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I am Jeremy Myntti, Head of Digital Library Services at the University of Utah Marriott Library. In this position, I have the privilege of working closely with many people at the University as well as many partner institutions across the state who are working to digitize their collections to make them available online and for long term preservation.

At the bottom of this slide, there is a link where you can download my slides if you are interested in reviewing them again later.

Please save any questions you may have for the end of the presentation.

In this presentation, I'm going to talk about how you can use digital libraries that you might not think of at first when starting in family history research.

Digital libraries created and maintained by libraries, archives, and museums around the world are a treasure trove of information about people, places, and events in history.

Abstract: Photographs, manuscripts, newspapers, oral histories, and other items relating to our ancestors are stored within many different libraries, archives, and museums around the world. During this session, tips and tricks for finding these resources will be shared to help

discover more information about your family's past. While some of these collections may be difficult to view without visiting the library in person, there are many options for gaining access to this type of information through digital libraries and other online methods so you don't have to always travel to remote locations. This session will discuss some of the options for discovering this information about our ancestors through portals such as the Digital Public Library of America, Chronicling America, Mountain West Digital Library, and other free online resources. We will also look at different options for discovering and getting access to archival content about our ancestors that is not currently available online.

# Presentation outline

1. Introduction to digital libraries
2. Types of content in digital libraries
3. Types of digital libraries
4. Tips for using digital libraries
5. Example searches using digital libraries

Here's a quick outline of what we will be discussing over the next hour.

First, I will give a brief introduction to what digital libraries are and the types of content related to family history that you can find in these types of libraries.

Then I will give examples of several different types of digital libraries along with some tips on searching for and discovering information that you might be seeking.

We'll end with a few examples of how I have used digital libraries to find information about my family that I'm not able to find in your typical family history resources such as FamilySearch, Ancestry, and others.

# Introduction to digital libraries

What is a digital library?

We have all probably used resources for our research in traditional libraries.

One major issue that we run into with this type of research is that it can be difficult to travel to all of the libraries that contain material relating to our ancestors that we would like access to.

In the 1990s, libraries began digitizing some of their special collections content to make freely available online so researchers worldwide could have access to use this content.

# Digital library

# Digital repository

# Digital collection

# Digital archive

In order to provide a method for discovering this content on the web, libraries began creating digital libraries, digital repositories, digital collections, and digital archives, which can all basically be used interchangeably.

Digital libraries provide a means for organizing, searching, and retrieving the digital content contained in these collections.

This has made it much easier to get the information you want, 24/7, without having to leave your house.

Digital libraries make it possible to view content without having to travel long distances to the library that holds the physical resource, and it becomes easier to search for items since you can now search through the full text of an item rather than having to search through pages of a book or manuscript.

Also, you need to remember that if you do a search one day, the results a week later could be quite different since new content and resources are being added to digital libraries every day.

# Types of content in digital libraries

What types of content might you find in a digital library?

