Web Sites of Collaborative Online Resources
ARCHEION: Ontario’s Archival Information Network

http://archeion-aao.fis.utoronto.ca/

ARCHEION is Ontario’s Archival Information Network, an online research tool providing access to descriptions of archival fonds and collections held by members of the Archives Association of Ontario. The records themselves are preserved and made accessible via the individual archives. ARCHEION is a member-supported service provided by the Archives Association of Ontario (AAO).

The AAO represents archives and archivists committed to promoting the preservation and use of the documentary heritage of Ontario. We provide educational and outreach programs to various regions of the province, and promote professional standards, procedures and practices among archival repositories.

This site is created and maintained by Archives Association of Ontario and housed by the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto.

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ARCHIVEGRID: Open the Door to History

http://archivegrid.org/web/index.jsp

ArchiveGrid is an important destination for searching through historical documents, personal papers, and family histories held in archives around the world.

Thousands of libraries, museums, and archives have contributed nearly a million collection descriptions to ArchiveGrid. Researchers searching ArchiveGrid can learn about the many items in each of these collections, contact archives to arrange a visit to examine materials, and order copies.

A sampling of the thousands of contributors to ArchiveGrid:

- Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences
- Art Institute of Chicago
- Bostonian Society
- Chicago Symphony Orchestra
- Cornell University Library
- Harvard University
- International Institute of Social History (IISH)
- Minnesota Historical Society
- Museum of Northern Arizona
- National Library of Australia
- New York Public Library
- Orthodox Church in America
- Putnam County Historical Society
- Radio City Music Hall
- Smithsonian Institution - Archives of American Art
- State Library of Massachusetts
- University of Minnesota
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Warwick

More search tips
ARCHIVES CANADA: Your Gateway to Canada’s Past

http://archivescanada.ca
About this Project

Arizona Archives Online was created as a joint project between Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona. The initial goal is to make finding aids for archival collections at each university accessible and searchable through a single web site. Finding aids from other archival repositories in Arizona will be added in the future, so that eventually researchers can view and search finding aids for nearly all of the archival collections located in Arizona. Over time, digital images of selected collections will also be made available through Arizona Archives Online.

All of the guides in Arizona Archives Online are encoded with EAD (Encoded Archival Description). EAD is a DTD (Document Type Definition) within XML (Extensible Markup Language). The XML encoded text documents are converted on-the-fly to HTML documents using XSL/XSLT stylesheets created by Stephen Miller. The search engine for this project is a Java application built with Xerces/Xalan/Xpath tools by Darius Robinson. Web pages were designed and created by Heather Knowles. The Apache/Tomcat and Microsoft SQL 2000 servers were built and are maintained by Stephen Tanner and Mike Sawitzke.

Funding for construction of Arizona Archives Online was provided by the Arizona State University Libraries, Cline Library of Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona Library.

NOTICE: This site is under development.
Welcome to the Catholic Research Resources Alliance

A collaborative effort initiated by 8 Catholic colleges and universities to share their resources electronically with librarians, archivists, researchers, scholars interested in the Catholic experience, and the general public.

About the Portal

The Catholic Research Resources Portal provides access to rare, unique or infrequently held materials in academic libraries and seminaries' special collections and archives. By electronically bringing together access to resources in many collections, the portal will create easy, effective and global discovery of Catholic research resources. Using Dublin Core and the Open Archives Initiative Protocol and Metadata Harvests, the portal will provide access to research resources in print, digital and other formats.

Other ways to access the portal content:

- Administrative Interface - Maintain the list of resources found in the Portal (login required)
- Search via SRU - Query the Portal with a simple/standardized interface
- OAIS-PMH - Harvest the content of the Portal via the Open Access Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (Identify, List/Records)

Formats - The physical mediums of data, information, and knowledge.

Books (17 items)
Letters (10 items)
Manuscripts (56 items)
Photographs (4 items)
Pamphlets (5 items)
Printed Documents (15 items)
DIGITAL LIBRARY OF GEORGIA: Welcome to the Digital Library of Georgia

http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/?Welcome
OAISTEr: What is OAISTEr?

http://www.oaister.org/about.html
OHIOLINK: OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository

http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/
ONLINE ARCHIVE OF CALIFORNIA: About the OAC

http://www.oac.cdlib.org/

About the OAC

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- Virtual collections
- List of contributing institutions
- Help us improve the OAC

Finding Aids

Gold rush

About the OAC

Collection Highlights

The OAC brings together historical materials from a variety of California institutions, including museums, historical societies, and archives. Over 120,000 images; 50,000 pages of documents, letters, and oral histories; and 8,000 guides to collections are available.

Offering easy-to-use search and viewing tools, the OAC organizes images into thematic and institutional collections, such as historical topics, nature, places, and technology. Click on the featured images to learn more or go to our image search page.
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http://ourontario.ca/
About RIAMCO

The National Endowment for the Humanities awards $228,454 to the Rhode Island Archival and Manuscript Collections Online (RIAMCO) Project for the creation of a union database of EAD finding aids.

Participating institutions:
Brown University
John Carter Brown Library
Providence College
Rhode Island Historical Society
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhode Island State Archives
Roger Williams University
Salve Regina University
University of Rhode Island
Westerly Public Library

https://wiki.brown.edu/confluence/display/library/About+RIAMCO
Welcome to the Rocky Mountain Online Archive.

