

Primary Sources Sites

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META-Databases

[Digital Public Library of America](#)

**[Shared Shelf Commons](#) (consortium of universities' digital projects-
sscommons.org)**

[World Digital library](#) (LOC)

[250+Killer Digital Libraries and Archives](#) (Open Education Database)

[Internet Archive](#) (archive.org)

[Internet Archive WayBack Machine](#) (History of webpages. It really is there forever!)

[Hathitrust Digital Library](#) (Hathitrust, limited access)

[Library of Congress Digital Collections](#) (LOC)

[Harvard University Library Open Collections](#) (Harvard)

GENEALOGY RESEARCH

[My Heritage](#) (Genealogy-Nebraska Residency Required)

[Ancestry.com for Kansans](#) (Limited access to Ancestry.com Kansas Residents Only)

[Genealogy and Family History](#) (USA.gov/genealogy)

[Resources for Genealogists](#) (NARA)

[FamilySearch](#) (Free with registration-Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)

ONLINE BOOKS

[Google Books](#)

[Project Gutenberg](#)

[The Online Books Page](#) (UPenn)

[Children's Historical Literature Collection](#) (Univ. of Washington)

NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES

[Chronicling America \(1789-1925\)](#) (LOC)

[Google News Archive](#) (GOOGLE)

[Archive.Org Newspapers](#) (Archive.org)

[Small Town Newspapers](#)

[Agriculture and Rural Life Newspaper Collection](#) (Auburn)

Nebraska Newspapers (UNL)

Pennsylvania Historic Newspapers (State Library of Pennsylvania)

California Digital Newspaper Collection (UC Riverside)

Utah Digital Newspapers (U of U)

JOURNALS AND MAGAZINES

Journal of the American Public Health Association (1911-present)

Historical Women's Magazines (Links to Hathitrust, coverage varies)

Making of America (at University of Michigan)

Making of America (at Cornell University)

Wisconsin Magazine of History (Wisconsin Historical Society)

Internet Library of Early Journals (18th/19th c. Oxford)

PubMed Central (NIH.gov)

HISTORICAL MAP COLLECTIONS

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (LOC)

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries (Newberry Library)

Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection (UT Austin)

Maps & Atlas Collection (Wisconsin Historical Society)

Maps from the Treasure Room Collection (Auburn.edu)

DIARIES, TRAVEL JOURNALS, MEMOIRS

Southern Oral History Program (docsouth at UNC)

Private Voices: Civil War Letters (Ellis, Missouri State)

Trails of Hope: Overland Diaries and Letters, 1846-1869 (Mormon pioneer diaries)

Women's Travel Diaries (British and American Women U.S. and World)

SNCC Digital Gateway (Civil Rights Primary Resources)

Documenting the American South (Docsouth at UNC)

Diaries American Westward Migration (Utah.edu)

American Notes: Travels in America, 1750-1920 (LOC)

American Journeys: Eyewitness Accounts of Early American Exploration and Settlement (Wisconsin Historical Society)

Journals of the Lewis & Clark Expedition (UNL.edu)

Wisconsin Historical Collections 1855-1915 (Wisconsin Historical Society)

Gertrude Bass Warner Papers, 1879-1954 (Univ. of Oregon)

Civil War Diaries and Letters Collections (Auburn)

Civil War Diaries and Letters (University of Iowa)

Manuscripts of the Civil War (Notre Dame)

Historical diaries (Utah State Univ.)

Pioneer Lives (Univ. of Iowa)
Historical Diaries (USU)
Mountain West digital Library (search “Diaries”)

REGIONAL AND STATE SOURCES

Documenting the American South (UNC)
Alabama Department of Archives and History Digital Collections
Mountain West Digital Library (mwdl.org)
Chicago and the Midwest (Newberry Library)
Wisconsin Historical Society
Digital Library of South Dakota
Digital Collections A-Z Library of Virginia (**Virginia Memory**)
Kansas Memory
Missouri Digital Heritage (Office of Missouri Secretary of State)
Nebraska Memories
Nebraska State Historical Society
Nebraska Public Documents (agency reports 1891-1956-UNL)
Nebraska Prisoner Records (NE State Historical Society)
Oklahoma Digital Prairie
Digital Utah
Alaska Digital Archives (Alaska.edu)
State Library of Pennsylvania Digital Collections
Joel Meyerson Collection 19th Century Manuscripts, Images, and Ephemera
(Univ. SC)

