

Resources for Historical Research in the Library's Federal Document Depository

This is an overview of the list of **Pre-1950 Federal Documents in Prescott Memorial Library Depository But Not Cataloged** (July 2009). Many of these federal documents may provide useful material for original research in various fields of American history.

Resources for political history of presidential administrations include Messages and Papers of the Presidents (1789-1897) Y 4.93/1, the Presidential Papers Index Series LC 4.7, and Public Papers of the Presidents [Herbert Hoover to George W. Bush] DOCS-REF AE 2 .

Indispensable to diplomatic history are the State Department's *Foreign Relations of the U.S.* (1865-1976) S 1.1 and *Treaties and Other International Acts of the United States of America* (1776-1949) S 9.5/1: 2, S 9.5/1: 8, S 9.12/2: 1.

For military history, there are extensive holdings under M Military, D [Defense] U.S. Army and U.S. Navy, N Navy Department, and W War Department, including reports of the Judge Advocate General (1912-1940) W10.7 and Surgeon General (1921-1941) W44.1.

For economic history, reports of relevant agencies abound: the Treasury Department (1852-) T 1.1, Internal Revenue (1907-) T 22.1, Tariff Commission (1918-) TC 1.1, Comptroller General of the U.S. (1926-) GA 1.5, and Census Bureau reports on state and local government finances C 3.2. For monetary policy the Comptroller of the Currency (1886-) T 12.1, Director of the Mint (1899-) T 28.1 and the Federal Reserve Board (1914-) FR 1.1. For business, industry and trade the Department of Commerce (1910-) C 1.1, Census Bureau reports C 3.2 on agriculture, manufacture, wholesale and retail trade, transportation, navigation and foreign commerce, the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce (1912-) C 18.1, Interstate Commerce Commission (1887-) IC 1.1, and Federal Trade Commission (1920-) FT 1.1, as well as the Department of the Interior (1895-) I 1.1 and the Department of Agriculture (1860-) A 1.1 including the Bureau of Agricultural Economics (1929-1953) A 36.1. Also the Federal Power Commission (1931-) FP 1.20, Federal Communications Commission (1934-) CC 1.12, Securities and Exchange Commission (1936-) Se 1.11, and Civil Aeronautics Board (1938-) C 31.202.

Resources for labor history include reports of the Department of Labor (1896-) L 1.1, its Bureau of Labor Statistics (1896-) L 2.3, Census Bureau reports on wage earners (1899-1939) C 3.2: W12 and, since the New Deal, the National Labor Relations Board (1934-) LR 1.1.

For social history Census Bureau reports C 3.2 address a variety of topics such as vital statistics, population, and religious groups, institutions of health and education, crime and prisons. Also relevant to these topics are publications of the Federal Security Agency (1940-1968) FS 1.1, the Commission later Bureau of Education (1871-1961), the Attorney General of the U.S. (1894-) J 1.1, the Justice Department's *Uniform Crime Reports* (1932-) J 1.14/7 and, in particular, the Narcotics Bureau's *Traffic in Opium and Other Dangerous Drugs* (1935-1966) T 56.8.

Resources for the history of science and technology prior to 1950 include documents of the Smithsonian Institution (1851-) SI 1.1 and the National Academy of Sciences (1903-) NA

1.1. The National Library of Medicine *Bibliography of the History of Medicine* (1964-1993) HE 20.3615 is a valuable index. Zoology is featured in the *Report upon Geographical and Geological Explorations and Surveys West of the One Hundredth Meridian* (1875) W 8.5: 5, reports of the Division of Ornithology and Mammalogy (1889-1938) A 5.5, Division of Entomology (1898-1910) A 9.3, Bureau of Fisheries (1906-) C 6.1, and the Fish and Wildlife Service (1937-) I 49. Plant sciences are represented in the *Report upon Geographical and Geological Explorations and Surveys West of the One Hundredth Meridian* (1878) W 8.5: 5, reports of the Botanical Division (1886-1901) A 6.3, Forestry Division (1889-1945) A 13.3, Division of Vegetable Physiology and Pathology (1894-1901) A 28.3, Division of Agrostology (1897-1900) A 3.3, and the National Herbarium (1909-) SI 3.8.

Geological surveys date to the U.S. Army Engineers' *Report of Explorations and Surveys to Ascertain the Most Practicable and Economical Route for a Railroad from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean* (1855, 1857, 1860) W 7.14 and *Report of the Geological Exploration of the Fortieth Parallel* (1869) W 7.10: 18/4, followed by the U.S. Geological Survey of the Territories (1867-1890) I 18.1, and reports of the U.S. Geological Survey (1879-1993) I 19.1 and the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (1882-1895) T 11.1 (1908-1946) C 4.1. In addition to the water supply and irrigation reports of the U.S. Geological Survey (1898-) I 19.13 are reports of the Reclamation Service (1902-1904) I 21.17 (1907-1949) I 27.1. The U.S. Geological Survey's *Mineral Resources of the U.S.* (1867, 1884) I 19.8 preceded the reports of the Bureau of Mines (1910-1995) I 28 (1924-1931) C 22.8. Climate data are available from the Weather Bureau (1893-1940) A29.1 (1925-) C 55.11. Astronomical observations were reported by the Naval Observatory (1903-) D 213.11. Indispensable to the history of technology is the gazette of the Commission of Patents (1853-) C 21.5. Besides reports of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1891-1948) W 7.1 (1949-) D 103.1, the Mississippi River Commission (1921-1932) W 31.1, *Geological Investigation of the Alluvial Valley of the Lower Mississippi River* (1944) W 31.2: A15 and *Fine-Grained Alluvial Deposits and Their Effects on Mississippi River Activity* (1947) W 31.2: A15/2 might be of special interest.

Numerous bibliographies and indexes, catalogs of collections and exhibitions, guides and other resources have been published by the National Archives and Records Service GS 4.2 and the Library of Congress LC. Many are not recorded in Prescott Memorial Library's catalog, such as the Territorial Papers of the U.S. series (1817-1848) GS 4.13, S 1.36.

Many more of these pre-1950 federal documents may be conducive to historical research focused upon a select event or period.

For colonial history there are *The Records of the Virginia Company of London* I (1906) - IV (1935) LC 1.11 and *A Check List of American Eighteenth Century Newspapers in the Library of Congress* 1912; rev. ed. 1936 LC 6.2: N42.

Resources for the American Revolution include *Letters of the Delegates to Congress* [1774-1789] 26 volumes with index (1976-2000) LC 1.34, *Journals of the Continental Congress 1774-1789* 34 volumes (1905-1937) LC 4.5, the *Calendar of the Correspondence of George Washington with the Continental Congress* (1906) LC 4.2: W27/3, *Documentary History of the*

Constitution of the United States of America 1786-1870 (1894, 1920) S 8.2: D65, and *The Revolutionary Diplomatic Correspondence of the United States* (1889) Z 2.4: 1.

Among early naval history documents are *Naval Documents Related to the Quasi-War between the U.S. and France [1798-1799]* (1935, 1936) N 16.2: Q2, *Exploration of the Valley of the Amazon* parts 1 & 2 (1854) N 1.8: H43/3, the *Report on Voyage of the U.S.S. Wilmington up the Amazon River* (1899) N 19.2: W68, reports from the Office of Naval Intelligence (1888-1901) N 13.5, and *Information Relative to the Voyage of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet around the World [1907-1909]* (1910) N 1.2: At6.

For Civil War history there are the *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion* (1895-1921); N 16.6 (1895-1927) N 16.1, *Register of Officers of the Confederate States Navy 1861-1865* (1931) N 16.2, *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* (1880-1902) W 45.5, and *Civil War Photographs* (1961) LC 29.2: C49/2.

Federal documents dating from the late 19th-century to World War I present additional opportunities for historical research.

Focused upon the territory of Alaska at the end of the 19th century are annual reports of the Governor (1897-) I.5, the U.S Geological Survey (1898) I 19.2 and U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (1899) T 11.3, reports about fur seal rookeries and salmon fisheries (1898) T 35.2: A114, T 35.7, T 36.6, the Adjutant General's *Records of Explorations in the Territory of Alaska* (1899) W 26.3/1: 25, W 26.3/1: 31, and documentation of the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal (1904) 58th Cong. 2nd Sess. Senate Document No. 162.

For diplomatic history of this period there are reports of *Commercial Relations of the U.S. with Foreign Countries* (1857-1903) S 4.1, T 37.1, the Consuls of the U.S. (1879-1901) S 4.7, U.S. Commissioners to the Paris Universal Exposition (1878) S 6.10: R29, and the U.S. Commission on Boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana, with *Maps of the Orinoco-Essequibo Region, South America* (1897) Y 3.V55: R29.

A large number of documents concentrates on the Spanish-American War and its aftermath. As to the war itself, there are military notes of the Adjutant General on the Philippines (1898) W 26.3/1: 20 and on Cuba (1898) W 26.3/1: 21, naval intelligence on the Spanish Navy (1898) N 13.6: Sp2 and on the American Navy (1899) N13.8:7, a report of the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service (1898) T33.2: Sp1, the *Report on the Origin and Spread of Typhoid Fever in U.S. Military Camps during the Spanish War of 1898* (1900, 1904) W 44.2: T98 by the Surgeon General, *Correspondence Relating to the War with Spain* (1902) W 3.2: C81/2, and findings of the Commission Appointed by the President to Investigate the Conduct of the War Department in the War with Spain (1899) Y 3.W19: R29. In addition to the *Military Government of Porto Rico [1898-1900]* (1901) W 23.2: M59 there are annual reports of the governors of Cuba (1907) W 1.16: 907 and of Porto Rico (1899) W 6.2: P83/2, (1901, 1907) S 10.1, (1922) W 75.1. Along with a history of *Spanish Public Land Laws in the Philippine Islands* (1898) W 49.9/2: L44 and the report of the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission (1907) J 10.2: R29, there are reports of the customs tariff and regulations for ports of the Philippine Islands (1898) W 1.7: P53/1, Porto Rico

(1898) W 1.7: P83/1, and Cuba (1901) W 1.7: C89/5, as well as English translations of the *Code of Commerce in Force in Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines* (1899) W 6.6: C73, *Law of Railroads for the Island of Puerto Rico* (1899) W 6.6: R13/4, civil procedure (1901) W 6.6: C49/3 and criminal procedure for Cuba and Porto Rico (1901) W 6.6: C86, and a summary of *Civil Affairs of the Island of Porto Rico* (1899) W 6.2: P83/1 -- all issued by the Division of [Customs and] Insular Affairs. There are 1899 Census reports for Cuba W 47.2 and Porto Rico W 49.52 as well as 1900 Census bulletins for Cuba W 47.3 and Porto Rico W 48.3 in addition to the 1905 C 3.8 and 1920 W 49.51/5 censuses of the Philippine Islands. For Cuba there are commercial reports (1898-1899) T 1.16: C89 and road notes (1909) W 26.3/2: 16. For Porto Rico there are reports on commerce (1899) T 1.16: P83/2 and of the Agricultural Experiment Stations (1903-1936) A 10.12. In addition to the *Monthly Summary of Commerce of the Philippine Islands* [1899-1900] W 6.8 are the *Atlas de Filipinas* (1899) T 11.16: 3, *Biblioteca Filipina* (1903) LC 2.2: P53/2, reports of the Philippine Commission (1900-1901) Y 3.P53: R29 (1905) W 1.1: 905, and a report on *The Philippine Islands* (1913) W 6.2: P53/18 by the Bureau of Insular Affairs.

Military intelligence about the Russo-Japanese War includes the *Reports of Military Observers Attached to the Armies in Manchuria during the Russo-Japanese War* (1906) W 26.3/2: 8 and *Epitome of the Russo-Japanese War* (1907) W 26.3/2: 11 from the Chief of Staff.

A cluster of documents pertains to the Panama Canal. From the Isthmian Canal Commission are the *Report of the Consulting Engineers* (1906) 59th Cong. 1st Sess. Senate Document Vol. 15, reports with maps and diagrams (1907-1914) W 73.1, and its Health Department's report on *Population and Death from Various Diseases in the City of Panama* [1883-1906] (1906) W 73.6/2: P29. From the Special Commission on Panama Canal Traffic and Tolls are reports on *Panama Canal Traffic and Tolls* (1912) W 73.2: P19/10 and *Measurement of Vessels for the Panama Canal* (1913) W 73.2: M46/2. Holdings also include annual reports of the Panama Canal zone's Governor (1918-1931) W 79.1.

Economic historians of the period may be interested in *Federal Anti-Trust Decisions* (1890-1927) J 1.2, reports of Commission of Corporations (1912, 1914) C 5.1, bulletins of the Bureau of Animal Industry (1884-1913) A 4.3, Bureau of Plant Industry (1901-1927) A 19.3, and Commission of Fish and Fisheries (1883-1901) FC 1.1, reports of the Bureau of Manufactures (1904-1912) C 10.6, decisions of the General Land Office in cases relating to public lands (1885-1921) I 21.5 and bounty-land claims recorded by the Commission of Pensions (1899-1922) I 24, reports of the Bureau of Public Roads (1894-1939) A 22.1, Bureau of Navigation (1907-1932) C 11.1, and National Association of Railway Commissioners (1893-1909) IC 1.8, as well as Census Bureau reports on electric power (1912) C 3.2: E1, the telephone and telegraph (1915) and electrical industries (1917) C 3.2: T23.

Noteworthy for social history and labor history are the Immigration Bureau's reports of *Treaties, Laws and Regulations Governing the Admission of Chinese* (1909-1917) L 3.7.

Some holdings related to the homefront during World War I include bulletins from the Committee on Public Information (1917-1918) Y 3.P96/3 as well as reports of the National War

Labor Board (1919) L 10.1, War Trade Board (1919, 1920) Y 3.W19/2, and War Industries Board (1921) Y 3.W19/2: 2Am3.

Federal documents dating between the World Wars present additional opportunities for historical research.

The aftermath of World War I is evidenced by the *American Military Government of Occupied Germany 1918-1920* W 10.2: G31, *Documents on German Foreign Policy 1918-1945* S 1 82: C, and reports of the World War Foreign Debt Commission [1922-1927] Y 3. W89: 1. On negotiations for disarmament there are proceedings of the Conference on the Limitation of Armament (1921-1922) S 3.29/5, *Notes Exchanged between the U.S. and Other Powers on the Subject of a Multi-lateral Treaty for the Renunciation of War* (1928) S 9.2: W1913, proceedings of the *London Naval Conference* (1930) S 3.30: 3 and the report of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference (1931) S 5.30: 7. Of additional interest to diplomatic history are the American and Canadian cases of the International Boundary Commission (1918, 1925) S 3.24 and, south of the border, proceedings of the Second Pan American Financial Conference (1921) T 1.22/2: R29, Pan American Union (1923-1929) PA 1.1, Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the American Republics (1940) S 5.30: 44, and the Chaco Peace Conference (1940) S 5.30: 46.

For economic history, there are the Federal Trade Commission's reports on various industries, commodities, costs and prices FT 1.1, the *Survey of American Listed Corporations* (1939-1940) Se 1.18, *Market Prices and Investment Values of Outstanding Bonds and Notes* (1928-1942) T 62.7, reports of the Bureau of the Dairy Industry (1926-1941) A 44.1, the Bureau of Public Roads (1894-1939) A 22.1, A 22.2 and the Railroad Labor Board (1920-1925) R 21.6/2. Documents about tariffs and trade include *Reciprocity and Commercial Treaties* (1919) TC 1.2: R24, *Handbook of Commercial Treaties* (1922) TC 1.2: C73, *Depreciated Exchange of International Trade* (1922) TC 1.2: Ex2, and *Comparison of Rates of Duty in the Pending Tariff Bill of 1929* (1929) 71st Cong. 1st Sess. Senate Document No. 30, *U.S. Imports and Duties* (1938) TC 1.2: Im7 and *Imports, Exports, Domestic Production, and Prices: Petroleum, Coal, Lumber, Copper* (1939) TC 1.2: Im7/7, *Operation of the Trade Agreements Program* [1934-1948] TC 1.9: 160, *Trade Agreement between the U.S. and the United Kingdom* (1938) TC 1.2: T67/9, *Compilation of Data on U.S. Trade with Germany* (1939) TC 1.2: T67/11, *The European War and the U.S. Imports* (1939) TC 1.2: Im7/12, and *U.S. Imports from Japan and Their Relation to the Defense Program and the Economy of the Country* (1941) TC 1.2: Im7/20.

Noteworthy for labor history are the Census Bureau report on workers (1930) C 3.2 and the *Census of Partial Employment, Unemployment, and Occupations* (1937) Y 3.C35/5: 2R29/3.

Census Bureau reports on marriage and divorce (1922-1932) C 3.48, and reports of the Bureau of Immigration (1922-1932) L 3.1, Children's Bureau (1914-1932) L 5.1 and Women's Bureau (1923-1932) L 13.1 may be of interest for social history.

A large number of documents concentrates on the New Deal. Holdings include reports of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (1934-1942) Y 3.R24, Federal Home Loan Bank Board (1933-1936) Y 3.F31/3, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (1934-1989) Y 3.F31/8, and

Federal Housing Administration (1935, 1936) Y 3.F31/11. There are reports of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (1934-1941) A 55.1, Resettlement Administration (1935-1936) Y 3.R31, and Soil Conservation Service (1935-1953) A 57.1 as well as reports of the National Resources Committee (1935-1939) Y 3.N21/12 and the National Emergency Council's *Report on Economic Conditions of the South* (1938) Y 3.N21/1: 2So8. There are reports of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (1933-1936) Y 3.F31/5, Emergency Conservation Work (1933-1935) Y 3.Em3: 1 (1936) L 1.11, Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works (1933-1937) Y 3.F31/4, National Labor Board *Decisions* (1933-1934) Y 3.N21/10: 2D35, reports of the National Recovery Administration (1934) Y 3.N21/8: 2N21/3, Works Progress Administration (1937-1943) Y 3.W89/2, and Federal Works Agency (1939-1946) FW 1.1. Documents about specific public works include reports of the Muscle Shoals Commission (1931) Y 3.M97: R29, Tennessee Valley Authority (1936-1971) Y 3.T25, the Reclamation Bureau's Boulder Dam (1938-1941) I 27.21 and Columbia River (1942-1947) I 27.23 projects, and the *Historic American Buildings Survey* (1936, 1941) I 29.2 by the National Park Service. Noteworthy for social history are reports of the Federal Alcohol Control Administration (1935) Y 3.F31/10: 2L52, National Youth Administration (1937) Y 3.N21/14, and Interdepartmental Committee to Coordinate Health and Welfare Activities (1938, 1939) Y 3.In8/3.

Holdings about World War II include reports to Congress on Lend-Lease operations (1941-1945) Pr 32.402: L54, S 1.43, *Official Publications of Present-Day Germany: with an Outline of the Governmental Structure of Germany* (1942) LC 7.2: G31, an English translation of *The Japanese Story of the Battle of Midway* (1947) N 13.2: M58 issued by the Office of Naval Intelligence, and *Navy Department Communiques* [1941-1945] (1945) N 31.2: C73. Recruitment literature includes documents of the Selective Service (1941-1945) Y 3.Se4 and Women's Army Corps like *What is the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps?* W 3.2: W84/2, *Facts You Want to Know about the WAC* (1943) W 3.2: W84/4, and *Women's Place in War* (1944) W 3.2: W84/12. There are also the post-war studies of *The Effects of Strategic Bombing on the German War Economy* (1945) W 1.2: St8/3 and *The U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey* (1946-1947) W 1.71.

Considerable material relates to the American homefront during World War II. For public information, there are bulletins of the Office of War Information (1942-1943) Pr 32.5005 and News Maps of the Morale Services Division W 109.207. Of potential interest to economic historians are reports of the National Resources Planning Board (1940-1943) Pr 32.302, Office of Defense Transportation (1941-1946) Pr 32.4902, War Manpower Commission (1943-1944) Pr 32.5209, and War Mobilization and Reconversion (1945-1946) Y 3.W19/7. Regarding consumers, price controls and rationing, there are numerous reports of the Office of Emergency Management (1941-1946) Pr 32.402, the Office of Price Administration (1942-1947) Pr 32.4202, Pr 32.4205, Pr 32.4206, Pr 32.4208, Pr 32.4210, Pr 32.4216, Pr 33.307, Pr 33.308, Pr 33.310, Pr 33.312, and the Office of Economic Stabilization (1945) Pr 32.6002. There are reports of the War Finance Corporation (1943) Y 3.W19/3: 1, about War Savings Bonds T 1.102, *The Minute Man: Newsletter of the War Savings Staff* (1942-1946) T 66.7 and *Minute Women at War Work* (1942) T 1.102: W84 as well as a contemporary bibliography *Women's Part in World War II: A List of References* (1942) LC 2.2: W84/2. Nearly all of the publications in a series issued by the War Relocation Authority (1946) I 52.2, including *Impounded People: Japanese Americans in the Relocation Centers* I 52.2: J27/5, are also available.

For the history of U.S. foreign relations following World War II, there are *Documents on Disarmament 1945-1959* S 1.2: D63/2 and *Documents and State Papers* (1948-1949) S 1.73. War crimes are documented by the Office of the U.S. Chief Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality (1946-1947) W 1.2: N23, the Trials of War Criminals [Nuremberg] D 102.8 and *Trial of the Major War Criminals before the International Military Tribunal: Nuremberg* [1945-1946] W 1.2: C86, as well as by *Interrogations of Japanese Industrial, Military, and Civil Leaders of World War II* (1946) W 108.2: M69 conducted by the Intelligence branch of the Chief of Air Staff. There are reports of the Alien Property Custodian (1944-1948) Pr 32.5701 and specifically of the Philippine Alien Property Administration of the U.S. (1947-1951) Pr 33.501. Of interest regarding the American occupation of Germany are the first volumes of *Documents on Germany 1944-1985* S 1.2: G31/5 and the reports of *U.S. Economic Policy toward Germany* (1946) S 1.45: 15, *Occupation of Germany: Policy and Progress* (1947) S 1.45: 23, and the Office of the Military Government for Germany (U.S.) (1948) M 105.17. Documents related to the Marshall Plan include reports of the Export-Import Bank of Washington (1945-1955) Y 3.Ex7/3, President's Committee on Foreign Aid (1947) Pr 33.2, *The Development of the Foreign Reconstruction Policy of the U.S.* (1947) S 1.37: 105, the U.S. Foreign Relief Program (1947-1948) S 1.65, the Economic Cooperation Administration (1948-1951) Y 3.Ec74, its Foreign Relief Program (1948) Y 3.Ec74/3 and European Recovery Program (1949) Y 3.Ec74.3. On the founding and early years of the United Nations holdings include preliminary proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Food and Agriculture (1943) S 5.30: 52 and United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference (1944) S 5.30: 55, reports of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (1944-1947) Pr 32.5812, and the *Dumbarton Oaks Documents on International Organization* (1944) S 5.30: 56; the *Charter of the United Nations* (1945) S 5.30: 74, report of the First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations (1946) S 5.30: 82 and *The United States and the United Nations* (1946) S 1.49 are available; there is a report of the International Court of Justice (1946) S 5.30: 84; documents on international trade include *Proposals for Expansion of World Trade and Employment* (1945) S 1.37: 79, the *Charter for the International Trade Organization of the United Nations* (1946) S 1.37: 98 and *Havana Charter for an International Trade Organization* (1948) S 1.37: 113; and the proceedings of the First Session of the General Conference of UNESCO (1947) S 5.30: 97 are available as are reports on *Education in the New Japan* (1948) M 105.2 and of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Educational Exchange (1949-1965) S 1.67.

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