

History Day Resources

Online Archives and Databases

General Resources

Ad Access - <http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/adaccess/>

This collection houses thousands of advertisements dated between 1911 and 1955 from the US and Canada in five categories, including beauty and hygiene, radio, television, transportation, and World War II.

Avalon Project - <http://avalon.law.yale.edu/>

The Avalon Project has digitized documents relating to law, history economics, politics, government, and diplomacy throughout the world from ancient times through the present. Documents are grouped together with related texts making finding additional sources simple.

Chronicling America - <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

A project of the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Chronicling America has digitized more than 1,000 newspapers circulating between 1836 and 1922. Newspapers can be searched and browsed. Also included is information on American newspapers published 1690–present.

Internet Archive - <http://www.archive.org/>

The Internet Archive offers digital copies of millions of books, movies, music, and websites. This fully searchable site allows for easy and direct access to its collections.

Library of Congress - <http://www.loc.gov/index.html>

The Library of Congress represents the national research library and is one of the largest library collections in the world. Here you can find documents, audio and visual recordings, prints, photographs, newspapers, maps, manuscripts, and more all relating to the United States and its history.

National Archives - <http://www.archives.gov/>

The National Archives online provides access to documents, images, and government records from the beginning of our nations' history to the present day. Primary sources can be found on a wide variety of topics relating to United States history.

National Archives (History Day Resources) - <http://www.archives.gov/education/history-day/>

The National Archives also has a special section specifically dedicated to History Day. Be sure to look through the resources available there.

Presidential Libraries - <http://www.archives.gov/presidential-libraries/visit/>

If you are looking for information on a specific presidential administration, head to the presidential library site. Even if they do not have a plethora of online collections, the library will often be willing to help if you will contact the staff.

Smithsonian Collections Online - <http://www.si.edu/Collections/>

This site houses collections from the Smithsonian covering the topics of art and design, history and culture, science and technology, libraries, and archives. Browse through millions of artifacts, digital records, library volumes, and archival materials.

Telling Their Stories - <http://www.tellingstories.org/>

This online repository contains oral history interviews conducted by students, with witnesses to key events of the twentieth century. Topics covered include Civil Rights, the Holocaust, and Japanese American internees, as well as many others.

WorldCat - <http://www.worldcat.org/>

WorldCat is an online database that allows you to search libraries all over the world for books, articles, and much more. Often your local library can help you to borrow books from these other libraries for a small fee and sometimes for free.

Topical Resources

African American History

Behind the Veil: Documenting African American Life in the Jim Crow South -

<http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/behindtheveil/>

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Slave Voices - <http://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/scriptorium/slavery/>

This online collection contains transcripts and images of rare manuscripts held by Duke University libraries relating to the history of slavery in America. Included are items like a bill of sale for a slave named Caesar and a poster announcing an award for the return of a runaway slave.

Presidential Recordings of Lyndon B. Johnson -

<http://presidentialrecordings.rotunda.upress.virginia.edu/>

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American Indian History

Doris Duke Collection - <http://digital.libraries.ou.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/dorisduke>

The Doris Duke Collection provides access to typescripts of interviews conducted with hundreds of American Indians in Oklahoma discussing the histories and cultures of their tribes. Between 1967 and 1972, members of every tribe residing in Oklahoma were interviewed. These interviews portray various ceremonies, customs, social conditions, philosophies, and standards of living.

From Warrior to Saint - <https://library.okstate.edu/search-and-find/collections/digital-collections/david-pendleton-oakerhater/>

This project makes available letters, photos, and some secondary source materials detailing the life of David Pendleton Oakerhater, a Cheyenne warrior who became the first Oklahoman to be added to the Episcopal Church's calendar of saints, and provides an interesting perspective on the American Indian experience.

Illinois and Wabash Land Companies Collection - <http://digital.libraries.ou.edu/IWLC/>

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Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties - <https://library.okstate.edu/search-and-find/collections/digital-collections/indian-affairs-laws-and-treaties>

This collection contains digital copies of government documents pertaining to American Indians and serves as an excellent source for primary literature.

Indian Claims Commission Decisions - <https://library.okstate.edu/search-and-find/collections/digital-collections/indian-claims-commission-decisions>

This collection provides the decisions made by the Indian Claims Commission, a judicial panel established to hear claims of American Indians against the United States. Many claims brought involved grievances about broken federal treaties.

