

Guide to Butte County Records in Special Collections, Meriam Library



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The series descriptions and numbering in this document were taken directly from the above with small changes.

Most of these Butte County Records must be requested at the Special Collections reference desk.

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Butte County Assessor

The principal function of the assessor is to evaluate all property in the county for the purpose of taxation. Both real and certain types of personal property are assessed. Some assessable property, such as schools, churches, federal, state, and county buildings, is tax exempt. It is the assessor's responsibility to grant exemptions and to keep a record of them. During the early years of statehood, the assessor had other duties, including ex-officio superintendent of schools (1853-1855), assistance in voter registration, collection of the poll tax, and preparation of the militia rolls.

2. Assessment Rolls, Secured, 1851-1896

Record of assessment on real property for purposes of taxation. Contains names of assessee and address, date, tax rate area, parcel number, acreage, land valuation, value of improvements, exemptions, and net total assessment. The assessment rolls are prepared by the assessor who then delivers them to the clerk for review by the Board of Equalization (Board of supervisors). After adjustments by the board, the equalized rolls are delivered to the auditor who computes the amount of taxes due and sends the rolls on to the tax collector. At this point, the equalized rolls become tax rolls, are duplicated, and retained by the tax collector. The assessment rolls return to the assessor's office, though originally, and

for many years after, they remained usually in the custody of the auditor. Older assessment rolls may still be found with the auditor or even the tax collector. Separate indexes.

Arranged chronologically by year and then numerically by parcel number. Prior to use of the parcel numbering system, the secondary arrangement was usually alphabetical by name of assessee.

Research Note: Source for tracing land values, property ownership, tax rate patterns and development.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume	Notes
1851	2		
1852	2		
1854-1855	2		
1856	3	2	
1857	3	2	
1858	3	2	
1859	3	2	
1860	4		
1860-1861	4		
1861-1862	4	1	
1862	5	1	
1863	5	1	
1865-1866	5	1	
1864	6		
1866	6		
1867-1868	6		
1868	6		District 1
1868	6		District 3
1868	7		District 4,7
1868-1869	7	1	
1869	7		District 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
1871	7	1	
1871	8	A-Z	
1871	8	3	
1872	8	2	
1873	8	A-	
1873	9	A-Z	

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1874	9	A-Z	
1875	9	A-Z	
1876	9	A-Z	
1876	10		
1877	10		
1878	10		Continued in Box #11
1878	11		
1879	11		
1879	12		
1880	11		
1880	12		
1880	12	1	
1880	13	1	
1880	13	2	
1881	14	1	
1881	14	2	
1882	15	1	
1882	16	1	
1883	16		
1883	17	1	
1884	17		
1884	18	1	
1884	18	2	
1885	19	1	A-L
1885	19	2	M-
1885	20	2	Z
1886	20	1	A-K
1886	20		L-
1886	21	2	Z
1887	21	1	A-K
1887	21		L-V
1887	22	2	V-Z

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1888	22	1	A-J
1888	22		K-S
1888	23	2	S-Z
1889	23	1	A-J
1889	24	2	K-Z
1890	24	1	A-Z Continued in Box #25
1890	25	1	S-Z
1890	25	2	
1891	25		A-B
1891	26	1	B-L
1891	26	2	L-U
1891	27	2	U-Z
1892	27	1	Town of Chico
1892	27	2	
1892	28	3	
1893	28	1	
1893	28	2	Continued in Box #29
1893	29	2	
1893	29	3	
1894	30	1	Town of Chico
1894	30	2	
1894	30	3	Continued in Box #31
1894	31	3	
1895	31	1	Town of Chico
1895	31	2	
1895	32	2	
1895	32	3	
1896	32	1	Town of Chico
1896	33	2	
1896	33	3	
1896	34	3	

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3. Indexes to Assessment Rolls, Secured, 1882-1900

Indexes to records of assessment on real property. Contains name of assessee, tax rate area, parcel number, reference to map book and page number and year in rolls. An alternate system of indexing assessment rolls is to compile separate indexes by type, i.e., sites index (alphabetical by city, street/road name and number), name index (alphabetical by name of assessee), numeric index (numerical by parcel name). General indexes are arranged chronologically by year and then alphabetically by name of assessee.

Date	Microfilm Box	Notes
1882-1883	1	
1892	1	
1896-1898	1	
1899-1900	2	A-Q

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5. Map Books (Plat Books), 1887-1927

Map books compiled from reports and field notes by staff of the assessor's office. Contains date of map, block and lot numbers, township and range numbers, name of city/town, name of owner, amount of holding, subdivision and street names, property boundaries, footage, and estimated value of land.

Indexes uncommon.

Arranged alphabetically by township and range numbers.

Research Note: Similar in content to recorder's map books, these records are a source of study of land development and ownership, urbanization, and property values.

These maps once housed in Meriam Library Special Collections have been returned to Butte County.

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8. Reports, State Board of Equalization, 1894

A copy of the annual report prepared by the assessor to the State Board of Equalization. Contains lists of property exempt from taxation, description and location of property, name of owner, and date of report. Also, lists county statistics for number of livestock, fruitbearing trees, total acreage under cultivation, bushels of grain harvested, gallons of wine and liquor processed, and related agricultural information. No index. Arranged chronologically by year.

Research Note: Source of information on variety and development of county agriculture and industry. Provides summary of assessment exemptions.

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Date	Report Name	Call Number and Meriam Library catalog record link
1894	Report of the Assessor of the Co. of Butte	F868 B8 E35 1894 (Rare Books)

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11. General Ledgers, 1850, 1861-1863, 1869-1878, 1894-1896

A record of all funds and accounts, receipts and disbursements, for all county agencies. Contains fund number and name, fiscal year and date, date of transaction and codes, list of debits and credits, transfer of funds, and balances. Majority of older records in auditor's office have been destroyed in many counties. Many recent records duplicate information found in treasurer's office. Currently, most counties have supplemental ledger (revenue ledgers, expenditure ledgers) in addition to general ledgers. No index.

Arranged chronologically by fiscal year and then numerically by fund number.

Research Note: Source for study of finances in general and for specific investigations of agency expenditures and revenues, purchasing patterns, and rising cost of goods and services.

Date	Report Name	Call Number and Meriam Library catalog link	Notes
1850	Report of Finances	F868 B8 S48 1853 (N.E.Cal.)	
1861-1863	Register of Warrants	MSS 242	Includes salaries, general, sick, road & state funds
1869-1878	Register of Warrants	MSS 243	Includes salaries, mileage, and services
1894-1896	Register of Warrants	MSS 244	Includes those to school, road, jury, and salary

Butte County Clerk

Records of the Board of Supervisors

The board of supervisors is the legislative and executive body of the county. Board members, totaling five, are elected by voters from the district that the member represents (except in San Francisco). The supervisors, acting as the corporate authority of the county, have the power to sue and be sued, to purchase and dispose of land, to make contracts, to deal with claims made upon the county, and to perform all executive duties in county government. In addition, the board has authority over the conduct of county officials, the enforcement of law, the expenditure of funds, the administration of education, the conduct of elections, the creation and regulation of systems for public works, health, and welfare, and the disposition of records. Wide power has been given to the board in its control over political subdivisions such as municipalities, townships, and special districts. The board works in close cooperation with the county administrator (executive, manager) in counties that have this form of government. As clerk to the board, the county clerk maintains custody of the all the records created by the supervisors.

14. Budgets, Annual (Budget Files), 1949-1960

Draft budgets and final, annual county budgets, prepared by auditor and county administrator and presented to the board of supervisors for review and approval. Contains budget totals for each office and agency, amount of funds requested and proposed, budget history information, salary ranges

for county positions, and summaries of budget by fund, of estimated revenues, and of estimated fiscal requirements. Copies are usually distributed to most offices and agencies with working files maintained by the auditor and county administrator. No index.

Arranged chronologically by fiscal year.

Research Note: *Source of study of variety of revenue sources, growth of county government, individual agency requests over time, patterns of administrative support for certain programs, and rising salary needs.*

Date	Call Number and Meriam Library catalog link
1949/1950	HJ9012 C2 B8 1949/50 (N.E. Cal.)
1952/1953	HJ9012 C2 B8 1952/53 (N.E. Cal.)
1954/1955	HJ9012 C2 B8 1954/55 (N.E. Cal.)
1955/1956	HJ9012 C2 B8 1955/56 (N.E. Cal.)
1956/1957	HJ9012 C2 B8 1956/57 (N.E. Cal.)
1957/1958	HJ9012 C2 B8 1957/58 (N.E. Cal.)
1958/1959	HJ9012 C2 B8 1958/59 (N.E. Cal.)
1959/1960	HJ9012 C2 B8 1959/60 (N.E. Cal.)

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22. Records of Burial of Ex-Union Soldiers, 1886-1828

Records of burial of Union Civil War veterans made at county expense. Contains name, rank, company, civil occupation, and nativity of soldier, date of entry into service, date of discharge, dates and places of death and burial, affiliation with Grand Army of the Republic, and amount of burial expenses. Late 19th and early 20th century record now obsolete. No separate index.

Arranged chronologically by date of filing. Indexed alphabetically by name of deceased.

Research Note: *Source of genealogical information.*

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume
1886-1828	290	1,2,3

27. Road Books (Road Records, Road Accounts, Road Proceedings, Road Registers), 1850-1930s

Records of the board of supervisors' actions and deliberations on the planning, construction, and maintenance of county roads and related public works. Contains date of meeting, orders and resolutions presented and approved, names of supervisors present, and actions taken. May include original maps and surveys, field notes, and other topographical documents. Road books are generally a 19th century record now obsolete. Road books were maintained separately from minute books. Early volumes may have a separate index. Later volumes are usually indexed in indexes to the minutes of the board of supervisors. Arranged chronologically by date of meeting.

Research note: *Source for study of the development of county transportation system.*

Date	Title	Call Number and Meriam Library catalog link	Notes
1850-1908	Butte County Roads Petitions and Reports	MSS 323	This collection deals primarily with road petitions and reports during the years 1850 through 1908. There are several years missing including all of the 1870's. Document types include but are not limited to road and ferry petitions, surveyors' reports, hand drawn maps of roads, field notes, bridge and road plans, and public notices. The general geographic region covered by the collection is Butte County and neighboring cities and towns.

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District Court Records

28. Case Files (Papers In Cause), 1850-1864

Original papers filed in civil cases of the district court, and often mixed with criminal cases as well. Includes complaints, summons, affidavits, memoranda of costs, pleadings, orders, verdicts, decrees, judgments, depositions, and executions. Criminal cases include same plus warrants, subpoenas, writs, and commitments. Contains date, case number, names of parties, nature of court actions, names of attorneys and judge, and disposition of case. Separate index.

Date	Microfilm Box	Notes
1850-1858	65	9th District Court Case Files, A-Z.
1850-1858	65	9th District Court Missing cases.
1857-1864	65	15th District Court Case Files, A-Grade, E. G. et al.
1857-1864	66	15th District Court Case Files, Grade, E. G. et al to Z.
1857-1864	66	15th District Court Missing Cases.

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29. Indexes to Case Files, 1850-1879

Indexes to case files of district court. Contains case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, date of filing, and judgment. In larger counties, separate indexes may exist for plaintiffs and defendants. Arranged alphabetically by name of plaintiff and then chronologically by date of filing.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume	Notes
1850-1879	34	1	Plaintiffs
1850-1879	34	1&2	Defendants
1865-1879	67	A-Q	2nd District Court Case Files
1865-1879	65	R-Z	2nd District Court Case Files
1865-1879	65		Missing Dist. Court Files, 2nd Judicial District Court

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36. Indexes to Case Files, 1878-1879

Indexes to case files of county court. Contains case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, date of filing and judgment. In larger counties, separate indexes may exist for plaintiffs and defendants.

