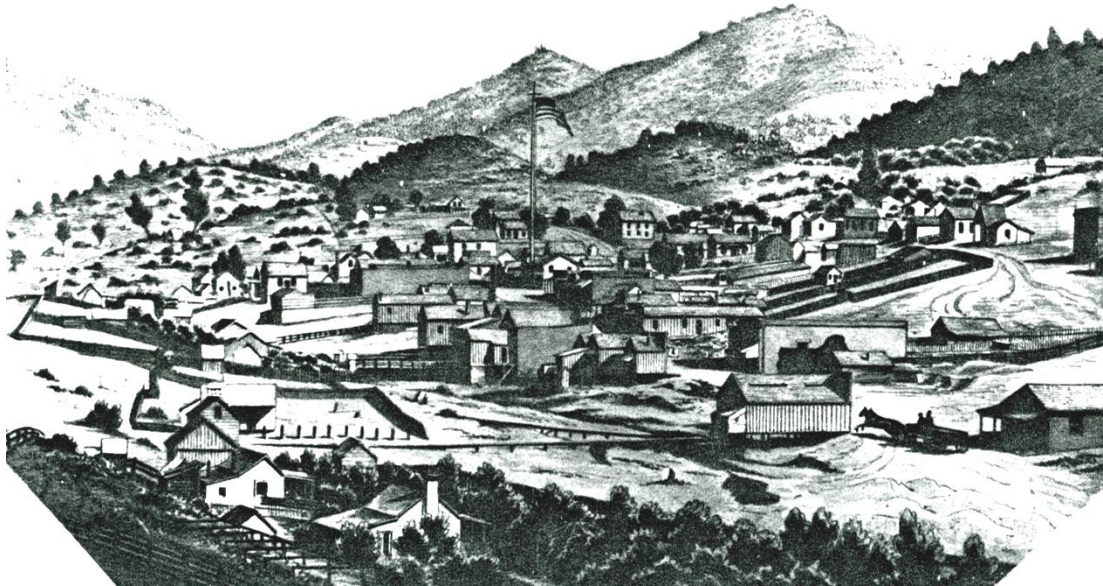


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This guide was put together to help people research the history of Mariposa. Included are sections on researching land, people, and events. Though these are listed separately, they are all part of one history and all are intertwined to make an interesting study.

Locations of records and information sources in Mariposa are provide herein, but there is more available than what is listed here. Each day more sources and documents are added to the collections, so it would be impossible to keep this document updated.

Internet sources are also mentioned in the booklet, but as you know, these sources change from moment to moment. The Internet is a wonderful and fast source of research, but it depends on those who enter the information, so I encourage you to recheck all Internet sources.

When I first began my researching I was told by an old newspaper writer to verify everything with at least three different sources. This is good advice for all of us.

PRIMARY vs SECONDARY

- o **PRIMARY source** are documents, first-hand accounts, or other sources that constitutes direct evidence of an object of study.
- o **Secondary source** are books, articles, or other sources that provides information about an object of study, but does not constitute direct, first-hand evidence.

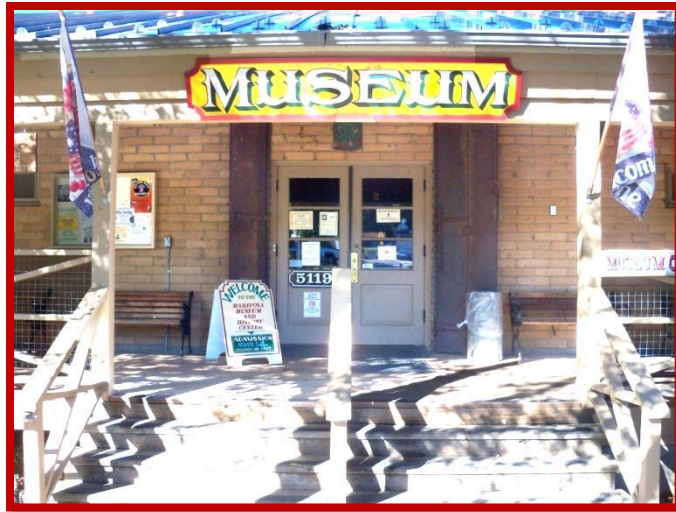
Newspapers Accounts:

- o A **Newspaper Account** of an event right after it happens is **Primary**.
- o A **Newspaper** article about the fiftieth anniversary of that event is **Secondary**.
- o Transcript of an oral interview transcribed years after the actual interview took place is **Primary**
- o A History Textbook is a **Secondary source**.

Major Resources in Mariposa County:

- o Mariposa Museum and History Center
- o Mariposa County Hall of Records
- o Mariposa County Library

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Mariposa Museum & History Center

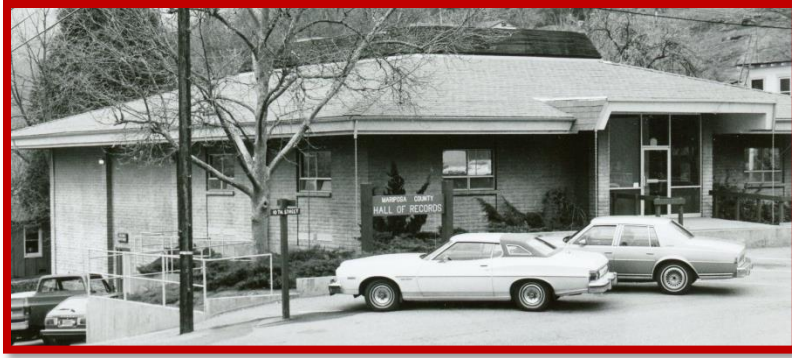
5119 Jessie Street, P.O. Box 606, Mariposa CA. 95338-0606
(209) 966-2924, MMHC@sti.net

Founded in 1957, the Mariposa Museum & History Center is administered as a non-profit corporation. It has been dubbed “The Best Little Museum of Its Size West of the Mississippi” by the Smithsonian Institution. The purpose and mission of the Mariposa Museum and History Center is to discover, collect, preserve, interpret, exhibit, and demonstrate the material culture, visual objects and documents that best illustrate the history of Mariposa County. The museum houses a research library for those interested in historical and genealogical research.

The Mariposa Museum and History Center is the home of an ever-expanding archive of historical documents, photos, records and many other items. Appointments are necessary to research the records. Below are just a few of the categories of records.

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| o Property Tax Records | o Citizenship Records |
| o Family History Files | o Voting Registers |
| o Court Records | o Land Records |
| o Citizenship Records | o Brand Registers |
| o Coroner's Inquests | o Court of Sessions Records |
| o Photos | o John C. Fremont Records |
| o County Records | o Judgement Books |
| o Hospital Records | o Probate Records |
| o Jail Records | o Mining Records |
| o Newspaper Collections | |

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Mariposa County Hall of Records

Mariposa County Recorder

4982 10th Street

P.O. Box 35

Mariposa, CA 95338

Mariposa County Hall of Records

The Recorder's Office records documents and files maps, maintaining cross-reference indexes to these records. Recorded documents are scanned/microfilmed as a permanent record and the original document are returned to the customer after scanning. All records are indexed by the names of the principal parties to the document and by the year recorded. The records are open for public inspection and copies may be purchased from this office.

Hall of Records information is on Microfilm/fiche with original Index books

- o Deeds
- o Land Patents
- o Maps
- o Unrecorded Maps
- o Mining Records
- o Proof/Labor
- o Quartz Mining Records
- o Mortgages
- o Liens
- o Official Records
- o Marriage License
- o Birth Records
- o Death Certificates
- o APN Maps
- o Index to Deeds
- o Unrecorded Maps
- o Index to Birth & Deaths
- o Patents
- o Index to Stock Brands & Marks
- o Mechanics' Liens
- o Military Discharge Papers
- o Index to Mine
 - o Names
 - o Locators
 - o Deeds
 - o Quartz Records

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Mariposa County Library Mariposa County Library

**4978 10th St,
Mariposa, CA 95338**

The Library hosts the largest collection of Microfilm/Fiche. All of Mariposa's County and Court Records are stored there. The Library has a computerized microfilm reader that can print or save to a thumb drive.

Categories of records at the Library are listed below, but not confined to just these categories.

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| o Mariposa Newspapers | o Naturalization Records |
| o Probate Files | o Probate |
| o Civil & Criminal Cases | o Disclosure Statements |
| o District Court | o Family Law |
| o Court of Sessions | o And a lot more |
| o Registers | |

Other Source Locations

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Mariposa County Planning Department

Mariposa County Supervisor's Office

Mariposa County Roads Department

Mariposa County Park & Recreation

Masonic & Odd Fellows Lodge

CalTrans Archives (Sacramento)

California State Archives (Sacramento)

The Bancroft Library (Berkley)

Yosemite National Park Archives

North Side Mariposa County Museum

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

- o The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the largest source of records and documents. It is available directly through appointment at your local Mormon Church or online.

5546 Hwy 49 N, Mariposa, CA 95338, 1-209-966-5846

Mariposa County Planning Department

Mariposa County Planning Department is the holder of the Historic Resources Inventory. This inventory is a collection of historic site information documented by Ralph Mendershausen in 1981/82 as part of a Mariposa County project. The County has recently begun updating the inventory.

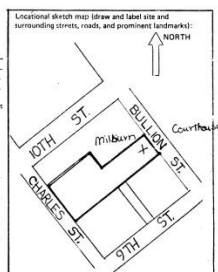
Each historic record contains the name of the building, owner as of date of the record, a description of the building or site with a brief history. The inventory covers almost the entire county.

13. Condition: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ No longer in existence ☐
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ☐ Scattered buildings ☐ Densely built-up ☐
Residential ☒ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known ☐ Private development ☐ Zoning ☐ Vandalism ☐
Public Works project ☐ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? ☒ Moved? ☐ Unknown? ☐
18. Related features: At rear is 4991 Tenth Street, a house built by Farnsworth. White picket fence
- SIGNIFICANCE
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site).

