

Sources for Digitized Archival Manuscript Collections:

Below is a necessarily incomplete annotated list of archival collections available digitally. Many are publicly accessible; others require an institutional or personal subscription. All titles here requiring an institutional subscription are available through CWRU's [Kelvin Smith Library database collection](#) (and are noted by an asterisk).

The vast majority of archival collections remain undigitized and will likely remain so for the foreseeable future. However, a vast quantity of collections have already been made available on the web. So much is out there, in fact, that there is no possible way to compile a complete list of all available digitized archival collections.

Below is a list of sites, compiled with the help of colleagues and scholars suggesting collections on Twitter, that is aimed at advanced undergraduates (particularly my students in HSTY 398, our senior capstone research course) and accessible during this time when so many archives are not easily available.

The list is heavy on U.S. sources, which reflects both my own expertise but also the predominant research focuses of our students. It does contain, however, a fair number of collections from other countries and continents for students interested in pursuing research in those areas.

Some of these titles are discrete, individual collections; others are vast archives comprising many collections; still others offer a portal to a range of different archives and collections.

The list is divided into broad topics for ease of use.

Research Guides and Portals to Even More Collections

- [Digital Public Library of America](#): This is a [vast super-collection](#) that incorporates a wide range of digitized library and archival content from institutions across the United States.
 - o Worth searching regardless of your topic, but you can find curated sub-collections of related materials from [various institutions](#), on [topics](#) like [baseball](#), [immigration](#), and [women in science](#).
 - o There are tens of millions of items available through this site, from manuscript sources to books and other print materials, to photographs and fine art.
- [Europeana](#): Another super-collection sponsored by the European Union that provides a single gateway to digitized content from libraries, archives, and museums across the continent. Find newspapers, manuscripts, art, maps, and much more.
- [Archives Portal Europe](#): Access and info on collections throughout Europe.

- [Canadiana Héritage](#): Canada has history too! Dig into 60+ million pages of records here.
- CUNY Graduate Center's [guide to online archival research](#): Basic principles and links to major collections.
- [CalPolyPomona Research Guide](#): Big research guide to a range of digital databases of historical materials.

Major, Multi-Collection, Multi-Subject Archives

- [U.S. National Archives](#): The official repository for the U.S. federal government, divided into hundreds of record groups by agency.
 - o [Digitized by NARA](#): The NARA catalog allows searching and browsing of the ever-growing number of digitized records of the National Archives and its Presidential Libraries.
 - o [Digitized by others](#): NARA has produced thousands of reels of microfilmed records over the past several decades. These are available for all researchers to use in reading rooms (or for duplication if you're willing to pay for it). Commercial partners have digitized a large number of these collections, plus other manuscript records, and made them available either publicly or through subscription services (which allow free trial periods with complete access). [This site](#) notes the specific collections that are now available through [Familysearch.org](#), [Fold3.com](#), and [Ancestry.com](#).
- [Library of Congress](#): Unlike NARA, the Library of Congress is first a vast book collection (if you want your book to get a copyright in the U.S., you have to send it a copy!) But they also collect a huge volume of other sources. Among its vast holdings, the institution has so far made available a fair amount of [fully digitized manuscript](#) and mixed-format collections (over 150). These include the papers of prominent figures like Abraham Lincoln (and nearly two dozen other presidents), Frederick Douglass, and Rosa Parks as well as a range of lesser known subjects, from arts and culture to international affairs to political activism.
 - o Some topics have [specific research guides](#) with links to both digitized collections and print ones.
 - o You can also find a range of other non-manuscript sources, from hundreds of thousands of [photographs, prints, and drawings](#) to [maps](#) to [sheet music and recordings](#) and [film and recordings](#) to a range of [digitized historical newspapers](#).
- * [ProQuest Congressional](#): Massive database of U.S. Congressional reports, hearing transcripts, legislation, treaties, and other documents. Essential for the study of anything related to politics and policy history.
- [Smithsonian Online Virtual Archives](#): Site for browsing and searching the digitized archival collections of the U.S. Smithsonian Institution. Rich in the history of culture, science, and technology.

- [William L. Clements Library](#) at the University of Michigan: Particularly rich in images and 18th and 19th century American manuscript collections.
- [Library Company of Philadelphia](#): Huge collection of manuscripts, art and music, photographs, and other sources on mostly 19th and early 20th century U.S. history.
- [Boston Public Library](#): Over 100 digitized collections of manuscripts, maps, photographs and prints, and other sources.
- [Digital Collections at Brown's John Carter Brown Library](#): Images, maps, political cartoons, and books.
- [Digital Rare And Distinctive Collections at Cornell](#): Another large repository on a range of topics, from African history to hip hop to Judaica to the history of sexuality.
- [American Philosophical Society](#): The digitized set of the APS's vast archival collections. Includes manuscripts of prominent figures like Benjamin Franklin and Franz Boas and subjects like Native American history and philology, audio material in indigenous languages and cultures, and a large print collection documenting the history of human and natural sciences, among other things.

