

Forsyth Library's

Special Collections Research Guide

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Resources in Special Collections



Databases

[Humanities Full Text](#) Full text plus abstracts and bibliographic indexing of the most noted scholarly sources in the humanities, as well as numerous lesser-known but important specialized magazines. Full-text coverage begins with January 1995.

"Databases" on the Library Website

[America: History and Life](#) Abstracts and some full-text articles in the area of history are available through this database. Some full-text links (EBSCO) will not provide a link and/or will ask for payment for an article.

"Databases" on the Library Website

[Heritage Quest](#) Includes the images and indexing of the 1790 - 1930 U.S. federal censuses; 20,000 books on family histories and over 1.9 million genealogy and local history articles. If you have a Kansas Library Card, this database can be accessed from your home computer via <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/library/databases.html>

"Databases" on the Library Website

General Books and Reference Books Online Sources

[NetLibrary](#). Access Forsyth Library's E-Content collection in History

"Databases" on the Library Website

[ACLS Humanities E-Book Project](#). An online, fully searchable collection of high-quality books in the Humanities.

"Databases" on the Library Website

[Google Books](#) Full-text of books in various subjects can be found here

<http://books.google.com/>

[CREDO Reference](#). Access Forsyth Library's custom collection of reference titles in History

"Databases" on the Library Website

[Making of America](#). A digital library documenting American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction.

"Electronic Books and Texts" on the Library Website

[Kansas Books Online](#) Contains a number of books from various Kansas counties

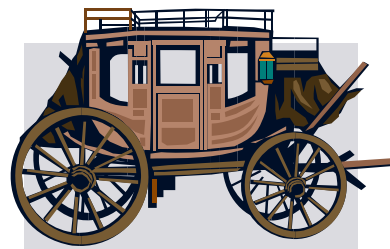
skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/kslinks/books.html

Reference Print Sources in Special Collections - Kansas and the American West

<p><i>Kansas Periodical Index</i> F676 .C37</p> <p><i>Encyclopedia of Immigration and Migration in the American West</i> HB1965 .E53 2006</p> <p><i>Cowboy Encyclopedia</i> E20 .S56 1994</p> <p><i>Western Lore and Language: A Dictionary for Enthusiasts of the American West</i> PE2970 .W4 C58 1996</p> <p><i>Encyclopedia of Women in the American West</i> HQ1438 .W45 E53 2003</p>	<p><i>Oxford History of the American West</i> F591 .O95 1994</p> <p><i>Encyclopedia of Lawmen, Outlaws and Gunfighters</i> F596 .M48 2003</p> <p><i>Dictionary of the American West</i> PE2970 .W4 B5 1992</p> <p><i>Cowboys and the Wild West: An A-Z Guide from the Chisholm Trail to the Silver Screen</i> F596 .C975 1994</p>
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Reference Print Sources in Reference Department - American West

<p><i>Historical Atlas of the American West</i> G1381 .S1 B4 1989</p> <p><i>Encyclopedia of Frontier Biography</i> CT103 .T57 1988</p>	<p><i>Encyclopedia of the American West</i> F591 .E485 1996</p> <p><i>New Encyclopedia of the American West</i> F591 .R286 1998</p>
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Print Journals

<i>Journal of the West</i>	F591 .J65	<i>Kansas Country Living</i>	HD9688 .U53 K36
<i>Kanhistique: Kansas History and Antiques</i>	F676 .K13	<i>Kansas History</i>	F681 .K177 Gov Docs K H 67.6/1 v./no.
<i>The Territorial</i>	978.1 K156	<i>Panhandle-Plains Historical Review</i>	978 P191

Electronic Journals Kansas and the American West

[Directory of Open Access Journals](#)

Journals in history are available through this open access database. Can be accessed without any connection to Forsyth Library's web site.

[America: History and Life](#) Abstracts and some full-text articles in the area of history are available through this database. Some full-text links (EBSCO) will not provide a link and/or will ask for payment for an article.

