

## Buena Park Library District Obituary / Genealogy Requests

The Buena Park Library District does not provide genealogical research assistance or obituary lookups. However, we have created a handout with some information to assist you with your research.

The Buena Park Library District carries the following local newspapers:

- **The Buena Park News**
- **The Buena Park Independent**

These newspapers do not carry obituaries. Other newspapers which publish funeral announcements for this area are the **Orange County Register** (formerly the **Santa Ana Register**) and the **Los Angeles Times (Orange County edition)**. Obtaining copies of the funeral announcements sometimes proves to be difficult. Many libraries purchase the computerized versions of these newspapers. These databases often do not carry the funeral announcements. The older microfilm editions of the **Los Angeles Times** tended to duplicate the Los Angeles Times Metro Edition rather than the Orange County Edition.

At this time, these newspapers have limited online obituary lookups at their websites. You can check their websites at:

**Los Angeles Times** website: <http://www.latimes.com/news/obituaries/>

**Orange County Register** website: <http://www.legacy.com/orangecounty/Obituaries.asp>

## Obituary and Death Certificate Search Tips

To verify date of death, the following databases can be used:

**California Death Index** at: <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi>

Covers anyone who died in California between 1940 and 1997.  
(LAPL also has this from **1930-1939** on microfiche)

Search for the decedent by these fields:

- **last name, first name**
- **death date, death county**
- **surnames of Father, Mother**
- **age at death**
- **birth date, birth place**
- **Social Security number**

**Social Security Death Index** at: <http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>  
or [www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/vital/ssdi/main.htm](http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/vital/ssdi/main.htm)

98% of the records are for people who have died since 1962.

Search for the decedent by these fields:

- **last name, first name**
- **Social Security number**
- **birth date, death date**
- **year and state of issue of SS #**
- **last known residence**  
(zip code, city, county, state)

## Death Certificates

California death certificates contain the following information:

### **Decedent**

name, birth date, state of birth, address, years living in the county, age, occupation, military service, Social Security number

### **Informant**

name, address, relationship to decedent (father, daughter, etc.)

### **Spouse / Parents**

name, state of birth

### **Death info**

cause of death, place of death, name of funeral director,  
"type of disposition" (burial, cremation)  
"place of final disposition" (location of final remains)

For deaths occurring in the County of Orange, information on obtaining a copy of the death certificate can be found at the **Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Office** website at:

<http://www.oc.ca.gov/recorder/>

## SOURCES PROVIDING SERVICES

### **Anaheim Public Library**

Anaheim Public Library Local History Room will respond to requests for obituary searches. There is a fee for this service. The History Room is moving its location. For more information, contact:

Anaheim Public Library  
Elizabeth J. Schultz Local History Room  
(714) 765-1750  
website: <http://www.anaheim.net/library/>

### **Fullerton Public Library**

Fullerton Public Library will respond to requests for obituaries. There is a fee for this service. Phone or email the Fullerton Public Library for more information:

Fullerton Public Library  
353 W. Commonwealth  
Fullerton, CA 92832  
(714) 738-6327  
website: <http://fullertonlibrary.org/libinfo/contact.html>

### **Santa Ana Public Library**

Santa Ana Public Library will conduct genealogy and obituary searches for \$15.00 per search. Make a written request to the Santa Ana Public Library with the following information: **Full name of the deceased and dates of birth and death.** Make check out to [Santa Ana Public Library](#). Mail your request to:

Santa Ana Public Library  
26 Civic Center Plaza  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-4010  
Attn: Adult Reference  
Telephone: (714) 647-5271  
website: <http://www.santa-ana.org/library/research/newssearch.asp>

You may also walk in and do the research yourself. One-day visitor cards are available for a fee. Call the library for more information at 714-647-5250 or see the library's website at: <http://www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us/library/libcard/cards.asp>

### **Garden Grove Historical Society**

Garden Grove Historical Society will do limited obituary searches for no charge. They will only search their holdings of the local **Garden Grove News** from 1950 to 1985, when it ceased publication. Send your request and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Mailing address:  
Garden Grove Historical Society  
P.O. Box 4297  
Garden Grove, CA 92842

Garden Grove Historical Society  
12174 Euclid Street  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
(714) 530-8871  
Office Hours: Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

### **Orange County California Genealogical Society**

The Orange County California Genealogical Society will help you with family research for a fee. They provide look-ups for Orange County ONLY. For more information, send the request and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

OCCGS  
P.O. Box 1587  
Orange, CA 92856-1587  
website: <http://occgs.com> (Includes links to websites of related interest)

## RESOURCES FOR DOING YOUR OWN RESEARCH

### **California State University, Fullerton**

800 N State College Blvd.  
Fullerton, CA 92834  
(714) 278-2633

The CSUF Pollack Library has a complete run of the **Orange County Register** and some local community newspapers. You may walk in and do a search there yourself. There is no charge. CSUF does not respond to phone or mail inquiries. For information on directions and hours see the library website at:

<http://www.library.fullerton.edu/>

### **University of California, Irvine**

Main Library  
PO Box 19557  
Irvine, CA 92623-9557  
Library: (714) 825-7087  
Current Periodicals: (714) 824-7087  
Microforms- Serials & Newspapers: (714) 824-7234

UCI has holdings for many of the smaller, local Orange County community newspapers as well as the *Orange County Register* and the *Los Angeles Times* (1881- ). These holdings are all on microfilm, which the public is welcome to use.

Website: <http://www.lib.uci.edu/>

### **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

#### **Orange Family History Center**

674 S. Yorba Street  
Orange, CA 92693  
Tel.: (714) 997-7710

website: <http://www.familysearch.org/>

The Family History-Genealogy Centers have computer programs, microfilm, microfiche, catalogs, and some books with over 300 million names used to research family ancestry. Centers are open to the public and there is no charge except for photocopying.

### **Orange County Archives**

Old Orange County Courthouse – Room 101  
211 W. Santa Ana Blvd. (corner of Broadway and Civic Center Drive)  
Santa Ana, CA 92701  
(714) 834-2536

For hours and directions, see their website at: <http://ocrecorder.com/Archives/ArchMain.asp>

The Orange County Archives contain some material of interest such as:

- Deeds, mortgages and other property records (1889-1953)
- Great Register of Voters (1890-1968)
- Marriage certificate indexes (1889-1953 and affidavits (1889-1953)
- Naturalization records (1889-1983)
- Early Assessment rolls (1889-1963)

**Orange County Genealogical Society Collection  
Huntington Beach Public Library**

7111 Talbert Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648  
Tel: (714) 842-4481 Ext. 2227  
[http://www.hbpl.org/collections\\_genealogy.htm](http://www.hbpl.org/collections_genealogy.htm)

Open during regular library hours, but staffed by volunteers, the 16,000 books in the collection deal with family history and genealogical research

**National Archives and Records Administration**

24000 Avila Road  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92667  
Telephone: (949) 360-2641  
For hours and directions see the website at: [www.archives.gov/pacific/laguna/index.html](http://www.archives.gov/pacific/laguna/index.html)

Located in the Federal Building at Avila Road and Alegra Road, the Archives contain complete federal census records on microfilm for 1790-1930. Microfilm room is self-service.

**Los Angeles Public Library**

Central Library  
History and Genealogy Department  
630 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90071  
(213) 228-7000  
Hours: Mon – Thurs 10:00 am – 8:00 pm; Fri – Sat 10:00 am – 6:00 pm; Sun 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

For more information on the History and Genealogy collections at the Los Angeles Public Library, see their website at: [www.lapl.org/central/history.html](http://www.lapl.org/central/history.html)