

HOW TO SEARCH AHS LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES



- ❖ There are several ways to search the Arizona Historical Society (AHS) Library and Archives collections.
- ❖ You may find that you need to utilize all of them during the course of your research.
- ❖ There are several branches of AHS Library and Archives, so pay close attention to the location of the material.
- ❖ Visit the Library homepage for information on hours, procedures, reproductions, and more.
Access at <https://arizonahistoricalociety.org/research/library-archives/>

ONLINE CATALOG

HOW TO SEARCH

Access at <http://catalog.azhsarchives.org/>

- ❖ **KEYWORD/ DEFAULT SEARCH**
Type your keyword into the search box on the landing page, then refine your search by location, item type, etc.
- ❖ **ADVANCED SEARCH**
Click "Advanced Search" under the search box to add refinements to your initial search. This is helpful when looking for materials within a certain date range, or when looking for a specific photo or image number.

WHAT IS SEARCHED

- ❖ Manuscript and Photo Collections
- ❖ Subject Photo Collections
(These collections are cataloged to the folder level and grouped by People, Places, and Subject.)
- ❖ Biography Files
- ❖ Ephemera Collection
- ❖ Oral Histories
- ❖ Newspapers and Periodicals
- ❖ Maps

WHEN TO USE THIS?

Because of the breadth of materials searched, the online catalog is a good place to start a search to get a broad overview of the types of materials AHS Library and Archives has on a topic, or person.

- ❖ Click on the title of a result to learn more about that item.
- ❖ Click "Download finding aid" to access the finding aid and container list for a Manuscript or Photo Collection

FINDING AIDS

HOW TO SEARCH

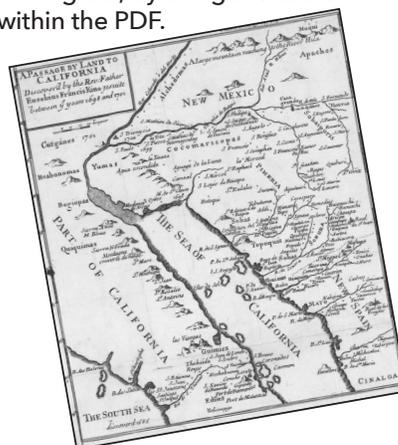
- ❖ If you already know the collection name, use the alphabetical listing at <https://arizonahistoricalociety.org/research/library-archives/>
- ❖ To do a full text, keyword search of all finding aids use https://www.google.com/advanced_search, and enter arizonahistoricalociety.org into the "site or domain field"

WHAT IS SEARCHED

- ❖ Full text of finding aids for our manuscript and photo collections
- ❖ The full AZHS website (azhs.org)

WHEN TO USE THIS?

- ❖ Use this to search within all finding aids at once. This will provide a more comprehensive search of Manuscript and Photo collections than the catalog alone.
- ❖ You can also search for terms within a specific finding aid, by using the search function (ctrl+f) within the PDF.



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OTHER RESOURCES

ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

<https://azhsarchives.contentdm.oclc.org/>

- ❖ A sampling of digitized versions of photographs, documents, and other materials available in our museums and archives across the state.

Check back as we are actively adding collections.

ARIZONA MEMORY PROJECT

<https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/>

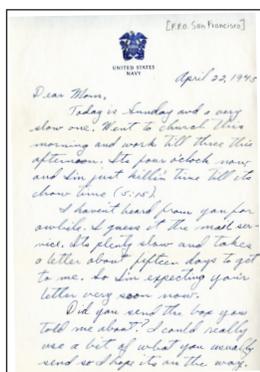
- ❖ A compilation of collections from museums and archives all over Arizona, providing curated collections of Arizona material, including photographs, newspapers, documents, manuscripts, and books.

- **AHS TEMPE COLLECTIONS AVAILABLE**

<https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/digital/custom/ahste>

- **AHS TUCSON COLLECTIONS AVAILABLE**

<https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/digital/custom/ahstu>



AYERS NEWSPAPER INDEX

<https://arizonahistoricalociety.org/research/library-archives/manuscript-collections-ayres-newspaper-index/>

- ❖ This is an index to the early years (pre 1912) of the Tucson newspapers Arizona Star and Tucson Citizen, and is a good resource for finding newspaper articles on a variety of subjects. The index can be used with our microfilm collections, or on-line newspaper databases.



CHRONICLING AMERICA

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

- ❖ A large collection of digitized, full text searchable newspapers, primarily from the 1920s and before. Made available for free by the Library of Congress, this is a good resource to check before going to the microfilm or hard copy newspapers if you do not have a specific article or date in mind.

NEWSPAPER AND GENEALOGY DATABASES

- ❖ Numerous paid subscription services exist. Contact the Library and Archives for more details.

INDEX TO THE JOURNAL OF AZ HISTORY

<https://arizonahistoricalociety.org/publications/index-journal-arizona-history/>

- ❖ **2014 AND EARLIER** This index only covers issues of the Journal published 2014 and earlier.

- ❖ **THE JOURNAL OF ARIZONA HISTORY**

AHS has published a journal continuously since 1960. This is a good resource to check if you are looking for background information on a topic, and want to see what has been written before. The index refers to volume and page numbers. AHS Libraries have full sets of the Journal available for use.

The Journal of Arizona History is also available digitally through JSTOR (1960–2016), and Project Muse (2018–present).



NEED HELP?

While we try our best, not everything in our collections can be searched online. If you are not finding what you are looking for, don't hesitate to contact us via phone or email.