"Databases" on the Library Website

[Project Muse](#) Offers full-text articles from prestigious journals in the arts and humanities.

"Databases" on the Library Website

[Kansas Historical Quarterly](#) Articles from this magazine can be found here. KanColl and the Kansas State Historical Society are partners in digitizing these issues that were published beginning in 1931.

<http://www.kancoll.org/khq/>

[A to Z Journals](#) Go to Subject Tab and choose History.(This is available only on-campus)

"Databases" on the Library Website

[Journal of the West](#) The "Journal of the West" is devoted to the history, culture, and other facets of the development of the West.

"Electronic Journals" on the Library Website

[Kansas History](#) Some articles from "Kansas History" can be found in full-text at the Kansas State Historical Society website.

<http://www.kshs.org/publicat/history/index.htm>

Web Sites Kansas and the American West

[Kansas Heritage Project](#)

Featuring the westernmost 63 counties in Kansas, this web site is a project of the Special Collections Room in Forsyth Library

www.fhsu.edu/forsyth_lib/ksheritage

[Kansas State Historical Society](#)

The website of the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka

www.kshs.org

[Western Trails](#)

Digital library put together by various institutions in Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming

http://www.bcr.org/cdp/projects/westerntrails/wt_collections.html

[Kansas On The Net](#)

A index of various websites featuring Kansas government, history, travel and genealogy

www.kotn.org

[Kansas Heritage](#)

The Kansas Heritage Group history archives are devoted to digitally preserving Kansas' past, giving future generations the opportunity to learn from family and local Kansas history online (quote from web site)

www.kansasheritage.org

[Center for Kansas Studies](#)

Located at Washburn University in Topeka, the Center for Kansas Studies encourages the study of the history of Kansas

www.washburn.edu/reference/cks

[Kansas Memory](#)

Primary sources from the Kansas State Historical Society.

<http://www.kansasmemory.org/>

[Territorial Kansas Online](#)

Digital library put together by the Kansas State Historical Society and the Kansas Collection at the University of Kansas

www.territorialkansasonline.org

[The Kansas Collection](#)

A collection of books, articles, diaries, etc. - an excellent source for primary sources

www.kancoll.org

[Blue Skyways](#)

A service of the Kansas State Library, this website is a shared information site for the library community.

skyways.lib.ks.us

[Kansas GenWeb](#)

This site contains some primary sources relating to Kansas history

skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/index.html

[Kansas History Online](#)

Contains an encyclopedic array of articles touching on every key aspect of state history with a goal to have it completed by the sesquicentennial of Kansas statehood in January 2011.

www.kansashistoryonline.org/ksh/Index.asp

[Kansas Sampler Foundation](#)

Its two goals are to educate Kansans about Kansas and to network and support rural communities

kansassampler.org

Other Collections In Special Collections

Graduate Theses

The Graduate School places one copy of all theses written by Fort Hays State University students in Special Collections. Another copy of the thesis resides in either the General Collection or the Western Collection. The copy of the thesis in the General Collection is available to check out.

Cecil B. and Laura G. Currey Archive of Military History

Includes the personal papers and library of Dr. Cecil B. Currey, a FHSU graduate who retired in the late 1990's from the University of Southern Florida where he was a professor of history. Most of the items pertain to military history with an emphasis on the American Revolution, Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Viet Nam Conflict. Mr. Currey also donated his personal library of over 800 books to the Archive, including 16 titles he wrote or co-wrote. The subjects within the library range from Benjamin Franklin to World War II to the Viet Nam Conflict.

