Around 2,000 Native American tribes lived in present-day California thousands of years before Spanish soldiers and missionaries began arriving in the mid-1530s. The descendants of Spanish and Mexican families living in California were called Californios, and by the time California became a state in 1850, there were 14,000 Californios living in California. African people arrived in California with the Spanish in the mid-1500s, most without choice. The 1848 Gold Rush brought to California an estimated 300,000 people from across North America, as well as from China, South America, and Europe.



http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M514879;type=101

Object Name: Painting Maker: Alexander Edouart

Title: *The Chase* Date: 1857

Object ID: 92.33.1

Notes: Painting depicts Henry L. Ford, a captain in General John Frémont's California Battalion, being chased by Californio lancers during the war in California. Ford took part in the 1846 Bear Flag Revolt at Sonoma and in 1857 commissioned San Francisco artist Alexander Edouart to paint several scenes recalling his adventures.



http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M567232;type=103

Object name: Map Maker: H.S. Tanner



Title: Map of California, New Mexico, Texas & C.

Date: 1849

Object ID: 99.65.1

Notes: This map shows land and water routes from New York to San Francisco, detailing the territories

gained during the war with Mexico.



http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M123291;type=102

Object Name: Photograph Maker: Unidentified artist

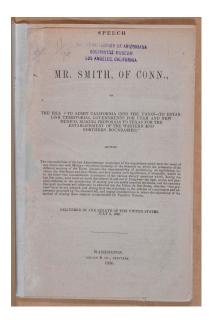
Title: The First Capitol of the State of California at San Jose

Date: circa 1849 Object ID: P.38669

Notes: This is a photograph of the drawing of the first capitol building of the state of California. The building was originally constructed as a hotel; the first California legislature met there to conduct the

business of the new state.





http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M65964;type=102

Object Name: Speech

Maker: Gideon and Co., Printers

Title: "Speech of Mr. Smith, of Conn., on the Bill 'To Admit California into the Union--to Establish Territorial Governments for Utah and New Mexico, Making Proposals to Texas for the Establishment of the Western and Northern Boundaries'"

Date: July 8, 1850 Object ID: M.978.16

Notes: This is a printed copy of the speech given by Senator Truman Smith (Whig party, Connecticut). In this speech, Senator Truman discusses the question of whether to admit California to the United States.



http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M26491;type=101

**Object Name: Drawing** 



Maker: John Woodhouse Audubon

Title: The Mission Indian

Date: 1849-1851 Object ID: 22.G.978U



http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M592628;type=105

Object name: Bond

Maker: Unknown publisher

Date: 1854

Object ID: 2003.85.1

Notes: Bond of the State of California, paid and canceled, number 391, for \$100, issued for "Expeditions against the Indians," August 11, 1852. In 1852 the California state legislature authorized \$600,000 in bonds to pay for "expeditions against the Indians." Volunteer militia attacked Native communities and families, pursuing a strategy of genocide, and escalating the kidnapping and indenture of Native children.



http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=ocn166480766;type=106

Object name: Map

Maker: Hosea B. Horn, J.H. Colton Title: *Horn's overland guide to California* 

Date: 1852



Object ID: 90.253.313

Notes: Map created by Hosea B. Horn, detailing prominent landmarks between Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Sacramento, California. Horn even noted where travelers could find firewood for their campfires and which forts offered goods for trade.



http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M549221;type=101

Object name: Stagecoach

Maker: Abbot and Downing Company

Date: 1850s

Object ID: 93.21.261

Notes: This stagecoach was built around 1855 by Lewis Downing in Concord, New Hampshire. It was part of the fleet drive on the California Stage Company line. The roof of the coach held luggage or additional passengers. Teams of four to six horse powered the coach, managed by a driver with a guard seated next to him.



http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M588456;type=105

Object name: Lettersheet Maker: Britton & Ray



Date: 1854

Object ID: 2003.47.1

Notes: Lettersheet, illustrated with print of *Miner's Coat of Arms* in black. The drawings included depictions from a miner's life, pieces of worn clothing, boots with holes, tools, miners playing cards at

night, and fleas.



http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M530920;type=105

Object name: Lettersheet

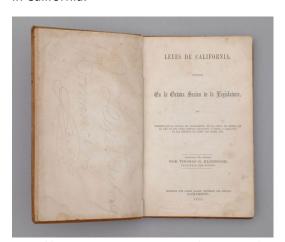
Maker: George H. Baker, James Mason Hutchings

Title: Hutchings' Panoramic Scenes—Crossing the Plains

Date: 1853

Object ID: 94.237.12

Notes: One side features 13 small black and white vignettes, such as wagons crossing the Plains, natural features in the Western landscape, and night life at camp. The other side features a letter written by a man named Edward to his sister, Eliza. The letter, which is dated January 30, 1855, details Edward's life in California.



http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M513467;type=106

Object Name: Book

Maker: Thomas R. Eldredge

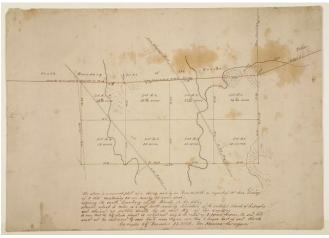


Title: Leyes de California aprobadas En la Octaba Sesion de la Legislatura (Laws of California, Approved in the October Session of the Legislature)

Date: 1857

Object ID: 90.253.297

Notes: This book published all the laws passed by the California Legislature during its October 1857 session. According to the 1850 state constitution, all laws had to be translated and published in both Spanish and English. By the 1880s, this law had been changed, and the California state government was no longer bilingual.



http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M549779;type=103

Object Name: Map Maker: George Mansen

Title: Southern Boundary of Rancho de Los Feliz

Date: December 22, 1856

Object ID: 98.91.2

Notes: Hand drawn map of eight lots adjoining the south boundary of Rancho de Los Feliz. Surveyed by George Mansen at the request of Mr. Juan Domingo, dated December 22, 1856, Los Angeles City.

