Formed in 1850, Colusa County boasted a population of 21,419 people as of 2010. In addition to having several historic preservation organizations, Colusa is also home to several wildlife refuges, many lovingly preserved historic structures, several agricultural communities and more! If you are looking for exciting local history resources in the California History Section's rich collections, then check out what we have for this county!

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ENJOY YOUR RESEARCH!
**Digitized Resources**

Can’t come to the library just yet? No worries! There are a number of online resources you can explore related to Colusa County!

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**Digitized Publications**

A few years ago we digitized some of our more fragile publications. You can now see documents related to Colusa County on Internet Archive!

![Digitized Publications](https://archive.org/)

**URL**: https://archive.org/

**Type in Search Box**: (Colusa) AND collection: (californiastatelibrary)

**Select Option**: “Search Full Text of Books”

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**Digitized Images**

We have scanned and digitized a portion of our extensive photograph collection, including images related to Colusa County. You can see them on Calisphere!

![Digitized Images](https://calisphere.org/institution/51/items/)

**URL**: https://calisphere.org/institution/51/items/

**Type in Search Box**: (“Colusa County”)

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California State Association of Counties

Like Wikipedia but locally grown, this government website will provide basic information about Colusa County.

URL: http://www.counties.org/county-websites-profile-information

County Website

Want to learn about what Colusa County residents have to say for themselves? Check out the county government’s website!

URL: https://www.countyofcolusa.org/
GENERAL RESEARCH TIPS

While many of our materials are online, even more are only in hard-copy. You can use the following resources to learn about our Colusa County resources.

Catalog

If you are looking for Colusa County materials your best source is our catalog. You can do a general search on the catalog but also be sure to check out our specialized resources on page 8 of this research guide!

URL: https://csl.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?
vid=01CSL_INST:CSL&lang=en&sortby=rank

Type in Subject Box: (Colusa)

California Information File II

Sometimes the catalog doesn’t provide as much detail as you might like. This is why we created the California Information File II, successor to the analog California Information File I. In this resource, you can find indexing to individual articles, as well as Colusa County menus, deeds, pamphlets and more!

URL: http://dbs.library.ca.gov/dbtext_html/QueryCalinfo.htm

Type in Search Box:
1. Colusa
2. Name of a city in Colusa County
City Directories

Looking for a person? How about the history of a location? You can trace this information and more via our city directories! See what we have by checking our specialized database.

**URL:** http://dbs.library.ca.gov/dbtext_html/QueryCityDir.htm

**Type in Search Box:**
1. Colusa
2. Name of a city in Colusa County

Telephone Books

Are you not finding what you need in our city directory collection? No worries, you might find it in our telephone book collection. See what we have by checking our phone book database.

**URL:** http://dbs.library.ca.gov/dbtext_html/QueryPhonebk.htm

**Type in Search Box:**
1. Colusa
2. Name of a city in Colusa County
Colusa County has a long and distinguished history! Check out our resources by type and by subject to learn more about this county’s complex past!

**Type**
- Maps
- Books
- County Histories
- Images
- Manuscripts
- Newspapers
- Periodicals

**Subject**
- Aeronautics
- Agriculture
- Business
- Education
- Environment
- Geology
- Oil
- Politics
- Shipping
- Railroads
- Water

**Residents**
- Vitals
- Native Americans
On-Site Research Resources

Our collection predates computers and so do some of our access points! If you are in the library, be sure to check the following analog files for leads on more resources.

California Information File

In the library? Check the California Information File before you do anything else! This file indexes over 130 years of California articles, books, and manuscript collections from all 58 counties.

Subject Headings: Counties: Colusa

Map File

Looking for a Colusa county map? Our map file is a great place to start. We have a wide variety of maps, including Sanborn fire insurance maps, some of our maps cover settlement patterns and even natural history.

Subject Headings: Counties: Colusa

Photographic File

Sometimes a picture is worth a 1000 words and not all of our pictures are online. To check the rest of the collection search our picture file card catalog.

Subject Headings: Counties: Colusa
OTHER ON-SITE RESOURCES

Despite our best efforts, some of our resources defy complete description. We suggest that you ask a librarian about Colusa county information contained in the following resources.

Vertical Files

Our massive collection of vertical files covers a wide variety of topics including individual counties. You can check them for pamphlets, certificates and even posters related to organizations, individuals, and area histories.

Subject Headings: Check with librarians

Postcard Files

Separate from our photo collection, our postcard collection contains a number of images related to Colusa County. Most are not online.

Subject Headings: Check with librarians
Other Places to look

Of course the California History Section doesn’t have everything, so we suggest that in addition to looking at our collections, you contact the following organizations

Other California State Library Sections

Government Publications Section
Witkin Law Library
Sutro Library
General Information

URLs:
- http://www.library.ca.gov/government-publications/
- http://www.library.ca.gov/law/
- http://www.library.ca.gov/sutro/
- https://www.library.ca.gov/services

Other Organizations

California State Archives
California State Parks
Colusa County Clerk and Recorder
Sacramento Valley Museum
Colusi County Historical Society
Colusa County Library

URLs:
- http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/
- https://www.parks.ca.gov/
- http://www.sacvalleymuseum.org/
- http://www.colusi.com/
- http://www.countyofcolusa.org/library