The Rocky Mountain Online Archive is your source of information about archival collections in Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. Specialized guides, called finding aids, give detailed descriptions of primary source materials located at twenty different repositories. Search the finding aids to discover what historical materials are available for study and where those collections are located.

The Rocky Mountain Online Archive is directed by representatives from the Collaborative Digitization Program in Colorado, the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming, and University Libraries at the University of New Mexico.

Participating Institutions

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN ONLINE ARCHIVE: Browse by Institutions, Browse by Subjects

http://rmoa.unm.edu/browse.php
TEXAS ARCHIVAL RESOURCES ONLINE: About TARO

http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/about.html

TARO (Texas Archival Resources Online) makes descriptions of the rich archival, manuscript, and museum collections in repositories across the state available to the public. The site consists of the collection descriptions or "finding aids" that archives, libraries, and museums create to assist users in locating information in their collections. Consider these an extended table of contents which describe unique materials only available at the individual repositories. In most cases, the collections themselves are NOT available online.

Participating TARO Repositories:
- Alexander Architectural Archive, University of Texas at Austin
- Austin History Center
- Benson Latin American Collection, University of Texas at Austin
- Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin
- Cushing Memorial Library, Texas A & M University
- Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
- Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library, John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center
- Houston Public Library, Houston Metropolitan Research Center
- Robert E. Nall Archives at the Old Jail Art Center
- Southern Methodist University
- Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library, Texas Tech University
- Tarleton Law Library, University of Texas at Austin
- Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division, Dallas Public Library
- Texas State Library and Archives
- Texas State University-San Marcos, Southwestern Writers Collection
- Texas Woman's University, the Woman's Collection
- Truman G. Blocker, Jr. History of Medicine Collections, Moody Medical Library, University of Texas Medical Branch
- University of Houston Libraries, Special Collections
- University of North Texas Archives
- University of Texas at Arlington Libraries, Special Collections
- University of Texas at San Antonio
- Woodson Research Center, Fondren Library, Rice University

The finding aids on the TARO site do not represent descriptions of the entire holdings of any of the repositories. Future phases of the project will incorporate digital surrogates of many types of collection materials, including images of documents and objects, sound files, and moving images. For more information or to find out how to contact the staff, follow the links to each institution above.
Virginia Heritage: Guides to Manuscript & Archival Collections in Virginia

http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/

About Virginia Heritage

VIVA, the Virtual Library of Virginia, is pleased to announce the availability of VIRGINIA HERITAGE (http://www.lib.virginia.edu/vhp/), a database of guides, or finding aids, describing archives and manuscripts in eleven repositories in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The participating institutions are: the University of Virginia, the College of William and Mary, George Mason University, the Library of Virginia, Old Dominion University, Virginia Commonwealth University, the Virginia Historical Society, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the Virginia Military Institute, Virginia State University, and Washington and Lee University. At present, there are 1600 finding aids in the database. The full text of the finding aids is searchable by keyword and by individual institution.

The University of Virginia, representing VIVA, was awarded $250,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to implement the Virginia Heritage project. From the settlement at Jamestown in 1607, through the Revolutionary and Civil Wars and into the tumult of the 20th century, the Commonwealth of Virginia has stood at the center of America's history. Many of the priceless documents of American history, literature and political thought reside in the special collections of Virginia's colleges, universities, and other research libraries.

"We estimate that there about 25,000 finding aids representing some 30 million manuscripts and 16 million archives, to convert" said Edward Gaynor, project director at the University of Virginia Library. The Virginia Heritage project established its EAD processing center at the University of Virginia, which will provide the technological leadership for the project. As the first phase of the project, the processing center will encode and provide online access to approximately 15,000 pages of finding aids representing more than 500 collections on African-American history and culture that are drawn from all eleven participating institutions. In addition, the processing center will encode 5,000 related pages drawn from the University of Virginia's Virginiana collections, which are rich in resources that will help to place the African-American materials in context.

"While 1,600 out of 25,000 may not seem like much," commented Susan Riggs, project director at the College of William and Mary, "for us, it marks the end of a period of struggle to get this initial phase done, and the beginning of a very exciting time. It is crucial that detailed information about unique Virginia collections be easily available over the Internet. More and more, students and faculty make the Web their first research stop."

Added Jodi Koste, project director at Virginia Commonwealth University's Tompkins-McCaw Library, "We hope that this project will not only provide improved access to collections, but will also provide the expertise to move forward on conversion of all finding aids within Virginia. The manuscript and archival collections in the Commonwealth of Virginia are incredibly rich primary research resources, and those of us who care for them want to make it easier for people to find what is here, and use it."

Founded in 1994, VIVA (http://www.vivalib.org/) consists of the libraries of the thirty-nine state assisted colleges and universities within Virginia, and an additional twenty-nine independent, not-for-profit educational institutions. VIVA's mission is to provide, in an equitable, cooperative and cost-effective manner, enhanced access to library and information resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia's research libraries serving the higher education community.

For more information about VIRGINIA HERITAGE, contact Edward Gaynor at gaynor@virginia.edu or at (434) 924-3138.