



## **RESEARCH RESOURCES**

It is important to provide additional documentation to support your application for Determination of Historic Significance. This Research Resources document is meant to be a helpful tool in locating relevant resources; however it is not a comprehensive guide. If you need additional research assistance you may enlist the help of a professional historian, however professional assistance is not required for the application process. Before beginning your research, review of the *City of Coronado Designation Criteria Guidelines* document, available at the Community Development Department and on the City's website [www.coronado.ca.us](http://www.coronado.ca.us)

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### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES**

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**City of Coronado  
Community Development Department  
1825 Strand Way, Coronado  
Phone (619) 522-7326  
Hours: Mon –Thurs 7:30am to 5:30pm  
Friday 8:00am-5:00pm**

**What you can find here:**  
Permit Records  
Zoning Information  
Previous Survey Information

The Community Development Department has records of permits that have been issued for properties within Coronado including building, plumbing, sewer, mechanical permits and special planning approvals. The permits usually indicate the type of work completed, the date, property owner's name, contractor's name, value of the project and the cost of the permit. Records are kept digitally on PaperVision, or on microfiche, and self research can be conducted at any time during office hours. Copies of permits can be made for \$1.00 per page. In order to get you started, the Community Development Department staff will need the address of the property you wish to research. Assistance, if needed, will also be given in accessing permits in PaperVision, or operating the microfiche reader/printer.

**San Diego County Assessors/Recorders  
Office  
1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego  
Phone (619) 236-3771**

**What you can find here:**  
Residential Building Record  
Master Property Record  
Deed Information  
Notice of Completion

Property records are available to the public on microfilm, and can be accessed during normal business hours. Assistance is available with locating records. It is recommended that you come prepared with the property address, assessor's parcel number, and original owner and builder/architect information if you have it. Property records that you can access using the microfilm include Master Property Records, Deed Information (Chain of Title), and Notices of Completion. There is a fee for printing any documents from microfilm. The Residential Building Record is not accessed with microfilm, but is available at the counter for a small fee. Only the property owner of record, or an individual with written authorization from the property owner, may receive a copy of this document.

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## **FEE BASED ARCHIVES**

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**The Coronado Historical Association**  
**1100 Orange Avenue, Coronado**  
**(619) 435-7242**  
**archivist@coronadohistory.org**  
[www.coronadohistory.org/archives.html](http://www.coronadohistory.org/archives.html)

**What you can find here:**  
Permit Records  
Previous Survey Information  
Historic Photographs  
Biographical Information  
Architectural Drawings

The Archives of the Coronado Historical Association contain more than a century's worth of photographs, documents, family papers, periodicals, and civic and governmental records pertaining to the City of Coronado. Primary subjects covered include the Hotel del Coronado and Tent City, City Building Department records, and naval aviation. Self research is free for CHS members and \$20 per visit for non-members. The archivist will conduct research for the following fees: Members – First half-hour free, \$20 per half-hour thereafter; Non-members – First half-hour \$20, and \$40 per half-hour thereafter. Please contact the archivist in advance to arrange for a visit.

**The San Diego History Center**  
**Casa de Balboa, Lower Level**  
**1649 El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego**  
**(619) 232-6203**  
[www.sandiegohistory.org/research\\_library.html](http://www.sandiegohistory.org/research_library.html)  
Admission Fee: \$6; \$2 for students with ID  
Members free

**What you can find here:**  
Historic Photographs  
Architectural Drawings  
Biographical Information  
Article Clipping Files  
Historic San Diego City and County Directories

Here the researcher finds an extensive collection of original maps, manuscripts, architectural drawings and public records. Also available are prints of over 2 million images, documenting 125 years of life and development in San Diego County. Online resources include photograph and document collections, and a searchable database of all past issues of the Journal of San Diego History. The online resources can be accessed at:

[https://www.sandiegohistory.org/online\\_resources.html](https://www.sandiegohistory.org/online_resources.html)

It should be noted that photographs found on the website are the property of The San Diego History Center and should not be used without permission. A schedule of fees for use of the photographs is found on the website.

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## **HELPFUL DOCUMENTS**

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The following National Register Bulletins are helpful in the analysis of historic resources. While National Register Bulletins are written with nationally significant resources in mind, the concepts can easily be applied to local significance. These, as well as other helpful documents, are available online at: <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/publications/>

- How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation
- Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Properties Associated with Significant Persons
- Guidelines for Evaluating and Nominating Properties that Have Achieved Significance in the Past Fifty Years

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## PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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**Coronado Public Library**  
**640 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118**  
**Phone (619) 522-7390**  
[www.coronado.lib.ca.us](http://www.coronado.lib.ca.us)

**What you can find here:**  
Books on Coronado History  
Indexed Local Newspapers  
Historic Coronado City Directories  
Research Databases

