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Introduction

This guide surveys the resources available for research in American legal history at the Joseph Regenstein Library (JRL), the D'Angelo Law Library (DLL) and other Chicago area libraries and archives. Beware: it is not comprehensive or all-inclusive. At best, it can whet the appetite by pointing out the highlights of the Chicago area collections of primary and secondary sources. If it leads researchers to new projects or sources of evidence it will have served its purpose.

We welcome suggestions for other American legal history resources in the Chicago area to add to this guide. Please contact Judith Wright at 773/702-9616 (jmwr@uchicago.edu) or Margaret Schilt at 773/702-6716 (schilt@uchicago.edu).

The availability in electronic format of many bibliographic sources included in this guide will change. Consult with a reference librarian to determine availability of resources or access to resources available through subscriptions to commercial databases. This guide presumes familiarity with the University of Chicago Library Catalog listing items cataloged by the University of Chicago libraries from 1978 to the present.

One final note: always, always consult reference librarians.

Joseph Regenstein Library

Journal Literature

Indexing and abstracting services for history

Historical Abstracts, http://serials.abc-clio.com/ Abstracts and indexes articles and reviews appearing in 1,700 journals published worldwide, covering world history since 1450. Includes key historical journals from nearly every country, and selective coverage of social science and humanities journals in related fields (citations published from 1971 to date). For earlier years, consult print predecessor Historical Abstracts [3rd Floor Reference], which, through 1970, covered the period 1775-1945 only.

America: History and Life, http://serials.abc-clio.com/ Abstracts and indexes articles and reviews on United States and Canadian history from 1,700 journals published worldwide. Includes citations to abstracts of dissertations. For material on American and Canadian history published prior to 1964, consult print version of Historical Abstracts, cited above.

Periodicals Index Online, http://pio.chadwyck.com/home.do Indexes articles published in over 4,500 periodicals in 37 humanities and social sciences subject areas, indexing each included title from the first issue. Includes numerous foreign-language titles, and many older, long-ceased titles.
**Full-text sources for journals**

**Electronic Journals List,** [http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/h/ ej](http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/h/ ej) Searchable and browsable list of electronic journals available through the University of Chicago Library. Provides information on availability of full-text coverage.

**JSTOR, [http://www.jstor.org](http://www.jstor.org)** Search full-text of major historical journals from their first volumes up through recent years by browsing or keyword search. See list of titles included at [http://www.jstor.org/browse](http://www.jstor.org/browse),

**Periodicals Archive Online, [http://pao.chadwyck.com/home.do](http://pao.chadwyck.com/home.do)** Provides full-text articles from some 350 periodicals in 37 subject areas in the humanities and social sciences.

**Ebsco Academic Search Premier, [http://search.epnet.com/](http://search.epnet.com/)** Includes indexing and full text for more than 300 journals for history, as well as full text for an additional 3,000 scholarly publications covering academic areas of study in the social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. Coverage varies considerably, title by title. Increasingly full text is available for important titles for the last decade; full text for some titles in history is available for more than 20 years.


**Harper’s Weekly** [http://app.harpweek.com](http://app.harpweek.com) was a leading American source for news and opinion during the middle years of the 19th century. Search the full-text by keywords or browse digitized images of all pages of any issue for the period 1857-1877. Note that there is also a digitized version of Harper's Weekly, 1850-1899, included in the [Making of America](http://www.loc.gov/frd/MOA/) collection (free).

**American Periodicals Series Online, 1740-1900.**
http://proquest.umi.com/login?COPT=SU5UPTAmVkVSPTImREJTPTE0NEQ@
Digitized images of pages from 1,100 American periodicals, including 89 journals published between 1740 and 1800; more than 900 titles from 1800 to 1860; and 118 periodicals published during the Civil War and Reconstruction eras, and titles beginning publication from the 1880's through 1900.

Making of America http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa/ (free Cornell site) Digitized page images and searchable full text of 955 volumes for American serials from Antebellum times to the end of the 19th century:

The American Missionary (1878 - 1901)
The American Whig Review (1845 - 1852)
The Atlantic Monthly (1857 - 1901)
The Bay State Monthly (1884 - 1886)
The Century (1881 - 1899)
The Continental Monthly (1862 - 1864)
The Galaxy (1866 - 1878)
Harper's New Monthly Magazine (1850 - 1899)
The International Monthly Magazine (1850 - 1852)
The Living Age (1844 - 1900)
Manufacturer and Builder (1869 - 1894)
The New England Magazine (1886 - 1900)
The New-England Magazine (1831 - 1835)
New Englander (1843 - 1892)
The North American Review (1815 - 1900)
The Old Guard (1863 - 1867)
Punchinello (1870)
Putnam's Monthly (1853 - 1870)
Scientific American (1846 - 1869)
Scribner's Magazine (1887 - 1896)
Scribner's Monthly (1870 - 1881)
The United States Democratic Review (1837 - 1859)

Making of America http://www.hti.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=moajrnl;cc=moajrnl;sid=125794ebcaea84d4791221650416adba;tpl=home.tpl
(free University of Michigan site) Digitized page images and searchable full text of 2,457 journal issues for American serials from Antebellum times to the end of the 19th century:

Appleton's (1869-1881; 2 series)
Catholic World (1865-1901)
DeBow's (1846-1869, and 1952 index; 3 series)
Garden and Forest (1888-1897) (from Library of Congress)
Ladies Repository (1841-1876; 3 series)
The Old Guard (1864)
Overland Monthly (1868-1900; 2 series)
Princeton Review (1831-1882; 3 series)
Southern Literary Messenger (1835-1864, and 1936 Contributor index)
Southern Quarterly Review (1842-1857; 3 series)
Vanity Fair (1860-1862)
**Internet Library of Early Journals**  [http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/ilej/](http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/ilej/) A joint project of the Universities of Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester and Oxford, the ILEJ digitizes substantial runs of 18th and 19th century journals, and make these images available on the Internet, together with their associated bibliographic data, including three 18th-century journals (Gentleman's Magazine (1731-1750), The Annual Register (1758-1778), and Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society (1757-1777)) and three 19th-century journals (Notes and Queries (1849-1869), The Builder (1843-1849) and Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine (1843-1863)).

**Web of Knowledge**

**Books**

**Library Catalogs--General**

**WorldCat** [http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/cgi-bin/fs/wc.scr](http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/cgi-bin/fs/wc.scr) Catalog records for over 40,000 libraries worldwide

**RLG Union Catalog** [http://eureka.rlg.org/Eureka/zgate2.prod](http://eureka.rlg.org/Eureka/zgate2.prod) Contains information about more than 30 million books, periodicals, recordings, scores, archival collections, and other kinds of material held in major research institutions.


**British Library catalog** [http://opac97.bl.uk/](http://opac97.bl.uk/) is much less comprehensive for materials prior to 1975, but exhaustive thereafter.

**Early imprints**

**Early English Books Online** [http://wwwlib.umi.com/eboo/](http://wwwlib.umi.com/eboo/) Over 96,000 titles listed in Pollard & Redgrave's Short-Title Catalogue (1475 - 1640) and Wing's Short-Title Catalogue (1641-1700) from the first book published in English through 1700. Digitized images, as well as downloadable PDF files.

**Eighteenth Century Collections Online** [http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/ECCO?locID=chic_rbw](http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/ECCO?locID=chic_rbw) Digital images of 150,000 books published during the 18th Century in the fields of history, literature, religion, law, fine arts, science and more.

**English Short Title Catalogue** [http://eureka.rlg.org/Eureka/zgate2.prod](http://eureka.rlg.org/Eureka/zgate2.prod) The English Short Title Catalogue describes works printed in any language in England or its dependencies from the beginning of printing through the end of the eighteenth century, as well as works printed in English anywhere else in the world during that period. Updated daily, ESTC contains more than 450,000 records. This is an index, not a full-
text database; however the University of Chicago Libraries holds microfilm for nearly all of the titles listed. Instructions for locating individual titles on microfilm follow.

This database incorporates the listings in STC I, 1475-1640 (Pollard and Redgrave); STC II, 1641-1700 (Wing); the Thomason Tracts; and The Eighteenth Century, as well as other items discovered to be in scope. The University of Chicago Library holds microfilms of all 26,500 titles listed in STC I, and more than 50,000 titles filmed so far in STC II, all the titles in the Thomason Tracts, and essentially all the 105,000 titles filmed so far from the Eighteenth Century collection, selected from the ESTC. The listings in the ESTC typically, but not always, include reel numbers and item numbers for items that have been filmed as part of these collections. In addition, the catalog of the University of Chicago Library includes records for all the titles listed in STC I, over 42,000 items listed in STC II, and over 81,000 items that are part of the Eighteenth Century. To obtain film copies of these items, consult the ESTC database, or the appropriate print catalog cited below, and take the reel and item number to the Microform Collection (JRL 3rd Floor).


Digital Collections of Law and Economics Literature

The Making of Modern Law
http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/MOML?locID=chic_rbw%20
"The Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises 1800-1926" provides digital images of 22,000 legal treatises on US and British law published from 1800 through 1926. Full-text searching on more than 10 million pages provides researchers access to critical legal history in ways not previously possible.

The Making of the Modern World
http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/MOME?locID=chic_rbw%20
"The Making of the Modern World: Goldsmiths"-Kress Library of Economic Literature 1450-1850" provides digital facsimile images on every page of 61,000 works of literature on economic and business published from 1450 through 1850. Full-text searching on more than 12 million pages provides researchers unparalleled access to this vast collection of material on commerce, finance, social
conditions, politics, trade and transport.

**Indexes--History**

**Handbook of Latin American Studies.** [http://memory.loc.gov/hlasmdbquery.html](http://memory.loc.gov/hlasmdbquery.html)

**Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI)** [http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/cgi-bin/eureka/hapscr](http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/cgi-bin/eureka/hapscr)

**Newspapers**

**Historical Newspapers Online** [http://historynews.chadwyck.com/](http://historynews.chadwyck.com/)
Contains four major historical resources: Palmer's Index to the Times which covers the period from 1790 to 1905 in The Times; The Official Index to the Times which takes the coverage forward from 1906 to 1980; The Historical Index to the New York Times which covers The New York Times from 1851-1923; and Palmer's Full Text Online 1785-1870, providing access to the full articles referenced in Palmer's index to the Times.

National and regional press coverage including over 350 newspapers in full-text and another 150 in abstracts.

The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Chicago Tribune, the Los Angeles Times and the Chicago Defender in full-text PDF files from the 1880’s forward.

**U. S. Newspapers held by the University of Chicago Library.** [http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/su/news/usnewsp](http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/su/news/usnewsp)
Detailed holdings of all U. S. newspapers held by the University of Chicago in any format, as of April, 1999. Searchable by title, place of publication, date, and readership.

**Center for Research Libraries** [http://www.crl.edu/](http://www.crl.edu/)
Large collection of newspaper backfiles, foreign and domestic, black, ethnic, and general circulation. Most, but not all, are listed in the CRL's [catalog](http://www.crl.edu/catalog/index.htm). For a general description of the CRL’s newspaper collections, see [CRL - Collections](http://www.crl.edu/content.asp?l1=5).

**Dissertations**

Indexes North American dissertations and some European ones, 1861- to date. After 1980 database contains abstracts in addition to bibliographic information, and provides full text for about 70,000 recent dissertations. For texts of earlier abstracts, consult: Dissertation abstracts international. Ann Arbor, 1938--. Title varies; coverage varies. Compilation of abstracts of doctoral dissertations submitted to University Microfilms by cooperating universities.
Dissertations may be purchased in various formats. Varying forms of indexing. Related indexes for retrospective dissertations and dissertations not filmed. Z5055.U49M6 1st Floor Reference Collection.

**Biographical Sources**

**African American Biographical Database** [http://aabd.chadwyck.com](http://aabd.chadwyck.com)

Biographies of thousands of African Americans, many not to be found in any other reference source. The majority of the biographies come from titles listed in Black Biographical Dictionaries, 1790-1950, and many entries have a distinctly romantic or sentimental quality. Entries may be searched by categories, such as occupation, gender, state of origin, or by keywords appearing in the text.