EARLY AMERICA

Virtual Jamestown
American Journeys: Eyewitness Accounts of Early American Exploration and Settlement (**Wisconsin Historical Society**)
American Notes: Travels in America, 1750-1920 (LOC)
Salem Witch Trials Documentary Archive and Transcription Project
The Colonial Manuscript Collection (Hudson River Valley Heritage)
Congregational Library & Archive (**Colonial Era Church Records**)
Probing the Past: Virginia and Maryland Probate Inventories 1740-1810
(RRCHNM)
Colonial North America (**Harvard**)

REVOLUTIONARY AMERICA

American Archives: Documents of the American Revolutionary Period (NIU)

The Founder's Constitution (Univ. of Chicago)
The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787, 3 vols. 1911 (Libertyfund)
Elliot's Debates in the Several State Conventions of the Adoption of the Federal Constitution (Libertyfund)
Founders Online (NARA)
Alexander Hamilton Papers (LOC)
George Washington Papers (LOC)
Thomas Jefferson Papers (LOC)
James Madison Papers (LOC)
Colonial North America (Harvard)
Benjamin Franklin Papers (Packard Humanities Institute)
American Archives: Documents of the American Revolutionary Period, 1774-1776 (Northern Illinois University)
Diary of John Adams
Autobiography of John Adams
The Adams Papers
Indentures Collection 1746-1860 (Harvard)

EARLY REPUBLIC

U.S. Serial Set (Hathitrust)
A New Nation Votes: American Election Returns, 1787-1825 (Tufts)
Papers of the War Department, 1784-1800 (RRCHNM)
Journals of the Lewis & Clark Expedition (UNL.edu)
Slavery and Abolition Newspaper Archives (freenewspaperarchives.us)
Papers of the War Department (Center for History and New Media)
Colonial North America (Harvard)

ANTEBELLUM SOUTH

Southern Oral History Program (Documenting the American South at UNC)
"Intellectual Underpinnings of the Civil War" Digitization Project (Auburn.edu)
Farm Journal 1848-1866, 1880 (Plantation records-Univ. of Alabama)
Documents: Slavery (University of Alabama)
Slaves and the Courts (LOC)
Secession Era Editorials Project (Furman)
Sixteen Months to Sumter: Newspaper Editorials on the Path to Secession (AHA)
St. Louis Circuit Court Historical Records Project (Missouri State Archives/LOC)

WESTERN EXPANSION

Surveyors of the American West (New York Public Library)
Pioneers: First-Person Accounts (Kansas Historical Society)
Trails of Hope: Overland Diaries and Letters, 1846-1869 (BYU)
Diaries American Westward Migration (Utah.edu)
Journals of the Lewis & Clark Expedition (UNL.edu)
Indian Pioneer Papers (WPA interviews settlement of Oklahoma and Indian territories)
Wisconsin Pioneer Experience (UW Madison)
Pioneer Lives (Univ. of Iowa)
Pioneer Letters (Univ. of Utah)
Pioneer Diaries (Univ. of Utah)
Pioneer Diaries and Memoirs (Partridge, KS Public Library)
California as I Saw it: First-Person Narratives of California's Early Years, 1849-1900 (LOC)

CIVIL WAR

The War of Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies (Cornell/Hathitrust)
Abraham Lincoln Papers (LOC)
Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln (UMich)
Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database (NPS)
Civil War in the American South (Association of Southeastern Research Libraries Digitization Project)
Digital Library of Georgia (Virtual library for state of Georgia/Civil War/**Civil Rights**/Land & Resources)
Southern Oral History Program (Documenting the American South at UNC)
The Valley of the Shadow (Civil War Primary Sources/Letters/Newspapers/Diaries & Other records)
The People's Contest: A Civil War Era Digital Archiving Project (CW Diaries/Paper collections)
Civil War Washington (Center for Digital Humanities, UNL)
Civil War Diaries and Letters Collections (Auburn)
Civil War Diaries and Letters (University of Iowa)
Civil War Era Diaries (Penn State)
Civil War Letters (Univ. of Washington)
Manuscripts of the Civil War (Notre Dame)
Modern Manuscript Collection/Civil War (Newberry Library)
The Crisis of Union: Causes, Conduct, and Consequences of the U.S. Civil War (University of Pennsylvania)

