SELECTED REFERENCE SOURCES FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH

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OSU Libraries home page: http://library.osu.edu/
History Resources: https://go.osu.edu/8UQ
Selected guide to history resources for finding articles, books, primary sources, reference information

LIBRARY CATALOGS:

OSU Library Catalog (http://library.ohio-state.edu/search )
OhioLink http://ole1.ohiolink.edu/search

Sample subject headings:
Women -- United States -- History -- 19th century
United States -- Territorial expansion
Soviet Union -- History -- Revolution, 1917-1921 – Causes

Keyword searches:
Cherokee and slave* (* wildcard to get plurals etc.)
imperialism and memoir*
"world war 1939-1945" and code breaking

SELECTED ENCYCLOPEDIAS:

Credo Reference
Search and display text and illustrations from hundreds of reference sources


SELECTED INDEXES TO JOURNALS AND BOOKS:

America: History and Life. 1906-
Indexes journals, books, and dissertations in American history and culture from pre-colonial times to the present.

Historical Abstracts. 1906-
Indexes journals, books, and dissertations in world history beginning about the year 1450 to the present.

International Medieval Bibliography. 1957-
Important source for books and articles on medieval history.

L'Annee Philologique: Bibliographie Critique et Analytique de L'antiquite Greco-Latine. 1924- Important index to literature on ancient Greek and Roman history and culture.

JSTOR. Online access and search of full text from core journals in history and other fields.
SELECTED SOURCES, CONTEMPORARY BOOKS AND PERIODICALS IN ENGLISH:

America’s Historical Imprints. Works published in America, 16th century – 1922. Keyword access to the full text and facsimile images of books, pamphlets, and broadsides.

Periodicals Archive Online [FULL TEXT] articles from 1802-2000s
An archive of hundreds of digitized journals published in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Includes journals in English, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese and Italian.

SELECTED NEWSPAPERS:
Other online newspaper databases from Ohio State University Libraries: https://go.osu.edu/CkJ9

America's Historical Newspapers (1690- 20th century)
Search and read the full facsimile text of a growing database of newspapers, mainly before 1922. [Includes the Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1845-1991; You may restrict to this title or many other Ohio newspapers] Also includes selected African American newspapers.

Proquest Historical Newspapers
Includes full text search of selected large city newspapers including Chicago Tribune (1849-1987), Los Angeles Times (1881-1987), The New York Times (1851-present [not latest 3 years]), Philadelphia Tribune (1912 - 2001), The Washington Post (1877-1994), Wall Street Journal (1889-1995); also selected Black (can be search separately) and Jewish newspapers.

NewsVault
NewsVault is a cross-searching interface for exploring British newspapers - 17th-18th Century Burney Collection Newspapers, 19th Century British Library Newspapers, Economist Historical Archive, and Times Digital Archive. Also includes 19th Century U.S. Newspapers.

FINDING PRIMARY SOURCES
What is a primary source?
Primary sources may be letters, manuscripts, newspapers, clothing, pottery, recorded sound or other items that offer original evidence of a civilization, persons, events, or places.

Check Library catalog for primary sources owned by OSU on specific subjects:

Sample subject headings: Scottsboro Defense Committee -- Archives
Ohio -- History -- 1787-1865 -- Sources

Sample keyword search:
Civil rights and memoir*
Cleveland, Ohio and "personal narratives"

Also, you may limit a subject or perform a word search with the following subject headings: archives, correspondence, diaries, personal narratives.

Sample Free Internet documentary resources:
Expeditions and Discoveries: Sponsored Exploration and Scientific Discover in the Modern Age.
Digital collections of Harvard University
Cold War International History Project
Documents related to The Korean War, The 1956 Polish and Hungarian Crises, The Soviet Invasion in Afghanistan, The Cuban Missile Crisis, The 1980-81 Polish Crisis, End of Cold War

Kent State Shootings Oral History includes audio and transcripts of interviews

Cabinet Papers, 1916-1986
Search full text and retrieve pdf of documents produced or provided to the British Cabinet.

Sample of OSU Library Purchased Documentary Sources:
Declassified Documents Reference Service (1905-2008)
Search and read full text of selected declassified documents from the US government (eg. CIA)

First World War, [database purchased by OSU Libraries]
Searchable database of original documents and images related to the war. The three available modules are Personal Experiences, Propaganda and Recruitment, and Visual Perspectives and Narratives.

Colonial America
Documents and correspondence from the National Archives, UK, covering the period 1606 to 1822.

The American Founding Era
Contains the annotated, full-text searchable set of the personal papers and manuscripts of the founders of the American Republic.

NAACP Papers
Documents on the work of the NAACP including civil rights and race relations in the U.S.

Proquest History Vault
Find documents related to US history and US international relations. [To search the full text of documents you must use the Advanced Menu option and change “All fields excluding full text” to “all fields including full text.” A search without including full text may lead to more relevant results in general.

