



# Resources for Researching California Native Americans

## California History Room

### California Indian Library Collections (CILC)

- Consists of unpublished manuscripts and field notes, scholarly articles, historical photographs, sound recordings of songs and dances
- Describes Native American tribal groups that inhabit, or have traditionally inhabited, northern and central California.
- Bibliographies online at [www.mip.berkeley.edu/cilc/bibs/toc.html](http://www.mip.berkeley.edu/cilc/bibs/toc.html)
- Use the State Library's online catalog to search for items in the collections

### Searching the book catalog

Online at [catalog.library.ca.gov](http://catalog.library.ca.gov)

- Subject heading: Indians of North America—California
- Narrower subjects:
  - Names of tribes
  - Specific counties: e.g. Indians of North America—California—Alameda County
  - Specific history or culture aspects

### California Information File

Created at the California State Library, the California Information File is an index to many sources of California history, including newspaper articles, magazine articles, manuscript collections, and books, covering dates from the 1850's through present.

The original card file was closed in 1985, and the index has been continued as a database, online at [www.library.ca.gov/calhist/databases.html](http://www.library.ca.gov/calhist/databases.html).

- General subject headings for the card file (consult headings binders for exact terms):
  - Indians—(many subheadings A-Z)
  - Indians (localities)
  - Indians (tribes) by name
- Search database by keywords

### Vertical file

- Subjects—Indians—General
- Subjects—Indians—Governmental relations

### Photo collection

- Card index: Subjects—Indians (includes individuals by name)
- Online picture catalog: Indians of North America—California

## Special censuses

- Census of California Indian tribes, 1900-1907. C. E. Kelsey. v. 1. Summary, with tables. v. 2. Census, by town and county, with location, affiliation, and numbers of Indians. [CILC] K47 C4 1907
- Census of non-reservation California Indians, 1905-1906. C. E. Kelsey. Closed stacks E78 C15 K4
- Census roll of the Indians of California under the Act of May 18, 1928. Information provided includes English and Indian names, family relationship, sex, age in 1928, date of birth, degree of Indian blood, name of tribe, where enrolled for this list, nearby post office, amount of property owned and miscellaneous remarks. On microfilm. Also in Rare collection [f] E78 C15 U43 1930

*Note:* The Dawes Rolls are available on microfilm in the Government Publications collection.

## Sherman Institute records

- Off-reservation boarding school for Native American children in Riverside. Officially opened in 1903 and drew students from all over the West.
- Records include student registers, employee registers, yearbooks, newsletters, brochures
- Search the online catalog for the microfilm

## Key reference works

- *Handbook of North American Indians*, vol. 8—California. Robert F. Heizer, volume ed. Washington: Smithsonian Institution, 1978. Reference shelves E78 C15 C27 1978
- *Handbook of the Indians of California*. A. L. Kroeber. Berkeley: California Book Company, [1953]. Reading room 970.4 K93
- *The California Indians: a source book*. Compiled and edited by R. F. Heizer and M. A. Whipple. 2d ed., rev. and enl. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1971. Reading room E78 C15 H4 1971
- *Tribes of California*. Stephen Powers. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1976. Reprint. Originally published: Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1877. Reading room E78 C15 P68 1976b
- *California Indians: Primary Resources, a Guide to Manuscripts, Artifacts, Documents, Serials, Music, and Illustrations*. Sylvia Brakke Vane and Lowell John Bean. Menlo Park: Ballena Press, 1990). Reading room E78 C15 B37 1990

## Government reports

Documents and reports by the federal government, state agencies, and local governments can be found in the State Library's Government Publications collection.