

# Open Access Digital Genealogy Resources

There are many online resources to help you research your genealogy. In addition to the resources in the Alice Phelan Sullivan library that are posted on our own website, the following resources are also available to facilitate research on your own.

## Arrival date in California & Early Biographical Information

### California Pioneer Index -

<https://archive.org/details/californiapionee00banc/page/682/mode/2up>

### Argonauts of California (Haskins) -

The following websites link to this book that lists names of those early arrivals to California that came by ship - either around Cape Horn or through Panama. The name of the ship, the date, and the passengers are listed.

The first link is Hathi Trust, second is the Internet Archive.

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=yale.39002013270591&view=1up&seq=9>

<https://archive.org/details/argonautscalifor00hask/page/n8/mode/2up>

### San Francisco City Directory Information -

The directories are nearly all digitized at the San Francisco Public Library. City directories can provide information about when and where a person was living in San Francisco and they often cite the person's occupation and the location of their business. The earlier directories - 1850s - also give a wealth of information on the city itself. This information is usually located at the beginning of the directory. Also listed: churches, organizations, clubs, etc. and sometimes the members, or officers, are listed as well.

<https://sfpl.org/locations/main-library/magazines-newspapers-center/bay-area-city-directories-and-phone-books/san-0>

Other city directories are also available online. For example, use the link below for Sacramento City directories:

<https://ldsgenealogy.com/CA/Sacramento-County-City-Directories.htm>

## Libraries or Organizations With Good Resources

### **California Genealogical Society -**

This site has a wealth of information on how to search your California ancestors - as well as links to other wonderful resources. It also has excellent tips on how to go about your research. Many of their databases are free for non-members to search.

<https://www.californiaancestors.org/research-tools-start-here/>

### **SF Genealogy -**

This site has links to many wonderful resources. Many San Francisco related resources, but other state-wide topics as well. Cemetery records (some digitized) are also found here, as well as links to newspapers on the east coast that cited information on ships departing for California. Their tips on researching your topic are useful.

<https://www.sfgenealogy.org>

One notable page is the “California Bound Page” which has links to ship arrivals, wagon train arrivals, and many other links that are helpful for searching for Forty-niners.

<https://legacy.sfgenealogy.org/californiabound/cbindex.htm>

### **San Francisco Public Library - History Center**

This specialized department of the library focuses on San Francisco history and also serves as the depository of the city’s archives. The link below takes you to their home page which lists their databases, their digitized San Francisco City Directories and telephone books, and their historical photograph collection. The same link also takes you to their instructions on how to research a building and find vital records.

<https://sfpl.org/locations/main-library/sf-history-center>

The library also has a page, “Genealogy Resources at the Library.” Here you’ll find access to databases and links to many other resources such as Census databases, newspaper databases and an obituary search database. A San Francisco Public Library Card (available to anyone residing in California) is required for use.

<https://sfpl.org/locations/main-library/general-collections/genealogy-resources-library>.

### **Sutro Library (California State Library)**

The Sutro Library is another wonderful source for other resources for research. Many of the databases are not searchable, but there are links to international sites for searching Irish, Italian, German, and many other European ancestors. Start with their Genealogy Toolkit, the link is below - and scroll through the many resources.

<https://www.library.ca.gov/collections/genealogy/toolkit/>

### **National Archives – San Francisco**

Much of their collection is located at their facility but there are online items that are available to the public and there are many links to useful research tips and tools.

<https://www.archives.gov/san-francisco/genealogy>