Slavery, Abolition and Social Justice 1490-2007 (-phrase searches use + between words)
Manuscripts and published works from an international perspective.

Human Rights Online
A searchable database of “comparative documentation, analysis, and interpretation of major human rights violations and atrocity crimes worldwide from 1900 to 2010. The collection includes primary and secondary materials.”

Documents on British Policy Overseas (20th century)
Primary source documents from Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, shedding light on diplomatic history throughout the twentieth century. Derived from British Documents on the Origins of the War 1898-1914, Documents on British Foreign Policy 1918-1939 and Documents on British Policy Overseas.

SELECTED BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES:

Check OSU Library catalog and Ohiolink for books by name as author and subject; also search by subject words

American National Biography  Essays on accomplished, deceased Americans in any field.
Oxford Dictionary of National Biography  Essays on accomplished, deceased British persons in any field
Biography Reference Bank  Full text sources for biographical information.
Committee to End "Jim Crow" in the Armed Services and Correspondence, 1948

DESCRIPTION:
Committee to End "Jim Crow" in the Armed Services and Correspondence, 1948

DATE:
Jan 01, 1948 - Dec 31, 1948

SUBJECT:
Executive Order 9981; Civil disobedience; Discrimination in the military; Armed services

GEOGRAPHY:
New York State

PERSON AS SUBJECT:
Morse, Wayne; Rustin, Bayard; White, Walter Francis

FEDERAL AGENCY:
Senate Armed Services Committee; National Guard

ORGANIZATIONS:
Association for Abolition of Second Class Citizenship; Committee Against Jim Crow in Military Service and Training

PRINCIPAL CORRESPONDENT:
Sawson, William L.; Smith, J. Holmes; Henderson, Leon; Wilson, Halena; Cooley, Mahlon C.; Totten, Ashley L.; McLaurin, Benjamin F.; Alves, Hazel; Rauh, Joseph L., Jr.; Reynolds, Grant; Rustin, Bayard; Worthy, William; White, Walter Francis; Swomley, John M., Jr.

CONTENT NOTE:
Covers desegregation of the New York National Guard and civil disobedience programs.

DURABLE URL:
https://congressional.proquest.com/histvault?q=001608-012-0862&accountid=9783

MODULE:
Black Freedom Struggle in the 20th Century: Organizational Records and Personal Papers, Part 1

COLLECTION:
Papers of A. Philip Randolph
Harris's efforts to become minister to Russia, but in 1833 Andrew Jackson appointed him charge d'affaires in France. Harris corresponded with TJ during his presidency and retirement, occasionally forwarding books, and visited TJ at Monticello several times (Bailikina, United States and Russia, 361–2, 596–4; JEP, 1:447, 453, 456, 2:353, 390–1, 4:314, 321 [1, 3 Mar., 11, 18 Nov. 1803; 11, 14 June, 19 July 1813, 22, 28 Feb. 1833]; Harris to TJ, 28 June 1814, 2 July 1818, 15 June 1820; Samuel Flagg Bemis, *John Quincy Adams and the Foundations of American Foreign Policy* [1949], 159n, 169, 188).

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**From Leonard Jewett**

**D\(^{e}\) Sir**

Athens State of Ohio July 28\(^{th}\) 1809

You will probably think it very extraordinary in an individual unknown to you, to take the Liberty of addressing a Letter to you—Nothing but the importance of the enquiry, & the Confidence I have in your Judgement, to answer it would ever have induced me to take the Liberty—The Subject on which I crave your Opinion is simply this—

Have the Judges of our high Judicial Courts the right of declaring a Law unconstitutional Null & Void, whenever the Law is manifestly at Variance with the Constitution?—

This question Sir, has agitated our State for two or three years, & still threatens us with unpleasant forebodings—It has divided the Republicans into two Contending parties a thing much to be deprecated, at the present Moment,—We have hitherto had a very remarkable and unprecedented unanimity of Sentiment prevailing on the subject of Politics, & I very much fear that a division will take place, unless some salutary antidote can be found—Having been several years a member of the Ohio Legislature, I felt very anxious to have your Opinion, which Sir if you will be so good as to give me, I shall ever consider it as a distinguished mark of your favor—

I am Sir your Ob\(^{d}\) humble Servant

**LEONARD JEWETT**

RC (CShH: JF-BA); at foot of text: "Thomas Jefferson Esq"; endorsed by TJ as received 10 Aug. 1809 and so recorded in SJL.

Leonard Jewett (1770–1816), a native of Littleton County, Massachusetts, received medical training in Boston, worked in a New York hospital, moved to Ohio in 1802, and settled in the town of Athens by 1805. Jewett served in the Ohio state senate, 1806–11, and was a military surgeon during the War of 1812 (Charles M. Walker, *History of Athens County, Ohio* [1869], 272–4).

