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ECON 226: ECONOMIC HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES
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BOOKS

ACORN, the Library's online catalog is at: <http://acorn.library.vanderbilt.edu>. Most U.S. government documents published after July 1976 are included in Acorn.

SUBJECT SEARCH: To find books on a place, select '**SUBJECT keyword**' in Basic Search and enter the place name and the keyword(s) describing your concepts. Use "and" (without quotes) between keywords to narrow your search and retrieve **only** records containing all of the terms. Or, try the same search using '**TITLE keyword**'.

Example: California and history (SUBJECT keyword)
Example: California and history and agriculture (SUBJECT keyword)

STATISTICS SEARCH: To find statistics on a place, select '**SUBJECT keyword**' in Basic Search.
Example: Hawaii and statistics (SUBJECT keyword)

(Tip: When you find a title of interest, click on a subject heading link in the ACORN record to find more books related to your topic.)

WorldCat is a Union Catalog that provides location and availability information for books, periodicals and other items owned by libraries in the U.S. and around the world. Use WorldCat to identify and request materials through InterLibrary Loan (ILL) that Vanderbilt does not own.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

To find a bibliography on a topic in ACORN, select '**SUBJECT keyword**' and search the topic and the keyword 'bibliography'. Or try the same search using '**TITLE keyword**'.

Example: Tennessee and bibliography (SUBJECT keyword)

A Bibliography of Tennessee history, 1973-1996.
Tennessee History: A Bibliography.

STACKS - Z 1337 .B53 1999
STACKS - Z 1337 .S55

STATISTICS

[Database] indicates that the resource can be accessed at:
www.library.vanderbilt.edu/heard/artdb.shtml

Census of Population & Housing, or Decennial Census, 1790- . [Database]

This census is taken every ten years to track a community's growth over time. (On the American Factfinder page, look under 'Getting Detailed Data'. Under 'Decennial Census' click 'get data'.)
Online access at: <http://factfinder.census.gov/> ; **Paper in Govt Information/ Media Services. Historical Census Browser (University of Virginia):**
<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/>

***Social Explorer - Demographic Reports*, 1790-. [Database]**

Create demographic reports from decennial *Census of Population & Housing* data from 1790 to date for states and counties: urban/rural, sex, race, age nativity, literacy, school attendance, families, own/rent, unemployment, farms, wages, manufactures, and wholesale/retail. Topics vary from census to census.

Online access at: <http://www.socialexplorer.com/pub/reports/home.aspx>

***Economic Census* - U.S. Bureau of Census, 1810 –. [Database]**

The economic census is the chief source of data about the structure and functioning of the U.S. economy. It is taken every five years for years ending in "2" and "7." It measures almost all economic activity in the U.S. The earliest data (1810) focus on manufacturing. Over time it has broadened to include other industries. The most recent data are from 2002 and released online.
Online access for 1997, 2002, and 2007 datasets at: <http://factfinder.census.gov> (Click 'Data sets', then 'Economic Census'.)

Older data available in paper in Govt Information/Media Services.

***Historical Statistics of the United States: Millennial Edition Online (HSUS)*. [Database]**

Provides historical statistics about the social, political, and economic aspects of the United States. Includes Census data.

Current paper in Govt Information Services, Reference, HA202 .H57 2006.

***Statistical Abstract of the United States: The National Data Book (SAUS)* - U.S. Census Bureau, 1879 - . [Database]**

The basic annual U.S. statistical handbook with almost 1,600 tables, of social, economic, and political statistics. Use the source notes at the bottom of each table to lead you to other statistical publications on your topic. You can find information for earlier years by looking in older editions of SAUS or by looking in *Historical Statistics of the United States: Millennial Edition Online*.

Online access at www.census.gov/compendia/statab/

Paper for the current year in Ref Reading Rm, Bookcase 1, HA 202; also in Govt Information Services, Reference, call number: C/2(2) C3.134.

Look at other sources in the Research Guide (<http://libguides.library.vanderbilt.edu/ECON226>)

County and City Data Book 2007 - Convenient summary of statistics on the social and economic structure of the counties and cities

County Business Patterns - Provides establishments, employees, and payroll by industry and by geographic area.

Local Area Personal Income - Personal income, compensation, employment, and wages. National, region, state, MSA, and county statistics

STATE AND LOCAL LIBRARIES AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The following web sites provide contact information for the libraries, archives, and historical societies in your state, county, or town. There may also be a description of the materials in the collections.

Public Libraries in the U.S.

http://lists.webjunction.org/libweb/Public_main.html

NEWSPAPERS

ProQuest Newspapers. [Database]

ProQuest National Newspapers Core, 1980- . (date coverage varies by title)

Includes full-text articles for *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, *The [Nashville] Tennessean*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*. To the right of the Database box, click 'Select multiple databases' -> then 'Clear all databases' -> then scroll down and select 'ProQuest Newspapers' or one of the options under 'ProQuest Newspapers' -> click 'Continue'. Enter your keywords in the search box, select a data range, and click 'Search'.

Historical Newspapers

Provides article images for *Chicago Tribune* (1849 -1986); *The Chicago Defender* (1905 -1975); *The New York Times* (1851 -2005); and *The Washington Post* (1877 -1992). **Note: Historical databases cannot be searched in combination with non-historical databases.**

(To the right of the Database box, click 'Select multiple databases' -> then 'Clear all databases' -> then scroll down and select newspapers under the Historical Newspapers section -> click 'Continue'. Enter your keywords in the search box, select a data range, and click 'Search' .)

LexisNexis Academic, 1973-. (Database)

Best source for full-text newspaper articles. Use the ! (exclamation mark) to substitute for word endings. E-mail: articles.

Step 1 – Use the “**Search the News**” (upper left).

Step 2 – “**Search for**”: enter your city’s name

Step 3 – “**By Source Type**” box: pull down and choose “newspapers.”

Step 4 – **Click on “Go.”**

Step 5 – Look at your results.

If you have too many articles you can narrow your search

Step 6 – on the left-hand column, click on the plus sign in front of “newspapers. This will give you all the newspapers from which your articles come. You could narrow the results by, for example, choosing a major newspaper from your city.

Newspapers on Microform. <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/newsnewspapers.htm>

Back issues of some U.S. newspapers are available on microfilm. Arranged by state. Collection includes:

Atlanta Constitution (1869- 1875; 1881- 2001) (Microfilm 1835)

The Christian Science Monitor (1939- current issues) (Microfilm 1484 – 6th level)

The Los Angeles Times (1960- current issues) (Microfilm 2220)

The Times [London] (1785- current issues) (Microfilm 796)

The Washington Post (1953- current issues) (Annex Microfilm 1957)

Pennsylvania Gazette, 1728- 1800. Archive. [Database]

Provides a first hand view of colonial America, the American Revolution and the New Republic, and offers important social, political and cultural perspectives of each of the periods.

ARTICLES

America: History and Life (AHL), 1964 -.

Covers the U. S. and Canada from prehistory to the present. Includes economic history of the U.S.

EconLit, 1969 -.

The primary database for economics literature.