

- o 6 sections
 - o Witkin Law Library
 - o Government Publications
 - o Information Services
 - o Braille and Talking Book Library
 - o California History Section
 - o Sutro Library



Section for Local History

- California History Section
- Scattered information in other sections



Types of Materials

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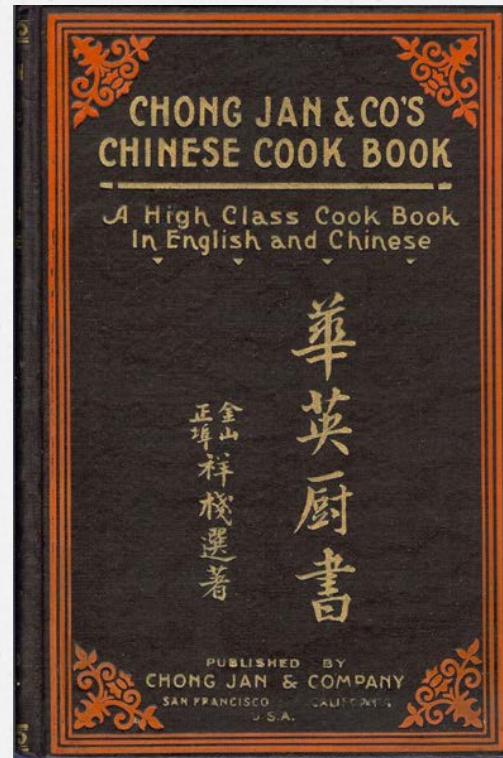
A quick overview

- Books
- Ephemera
- Images
- Indexes
- Manuscripts
- Maps
- Newspapers
- Periodicals



Books

- County Histories
- Biographies
- Cookbooks
- Trade Catalogs
- Directories
- Telephone Books



Ephemera

- Pamphlets
- Programs
- Campaign Memorabilia
- Menus
- Receipts
- Posters



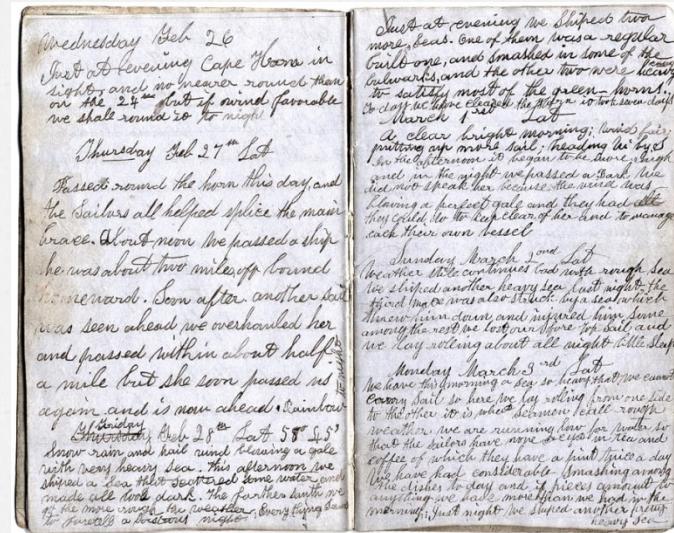
Images

- Daguerreotypes
- Stereographs
- Postcards
- Photographs
- Lithographs
- Paintings



