



# WHERE can you go for information in Southern California??

**This is really two separate questions**

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Are you searching for something that pertains to California?

Early settlers, Native Americans, missions, statehood, gold rush, ghost towns, land records?

Are you researching in general and need a place that has information?  
Colonial period, religious records, wars, immigration & naturalization, ethnic searches?

## IN CALIFORNIA

Before you leave home, check the website for the California State Genealogy Alliance. [www.csga.com](http://www.csga.com). Narrowing your search down to an area, such as one county, either by using the CSGA website, or a local area website will help you find your target location.

The Southern California Genealogy Society has a great website at [www.scgsgenealogy.com](http://www.scgsgenealogy.com) with lots of information on genealogy in general but much that pertains to Southern California specifically. They also have a library at 417 Irving Dr., Burbank. Call 818-843-7247 for information.

The Historical Society of Southern California at <http://www.socalhistory.org> pertains to all Southern California.

Check your own county or area of interest for what is available. Check for “Historical Societies” “Archives” as well as “Libraries” and “Genealogy Societies”. These may not be focused on families – but they could have important information.

## OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA

There is more than you think!!

NARA – National Archives and Records Administration 23123 Cajalco Road  
Perris, CA 92570-7298 951-956-2000

Again, check the website for the California State Genealogy Alliance. [www.csga.com](http://www.csga.com) for referrals to research locations.

The Southern California Genealogy Society has a library at 417 Irving Dr., Burbank. 818-843-7247. This is the group that produces the Genealogy Jamboree, so they know what researchers need.

Searching outside the United States, try the Immigrant Genealogical Society Library at 1310-B West Magnolia, Burbank 818-848-3122.

A few special places are:

Georgina Cole Library,  
1250 Carlsbad Village Dr.  
Carlsbad  
760-434-2870

Huntington Beach Public Library  
7111 Talbert  
Huntington Beach  
714-842-4481

Los Angeles Central Public Library  
630 W. Fifth St.  
Los Angeles  
213-228-7000

A.K. Smiley Public Library  
125 Vine St.  
Redlands  
909-798-7565

Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society & Sayhun Library  
316 Castillo St.  
Santa Barbara  
805-884-9909

Huntington Park Library & Ethnic Resource Center  
6518 Miles Ave.  
Huntington Park  
323-583-2794

Check around your own area, widen the circle and see what is not too far away and check with others in your local societies, libraries and family history centers.

**ALWAYS call before you go to a repository CALL to be sure they will be open!!**