Indian-Pioneer Papers - <http://digital.libraries.ou.edu/whc/pioneer/>

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Native American Manuscripts - <http://digital.libraries.ou.edu/homeNAM.php>

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Photographic Archives - <http://libraries.ou.edu/locations/docs/westhist/intro/>

The Photographic Archives provides access to over 250,000 prints and negatives, focusing on the period between 1870 and 1940 in the American West and Southwest.

Business and Law

Bass Business History Collection - <http://digital.libraries.ou.edu/homebass.php>

The Bass Business History Collection focuses on the history of businesses and businesspersons. Included are business newsletters, oral histories, and documents focused on General Electric Company and railroads.

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Childhood and Folklife

American Folklife Center - <http://www.loc.gov/folklife/>

This special collection seeks to preserve and present American folklife. It contains millions of audiovisual materials, texts, and photographs documenting folklife in America.

Folkstreams - <http://folkstreams.net/>

Folkstreams is home to documentary films about American roots culture, including a diversity of films relating to life in the American South.

Civil War

Civil War Women - <https://guides.library.duke.edu/c.php?g=289364&p=1929646>

Civil War Women houses images and texts from digital collections of three separate women chronicling their experiences during the Civil War.

Documenting the American South - <http://docsouth.unc.edu/>

This digital publishing initiative provides access to texts, images, and audio files related to southern history, literature, and culture.

Gilmer Civil War Maps Collection - <http://www2.lib.unc.edu/dc/gilmer/>

This collection houses a large group of Civil War maps. The collection can be searched by state or geographic area.

Making of America - <http://ebooks.library.cornell.edu/m/moa//>

This collection by Cornell University contains hundreds of primary source monographs and over 100,000 journal articles from antebellum America through Reconstruction. Of particular interest to the Civil War scholar is the digital version of *The War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* available through this database.

North Carolina Civil War Image Portfolio - <http://www2.lib.unc.edu/ncc/pcoll/civilwar/>

This resource contains a number of prints, photographs, woodcuts, and lithographs chronicling the Civil War.

Sherry Marie Cress Collection - <http://digital.libraries.ou.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/Cress>

This collection contains the Civil War diary of Charles Kroff, a soldier in the 11th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. The diary describes his life in the army and gives a personal account of what occurred during the Civil War. Also included are several letters that discuss the diary and the Cress family.

Cold War

Parallel History Project on Cooperative Security -

<http://www.php.isn.ethz.ch/lory1.ethz.ch/collections/index.html>

This database offers digital copies of declassified records relating to NATO and the Cold War, from about 1947 to 1991.

European Exploration and Colonial Times

American Journeys - <http://www.americanjourneys.org/texts.asp>

This database offers eyewitness accounts of European exploration in the Americas from the Vikings in Canada to westward expansion. Read the words of explorers, Indians, missionaries, traders, and settlers as they lived through critical moments of American history.

American Founding Era - <http://rotunda.upress.virginia.edu/founders/FGEA.html>

This collection of documents showcases the papers of some of the most prominent leaders in colonial America. The database is easy to navigate and contains invaluable primary sources from this era.

Great Depression, Dust Bowl, and New Deal

Voices from the Dust Bowl: The Charles L. Todd and Robert Sonkin Migrant Worker Collection -

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/afctshhtml/tshome.html>

This collection contains audio recordings, manuscripts, publications, photographs, and ephemera relating to the daily lives of migrant work camps from 1940 to 1941.

Human Rights/Social Reform

Caribbean Sea Migration Collection - <http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/caribbeansea/>

This collection contains materials related to Cuban, Dominican, and Haitian maritime migration from 1965 to 1996 including camps at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Many Latin Americans have risked a great deal when they have fled their homelands due to persecution or political unrest and boarded a boat headed for America. This collection helps to tell some of their stories.

Marshall Meyer Papers - <http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/meyermarshall/>

The Marshall Meyer papers focus on the life and activism of the Rabbi Marshall Meyer during the 1970s and 1980s in Argentina. He actively spoke out against human rights abuses perpetrated by the military junta ruling Argentina until 1983.