**World Biographical Information System Online (WBIS Online)**


Comprehensive retrospective biographical database, based on K. G. Saur's *Biographical Archives*. Compiles biographical articles from printed reference works published from the 16th to the 20th century, including over two million digitized biographical articles from 8 regional *Biographical Archives*. It also provides an index to 30 *Biographical Archives* containing biographies on more than 3.6 million persons from all centuries as well as all countries and regions worldwide. If the original documents corresponding to for whom biographical information is sought are not yet digitized, consult the Library’s fiche editions of the *Biographical Archives* [http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/su/hist/biog.html](http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/su/hist/biog.html).

**Archives, Manuscripts, Special Collections**

**ArchivesUSA** [http://archives.chadwyck.com/infolink/ausa_abt.htm](http://archives.chadwyck.com/infolink/ausa_abt.htm)

Integrates the following information into comprehensive collection records, searchable electronically: the entire collection of NUCMC from 1959 to the present. The *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections* (NUCMC) includes information gathered and indexed by the Library of Congress, covering more than 106,000 collections; names and detailed subject indexing of over 64,000 collections whose finding aids have been published separately in ProQuest UMI's microfiche series, *National Inventory of Documentary Sources in the United States (NIDS)*; and collection descriptions submitted directly to us from repositories, including more than 6,000 links to online finding aids.

**RLG Union Catalog** [http://eureka.rlg.org.proxy.uchicago.edu/Eureka/zgate2.prod](http://eureka.rlg.org.proxy.uchicago.edu/Eureka/zgate2.prod)

Records for more than 22 million books, periodicals, recordings, scores, archival collections, and other kinds of material held in major research institutions.

**NARA** U. S. National Archives and Records Service


Government Documents

The Library possesses a very large stock of U. S. and other government publications of capital importance to historians: reports, hearings, statistical returns, maps, retrospective compilations of documents, etc. A very significant proportion of these materials are not separately listed in the card catalog, but must be accessed through various guides and indexes. For fuller information, see Guide to Reference Books, cited above, and Vladimir Palic, Government Publications, a guide to bibliographic tools (Washington, 1977), Z7167.G7C5 2nd Floor Reference.

For an online guide to government documents in JRL, see Government Documents http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/su/govdocs/.


GPO Access http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html. Includes records on all subjects for reports and hearings of Congressional committees, Congressional debates and records, judiciary materials, document issued by executive departments such as the Defense, State and Labor Departments, and documents issued by the Office of the President. Covers documents issued from July 1976 to the present.

THOMAS http://thomas.loc.gov/ The Library of Congress’ legislative information website. Includes bills, resolutions, activity in Congress, Congressional Record, schedules, calendars, Committee Information, presidential nominations, treaties, and other government resources.

Guides to Local Resources

Guide to microform sources for history and political science in the University of Chicago Library, http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/su/hist/mfguide.html by Frank Conaway, Chicago, 2004. Includes some 900 annotated citations for source materials in microform, including materials from national and other archives, collections of personal papers and other manuscript collections, and collections of books, pamphlets, serials, newspapers, and official documents. Includes chapters on sources for United States, Latin America, Great Britain, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Middle East, South Asia, East Asia, and Australia and Oceania; and chapters on sources for women's studies and African-American studies, and Judaica. Includes index of subjects, authors, and titles.

Center for Research Libraries. http://www.crl.edu/content.asp?l1=1 The Center for Research Libraries holds, and lends to member libraries, very large stocks of specialized research materials, including large microform research collections. The CRL Catalog http://www.crl.edu/catalog/index.htm includes records for large microform research collections.
**Guides--General**


**Guides--History**

American Historical Association's guide to historical literature. General editor, Mary Beth Norton. 3rd ed., New York, 1995. 2 v. Contains ca. 27,000 annotated citations (primarily to English language works) divided into 48 sections; citations refer chiefly to works published between 1961 and 1992. Pp. 1239-1504 cover United States history. (For earlier monographs and source materials, 1st Floor Reference Collection arranged by subject and country, consult following work.) Z6201.A550 1995 1st and 3rd Floor Reference


**Encyclopedias and Dictionaries—American History and Related Fields**


Encyclopedia of the social sciences. N. Y., 1930-35. 15 v. Under the auspices of ten learned societies. Signed scholarly articles on topics in such fields as political science, law, economics, etc. Biographical information, bibliographies. H41.E56 1st and 2nd Floor Reference Collections.

LexisNexis and WESTLAW

References to databases contained in LexisNexis and WESTLAW appear throughout the DLL section of this Guide. LexisNexis and WESTLAW are the largest collections of legal documents and information available in electronic format. Each collection is available by subscription on the Internet. DLL's site licenses to both services cover University of Chicago law students, faculty and staff. The University Library also subscribes to LexisNexis Academic Universe, a related product containing many of the same materials as LexisNexis. For LexisNexis Academic Universe, see Quick Links on the DLL webpage http://www.lib.chicago.edu/e/law

Constitution of the United States


Federal Statutory Law

Print Resources

The United States Code includes all laws in current force and effect. The U.S. Code first appeared in 1926, and a new edition appears every six years, with annual supplements between editions. The Library maintains two sets of the U.S. Code, with all old editions and supplements. The annotated codes--United States Code Annotated (USCA), United
States Code Service (USCS), and the defunct Federal Code Annotated--provide more detailed history notes for each section than the official United States Code does, as well as notes of cases that have interpreted the laws. Superseded volumes of the annotated codes are kept in Law Storage and may be paged from the Law Circulation Desk.

The Revised Statutes of 1873 was an early codification of federal statutes. It was published as volume 18, part I, of Statutes at Large. A second edition, containing many corrections, was published in 1878, followed by supplements covering the period 1874-1901.

The Library has two sets of Statutes at Large, which includes all federal Public and Private Laws, and one sets of United States Code Congressional and Administrative News (U.S.C.C.A.N.), a commercial service which has reprinted the Statutes at Large, with selective legislative history for each public law, since 1942.

Electronic Resources

The primary electronic resources are Westlaw and LexisNexis. Non-law students may use LexisNexis Academic Universe. CIS Congressional Universe also contains U.S.C.S. and the Federal Register and Code of Federal Regulations. The official United States Code, 2000 edition [http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html] may be searched at GPO Access. It is possible to browse or search the titles of the U.S. Code at Cornell Law School's web site [http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/] and also check to see if your section has been amended. It is also possible to search the U.S. Code at the U.S. House of Representatives web site [http://uscode.house.gov/].

The U. S. Congressional Serial Set [http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp/] is now available to the University community through Lexis-Nexis Congressional Universe. This resource includes the full text of the American State Papers and the Serial Set and covers the years 1789 to 1969.

Federal Legislative History

Print Resources

The legislative history of a federal public law includes bills, committee reports, hearings, and debates.

- Bills: The DLL and Regenstein Library (hereinafter JRL) have the text of all bills since the 97th Congress (1981-), and older bills are available from the Center for Research Libraries.
- Reports: JRL has the complete Serial Set, which contains all committee reports and documents back to the first congress. As noted above, the Serial Set is also available from LexisNexis Congressional Universe.
- Hearings: DLL has hearings for the House and Senate Judiciary Committees back to 1935. (Hearings for many committees since 1978 are on microfiche.) JRL has a nearly complete collection of published hearings.
- Debates: DLL has a complete set of the Congressional Record and its antecedents, the Congressional Globe and the Annals of Congress (Gales & Seaton). JRL also has the complete set, including multiple copies of the Annals of Congress.
The series *Documentary History of the First Federal Congress of the United States of America, March 4, 1789-March 3, 1791* (XXKF350.D630 1972 DLL Bookstacks) is an invaluable resource. Works published to date include legislative histories and a more complete record of debates than the *Annals of Congress*.

Compiled legislative histories are available for many laws. Check the Library Catalog and/or contact the DLL Reference Desk.

### Electronic Resources

For legislative history of bills introduced into Congress after 1969, the best starting place is [LexisNexis Congressional](http://web.lexisnexis.com.proxy.uchicago.edu/congcomp). LexisNexis Congressional gives complete legislative histories of Public Laws enacted since 1970, with abstracts (taken from CIS Index and CIS Legislative Histories) and full-text legislative files from LexisNexis.

[THOMAS](http://THOMAS.loc.gov) from the Library of Congress, has the text of bills, with hypertext links to the Congressional Record and committee reports. Coverage is limited to the 101st Congress to the present, although there are Bill Tracking Reports for Public Laws from 1973 to the present.

[CQ Weekly](http://library.cqpress.com/cqweekly/) includes a searchable archive of news stories and roll call votes back to 1983.

[Federal Legislative History Research](http://www.llsdc.org/sourcebook/fed-leg-hist.htm), A Practitioner's Guide to Compiling the Documents and Sifting for Legislative Intent (from the Law Librarians's Society of Washington, D.C.), includes background on the legislative process, how to obtain the text of bills and hearings to floor debates, laws and final regulations.

[GPOAccess](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legislative.html) has full text House and Senate Bills and Resolutions, Public Laws, the Congressional Record, Congressional Record Index and History of Bills and Resolutions from 1987 to the present, committee reports, calendars, and more. Documents are available in plain text or PDF (Adobe Acrobat) format.

For more information, see [Federal Legislative Histories](#) on the DLL webpage.

### State Statutory Law

#### Print Resources

The DLL has annotated codes and session laws for every state. Pre-1800 session laws are usually in the Rare Book room. Since 1981, we have received session laws except Illinois and New York only in microfiche. Some early laws have been reprinted in the series *The First Laws of the Original Thirteen States*. Standard checklists of early state laws include *Pimsleur's Checklists of Basic American Legal Publications* (KA675.P64
Repealed laws. There are several possibilities for finding out what became of an old law that is not in the modern code. To find out whether a statute may still be in force, but renumbered in a newer codification, check the Tables section of the modern code. An older code, or a superseded volume of the current code (located in Law Storage), may contain the repealed or transferred section.


**Electronic Resources**

LexisNexis and WESTLAW have complete text of current versions of annotated codes together with recent session laws and summaries of all bills introduced in state legislatures since 1990.

The DLL **State Law and Government** webpage [http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/law/state.html](http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/law/state.html) (DLL website > Research Guides > State Law) contains links to webpages containing legal information pertaining to each state. These pages offer a wealth of information, both current and historical, including for most states, their constitutions, statutory codes, administrative codes and various legislative materials.

**Federal Case Law**

**Print Resources**

SUPREME COURT Opinions first appear in print in *United States Law Week*. They then appear in the advance sheets for *the United States Reports, Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers Edition*, and *West's Supreme Court Reporter*. Advance sheets, or preliminary prints for all four reporters are kept in the DLL Reserve Reading Room. Bound volumes are published three years later, after the Court releases its final corrections.

*United States Reports (official) (cited: U.S.)
XXKF101.A212 DLL Bookstacks, Reading Room,*

*United States Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers Edition. (cited: L.Ed.2d)*
The early volumes of *United States Reports* were originally published as separate reporters (Dallas, Cranch, Wheaton, Peters, Howard, Black and Wall). For example, volume 33 of *United States Reports* was originally volume 8 of *Peters Reports*, so you will see this volume cited 33 U.S. (8 Pet.) in newer writings, but simply 8 Pet. in older cases.

Modern federal cases appear in the *Federal Reporter*, *Federal Supplement*, and *Federal Rules Decisions*. Earlier cases appeared in a variety of reporters, but the cases were all reprinted in *Federal Cases*, a retrospective companion to the Federal Reporter, so this is the best source for any older federal case.

**Electronic Resources**

The U.S. Supreme Court website, [http://www.supremecourtus.gov](http://www.supremecourtus.gov), in its About the Court section contains information about the Court, its history and traditions, and the justices from 1789 to the present. There is also a collection of photographs from the Supreme Court collection. The site is also a source of current opinions, orders and docket information.