Arranged alphabetically by name of plaintiff and then chronologically by date of filing.

Date	Microfilm Box
1878-1879	64

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Probate Court Records

43. Case Files, 1850-1917

Original papers in probate court cases. Includes inventories, petitions, orders, letters, affidavits, wills, settlements, bonds of administration, and decrees of distribution. Contains date and nature of hearing, case number, names of testator, attorneys, heirs, guardians, minors, incompetents, and nature of paper. Other probate records (registers of actions, minutes, wills, letters, and bonds) date from early 1850s, but usually were continued in same volumes after creation of superior court in 1880. They can be found with the section Superior Court, Probate Records. Separate index in general indexes, probate.

Arranged numerically by case number.

Research Note: Excellent source for information on genealogy, biographies and socioeconomic studies.

Date	Name	Call Number and Meriam Library catalog link
1850-1917	Index to Butte County probate records https://library.csuchico.edu/sites/default/files/BCProbate.pdf	KFC205 I64 1991 (Reference Special Collections)

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume	Note
1850-1938	270		Cases , p. 373-471
1856-1882	321	Vol.2	Probate journal
1857-1864	326		Probate calendar
1857-1918	280		Misc. & Misfiled Probate Estates
1859-1861	268		Letters Testamentary. Reel indicates Recorder's office
1862-1881	323		Bonds & letters
1864-1888	269	Vol. A	Orders of probate
1867-1879	322	Vol. 3-4	Probate journal
1872-1937	324	Vol. A-B	Guardians inventories & incompetents
1879	323	Vol. 5	Probate journal
1850-1879	Probate 1		Probate cases #1-#28
1850-1879	Probate 2		Probate cases #29-#54-1
1850-1879	Probate 3		Probate cases #54-2-#64-1
1850-1879	Probate 4		Probate cases #64-2-#93
1850-1879	Probate 5		Probate cases #94-#114-1
1850-1879	Probate 6		Probate cases #114-2-#146
1850-1879	Probate 7		Probate cases #147-#163
1850-1879	Probate 8		Probate cases #164-#183
1850-1879	Probate 9		Probate cases #184-#204
1850-1879	Probate 10		Probate cases #205-#221
1850-1879	Probate 11		Probate cases #222-#241
1850-1879	Probate 12		Probate cases #242-#258
1850-1879	Probate 13		Probate cases #259-#280
1850-1879	Probate 14		Probate cases #281-#305
1850-1879	Probate 15		Probate cases #306-#329
1850-1879	Probate 16		Probate cases #330-#338
1850-1879	Probate 17		Probate cases #339-374-1
1850-1879	Probate 18		Probate cases #374-2-#391
1850-1879	Probate 19		Probate cases #392-#400
1850-1879	Probate 20		Probate cases #401-#413
1850-1879	Probate 21		Probate cases #414-#433-3

1850-1879	Probate 22		Probate cases #433-4-#447
1850-1879	Probate 23		Probate cases #448-#469
1850-1879	Probate 24		Probate cases #470-#480
1850-1879	Probate 25		Probate cases #481-#494-1
1850-1879	Probate 26		Probate cases #494-2-#510-1
1850-1879	Probate 27		Probate cases #510-2-#525
1850-1879	Probate 28		Probate cases #526-#541
1850-1879	Probate 29		Probate cases #542-#553-2
1850-1879	Probate 30		Probate cases #554-#568
1850-1879	Probate 31		Probate cases #569-#588-1
1850-1879	Probate 32		Probate cases #588-2-#602
1850-1879	Probate 33		Probate cases #603-#618
1850-1879	Probate 34		Probate cases #619-#633-1A
1850-1879	Probate 35		Probate cases #633-1B-#643
1850-1879	Probate 36		Probate cases #644-661-1
1850-1879	Probate 37		Probate cases #661-2-#684
1850-1879	Probate 38		Probate cases #685-#700
1850-1879	Probate 39		Probate cases #701-#714
1850-1879	Probate 40		Probate cases #715-#724-1A
1850-1879	Probate 41		Probate cases #724-1B-#733
1850-1879	Probate 42		Probate cases #734-#746
1850-1879	Probate 43		Probate cases #747-#757

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Superior Court, General Records

48. Orders of Commitment (Insanity Commitments, Commitments of Insane Persons), 1857-1956

Original papers in cases brought before superior court dealing with insane persons. Includes affidavit of insanity, warrant, orders, judgment of insanity, orders of commitment, statement of financial ability, and certificate of medical examination. Contains date and case number, name of alleged insane person, nature of charge, date and place of hearing, personal and family statistics, place of commitment, amount of property and income of family or guardian,

amount of payment ordered by court to support patient, and signatures of judge and medical examiners. No index.
Closed and confidential records.

Arranged numerically by case number.

Research Note: *Source for study of the treatment of psychopathic patients and the history of mental illness, especially for the 19th century.*

Date	Microfilm Box	Notes
1857-1925	63	Index: Insane Commitment
1925-1945	63	Index: Insane Commitment
1946-1953	63	Index: Insane Commitment
1953-1956	63	Index: Insane Commitment

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52. General Indexes, Civil & Criminal, 1879-1914

A general index to civil case records, including case files, minutes, and registers of actions. Contains case number, names of parties, date of filing, judgment, and reference to appropriate record.

Arranged alphabetically by names of plaintiff and defendant and then chronologically by date of filing.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume	Notes
1879-1891	64		A-Snider
1879-1891	67		Snider-Z
1880-1897	34	1	Plaintiffs
1880-1897	34	1 & 2	Defendants
1898-1914	34	3	Plaintiffs, A-Q
1898-1914	34a	3	Plaintiffs, Q-Z
1898-1914	34a	3	Defendants, A-Z

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Superior Court, Probate Records

61. Probate Case Files, 1850-1938

Original papers in probate department of superior court. Includes letters of administration, bonds, orders, inventory and appraisements, decrees of distribution, petitions, affidavits, and settlements. Contains date and nature of paper, name

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and number of case, names of testator, heirs, guardians, minors, incompetents, and attorneys. Separate index in general indexes, probate. See entry #65.

Arranged numerically by case number.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume, Book or Index	Notes
1850-1938	270	p. 373-471	Cases
1857-1918	280		Misc. & misfiled Probate Estates
1862-1881	323		Bonds & letters
1864-1888	269	Vol. A	Orders
1872-1937	324	Vol. A-B	Guardians inventories & incompetents
1881-1913	315	Vol. A, 1	Bonds
1888-1897	302	Vol. B-C	Orders
1889	303	Vol. F	Orders
1890-1910	316	Vol. 2-3	Bonds & letters
1897-1909	303	Vol. D	Orders
1897-1920	304	Vol. D-G	Orders
1900-1903	303	Vol. E	Orders
1900-1904	303	Vol. F	Orders
1903-1919	317	Vol. 5-6	Bonds & letters
1906-1917	324	Vol. 6-8	Letters administration & letters testamentary
1907-1912	303	Vol. E	Orders
1912-1916	303	Vol. F	Orders
1914-1919	303	Vol. G	Orders
1914-1920	325	Vol. 8-9	Letters administration & letters testamentary
1915-1923	323		Order appointing appraisers & inheritance appraisers
1915-1937	323		Order appointing administrator
1919-1920	301	Vol. 28-29	Orders
1919-1925	318	Vol. 7	Bonds & letters
1920-1921	326	Vol. 9	Letters administration & letters testamentary
1920-1921	302	Vol. 30	Orders
1920-1922	315	Vol. G	Orders
1880-1917	Probate 43		Superior Probate cases #1-#2-1
1880-1917	Probate 44		Superior Probate cases #2-2-#19

1880-1917	Probate 45		Superior Probate cases #20-#21
1880-1917	Probate 46		Superior Probate cases #32-#55-1
1880-1917	Probate 47		Superior Probate cases #55-2-#69-1
1880-1917	Probate 48		Superior Probate cases #69-2-#89
1880-1917	Probate 49		Superior Probate cases #90-#102-1 4
1880-1917	Probate 50		Superior Probate cases #102-2-#113-1
1880-1917	Probate 51		Superior Probate cases #113-2-#126-3A
1880-1917	Probate 52		Superior Probate cases #126-3B-#130
1880-1917	Probate 53		Superior Probate cases #131-#146-1
1880-1917	Probate 54		Superior Probate cases #146-2-#151
1880-1917	Probate 55		Superior Probate cases #152-#162
1880-1917	Probate 56		Superior Probate cases #163-#178
1880-1917	Probate 57		Superior Probate cases #179-#191
1880-1917	Probate 58		Superior Probate cases #189-#204
1880-1917	Probate 59		Superior Probate cases #205-#219-A
1880-1917	Probate 60		Superior Probate cases #219-2B-#233
1880-1917	Probate 61		Superior Probate cases #234-#246-2A
1880-1917	Probate 62		Superior Probate cases #246-2B-#265
1880-1917	Probate 63		Superior Probate cases #266-#281
1880-1917	Probate 64		Superior Probate cases #282-#295-1
1880-1917	Probate 65		Superior Probate cases #295-2-#310-1A
1880-1917	Probate 66		Superior Probate cases #310-1B-#324
1880-1917	Probate 67		Superior Probate cases #325-#339
1880-1917	Probate 68		Superior Probate cases #340-#350
1880-1917	Probate 69		Superior Probate cases #351-#368
1880-1917	Probate 70		Superior Probate cases #369-#393
1880-1917	Probate 71		Superior Probate cases #394-#408-1
1880-1917	Probate 72		Superior Probate cases #408-2-#418-1
1880-1917	Probate 73		Superior Probate cases #418-2-#427
1880-1917	Probate 74		Superior Probate cases #428-#447
1880-1917	Probate 75		Superior Probate cases #448-#463-1
1880-1917	Probate 76		Superior Probate cases #463-2-#476-3A

1880-1917	Probate 77		Superior Probate cases #476-3B-#476-8
1880-1917	Probate 78		Superior Probate cases #477-#501
1880-1917	Probate 79		Superior Probate cases #502-#522
1880-1917	Probate 80		Superior Probate cases #523-#542-1
1880-1917	Probate 81		Superior Probate cases #542-2-#555
1880-1917	Probate 82		Superior Probate cases #556-#574-1
1880-1917	Probate 83		Superior Probate cases #576-2-#594
1880-1917	Probate 84		Superior Probate cases #595-#614
1880-1917	Probate 85		Superior Probate cases #615-#629
1880-1917	Probate 86		Superior Probate cases #630-644
1880-1917	Probate 87		Superior Probate cases #645-#655-3
1880-1917	Probate 87		Superior Probate cases #655-4-#657
1880-1917	Probate 89		Superior Probate cases #658-#678
1880-1917	Probate 90		Superior Probate cases #679-#704
1880-1917	Probate 91		Superior Probate cases #705-#728-1
1880-1917	Probate 92		Superior Probate cases #728-2-#746
1880-1917	Probate 93		Superior Probate cases #747-#760
1880-1917	Probate 94		Superior Probate cases #761-#782-1
1880-1917	Probate 95		Superior Probate cases #782-2-#788
1880-1917	Probate 96		Superior Probate cases #789-#807
1880-1917	Probate 97		Superior Probate cases #808-#820-1
1880-1917	Probate 98		Superior Probate cases #820-2-#838
1880-1917	Probate 99		Superior Probate cases #839-#856
1880-1917	Probate 100		Superior Probate cases #857-#872-1
1880-1917	Probate 101		Superior Probate cases #872-2-#888
1880-1917	Probate 102		Superior Probate cases #889-#901
1880-1917	Probate 103		Superior Probate cases #902-#924-1
1880-1917	Probate 104		Superior Probate cases #924-2-#940-1
1880-1917	Probate 105		Superior Probate cases #940-2-#949-1
1880-1917	Probate 106		Superior Probate cases #949-2-#958
1880-1917	Probate 107		Superior Probate cases #959-#988
1880-1917	Probate 108		Superior Probate cases #989-#996

