

Forsyth Library's

U.S. History Research Guide

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Resources for United States History



Databases

To access these databases, click on the link, then on the database title in the alphabetical list that appears.

[America: History and Life](#)

Citations and abstracts to U.S. and Canadian sources

“Databases” on the Library Website

[JSTOR](#)

Select “History” from the Advanced Search Page to find full text scholarly articles from older journals

“Databases” on the Library Website

[Educator’s Reference Complete](#)

Some full-text articles for history

“Databases” on the Library Website

[Women Writers Online](#)

A collection of pre-Victorian women’s writing

“Databases” on the Library Website

[Wilson OmniFile Full Text](#) (1982-

Abstracts and full text articles from Readers’ Guide, Humanities Index, and other databases

“Databases” on the Library Website

[World Cat](#)

A catalog of books, theses, and other materials available worldwide

“Databases” on the Library Website

[Info Trac Databases](#) (1980-

Millions of full text news and periodical articles for all subjects including history

“Databases” on the Library Website

[ACLS Humanities E-Book](#)

A digital collection of high-quality books that have been recommended and reviewed by scholars

“Databases” on the Library Website

[Custom Newspapers](#)

Full text newspaper articles

“Databases” on the Library Website

[Lexis Nexis-Congressional](#)

A full text database of bills, laws, regulations, the U. S. Code, etc.

“Databases” on the Library Website

[MAS Ultra](#)

Contains America: History and Life, Historical Abstracts, Newspaper Source, Professional Development Collection, and other databases

“Databases” on the Library Website

[Women & Social Movements in the U.S., 1600-2000](#)

Full-text primary sources

“Databases” on the Library Website

Paper Indexes

Humanities Index 1974-
An author and subject index to
periodical articles about history and
related subjects
Index Area A13 .H85

New York Times Index 1851-
An index to the contents of The New
York Times newspaper
Index Area A121 .N44

Book Review Index 1965-
Citations for reviews of books, audio
books, and e-books
Index Area Z1035 .A1 B6

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature 1900-
An author and subject index for citations to
articles of general interest that have been
published in the U.S.
Index Area AI3 .R48

Book Review Digest 1905-
Citations and excerpts of juvenile and adult
book reviews in the English language
Index Area Z1219 .C96



Electronic Journals

[Click here to browse all full-text history journals available in Forsyth Library's Databases](#)

[Click here to browse full-text articles from scholarly journals in history](#)

Major Journals for United States History

American Heritage
E171 .A43

American History
E171 .A574

Great Plains Quarterly
F591 .G762

Journal of American Studies
MF E171 .J62

The Western Historical Quarterly
F591 .W464

American Historical Review
E171 .A57

Civil War Times Illustrated
E461 .C562

Journal of American History
MF 977.05 .M678

Reviews in American History
MF 973.05 .R454

The William and Mary Quarterly
F221 .W71

Finding Full-Text Articles Flowchart

Search for your topic in a database (see p. 2), and choose an article. Is there a link to the full-text located underneath the article title/citation?

NO

YES

Click on the link to see the entire article.

- HTML = text only
- PDF = looks like a photo of the printed page, including graphics. Photos might not appear due to copyright restrictions.

Is there:

- a link for LinkSource
- a link that says "Get Article"
- a circular blue & green icon



NO

YES

Click on the link or icon. **If you are off campus, call 785-628-5283 or e-mail refserv@fhsu.edu to get the LinkSource username and password.**

This will activate a search of other databases for the article. **If it is found, it will appear in a new window.**

If not, you'll see:

"There were no results to display".

If the article was not found

Are you on-campus, or are you a Hays-area student?

NO

YES

You can request the article through:

[Distance Services](#)

Be sure to allow adequate time for your article to arrive.

Search the [Online Catalog](#) for a print or microform copy of the article.

Type in the name of the JOURNAL in which the article appears, and click "journal title keyword". If it is found, click on the title, and look at the dates available to see if the year you need is there.

Note the **call number** and find the journal in the Periodicals section (1994 or later), the basement (pre-1994) or on microfilm (MF call #), in the filing cabinets in the Periodicals section. **Library staff members are glad to help you with the MF readers and printers, if needed.**

If we don't own the article in print or microfilm, you can request the article through:

[Interlibrary Loan](#)

Click on Services on the Library's homepage.

Be sure to allow adequate time for your article to arrive.



Finding Books

If you would like to browse for books,
try looking in these areas in the General Collection on the 2nd floor:

United States History.....	E151-889
Local U.S. History.....	F1 - 975
Kansas History.....	F676 - 690

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:

All Fields (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): Note: if you enter a phrase, enclose it in quotation marks (e.g. "anatomy of hope"). This type of search finds only those items which have your search terms in the title. It is a good way to find items that focus on your topic. You can also use this search if you are looking for a specific book but are unsure of the exact title.

Subject Browse: Finds the categories (subject headings) that include your search term. For example, a search for *Art* yields the broad topic, plus subtopics by country, time period, style, etc.

Author: 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 title of a 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 availability**.

Title: *The anatomy of hope: how people prevail in the face of illness.*

Location: General Collection: Top Floor

Call Number: R726.5 G76 Status: Available

Reference and Other Print Sources for United States History

Atlas of American History
Reference G1201 .S1 F4

Chase's Calendar of Events
Reference D11.5 .C48 2004

Dictionary of American Biography
Reference E176 .D563 (10 vols.)

