

## Historical Books - Research eGuide

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Research guide to sources for finding historic books, especially searching online and viewing scanned books. Books published prior to 1923 are no longer under copyright in the United States, and so can be available for download.

Books sometimes can be accessed with library membership.

### See Also

#### The Online Books Page - Archives and Indexes (UPenn)

<https://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/archives.html>

#### Digital Book Index - Full-text digital books - 165 K titles

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

More than 165,000 full-text digital books from more than 1800 commercial and non-commercial publishers, universities, and private sites. More than 140,000 of these books, texts, and documents are available free.

"Meta-index" for most major eBook sites, along with thousands of smaller specialized sites.

Support for iPad, Kindle, & Nook.

### Newspaper / Magazine Databases

**MasterFILE Premier (EBSCO):** Full text for magazines, reference books, and primary source documents. Plus Image Collection containing photos, maps & flags.

**Academic Search Premier (EBSCO):** Abstracts and full-text articles from thousands of academic and peer-reviewed publications.

**JSTOR:** Full-text coverage of core scholarly journals in various subjects, many from the first issue up to 3 to 5 years ago.

**New York Times Archive (1851-2014):** Full text, including advertising, charts, and photos, of the entire paper from 1851 (the beginning of the publication) through 2014.

#### Papers of Princeton - Town Topics (1946 - 2013)

<http://papersofprinceton.princeton.edu>

Digitized collection of historical periodicals from the town of Princeton and Princeton University. Currently includes Town Topics (1946 - 2013), Local Express, The Daily Princetonian, Princeton University Weekly Bulletin, Nassau Literary Review, Princeton Recollector, and Princeton Herald.

### Local Newspapers

#### Town Topics (1946 - 2013)

Papers of Princeton - <http://papersofprinceton.princeton.edu>

### Local Libraries

#### Mercer County Library

<https://www.mcl.org>

Online catalog. Inter-library loans.

Links to online databases on many subjects. Some accessed only from the library.

Ancestry, current and historic newspapers - EBSCOhost, ProQuest

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### Princeton Public Library

<https://princetonlibrary.org>

EBSCO, New York Times, etc. - Many available remotely with Library card

### New Jersey State Library

<https://www.njstatelib.org/>

Research Guides - <https://libguides.njstatelib.org>

Catalog, databases, e-Journals, eBooks and Audiobooks

### JerseyClicks - New Jersey State Library

[https://www.njstatelib.org/services\\_for\\_libraries/statewide\\_services/jerseyclicks/](https://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/statewide_services/jerseyclicks/)

Links and databases - EBSCO, ProQuest's Heritage Quest genealogy, RefUSA

(Library card or geolocation within N.J.)

### Rutgers University - Special Collections and University Archives

<https://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/scua>

Collects primary sources of a rare, unique, or specialized nature to support advanced study and research in the humanities and social sciences. Manuscript Collection (more than 8,000,000 items) is especially strong and widely known for its documentation of all aspects of New Jersey history.

(University login to access some content)

### Books Online

Sources for searching title, viewing their contents, and downloading full books.

(Many available from Google Books scans of materials out of copyright)

### Google Books - Search full-text books - 25 M titles, 2 M public domain

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

Advanced Search - [https://books.google.com/advanced\\_book\\_search](https://books.google.com/advanced_book_search)

Search full text of books. Also magazines and newspapers (see Advanced Search).

View preview or text of book. Free download of public domain books.

Links to online stores to buy a book, buy an ebook, or to search library catalogs for a copy to borrow.

Many books scanned from library partners, especially American academic libraries.

Over 25 million scanned book titles as of October 2015. (Google estimated about 130 million distinct titles in the world as of 2010.) Estimated 3 million public domain.

### HathiTrust Digital Library - Digital books and journals - 8 M titles

<https://www.hathitrust.org/>

Read books online, download (may require partner login)

Digitized - Over 8 million book titles, 6 billion pages, 763 terabytes of data

Partnership of major research institutions and libraries - more than 140 members.

Focus on preserving and providing access to digitized book and journal content from the member library collections. This includes both copyrighted and public domain materials digitized mainly by Google, plus the Internet Archive and Microsoft, as well as through local initiatives.

### Online Books Page - UPenn - Listing of books online - 3 M titles

<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu>

Listing over 3 million free books on the Web

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### Internet Archive - 20 M titles

<https://archive.org/>

Non-profit digital library, provides free public access to collections of digitized materials, including websites, software applications/games, music, movies/videos, moving images, and millions of public-domain books.

Operates its own scanning centers, scanning 1,000 books per day in 28 locations.

Archive includes over 330 billion web pages, 20 million books and texts, 4.5 million audio recordings (including 180,000 live concerts), 4 million videos (including 1.6 million Television News programs), 3 million images, 200,000 software programs.

Books published prior to 1923 are available for download, and hundreds of thousands of modern books can be borrowed through our Open Library site.

### Project Gutenberg - 59 K titles

<https://www.gutenberg.org/>

Over 59,000 free eBooks, epub and Kindle formats, read online or download.

Volunteer effort to digitize and archive cultural works.

### Book Sellers (Used and old)

#### Amazon.com

33 million books for sale (2014). Third-party affiliate sellers

#### Ebay

<https://www.ebay.com>

Source especially for used books

#### Biblio.com - Rare Books - 100 M books

<https://www.biblio.com>

Over 100 million used, rare and out-of-print books

### Genealogical Materials

Genealogical sites have materials including family histories and historical newspapers.

Some can be accessed with paid subscriptions or library membership.

#### Ancestry.com

<https://www.ancestry.com>

Family history and consumer genomics (DNA).

3 million paying subscribers. 20 billion family history records.

Access to newspapers and magazines, histories, and other sources.

#### HeritageQuest Online (Ancestry.com)

<https://www.heritagequestonline.com>

<https://proquest.libguides.com/hqo>

Genealogical and historical sources for more than 60 countries, as early as the 1700s.

Library login required.

#### RootsPoint

<http://www.rootspoint.com>

Global community centered around the US 1940 census

Collection of 9000+ family and state histories. Digital versions for sale.