1880-1917	Probate 109		Superior Probate cases #997-#1012
1880-1917	Probate 110		Superior Probate cases #1013-#1029
1880-1917	Probate 111		Superior Probate cases #1030-#1049-1
1880-1917	Probate 112		Superior Probate cases #1049-2-#1072
1880-1917	Probate 113		Superior Probate cases #1073-#1087
1880-1917	Probate 114		Superior Probate cases #1088-#1099-1
1880-1917	Probate 115		Superior Probate cases #1099-2-#1118-1
1880-1917	Probate 116		Superior Probate cases #1118-2-#1136
1880-1917	Probate 117		Superior Probate cases #1137-#1155-1
1880-1917	Probate 118		Superior Probate cases #1155-2-#1177
1880-1917	Probate 119		Superior Probate cases #1178-#1187-6
1880-1917	Probate 120		Superior Probate cases #1187-7-#1187-13
1880-1917	Probate 121		Superior Probate cases #1187-14-#1187-19
1880-1917	Probate 122		Superior Probate cases #1187-20-#1199
1880-1917	Probate 123		Superior Probate cases #1200-#1219
1880-1917	Probate 124		Superior Probate cases #1220-#1243
1880-1917	Probate 125		Superior Probate cases #1244-#1258
1880-1917	Probate 126		Superior Probate cases #1259-#1263-3
1880-1917	Probate 127		Superior Probate cases #1263-4-#1277
1880-1917	Probate 128		Superior Probate cases #1278-#1293-1
1880-1917	Probate 129		Superior Probate cases #1292-2-#1306
1880-1917	Probate 130		Superior Probate cases #1307-#1326
1880-1917	Probate 131		Superior Probate cases #1327-#1344
1880-1917	Probate 132		Superior Probate cases #1345-#1365-1
1880-1917	Probate 133		Superior Probate cases #1365-2-#1377
1880-1917	Probate 134		Superior Probate cases #1378-#1405
1880-1917	Probate 135		Superior Probate cases #1406-#1426
1880-1917	Probate 136		Superior Probate cases #1427-#1446
1880-1917	Probate 137		Superior Probate cases #1447-#1469
1880-1917	Probate 138		Superior Probate cases #1470-#1488
1880-1917	Probate 139		Superior Probate cases #1489-#1509
1880-1917	Probate 140		Superior Probate cases #1510-#1534

1880-1917	Probate 141		Superior Probate cases #1535-#1557
1880-1917	Probate 142		Superior Probate cases #1558-#1569
1880-1917	Probate 143		Superior Probate cases #1570-#1584-2
1880-1917	Probate 144		Superior Probate cases #1585-#1604-7
1880-1917	Probate 145		Superior Probate cases #1604-2-#1622-1
1880-1917	Probate 146		Superior Probate cases #1622-2-#1644
1880-1917	Probate 147		Superior Probate cases #1645-#1662
1880-1917	Probate 148		Superior Probate cases #1663-#1678-1
1880-1917	Probate 149		Superior Probate cases #1678-2-#1698
1880-1917	Probate 150		Superior Probate cases #1699-#1702-1
1880-1917	Probate 151		Superior Probate cases #1702-2-#1720
1880-1917	Probate 152		Superior Probate cases #1721-#1736
1880-1917	Probate 153		Superior Probate cases #1737-1751
1880-1917	Probate 154		Superior Probate cases #1752-1775-1
1880-1917	Probate 155		Superior Probate cases #1775-2-#1790
1880-1917	Probate 156		Superior Probate cases #1791-#1814-1
1880-1917	Probate 157		Superior Probate cases #1814-2-#1825
1880-1917	Probate 158		Superior Probate cases #1826-1836
1880-1917	Probate 159		Superior Probate cases #1837-1857-1
1880-1917	Probate 160		Superior Probate cases #1857-2-#1878
1880-1917	Probate 161		Superior Probate cases #1879-#1898
1880-1917	Probate 162		Superior Probate cases #1899-#1912
1880-1917	Probate 163		Superior Probate cases #1913-#1922-1
1880-1917	Probate 164		Superior Probate cases #1922-2-#1942
1880-1917	Probate 165		Superior Probate cases #1943-#1966
1880-1917	Probate 166		Superior Probate cases #1967-#1983
1880-1917	Probate 167		Superior Probate cases #1984-#1996
1880-1917	Probate 168		Superior Probate cases #1997-#2021
1880-1917	Probate 169		Superior Probate cases #2022-#2034-1
1880-1917	Probate 170		Superior Probate cases #2034-2-#2040
1880-1917	Probate 171		Superior Probate cases #2041-#2050
1880-1917	Probate 172		Superior Probate cases #2051-#2066-1

1880-1917	Probate 173		Superior Probate cases #2066-2-#2082
1880-1917	Probate 174		Superior Probate cases #2083-#2088-1
1880-1917	Probate 175		Superior Probate cases #2088-2-#2101
1880-1917	Probate 176		Superior Probate cases #2102-#2113-1
1880-1917	Probate 177		Superior Probate cases #2113-2-#2138-1
1880-1917	Probate 178		Superior Probate cases #2138-2-#2156
1880-1917	Probate 179		Superior Probate cases #2157-#2170-1
1880-1917	Probate 180		Superior Probate cases #2170-2-#2188-1
1880-1917	Probate 181		Superior Probate cases #2188-2-#2204-1
1880-1917	Probate 182		Superior Probate cases #2204-2-#2217
1880-1917	Probate 183		Superior Probate cases #2218-#2240-1
1880-1917	Probate 184		Superior Probate cases #2240-2-#2254
1880-1917	Probate 185		Superior Probate cases #2255-#2277-1
1880-1917	Probate 186		Superior Probate cases #2277-2-#2293
1880-1917	Probate 187		Superior Probate cases #2294-#2315
1880-1917	Probate 188		Superior Probate cases #2316-#2329
1880-1917	Probate 189		Superior Probate cases #2330-#2347
1880-1917	Probate 190		Superior Probate cases #2348-#2367-1
1880-1917	Probate 191		Superior Probate cases #2367-2-#2376-1
1880-1917	Probate 192		Superior Probate cases #2376-2-#2391
1880-1917	Probate 193		Superior Probate cases #2392-#2405
1880-1917	Probate 194		Superior Probate cases #2406-#2419-1
1880-1917	Probate 195		Superior Probate cases #2419-2-#2431-1
1880-1917	Probate 196		Superior Probate cases #2431-2-#2442
1880-1917	Probate 197		Superior Probate cases #2443-#2460
1880-1917	Probate 198		Superior Probate cases #2461-#2479
1880-1917	Probate 199		Superior Probate cases #2480-#2500-1
1880-1917	Probate 200		Superior Probate cases #2500-2-#2516
1880-1917	Probate 201		Superior Probate cases #2517-#2534
1880-1917	Probate 202		Superior Probate cases #2535-#2549-1
1880-1917	Probate 203		Superior Probate cases #2549-2-#2557-1
1880-1917	Probate 204		Superior Probate cases #2557-2-#2570-1

1880-1917	Probate 205		Superior Probate cases #2570-2-#2583-1
1880-1917	Probate 206		Superior Probate cases #2583-2-#2595-1
1880-1917	Probate 207		Superior Probate cases #2592-2-#2611
1880-1917	Probate 208		Superior Probate cases #2612-#2620-1
1880-1917	Probate 209		Superior Probate cases #2620-2-#2636
1880-1917	Probate 210		Superior Probate cases #2637-#2655
1880-1917	Probate 211		Superior Probate cases #2656-#2667
1880-1917	Probate 212		Superior Probate cases #2668-#2680
1880-1917	Probate 213		Superior Probate cases #2681-#2691
1880-1917	Probate 214		Superior Probate cases #2692-#2711-1
1880-1917	Probate 215		Superior Probate cases #2711-2-#2729
1880-1917	Probate 216		Superior Probate cases #2730-#2751
1880-1917	Probate 217		Superior Probate cases #2752-#2772
1880-1917	Probate 218		Superior Probate cases #2773-#2792
1880-1917	Probate 219		Superior Probate cases #2793-#2801-1
1880-1917	Probate 220		Superior Probate cases #2801-2-#2808
1880-1917	Probate 221		Superior Probate cases #2809-#2812
1880-1917	Probate 222		Superior Probate cases #2813-#2829
1880-1917	Probate 223		Superior Probate cases #2830-#2841
1880-1917	Probate 224		Superior Probate cases #2842-#2856-1
1880-1917	Probate 225		Superior Probate cases #2856-2-#2876-1
1880-1917	Probate 226		Superior Probate cases #2876-2-#2897
1880-1917	Probate 227		Superior Probate cases #2898-#2910-1
1880-1917	Probate 228		Superior Probate cases #2910-2-#2917
1880-1917	Probate 229		Superior Probate cases #2918-#2928-1
1880-1917	Probate 230		Superior Probate cases #2928-2-#2944
1880-1917	Probate 231		Superior Probate cases #2945-#2963
1880-1917	Probate 232		Superior Probate cases #2964-#2965 & misc. records
1880-1917	Probate 233		Misc. and misfiled records

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62. Minutes, Probate (Minute Books), 1880-1919

Minutes of all proceedings in probate cases heard in probate court, 1851-1879, and superior court, probate, 1880 - . Contains name of estate, case number, date of hearing, names of testator, attorneys, judge, witnesses, and legatees, nature of proceedings, and date of settlement. For index to names of estates, see general indexes, probate.

Arranged chronologically by date of hearing.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume
1880-1882	311	Vol. 1
1882-1889	312	Vol. 1-3
1889-1893	313	Vol. 3-5
1893-1898	314	Vol. 5-7
1898-1904	295	Vol. 7-10
1903-1908	296	Vol. 11-14
1908-1911	297	Vol. 14-17
1911-1913	298	Vol. 18-20
1913-1916	299	Vol. 21-23
1916-1918	300	Vol. 24-26
1918-1919	301	Vol. 27

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63. Registers of Actions, Probate, 1851

A register of papers and proceedings in all cases presented to probate court, 1851-1879, and superior court, probate, 1880 - . Contains name of estate, case number, names of testator and legatees, date and title of each paper and proceeding, dates of filing and final settlement. For index to names of estates, see general indexes, probate.

Arranged numerically by case number and then chronologically by date of action.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume	Notes
1869-1882	321	Vol. 3	Clerk's register, Probate Court
1878-1880	326		Probate Court blotter & Probate Clerk's register of cases
1880-1891	318	Vol. 1	Register of cases, probate proceedings

1887-1903	326		Probate Clerk's journal blotter
1891-1909	319	Vol. 2-4	Register of cases, probate proceedings
1901-1919	320	Vol. 4-6	Register of cases, probate proceedings
1903-1912	327		Probate Clerk's journal blotter
1919-1922	321	Vol. 7	Register of cases, probate proceedings

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64. Wills (Records of Wills), 1850-1925

Copies of wills entered in probate court, 1851-1879, and superior court, 1880 - . Contains dates of will and recording, names of testator, heirs, and witnesses, description of bequests, and signature of testator. Copies are also filed with the recorder. Indexed in general indexes, probate.

