

Colusa County

**The Colusa County Courthouse in Colusa.
Part 1 of 2: Colusa, Grimes, Princeton, Arbuckle,
College City**



Colusa County

Colusa County Data

Population: 18,804 (Rank: 51)

Land Area (square miles): 1,151 (Rank: 39)

This was one of the original counties of California. It was created out of two Mexican land grants, Coluses and Colus which were granted in 1844 and 1845 just before California became part of the United States. Originally the county was spelled Colusi. The name comes from a local tribe of Indians.

The county stretches from the Coast Range to the Sacramento River. It is mostly flat and agricultural. It is home to two national wildlife refuges, Delevan and Colusa. Rice and processing tomatoes are the main crops.

There are two Indian reservations, Cortina and Cachil Dehe Rancheria which has a popular Casino.

Interstate 5 cuts through the county north to south. Highway 45 runs along the Sacramento River and Highway 20 cuts through the county east to west.

Cities: Williams, Colusa. Towns: Grimes.

Introduction

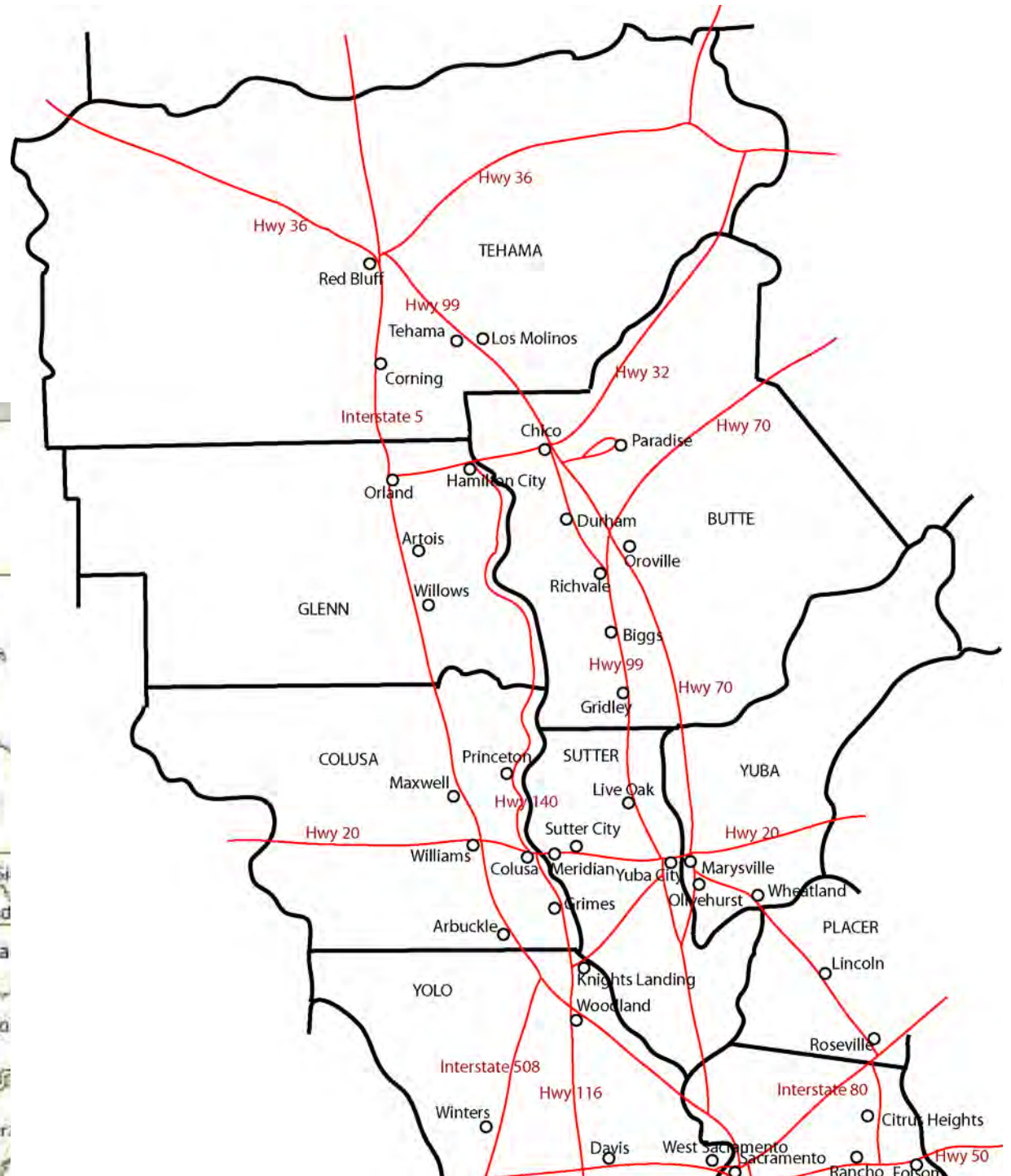
California is comprised of 58 counties. The state, the third largest in the U.S., has the greatest diversity of geography of any of the states. It has huge deserts, high mountain ranges, fertile valleys and a 1000 mile coastline. Beginning in 2001 my wife and I began to travel and photograph the state as a retirement hobby.

