Selected Sources for Research on Ohio History - History2800
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OSU Libraries Web Site:  http://library.osu.edu/

History Resource Guide:  https://go.osu.edu/8UQ

Check OSU Libraries catalog for secondary and primary sources on specific subjects:
http://library.ohio-state.edu/  (key word search)
http://library.ohio-state.edu/search/X  (advanced search menu)

Sample subject headings:
Columbus (Ohio) -- History
Labor unions -- Ohio -- History
Ohio -- History -- Sources

Subheadings to find primary sources:
archives, correspondence, diaries, personal narratives, sources
You may limit a search to the OSU Libraries special collections and archives divisions, but this will not find published primary sources in the circulating collection and others available as digital books.

Sample author searching:
Columbus, Ohio
Chase, Salmon P.

Sample key word searching:
(searching Ohio may find items published in Ohio not about Ohio)
Ohio and “six nations”
Ohio and progressiv*
"Ohio national guard" [also try: Ohio and "national guard"]
Ohio and railroad* and "personal narratives"

OhioLink  http://www.ohiolink.edu/
Catalog  http://ocl1.ohiolink.edu/search/

Ohio History Connection  www.ohiohistory.org
Library catalog  http://www.ohiohistory.org/occ/menu.htm
Includes the archive for the state government of Ohio and many local governments
Large collection of Ohio newspapers, publications, city directories, and manuscripts

State Library of Ohio  http://library.ohio.gov/
Library catalog  http://catalog.library.ohio.gov/
Large collection of state government documents, newspapers, and other research sources
Reference


*Ohio History Central*  
Online encyclopedia on Ohio history.

*Oxford African American Studies Center*  
Find articles related to Ohio from Oxford's reference works, approximately 100 primary sources with specially written commentaries, over 1,000 images, over 100 maps, over 200 charts and tables, timelines to guide researchers through the history of African Americans and over 6,000 biographies


Journal Articles

*Ohio History: The Scholarly Journal of the Ohio Historical Society*  
http://resources.ohiohistory.org/ohj/  
This is keyword searchable database of scholarly articles on Ohio published from 1887-2003. A new volume is added annually. Recent and past years are online from this link. Most of the journal is also available in print at F486 .O372 in Thompson Library Bound Journal stacks. *This journal is indexed in America: History and Life below.*

*America: History and Life*  
Indexes journals, books, and dissertations in American history and culture from pre-colonial times to the present.

Indexes contemporary, popular periodicals.

Newspaper Sources

*America's Historical Newspapers* 17th century-20th century (dates vary)  

*19th Century US Newspapers.* Full text; includes selected Ohio newspapers

*Proquest Historical Newspapers* 19th century-  
Includes full text search of selected large city newspapers. Does not contain Ohio papers but covers major Ohio stories.
Sample Statistical Sources

**Sample subject heading in OSU catalog:** Ohio -- Statistics


**Proquest Statistical Abstract of the United States** searchable database; select annual edition to search (1878-1969, 2013-2016 available); (Also available: **Statistical Abstract of the United States** individual annual pdf editions since 1878). Find statistics on a theme from year to year.

**US Census** (paper volumes)
Find on 2nd Floor of Thompson Library journal stacks: HA201 [year] (eg. HA201 1880 .B1 1991)
Find selected city data on population, industry, vital statistics. Find the volume(s) that focus on Ohio.

*Census of Population and Housing, 1790-2010. https://www.census.gov/prod/wwd/decennial.html*  
(Requires downloading large files)

**Selected Biographical Sources:** Check Library catalog and Ohiolink for relevant books by name as author and subject; also search by key words

(Also Thompson Library, F491.6 .B85 2003)

*Search Ohio as birthplace or as keyword.*

Finding Primary Source Collections

**Archive Finder** Limit search to city or state
Guide to primary source collections from thousands of repositories in the US, Canada, United Kingdom and Ireland.

**ArchivGrid** Limit search to city, state, or zip code http://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/
"Provides access to detailed archival collection descriptions, making information available about historical documents, personal papers, family histories, and other archival materials. It also provides contact information for the institutions where the collections are located. ArchivGrid data is primarily focused on archival material descriptions for institutions in the United States."
Selected Sources of Documents and Images

OSU Libraries Special Collections
https://library.osu.edu/special-collections
Find descriptive information on OSU special collection strengths including University Archives; Ohio Congressional Archives; Byrd Polar Archives; Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum; Historic Costume & Textiles; Medical Heritage Center

A search of the library catalog may be limited to only special collections holdings by selecting “Special Collections and Archives” in place of “Search Full Catalog”

Ohio State University Oral History Program from OSU Libraries catalog

Proquest History Vault
Find documents related to Ohio and other topics such as the women’s movement, student protest, or civil rights. [To search the full text of documents you may use the default search window. A search without including full text may lead to more relevant results in general. Use the “advanced search” link and change “All fields including full text” to “all fields excluding full text.”

Archives Unbound
Search and examine original images of primary sources from a wide variety of US and international primary source collections.

Ohio Memory: An Online Scrapbook of Ohio History_ Primary sources contributed by Ohio institutions

Greater Cincinnati Memory Project - Keyword searchable database of historical images
http://www.cincinnatimemory.org/

OhioPix - Selected photographs from the Ohio Historical Society
http://www.ohiohistory.org/etcetera/exhibits/ohiopix/

Ohio History Connection https://www.ohiohistory.org/learn/archives-library
Archive for the state of Ohio agencies and offices; manuscripts and public documents
Collection Description: http://www.ohiohistory.org/collections--archives/archives-library/about-the-collection

State Library of Ohio http://library.ohio.gov/PCS/digitalcontent
Link to SLO digital and rare book collections
Genealogy Resources http://library.ohio.gov/PCS/digitalcontent/gen_sources

OhioLink http://ok1.ohiolink.edu/search/X (goes to advanced search menu)
Find primary sources available mainly at academic libraries throughout Ohio

Kent State Shootings Oral History includes audio and transcripts of interviews