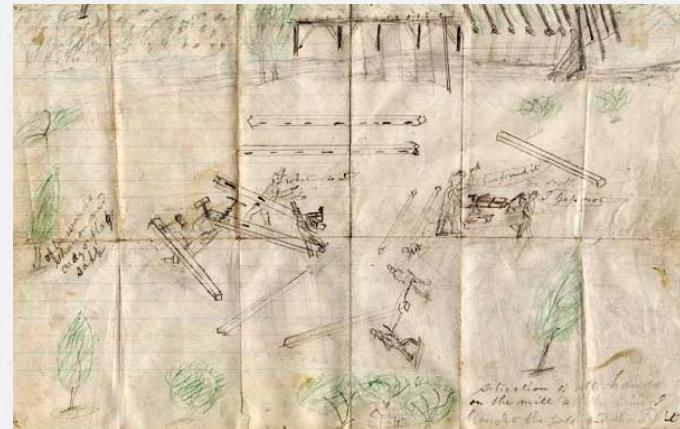
Manuscripts

- o Corporate Records
- o Diaries
- o Legal Documents
- o Letters



Maps

- General
- Sanborn
- Thomas Brothers



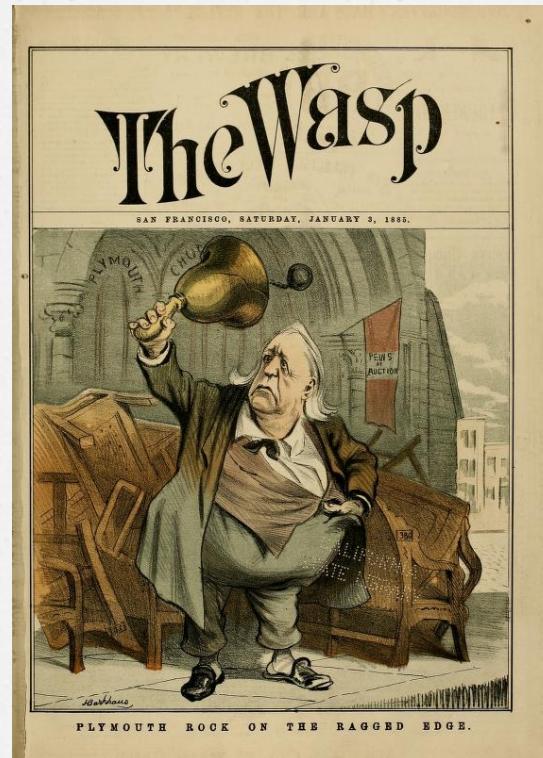
Newspapers

- City and County
- College
- Internment camp
- Military



Periodicals

- Trade Journals
- Historical and Genealogical Society Publications
- Museum Circulars
- Academic Journals
- Business Journals
- College Magazines



Indexes

- California Information File
- San Francisco Newspaper Index
- Biographical Files
- Pioneer Card File
- Newspaper Indexes
- Periodical Indexes
- Vital Records Indexes



Conducting Research

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A few pointers



Starting Out

General Resources:

Books, Indexes, Online

Angles:

Who, What, Where

Access Points

- Online
 - Catalog
<http://catalog.library.ca.gov/F/?>
 - CIF II
http://dbs.library.ca.gov/dbtext_html/QueryCalinfo.htm
 - City and County Directories
http://dbs.library.ca.gov/dbtext_html/QueryCityDir.htm
 - Telephone Books
http://dbs.library.ca.gov/dbtext_html/QueryPhonebk.htm
 - In-Person
 - CIF
 - Portrait File
 - Map File



Sacramento Fire Dept.

- o Books
 - o Catalog search:
 - o SU=Fire* Sacramento
- o Indexes
 - o California Info File
 - o Sacramento Fire Department
 - o Sacramento Fires
- o Online
 - o <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Fire/About/History>



Results

- o Memories of the Fire Service

- o Frank Ruhstaller= early firefighter
- o Young America No. 6
- o Fires of 1852
- o Funny: Stories about fire-horses



