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FINDING BOOKS

ACORN, the Library's online catalog, provides location and availability information for books, periodicals, and other items owned by Vanderbilt's nine libraries. **Most U.S. government documents published after July 1976 are included.** www.acorn.library.vanderbilt.edu

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)

To search a set of words as a phrase, enclose the words in **single quotes**.

Example: 'New York' and 'land reform' and history (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.)

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 (TITLE keyword)

A Bibliography of Tennessee history, 1973-1996.

Ref Z 1337 .B53 1999

Tennessee History: A Bibliography.

Ref Z 1337 .S55

ARTICLE INDEXES

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

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

Citations and abstracts of literature, including more than 1,700 journals, on the U. S. and Canadian history.

EconLit, 1969 -. [Database]

Comprehensive index with selected abstracts from over 400 major economic journals.

Index of Economic Journals, 1886- 1965. Ref Reading Rm, Bookcase 4, Z7164 .E2 I48.

Indexes economic articles from 1886 to 1965.

Readers' Guide Retrospective, 1890- 1982. [Database]

Provides indexing to general U.S. periodicals and to basic social science scholarly journals from 1890 to 1982.

Poole's Plus. (Nineteenth Century Masterfile). [Database]

Indexes newspapers, periodicals, government documents and more. The subject, author and title indexes are published prior to 1925. Includes *Poole's Index to Periodical Literature, 1802-1906.*

NEWSPAPERS

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

Proquest Newspapers. [Database]

To the right of the Database box, click on "Select Multiple Databases." Then click on "Clear All Databases." Scroll down to the bottom and select the historical newspapers or click on "ProQuest National Newspapers Core," and then click on "Continue." Enter your subject in the search box and select a data range. Click on the "Search" button.

ProQuest National Newspapers Core includes:

- * The New York Times (1980-present) ; * The Wall Street Journal (1984-present);
- * Washington Post (1987-present); * Los Angeles Times (1985-present);
- * Christian Science Monitor (1988-present)

Historical Newspapers includes:

- * Chicago Tribune (Coverage: April 23, 1849 - Dec. 31, 1986); * The Chicago Defender (1905-1975);
- * The New York Times (Sept 18, 1851-Dec 31, 2005); * The Washington Post (Dec 12, 1877-Dec 31, 1992)

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. For each newspaper provides coverage and Microfilm number. Includes:

- * Atlanta Constitution (1869-1875; 1881-2001) (Microfilm 1835)
- * Christian Science Monitor (1939-current issues) (Microfilm 1484 – 6th level)
- * Los Angeles Times (1960-current issues) (Microfilm 2220)
- * The Times [London] (1785-current issues) (Microfilm 796)
- * Washington Post (1953-current issues) (Annex Microfilm 1957)

LexisNexis Academic, 1973- . [Database]

Indexes fulltext newspaper articles. To limit search to state or regional newspapers, click (1) the Sources tab; (2) change All Countries to the United States next to 'Filter by'; (3) click on the folder called 'News'; (4) select a state or region; (5) click the OK –Continue button.

National Newspaper Index, 1980- . [Database]

Index to *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*.

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.

Poole's Plus, or Nineteenth Century Masterfile. [Database]

Includes newspapers.

Tennessean Index, May 1995 - Oct 2001. [Database]

Wall Street Journal Index, 1955- 2005. Ref Reading Rm, AI21 .N45.

STATISTICS

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

Census of Population & Housing [also called ***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.**

County and City Data Book 2007 (U.S. Census Bureau, et al.)

Convenient summary of statistics on the social and economic structure of the counties and cities of the United States. Subjects covered include: age, money and personal income, population, education, health care and human services, housing ownership and value, births, deaths, poverty, local government finance, employment, etc.

Online access at <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/ccdb07.html>

Earlier editions (1944-2000) available from: <http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/ccdb/>

***DemographicsNow* [Database]**

Current demographic information, consumer earnings and expenditures, white collar vs. blue collar, business patterns, and other statistics for states, counties, census tracts, and other U.S. geographic areas. At the database homepage, click on “get started.” At “New Geography,” click on “US places” and then on “continue.” Then choose the state and “continue.” Then choose the place and “complete.” Click on the “Report Package” tab and choose one or more of the report packages. Then view the report or email it to yourself.

***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>

***County Business Patterns* (U.S. Bureau of Census), 1948-. [Database]**

County Business Patterns provides establishments, employees, and payroll by industry and by geographic area. The series is useful for studying the economic activity of small areas; analyzing economic changes over time; and for data between economic censuses. Available in a number of formats:

Online access 2004 to date at:

http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?_program=EAS&_tabId=EAS2&_s_ubmenuId=datasets_5&_lang=en&_ts=205850210194;

Online access 1993 to 2004 in PDF at: <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/cbptotal.html>;

Online access from 1986 to present in comma-delimited format at:

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/download/cbpdownload.html>

University of Virginia version (1977-2001) : <http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/cbp/>

Older data in paper from 1948 in the Annex. Please request via Acorn.

***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 2002 and 1997 datasets at:

http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?_program=ECN ;

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

***Local Area Personal Income* (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis), 1969-. [Database]**

Personal income, compensation, employment, and wages. National, region, state, MSA, and county statistics from 1969 to latest. Regional Economic Information System (REIS).

Online access at <http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis/>

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

The standard source for historical statistics about the social, political, and economic aspects of the United States, now expanded and revised from the 1975 print source. Includes Census and other statistical data. Create custom tables and merge columns from multiple tables to create custom tables, which can also be downloaded, printed, or graphed. Essays by experts place topics such as migration, slavery, health, crime, Native Americans, and the Confederate States of America in historical context.

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.

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

U.S. State and Local Historical & Genealogical Societies www.usgennet.org/socadmin

U.S. State Libraries & Archives http://www.publiclibraries.com/state_library.htm

OTHER STATE AND LOCAL INFORMATION

State Blue Books http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/State_Blue_Books

State Statistical Abstracts http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/st_abstracts.html

Find a County
http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Find_a_County&Template=/cfiles/counties/usamap.cfm

CITING SOURCES

Citing Sources www.library.vanderbilt.edu/research/Citing.shtml

Style Guides for Writing www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/ref/rr_styleguides.shtml
 APA Style Guide Ref Reading Rm, Bookcase 1, BF76.7 .P83 2001
 The Chicago Manual of Style www.library.vanderbilt.edu/heard/artdb/shtml

Writing Studio at Vanderbilt www.vanderbilt.edu/writing/

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Reference Email via AskUs www.library.vanderbilt.edu/askus/

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