Research Files in the Currey Archive

Edward Geary Lansdale - Air Force officer and agent for the Central Intelligence Agency who was sent to Vietnam in an advisory role in 1954

Follow Me and Die - Interviews with World War II military personnel

Exercise Tiger Operation - a military pre-invasion practice exercise to prepare for D-Day in which approximately 800 soldiers and sailors were killed

Interviews with Veterans - One file contains tape cassettes of the interviews and another file contains transcripts of student interviews with veterans

Vo Nyugen Giap - led the military campaign against the U.S. and South Vietnam during the 1960's and 1970's

Self Destruction - interviews with Vietnam military personnel, special Vietnam studies and copies of reports written by officers

Benjamin Franklin - American Statesman

Long Binh Jail - interviews with 163 individuals who had first hand experience with the U.S. Army Vietnam Installation Stockade (USARVIS) or Long Binh Jail (LBJ)

Early American History - contains 126 transcribed documents, many of which are unavailable elsewhere in the U.S., as well as transcripts and reproductions of various documents which are pertinent to Early American History

University Archives

Records and publications of FHSU are part of this collection. The University Archives has photographs, posters, scrapbooks and other materials that preserve the history of this institution. The archives also contain records of university offices, faculty papers, university catalogs, directories, commencement programs and records of university related organizations.

“C” Collection

Rare books in the “C” collection consist of materials separated from Forsyth Library’s General Collection because of scarcity or exceptional format. Half of this collection is in the Special Collections room and the other half is housed in the Center for Ethnic Studies.

Genealogy Collection

This collection was owned by the Fort Hays Genealogical Society, which is now defunct. The items cannot be checked out and must be used in the Special Collections Room. Newsletters from various genealogical societies across the country are included within the collection. Publications from the Daughters of the American Revolution and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants are also included.

Center for Ethnic Studies

The CENTER FOR ETHNIC STUDIES is housed in a separate room on the main floor of Forsyth Library. The Center focuses on the heritage of the Volga Germans who settled in the area in the late 1800's. The collection contains a variety of pertinent reference works, bibliographies, and specialized studies, as well as pamphlets, journals, newspapers and dissertations published in the United States and abroad. General histories, church histories, parish registers, family histories, diaries and genealogies, obituaries, works on folklore, folk music and art make up the core of the collection. In addition, the collection contains numerous maps, photographs of bridal couples and of individuals and groups, as well as several video documentaries and recordings of folk music and of interviews.

Bibliographies Placed on Archives/Special Collections/Western Room Web Page

[http://www.fhsu.edu/forsyth lib/archives/](http://www.fhsu.edu/forsyth_lib/archives/)

[A Bibliography of Interest](#)

A bibliography of genealogical materials for Hays and Ellis County available in the Special Collections room and the Center for Ethnic Studies.

[A Bibliography of Some Primary Sources in the Western Collection](#)

A bibliography of sources of western history found in the Western Collection of Forsyth Library.

Genealogical Web Sites on the Internet

Genealogy Helpers

[Cyndi's List](#)

Your genealogy starting point - the website to go to for beginners and pros alike!

www.cyndislist.com

[About Genealogy](#)

Introduction to Genealogy - a free online class from the About: Genealogy web site

genealogy.about.com/library/lessons/blintro.htm

[Genealogy Help](#)

Helps genealogists with the research skills

www.genhelp.org

[Genealogy Links](#)

Online resource for family history research

www.genealogylinks.net

Genealogy Records

[Ancestry](#)

Subscription fee required. The largest family history site available online with millions of historical records from various collections.

www.ancestry.com

[Family Search](#)

A non-profit service provided by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; census records, family genealogies, vital records, and guides.

www.familysearch.org

[Rootsweb](#)

Free website. However, it is supported by Ancestry.com, so you may get to something that you want and cannot access it.

www.rootsweb.com

[Genealogy](#)

Subscription fee required. A family history site which has local and family histories, as well as vital records and military records.

www.genealogy.com

[One Great Family](#)

Subscription fee required. Online family tree built and shared by people around the world.

www.onegreatfamily.com

[Origins](#)

Subscription fee required. British and Irish records are found in this web site.

www.origins.net

Genealogy Records (cont.)