Second Pass

Prioritize research

List sources to check

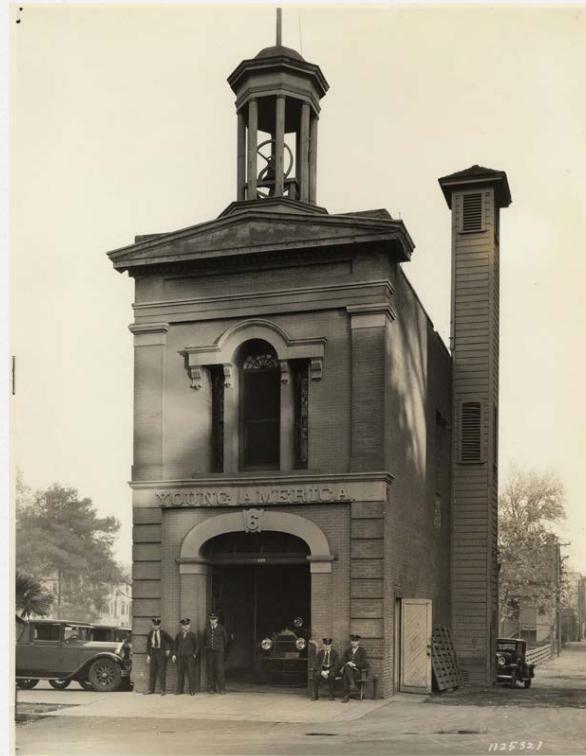
For a Place

- o Resources
 - o Maps
 - o Histories and EIRs
 - o Periodicals
 - o Images
 - o Directories
 - o Legal
- o Questions
 - o Uses?
 - o Re-development?
 - o Ownership?



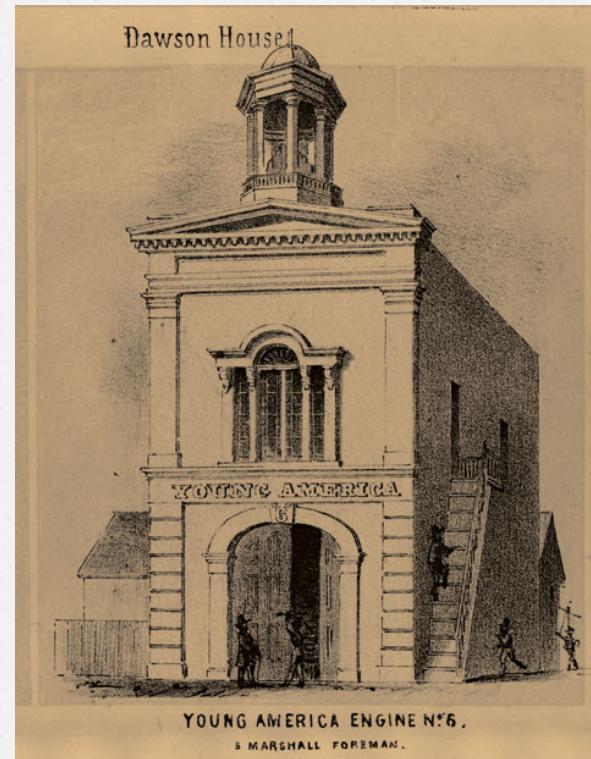
Young America

- o Catalog
 - o Sacramento Maps Fire
 - o Sacramento Buildings Fire
 - o Sacramento Deeds
 - o Sacramento Wills
 - o Sacramento Land
 - o Building Name
- o CIF II (See above)
- o Map File
 - o Sacramento
- o Image File
 - o Sacramento:
- o CIF
 - o Sacramento Buildings
 - o Sacramento Fire Department



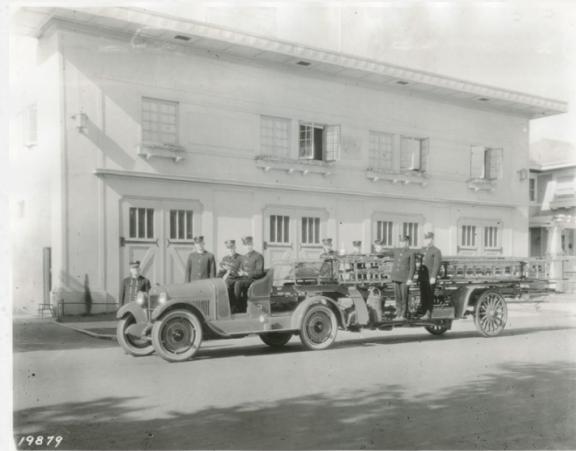
Results

- Insurance maps,
Sacramento,
California
- Several Images
- [Minutes of
meetings]
[manuscript].