Supreme Court opinions from 1893 (150 U.S.) to the present can be searched at [Findlaw](http://www.findlaw.com). Opinions are edited, with star pages and hypertext links to cited cases. Cases can be retrieved by name, citation or keywords.

*LexisNexis* and *WESTLAW* contain the text of all reported federal cases, and thousands of modern unreported decisions. Cases can be searched by keywords, names of the parties, judges, or attorneys, cases or statutes cited, or (*WESTLAW*) digest key numbers. Both systems allow you to phrase your query in natural language or Boolean searching.

**Digests and Indexes**

*United States Supreme Court Digest, 1754 to date.* (a West key-number digest)  
(XXKF101.1.U550 DLL Reading Room)

*West's Federal Practice Digest 3rd & 4th.* West Key-Number Digest covering the Supreme Court and lower federal courts.  
(XXKF127.W480 DLL Bookstacks, Reading Room)

*ALR Federal*
ALR Federal (ALR Fed) publishes selected federal court decisions, with annotations that discuss all relevant caselaw on the issue decided. To find annotations on your topic, use the Index to Annotations. Note: The ALR Index no longer refers to annotations in Lawyers Edition, which is now published by a competing publisher. To find annotations that cite a federal case or statute you are interested in, use KeyCite on WESTLAW, Shepards on LexisNexis, or the ALR Federal Tables volume.

(XXKF132.A53 DLL Reading Room); LexisNexis, WESTLAW

U.S. Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers Edition

Lawyers Edition publishes annotations similar to ALR, which discuss the entire body of caselaw on issues ruled on by the Supreme Court. To identify annotations on a topic, use the Index to Annotations. To find annotations that discuss a case you are interested in, use the Quick Case Table or Shepardize your case.

(XXKF101.A313 DLL Reading Room), LexisNexis, LexisNexis Academic Universe

Print Resources

Depository Briefs and Records

The DLL is a depository for briefs and records of the Supreme Court. Briefs arrive six to eighteen months after oral arguments. Briefs for full opinion cases from the October 1984 term to the present are listed in the Library Catalog under the title In the Supreme Court of the United States. They are located in storage at call number XXKF101.9.U5, arranged by docket number, and may be paged at the Law Circulation Desk. For consolidated cases, all briefs are bound under the first docket number. Briefs for cert denied cases from the October 1984 term to the present are stored unbound in Law Storage, and may be paged at the Law Circulation Desk. Briefs from 1916 through the 1983/84 term are listed in the Library Catalog under this title. They are in storage and may be paged at the Law Circulation Desk. The briefs have the call number K60.Z8 and are numbered by U.S. Reports citation.


Antitrust law: major briefs and oral arguments of the Supreme Court of the United States, 1955 term-1975 term, edited by Philip Kurland and Gerhard Casper. (XX KF1640.A680 DLL Bookstacks; table of cases in volume 1.)

Lawyers Edition

Summaries of briefs appear in the permanent bound volumes of Lawyers Edition (above)

Roe v. Wade

The heavily-cited briefs in Roe v. Wade have been reprinted in A Documentary history of the legal aspects of abortion in the United States : Roe v. Wade, compiled by Roy M. Mersky and Gary R. Hartman. (XXKF228.R59D640 1993 DLL Bookstacks)

Records and Briefs of the Supreme Court of the United States.
Case papers of the Supreme Court of the United States, 1790-1807. (microfilm K8 DLL Microforms)

Briefs from many federal Courts of Appeal (formerly called Circuit Courts of Appeals), are available on Interlibrary loan. The best guide is Michael Whiteman & Peter Scott Campbell, A Union list of appellate court records and briefs: federal and state, Littleton, Colo.: Rothman, 1999. (XXKF105.9.W49 LawRef)

Electronic Resources


Findlaw's Constitutional Law Center Findlaw http://supreme.findlaw.com has briefs from the October 1999 term forward, in two formats: PDF and HTML with inlined images of the scanned briefs.

LexisNexis has briefs for all cases that have been argued from the October 1979 term to the present. Briefs are available within four weeks after arguments. (GENFED library; BRIEFS file; available to non-law students on LexisNexis Academic Universe)

WESTLAW (database SCT-BRIEFS) has briefs for cases argued since the October 1990 term.

Briefserve.com: search briefs from the Supreme Court and U.S. Courts of Appeals for free, but charges $25 per brief to deliver PDF files. http://briefserve.com

Oral Arguments

Landmark Briefs and Arguments of the United States Supreme Court: Constitutional Law and Antitrust law: major briefs and oral arguments of the Supreme Court of the United States, 1955 term-1975 (above). These sets include transcripts of arguments whenever possible.

The complete oral arguments of the Supreme Court of the United States. Coverage begins with 1969. The Court does not release the transcripts for publication until about two years after arguments, so arguments are not available here for pending or recent cases. (microfiche K60.Z82 DLL Microform Collection; paper index)

Oyez Oyez Oyez, from Professor Jerry Goldman at Northwestern University, has Real Audio recordings of famous Supreme Court arguments. http://oyez.nwu.edu/

May it please the court: the most significant oral arguments made before the Supreme Court since 1955, edited by Peter Irons and Stephanie Guitton. Recordings of historic arguments, on six cassettes with a written guide book. (XXKF4748.M390 1993 DLL Rare Book Room)
WESTLAW (database SCT-ORALARG) WESTLAW has transcripts of oral arguments from the October 1990 term to the present.

LexisNexis LexisNexis and LexisNexis Academic Universe offer transcripts of oral arguments from 1990 to the present. Transcripts are not available until after the end of the term.


Biographical and Statistical Information - Supreme Court


Leon Friedman & Fred L. Israel (eds.), The Justices of the United States Supreme Court: Their Lives and Major Opinions (1995). Biographies of the justices and resumes of their work, vital statistics from Roy M. Mersky, a list of justices and tables of natural courts, acts held unconstitutional, Supreme Court decisions overruled by later decisions, and appointments by political party. (XXKF8744.F750 DLL LawRef)


Albert P. Blaustein and Roy M. Mersky, The first one hundred justices: statistical studies on the Supreme Court of the United States. 1978 (XXKF8741.A152B60 DLL Bookstacks)

Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Archives at Washington & Lee University


The Supreme Court Review. An annual law review edited by faculty of the University of Chicago Law School. (KA1.S91 DLL Law Reserve, DLL Bookstacks and Chicago Collection)

State Case Law

Print Resources

The Library has virtually all official state reporters. Reporters published before 1800 are in the rare book room. State cases since about 1880 also appear in the regional reporters. Twenty-two states rely on the regional reporters exclusively, and no longer publish official reports. The regional reporters are in DLL Bookstacks; the state reporters (with the exception of Illinois) are in storage and may be paged at the Law Circulation Desk. Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations, 5th ed. 2001 (XXKF246.B46 2001 c.2 LawRef) is a good source for identifying obscure early reporters from their abbreviations. Another is The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation. (XXKF245.B59 18th Ed. LawRef, Law Reserve).

To identify all the available early reports, consult Hein's State Report Checklist, by Keith Weise (XXKF3.W54 LawRef). Appendixes to this book reproduce other standard checklists, including those by Hicks and Price & Bitner. A valuable guide to early trials, reports, and other judicial proceedings which were published as pamphlets, is Wilfrid J. Ritz, American Judicial Proceedings First Printed Before 1801: An Analytical Bibliography. (XXKF3.R570 1984 LawRef)

The Library has digests covering all the regional reporters except the Southwestern Reporter, and state digests for California and the states covered by the North Eastern Reporter. The North Eastern and Southern digests are no longer updated. The Decennial Digests cover all state and federal cases for ten-year periods. The Century Digest is a retrospective companion index to the Decennial Digests, and covers virtually all reported state cases before 1880. The Library has a number of early digests for various states. The state digests are in storage and may be paged from Law Circulation.

Annotated cases. In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, annotated cases, rather than digests, were the most important case-finding tools. The most important annotated reporters are the American Law Reports series, which continues today as ALR 5th and ALR Fed., and Lawyer's Reports Annotated (L.R.A.), the immediate predecessor to ALR, published from 1888 to 1918. The series American and English Annotated Cases (1906-1911) and American Annotated Cases (1912-1918) were less extensively annotated, and the earlier "Trinity Series" of American Reports, American Decisions, and American State Reports, report leading cases from the earliest times until 1911, but were not truly annotated cases. Annotated cases also figured prominently in law journals, and these cases were listed in the Table of Cases section of the Index to Legal Periodicals.

Electronic Resources

LexisNexis, LexisNexis Academic Universe and WESTLAW now have the earliest reported cases from state high courts and lower appellate courts. Westlaw has added headnotes and digest key numbers based on the modern key number system. The Century Digest, although published by West, did not use the same key numbers as later digests.

The DLL State Law & Government webpage (DLL webpage > Research Guides > State Law), mentioned above under state statutory law, may be consulted as well.
Briefs and Court Records.

Many state courts of last resort, and a few lower appellate courts, deposit copies of their briefs with a law library or historical society. These briefs and records can sometimes be obtained through interlibrary loan. To find out whether briefs from your court are available, check Michael Whiteman & Peter Scott Campbell, *A Union List of appellate court records and briefs: federal and state*, Littleton Colo.: Rothman, 1999. (XXKF105.9.W49 LawRef) Chicago-Kent Law Library and the Chicago Bar Association Library at John Marshall Law School have collections of Illinois Supreme Court Briefs and Records.

Many early American court records have been published. Check the Library Catalog and WorldCat for entries such as: Massachusetts -- Court Records or Cook County (Ill.) - Court Records.

Trials

Major collections include *American State Trials* and *Notable British Trials*. Among the more notable individual trials in the collection are the Sacco-Vanzetti Case, the Progressive magazine case (publishing nuclear secrets), the Chicago Seven conspiracy trial, and the 1970's IBM antitrust litigation.

A good guide to trials in collections is John M. Ross, *Trials in Collections: An Index to Famous Trials Throughout the World*. (XXK546.R67 1983 LawRef). In the Library Catalog and WorldCat, look under headings such as: Trials -- United States or Trials (Murder) -- Massachusetts. To find trials involving an individual or a company, look for headings such as Kimble, Richard -- Trials or Joan of Arc, Saint, 1212-1231 -- Trials, litigation, etc.

English Common Law

DLL has a complete set of the English Reports, Full Reprint, on CD-ROM, containing full text of English cases published before 1861.

Bibliographies and Catalogs

Print Resources


**Bibliographies of Bibliographies**


Chiang, Win-Shin S. and Dickson, Lance E. *Legal Bibliography Index*. Baton Rouge, LA, 1979-. Published annually, Chiang and Dickson's *Legal Bibliography Index* provides a subject index to legal bibliographies appearing separately or in periodicals. It contains a "legal history" section. (KA 675.L47 DLL Bookstacks)


**Electronic Resources**

The Library of Congress online catalog can be accessed over the Internet at [http://lcweb.loc.gov/homepage/lchp.html](http://lcweb.loc.gov/homepage/lchp.html) The online catalog lists bibliographies on
particular subjects under subject headings. For example, to find a bibliography on criminal law, look under "Criminal law -- Bibliography".


English Short Title Catalogue - catalog of books published in English from 1473 to 1800 (restricted to the University of Chicago) (DLL webpage > Electronic Resources > Database Finder > English Short Title Catalogue)

**Bibliography on British and Irish Legal History**, [http://www.inf.aber.ac.uk/academicliaison/legalhist/default.asp](http://www.inf.aber.ac.uk/academicliaison/legalhist/default.asp), available from the Cambrian Law Review, includes items relating to British and Irish legal history which have been published since 1977 and is a computerized file of the listings which appear annually in the Cambrian Law Review.

**Periodical Literature**

**Print Resources**

Scholarly articles on American legal history appear primarily in history journals and law reviews.


The *American Journal of Legal History* and the *Law and History Review* are the two leading journals devoted to legal history scholarship. The *Journal of Legal History* offers a more British focus.

