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## Finding Living People

**Reference USA** Santa Clara City Library Card  
[Sclibrary.org](http://Sclibrary.org) **Electronic Resources A-Z List**

ReferenceUSA indexes the contents of telephone white and yellow pages in the United States. The Business section is useful for locating businesses, associations, schools, and government agencies; it can be searched and sorted by name, type of business, city, and business size, SIC code, etc. The Residential section searches individual names, and may be used as a "reverse directory" to locate people by address and phone number.

**SEARCH TIP:** Use **U.S. Consumers/Lifestyles** NOT U.S. Standard White Pages

## General Genealogy Resources

**Heritage Quest Online** Santa Clara City Library Card  
[sclibrary.org](http://sclibrary.org) **Electronic Resources A-Z List**

Heritage Quest Online has all U.S. Census records and an extensive City Directories and a map collection which is very helpful for identifying changing geographical boundaries. 28,000 full text history and genealogy books are included; selected Revolutionary War pension records and bounty land warrants; Freedman's Bank records, and the U.S. Serial Set.

**MyHeritage.com** San Jose Public Library Card <https://www.sjpl.org/elearning>

[Find it by selecting **History, Biography, Genealogy** then **MyHeritage Library Edition**]  
Find ancestors and research genealogy on MyHeritage.com. It includes census records, birth, marriage, and death records. Military records, newspaper articles and family trees can be found here.

## Historic Newspapers

**America's Historical Newspapers (1690-2000)** Peninsula Library Card (San Mateo County Library Card) <https://canadacollege.edu/library/#PLSarticles-tab>  
[Browse Databases A-Z, Select America's Historical Newspapers]

Find news articles covering many topics from hundreds of primary sources. Search using either the timeline or topic search to easily find news and eyewitness accounts and daily life in the colonies or during the Revolutionary War, westward expansion, the Civil War, Reconstruction, Industrialization, the Progressive Era, World War I, the Great Depression, Vietnam War, World War II, Civil Rights Movement, Cold War, globalization and other eras. Also included are illustrations, advertisements, classified ads, birth and marriage announcements, obituaries, stories about historic people and other articles exactly as they appeared in print.

**New York Times: Historic Issues** Santa Clara County Library Card  
<https://www.sccl.org/OnlineResearch?categoryid=43>

[Select New York Times Historic Issues]

This online archive brings you the entire historical run of *The New York Times* since 1851, through three years previous to the current year. Provides easily-searchable first-hand accounts and coverage of the politics, society, and events of the times

**Newspapers.com World Collection** Santa Cruz Library Card  
<https://www.santacruzpl.org/elibrary/research/category/1/>

Newspapers.com provides online access to 3,000+ historical newspapers dating from the early 1700s to the early 2000s, with full runs and portions of runs of well-known, regional and state titles to small local newspapers in the United States and other countries. It includes Santa Cruz papers.

The Santa Cruz Sentinel newspaper can only be searched at a Santa Cruz library including the branch libraries.

**San Jose Mercury and Evening Times Historic Newspapers 1884-1922**  
Santa Clara City Library Card  
[Sclibrary.org](http://Sclibrary.org) **Electronic Resources A-Z List**

Read and search the full newspaper not extracts. This is a great tool for researching Santa Clara county local history.

## Maps

**Digital Sanborn Maps** San Jose Public Library Card <https://www.sjpl.org/elearning>

[Select **History, Biography, Genealogy** then **Digital Sanborn Maps**] Find maps of San Jose and Other California communities, 1867-1970. It provides detailed historical street maps that include building outlines, property boundaries, and natural features. Remember that the California History Room may have additional Sanborn maps in print form.

## Military Research

**Fold3** Santa Clara County Library Card  
<https://www.sccl.org/OnlineResearch?categoryid=41>

Fold3 provides access to a growing collection of U.S. military records from the Revolutionary War to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served. Many of the records are only available on Fold3. Includes a tutorial on how to use it.