Arranged chronologically by date of recording and indexed alphabetically by name of testator.

Research Note: Source for study of settlement of estates. Provides genealogical information about subject and relatives.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume
1850-1870	291	
1871-1906	310	Vol. B-C
1902-1925	311	Vol. D-F

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65. General Indexes, Probate (Probate Indexes), 1850-1915

Indexes to names of estates in case files, registers of actions, minutes, and wills. Contains case number, name of estate, name of administrator, executor, or guardian, nature of proceedings, date of filing, and reference to volume and page numbers in records.

Arranged alphabetically by name of estate and then chronologically by date of action.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume or Book	Notes
1850-1880	61	A-Z	
1850-1917	Probate 1	A-Z	Probate Index A-Z, drawer #3
1850-1938	270		Cases
1854-1863	291	Vol. 1	Misc. index to records of wills
1871-1915	292		Index to orders probate
1882-1884	61	A-Z	

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1886	61	A-Z	
1890-1893	61	A-Z	
1896	61	A-Z	
1898	61	A-Z	

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Superior Court, Naturalization Records

66. Certificates of Naturalization, 1850-1903

Stubs of naturalization certificates granted by district, county, or superior court and filed with clerk. Contains certificate number and name of court, date of issue, declaration of intention and petition for naturalization numbers, name, age, and residence of wife and children, name, age, and residence of holder, and date of order granting citizenship. Original certificates were given to those going through naturalization process and represented the final or “second papers” required. The federal government, through the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, assumed sole responsibility for keeping naturalization records in 1950. May be separately indexed in entry #70.

Arranged numerically by certificate number.

Research Note: *Source of genealogical information, especially in absence of original certificate, declaration of intention, or petition for naturalization.*

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume	Notes
1850-1859	274	Vol. A	Naturalization record (aliens)
1859-1863	291	Vol. 1	Certificates of citizenship
1864-1869	291	Vol. 2	Certificates of citizenship
1869-1895	274	Vol. A	Decrees of naturalization
1886-1903	274	Vol. A	Naturalization record (aliens)
1895-1902	275		Decrees of naturalization

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67. Declarations of Intention, 1850-1950

Original sworn declaration of intention to become a U. S. citizen. Contains declaration number, name of court, name, nativity, oath, address, and signature of declarant, date of filing, method of entry into U. S., country of emigration, last foreign residence, name of vessel and port of arrival, marital status, renunciation of allegiance to foreign power, and statement of intention to become citizen. Additional information is recorded on more recent forms, especially about declarants’ wife, children, and personal characteristics.

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Declarations were completed by aliens and filed with clerk under the jurisdiction of the appropriate court (district, county, superior). After payment of fees, the alien received “first papers”, the initial process in obtaining citizenship. Separate index.

Arranged numerically by declaration number.

Research Note: *Along with petitions for naturalization, declarations are the most important naturalization records. They provide a wealth of genealogical information as well as insights into naturalization procedures and patterns of emigration.*

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume
1850-1871	274	
1910-1913	276	1
1913-1929	277	Vol. 3-4, nos. 201-734

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68. Indexes to Declarations of Intention, 1849-1880

Indexes to original declarations of intention to become U. S. citizens. Contains name of applicant and date of declaration.

Arranged alphabetically by name of applicant.

Date	Microfilm Box	Index
1849-1867	61	A-F
1849-1867	63	G-Z
1852-1906	274	
1868-1880	61	A-Z

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69. Petitions for Naturalization (Petitions and Records), 1904-1930

Original petitions for naturalization filed in district, county, or superior court and maintained by clerk. Contains date and number of petition, name, address, age, birthplace, marital status, race of applicant, names of spouse and children, dates and places of birth and residences of children, last foreign residence, place of emigration, oath of allegiance to U. S., renunciation of allegiance to foreign power, affidavits, names and addresses of two witnesses, and signature of applicant and clerk. May include copy of declaration of intention.

Separate index. Arranged numerically by petition number.

Research Note: *Useful source of genealogical information. Provides data for study of emigration patterns and procedures.*

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume
1904-1906	275	F
1906-1911	275	1

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1911-1919	275	2-3
1919-1930	276	3-5

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70. Indexes to Naturalized Citizens, 1850-1950

Indexes to petitions for naturalization and, in some cases, to certificates of naturalization (stubs). Contains name and nationality of applicant, name of court, date of order granting citizenship, and reference to volume and page numbers in petition records.

Arranged alphabetically by name of applicant.

Date	Microfilm Box
1850-1906	274
1906-1930	267

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73. Articles of Incorporation (Incorporation Files), 1851-1959

Original articles of incorporation for firms conducting business in county. Includes certificates of amendment, decrees of dissolution, affidavits of publication of notices, certificates of revival, changes in amount of capital stock, and change in board of directors.

Articles contain name of corporation, nature and place of business, names of officers and stockholders, number and value of shares of stock, date of filing, and term of existence. Articles date from 1850 and since 1872 must be filed with both the clerk and the Secretary of State. Separate index.

Arranged in date order.

Research Note: Source for business history and study of corporate financial conditions.

Date	Notes
1851-1895	Files in file cabinet 3B.
1895-1909	Files in file cabinet 3C.
1910-1959	Files in file cabinet 3D.

Title list Butte County Articles of Incorporation, 1851-1916		
Title	Year	Missing
A.P. Hotaling & Co.	1897	
Abietine Medical Co.	1885	
African Methodist Episcopal Church	1883	
Agenda Mining Co.	1876	

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American Building & Loan Assn.	1889	
American Eagle Mining Co.	1856, 1886	1856
American Fire Proof Fibre Lumber Co.	1897	
American Gold & Silver Mining Co.	1863	
American Lithograph Stone, Mill & Mining Co.	1898	
Amo Mining Co.	1898	
Anchor Mill & Mining Co.	1884	
Anglo-Nevada Assurance Corp.	1885, 1886	1886
Armstrong Gold Mining Co.	1879	1879
Armstrong Quartz Mining Co.	1852	
Augusta Gold & Silver & Copper Mining Co.	1863	
Bagdad Mining Co.	1857, 1858	
Bangor Blue Lead Hydraulic Mining Co.	1876	
Bank of Butte County	1873, 1876	
Bank of Chico	1872, 1879	1879
Bank of Oroville	1892	
Bank of Rideout, Smith & Co.	1888	
Banner Gold Mining Co.	1879	
Banner Quartz Mining Co.	1855	
Baranka Mill & Mining Co.	1882	
Beaver Mining Co.	1857	
Bendel-Nelson Co.	1897	
Berry Creek Gold Mining Co.	1896	
Bidwell Bridge Co.	1855	
Bidwell Fluming Co.	1857	
Bidwell Memorial Presbyterian Church	1879	
Big Bar Gravel Co.	1877	
Big Bar Hydraulic Gravel Co.	1876, 1878	
Biggs Butte Company California	1892	
Biggs Creamery Co.	1897	
Black Channel Mining Co.	1885	
Black Flat Mining, Horticultural, & Tree Planting Co..	1896	

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Black Prince Gold & Silver Mining Co.	1867	
Black Rock Ditch & Mining Co.	1858	
Black Sand Bar Mining Co.	1855	
Bloomer Hill Mining & Milling Co.	1899	
Bloomingtondale Quartz Mining Co.	1858	
Blue Lead Gravel Gold Mining Co.	1892	
Branch Turnpike Co.	1856	1856
Buckeye Co.	1856	
Buena Vista Quartz Mining Co.	1879	
Bullion Consolidated Mining Co.	1894	
Bure Lead Gravel Gold Mining Co.	1892	
Burlington Gold Mining Co.	1889	
Butte & Yuba Orange Belt Irrigation Canal	1887	
Butte Belle Gold Mining Co.	1892	
Butte County Agricultural Society	1868	
Butte County Board of Supervisors (Seal)	1884	
Butte County Drifting Co.	1856	
Butte County Electric Light & Power Co.	1897	
Butte County Electric Power & Lighting Co.	1899	
Butte County Immigration Assn.	1883	
Butte County Railway Co.	1889	
Butte County Water & Mining Co.	1870	
Butte Creek Gold Mining Co.	1899	
Butte Creek Hydraulic Mining Co.	1877	
Butte Creek Toll Road	1870	
Butte Ditch & Mining Co.	1880	
Butte Flume & Lumber Co.	1873	
Butte Gold & Silver Mining Co.	1862	
Butte Hydraulic Mining Co.	1878, 1880	
Butte King Mining Co.	1889, 1890	1889
Butte Mammoth Gold, Silver, & Copper Mining Co.	1863	1863
Butte Quartz Mining Co.	1877	

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Butte Queen Mining Co.	1890	
Butte Table Mountain Consolidated Mining Co.	1856	
Butte Tunnel Co.	1855	1855
California Coal Co.	1855	
California Dredging & Mining Co.	1877	
California Dredging Co.	1899	
California Fruit Cannery Assn.	1899	
California Gold & Silver Mining Co.	1863	
California Mail & Stage Co.	1891	
California Northern Railroad Co.	1876	
California Title Insurance & Trust Co.	1886	
Cape Mining Claim	1855	
Cape Mining Co.	1856, 1857	
Capital Savings Bank	1876	
Cascade Canal Mining Co.	1857	
Cascade Mining Co.	1896	
Centennial Mining Co.	1875	
Central Milling Co.	1886	
Central Pacific Railroad Co.	1876	
Ceres Warehouse Co.	1885	
Champion Mining Co.	1863	
Channel Rock Mining Co.	1856	
Cherokee Flat Blue Gravel Co.	1866	
Chico & Humboldt Wagon Road	1883	
Chico Bridge Co.	1890	
Chico Butter & Cheese Factory	1897	
Chico Canning Co.	1892	
Chico Cemetery Association	1864	
Chico Christian Union	1874	
Chico Consolidated Silver & Copper Mining Co.	1875	
Chico Fire Engine Co. No. 1	1875	
Chico Gas Co.	1874, 1876	

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Chico Gold & Silver Mining Co.	1867	
Chico Hotel Co.	1884	
Chico Ice Co.	1885	
Chico Jockey Club Association	1864	
Chico Livery Stable Co.	1885	
Chico Presbyterian Church	1870	
Chico Rotunda Bath & Amusement Co.	1908	
Chico Steam Laundry	1886	
Chico Stock Assn.	1876	
Chico Stock Association	1877	
Chico Warehouse Co.	1874, 1876	
Chico Water Co.	1874, 1876	
Church of Christ at Honcut	1894	
Columbia Mining Co.	1855	
Congregational Church Ladies Aid Society	1879	
Congregational Church of Christ of Wyandotte	1899	
Connelly Liquor Cure Co.	1895	
Consolidated Black Hawk Gold, Silver, & Copper Mining Co.	1863	
Consolidated Gentle Anna Mining Co.	1894	
Consolidated Gold Mines of California	1898	
Consolidated Golden Channel Mining Co.	1885	
Continental Building & Loan Assn.	1898	
Continental Mining Co.	1859	
Corral Claim Co.	1858	
Consolidated Golden Trout Mining Co.	1899	
Crocker Estate Co.	1889, 1890	
Crown Distillers & Co.	1893	1893
Crystal Hill Mining Co.	1897	
Decker-Jewett & Co. Bank	1898	
Defiance Mining & Milling Co.	1886	
Delta Silver & Copper Mining Co.	1864	
Development Co.	1898	

