INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this passport is to let people know about the wonderful archival resources all around Ohio, give them a chance to visit, explore, and learn more and participate in activities that help them to connect with their past, local history, and their community.

REGIONS:

[Map showing regions: Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southwest, Southeast]
Central Ohio

Columbus Metropolitan Library
Main Library - 96 S. Grant Avenue
614.645.2275
Hours Mon-Thurs 9-9 Fri-Sat 9-6 Sun 1-5
www.columbuslibrary.org
FB:@columbuslibrary T:@columbuslibrary Instagram: columbuslibrary
The Local History & Genealogy division at Main Library includes an extensive print, archival and microfilm collection and provides access to multiple online databases.

The Dawes Arboretum
7770 Jacksontown Road
Newark, OH 43056
740-323-2355
Hours: By appointment 7:30-4:30 Mon-Fri
www.dawesarb.org
FB: thedawesarboretum
Instagram: dawesarboretum
Arboretum archive with records and objects from the Dawes family (including Civil War, World War I, and World War II), the Pure Oil Company, and The Dawes Arboretum's history and grounds.

Denison University Archives & Special Collections, Doane Library
100 West College St, Granville OH 43023
740-587-6399
Hours: M-F 9-4
http://www.denisonarchives.org/
Instagram @denisonarchives
The Denison University Archives and Special Collections documents the history of Denison students, alumni, faculty, staff, departments, and administration. Of particular interest are the large collection of local scrapbooks and photo albums, faculty research and publications, a medieval and early modern collection, artists’ books, zines, and an extensive Bible collection.

Dublin Historical Society
6659 Emerald Parkway
Dublin, OH 43017
614-716-9149
dublinohiohistory.org
Hours: By appointment, and the first Sunday of the month, May-July and September, 1-4pm
FB: @dublinohiohistory; Instagram: @dublinohiohistory
Formed in 1974, the Dublin Historical Society collects and preserves documents and other materials relevant to the history of Dublin and the surrounding area. The Society displays these materials at the Fletcher Coffman Homestead, adjacent to Coffman Park. The Coffman Homestead includes an historic barn with implements used on the Coffman farm in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Region 6 Archives
Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University
2199 East Main Street
Columbus, Ohio 43209
614-236-6855
Hours: Tue, Wed, Fri 9 am-1 pm
www.capital.edu/elca-region-6-archives/
FB: @ELCARegion6Archives
The ELCA Region 6 Archives houses congregational histories, closed congregation records, synod records, and predecessor body records from IN, KY, OH, and the lower MI peninsula. Contact the ELCA Region 6 Archives for information about church history, local history, family history, and more.
Folklore Archives at the Ohio State University
218 Ohio Stadium
1961 Tuttle Park Pl.
Columbus, OH 43210
614-292-1639
https://cfs.osu.edu/archives
The Folklore Archives is a joint creation of the Center for Folklore Studies and the Department of English. Established in 1960 to coordinate the diverse research in folklore and ethnographic studies undertaken in the department and university-wide. The collections of the archives are available to folklore scholars and students. The Archives houses more than 10,000 cataloged student and faculty projects that span over four decades of research at Ohio State, and includes a wide variety of audio and visual materials, such as audiotapes, videotapes, and more than 5,000 slides and photos. The Folklore Archives is an integral part of the teaching and research activities of the Center for Folklore Studies at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. The archives comprise extensive collections of Ohio folksongs and music, local and Midwest folk narratives, oral history, folk customs, beliefs and practices, and documentation of material culture. This is a remarkable resource and is based on the contributions of students, faculty and other researchers for over 20 years. Graduate students are encouraged to discover its value through their work as archival assistants, and by conducting their own research with its materials.

Geologic Records Center
Ohio Department of Natural Resources,
Division of Geological Survey
2045 Morse Rd., Bldg. C-1
Columbus, Ohio 43229
614.265.6576
Hours: 8:00-11:30am & 1:00-4:00 pm. Walk-ins welcome on Tues, Thurs. By appt only on M-W-F
www.ohiogeology.com;
geosurvey@dnr.state.oh.us
Created in 1837, the Ohio Geological Survey is the oldest natural resources agency in the state. Dedicated to researching and mapping Ohio's geology, the Survey is the state's permanent archive and public access point for geologic data that supports industry, commerce, environment, safety, and public education.

Granville Historical Society
115 East Broadway, side entrance
Granville OH 43023
Mailing address: P.O. Box 129, Granville, OH 43023
740-587-3951
Hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Thursdays. Other days by appointment.
www.granvillehistory.org
Fb: Granville Ohio Historical Society
Archives email: ghsarchives@gmail.com
Large collection of early documents, records of local settlement, township and village records, merchant ledgers, club and organization records, newspapers, family histories, letters and photographs and much more. Dates: 1797 to the present.

Ohio History Connection
800 E. 17th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43211
614-297-2300
FB: @ohiohistoryconnection T: @OhioHistory
Instagram: ohiohistory YouTube: Ohio History Video
www.ohiohistory.org
The Ohio History Connection houses the state historic preservation office, the official state archives, local history office, museum and Ohio Village, and manages more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio.

OSU Historic Costume & Textiles Collection
1787 Neil Avenue
Columbus, OH 43210
614-292-3090
costume.osu.edu
fashion2fiber.osu.edu
FB: osuhctc; Instagram: osu_costume_collection
Historic clothing and textile museum including artifacts and supporting documentation.
Central Ohio

The Ohio State University Libraries Special Collections

Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum
The Ohio State University - University Libraries
Sullivant Hall, 1813 N High St, Columbus OH 43210
614-292-0538
cartoons.osu.edu
Facebook/Twitter/Instagram: @CartoonLibrary
Museum: Tue-Sun, 1–5 pm; Library: Mon-Fri, 9–5
The Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum houses the world’s largest collection of materials related to cartoons and comics, including original art, books, magazines, journals, comic books, archival materials, and newspaper comic strip pages and clippings.

