

**Probate Records, Sonoma County,  
California  
Index for 1847 to 1959**

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The Sonoma County, California, Superior Court currently archives a probate index for the years 1847 through 1959 and contains 28,765 records. The index is also available at the Local History and Genealogy Annex of the Sonoma County Library in Santa Rosa.

Probate records generally relate to the disposition of an estate after the owner's death. However, the records found in the Sonoma County Index also contain a number of additional types of records including adoption, conservator ship, establishing identity, homestead, in competency, insanity, and others. The names of minors frequently, but not always, appear. The type of file is identified in the last column of the tables that follow and is abbreviated as follows:

a (adoption)	ins (insane)
con (conservatorship)	jt (joint tenancy)
d (deceased)	mp (missing person)
don (donor)	o (orphan)
ei (establishing identity)	p (petition or petitioner)
m (minor)	res (restoration to capacity)
g (guardian)	t (trustee)
h (homestead)	
inc (incompetent)	

### **Surname Spelling Variations**

We have adhered as closely as possible to the spellings given in the index and this may cause some anomalies in the sequence of surnames. For example, surnames such as DeCarli, McKean, etc., are sometimes spelled with a space separating the parts, as De Carli or Mc Kean and therefore will not be listed next to each other alphabetically. In addition, occasionally the first part may be excluded and placed with the given name. For example, Carli may be indexed with the Cs instead of the Ds. The researcher is advised to be aware of these anomalies and search accordingly.

### **Condition of Index**

The index from which these data were read was copied onto a DVD from microfilm which, in many cases, varied from difficult to impossible to read. A sample is given here:

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Dec 3	9128	St John, et c	" 17 428
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" 11 1926	9164	Stone George M.	" 17 " 1
" 20	9176	Stohs, Kristina	" 17 176
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" "	9440	Stout, M. Irvine	Dec 227
" 30	9440	Stout, Joseph	" " 227
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Jan 14	9500	Stutz, George P.	" 18 300
" 25	9510	Stutz, Margaret	" " 313
Feb 4	9516	Stutz, Emma et c.	" " 317
" 11	9539	Stuckland, Floyd	Jan 18 340
" 16	9541	Stutz, Sarah A.	Dec 211
Jan 24	9509	Stutz, Carl F.	" 18 341
Feb 25	9547	Stutz, Emma, Emma	" " 341
March 21	9572	Stutz, Bruce Catherine	" 18 341
" "	9574	Stutz, John	" 18 341
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" 6	9598	Sydney, W. B.	" " 341

If the entry on this index could not be determined, SCGS volunteers went to the Sonoma County Court House to gather what information they could from the actual filmed probate records, which are filed by file number.

It was discovered that some file numbers were missing from the index. Many of these were recovered from the probate register book which is kept in the Sonoma County Archives. For whatever reason some case numbers appear not to have ever been assigned. No cases were filed under these numbers: 874, 1787, 1953, 2112, 2593, 2594, and 2656.

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