The *Law Library Journal* occasionally contains articles discussing sources or evidence and methods of research.

**Electronic Resources**

*LegalTrac* is an index to more than 900 law journals, newsletters, and legal newspapers published from 1980 to the present, with full text of articles from selected law journals. LegalTrac corresponds to the print Current Law Index, and the Legal Resource Index on LexisNexis and Westlaw. (DLL website > Quick Links)

*HeinOnline* contains more than 400 law reviews, from first volumes to the present; full text and PDF images. (DLL website > Quick Links)

*Legal Journals Index (UK)* on Westlaw

*Legal Resource Index* on LexisNexis
Current Contents - tables of contents of over 7000 science and social science journals, including leading law reviews, with abstracts for 85% of the articles. (DLL website > Law Journals > Non-legal journals)

Current Index to Legal Periodicals
University Law Review Project: full-text search of law journals
Publications of the Law School, the University of Chicago
Law Journal Home Pages
UK Electronic Law Journals
(All available from the DLL website > Law Journals)


Historical Abstracts - the companion index to America: History and Life, with abstracts of articles on history outside of North America published since 1971.

JSTOR - search the full text of economics and history journals, and view images of the original pages.

PAISInternational - index to selected articles, books, and government reports on law, business, and policy issues from 1972 to the present.

Periodical Archives Online from Chadwick-Healey - tables of contents of more than 4250 journals from their earliest issues to 1995. The Index includes about 246 law reviews, from their earliest issues until 1995. To see a list of law journals included, search for journals with subject “law” at http://pcift.chadwyck.com/all/search.

ProQuest Newspapers - articles from thousands of newspapers, mostly full text or PDF files.


EbscoHost Academic Search Premier - coverage of more than 4,450 scholarly publications, including full text for more than 3,500 peer-reviewed journals, spanning virtually every area of academic study and dating as far back as 1975.

Sociological Abstracts on Firstsearch - abstracts of articles from sociology journals

Web of Knowledge - Search thousands of journals in the Social Science Citation Index, Science Citation Index, and Arts & Humanities Citation Index from 1980 to the present. Use the cited reference search to find other journals that have cited an article.

WileyInterScience - full text of Wiley finance, law, and science journals that the Library subscribes to.
(All available from DLL website > Law Journals > Non-legal journals)

Dissertations


ProQuest Digital Dissertations
http://wwwlib.umi.com.proxy.uchicago.edu/dissertations/gateway - abstracts of dissertations and masters theses submitted since 1861, with PDF copies of U of C dissertations from 1997 to the present. (DLL website > Law Journals > Non-legal journals)

Dissertation Abstracts on Westlaw

Rare Books

The Law School's rare book holdings include a large selection of English and early American case reports, statutory compilations and session laws, abridgments and digests of the common law, legal dictionaries, and treatises. To locate rare books and manuscripts, search by title, author, or subject in the Library Catalog.

Much of DLL’s collection is relevant to American legal history in one way or another, including collections of treatises, early court records, 19th century legal magazines, and legal miscellaneous.

Archives and Digital Collections

Print Resources

The papers of most law faculty are in JRL’s Special Collections Research Center.

Brainerd Currie Papers. This is a collection, located in DLL’s Rare Book Room, of the preliminary, revised, and final drafts of Mr. Currie’s articles, most of which deal with conflict of laws. Two boxes of miscellaneous materials are also in the collection. See the Reference desk for access to this collection.

Karl N. Llewellyn Papers. Karl N. Llewellyn’s papers are held in the Special Collections Research Center at JRL and contain his working papers, correspondence, teaching materials, and published and unpublished manuscripts. The material covers the wide range of his interests, from the Uniform Commercial Code to the Sacco & Vanzetti case to American Indians. There is an excellent guide to the collection by Raymond M. Ellinwood and William L. Twining (KA675.E45 1970 DLL Bookstacks). Also, see Sheri H. Lewis, The Karl N. Llewellyn papers: a supplementary guide to the collection, (XXKF213.L495 1994DLL Bookstacks)

Walter D. Malcolm Papers. This collection, located in JRL’s Special Collections Research Center, contains the correspondence and working papers of Walter D. Malcolm, who is known for his work on Articles 2 and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Correspondence and general papers are arranged chronologically, and U.C.C. working papers are arranged by article number.

Electronic Resources

The Avalon Project at the Yale Law http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm is a project to convert historical American legal documents to electronic form. They are
currently working on, among other things, The debates in the Federal Convention of 1787, reported by James Madison, materials relating to the Nuremberg trials, works by Thomas Jefferson, and materials relating to diplomatic relations between the United States and Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries.

National Archive and Records Administration http://www.nara.gov - archivist for the U.S. Government and the federal Courts. The Archival Research Catalog (ARC), the online catalog of NARA's nationwide holdings in the Washington, DC area, Regional Archives and Presidential Libraries, allows you to search by keyword, digitized image, location or by organization, person, or topic.

Illinois Labor History Society http://www.kentlaw.edu/ilhs/

The Federalist Papers and Chronology of U.S. Historical Documents at Oklahoma http://www.law.ou.edu/hist/

The Federalist Papers in hypertext, along with the Constitution and other historic documents at Emory http://www.law.emory.edu/FEDERAL/federalist/


Bracton on the Laws and Customs of England http://hisl.law.harvard.edu/bracton/

The Writ of Prohibition: Jurisdiction in Early Modern Law, by Professor Charles Gray, digitized and available in searchable full text. This edition includes a corrected version of the first two volumes, originally published in 1994, with some new new material, plus a new third volume, with indexes and tables prepared by Paul Ripp (JD ’03). (DLL website > Research Guides > Legal History Sources)


Special Collections Research Center: Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Archives, Joseph Regenstein Library

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The Special Collections Research Center (JRL 130) houses the University's rare books and manuscripts as well as the University Archives. Special Collections materials are available for use in its reading room Monday through Friday 8:30-4:45 and Saturday 9:00-12:45. The Special Collections Research Center is closed on Saturdays during interims.
The Special Collections Research Center holds many titles and collections which support research in American legal and political history, although American legal history is not a particular focus of collecting. Related strengths include American history, social sciences, economics, and history of science. Most rare books are accessible by author, title and subject through the online catalog. Manuscripts and archives are described and inventoried in a series of finding aids in the department and many are recorded in the general library catalogs. Researchers wishing to use restricted collections (noted below) should call ahead for information about access.

For further information and reference assistance, please contact Special Collections at 702-8705 or at specialcollections@lib.uchicago.edu. Many of our finding aids can be located online at http://ead.lib.uchicago.edu:8080/index.jsp.

Two collections of rare American law books are particularly noteworthy:

American State Papers. Publications of the first fourteen Congresses (1789-1817), including many unique or unreported items. Includes the Journals of the Senate (28 volumes), the Journals of the House (32 volumes) and a set commonly referred to as State Papers (91 volumes).

Lincoln-Herndon Law Library. 70 volumes from the legal office of Abraham Lincoln and his partner William Henry Herndon.

The following archival and manuscript collections relate to American legal and political history:

Grace and Edith Abbott papers (1893-1958; 98 boxes; child labor, social legislation)

Mortimer J. Adler papers (1920s-1990s; 178 large boxes + addenda; law professor; philosophy of law)

American Civil Liberties Union, Illinois Division records (1938-1969; 319 boxes + addenda)

William H. Anderson and the Anti-Saloon League papers (1903-1928; 2 boxes)

Arbitration Study papers (1950s; 64 boxes) [RESTRICTED]

Archival Biographical File (biographical information on faculty, administrators and trustees of the University of Chicago)

Atomic Scientists papers (16 collections; McMahon Act and nuclear energy legislation)

Laird Bell papers (1928-1965; 27 boxes)

William Benton papers (1925-1973; 598 boxes + addenda; politics, international relations)

Harry A. Bigelow papers (1927-1928; 1 box – ca. 300 items; law professor)

Walter J. Blum papers (1942-1993; 8 large boxes; law professor)

Sophonisba P. Breckinridge papers (1908-1949; 1 box; 1st woman J.D. from University of Chicago)
Butler-Gunsaulus miscellaneous manuscripts (1707-1908; 4 boxes; American statesmen)

Chicago Citizens Police Committee records (1929-1931; .5 boxes; investigation of Chicago Police Dept.)

Chicago Civil Service League papers (1901-1913; 2 boxes; enforcement of civil service laws)

Chicago Committee of Fifteen (Ms. 1028) (1909-1927; 26 vol. + .5 boxes; anti-vice campaign)

Ronald H. Coase papers (1896-1992; 4 boxes; law and economics professor)

Morris Raphael Cohen Papers (1875-1947; 66 boxes; law professor; social and legal philosophy)

Commission on Freedom of the Press records (1944-1947; 9 boxes)

Commission on Race and Housing reports (1955-1959; 3 boxes; citizens' group formed to inquire into problems of residence and housing involving racial and ethnic minorities in the U.S.)

Committee to Frame a World Constitution records (1945-1951; 61 boxes)

Clarence S. Darrow papers (1913-1944; 2 boxes; includes mimeographed press releases from Scopes trial, speeches, articles, etc.)

Jefferson Davis. Trial documents (Ms. 979) (1866-1868; 14 items)

Eugene V. Debs. *Walls and Bars* manuscripts (1899-1922; prison experience)

Stephen A. Douglas papers (1830-1861; 46 boxes)

Reuben T. Durrett collection (late 18th century-early 19th century; 42.5 boxes; lawyer and historian; history of Kentucky and Ohio River Valley region, including legal documents, governmental affairs, military records, diaries, journals, etc.)

William H. English papers (1785-1924; 7.5 boxes; Democratic member of Congress and presidential candidate; Indiana history, politics, judicial materials)

Ernst Freund papers (1882-1932; 41 boxes; law professor; law and the social sciences)

General Archival Files (includes 2 boxes of material about the Law School)

John Hansbro's docket. (Ms. 962) (1854-1858; 1 vol.; docket from proceedings of Fayette (Ohio?) court)

Hart, Schaffner and Marx Labor Agreement records (1919-1920; 2 boxes)

Philip M. Hauser papers (1925-1977; 82 boxes; school and housing desegregation) [PARTIALLY RESTRICTED]
Robert J. Havighurst papers (1925-1991; 84 boxes; Chicago school desegregation)

William Heirens Case newspaper clipping file (1946-49; 2 boxes; convicted murderer and University of Chicago student)

Tilghman Ashurt Howard. Memorandum of cases and diary (Ms. 230) (1826-1841; 2 vol.; legal diary)

Robert M. Hutchins papers (1922-1951; 295 boxes; legal scholar and University president)

Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference records (1950s-early 1980s; 174 boxes + 6 vol.; housing, zoning, urban renewal, etc.) [PARTIALLY RESTRICTED]

Illinois Joint Commission for the Merit System in the Civil Service records (1921-1939; 2 boxes)

Joliet Penitentiary: Testimony on Inhuman Treatment of Prisoners (1878; 1 box)

Jury Project of the University of Chicago Law School papers (33 boxes) [RESTRICTED]

Harry Kalven papers (1948-1974; 72 large boxes; law professor; First Amendment) [RESTRICTED]

Philip B. Kurkland (1930-1995; 49 large boxes; law professor, Constitutional scholar)

Nathan F. Leopold collection (1926-1991; 1 box; convicted murderer (with Richard Loeb) and University of Chicago student)

Edward H. Levi (1930-2000; 189 large boxes; law professor, Dean of the Law School, University of Chicago President, U.S. Attorney General) [RESTRICTED]

Julian H. Levi Oral History (1992; urban renewal)

Salmon O. Levinson papers (1913-1941; lawyer; peace)

Abraham Lincoln Manuscripts, Law Cases (1838-1859; 1 box; part of a large and diverse collection of Lincolniana)

Karl N. Llewellyn Papers. (1910s-1990s; 65 large boxes, Restricted) In this collection are the working papers, correspondence, teaching materials, and published and unpublished manuscripts of Karl N. Llewellyn. The material covers the wide range of his interests, from the Uniform Commercial Code to the Sacco & Vanzetti case to American Indians. There is an excellent guide to the collection by Raymond M. Ellinwood and William L. Twining KA675.E45 1970. Also, see Sheri H. Lewis, The Karl N. Llewellyn papers: a supplementary guide to the collection, XXKF213.L495 1994.