Byrd Polar Research Center Archival Program
2700 Kenny Road
Columbus, OH 43210-1046
614-688-8173
Blog: library.osu.edu/blogs/archives/category/polar-archives/
FB: @BPRCAP; YouTube: BPRCArchivalProgram
The Byrd Polar Research Center Archival Program makes unique historical material documenting polar exploration and scientific investigation available for research and educational use, including records of explorers, scientists and polar research organizations.

Hilandar Research Library
Thompson Library
1858 Neil Avenue Mall
Columbus, OH 43210
614-292-0634
Email: hilander@osu.edu
Website & Hours: library.osu.edu/hrl
FB: Hilandar Research Library
The Hilandar Research Library houses the largest collection of medieval Slavic Cyrillic manuscripts on microform in the world. The Library is a collaboration between the Ohio State University Libraries and the Resource Center for Medieval Slavic Studies.

The Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee Theatre Research Institute
Thompson Library
1858 Neil Ave Mall
614-292-5938
Website & Hours: library.osu.edu/tri
FB: TheatreResearchInstitute
The Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee Theatre Research Institute holds a wide range of materials for scholarship and teaching including papers of performing arts professionals, original costume and set designs, published and unpublished manuscripts, posters, photographs, audiovisual materials, and puppets. The Institute contains particularly strong collections in playwriting; popular entertainments such as circus, sideshow, vaudeville, minstrel shows, and carnival; mime and dance; Czech theatre; and theatrical criticism.

Medical Heritage Center
Health Sciences Library
376 W. 10th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43210
614-292-3275
Hours: By appointment.
https://hsl.osu.edu/service-areas/mhc
FB: @OSUhsl; Twitter: @OSUMHC
The Medical Heritage Center (MHC) is the special collections of the Health Sciences Library at The Ohio State University. The Center’s holdings include rare books, archives and medical artifacts.

Ohio Congressional Archives
2700 Kenny Road
Columbus, OH
614-292-2409
Established in 2004, the Ohio Congressional Archives is a collaborative effort of The Ohio State University Libraries and the John Glenn College of Public Affairs. Its mission is to collect, preserve, and provide public access to collections of private papers and related materials compiled by or pertaining to members of the Ohio delegation to the United States Congress.
The Rare Books and Manuscripts Library
Thompson Library
1858 Neil Ave Mall
Columbus, OH 43210
614-292-5938
Website & Hours: library.osu.edu/rbml
FB: @RBMSatOSU
The Rare Books and Manuscripts Library contains primary-source materials and related published works from the medieval period to modern literature, American poetry, and the arts which are available for advanced study and research.

The Ohio State University Archives
2700 Kenny Road
Columbus, OH
614-292-2409
FB, T: @BuckeyeHistory
Established in 1965, The Ohio State University Archives serves as the official memory of the University. Since then, the Archives has collected more than 30,000 linear feet of manuscripts materials and roughly 2 million photos and other images to serve this purpose. The Archives has a wide variety of materials to help researchers create their own interpretations of University history.
Akron-Summit County Public Library, Special Collections Division
60 S. High St.
330-643-9030
Hours: M-Th 10-8, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5
Website: https://www.akronlibrary.org/locations/main-library/special-collections
FB: https://www.facebook.com/SC AkronLibrary/, T: @scakronlibrary
The Special Collections Division at the Akron-Summit County Public Library houses the Library’s genealogy and local history materials. Our goal is to collect, preserve, and provide access to the history of Summit County. Our genealogy collection includes books, microfilm, periodicals, databases and more. Our local history collection includes a variety of materials pertaining to all aspects of Akron and Summit County history including the archival and photograph collections of the Summit County Historical Society.

Case Western Reserve University Archives
BioEnterprise Building, Room 20
11000 Cedar Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44106-7229
216-368-3320
archives@case.edu
Hours: Monday - Friday, 1:00-4:30 pm
case.edu/its/archives/index.htm
Blog: http://blog.case.edu/archives/
Institutional archives with records and publications of Case Western Reserve University and predecessors Western Reserve University and Case Institute of Technology

Chagrin Falls Historical Society and Museum
87 East Washington Street
P.O. Box 515
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022
440-247-4695
www.chagrinhistory.org
research@chagrinhistory.org
Hours: Thursday 2-7; Sat. 11-5; By appointment
The Chagrin Falls Historical Society discovers, preserves and shares the history of Chagrin Falls and vicinity. The archives collection consists of government records, records of businesses, organizations, churches, and events, books by local authors and works by local artists, family history and genealogies.
An extensive photograph collection has been digitized and is keyword searchable. The Society’s textile and artifact collections document the history of the village as a thriving 19th century mill town. The Chagrin Falls Historical Society Press has published several books on various facets of the history of Chagrin Falls.

Cleveland City Council Archives
205 W. St. Clair Avenue, Room 100
Cleveland, Ohio 44113
216-664-4559
email: mhauserman@clevelandcitycouncil.org
(Chief City Archivist Martin Hauserman)
216-664-4545
email: cmocsiran@clevelandcitycouncil.org
(Deputy City Archivist Chuck Mocsiran)
Hours: 9am-5pm Monday-Friday
This is an archives for the legislative files and other historical material of Cleveland City Council. These resources include blueprints, maps, and other city council documents.

Cleveland History Center of the Western Reserve Historical Society
10825 East Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44106
216-721-5722
www.wrhs.org
Hours: Library: Thu, Fri, Sat: 10am-5pm
Museum: Tue-Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun: 12-5pm
FB Twitter, Insta: @CleStartsHere
As part of the Western Reserve Historical Society, the Cleveland History Center inspires people to discover the American experience by exploring the tangible history of Northeast Ohio. On November 29, 2017, a new permanent core exhibit, Cleveland Starts Here®, opens to the public. Cleveland Starts Here®, presented by Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation, explores the rich and diverse history of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio.
The Cleveland Museum of Art Archives preserves records that document the origins, development, achievements, and activities of the museum. The archives also acquires personal papers and manuscript collections that document the interaction of the museum with significant figures and organizations in the art world. These collections include those of affiliated organizations with a significant historical relationship with the museum; studios and arts businesses and industries with significant contributions to the local and broader artistic communities; manuscripts of artists, collectors, and scholars that relate to museum history; and papers of museum benefactors.

