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WHAT DOES CALIFORNIA MEAN?

A USC Libraries Exploration

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To add to your enjoyment of the *What Does California Mean? Visions and Voices* event on April 15, the USC Libraries present a selection of resources for further study. We have also provided contact information for subject specialists in a variety of areas related to California history and the West.



A rare 1714 map by Gerard and Leonard Valck showing California as an island.

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Databases and Archival Resources

- **America: History and Life** covers the history of the United States and Canada. It includes key historic journals; state and local history journals; selected relevant journals in the social sciences and humanities; and book reviews. The database is listed on the USC Libraries **electronic resources page for US and Canadian history**.
- **Chicano Database** covers topics in the humanities and social and behavioral sciences related to Mexican-Americans and Chicano and Latino Studies. The database is listed on the USC Libraries **electronic resources page for Chicano and Latino studies**.
- **History Resource Center—US** includes journal articles; reference resources; and primary sources for many aspects of US History. The database is listed on the USC Libraries **electronic resources page for US and Canadian history**.
- **L.A. as Subject** is an alliance of over 230 research archives, libraries, and collections hosted by the USC Libraries. It is dedicated to preserving the rich history of the Los Angeles region.
- **The Los Angeles Public Library** holds many materials of interest to those studying California. LAPL's history and genealogy department's photo collection emphasizes the history of Los Angeles, Southern California, and California.
- **The Online Archive of California** brings together a wide range of historical materials, including images, documents, letters, and oral histories, from a variety of California institutions, including museums, historical societies, and archives.
- **ProQuest** is an extensive, multidisciplinary database that includes access to other relevant databases, including *Ethnic NewsWatch*; *GenderWatch*; *Historical Los Angeles Times* (1881-1986); and *Historical Los Angeles Sentinel* (1934-2005). The database is listed under Quick Links on the **USC Libraries Electronic Resources page**.
- **The Seaver Center for Western History Research** is located at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. The center contains print and manuscript holdings documenting the history of the trans-Mississippi West, with special emphasis on Southern California and Los Angeles. The USC Libraries work closely with the center to offer access to its **research collection of books, serials, photographs, and maps**.
- **The Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research** contains books and archival collections covering the topics of labor, women, civil rights, left culture, politics, and Los Angeles social history. The SCL and USC are currently collaborating on the Charlotta A. Bass and *California Eagle* digital projects.
- **The USC Libraries Digital Archive** makes accessible high quality digital images of unique materials with metadata to support research. It provides a gateway to an array of resources on Los Angeles and Southern California.

USC Libraries Subject Specialists for California History

Spanish, Portuguese, Latin American, Chicano and Latino Studies

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- **Chicano and Latino studies subject page**

Los Angeles and Southern California History and Special Collections

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- [Los Angeles and Southern California history subject page.](#)
- USC Libraries [Special Collections resources for California history.](#)

US and Canadian History, American Studies and Ethnicity, and the West

- Sue Tyson
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- Subject page for [US and Canadian history and the American West](#)
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