Economic History

- [Rockefeller Center Archive](#): digitized collections of this major philanthropy and archive include papers of the American International Association for Economic and Social Development, the Foundation for Child Development, the General Education Board, international philanthropies, Rockefeller-funded museums and other projects, and some personal family papers.
- [FRASER](#): The repository at the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank of publications, data, and archival sources related to the history of economics, economic policy, and the economy itself.
- [Mapping Inequality: Redlining in New Deal America](#): Awesome interactive map overlaying HOLC redlining maps over the country.
- [Women Working, 1800-1930](#): Collection at Harvard on women and labor history.

Media History

- [Ad*Access](#): Duke University's fascinating collection of 7,000 magazine and newspaper advertisements from 1911-1955.
- [Media History Digital Library](#): Huge collection documenting the history of publishing, radio, film, and other media.
- [American Archive of Public Broadcasting](#): Vast archive of public radio and public television.
- [Texas Archive of the Moving Image](#): "includes home movies, amateur films, advertisements, local television, and industrial and corporate productions, as well as Hollywood and internationally produced moving images of Texas"

Civil Rights, Civil Liberties, Citizenship, and Social Movements

- *Antislavery, Abolitionism, and Emancipation*
 - [Samuel J. May Anti-Slavery Collection](#): Vast collection of 10,000 anti-slavery pamphlets.
 - [Freedom on the Move](#): Cornell database of runaway slave advertisements.
 - [Anti-Slavery Manuscripts](#) at the Boston Public Library: Over 12,000 letters transcribed by volunteers.
 - [Race & Slavery Petitions Project](#): Database of info on thousands of petitions related to slavery.
 - [Black Abolitionist Archive](#): Over 800 speeches and 1,000 editorials by black antebellum abolitionists.
 - [Slavery and the Law, 1775-1867](#): another Proquest database of documents related to the legal construct of slavery through the Civil War.
 - [Freedmen's Bureau Digital Collection](#): Massive collection digitized from the US National Archives on the most important, but short-lived, effort to assist the formerly enslaved people of the American south.
 - [Le marronnage dans le monde atlantique](#): 20,000 documents on the resistance to slavery.
- *Japanese Internment*
 - [Densho Digital Repository](#): archive for sources and oral histories of WWII Japanese-American internment.
- *Civil Rights Movement*
 - [Civil Rights Digital Library](#) (University of Georgia): Vast repository of collections related to documenting the history of the U.S. Civil Rights movement, from manuscript collections to audio-visual resources.
 - [Freedom Summer Digital Collection](#): Over 40,000 pages of diverse documents related to the pivotal 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer.
 - * [NAACP Papers](#): multi-series collection of papers from the preeminent civil and legal rights organization of much of the twentieth century.
- *Women's Rights*
 - [Struggle for Women's Rights, Organizational Records, 1880-1990](#) (Proquest): Rich, digitized papers of three organizations: the National Woman's Party, the League of Women Voters, and the Women's Action Alliance
 - [In Her Own Right: Women Asserting their Civil Rights, 1820-1920](#): Large collection on women's rights and activism.
- *Civil Liberties and Social Movements*
 - [American Civil Liberties Union](#) (ACLU) Papers: Large assembly of three separate manuscript collections touching on everything from the Red Scare(s) to

immigration restriction, the Civil Rights Movement, Vietnam, academic freedom, and many other core issues of twentieth century America.

- VCU Libraries' [Social Welfare History Project](#): Fifteen collections on social movements, from Prohibition to women's suffrage to comic books.
- [Freedom Archives](#): On a range of progressive political topics and social movements.
- *Radicalism*
 - [Radical America](#) at Brown University: Publication originating with the campus-based New Left in 1967, this title runs through 1992.
 - [Independent Voices](#): "an open access digital collection of alternative press newspapers, magazines and journals, drawn from the special collections of participating libraries. These periodicals were produced by feminists, dissident GIs, campus radicals, Native Americans, anti-war activists, Black Power advocates, Hispanics, LGBT activists, the extreme right-wing press and alternative literary magazines during the latter half of the 20th century"

