

## Statehood (1849) & Early California State

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.



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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.



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Object name: Map

Maker: H.S. Tanner

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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

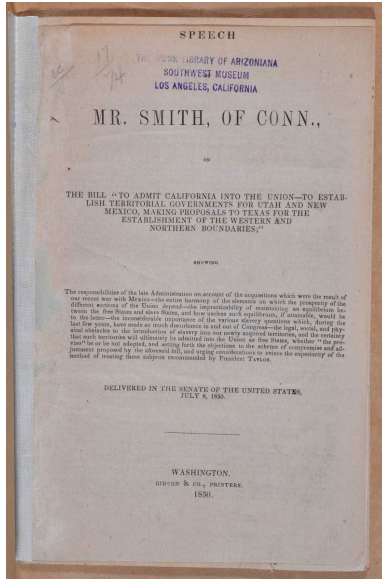
Title: *The First Capitol of the State of California at San Jose*

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.

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<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.



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Object Name: Drawing

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Maker: John Woodhouse Audubon

Title: *The Mission Indian*

Date: 1849-1851

Object ID: 22.G.978U



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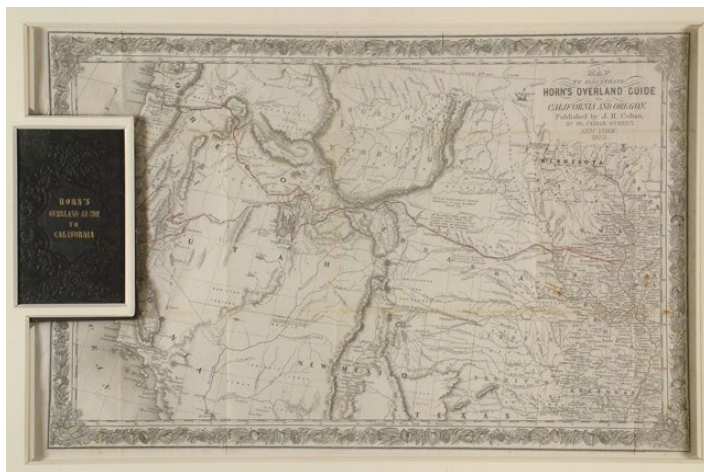
Object name: Bond

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.



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Object name: Map

Maker: Hosea B. Horn, J.H. Colton

Title: *Horn's overland guide to California*

Date: 1852

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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.



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Object name: Lettersheet

Maker: Britton & Ray



