

South Bay Family History Resources

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- I. The California History Room, San Jose Public Library
 - a. California Room Index [A-Z searchers or keyword search]
 - b. Yearbooks some digitized with text and images
 - c. Property materials [can be used to track where people lived]
 - i. Block books [indicate property owners]
 - ii. Building permits -index for 1910-1920 and microfilm 1940-1980s
 - iii. City Directories 1870-present; find people, where they worked and what they did; check the back of the book for smaller towns
- II. Archives, Santa Clara University
 - a. Santa Clara Mission Sacramental Records
 - i. 1777-1850 are available online at <http://content.scu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/mission>. No registration required.
 - ii. Post-1850 are located in the Archive; Schedule an appointment to view the manuscripts in person. Send an email to specialcollections@scu.edu to have records retrieved allowing two days.
 1. Baptismal records: through 1862
 2. Confirmation records: through 1896
 3. Marriage records: through 1903
 4. Burial records: through 1894
 5. Early California Population Project

- III. How this library and the above two helped recreated the story of the women in the portraits and Ora Lee Hirsch Merritt
 - A. *George Bellomy: Pioneer of Oregon and California* by Connie Graves
 - B. *Ancestry Library Edition* for census records, passport applications
 - C. **Santa Clara Mission Sacramental records** for Baptism, marriage records for George Bellomy, Rosa Fermina Bellomy
 - D. *Historic Mercury Newspapers* for obituaries, other news
 - E. *Connections* for listing of Maria de Jesus Bellomy as a “Sole Trader”
 - F. *Early Vital Records* microfilm
- IV. Ora Lee Hirsch Merritt
 - a. *Historic Mercury Newspapers*
 - b. *Biography clipping file*
 - c. *Santa Clara Cemeteries* by Bea Lichtenstein
 - d. *Ancestry Library edition*
 - e. *Search Engine* her daughter and son-in-law’s obituaries
 - f. *ReferenceUSA* for contacting living relatives