African American History

- [Black Digital Humanities Projects & Resources](#): Huge listing of digitized collections on all aspects of black history—databases, digitized newspapers, archival collections, and other digital history projects.
- [Slave Voyages](#): Database and maps of historical slave ship voyages.
- [New-York Historical Society: Manuscript Collections related to Slavery](#): Fourteen important manuscript collections including letters, diaries, and financial and institutional records. Includes papers of the Manumission Society and the African Free School.
- [Digital Library on American Slavery](#): Focused on (but not exclusive to) North Carolina, includes several projects that help researchers learn about tens of thousands of individual enslaved people as systematically extracted from thousands of legal petitions, runaway slave ads, bills of sale, ship records, and insurance policies.
- [Slave Voyages](#): Database and maps of historical slave ship voyages.
- [The African-American Experience in Ohio, 1850-1920](#): Manuscripts, newspapers, pamphlets, photos, and serials documenting the range of African American life and history in Ohio during this critical period.
- [J. P. Ball, African American Photographer](#): Collection at the Cincinnati Museum Center on the works of a prominent 19th century free black photographer
- [Harlem Education History Project](#): Sources on the history of education in Harlem, including junior and senior high yearbooks.
- [HistoryMakers](#): Vast collection of oral histories of thousands of African Americans from a range of fields and experiences.

- GWU's collection on former civil rights activist and leader [Marion Barry's 1978 campaign for DC mayor](#).
- [Bronx African American History Project](#): Large number of oral history interviews documenting the lives and experiences of people of African descent in the Bronx.

Immigration and Ethnicity

- [Immigration to the United States, 1789-1930](#): Large collection of digitized print, manuscript, and photographic documentation of immigration from the Early National period to the Great Depression.
- [South Asian American Digital Archive](#): Repository for collections documenting the experience of South Asia Americans.
- [Bracero History Archive](#): Oral histories with people involved in the Mexican guest-worker program from 1942-1964.

History of Science, Technology, and Medicine

- *Physical Sciences and Natural History, and Ecology*
 - [The Newton Project](#): Papers of Isaac Newton.
 - [The Chymistry of Isaac Newton](#): On Newton's interests in alchemy
 - [The Robert Boyle Project](#)
 - [Sir Joseph Banks Papers](#)
 - [Darwin Online](#)
 - [Darwin Correspondence Project](#)
 - [Alfred Russel Wallace Papers Online](#)
 - [Collected Papers of Albert Einstein](#)
 - [Aldo Leopold Archive](#): Papers of important author, ecologist, and conservationist.
 - [American Institute of Physics Oral Histories](#): Over 1,500 in their collection, including of physicists, astronomers, & other scientists including important women in science, Nobelists, and Manhattan project scientists.
- *Biology and Medicine*
 - [Codebreakers: Makers of Modern Genetics](#): Twenty-two manuscript collections at the Wellcome Library on the history of genetics, eugenics, and biology.
 - [Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Oral History Collection](#): Oral histories of 60 scientists who have conducted research at this important institution.
 - [National Library of Medicine Online Oral Histories](#): Large collection of oral histories with physicians and biologists on a wide range of topics.
 - [AIDS History Project Collections](#) at UCSF Library
 - [Popular Medicine in America, 1800-1900](#): "This unique collection showcases the development of 'popular' medicine in America during the nineteenth century, through an extensive range of material that was aimed at the general public rather

than medical professionals. Explore an array of printed sources, including rare books, pamphlets, trade cards, and visually-rich advertising ephemera.”

- [American Social Health Association Records](#): Fascinating collection of the organization dedicated in the 20th century to wiping out prostitution, venereal disease, and drug abuse.
- *Technology, Industry, and Engineering*
 - * [Thomas A. Edison Papers](#): Available through Proquest.
 - [Voices of the Manhattan Project](#): 600+ interviews documenting the rich history of the creation of the first atomic bombs.
 - [IEEE Oral History Archive](#): Huge collection of transcribed oral histories with engineers and scientists working on computing, electronics, and electrical engineering.
 - [Hagley Digital Archives](#): Huge set of collections on the history of technology, industry, business, and engineering.
 - [Industry Documents Library](#): Large collection at UCSF of industry-created documents related to public health, from tobacco companies to chemical, drug, food, and fossil fuel companies.

U.S. Regions, States, and Cities

- *States (State Archives and other State-Focused Collections)*
 - [Alabama Department of Archives and History](#): large collection of political, social, and cultural sources on Alabama and the American south more generally.
 - [University of California's Calisphere](#)
 - [Digital Library of Georgia](#)
 - [Kentucky Digital Library](#)
 - [Louisiana Digital Library](#)
 - [Massachusetts State Archive](#): Notable for its collection of colonial era Massachusetts Bay records.
 - [Mississippi Department of Archives and History](#)
 - [State Historical Society of Missouri](#): Newspapers, photos, editorial cartoons, maps, African American history, the Jewish Community of Kansas City and much more.
 - [Oklahoma Digital Prairie](#): Includes rich material about the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921.
 - [North Carolina Digital Heritage Center](#): Yearbooks, newspapers, images, city directories, and much more.
 - [Tennessee State Library and Archives](#)
 - [Portal to Texas History](#)
 - [Vermont State Archives and Records Administration](#)