Dexter, Lind and Milburn houses were originally built by the Linds. These houses were built between 1890 and 1900 probably after the marriages of John, George and Tom Lind to three daughters of the Farnsworth family. Marriage dates were John, 1894, George, 1897 and Tom in 1898. John Lind built what is referred to as the Dexter House, George built the "Lind" House and Tom built what is now called the Milburn House. Lora Lind was born in the "Lind" House in 1899.

These three houses are a significant contributing addition to the architectural setting of the Mariposa County Courthouse, which is in turn the principal architectural and governmental landmark of Mariposa County.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture ☒ Arts & Leisure ☐
Economic/Industrial ☐ Exploration/Settlement ☐
Government ☐ Military ☐
Religion ☐ Social/Education ☐
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
Lette Trebbucco, April, 1982.
22. Date form prepared February 6, 1982
By name John S. Mendershausen
Organization Historic Sites Survey
Address P.O. Box 2038
City Mariposa, CA Zip 95338
Phone 209/966-5151



State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Sr. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR _____ SHL _____ Loc _____
UTM: A 11/2373407/4153370 B 11/238720/4152400
C 11/2380407/4152120 D 11/237320/4152960

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Lind House

2. Historic name: Lind House

3. Street or rural address: 5089 Bullion Street
City Mariposa, CA Zip 95338 County Mariposa

4. Parcel number: 13-127-02

5. Present Owner: Roris Wadsworth Address: 1952 Los Angeles Ave.
City Berkeley, CA Zip 94704 Ownership is: Public ☐ Private ☒

6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Victorian

7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
Lind house faces the Mariposa Courthouse across Bullion street and has a similar trim with white horizontal ship-lap siding, double-hung windows and a boxed cornice on a cross-gabled roof. The house sits on an elevated concrete foundation behind a white picket fence and a locust tree occupies the front yard. An imported sandstone walk leads up to gray wood steps with white railings. The house itself is symmetrical with dutch gables that proceed all of the way to the back of the house. On the left side of the building is a glassed-in porch and an exterior red brick chimney. The house is not very decorative except for the fish scale pattern under the gables. Accompanying the house is a green pump house with galvanized roof.

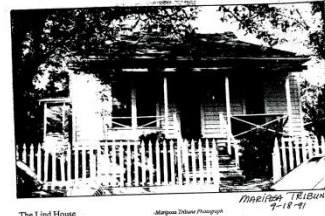

8. Construction date:
Estimated 1897 Factual _____

9. Architect: _____

10. Builder: George Lind

11. Approx. prop. size (in feet)
Frontage 100' Depth 100'
or approx. acreage _____

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1981



The Lind House

This year the county is spending \$50,000 to renovate the Lind house which was acquired last year. County Administrative Officer John McCann is in the process of preparing a study on how the building should be used.

The two alternatives under study are: 1. to house the staff of the board of supervisors - the CAO, county treasurer and personnel officer, while the supervisor's office remains across the street in the courthouse - or, 2. move the supervisor and staff to the district supervisor's office and split that office.

This would allow the Family Support Division to be housed in the Lind building, and the Criminal Division to be located in the courthouse, along with the courts and judges.

This year the county also plans to construct a juvenile detention facility behind the Milburn house, next door to the Lind house, with parking between that building and the proposed library.

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Internet Sources

The Internet is an extraordinary resource. Each day a greater number of sources become available online. It is important to know that the Internet is an **Unregulated Resource**, meaning anyone can post anything at any time. Using information you have not checked could have a detrimental impact on your research.

Internet Sources

- o <https://www.ancestry.com/> **A for Profit Site:** A sophisticated sites that harnesses family history and combines billions of historical records and millions of family trees.
- o <https://cdnc.ucr.edu/> **Free Site:** The California Digital Newspaper Collection contains over 1,500,000 pages of significant historical California newspapers published from 1846-present,
- o <http://www.mariposaresearch.net/index.html> **Free Site:** Is the local part of the part of the California Historical and Genealogical Societies. It contains user posted information on Mariposa's people and history. It is no longer updated.
- o <https://www.mariposacounty.org/1573/Agendas-Minutes-Archive> **Free Site:** Agendas and Minutes Archive of Mariposa County Board of Supervisors and other Local Government agencies. (1852- Present)
- o <https://bklyn.newspapers.com/#> **Free Site:** Access to the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* newspaper, which was published from 1841 to 1955, and *Brooklyn Life* magazine published from 1890 to 1931.
- o <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/default.aspx#searchTabIndex=0> **Free Site:** Provides access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States issued between 1788 and the present. Also images of survey plats and field notes, land status records, and control document index records.
- o <https://www.findagrave.com/> **Free Site:** Find A Grave provides information on cemetery and burial sites . It is user based, so the information on the site is collected by individual volunteers
- o <http://politicalgraveyard.com/bio/rugh-rusch.html> **Free Site:** The Political Graveyard is a web site about U.S. political history and cemeteries. Founded in 1996, it is the Internet's most comprehensive source for American political biography.
- o <https://archive.org/> **Free Site:** The Internet Archive is building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form. Like a paper library, we provide free access to researchers, historians, scholars, and the general public.

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Researching Land

A Brief History of Land Ownership

Land Grants:

Before California and other territories were admitted to the United States, other land claims were established through the country that had control of the land at the time. Spanish and Mexican land grants made up large portions of California before it became part of the United States. The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848 provided that these land grants be acknowledged and respected by the United States. In Mariposa County the "Las Mariposas Land Grant" of Juan B. Alvarado and John C. Fremont was one of these grants. The Grant was a floating grant encompassing 44,000 acres. The "floating" part of the grant caused the largest part of the trouble because until it was properly documented and set down on survey no one was sure of its location. The general location was between the Chowchilla and Merced Rivers and between the San Joaquin and High Sierra Mountains. It was not until 1859 when the survey and courts established the grant permanently.

United States Land Rights:

From the early 1800's there has been controversy over the use of public lands by the citizens of the U. S. The main point was the fear that opening up lands to the public in the western regions would limit the labor supply in the east and south. For years many attempts to allow private ownership of land met with much resistance.

The **Act of April 20, 1820**, authorized land to be sold for a minimum of \$1.25 per acre and tracts as small as 80 acres. Public lands initially offered for sale by District Land Offices were sold at pre-announced, scheduled public auction. If any land remained unsold, the parcels would be available for purchase at the minimum price on a first-come-first-served basis.

In 1841, the congress passed the **Preemption Act**, which allowed for settlers to stake a claim to a 160-acre parcel. After 14 months of residing on the property the settler could then purchase the property for as little as \$1.25 an acre. The proceeds from the sale of the land would be distributed to each state based on population. The practice of distributing the proceeds of each sale ended in 1842. The Preemption Act ended in 1891.

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In 1862, the **Homestead Act** was passed by the 37th Congress and signed by President Lincoln. This bill was very controversial and could only be passed after the South seceded from the Union. The Act provided that 160-acres of unoccupied public land could be taken-up and after completing certain requirements and a small fee, the land would belong to the settler. A settler could only claim one 160-acre parcel by homesteading, but an additional 160 acres of timber could be claimed under the same conditions as the Homestead Act. This was called the **1873 Timber Culture Act**.

The 1878 Timber and Stone Act declared that land unfit for farming could be sold for \$2.50 an acre for those who may want the use of the timber and the stone on the land.

Homestead Process:

- File an affidavit of intent and pay required fees
- Prove up on the land
- Survey the land
- Pay the second half of the fees and then receive a Land Patent.

Requirements for Proving a Homestead:

- Pay a registration fee of around \$30.00
- Be the head of the family, at least 21 years old or a veteran
- Be a citizen of the U. S. or at least file to be
- Build some kind of home on the land
- Cultivate the land (at least 10 acres)
- Dig a well
- Fence a specific amount of land
- Live on the land for at least 6 months every year
- Do this for 5 years and finalize the claim within 2 years of the finish of the 5-year period or live on the land for 6 months and pay \$1.25 per acre.*

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Definitions:

Patent – *The first entry of ownership or the 1st private ownership of what was public land.*

Preemption- *The right to government-owned land, before others*

Homestead - *Land claimed by a settler or a squatter under the Homestead Act*

Affidavit of Intent - *Legal document to state intent to homestead*

State Land States – *States in which the State government grants land ownership*

Federal Land States - *States in which the Federal Government grants land ownership.*

Over 5 million federal grants have been transferred to individuals since the colonial period. Up until March 2, 1898, the President of the United States signed all original patents. Homesteading is a thing of the past. Congress repealed the Homestead Act in 1976.

Affidavit of Intent

HOMESTEAD.	
AFFIDAVIT.	
LAND OFFICE AT <u>Brookings D.T.</u>	
<u>February 19th</u> 188 <u>8</u>	
I, <u>Charles P Ingalls</u> of <u>King George Co. D.T.</u>	
County, D. T., having filed my Application, No. for an entry under Section 2280, Revised Statutes of the United States, do solemnly swear that, <u>I am the head of a family consisting of a wife and four children and a citizen of the United States</u>	
that I now reside upon the tract of land described in my Application, No. that the reason why this affidavit is sworn to before the Clerk of the District Court at <u>Brookings</u> D. T., is on account of the great distance of the United States Land Office at <u>Manitowish</u> D. T. from my residence on said land, that said Application, No. is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation; that said entry is made for my own exclusive benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the benefit or use of any other person or persons whomsoever; and that I have not heretofore had the benefit of the Homestead Laws.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>19th</u> day of <u>February</u> , A. D. 188 <u>8</u>	
<u>Charles P Ingalls</u>	
<u>Wm H. Skinner</u>	
Clerk of the District Court in and for <u>Brookings</u> County, D. T.	

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Homestead Patent

(4-403.)

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 2244
APPLICATION 4910
of the LAND OFFICE at Stockton, California

Whereas There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a Certificate of the Register whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Albert O. Bruce has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the North half of the North East quarter and the North half of the North West quarter of Section thirty five, in Township four, North, of Range twenty one East of Mount Diablo Meridian in California, containing one hundred and sixty acres

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General:

Now know ye, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said Albert O. Bruce the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Albert O. Bruce and to his heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law.

