

Butte County, California

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Brief History of Butte County [Wiki] Butte County is named for the [Sutter Buttes](#) in neighboring [Sutter County](#); [butte](#) means "small knoll" or "small hill" in French.[6] Butte County was incorporated as one of California's 19 original counties on February 18, 1850. The county went across the present limits of the [Tehama](#), [Plumas](#), [Colusa](#), and [Sutter](#) counties.[7]

The first sheriff was Joseph Q. Wilbur.[8] Between November 8-25, 2018, a major wildfire, the [Camp Fire](#), destroyed most of the town of [Paradise](#), the adjacent community of [Concow](#), and many square miles of rural, hilly country east of Chico. More than eighty people were killed, fifty thousand were displaced, over 150,000 acres were burned, and nearly twenty thousand buildings were destroyed.[9][10] The Camp Fire was California's most destructive and deadliest fire.[11] [Another Brief History of Butte County](#) Butte County

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Books ~ Biographies

"Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography"
by Wilson, James Grant, 1832-1914; Fiske, John, 1842-1901 Publication date 1900
[Appleton Review](#) ~ [Archive.org](#) [All Volumes]

"The History of Butte County California- Volume II"
by Harry L Wells & W L Chambers - 547 Clay Street, San Francisco: 1882:
[Biographical Index](#) ~ [Transcribed Bios](#)[Genealogy Trails Site]

"History of Butte County, California with Biographical Sketches of the Leading Men and Women of the County Who have been Identified with its Growth and Development from the Early Days to the Present" [[Google Books](#)]
By George C. Mansfield

Historic Record Company, Los Angeles, CA - 1918
The Biographical Indexes are listed below:

[A > F](#), [F > S](#), [S > Z](#)

Miscellaneous Historical Records, Books & Pioneers
[The Marysville appeal directory of Northern California for 1878](#)
[1884-1885 County & City Directory](#)

Biography: [J W Bowers Deaths from Historical Newspapers](#)
[Butte County Land Grants](#) ~ [Butte County Photographers](#)
[The Family of Kathryn Stewart, 1919-2013](#)

"Goin' West: 1830 - 1880"

Compilers: Richard Nelson & Alice, Vols 1 - 4
Richard Nelson & Diana Whitworth, Vols 5 & 6

This is a series of booklets detailing Families and Individuals coming to the Great

Northwest,
each Volume is alphabetical.
Family Search has Vol's 1 and 4 - 12: [Please use this Link](#)
FS does not have Vols 2 and 3: [Use this link for Vol 2 and Vol 3](#)

Mercantile Guide To Cities and Suburbs
Of The
United States of America
California and Northwest Edition: 1893
Volume 3 [LDS Film 1000134]
Issued Annually
Copyrighted and Compiled By A Marks
Copyrighted at Washington D C, April 14th, 1890
San Francisco, Cal:
Published by the Mercantile Guide Co
403 Sansome Street

This is a really interesting Booklet.
It contains not only the Names of People, but their Business Name, Occupation and local Address.

Here are Page Images for Butte County:

[Biggs](#) ~ Chico, [P 1, P 2](#) ~ [Gridley, P 1 & 2](#) ~ Oroville, [P 1, P 2](#)



Historical Maps

[David Rumsey ~ Historic Map & Atlas Collection](#)
Perry-Castaneda ~ Map Collection ~ [Earthquake Fault Maps \[CA\]](#)
American Geographical Society Library Digital Map Collection
[Humboldt State University Map Collection](#)
[Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for California ~ Railroad Maps, CA](#)
[And, of course, Google Earth](#)



Volunteers ~ Queries ~ Lookups

I found no list of Volunteers for Butte County. If you have access to local information and are willing to be a resource,
[Please contact Martha](#)

Queries: Cyndi's List has a selection of Lists for posting [Queries](#)

Lookup: Resource I have access to the following Subscription Databases [Library Edition] ~ Heritage Hub
[Contact: Martha](#)



1 June 2025
California State Journal of Medicine

The California and American Medical Association began publishing Journals early in the 20th Century.

They contain a wealth of information which includes all sorts of Articles on Disease, Surgeries, and much more.

Along with the Medical portion of the Journal are Memorials, Obituaries and Death Notices.

Additionally, there is a Section called the "Medical Board of Examiners" which tracks Crime within the Medical Community.

[Here is a pdf with all of the information I have gleaned, included are links to all of the Issues](#)



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