Cleveland Museum of Art Archives
11150 East Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44106
216-707-2492
archives@clevelandart.org
Open Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm; appointment recommended
library.clevelandart.org/archives
Instagram https://www.instagram.com/ingallslibrary/

Cleveland State University
Special Collections
Rhodes Tower
2121 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2214
(216) 687-3529
Mon-Fri 10am-12pm and 1-5pm
https://library.csuohio.edu/speccoll/

Drs. Nicholas and Dorothy Cummings Center for the History of Psychology
73 S. College St.
Akron, OH 44325
330-972-7285
Hours: Tue-Sat 11am-4pm; Thu 11am-8pm
www.uakron.edu/chp
FB: @CenterHistoryPsychology; T: @CCHP_UA; Instagram: @national_museum_of_psychology

The Drs. Nicholas and Dorothy Cummings Center for the History of Psychology (CCHP) is located at The University of Akron. It cares for, provides access to, and interprets the historical record of psychology and related human sciences. The CCHP houses the Archives of the History of American Psychology, the National Museum of Psychology, and the Institute for Human Science and Culture.

Dennison Railroad Depot Museum
400 Center Street
P.O. Box 11, Dennison, OH 44621
740-922-6776
Hours Tue - Fri 10-4.
www.dennisondepot.org
FB: @DennisonRailroadDepotMuseum

The archives focus on Ohio's railroad history, specifically Dennison and WWI and WWII Canteen/homefront history. The museum is a National Historic Landmark as the best example left in the country of a WWII servicemen's canteen.
The Archives of the Dittrick Medical History Center began in 1967 with the creation of a home for the records of the Cleveland Medical Library Association. The Archives continues to care for the papers of the CMLA and its Board of Trustees, but has expanded in scope to encompass the medical heritage of greater Cleveland and northeast Ohio. Its holdings include the papers of local medical societies and health care institutions, including medical schools, and hospitals and papers of individual physicians and others in the health sciences professions.

**Hudson Library & Historical Society**
96 Library Street
Hudson, OH 44236
330-653-6658
hudsonlibrary.org
FB:Hudson Library & Historical Society; Twitter: Hudsonlib; Instagram: Hudsonlib
The Hudson Library & Historical Society archives maintain an extensive genealogy and local history collection such as materials concerning the founding families. The genealogy collection provides a well-rounded selection of materials with an emphasis on the eastern United States and especially Ohio. The library houses a large manuscript collection, including one of the nation’s largest collections of materials about famed abolitionist John Brown. The archives also houses the Digital Family History Center which features an array of technology to assist you in creating digital copies of your cherished family memories. Equipment available for use includes: VHS converter, slide and negative converter, scanners, cassette and vinyl converter.

**Kelvin Smith Library Special Collections**
Case Western Reserve University
11055 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44106-7151
216-368-0189
kslspecialcollections@case.edu
library.case.edu/ksl/collections/special/
Blog: https://www.tumblr.com/blog/kslsrsc
The collection consists primarily of printed books or original manuscripts and documents, but includes photographs, periodicals, art and audiovisual recordings.

**Kent State University Special Collections and Archives**
Kent State University Libraries, Box 5190, 1125 Risman Dr., Kent, OH 44242
330-672-2270
Please check our website for hours.
www.library.kent.edu/specialcollections
F: @ksuspecialcollections T: @KentStateArchiv
Special and archival collections on a variety of subjects including Kent State history, the Kent State shootings, local and regional history, history of the book, children’s literature, true crime literature, and much more.

**The Lakewood Historical Society**
14710 Lake Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio 44107
216-221-7343
Hours: Museum: Wed-Fri 1-4:00 pm.
Archives: Wed and Fri by appointment.
www.lakewoodhistory.org
FB, Twitter, and Instagram: @VintageLKWD
Small local history museum with archive and research library specializing in Rockport Township and the City of Lakewood as a whole. Tours of our main location, The Oldest Stone House, are free.
Lorain Historical Society
329 W 10th St
Lorain, OH 44052
440-245-2563
www.lorainhistory.org
Hours: Tues and Thurs 10AM-3PM and the 2nd & 4th Saturday 11AM-2PM (Appointments for research strongly encouraged)
FB: LorainHistory); T @LHSCarnegie; Instagram @lorain_historical_society
Museum and archive for the City of Lorain with local history, industry records, photographs, and more.

Mahoning Valley Historical Society
Archives Research Center at the Tyler History Center
325 West Federal St.
Youngstown, OH 44503
330-743-2589
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday Noon to 4:00 p.m.
www.mahoninghistory.org
FB, Twitter, Instagram: @mahoninghistory
The MVHS Archives Research Center contains tens of thousands of items associated with local families, individuals, organizations, businesses, and industries located in or having connections to the Mahoning Valley. Holdings include photographs, manuscripts, maps, government records, ledgers, deeds and wills, published works and ephemera.

Oberlin Heritage Center
73 ½ South Professor Street
P.O. Box 455
Oberlin, Ohio 44074
440-774-1700
Hours: Tuesday- Saturday 10-3
http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org
FB/Instagram: @oberlinheritagecenter
The collection of the Oberlin Heritage Center documents the history of Oberlin, Ohio and includes a wide variety of photographs, archival materials, genealogy information, oral histories and a citywide building inventory.

