The reference collection is a good place to begin looking for information, especially if you need
  • a place to start and don’t know much about your topic;
  • help choosing a topic (or broadening it or narrowing it down);
  • some suggestions for further reading;
  • concise information, such as a short / medium length historical overview or biographical essay.

The following titles, listed in call number order, are all located in the reference section, or accessible from the Journal Articles and Databases list, and may help you with background / overview information of your topic in economic history. All of these works contain articles on some aspect of American economic history or biographical information on influential people related to economic history.

**Encyclopedia of Philosophy** REF B 51 .E53 2006 vols 1-10. Also in Gale Virtual Reference Library
**Great Events from History** 2006-08
  - *The 17th Century, 1601-1700* REF D 246 .G68
  - *The 18th Century, 1701-1800* REF D 286 .G74
  - *The 19th Century, 1801-1900* REF D 358 .G74
**Facts on File Yearbook**, 1941---. REF D 410 .F3
**Encyclopedia of the North American Colonies** REF E 45 .E53 1993 vols 1-3
**Encyclopedia of the United States in the 19th Century** REF E 169.1 .E26 2001 vols 1-3. Also in Credo
  - REF E 169.12 .S... Also in *Salem History: The Decades*
**Dictionary of American History** REF E 174 .D52 2003 vols 1-10 Also in GVRL
**Slavery in the United States: ...An Encyclopedia** REF E 4441 .S635 2007 vols 1-2
**Encyclopedia of the American Civil War** REF E 468 .H47 2000 vols 1-5
**Encyclopedia of Southern History.** REF F 207.7 .E52 1979
  - *Agriculture and Industry* (vol. 11) looks especially relevant.
**Concise Encyclopedia of Economics** REF HB 61 .C647 2008
  - The earlier edition of this work is the *Dictionary of Political Economy*, 1915-17 (REF HB 61 .P17).
**Booms or Busts: An Encyclopedia of Economic History** REF HB 3722 .B67 2010 vols 1-3
**Labor Conflict in the United States: An Encyclopedia** REF HD 5324 .L32 1990
**Encyclopedia of U.S. Labor and Working Class History** REF HD 8066 .A78 2006 vols 1-3
**Encyclopedia of American Business History**
  - *The Iron and Steel Industry in the Nineteenth Century* REF HD 9515 .I76 1989
  - *The Iron and Steel Industry in the Twentieth Century* REF HD 9515 .I77 1994
Railroads in the Age of Regulation 1900-1980  REF HE 2751 .B143 1988
The Airline Industry  REF TL 509 .E54 1992

Encyclopedia of Sociology  REF HM 425 .E5 2000 vols 1-5  Also in GVRL
Encyclopedia of American Social History  REF HN 57 .E52 1993 vols 1-3
Encyclopedia of World Poverty  REF HV 12 .E54 2006 vols 1-3
Dictionary of American Conservatism  REF JA 85 .U5 1987

Congressional Quarterly Almanac, 1972--.  Annual.  REF/KF/42/.C65

Credo Reference. Online.
Gale Virtual Reference Library. Online
Oxford Reference Online

FINDING STATISTICS

Statistical Record of Black America, 1990.  REF/E/185.5/.S7
County and City Data Book, 1944- REF/HA/202/.A36

Most recent in Reference; previous volumes at Gov Docs C.134/2: C83/2; online at
http://www2.lib.virginia.edu/ccdb

Statistical Abstract of the U.S., annual.  REF/HA/202/.S8

Previous volumes date back to 1920 and are at Gov Docs C 3.134/year; historical census data

can be found on the American Factfinder (http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en)
at https://ask.census.gov/faq.php?id=5000&faqId=41 under the“2000 and earlier” link.


U.S. Historical Census Data Browser (http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/census)

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Besides the bibliographies included in the reference books above, the following titles (although they are
dated) may help you too by listing important monographic and periodical literature.


FINDING BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

You may need to find biographical information on an historical figure, an historian or a writer. The
following print and electronic titles should help you. All of the print titles are in the reference collection
and the online resources can be accessed by on the Journal Articles and Databases list on the library’s
web page.

Current Biography. Annual. 1941--.  REF CT 100 .C8
**FINDING MATERIAL IN THE ONLINE CATALOG**

You can find materials in our catalog ([www.hal.org](http://www.hal.org)) by author, title, subject or keyword. It contains the holdings of four libraries (Holston Associated Libraries), and lists books, periodical titles, DVDs, maps, videos, e-books, internet sites, and compact discs. With your student ID, you may check out books from all four libraries, or request them through the catalog. Below is a subject search on [reaganomics](http://www.hal.org).

