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Humboldt County sits approximately 200 miles north of San Francisco along the Pacific Coast on Hwy 101. Eureka, the county seat, is 278 miles north of San Francisco and 466 miles south of Portland, Oregon. The county encompasses 2.3 million acres, eighty percent of which is timber land and recreation areas. The county is mostly mountainous, except for the level plain that surrounds Humboldt Bay. Elevations run from sea level to 6,934 feet. Located within the county boundaries are 10 state parks, 16 county parks and beaches, recreational areas and reserves, and portions of the National Park and National Forest. Humboldt County was incorporated on May 12, 1853. It's County seat, Eureka, was created on that same date. The county derived its name from Humboldt Bay which was entered by a sea otter party in 1806, but was not rediscovered until 1849. In 1850, Douglas Ottinger and Hans Buhne entered the bay, naming it Humboldt in honor of the great naturalist and world explorer.

[And from the Humboldt Wiki](#) ~ [The formation of Humboldt County](#)



Books and Biographies

"Davis Commercial Encyclopedia of the Pacific Southwest,
California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona"

Edited and Published by:

Ellis A Davis, Berkeley, Calif, 1914

The Whole Book is here: [Family Search Link](#)

[The Humboldt County Men's Index is Here](#)

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"History of Humboldt County, California":

With illustrations descriptive of its scenery, farms, residences, public buildings, factories, hotels, business houses, schools, churches, etc., from original drawings, including biographical sketches.

Author: W.W. Elliott & Co Publisher: San Francisco : W.W. Elliott: 1881

[This Index is just for the Bios](#)

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"History of Humboldt County, California"

by Leigh H. Irvine Complete in One Volume

Historic Record Company, Los Angeles, California: 1915

The Biographies from this book have been transcribed:

[The Index and Transcribed Biographies are Here](#)

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"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: Here are links to both of them.](#)

And the 'end all' of California Historical Books
[The Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft](#)

"Pioneer Days

In

California"

By

John Carr

Historical and Personal Sketches

Eureka, California

Times Publishing Company, Book and Job Printers: 1891

There is a lot of very interesting information on Eureka in the Chapters

[The TOC is Here](#)

There is no Index, but the Sketches at the end of
the book are Alphabetical

Two Sections are split: [A > H](#) ~ [I > W](#) ~ Searchable pdf's

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"Records of the Families Of California Pioneers"

[For The Years: 1925-1926 ~ Vol II](#)

Book: Read Online or Download [FamilySearch]

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Joseph Tracy: Pioneer History

[Please Use This Link for the Book](#)

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A Memorial & Biographical History of Northern California:

Chicago : The Lewis Publishing Company, 1891

[The Biographies and Index are here.](#)

Transcribed by Janice Giachino in 2007

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"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] ^^~|||^^~

Historical Books: Eclectic Selections

here are quite a few Histories entitled "Bench and Bar"

These contain biographies of Judges, Lawyers, and Men of the Legal Profession

The Time Frames: 1887 > 1938

[They can all be found here, Scroll down](#)

The assortment is for California

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Here is a nice selection of "Who's Who" Books,

These all have interesting bits of information about a lot of Folks

Here is an extensive list of 'Who's Who' books for California

[Scroll Down... Please use this link](#)

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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]



<<What's New>>

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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.



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](#)

["Map Geeks" ~ California](#)

[Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for California ~ Railroad Maps, CA](#)

[Topo Railroad Map, CA & NV](#)

[1886 Map of Humboldt County](#)

[1901 Map of Eureka](#)

[Spanish Land Grants ~ BLM Records](#)

[And, of course, Google Earth](#)

[Cities and Census Designated Places in Humboldt County](#)



Queries

Cyndi's List has a nice selection of places to post Queries

[Please Use This Link](#)

Lookup Volunteers

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](#)

For Now, I am the only volunteer:

Heritage Hub

Extensive list of Newspapers as well as the Collections of NewsBank & Access
World News

Lookups from Heritage Hub: [Contact Martha](#)

Humboldt County "Local Research"
Humboldt County Historical Society
['Research Center'](#) ~ Note, there are fees for Use and Research



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