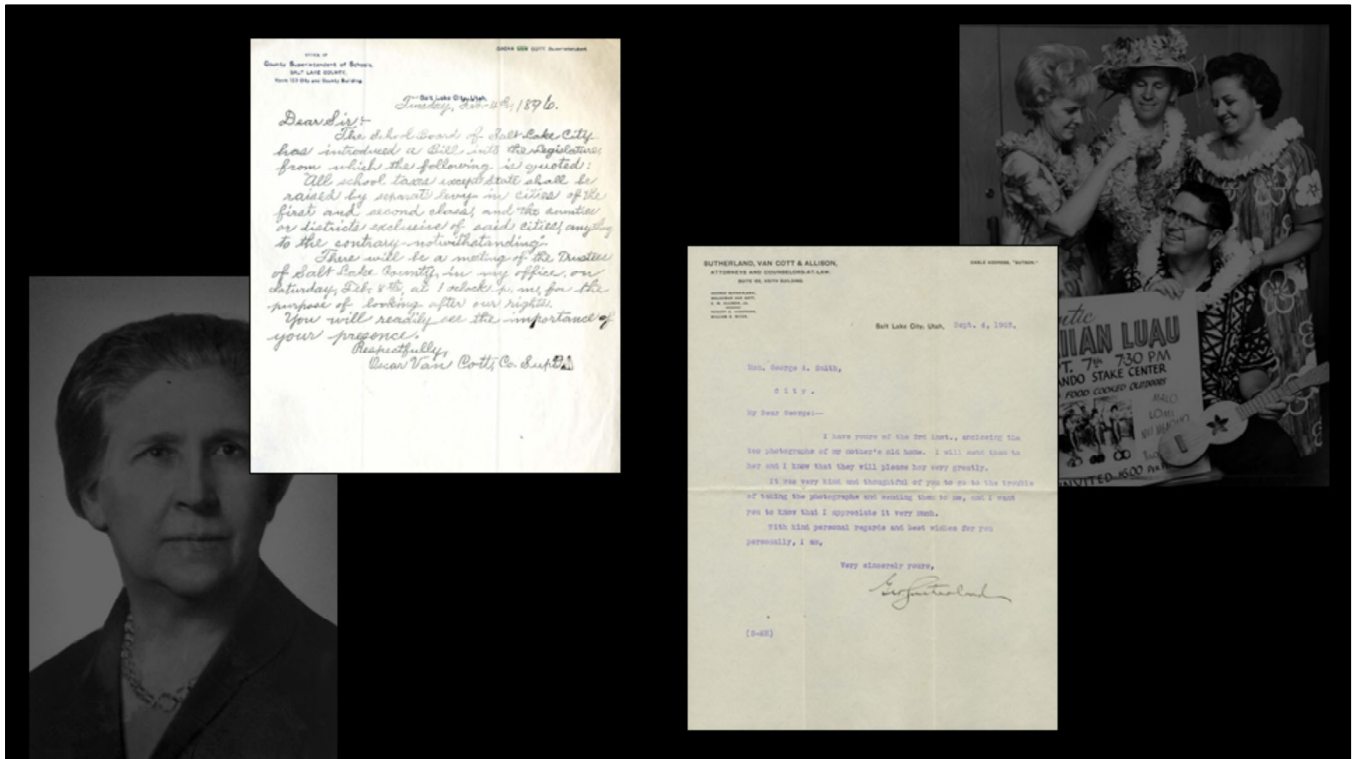
I'm going to show several examples here with most of them being things that I have found about my own family in different digital libraries around the country.

This list that I'm going to show you isn't exhaustive, but it is a good sampling of the family history type content that you can find in digital libraries.



First off, you can find a lot of historical photographs, such as these examples from the Utah Department of Heritage and Arts and the Los Angeles Public Library.

- <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6np2c4d> - Lucy Van Cott - Utah Department of Heritage and Arts
- <https://tessa.lapl.org/cdm/ref/collection/photos/id/63066> - Mormons prepare for Hawaiian Luau - Los Angeles Public Library



You can find handwritten and typed manuscripts like these from the University of Utah's manuscripts archive.

- <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6m05kwp/916518> letter from Oscar Van Cott
- <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6cz4zmr/856538> letter from Sutherland, Van Cott, & Allison to George A. Smith



