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PRINT MATERIALS

A. STANDARD LOCAL HISTORIES


In the stacks there is a copy of each volume that may be checked out.


Originally published in 1935, covers through 1933.


Updates Temple (#2).

B. ENCYCLOPEDIAS OF THE SOUTH


Designed "to answer those questions about the South most frequently asked by scholars, teachers, students, and laymen"--Preface. Features authoritative signed articles (most of them with select bibliographies) on events, terms, persons, places, etc., relevant to Southern history from earliest times to the present. "The South" is defined "as encompassing the District of Columbia and those states that accepted the practice of slavery in 1860." Articles on the region's 16 states are an important feature of the work. Indexed.
*(REF.) F209 .E53 1989*

Sponsored by The Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi. Signed, short articles, with bibliographies, are arranged under broader topics (e.g., "We shall overcome" under Black life; Stoicism under Philanthropy; Northern under History and manners; Jonathan Daniels under Media). Cross-references; index of contributors; general index. An excellent, authoritative survey.

**C. GEORGIA BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARIES**

*(REF.) CT230 .D53 1983*

**D. BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF GEORGIA HISTORY**

*(REF.) Z1273 .D3*

*(REF.) Z1273 .D67 1983*

*(REF.) Z1273 .R6 1977*

**E. GEORGIA HISTORY INDEXES**

*(REF.) F281 .B46*
F. U. S. HISTORY INDEXES

   (REF.) Z1236 .A48  
   AND on computer, under Sturgis Library Electronic Resources.

   Abstracts "articles on the history of the United States and Canada published throughout the world,  
   and ... articles dealing with current American life and times."--Note. Some 2,200 serial  
   publications are now surveyed, including annuals and festschriften. Arranged by broad  
   geographical areas and chronological periods, subdivided by topic, then by format.  
   Initially, nos. 1-3 of each vol. contained abstracts, and no. 4 was the annual index. Beginning  
   1974, issued in 4 parts: A, Article abstracts and citations (Spring, Summer, Fall); B, Book  
   reviews (Spring, Fall); C, American history bibliography (i.e., articles cited in pt. A,  
   books cited in pt. B, and dissertations; annual); D, Annual index (title index added with v.  
   16 [1979]). Now issued in 5 parts: issues 1-4 contain abstracts and citations for articles,  
   book reviews, and dissertations, while issue 5 is the annual index. Also cites reviews of  
   films, videos, and nonprint media.  
   Reviews are drawn from 140 U.S. and Canadian journals, dissertations from Dissertation  
   Abstracts International.  
   The index, called "SPIndex," is a rotated index of names and topics that refers to citation numbers  
   in the bibliographic listing.

2. Writings on American History.  
   (REF.) Z1236 .L331

   An excellent annual bibliography and index employing a classified arrangement, with author, title,  
   and subject index. Includes many contents and descriptive notes.  
   The original series began in 1902. After a hiatus beginning in 1948 and ending in 1962, it was  
   continued by Writings on American History: A Subject Bibliography of Articles  
   (1962/73-1989/90), issued by the American Historical Assoc. and comp. by J. J.  
   Dougherty (et al.).
**ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**

**G. USEFUL DATABASES**

**FIRST, A WORD ABOUT GALILEO!**

GALILEO (GeorgiA library LEarning Online) is a gateway to many databases and other computerized sources of information. It is available in the Sturgis Library reference room and can also be accessed by students from anywhere with an Internet connection.

You will need a password to use the databases in GALILEO if you are off campus; the password will be given to you when you enter GALILEO. When in the library, feel free to ask a reference librarian for the address and the password, which changes every semester. Off-campus, you will find the current password through the library's home page. (Note that a dialogue box asking you for User ID and Password will appear: at that point you must supply your KSU ID number and your PIN (usually your date of birth)—not the GALILEO password.) Library personnel cannot give out the GALILEO password over the telephone. This system of User ID and Password is being phased out and is being replaced with the proxy server using NetID. Both methods of off-campus access are available through the library’s home page. Things are always changing in cyberspace.

History is not one of the major subject tabs on the GALILEO home page. It is listed, however, under Arts and Humanities. You may have to search more than one major subject area to find all the databases that cover your field of interest. You can usually get off to a good start by investigating Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences.

Note that there are now direct GALILEO links to websites related to your interest, and that these links can be accessed from the "databases" part of GALILEO.

