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Introduction

This microfilm contains the California Revised Indian Judgment Roll, approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 30, 1955.

Background

The Act of June 30, 1948 (63 Stat 1166) called for a revised roll of California Indians. It provided for the enrollment of children or their descendants, then living, born since May 18, 1928, to enrollees whose names appear on the roll of the Indians of California approved on May 17, 1933. The act also authorized the removal of names of 1933 enrollees who had since died.

The Act of May 24, 1950 (Public Law 524; 64 Stat. 190), authorized one per capita payment of \$150 to each person enrolled on the roll of California Indians and living on May 24, 1950, or then eligible for enrollment. It also expanded the eligibility criteria for the revised roll. Persons born before May 18, 1928, and not on the 1933 roll were eligible if they had a brother, sister, niece, nephew or child on the 1933 roll. Persons born after May 18, 1928, were eligible through their ancestors who were either on the 1933 roll or eligible for the roll under the Act of May 24, 1950. This included children whose parent died before that date but who would have been entitled to enrollment.

The 1950 Act created a deadline date of May 23, 1951, for accepting applications. It allotted only six months for the BIA to complete its review of the applications and submit an alphabetical list of the eligible enrollees. Because the time allotted was insufficient, the roll presented in accordance with the law was only a partial list of those eligible. This 1948 roll was approved November 23, 1951. The BIA had to wait for Congress to authorize a supplemental roll before it could complete the enrollment.

The Act approved June 8, 1954 (68 Stat. 240), authorized the completion of the roll. The new law permitted adding to the roll the names of qualified persons whose applications were filed not later than May 23, 1951, and whose names were not included on the roll approved on November 23, 1951.

The revised roll numbers were assigned sequentially, 1 through 36094, to each name on the alphabetical list of enrollees. (Note that an individual's 1928-1933 Roll of California Indians roll number is unrelated to his or her 1955 roll number.)

The California Revised Roll was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 30, 1955. The roll was bound in five volumes and consolidated into a single alphabetical listing the 36,094 names of persons on the California Roll as of June 30, 1955, the date on which the roll was closed in accordance with the Act of June 8, 1954.

The roll was prepared by the Service Bureau Corporation of International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), which placed the data on IBM cards and then made a listing.

The original enrollment application files are in the holdings of the National Archives at San Francisco.

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<u>Roll</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Abasolo, Delphina – Dewey, Sydney
2	Dewey, Willie – Jeff, Gladys
3	Jeff, Harry – Ochoa, Mary
4	Ochoa, Mildred – Steele, Fred
5	Steele, Genevieve – Zupan, Paloma