

## Los Angeles County, California

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Note:

It is not my intent to re-invent the wheel with regard to the long and very interesting History of Los Angeles County, there are enough kind folks who have labored and uploaded a multitude of interesting facts and figures about the County, rather I will be focused on resources that, for the most part, are out of the realm of 'traditional thinking' with regard to personal Genealogy and History.

History:

[A Primer on California Land Grants and Ranchos](#)  
[The Franciscan Fathers ~ General Santa Anna \[Bio\]](#) and [John C Fremont \[Mutiny Article\]](#)  
[H C Bancroft: California Pioneer Register, 1769 - 1800](#)

Biographies

I have a large collection of California History Books, many of which are related to Los Angeles County and Southern California.

The Indexes for all of them are all linked below:

California Historical Books / Biographies

[History of Los Angeles County, CA, 1880 \[Thompson & West\]](#)  
[History of Los Angeles County, CA, 1889 \[Lewis Pub., Co.\]](#)  
[History of Southern California, 1890 \[Lewis Pub., Co.\]](#)  
[Coastal Counties of California, 1893 \[Barrows & Ingersol\]](#)  
[California Bench and Bar, 1901 \[Shuck, O T, Ed\]](#)  
[History of Los Angeles & Vicinity, CA, 1901 \[Guinn, J M\]](#)  
[Historical and Biographical Record of Southern California, 1902 \[Guinn, J M\]](#)  
[History of the California Coast, 1904 \[Guinn, J M\]](#)  
[Men of Achievement in the Great Southwest, 1904 \[LA Times, Pub.\]](#)  
[History of Southern CA, Coastal Counties, 1907, Vol 1, \[Guinn, J M\]](#)  
[History of Southern CA, Coastal Counties, 1907, Vol 2, \[Guinn, J M\]](#)  
[History of the Santa Monica Bay Cities, 1908 \[Ingersol, Luther A\]](#)  
[Greater Los Angeles & Southern California, 1910 \[Burdette, Robert J, Ed\]](#)  
[History of Los Angeles County and Environs, CA, 1915 \[Guinn, J M\]](#)  
[History of the Pomona Valley, 1920 \[Historic Record Co., Los Angeles\]](#)  
[Los Angeles, 'From the Mountains to the Sea', 1921, Vols 2 & 3 \[Groarty, J S\]](#)  
[History of the Harbor District, Los Angeles Co., CA \[Ludwig, E. A., No date of Pub\] Historic Record Co.\] Index](#)  
[Please use this Link to download the above Book \[FS Catalog\]](#)  
[Who's Who in Los Angeles, 1926-1927 \[Lang, CA\]](#)

[Here are Indexes for a collection of Books for Southern California](#) & Los Angeles County

Here are indexes for more Southern California Books: [Please use this Link](#)  
If you cannot find the book online, send me a note and I will assist. [Contact: Martha](#)

Most, if not all of the books can be downloaded from the [Archive.org](#) Site or [Family Search](#)  
But if you do not want to download the whole book, check this method out...

"How to..."

You can learn how to search books and publications on the [Archive.org](#) site without downloading the book.

[Here is a Tutorial](#)



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](#)  
[MapGoose: Interactive County Map Tool](#)



<<<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.

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[Eclectic Books with a California Flavor](#)



The Glendora Genealogical Society is working on a new set of pages:

[Here is the link:](#) Please check back shortly as the site is in the process of being updated.

Welcome Back: Glendora Gen Soc!



Los Angeles County Locations:

Books and Filmed Records from Family Search: Catalog

[The Indexes for the Books below are here.](#)

- History of Long Beach, 1937, Case, W H, S J Clarke, Pub, Film # 1000110, Item 3 & 4, [Bios Images 782-1174]
- History of Hollywood, 1937, Palmer, E O, Cawston, Pub, Film # 1000110, Item 2, [Bios are in Vol 2, Index: 188-189]
- History of San Fernando Valley, 1934, Keefer, FM, Stillman Printing Co, [Book is Here](#)
- History of Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley, 1930, S J Clarke, Pub. [Book is Here](#)
- Monrovia and Duarte "Blue Book", 1943, Davis, C F, Cawston, Pub, Film # 1000110, [Bios Images 1215-1251]
- Historical Record and Souvenir, Pioneer Soc of LA County 1923, Times Mirror Press, Pub, [Book is Here](#)
- Marriage Records of R A Smith 1954-1978, [Book is Here](#) [FS Catalog]



Volunteers, Lookups and Queries

Volunteers

If you have access to local information and are willing to be a resource,

[Please contact Martha](#)

Lookup: Resources

I have access to the following Subscription Database [Library Editions]