Ohio Genealogical Society
611 State Route 97 W
Belville OH 44813 (exit 165 on I-71)
419-886-1903
Hours- Tue-Sat 9 AM to 5 PM
www.ogs.org
FB @OGSPage; BLOG – OGSBlog.org; T - @OhioGenSoc
Brief Description- 60,000 volume library plus archives (court records, newspapers, family genealogy collections, Bible records, obituaries, yearbooks, directories, regimental histories, First Families of Ohio applications, Ohio Mayflower Society applications, Ohio War of 1812 Descendants applications)

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Library & Archives
2809 Woodland Ave
Cleveland, OH 44115 (not at the Museum)
216-515-1956
library@rockhall.org
Hours: By appointment, 9am-5pm Monday-Friday. Call or email 24 hours in advance to schedule.
library.rockhall.com
FB - @rockandrollhalloffame; T: @rockhall; Instagram: @rockhall
Preeminent repository of materials relating to the history of rock and roll, with primary and secondary sources documenting Rock Hall Inductees and other performers, the music business, music journalism and scholarship, radio, related music genres, and more. Exhibits on site.
Shaker Heights Public Library Local History Collection
16500 Van Aken Blvd
Shaker Heights, OH 44120
216-367-3016
Email: localhistory@shakerlibrary.org
Hours: By appointment or when Local History librarian is on duty: Tue-Thu 11am-3pm, Tue 6pm-9pm, some Fri 1:30-5:30pm, Sat 10am-2pm, some Sundays 1-5pm. Call or email for appointment.
https://shakerlibrary.org/local-history/about/connect/
FB: Shaker Library - Local History Collection
T: @ShakerLocalHist
The Local History Collection is an archives representing the history of Shaker Heights, Ohio, and makes material pertaining to the community, organizations, institutions, and people of Shaker Heights accessible and useful to the public through systematic collection, organization, cataloging, reference and research assistance, and programming. Highlights of the collection include records of the Ludlow Community Association, founded in 1957 to facilitate the integration of Shaker Heights; blueprints on microfilm of many of Shaker Heights' architecturally significant homes; a robust photographic record of the Shaker Schools; and yearbooks back to 1922, among many other materials.

The Sutliff Museum
444 Mahoning Avenue NW
Warren, Ohio 44483
330.395.6575
Hours: Wed, Thu 3:00-6:00pm; Fri-Sat 1-4:00pm
Website www.sutliffmuseum.org
Facebook: @TheSutliffMuseum; Twitter @Sutliff_Museum
The Sutliff Family Document Collection, housed at the Sutliff Museum, contains over 850 works on paper which include the business and personal letters of men from the national, state, and local anti-slavery societies as well as the business and personal letters of the Sutliff family. In addition to these letters, the Collection holds anti-slavery society pamphlets and advertising material, court documents, land deeds, and newspaper clippings.

The University of Akron University Libraries, Archival Services
225 South Main Street
Polsky Building, Room LL-10
Akron, Ohio, 44325
330-972-7670
Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
www.uakron.edu/libraries/archives/
FB: @uakronlibraries
Archival Services of University Libraries collects, preserves, and provides access to primary and secondary source materials that document the history of The University of Akron, Akron and Summit County, the rubber industry, Lighter-than-air flight, Ohio canals, book and print culture, and the B-26 Marauder and the 9th Air Force Associations.
Antiochiana
Olive Kettering Library
Antioch College
One Morgan Place
Yellow Springs OH 45387
937-319-0111/937-769-1240
Hours: 9am-5pm M-F
www.antiochcollege.edu/antiochiana
Research facility and repository for historical treasures of Antioch College. Has collected publications, manuscripts, photographs and ephemera relevant to Antioch and Yellow Springs since 1905.

Archdiocese of Cincinnati Archives
25 E. 8th Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
513-421-3131 x3002
By appointment, M-F 9:00am-4:30pm
www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/archives-office/
Instagram: @catholiccincyarchives
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Archives is the official repository for the archdiocese and is charged to collect, preserve and make available the official records of the archdiocese and those ancillary records that reflect the work of the Catholic Church within the region of the archdiocese.

Beavercreek Historical Society
1368 Research Park Dr.
Beavercreek, Ohio 45432
937-427-5514
Hours are by appointment only
www.beavercreekhistoricalsociety.org
The Beavercreek Historical Society houses histories of founding families, local history, copies of the Beavercreek News, photographs, and more. We also maintain a group of historical homes in Wartinger Park located at 3080 Kemp Rd.

Brethren Heritage Center
428 N Wolf Creek St, Suite H1
Brookville, Ohio 45309
937-833-5222
Hours: 10AM-4PM, Mon, Wed, Sat
www.brethrenheritagecenter.org
Social Media: Brethren Heritage Center
The Brethren Heritage Center exists to share the rich heritage of all the Brethren groups that trace their origin to Alexander Mack in 1708 in Schwartenau, Germany. We offer a museum, a research library with over 20,000 books, church related manuscripts and artifacts, and a large collection of family genealogy.

Cincinnati Art Museum, Mary R. Schiff Library and Archives
953 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45202
513-639-2978
Tuesday-Friday, 11am-5pm (appointment needed)
https://cincinnatiartmuseum.org/visit/library-archives/
The Mary R. Schiff Library and Archives at the Cincinnati Art Museum is an exceptional resource for the study of art history. In addition to an extensive collection of art reference materials, archival holdings include the museum’s own institutional records, which provide a fascinating record of its history, operation, and activities from 1881 to the present. The archives also maintains records of the Art Academy of Cincinnati for the period 1884 through 1998 when the academy was affiliated with the museum, and collects original papers and records of local artists and art organizations.

Cincinnati History Library and Archives
Cincinnati Museum Center
1301 Western Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45203
The library hours are: Monday-Friday 12 noon to 5 p.m, Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays. Researchers are encouraged to contact us prior to their visit as some collections are stored offsite. Reference service is available via email at library@cincymuseum.org
http://library.cincymuseum.org
Facebook/Twitter/Instagram/YouTube/Pinterest/Flickr @CincyMuseum
Created in 1831 as the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, later renamed the Cincinnati Historical Society in 1963, and finally the Cincinnati History Library and Archives in 2011, we collect, preserve, and share the history of Cincinnati and the surrounding region. Due to our early creation we also have a sizeable collection regarding the Old Northwest.
Clark County Historical Society
at the Heritage Center
117 S. Fountain Avenue
Springfield, OH 45502
937-324-0657
Hours: Archives: Wed-Fri 10-5, Sat 10-3
Museum: Tue-Friday 9-5, Sat 9-3
www.heritage.center
FB: clarkcountyhistory T:@clarkcohistory
County museum with research library and archives with local history, family records, records and histories of local businesses, birth, death, marriage, and Probate Court records, blueprints, oral histories, scrapbooks, photographs, and more.