Glen Lloyd papers (1926-1976; 20 large boxes; lawyer and University trustee) [PARTIALLY RESTRICTED]

Frank O. Lowden papers (1900-1943; 314.5 boxes; lawyer, congressmann, governor; Illinois government, Republican politics)
Walter D. Malcolm papers (1940s-1970s; 14 large boxes). This collection contains the correspondence and working papers of Walter D. Malcolm, who is known for his work on Articles 2 and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Correspondence and general papers are arranged chronologically, and U.C.C. working papers are arranged by article number.


Soia Mentschikoff papers (1950s-1960s; 26.5 boxes; law professor)

Charles E. Merriam papers (1899-1953; 319 boxes; political science, Chicago politics)

Robert Merriam papers (1947-1955; 114 boxes; Chicago politics)

Michigan Governor’s Committee to Investigate the Detroit Race Riot papers (1943; 1 box)

John Nuveen papers (1922-1964; 95 boxes; Chicago politics, Democratic politics, international affairs)

James O’Hara papers (1869-1970; 1 box; one of the first black congressmen; freedmen, Reconstruction)

Merritt Willis Pinckey, Judge. Testimony before Cook County Civil Service Commission (Ms. 193) (1911; 1 vol.)

Presidents’ Papers (1889-1993; Law School and University issues) [MATERIAL AFTER 1960 RESTRICTED]

Office of Public Relations, Political Investigation Files (1931-1957; 21 boxes; anti-communist attacks against the University of Chicago) [RESTRICTED]

Max Rheinstein papers (1869-1977; 104 boxes; law professor; international, comparative, family law)

Wyndham Robertson Family papers (1740-1925; 11.5 boxes; governor of Virginia)

Theodore Roosevelt papers (1884-1919; 2 boxes; Republican politics)

Julius Rosenwald papers (1856-1963; 61.5 boxes; progressivism, African Americans)

Beardsley Ruml papers (1917-1960; 15 boxes; fiscal policy, industrial psychology)

Jonathan Young Scammon papers (1838-1890; 1 box; Chicago lawyer)

George A. Schilling papers (1887-1936; 1.5 boxes; Chicago politics)

Henry C. Simons Papers. The correspondence, lectures and speeches, unpublished and published manuscripts, biographical documents, and university policy memoranda of this noted University of Chicago economist. There is an excellent printed guide to the collection by Clara Ann Bowler.
Slavery and Indentured Servitude Documents (1752-1864; 1 box)

South East Chicago Commission records (ca. 1941-1988; 126 boxes; urban renewal) [RESTRICTED]

United Mine Workers of Illinois. Investigation by the United Mine Workers of Illinois into the Cherry Mine Disaster. (Crerar Ms. 118) (1909-1910; 3 vol.)

United States Shipbuilding Labor Adjustment Board hearings transcripts (Ms. 1481) (1918; 1 box)

University of Chicago Law School faculty minutes (1908-1928; .5 boxes)

University of Chicago Law School records (1929-1987; 2 large boxes)

Charles R. Walgreen Foundation records (1938-1956; 5 boxes; American institutions)

Charles Warren. The Supreme Court in U.S. History (Ms. 1530) (1789-1950; 3 vol.; extra-illustrated book containing letters and other manuscripts)

Ida B. Wells papers (1885-1972; 7 boxes; anti-lynching)

Timothy L. Woodruff papers (1897-1909; New York politics)

Quincy Wright papers (1913-1970; 140 boxes; political science)

Hans Zeisel papers (1946-1992; 55 large boxes; law professor)

Electronic Resources

Archival Resources (Research Libraries Group) available at University of Chicago Library website. (Access for University of Chicago only) - 500,000 bibliographic records for archival and manuscript collections at research libraries worldwide, plus EAD (Encoded Archival Description) online digital finding aids.

Archives USA (Chadwyck-Healey) available at the University of Chicago Library website (Access for University of Chicago only) - Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories in the US (DAMRUS), with information on 4,400 U.S. archival and manuscript repositories; National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC), with brief descriptions of 75,000 collections in U.S. repositories; and National Inventory of Documentary Sources in the United States (NIDS), with complete finding aids for 42,000 collections at 300 U.S. repositories.

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The Campbell Library is the headquarters library for the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the district and bankruptcy courts of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. The library’s director is Gretchen Van Dam.

The Campbell Law Library does not hold Federal court records. The Chicago Branch of the National Archives (7358 S. Pulaski) controls these materials. The library works with the courts on a number of interesting projects related to the history of the Federal courts.


Clipping files Since 1962, the library has maintained a clipping file containing newspaper and magazine articles referring to the judges, court officials and the courts. The 6 branch libraries of the 7th Circuit also maintain clipping files on their local federal judges; however, the main library should be contacted first.

Photograph collection The library has been collecting photographs of and information regarding the various Federal courthouses.

Other biographical Information Biographical information on the Federal judges can be obtained at the website of the Federal Judicial Center, http://www.fjc.gov

An Index to Federal Judge Biographies Found in the West Reporters, including those of Article III judges from the Seventh Circuit, is maintained by the Fifth Circuit Library System. It can be found at http://www.lb5.uscourts.gov/judgebio/judgebio.aspx.

Other Materials


The Center for Research Libraries is a consortium of North American universities, colleges, and independent research libraries that supports advanced research and teaching in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences by ensuring the availability of diverse knowledge resources vital to those activities. Based in Chicago, the Center acquires and preserves newspapers, journals, documents, archives, and other traditional and digital resources for research and teaching, and makes them available to member institutions through interlibrary loan and electronic delivery. The Center’s catalog includes more than 750,000 holdings, the majority of which are included in the OCLC WorldCat database. Additional information on Center resources, members, cooperative collection activities, initiatives, and more is available at www.crl.edu.

A sampling of the Center’s holdings are listed below to indicate the scope of the collection.

American Civil Liberties Union. Archives, 1912-1950. (New York Public Library) 339 reels. GUIDE: Baskin, Alex. The American Civil Liberties Union papers: a guide to the records of A.C.L.U. cases, 1912-1946. The CRL has acquired some of the volumes microfilmed in this set. The materials included are clippings, correspondence, cases and some pamphlets published by organizations other than the ACLU.

Colorado River Indian Agency. Letters, reports, and accounts, 1879-1913.

Communist trials – U.S. (Michael Glazier) 80 reels. The CRL holds microfilm of the transcripts and records of 23 important trials involving the issues of communism. The records are entered in the catalog under the main entry (i.e. the name of the defendant) as follows:

Abrams, Jacob (#26966408)
Boloff, Ben (26963357)
Bridges, Harry Renton (#26968342)
Communist Party, U.S.A.
Coplon, Judith (#26966542)
Dennis, Eugene (#26968773)
Dunre, Vincent Raymond (#26967006)
Ferguson, Isaac E. (#26966113)
Fujimoto, Charles Kazuyuki (#26966289)
Gitlow, Benjamin (#26966865)
Gorin, Mikhail Nicholas (#26966831)
Hiss, Alger (#26966251)
Horiuchi, Tsuji (#26966472)
Lloyd, William Bross (#26966667)
Marzani, Carl Aldo (#27055393)
Mintz, Bella and Yetta Stromberg (#26966793)
Orloff, Stanley J. (#26966725)
Redin, Nicolai Gregorovich (#26966435)
Rosenberg, Julius and Ethel (#26966323)
Ruthenberg, Charles E. (#26963341)
Schneideman, William (#26966043)
Strecker, Joseph George (#26966226)
Whitney, Anita (#26966073)

F.B.I. transcripts on exhibit in U.S.A. v. De Cavalcante, Vastola, and Annunziata. U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey: index number: Criminal 111-68. (#102699) 13 vols. This is a set of transcripts of conversations among alleged Mafia members, FBI memoranda summarizing the transcriptions, and other materials concerning the case.

Frankfurter, Felix, 1882-1965. The Felix Frankfurter papers. (University Publications of America (#14566756) 209 reels. This microfilm set includes the papers of Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter. Parts one and two are the case file of opinions and memoranda from 1938-1961; part three contains correspondence and related materials.


Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute. Draft and military law collection. (University Microfilms International) (#24788759) 188 fiche. GUIDE: Draft and military law collection [guide]. This fiche includes source materials concerning the draft for the Vietnam War and conscientious objection. The documents are court transcripts, legal briefs, selective service forms, clippings and court opinions.


U.S. Congressional bills and resolutions, 1789-1933. (Library of Congress) The CRL holds the microfilm set of congressional bills and resolutions from the 1st through the 72nd Congress. These are cataloged, and records appear in CRLCATALOG. The form of entry is: United States, Congress. (Congress No. Dates) [Bills and resolutions]

U.S. Congressional bills and resolutions, 1939-1956. The CRL holds hard copy (incomplete) of the congressional bills and resolutions from the 76th through the 84th Congress, arranged on the shelf by congress, session and bill/resolution number.

U.S. Congressional bills and resolutions, 1957-Nov. 1965. (Readex) (#7070064) The CRL holds the micrprint set of congressional bills and resolutions from the 85th through the first session of the 89th Congress. The microprint is arranged by the entry number in the Monthly Catalog of U.S. government publications.

U.S. Congressional bills and resolutions, 1967-1972. (Congressional Information Service) The CRL holds the microfiche of congressional bills and resolutions from the 90th to the 92nd Congress. These are arranged by congress and bill/resolution number.

committee hearings prior to January 3, 1935. This is a microfiche set of the record of the House, Senate, Joint, Select and Special committees.


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RESEARCH CENTER

The Research Center serves materials to the public from the following collections: Publications, Archives and Manuscripts, Prints and Photographs, and Architectural drawings. The Chicago Historical Society’s online catalog, ARCHIE, provides access to the publications, manuscripts, archives, and photograph collections. Finding aids to other collections are available in the Research Center.

Highlights of the Chicago Historical Society’s holdings follow.

The Publications collection includes approximately 70,000 books and pamphlets that reflect the development of the city of Chicago, as well as microfilm copies of most of the significant Chicago newspapers from the last century.

The Prints and Photographs collection’s 1.5 million images are the single largest source for pictorial information concerning the history of the Chicago area.

The Charles F. Murphy Architectural Study Center holds thousands of drawings, manuscripts, photographs, and archives from leading Chicago architectural firms.