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Diamond Ville Blue Gravel Mining Co.	1875	
Dividend Milling Co.	1889	
Downs Mining Co.	1856	
Durham Hall Assn.	1894	
Durham Mill Co.	1895	
Eagle Gold Mining Co.	1892	
Eagle Point Gold & Silver Mill & Mining Co.	1886	
Electric Light & Motor Manufacturing Co. of Chico	1888	
Eliza Day Mining Co.	1882	
Empire Quartz Mining Co.	1852	
Eureka Mining Co.	1851, 1858, 1860	
Eureka Tunnel Co.	1857	
F.W. Miller Co.	1895	
Fall River Gravel Mining Co.	1877, 1878	
Fall River Gravel and Mining Co.	1876	1876
Farmers Cooperative Union of Butte County	1884	
Feather River & Ophir Canal Mining Co.	1855	
Feather River & Ophir Mining Co.	1856	
Feather River & Ophir Water Co.	1855, 1877	
Feather River Canal Co.	1860, 1889, 1892	
Feather River Steam Boat Transportation Co.	1882	1882
Feather River, Mooresville, & Cherubusco Canal Mining Co.	1857	
Federal Point Mining Co.	1875	
First Baptist Church of Biggs	1879	
First Church of Christ at Palermo	1890	
First Congregational Church of Paradise	1889	
First Congregational Society of Oroville	1876	
First Methodist Episcopal Church of Oroville	1879	
First United Brethren in Christ Church of Gridley	1889	
First Chance Mining Co.	1863	
First Congregational Church of Chico	1878	
Forbestown Division No. 124 Sons of Temperance	1856	

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Forbestown Lodge No. 50 Free & Accepted Masons	1871	
Forbestown Mercantile Co.	1880	
Forbestown Mining & Lumber Co.	1853	
Forbestown Water Co.	1860	
Foreman Fruit Pitting Co.	1892	
Forty-Nine & Fifty-Six Quartz Mining Co.	1857	
Forty-Nine Mining, Milling & Power Co.	1898	
Fountain Quartz Mining Co.	1857	
Franklin Copper Mining Co.	1863	
French Creek Gravel Mining Co.	1889	
French Glenn Live Stock Co.	1894	
Frenchtown & Rich Gulch Water	1855	
Frenchtown Canal Mining Co.	1856	
Friesleben Estate Co.	1899	
Frost Copper Mining Co.	1863	
Game Cock Mining Co.	1863	
German Savings & Loan Society	1894	
Gilroy Gold Mining Co.	1886	
Gipsey Gold & Copper Mining Co.	1863	
Gold Channel Mining Co.	1857	
Gold King Mining Co.	1880	
Gold Mountain Quartz Mining Co.	1851	
Golden Channel Drift Mining Co.	1883, 1884	
Golden Channel Mining Co. (Consolidated)	1889	1889
Golden Drift Mining Co.	1894	
Golden Eagle Mill, Mine & Ditch Co.	1886, 1887	
Golden Fissure Mining Co.	1896	
Golden Gate Feather River Mining Co.	1857	
Golden Sun Mining Co.	1876	
Golden Trout Mining Co.	1898	
Grand Parlor of the Native Daughters fo the Golden West	1884	
Grand View Consolidated Mining Co.	1881, 1882	

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Granger's Bank of California	1882	
Granite Hill Quartz Mining Co.	1852	
Granite Mining Co.	1859	
Granite Slate Mining Co.	1857	
Graphic Gold Mining Co.	1876	
Greek Mining Co.	1881	
Gridley Canning Co.	1895	
Gridley Electric Light & Power Co.	1896	
Gridley Exempt Fireman's Co.	1898	
Gridley Mill Co.	1884	
Gridley Publishing Co.	1891	
Griffin & Skelley Co.	1890	
Grizzley Quartz Mills & Mining Co.	1884	
H. Levi and Co.	1899	
H.C. Bell & Co.	1883	
Hamilton Mill Co.	1875, 1877	1875
Hamilton Park Assn.	1884	
Hansonville Gold & Quartz Mining Co.	1851	
Hatch & Rock Orchard Co.	1893	
Hawley Water Co.	1854	
Hazel Gold Mining Co.	1898	
Hazzard Gold Mining Co.	1887	
Henrietta Gravel Mining Co.	1877	1877
Hercules Mining Co.	1891	
Hibernia Mining Co.	1860	
Hibernia Savings & Loan Society	1876	
Hickmott Nelson Co.	1897	
Hickory Gold, Silver, & Copper Mining Co.	1863	
High Rock Mining Co.	1855	
Independent Telephone Co.	1899	
Indian Flat Tunnel & Mining Co.	1859	
Indian Spring Drift Mining Co.	1882, 1884	1884

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Industry Quartz Mining Co.	1857	
Jones Mining Co.	1856	
Josephine Gold, Silver, & Copper Mining Co.	1863	
Kellogg Creek Gold Mining Co.	1897	
Kelly Hill Mining Co.	1894	
Kennedy Flume Co.	1868	
Kent Mining Co.	1873	
Keystone Canal & Mining Co.	1876, 1878	
Keystone Ledge Co.	1859	
Kia Oro Gold Dredging Co.	1899	
Kohler & Chase	1897	
La Societe Francaise D'Epargnes Et De Prevoyance Mutuelle	1876	1876
Ladd Co.	1854	
Ladd Mining Co.	1855	1855
Lady Alice Gold Mining Co.	1897	
Lake View Sanitarium Co.	1898	
Land Savings Union of California	1892	
Last Chance Gold, Silver & Copper Mining Co.	1863	
Last Chance Quartz Gold Mining Co.	1876	
Leach Lumber Co.	1890	
Limestone Channel Gravel Mining Co.	1882	
Little Butte Tunnel Co.	1883	1883
Little Chief Mining Co.	1881	
Live Oak Cemetery Assn.	1877	
Live Oak Gold, Silver, & Copper Mining Co.	1863	
Long Ripple Fluming Co.	1859	
Long's Bar Fluming Co.	1859	
Magalia Gold Drift & Tunnel Co.	1882	1882
Magalia Gold Mining Co.	1879	
Magalia Mining Co.	1894	
Magnolia Gold & Silver Mining Co.	1888	
Magnum Bonum Quartz Co.	1857	

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Main Feather River Mining Co.	1876	
Maine Gold, Silver, & Copper Mining Co.	1863	
Mammoth Gravel Mining Co.	1879	
Mammoth Point Stock Co.	1852	
Mammoth Quartz Mining Co.	1852	
Marble Creek Placer Mining Co.	1896	
Marys Quartz Mining Co.	1858	
Marysville Savings Bank	1875, 1876	
Mascot Mining & Milling Co.	1893	
Masonic Hall Assn.	1898	
Maxim Gas Co.	1872	
Merrimac Land & Lumber Co.	1889	
Messilla Valley Land & Water Co.	1889	
Methodist Episcopal Church of Biggs	1892	
Methodist Episcopal Church of Chico	1884	
Middle Fork & Oroville Water Co.	1889	
Middle Fork Fluming & Mining	1858	
Military Hall Assn.	1884	
Miller Copper Mining Co.	1863	
Mineral Point Ditch & Mining	1857	
Mineral Slide Hydraulic Mining Co.	1881	
Minerva Gold & Silver Mining Co.	1880	
Missouri Bar Mining Co.	1856	1856
Mobile Mining Co.	1863	
Montezuma Mining Co.	1855	
Mosquito Hydraulic & Quartz Mining Co.	1873, 1876	
Mountain Chief Mining Co.	1895	1895
Mountain Copper & Silver Mining Co.	1864	
Mountain View River Mining Co.	1884, 1888	
Mountaineer Quartz Mining Co.	1852	1852
Mutual Enterprise Co.	1888	
Mutual Redemption Mining Co.	1859	

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Mutual Savings Bank of San Francisco	1890	
Myers Mining Co.	1863	
National Copper Mining Co.	1863	
Native American Mining Co.	1855	
Nebraska Mining Co.	1857	
Niagara Mining Co.	1855	
Nimshew Gold Mining Co.	1895	
Nisbet Mining Co.	1873	
Nord Warehouse Co.	1877	
North Fork & Wisconsin Mining Co.	1860	
Northern California Bank of Savings Marysville, California	1889, 1894	
Northern California Railroad Co.	1885	1885
Oak Temple Camp Convention	1884	
Oakland Mining Co.	1857	
Occidental Co.	1863	
Occidental Consolidated Gravel Mining Co.	1878	
Odd Fellows Building Assn.	1883	
Odd Fellows Hall Assn. of Biggs	1888	
Ogilby Placer Mining Co.	1888	
Ohio Mining Co.	1855	
Old Channel Mining Co.	1878	
Old Montezuma Co.	1856	
Oneida Copper Mining Co.	1863	
Oregon Gold Mining Co.	1897	
Oregon Joint Stock Mining Co.	1854, 1855	
Oro Leema Quartz Mining Co.	1852	
Oro Mining Co.	1872	
Oro Telegraph Co.	1856	
Oroville Bridge Co.	1863	
Oroville Citrus Assn.	1886	
Oroville Copper Mining Co.	1863	
Oroville Creamery Co.	1897	

Oroville Fittz Liquor Cure Co.	1895	
Oroville Gas & Light Co.	1862	
Oroville Gas, Electric Light, & Power Co.	1894	
Oroville Gravel Mining Co.	1877	
Oroville Hardware Co.	1890	
Oroville Loan & Building Co.	1888	
Oroville Lodge No. 59 I.O.O.F.	1864, 1865	
Oroville Lumber Co.	1879	
Oroville Mining & Irrigating Co.	1877	
Oroville Mining Co.	1856	
Oroville Ohire Co.	1893	
Oroville Olive co.	1894	
Oroville Quartz Mining & Milling Co.	1884	
Oroville Water & Manufacturing Co.	1857	1857
Oroville Water & Power Co.	1899	
Oroville Water Co.	1868, 1870, 1878, 1897	
Oroville Water Works	1878	
Pacific Improvement Co.	1887	
Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co.	1876	
Pacific Star Quartz Mining Co.	1857	
Pactolian Quartz Mining Co.	1893, 1894	
Palermo Fruit Co.	1893	1893
Palermo Hotel Co.	1892, 1894	
Palermo Land & Water Co.	1888, 1892, 1894	1888
Palermo Nursery & Citrus Assn.	1888	1888
Palermo Nursery & Citrus Assn. (Amended)	1898	
Palermo Olive Oil Co.	1891	
Palo Alto Mining Co.	1889	
Paradise Telephone -Telegraph Co.	1889	
Paramount Mining Co.	1879	
Park Hotel Co.	1888	
People's Saving Bank	1889	

Perkins & Wise Co.	1897	
Phoenix Mining Co.	1856	
Pilot Mining Co.	1898	
Pine Knot Mining Co.	1854	
Pioneer Box Co.	1888	
Pioneer Mining Co.	1855	
Pioneer Quartz Mining Co.	1857	
Plumas Quartz Mining Co.	1852	
Pneumatic Mining Co.	1886	
Poor Fellows Gold Quartz Mining Co.	1853	
Poor Mining Co.	1856	
Powers Co. of French Creek	1876	
Pride of Plumas Mining co.	1892	
Princess Mining Co.	1895	
Quincy Mining & Water Co.	1893	
Rancheria Mining Co.	1857	
Red Hill Hydraulic Mining & Water Co.	1876	
Redhill Hydraulic Mining Co.	1874	1874
Rich Gulch Steam Mining Co.	1856	
Rideout Bank	1897	
Rimestone Channel Gravel Mining Co.	1881	1881
Rio Bonito Colony Co.	1891	
Rio Bonito Orchard Co.	1895	
Rio Rancho Co.	1898	
Rising Sun Mining Co.	1863	
Rock Creek Lumber, Flume & Mining Co.	1877	
Rock Island Co.	1854	
Rough & Ready Mining Co.	1855	
Rough & Ready Quartz Mining	1857	
Sacramento Bank	1876	
Sacramento Buick	1875	
Sacramento Savings Bank	1867, 1880	