- [Virginia Memory](#)
- [Wisconsin Historical Society](#)
- *Cities*
 - [University of Baltimore's Digitized Archival Collection](#): Great archive for the history of Baltimore.
 - [Northeastern University Library Archives and Special Collections](#): Great source for archival materials on modern Boston history.
 - [Cleveland](#)
 - Photographs of [Cleveland Playhouse productions](#), 1917-1999
 - **CWRU History**
 - [Digitized student newspapers](#)
 - [Digitized yearbooks](#)
 - [Institute for Civic Leadership and Digital Mayoral Archives](#): Rich collection on the recent history of Indianapolis, Indiana.
 - [UCLA Center for Oral History Research](#): Primarily on Southern California and greater LA.
 - [New York Public Library](#): New York, but so much more; manuscripts, photographs, prints, maps, fashion images, LGBT history.
 - Historic Pittsburg: [G. M. Hopkins Company Maps, 1872-1940](#)
- *Regions*
 - [Documenting the American South](#): Sixteen thematic collections on various aspects of southern literature, history, and culture.
 - [The Wittliff Collections](#) at Texas State University: What's digitized mostly documents the music and culture of the southwest.

History of Food

- [Culinary History Collection](#) at Virginia Tech
- [Historical cookbooks](#) at Texas Tech
- [Feeding America](#) at Michigan State: some of the most important cookbooks in American history
- [Service Through Sponge Cake](#): "focus on Indiana cookbooks dating from the turn-of-the-century, with a special emphasis on fundraising cookbooks published by churches, synagogues and other community organizations"
- [What's on the Menu?](#): Digitized restaurant menus at the New York Public Library!

Legal History

- Triangle Legal History Seminar's [Legal History on the Web](#): Portal to a large number of digitized collections related to global legal history.
- [Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution](#)

- [Supreme Court Database](#): Comprehensive database of details about every Supreme Court case from 1791 to 2018.
- [Law and Society since the Civil War](#): American Legal Manuscripts from the Harvard Law School Library (1861-1976): A set of manuscript collections from major figures of American jurisprudence, including Supreme Court Justices Felix Frankfurter, Louis Brandeis, and Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., as well as other leading figures from Harvard Law's archives.
- [Criminal Trial Transcripts of New York County Collection](#) (1883-1927): about a third, or a thousand cases, of this collection have been digitized, documenting trials in what is now Manhattan and the Bronx.
- [Nuremberg Trials](#): trial transcripts, briefs, document books, evidence files, and other papers.

Religious and Social History

- [New England's Hidden Histories: Colonial-Era Church Records](#): Large and rich collection of digitized colonial-era congregational documents, organized by church.
- [Catholic University of America's](#) digital collections: Rare books, manuscripts, and collections related to the history of the Catholic Church and its institutions.
- [Vatican Library](#): Also see Aaron Macks' site [here](#) for updates on recently digitized manuscript additions.
- [International Association for the Preservation of Spiritualist and Occult Periodicals](#): Fascinating collection from around the world.

Military, Diplomatic, Political, and Social History

- *General*
 - Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS): Historical collection of the State Department's official publication of significant documents in the history of American foreign relations by year and country.
 - The [University of Wisconsin](#) covers the 1861-1960 period
 - Volumes from the Kennedy Administration and after may be found at the [State Department's Office of the Historian](#).
 - [Society for the History of American Foreign Relations](#) (SHAFR) hyperlinked bibliography to accessible, global, digitized collections in diplomatic and international history.
- *U.S. Civil War*
 - Jonathan W. White's portal to [digitized collections on the U.S. Civil War](#)
 - [Civil War Diaries](#): Nine men's digitized diaries.
 - [WWI Document Archive](#): Large collection of military and political documents from various belligerents.

