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Government Publications for Genealogy

General Resources

- [Ask A Librarian](#) at the California State Library
- [Online Catalog](#) of the California State Library
- [Online Resources](#) at the California State Library (databases, newspapers, etc.)
- [Digital Collections](#) of California State Library materials
- [Genealogy and Family History subject guides](#) by California State Library staff

California Prison Press Collection

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Periodicals written and produced by incarcerated people in California state prisons between 1915 and 1991, digitized and available online through the California State Library's online catalog.

Government Publications Resources

Here are a few publication types most likely to contain genealogical information:

- Directories
- Agency reports and newsletters
- Legislative sessions and hearings
- Legislative biographies
- Private bills
- Biographical publications
- Patent and trademark documents

The California State Library collects United States federal and California state government publications, and has a limited number of California local government publications.



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Notable Titles

Directories

- [California Blue Book](#)
- [Congressional Directory, 1869-](#)
- [California Automobile Registrations](#)
- [List of Members, Officers, Committees, and Attaches, and the Rules of the Two Houses of the California Legislature for the Year ...](#)

Agency reports

- [U.S. Congressional Serial Set](#)
- [Appendix to the Journals of the Senate and Assembly, 1853-1943](#)
- [Appendix to the Journals of the Senate and Assembly, 1947-1970](#)

Legislative resources

- [Congressional Record \(Bound Edition\)](#)
- [C-SPAN Video Library](#)
- [California State Archives Legislative Resources](#)
- [U.S. Congressional Serial Set](#)

Biographical publications

- [Celebrating 50 Years of Advocacy: California Legislative Black Caucus, 1967-2017](#)
- [Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Congress, 1900-2017](#)
- [Black Americans in Congress, 1870-2022](#)
- [Hispanic Americans in Congress, 1822-2012](#)
- [Women in Congress, 1917-2020](#)
- [Badges of Honor](#) (available to view on-site in print format)
- [The California State University and Colleges Trustees almanac: a biographical directory of the California State University and Colleges Trustees, 1960-1980](#)
- [Patriots of Color: "a peculiar beauty and merit": African Americans and Native Americans at Battle Road & Bunker Hill](#)



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Patent and Trademark Resources

- [Patent Public Search](#)
- [USPTO Trademark Search](#)
- [California Trademark Search](#)
- [California State Library patent and trademark information services](#)

Miscellaneous Publications

- [Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory \(Dawes Rolls\)](#)
Microfilm reels of people enrolled in the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole tribes on or before September 25, 1914. The index, portions of the rolls, and related materials are available online.
- [Highway Recollections series](#)
Oral histories by California Department of Transportation employees.

Catalog Search Tips

Perform an advanced search in the California State Library catalog.

When searching for publications by a specific agency, type the agency name in the author/creator field.

When searching for publications about a specific agency, type the agency name in the subject field.

When searching for specific types of publications, try terms such as “biography,” “directories,” “history,” and “periodicals” in the “subject” field. Alternatively, include plural forms of those terms as well as “annual reports,” “legislative hearings,” “legislative materials,” and “newsletters” in the genre/form field. Note that the genre/form field is not present in many older records, though it is being retroactively added over time.