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## **Guide to the Sacramento (Calif.) city directory collection**

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Sacramento (Calif.) city directory collection

**Dates:** 1850-2019

**Collection number:** MS0031

**Collector:** Sacramento (Calif.) Center for Sacramento History

**Collection Size:** 180 volumes + 29 reels of microfilm

**Repository:** Center for Sacramento History

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**Abstract:** City directories of the city of Sacramento, California and surrounding areas beginning in 1850-2017. Entries are listed by individual or business name and include their residence or business address and telephone number for later years. In 1914 the city directories began providing a reverse directory by street name and address for individuals and businesses.

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

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### Acquisition Information

This collection was assembled through various donations and purchases (accession #s 1973/04/01-06, 1973/05/01-04 1977/44/01, 1980/54/01, 1981/116/03, 1982/04/5036, 1982/04/5041, 1982/04/5044, 1983/087, 1983/125/005, 1983/126/01, 1983/147/05, 1986/108/03, 1992/50/01, 1994/015/01, 1995/18/13, 1995/18/14, 1998/721, 2001/120/01, 2001/98/06, 2003/056, 2013/018).

### Alternative Forms of Material Available

Sacramento city directories are available on microfilm for the years 1860-1936 in the Center for Sacramento History's reading room.

### Processing Information

Finding aid created by Sean Heyliger, July 2019, and edited by Kim Hayden, December 2020.

### Biography / Administrative History

Published on January 1, 1851, James Horace Culver's Directory for the Year 1851 was the first book to be published in Sacramento, California and the first city directory on the West Coast to list street address numbers. The directory listed the city's residents, churches, benevolent organizations, saloons, restaurants, boarding houses, city and county elected officials, schools, theaters, courts, leading taxpayers, steamboat captains, and a brief history of the city.

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The second book to be published in Sacramento was Samuel Colville's Sacramento directory for the year 1853-1854, which included Dr. John F. Morse's "History of Sacramento," a 35 page history of the city's development and politics of the previous ten years. Colville continued to publish the city directory until 1856 when it was subsequently edited by various editors and printed by H. S. Crocker Co. The Sacramento Directory Company (1890-1974) began publishing their directory of the city beginning in 1890 and would continue to published the directory throughout most of the 20th century until it was purchased and published by R. L. Polk and Sons after 1974.

Phone books in this collection were first published in the 1960s. Books were published by Pacific Telephone from 1967-1983, Pacific Bell from 1984-2001, SBC from 2002-2005, and AT&T from 2006-.

### **Scope and Content of Collection**

The collection contains directories of the city of Sacramento, California, and surrounding areas from 1850 through the early 1990s, and phone books published from 1967 through the present. City directory entries are listed by individual or business name and include their residence or business address, occupation and business address, and often their spouse's name. The earliest directories include where a person came to Sacramento from, and later directories include telephone numbers. The 1889-1890 city directory included a key code (SCOTLANDER - S=1 C=2 O=3 T=4 L=5 A=6 N=7 D=8 E=9 R=0) next to each person's entry that included their real estate (R), income (I), and personal (P) income. Occasionally acreage (A) and mortgage (M) appeared as well. In 1914, the city directories began providing a reverse directory by street name and address for individuals and businesses. Beginning in the late 1950s, two separate directories were published for the city proper and the suburban areas; the collection also includes a Sacramento County rural directory from 1941. In the 1960s and 1970s, a separate Roseville/Citrus Heights directory was published.

Phone books in the collection list name, address, and phone number for individuals and businesses. From 1967 to 1983, one phone book was published each year that included listings for individuals on white pages and businesses on yellow pages. Beginning in 1983, two phone books were published each year: one listing individuals (called "the white pages") and one listing businesses (called "the yellow pages"). Phone books cover the Sacramento metropolitan area. One phone book from 1984 is specific to the Delta, and two from the 1990s and 2000s include a larger portion of Northern California beyond the Sacramento area.

### **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged into 2 series:

Series 1. City directories, 1850-1990

Series 2. Phone books, 1967-2019

### **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Sacramento (Calif.)--Directories.

Sacramento (Calif.)--History.