Dictionary of American History
Reference E174 .D52 2003 (10 vols.)

Facts on File (1951-
Reference D410 .F3

Historic Documents (1972-
General Collection E839.5 .H57

The Sixties in America
Reference E841 .S55 1999 (3 vols.)

Worldmark Encyclopedia of the States
Reference E156 .W67 2001

American Decades
Reference E169.12 .A419 1994 (10
vols.)

***Encyclopedia of American Social
History***
Reference HN57 .E58 (3 vols.)

***The Gale Encyclopedia of Native
American Tribes***
Reference E77 .G35 1998 (4 vols.)

***The Oxford Companion to United
States History***
Reference E174 .O94 2001

Documents of American History
Reference E173 .C66 1973 (2 vols.)

Encyclopedia of American History
Reference E174 .E53 (11 vols.)

Encyclopedia of the American Civil War
Reference E468 .E53 2000 (5 vols.)

Encyclopedia of the American West
Reference F591 .E485 1996 (4 vols.)

More on This Day in History
Reference D11.5 .M55 2002

The Great Depression
Reference E806 .G827 2002 (3 vols.)

This Day in American History
Reference E174.5 .G76 2001

American Decades: Primary Sources
Reference E169.1 .A47 2004 (10 vols.)

The Fifties in America
Reference E169.12 .F498 2005 (3
vols.)

***Oxford Companion to United States
History***
Reference E174 .O94

***The National Cyclopaedia of American
Biography***
Reference E176 .N27 (many vols.)

The Seventies in America
Reference E169.12 .S447 2006 (3
vols.)

More Reference and Other Print Sources for United States History

***American Chronicles: Year by year
through the Twentieth Century***
Reference E169.1 .G664 1999

***The History Highway: a 21st Century
Guide to Internet Resources***
Reference D16.117 .H55 2006

***Encyclopedia of the United States in
the Twentieth Century***
Reference E740.7 .E53 1996 (4 vols.)

***Encyclopedia of the United States in
the Nineteenth Century***
Reference E169.1 .E626 2001 (3 vols.)

***The Value of a Dollar: Prices and
Incomes in the U.S., 1860-1999***
Reference HB235 .U6 V35

***Bowling, Beatniks, and Bell-Bottoms:
Pop Culture of 20th Century America***
Reference E169.1 .B7825 2002 (5
vols.)

***Encyclopedia of Historians and
Historical Writing***
Reference D14 .E53 (2 vols.)

***The Encyclopedia of Colonial and
Revolutionary America***
Reference E188 .E63 1990

***Encyclopedia of the Great Depression
and the New Deal***
Reference E806 .C543 2001 (2 vols.)

***The American Historical Association's
Guide to Historical Literature***
Reference D20 .A53 1995 (2 vols.)

***The American Years: Chronologies of
American History and Experience***
Reference E174.5 .G753 2003 (2 vols.)

***The Greenwood Guide to American
Popular Culture***
Reference E169.1 .G7555 2002 (4
vols.)



Online Reference Sources from [CREDO Reference](#) for United States History

(Click on “Find a Book” and then “History”)

The Reader's Companion to American History

Events, issues, and individuals

Who's Who in Gay and Lesbian History

A reference work on 500 key men and women from antiquity to the present

The Reader's Companion to the American Presidency

Information regarding our nation's presidents

Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century

American history during the 19th Century

The Great American History Fact-Finder

Events, issues, people, and places

The Reader's Companion to U.S. Women's History

A source for women's history

Encyclopedia of North American Indians

Biographies, subjects of interest, and major tribes

Please Note: Other titles will be added in the future

Online Reference Books

[Britannica Online](#)

Click on “Encyclopedia Britannica” for an online encyclopedia and “Merriam-Webster Dictionary & Thesaurus” for an online dictionary and thesaurus

[Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia](#)

An online encyclopedia that is not as comprehensive as Britannica Online

[NetLibrary](#)

Electronic books for all topics including history



Electronic Books & Texts

[American Memory](#)
(available to all users)

Access to recordings, images, maps, prints, sheet music, etc.

[Making of America \(Books\)](#)
(available to all users)

[Making of America \(Journals\)](#)
(available to all users)

Newspapers on Microfilm

New York Times 1851 -

A subject, geographic, organization, and personal names index is available in the Index Area at AI 21.N44

Various Kansas Newspapers

Ask for specific titles at the Reference Desk.

General Websites of Interest

[History Websites](#)

[Google Books](#)

Search for books, then click *Find in a Library* to see if Forsyth Library has the book you need.

[Websites by Subjects](#)

[Google Scholar](#)

Some scholarly information



Citing Your Sources

Style Guides

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

Print: Style manuals can be found at the Reference Desk,
and in the following areas:

- **GC:** General Collection on the 2nd Floor. These can be checked out.
- **RES:** Reserve Desk on the 1st floor: **3 hour check-out.**
- **REF:** Reference Area on the 1st floor. For use in the library. No check-out.

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

Chicago Manual of Style: [Z253.U69](#) **GC, REF**

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

Turabian Manual for Writers: [LB2369.T8](#) **GC, RES, REF**

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

For additional writing assistance, visit or contact the

[FHSU Writing Center](#)

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