The Archives and Manuscript holdings include more than 15,000 linear feet of personal papers and organizational and institutional records. These include papers related to Chicago politics and government, as well as to the practice of law in Chicago. A general listing of holdings is "A Description of the Manuscript Holdings of the Chicago Historical Society" written by Ralph A. Pugh in July 1987 in A Guide to the History of Illinois.
John Hoffmann, ed. (Greenwood Press, 1991). (Z1277.G860 1991 Law, RR3). Collections related to law, government, politics listed by Pugh are as follows:

Lawyers in the nineteenth century
    Ezra Butler McCagg-- 1835-1882-- 200 items
    Isaac Newton Arnold-- 1860-1885-- 6 vols and 49 items
    Thomas Dent-- diaries-- 39 vols

Haymarket Riot Collection-- 1886-- 13 boxes-- full transcript of trial

Twentieth-century politicians and government
    Mayor William E. Dever-- 1884-1929-- 12000 items
    Alderman Robert E. Merriam-- 1947-55-- 15 boxes
    Alderman Leon Despres-- 1945-82-- 249 boxes
    Senator Paul Douglas-- 1932-71-- 1400 boxes
    Senator Charles Percy-- 1939-1985-- 3000 boxes
    Joseph Meek-- 1947-71-- 9 boxes
    William Rentschler-- 1949-75-- 19 boxes
    Independent Voters of Illinois-- 1944-66-- 36 boxes
    Citizens Association of Chicago-- 1874-1964-- 4200 items and 62 vols
    City Club of Chicago-- 1903-78-- 56 boxes and 6 vols
    Better Government Association of Chicago-- 1920-74-- 137 boxes

African-American jurists, politicians, and civil rights activists
    Judge Archibald Carey-- 1909-66-- 51 boxes
    Irene McCoy Gaines-- 1893-1968-- 9 boxes and 1 vol
    Afro-American Patrolmen's League-- 1967-85-- 216 boxes

Civil liberties and women's rights
    National Woman Suffrage Association-- 1880-- 1 box
    Chicago Women's Liberation Union-- 1968-1973-- 28 boxes
    E.R.A. Central-- 1970-6-- 22 boxes
    Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities (Housing)-- 1966-86-- 350 boxes

Other Lawyers and advocates
    Harry Booth-- 1930-74-- 45 boxes
    Fr. Daniel Cantwell-- 1931-80-- 41 boxes

Papers of Presidents and Federal executives
    John C. Breckenridge-- 1856-98-- 150 pieces
    John C. Calhoun-- 1818-50-- 30 pieces
    Schuyler Colfax-- 1845-85-- 45 pieces
    Henry Dearborn-- 1776-1824-- 175 pieces
    Henry A.S. Dearborn-- 1805-51-- 325 pieces
    Zebina Eastman-- 1840- 83-- 325 pieces
    Ulysses S. Grant-- 1851-85-- 300 pieces
    Andrew Jackson-- 1786-1853-- 900 pieces and 200 fragments
    Joseph R. Jones-- 1758-1909-- 125 pieces and 1 vol
    Abraham Lincoln-- 1826-1970-- 700 pieces and 97 reels of microfilm Robert Todd Lincoln papers
    Henry Crittenden Morris-- 1881-1947-- 1200 pieces and 23 vols
    George Washington-- 1742-1890-- 225 pieces
Members of Congress
   James Franklin Aldrich-- 1876-1932-- 350 pieces
   Isaac Newton Arnold-- 1844-88-- 190 pieces
   Sidney Breese-- 1823-76-- 45 items
   David Davis-- U.S. Senator, U.S. Supreme Court Justice-- 1815-1964-- 12'
   Charles Dewey-- 1884-1957-- 5'
   Paul Douglas
   Stephen Douglas-- 1837-1956-- 100 items
   Ninian Edwards-- Chief Justice of KY, Gov of IL, U.S. Sen.-- 1798-1833-- 650 items
   John J. Hardin-- 1733-1949-- 7800 pieces
   William Rails Morrison-- 1858-1972-- 50 pieces
   Charles Percy
   John Wentworth-- Mayor, U.S. Rep.-- 260 pieces and 4 vols

Nineteenth-century political figures
   Mason Brayman-- 1820-95-- 3700 pieces
   Sidney Breese
   William Butler-- 1839-63-- 75 pieces
   Edward Coles-- 1809-1958-- 100 pieces and 1 reel microfilm
   Joseph Gillespie-- 1830-83-- 1820-93
   Madison Y. Johnson-- 1822-1906-- 1425 pieces
   Pierre Menard-- 1793-1876-- 1500 pieces
   William B. Ogden-- 1835-81-- 770 pieces and 3 vols
   Logan Uriah Reavis-- 1844-88-- 70 pieces

Other-- Nineteenth-century
   Thomas Dent-- lawyer-- 1861-1924-- 39 diaries
   Melville Fuller-- Chief Justice of the U.S.-- 1833-1967-- 8'
   Charles Guiteau-- Assassin of Garfield-- 1852-82-- 41 pieces
   Henry W. Magee-- lawyer-- 1868-1928-- 2'
   Richard Parker-- Judge at John Brown's trial-- 1796-1879-- 60 pieces

Twentieth-century
   Albert E. Jenner, Jr.-- member Warren Comission, minority council Nixon
   impeachment-- 1968-74-- 10'
   Donald Richberg-- New Deal Lawyer-- 1907-67-- 7'
   Kenedesaw Mountain Landis-- Federal judge, baseball commissioner-- 1892-1945-- 30'
   Rosenthal, Hamill, & Wormser-- law firm-- letterbooks-- 1871-1925-- 126 vols

African-American-- Twentieth-century
   Congress on Racial Equality - Chicago Chapter-- 1956-66-- 2'
   William Levi Dawson-- U.S. Rep.-- 1943-70-- 150 itmes
   George Washington Ellis-- lawyer, pol-- 1893-1917-- 170 pieces

Business-- Twentieth-century
   Gottlieb and Schwartz-- law firm-- 1930-49-- 40'
   Henry S. Robbins-- atty., council for the Board of Trade-- 1868-1943-- 7'

Other Twentieth-century politicians
   John Gutknecht-- judge, Cook County State's Atty.-- 1906-72-- 5'
   Illinois League of Women Voters--1921-61-- 3'
James C. Murray-- atty., Alderman-- 1955-67-- 6'
Seymour Simon-- atty., Alderman, County commissioner-- 1962-7-- 4'
Peter Tomei-- atty., delegate to the IL constitutional convention-- 1966-71-- 9'

Civil Liberties
Alliance to End Repression-- 1970-5-- 10'
Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights-- 1949-71-- 20'

Labor
Ben Meyers-- Labor union counsel-- 1935-42-- 2'
Irving Meyers-- Labor union counsel-- 1939-59-- 55'
David Rothstein-- Labor union counsel and partner to Meyers-- 1939-59-- 55'

Collections are also listed by subject, author, and title in a card catalogue in the
manuscript room. Here are the listings under subject headings of great interest to legal
historians:

Court

Court Records-- Extract from records of Cahokia, Ill-- petition of Francois Camus-- 1785-
- 2pp
Court Records-- Extract from records of Cahokia, Ill-- verdict and sentence Cerre v.
Harman-- 1785-- 3pp
Court Records-- Extract from records of Cahokia, Ill-- offer of bondsmen in Piggott v.
Groot-- 1787-- 2pp

Courts

Miscellaneous materials re courts in the Charles Gunther collection
Otis, James-- Statement of costs and award of John Langdon v. Hammatt-- 1767-- 1p
Henry, Patrick-- Appointment of Robert Carter Nicholas as judge-- 1778-- 1p
Jay, John-- Letter to George Clinton resigning as Chief Justice of the NY Superior Court-- 1779-- 1p
Livingston, William-- Appointment of Elisha Boudinot as clerk of circuit courts of NJ--
1786-- 1p
Macon, Nathaniel-- letter to Henry Potter re changing Federal circuit court hearing day-
- 1800-- 2.5 pp
Gallatin, Albert-- letter to Thom. Newton re bill to establish new district court in NY--
1812-- 1p
Municipal Court of Chicago-- letters, reports, stats, etc.-- 1906-1927 (justiceship of
Olson)-- 3800 items
Jolliet, Louis-- Evidence taken in a criminal trial in Quebec-- 1676-- 11pp
Dever, William Emmett-- Private and official papers-- Notes kept by Judge Dever of
cases tried in Criminal Court-- 1914-22-- 12000 items-- 6 volumes
Dean, Emily-- information on Chicago courts-- 1906-1957
Eastman, Zebina-- pages of printed pamphlet "The Crown Circuit Companion"-- 1738-- 1
vol.
David, David-- Correspondence, legal documents-- 1815-86-- 15000 items
Prickett, David-- Letters-- 1834-46
French, Augustus-- Order to Sheriff of Cook County election to judiciary-- 1848-- 1p
Hyde Park Protective Association-- briefs tried in the Illinois courts re liquor-- 1890-1924--
- 3 vols
Gutknecht, John-- Papers of Municipal Court judge-- 1906-72-- 4 cases and 11 vols
Chapman, A-- Account of Iriqois County's first probate record book-- 1913-- 3pp
Bentley, Richard-- article, "The U.S. District Court for the Northern Dist of IL, 1855 et seq"-- 1955-- 7pp
Stracke, Win-- radio script on court reform-- 1962-- 2pp
Springer, William McKendree-- Correspondence, legl papers-- Judge U.S. court for Indian Territory-- 1861-1904-- 1000 items

Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry (Incomplete listing)

General Orders-- Notice of court martial-- 1777-- 1p
Proceedings of a court martial-- defendant= John Lawrence-- Philadelphia-- 1778
Searcy, Robert-- General order by command for general court martial, William Black-- 1814-- 1p
Huger, Francis Kinloch-- letter re sentence of deserter John Shirts-- 1814-- 1p
Campbell, James H.-- to Col. Robt. Butler re court martial of Bejamin Jones and Francis Woodward-- 1815-- 2pp
Hays, Stockley Donelson-- summons to court martial of W. King-- 1819-- 1pp
Williams, John-- appointment for a general court martial-- H.N. Martin Judge Advocate-- 1861-- 1pp

Crime and Criminals

Roy, John-- Warrant issued in the matter of Benjamin Hinds, Jr.'s complaint against Potter Graham-- 1768-- 1p
Lake View, Illinois-- Police and justice docket-- 1867-1872-- 21pp
John Howard Association-- Misc papers on prison reform, juvenile delinquency-- 1898-1967-- 4 cases
Hardin family papers-- legal papers including copy of the "Walworth Parricide"-- 1943-- 36 pp
Leopold, Nathan Freudenthal-- Correspondence-- 1958-70-- 11'
Yates, Bartholomew Coutland-- Collection of written accounts of various robberies and crimes-- 1851-1892
Chicago Police Department - Arrest book from the first precinct, 1875-85, 1 vol
Precinct commanders accident and crime reports-- 1879-- 5 items
Reports from various patrolmen on their activities-- 1886-- 83 items
Williams, Elmer Lynn-- Letters, clippings, etc. re corruption and vice in Chicago-- 1891-1967-- 300 items
Chicago Area Project-- minutes, correspondence, reports re juvenile delinquency-- 1910-1972-- 81'
Chicago Law and Order League-- Record of meetings-- 1917-1931-- 1 vol
Citizens Committee on the Juvenile Court-- Minutes, reports, etc.-- 1962-72-- 23 cases
Simon, Seymour-- Cook County Board-- data on law enforcement in Cook County, IL-- 1960-66-- 5 folders
Smith, Joseph-- Nauvoo, IL-- Summons commanding men to witness before Judge Smith-- 1842-- 2pp
Lord, John Solon-- Sundry papers of John Lord, Chicago Lawyer-- 1894-1967-- 5 cases
Booth, Philip-- Minutes of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee-- 1932-4-- 2 folders

Law

Lord, John-- papers re Law Club of Chicago-- 1930-69-- 3 cases
Callaghan and Company (publishers) - recollections of employees - 1936 - type script, 14pp
Kutner, Luis-- correspondence, writings, etc.-- lawyer-- 1916-81-- 31.5'
The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County Archives

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Founded in August 1992, the Clerk of Circuit Court Archives collects, preserves, and makes available records filed in the various courts of Chicago and Cook County. To study the records of the miscellaneous County and City courts one should contact the archivists for the Clerk of Circuit Court, Philip Costello and Jeanie Child. The records themselves rest in two warehouses, one in Skokie and one at 2323 South Rockwell, in the care of project coordinator Tom Sobun. Materials reach the Daley Center approximately one week after they are ordered.

To study records from the Clerk of Circuit Court Archives, one must have a passing familiarity with the structure of the Cook County judicial system. The complexity and historical changeability of the Cook County Court system constantly obstruct attempts to do good research. Anyone interested in the court should look first at Albert Lepawsky's book on the structure of the court, The Judicial System of Metropolitan Chicago (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1932) which serves as a good primer on the different courts in the early twentieth century and also sketches the history of the different courts.

Before 1964, when the County unified its court system, there were roughly eight different judicial institutions operating in Cook County. They were:

The Superior Court of Cook County-- Founded in 1845, the Superior Court of Chicago became the Superior Court of Cook County in the judicial reorganization of 1870. It handled all varieties of civil actions including cases at-law (suits) and in-equity (divorce, injunctions, etc.)

