



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/preservation

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

**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 and on microfiche, and self research can be conducted at any time during office hours. Copies of permits can be made for a fee. 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 digital permits 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.

FEE BASED ARCHIVES

The Coronado Historical Association
1100 Orange Avenue, Coronado
(619) 435-7242
archivist@coronadohistory.org
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. The archivist will conduct research for a fee, please contact CHA for a current fee schedule.

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
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

California Title Search Co.
(858) 278-8797
<http://www.lotbook.com/>

This company, which specializes in properties in most California and Arizona counties, will conduct a full historical chain of title search for a fee. A chain of title provides a complete history of the ownership of your property and is helpful in determining whether the property is significant for association with an individual. If you use this company to perform a title search, be sure to request that a Notice of Completion search be conducted as well. The Notice of Completion can be helpful in identifying whether an architect or contractor is associated with the construction of the structure.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Coronado Public Library
640 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118
Phone (619) 522-7390
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. One finds illustrations and a subject index.
- 979.498 CAR Carlin, Katherine Eitzen and Ray Brandes. *Coronado: The Enchanted Island*, 3rd 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 17th 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 an 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 Central Library
330 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 92101
(619) 236-5800
<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
San Diego Union Archives

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 at the following link:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/catalog-databases/databases/index.shtml>

INTERNET RESOURCES

Ancestry.com

www.ancestry.com

What you can find here:

US Federal Census Records

US Voting Registers

City Directories

Birth, death, and marriage records

Military Service Records

Immigration Records

Countless historical documents are digitally catalogued here. Searching Ancestry is the most helpful resource for finding out where an individual lived over time, and finding out information on their occupation, military service, etc. You can access Ancestry.com for free at the Coronado Public Library. There is a fee for accessing the service privately from your own computer.

California Digital Newspaper Collection

<http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc>

This collection contains digital images of more than 60,000 newspaper issues from historical newspapers throughout California and the United States. The California Digital Newspaper Collection is a project of the Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research at University of California, Riverside.

Calisphere

<http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

Calisphere hosts thousands of photographs, documents, works of art, and other historical materials from museums, libraries, and institutions. The original materials reside in the contributing institutions and have been digitized for viewing online.

Chronicling America

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Search America's historic newspaper pages from 1836-1922 or use the U.S. Newspaper Directory to find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present. Chronicling America is sponsored jointly by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress.

Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/>

In addition to the Chronicling America database, the Library of Congress also provides access to digital resources including historic prints and photographs, maps, manuscripts, film, and sound recordings, just to name a few.

Modern San Diego

<http://www.modernsandiego.com/>

Clicking on the “architects” link on the left hand side of the Modern San Diego page provides biographies and lists of works for many architects who practiced in the San Diego region during the Mid-Century period. The “neighborhoods” link gives a list of Modern works arranged by neighborhood. And the “modern map” link connects to a Google map locating Modern works throughout the San Diego County.

Pacific Coast Architecture Database

<https://digital.lib.washington.edu/architect/>

The Pacific Coast Architecture Database (PCAD) includes a range of information on the buildings and designers of California, Oregon and Washington. Professionals in other fields related to architecture have also been included, such as landscape architects, interior designers, engineers, urban planners, developers, and building contractors. Building records are tied to those of their creators (when known) and include historical and geographical information and images. Bibliographical information, such as magazine citations, book citations and web sites, has also been linked for creators and structures.

HELPFUL DOCUMENTS

The following National Register Bulletins are the basis for Coronado’s Designation Criteria Guidelines, and may be of additional help 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