

History, Here and Now: SFPL Resources

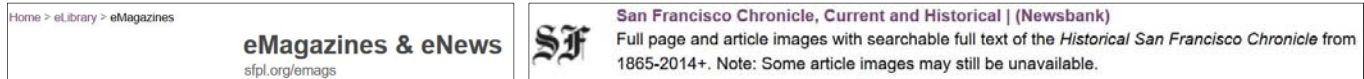
San Francisco Public Library's SF History Center provides a wealth of online and in person research resources. Here are a few that we will share with you during this workshop. If you are using an online **PDF** of this document, **click an image to go directly to the site.**

General San Francisco History Resources:

SFPL's SF History Center, sfpl.org/sfhistory



San Francisco Chronicle Historical, 1865-Present, sfpl.org/emags then choose San Francisco Chronicle (you'll need your SFPL card and PIN if not using an SFPL computer)



California Digital Newspaper Collection, cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc

San Francisco Call, Apr. 1890- Feb. 1913, *Daily Alta California*, 1849-1891

The Elevator, African-American newspaper published in San Francisco, 1865-1898

Others published in San Francisco and other California communities



Chronicling America, chroniclingamerica.loc.gov

The Library of Congress Historic American Newspapers site, 1690-present

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the Library of Congress logo and buttons for 'ASK A LIBRARIAN', 'DIGITAL COLLECTIONS', and 'LIBRARY CATALOGS'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'The Library of Congress > Chronicling America'. The main header features the 'NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES' logo and the text 'CHRONICLING AMERICA Historic American Newspapers'. A search bar is present with a dropdown menu set to 'All states', a range from '1789' to '1943', and a text input field for search words. A 'Search Pages' button is also visible.

Online Archive of California, List of collections held at institutions throughout CA San Francisco History Center Vertical (Ephemera) Files, sfpl.org/sfhistory

The screenshot shows the San Francisco Public Library website. The main navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Books & Materials', 'Library', 'Services', 'Kids', 'Teens', 'Calendar', 'Libraries', and 'About'. The current page is titled 'San Francisco History Center - 6th Floor'. It provides contact information: '100 Larkin St. San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 557-4567'. There are also links for 'Directions' and 'Email'.

The screenshot shows a 'Search Our Collections' page with a list of collection categories:

- SFPL Classic Catalog
- Online Archive of California (OAC)
- Digital Collections
- Biography and subject files
- San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection

SFPL at Online Archive of California (OAC)

The screenshot shows the OAC website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Browse Institutions', 'Browse Collections', 'Browse Map', 'About OAC', and 'Help'. The current page is for the 'San Francisco Public Library' contributing institution. It lists the address: '100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, California 94102-4733'. It also provides contact information: 'Phone: (415) 557-4400', 'Fax: (415) 437-4849', and 'Email: info@sfpl.org'. A map of San Francisco is shown on the right. Below the map, there are filters for 'Browse the Collections' and a search box for finding collections at these institutions.

SFPL subject listings, not digitized items

The screenshot shows the 'Collection Guide' for the 'San Francisco Ephemera Collection 1850-present'. The collection number is 'SF SUB COLL'. Under 'Get Items', it indicates 'No online items' and provides a link to 'Contact San Francisco Public Library: San Francisco History Center'.

SFPL biography listings, not digitized items

The screenshot shows the 'Collection Guide' for the 'San Francisco Biography Collection 1850-present'. The collection number is 'SF BIO COLL'. Under 'Get Items', it indicates 'No online items' and provides a link to 'Contact San Francisco Public Library: San Francisco History Center'.