[Records from Castle Garden](#)

Offers free access to an extraordinary database of information on 10 million immigrants from 1830 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened.

www.castlegarden.org

[Heritage Quest](#)

Includes the images and indexing of the 1790 - 1930 U.S. federal censuses; 20,000 books on family histories and over 1.9 million genealogy and local history articles. Access is available on-campus only through the above link, but if you have a Kansas Library Card, this database can be accessed from your home computer via <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/library/databases.html> "Databases" on the Library Website

[World Vital Records](#)

Subscription fee required; however, it is the lowest fee of the major genealogical websites. It does offer free content, including a database of small town newspapers, to ALL visitors, along with premium databases for our paying members.

www.worldvitalrecords.org

[Ellis Island Records](#)

Search here for passenger records of ancestors that may have come through Ellis Island. A free resource from the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation (SOLEIF).

www.ellisland.org

[GenealogyBank](#)

Subscription fee required. From NewsBank, this web site features historical newspapers, historical documents and historical books in which you can use keywords to find articles and other items to assist in finding out more about your family history.

www.genealogybank.com



Volga Germans

[American Historical Society of Germans From Russia](#)

The official web site of the headquarters located in Lincoln, Nebraska.

www.ahsgr.org

[Volga Germans](#)

A website to help the Volga German researcher - names and passenger lists are among the resources.

www.webbitt.com/volga/home.html

[Volga German Net](#)

A local website dedicated to the Volga German Heritage of the area (Ellis and Rush Counties)

www.volgagerman.net

U. S. Genweb Project

[U.S. Genweb](#)

Volunteers working together to provide Internet websites for free genealogical research in every county and every state of the U.S.

www.usgenweb.org

[Kansas Gen Web](#)

The Kansas portion of U.S. Genweb.

skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb

Various Genealogical Websites for Kansas

[Kansas Genealogical Society](#)

Located in Dodge City, the KGS has an extensive library of Kansas genealogical materials.

www.dodgecity.net/kgs

[Maps of Kansas](#)

A digital collection of Kansas maps located in the Special Collections room in Ablah Library at Wichita State University.

specialcollections.wichita.edu/collections/maps/index.asp

Government Web Sites

[National Archives and Records Administration](#)

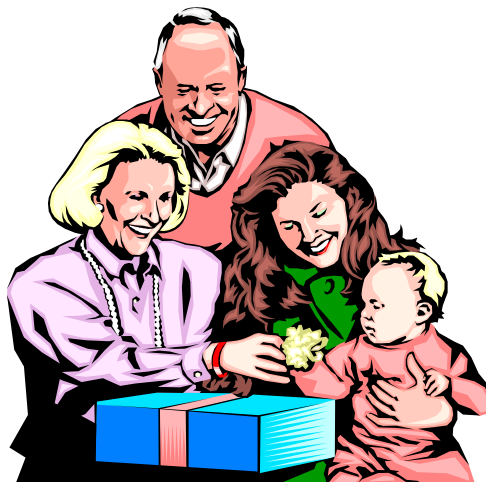
Provides information on preparing for your research at the National Archives.

www.archives.gov/genealogy

[United States Census Bureau](#)

The Census Bureau serves as the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy.

www.census.gov



Genealogy Print Resources in Special Collections

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| <i>Netting Your Ancestors</i>
Western Coll CS21 .H75 1997 | <i>Finding Your Roots Online</i>
Western Coll CS21 .H46 2003 |
| <i>Professional Genealogy</i>
Western Coll CS9 .P76 2001 | <i>The Handybook for Genealogists</i>
Western Coll CS47 .H352 2002 |
| <i>The Complete Beginner's Guide to Genealogy, the Internet and Your Genealogy Computer Program</i>
Western Coll CS14 .C56 2001 | <i>A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, Showing Three Generations of Those who Came Before May, 1692</i>
Genealogy 929.10974 S264g |
| <i>A Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research</i>
Genealogy 929.1 G326 | <i>Mayflower Families through Five Generations</i>
Genealogy 929.2 M466 |

