



Resources for Researching Sutter's Fort Characters and other Sacramento Pioneers

California History Room

California Information File

Created at the California State Library, the California Information File is an index to many sources of California history, including newspaper articles, magazine articles, manuscript collections, and books, covering dates from the 1850's through present.

The original card file was closed in 1985, and the index has been continued as a database, online at www.library.ca.gov/calhist/databases.html.

- Search for the person's name, last name first.

Searching the book catalog

Online at catalog.library.ca.gov

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Key reference books

Sutter's Fort Characters pathfinder. Sacramento Public Library. Request at Information Desk.

Online at www.saclibrary.org/Research/Guides/Sutter's-Fort-Pioneers-Guide

Pioneers of California: true stories of early settlers in the golden state. Donovan Lewis. San Francisco: Scottswall Associates, 1993. Reference shelves F860 L43 1993

The men of the California Bear Flag Revolt and their heritage. Barbara R. Warner. Spokane, Wash.: Published by the Arthur H. Clark Pub. Co. for the Sonoma Valley Historical Society, 1996. Reference shelves F864 W3 1996

Gone to rest: biographies of Sacramento pioneers buried in or nearby Pioneer Grove in the old Sacramento City Cemetery. Carol W. Doersch, ed: Sacramento Pioneer Association, 2001. Reading room F868 S12 G66 2001

History of California. Hubert Howe Bancroft. San Francisco: History co., 1886. 7 volumes. Reference shelves F861 B22

- Index compiled by members of the Zamorano Club. Reference shelves F861 B22 Index

History of California. Theodore Hittell. San Francisco: Pacific Press Pub. House and Occidental Pub. Co., 1885-97. 4 volumes. Reference shelves F861 H68

A teacher's guide to Sutter's Fort. Tucker, Michael S. Sacramento: California Department of Parks and Recreation, 1992. Reference shelves F865 T82 1992, pages 66-71, 78-83, 88-90.

Photo collection

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Research tips

- For more information on a person, you can try looking up his or her overland party, e.g., the Bidwell–Bartleson party, the Donner party, the Stevens party.
- If you are researching a woman and can't find anything under her name, try looking up her husband or father.
- If you are researching a child, try looking up his or her parents.

Costume ideas

Sutter's Fort costume manual: a guide to clothing worn in California and the Far West, ca. 1845. David Rickman. Sacramento: California Dept. of Parks and Recreation, 1988.
Reference shelves GT617 C3 R52 1988

Historic dress of the old West. Ernest Reedstrom. New York: Blandford Press, 1986.
Closed stacks GT617 W47 R44 1986

Early California costumes, 1769-1847, and historic flags of California. Margaret Gilbert Mackey. Stanford: Stanford University press; 1932. Closed stacks 391 M15

A teacher's guide to Sutter's Fort. Tucker, Michael S. Sacramento: California Department of Parks and Recreation, 1992. Reference shelves F865 T82 1992, pages 58-65, 72-77, 84-87, 124-130.