Keep in mind that there is an advanced search function that allows you to combine several terms.

**FINDING MATERIAL IN ONLINE AND PRINT DATABASES**

The sources below will help you find information in periodicals and online reference sources on all kinds of economic history topics. They are all online and can be accessed in the [Journal Articles and Databases](http://www.hal.org) list, except for the three print indexes, which are located on the index shelves.

**America: History & Life**, 1965--. Index only.

Has a companion database, [Historical Abstracts](http://www.hal.org).

In addition to America: History & Life, Kelly Library subscribes to several other databases from this vendor (EBSCO); [Academic Search Complete](http://www.hal.org), [Business Source Complete](http://www.hal.org), and [Humanities International Complete](http://www.hal.org) that should be helpful in this class. The user interfaces are very similar, so if you can use one EBSCO database, you shouldn’t have problems with the others. However, if you need assistance, please speak with a reference librarian. A: H&L is indexing and abstracting only; ASC, BSC, and HIC are partially full-text databases. See the search on [Jimmy Carter](http://www.hal.org) and his economic policies below, and note the * (asterisk) to retrieve “policy” or “policies,” as well as the limiters on the left.
Book Review Digest, 1905-96. Index shelves.
This venerable index scans reviews in about 100 periodicals and gives short summaries of the reviews.

EconLit
Good for recent economic history coverage, from 1969 to the present. Indexing and abstracting only

Humanities Index; Social Science Index, 1974-95. Index shelves.
It was known as International Index 1907-1965, then Social Science and Humanities Index from 1965-1974. After 1965, it was published as two separate titles: Humanities Index and Social Science Index.

JSTOR
Database of over 300 scholarly periodicals, from volume 1, issue 1 of each title. You may have used this database in Transitions I or English; if not, it includes many scholarly history and economics periodical titles, and is a good place to look for articles on various aspects of economic history. There is a two-to-five year “moving wall” (time lag) for most titles.

Below is an advanced search for articles on the economic importance of tobacco in colonial America, limited to include only content I can access, articles, and the discipline areas of African American Studies, Botany & Plant Sciences, Economics, and History.

Also note that JSTOR and the EBSCO databases, in addition to Book Review Digest, are good places to look for book reviews, should you need them to judge the quality of a title.
Project Muse, 1995--,
400+ scholarly journals from Johns Hopkins UP in social sciences and humanities from 1995 to the present. The sample search below lists articles on the economic aspects of railroads in the 19th century.

ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Full Text
A database of over 2 million dissertations; nearly 1 million are full-text. Below is an advanced search on textile mills in the southern United States.
**World Catalog**

An index of books and other stand-alone-type materials; it's a good way to identify items if Kelly Library's holdings are slim on your topic, which you can then request on interlibrary loan.

**WHAT IF THE ARTICLE IS NOT FULL-TEXT?**

If the article is not full-text in one of these databases, you will need to check the E-Journals by Title list—a title may not be full-text in one database, but it may be in another. If it is not available in a database, do a title search in the online catalog. If Kelly Library owns the periodical, it will tell you for what dates the title is owned and in what format it is stored (microfiche, print, etc.). If Kelly Library does not subscribe to the periodical, or have electronic access, you can request the item through interlibrary loan.

**REMOTE ACCESS TO DATABASES**

If you want to access Kelly Library’s databases from off-campus, simply follow the instructions on the Off-Campus Access link under the Research column on the library’s main page, www.library.ehc.edu. Or, you can simply go to the library’s web site, click on Journal Articles and Databases, and the first database you choose will prompt a window to open. It will look like the login window when you use library and E&H lab computers. Enter your user name and password, and then you can move freely between databases to do your research.

**FINDING PRIMARY SOURCE MATERIAL**

According to F.N. McCoy’s *Researching and Writing in History*, secondary sources are the “scholars, the authorities, the historians who wrote and are writing” about people or events in history. Primary sources include works produced by the subjects themselves, such as letters, diaries and memoirs; works of contemporaries of the person or event; government records and newspaper or magazine accounts written during the time the event took place. Depending on your topic, some of the resources listed below might be considered primary resources.

