



# DEBRA BOWEN

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **Secretary of State's Office Offers Media Preview Of State Archives in Advance of Annual Celebration**

**WHAT:** In advance of California Archives Month, news media are invited to a behind-the-scenes preview of the State Archives and the collections that will be showcased during an October 2 public event.

This autumn marks the 160<sup>th</sup> year of California's admission to the union (September 1850). California's early documents were written in both English and Spanish, and an official State Translator was among the first government officials. Related highlights of the State Archives collections will be on public display only during a four-hour open house October 2, including:

- **The Spanish version of the 1849 California Constitution;**
- **Early census records, and land grant maps and documents;**
- **Correspondence between Mexican Revolution leader Cipriano Ricardo Flores Magón and Governor Hiram Johnson; and**
- **Items related to Mexican bandit Joaquín Murrieta.**

Media may also photograph part of the 105,000 cubic feet of archival records housed in secure, climate-controlled storage rooms; and the archives preservation lab where technicians work to repair documents for proper display and storage.

As the custodian of the State Archives, Secretary of State Debra Bowen maintains the complete records of the official acts of the legislative and executive branches of state government, as well as a treasure trove of Golden State history.

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 30, 2010  
Call the Secretary of State's Communications Office to schedule visit  
(Credentialed media only)

**WHERE:** California State Archives  
1020 O Street  
Sacramento

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