**In addition, you may now use the subject headings in GALILEO to access databases that are not even in GALILEO but that KSU subscribes to.** The following are some of the GALILEO databases most often used by history students:

- **Academic Search Premier (at EBSCOHost)**
- **ArchivesUSA**
- **Dissertation Abstracts (at ProQuest)**
- **MLA International Bibliography**
- **Research Library GALILEO Edition**

In addition to GALILEO, Kennesaw State has other databases that you may find useful in your work. You can locate many of them through GALILEO, but if you want a complete listing of all databases available to KSU students, go through the Sturgis Library homepage (www.kennesaw.edu/library) and click first on Library Resources, then on Sturgis Library Electronic Resources. You can do a subject search for history and find the names of databases that may be helpful. Note that some of these databases may not be accessible off-campus.

Some useful databases include
America: History and Life (the electronic version)
  Note: Historical Abstracts is a database for the history of the world OUTSIDE OF North America, since 1450.

Literature Resource Center (GaleNet) (for literary and biographical information)
JSTOR and Project Muse (excellent sources of articles (in full text) on historical subjects, among others)

Each of these databases has its own scope and its own rules for searching. It's a good idea to pick one to explore in depth, to find out what it is capable of doing for you. Many databases can now give you access to the full text of articles, but be aware that most of them are basically indexes. Their purpose is to tell you what articles have appeared, but there is no guarantee that Kennesaw State will have them all. Keep this in mind, because you may find a reference to what looks like the perfect article--and then discover that you will need to get it on interlibrary loan, which may take a few days.

It may be that the article (or book) you need is at some other library nearby. The catalogs of many libraries around the state (including some public libraries) are available through GALILEO, under the heading "Georgia Library Catalogs." You may want to investigate WorldCat, a GALILEO database, to find out which libraries (all over the world) have what you want.

GALILEO is constantly evolving, so don't be surprised to find new features or a new look the next time you use it.

H. WEBSITES

1. Meta sites and directories

a. About.com Guides

b. WWW Virtual Library History: United States
   Access: http://www.ukans.edu/history/VL/USA/index.html

c. American and British History Research Guides
   Access: http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/rr_gateway/research_guides/history/history.shtml
2. Primary sources

a. American Memory: Historical Collections for the National Digital Library
   Access: http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ammemhome.html
   or http://lcweb2.loc.gov/amhome.html

b. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
   Access: http://www.nara.gov/

c. Making of America (MOA)
   Access: Cornell: http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa
   Michigan: http://moa.umdl.umich.edu

d. The Avalon Project at the Yale Law School
   Access: http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm

e. History Channel: Speeches

f. Project Oyez: U.S. Supreme Court Multimedia Database
   Access: http://oyez.org

g. Historical Picture Collections
   Access: http://history.acusd.edu/gen/documents/clipsources.html

h. Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection: Historical Maps of the United States

i. United States Historical Census Data Browser
   Access: http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/census
j. NUCMC (National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections)

NUCMC, or the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, is a free-of-charge cooperative cataloging program operated by the Library of Congress. Check out the resources to find out more about its program, about archives and manuscript repositories, and about topics of interest to archivists and their institutions’ patrons.

ArchivesUSA, available through GALILEO, covers much of the same ground as this website, but notice that searching is different, and results will not be the same.


3. Topics and chronological periods

a. H-NET: Humanities and Social Sciences Online
   Access: http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/

   Access: http://revolution.h-net.msu.edu/intro.html

c. The American Civil War Homepage
   Access: http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/warweb.html

d. The United States Civil War Center

e. H-SHGAPE Internet Resources

f. American Cultural History: The Twentieth Century

g. New Deal Network: A Guide to the Great Depression of the 1930s and the Roosevelt Administration
   Access: http://newdeal.feri.org/
h. WWW Virtual Library: The Cold War
   Access: http://www.ukans.edu/history/VL/USA/coldwar.html

i. Biography.Com
   Access: http://www.biography.com

j. American Women’s History: A Research Guide
   Access: http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/history/women.html

k. People with a History: An Outline Guide to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual
   and Trans* History (LGBT)
   Access: http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/pwh

   Web
   Access: http://web.uccs.edu/~history/index/afroam.html

m. Latino American History: A Guide to Resources and Research on
   the Web
   Access: http://web.uccs.edu/~history/index/latino.html

n. Ancestors in the Americas
   Access: http://www.pbs.org/ancestorsintheamericas

o. H-AMINDIAN (American Indian History and Culture)