In testimony whereof I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety two, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and sixteenth.

By the President: Benjamin Harrison,
By M. M. Moran, Secretary.
J. R. Conwell, Recorder of the General Land Office.
ad interim

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(4-407.)

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Certificate }
No. 2099

Whereas Albert O. Bruce of Mariposa County, California has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Stockton, California whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Albert O. Bruce according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," and the acts supplemental thereto, for the South half of the North East quarter and the South half of the North West quarter of section thirty five in township four South of range twenty one East of Mount Diablo Meridian in California containing one hundred and sixty acres

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said Tract has been purchased by the said Albert O. Bruce

Now know ye, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant, unto the said Albert O. Bruce and to his heirs, the said Tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatever nature thereto belonging, unto the said Albert O. Bruce and to his heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law.

In testimony whereof, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the twenty seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirtieth.

BY THE PRESIDENT: Benjamin Harrison
By M. M. Moran, Secretary.
J. R. Conwell, Recorder of the General Land Office.
ad interim

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Preemption Patent

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Locating Land Records in Mariposa

Patent Lands

Patents are the first document of private land ownership. They are listed in an alphabetical index located at the Hall of Records in Mariposa. The index contains references to the Microfiche files that contain the land descriptions.

Index to Patents:

Grantees	Grantors	Date of Patent	Date Recorded	Book	Page
<i>Doe, John</i>	<i>U.S.A.</i>	<i>6/25/1887</i>	<i>6/25/1892</i>	<i>Number on letter</i>	<i>203</i>

In the Microfiche file there is a division called “Patents” and this is where with the Book number and Page Number you will find the land descriptions along with other information.

BLM Internet Records:

Land Patents are also found through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the General Land Office (GLO). These files are available through the Internet at: <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/default.aspx>

Web Services

BLM/GLO provides direct access to all of the data on their website. Search operations on each of the major databases (Patent, Survey, LSR, CDI), as well as methods to retrieve detailed information on individual documents are provided on their site.

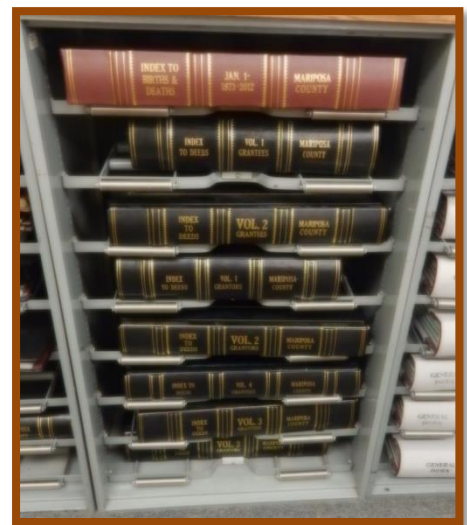
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Search engine for BLM/GLO Land records:

The screenshot shows the "BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT" website with the "General Land Office Records" section. The navigation bar includes "Search Documents", "Reference Center", "Support", and "Shopping Cart". The "Search Documents" section has three tabs: "Search Documents By Type", "Search Documents By Location", and "Search Documents By Identifier". The "Search Documents By Type" tab is active, showing a "Search" form. The form has sections for "Location" (State: CALIFORNIA, County: Mariposa), "Names" (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, checkboxes for search patentees and search warrantees), "Land Description" (Township, Range, Meridian, Section #), and "Miscellaneous" (Land Office, Issue Date, Document #, Indian Allot. #, Survey #, Authority, Militia, Tribe, Geo. Name, Mining Claim). A "Search Patents" button is at the bottom. A "Note" states: "This site does not cover every state, but we do have [resource links](#) for most states." The footer includes links for USA.GOV, No Fear Act, DOI, Disclaimer, About BLM, Notices, Get Adobe Reader, Privacy Policy, FOIA, Kids Policy, Contact Us, Accessibility, Site Map, and Home.

Index to Deeds:

After a land patent has been issued, ownership of property is transferred through deeds from party to party. These deeds are recorded at the county level and recorded at the Hall of Records in Mariposa. The "Index to Deeds" is recorded in two sections. The first is listed in alphabetical order of the Grantor. The second listed in alphabetical order of the Grantee. In this way they are cross-referenced which make them easier to track. In early years deeds were recorded in the mining records section.



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The “**Index to Deeds**” is also listed by date.

Book 1—1851 to 1882

(2 Books—*Grantor and Grantee.*)

Book 2—1881 to 1901 1 Book—2 Sections

Book 3—1901 to 1928 1 Book—2 Sections

Book 4—1924 to 1934

(2 Books—*Grantor and Grantee.*)

Official Records from 1935 until August of 1985 are listed in books that contain the dates in the title. Example: 1/1/1954 to 12/31/1956 Grantee. From September 1985 on, Official Records are in computer printouts.

These books contain the following information:

Example:

Grantors	Grantees	Date of Deed	Book	Page
<i>John C. Fremont</i>	<i>Victoria Abiles</i>	<i>2/18/1859</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>Victoria Abiles</i>	<i>Louis Feilush</i>	<i>4/25/1863</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>425</i>

In the Microfiche file there is a division called “Deeds” and this is where, with the Book Number and Page Number, you will find the land descriptions along with other information. In the early deeds information is difficult to read and descriptions are not always clear. Land references or “calls” are used which do not exist today. Example: *...property line to continue to the oak tree and then on a direct line to the point of the beginning...*

In 1975/76 Mariposa adopted the Appraisal Parcel Number System (APN). All lots and parcels were given numbers according to the system. From 1985 deeds are filed on the computer system and to access these files it is best to ask at the counter.

In the very early years, some of the old deeds are recorded in the mine claim book instead of the deed section.

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Definitions:

Grantor—Party selling or relinquishing land

Grantee—Party buying or being granted the land

Deed—The private document that records the transfer of ownership.

Et al—Latin for “and others” used when listing more than one person or heirs

Etux— Latin for "and wife."

Executor –male appointed to carry out the directions and requests in his or her will, and to dispose of the property according to his testamentary provisions after his or her death.

Executrix—female appointed to carry out the directions and requests in his or her will, and to dispose of the property according to the testamentary provisions after his or her death.

Probate Files:

Probate files maybe used to help find property transfers when searching for deed titles. Occasionally when a person died his estate would be probated and divided by the administrator of the estate. Deeds should have been recorded in the deceased's name but sometimes the administrator's name might be used.

At the Hall of Records there is an “Index to Decrees” which span from 1879 to 1933. This is referenced to a microfiche section in the microfiche trays.

The Index to Decrees includes the following information:

Whose Estate, Name of Administrator, Name of Distributees, Date of Decree, In what Court, Where Recorded. The Mariposa County Library also has a probate file in their Microfiche collection. Most of the original probate documents are located at the Mariposa Museum and History Center.

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Sheriff Sales:

When property taxes were not paid, the County Sheriff sold the property at auction. When this deed was recorded, the County Sheriff's name would occasionally be used as the "Grantor", instead of the last owner of the property. When tracking Deeds sometimes this is an avenue to check on.

Tax Assessor Records:

Every year the County Tax Assessor would visit each household in the county and make an accounting of each holding. This information was recorded into large books that are found at the Mariposa County History Center.

The information was listed according to which school district the household was in and then by alphabetical order, or close to alphabetical order. The information enclosed in the records depended on the Assessor doing the recording. Some Assessors did a complete listing of assets while others would be very skimpy on their descriptions. This is a great reference source and should be looked into thoroughly.

Understanding Land Descriptions

The United States Public Land Survey System (PLSS) began with the Land Ordinance of 1785. The ordinance provided for the systematic survey and monumentation of the federal lands into townships and sections. The system was largely put in place by 1805, with only minor refinements being made from time to time thereafter. The surveys in California were initiated in 1851, shortly after statehood.

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1851 Mt. Diablo Meridian and Survey:

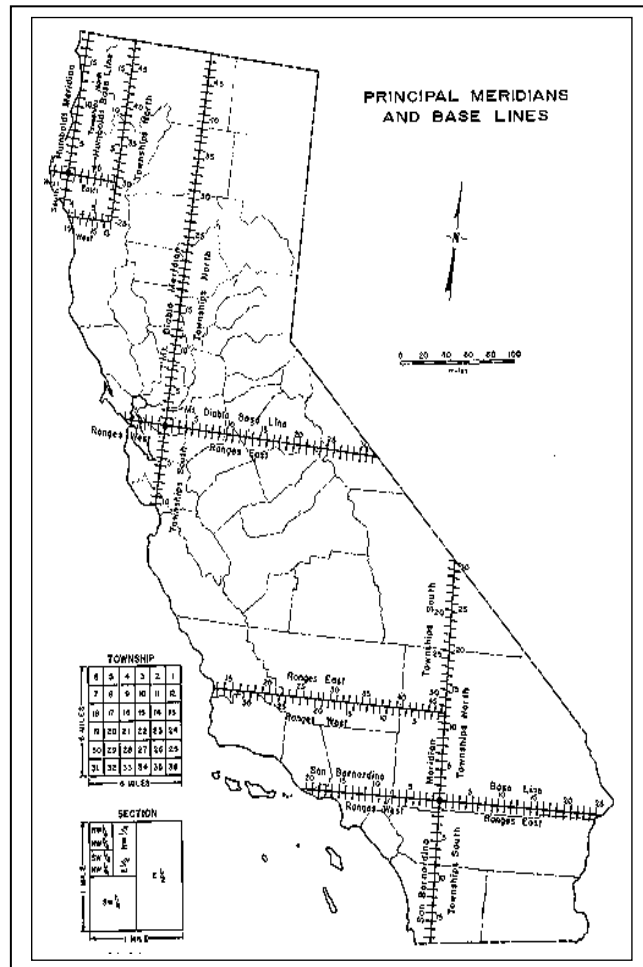
Colonel Leander Ransom, Deputy-Surveyor General, established the initial point of the Mt. Diablo meridian at the mountain's summit, beginning the survey of public lands in California.