For a Person

- o Resources
 - o Indexes
 - o Directories
 - o Censuses
 - o Papers
 - o Taxes
 - o Legal
- o Questions
 - o Who
 - o What
 - o Where



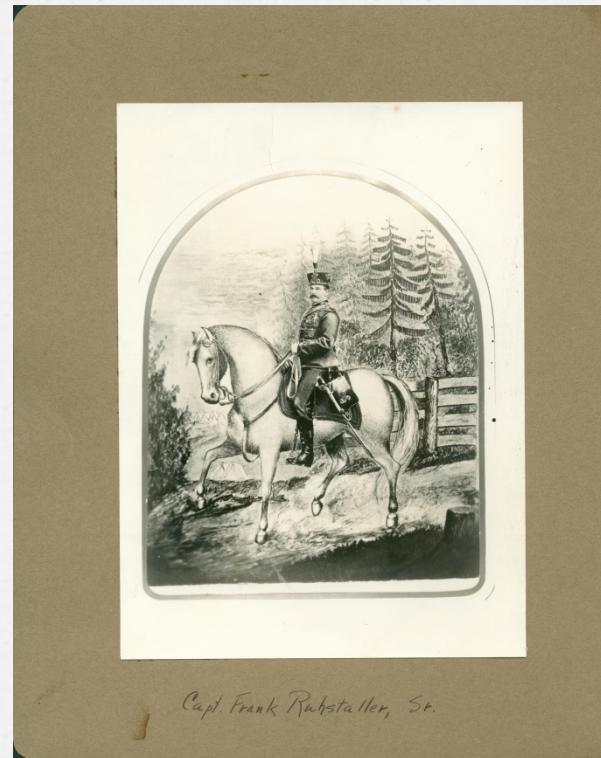
Frank Ruhstaller

- o Catalog
 - o Sacramento Indexes
 - o Sacramento Registers
 - o Sacramento Births
 - o Sacramento Directories
 - o Personal name
- o CIF II (see above)
- o City Directories
 - o Sacramento
- o Telephone Books
 - o Sacramento
- o CIF
 - o Personal Name
- o Image File
 - o Personal Name



Results

- Bio Info File
- Pioneer Card
- Illustrated History of Sacramento County
p.324
- Images in the portrait file
- Resided at 1220 H St. in 1893



Events

- Resources
 - Histories
 - Manuscript collections
 - Periodicals
 - Images
 - Vertical Files
- Questions
 - What
 - Who
 - When



1852 Fires

- o Catalog
 - o Fire* Sacramento
- o CIF II (See above)
- o Image File
 - o Sacramento: Fires
- o Vertical Files
 - o Fire
- o CIF
 - o Sacramento: Fires



Results

- Awful conflagration : Sacramento City burned to the ground
- Golden Notes (March 1972)
- Beeckman MSS coll.
- *Incidents of a Life.*
Upton, William