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Sacramento Valley Bank	1891	1891
Sagamore Gold & Silver Mining Co.	1876	
Sailor's Claim	1858	
Samson Gold & Silver Mining Co.	1863	
San Francisco Savings Union	1884	
San Jose Safe Deposit Bank of Savings	1885, 1896	
Sanbourn Mining Co.	1863	1863
Seventy-Six Mining Co.	1877	
Sierra Estate Co.	1897	
Sierra Flume & Lumber Co.	1876	
Sierra Iron Co.	1881	
Sierra Lumber Co.	1878	
Skipper Gold Mining Co.	1877	
Slate Bluff Mining Co.	1856	
Sly Creek Gold Mining Co.	1879	
Smith Construction, Land, & Improvement Co.	1892	
South Feather Union Mining Co.	1875	
South Feather Water & Union Mining Co.	1876	
South Feather Water Co.	1854, 1856	1854
South Gold King Mining Co.	1881	
Southern Pacific Railroad Co., Northern Railway Co.,	1898	
Northern California Railway Co., California Pacific	1892	
Railroad Co.	1892	
Spencer Consolidated Mining Co.	1881	
Sperry Flour Co.	1883	
Spring Valley Commercial Co.	1886	
Spring Valley Gold Co.	1856, 1876	
Spring Valley Mining & Irrigation Co.	1891	
Spring Valley Quartz Mining Co.	1867	
Standard Gold & Silver Mining Co.	1880	
Stockton Savings & Loan Society	1856, 1858	1856
Stove Pipe Mining Co.	1870	

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Sugar Loaf Hydraulic Co.	1874	
Sugar Loaf Hydraulic Co. (reincorporated)	1876	
Sugar Pine Lumber, Flume, & Mining Co.	1888	
Sunnyside Mining Co.	1863	
Sunset Land & Improvement Co.	1857	
Superior Copper Mining Co.	1857	
Table Mountain Ditch Co.	1855	
Table Mountain Quartz Mining Co.	1891	
Texas Co.	1878	
The Development Co.	1890	
The Power Company of French Creek	1878	
The Rideout Bank	1887	
The Seventy-Six Mining Co.	1858	
Thermalito Colony Co.	1878	
Thompson's Flat Tunnel Co.	1879	
Topping Water Co.	1857	
U.S. Gravel Mining Co.	1876	
Union Cape Mining Co.	1855	
Union Consolidated Mining Co.	1864	
Union Hall Building Co.	1854	
Union Hotel Co.	1857	
Union Mining Co.	1870, 1876	
Upper Sacramento Agricultural Society	1879	
Venus Gold & Silver Mining Co.	1858	
Vermillion Gravel Mining Co	1853	
Virgin Quartz Mining Co.	1863	
Wagon Road Co.	1852	
Washington Copper Mining Co.	1851	
Washington Mining Co.	1852	
Washington Quartz Mining Co.	1852	
West Branch Feather River Co.	1876	
West Branch Quartz Mining Co.	188	

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Western Development Co.	1852	
Western Edged-Tool & Agricultural Implement Co.	1871	
Wyandotte & Feather River Water Co.	1880	
Wyandotte Cemetery Association	1852	
Wyandotte Hydraulic Gold Mining Co.	1854	
Wyandotte Quartz Mining Co.	1857	
Wyman's Ravine & Feather River Water & Mining	1854	
Wyoming Tunnel & Fluming Co.	1890	
Young America Mining Co.	1854	
Yuba County Orchard Co.	1890	

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74. Indexes to Articles of Incorporation, 1851-1902

Indexes to original articles of incorporation. Contains name of corporation, file number, and date of filing.

Date	Microfilm Box
1851-1902	61

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77. Coroner's Inquests, 1852-1963

Files of coroner's inquests, including proceedings of inquests, testimony of witnesses, verdicts of juries, warrants issued in criminal cases, summons for jurors, and subpoenas. Contains date and number of inquest, name of deceased, names of witnesses and jurors, date and place of hearing, names of officials presiding, cause of death, affidavit of reporter as to accuracy of papers, signature of coroner, and date filed. Inquests are filed with the clerk with the coroner retaining a copy. Separate indexes. Confidential.

Arranged numerically by inquest number.

Research Note: *Useful source for investigation of patterns in causes of death. Provides some genealogical information.*

Date	Title	Call Number and Meriam Library catalog link	
1852-1963	Index to Butte County coroner's inquests https://library.csuchico.edu/sites/default/files/BCCoronersInquests.pdf	F868 B8I63 1990 (Reference Special Collections)	
Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume, Book or Index	Notes
1851-1873	35	John Fugar to "Sam"	
1851-1881			Files in cabinet 1A
1873-1882	36	Williams, Eveline to Gin Lapp	

1882-1892	37	Gin Lapp to Won Och	
1883-1897			Files in file cabinet 1B
1886-1927	290		
1892-1898	38	Won Och to Shay, Thomas	
1898-1904	39	Quong, Wah Yuck to Russell, Jack	
1898-1905			Files in file cabinet 1C
1904-1906	40	Russell, Jack to Brown, Annie Ellen	
1906-1907	41	Tindell, Arthur to Bernordo, Albert	
1906-1907			Files in file cabinet 1D
1907-1909	42	Rice, John to Parker, Jarvis	
1908-1909			Files in file cabinet 1E
1909-1910	43	Starks, Lucile to Dowell, James	
1910-1912	44	Dowell, James to La Point, Napoleon B.	
1910-1912			Files in file cabinet 2A
1912-1915	45	Rogers, Charles to Blackburn, Ellen	
1913-1916			Files in file cabinet 2B
1915-1918	46	Lohrman, Joseph to Geiger, John Leonard	
1917-1922			Files in file cabinet 2C
1918-1922	47	Chelsey, John Golden to Summy, Herbert LeRoy	
1922-1926	48	Unknown man to Moll , Robert Kenney	
1923-1927			Files in file cabinet 2D
1926-1927	59	Ank, Henry H. Jr. to Carlson , Carl	
1927-1929	49	Werner Gattiker to Obreu, Krzich	
1928-1934			Files in file cabinet 2E
1929-1933	50	Witt, John H. to Jacobson, Emil	
1933-1937	51	Kern, Barbara June to Douglas, Bryan Darby	
1935-1939			Files in file cabinet 3A
1937-1944	52	Potee, Halsey S. to Ellington, Charles Lee	
1944-1949	53	Tims, Morris W. to Atalei, Thomas	
1949-1963	54	Rahe, Herbert E. to Arhara, Yuh	
1963	55	Ellis, Ruth Simmons to Webber, August	

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79. Grand Jury Reports, 1956, 1963-date

Final reports of the grand jury filed with the clerk. Includes information on county affairs, judicial matters, indictments, fiscal activities, and related data. Contains date, nature of report, description of action or recommendation, and amount of expenses. Copies filed with board of supervisors. Since 2000, civil reports have also been filed with the Secretary of State-State Archives. No index. Criminal reports are closed and confidential.

Arranged chronologically by year of report.

Research Note: Source for study of political and legal organization of county, of types of cases brought before the grand jury, and of cases of malfeasance involving county officials.

Date	Title	Call Number and Meriam Library catalog link
1956, 1963-date	Report of the Butte County Grand Jury	KFC1159 A35 B8 1956 (N.E. Cal.)

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80. Great Registers 1867-1918, incomplete

Official registers of all voters qualified to vote in county. Contains registration number, name, age, address, sex, nativity, occupation, political affiliation of registrant, date of registration, naturalization information, and precinct name and/or number. Compiled every two years from precinct lists. Registers originated in 1866, replacing "poll lists", and were in turn supplanted by affidavits of registration. Usually no index.

Arranged chronologically by year of registration and then alphabetically by name of registrant. In some cases, secondary arrangement is alphabetical by precinct name and name of registrant.

Research Note: Useful source of basic genealogical information.

Date	Microfilm Box	Name, Original Volume, Book or Index	Call Number and Meriam Library catalog link
1867	234		
1867-1876		Butte County Great Register index	F868 B8 B812 1970 (N. E. Cal.)
1872	234		
1873	234		
1875	234		
1879	234		
1880	234		
1882	234		
1884-1894	305	A-Z	
1884		Index to registration, Butte County	F868 B8 B8 1884 1888 (Rare Books)
1884		Copy of the uncanceled entries existing on the Great register of Butte County	F868 .B8 B887 1884 (Rare Books)

1886	234		
1888	234		
1888		Index to registration, Butte County	F868 B8 B8 1884 1888 (Rare Books)
1888		Copy of the uncanceled entries existing on the Great register of Butte County	F868 .B8 B887 1888 (Rare Books)
1890	234		
1892	234		
1894	234		
1896	306		
1896	234		
1898	235		
1900	307		
1904		Index to registration, Butte County	F868 B8 I58 1904 (Rare Books)
1902-1909	308		
1906-1907	309		
1908		Index to registration, Butte County	F868 B8 B8 1908 (Rare Books)
1916		Index to registration, Butte County	F868 B8 B8 1916 (Rare Books)
1918		Index to registration, Butte County	F868 B8 B8 1918 (Rare Books)

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81. Military Rolls, 1886, 1895-1909, 1911-1919

Lists of male residents within county subject to military service. Contains name and address of man, and township of residence. Rolls, compiled by the assessor and filed with the clerk, were used to assess taxes for men not part of a volunteer military company or exempt from service. No index. Arranged chronologically by year of roll, then by township and alphabetically by name of man.

Research Note: *Source of social history providing evidence of local concern with military service and ability of county government to raise revenue through use of discriminatory taxes. Provides some genealogical data.*

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume	Notes
1886	290		
1895-1904	277	Vol. 1-7	No rolls available for 1897 & 1901
1905-1909	278	Vol. 8-13	
1911-1917	279	Vol. 14-21	No roll available for 1916
1917-1919	290	Vol. 22-24	

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87. Registers of Partnership, (Registers of Co-Partnership), 1874-1916

Registers of businesses in county conducted by partnership. Contains name of business, names of partners, kind and place of business, and date of filing of certificate of partnership. No index.

Arranged alphabetically by name of business.

Research Note: *Useful source for business history, especially for early years.*

Date	Microfilm Box	Notes
1874-1916	61	Certificate of Co-Partnership

Public Works Department

The public works department, under the management of a director, is responsible for providing services formerly carried out independently by the road commissioner, county engineer, and county surveyor. Although recent in origin, public works departments are now common in most counties of the state. The director, in conjunction with state authorities, oversees the construction, maintenance, and improvement of all county roads, highways, bridges, sewer and water systems, and other public works, prepares accurate maps, charts, plans, specifications, and reports necessary for the work of the department, and conducts surveys to determine proper boundaries for county lands and individual claims. Many of the department's records may also be found in the offices of assessor and recorder, and the board of supervisors.

