

GUIDE TO FINDING ARCHIVAL SOURCES

Part 3: Internet Links

There are several ways to access archival repositories and primary resources via the web. This guide is a selective list of web links designed to help you locate collections. It will be divided into five categories:

I. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:

Repositories of Primary Sources: <http://www.uidaho.edu/special-collections/Other.repositories.html>

- This resource lists more than 4,800 websites for holdings of "manuscripts, archives, rare books, historical photographs, and other primary sources." In other words, rather than listing archives, it is instead oriented toward institutions that generally follow the American special collections library model. Government archives are often represented; corporate archives most often are not.

Archives in New England <http://nils.lib.tufts.edu/newengarch/nearch.html>

- Listing of many archival repositories in New England, mostly limited to those with web links.

Columbia University E-guide to Archives and Manuscript Collections
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/eguides/speccol.html>

- Lengthy alphabetical list of web links to archives in the United States and abroad.

UNESCO Archives Portal

http://portal.unesco.org/ci/ev.php?URL_ID=5761&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201&reload=1049154773

- "An international gateway to information for archivists and archive users," this excellent site is maintained by UNESCO's Communication, Information, and Informatics Sector (CII). In addition to links to specific [archives](#) around the world, it includes links to internet resources for [primary sources online](#), archival [education](#), [preservation and conservation](#), international [cooperation](#), [associations](#), [conferences and meetings](#), and more.

II. SUBJECT GUIDES TO ARCHIVAL SOURCES

Archival sources for American Culture (Bowling Green):

<http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/infosrv/lue/amcultst/acsarchives.htm>

Culinary History and Cookbook Collections (University of Mass./ Amherst)

<http://www.library.umass.edu/spcoll/ckbkreposit.html>

Victorian Research <http://victorianresearch.org/archive.html>

Women's Archival Sources on the web <http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/women/article.html>

III. INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTIONS

New York Public Library www.nypl.org

- The NYPL "Digital Library Collections" page offers links to electronic finding aids to its special collections as well as an extensive digitized collection of historical photographs.

Smithsonian Institution

Archives of American Art <http://artarchives.si.edu/>

- The AAA collections comprise the largest source in the world of primary source documentation on the visual arts in America. Many of the resources are available on microfilm and are accessible via Interlibrary Loan.

Archives of American Gardens <http://www.si.edu/gardens/aag.htm>

- This collection is in the process of being digitized. At the moment there are no on-line finding aids. Contact information is included on the web site.

IV. GOVERNMENT INFO ON THE WEB

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) www.nara.gov

- Includes online catalog which enables you to simultaneously search all branches of NARA, including the Presidential Libraries.

United States Patent and Trademark Office <http://www.uspto.gov/patft/>

- Offers a searchable full-text database of patents dating from 1790 to the present.

United States Historical Census Data Browser <http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/census/>

- Searchable Historical Census information compiled by the Inter-University consortium for Political and Social Research.

IV. DIGITAL COLLECTIONS ON THE WEB

Library of Congress: American Memory Site: www.loc.gov

International DADA Archive: <http://sdrc.lib.uiowa.edu/dada/collection.htm> (includes scanned images of several Dada journals, books, and ephemera).

Digital Library for Decorative Arts and Material Culture
<http://decorativearts.library.wisc.edu/>

Ad*Access Print Advertising Database 1911- 1955 <http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/adaccess/>

Making of America <http://moa.umdl.umich.edu/> (a digital library of primary sources in American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction)

Digital Scriptorium <http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/Scriptorium/> (image database of medieval and renaissance manuscripts)

