

Glenn County, California

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Formation and History of Glenn County

Glenn County was named for Dr Hugh Glenn, the largest landowner in the county. Glenn fought in the Mexican War and was at Chapultepec. He Graduated from Cooper Medical College and married the same year. He decided against medicine and came to California to make his fortune. He returned to St Louis with \$5,000 which he put in a bank that failed the next day. Back he came to California and again mined enough gold to bring his wife and young son out to join him. Glenn then turned from mining to raising wheat. In 1880 when wheat prices did not suit him, he chartered ships and took his wheat to Liverpool where he sold it for English gold. he ran for governor of California but was defeated. later he became a power in the State Board of Agriculture.

Glenn County was organized in 1891 from territory cut off from Colusa County. Willows which became the county seat, was established as a town in 1876 with a general merchandize store. Temporary offices for the County were in Odd Fellows Hall until the Courthouse and jail were built in 1894. Sources: Guide to County Archives, Coy Sacramento, River of Gold, Julian Dana History of Colusa and Glenn Counties, California Writers Biographical Sketches, Los Angeles Historic Records Co. 1918
Counties and Courthouses of California: A Survey
The Historical Activities Committee
The National Society of Colonial Dames of America
Resident in the State of California:

Historical Activities Committee: Mrs Sherman Rogers, Hall, Jr, Mrs George Storm Hauck, Mrs Bullard Nugent,
Mrs Donald Rex Tallman, Mrs Slocum Wilson, Mrs Frederick Mewborn Fisk,
Chairman 1964



Biographies & Books [Varieties Include "Bench & Bar" and "Who's Who"]
History Of Colusa and Glenn Counties California
With Biographical Sketches Of The Leading Men and Women of the Counties
Who have been Identified with their Growth
and
Development from the Early Days to the Present
Further...

History By Charles Davis McCormish and Mrs. Rebecca T. Lambert
Illustrated & Complete In One Volume
Historic Record Company Los Angeles, California 1918
The Biographies from this book have been transcribed,
[The Index is here.](#)

The pages are here: [255-322](#), [322-404](#), [404-527](#), [527-657](#), [657-757](#), [757-805](#),
[955-1074](#), [806-955 Additional Biographies can be found here.](#)

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]

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

Copyright 1909 By

L R Hamersly & Company, New York

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

Over the Years I downloaded and indexed as many of the great old County Histories
as I could find.

[Here are indexes for many of the CA Histories](#)

Check them out, there may be Glenn County Folk Listed!

Most, if not all of the Histories are on the Archive.org site or Google Books

Goin' West: 1830-1880

This is a set of booklets that have a lot of interesting
information. There are 12 Volumes, No indexes, but they are alphabetically set up.

[They are all available in the Family Search Catalog](#)

FS does not have Vols 2 & 3, [Use this link to view or download.](#)

[All of the Books listed below can be found using this link.](#)

"History of The Bench and Bar in California"

By Osgat T Shuck, of the San Francisco Bar

San Francisco, Cal

The Occident Printing House, 429 Montgomery St, San Francisco, 1887

[Note: TOC is the 'Index']

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"History of The Bench and Bar in California"

By Osgat T Shuck, of the San Francisco Bar

San Francisco, Cal

The Occident Printing House, 429 Montgomery St, San Francisco, 1889

[Note: There are two Indexes and a TOC]

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"History of the Bench and Bar of California"

Printing by Commercial Printing House, Los Angeles

Linotype composition by Miller & Wagner, Los Angeles

Engravings by Los Angeles Engraving Co., Los Angeles

Binding by Glass & Long, Los Angeles

Author: Oscar T Shuck, 1901

[Note: There is an Index and split out Chapters of these Individuals:

Broderick, Denver-Gilbert ~ Fair ~ Hawes ~ 'Sharon Cases']

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"History of the Bench and Bar of California"

Edited By: J. C. Bates

Bench and Bar Publishing Co.,

San Francisco, 1912

[Note: There is no Index, Sections are Alpha, There are Obituaries]

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"Bench and Bar of California: 1937-38"

By: C W Taylor, Jr, Publisher
625 W Jackson Boulevard
Chicago
No Obvious Date of Publishing
[Note: There is an Index]



Here is a nice selection of "Who's Who" Books,
These all have interesting bits of information about a lot of Folks

"American Women : The official who's who among the women of the nation"
by Howes, Durward, 1899-
Publication date, 1937 - V2

There are two interesting Indexes: Geographical, Occupational
There is one page of Necrology [Names, no Dates, A - K]
The Biographies are Alpha and split into Sections.

[The Indexes and Sections are Here](#)
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[All of the titles listed below can be found using this link.](#)

"Who's Who In California
A Biographical Directory: 1928-29"
Being A History Of California
As Illustrated In The Lives Of The Builders And Defenders
Of The State, And Of The Men And Women Who
Are Doing The Work And Molding The
Thought Of The Present Time.

Edited By
Justice B. Detwiler
And A Staff Of Selected Writers.

Sketches Arranged To Conform Generally To A
Dignified Uniform Style Suitable For Reference Use.

Who's Who Publishing Company [1929 Copyright]
315 Montgomery Street, San Francisco
[Note: There is an Index]

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"Who's Who In California"
A Biographical Reference Work
Of Notable Living Men And Women Of California
Vol. I: Two Years: 1942-1943

Edited By
Russell Holmes Fletcher

Who's Who Publications Company
Los Angeles — California
No Obvious date of Publication
[Note: There are Indexes]

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"Capitol's State Who's Who Combined with Who's Who for the Western States: July,
1953 Issue"

Compiled and Published By Capitol Publishing Co.
Editorial offices and Plant:
629 S W 16th Avenue

Portland, Oregon: Copyright 1953
[Note: There are 3 Indexes, CA & OR Geographical, Alpha Index]

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"Moore's Who Is Who In California"

John M. Moore — Publisher And Editor
P. O. Box 2745, Terminal Annex,
Los Angeles 54, Calif.

Copyright 1958, By John M. Moore
Los Angeles, Calif., All Rights Reserved
[Note: There is no Index, Sections are Alpha]
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Who's Who In California: 1961
Seventeen Hundred Illustrated Biographies Of Leading
California Men And Women Of Achievement

Alice Catt Armstrong / Editor And Publisher
Gary Armstrong / Assistant to the Editor

Deluxe Third Edition
Copyright. 1960 By Alice Catt Armstrong
[Note: There is an Index]
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"Who's Who in California"
Seventeenth Edition: 1988
Sarah Vitale, Editor
Published by the Who's Who Historical Society

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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.
The Addenda and 'Married Name'

[The book can be read online or downloaded](#)

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"Heroes of California"

The story of the founders of the golden state as narrated by themselves or gleaned from other sources

By George Wharton James

Author of "Through Ramona's Country," "The Old Missions of California," "The Wonders of the Colorado Desert," "In and Around the Grand Canyon," etc.

Boston

Little, Brown, and Company: 1910

[Note: There is an Index, TOC, and List of Illustrations]

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Miscellaneous Books: Medical & Mercantile

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.](#)

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Mercantile Guide To Cities and Suburbs

Of The
United States of America
California and Northwest Edition: 1893
Volume 3
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 Glenn County:
Willows, [P 1](#), [P 2](#)



California Map Collections
[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
[Southern California Base Map](#)
[CA Digital Map Collection](#) ~ Dept of Forestry [USDA]
"MapGoose-CA" ~ USGS CA Maps



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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](#)

Family Search Collections [Link to all of the Collections for the United States](#)

The FamilySearch Folk continue to add records to their collections.

It is worth your time to check them out



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