*Abingdon Virginian*, 1862-64. Microfilm cabinets
Atlantic Monthly, 1857--. Bound periodicals
Brownlow’s Knoxville Whig, 1853-1868. Microfilm cabinets
Congressional Globe / Congressional Record. History Dept, Gov Docs and 
memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html
Harper’s Magazine, 1850--. Bound periodicals and online (Harpweek)
Nation, 1882-1885; 1908-36; 1967--. Bound periodicals, microfiche cabinets and online (ASC; OmniFile)
National Archives microfilm collection of papers such as “Records Relating to the Suppression of the 
African Slave Trade and Negro Colonization 1854-1874.”
New Orleans Christian Advocate, 1828-1879. Microfilm cabinets
New Republic, 1925--. Bound periodicals and online (ASC)
New York Times, 1856-2010. Microfilm cabinets and online (Lexis-Nexis Academic)
Newsweek, 1934--. Bound periodicals, microfiche cabinets and online (ACS)
Richmond Argus, 1799-1816. Microfilm cabinets
Richmond Enquirer, 1861-62. Microfilm cabinets
Richmond Gazette, 1784-1796. Microfilm cabinets
Richmond Sentinel, 1863-64. Microfilm cabinets
Richmond Whig, 1835-74. Microfilm cabinets
Southwest Virginia Newspapers, various titles and dates. Microfilm cabinets
Time, 1926--. Bound periodicals, microfiche cabinets and online (ASC)
U.S. News and World Report, 1940--. Bound periodicals, microfiche cabinets and 
online (ASC)

The following online databases of primary source materials are accessible from the Journal Articles 
and Databases page:

American Civil War: Letters and Diaries
Early American Imprints
Early American Newspapers (aka America’s Historical Newspapers)
Early Encounters in North America
HarpWeek
North American Women’s Diaries

FINDING INTERNET SOURCES

You might want to look at The History Highway: A 21st Century Guide to Internet Sources 
(REF/D/15.117/.H55/2006), or IPL2 (http://www.ipl.org/). The sites included in IPL2 are reviewed by librarians for accuracy, currency, etc. The librarians in Kelly Library have selected some Internet sites; you can find them arranged under broad headings in the Subject Resources link under the Research column on the library main page. Depending on your topic, the Library of Congress American 
Memory (http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html) might be useful.

Although there are many excellent websites, there are plenty that are poor quality. To help you evaluate 
them, keep the following criteria in mind: Check to see if web sites 1) are affiliated with a university or 
professional group, 2) indicate a copyright date or update, and 3) present factually correct, typo-free 
information. Wolfgram Memorial Library at Widener University 
(http://www.widener.edu/about/campus_resources/wolfgram_library/evaluate/) maintains a web site that 
contains good evaluation tips.

OBTAINING MATERIAL FROM OTHER LIBRARIES

As you use these print and electronic resources, you will find citations to journals and books Kelly Library 
does not own. Our staff will try to get article copies or borrow books for you through interlibrary loan.
To order material this way, click on the interlibrary loan link on the library home page under the 
Services, column. If you have never used this service, you will need to register by clicking on the first 
time users button and completing some patron information—you’ll need your barcoded ID card. You will
need to do this only one time. Then, you can proceed to the book and photocopy order forms. There is no charge for this service for the first 50 requests per academic year. Please double check your request in the catalog and the E-Journals by Title list before you fill in the order form to be sure that the library does not own the material, and allow at least 5-7 working days to receive your order. Please do not submit more than 10 requests for returnable material (books) at one time. If you have questions about this service, ask Patty or Jane.

**DOCUMENTING YOUR SOURCES**

When you quote an author’s words, or paraphrase an author’s unique ideas, you must give credit to the source. If you do not, you have committed plagiarism, which is a violation of the E&H Honor Code. The different documentation styles for the various academic fields will help you avoid this. The History Department requires its students to use *The Chicago Manual of Style* or Kate Turabian’s *Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations*; use the style your professor recommends. Both titles are on reserve at the Circulation Desk as well as guides for the MLA and APA documentation styles. You might want to check out some of the documentation sites the librarians have listed under the Research Tips under the Research column on the library main page. Also, don’t forget the resources at E&H’s Writing Center (http://www.ehc.edu/academics/resources/academic-support/writing-center)

**NOTE:** Please speak with a reference librarian if you are not finding information on your topic. The librarians that provide reference assistance are Jane Caldwell, Patty Greany, Jody Hanshew and Janet Kirby. In the fall and spring semesters, reference service is available from 8:30am-9pm Monday-Thursday; 8:30am-5pm Friday; 10am-5pm Saturday and 2pm-9pm Sunday.

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Phone: 276.944.6208  
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