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New Online Document in Digital Library Helps Genealogy Research *Includes 72,340 entries of obituaries and death notices from local papers*

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library has recently added an important new document to the [SDPL Digital Library collection](#). This new document indexes obituaries and death notices in the *San Diego Union* (from 1868-1915) and the *San Diego Herald* (from 1851-1860). Until now, research of this type required extensive manual research in the older indexes and papers.

Each entry in the listing shows the name, age of decedent, and the date and page number in the newspaper where the obituary or death notice appeared. The current project document, now online, includes 72,340 entries in 372 pages. Users can search the entire document online, or download a copy of the document for local research.

The document is available online, in the San Diego Public Library Digital Library, [here](#). In addition to the online document, there is a printed copy available for viewing in the California Room at the Central Library.

“Anyone using this new resource to find obituaries from these periods will be very happy. It’s an essential tool for studying San Diego genealogy” said Special Collections’ Librarian Rick Crawford. “Preparing this part has been a labor-intensive but rewarding project. We can use volunteer assistance in adding more of the local obituary information to the online Digital

Library collection.”

Future steps in this project call for more entries, covering indexes for the years 1916 until 1983. Anyone interested in volunteering to help can contact Mr. Crawford via e-mail at rcrawford@sandiego.gov, or by phone at 619-236-5852.

The new service is available to anyone from in the San Diego Public libraries, and from their home/work/remote computers. For more information about the Library’s Digital Library, visit the Library Web site at <http://www.sandiegolibrary.org/> and select “Digital Library Collection,” listed under “Resources & Research.”

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