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California State Archives Launch New Facebook Page to Showcase State History

SACRAMENTO – Today Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced that the [California State Archives](#), a division of the Secretary of State's office, has launched a new Facebook page to showcase California history.

You can visit and like the California State Archives' Facebook Page at: <http://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaArchives/>

“For 166 years, the State Archives has worked to preserve and provide access to the history of California,” Secretary of State Padilla said. “Launching this Facebook page will further the Archives' mission and provide yet another platform to tell the story of California. Like the page for a look at rare photos, original documents, correspondence, and other artifacts that illustrate the vibrant history of the Golden State.”

“Facebook provides another important digital platform to share some of the unique pieces of California history contained in the State Archives' collections,” said Tamara Martin, Managing Archivist for Public Programs. “We are excited to provide the public a new way to view treasures from the State Archives that tell California's story.”

This is the latest in Secretary of State Padilla's efforts to digitize materials from the State Archives and make them available online to a global audience.

Last month, Padilla announced a new partnership for the State Archives to digitize exhibits for inclusion on the Google Cultural Institute. The first three exhibits highlight the history of California state parks, the California Secretary of State's office, and showcase campaign materials created by the nation's first political consulting firm, Campaigns Inc.

To view the State Archives' exhibits available via the Google Cultural Institute visit: <https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/beta/partner/california-state-archives>

In April, nearly [4,000 digitized California trademark images and applications filed with the Secretary of State between 1861 and 1900](#) were released online. These images and documents were the largest digital collection ever assembled by the State Archives.

About the California State Archives:

California's first legislature, meeting in 1849–50, charged the Secretary of State to receive "...all public records, registered maps, books, papers, rolls, documents and other writings . . . which appertain to or are in any way connected with the political history and past administration of the government of California." The California State Archives, a division of the Secretary of State's office, continues to serve in the spirit of those early instructions, providing a repository for the state's permanent governmental records as well as other materials documenting California history.

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