



Arkansas History Term Paper: Finding Secondary Sources

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I. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXTS

Use reference and text books to provide background and facts for subjects that are new to you.

A. Textbooks and General Histories

Arkansas : A Narrative History. Fayetteville : University of Arkansas Press, 2002. (Reserve and Ark Coll F411 .A772 2002).

Histories of Arkansas Series from the UofA Press:

Bolton, S. Charles, *Arkansas, 1800-1860 : Remote and Restless*. Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 1998. Main, Ark Coll F411 .B72 1998.

DeBlack, Thomas A. *With Fire and Sword : Arkansas, 1861-1874*. Fayetteville : University of Arkansas Press, 2003. Main, Ark Coll E553 .D43 2003.

Moneyhon, Carl H. *Arkansas and the New South, 1874-1929*. Fayetteville : University of Arkansas Press, 1997. Main, Ark Coll F411 .M74 1997.

Johnson, Ben F. *Arkansas in Modern America : 1930-1999*. Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2000. Main, Ark Coll F411 .J64 2000.

B. Subject Encyclopedias

Encyclopedia of Arkansas (<http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net>)

An important tool for facts, dates, names, and places. The signed articles will often provide you with a basic working bibliography. Written for a general audience.

Consult more general academic reference works that may help you place events in Arkansas in a national or regional context and also provide a basic bibliography on your topic. You can find more subject encyclopedias by searching InfoLinks under keyword "encyclopedias" + your topic.

Dictionary of American History. 3rd ed. 10v. New York: Scribner, 2003. Ref E 174 .D52 2003.

Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History. 5v. + supp. New York : Macmillan Library Reference, 1996-2004. Ref E185 .E54.

Handbook of North American Indians. 17v. (in progress). Washington, D.C. : Smithsonian Institution, 1984-. Ref, Main E77 .H25

Encyclopedia of Southern Culture. Chapel Hill : University of North Carolina Press, 1989. Ref F209 .E53 1989.

Encyclopedia of the American Civil War. 5v. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2000. Ref E 468 .H47 2000.

Louisiana Purchase: A Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2002. Ref E 333 .L69 2002.

C. Biographical Sources

Arkansas Biography : A Collection of Notable Lives. Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2000. Ref Desk, Ark Coll CT224 .W55 2000.

The Governors of Arkansas. 2nd ed. Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 1995. Ref, Ark Coll F410 .G6 1995

American National Biography. Library Web Page

Biography Resource Center. Library Web Page

Indexes to Biographies

Arkansas Publications Index. Library Web Page.

Biography and Genealogy Master Index. Library Web Page

D. Statistics and Facts

Arkansas. *Historical Report of the Secretary of State*. 1958-. Ref, Ark Coll, J87 .A84a.

These useful volumes offer historical sketches, state election results, and historical rosters of Arkansas county officials, circuit and Supreme Court judges, legislators, Constitutional officers, and federal delegations.

U.S. Census: See Andrea Cantrell's handout on [Census Sources for Arkansas](#).

II. Locating Books

Arkansas History : An Annotated Bibliography, compiled by Michael B. Dougan, Tom W. Dillard, and Timothy G. Nutt (Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 1995; Ref Desk, Ark Coll F411 .D68 1995) lists books, articles, and dissertations on Arkansas by time period and topic.

A. InfoLinks is the Libraries' catalog of books. Search by keywords or subject headings to find books on your topic. Remember that books tend to address broad topics and major events. If you don't find an entire book on your topic, look for one that may discuss your topic as part of a larger story. Some examples:

paper topic:

st francis county

subjects or keyword in InfoLinks:

saint francis county (ark)—history
saint francis county (ark)—social life and customs
saint francis county (ark)—economic conditions

brooks-baxter war

reconstruction and arkansas
arkansas—history—1865-
Arkansas-politics and government-[dates]

ozarks tourism

tourism-ozark mountains
ozark mountains region--history
buffalo national river
mountain people—arkansas
fishing—Arkansas

trail of tears

cherokee indians arkansas
indians of north America--relocation

B. WorldCat is a union catalog of more than 45 million items held in libraries all over the world. Use WorldCat to find books held in other libraries that you may obtain on Interlibrary Loan (ILL). Books requested on ILL generally arrive within 7-10 working days.

III. Finding Articles

A. Arkansas Historical Quarterly: Cumulative Index. 1942-2000. **Library Web Page.**

B. America: History and Life. 1963-. **Library Web Page.**

Indexes books, book reviews, articles, and dissertations on U.S. and Canadian social, political, economical, diplomatic, and cultural history. Indexes the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* from 1980 – present.

C. Arkansas Publications Index. **Library Web Page.**

A growing index to articles and book chapters on Arkansas topics.

Once you have located an article citation of interest, check InfoLinks under the name of the journal to find your article. In many cases, the article will be available online from one of our full-text sources.