Civil War Digital Collection (State Library of Pennsylvania)
Regimental Histories (State Library of Pennsylvania)
Alabama Civil War and Reconstruction Newspapers (Alabama Archives & History)
Alabama Textual Collections (Digital-Alabama Archives & History)
Wisconsin in the Civil War (Wisconsin Historical Society)
Hampton Roads Peace Conference Digital Collection (Auburn)
C.S.S. Alabama (Confederate raiding ship-Univ. of Alabama)
Pennsylvania Civil War Era Newspapers (Penn State)

RECONSTRUCTION

Freedmen's Bureau Online (Freedmensbureau.com)
Freedman's Bureau Collection (Middle Tennessee State)
Freedman's Bureau Digital Collection (National Museum of African American History and Culture)
Alabama Civil War and Reconstruction Newspapers (Alabama Archives & History)
Confederados Digital Collection (Auburn)
Ku Klux Klan 19th century (University of Alabama)

GILDED AGE/PROGRESSIVE ERA

McCormick-International Harvester Collection (Wisconsin Historical Society)
Home Economics Archive (Cornell)
Mrs. Russell Sage Digital Collection (Auburn)
The United States and its Territories 1870-1925: The Age of Imperialism
The Emma Goldman Papers (Berkeley)

WWI

WWI Document Archive
Anarchy Archives
WWI Digital Collection (State Library of Pennsylvania)

INTERWAR PERIOD

Federal Writers' Project (LOC)
Bulletins of the American Liberty League (Univ. of Kentucky)

WWII

Wisconsin Survivors of the Holocaust (Oral Histories-Wisconsin Historical Society)

Oral Histories (United States Holocaust Museum)

Japanese Internment (Univ. of California consortium)

CSU Japanese American Digitization Project (California State University)

Online Archive of Japanese American Relocation (Occidental College)

Topaz Japanese American relocation center online digital archives (Univ. of Utah)

Densho Digital Archives (Densho.org)

Interrupted Lives Primary Sources (Univ. of Washington)

U.S. POST-1945 (Some of these archives span multiple decades)

1945-1959

Bernard Kasoy Teacher News Cartoons, 1951-1961 (Cornell)

Citizen's Council Collection (Univ. of Mississippi)

Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library (digital collection)

1960s

1964 Freedom Summer Project (Wisconsin Historical Society)

Digital Library of Georgia (Virtual library for state of Georgia/Civil War/**Civil Rights**/Land & Resources)

Theophilus "Bull" Conner Papers, 1951, 1959-1963 (Birmingham Public Library)

The GI Press 1964-1977 (Wisconsin Historical Society)

Vel Phillips Papers, 1951-2009 (Civil Rights-Wisconsin Historical Society)

FBI Civil Rights Files (vault.fbi.gov)

1970s

Southern Poverty Law Center Reports (1973-Present) (Alabama Archives & History)

Senator William Proxmire Collection 1938-2004 (bulk 1970s- Wisconsin Historical Society)

Praxis Alternative Newspaper, 1971 Collection (Auburn)

Nixon White House Tapes (Nixon Presidential Library)

1980s

Making the History of 1989: The Fall of Communism in Eastern Europe (RRCHNM)