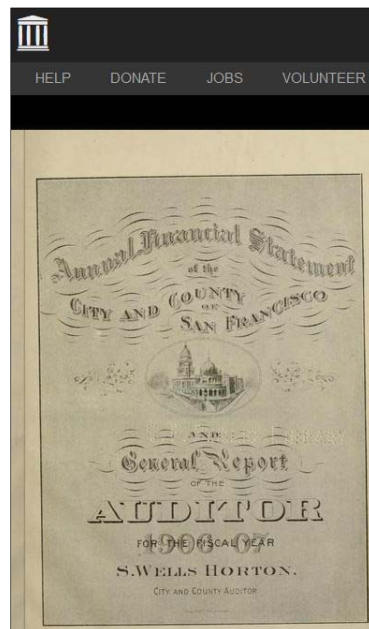


sfpl.org catalog has links to our digitized materials at Internet Archive
Digitized Materials include:

- Municipal Reports
- San Francisco city directories, 1850-1987
- Books on the History of California Counties
- Early San Francisco Periodicals
- San Francisco Blue Book

Corporate Author	San Francisco (Calif.)	
Title	San Francisco municipal reports.	Other Re Reviews and
Publication Info.	San Francisco : Published by order of the Board of Supervisors, 1860-1919.	
Rating	not yet rated ☆☆☆☆☆ FAQ for Ratings	
Location	Call No.	Status
Main - 5th Floor - Gov Info - Ask at Ref Desk/5S	352 Sa52 :5 1907/08 also online	LIB USE ONLY
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Example:
1907 City and County of
San Francisco Financial
Statement/General Report

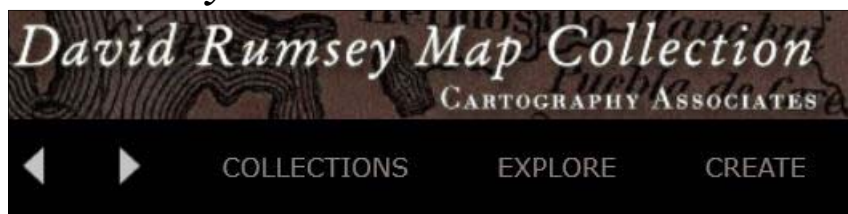


San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection, sfpl.org/sfhistory



The interface for the San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection features a search bar at the top with a "Search Photos" button. Below the search bar are radio buttons for "Keyword", "Subject", "Date", "Photo ID", and "Photographer", along with a link for "Advanced >". On the left, there is a "Photograph Collection Home" menu with options: "Order Images", "Permissions", "Collections", "Featured Galleries", and "Photo Collection FAQ's". Below the menu, there is a "What's New Online" link. The main heading "San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection" is centered at the top of the search area.

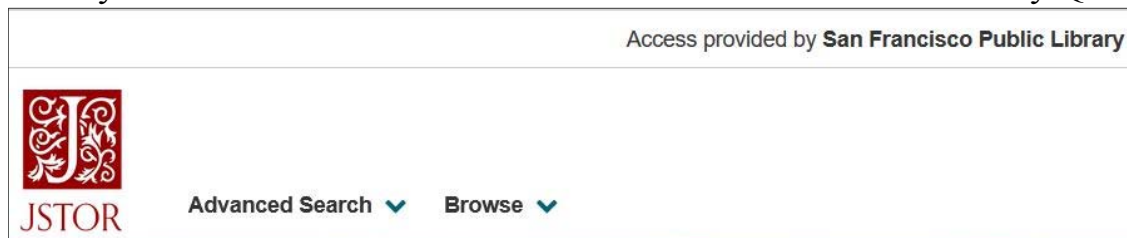
David Rumsey Map Collection, Provides SF Aerial Photos owned by SFPL, 1938 davidrumsey.com then search for **San Francisco Aerial Views. 1937-1938**



The banner for the David Rumsey Map Collection features the text "David Rumsey Map Collection" in a large, elegant serif font, with "CARTOGRAPHY ASSOCIATES" in a smaller font below it. At the bottom of the banner, there are navigation buttons: "COLLECTIONS", "EXPLORE", and "CREATE", each with a corresponding icon.