HeritageHub [Includes NewsBank and America's Obituaries and Death Notices]

Los Angeles Times ~ New York Times

'Free' Digital Newspapers

There is one Free Los Angeles County Paper in the Google Newspaper Archives

[San Pedro Valley News-Sun](#)

81 issues ~ Apr 19, 2006 - Apr 15, 2009

The California Digital Newspaper Collection has a large set of Local Newspapers for Los Angeles County

[Please use this Link for Access](#)

Name - Location - Dates of Publication	Name - Location - Dates of Publication
Antelope Valley Political Observer (Lancaster, 2010-2012)	Los Angeles Herald (L A, 1873-1921)
Argonaut (Marina del Rey) (Marina del Rey, 2011-2012)	Los Angeles Mirror (L A, 1949-1951)
Belvedere Citizen / Eastside Journal (Belvedere, 1968-1980)	Los Angeles Star (L A, 1851-1870)
Boulevard Sentinel (Eagle Rock, 2012-2015)	Northeast Star Review (L A, 1964-1975)

California Crusader News (L A,2010)	Occidental weekly (Occidental, 1952-2010)
Campus News (EL A College) (Monterey Park, 2008-2019)	Opini3n (L A,Calif.) (L A,1926-1942)
Central News Wave (L A,1971-1972)	Palos Verdes Peninsula News (Rolling Hills Est, 1937-1980)
Citrus College Clarion (Glendora, 1964-2023)	Pomona Clarion (Pomona, 1970)
Corsair (Santa Monica, 1929-2011)	Pomona Morning Times (Pomona, 1910-1912)
Crenshaw-Mesa Southwest wave (L A,1941)	Prensa (Los Angeles) (L A,1917-1922)
Cr3nica (L A,Calif.) (L A,1872-1889)	Press (Wilmington) (Wilmington, 1930)
Daily News (Los Angeles) (L A,1923-1954)	Rolling Hills Herald (Palos Verdes Estates, 1948-1967)
Daily News (Van Nuys) (Van Nuys, 1930-1960)	San Pedro Daily News (L A,1906-1928)
Eagle Rock Advertiser (Eagle Rock, 1928-1935)	San Pedro News Pilot (L A,1911-1950)
Eagle Rock Sentinel (Eagle Rock, 1910-1985)	Shin Nichibei (L A,1947-1966)
Eastside Journal / Belvedere Citizen (L A,1968-1980)	South Gate Daily Press-Tribune (South Gate, 1927-1953)
El Clamor P3blico (L A,1855-1859)	South Gate Press (South Gate, 1928-1985)
El Paisano (Whittier, 1964-2016)	South Los Angeles Wave (L A,1941)
El Sereno Star (L A,1953-1975)	South Pasadena Journal (South Pasadena, 1965-1988)
Evening Star News (Culver City, 1944-1952)	Southeast Wave Star (L A,1968-1972)
Evening Vanguard (L A,1939-1960)	Southern Californian (L A,1854-1855)
Gardena Valley News (Gardena, 1950-1965)	Southside Journal (L A,1968-1972)
Highland Park News-Herald & Journal (High Pk, 1906-1988)	Southwest News Wave (L A,1971-1972)
Highland Park Post-Dispatch (Highland Park, 1941-1942)	Southwest Topics-Wave (L A,1941-1972)
Hollywood Riviera Tribune (Palos Verdes Est, 1948-1967)	Southwest Wave (L A,1930-1972)
Independent (Los Angeles) (L A,1936-1946)	Southwestern Sun Wave (L A,1968-1972)
LA Downtown News (L A,2011-2017)	Topanga Journal & Malibu Monitor (Topanga, 1953-1967)
LA Evening Citizen News (Hollywood, 1944-1949)	Topanga Lookout (Topanga, 1964-1966)
Liberator (L A,1901-1913)	Topanga Messenger (Topanga, 1976-2016)
Lincoln Heights Bulletin-News (LA) (L A,1964-1975)	Walnut Park News (Walnut Park, 1924)
Los Angeles Citizen (L A,1903-1907)	Whittier Star Review (Whittier, 1936-1955)

Los Angeles Daily News (L A,1860-1872)

Wilmington Community News (Wilmington, 2000-2002)

Los Angeles Daily Star (L A,1870-1879)

Wilmington Journal (Wilmington, 1865-1909)

Los Angeles Evening Telegram (L A,1882)

Wilmington Press Journal (Wilmington, 1930-1986)

National and International Newspapers: [Wiki List](#) Online Archives

Library of Congress: [National Newspaper Project](#)

Purdue University

[Free US Historic Digital Newspapers](#)

Organized by Location: [This is the Link for the West](#)

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



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