There are three survey points in California:

Humboldt Base Line and Meridian in Northern California

Mount Diablo and Meridian in Central California

San Bernardino Base and Meridian in Southern California

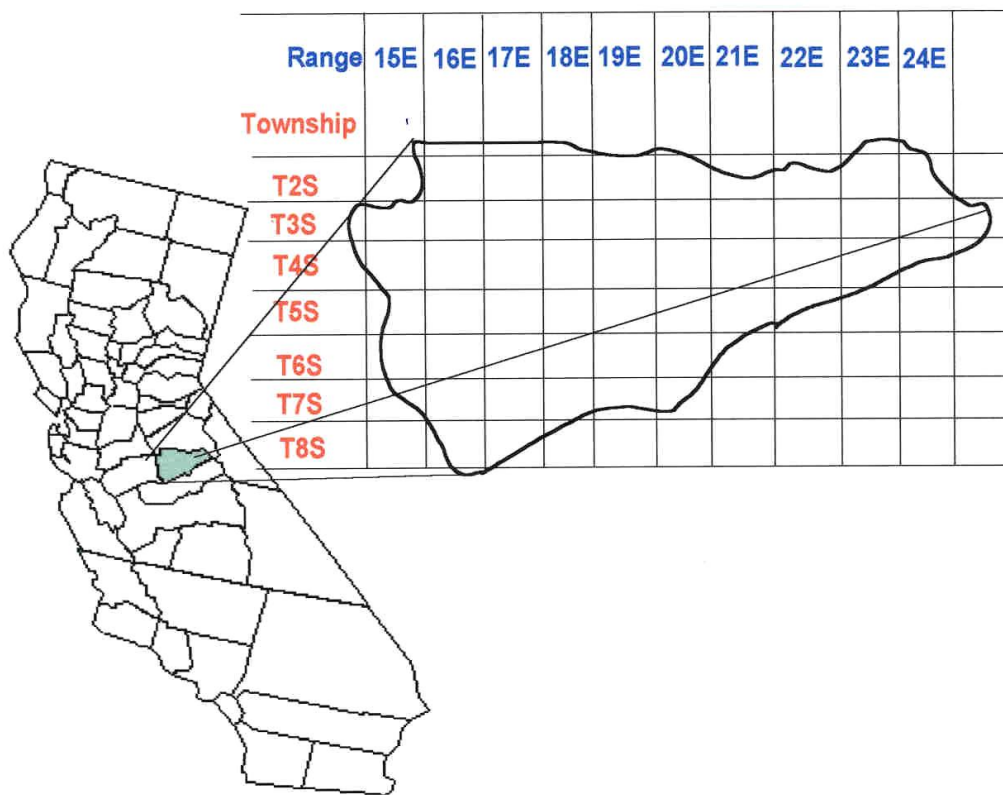


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Mariposa County is located in the Mount Diablo Meridian between:
T1S to T8S—Township 1 south to Township 8 south and
R15E to R24E—Range 15 east to Range 24 east

Mariposa County Township and Range Lines

"Approximately"



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Definitions:

Section: *The basic unit of the system, a square tract of land one mile by one mile containing 640 acres*

Township: *36 sections arranged in a 6 by 6 system, measuring 6 miles by 6 miles. Sections are numbered beginning with the northeast-most section, proceeding west to 6, then south along the west edge of the township and to the east.*

Range: *Assigned to a township by measuring east or west of a Principal Meridian*

Range Lines: *The north to south lines which mark township boundaries*

Township Lines: *The east to west lines which mark township boundaries*

Principal Meridian: *The reference or beginning point for measuring east or west ranges*

Base line: *Reference or beginning point for measuring north or south townships*

Public Land States: *States in which the Federal Government is empowered to sell land. (California is a Public Land States)*

State Land States: *States in which the State Government is empowered to sell land.*

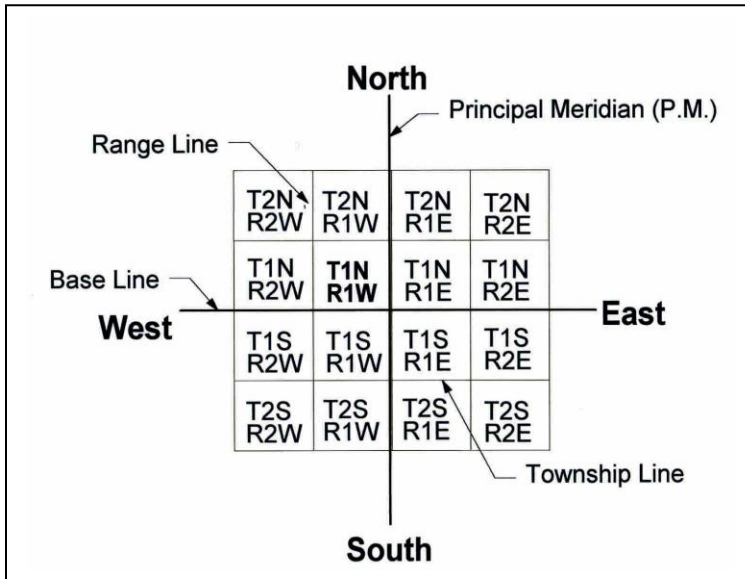
Patent: *The title certificate that is issued to a person by the government--the first private owner of the land.*

Bench Marks: *A location indicated on a durable marker by a land surveyor.*

Dower Rights: *Refers to a married woman's 1/3 interest in her husband's estate, at his death. This was to protect her from an unscrupulous husband leaving her out of his will, or in the case of no will, she had protection. When a married man sold property, or took a mortgage, the wife had to sign for herself relinquishing her 1/3 interest to the buyer or the mortgagee otherwise she still had a 1/3 interest in someone else's property. Dower Rights was handed down from English common law.*

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Understanding Land Descriptions



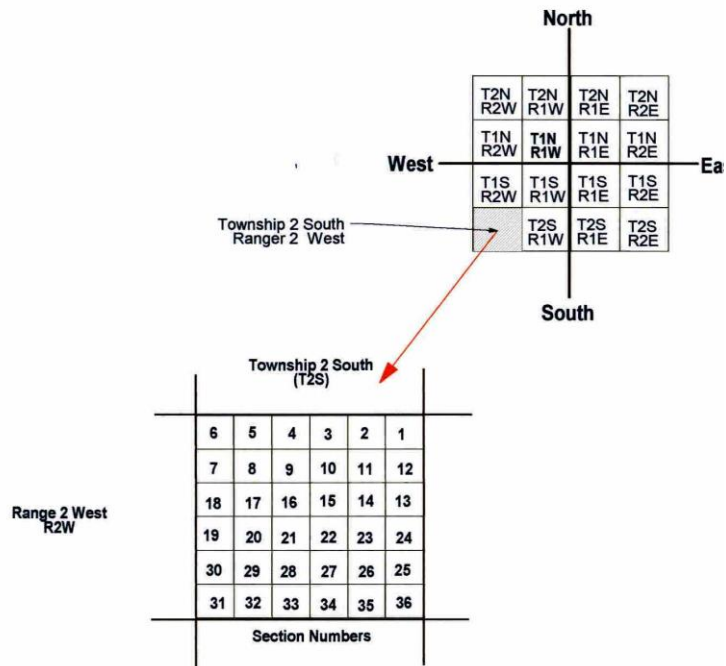
Township and Range are the largest grouping we will be dealing with. The township is named in reference to a Principal Meridian (P.M.) and a Baseline. Mariposa County is under the Mount Diablo Meridian. Mariposa locations are between Township 1 South to 8 South and between Range 15 East to 24 East.

Each Township and Range contains a 6 mile by 6 mile area.

Deviations:

Due to the curvature of the earth, not all township, range and section lines line up in a straight line. Periodically, sections of land are elongated to correct these abnormalities. In many cases the descriptions remain the same but the number of acres contained change.

Township/ Range to Section



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Sections:

Each township is divided into 36 sections. Each section is one mile square and contains 640 acres. The sections are numbered from 1 to 36 in the order shown in the chart.

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

Within each section, the land is referred to as half and quarter sections. A one-sixteenth division is called a quarter of a quarter. The descriptions are read from the smallest division to the largest.

A section is also broken down into acres:

A full section contains 640 Acres.

A half section contains 320 Acres.

A quarter section contains 160 Acres.

An eighth section contains 80 Acres.

A sixteen section contains 40 Acres

One Section = 640 Acres 1 Miles Square

One Eight Sec.
80 Acres

1/4 of
1/4 Section

Quarter Section
160 Acres

Half Section 320 Acres

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These are basic description within a section. Section 16 is used as an example.

Section Area Names

North Half Section 16

South Half Section 16

West Half
Section 16

East Half
Section 16

Section Area Names

North Half Section 16

N 1/2 of the N1/2

S 1/2 of the N1/2

South Half Section 16

N 1/2 of the S1/2

S 1/2 of the S1/2

West Half
Section 16

East Half
Section 16

W 1/2 of the W 1/2

E 1/2 of the W 1/2

W 1/2 of the E 1/2

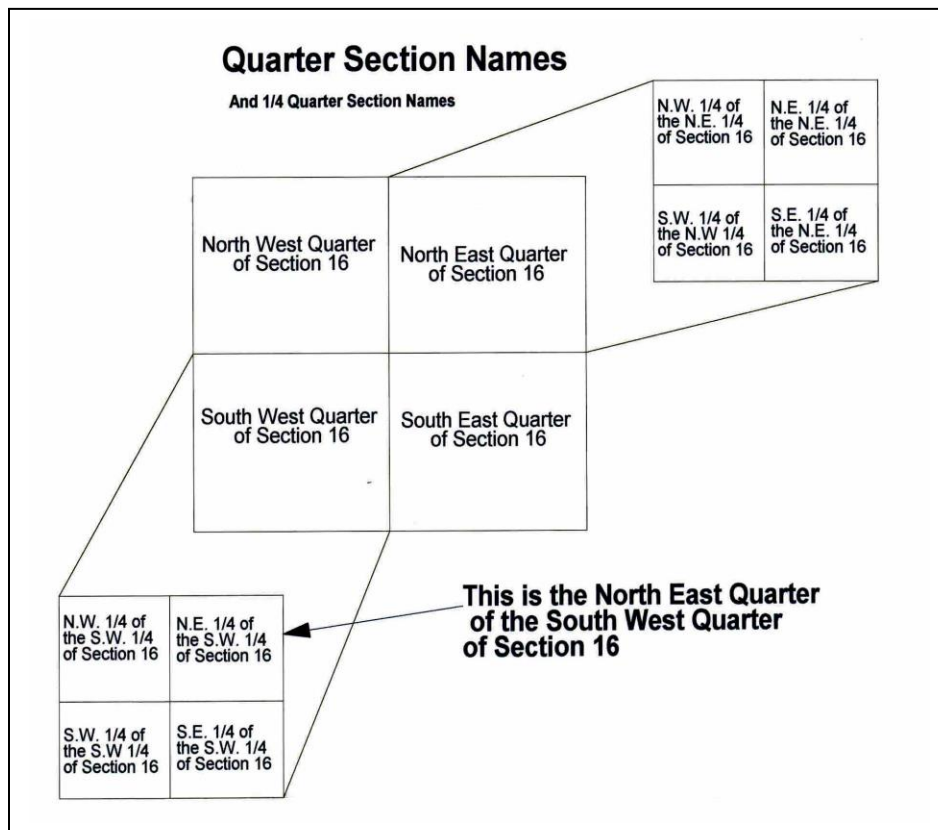
E 1/2 of the E 1/2

The more refined the description, the longer it is:

This is the South half of the North Half of section 16

This is the West Half of the East Half of section 16

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Locating a Lot Using Land Descriptions:

A land description generally starts with the smallest part of the description and proceeds to the largest definition. For example, **NW1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 16, T2S, R2W** would be the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 16 in township 2 north and range 2 west. To locate a lot using a land description, you need to work from the largest part to the smallest part.

Step 1

Locate the Range and Township (Working in the proper Meridian)

Step 2

After you have located the correct township, you will next need to find the correct section within that township.

Step 3

Now use the description of the property. (**NW1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 16, T2S, R2W**)

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Survey Measurements:

1 Link = 7.92 Inches

1 Rod = 16.5 Feet

1 Rod = 1 Pole = Perch

5.5 Yards = 25 Links

1 Vara = 33 Inches

1 Chain = 66 Feet = 4 Rods = 100

Links

1 Furlong = 660 Feet = 40 Rods

1 Mile = 8 Furlongs = 320 Rods = 80

Chains = 5280 Feet

1 Square Rod = 272.25 Square Feet =
30.25 Square Yards

1 Acre = 43,560 Square Feet

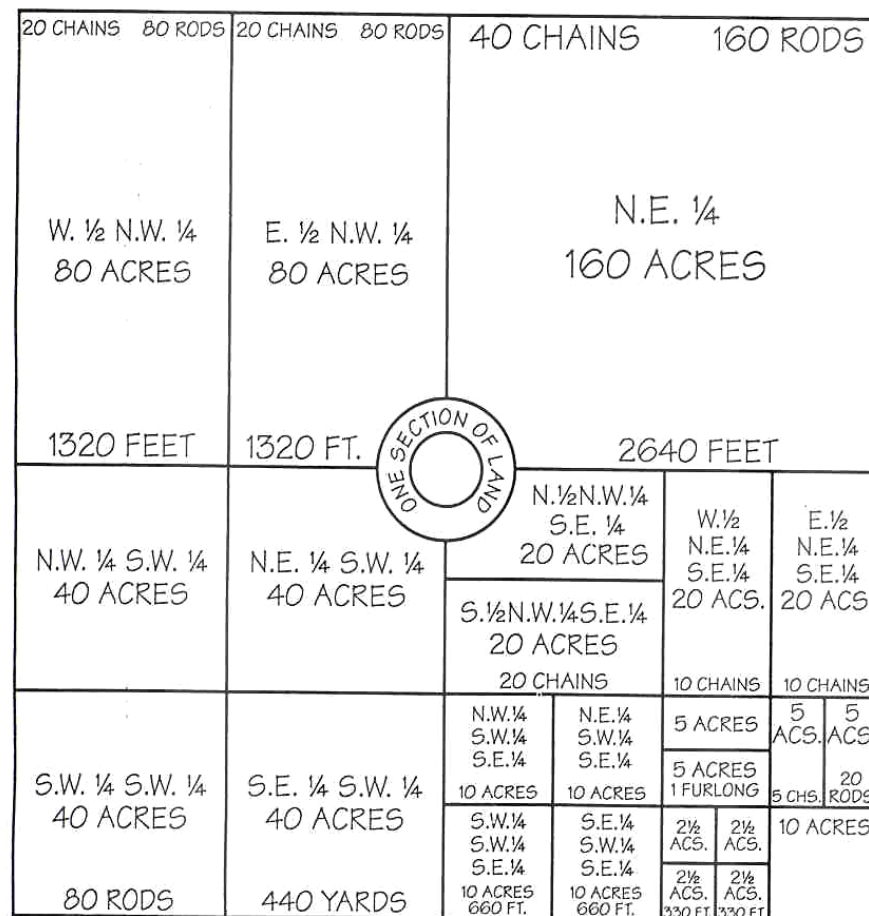
1 Acre = 160 Square Rods

1 Acre = Approximately 208.75
Square Feet

1 Acre = 8 Rods X 20 Rods

(or any two numbers of rods whose
product is 160)

1 Section = 640 Acres



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Researching People

There are several ways to research people from Mariposa's history. The best place to start is with what you know, or think you know already, and build, or confirm from that. Everyone from history was born somewhere, had family connections, and has died and been buried somewhere. There are several Internet sources that can tell you a lot or at least give you clues to the events of someone's life. Internet sources are not always founded in primary sources, so you must take them with a grain of salt. To make sure that your Internet source is correct you must follow up with corroborating evidence.

Death and Cemetery Records:

Mariposa has several cemeteries throughout the county. Many are indexed, but most of the indexes are of headstones only. Many people have been buried with no headstone, so there is no cemetery record of their death or their burial location. Headstones also deteriorate with time and sometimes are stolen by sick individuals. Indexes maybe found at the Mariposa County Park & Recreation Department or Mariposa Museum and History Center. Findagrave is a good Internet source to help find these people, but always verify.

Cemetery Indexes unusually contain:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| o Headstone information | o Parents |
| o Birth – Death dates | o Country of Nativity |
| o Spouse | |

Many other people were buried on their ranch, homestead or with a short distance of where they died. These locations may never be known unless mentioned in their death certificate, family bible, coroner's inquest, family stories or newspaper. Death certificate indexes are located at the Mariposa County Hall of Records office, but these records only begin in 1873.

Death Certificates usually contain the following information:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| o Names | o Locations |
| o Dates (birth-death) | o Cause |
| o Family | o Disposition |

Newspaper accounts or obituaries are available online through the California Digital Newspaper Archive. The California Digital Newspaper Collection is a project of the Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research at the University of California, Riverside. A few Mariposa newspapers (1854-1860) are also available at the Internet Archive. The Mariposa Museum and History Center has books of

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original newspapers from 1859 to present days, these books, however are not indexed for easy searches. The Mariposa County Library also has a collection of microfilm/fiche of local newspapers. At the History Center and County Library is a collection of books compiled by Tom Hilk of vital records (birth, death, marriages). Each book in this collection has an index in the back.

Obituaries usually contain the following information:

- | | |
|---------|-------------|
| o Names | o Family |
| o Dates | o Biography |

Coroner's Inquest:

In the early days of Mariposa, if a death of questionable cause was determined a Coroner's Jury would be impaneled. The Jury would be made up of local citizens and overseen by a Justice of the Peace. The Jury would examine the body, circumstances and question witnesses. If foul play were suspected the matter would be turned over to the courts. The Jury would issue a report detailing all information available at that point. Early Coroner's Inquest files are available at the Mariposa Museum and History Center. The County Library also has them on Microfilm/fiche. Unfortunately many of the Coroner's Inquests have been lost to time.

Birth Records:

Birth Certificates in the older days were not commonly issued. Family Bibles, newspaper accounts, headstones, or family stories may be your only sources. Most of the earlier residents of Mariposa were not born in this county, so you will have to look elsewhere for their records.

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| o Birth Certificates | |
| o Name | o Locations |
| o Parents | o Witnesses |
| o Dates | |

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Census Records:

Census Records began in 1790 in the United States. The law required that every household be visited and that a completed census schedule be posted in two public places within jurisdiction and that the census be transmitted to the President.

California became the 31st state on September 9, 1850 and on October 23, 1850 Mariposa County Sheriff James Burney began the first census of Mariposa County. The last entry of the census was on March 19, 1851.

With the large number of transient adventurers roaming throughout the state, it was felt that the census did not accurately reflect the population of the state. To obtain a better picture of the population and to make sure they would have proper representation in federal government, the state government conducted its own, and only, census in 1852. In Mariposa County, the census was conducted between June 10, 1852 and October 26, 1852.

Census Categories:

The data collected with each census varied from census to census, but the major questions are always the same. This data can give you approximate birth dates, names of family members, sex, color, profession and birth place and a lot more information depending on the questions asked that year. Spelling in the census records was sometimes questionable. Census Records are available from a number of sources in Mariposa including the Library, History Center and Hall of Records. The data is also available online in several locations.