- *World War I/Interwar Period*
 - [Total Digital Access Project: League of Nations](#): ongoing project to digitize the papers of the post-WWI international organization and predecessor of the United Nations
- *World War II*
 - * [World War II: U.S. Documents on Planning, Operations, Intelligence, Axis War Crimes, and Refugees](#) (Proquest): Very large source for various sub-collections on topics related to World War II, including the U.S. in China, Japanese Internment, operational planning, intelligence, refugees, logistics, war crimes trials, and oral histories.
 - [Women at Work during World War II](#): Rosie the Riveter and the Women's Army Corps (Proquest): WWII-era records from the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor and Correspondence of the Director of the Women's Army Corps.
 - [Women Veterans Historical Project](#): Rich collection of papers, photographs, and oral histories from across the service branches documenting the experience of women veterans.
 - [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#): Portal to wide range of sources.
- *Cold War & National Security*
 - [National Security Archive](#): Huge and ever-growing collection making available the results of Freedom of Information Act requests to the federal government (and some leaks) from the Cold War and beyond.
 - [Wilson Center Digital Archive](#): Large collection of Cold War documents from around the world on a broad range of topics.
 - [CIA's Freedom of Information Act Electronic Reading Room](#): Shhhhh.
 - [FBI Records: The Vault](#): Declassified and FOIA'd documents on a range of critical subjects.
 - [United Nations iLibrary](#): "The UN iLibrary is a comprehensive global search, discovery, and viewing source for digital content created by the United Nations. It provides librarians, scholars, researchers, students, policy makers, and the general public with a single digital destination for accessing publications, journals, data, and series published by the United Nations Secretariat, and its funds and programs."

Presidents and Presidential Libraries

- [American Presidency Project](#): [Nearly] all public papers of all presidents—speeches, orders, and a host of other things.
- [Presidential Oral History Program at the Miller Center](#): Large collection of oral histories of staff and officials of many presidential administrations.

- [Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum](#)
- [Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum](#): Published works only.
- [FDR Presidential Library and Museum](#): Over 800,000 digitized pages of archival documents on the New Deal and World War II.
- [Eisenhower Library](#)
- [JFK Library](#)
- * [John F. Kennedy Assassination Collection](#): “The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 directed the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to create a collection of records known as the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection. There are a total of 5 million pages which make up the collection, including government documents, books, hearings, other related works, and scholarly articles on this topic. Some documents will remain classified until 2021.”
- [LBJ Library](#): Check out the tape-recorded Oval Office phone calls!
- [Nixon Library](#): Less digitized than I’d like, but check out the [Nixon tapes](#).
- [Ford Library](#): Surprisingly large amount of digitized material from a critical transition period in modern American politics.
- [Carter Library](#): Less digitized here too than would be ideal..
- [Reagan Library](#): Ditto.
- [GHW Bush Library](#)
- [Clinton Library](#)
- [George W. Bush Library](#): More than you’d think, thanks to born-digital and FOIA’d content.
- [Obama Library](#)

Social and Cultural History

- [Making of America](#): Digitized sources from antebellum America through Reconstruction, particularly rich in education, psychology, American history, sociology, religion, and science and technology.
- [Probing the Past](#): You’d be surprised by what you can learn about social and economic life from 18th century probate records!
- [Lester S. Levy sheet music collection](#) at Johns Hopkins: Over 29,000 pieces of music, especially popular American music between 1780 and 1960.
- * [Women’s Studies Archive](#): “Primary source archive featuring content from manuscripts, newspapers, periodicals, and more, spanning multiple geographic regions, and providing a variety of perspectives on women's experiences and cultural impact. Includes historical records from Europe, North and South America, Africa, India, East Asia, and the Pacific Rim, with content in English, French, German, and Dutch.”

- * [World's Fairs and Expositions: Visions of Tomorrow](#): From the archives of the Smithsonian, “this archive gives researchers access to primary source documents covering landmark exhibits from 1840–1940, while exploring the technological progress — in everything from entertainment to politics — that shaped contemporary outlooks and reflected national identities.”
- * [World's Fairs: A Global History of Expositions](#): “Collating material from archives around the world, this resource offers a unique insight into the phenomenon of international expositions by presenting official records, monographs, personal accounts and ephemera for more than 200 fairs together for the first time.”
- [Digital Transgender Archive](#): Periodicals, manuscripts, photographs, and other sources documenting the experience of transgendered people in America.

Early America

- New York Public Library's [Early American Manuscripts Project](#): Papers of many important 18th and early 19th century figures, including several presidents and other national leaders.
- [Colonial North America](#) at Harvard Library: Huge collection of sources on the colonial 17th and 18th centuries.
- [Founders Online](#): Over 180,000 annotated letters from George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams (and family), Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, and James Madison.
- [Thomas Addis Emmet Collection](#) (NY Public Library): 10,000+ letters corresponding with major figures of the Revolutionary era on all the major topics of the period.
- [New England Indian Papers Series](#): Large collection at Yale of primary sources on Native American history.
- [Documents Relating to Indian Affairs](#): Government documents, treaties, and reports spanning the 19th century and into the early 20th century.
- [Marietta College Legacy Library](#): Great source for collections including the Ohio Company that settled the “Old Northwest.”