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Land Run/Pioneer Life

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Chronicles of Oklahoma Online - <https://library.okstate.edu/search-and-find/collections/digital-collections/chronicles-of-oklahoma>

This collection contains digital copies of the first 40 volumes (and the tables of contents for volumes 21 to the present) of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, a scholarly journal released quarterly by the Oklahoma Historical Society. The database is searchable and many articles can be downloaded in PDF form.

Literature

Literature and Culture Collection - <http://www.upress.virginia.edu/rotunda/collections/literature-culture/>

This collection contains valuable primary and secondary source materials on some of the most influential authors and poets from the Renaissance through the 1800s.

Medicine

Harvard Center for the History of Medicine Digital Collections - <https://countway.harvard.edu/center-history-medicine>

This resource contains collections dealing with the history of medicine in America. Highlights include a rich collection on women in medicine and a look at the historical views of diseases and epidemics.

Medicine & Madison Avenue Collection - <http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/mma/>

This collection highlights the relationship between modern medicine and modern advertising through hundreds of advertisements from the 1910s through 1950s. In addition, the collection houses other documents relating to health and wellness.

US National Library of Medicine Digital Collections - <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/digitalprojects.html>

This great resource provides access to texts, films, and images related to the history of medicine. Researchers can browse the collection topically or can search the entire database.

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Early Oklahoma Serials - <https://library.okstate.edu/search-and-find/collections/digital-collections/early-oklahoma-serials/>

Early Oklahoma Serials provides digital copies of several early Oklahoma publications, particularly Oklahoma magazines.

Fifty Golden Years - <https://library.okstate.edu/search-and-find/collections/digital-collections/fifty-golden-years>

This family history written by Orlando Swain, an Oklahoman who moved to Oklahoma Territory in the early 1900s, provides insight on territorial and early state history.

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Oklahoma Today Archive- <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/oktoday/index.html>

This archive provides PDF versions of *Oklahoma Today*, a magazine circulating in the state since 1956.

Oklahoma Digital Prairie- <http://digitalprairie.ok.gov/cdm/>

Oklahoma Digital Prairie is an online archive containing collections from Oklahoma's history. Collections include state government publications, state agency forms, Confederate pension cards, images of historic Oklahoma postcards, state audits, documents from the state archives, and many others. Several collections focus on Oklahoma events such as the Tulsa Race Massacre and the Red River Compact, and people such as Ada Lois Sipuel, Oklahoma authors and Oklahoma governors. Also included are thousands of other general Oklahoma primary and secondary sources.

Oklahoma Historical Society Research Division- <http://www.okhistory.org/research/index?full>

This site provides a wealth of resources related to Oklahoma history, including census records, land records, death registers, Dawes Rolls, and many more.

Oklahoma Statehood, November 16, 1907 - <http://www.archives.gov/legislative/features/oklahoma/>

This section of the National Archives contains documents, maps, and other records concerning Oklahoma's statehood.

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Woody Guthrie and the Archive of American Folk Song -

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wwghhtml/wwghome.html>

This collection highlights letters between Woody Guthrie and staff at the Library of Congress in regards to folklife and culture. Included is a biography and timeline of Guthrie's life.

Science and Technology

University of Oklahoma History of Science Collections - <http://digital.libraries.ou.edu/homescience.php>

Collection contains a full-text book by Copernicus, historic texts in geology, images from the onsite collection, portraits of historical scientists, full-text rare books, images of artifacts, and title pages of other books related to the history of science.

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Vietnam War

Vietnam Center and Archive - <http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/>

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Women's History

Emma Spaulding Bryant Letters - *<http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/bryant/>*

These letters expose the life of a husband and wife during the second half of the nineteenth century, as well as discussing women's health issues.

Documents from the Women's Liberation Movement - *<https://repository.duke.edu/dc/wlmpc>*

This collection contains images and documents related to the origins of the Women's Liberation Movement in the United States during the 1960s and 1970s.

World War II

Densho Digital Archive - *<http://archive.densho.org/main.aspx>*

This archive houses thousands of interviews, video, photos, documents, and newspapers centering on the Japanese American experience from the early 1900s through the 1980s. Of a particular focus is the Japanese incarceration during WWII.