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Much of Northern California - not just San Francisco - was impacted when the San Andreas Fault ruptured nearly 300 miles on April 18, 1906. This image depicts the ruined City Hall in Santa Rosa. Image online, courtesy U.S. Geological Survey. PD

At 5:12 a.m., on April 18, 1906, Charles Howard's adopted city of San Francisco was rocked by an 8.3 magnitude earthquake. (The quake was so massive its effects were noted 9,100 miles away in Gottingen, Germany.) It <u>ruptured</u> 430 kilometers of the <u>San Andreas Fault</u>, which was not yet known by that name.

The <u>devastated</u> city <u>burned</u> for three more days and, it is now estimated, about 3,000 people died. Preserved in the Library of Congress, <u>actual film footage</u> depicts the <u>disaster</u> and reveals how people - who quickly became refugees - reacted to it.

Photographs maintained by the U.S. National Archives also depict the damage caused when the earth shook the city:

- San Francisco's <u>landscape</u> was drastically <u>changed</u> in 1906 when the <u>unexpected</u> earthquake and a resulting <u>fire devastated</u> the city.
- Flocks of San Franciscans fled.
- Jefferson Square became a tent refugee <u>camp</u> as did "<u>Tennessee Hollow</u>."
- Supply and bread lines, plus hot-food kitchens, helped people cope in a badly damaged city.
- A line of <u>horses</u> waited in front of the National Red Cross headquarters, located in the vicinity of McAllister and Gough Streets.
- The general landscape of the city reveals what can happen when buildings in earthquake zones are not reinforced.
- Families, rendered <u>homeless</u> in their <u>burning</u> city, slept on the side of a hill.
- As San Francisco <u>burned</u>, horses were injured and many others were afraid to go near the <u>fires</u>.
- The U.S. Army Signal Corps in the Tennessee Hollow, Presidio of San Francisco, had <u>two</u> of the few automobiles then available in the city.

• The <u>Ferry Building</u>, at the foot of Market Street, provided a place <u>from</u> which to photograph the <u>still-smoldering</u>, surrounding area.

Despite its massive devastation, San Francisco quickly recovered from the tragedy. Because of his generosity and ingenuity during the quake's immediate aftermath, Charles Howard was on his way to becoming a very wealthy man.

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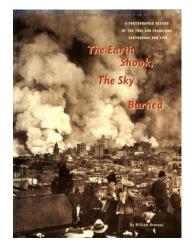


San Andreas Fault

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Handing Out Supplies to the Earthquake Victims

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San Francisco - City of Horse-Drawn Carriages in 1906

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