

Potter's Field

Sources

- ARCH** California State Archives, 1020 "O" St., Sacramento, CA 95814.
- BOI** *Burials of Indigents, 1937-1966*, provenance unknown, probably compiled by employees of the County of Sonoma, a typescript document created over the years 1937 through 1966 and being apparently a list of expenses associated with public (indigent) burials. The original document has been lost but a microfilm copy exists in the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah (microfilm number 924903 Item 2). The FHL lists the author as the Sonoma County Coroner but the current employees have no knowledge of the document. A print copy has been placed in the Sonoma County Library, Local History and Genealogy Annex, 3rd Street at E, Santa Rosa.
- BP** "Burial Permits 1914-1917" (unpublished) extracted by members of the Sonoma County Genealogical Society from discarded Sonoma County records. Typed manuscript in the files of the society.
- CADI** *California Death Index*, by the State of California, Department of Public Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics and Data Processing. Available on microfilm at libraries and on the Internet from *Vitalsearch* (1905-1939) or *Rootsweb* (1940-1995). The California State Library in Sacramento has a complete copy in print; the legibility of this copy is superior to either the microfilm or Internet copies.
- CAT** *Catalogue of Grave Markers*, provenance unknown, probably by employees of the County of Sonoma, a typescript list of 453 burials created about 1939 when the original wooden grave markers at the Sonoma County Cemetery were removed and replaced with concrete "soup can" markers. This list, covering primarily the 1930s, gives names, dates, and grave marker numbers. It was found at Community Hospital (now Sutter Medical Center) in 1987. Copies exist in the Sonoma County Library and the original is in the Sonoma County Recorder's Office.
- CC** Sonoma County Clerk, current keeper of vital records in Sonoma County.
- CEN** U.S. Census population schedule. Sonoma County and California is assumed unless otherwise indicated. The year of the Census is given. Location references, if included, may be either a page number or in a code such as "T623-88-39" which is the "Series-Roll-Page" terminology used by *Heritage Quest* (<http://www.heritagequestonline.com>).
- CHSQ** *California Historical Society Quarterly*, California Historical Society (San Francisco: California Historical Society, 1922-present).
- COR** *Sonoma County Coroner's Inquests 1852-1898*, part of CD #1841: *Sonoma County [CA] Records*, Volume 1, Sonoma County Genealogical Society (Bowie, Md: Heritage Books, 2001).
- CRT** Sonoma County Court Records office, Room 118-J, Sonoma County Hall of Justice, Santa Rosa, California.

- CS** "Census Substitute." *Reconstructed 1890 Census*, a part of Compact Disk 1841: *Sonoma County [CA] Records*, Volume 1, Sonoma County Genealogical Society (Bowie, Md: Heritage Books, 2001).
- DEA** *Sonoma County, California Death Records 1873-1905*, second edition, part of CD #1841: *Sonoma County [CA] Records*, Volume 1, Sonoma County Genealogical Society (Bowie, Md: Heritage Books, 2001).
- DC** List of some Sonoma County death certificates (1905-1964) as researched by an unknown volunteer in 1988. The volunteer noted the name, date of death, and book/page number for all records in which the deceased was buried in the "county cemetery" or words to that effect. A few errors and omissions have been found but the work was 99% accurate. Not included are records in which the place of burial was given only as "Santa Rosa," since that could mean any one of four cemeteries (Calvary, County, Odd Fellows, Rural). The original handwritten copy (a stenographer's notebook) is on file in the Sonoma County Recorder's Office. Photocopies are available in the Sonoma County Library, Local History and Genealogy Annex, 3rd Street at E, Santa Rosa, California.
- DIR** Sonoma County directories, various publishers, kept at the Sonoma County Library, Local History and Genealogy Annex, 3rd Street at E, Santa Rosa.
- DM** Depot Park Museum, operated by the Sonoma Valley Historical Society, 270 1st St. West, Sonoma, California. Telephone (707) 938-1762.
- FAM** Information received from a family member.
- FIN** *Financial Report of Sonoma County*, biennial report, fiscal years 1881-82 and 1882-82. From the files of the Healdsburg Museum, 221 Matheson Street, Healdsburg, CA 95448. Telephone 707-431-3325. Open Wednesday-Sunday, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. <http://www.healdsburgmuseum.org/>
- GR** *Great Register of Voters*, Sonoma County, various years, a good source of information for between-Census years, adult (age 21+) citizen males only until 1912. Available on microfilm in the Sonoma County Library, Local History and Genealogy Annex, 3rd Street at E, Santa Rosa.
- IGI** International Genealogical Index. <http://www.familysearch.org/>
- IND** *Indigent Records in Sonoma County California 1878 to 1926*, Sonoma County Genealogical Society (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 2006).
- INT** Internet records as specified in the reference list following the text of the entry.
- MIC** Microfilm copies of original death certificates, in the Sonoma County Recorder's office. These records are not available to the public due to laws respecting privacy. As a county volunteer, the author was allowed access to the records in order to create this burial list, which the county is required by state law to maintain.
- MIL** Military Records (draft registration, service records, pension records, etc.), from various sources.
- MIN** *Minutes of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors*. (1857-present) Reports before 1906 are in the county administration offices (575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, California). After 1906, the reports are in the county archives. Contact the staff of the Local History and Genealogy Annex, Sonoma County Library, Third and E, Santa Rosa.
- NEW** Newspaper story, obituary, or death notice.
- NPRC** National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

- OLE** O'Leary (Sebastopol) Mortuary Records, available on microfilm in the Sonoma County Library, Local History and Genealogy Annex, 3rd Street at E, Santa Rosa. The originals are in possession of the Pleasant Hills Memorial Park (successors to O'Leary), [south of] Sebastopol, California.
- PHY** Reports of the Sonoma County Physician, on file in the county archives. These are monthly reports by the Sonoma County Physician, detailing the activities at the county farm and hospital. The reports are primarily statistical, listing numbers of persons admitted, released, died, etc. Occasionally, names of decedents are mentioned, especially if the deceased left money in his/her account. Contact the staff of the Local History and Genealogy Annex, Sonoma County Library, Third and E, Santa Rosa.
- POL** Police records, various jurisdictions in Sonoma County.
- PRO** Probate records (microfilm), Sonoma County Hall of Justice, Room 110-J, 600 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa. Comment: As of 2009, this source is open to the public Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.
- PV** Personal Visit by the author.
- REG** *Sonoma County Register of Deaths* (original hardbound ledgers) on file in the county archives. A notation such as "40 Deaths 26" means "Death Register, Volume 40, Page 26." These records are not available to the public due to laws respecting privacy.
- RUR** *Burials in the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery 1853-1997* (CD-ROM version) by the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, published by Heritage Books of Bowie, Md.
- SAN** Sanborn fire maps, various years. Original bound volumes and microfilm for the City of Santa Rosa, in the collection of the Sonoma County Library, Local History and Genealogy Annex, 3rd Street at E, Santa Rosa.