

San Mateo County Marriage Index 1853-1948

One of the earliest projects undertaken by SMCGRS was an index of marriages through the year 1900. A few years ago we decided to create a database from that original index, add some details and perhaps add a few years.

Russ Brabec, Barry Goyette, Jo Rebeck, Walter Castor, Norma Sheehan, George Zinckgraf and Cath Trindle worked on the project adding residence, and adding the years 1901 through 1948. This was no lightweight project, it took a few years. The cutoff date coincided with the beginning of the statewide index of marriages which is available on microfilm and on various genealogical websites.

Grooms Surname	Given Name	Age	Residence	Brides Surname	Given Name	Age	Residence	Month	Year	Book	Page	Marriage Place
Zwiesch	Albert E	21	San Francisco	Ameson	Myrtle	21	San Francisco	10-Apr	1917	13	445	Burlingame
Zwierlein	Casper	21	Stockton [San Joaquin]	Beutler	Anna Marie	18	San Francisco	10-Aug	1923	20	14	Redwood City
Zwierlein	Emil	34	San Mateo	Clark	Irene C	26	Burlingame	27-Sep	1924	21	302	Burlingame
Zwierlein	William	21	Redwood City	Collins	Barbara Anne	18	Redwood City	8-Dec	1946	62	167	Woodside
Zwingman	Charles C	30	San Francisco	Mitchell	Agnes	24	San Francisco	26-Apr	1923	19	366	Redwood City
Zylka	Robert	21	Stevens Point [Portage] WI	Collins	Patricia	23	Burlingame	18-Aug	1946	61	260	Burlingame

FamilySearch subsequently scanned some of the Marriage License Applications for San Mateo county. This is not the same record set, but if it is used in conjunction with the index you might be able to find the record by date.

The SMCGRS Marriage Index includes the name of the bride and groom, their age and their normal residence as well as the date and place of marriage. I have been surprised at the number of people who were married in the county that did not live in the county. Additionally, when the law changed and it was possible to get a license in any county of California and get married in another county, you can find residents of other counties taking out their licenses in San Mateo County and then getting married in their home counties. I've always wondered whether it was just a little easier to get the license in San Mateo county

This has been a long-term project which built on an earlier project to index the marriages through 1899. That Index did not include all the information that was included in this newer index, however, so even those records were reconsulted.