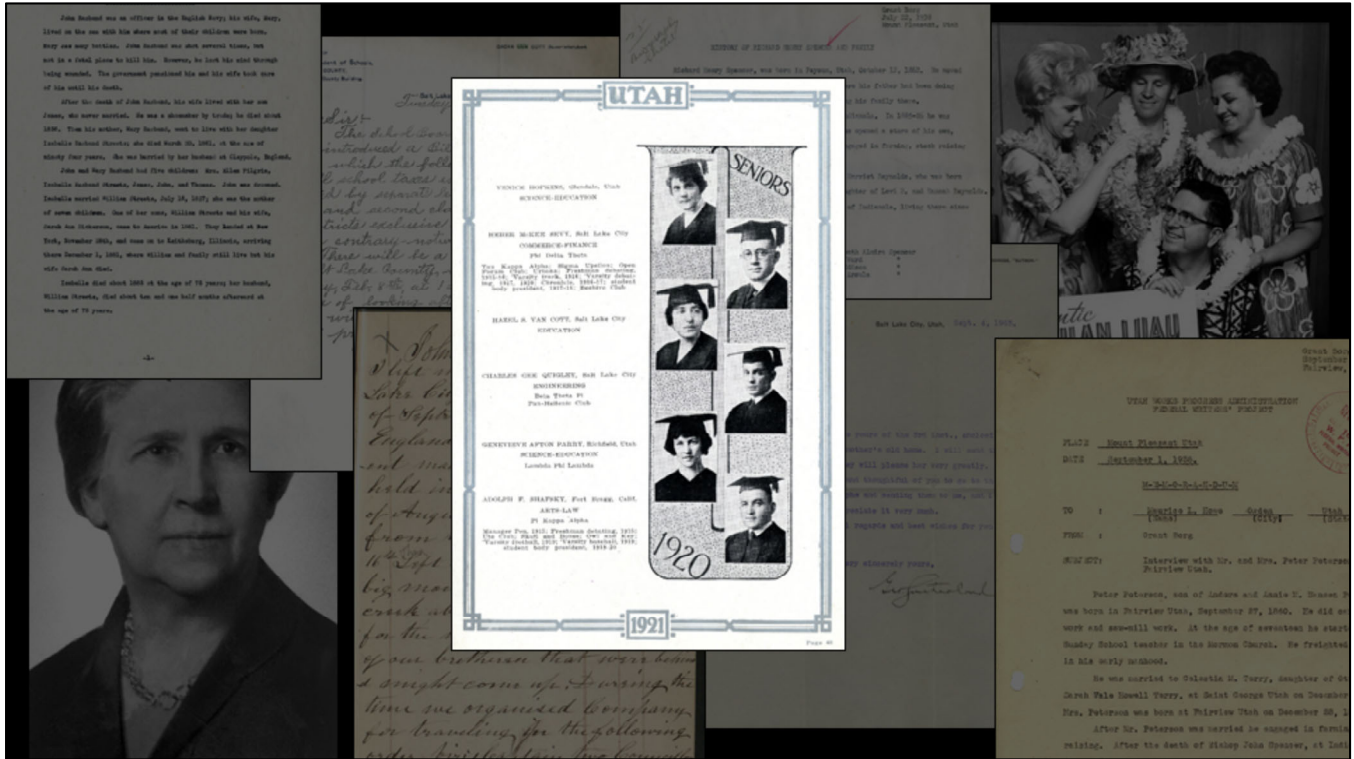
Another form of manuscript you might find are diaries or personal histories like these from the BYU library and the Utah State Historical Society.

- <https://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/digital/collection/MMD/id/45346> John Van Cott journal -- BYU library
- <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/details?id=698409> WPA interview of Petersons -- Utah State Historical Society