Kettering Foundation Archives
200 Commons Road
Dayton, OH 45458
937-434-7300
Open by appointment only
The Kettering Foundation is a nonprofit operating foundation rooted in the American tradition of cooperative research. Kettering’s primary research question is, what does it take to make democracy work as it should? The KF Archives collects, preserves, assists with research on the Kettering Foundation and National Issues Forums. Our best-known collection is the Dartmouth Conference paper.

Lloyd Library & Museum
917 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
513-721-3707
Hours: 8:30-4:00, Mon–Fri, 3rd Sat of Sept-May
www.lloydlibrary.org
FB: @LloydLibrary; Twitter: @LloydLibraryMus;
Instagram: @lloydlibrary
The Library holds, acquires, preserves, and provides access to both historic and current books and journals, as well as archival materials, on a wide variety of disciplines: natural history, botany, pharmacy, medicine, scientific history, and visual arts.

Logan County History Center
521 E. Columbus Avenue
Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311
937-593-7557
Hours: Wed, Fri 1-4pm
www.loganhistory.org
County museum with research library and archives with local history, family records, court records, photographs, etc. Logan County Genealogical Society also housed at the History Center.
Southwest Ohio

The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
3101 Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45220
513-221-1875
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9-5; Friday, 9-3
http://americanjewisharchives.org/
FB: AmericanJewishArchives T:@AJArchives
Founded in 1947 in the aftermath of the Holocaust by the renowned historian, Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus, the AJA is located on the historic Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. As one of the world’s largest archives for the study of the American Jewish experience, the AJA preserves records relating to Jewish life in the Americas from its beginnings to the present day. Among its voluminous holdings are collections relating to the history of Jews in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Midwest region.

The Marian Library, University of Dayton
300 College Park Ave, Dayton, OH 45469
937-229-4214
Hours: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Mon-Fr
www.udayton.edu/marianlibrary
FB: @Marian Library and International Marian Research Institute; T:@MarianLibraryUD; Instagram: @MarianLibraryUD
The Marian Library is a unique special library at the University of Dayton with the mission to make the Blessed Virgin Mary "better known, loved, and served." Located within the main library on campus, Roesch, the library contains archives, an extensive rare book collection, AV materials, nativity sets, statues, artwork, and circulating books and pamphlets.

Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage Center
Located within the Boyd Cultural Arts Center, Wilmington College
1870 Quaker Way
Wilmington, OH 45177
937-481-2456
Hours: 10-4 M-F Sept-June1
wilmington.edu/the-wilmington-difference/qhc/
FB: @QuakerHeritageCenter; Instagram: @quakerheritage; T: @quakerheritage
The Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage Center is a facility dedicated to celebrating the local, regional and national history of the Religious Society of Friends and is located at Wilmington College. The center features 1,261 square feet of display areas, and a traditional Quaker meeting-house. The Quaker Heritage Center celebrates the history of the Religious Society of Friends who settled in southwest Ohio, as well as their contributions to America and its culture. Quakers have a long history of activism on issues such as peacemaking, civil rights, racism and social justice. Visiting exhibits and speakers are just part of the experience.

MidPointe Library System’s Local History and Genealogy Collections
125 S. Broad Street
Middletown, Ohio
513-424-1251
Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 9 PM, Friday: 9 AM - 7 PM, Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM, Sunday: 1 PM - 5 PM
FB:MidPointeLibrarySystem T:@MidPointe
I:midpointe_library
Accessible at MidPointe Library Middletown, the MidPointe Library collects, preserves, and makes available material related to history of eastern Butler County, focusing on the communities of Middletown, Monroe, Trenton, West Chester Township, and Liberty Township. Materials include: photographs, maps, letters, newspapers, city directories, and more. A variety of local and regional genealogy resources are also available.

Montgomery County Records Center & Archives
117 South Main Street, 6th Floor
Dayton Ohio 45422
937-225-6366
www.mcohio.org/government/other_government_and_community_agencies/records_center_and_archives/index.php
A Records Center and Archives which houses and preserves Montgomery County’s government records.
National Afro American Museum and Cultural Center
1350 Brush Row Road
Wilberforce, OH 45384
937-376-4944
Hours: Wed/Th 1pm-3pm or by appointment
https://www.ohiohistory.org/visit/museum-and-site-locator/national-afro-american-museum
FB: National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center T:@naamcc Instagram: @naamcc
With over 660 linear feet of archival material, National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center offer access to a wide variety of unpublished photographs, documents, and A/V material that documents the African American experience.

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force Research Division
1100 Spaatz Street
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH 45433-7102
Research visits are by appointment only.
NationalMuseum.MUA@us.af.mil
www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/
FB: National Museum of the U.S. Air Force; T: @AFmuseum
The Research Division maintains an extensive collection of two-dimensional media about U.S. Air Force aircraft, operations and personnel as part of a government historical research facility.

Peace Resource Center at Wilmington College
51 College St.
Wilmington, OH 45177
937-481-2371
Hours: 10am-4pm M-F (Sept-June) 10am-4pm M-Th (June 1-August 31)
wilmington.edu/the-wilmington-difference/prc/
FB: @PRCatWC/ T: @PWCWilmington
Instagram: peace_resource_center
The Peace Resource Center at Wilmington College is home to the Barbara Reynolds Memorial Archives, a repository of materials related to the Japanese experience of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki as well as the postwar disarmament movement in Japan and the world. Our collection was founded by SW Ohioan Barbara Reynolds who was a lifelong advocate of nuclear disarmament as well as an advocate for atomic bombing survivors. Our collections holds a-bomb survivor testimonials, photographs, film, audio, artifacts, correspondence, as well as a large collection of atomic bombing scholarship, literature, art, and poetry.

