

Users guide to the Jim Sleeper index cards

The cards are organized alphabetically into two major categories – Subjects and Biographies. They include references to Sleeper's research and clippings files and other published sources. The Newspaper Clippings citations generally give the name of the newspaper, a specific topic (or date) and the page number where it can be found. Thus on, say, the "Fires" card, a citation for "Reg (Hathaway '26) 1234, 1273" indicates there are clippings on the 1926 Hathaway fire on pages 1,234 and 1,273 of Sleeper's Santa Ana Register clippings. Other newspaper abbreviations used in both the clippings and the index cards include DEB (Daily Evening Blade), WB (Weekly Blade), ODN (Orange Daily News), and SA Ind (Santa Ana Independent).

The abbreviations on cards are the main challenge in using them. Some are specific to Sleeper's collection, such as "c/w" (i.e. compare with his card on that subject), "fl." for file or folder, and "see file," or simply "in" and the name of a research file (and sometimes a number if there is more than one file on the same subject). In many cases there are cross-reference cards in both categories for Sleeper's various abbreviations. This is always the first place to check when faced with a mystery. For books and other publications, Sleeper generally uses short titles or simply the author's name, followed by a page number. For titles, the *Centennial Bibliography of Orange County* (1989) can be helpful for earlier works. In some cases, authors are represented by first names or abbreviations. Thus "MYM" is used for Mildred Yorba MacArthur, and simply "Phil" is used for Phil Brigandi's book, *Orange: The City 'Round the Plaza*. Community names are often abbreviated ("SA" for Santa Ana, "An" for Anaheim, "Lag" for Laguna Beach, "RSM" for Rancho Santa Margarita). If a modern map does not unravel any mysteries, Phil Brigandi's Orange County Place Names A to Z should prove useful.

Photographs are generally indexed from Sleeper's file prints and negatives. These are filed numerically; thus a reference to "Pix in #79" leads to a print in file #79, while "Neg in 67" would lead to a negative in file #67."

Due to space limitations, Sleeper had in later years moved some of his files to overflow storage, designating them as GAR (that is, Garage) files. All of these files have been returned to the main Research Files series and can be found there. He had also moved some of his index cards to an overflow file (abbreviated OFC or Overflow Cards). These cards have also been re-filed into the main series. It should be noted that the cards are not always perfectly alphabetized, and sometimes two or more brief references are included on the same card when they share the same surname or are merely close alphabetically.

Some Other Common Abbreviations: (See the cross-reference cards for more information)

1. AYNB: Alfonso Yorba Notebook, now in Research Files

2. Biblio or BiblioCal: BiblioCal Notes
3. Bowers: material held by Bowers Museum in Santa Ana
4. Bundy: 1889 Orange County Division scrapbook, now in the Sleeper Newspaper Clippings.
5. Courier: County Courier, Orange County Historical Society newsletter
6. DMB: Daily Morning Blade (when followed by page number), or Dan M. Baker
7. ET: El Toro (now Lake Forest)
8. Friis: Leo Friis, Orange County Through Four Centuries (1965)
9. Gaz: Anaheim Gazette
10. GTN: Ghost Town News
11. HSSC: Historical Society of Southern California
12. Hunt.: Old Hunters Series clippings, now in Clippings Files
13. IHSC : Illustrated History of Southern California (1890)
14. IR: Irvine Ranch
15. IWN : Irvine World News
16. JEP: J.E. Pleasants
17. Klein: Leo Friis, Kleinigkeiten (1975)
18. Lee: Ellen Lee, Newport Bay, A Pioneer History (1973)
19. MC: Mother Colony Room, Anaheim Public Library (now the Anaheim Heritage Center). See the MC reference card for an explanation of other abbreviations used to describe their collection
20. Meadows: followed by a page number is generally a reference to Historic Place Names of Orange County (1966); otherwise a reference to historian Don Meadows
21. MM: Orange County Register's "Millennium Moments" series, now in Research Files
22. Mug: A portrait (mugshot)
23. Neff: Material in Nat Neff Collection.

24. Neffotos: Photographs from the Nat Neff Collection
25. NPB: Newport Beach
26. OCHS: Orange County History Series, volumes I, II, or III
27. OCPC: Orange County Planning Commission Historical Landmarks Project, now in Research Files
28. Pam: Either Pamela Hallan-Gibson or her book, *Dos Cientos Años en San Juan Capistrano* (1975)
29. Pulley PO: Tom Pulley's unpublished history of Orange County post offices, filed under Post Offices in Research Files
30. Reg¹/₄ : Santa Ana Register Quarter Centennial Edition, 1913
31. Silv: Silverado
32. SBVM: Saddleback Valley News
33. TCN: Trabuco Canyon News
34. TES: Terry Elmo Stephenson
35. VOCP: Visiting Orange County's Past (1985)
36. WPA: Works Progress Administration Orange County History Project (1935-39), available in Special Collections. This abbreviation is often followed by the name of a particular volume, such as "NR" (Natural Resources) or "PT" (Pioneer Tales). Sometimes the name of a volume (particularly "Pioneer Tales") is used without specifying WPA.

There are also smaller series of index cards related to some of Sleeper's specific research topics:

1. Rancho Santa Margarita Chronological Outlines (1769-1993). A yearly chronology of people, places, and events.
2. Geographical Index of Rancho Viejo Properties. Notes on places and place names on the ranch.
3. Rancho Santa Margarita Archives, Subjects/Biographies. Incomplete index to Sleeper's research binders; seems to only cover volumes I and II. See Rancho Mission Viejo sub-series.
4. Movies (1910-1930). Summarize Orange County motion picture production in the silent era. The cards are organized by community or location and generally include such

production information as date, title, director, and star(s), along with references to material in Sleeper's newspaper clippings.

5. Index of Modjeska/Fleming Notes. See Research files.
6. Societas Fraternia. Index to Sleeper's research notes. See Placentia Grass-Eaters sub-series.
7. Index of Jim Sleepers Citrus Label Collection. Organized by packing house. See Citrus Labels sub-series.
8. Mining Claims. Two sets of index cards summarizing 19th century mining claims filed in the Santa Ana Mountains. Organized alphabetically by name of claim for both the Santiago and Santa Rosa mining districts
9. Flora. Notes on plants found in the Santa Ana Mountains, filed alphabetically by scientific name (with common names sometimes included). Cites page reference to common plant identification books (but editions not specified).