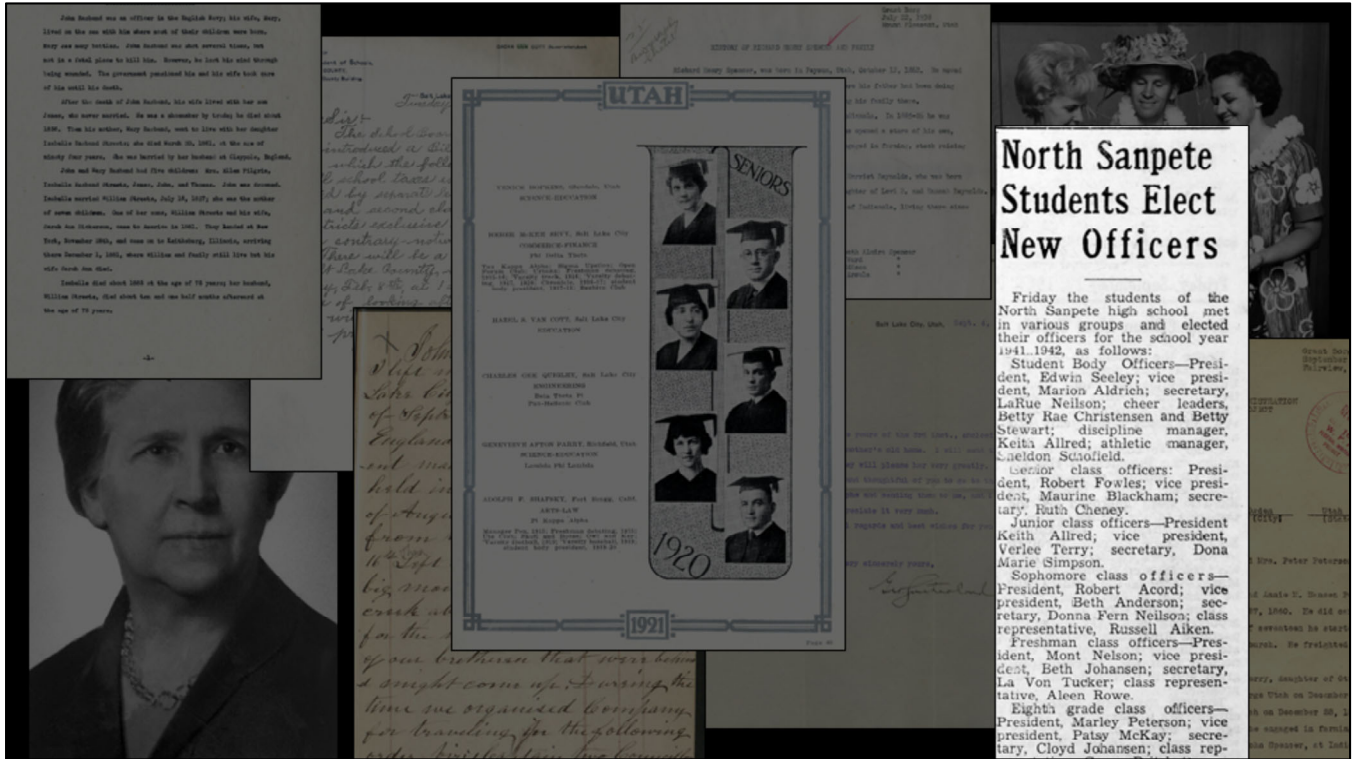
You can find published or unpublished family histories, like these from the Utah Humanities Research Foundation.

- <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6x6536s/1051240> Rasband family history - Utah Humanities Research Foundation
- <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6904804/698961> History of Richard Henry Spencer and family



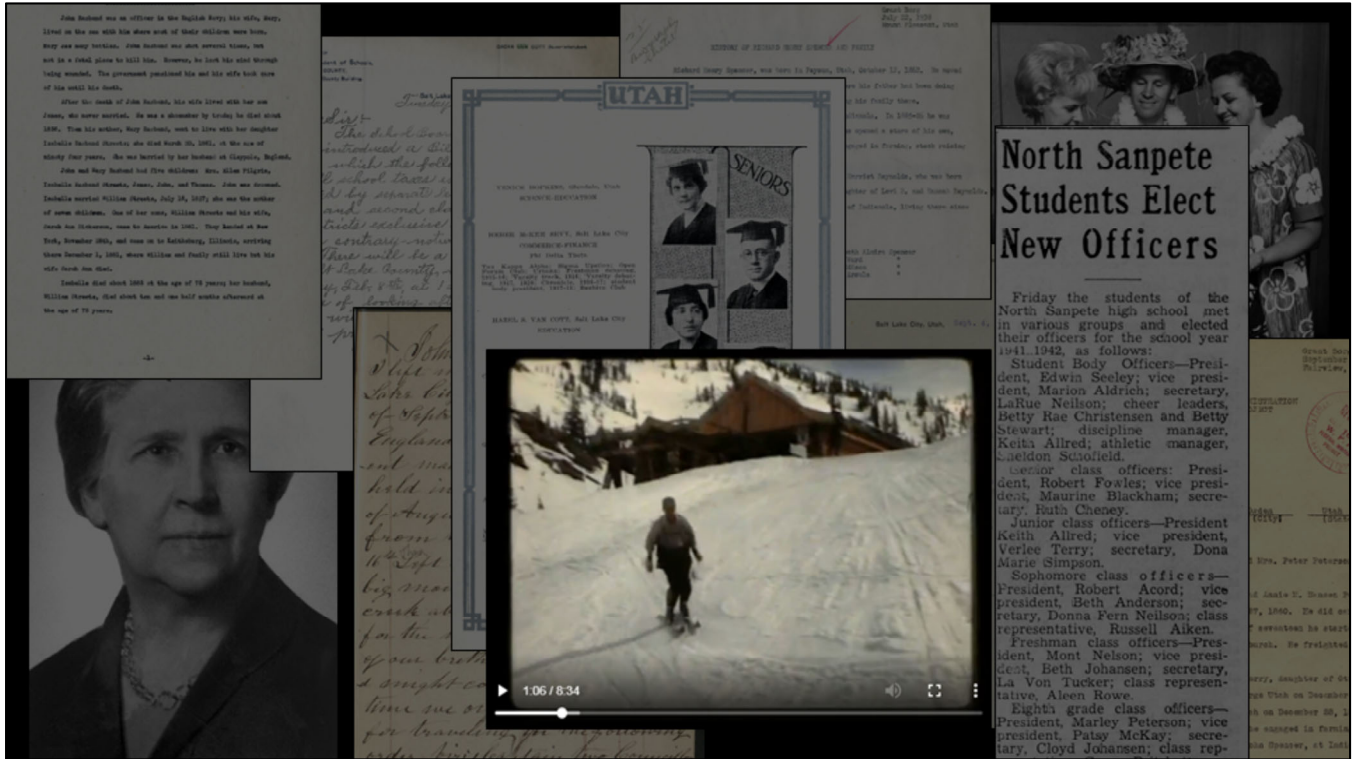
Many digital libraries will have yearbooks from many of the K-12 and higher education institutions in their area. This example is the Utonian Yearbook from the University of Utah in 1921.