Piqua Public Library
Local History Department
116 West High Street
Piqua, Ohio 45356
937-773-6753
Hours: Mon-Thu: 10–8:30, Fri-Sat: 10 – 5:30
youseemore.com/piqua
FB: Piqua.Library; Pinterest: piquapubliclib; T: @PiquaLibrary
The Piqua Public Library is a general library serving Piqua, Springcreek and Washington Townships in Miami County. Within the library is the Local History Department. The department has over 6000 books, 258 Manuscript Collections, 7756 Small Collections, 6646 Vertical Files, in excess of 1500 House Files and an extensive map collection. The department specializes in genealogical research, house histories and general information on the history of Piqua, Springcreek and Washington Townships, Miami County and the northern Miami Valley.

Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Archives
5900 Delhi Road
Mount Saint Joseph, Ohio 45051
513-347-5348
Hours: Mon-Fri 8 AM–4 PM by appointment
www.srcharitycinti.org
The archive of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, a Catholic Women Religious Community, includes a special collection library containing local and church history, records from each ministry founded or operated throughout the United States and in many countries, photographs, and more.
Sisters of the Precious Blood (CPPS) Archives
4960 Salem Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45416
937-278-0871
Hours: By appointment.
www.preciousbloodsistersdayton.org
YouTube: Sisters of the Precious Blood, Facebook:
Twitter: @PBSistersDayton, Instagram: @vocationscpps, Pinterest: Sisters of the Precious
Blood
CPPS Archives preserves documents, photographs, and objects about the mission, ministry, governance, and life of the Sisters of the Precious Blood from 1834 to the present.

Smith Library of Regional History
441 S. Locust St.
Oxford, OH 45056
513-523-3035
Hours: 10-12 & 1-5 M-F, 10-1 Sat., 5-8 Tues.
lanepl.org/smith
sml@lanepl.org
The Smith Library of Regional History is a division of Lane Public Libraries, which serve western Butler County. With a mission to collect, preserve, and disseminate information on the history of Oxford, Butler County, and southwestern Ohio, the Smith Library collects cemetery and church records, city and township archives, club and organization records, school and business histories, maps and atlases, county histories and regional biographies, travel journals, area newspapers, historical fiction, manuscripts (letters, diaries, scrapbooks, family histories), historic photographs, oral histories and more. Generously endowed by the W. E. Smith Family, the library has welcomed researchers since 1981.

Troy-Miami County Public Library
Local History Library
100 W. Main St.
Troy, Ohio 45373
937.335.4082
Mon, Wed 10-8; Tu, Thu, Fri 10-4; Saturday, 9-1
https://www.tmcpl.org/content/troy-local-history-library
Twitter: Troy-Miami County PL
The Local History Library has been a part of the Troy-Miami County Public Library system since its inception in 1960. Since 2003, the Troy Library has maintained a separate building as a distinct branch for local history and genealogy research. Its primary mission is to collect and preserve the history of Troy and Miami County, as well any corresponding region which impacted the history of the area. It maintains a large collection of published books, family genealogies, manuscripts, photos and maps for use by students, researchers (professional or amateur), the general public and inquisitive people. The Local History Library also partners with The Troy Historical Society and houses its collection on site. As a branch of the Troy Public Library, there is no charge to access the resources of either collection.

The Troy Historical Society
PO Box 401, Troy, OH 44373
100 W. Main St., Troy, OH 45373
The Troy Historical Society office hours vary. Library staff will assist patrons.
937-339-5900 Email: tths@frontier.com
www.thetroyhistoricalsociety.org
FB: https://www.facebook.com/The-Troy-Historical-Society-1284180991597270/
University of Cincinnati, Archives and Rare Books Library
8th Floor Blegen Library
2602 McMicken Circle
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221
513-556-1959
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm
https://libraries.uc.edu/libraries/arb.html
FB: @ArchivesRareBooksLibraryUniversityOfCincin nati; Twitter: @ARBLibrary
archives@ucmail.uc.edu
The University of Cincinnati’s Archives and Rare Books Library is an academic research library and is located within Blegen Library, one of the little-known Art Deco buildings in Cincinnati. The collection includes rare books from the past 800 years, one of the nation’s largest German-Americana collections, an Urban Studies collection that highlights the history of the Cincinnati area, the University archives, and a local government records collection.

University Archives and Special Collections
University of Dayton
300 College Park Ave, Dayton OH 45469-1360
937-229-4256
Hours 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday
https://udayton.edu/libraries/research/collections.php
The University's archives chronicle its development into a top Catholic and Marianist institution of higher learning. Materials date from 1850, when St. Mary's Institute was founded as a grammar school for boys, to the present. The archives include records created by University departments, records of student organizations, alumni and faculty papers, student theses and dissertations, photographs and audiovisual recordings, and University publications. The eclectic rare books collection includes manuscripts as well as early and limited edition books. Additional special collections highlight sports, the arts, politics and the pursuits of UD alumni. These collections contain rare prints, drawings, photographs, maps, art objects and audiovisual recordings.

Walter Havighurst Special Collection and Archives
Miami University
151 S. Campus Avenue
Oxford, OH 45056
513-529-3323
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 – 5:00pm
spec.lib.miamioh.edu/home/
FB: @mulibraries; T: @miamilibraries
Pinterest: @miamilibraries
Tumblr: http://muspec.tumblr.com/
The Walter Havighurst Special Collections in King Library houses more than 85,000 volumes plus manuscripts and archives.

Warren County Historical Society
Harmon Museum, Glendower Mansion and Gardens, Old Post Office
105 S. Broadway
Lebanon, OH 45036
513-932-1817
wchsmuseum.org
The office of the Warren County Historical Society and its Historical Research and Genealogy Library are both housed in Harmon Museum. The Historical Research and Genealogy Library was founded in 1940 and includes books, photographs, letters, birth, death and marriage records as well as microfilmed newspapers and county records for Warren County, Ohio. Special collections include National Normal University, United Society of Believers (Shakers) and Quakers.