Labor History

- [Labor Unions in the U.S., 1862-1974](#): Knights of Labor, AFL, CIO, and AFL-CIO (Proquest): Collection of various manuscript series on
- [Walter P. Reuther Library](#): Vast collection on labor history—most of what is digitized are thousands of images and photographs of the labor movement and Detroit history.
- GWU's [Teamsters](#) archival collection: Sources on one of the most important labor unions in the twentieth-century U.S.

- [Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation & Archives](#): Rich source on labor history, including the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, among other subjects.
- [California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO: Proceedings and Publications](#)
- [Eugene V. Debs Collection](#): Papers of the preeminent turn of the 20th century socialist leader and perennial presidential candidate.
- [Emma Goldman Papers](#)
- [Labor Archives of Washington](#): Great collection in several series charting the history of the labor movement in the early 20th century Pacific Northwest.

Non-U.S. Collections

- *Latin America and Caribbean*
 - [Early Caribbean Digital Archive](#): Collection of print and other sources on the broader colonial Caribbean.
 - [Archivo Histórico de la Policía Nacional](#): A vast collection of documents on the history of Guatemala in the twentieth century, covering war, human rights, and US experiments on sexually transmitted diseases.
 - Princeton University Library's [Digital Archive of Latin American and Caribbean Ephemera](#): Large and growing collection of thousands of documents that often fall between the cracks between library and manuscript archive collections.
 - [Digital Resources: Chilean History](#): A portal to a range of digitized collections covering pre-Columbian history in what is now Chile through the present.
 - [LATIN AMERICAN, U.S. LATINX, AND IBERIAN ONLINE FREE E-RESOURCES \(LACLI\)](#): Growing collection of primary sources on these topics.
 - [Memorica: México, haz memoria](#): Vast collection of digitized sources in Mexico.
 - [The Danish West-Indies–Sources of History](#): Site from the Danish National Archives of colonial records from what is now the U.S. Virgin Islands.
 - [Les Archives Nationales d’Haiti](#): Great source for Hatian history.
- *Europe*
 - General
 - [European State Finance Database](#): Data on the fiscal and economic history of Europe from the medieval period to the present.
 - U.K.
 - [British Library](#): Digitized maps, manuscripts, sound recordings and more.
 - [Georgian Papers Online](#): Get George III’s side of the story.
 - * [Parliamentary Papers \(18th–20th Century\)](#): “This database includes the complete file of House of Commons Parliamentary Papers, also known as Sessional Papers or Blue Books, dating from 1715 through to 2005.”

- * [Queen Victoria's Journals](#): “Queen Victoria's Journals contains high-resolution color images of every page of the surviving volumes of Queen Victoria's journals, from her first diary entry in 1832 to shortly before her death in 1901, along with separate photographs of the many illustrations and inserts within the pages.”
- [The Proceedings of the Old Bailey, 1674-1913](#): Texts of nearly 200,000 criminal trials from London.
- France
 - [Gallica](#): Everything French history.
 - [Archives Nationales](#): Archives of the French government, in its many forms over the centuries.
 - [Service Historique de la Défense](#): The place to start for French military history.
 - [France Archives](#): Find digitized parish registers & état-civil!
 - [Paris Archives](#): Find sources for the history of Paris!
 - [Musée du quai Branly - Jacques Chirac](#): Great source for African and Oceanic history.
 - [e-Codices](#): Large collection of mostly Medieval and some more modern Swiss manuscripts.
- *Middle East and Muslim World*
 - The [Palestinian Museum Digital Archive](#): Large and growing repository of collections documenting the past century and more of Palestinian society, culture, and politics.
 - [Manuscripts of the Muslim World](#)
- *Africa*
 - Two archives on the history of British colonialism in Kenya, the [Museum of British Colonialism](#) and [African Digital Heritage](#), which partnered to produce reconstructions of British Mau Mau detention camps; also has oral histories.
 - [Livingstone Online](#): A collection on British missionary and explorer David Livingstone, documenting a major figure in 19th century African colonialism.
- *Asia*
 - [Abhilekh Patal Portal for Access to Archives and Learning](#): Large collection of archival sources from India.

Collections of Published Works

- * [American Antiquarian Society \(AAS\) Historical Periodicals Collection](#): “Documents the life of America's people from the Colonial Era through the Civil War and Reconstruction. Provides digital access to a large collection of American periodicals published between 1684 and 1912.”