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## **Series 1. Sacramento city directories 1850-1990**

### **Series Scope and Content Summary**

City directories of the city of Sacramento, California and surrounding areas beginning in 1850-2017. Entries are listed by individual or business name and include their residence or business address and telephone number for later years. In 1914 the city directories began providing a reverse directory by street name and address for individuals and businesses. Beginning in the late 1950s, two separate directories were published for the city proper and the suburban areas. In the 1960s and 1970s, a separate Roseville/Citrus Heights directory was published. A Sacramento County rural directory from 1941 is also included in this series; it contains listings for residents of Sacramento County, not including the cities of Sacramento and North Sacramento.

### **Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically

Volume 1850	<b>Sacramento city directory 1850</b>
Volume 1850	<b>Sacramento city directory facsimile reproduction 1851</b>
Volume 1853	<b>Sacramento city directory 1853</b>
Volume 1854	<b>Sacramento city directory 1854</b>

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Volume 1854-1855	<b>Sacramento city directory 1854-1855</b>
Volume 1855	<b>Sacramento city directory 1855</b>
Volume 1856	<b>Sacramento city directory 1856</b>
Volume 1857-1858	<b>Sacramento city directory 1857-1858</b>
Volume 1858-1859	<b>Sacramento city directory 1858-1859</b>
Volume 1859-1860	<b>Sacramento city directory 1859-1860</b>
Volume 1860	<b>Sacramento city directory 1860</b>
Volume 1861-1862	<b>Sacramento city directory 1861-1862</b>
Reel 1861-1871	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1863</b>
Reel 1861-1871	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1864</b>
Reel 1861-1871	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1865</b>
Volume 1866	<b>Sacramento city directory 1866</b>
Reel 1861-1871	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1867</b>
Reel 1861-1871	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1868</b>
Volume 1869	<b>Sacramento city directory 1869</b>
Volume 1870	<b>Sacramento city directory 1870</b>
Volume 1871	<b>Sacramento city directory 1871</b>
Reel 1872-1875	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1872</b>
Volume 1873	<b>Sacramento city directory 1873</b>
Volume 1874	<b>Sacramento city directory 1874</b>
Volume 1875	<b>Sacramento city directory 1875</b>
Reel 1876-1880	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1876</b>
Reel 1876-1880	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1877</b>
Volume 1878	<b>Sacramento city directory 1878</b>
Volume 1879-1880	<b>Sacramento city directory 1879-1880</b>
Volume 1880-1881	<b>Sacramento city directory 1880-1881</b>
Reel 1882	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1882</b>
Reel 1883-84	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1883-1884</b>
Volume 1884-1885	<b>Sacramento city directory 1884-1885</b>
Reel 1885-86	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1885-1886</b>
Volume 1888-1889	<b>Sacramento city directory 1888-1889</b>
Volume 1889-1890	<b>Sacramento city directory 1889-1890</b>
Volume 1891-1892	<b>Sacramento city directory 1891-1892</b>
Reel 1892-93	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1892-1893</b>
Reel 1893	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1893</b>
Volume 1894	<b>Sacramento city directory 1894</b>
Reel 1894	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) [Sacramento County listings begin] 1894</b>
Volume 1895	<b>Sacramento city directory 1895</b>
Volume 1896	<b>Sacramento city directory 1896</b>
Volume 1896	<b>Sacramento city directory 1896</b>
Volume 1897	<b>Sacramento city directory 1897</b>
Volume 1898	<b>Sacramento city directory 1898</b>
Volume 1899	<b>Sacramento city directory 1899</b>
Volume 1900	<b>Sacramento city directory 1900</b>
Volume 1902	<b>Sacramento city directory 1902</b>
Volume 1903	<b>Sacramento city directory 1903</b>
Volume 1904	<b>Sacramento city directory 1904</b>

