Primary sources provide firsthand accounts of the past. Examples include letters, photographs, diaries, newspaper accounts, interviews, oral histories, and speeches. Official documents such as laws, court decisions, treaties, party platforms, and constitutions are also primary sources.

**INTERNET**

*Kansas City Public Library Missouri Valley Special Collections*  
[www.kchistory.org/digital-collections](http://www.kchistory.org/digital-collections)

Search for photographs, postcards, maps, and letters in the Digital Gallery.

*Missouri Digital Heritage:*  
[https://www.sos.mo.gov/MDH/](https://www.sos.mo.gov/MDH/)

Over nine million records including art, books and pamphlets, magazines, journals, newspapers, maps, organizational records, personal papers, photographs, sound recordings, and videos from institutions throughout Missouri. Can be searched by individual collections within topics, keyword, media type or institution.

*Missouri State Archives:*  
[https://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/](https://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/)

The official repository for state records of permanent and historical value. Holdings date from 1770 and include: census records; executive, legislative, and judicial records; records of state departments and agencies; land records; military records; state publications; photographic collections; county and municipal records on microfilm; and manuscript and reference collections.

*The State Historical Society of Missouri*  
[digital.shsmo.org](http://digital.shsmo.org)

Missouri state and local history including census records, photographs, oral histories, full-text access to historic newspapers, full-text first-hand accounts of the Civil War, letters and diaries, government records, military records, legal records, and maps.

**MICROFILM**

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**ONLINE CATALOG**

Search for books by author, title, keyword or subject in the Maple Woods Library online catalog at [mcck.edu/library/maple-woods](http://mcck.edu/library/maple-woods). A link on the library online catalog page connects to the shared library online catalog for MOBIUS, a network of academic libraries in Missouri that includes Maple Woods. The MOBIUS online catalog accesses over 29 million items. Request books online from other libraries at no charge.

Use LC subject search terms of *correspondence; diaries; interviews; oral history; personal narratives; sources; speeches, addresses, etc.;* and *treaties*, along with keywords relevant to your topic. Be sure to include applicable geographic terms such as “Kansas City” to limit your search locally.
SELECTED CIRCULATING BOOKS

917.8 On1 On the Santa Fe Trail

92 T77roo Eleanor and Harry: The Correspondence of Eleanor Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman

92 T77tL Letters from Father: The Truman Family’s Personal Correspondence

92 T77tLh 2003 Letters Home

92 T77tm Folio Mr. President: The First Publication from the Personal Diaries, Private Letters, Papers, and Revealing Interviews of Harry S. Truman, Thirty-Second President of the United States of America

973.918 T77s 1999 Strictly Personal and Confidential: The Letters Harry Truman Never Mailed

973.918 T77ta Talking with Harry: Candid Conversations with President Harry S. Truman

977.8 N17b Before Lewis and Clark; Documents Illustrating the History of the Missouri, 1785-1804 (2 volumes)

977.8 W58m Memories

977.8 W58t That’s the Way It Was

977.84 AL5k Kansas City’s Parks and Boulevards

977.84 C83k Folio Kansas City – The Way We Were

977.84 Is15k Kansas City in Vintage Postcards

977.84 R21p Folio Postcards from Old Kansas City

978 B93g Great Plains Originals: Historic Documents from America’s Heartland

978.1 K75h Historic Photos of Kansas

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