- * [American Periodical Series \(APS\)](#): “American Periodicals Series Online includes digitized images of American magazines and journals published from colonial days to the dawn of the 20th century. Titles range from Benjamin Franklin's General Magazine and America's first scientific journal, Medical Repository; popular magazines such as Vanity Fair and Ladies' Home Journal; regional and niche publications; and groundbreaking journals like The Dial, Puck, and McClure's.”
- * [America's Historical Imprints](#): “Searchable monographs, pamphlets, broadsides, government documents and ephemera enable researchers to explore America's distant and not so distant past. Available here: Early American Imprints, Series I: Supplement from the Library Company of Philadelphia, 1670-1800; Early American Imprints, Series I: Supplement from the American Antiquarian Society, 1652-1800; Early American Imprints, Series I: Evans, 1639-1800; Early American Imprints, Series II: Supplement from the Library Company of Philadelphia, 1801-1819; Early American Imprints, Series II: Supplement 1 from the American Antiquarian Society, 1801-1819; Early American Imprints, Series II: Shaw-Shoemaker, 1801-1819.”
- * [Art & Architecture Archive](#): “Full-text magazine archives spanning the fields of art and architecture,” 1895-2005
- [Collaborative and Critical Digital Edition of the Encyclopedia of Diderot, D'Alembert and Jaucourt](#) (1751-1772): You like the Enlightenment? The place to start with a major project of classifying all knowledge!
- * [Country Life Archive](#): “An archive (1897 to 2005) of the weekly British culture and lifestyle magazine, Country Life, focusing on fine art & architecture, the great country houses, and rural living. Fully searchable, full color and high resolution.”
- * [Early Modern Books](#): “Early Modern Books provides an integrated search experience across both Early English Books Online and Early European Books for the period 1450 to 1700.”
- * [Economist Historical Archive](#): “The Economist Historical Archive delivers a complete searchable copy of every issue of The Economist from 1843 to 2009. Includes full-color images, and multiple search indexes.”
- * [Eighteenth Century Collections Online](#): “Digital collection of over 180,000 books, pamphlets, essays, broadsides and more. Based on the English Short Title Catalogue. Works published in the UK during the 18th century plus thousands from elsewhere. Primarily in English - also includes other languages.”
- * [Entertainment Industry Magazine Archive](#): “Primary sources for film, broadcasting, popular music and theater,” 1880-2000
- * [Ethnic News Watch](#): “Ethnic and minority publications - journal articles,” 1959-current, depending on titles.
- * [Gerritsen Collection of Aletta H. Jacobs](#): “The single largest source for the cross-cultural study of women's history. Contains books, pamphlets, and periodicals.”

- [Google Book Search](#) and [HathiTrust](#): Both originate in the same library digitization project; the best way to search as a historian is through the [University of Michigan library catalog](#), which indexes entries in both databases in its own database, and, critically, identifies individual issues of multi-volume serials.
- * [The Harper's Bazaar Archive](#): “The backfiles of the US and UK editions of Harper's Bazaar magazine, a fashion, arts, and culture authority from 1867 to the present. Scanned in full color, it features detailed indexing and searchable text.”
- [JSTOR \(Books, Journals, & Primary Sources\)](#): Giant database of scholarly journals in all fields, and now also books and other sources.
- * [News, Policy & Politics Magazine Archive \(feat. Newsweek\)](#): “An archival collection of 15 major magazines (including the Newsweek archive) spanning areas including current events, international relations, and public policy. Offers multiple perspectives on the 20th century's key issues and events.”
- * [ProQuest Historical Annual Reports](#): Great source for business and economic history.
- * [Punch Historical Archive](#): “Access the full digital archive of Punch. Often noted as the most famous magazine of humor, Punch published some of the finest comic writers in the English language, from W.M. Thackeray to P.G. Wodehouse. Its celebrated cartoons swayed governments and captured the vast shifts in life over two centuries. Recording the impact of rapid technological and social change and commenting on momentous events at home and abroad, Punch is an unrivaled resource for 19th and 20th-Century political and social history.”
- * [Religious Magazine Archive](#): “Archive of magazines devoted to religious topics, spanning 19th-21st centuries and a range of religions/denominations. Aimed originally at a wide audience, they disclose many aspects of the history of popular religious movements,” 1845-2015.
- * [Sabin Americana Digital Archive](#): “An online collection of books, pamphlets, serials and other works about the Americas, from the time of their discovery to the early 1900s. Sabin Americana, 1500–1926 is rich in original accounts of discovery and exploration, pioneering and westward expansion, the U.S. Civil War and other military actions, Native Americans, slavery and abolition, religious history and more.”
- * [Trade Catalogues and the American Home](#): “Explore domestic consumerism, life and leisure in America between 1850-1950 with Trade Catalogues and the American Home. This resource presents a wealth of highly illustrated primary source documents that highlight commercial tastes and consumer trends, and provide a valuable visual record for a breadth of interdisciplinary study.”
- * [Trench Journals and Unit Magazines of the First World War](#): “Primary source periodicals written by and for servicemen and women of all nations during the First World War.”