1990s

AFRICAN AMERICAN

BlackPast.org (Awesome comprehensive online reference guide to African American History-Univ. of Washington)
Digital Library of on American Slavery (UNCG)
African American Odyssey (LOC)
The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database (Emory University)
Afro-Louisiana History and Genealogy (Gwendolyn Midlo Hall, Rutgers)
Slavery Era Insurance Registry (California Dept. of Insurance)
Black Abolitionist Archive (Univ. Detroit Mercy)
Colored Conventions-19th Century Black Organizing (Univ. of Delaware)
Samuel May Anti-Slavery Collection (Cornell)
Antislavery Pamphlet Collection, 1725-1911 (at Umass)
North Carolina Runaway Slave Advertisements (UNCG)
Race and Slavery Petitions Project (UNCG)
Race Time Place Projects: on African American History in Virginia (Racetimeplace.com)
Charles F. Heartman Manuscripts of Slavery Collection (Xavier)
Slaveholders Petitions for Compensation (CivilWarDC.org)
Texas Slavery Project (Univ. N. Texas)
Unknown No Longer (Database Virginia Slave Names, VA Historical Society)
African American Women in Iowa (University of Iowa)
The Church in the Southern Black Community (docsouth at UNC)
Behind the Veil Collection Documenting African American Life in the Jim Crow South (Duke University)
Southern Poverty Law Center Reports (1973-Present) (Alabama Archives & History)
Vel Phillips Papers, 1951-2009 (Civil Rights-Wisconsin Historical Society)
Cornell Hip Hop Party and Event Flyers (sscommons.org)
1964 Freedom Summer Project (Wisconsin Historical Society)
The African American Experience in Birmingham (Birmingham Public Library)
Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Bombing (Birmingham Public Library)
The Green Book (New York Public Library)
Frederick Douglass Papers (LOC)
Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse (Univ. of Michigan Law School)

ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

The Core Historical Literature of Agriculture (Cornell)

Home Economics Archive (Cornell)

Biodiversity Heritage Library (Biodiversity.org open, accessible natural history and botanical library)

National Agricultural Library Digital Collections (USDA)

PubAg Full-text Journal Articles on Ag Science (USDA)

Rural America Collections (USDA)

Farm, Field and Fireside Collection (Illinois)

Science.gov

Evolution of the Conservation Movement, 1850-1920 (LOC)

National Sea Grant Digital Libraries (nsgl.gso.edu)

Historical Environmental Topics (EPA.gov)

Journals of the Lewis & Clark Expedition (UNL.edu)

Western Waters Digital Library (westernwaters.org)

Arkansas Extension Circulars, 1914-1945 (Arkansas.edu)

Alabama Agricultural Extension Reports (Auburn.edu)

Historical Bee and Beekeeping Literature (Wisc.edu)

Increase A. Lapham Papers, 1825-1930 (Biologist, archeologist, engineer, mapmaker, helped found National Weather Service-Wisconsin Historical Society)

Agriculture and Rural Life Newspaper Collection (Auburn)

P.H. Gosse Digital Collection (Naturalist, 1838-Auburn)

Grand Coulee Dam Collection (Univ. of Washington)

Frederick Law Olmstead Papers (LOC)

LABOR HISTORY

Labor History Links

Labor and Working-Class History (at Cornell)

Bracero History Archive

Farm Worker Movement Documentation Project (at UCSD)

Home Economics Archive (at Cornell)

Seattle Civil Rights & Labor History Project (at Univ. Wash)

Pacific Northwest Labor and Civil Rights Projects (at Univ. Wash)

Centralia Massacre Collection (Univ. of Washington)

The Uprising of '34 Collection (GSU)

Southern Labor Archives

WWW Virtual Library Labour History

Anarchy Archives

Brooklyn College Farm Labor Project (sscommons.org)

The Avondale Sun 1924-2006 (Employee-run Mill newspaper- (Birmingham Public Library)

Pig Iron Rough Notes, 1927-1960 (Steel company trade paper-Birmingham Public Library)

International Brotherhood of Teamsters records, 1904-1952 (George Washington Univ. Digital Collections) Note: Browse “This Collection” in left-hand column.

GOVERNMENT/LAW

****Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution** (UW Madison)

A Century of Lawmaking (U.S. Congressional Documents and Debates, 1774-1875-LOC)

Congressional Record (Proceedings and Debates of the U.S. Congress, Full Text 1995-Present)

U.S. Serial Set (Hathitrust)

Statutes at Large (LOC)

Index Congressional Record, 1995-Present

The Avalon Project, Documents in Law, History, and Diplomacy

American State Papers (Scroll down for links to all volumes-Archive.org)

Hansard UK Parliamentary Debates 1803-2005

Nixon Presidential Library/Virtual Library

The National Security Archive (George Washington Univ.)

