

Guide to the Collection

California History Room

<i>To find</i>	<i>Use the following tools*</i>
Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalog
Pamphlets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalog • CIF and CIF II • Vertical File finding guide
City directories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Database at https://www.library.ca.gov/california-history/databases/ • Binder at Information Desk for microfilm • Browse the shelves for paper directories • Card file
Telephone directories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Database at https://www.library.ca.gov/california-history/databases/ • Request paper and microfilm directories at Information Desk • On microfiche after 1977; request at Information Desk
County histories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Browse alcove shelves • Catalog
Newspaper titles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalog • Binder at Information Desk • Card file
Articles in newspapers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIF and CIF II • San Francisco Newspapers Index (microfiche, 1904-1949) • Indexes to individual titles (list at Information Desk) • Online subscriptions (full-text; date ranges vary; some titles cover 1984-present)
Periodical titles (magazines)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalog • Card file • General Magazine Index at Information Desk • Sample periodicals card file
Articles in periodicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIF and CIF II • Indexes to individual titles (at Information Desk or online) • Online database subscriptions (full-text)
Genealogy resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Browse reference shelves, county boxes
Biographical information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIF and CIF II • Catalog
Pictorial resources	
Photographs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card file • Catalog

Daguerreotypes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binder at Information Desk • Catalog
Stereographs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binders at Information Desk • Catalog
Mammoth prints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binders at Information Desk
Postcards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request by location or subject, no index
Art and reproductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card file
Prints and lithographs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card file • Catalog
Lettersheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card file • Catalog
Videos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalog
Maps	
Historical maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card file • Catalog
Sanborn maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List at Information Desk for microfilm • Catalog for bound maps • Digital Sanborn Maps, 1867-1970 database located at https://www.library.ca.gov/services/online-resources/
Manuscript materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary sheet binders at Information Desk • Catalog • CIF and CIF II • Online Archive of California, https://oac.cdlib.org/
Vertical file Printed materials, e.g., pamphlets, fliers, and programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIF and CIF II • Finding guide at Information Desk
Associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request by name of association
Companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request by name of company
Counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of subdivisions in finding guide at Information Desk
Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of categories in finding guide at Information Desk
Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of subjects in finding guide at Information Desk
Textual file Ephemera, in a wide range of formats: broadsides, certificates, labels, menus, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card file • CIF and CIF II • Finding guide at Information Desk
Campaign literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request by year, no index
Sheet Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card file • CIF II • Catalog
Sound recordings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalog

***Tools:**

Catalog—Access via the internet at catalog.library.ca.gov.

CIF—California Information File, a card file index to newspaper articles, magazine articles, books, and other sources on California history, covering dates from the 1850s through 1985. Also available on microfiche.

CIF II—Continuation of the California Information File in an electronic database.

Accessible on one reading room computer and on the Internet at

<https://www.library.ca.gov/california-history/databases/>