- * [The Vogue Archive](#): “An archive of Vogue magazine (US edition) in full color page image format, from the first issue in 1892 to the present, with monthly updates for new issues.”
- * [The Vogue Italia Archive](#): “One of the most prominent and influential international editions of Vogue. Launched in 1964, it is recognized as the least commercial and most artistic edition, with a tradition of innovation and bold treatment of current issues & events.”
- [Understanding Hate in America](#): “This collection brings together for the first time local, regional, and national newspapers published by Klan organizations and by sympathetic publishers across the U.S. during the 1920s. It also includes the voices from several anti-Klan newspapers.”
- * [Women’s Magazine Archive, 1846-2005](#): “Gender studies – women’s interest consumer magazine backfiles.”
- * [Women’s Wear Daily Archive](#): “An archive of the influential US fashion trade publication, Women's Wear Daily, starting in 1910 and covering material up to the last twelve months. All content is scanned in color with searchable text and indexing.”

Digitized Newspapers

- [Chronicling America](#): Vast collection from around the country hosted by the Library of Congress.
- * ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Some of the most significant titles, still in print: [The Atlanta Constitution](#) (1868-1984), [The Boston Globe](#) (1872-1988), [Chicago Defender](#) (1909-1975), [Chinese Newspapers Collection](#) (1832-1953), [The Christian Science Monitor](#) (1908-2006), [The New York Times](#) (1851-2016), [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) (1786-2003), [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (1865-1922), [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#) (1874-2003), [The Wall Street Journal](#) (1889-2002), [The Washington Post](#) (1877-2003)
- * [America’s Historical Newspapers](#): Very large collection. Search and browse American newspapers published across three centuries. Includes thousands of titles from all 50 states. Chronicles the evolution of American culture and daily life from 1690 to the recent past.
 - For the even larger set (beyond what CWRU subscribes to), see the subscription-based [genealogybank.com/](#) by the same parent company (it has a free trial period).
- [Ancestry.com](#): (fee required but there is a free trial window)
- **Jewish Newspapers**
 - [Historical Jewish Press](#): over 200 Jewish newspapers from around the world in a range of languages
 - [Union List of Digitized Jewish Historic Newspapers, Periodicals and e-Journals](#): Fantastic list from (The) Ohio State University of hundreds of individual titles of

digitized Jewish newspapers from around the world and links to where to find them. (CWRU students note: the [Cleveland Jewish News](#) is among the titles publicly available for research.)

- [California Digital Newspaper Collection](#): Over half a million issues and nearly 6,000,000 pages of historical newspaper articles.
- [Georgia Historic Newspapers](#)
- [Google Newspapers](#): They stopped digitizing them years ago, but while the project was ongoing, they did snag a ton of titles you can't find anywhere else
- [Trove's Australian Newspapers](#): Why not?
- [NewspaperSG](#): Newspapers from Singapore
- [Northeastern University Library's newspaper collection](#)
- [Historic Mexican and Mexican American Press](#)
- [Farm, Field and Fireside Collection](#): "historically significant U.S. farm weeklies published in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries"
- * [North China Herald](#): "The English North China Herald is universally acclaimed as the prime printed source in any language for the history of the foreign presence in China from 1850 to the 1940."
- [Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1845-present](#)
- [African American Newspapers, Series 1 & 2](#): "Explore African American history, culture and daily life in the 19th and 20th centuries. Chronicles life within the Antebellum South, the Jim Crow Era, the Great Migration, Harlem Renaissance, Civil Rights movement, and beyond."
- [African Newspapers, Series 2 \(World News\)](#): "Diverse publication titles from across Africa. Includes 19th and 20th-century newspapers published between 1835-1925."
- * [Call and Post \(Cleveland\)](#): "Full-text searching of all issues of the Cleveland Call and Post (Cleveland's longtime African American newspaper), published between 1934 and 1991. A Cleveland Public Library card is required for access."
- [Cleveland Leader, 1854-1913](#)
- * [Latin American Newspapers, Series 1 & 2](#): "Diverse titles from Latin America; includes 19th and 20th-century newspapers."
- [Ohio Newspapers](#)

Visual Archives

- * [ARTstor](#): "ARTstor is a nonprofit digital library of more than one million images in the arts, architecture, humanities, and social sciences with a suite of software tools to view, present, and manage images for research and pedagogical purposes."
- * [Sanborn Historic Maps](#): "Sanborn Historic Maps are large scale street plans produced by the Sanborn Fire Insurance company from 1867 to 1970. Sanborn Maps show the outline of each building including the location of windows and doors together with street

names, street and sidewalk widths, property boundaries, building use, and house and block numbers.”

- [Rijksmuseum](#): Collections of the magnificent Dutch museum.
- [Réunion des Musées Nationaux - Grand Palais photo agency](#): Over 600 collections of French photography, art, culture, and history.