

RESOURCES

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THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESEARCH LIBRARY

Located in the heart of downtown Portland's Cultural District, the Oregon Historical Society Research Library is a vital part of the Oregon Historical Society, serving researchers from around the world. It is dedicated to serving the educational needs of the state and the region, and to supporting a broad range of historical interests.

Through the generosity of Oregon's citizens and friends, the Oregon Historical Society Research Library has gathered one of the most comprehensive collections of local, state, and regional history in the country, with holdings that chronicle the history of the Oregon Country from early exploration to the present day.

The Research Library's holdings are strong in several areas, including early maritime exploration and trade, Westward expansion, the fur trade, missionary and pioneer activities, Native American history, settlement and development of the region, local and county history, transportation, business and industry, government and politics, biography, art, and architectural history.

THE COLLECTION

In excess of . . . 35,000 Books, including pamphlets and rare books.

14,000 linear feet of Manuscripts, correspondence, speeches, diaries and reminiscences, scrapbooks, ships' logbooks, political papers, and business and association records, as well as pictorial materials, such as posters, architectural drawings, and ship and wagon plans.

3 million Photographs of the people, places, and events of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, from the 1850s to the present, including significant collections of prominent Northwest photographers and studios, such as Carleton Watkins and Kiser Studios.

30,000 Maps and aerial photographs describing the Oregon Territory, the state, cities and counties, and special subjects such as mining, forestry, railroads, coasts and rivers, soils, farmlands, land claims, Native Americans and explorations.

8.5 million feet Moving Images, including Oregon news events from 1966 to the present, early newsreels, family movies, commercial and industrial films, and scenic and wildlife films.

10,000 Sound Recordings and transcripts, including oral histories, sound recordings radio broadcasts, speeches, and music from the 1930s to the present.

And . . .

Serials Periodical publications of local and regional industries and organizations, academic journals, and print publications of local and county historical societies in Oregon as well as state, regional, provincial, and special historical societies throughout the United States and Canada.

Government Documents including significant nineteenth and early twentieth-century Oregon state documents, a small collection of Portland and other cities, various regional commissions and boards, and U.S. government documents.

Microfilm of newspapers from around the state, territorial and provisional government documents, Oregon decennial census records, documents connected with 19th-century exploratory and surveying expeditions, Indian Affairs, and many other topics of historical interest.

Vertical Files on state and local history as well as biographies and genealogies, containing clippings from newspapers & magazines, brochures, ephemera, short unpublished writings, and other miscellaneous material.

Scrapbooks profiling one hundred forty years of Oregon history from the 1850s to the 1980s in newspaper articles, letters, menus, programs, and other ephemera.