Fleshing out the Picture

Citation Chaining
Newspaper research

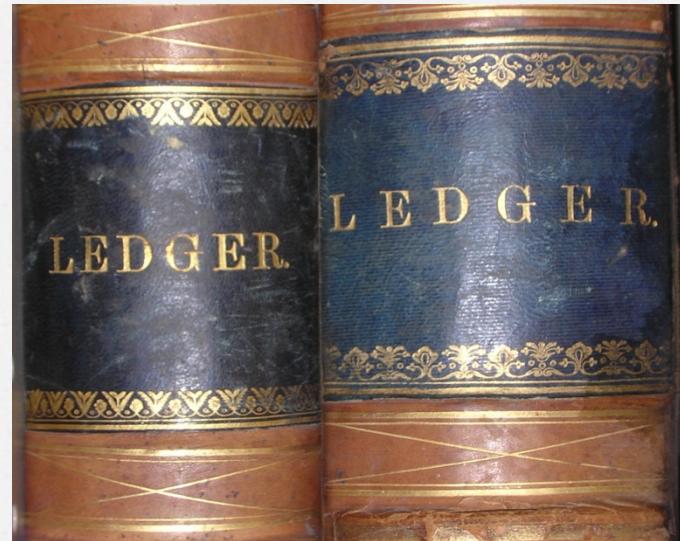
Citation Chaining

- o Citation notes
- o Catalog
- o WorldCat



Results of a Search

- Statement in Heiser's book led me to the Ruhstaller Brewing Company
- Sacramento's Breweries Carroll
 - *Buffalo Brewing Company Ledger* vol. 1



Newspaper Research

- o California Digital
Newspaper
Collection
[https://cdnc.ucr.edu
/cgi-bin/cdnc](https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc)
- o Local papers
- o Newspaper indexes



The Rest of the Story

- o Sacramento Daily Union, Volume 14, Number 44, 11 October 1881
- o Sacramento Daily Union, Volume 14, Number 43, 10 October 1881



Visiting

Preparation

Contact Information

Transit Information



Before you come in

- Recommended resources to consult
 - CIF II
 - OAC
 - Library catalog
- Recommended research tools to pack
 - ID
 - Flash Drive
 - Camera
 - Quarters for parking etc.
 - Your notes/notebook
 - Preliminary list of what you want to see



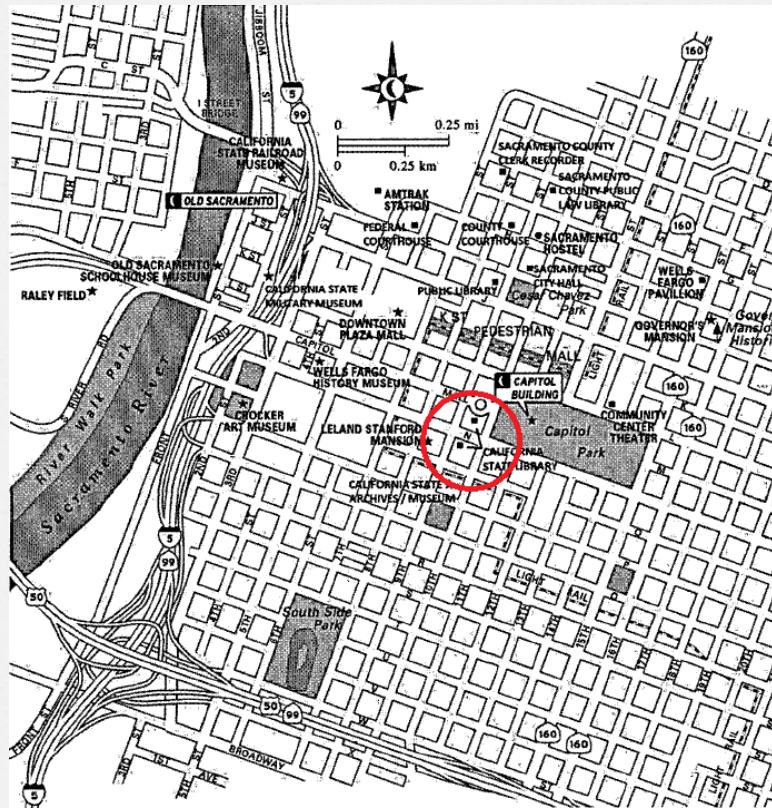
Contact Us

- 9:30-4 Monday-Friday--Excluding state holidays
- 900 N Street Sacramento (2nd floor)
- (916) 654-0176 to reach California History
- cslcal@library.ca.gov