- <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6rf5vt/735279> Utonian 1921 - University of Utah



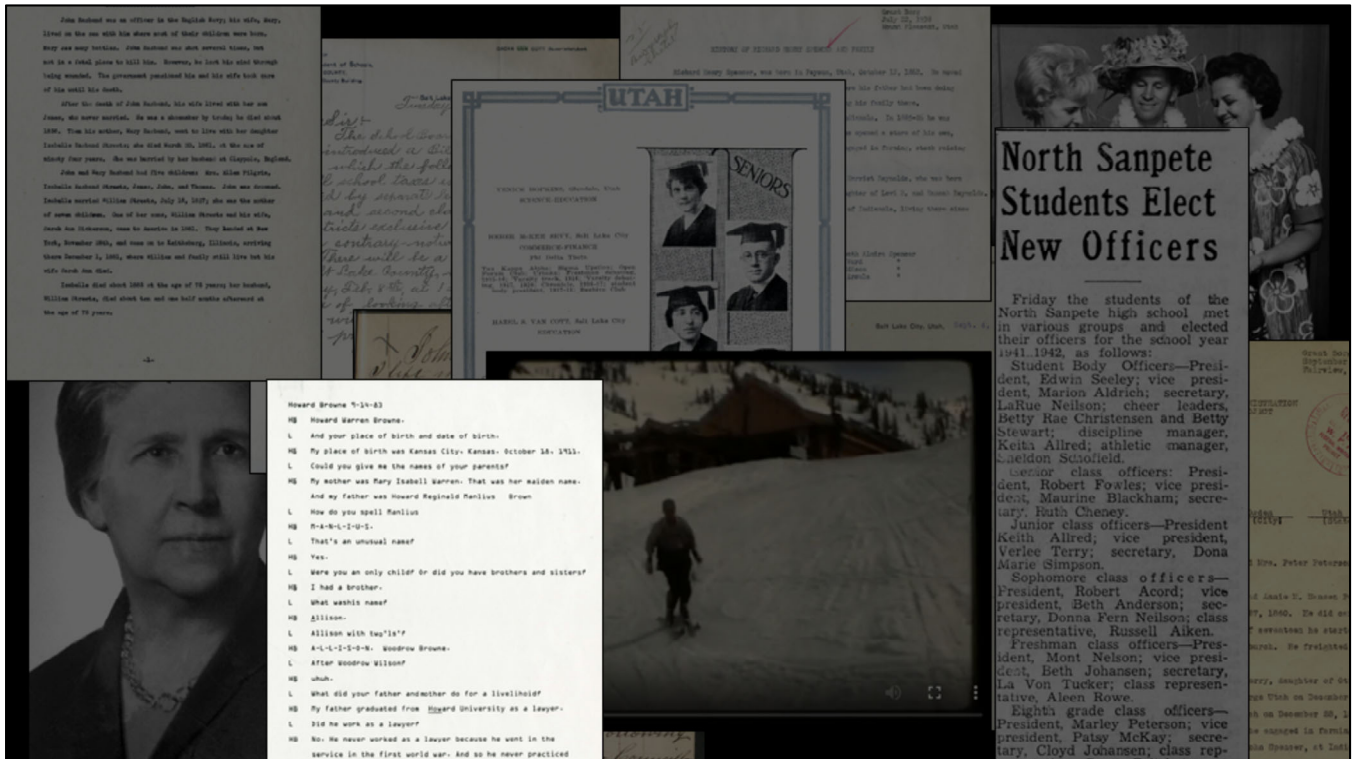
There are millions of pages of newspapers freely available in digital libraries. This example is from the Mt. Pleasant Pyramid in Sanpete County, Utah from 1941 about my grandpa when he was elected to the student council.

