



# Writing, Editing, and Publishing History

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### *An Illustrated Zoom Presentation hosted by the Conference of California Historical Societies*

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In this 45-minute illustrated Zoom presentation, Brian Dervin Dillon will share practical advice on how to research historical topics, write them up, and get them published. Topic selection, oral history interviewing, illustration selection, text and figure layout, fine-tuning content and presentation, and editing the work of others will be discussed. The ins and outs of historical writing will be illuminated by examples published by Brian, his father, and his son.

**Brian Dervin Dillon, Ph.D.**, comes from one of the most productive families of California historians and archaeologists. Four generations of Dillons have researched, written, and published Western American History and New World Archaeology over 90+ years. Brian's grandfather was a career soldier who fought on four different continents in the infantry, cavalry, and artillery, then founded one of the earliest California Historical Societies. Brian's father, Richard H. Dillon, was the most productive California Historian of all time, with more than two dozen full-length books and hundreds of historical articles, and more than a thousand book reviews published in dozens of scholarly journals, popular magazines, and leading newspapers. Brian himself was the youngest Ph.D. in archaeology at U.C. Berkeley since the founding of his department in 1901. He is a Phi Beta Kappa and Fulbright Fellow who has won numerous grants, fellowships, and awards for research and writing in both archaeology and history. For almost 50 years Brian has done archaeological and historical research in five different countries and in 46 of California's 58 counties. He has published more than 200 articles, monographs, and books on history and prehistory. Brian's son John is the 3rd generation Dillon to graduate from U.C. Berkeley and to teach college-level history. For the past four years John Dillon has edited *The Branding Iron*, the quarterly publication of the Los Angeles Corral. John is also the *only* 3rd generation L.A. Corral member.

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