Genealogy Print Resources in Reference

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| <i>Biography and Genealogy Master Index</i>
Z5305 .U5 B56 | <i>Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States</i>
CS49 .S28 1997 |
| <i>Compendium of Historical Sources: The How and Where of American Genealogy</i>
CS49 .B74 1997 | <i>In Search of Your European Roots: A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors in Every Country in Europe</i>
CS403 .B39 2001 |
| <i>Genealogy Starter Kit</i>
CS9 .D65 1998 | <i>In Search of Your German Roots: A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors in the Germanic Area of Europe</i>
CS403 .B38 2001 |

Finding Books

If you would like to browse for books, come into the Special Collections room and you will find several rows of shelves with books on Kansas, the Great Plains, the American West and the "Old West".

Below are some suggested subject headings that you can input into the online catalog to find books that we have in the Western Collection.

Kansas—History
(Name of county) (Kan.)—History
Ellis County (Kan.)—History
Frontier and Pioneer Life—Kansas
Frontier and Pioneer Life—Southwest, New
West (U.S.)—History
West (U.S.)—Discovery and Exploration
United States. Army—Military Life—History—19th Century
(Name of Indian tribe) Indians—History—19th Century
Wichita Indians—History—19th Century
Indian Territory—History
Indians of North America—Great Plains—History
Indians of North America—Wars—West (U.S.)
Cowboys—West (U.S.)—History
Cattle Trade—West (U.S.)—History
Railroads—West (U.S.)—History

How to use the [Online Catalog](#) to search for books

To access the catalog, click on the link above, or go to the library's homepage at www.fhsu.edu/forsyth_lib. Next, click on "Online Catalog", on the left hand side under *Quick Links*.

Type in your topic in the "Find this" box. Type in just the key (most important) words, and leave out "the", "and", "an", etc.

Next, choose what type of search you want to do: keyword, title keyword, journal title, etc. This tells the computer where you want it to look for your search terms:

Keyword Search: Searches for your term in every area, including title, descriptions, publisher, author, etc. This search will yield many results, but many will be irrelevant because your term is just mentioned briefly, and is not necessarily a focus of the book.

Title Keyword: This finds only those items that have your search terms in the title. It is a good way to find really relevant items on your topic. You can also use this search if you are looking for a specific book but are unsure of the exact title.

Left Anchored Title: Use this if you know the exact title of an item, or the first few words.

Author Browse: Find all works (owned by Forsyth Library) by a particular author. Enter the name last name first, followed by the first name, or an initial, if you know it.

Journal Title Keyword: search for a full or partial journal, newspaper or magazine title. Click on the title to see the call number and what years/issues of this periodical the library owns.