JSTOR, jstor.org

History articles from sources such as the California Historical Society Quarterly



The JSTOR interface shows the text "Access provided by San Francisco Public Library" at the top. Below this is the JSTOR logo, which consists of a red square with a white "J" and the word "JSTOR" in red below it. To the right of the logo are two dropdown menus: "Advanced Search" and "Browse".

Other Resources:

FoundSF, foundsf.org



The FoundSF banner features the text "Shaping San Francisco's Digital Archive @ FoundSF" in a large, bold font. Below this is the tagline "Your place to discover & shape San Francisco history". The background of the banner is a grayscale image of a San Francisco street scene.

OpenSFHistory, opensfhistory.org



The OpenSFHistory logo features the text "OpenSFHistory" in a large, bold font, with "HISTORICAL IMAGES OF SAN FRANCISCO" in a smaller font below it. At the bottom of the logo, there is a tagline: "A Program of Western Neighborhoods Project".

Resources for Building and House Research:

SFPL's Online Guide, How to Research a SF Building, sfpl.org/sfhistory

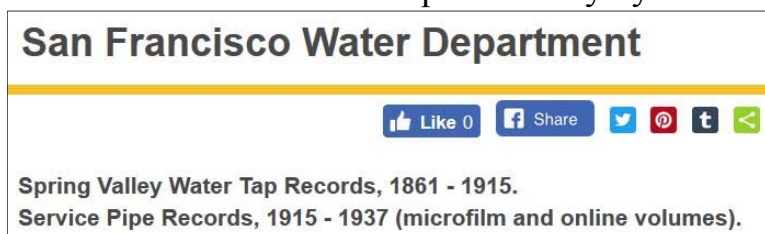


Spring Valley Water Company Records, sfpl.org/sfhistory

1861-1930s on microfilm and online

Contains the date a water connection was first made for a structure and the name of the applicant (owner/contractor/developer). Dates may reflect the beginning of construction, the beginning of occupancy, or the date water was provided to an existing structure.

Connections are recorded alphabetically by street name.

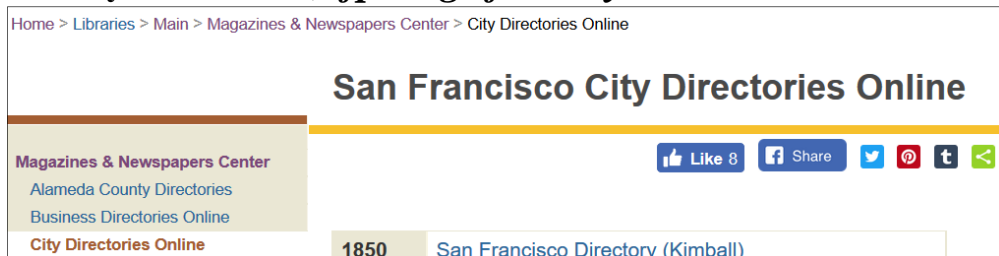


1861-1930s microfilm (SFHC) and most volumes online, archive.org

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SF City Directories, sfpl.org/sfhistory



Sanborn Map Company Fire Insurance Maps,

sfpl.org> Articles and Databases> Sanborn Maps California

Maps show the presence and footprint of a building, its construction materials, and use.



David Rumsey Map Collection, 1905 Sanborn Maps

davidrumsey.com then search **San Francisco Insurance Maps** (or similar)



San Francisco Property Information Map, *propertymap.sfplanning.org*

San Francisco Planning Department website



Genealogy:

Ancestry.com, *sfpl.org*> Articles and Databases> Ancestry

Ancestry.com is only available at a SFPL locations



HeritageQuest Online, *sfpl.org*> Articles and Databases> HeritageQuest

Includes census records and other resources, currently, only available at SFPL locations



San Francisco Blue Book, 1888-1931,

internetarchive.org then search for **San Francisco Blue Book**



Family Search, *familysearch.org*, Register for free account to access records