- <https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6pp05xs/8979309> Mt. Pleasant Pyramid 1941 - Utah Digital Newspapers



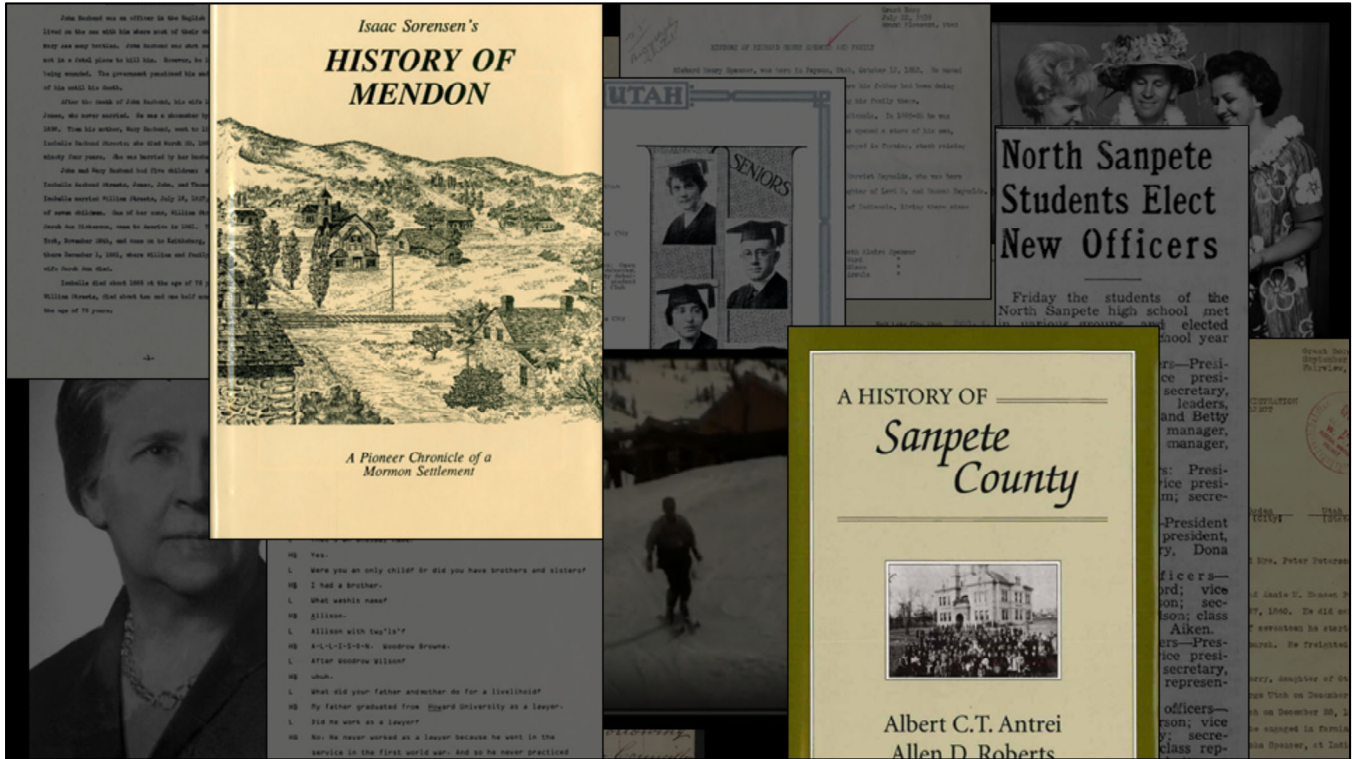
Digital libraries are beginning to provide more access to audiovisual content, including both commercially produced videos such as old news broadcasts as well as home movies like this example from the University of Utah's Audiovisual Archives.