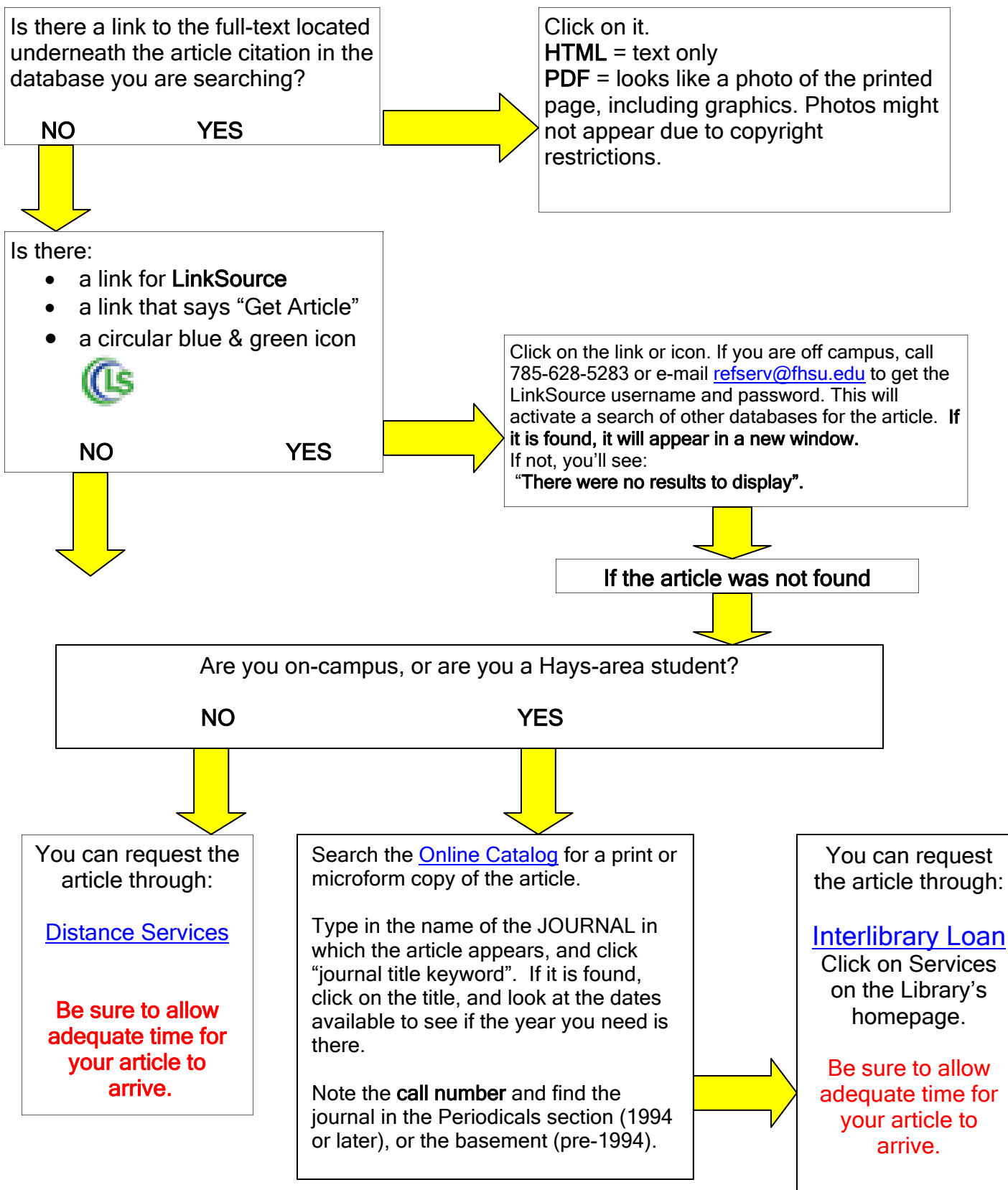
Once you've found a title you like, note the **location, call number, and status** (if it is checked out or not).

Title: **Kansas history: an annotated bibliography**

Location: Western Collection-Special Collections-Main Floor **Call Number:** F681 .S62 1992 c.2 **Status:** Available

NOTE: These searches are explained in the "Tips for Simple Search" box underneath the gray & black search area.

Finding Full-Text Articles Flowchart



Citing Your Sources

Style Guides

Online: [Duke University's Citation Guide](#) (the basics)

Print: Style Manuals are available at the Reserve and Reference Desks, and in the Reference Section.

If you are unsure about which style manual to use, consult your professor.

American Psychological Association (APA): BF76.7 .P82

[APA Format and Style Guide](#) by *Purdue Writing Lab*

APA Style Guide to Electronic Resources: BF76.7 .P82 suppl. 1 2008

Copies available at the Reserve Desk and the Reference Desk

Modern Language Association (MLA): LB2369.G53

[MLA Format and Style Guide](#) *Purdue Writing Lab*

Chicago Manual of Style: Z253.U69

[Chicago Format & Style Guide](#) *Ohio State University*

Turabian Manual for Writers: LB2369.T8

[Turabian Format & Style Guide](#) *Ohio State University*

For additional writing assistance, contact the

[FHSU Writing Center](#)

628-4106, Forsyth Library Rm. 20

HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Evenings: 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.