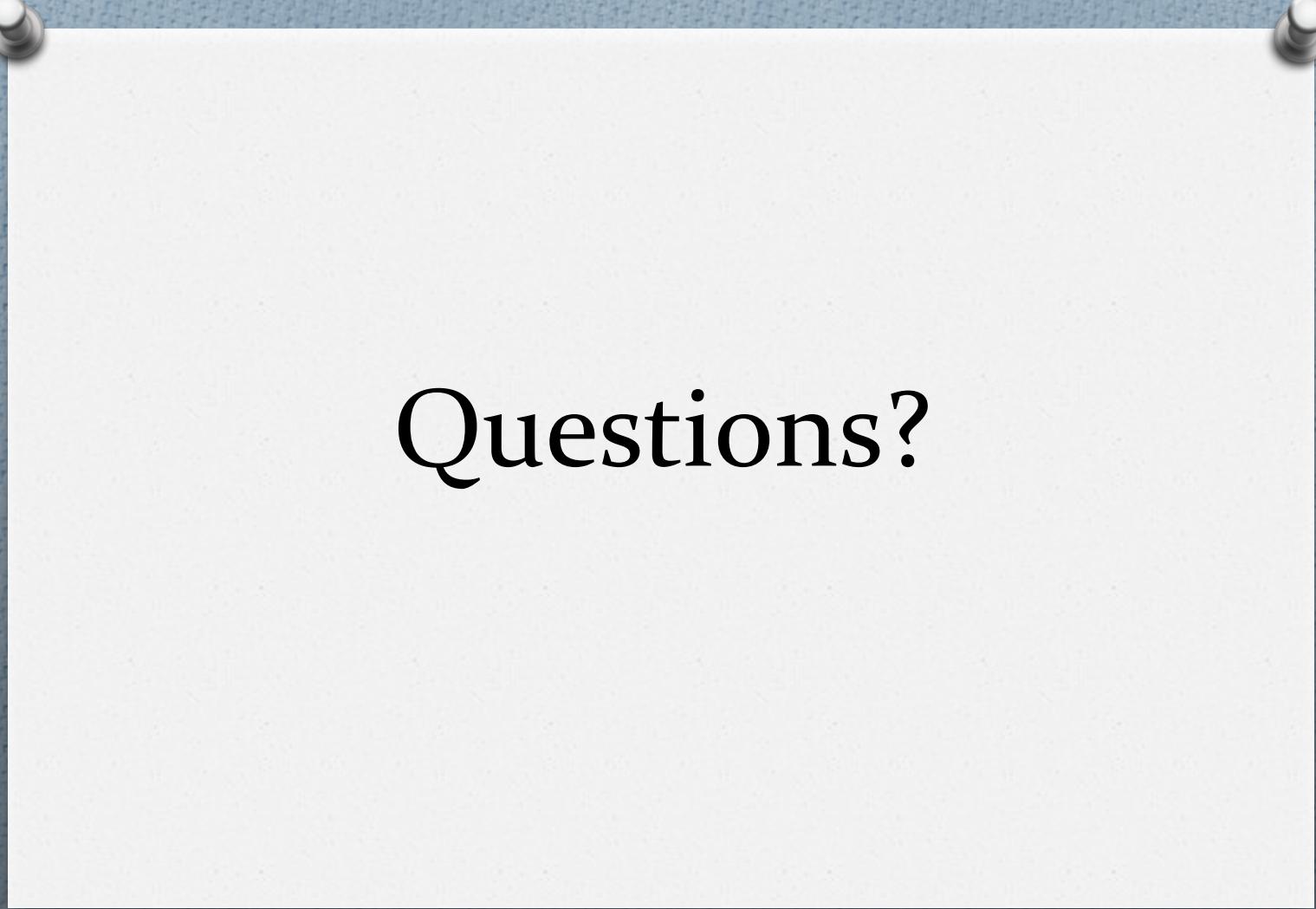
Getting to the Library

- Light Rail stop: “8th and O” or “Archives Plaza” (Blue and Gold lines)
- Parking: Street parking or area garages (arrive before 9 for early-bird deals)



Review

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Questions?