- <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6mp8x7b> Joseph S. Peery Home movie 7 - University of Utah Audiovisual Archives



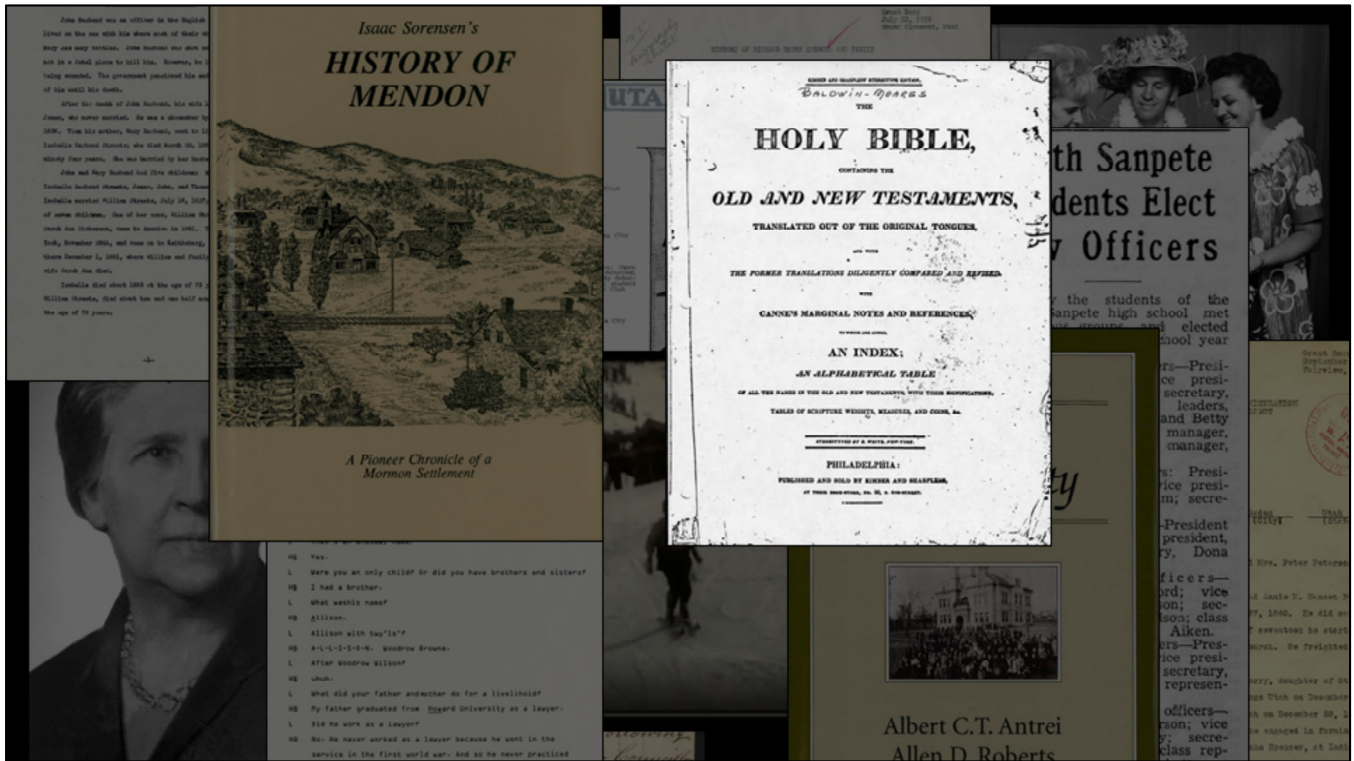
Many oral histories are available, both as audiovisual files as well as transcripts like this transcript from the America West Center.

