South Bay Family History Resources

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I. The California History Room, San Jose Public Library
   a. California Room Index [A-Z searchers or keyword search]
   b. Yearbooks some digitized with text and images
   c. Property materials [can be used to track where people lived]
      i. Block books [indicate property owners]
      ii. Building permits -index for 1910-1920 and microfilm 1940-1980s
      iii. City Directories 1870-present; find people, where they worked and
            what they did; check the back of the book for smaller towns

II. Archives, Santa Clara University
   a. Santa Clara Mission Sacramental Records
      i. 1777-1850 are available online at
         http://content.scu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/mission. No
            registration required.
      ii. Post-1850 are located in the Archive; Schedule an appointment to
          view the manuscripts in person. Send an email to specialcollections@scu.edu
          to have records retrieved allowing two days.

          1. Baptismal records: through 1862
          2. Confirmation records: through 1896
          3. Marriage records: through 1903
          4. Burial records: through 1894
          5. Early California Population Project
III. How this library and the above two helped recreated the story of the women in the portraits and Ora Lee Hirsch Merritt

A. *George Bellomy: Pioneer of Oregon and California* by Connie Graves

B. *Ancestry Library Edition* for census records, passport applications

C. **Santa Clara Mission Sacramental records** for Baptism, marriage records for George Bellomy, Rosa Fermina Bellomy

D. *Historic Mercury Newspapers* for obituaries, other news

E. *Connections* for listing of Maria de Jesus Bellomy as a “Sole Trader”

F. *Early Vital Records* microfilm

IV. Ora Lee Hirsch Merritt

a. *Historic Mercury Newspapers*

b. *Biography clipping file*

c. *Santa Clara Cemeteries* by Bea Lichtenstein

d. *Ancestry Library edition*

e. *Search Engine* her daughter and son-in-law’s obituaries

f. *ReferenceUSA* for contacting living relatives