

Leads for Digital Archives

I asked online for some leads on digitized archives. Here are possibilities to check out, or which might serve as inspiration for more places to look. My thanks to everyone who suggested something here!

How about 166 years of listing Jesuits all over the world? (mix of MS & print) <https://t.co/quuqvEdoxp>

— Ryan Baumann (@ryanfb) September 30, 2021

Check out the Comédie-Française Registers Project for nightly performance receipts: <https://t.co/n58hVMARe4>

— Derek Miller (???) September 30, 2021

The Rare Books department at @BPLBoston has just digitized its catalog card collection— some of which are still the only records for these special collections holdings. There's tons of useful work to be done parsing these imaged cards! <https://t.co/Iv25qMV30E> cc @Jay_Moschella

— Garrett Dash Nelson (@en_dash) September 30, 2021

One from my own diss research: Colonial Office correspondence registers. Australia has microfilmed and digitized the parts relevant to Australasia <<https://t.co/fC5c2ecbvD>>.

— Thanasis Kinias, Ph.D. (@tkinias) September 30, 2021

The registers are in different series than the original correspondence, e.g. CO 424 is the register for colonial Queensland <<https://t.co/IJBpQBiljX>>. The early volumes are a bit sparse, but by the late 19C these are very rich in metadata about the correspondence.

— Thanasis Kinias, Ph.D. (@tkinias) September 30, 2021

See the Mountain States Weather Services Monthly Climatological Data: <https://t.co/9jllhWgfms#climatology#Colorado#archives#weather> [pic.twitter.com/kwiMiIEUm4](https://t.co/kwiMiIEUm4)

— Mark Shelstad (@markshelstad) September 30, 2021

I'd take a look at @BL_EAP for some really varied collections, and @FromThePage have been doing work with structured table / spreadsheet transcription so might have some good examples to hand

— Dr Mia Ridge (@mia_out) September 30, 2021

(Note—this is an extensive list of multiple archives, worth reading through if you're not sure what you're looking for.)

My list here includes quite a lot of non-printed sources, if any of them are interested in early modern: <https://t.co/Pukb8XpAWi>

— Sharon Howard (@sharon_howard) September 30, 2021

We digitized the Boston Phoenix's indexes: <https://t.co/eCEQyin1ti><https://t.co/lRcl76z9pg>

— Giordana Mecagni (@gmecagni) September 30, 2021

Back to Mia's suggestion, spreadsheet projects we host include these: Arnold Arboretum collection notes:<https://t.co/tKhSJ8osFP><https://t.co/ZyIPkjJqilLone> Rock Stockade convict leasing records:<https://t.co/TrGW7ScGtqQueensland> female prison records:<https://t.co/wXL4PO6jeb>

— Ben W. Brumfield (@benwbrum) September 30, 2021

Hospital records from the American Civil War might make for some good (and gruesome) sources. There are some digitized CW hospital case books at UA Birmingham's library, the "BW Allen Reports" <https://t.co/dzPs25dCsN>

— Jonathan S. Jones (@_jonathansjones) September 30, 2021

Of potential interest/relevance <https://t.co/jHUNwLDWH8> and <https://t.co/4gAPcVEITV>

— Trevor Owens [XXXX](#) (@tjowens) September 30, 2021

Also, many of the individual documents in this collection could be relevant <https://t.co/aGkKiCuohS>

— Trevor Owens [XXXX](#) (@tjowens) September 30, 2021

the w.e.b. dubois archives:<https://t.co/aEk1ir264chas> plenty of variety (as suggested by the series titles), e.g.<https://t.co/iXckVJ9UBO><https://t.co/SoiGcr95po>

— brendan o'connor (@brendan642) September 30, 2021

UH special collections has some v interesting digitized Houston history archives; @JulieGrob wd prob have lots of ideas <https://t.co/f2WM6MIVeT>

— Dave Mazella (@DaveMazella) September 30, 2021

Hi! [X](#) What a fun assignment! The first thing that came to mind is early ecologist Ed Ricketts' survey cards. He was a meticulous record keeper for observations of marine species. <https://t.co/geAK7fXPCs>

— Dr. Amanda Whitmire [XXXX](#) (@AWhitTwit) September 30, 2021

More generally, any herbarium collection should qualify. Browse <https://t.co/kXyu4EV9VK>. @BioDivLibrary is also a perfect resource for this assignment if you are interested in science collections.

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University library records? I have a project on Glasgow up here, which includes page images: <https://t.co/p8IdoigVgc>. St Andrews have a number of borrowing registers and catalogues online here: <https://t.co/vkFaOAK7NH>.

— Matthew Sangster (@MJSangster) September 30, 2021

A note on this one—it lists a bunch of libraries that have created high-quality digital images in a format called IIIF we'll be exploring later. So these might be places to click a link and then put "register", "ledger", "cards", etc. into a search box.

Awesome assignment and happy that #IIIF is useful – this a nascent effort that we'll be expanding on in coming months, and perhaps it might be useful to you/your students: <https://t.co/ugqDoF3WOT> (many more major collections to be added there, but it's a start)

— Josh Hadro (@Hadro) September 30, 2021

I've just finished giving a session on the "Transcribing the Book of Remembrance" project which is 20C but fits the bill of a different kind of database in #iiif: <https://t.co/7HUK2Fp7UX>

— Glen Robson (@glenrobson) September 30, 2021

I agree a local gazetteer is a good place to start, and lots of freely accessible digitized copies here: <https://t.co/qnXTOAODxE>

— Hilde De Weerd (???) September 30, 2021

British military lists? <https://t.co/dc64LZuGJP> Or pre-computer library catalogues? <https://t.co/28s26ekAtd>

— Helen Vincent (???) September 30, 2021

franklin's post office books digitized by aps: <https://t.co/1rt8IIWIL4>. <https://t.co/9uo2RWov5o>

— susan garfinkel (???) September 30, 2021

If you're happy for your students to "travel" abroad, there's the ??? Charles Booth data archive: <https://t.co/OEK7OPJZzMAnd> the court proceedings of ??? London's central criminal court 1674-1913: The Old Bailey Online: <https://t.co/OMohGYhRpx>.

— Prof Laura Vaughan (???) October 1, 2021

Also, there are these handwritten logs from a commercial photographer here: <https://t.co/GDeQKodYbG> and we have transcribed about 1/2 of them.

— Giordana Mecagni (???) September 30, 2021

thomas nevil day book at <https://t.co/CY3Y2Yy98o> and one relevant article: <https://t.co/Yo2lUQou7O>

— susan garfinkel (???) September 30, 2021

Thanks for the shout-out! Franklin's shop ledgers, an 18c. indenture records book, and more are also digitized/datafied and accessible at <https://t.co/YwY1r1qrwp>

— ☒ link rot + inherent vice ☒ (???) October 1, 2021

YMCA WW1 service punch cards from ??? at the ??? <https://t.co/NPDpziI6ptN>

— Lara F-S (???) October 2, 2021