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.		
			Age.	Sex.	Color, { White, black, or mulatto.
1	2	3	4	5	6

Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

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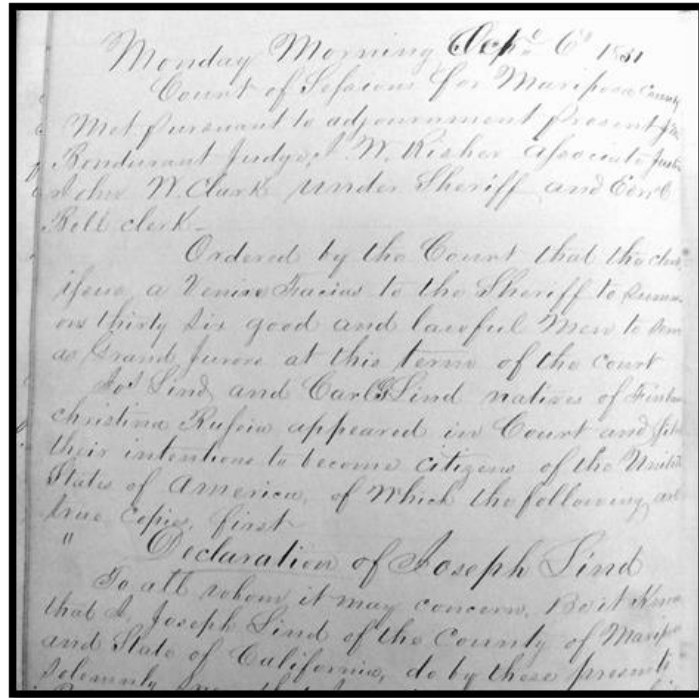
Citizenship Records:

If by some chance the person you are studying proclaimed his citizenship in Mariposa there should be records of that in Mariposa. The History Center and Library have the citizenship documents. In the early days, the Citizenship declaration would be included in the Court of Sessions minutes.

The Declaration of Intention to become a citizen started when the County was formed. The information included in the record was very limited in the early days.

It was not until the early 1900's when information of where the person came from, nationality and names of those verifying the person as worthy of becoming a citizen was demanded. Through the years the laws changed and other members of a family were included in the citizenship application. More information was demanded and recorded giving more credence to the application. There was more detail information given during the 1920's to 1940's and then became less detailed through today. Those who arrived through Ellis Island in the

1940's had pictures taken and more information added. They were checked by a physician and declared healthy or returned to the ship for the trip back home. The laws for admission to the United States change regularly to today.



Monday Morning Sep² 1851
Court of Sessions for Mariposa County
Met pursuant to adjournment Present
Judges: M. Wisher, Associate Judge
J. M. Clark, Sheriff and Clerk
Bell clerk
Ordered by the Court that the clerk
issue a venire to the Sheriff to summon
in thirty day good and lawful men to be
as Grand Jurors at this term of the Court
Do Lind and Carl Lind natives of Finland
Christina Rufus appeared in Court and filed
their intention to become citizens of the United
States of America, of which the following are
true copies first
" Declaration of Joseph Lind
Do all whom it may concern, Be it known
that I Joseph Lind of the County of Mariposa
and State of California, do by these presents

Court of Sessions Minutes--Page 50

Probate Records:

Probate Records are a good source for finding about individuals. If an individual died in Mariposa, probate records were often recorded no matter the size of the estate. An inventory of the estate along with a will or disposition of the estate should be included in the probate file. The contents of the probate file, though mandated by ordinance, differ for each individual depending on the work of the executor. Most times, the estate was converted to cash and bills charged to the

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estate paid. If no heirs were known, or present, to oversee the estate, the Public Administrator would be engaged to handle the matter

What you may find in a Probate File:

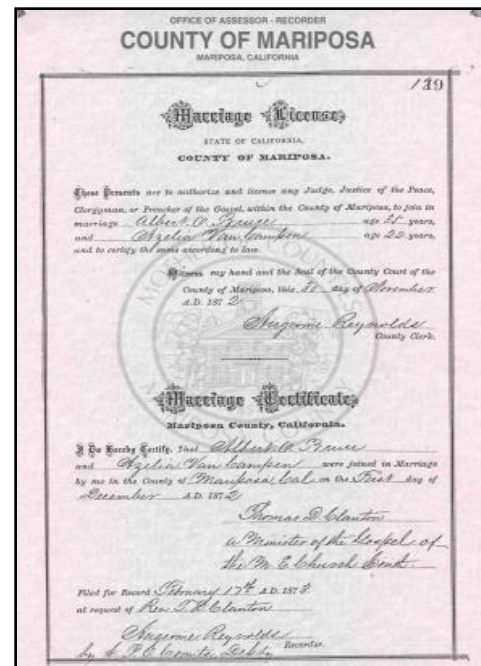
- wills
- estate inventories, or lists of assets
- appointments of executors or administrators
- administrations, or documentation of the distribution of assets
- petitions for guardianship of minor children
- lists of heirs
- lists of creditors or accounts of debts

Probate files are located at the Mariposa County Library and at the Mariposa Museum & History Center.

Marriage Certificates:

Marriage Certificates are found at the Mariposa Hall of Records and Mariposa Museum and History Center.

Marriage Certificates usually contain names, parents, dates, locations, and witnesses.



Hall of Records-Marriage Index

FEMALE INDEX TO MARRIAGES — Mariposa County, California															12		
M		Mc		N-O		P		Q-R		S		T		U-V		W-X-Y-Z	
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Byrum	Nancy	Elipah M. Byrum		1870	B	245											
Byrum	Margaret	Steven O. M. Byrum		1870	B	223											
Byrum	Mary	George J. Byrum		1870	B	322											
Byrum	M. Elsie	Robt B. Byrum		1870	B	637											

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Researching Events

Most historical events in Mariposa can be found in the newspaper archives, but that is not the only source. Family diaries, bibles, letters or other accounts are also great sources for events. Not all events are historic; small events with in the family can be of great significance and provide clues as to their future actions.

There are manuscripts that have not been published or highlighted that give great insight to an event. Many published accounts are related from the viewpoint of the writer of the article and the manuscript re-interpreted by those who reproduce that account. That is why we need to go back to the original source to see the intention of the original document. We tend to view history from our own point of view, which is much different from those who lived it.

The Mariposa Museum and History Center has many account of individuals, some already published, and some still in manuscript form. Most can be found in the Museum's family files. Many times there are accounts of individuals not visibly related to your subject that can give insight to the time. Sometime diaries, letters or other accounts of neighbors will show there impact on your subject

Government entities produce a large supply of documents and usually keep track of current events. Court transcripts, criminal case, surveys, and Court of Sessions and Supervisor's Minutes are some of the source that will help put things in to context. The Mariposa County Library has microfilm/fiche of all most every county government record produced. The Museum has most of the original books.

Today photographs are taken as a whim, but in the past photographs were taken for a purpose. Prior planning and set up were required to take pictures. Photo can provide dates, names and location to events. Photographs also make our research more interesting and help us bring to life our research. The Mariposa History Center has a large collection of photographs that are in the process of being digitized.

Oral history is a significate source in researching. It takes a lot of preparation to interview individuals. What and how to ask the proper question along with knowing how to direct the conversation are key factors. Oral history a based on human memory and that may change from time to time. The subject may recall clearly what happened or what was told to them, in one moment and then get off track and confuse the question with other events. You almost have to know the answer before asking the question to keep the subject focused. It is so easy to get off track. There are several interviews on file at the Mariposa History Center that have recently been digitized and placed on the internet at archive.org.

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Sources for Events:

- o Newspapers
- o Businesses
- o Biographies
- o Life Events
- o Arrests
- o Obituaries
- o Marriages
- o County Records
- o Birth Announcements
- o Manuscripts
- o Family Files at Mariposa Museum & History Center.
- o Court Records
- o Family Stories
- o Government Records
 - o Government Documents
 - o COS Minutes
 - o BOS Minutes
 - o Court Records
 - o *County Records*
- o History Books
- o Oral History
- o Arrests records
- o Family Files at History Center
- o Family Bibles