In 2009 we published a CD containing about 4,000 photos of the regions of the state. Since that time we have added about 10,000 more photos to our collection. It was also at this time (December 2008) I began to send a photographic diary of our trips to friends and people with an interest in California geography.

Now we are organizing our collection by county using all of our photos dating back to 2001.

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A map of Northern California counties. The counties shown include Del Norte, Siskiyou, Madoc, Shasta, Lassen, Trinity, Humboldt, Tehama, Plumas, Mendocino, Glenn, Butte, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Lake, Colusa (circled), Yuba, Sutter, El Dorado, Sonoma, Napa, Sacramento, Amador, Marin, Solano, San Joaquin, and Contra Costa.



Colusa

This historic sign dates back to the 1920's before Holt and Best merged to form Caterpillar Tractor. It has has been painted over.
(Feb. 2003)



Colusa

The IOOF building is on Main St. It is one of several historically significant buildings. The town's population is about 6,000. (Feb. 2003)



Colusa

The city hall of Colusa is located in an old elementary school that is on the National Register of Historic Places. (Mar. 2007)



Colusa

The main street of Colusa is Highway 20. This city dates back to 1850. Charles D. Semple purchased a Mexican land grant. The town was originally called Colusi. The name was changed to Colusa in 1854. A post office was located here in 1851. (Mar. 2007)



Colusa

(Mar. 2007)



Colusa

(Mar. 2007)



Colusa

The streets of Colusa are laid out in a tree covered grid. (Mar. 2007)



Colusa

(Mar. 2007)



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Colusa

The old Colusa High School is on the National Registry of Historic Places. (Mar. 2007)



Colusa

(Mar. 2007)



Colusa

The old Carnegie Library is now the police department. (Mar. 2007)



Colusa

(Feb. 2003)



Colusa

The Courthouse on Main Street dates back to 1861. It is the second oldest courthouse in California. It was featured in the movie "To Kill A Mockingbird." (Mar. 2007)



Sacramento River

(Feb. 2003)



Highway 45

There are dozens of reclamation districts in the Sacramento Valley. You usually find their pumps along levees. They are responsible for preventing flooding. (Feb. 2003)



Highway 45

(Feb. 2003)



Grimes

Grimes dates back 160 years when it supplied food for the gold miners. (Feb. 2003)



Grimes

Cleaton Grimes obtained the town site in 1844. A post office was established in 1883. (Feb. 2003)



Grimes

(Feb. 2003)



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Colusa Casino on Highway 45

(Feb. 2003)



Princeton

California has two towns named Princeton—this one and Princeton-by-the-Sea which is south of San Francisco. This Princeton still has a high school but *gradually declining* as a town. It is on Highway 45 along the Sacramento River. (Oct. 2005)



Princeton

(Oct. 2005)



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Princeton

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Arbuckle

Arbuckle dates back to 1866 when Tacitus Arbuckle established a ranch here. The town was founded when the railroad came in 1875. The post office began in 1876. (Oct. 2005)



Arbuckle

The population is about 3,000 and I-5 splits the town in two. (Oct. 2005)



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College City

College City had a college 137 years ago. It was a planned college community. The college left in 1896 and the community declined. Today the population is about 290. (Oct. 2005)



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