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1 For emphasis Jewett or someone else rendered this sentence in a distinctive style.
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Regarding trade in Rum | The case of the British northern colonies, [25 Mar 1715 - 1739]. CO 5/4 Part 3 © Crown Copyright documents © by permission of The National Archives London, UK. From the database Colonial America

This Trade is greatly beneficial to the Northern Colonies on two Accounts, as it furnishes them with a Vent for the surplus Produce of their own Land, which would otherwise yield no Profit, and supplies them with Molasses and Rum, without which they could not subsist. The Consumption of Rum and Molasses in the Northern Colonies is so very great, that all the Supplies they get thereof, both from our own and the Foreign Sugar Islands together, is not sufficient to answer their Occasions.

Molasses is generally used throughout all the Northern Colonies, and at our Fisheries, in brewing their Beer, and the poorer Sorts, who are very numerous, eat it with their Bread, and make puddings of it, &c.

Rum is a Liquor known to be of general Use all over America, and vast Quantities thereof are consumed in our own Northern Colonies.

Without a proper Supply of Rum it is impossible for the Labouring sort of People to go through the incredible Fatigue of their Harvest.

The Newfoundland Fishery, the New-England Fishery, and the Whale Fishery, almost wholly depend on a full Supply of this Liquor; for without Rum the Fishermen cannot endure the extreme Severity of the Weather, nor will they stay out fishing a Day after their Rum is gone.

The Newfoundland Fishery alone takes off 300,000 Gallons of Rum yearly; and there are above 15,000 Men employed in the Fisheries; and when we cannot supply 'em, the French will, and, in fact, they often, by means of their Bankers, sell it to the French Fishermen, when it is scarce with them, and by means thereof take off the fifth and sixth of their Fish, and make a great Advantage thereby.

The Northern Colonies also depend on large Quantities of Rum to the many Nations of Indians who lie behind them, who take that, with our Woollen Manufactures, in exchange for Beaver Skins, Furs, and all that Peltty which is absolutely necessary to the Manufacture of Hats in Great Britain.

And there is a certain Truth, that whoever on the Continent of America has the Rum, will have the Trade and Friendship of the Indians, for they will not Trade without it.

And all the Returns the Northern Colonies can collect by the Labour and Industry of the People, to whom they thus vend their Rum and Molasses, is sent Home to Great Britain, in Return for the vast Quantities of Woollen Manufactures the great Numbers of their Inhabitants, and the severe Cold of their Climates makes necessary, and their Demand for the British Manufactures at first, that notwithstanding all the Returns they can make, may, even after selling the Ships they import them in, the Whole will not pay the Balance; so that notwithstanding all they can wrap and rend, they are constantly indebted to the British Merchants; so great is the Balance of Trade with the Northern Colonies in favour of Great Britain.

But the Balance of Trade between us and the Sugar Islands, is admitted to be greatly in favour of the Sugar Islands.

All the Sugar Islands together do not contain 50,000 white Inhabitants, and their Climates being extreme hot, they beat but a small Proportion to the Northern Colonies in the Expanse of our Woollen Manufactures.

The Planters of Barbados, in the beginning of their Settlements, the raising of Sugar was then more (by 20 per Cent.) expensive than it is now, yet sold their Muscovado Sugars at 10s. per Hundred, and at this Price they encountered all the Difficulties attending new Settlements, in clearing of Land and creating chargeable Sugar Works; and yet paid by considerate Eflates.

Whilst the Price of Sugar continued thus low, the Sugar Islands were very beneficial to us, as they enabled us to under-sell Foreigners, and exported great Quantities thereof to our Neighbours. But our Home Consumption of this Commodty greatly increasing, the Planters raised the Price thereof, and came to us more than double; and because there is at present a Reduction in the Price of Sugar at Home, from what it bore a few Years ago, they complain as if they were undone, seeing upon an Average, our Sugars bear as good a Price now as they have done for 20 Years past, and are double what they were 50 Years ago.

Barbados used formerly to trade with the French and Dutch, and by taking off their Sugars, prevented their seeking out for other Markets. They got by this means the Sugar Trade almost entirely into their Hands, or at least had made themselves the common Channel of that Trade. But, for the French and Dutch having Advantage of this inconsiderate Step, and likewise of the British Sugar Planters having thus run up the Price of Sugars, they soon found out the Way to foreign Markets themselves, and by under-selling us 25 per Cent. we have almost lost the Re-exportation of that Commodty, and consequently the Sugar Trade now adds nothing to the National Riches, or to the increase of the Balance of our Trade.

And it is to be expected we can ever recover the foreign Sugar Trade, unless we carry our Goods to Market as cheap as the French.

But the present Bill will be so far from anwering this End, that the Sugar Gentlemen publicly own, they expect it will raise Sugars 20 per Cent. dearer; so that this Bill will make the Difference between us and them, still wider, and enable them to under-sell us 45 per Cent.

It is an undeniable Matter of Fact, that the British Sugar Islands never have nor never can supply the Northern Colonies with One Fourth of the Rum and Molasses the Northern Colonies want; yet