The Circuit Court of Cook County-- Established by the Illinois Constitution of 1870, this court had largely the same jurisdiction as the Superior Court. For some reason, however, this court tended to hear fewer equity matters. It also had a quasi-criminal jurisdiction.

The Juvenile Court of Cook County-- Founded in 1899 as part of the Circuit Court, the Juvenile Court heard most of the criminal cases involving, of course, juveniles, including juvenile justice abuse and neglect cases.
The Criminal Court of Cook County-- The Records Court of Chicago became the
Criminal Court of Cook County in 1870 and heard all felony cases.

The Municipal Court of Chicago-- Created in 1905, the Municipal Court of Chicago
replaced the police courts and Justices of the Peace which handled misdemeanors
and small claims in the nineteenth century. It heard a wide range of cases and its
jurisdiction expanded in the early twentieth century to include a morals court, a boys'
court, and a family court. Few records still exist, however.

Probate Court-- Established in 1881, Probate Court handled the administration of
estates and wills.

County Court-- The County Court handled the miscellaneous issues not handled by
the other courts including elections, incorporations, mental health, inheritance,
adoptions and taxes.

Justice/Municipal courts of Blue Island, Calumet City, Chicago Heights, Maywood, Oak
Park, Cicero, Evanston, and Skokie heard divorce cases and other civil and criminal
matters.

One can order documents from most of the above courts through Philip Costello or
Jeanie Child at the Daley Center. The following is an incomplete sample of the Clerk of
Circuit Court Archives holdings. Under no circumstances should it substitute for
exploration and experience.

Case Files-- The Clerk of Circuit Court Archives hold files for many of the cases
brought before the different courts. Some, however, are no longer extant. For
example, virtually no files from felony criminal cases filed between 1900 and 1927
currently exist. Fortunately, although the Chicago Fire destroyed all court records,
most files for civil cases after 1871 remain. (An exception is the Municipal Court of
Chicago.)

Case files generally hold a number of different items. Most of these are of a
procedural nature, such as summonses, praecipe, etc., but case file documents
contain valuable historical information. Some examples:

Complaints-- Charging documents that initiate case activity

Motions/ Petitions-- Briefs describing complaint and requesting court action

Declarations/ affidavits-- Signed statements of one or both parties

Orders-- Judge's decree in response to motion

Master's reports-- Occasionally in chancery matters (divorce, injunction, etc.) the
judge assigns a master, often an expert on a particular issue, to gather testimony
on the case and to make a recommendation to the court. This report can provide
a wealth of testimony not usually available in other sources.

File Exhibits-- Sometimes a motion required documentary support, in which case,
such support was included in the file. For example, if the defense moved to
quash an indictment, it often supported its argument with a transcript of the grand
jury selection in order to prove the state improperly convened the grand jury.
Trial transcripts-- Case files seldom contain this source of valuable evidence. Cases, however, appealed to a higher court often generated trial transcripts for purposes of judicial review, and occasionally, these case files found their way back to Cook County. More often such files can be found in State Archives in Springfield.

Certificates of Evidence-- Short transcripts of witness testimony often found in divorce matters.

Proof Of Heirship-- Testimonials serving to show heirship in probate proceedings.

To order a case file from the Archives (or from any divisions in the Circuit Court) one must first have the case number. To find a case number, one can search the indices for that case type, located (on microfilm) in the Archives. An index generally lists plaintiff, defendant and date of filing, besides the case number. The Archives has indices for domestic, probate, law, chancery and felony matters from ca. 1871.

In addition to case files, the Archives contains other materials for legal research. Some examples:

Docket Books-- These large bound volumes contain a list of cases in numeric order which came before the different courts. The docket books serve to document the dispensation of the cases. Orders related to the case are also listed. Thus, the dockets provide a timeline for each case as well as an index to the orders or decrees entered by judges in cases.

Indictment Records-- These volumes hold the true bills of indictment for the criminal court of Cook County. The archives contains most volumes from 1887 to 1924. Issued by grand juries, the true bills are the best extant record of who was charged with what felony in Cook County for the early twentieth century. Some volumes contain indices which list defendants in alphabetical order by name.

Grand Jury List-- This list documents which grand jury indicted which defendant. The list allows the researcher to find the indictment record book and docket book volumes from the name of a given defendant.

Municipal Court records-- A sample of case files for the Municipal Court of Chicago exist on over 800 reels of un-indexed microfilm dating from 1914 to 1924.

Juvenile Court records-- The Clerk of Circuit Court Archives holds 2700 case files (1899-1926) for the Juvenile Court. They are impounded, however, and can only be used by scholars who gain special permission from the Chief Judge of the Juvenile Division.

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The Cook County Law Library opened in 1966 as a practitioners’ library to serve the legal research needs of the attorneys of Cook County. Located on the twenty-ninth floor of the Daley Center, the library houses cases and statutes, both current and historical, from the federal level and all fifty states, and an extensive collection of reference and secondary sources for the practitioner. Most materials can be referenced through a public access catalog in the reference area. The Executive Law Librarian is Bennie E. Martin. The head of the reference division of the library is Montell Davenport. Jean M. Wenger is the Government Documents/Foreign & International Law Librarian.

The most valuable materials for the legal historian held by the Cook County Law Library are the volumes from the Chicago Law Institute. Founded in 1857 by prominent Chicago attorneys, the Chicago Law Institute housed a large collection that was sold to the Cook County Law Library in 1965 for $10.00. The best index to materials from the Law Institute is a card catalog in the West Stacks of the library. Also, comprehensive listings of Law Institute holdings can be found in two volumes, both held at the reference desk. The Catalogue of the Chicago Law Institute (Chicago: Lakeside Press, 1902) is a complete listing of the holdings of the Chicago Law Institute by author, state, and subject. The Chicago Law Institute Subject Index (Chicago: Barnard and Miller, 1943) is a subject index to all items received by the Institute between 1901 and 1943. Highlights of the historical Chicago Law Institute collection include nineteenth century legal treatises, case reporters, and an extensive collection of law reports, treatises, laws from the United Kingdom, Canada and other common law jurisdictions.

The Cook County Law Library holds more than 500 rare books in the Law Institute Memorial Antiquarian Collection, covering between the eleventh and nineteenth centuries and dating from 1539. Some examples include:

Tracts (1774-1780)-- British and American essays regarding the American Revolution
The Thoughts of a Traveller upon our American Disputes (1774)
Statutes At Large of the Confederate States of America (1861-2)
Trial By Combat (1890)

John Marshall Law School Library

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The John Marshall Law School library doubles as the library for the Chicago Bar Association. As a consequence, its holdings emphasize the practice of the law rather than legal history. Nonetheless, it does contain a few interesting sources for scholars.
The library is cataloged on the INNOPAC on-line system (nicknamed DOLLY) accessible on the web at http://catalog.jmls.edu. The director of the library is Dorothy Li.


**Carlton Fox Collection** – “Hearings on the revenue acts and major miscellaneous hearings held on various subjects pertaining to internal revenue matters, 1916-1953; 1958-1963”, compiled by Carlton Fox.

**Chicago Legal News** – Bound volumes of Chicago legal newspaper published from 1868 to 1925 (vols. 1-57).

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**National Archives and Records Administration – Great Lakes Region**

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The National Archives and Records Administration—Great Lakes Region is one of 12 Regional Records Services Facilities. It contains more than 74,000 cubic feet of historical records dating from 1800 to the 1990s, including texts, maps, and photographs. These records were produced by Federal courts and agencies in the Great Lakes region (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin). The best available guide to the collection is Guide to Records in the National Archives - Great Lakes Region (Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration, 1996.) The guide is also available online at www.nara.gov. For further assistance, contact the archivists, Scott Forsythe, Donald Jackanicz, Glenn Longacre or Martin Tuohy. Contact the facility for an appointment. Persons visiting without an appointment may not be able to receive same day service.

Many, if not all, of the materials in the National Archives are of interest to legal historians. The sources, however, most relevant to scholars are the case files and other records from the U.S. District Courts and U.S. Court of Appeals. Here is a listing of the principal records series for Illinois in Record Group 21: Records of the District Courts of the United States and Record Group 276, Records of the United States Courts of Appeals.

**RECORD GROUP 21**  
RECORDS OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION, CHICAGO, 1819-1997

**GENERAL RECORDS, 1819 - 1974**  
Appearance and Judgement Dockets, 1819 – 1880  12 cm.  
Index to Judgement Dockets, 1879 – 1927  16 cm.  
Judgement Dockets (No. 3 - 5, 9 - 16), 1872 – 1949  76 cm.
Miscellaneous and General Order Books, 1894–1959  65 cm.
Assignments of Judgement, 1883 – 1911  3 in.
Satisfactions of Judgement, 1874 - 1943  86 cm.
Foreign and Miscellaneous Docket, 1935 – 1945  10 cm.
Foreign and Miscellaneous Case Files, 1935 – 1945  2.15m.
Ledgers (Bonds), 1917 – 1949  43 cm.
General Ledgers, 1892 – 1951  15 cm.
Ledgers and Exhibits, Insull Utilities, 1929 – 1933  89 cm.
Redemptions, 1879 – 1907  3 cm.
Roll of Attorneys, 1873 - 1955 (2 pages)  15 cm.
Mandates, 1874 – 1945  1.1m.
Plaintiff Index to Civil and Miscellaneous Cases, 1938-1942  0.2 cf.
Defendant Index to Civil and Miscellaneous Cases, 1938-1942  0.2 cf.
Index to Civil and Criminal Cases, c. 1932-c. 1978  36 ft.

ADIMARALTY RECORDS, 1871 - 1942
Libelant's General Index, 1871 – 1894  6 cm.
Complete Admiralty Records (1 - 29), 1871 – 1911  1.8 m.
Admiralty Docket Book, 1938 – 1942
Admiralty Case Files, 1938 – 1942  61 cm.

BANKRUPTCY RECORDS--ACT OF 1867, 1867 - 1889
Bankruptcy Court Dockets (1 - 10), 1867 – 1882  70 cu. ft.
Bankruptcy Registers Dockets, 1867 – 1878  77 cm.
Bankruptcy Referee Claims Docket, 1877 – 1882  14 cm.
Bankruptcy Record Books (5 - 19), 1871 – 1889  90 cm.
Bankruptcy Orders of Reference, 1871 – 1873  5 cm.
Bankruptcy Orders of Notice and Publication, 1872 – 1876  5 cm.
Bankruptcy Orders of Discharge, 1872 – 1881  11 cm.
Bankruptcy Case Files, Act of 1867, 1872 – 1878  125.6 m.

BANKRUPTCY RECORDS--ACT OF 1898, 1898 - 1976
Indexes to Bankruptcy Dockets, 1898 – 1938  44 cm.
Bankruptcy Minute Books, 1950 – 1959
Bankruptcy Court Dockets (1 - 299), 1898 – 1976  168 cu. ft.
Bankruptcy Referee Dockets, 1898 – 1942  11.6 m.
Bankruptcy Referee Claims Dockets, 1898 – 1944  14 m.
Bankruptcy Record Books, 1898 - 1959 (2 pages)  31.5 m.
Bankruptcy Adjudication Records, 1899 – 1951  2.6 m.
Bankruptcy Composition Ledgers, 1904 – 1942  27 cm.
Bankruptcy Orders of Reference, 1899 – 1933  1.7 m.
Bankruptcy Orders of Notice and Publication, 1899 – 1934  1.4 m.
Bankruptcy Orders of Discharge, 1899 – 1939  1.7 m.
Bankruptcy Case Files - Act of 1898, 1898 – 1946  4448 cu. ft.
Bankruptcy Transcripts, 1938 – 1955  2.1 m.
    Miscellaneous Bankruptcy Files of Insull Utilities Investment Case, 1929-1932  118.2 m.
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CIVIL RECORDS, 1871 - 1981
   Civil Dockets (3 - 11), 1871 – 1911  78 cm.
   Civil Docket Books, 1938 – 1977 11.35 m.
   Civil Records (7 - 25), 1871 – 1914  1.5 m.
   Civil Records (1 - 214), Civil Order Book, 1938 - 1959 20.0m.
   Civil Minute Books, 1950 – 1955 54 cm.
   Execution Dockets (2 - 3, 5 - 7), 1872- 1961 42 cm.
   Civil Case Files, 1871 – 1911 58 m.
   Civil Transcripts, 1939 - 1967 268 ft.
   Civil Depositions, 1941 – 1951 3 ft.

