Finding Primary Sources - Resource Guide

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Text a Librarian at 540-999-8440
Chat with a Librarian at http://www.svu.edu/academics/library/chat.aspx

Sample Search Terms

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<td>Diary</td>
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<td>Letters</td>
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Sample terms can be combined with your subject – “Abraham Lincoln letters” or “Civil War maps.”

Library Catalogs

- Von Canon Library Catalog
- Washington and Lee Catalog
- VMI Preston Library Catalog
- Rockbridge Public Library Catalog (incl. BV Branch)
- WorldCat Database

Library and Archives Canada http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/discover/index-e.html

Research Databases (Von Canon Library)

- Academic Search Complete
- America: History and Life
- Archive Grid
- The Civil War: Antebellum to Reconstruction Period
- GPO (Government Printing Office)
- Harper’s Weekly
- Humanities International Complete
- Military and Government Collection
- Newspaper Source Plus
- Richmond Daily Dispatch
- Women and Social Movements
- Women’s Studies International

Selected Webpages & Digital Archives

Large Collections

- EuroDocs http://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main_Page
- Library and Archives Canada http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/discover/index-e.html
- Perry – Castañeda Historical Map Collection http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/
- American Memory http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html
- National Archives http://www.archives.gov/
Government Documents and Archives
Archives of Maryland http://www.msa.md.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/html/volumes.html
British History Online Primary Sources http://www.british-history.ac.uk/catalogue.aspx?type=2
Virginia Memory Photo Collection http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/online_photo_collections
The Avalon Project http://avalon.law.yale.edu/
National Archives United Kingdom http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

Civil Rights
Integration of the University of Mississippi http://clio.lib.olemiss.edu/archives/integration.php
Prince Edward County Public Schools http://dig.library.vcu.edu/cdm4/index_pec.php?CISOROOT=/pec

Pioneer/Westward Migration
Surveyors of the American West http://digital.nypl.org/surveyors/
The Louisiana Purchase: A heritage explored http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/purchase/search.html
Trails of Hope: Overland Diaries and Letters 1846-1869 http://overlandtrails.lib.byu.edu/

War/Military
The Valley of the Shadow – Two Communities During the Civil War http://valley.lib.virginia.edu/
The Vietnam Center and Archive Oral Histories http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/oralhistory/interviews/browse/
VMI Archives Military Oral History Database http://www1.vmi.edu/archivecoldwar/List.asp
First World War Poetry Digital Archive http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/ww1lit
Combined Arms Research Library Digital Collections http://www.cgsc.edu/carl/contentdm/home.htm
Topaz Museum Archive http://topazcamp.org/archive.html
Civil War Women Letters and Documents Online http://library.duke.edu/specialcollections/bingham/guides/cwdocs.html#diaries
War Diaries – Royal Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiments First and Second World War https://www.thewardrobe.org.uk/wardiary.php
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum http://www.ushmm.org/research/collections/oralhistory/

Depression
New Deal Network http://newdeal.feri.org/default.cfm
American Life Histories Manuscripts http://lcweb2.loc.gov/wpaintro/wpahome.html

American Revolution/Founding Fathers
Thomas Jefferson Papers http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/jefferson_papers/
Adams at the Massachusetts Historical Society http://www.masshist.org/adams/
Constitutional Sources Project (ConSource) - http://beta.consource.org/library/browse
Maps
North Carolina Maps http://www.lib.unc.edu/dc/ncmaps/
The American Geographical Society Library Digital Map Collection
http://www4.uwm.edu/libraries/digilib/maps/index.cfm
Gilmer Civil War Map Collection
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jp2

Photographs
Florida Photograph Collection and Video Clips http://www.floridamemory.com/photographiccollection/
Vancouver Public Library Historical Photographs of BC and the Yukon http://www.vpl.ca/find/cat/C393/
Davison Art Center Photographs http://www.wesleyan.edu/dac/coll/photos.html
Recollection Photographs at the New York Public Library http://exhibitions.nypl.org/recollection/
1876 Centennial Exhibition silver albumen photographs http://libwww.library.phila.gov/CenCol/tours.htm
Minneapolis Institute of Art Photographs http://www.artsmia.org/photographs/
International Center of Photography http://emuseum.icp.org/
George Eastman House Still Photography Collections http://www.geh.org/subjects.html
Digital Metro New York http://cdm128401.cdmhost.com/
National Photography Collection National Media Museum England
http://www.nationalmediamuseum.org.uk/Collection/Photography
Digital Schomburg Images of 19th Century African Americans http://digital.nyppl.org/cgi-
shl/vsc30b.exe/schomburg/images_aa19/toc.html?E+nypplbeta

Locations
Digital Library of Appalachia http://www.aca-dla.org/
First Person Narratives of the American South http://docsouth.unc.edu/fpn/
Project Jukebox University of Alaska Fairbanks Oral History Program http://jukebox.uaf.edu/
Calisphere Primary Sources http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/

Newspapers
Northwest History Database newspapers http://content.wsulibs.wsu.edu/pncc/NW_history/index.php
Making of America http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/moaajnl/
Virginia Gazette (Williamsburg) http://research.history.org/DigitalLibrary/BrowseVG.cfm
Florida Digital Newspaper Library http://ufdcweb1.uflib.ufl.edu/ufdc/?c=fdnl1
Utah Digital Newspapers http://digitalnewspapers.org
North Carolina Newspaper Digitization Project
OX=1&REC=14

Other
In Their Own Words http://deila.dickinson.edu/theirownwords/browse.html
The Carlyle Letters Online A Victorian Cultural Reference http://carlyleletters.dukejournals.org/