RESEARCH GUIDES
CALAVERAS COUNTY HISTORY

VISIT US
California History Section
900 N Street Room 200
9:30-4 Monday-Friday
Formed in 1850, Calaveras County boasted a population of 45,578 people as of 2010. In addition to having several historic preservation organizations, Calaveras is also home to many historic mining operations, the infamous Jumping Frog Jubilee, several groves of giant sequoias and more! If you are looking for exciting local history resources in the California History Section’s rich collections, then check out what we have for this county!

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ENJOY YOUR RESEARCH!
Digitized Resources

Can’t come to the library just yet? No worries! There are a number of online resources you can explore related to Calaveras County!

Digitized Publications
A few years ago we digitized some of our more fragile publications. You can now see documents related to Calaveras County on Internet Archive!

URL: https://archive.org/
Type in Search Box: (Calaveras) AND collection:(californiastatelibrary)
Select Option: “Search Full Text of Books”

Digitized Images
We have scanned and digitized a portion of our extensive photograph collection, including images related to Calaveras County. You can see them on Calisphere!

URL: https://calisphere.org/institution/51/items/
Type in Search Box: (“Calaveras County”)
**Digitized Resources**

**California State Association of Counties**

Like Wikipedia but locally grown, this government website will provide basic information about Calaveras County.

**URL:** http://www.counties.org/county-websites-profile-information

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**County Website**

Want to learn about what Calaveras County residents have to say for themselves? Check out the county government’s website!

**URL:** http://calaverasgov.us/
**General Research Tips**

While many of our materials are online, even more are only in hard-copy. You can use the following resources to learn about our Calaveras County resources.

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**Catalog**

If you are looking for Calaveras County materials your best source is our catalog. You can do a general search on the catalog but also be sure to check out our specialized resources on page 8 of this research guide!

**URL:** https://csl.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?
vid=01CSL_INST:CSL&lang=en&sortby=rank

**Type in Subject Box:** (Calaveras)

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**California Information File II**

Sometimes the catalog doesn’t provide as much detail as you might like. This is why we created the California Information File II, successor to the analog California Information File I. In this resource, you can find indexing to individual articles, as well as Calaveras County menus, deeds, pamphlets and more!

**URL:** http://dbs.library.ca.gov/dbtext_html/QueryCalinfo.htm

**Type in Search Box:**
1. Calaveras
2. Name of a city in Calaveras County
**City Directories**

Looking for a person? How about the history of a location? You can trace this information and more via our city directories! See what we have by checking our specialized database.

**URL:** http://dbs.library.ca.gov/dbtext_html/QueryCityDir.htm

**Type in Search Box:**
1. Calaveras
2. Name of a city in Calaveras County

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**Telephone Books**

Are you not finding what you need in our city directory collection? No worries, you might find it in our telephone book collection. See what we have by checking our phone book database.

**URL:** http://dbs.library.ca.gov/dbtext_html/QueryPhonebk.htm

**Type in Search Box:**
1. Calaveras
2. Name of a city in Calaveras County
Calaveras County has a long and distinguished history! Check out our resources by type and by subject to learn more about this county’s complex past!

Type
Maps
Books
County Histories
Images
Manuscripts
Newspapers

Subject
Education
Festivals
Fiction
Highways
Legal
Mining
Politics
Railroads
Religion
Water

Residents
Vitals
Native Americans
Our collection predates computers and so do some of our access points! If you are in the library, be sure to check the following analog files for leads on more resources.

**California Information File**

In the library? Check the California Information File before you do anything else! This file indexes over 130 years of California articles, books, and manuscript collections from a variety of counties.

Subject Headings: Counties: Calaveras

**Map File**

Looking for a Calaveras county map? Our map file is a great place to start. We have a wide variety of maps, including Sanborns, some of which cover settlement patterns and even natural history.

Subject Headings: Counties: Calaveras

**Photographic File**

Sometimes a picture is worth a 1000 words and not all of our pictures are online. To check the rest of the collection search our picture file card catalog.

Subject Headings: Counties: Calaveras
Despite our best efforts, some of our resources defy complete description. We suggest that you ask a librarian about Calaveras county information contained in the following resources.

**Vertical Files**

Our massive collection of vertical files covers a wide variety of topics including individual counties. You can check them for pamphlets, certificates and even posters related to organizations, individuals, and area histories.

**Subject Headings:** Check with librarians

**Postcard Files**

Separate from our photo collection, our postcard collection contains a number of images related to Calaveras County. Most are not online.

**Subject Headings:** Check with librarians
Other Places to Look

Of course the California History Section doesn’t have everything, so we suggest that in addition to looking at our collections, you contact the following organizations

Other California State Library Sections

Government Publications Section
Witkin Law Library
Sutro Library
General Information

URLs:
• http://www.library.ca.gov/government-publications/
• http://www.library.ca.gov/law/
• http://www.library.ca.gov/sutro/
• https://www.library.ca.gov/services

Other Organizations

California State Archives
Calaveras County Historical Society
Calaveras County Archives
Calaveras County Library
Calaveras Heritage Council

URLs:
• http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/
• http://www.calaverascohistorical.com/index1.html
• https://administration.calaverasgov.us/County-Archives
• https://library.calaverasgov.us/
• http://www.calaverashistory.org/
This guide is also available online at:
https://www.library.ca.gov/california-history/research-guides/