

Oklahoma (and a few other) Digital Primary Sources

Oklahoma Department of Libraries Oklahoma Crossroads

<http://www.crossroads.odl.state.ok.us/>

Collections include documents, photographs, newspapers, reports, pamphlets, posters, maps, and an author database. The emphasis of these collections is on materials that vividly reflect Oklahoma's rich history, spanning more than 100 years and ranging in date from the late 1800s to present.

Topics: Oklahoma Governors, Oklahoma Authors, Tulsa Race Riot.

Oklahoma Almanacs, which are published every two years, include statistical information.

State publications, in Oklahoma State Government Publications section of Oklahoma Crossroads, include documents published by state government bodies. These will include annual reports, special reports, teaching materials, statistics, economic outlook reports, etc.

US Government Information

<http://www.odl.state.ok.us/usinfo/index.htm>

Annotated Bibliography of Government Documents Related to the Threat of Terrorism and the Attacks of September 11, 2001

***Genealogical Resources in U.S. Federal Depository Libraries

Oklahoma Historical Society Research Center-Online Catalog

<http://www.okhistory.org/research/>

Since 1893, the Oklahoma Historical Society has worked to collect and preserve materials that offer insight into the history of our state. The Research Center's extensive collections encompass numerous aspects of Oklahoma's heritage, from territorial history to the present day. Collections include books, microfilm, manuscripts, photographs, oral histories, film and newspapers, as well as numerous resources for genealogical research.

University of Oklahoma Western History Collections Photographic Archives

<http://libraries.ou.edu/locations/docs/westhist/intro/>

This site includes a sample of the 250,000 photographs available in the collection, organized by photographer and searchable by subject. The emphasis of the collection is the West and Southwest for the period 1870 - 1940.

Oklahoma State University Electronic Publishing Center Digital Collections

<http://digital.library.okstate.edu/>

Oklahoma Today (50+ years) and Chronicles of Oklahoma (first 20 volumes, covering 1923 - 1942) are searchable in full text. Just beginning: The Early Oklahoma Serials Project, a collection of digitized periodicals.

**University of Central Oklahoma
Chambers Library-Archives and Special Collections**

<http://library.uco.edu/archives/>

Image gallery searchable by subject or keyword. Emphasis on Edmond area. Oral history archive.

National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum

<http://www.nationalcowboymuseum.org/research/cms/>

Research Center links to finding aids for collections. Emphasis on history of the American West, Native Americans, photography, rodeo, Western popular culture.

Tulsa City County Library

<http://www.tulsalibrary.org/BFC/>

The Beryl Ford Collection includes more than 22,000 images of Tulsa people, places and events.

Other great sources: Websites for museums, historical societies, libraries, universities, schools, government agencies.

Hint: Don't limit yourself to Oklahoma sources. Try museums in Texas for information on cowboys.

Example: The **Amon Carter Museum** in Fort Worth has an extensive digital collection of photographs of cowboys.

http://www.cartermuseum.org/edu_guides/smith/

Example: **ContentDM**. This is a system many institutions use to provide access to their digital collections. See the "collection of collections" which can be searched by media type, region, organization type or organization name.

<http://www.oclc.org/contentdm/collections/default.htm>

National Archives

<http://www.archives.gov/education/>

Library of Congress Web Guide: State Digital Resources: Memory Projects, Online Encyclopedias, Historical & Cultural Materials Collections

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/statememory/>

David Rumsey Map Collection

<http://www.davidrumsey.com/>

Historical map collection, including 26,000 maps and images. A search for Oklahoma = 76 items.

Digital collections are growing daily—keep checking websites for new information—and let institutions know what you would like to see online.

Let your state and federal lawmakers know you support historical records repositories—archives, libraries and museums. (Find them at

<http://www.capitolconnect.com/oklahoma/> .

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