

# ***Watsonville Pajaronian for 1890***

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## ***Introduction***

**This project was initiated shortly before March 28, 2002, when I volunteered to participate as one of the transcribers to index the Pajaronian. My contribution to this project was completed on October 23, 2008. I am not aware of any other project undertaken by others at that time. I was given the opportunity to select any year that I preferred. I chose 1890, primarily because the 1890 U. S. Census for California is not available due to a fire that destroyed the manuscript data (some other States were saved and are available). Ancestry.com, for example, has the following to say about the 1890 Census:**

### **About 1890 United States Federal Census Fragment:**

**Some records have been extracted from the remaining population schedules for the 1890 Federal Census of the United States, which was destroyed by a fire at the Commerce Department in Washington, DC, on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1921.**

**States available: Alabama; District of Columbia; Georgia; Illinois; New Jersey; New York; North Carolina; South Dakota; Texas.**

**It is my hope that my database and index will serve as a partial substitute for the 1890 Census. There are other tools that are helpful, but not comprehensive for all residents of Watsonville or other adjacent areas; e.g., the Santa Cruz County Great Register of voters for 1890 is available; however, it only provides the names of those males of voting age (21 or older) who chose to register.**

**I am aware that there may be questions raised as to the unusual database-format used to record the data found in the columns of the Pajaronian. The Watsonville Public Library, for whom the project was initiated, initially requested a format that would allow the data to be printed on a standard 3-inch x 5-inch Index Card, so that a browsing card-file could be accessed by their patrons, without the use of a computer.**

**That printing capability remains as a possibility, if the library staff wishes to implement it. This database and index, however, are designed for the computer.**

**For the instructions on using the database, please see page 2 of this Introduction:**