104. Reports and Studies, 1960

Reports and studies created by various sections within public works department. Includes reports and studies on flood control, water supply and irrigation, water quality, roads, construction projects, buildings, bridges, and sewage systems. Depending on type of report, contains date of report, name of compilers, title of report, and text. No index.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Research Note: *Source for study of particular projects. Includes statistical and engineering information about public facilities.*

Date	Report Name	Call Number and Meriam Library catalog link
1960	Summary of Water Resources in Butte County	TD224 C3 B8 1960 (N.E. Cal)

Recorder

The recorder is the officer charged with keeping and preserving full and accurate records relating to real and personal property, vital statistics, and other legal and administrative documents as required. The law requires that the recorder's records be open to the public and that certified copies be provided upon request. The recorder not only files records and prepares indexes to them, but also endorses

the documents when received and makes notation of any apparent erasures or changes. The duties of the recorder have changed little since 1850. By the Torrens Land Registration Act of 1897, the recorder became county registrar of land titles, but this law was repealed in 1913. In 1905, with the creation of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, the recorder became county registrar of vital statistics. Today, the office is commonly combined with the office of county clerk. Along with the county clerk, the recorder is by far the most important custodian of historical records.

109. Declarations of Homestead (Homesteads), 1860-1919

Recorded declarations, and usually abandonments, of homestead indicating intent to use property as a place of residence. For declarations, contains name of homesteader, statements on marital status, residence on property, and intent to use property as a homestead, description and estimated value of land, date recorded, and signature of homesteader. Abandonments include statement of voluntary release of homestead rights, date of homestead, and signature of homesteader. Recorded in official records starting in 1927. Separate indexes.

Research Note: Source of genealogical information and for study of land settlement patterns.

Date	Microfilm Box	Notes
1860-1875	272	
1876-1912	271	
1896-1919	272	
1913-1919	272	Includes abandonment, partial abandonment, release & decree terminating homesteads

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110. Indexes to Declarations of Homestead, 1860-1927

Indexes to recorded declarations, and usually abandonments, of homestead. Contains name of homesteader, dates of declaration and recording, and reference to volume and page numbers in records. Supplanted by general indexes in 1916.

Arranged alphabetically by name of homesteader.

Date	Microfilm Box	Notes
1860-1927	267	Reel indicates Clerk's office.

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112. Indexes to Decrees of Distribution, 1890-1919

Indexes to recorded decrees from court for final settlement of estate. Contains recorder's number, names of deceased and legatees, date of decree, and reference to volume and page numbers in records. Supplanted by general indexes in 1916.

Arranged alphabetically by name of deceased.

Date	Microfilm Box	Notes
1890-1915	292	Reel indicates Superior Court office.
1915-1919	309	Reel indicates Superior Court office.

Recorder

113. Deeds, 1850-1910

Recorded deeds to real property. Contains nature and terms of document, recorder's number, description and location of property, names of grantor and grantee, date recorded, and fee. Recorded in official records starting in 1927. Separate indexes.

Arranged chronologically by date of recording.

Research Note: Source for study of land development. Legal documentation of land ownership.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume , Book or Index	Notes
1850-1856	243	Vol. A or 1	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1851-1856	243	Vol. B or 2	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1856-1857	243	Vol. C or 3	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1857-1858	244	Vol. D or 4	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1858-1860	244	Vol. E or 5	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1860-1861	245	Vol. F or 6	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1861-1863	245	Vol. G or 7 (p.1-681)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1863	246	Vol. G or 7 (p.681-800)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1863-1866	246	Vol. H or 8	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1866-1868	252	Vol. I or 9	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1868-1870	252	Vol. J or 10 (p.1-637)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1870	253	Vol. J or 10 (p. 637-800)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1870-1871	253	Vol. K or 11	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1871-1873	253	Vol. L or 12	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1872-1874	254	Vol. M or 13	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1871-1874	254	Vol. N or 14	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1874-1875	254	Vol. O or 15 (p. 1-201)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1875	255	Vol. O or 15 (p.222-799)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1875-1877	255	Vol. P or 16	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1875-1901	293	Vol. 41-41 1/2	Reel indicates Tax Deeds
1877-1878	255	Vol. Q or 17 (p.1-411)	Reel indicates Clerk's office

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1878	256	Vol. Q or 17 (p.411-800)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1878-1879	256	Vol. R or 18	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1879-1880	256	Vol. S or 19 (p.1-601)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1880	257	Vol. S or 19 (p.600-800)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1880-1881	257	Vol. T or 20	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1880-1882	258	Vol. W or 23	Reel indicates Clerk's office.
1880-1882	257	Vol. U or 21 (p.1-701)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1882	258	Vol. U or 21 (p.700-800)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1884-1885	259	Vol. X or 24	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1884-1885	259	Vol. Y or 25	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1882-1886	258	Vol. V or 22	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1885-1886	260	Vol. Z or 26	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1886-1887	260	Vol. 27	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1887-1891	261	Vol. 28-29	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1888	261	Vol. 30 (p. 1-672)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1888	262	Vol. 30 (672-800)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1888-1890	262	Vol. 31-32	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1888-1890	247	Vol. 33-34	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1889-1892	248	Vol. 35-36	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1892-1894	249	Vol. 37-38	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1893-1901	294	Vol. 41 3/4	Reel indicates Tax Deeds
1894-1895	250	Vol. 39-40	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1895-1896	251	Vol. 42	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1895-1901	294	Vol. 43	Reel indicates Railroad deeds
1896-1897	251	Vol. 45-46	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1896-1904	294	Vol. 44	Reel indicates Sheriff's deeds
1897	263	Vol. 46 (p.534-600)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1897-1898	263	Vol. 47-48	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1897-1910	294	Vol. 49,56-58	
1898	263	Vol. 50 (p.1-451)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1898	264	Vol. 50 (450-639)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1898-1901	264	Vol. 51-52	Reel indicates Clerk's office

1899	264	Vol. 53(p.1-351)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1899	265	Vol. 53(p.350-400)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1899	265	Vol. 54	Reel indicates Clerk's office

Recorder

114. Indexes to Deeds, 1850-1904

Indexes to transfer of title to real property. Contains recorder's number, names of grantor and grantee, date and nature of document, date recorded, and reference to volume and page numbers in records. Supplanted by general indexes in 1916.

Arranged alphabetically by name of grantor and grantee.

Date	Title	Microfilm Box	Original Volume, Book Or Index	Notes
1850-1871	Grantor-Grantee	241	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1850-1871	Grantee-Grantor	241	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1871-1877	Grantor-Grantee	241	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1871-1877	Grantee-Grantor	241	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1877-1888	Grantor-Grantee (A-R)	241	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office.
1877-1888	Grantor-Grantee (R-Z)	242	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1877-1888	Grantee-Grantor	242	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1887-1888	Grantor-Grantee	242	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1887-1888	Grantee-Grantor	242	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1888-1892	Grantor-Grantee	242	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1888-1892	Grantee-Grantor	242	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1892-1900	Grantee-Grantor	242	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1892-1900	Grantor-Grantee (A-S)	242	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1892-1900	Grantor-Grantee (S-Z)	243	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1900-1904	Grantee-Grantor	243	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1900-1904	Grantor-Grantee	243	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1900-1904	Grantee-Grantor	243	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office

See also:

Date	Title	Call Number and Meriam Library catalog link	Notes
1850-1871	Butte County index to deed grantees	F868 B8 H837 1970 (NE Cal.)	Paradise Genealogical Society, ca. 1970

Recorder

115. Leases, 1875-1904

Recorded leases of real property. Contains names of lessor and lessee, terms of lease, location and description of property, amount of rental, date of recording, and volume and page numbers in map books. Recorded in official records starting in 1927. Separate indexes. Arranged chronologically by date of recording.

Research Note: *Source for study of real property leasing. Legal documentation of land ownership.*

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume
1875-1894	327	B-C
1894-1904	328	C-D

Recorder

116. Indexes to Leases, 1858-1920

Indexes to recorded leases of real property. Contains date and number of document, names of lessor and lessee, date of recording, and reference to volume and page numbers in records. Supplanted by general indexes in 1916.

Arranged alphabetically by name of lessor and lessee.

Date	Microfilm Box
1858-1920	292

Recorder

118. Indexes to Map Books, 1856-1946

Indexes to recorded maps of county property. Contains title of map, date recorded, and reference to volume and page numbers in map books.

Arranged alphabetically by title of map. May be arranged chronologically by date of filing, then alphabetically by title of map.

Date	Notes
1856-1946	Index of Recorded Maps Book A, B, 1-10 Request at Special Collection Reference desk.

Recorder

120. Mining Claims, 1879-1891

Claims to land for purposes of mining. Includes notice and date of claim, name of claimant, and location, description and size of land claimed. In counties with major mining activity, claims may be divided by type of mining (quartz, placer). Later years are often found in the Official Records starting in 1927. Separate index.

Arranged chronologically by date recorded.

Research Note: *Useful for research into mining history and migration studies. Some counties also have retained district mining records, which were formed by groups of miners to police particular areas.*

Date	Title	Call Number and Meriam Library catalog link	Notes
1879-1891	Recorders Book, Inskip District	MSS 126	Inskip Mining District. Book of claims.

Recorder

122. Miscellaneous Records, 1856-1926

Recorded miscellaneous documents not required by law to be kept in separate volumes. Includes declarations of trust, military discharges, enlistment records, bills of sale, wine certificates, tax sales, official bonds, mining locations, candidates' statements, and separate property of married women. Contains names of grantor and grantee, nature of instrument, and date recorded. Recorded in official records starting in 1927. Separate index.

Arranged chronologically by date recorded.

Research Note: *Source for study of property transactions, early business history, mining activities, agriculture, and history of women.*

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume, Book or Index	Notes
1856-1898	328		
1872-1894	309	Vol. B	
1898-1900	329	Vol. D	
1900-1904	329	Vol. E	
1918-1920	329	Vol. M	Soldiers and Sailors discharges
1922-1926	330	Vol. Q	Soldiers and Sailors discharges

Recorder

123. Indexes to Miscellaneous Records, 1853-1920

Indexes to miscellaneous records not required to be kept in separate volumes. Contains names of grantor and grantee, type of instrument, and date recorded. Supplanted by general indexes in 1916.

Arranged alphabetically by names of grantor and grantee and then chronologically by date recorded.

Date	Microfilm Box
1853-1896	292
1854-1860	291

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1896-1920	293
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Recorder

126. Notices of Actions (Lis Pendens), 1855-1859

Recorded notices of pending civil court actions involving property. Contains names of plaintiff and defendant as grantor and grantee, date of notice, purpose of action, location and description of property, date recorded, and signature of attorney for plaintiff. Recorded in official records starting in 1927. Separate indexes.

Arranged chronologically by date recorded.

Research Note: *Legal record useful for tracing property ownership.*

Date	Microfilm Box	Notes
1855-1859	327	District Court

Recorder

133. Patents, 1846-1916

Recorded land patents, authorized by federal and state land offices, granting transfer of title to real property. Contains name of grantee, location and description of land, amount of fees due, date recorded, proof of claim, and map of property. Recorded in official records starting in 1927. Separate indexes.

Arranged chronologically by date recorded.

Research Note: *Source for study of land development through government grants.*

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume, Book or Index	Notes
1846-1873	265	Vol. A	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1873-1876	265	Vol. B (p.1-551)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1873-1877	266	Vol. B (p.551-640)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1877-1891	266	Vol. C-D	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1891-1894	266	Vol. E (p.1-225)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1894-1904	267	Vol. E (p.225-598)	Reel indicates Clerk's office
1896-1916	267	Vol. F	Reel indicates Clerk's office

Recorder

134. Indexes to Patents, 1860-1971

Indexes to land patents granted by federal and state government. Contains names of land office and grantee, date recorded, and reference to volume and page numbers in records. Supplanted by general indexes in 1916.

