



## How Your Hard Work Can Conquer All at the Sutro Library

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### Sutro Library Resources

- Website – for more information on our collections and the services we provide, visit :
  - [Main webpage](#) – for an overview of the Library
  - [Genealogy webpage](#) – for information on our collection and how to access remotely
  - [Programming webpage](#) – for information on our past events as well as upcoming presentations
- Social media – follow us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#)
- Blog – check out [The Sutronian](#) which offers another way to learn about our collections
- Bay Area Genealogy Calendar – find local and family history events in the Bay Area on this [calendar](#)
- Monthly email newsletter – [sign up](#) to receive information on upcoming events and happenings at the Library. *Sutro Library Updates* is sent the first week of every month.

### California State Library catalog

Visit the [catalog](#) to discover what's in the California State Library holdings. Here are some tips to help you on your search:

1. Try searching by subject term or location and record of interest
  - a. For example, Philadelphia director\*
  - b. The asterisk (\*) brings up variations of the word “directory” in your results
2. To narrow results and see what is in the Sutro Library's holdings, choose library filter on left- hand side under “Tweak your results” and then click “Sutro Library.” Keep in mind if you go back and modify your search terms, you will need to select the filter again.
3. Dismiss the yellow banner that says “Sign in to get complete results.” This refers to results that may appear from database the Library is subscribed to. If you are a

State worker, you are able to get a library card and access some of these databases remotely.

4. Once you find a title of interest, click on a subject associated with that title to find related items. This will be located in the “Details” section of the catalog record in [blue](#) text

## Genealogy Hub & Toolkit

The [Hub](#) and [Toolkit](#) provides:

- Tips and strategies for research (helpful for all levels)
- Helpful links to outside sites that supplement the collections of the State Library. These are organized by culture or region and subject or type.
- The State Library’s pedigree chart creator (aka four-generation chart)

## Online Archive of California

- Visit [this catalog](#) of archival finding aids (aka inventories) of primary source collections in libraries, archives, and other institutions across California.
- Search by keyword, collection, location, and institution
- And browse the [Sutro Library finding aids](#)

## California History Room

This California State Library section located in Sacramento is *the* place to go to for California genealogical research. Here are some resources to help with your search:

- [Databases](#) (including telephone and city directories)
- [Research Guides](#)
- [Newspapers](#)

## Contact Us

- Reading Room hours pre-pandemic: Monday thru Friday, 10AM – 4PM
- Email us at [sutro@library.ca.gov](mailto:sutro@library.ca.gov)
- Use [Ask A Librarian](#) on the California State Library website

## Tips for what to do with your research

- Sutro Library considers donations of family papers, artifacts, and published hardbound family histories
- We cannot accept genealogical research notes and/or photocopies from other publications
- Those who are interested in supporting Sutro Library, please contact the Library Director, Mattie Taormina at [Mattie.Taormina@library.ca.gov](mailto:Mattie.Taormina@library.ca.gov)