CHANCERY RECORDS, 1872 - 1883
   Final Chancery Record (1 - 6), 1872 – 1883 42 cm.

LAW AND EQUITY RECORDS, 1912 - 1950
   Plaintiff's General Index to Equity and Law (5 - 9, 9A, and 10), 1912 – 1938 52 cm.
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   Plaintiff Index to Equity Cases, 1928-1938 0.2 cf.
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PRINTED MATERIALS

The library has many too many volumes related to legal subjects to list. However, the Newberry has a card catalogue, on-line catalog (www.newberry.org), and reference center with which to find books. A particular strength of the Newberry’s collections is Native American legal history. The library has treaties, periodicals, and government documents, mostly from the 19th through the early 20th centuries. To begin research, please see the finding aid entitled History of American Indians: Government Documents & Microfilm. This finding aid is found at the checklist table in the third floor reference area.

Other guides to collections with possible legal implications are:

- Lapham, Ruth. Check List of American Revolutionary War Pamphlets in the Newberry Library (Chicago: Newberry, 1922)
- Paul Saenger. A Catalogue of the Pre-1500 Western Manuscript Books at the Newberry Library (Chicago: Univ of Chicago, 1989)
- Pierce Butler. A Check List of Fifteenth Century Books in the Newberry Library and in other Libraries in Chicago. (Chicago: Newberry, 1933)

The Ruggles collection may have particular interest for legal historians. Ruggles was a prominent attorney and a book collector. His large collection contains many first editions and rare documents which relate to American legal history. The following are a few examples from the collection:

- Letters to and from John Jay re: Supreme Court of the United States (4,245,191,192)
- Sidney Breese. *Reports of Cases at Common Law and in Chancery Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of Illinois from... 1819 to the End of... 1830.* Kankaskia: Robert K. Fleming, 1831. (38)
- *The Constitutions of Several Independent States of America.* Phila: Francis Bailey, 1781. 2 copies. (70, 71)
- French copies of state constitutions and the articles of confederation used by Franklin. Paris: Ph.-D. Pierres, 1783. (72, 73, 74)
- William Cushing, Associate Justice U.S. Supreme court-- Scrapbook with original clippings of Federalist Articles. New York, 1787-8. (114)
- Copies of the Federalist including Thomas Jefferson's own copy(115-18)
- Benjamin Franklin. *The Examination of Doctor Franklin, before an August Assembly, Relating to the Repeal of the Stamp Act.* Phila.: Hall and Sellers,1766. (129)
- Great Britain. Laws. *Anno Regni Georgii Ill... At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster, the Nineteenth Day of May, Anno Dom. 1761... to the Tenth Day of January, 1765...* London: Mark Baskett, 1765. (143)
• Daniel Horsmanden. *A Journal of the Proceedings in the Detection of the Conspiracy Formed By Some White People, in Conjunction with Negro and Other Slaves, for Burning the City of New York in America and Murdering the Inhabitants*. New York: James Parker, 1744. (176) city recorder documents episode to justify trial and execution of defendants, mostly black.
• *The Constitution of the State of Illinois*... Chicago: Western News Company, 1870. (182)
• Robert E. Lee. Manuscript of General Order No. 9, signed. Virginia, 10 April 1865. 1p. (219) Appamattox
• Letter Webster to Madison re: death of Hamilton and the authorship of the constitution. 12 Oct 1804. 7pp (238)
• Massachusetts Colony. General Court. *The Humble Petition and Address...unto Charles the Second*. London, 1660. (247)
• Massachusetts Colony. General Court. *By the Great and General Court of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay: A Proclamation*. Watertown: Benjamin Edes, 1776. (248)
• Massachusetts Colony. Laws. *Acts and Laws, Passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of their Majesties Province...*. Boston: Benjamin Harris, 1692. (250)
• James Monroe. *Message from the President of the United States...*. December 2, 1823. Washington: Gales and Seaton, 1823. (262) Monroe Doctrine
• Paine's Common Sense-- first printing-- 1776 (272)
• United States. Continental Congress. *A Declaration... Setting[sic] forth the Causes for Taking Up Arms*. Phila.: William and Thomas Bradford, 1775. 2 copies. (346, 347)
• George Washington. The President's Address to the People of the United States, September 17, 1796, Intimating His Resolution of Retiring from Public Service... Phila.: W.Young, Mills, and Son, 1796. (365)
• Woodrow Wilson. The State... Boston: D.C. Heath, 1889. (376)
• John Peter Zenger. The Case and Trial of John Peter Zenger, of New York, Printer. London: J. Wilford, 1750. (382)

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The Newberry’s manuscript holdings related to legal subjects are more limited. The main collections are from literary, artistic, and journalistic figures, but the library also contains the papers of miscellaneous businessmen (James Madison Barker, Edward Byron Smith, Charles L. Hutchinson), political figures Carter H. Harrison, William Calhoun, and Lambert Tree, and social activists Graham Taylor, Clarence Darrow, May Walden Kerr.

Large Business and Organizational Archives: The Pullman Company Archives contain records regarding labor negotiations, equal opportunity court cases, car construction, anti-trust actions, government regulatory matters, securities etc. The Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad Archives and the Illinois Central Archives also contain extensive legal materials. The Newberry Library Archives include records documenting the settlement of Walter L. Newberry’s estate, Chicago property transactions, etc.

Guides for large archival collections include:


Manuscript Collections: The Midwest Manuscript Collection and the Ayer Modern Manuscript Collection contain the papers of individuals, and smaller businesses, clubs, and organizations. A number of these collections contain standard legal documents such as contracts, wills, etc., created in the conduct of daily business. The most obvious law-related collections are listed below. Other relevant manuscript materials may be identified in the Newberry online catalog; in an increasing number of electronic finding
aids available at www.newberry.org; in paper finding aids in the library; and in the Manuscript Card Catalog.

**Chicago Lawyers:**

- Oliver Barrett-Carl Sandburg Papers, ca. 1860-1966. (Chicago lawyer and close friend of Carl Sandburg)
- Robert Bergstrom Papers, 1924-1970. (Chicago lawyer's 1924 Loeb-Leopold trial transcripts, and later materials from court case re *Compulsion*)
- Augustine Bowe (Chicago judge - non-legal papers)
- Edward Eagle Brown Papers, 1915-1959. (Also includes Edward Osgood Brown materials)
- Darrow Family Scrapbooks, ca. 1881-1925. (Newspaper clippings documenting Clarence Darrow's career)
- Mitchell Dawson Papers (Chicago lawyer and Carl Sandburg's attorney)
- John V. LeMoyne Papers, 1851-1875. (Chicago lawyer and Congressman)
- Mary Field Parton-Clarence Darrow Papers, 1909-1975. (Letters from Darrow to Parton)
- Lambert Tree Papers, 1821-1910. (Chicago lawyer, judge, and diplomat)

**United States Lawyers:**

- Daniel Stevens Dickinson Papers, 1799-1892. (New York lawyer and politician)
- Hiram Scofield Papers, 1857-1906 (diaries of Civil War officer and Washington, Iowa lawyer)

**Other Law-Related Collections:**

- Orville E. Babcock Papers, 1835-1884 (records re Whisky Ring scandal trial)
- Harold R. Heaton Political Cartoons, 1908-ca. 1913. (Cartoons re Chicago scandals including "Shale Rock Judge" A.C. Barnes, and state's attorney John E. Wayman)
- Ben Hecht Papers, 1894-1947 (Materials relating to case re authorship disputes, reproduction rights)
- John R. Fischetti Papers, 1942-1995 (political cartoons relating to Watergate and other national and international issues)
- Ring Lardner Papers, 1885-1933 (Extensive records re the management of Lardner's literary estate)
- Herbert P. Strauss Collection (includes letters of Thomas Jefferson, 1787-1823, and John Adams, 1763-1821)
- Erminie-Wheeler-Voegelin Papers, 1934-1985 (Indian Claims Commission case records and research reports)
- Carter H. Harrison IV Papers, 1860-1953 (Chicago Mayor, early 20th century)
The Northwestern University Libraries hold their sources related to legal history in three different sites— the University Archives, and Special Collections Department, both of which are in Deering Library on the Evanston Campus, and the Law School at Chicago Avenue and Lake Shore Drive.

**Manuscript Collections in the Northwestern University Archives**

The Northwestern University Archives, in the Main Library on the Evanston Campus, holds materials pertaining to every aspect of the University's history. It serves as the repository for all University records and materials of enduring value, including faculty papers, records of student organizations, alumni biographical information, photographs, scrapbooks, and periodical publications. Holdings relating to the Northwestern University Law School span the years 1859 to the present and include the papers and records of faculty and administrators, student records, publications and photographs. Processed series have detailed inventories/finding aids; some unprocessed collections have container lists.

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**UNPROCESSED MATERIALS**

- School of Law, Records of Dean James A. Rahl: 25 volumes
- Joyce A. Hughes papers: .5 boxes-- law professor
- Law School Administrative Files: 2 boxes-- includes bar exam results-- restricted
- Law School Committee Files: 1.5 boxes
- Law School Conferences: General Files-- 1957-65--3 boxes
- John Heinz Papers: 1966-74-- 9 boxes-- law professor, not the Senator
- Marshall Shapo Papers: 18 boxes-- Vose professor of law
- Law School Student Applications: 1898-1905-- 7 boxes
- Proceedings of the Ray Garrett Institute (Accession #96-75), .5 boxes
- Records of the Law School Dean (Accession #98-158), 48+ record cartons; restricted

**SELECTED SERIAL PUBLICATIONS**


**Charles Berring McCormick Special Collections**

The materials related to legal history held in the Special Collections Department are limited but significant. R. Russell Maylone is the curator of the Special Collections Department (847-491-3635).
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Leopold and Loeb Trial-- Chicago, 1924-- Transcript-- 9 volumes plus considerable correspondence, photographs, and related materials. Materials pertaining to trial attorney Clarence Darrow, Leopold's parole, and his parole attorney, Elmer Gertz. 52 boxes.

Elmer Gertz papers, 1950s –1980s. Legal papers, briefs, correspondence, photographs, clippings, awards and honors. 50 boxes, partly processed.

The Wakefield Documents-- The collection of 330 English vellum leaves covers the period 1154 to the mid-19th century including deeds, court rolls, indentures, obligations, wills, leases, conveyances, etc.

**The Law Library**

Many of the materials held by the Law Library, including many rare books, are listed on RLIN and OCLC. There is, however, one room of uncatalogued rare books for which an aged handwritten card file exists. To look at these volumes or to see the card catalogue talk to a reference librarian at (312-503-8450). This is a general list of uncatalogued holdings.

Richard Speck Trial Transcript
Williams Collection of Historical Legal Instruments (Deeds, etc.)-- British, dating back to 1290
Roman and Canon Law, also Roman Rota-- 16th, 17th, 18th Century
Seventeenth Century editions of Anglo-American treatises and decisions – Glanville, Bracton, Fitzherbert, Littleton, Coke.
English Yearbooks (Statutes)
Blackstone-- First twelve editions including the first American edition
French Customary Law-- treatises

In 1996, the School of Law received the United States Supreme Court papers of Associate Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, a 1930 alumnus of the Northwestern University School of Law.

A complete list and many of the papers are available at:
[http://goldberg.law.northwestern.edu/index.htm](http://goldberg.law.northwestern.edu/index.htm).