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Funeral Chapels ~ Mortuaries ~ Coroner & Inquest Records ~ Odds and Ends

Funeral Homes and Mortuaries

Brusie Funeral Home

Family Search has a nice collection of records for this Funeral Home
which is still in business today.

[Note: The Funeral Home has current tributes and obituaries](#)
[This is a linked chart with all Film Numbers in the FS Catalog](#)

[Hamel Mortuary](#)

The linked file above is from the Paradise Gen Soc Bulletin.
It contains names of folks in local Cemeteries that were cared
for by the Hamel Mortuary: 1857-1934
and were copied by Florence H Styles & Larry V Richardson,
29 December 1977.

See Below for Rose Chapel Mortuary, Paradise, Butte, California And
The Bidwell Funeral Home & Mortuary, Chico, Butte, California

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Rose Chapel Mortuary (Paradise, California) (Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1992

Physical: 71 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.

Notes

Microfilm of records located at the Rose Chapel Mortuary, Paradise, California.

Includes indexes.

Files include a record of the funeral giving name, age, sex, birth date, names of parents, date, place and time of death,
names of survivors, residence, occupation, previous residence, birthplace of parents, name of spouse, burial
arrangements, place and time of funeral and participants. May also include copy of funeral program, clipping of obituary,
etc.

All of the films listed below are available in the FS Catalog:

Log in to your account, Search, Catalog, Enter the Film # in the slot where it says 'Film, Fiche'

This is a Bonanza of Information.

If you have trouble navigating, [just send along a note](#) and I will help you figure out the films Here are the Name Indexes:

[Please Use This Link For The Chart](#)

[Tally of funerals held, 1987-1989 - Chronological index to funerals 1973-1989](#) [Film 1831840]

The above link for FS has all the film numbers for the info below

Alphabetical index to funerals 1990-1992 (by first initial of surname)

Cross-reference index of deceased and relative ordering services 1985-1992

Funeral Information Files - File nos. 79-78-118 to 148A-77-220 1977

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The FS Historical Images Section has more Rose Chapel Data

[Rose Chapel Mortuary & Crematory, Paradise, Butte, CA](#)

Time Frame 1930>1992 ~ 79 Sets of Records

Scheer Memorial Chapel, Orville, Butte, CA

There are two sets of files for the Scheer Memorial Chapel

1. FS Historical Image Section

September 2024... New Files Added, [This is the New Link](#)

Time Frame: 1956>1992

[2 . FS Catalog](#)

Information files give deceased's name, age, sex, date and place of birth, date and place of death, names and birth places of parents, name of spouse, occupation, former residence, funeral program information, survivors' names; copies of death certificates, copies of printed funeral programs, clippings of obituaries, etc.

Time Frame: 1967-1992

There is a huge list for Chico Cemetery Association Records in the FS Catalog:

[I have created a linked searchable pdf file for it.](#)

Bidwell Chapel Funeral Home (Chico, California)(Main Author)

California. State Board of Health (Butte County)(Added Author)

Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

English

Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1995

133 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Notes:

Microfilm of records located at Bidwell Chapel (Funeral Home), Chico, California.

Most volumes include surname indexes.

Bidwell Chapel Funeral Home is the current (Aug. 1995) ownership and name of this mortuary.

History:

It began as Thomas Bicknell Funeral Home in 1896.

In 1901 it became T. Bicknell and F. M. Edgar Co. Funeral Home.

In ca. 1910 it became T. Bicknell & F. M. Edgar Co. and Fetter and Williams Funeral Home.

In 1913 to 1925 it was known as Fetter and Williams Funeral Home.

In ca. 1922 to 1925 it became Bicknell and Moore Funeral Home.

From 1925-1926 it was Fetter and Williams.

From 1939 to 1943 it was H. C. Bicknell Funeral Home.

From 1943 to 1947 it was Nugent Funeral Service.

From 1947 to 1959 it was Huddleston Chapel Funeral Home.

From 1959 to 1968 it was Timmons - Van Hook Funeral Home.

New>>> March 2025 From 1968 to 1973 it was Hall - Van Hook Funeral Home:

Historical Images has Records:1930-1992, [Searchable PDF with links to the Films](#)

[FS Catalog has Records for Van Hook - Bidwell [\[1896-1992 - Use this Link\]](#)

...and in April 1994 it became Bidwell Chapel Funeral Home.

These name changes reflect a change in ownership through the years of the same funeral home.

Death records are California State Board of Health certificates of death.

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Contains funeral home registers of funerals, showing name of the deceased, date, place and cause of death, age, occupation, residence, next of kin, spouse or children, names of parents, place of nativity, length of residency in California, etc.

Funeral information files include all papers pertaining to individual accounts.