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Reel 1	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1905</b>
Volume 1906	<b>Sacramento city directory 1906</b>
Volume 1907	<b>Sacramento city directory 1907</b>
Reel 2	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1908</b>
Reel 3	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1909</b>
Volume 1910	<b>Sacramento city directory 1910</b>
Volume 1911	<b>Sacramento city directory 1911</b>
Volume 1912	<b>Sacramento city directory 1912</b>
Volume 1913	<b>Sacramento city directory [reverse address index begins] 1913</b>
Volume 1914	<b>Sacramento city directory 1914</b>
Volume 1915	<b>Sacramento city directory 1915</b>
Volume 1916	<b>Sacramento city directory 1916</b>
Volume 1917	<b>Sacramento city directory 1917</b>
Volume 1918	<b>Sacramento city directory 1918</b>
Volume 1919	<b>Sacramento city directory [street names changed] 1919</b>
Volume 1920	<b>Sacramento city directory 1920</b>
Reel 7	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1921</b>
Volume 1922	<b>Sacramento city directory 1922</b>
Volume 1923	<b>Sacramento city directory 1923</b>
Volume 1924	<b>Sacramento city directory 1924</b>
Volume 1925	<b>Sacramento city directory 1925</b>
Reel 8	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1926</b>
Reel 9	<b>Sacramento city directory (microfilm) 1927</b>
Volume 1928	<b>Sacramento city directory 1928</b>
Volume 1929	<b>Sacramento city directory 1929</b>
Volume 1930	<b>Sacramento city directory 1930</b>
Volume 1931	<b>Sacramento city directory 1931</b>
Volume 1932	<b>Sacramento city directory 1932</b>
Volume 1933	<b>Sacramento city directory 1933</b>
Volume 1934	<b>Sacramento city directory 1934</b>
Volume 1935	<b>Sacramento city directory 1935</b>
Volume 1936	<b>Sacramento city directory 1936</b>
Volume 1937	<b>Sacramento city directory 1937</b>
Volume 1938	<b>Sacramento city directory 1938</b>
Volume 1939	<b>Sacramento city directory 1939</b>
Volume 1940	<b>Sacramento city directory 1940</b>
Volume 1941	<b>Sacramento city directory 1941</b>
Volume 1941	<b>Sacramento County rural directory 1941</b>
Volume 1942	<b>Sacramento city directory 1942</b>
Volume 1943	<b>Sacramento city directory 1943</b>
Volume 1945	<b>Sacramento city directory 1945</b>
Volume 1947	<b>Sacramento city directory 1947</b>
Volume 1949	<b>Sacramento city directory 1949</b>
Volume 1952	<b>Sacramento city directory 1952</b>
Volume 1953	<b>Sacramento city directory 1953</b>
Volume 1955	<b>Sacramento city directory 1955</b>
Volume 1956	<b>Sacramento city directory 1956</b>
Volume 1957 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1957</b>
Volume 1957 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1957</b>
Volume 1958	<b>Sacramento city directory 1958</b>
Volume 1959 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1959</b>
Volume 1960 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1960</b>
Volume 1960 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1960</b>
Volume 1961 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1961</b>
Volume 1961 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1961</b>
Volume 1962 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1962</b>
Volume 1962-1963	<b>Sacramento city directory 1962-1963</b>

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Volume	<b>Sacramento city directory 1963-1964</b>
1963-1964	
Volume 1963 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1963</b>
Volume 1964 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1964</b>
Volume 1965 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1965</b>
Volume 1965 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1965</b>
Volume 1966	<b>Roseville and Citrus Heights city directory 1966</b>
Rose-CH	
Volume 1966 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1966</b>
Volume 1966 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1966</b>
Volume 1967 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1967</b>
Volume 1967 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1967</b>
Volume 1968 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1968</b>
Volume 1968 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1968</b>
Volume 1969 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1969</b>
Volume 1969 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1969</b>
Volume 1970	<b>Roseville and Citrus Heights city directory 1970</b>
Rose-CH	
Volume 1970 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1970</b>
Volume 1970 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1970</b>
Volume 1971	<b>Roseville and Citrus Heights city directory 1971</b>
Rose-CH	
Volume 1971 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1971</b>
Volume 1971 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1971</b>
Volume 1972	<b>Roseville and Citrus Heights city directory 1972</b>
Rose-CH	
Volume 1972 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1972</b>
Volume 1972 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1972</b>
Volume 1973	<b>Roseville and Citrus Heights city directory 1973</b>
Rose-CH	
Volume 1973 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1973</b>
Volume 1973 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1973</b>
Volume 1974	<b>Roseville and Citrus Heights city directory 1974</b>
Rose-CH	
Volume 1974 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1974</b>
Volume 1975	<b>Roseville and Citrus Heights city directory 1975</b>
Rose-CH	
Volume 1975 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1975</b>
Volume 1975 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1975</b>
Volume 1976 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1976</b>
Volume 1976 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1976</b>
Volume 1977 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1977</b>
Volume 1977 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1977</b>
Volume 1978 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1978</b>
Volume 1980 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1980</b>
Volume 1980 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1980</b>
Volume 1981 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1981</b>
Volume 1982 city	<b>Sacramento city directory - city edition 1982</b>
Volume 1982 sub	<b>Sacramento city directory - suburban edition 1982</b>
Volume 1986	<b>Sacramento city directory - Haines 1986</b>
Volume 1990	<b>Sacramento city directory - Haines 1990</b>

