

RAKING THE ASHES

Genealogical Strategies for Pre-1906 San Francisco Research

Nancy S. Peterson, CG

- New edition—extensively revised, updated, and expanded to include recently released records
- Concrete workarounds for a region devastated by record loss
- Useful not only to the genealogist but to anyone interested in the history of San Francisco
- A wonderful resource guide to help genealogists find the available pre-1906 records in San Francisco
- Creative use of substitute records

“A Social History of San Francisco”

The sources that make up this guide are not presented alone but in the context of the historical era that produced them . . . [It] breaks down some of the walls that have limited our sense of who is an American by including lists of records that pertain to non-whites, such as Chinese funeral home records for Americans of Chinese ancestry and an explanation and survey of Mexican era land and alcalde records.

*David M. Rubiales
Professor Emeritus, Yuba College*

“A Must for Anyone Interested in California Research”

The first edition of *Raking the Ashes* was an excellent guide to research in San Francisco . . . This second edition updates the first edition with expanded discussion and new resources and also includes a very useful set of summary pages, listing in one place the resources that might help in locating birth, marriage and death information . . . a must for anyone interested in California research.

*Jim Faulkinbury, CG
California research specialist*

“Every Major City Should be so Lucky”

Along with the records lost or extant is the historical context in which the records were created. There are numerous descriptions and lists of churches, cemeteries, funeral homes, newspapers, city directories, courts, fraternal organizations, and other resources that trace the history of these institutions.

*Randy Seaver
Blogger, GeneaMusings.com*

“Not Just for Those Impacted by the San Francisco Earthquake”

Using an assortment of unusual record groups . . . Nancy Peterson gives concrete workarounds for a region devastated by record loss. Peterson’s creative use of substitute records is a lesson for anyone with a difficult genealogical challenge to solve, not just those impacted by the San Francisco earthquake.

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