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Introduction

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of Kern County, the Kern County Historical Society has provided a second bibliography composed of published books pertaining to the history of Kern County, California. This updated bibliography is also put together to commemorate the 1966 Centennial Bibliography written by the late historian William Harland Boyd who provided a list of known books and pamphlets on Kern County's history that were published from 1866 to 1965. The current bibliography presented here is a follow up to the original list which includes books published from 1966 to 2016. The new list primarily provides reference to published books and a complete list of Huell Howser public television programs (esp. "California's Gold") that pertains to Kern County's history and regional heritage. It is with hope that this bibliography may be a useful resource for those who want to know more about Kern County and learn how special this place has been and can be for future generations.

This book is divided into eight areas of general interest:

- **Bibliographies and Regional Overview**
- **Historical Periods and Events**
- **Ethnic Groups**
- **The Valley**
- **The Mountains**
- **The Desert**
- **Miscellany**
- **Huell Howser in Kern County (1992-2012)**
- **Huell Howser in the Carrizo Plain (1992-2005)**

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Please consider this bibliography a work in progress.

For further research on Kern County's history, prehistory and regional points of interest please refer to the following places to research any papers, articles, photographs and other archival materials:

- Beale Memorial Library's Local History Room (Bakersfield, CA)
- Kern County Genealogical Room & Kern County Genealogical Society at the Beale Memorial Library (Bakersfield, CA)
- History, Cultural Resource Center and Conference/Gathering Room at the Bakersfield Indian Health Project (Bakersfield, CA)
- Historical Research Center at the Walter W. Stiern Library (CSU Bakersfield)
- Bakersfield College Archives at the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library (Bakersfield College)
- Adobe Krow Archives (Bakersfield, CA)
- *Bakersfield Californian* (Bakersfield, CA)
- Kern County Museum (Bakersfield, CA)
- Kern Valley Museum & Historical Society (Kernville, CA)
- Maturango Museum (Ridgecrest, CA)
- Air Force Flight Test Center Museum (Edwards, CA)
- Buck Owens Crystal Palace Museum (Bakersfield, CA)
- Delano Heritage Park & Delano Historical Society (Delano, CA)
- East Kern Historical Museum Society (California City, CA)
- Fort Tejon State Historic Park (Lebec, CA)
- Havilah Courthouse Museum (Caliente, CA)
- Historical Society of the Upper Mojave Desert (Ridgecrest, CA)
- Minter Field Air Museum (Shafter, CA)
- Nuui Cunni Native American Intertribal Cultural Center (Lake Isabella, CA)
- Rand Desert Museum (Randsburg, CA)
- Ridge Route Communities Museum & Historical Society (Frazier Park, CA)
- Shafter Depot Museum & Shafter Historical Society (Shafter, CA)
- Col. Saxon Jr. Aerospace Museum (Boron, CA)
- Tehachapi Museum (Tehachapi, CA)
- Twenty Mules Team Museum (Boron, CA)
- U.S. Naval Museum of Armament & Technology (Ridgecrest, CA)
- Wasco Historical Museum (Wasco, CA)
- West Kern Oil Museum (Taft, CA)
- California Living Museum (Bakersfield, CA)
- EFBC Feline Conservation Center (Rosamond, CA)
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Topic: Tejon Ranch

Episode#133: *Wasco* (2007)

Topics: Wasco's Rose industry; Wasco's history

Episode#149: *B2 Bomber Update* (2012)

Topics: Edwards Air Force Base; B2 Bomber aircraft

Episode#308: *A Tale of Two Cities* (1992)

Topics: Allensworth (in Kings County) and Kernville's old town site

Episode#601: *Weedpatch* (1995)*

Topics: Weedpatch migrant children school site (Dust Bowl era)

Episode #609: *Oil* (1995)

Topics: West Kern Oil Museum; Midway-Sunset Field; Lakeview Gusher

Episode#708: *Dry Lake Bed* (1996)

Topics: Edwards Air Force Base

Episode#709: *Camels and Bison* (1996)*

Topics: U.S. Camel Corps at Fort Tejon; Bison herd on Catalina Island

Episode#909: *Big Things in the Desert* (1998)*

Topics: Boron; Borax open pit mine

Episode#3012: *Windmills* (2001)*

Topics: California windmills including Tehachapi's wind energy turbines

Episode#8004: *Cotton* (2006)

Topics: Cotton Industry; Buttonwillow

Episode#8005: *Noriega's* (2006)

Topics: Noriega's Basque Restaurant in East Bakersfield

Episode #9012: *Shark's Tooth Hill* (2006)

Topics: Sharktooth Hill; Bob Ernst, Buena Vista Museum of Natural History

Episode#10003: *Kern River Preserve* (2006)

Topics: Kern River Audubon Preserve

Episode#10010: *Randsburg* (2008)

Topics: Randsburg community

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Topics: China Lake Petroglyphs; Maturango Museum

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Topics: Taft's Oildorado Days 100th Anniversary

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Topics: Dryden Flight Research Center @ Edwards Air Force Base

Episode#15002: *Chavez Center* (2012)

Topics: Cesar Chavez Foundation at Keene, CA

California's Golden Parks

Episode#162: *Trona Pinnacles* (2008)

Topics: Trona Pinnacles

Episode#163: *Red Rock Canyon State Park* (2008)

Topics: Red Rock Canyon's History; Geology; Paleontology

California's Water

Episode#118: *Ground Water Banking* (2008)

Topics: Kern Water Bank Authority

Road Trip with Huell Howser

Episode#104: *Tehachapi* (2001)

Topic: Tehachapi

Episode#112: *Bakersfield* (2002)

Topics: Wool Growers Restaurant; Tule Elk Reserve; Buck Owens Crystal Palace; Kern County Museum; Dewar's Candy; Guthrie's Alley Cat

Episode#122: *Ridge Route* (2003)

Topics: Original "Ridge Route" that connected LA to Bakersfield (circa 1910s)

Episode#137: *Oildorado* (2006)

Topics: Taft's 95th Anniversary; West Kern Oil Museum; Oildorado celebration

Visiting with Huell Howser

Episode#215: *One-Room Schoolhouse* (1994)*

Topics: Woody's historic school house

Episode#506: *B2 Bomber* (1997)*

Topics: Edwards Air Force Base [Also see California's Gold #149: *B2 Bomber Update*]

Episode#710: *Fort Tejon* (2007)

Topics: Fort Tejon State Historic Monument

HUELL HOWSER IN THE CARRIZO PLAIN (1992-2005)¹

California's Gold

Episode#309: *Things That Crawl In The Night* (1992)*

Topic: Carrizo Plain; Kangaroo Rats

[Also includes segment on “the grunion run” at Cabrillo Beach, San Pedro]

California's Golden Parks

Episode#132: *Carrizo Plain* (2005)

Topics: Carrizo Plain National Monument (in San Luis Obispo County & Kern County region)

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