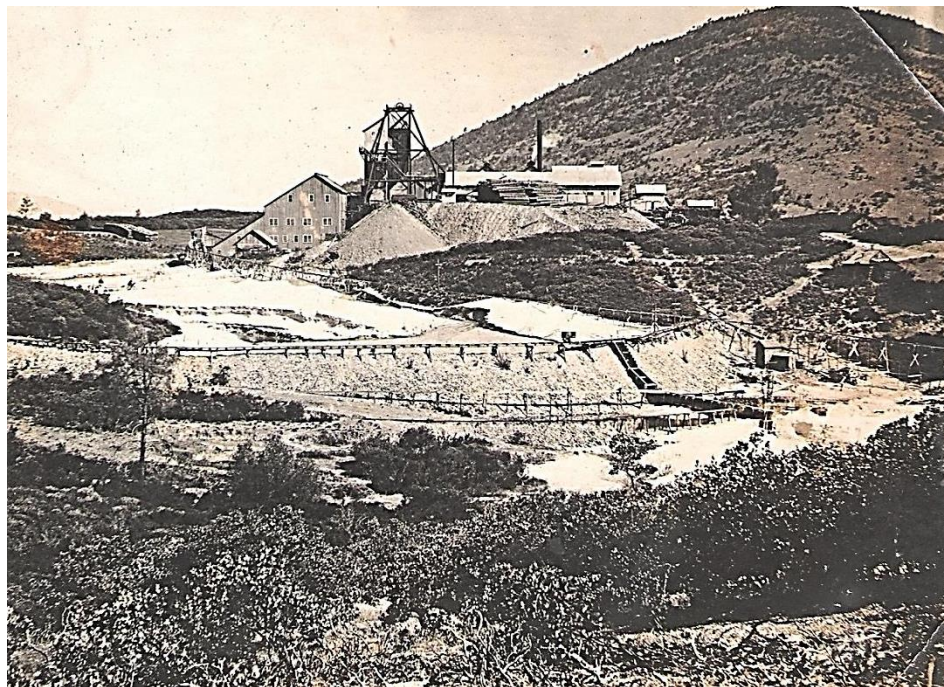
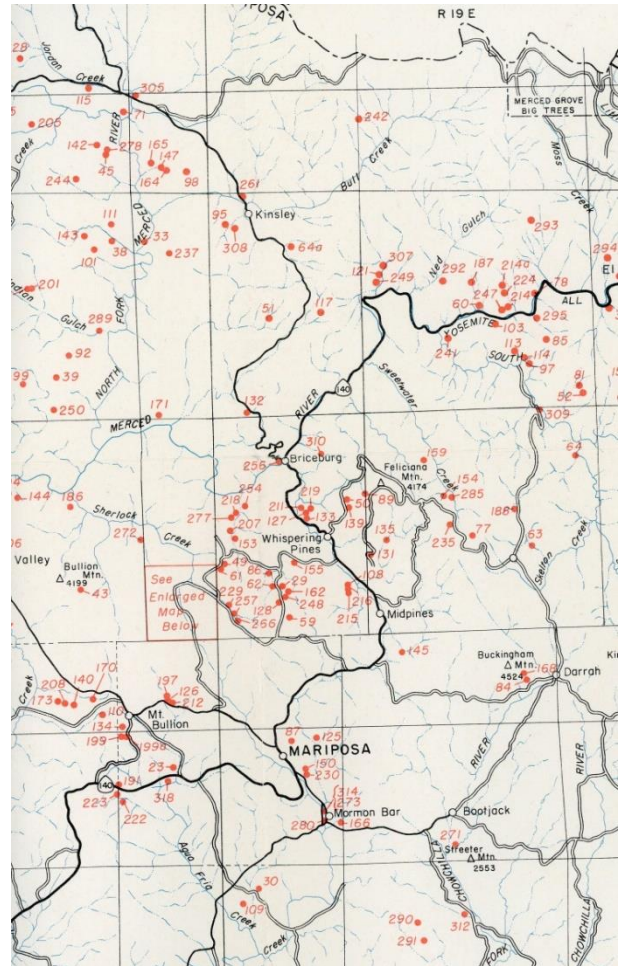
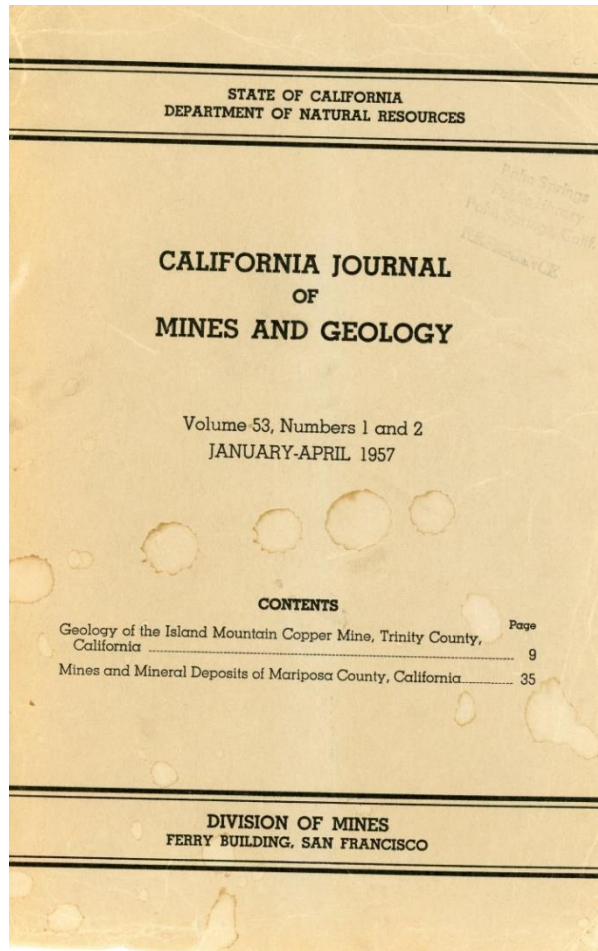
Mining Records

Mariposa's history is based on mining. Thousands of mines were located throughout the county. Documentation of the first mining claims was just a piece of paper posted on the site of the mine. As government in Mariposa became into existence, and more miners showed up in the county, a more permanent and legal documents were required.

To document ownership of a mine, the county would record documents that would include locations, names, partnerships and continuing proof of the claim. Most of these documents are found in microfilm/fiche at the Hall of Records. The Mariposa Museum and History Center also has files on mines.

A good secondary source for mine information and location in Mariposa County is the *California Journal of Mines and Geology*, Vol 53, #1 & 2, January-April 1957. The book contains description and history of many of Mariposa's larger mines. The book also includes a corresponding map of mines in Mariposa County.

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This booklet was put together to help researchers become familiar with the resources available in Mariposa County. As you continue to research, I am sure you will find other sources and locations of historical information. Please let us know what you find and consider adding your research to the files at the Mariposa Museum and History Center.

There are 3 appendix attached to this booklet which includes listing of the files currently available at the:

**Mariposa Museum and History Center
Mariposa County Library
and
Mariposa County Recorder's Office.**

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR RESEARCH....

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Mariposa Museum & History Center

Year	Description	Notes
1860	8th Census of the U.S.	
1881	Abstract of Ass. Book of County	
1888	Abstract of Ass. Book of County	
1880-98	Abstract of Assessment Rolls	
1880	Abstract of Mortgages, etc.	
1883-91	Accounts County Hospital #1	
1923-39	Allowance Book 7 Board of Supervisor	
1873-1941	Allowance Book Vol. 1-9	
1852-1971	Article of Incorporation	
1858-1909	Assessment Rolls Index	
1854-1976	Assessment Rolls List	4 yr. in one Volume
1890-1935	Auditors Blotter	
1911-1915	Auditors School Fund Acct # 1	
1883-1901	Blotter	
1800?	Board Of Super. Minutes	Folders 1 - 86
1850'S	Bonds A-Z	
1867-1867	Book C Cert of Citizenship	
1867-1877	Book D Cert of Citizenship	
1877-1880	Book E Cert of Citizenship	
?	Book of Quartz Record	
1938-1957	Budget Control & Disbursement M. H. S.	
1800?	Cert of Tax Sales	
1893	Cert. Of Sales for Non Payment Tax's	
1859-1894	Certificate of Registration	Land Claims A - Z
1897-1899	Certification of Location of Placer Claims - 1	
1897-1911	Certification of Quarts Mining Claims - 1	
1867	Certification of Tax Sales A	
1934-1935	Chattel Mortgages - 2	
1928-1962	Citizen Petition for Naturalization	
1932-1976	Citizen Petition Grants	
1851-1906	Citizenship Declarations of Intentions	A-Z
1905-1907	Co. Atten Inheritance Tax Record	
1850-	Coroner's Inquest A - B	A-Z
1889-1954	Coroner's Register	
1979	County Asset Report	
1900-1906	Cunningham Co Acct.	
1886	Day Book	
1972-1957	Declaration of Intention Citizen	
1865-1967	Delinquent Assessment List	
1872-1880	Delinquent Redemption List	
1896	Delinquent Tax Sales _ 2	
1876-1978	Dental, Physicians & Pharmacists Cert. Mariposa Co.	

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Year	Description	Notes
1907-1929	Dept. of Commerce & Labor	
1858-1882	Duplicate Assessment List	
1880-1953	Fee Book	
1862-1963	Gagliardo Day Book	
1860-1896	Great Register - Free Inhabitant	
1905-1911	Guest Reg. Mariposa Hotel	
1868-1872	Hay Weights Receipt Book	
1914	Hospital Register	
1800?	Index Certificate of Sales	
1815-1903	Index Declaration Of Naturalization	
1861-1897	Index of Attachments	
1853's	Index of Board of Super. Minutes 1-86	
1887-1894	Index Superintendent Minutes	
1868-1896	Index to Assessment Rolls	
1909-1928	Index to Cert. Of Citizens	
1887	Index To Certificate of Sales	
1880's	Index to Supervisors Minutes	
1891-1912	Inmates County Hospital	
1850's	Insanity List	
1929-1935	Intention to Marry	
1917-1920	Judges Minutes	
1856-1898	Jury List # 1, #2,#3	
1800's	Land Claims G - Z	
1882-1889	Ledger (store Account List probably from Hornitos)	
1900-1906	Ledger # 2 Butcher Shop	
1900-1907	Ledger Book # 32	
1910-1911	Ledger Book # 37	
1896	Ledger Schlageter Hotel	
1903-1927	License Book County	
1954-1961	License to Carry Concealed Pistol	
1860	Mariposa Co Census (Cards in File Box)	
1907-1950	Marriage License	
1852-1873	Marriage License A - Z	
1956-1966	Merced Mining	
1872-1889	Military Lists	
1954-1959	Minutes of Board of Session (List of Co. Appointments	
1911-1928	Misc. Warrants - B Auditor	
1880-1903	Naturalization of Citizenship	
1899-1947	Notarial Records	
1892-1901	Notarial Records (J. J. Trabucco)	
1918-1936	Notice by Owner non- responsible for Labor & Improvements - 1	
1942-1943	Pacific Mine Co. Payroll	

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1927-1946	Personal Property Assessment List	
1967-1969	Petition for Naturalization	
1890-1972	Precinct Registers	
1897-1899	Preliminary Location of Placer Mining Claims - 1	
1897-1911	Preliminary Location of Quarts Mining Claims	
1958-1984	Public Administrators Record - 3	
1946-1947	Receipts of Auditor Office	
1875-1892	Record - Co. Surveyors	
1916-1925	Record Bk MCHS Student/ Sub & Grades	
1904-1906	Record Of Naturalization	
1904-1917	Record of Orphans on State Aid	
1870?	Record of Tax Sales	
1874-1891	Sales Tax Vol. 1, 3	
1854-1856	Separate Property Claims for Woman	
?	Sheriffs Certificates of Sale A - Z	
1883-1920	Sheriff's Fee Book	
1896-1915	Sheriff's Register of Actions	
1935	St. Board of Equal. Asset Roll	
1856	Status of Ca. Page 183 Fresno County Created	
1856	Status of Ca. Page 21 Mariposa Board of Supervisors	
?	Story Written by J. K. Tuley of Usona	
1866-1869	Subsequent Assessment Rolls	
1935-1938	Suspension Of Mine Assessments Work	
1907-1919	Tax Collector Book	
1873-1876	Tax Collector Records	
1870-1893	Tax Deeds # 1-15	
1854-1859	Tax List Sales Book H	
1800?	Transcripts of Judgements A - E	
1800?	Transcripts of Judgements F - L	
1892-1894	Treasurer's Blotter	
1927-1978	Treasurer's Cash & Fund Ledger -1-6	
1895-1910	Treasurer's Ledger	
1905-1920	Treasurer's Ledger Vol. 1	
1897-1908	Treasurer's Ledger Vol. 2	
1911-1926	Treasurer's Ledger Vol. 5	
1959-1966	Treasurer's Register of Warrants	
1903-1908	Treasurers School Fund Act	VOL. 4
1946-1970	Unsecured Assessment Rolls	
1920-1930	Untitled Black 7 ring loose-leaf w/ Proof of Births	
1965-1976	uoc Index to Fin. Stat. & Related Inst. A-Z	
1895-1896	Warrant School Funds	
1896	Warrant School Funds	
1878-1897	Warrants for Payments A - Z	
1858-1891	Writ Of Att. A - Z	