These include record of funeral home services, orders for death certificates, copies of death certificates, orders for burial or transportation to another city or state, miscellaneous letters regarding insurances, parties responsible for payment, etc. Clippings of death notices or obituaries from newspapers, funeral program cards and memorials from fraternal or other organizations, etc.

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This is a Bonanza of Information: [Please Use This Link For The Chart](#)

[Here is the FS Link for the individual Files:](#) Contains Alpha Indexes

If you have trouble navigating, [just send along a note](#) and I will help you figure out the films.



Coroner And Inquest Records

Butte County Coroner Records [FS Historical Image Section]

[There are 15 sets of files: 1851 - 1927](#)

Coroners Inquest, Butte County, California, 1851-1963 [Use This Link](#) [FS Catalog]

The above link contains a huge amount of records.

Coroner Registers and Books: Inquest Records

[Family Search Film 1685420](#)

New Chart for Film 1685420

Film 1685420	Military & Coroner	Item # 8 Coroner Register, V3	1919 - 1927
Item # 5 / Burial X Union Soldiers	301 - 357	A - G	573 - 597
		H - M	598 - 619
Item # 6 Coroner Register V 1	1886 - 1898	N - S	621 - 634
A - G	359 - 384	T - Z	638 - 653
H - M	384 - 408		
N - S	410 - 427	Item # 9 Coroner Register, V 1	1889 - 1894
T - Z	429 - 440	Typed Indexes	
		B - Ho	657
Item #7 Coroner Register, V2	1900 - 1915	Ho - T	658
A - G	451 - 486	U - Y	659
H - M	487 - 518	Record: Conley, Barney	663
N - S	519 - 548		
T - Z	550 - 567	Item #10 Will Indexes	Misc Dates
Img 445 - Odds		A - K	717 - 737
		M - T	742 - 754

Below is the information on the Register Form:

Name of Deceased ~ Date of Holding Inquest ~ Description of Deceased ~ Property Found on Deceased
Disposition Made of Property ~ Cause of Death ~ Remarks

Additional Notes on this film:

Item 7: Coroner Registers: 1900-1915

First are Images 443-450 1 Printed Admin Page, then many pages of same Info:

Names Are:

William H Bentley ~ Annie Lee Cheshire ~ Dick Houre ~ Joseph Kimbrell
Charles Tricholt ~ Henry Thompson ~ G W Schlagle ~ Unknown Man

Then the register follows:

Alpha: A - Z: 451-566

Item 9: Coroner Registers: 1889-1894 [25 Jun 1889-10 Dec 1894]

This file is a 'hand written notebook' two pages to an image

Register is Alpha: A - Z:

There is an Index: Images 655-659

Book begins with Pages 4 & 5, Image 663 > Page 94-94, Image 712

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Colusa County: LDS Film 1666896

Coroner Inquests: Item 5: 1878-1910

"Coroner's Office: Coroner Register" : [Access, Use this Link after your login](#)

Images 526 - 735

There is No Index, Files are Chronological

Info Contained on Register [Double Page]

Name of Deceased ~ Date of Death ~ Cause of Death ~ Age ~Nativity ~ Married / Single ~ Male / Female ~Occupation
Date of Inquest ~ Miles Traveled by Coroner ~ Coroner's Fees ~ Description of Deceased ~ Verdict of Jury & General
Remarks

March 1878 - May 1910

Time Frames: Image Range

1878-1880: 526-536 ~ 1881-1890: 537-577

1891-1900: 578-634 ~ 1901-1910: 635-734



Odds and Ends: Family Search and...

Memorial Funeral Cards

FS Films: 1432278: Item 3 [A - R] & 1432279: Item 1 [S - Z]

These are particularly helpful when you do not know the Burial Location

Alpha Letter	Img Rg
A - C	2056 - 2196
D - F	2197 - 2255
G - I	2256 - 2315
J - L	2315 - 2377
Mc - M - N	2378 - 2444
O - Q	2445 - 2479
R [End of Roll]	2480 - 2503
S - U	4 - 86
V - Z	87 - 136

More Odds and Ends

Church Membership Lists

Christian Scientist " Mother Church"

List of Members, July 1903

FS Film 1831836: Item 6

A - F: Imgs 380-430 ~ G - L: Imgs 430-467

M - R: Imgs 467-501 ~ S - Z: Imgs 501-540

List of Members: May 1909

Item 7: Imgs 544 - 551

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Family Search: Films and other Resources

There is an awesome collection of Coroner Records in the FS Catalog.