### Annotated Bibliography

- Ref 720.28 ALL      *All About Old Buildings*. Edited by Diane Maddex for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Washington, DC: Preservation Press, 1985.  
The reader finds listings of organizations to contact, and suggested books and articles to read on numerous preservation topics.
- 979.498 BRA      Brandes, Ray. *Coronado We Remember*. Coronado, CA: Coronado Historical Association and Coronado Beach Museum, 1993.  
Coronado residents, past and present, with many of the biographies written by family members. Entries are arranged in alphabetical order beginning with the Acosta Family and ending with the Zacharias Family. One finds illustrations and a subject index.
- 979.498 CAR      Carlin, Katherine Eitzen and Ray Brandes. *Coronado: The Enchanted Island*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Coronado, CA: Coronado Historical Association, 1998.  
The book traces the history of Coronado from its village beginnings to its transformation into a city. Both authors lived in Coronado for many years. A subject index is included.
- Ref 720.3 DIC      *Dictionary of Architecture and Construction*. Edited by Cyril Harris. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1975.  
The book provides terms used by professional architects and contractors arranged alphabetically, and over 1,700 illustrations.  
The author was Professor of Architecture in the Graduate School of Architecture and Planning at Columbia University.
- 728 HOW      Howard, Hugh. *How Old Is This House?* New York: Farrar Straus & Giroux, 1989.  
A primer for the old-house owner and renovator. It provides investigative techniques to distinguish architectural styles. The author describes how to interrupt an older house's past in order to make more informed decisions about preservation, restoration and renovation. It includes a glossary, an index and a bibliography.
- 720.973McA      McAlester, Virginia & Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Knopf, 2004.  
A guide to architectural styles across America from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present. Pictures, diagrams, and simple description provide

assistance in identifying architectural styles and features.

- Office Ref. 979.498 PET Peterson, J. Harold. *The Coronado Story*, 2d Edition. Coronado, CA: Coronado Federal Savings & Loan Association, 1959.  
Nostalgic tales of author's years in Coronado. Firsthand accounts of Coronado's businesses, community organizations, and political activities from 1910 to the 1950's.
- 979.498 SUD Sudsbury, Elretta. *Jackrabbits To Jets: The History of North Island*. San Diego, CA: Neyenesch Printers, Inc., 1967.  
Consult this book if you need information on Naval Aviation, and in particular, early aviators flying out of North Island. Book includes and index and an excellent chronology of events.
- 720.9794 WEI Weitze, Karen J. *California's Mission Revival*. Los Angeles, CA: Hennessey & Ingalls, Inc., 1984.  
A fascinating story of how California discovered a source for a distinctive regional style. Written while the author was doing work on her doctorate at Stanford University, the text offers a history of the Mission Revival style. The book contains a subject index.

Local Newspapers Microfilm Collection - The collection is housed in metal filing cabinets in the reference area. The newspaper microfilm record contains every newspaper published in Coronado from 1887 to the present. The newspaper record can be helpful in researching the historic significance of your property by searching for articles on people, places or events associated with it. There is a partial index to some of the microfilm record.

Coronado Newspaper Index - The index can guide you to specific articles about people, places, and events in the newspaper microfilm collection. The following is an overview of the index:

*What is indexed:* All news and feature articles, letters, obituaries, announcements (birth, wedding, engagement & anniversary), photographs, supplements and archival advertisements.

*What is not indexed:* Organization meeting announcements, sports photographs & articles, police, fire & lifeguard logs, non-Coronado articles, classified or public notices.

*Coronado Eagle-Journal* 8/19/1998 – current

*Coronado Eagle* 1/18/1995 – 3/1/1995 and 1/3/1996 – 8/12/1998

*Coronado Journal* 9/1/1923 – fall/1929 and 1/2/1998 – 8/14/1998

*Coronado Strand* 5/24/1912 – 9/1/1923

*El Patio* 8/21/1920 – 9/24/1921

*Coronado Saturday Night* 1/6/1923 – 5/19/1923

*Coronado Mercury* 8/21/1888 – 7/18/1896

*Coronado Evening Mercury* 5/16/1887 – 10/25/1888

(There were no newspapers published in Coronado from July 19, 1896 – May 23, 1912)

All obituaries which appeared in Coronado newspapers from 1887 – 1929 and 1993 – current are indexed. Other selected obituaries are indexed.

Some miscellaneous articles appearing in or referring to non-indexed Coronado newspapers from mid-1929 – 1998 have been indexed. These include the complete “clipping file,” the *Coronado Eagle- Journal* feature column “Time Was When,” and some stories that have been the subject of inquiry.

#### Research Databases

Access is available through the library’s catalog or website, with the exception of *Ancestry.com* which is available for in-library use only.

*Ancestry.com* - Search historic records for census, birth, marriage, death records, and voting records. Verify dates of residency, family relationships, and spelling of names.

*ProQuest Historical LA Times* (Years indexed: 1881-1986). - Locate articles on prominent people as well as architects and builders working in Southern California.

**San Diego Public Library**  
**Special Collections, Central Library**  
**820 E Street, San Diego, 92101**  
**(619) 236-5834**  
<http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>

**What you can find here:**  
Books on Local History  
Indexed Local Newspapers  
Historic Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps  
Article Clipping Files  
Historic City and County Directories  
Southwest Builder & Contractor

In the Special Collections sections of the San Diego Central Library, you can research local history at the California Room, family history in the Genealogy Room, and search newspaper indices in the Newspaper room. Among the many helpful resources in the California Room are copies of historic Sanborn Fire Insurance maps; historical newspapers and clippings; and Southwest Builder & Contractor. Many of the same titles that are listed in the Annotated Bibliography for the Coronado Public Library are also available at the San Diego Public Library. The library catalog can be searched at the website address listed above.

If you have a San Diego Public Library card you can access many databases and indices, including historic Sanborn maps, from outside the library.