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TRAY	CLASSIFICATION	FILES
TRAY 1	CIVIL	Case No. 1-18, No. 33-1899 [filed by case number]
TRAY 2	CIVIL	Case No. 1900-5899 [no actions filed under No. 2100-2999; there is no No. 5008]
TRAY 3	CIVIL	Case No. 5900-6194 [1981-1990 index at courthouse; no index to previous years]
	CIVIL DEPOSITIONS	Selected cases from 984, 1902-5359
		Misc. Appeals & Writs:
		Brown v. Gazzolo (1895)
		Williams v. Newman (1896)
		Kittney v. Miller (1908)
		In re: Application of Merced Gold Mining Co. for appointment of Trustee (1900)
TRAY 4	JUDGMENT BOOKS	Index to Judgments A-B
		Transcript Judgments (1853-1935)
		Judgments - District Court (1850-1858)
		Judgment Book B, pages 2-197 [no dates]
		Judgments - District Court (1858-1861)
		Judgment Book C (1861) through Book P-111 (12/29/1983)
TRAY 5	CRIMINAL	Case No. 1-1359 [filed by case number; 1854-1990 index at courthouse]
TRAY 6	SUPERIOR COURT MINUTES	Book No. 1 through Book No. 17 (1880-6/6/1983)
	PROBATE COURT MINUTES	1851 through 1867, (A) 1867 through 1876 Book No. 1 through Book No. 19 (1880-7/28/1982)
TRAY 7	DISTRICT COURT	Bench Docket (1866-1879) Cost (1855-1857)
		Decree Book (1865-1871)
		Execution Docket (1850-1882)
		Execution Book (1872-1881)

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		Judgment Dockets (1850-1867)
TRAY 7 (Continued)	DISTRICT COURT	Minutes (1850-1879)
		Register (Index A-Z)
		Register (Ledger 10/1859 - 8/1866)
		Bin 1 - Case 1-64 [11, 12, 39, 60 missing]
		Bin 2 - Case 65-150 [102 missing]
		Bin 3 - Case 151-220 [165, 185, 206 missing]
		Bin 4 - Case 221-251 [224 missing]
		Bin 5-Bin 48 - Cases 252-1512,
		John Reedy vs. J. Wesley Smith
		The People vs. Mariposa Comp.
TRAY 8	REGISTERS & MISC.	Certificates of Authenticity:
		1982 - Probates No. 324-1449
		1983- Civil No. 1450-4560
		1983- Miscellaneous Books
		1984- Bins No. 1-84
		1984 - Miscellaneous files
		Work Orders & Microfiche Directions (1982-1983) [missing]
		Declarations and Orders for Destruction of Exhibits and Depositions (Orders dated 8/27/1982, 1/28/1986, and 5/12/1989)
		Index to Actions Pending (Prior to 1904)
		Index to Actions Pending (1904-1935)
		Supplemental Register (1898 - partial)
		General Index Plaintiffs (1851-1941)
		General Index Defendants (1851-1941)
		Index to Superior Court Cases Book No. 1 (through Case No. 1728)
		Clerk's Register Book No. 1 (1866-1894)
		Clerk's Register Book No. 2 (1865-1872)
		Clerk's Register [1895-1902 missing]
		Clerk's Register Book No. 3 (1903-1924)
		Clerk's Register Book No. 4 (1924-1935)
		Register of Actions No. 5 through No. 8 (1935-1972)
		Civil Cases, Superior Court, Calendar of (1879-1916)
		Criminal Book (Index) (1878-1967)

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TRAY 8 (Continued)	REGISTERS & MISC.	PROBATE
		Probate Calendar Clerk's Register (1877-1895)
		Probate Register No. 1 (1855-1871) through No. 7 (1945-1959)
		Probate Court, Register of Claims (1867-1914)
		Probate Book (Wills & Index) (1854-1904)
		Probate Bonds No. 1 (1876-1885)
		Probate Bonds No. 2 (1886-1921)
		Probate Bonds No. 3 (1921-1940)
		Sheriffs Register of Action [Book 1 missing]
		Sheriffs Register of Action - Book 2 - Book 8 (1929-1966)
		Clerk's Fee Books (1885-1979)
		Jury Book (1873-1938)
		Application for License to Marry (9/17/1935-12/03/1980)
		Articles of Incorporation (Register) (1852-1971)
		Index to Incorporation (Circa 1850-1915)
		Ballots, Record of (1896)
		Bonds, Official (1850-1854)
		Brands, Original (partial page, Book 2)
		Candidates Statements Primary (1914-1932)
		Coroner's Register - Index (1903-1954)
		Coroner's Register (1955-1966)
		County Hospital, Accounts (1866-1888)
		County Hospital, Accounts (1883-1896)
		Court Orders, Other Counties, Miscellaneous
		Inheritance Tax Record, County Clerk Collat'l (1905-1907)
		Insanity Record (1881-1887)
		Insane Asylum, Commitments (1888-1903)
		Order of Commitment (1897-1901)
		Insane Commitments, Record Book (1902-1912)
		Mentally Ill (1915)
		Mortgages, Abstract of (1898-1903)

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		Nominations filed, Record of (1914-1946)
TRAY 8 (Continued)	REGISTERS & MISC.	Notarial Records (1892-1908, 1912, 1941)
		Partnerships, Register of (1874-1938)
		Roads & Hwys., Record Book (1864-1893)
		Road Contracts
		School Land Warrants (Surveys) (1852-1853)
		Tax Collection Records (1873-1876)
		Votes Cast, Statement of (1916-1970)
		Votes Cast, Statement of (1972-1989)
		(Voters Register) Great Register (1867-1904)
		<u>NATURALIZATION</u>
		Declaration of Intention (1851-1875)
		Declaration of Intention (1876-1928)
		Declaration of Intention Book 2 (Register of Citizenship Petitions granted) 5/2/1932 - 6/28/1976
		Declaration of Intention Book 3 (1929-1954)
		Petition for Naturalization & Misc. (1941-1962 & 1969-1976)
		Naturalizations (Certificates of Citizenship) [both titles used on fiche]
		Book A (1854-1864)
		Book B (1864-1867)
		Book C (1867)
		Book D (1867-1877)
		Certificate of Citizenship (1877-1880 & 1880-1903)
		Index to Declarations (1852-1894)
		Index to Naturalized Citizens to 1906
		Record of Naturalization (1904-1906)
		<u>COUNTY COURT</u>
		Bench Docket (1866-1879)
		Cost (1856-1876)
		Judgments (1851-1863)
		Judgment Docket (Debtors/Creditors) & Index to Judgments A-B
		Minutes (1851-1866)
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		<u>JUSTICE COURT</u>
		Docket Invoices (1852-1866)
		Plots 1-8 (1852-1853) Civil Action (1857-1866)
		Records (1866-1868)
		<u>COURT OF SESSIONS</u>
		Judgments (1851-1863)
		Minutes - Book 1 (1850) & Book 2 (1852)
		Bin 1 (1851-1854) Cases 1-122 [65, 78, 89 missing]
		Bin 2 [no dates] Cases 123-251 [156 missing]
		Bin 3 (1851-1860) [no case numbers]
		Bin 4 (1861) Indictments & Cases 285-294 [291 missing]
		Cases A (1862)
		Road Master's Reports & Misc. Documents (1863-1864)
		Misc. File B - Gabois vs. De Silvia, Powell
TRAY 9	SUPERVISORS	Index to Minutes No. 1 (Prior to 1897)
		Index to Minutes No. 2 (1897-1919)
		Minutes (1855-1871 Index)
		Minutes Book A (2/5/1852) - Book Q (5/22/1973)
		Allowance Book No. 1 (1873) - Book No. 9 (1941)
		County Ordinance - Book 1 (1883-1980)
TRAY 10	MARIPOSA GAZETTE	January 7, 1859 - January 4, 1940
TRAY 11	MARIPOSA GAZETTE	January 4, 1940 - December 28, 1995
TRAY 12	PROBATE	Bins No. 1 - No. 40 [filed by name; cross reference index at library]
TRAY 13	PROBATE	Bins No. 41 - No. 84 [filed by name; cross reference index at library]
TRAY 14	PROBATE	1986-1992 299-2315 [filed by case number; 1854-1984 name / bin number index at courthouse - bins at museum; 1984-1990 index at courthouse]

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		Board of Supervisors (Clerk of the Board) / 1988-1992
		Constable / 1988-1992
		County Clerk / 1988-1992
		County Counsel / 1988-1992
		Data Processing / 1991-1992
		District Attorney / 1991-1992
		Farm Advisor / 1988-1992
		Fire Protection / 1990-1992
		Grand Jury / 1988-1992
		Housing Community Development Agency / 1991-1992
		Human Services / 1988-1992 [1991 missing]
		John C. Fremont Hospital District / 1988-1991
		Justice Court / 1991-1992
		LAFCO - Local Agency Formation Commission / 1989-1991
		Mariposa County Unified School District / 1988-1992 [1991 missing] Mariposa Public Utility District / 1988-1992
		Personnel / 1992
		Planning & Building Department / 1988-1992
		Planning Commission / 1991-1992
		Probation Department / 1988-1992
		Public Works / 1989-1992
		Sheriff's Department / 1988-1992
		Superior Court / 1991-1992
		Treasurer/Tax Collector / 1988-1992
		Vets/Seniors/Transit AKA Community Services / 1988-1992
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