[They are listed on this Page](#)

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Butte County: Prison Register

LDS 1685727, Item 2: [Use this link for the Film](#)

Alpha / Image Range

A - G : 274 - 317 // H - M : 319 - 354 // N - S : 356 - 381 // T - Z : 338 - 398

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'Separate Property of Married Women': 1851 - 1910

LDS 1673762, Item 4 Book A

Image Range: 706-779

There is no index. The records are hand written.

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Abandonment of Homesteads: 1864 - 1920

3 Sets of Films: [Use This Link for the Catalog](#)

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Deed records, 1856-1910

Family Search ~ [This is the Link for Records and Indexes](#)

Tax Rolls: 1882 - 1900 ~ [Use this Link](#)

This Site has a great collection of CA Digital Newspapers: [Use this Link](#)

[Chronicling America](#) ~ [Google News Archives](#)

[Century Past](#) ~ [Illinois Digital Collection](#)

[Historical Newspapers: Indexed by State \[Some Free\]](#)

Butte County, Old Newspapers: [Meriam Library](#)

Family Search has an index for California Divorces: 1966 - 1984

While it is only an index, some Researchers have added the information to their online family trees.
And there could be 'clues' to help you with further research.

[Please use this link for the Database](#)

[Naturalization Records: California Passenger & Crew Lists Employment Records](#)

Native American Records: California

["Northern California Agency Enrollment Records, 1952"](#)

Authors:

United States. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Northern California Agency (Main Author)

Publication:

Washington, D.C. : National Archives and Records Administration, 2003

References:

(See Also) List of enrolled California Indians entitled to a per capita payment when present addresses are reported, 1933 / United States. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Sacramento Area Office

These are valuable records given the fact that they list locations of residence at a particular time along with family members born after 1928.

Here are Images that will give explanations: [Location of Records](#) ~ [Certification](#) ~ [Explanation of Columns](#) ~ [Sample Page](#)

Following is a chart with Film #s and Image Ranges

A	B	C	D	E
Film # 2365566	Img Rge		Film # 2366112	Img Rge
A	1 - 168		Oc	5 - 72
B	168 - 487		P	72 - 271
C	487 - 767		Q	271 - 286
D - De	768 - 843		R	286 - 463
			S - St	463 731
Film # 2366110	Img Rge			
De	5 - 89		Film # 2366117	Img Rge
E	89 - 168		St	9 - 73
F	168 - 283		T	73 - 209
G	283 - 468		U	209 - 216
H	468 - 692		V	217 - 272
I	692 - 704		W	272 - 496
J - Je	704 - 755		Y	496 - 513
			Z	513 - 521
Film # 2366111	Img Rge			
Je	5 - 91			
K	94 - 174			
L	174 - 368			
M	368 - 771			
N	774 - 835			
O - Oc	835 - 843			

[Concow Indian Allotments: 1894 Land Records](#)

Butte County Great Registers [Voting Records]

[1850 - 1909 \[Family Search\]](#)

[There is a file for Uncancelled Documents: 1884](#)

Free Historical and Genealogical Resources:

Family Search, [History Hub](#) ~ [WikiTree](#)

The [Internet Archives](#) has oodles of Genealogical Information
Including Census Rolls, Pension Papers, Deed Record Indexes

New Books "Odds and Ends"

"The Physicians and Surgeons of the United States"

Edited By:

William B Atkinson, M D: Author of "Hints in the Obstetric Procedure," etc...

Philadelphia: Charles Robson, 1878

[There are three Indexes, "Alpha", "Local" & "Analytical" The two most useful are Alpha and Local
The Book can be read online or downloaded.:](#) Archive.org

"Woman's Who's Who of America"

A Biographical Dictionary of Contemporary Women of the United States and Canada

1914-1915: John William Leonard, Editor-in-Chief

New York: The American Commonwealth Company

There is no Alpha Index, instead the Authors saw fit to make one that is titled: "Her Married Name".

[There is an Addenda - Corrections set of pages.](#)

The Bios are listed Alphabetically. ~ Both the Addenda and 'Married Name'

[Thd book can be read online or downloaded:](#) Archive.org

"Men of America"

A Biographical Dictionary of Contemporaries

Edited By: John W Leonard

L R Hamersly & Company

One West Thirty Fourth Street, New York city: 1908

There is no TOC or Index ~ Entries are Alphabetical

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"Men and Women of America"

A Biographical Dictionary of Contemporaries

L R Hamersly & Company

One West Thirty Fourth Street, New York city: 1910

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L R Hamersly & Company, New York

There is no TOC or Index ~ Entries are Alphabetical

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[Odds - Above Book Indexes and TOC's can be found using this link](#)

and lastly... From the National Archives

The National Archives has a really nice set of digitized records that can be free accessed.

[Please use this Link for a fully linked and searchable list of Resources](#)



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