**West Tennessee History Day Annotated Bibliography for Research**

Online Archives for Tennessee History Topics

“Civil Rights Digital Library.” <http://crdl.usg.edu/>

This site is a collection of links to archival materials related to the American Civil Rights Movement. These links include archived correspondence, unedited news footage, photographs, and other primary sources, with attribution to the host institution. One example of the collection’s items includes a letter from Tennessee Senator Albert Gore, Sr. to a constituent on the subject of violence in Alabama.

“Crossroads to Freedom.” <http://www.crossroadstofreedom.org/home.user>.

This site is a collection of archived sources about a multitude of topics in Memphis including: the Sanitation Workers Strike, the African-American Hyde Park neighborhood of North Memphis, interviews with various Memphis city officials that served during the Civil Rights Movement, Cotton Carnival programs, photographs, and other sundry items. One example of the items in the collection is a sub-collection of items from the West Tennessee KKK, including correspondence, receipts, speeches, and surveillance notes. This collection is overseen by Rhodes College.

“Dig Memphis.” <http://memphislibrary.contentdm.oclc.org/>.

This site is the digitized archives of the Memphis Public Library and Information Center, with most of the items in the collection from the Memphis & Shelby County Room. These items include photographs of various Mississippi River Floods (including the 2011 flood), correspondence from Memphians of note, and other sundry items. One example is a letter from Kemmons Wilson to the Memphis Board of Adjustment regarding property development.

“Freed-Hardeman University Digital Collections.” <http://www.fhu.edu/library/Archives/digitalCollections.aspx>.

This collection is of note primarily for the digitized catalogues of the school dating back to 1893. “King Center Archive.” <http://www.thekingcenter.org/archive>.

This collection features nearly one million documents related to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. including: correspondence to and from Dr. King, speeches, outlines, and other sundry items. An example includes notes from an SCLC meeting and a sermon outline.

“Leontyne Price Library Archives.” <http://lplarchives.org/>.

This collection features historic photographs, newspaper articles, and other sundry items. It is named after African-American operatic soprano and Mississippi native Leontyne Price.

“Library of Congress.” <http://www.loc.gov/>.

This vast collection features manuscripts, photographs, newspaper articles, transcripts, and other sundry items. One such example includes the Abraham Lincoln Paper collection, which features some of Lincoln’s personal correspondence.

“Memphis Wrestling History Special Collections.” <http://memphiswrestlinghistory.com/sc.html>.

This collection features photographs and newspaper clippings of several people associated with professional wrestling in Memphis, including Jerry “The King” Lawler and Sputnik Monroe.

“Our Documents- 100 Milestone Documents.” <http://www.ourdocuments.gov/index.php?flash=true&>.

This collection features 100 important documents in American history, from the Lee Resolution of 1776 to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It also features links to other primary source websites. “Shelby County Register of Deeds.” <http://register.shelby.tn.us/>.

This collection includes vital records for Shelby County, TN, dating back to 1819, special collections on topics including the Martin Luther King assassination, and historical documentaries on various Memphis subjects.

“Tennessee State Library and Archives.” <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/resources/index.htm>

This collection includes vital documents from all over the state of Tennessee, a special collection of Civil War sources (photos, correspondence, and other primary sources), a collection of historical newspapers, and other sundry items.

“Union University Digital Collections.” <http://www.uu.edu/library/archives/digital.cfm>.

This collection features university catalogues, yearbooks, and newspapers dating back to 1851. “University of Chicago Digital Library Collections.” <https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/digital/>.

This catalogue features multiple collections of personal papers of note. Of particular interest are the personal papers of Ida B. Wells, including notes from her diary, handwritten annotations to her autobiography, photographs, and other sundry materials.

“University of Memphis Preservation and Special Collections.” <http://www.memphis.edu/specialcollections/uldr.php>.

This collection features the papers and photographs of the Robert Church family, the National African-American Photographic Archive, and sundry other materials.

“U.S. National Archives.” <http://www.archives.gov/>

Filled with multiple categories of items, with several sites within the main site including the Digital Vault (digitalvault.org). The National Archives includes documents, correspondence, photographs, and a vast array of primary source material.

Additional Online Archives for Research – General U.S. Topics

<http://www.nhd.org/USHistoryPrimarySources.htm>  - National History Day Collection of Primary Source Websites

<http://www.loc.gov/library/libarch-digital.html> - Library of Congress Digital Sources

<http://capone.mtsu.edu/kmiddlet/history/women/wh-digcoll.html>  - American Women's History: Digital Collections

<http://www.yale.edu/collections_collaborative/primarysources/onlinesources.htm#thematic> – Yale Primary Sources

<http://libguides.bgsu.edu/content.php?pid=58961&sid=449734>  - Various 19th century U.S. primary documents

<http://hsp.org/education/primary-sources> - Historical Society of Pennsylvania

<http://archive.blackgothamarchive.org/items/index/page/1> - Primaries of Free Blacks in 19th Century U.S.

<http://shsulibraryguides.org/content.php?pid=140496&sid=1212870>

<http://research.history.org/DigitalLibrary.cfm>

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

<http://www.17thc.us/index.php?id=3>

[http://mith.umd.edu//eada/search.php](http://mith.umd.edu/eada/search.php)

<http://shsulibraryguides.org/content.php?pid=123437&sid=1060748> - Excellent Bibliography of Websites with Primary Documents: