

## History Databases from the Newton Gresham Library

To access History databases: From the library homepage at <http://library.shsu.edu>, click Databases and Indexes in the left-hand menu; click “Databases By Subject”; click History in the subject list. When on campus, click a database’s name to open. When off campus, log in when prompted using your SHSU computer account.

The screenshot shows the Newton Gresham Library homepage. On the left, under the 'RESEARCH' heading, the 'Databases and Indexes' link is circled in red. Below it are links for 'Search the Catalog', 'Find a Journal Title', 'Government Documents', 'Special Collections', and 'Citation Guides'. The main content area is titled 'Databases and Indexes' and features three links: 'Databases By Subject' (circled in red), 'Trial Databases', and 'Access Problems'. In the top right corner, there is a red 'ASK A L' button with the text 'Click here for live' below it.

**Remember:** Each database may require slightly different search methods to yield the best results (for example: Should you use quotes? Should you connect terms with the operator “and” or the plus sign “+”?). When in doubt, always read the specific database’s Search Tips or Help.

Name	Regions Covered	Time Periods Covered	Types of Documents	Contains Full-Text?	Other Notes
<b>America: History and Life</b>	United States and Canada	Prehistory to present	Local/state history journals, select historical journals from many major countries, select social sciences/humanities journals	Sometimes	Companion to Historical Abstracts
<b>Historical Abstracts</b>	World, <i>not including</i> the United States and Canada	1450 to present	Historical journals from most major countries, select social sciences/humanities journals	Sometimes	Companion to America: History and Life
<b>American Periodicals Series Online</b>	United States	1740 to 1940	Magazines (including children’s and women’s), literary and professional journals, other periodicals	Sometimes	Exports citations directly to RefWorks
<b>America’s Historical Newspapers (1690-1922)</b>	United States	1690 to 1922	Newspapers from all 50 states	Sometimes	Depending on your computer and network speed, some page images may load very slowly.
<b>Bibliography of Native North Americans</b>	North America	16 <sup>th</sup> cent. - present	Books, essays, journals, gov. docs.	Sometimes	All aspects of native North American culture, history, and life: archaeology, multicultural relations, gaming, governance, legend, literacy
<b>British Periodicals I &amp; II</b>	Britain	1680s to 1930s	Periodicals: magisterial, scholarly & professional, art, penny weeklies, illustrated family magazines, etc.	Always ( <i>High-res images or PDFs</i> )	Shows development of British periodical press, from 17 <sup>th</sup> century origin through Victorian age to early 20 <sup>th</sup> century

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<b>C19: The Nineteenth Century Index</b>	World	Nineteenth century (1800s)	Books, official publications, archives, journals, magazines, newspapers	Yes, if indexed in JSTOR ( <i>see Other Notes</i> )	To get the full-text of available articles, you must first enable linking to JSTOR. Refer to C19 Help file for details.
<b>The Civil War: A Newspaper Perspective</b>	United States	1860 to 1865	Newspapers (New York Herald, Charleston Mercury, Richmond Enquirer)	Always	Articles cover lifestyle of time as well as military events. Free-text search only, not field-specific.
<b>Dallas Morning News Historical Archive (1885-1977)</b>	Texas, the United States, and the world	1885 to 1977	Newspaper (Dallas Morning News)	Always ( <i>Click “Full size image” to get a PDF file.</i> )	View individual articles and entire pages.
<b>Early American Imprints, Series I (Evans) &amp; Series II (Shaw-Shoemaker)</b>	United States	1639 to 1800 ( <i>Series I</i> ); 1801 to 1819 ( <i>Series II</i> )	Books, pamphlets, broadsides, other imprints, including diaries, playbills, wills, maps, military registers, etc.	Always	Covers many topics in politics, economy, religion, society, music, literature, and war.
<b>Heritage Quest</b>	United States	1790 to 1930	Books, articles, census records, other genealogical and local history materials	Always	Designed for genealogical and local history research. Provides focused search areas on the Revolutionary War and the Freedman’s Bank.
<b>JSTOR</b>	World	Various	Journals (back issues only, not intended for current issues)	Always	Includes multidisciplinary collections in Arts & Sciences and Biological Sciences, and several discipline-specific collections
<b>New York Times (ProQuest Historical Newspapers)</b>	New York, the United States, and the world	1851 to 2001	Newspaper (New York Times)	Always	View individual articles and entire pages.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Century Masterfile</b>	World	Nineteenth century (1800s)	Index of indexes, covering pre-1925 periodicals, books, American and British governmental records, and US patent information	No, but sometimes links to other databases which may have full text	Over 8 million citations from subject, author, and title indexes published before 1925
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Century US Newspapers Digital Archive</b>	United States	Nineteenth century (1800s)	Newspapers (from both urban and rural regions)	Always	Emphasizes topics such as American Civil War, African-American history and culture, Western migration, and Antebellum (post-Civil War) life
<b>Periodicals Archive Online</b>	World	1770 to 1995	Journals (international, multi-disciplinary, and multilingual in scope)	Sometimes	Indexes over 3,000 journals with full images of over 350 journals.
<b>Times of London Digital Archive (1785-1985)</b>	World	1785 to 1985	Newspaper (The Times of London)	Always	Covers all major international historical events from the French Revolution to the Falkland War
<b>World History Collection</b>	World	Prehistoric to modern	Content from Africa, Asia, North and South America, Europe, Middle East; many peer-reviewed journals	Sometimes	Topics include anthropology, art, culture, economics, government, heritage, military, politics, regional issues, and more

**Additional Tips:** Check out the library’s Biographical databases when researching historical people. Various art, music, and literature databases may also be useful, depending on the topic being researched. If you need more recent newspaper content, check out the databases listed in the “Newspapers & Current Events” subject area.

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