Famous Trials (Prof. Douglas O. Linder, UMKC School of Law)

Alabama Legislative Acts, Journals and Constitutions (AL Archives & History)

Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse (Univ. of Michigan Law School)

The American Presidency Project (UCSB)

Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library (digital collection)

FBI Records: The Vault (FBI.gov)

A New Nation Votes, American Election Returns 1787-1825 (Tufts)

MEDICINE/PUBLIC HEALTH

National Library of Medicine Digital Collections (NIH.gov)

PubMed Central (free full text NIH.gov)

PubMed (Some free articles-NIH.gov)

Journal of the American Public Health Association (free full text 1911-present)

Digital Collection of American Medical Association, Transactions and House of Delegates proceedings, 1847-2015 (AMA)

Medical Heritage Library (Medicalheritage.org-consortium of leading medical libraries)

The Florence Nightingale Digitization Project (Florence Nightingale Museum, Boston Univ., Wellcome Library, et al.)

Contagion: Historical Views of Diseases and Epidemics (Harvard Open Collections)

Yellow Fever (University of Alabama)

Public Health Documents (University of Alabama)

Influenza Epidemic 1918 (Michigan)

Popular Medicine in America, 1800-1900 (Library Company of Philadelphia & Philadelphia Museum of Art)

World Health Organization Historical Documents (WHO)

Patients Voices in Early 19th Century Virginia (UVA)

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY

Kappler's Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties

Western History Collections (at Univ. of Oklahoma)

Doris Duke Collection (WPA interviews Oklahoma Native Americans)

Indian Pioneer Papers (WPA interviews settlement of Oklahoma and Indian territories)

Native American Constitution and Law Digitization Project (at Univ. of Oklahoma)

American Indians of the Pacific Northwest-Textual

Southeastern Native American Documents, 1730-1842

Edward S. Curtis: The North American Indian

Alaska Digital Archives (Alaska.edu)

Pennsylvania Native Americans (Carlisle School Publication, State Library of Pennsylvania)

The Occom Circle (Dartmouth)

Indian Papers Project (Yale)

American Indians of the Pacific Northwest (Univ. of Washington)

Annual Reports of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs 1926-1932 (UWM)

American Indian Digital History Project (UNO)

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS

Veterans Oral History Project (LOC)

Oral Histories (United States Holocaust Museum)

Wisconsin Survivors of the Holocaust (Oral Histories-Wisconsin Historical Society)

Birmingham Public Library Oral Histories (Civil Rights, Race, Ethnicity)

Gees Bend (African Americans, Alabama-Birmingham Public Library)
Gary Greaves Oral History Digitization Project (post-WWII Washington State-Univ. of Washington)

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

U.S. WEST

Mountain West Digital Library (mwdl.org)
Journals of the Lewis & Clark Expedition (UNL.edu)
California as I Saw It: First-Person Narratives of California's Early Years, 1849 to 1900 (LOC)
Western Waters Digital Library (westernwaters.org)
Early Advertising of the West, 1867-1918 (Univ. of Washington)
Everett D. Graff Collection of Western Americana (Newberry)

WOMEN, GENDER & SEXUALITY

Discovering Women's History Online (MTSU)
Salem Witch Trials Documentary Archive and Transcription Project (UVA)
National Women's Suffrage Association (LOC)
African American Women in Iowa (University of Iowa)
Gertrude Bass Warner Papers, 1879-1954 (Univ. of Oregon)
Home Economics Archive (Cornell)
Papers of Lizzie Black Kander ("Jane Addams of Milwaukee-Wisconsin Historical Society)
Vel Phillips Papers, 1951-2009 (Civil Rights-Wisconsin Historical Society)
Wisconsin Women's History (Wisconsin Historical Society)
Mrs. Russell Sage Digital Collection (Auburn)
Women Working 1800-1930 (Harvard)
Archive of Women's Political Communication (Iowa State)
Political Speeches by Women (Centre for Women and Democracy UK)
Women's Liberation Movement Print Culture (Duke)
Digital Public Library-Women's Rights (DPLA)
Worcester Women's History Project (Assumption)
Alice Marshall Women's History Collection (Penn State, Harrisburg)
Women's Suffrage and Equal Rights (Claremont College)
American Women (LOC)

MATERIAL CULTURE

Digital Library for the Decorative Arts and Material Culture (UW Madison)

The Quilt Index (MSU)

European History

Hansard UK Parliamentary Debates 1803-2005

Scottish Court of Session Records

Old Bailey Online

Legacies of British Slave Ownership (University College of London/UK)