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Arranged alphabetically by name of grantee.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume , Book or Index	Notes
1860-1971	265	Index	Reel indicates Clerk's office

Recorder

138. Pre-Emption Claims (Possessory Claims), 1861-1875

Recorded pre-emption claims of 160-acre tracts of land allowed to claimants under federal law. Contains name of claimant, location and description of land, statement of originality of claim, diagram of land, and date recorded. Recorded in official records starting in 1927.

Separate indexes.

Arranged chronologically by date recorded.

Research Note: Source for study of land ownership and impact of federal laws on patterns of settlement, mobility, and county development.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume, Book or Index
1861-1875	327	Vol. C

Recorder

139. Indexes to Pre-Emption Claims, 1850-1875

Indexes to claims to real property allowed under federal law. Contains name of claimant, dates of receipt of claim and of recording, and reference to volume and page numbers in records. Supplanted by general indexes in 1916.

Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

Date	Microfilm Box
1850-1875	327

Recorder

143. Separate Property of Married Women, Declarations of, 1851-1910

Recorded declarations by married women of separate ownership of property. Contains dates of declaration and recording, names of husband and wife, location and description of property, means of acquisition, and signatures of woman and witnesses. May be combined with sole trader records in early years. Recorded in official records starting in 1927. Separate index.

Arranged chronologically by date of recording.

Research Note: Useful source for study of women's history and land development and ownership. Illustrates an early example of women's rights.

Date	Microfilm Box
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1851-1910	268
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Recorder

148. Wills, 1850-1908

Recorded wills of deceased persons. Contains names of testator and beneficiaries, date and number of will, nature and amount of bequests, date admitted to probate court, name of executor, date recorded, and signature of testator. Copies maintained in clerk's office with probate records. Recorded in official records starting in 1927. Separate indexes.

Arranged chronologically by date recorded.

Research Note: Useful source of genealogical information and for study of settlement of estates.

Date	Microfilm Box
1850-1908	268

Recorder

149. Indexes to Wills, 1898-1908

Indexes to recorded wills. Contains date and number of will, name of testator, date of admission to probate, and reference to volume and page numbers in records. Supplanted by general indexes in 1916.

Arranged alphabetically by name of testator.

Date	Microfilm Box	Notes
1898-1908	290	Reel indicates Superior Court

Recorder

Recorder, Vital Statistics

150. Birth Certificates (Registers of Births, Records of Births), 1859-1980

Copies of original birth certificates filed with the recorder. Contains name and sex of child, date and place of birth, names, ages, nativities, races, and occupations of parents, weight at birth, length of pregnancy, signature of physician, date recorded, and certificate number. Recording of vital statistics became a state function in 1905. Certificates continued to be filed with the county as well. Form changes over time. Separate indexes.

Arranged chronologically by date recorded, and then numerically by certificate number.

Indexed alphabetically by name of child.

Research Note: Source of genealogical and social information.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume , Book or Index	Notes
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1859-1905	238	Book B	
1872-1904	280		
1873-1904	281		Returns of Births
1880-1920	60		A-J
1890	289		
1905-1912	239		
1905-1918	281		
1943-1963	236	Vol. 1-6	Delayed Birth Certs. Date range for date filed, not date of birth
1963-1980	237	Vol. 7-8	Delayed Birth Certs. Date range for date filed, not date of birth

Recorder

151. Indexes to Births, 1870-1920, 1926-1980

Indexes to birth certificates (registers of births). Contains name of child, date and place of birth, certificate number, and reference to volume and page numbers in records.

Arranged alphabetically by name of child.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume, Book or Index	Notes
1870-1920	62	Index K-Z	
1912-1914	239	Index	
1926-1980	236	Index	Delayed Birth Certs. Date range by date filed, not date of birth

Recorder

152. Burial Permits, 1876-1917

Copied and original burial permits. Contains name of deceased, cause of death, name of medical examiner and undertaker, birthplace and occupation of deceased, date and place of burial, and date recorded. Since 1889, permits have been filed with the recorder and, since 1905, the recorder has had authority to issue permits. However, in counties with a health officer, permits have been issued under that jurisdiction since 1914. No indexes.

Arranged chronologically by date recorded.

Research Note: Useful source of genealogical and social data. Alternate source of information in absence of death certificate.

Date	Microfilm Box
1876-1897	283
1883-1890	289

1889-1894	288
1898-1905	284
1905-1908	285
1908-1914	286
1915-1917	287

Recorder

153. Death Certificates (Registers of Deaths, Records of Deaths), 1859-1919

Copies of original death certificates filed with the recorder. Contains name, residence, sex, race, date of birth, age, occupation, marital status, and birthplace of deceased, names and birthplaces of parents, date and cause of death, date recorded, physician's or coroners signature, and certificate number. Recording of vital statistics became a state function in 1905. Certificates continued to be filed with the county as well. Separate indexes.

Arranged chronologically by date recorded and then numerically by certificate number. Indexed alphabetically by name of deceased.

Research Note: Source of genealogical and social information.

Date	Microfilm Box	Notes
1859-1877	240	
1872-1904	240	
1873-1903	283	Reel indicates Coroner's office. Returns of deaths.
1874-1897	281	
1890-1910	62	A-S
1890-1910	61	T-Z
1895-1900	289	
1897-1917	282	
1905-1908	240	
1908-1909	240	
1908-1911	240	
1908-1916	269	
1912-1914	269	p. 1-373, Items 2-3
1916-1919	270	

Recorder

154. Indexes to Deaths, 1914-1916

Indexes to death certificates (registers of deaths). Contains certificate number, date and place of death, name of deceased, and reference to volume and page numbers in records.

Arranged alphabetically by name of deceased.

Date	Microfilm Box	Notes
1914-1916	270	Reel indicates Clerk's office.

Recorder

155. Marriage Licenses and Certificates, (Records of Marriages, Registers of Marriages), 1858-1920

Copies of original licenses and certificates filed with the recorder. Contains date and place of marriage, names, addresses and ages of parties, signature of officiator, date recorded, names of fathers and mothers, birthplace of mother, previous marital status and occupations of parties, and certificate or license number. Recording of vital statistics became a state function in 1905. Certificates continued to be kept by the recorder as well. Form changes over time. Originally, a license was received from the clerk to authorize a marriage while a certificate was filed with the recorder to document the ceremony. Currently, the two functions are combined into a "Certificate of Registry of Marriage" which is issued by the clerk and filed with the recorder. Separate indexes.

Arranged chronologically by date recorded and then numerically by certificate number. Indexed alphabetically by name of parties.

Research Note: *Source of genealogical and social information.*

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume, Book or Index	Notes
1858-1861	273		Record of marriages solemnized by Judge Joseph Lewis
1862-1872	273		
1873-1895	274	Vol. 2	
1897-1900	273		Marriage license affidavits
1903-1907	267	Vol. I (p.1-543)	Reel indicates Clerk's office.
1912-1916	268		
1916-1920	268		

Recorder

156. Indexes to Marriages, 1851-1912

Indexes to marriage licenses and certificates (registers of marriages). Contains names of parties, date and place of marriage, certificate number, and reference to volume and page numbers in records. Some counties may have separate indexes for men and women.

Arranged alphabetically by name of groom.

Date	Microfilm Box	Original Volume, Book or Index	Notes
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1851-1858	273		Index to marriage certificates
1896-1918	273		
1896-1933	272	Vol. C	Index to marriage licenses
1906-1912	268		Groom Indexed

Sheriff

One of the original county officers created by the State Constitution of 1849, the sheriff is the officer responsible for the administration of justice and the enforcement of law in the unincorporated areas of the county. As an officer of the court, the sheriff has particular duties in criminal and civil matters as regulated by statute. The sheriff provides suitable attaches to the superior court, serves required legal papers, coordinates the activities of county marshals and constables, issues warrants, cooperates with other law enforcement agencies, administers special programs for crime detection and apprehension, promotes training for staff, issues licenses for concealed weapons, and, in all but two counties, provides for prisoner custody through the operation of the county jail system. At various times from 1851 to 1868, the sheriff served as tax collector. Today, the sheriff is usually a law enforcement professional. In smaller counties, the office may be combined with that of coroner.

160. Jail Registers 1880-1885

A record of all prisoners received at and discharged from county jail. Contains date received and discharged, name, age, sex, residence, place of birth, and occupation of prisoner, offense charged, case number, sentence, name of judge, and reason for release. No separate index.

Arranged chronologically by date received and then numerically by case number. Indexed alphabetically by name of prisoner.

Research Note: *Source of legal and social history. Contains some genealogical data.*

Date	Microfilm Box	Notes
1880-1885	330	Register of prisoners, A-Z

Superintendent of Schools

The superintendent of schools is an administrative agent of the state responsible for providing supervision and services to school districts within the county. An elected officer in all but three counties, the superintendent's duties, since the creation of the office in 1855, has never been merged with another office. Prior to 1855, the assessor acted as ex-officio superintendent of schools. The superintendent, acting within statutes, has control over the formation of school districts, the appointment of teachers and trustees, inspection of schools, care of school property, coordination with the board of education, control of school funds, and preparation of required reports.

165. Minutes of the Board of Education, 1874-1965

Minutes of the proceedings of the county board of education. Contains date and time of meeting, names of members present, description of actions taken, motions made, and results of votes. No index.

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Arranged chronologically by date of meeting.

Research Note: Important source for study of county education system.

Date	Title	Call Number and Meriam Library catalog link	Notes
1874-1889	Chico School District	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1895-1902	Chico Board of Education	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1896-1897	Chico Board of Education/High School	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1902-1911	Chico Board of Education/High School	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1903-1909	Chico Board of Education/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1909-1913	Chico Board of Education/ Chico School Dist.	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1911-1913	Chico Board of Education/High School	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1913-1921	Chico School District/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1913-1921	Chico Board of Education/High School	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1921-1928	Chico Board of Education/High School	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1922-1923	Chico Board of Education/High School	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1922-1930	Chico School District/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1928-1935	Chico Board of Education/High School	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1930-1936	Chico School District/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1935-1937	Chico Board of Education/High School	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1936-1939	Chico School District/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1938-1940	Chico Board of Education/High School	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1939-1943	Chico School District/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1940-1941	Chico Board of Education/High School	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1941-1945	Chico Board of Education/High School	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1943-1947	Chico Board of Education/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1947	Chico Board of Education/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1945-1947	Chico Board of Education/High School	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1949-1950	Chico Board of Education/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1950-1952	Chico Board of Education/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1952-1954	Chico Board of Education/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1954-1956	Chico Board of Education/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1956-1957	Chico Board of Education/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education

1957-1959	Chico Board of Education/ Chico School Dist.	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1959-1960	Chico Board of Education/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1960-1962	Chico Board of Education/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1962	Chico Board of Education/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1963-1964	Chico Board of Education/Elementary	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1964-1965	Chico Unified School District	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1965	Chico Unified School District	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1965-1966	Chico Unified School District	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1966-1967	Chico Unified School District	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1967-1968	Chico Unified School District	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1968-1969	Chico Unified School District	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1969-1970	Chico Unified School District	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education
1970-1971	Chico Unified School District	MSS 210	Minutes are not from the County Board of Education

Superintendent of Schools

167. Reports, Annual (Common School Reports) 1921

Annual report by superintendent to state superintendent of public instruction. Contains date of report, name of school district, number and sex of students in each grade, number of full-time and part time teachers, amount of funds apportioned to each school district, record of expenditures, assessed value of real property within school district, and related information. No index.

Arranged chronologically by year.

Research Note: *Supplement to other school records. Useful source for a study of the development of county schools and school conditions.*

Provides some genealogical information.

Date	Report Name	Call Number and Meriam Library catalog link
1921	Annual Progress Report	LB2813 S26 1921 (N.E. Cal.)