Warren County Records Center and Archives
406 Justice Drive, Room 052
Lebanon, OH 45036
513-695-1815
Hours: 8:00-4:30 Mon-Fri
www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/
https://www.facebook.com/warrencorecordscenterandarchives/
www.wcrcarchives.wordpress.com
County government archives that services local history, family history, and county government history researchers. We have two rotating local history exhibits on display at all times and extensive online indexes available to researchers.
Southwest Ohio

Henry R. Winkler Center for the History of the Health Professions
University of Cincinnati
Donald C. Harrison Health Sciences Library
231 Albert Sabin Way
Cincinnati, Ohio 45267-0574
513-558-5120
Hours: By Appointment Only
libraries.uc.edu/winkler-center.html
FB: @HenryRWinklerCenter/
From its early beginnings in 1974 as the Cincinnati Medical Heritage Center, the Winkler Center has been one of the premier medical and health history centers in the United States. The Winkler Center is an archive, library, and exhibit facility that encourages visitors and researchers to explore the Cincinnati area's rich history of medicine and the health sciences, and to discover the people whose ideas contributed to groundbreaking advances in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and numerous other health professions over the last two centuries. It is the mission of the Winkler Center to document, preserve, promote, exhibit and provide access to this history.

Wright State University
Special Collections & Archives
3640 Colonel Glenn Highway
Dayton, OH 45435
937-775-2092
Hours: Mon-Tue, Thu-Fri 8:30-5, Wed 8:30-9pm,
www.libraries.wright.edu/special/
FB: wrightstatearchives; T: @WrightStArchive;
Instagram: wrightstarchives
SC&A collects, preserves, and makes available material related to the Wright Brothers and the history of aviation, the Miami Valley, and Wright State University.

Xavier University Archives
3800 Victory Parkway
Cincinnati, Ohio 45207
513-745-2821
Open by appointment, Monday-Friday
https://libguides/xavier/edu/archives
T: @Xavier_Library
Xavier University Archives serves as the chief historical resource for materials about the University, its people, programs, and culture. Collection includes administrative records, faculty papers, and student life documentation. Special Collections contains rare books and manuscripts with a focus on theology, church history, and Jesuitica.
Allen County Museum and Historical Society  
620 W. Market St.  
Lima, OH 45801  
419-222-9426  
Hours: 1-5 Tues-Fri; 1-4 Sat & Sun; closed Mondays and major holidays  
www.allencountymuseum.org  
FB: Allen County Museum and Historical Society  
The Museum contains archival materials in two departments. The Elizabeth M. MacDonell Memorial Library is a non-circulating research library containing genealogical materials, local history, government records, maps, manuscripts, diaries, and photographs. The John H. Keller Railroad Archives contains records, negatives/prints, and drawings from the Lima Locomotive Works; and additional materials from the New York Central and other steam and electric railroads.

Bluffton University Archives and Special Collections, Bluffton University  
1 University Drive  
Bluffton, OH 45817  
419-358-3450  
libguides.bluffton.edu/asc  
bluffton.contentdm.oclc.org/  
FB: MusselmanLib; T: @BlufftonU_ASC;  
Instagram: @blufftonarchives  
Special collections and archives of northwest Ohio liberal arts college with collections focused on Mennonite/Anabaptist history, theology, and culture; local Swiss Mennonite and community history; manuscript collections; and rare books. Regional conference archives for Mennonite Church USA.

Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections  
William S. Carlson Library, 5th Floor  
The University of Toledo  
2801 West Bancroft St.  
Toledo, OH 43606  
419-530-4480  
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
http://www.utoledo.edu/library/canaday/  
FB: CanadayCenter; T: @CanadayCenter  
The Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections operates within the University Libraries of the University of Toledo. The repository collects, preserves and makes available for research the historical record of the University of Toledo, as well as manuscripts collections that document the corporate, philanthropic, disability, municipal government, and local history of Toledo and surrounding areas. Collections of note include Libbey-Owens-Ford, Owens-Illinois, and the City of Toledo government.

Center for Archival Collections  
William T. Jerome Library, 5th Floor  
Bowling Green State University  
Bowling Green, OH 43403  
419-372-2411  
archive@bgsu.edu  
Mon 8 AM-9 PM, Tue-Fri 8 AM-5 PM, Sat 1-5PM  
www.bgsu.edu/library/cac.html  
Facebook: BGSU Center for Archival Collections;  
Twitter: @cac_bgsu  
A unit of the University Libraries at Bowling Green State University, the Center for Archival Collections collects, preserves, and provides access to unique primary source collections relating to the history of BGSU, Northwest Ohio, the Great Lakes, and higher education administration. The Center is also home to the University Libraries’ Rare Books Collection.
Clyde Museum & General McPherson House
124 W. Buckeye St.
Clyde, Ohio 43410
419-547-7946
www.clydemuseum.org
Hours: Thursday- 1:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday- 10:00-1:00 p.m. (Closed last week of November thru February 1 each year, appointment necessary)
The Clyde Museum holds archived local records of individuals, families, businesses, organizations and etc. The types included are the complete collection of weekly newspapers of the former Clyde Enterprise from 1878 to 2016. Other holdings include local histories, Native American histories, books, local and Sandusky County directories, manuscripts, letters/correspondence, photographs, slides, glass plate negatives, marriage records, local yearbooks, Clyde Development Corporation administrative papers, news clippings, local clubs records, maps, genealogy records, local educational records, company records and registers for the former Clydesdale Truck Company, Sherwood Anderson books, company newsletters for Whirlpool, Clyde Porcelain Steel, and Bendix Corps., and much more. Please call to setup an appointment if you wish to view any archive materials.

Defiance College Archives
Pilgrim Library, Defiance College
201 College PL
Defiance, OH 43512-1667
419-783-2487
bsedlock@defiance.edu
Hours: General library hours
at library.defiance.edu. Access to archives weekdays, 8-4:30, evening and weekend appointments can be arranged.
memory.defiance.edu
Blog: pilgrimlibrary.wordpress.com/
Collects materials on Defiance College history, as well as preserving records of the now-closed institutions Schaufller College, Palmer College, and Christian Biblical Institute. Holdings include manuscripts, photographs and slides, publications such as yearbooks, student newspapers and catalogs, administrative papers, news clippings, meeting minutes, and student life records. The Library also houses a collection of 90 historical Ohio Court-house oil paintings by Hermann Wiebe.

