

“Rolls” of California Indians

(1928, 1948, 1972 enrollments)

Microfilmed records relating to California Indian Judgment Rolls.

- NRHS I-32 *1928 California Indian Enrollment Applications* (33 rolls). Original records at Archives I in Washington, DC. Originally filmed by the BIA
- M1853 *Indians of California Census Rolls, Authorized Under the Act of May 18, 1928, as Amended, Approved May 16-17, 1933* (1 roll). The original is in San Bruno.
- M1841 *Revised Roll of California Indians Approved June 30, 1955* (5 rolls). Filmed by GSU in 2003, original in San Bruno.

Timeline of California Judgment Enrollment:

- 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo cedes lands in California to the United States.
- 1850 Congress authorizes 3 men as agents and allows funding for treaties to be negotiated.
- 1852 June 1, 1852 18 treaties are negotiated and signed and submitted to the Senate for Ratification. The Senate rejected the treaties.
- 1928 Act of May 18, 1928 brings a suit in US Court of Claims on behalf of California Indians for benefits they would have received under the unratified treaties.
- 1933 May 17, 1933 the roll is closed. (**M1853** and **NRHS I-32**)
- 1944 December 4, 1944 California Indian Claim is settled. \$5 million is sent to Treasury.
- 1947 Indian Claims Commission is created and a new case is tried in the Court of Claims on behalf of the California Indians.
- 1948 Act of June 30, 1948 called for a revised roll, providing for the enrollment of descendants born since May 18, 1928 (and the removal of those who had died)
- 1950 Act of May 24, 1950 authorized a payment of \$150 from the judgment fund to each enrolled California Indian living on that date (from the 1944 settlement).
- 1955 California Revised Roll was approved as 5 bound volumes with 36,094 names closed on June 30, 1955. (**M1841**)
- 1963 The case initiated in 1947 is settled after 16 years for \$29.1 million.
- 1964 Act of October 7, 1964 the money is sent to Treasury.
- 1968 Act of September 21, 1968 authorized enrollment of California Indians to share in the 1964 judgment fund (and distribution of the \$1.1 million remaining from the 1944 settlement).
- 1971 February 4, 1971 California judgment roll was closed. Listing was created, the application files are in San Bruno. Volunteers are currently working on an index.

NOTE: This enrollment and the subsequent “rolls” are not the same as tribal enrollments, censuses or other affiliation records.