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**Series 2. Sacramento phone books 1967-2019****Series Scope and Content Summary**

Phone books in the collection list name, address, and phone number for individuals and businesses. From 1967 to 1983, one phone book was published each year that included listings for individuals on white pages and businesses on yellow pages. Beginning in 1983, two phone books were published each year: one listing for individuals (called "the white pages") and one listing businesses (called "the yellow pages"). Phone books cover the Sacramento metropolitan area. One phone book from 1984 is specific to the Delta, and two from the 1990s and 2000s include a larger portion of Northern California beyond the Sacramento area.

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically

Volume 1967	<b>Sacramento phone book 1967</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1968	<b>Sacramento phone book 1968</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1969	<b>Sacramento phone book 1969</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1970	<b>Sacramento phone book 1970</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1971	<b>Sacramento phone book 1971</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1972	<b>Sacramento phone book 1972</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1973	<b>Sacramento phone book 1973</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1974	<b>Sacramento phone book 1974</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1975	<b>Sacramento phone book 1975</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1976	<b>Sacramento phone book 1976</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1977	<b>Sacramento phone book 1977</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1978	<b>Sacramento phone book 1978</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1979	<b>Sacramento phone book 1979</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1981	<b>Sacramento phone book 1981</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone

Volume 1982	<b>Sacramento phone book 1982</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1983	<b>Sacramento phone book 1983</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1983 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 1983</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1983 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 1983</b> Creator: Pacific Telephone
Volume 1984 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 1984</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 1984 Delta	<b>Sacramento phone book - Delta region 1984</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 1985 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 1985</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 1985 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 1985</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 1986 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 1986</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 1987 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 1987</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 1987 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 1987</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 1993 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 1993</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 1994 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 1994</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 1994 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 1994</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 1995-1996	<b>Sacramento phone book - Valley Yellow Pages 1995-1996</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 1997 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 1997</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 1998 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 1998</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 1998 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 1998</b> Creator: Pacific Bell



Volume 1999 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 1999</b> Creator:
Volume 2000-2001 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 2000-2001</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 2000 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2000</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 2001 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2001</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 2001 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 2001</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 2001 NorCal	<b>Sacramento phone book - Northern California yellow pages 2001</b> Creator: Pacific Bell
Volume 2002 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2002</b> Creator: SBC
Volume 2002 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 2002</b> Creator: SBC
Volume 2003 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2003</b> Creator: SBC
Volume 2002 NorCal	<b>Sacramento phone book - Northern California businesses 2002</b> Creator: SBC
Volume 2003-2004 NorCal	<b>Sacramento phone book - Northern California businesses 2003-2004</b> Creator: SBC
Volume 2004 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2004</b> Creator: SBC
Volume 2004 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 2004</b> Creator: SBC
Volume 2005 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2005</b> Creator: SBC
Volume 2005 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 2005</b> Creator: SBC
Volume 2006 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2006</b> Creator: AT&T
Volume 2006 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 2006</b> Creator: AT&T
Volume 2007 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2007</b> Creator: AT&T

Volume 2008 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2008</b> Creator: AT&T
Volume 2009 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2009</b> Creator: AT&T
Volume 2009 white	<b>Sacramento phone book - white pages 2009</b> Creator: AT&T
Volume 2010 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2010</b> Creator: SBC
Volume 2011 yellow	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2011</b> Creator: AT&T
Volume 2012-2013	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2012-2013</b> Creator: AT&T
Volume 2013-2014	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2013-2014</b> Creator: AT&T
Volume 2014-2015	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2014-2015</b> Creator: AT&T
Volume 2016-2016	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2016-2017</b> Creator: AT&T
Volume 2019	<b>Sacramento phone book - yellow pages 2019</b> Creator: AT&T