Hancock Historical Museum
422 West Sandusky Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840
419-423-4433
Wed-Fri 10-4, Sunday 1-4
www.hancockhistoricalmuseum.org
FB: @HancockHistoricalMuseum; Instagram: @hancockhistoricalmuseum; Twitter: @HancockHistoric
The Hancock Historical Museum is a privately-funded, non-profit history museum founded in 1970, opened to the public in 1971 in the Hull-Flater House. In addition to an expansive campus, the museum houses more than 70,000 books, photographs, manuscripts and artifacts in its collections.

Music Library and Bill Schurk Sound Archives
3rd Floor, Jerome Library
Bowling Green State University
1001 E. Wooster St.
Bowling Green, OH 43403
419-372-2307
www.bgsu.edu/library/music.html
FB: @BGSUMusicLibrary; Twitter: @mlbssa; Instagram: @mlbssa; Tumblr: bgsumusiclibrary and librarysleevefacing
With almost a million recordings, the Bill Schurk Sound Archives represents the largest collection of popular music recordings in an academic library in North America. Our collections also include books, scores, and video formats covering music studies from multiple angles.
Lakeside Heritage Society
324 W. Third Street
Lakeside Marblehead, OH 43440
419-798-5519
Fall-Spring Hours: Monday- Friday 9 a.m. -3 p.m.
www.lakesideheritagesociety.com
FB: lakesideheritagesociety
Lakeside Chautauqua and Marblehead Peninsula museum and archives with local history, photographs, tax and deed records, oral histories, newspapers; East and West Ohio Methodist Conference Meeting information; and history of the American Chautauqua Movement.

Music Library and Bill Schurk Sound Archives
3rd Floor, Jerome Library
Bowling Green State University
1001 E. Wooster St.
Bowling Green, OH 43403
419-372-2307
Hours: Sun: 1-10pm, Mon-Thu 8am-10pm, Friday 8am-5pm, Saturday 1pm-5pm
www.bgsu.edu/library/music.html
FB: @BGSUMusicLibrary; Twitter: @mlbssa; Instagram: @mlbssa; Tumblr: bgsumusiclibrary and librarysleevefacing
With almost a million recordings, the Bill Schurk Sound Archives represents the largest collection of popular music recordings in an academic library in North America. Our collections also include books, scores, and video formats covering music studies from multiple angles.

Sandusky Library Archives Research Center
114 W. Adams St.
Sandusky, OH 44870
419-625-3834
Hours: Mon-Wed, 10 AM- 8PM;
Thu-Sat, 10 AM-5 PM
www.sanduskylib.org
sanduskyhistory.blogspot.com
Facebook: Sandusky Library – Official Page
A department of the local public library containing Local history archives collections, including genealogical resources, records of local organizations and individuals, photographs, and other documents. Museum artifacts and exhibits are at the Follett House museum, a division of the Sandusky Library.
Robert E. and Jean R. Mahn Center for Archives and Special Collections
Ohio University Libraries
Alden Library 5th Floor
30 Park Place
Athens, OH 45701
740-593-2710
Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 12-4pm
www.library.ohio.edu/about/collections/archives-special-collections/
FB, T, Pinterest, YouTube, Instagram: @aldenlibrary
The Mahn Center is the principal repository for rare books, manuscripts, and Ohio University archives material.

Marietta College Legacy Library
215 5th St.
Marietta, OH 45750
740-376-4757
Hours: M-Th 7:30am-12:00am, Fri, 7:30am-6pm, Sat 12-6pm, Sun, 12pm-12am
https://library.marietta.edu/home
FB: @MCLegacyLibrary
The collection includes over 300 family histories, extensive photo files of local people, events and places, obituary files, surname files, census records, maps, newspapers, military documentation, audiovisual collections, cemetery, school and church records. There is a large collection of Washington County books in the Fran Kigans Reading Room.

Portsmouth Public Library
Local History Department
1220 Gallia Street
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
740-354-5688
Hours: MON, TUES, THURS, 10a - 8p; WEDS, FRI 10a - 6p; SAT 10a - 5p; SUN CLOSED
www.yourppl.org
The Portsmouth Public Library serves Portsmouth and the Scioto County area with a population of 79,499. The Local History Department is located in the county seat of Portsmouth. The department contains over 7,530 books including the Ohio Room Collection, 395 microfilm, over 4,000 vertical files, 365 archival boxes and over 100 archival files. The department specializes in genealogical research and provides assistance to those researching Scioto County history.

Washington State Community College
Carson K. Miller Library
710 Colegate Drive
Marietta, OH 45750
740-568-1914
Hours: M-Th 7:30-7:00, F 7:30-4:00
www.wscc.edu

Washington County Historical Society
346 Muskingum Drive
Marietta, OH 45750
(740) 373-1788
Hours: Tues, Thurs 10am-2pm
www.wchshistory.org
The National Archives at Chicago
7358 South Pulaski Road
Chicago, IL 60629-5898
Ph: (773) 948-9004
Hours: M-F 8am-4:15pm
http://www.archives.gov/chicago/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/nationalarchiveschicago
The National Archives at Chicago is a regional branch of the National Archives and Records Administration. While we’re located in Chicago, our holdings document federal activities throughout the Great Lakes region including the state of Ohio. Among our holdings are court records for cases tried in Ohio’s numerous federal courts from 1800 to the recent past; records relating to hundreds of formerly used defense sites around the state; Army Corps of Engineer records documenting Ohio’s waterways, locks, and dams; and the Buckeye State’s contributions to space exploration at Cleveland’s John Glenn Research Center are just a few of the records available to researchers.

Sisters of St. Francis Archives
P.O. Box 100
Oldenburg, IN 47036
812-933-6487
Hours: 9-11a.m. or by appointment, Mon-Fri
www.oldenburgfranciscans.org
FB: www.facebook.com/oldenburgsisters
Religious Community Motherhouse with archives including print materials, photographs, Sisters’ records, and books relating to the history and ministries of the Sisters of St. Francis from their founding in 1851 to the present.