- <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6zk7pgd> Howard Browne interview - America West Center



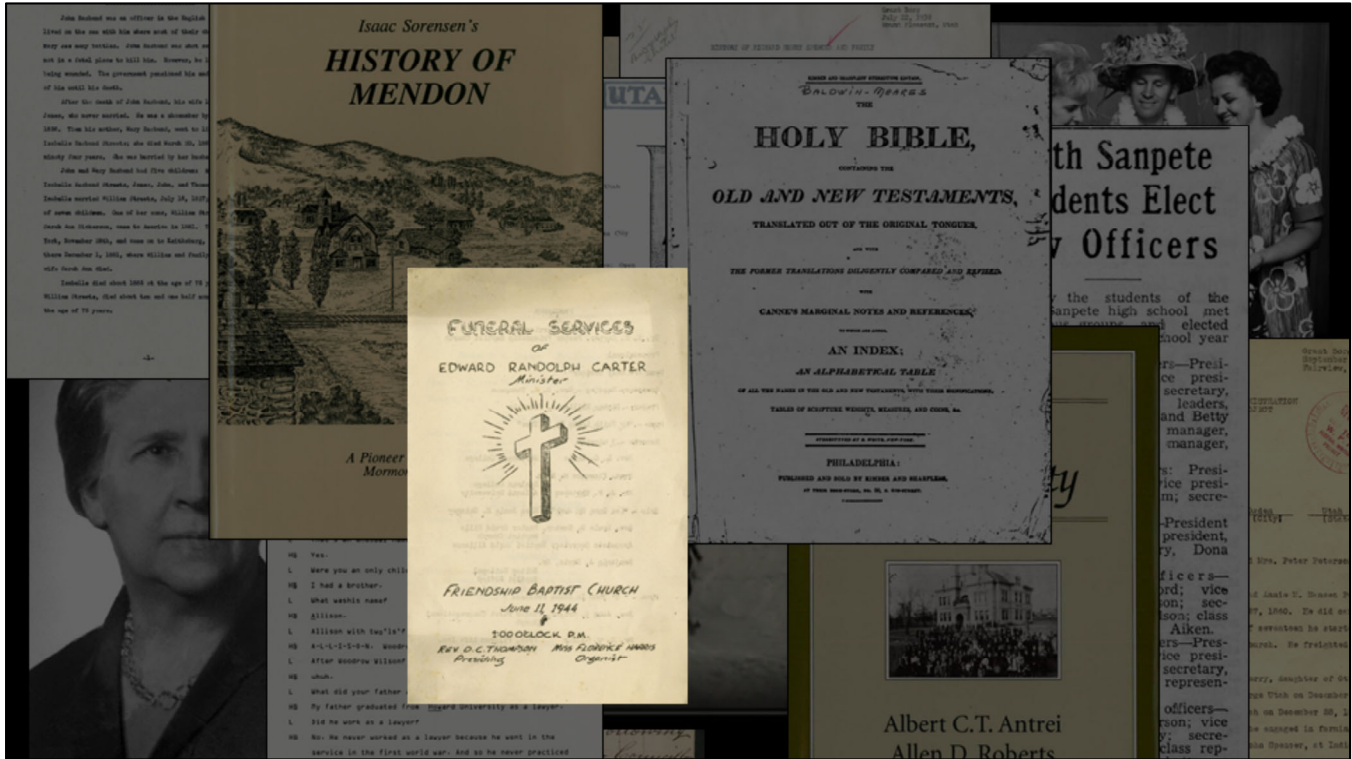
You can find many items related to historical events, including histories of cities and counties like these from Utah State University and the Utah Government Digital Library.

- <http://digital.lib.usu.edu/cdm/ref/collection/Mendon/id/3158> History of Mendon - Utah State University
- [https://digitallibrary.utah.gov/awweb/main.jsp?flag=collection&smd=1&cl=all\\_lib&lib=document\\_id=34355&tm=1547152819988](https://digitallibrary.utah.gov/awweb/main.jsp?flag=collection&smd=1&cl=all_lib&lib=document_id=34355&tm=1547152819988) History of Sanpete County - Utah Government Digital Library



Some digital libraries have included family bibles where you might find handwritten information about that family such as a list of ancestors or descendants and information on that family's traditions. This example is from the State Library of North Carolina.

- <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p15012coll1/id/5156> - Baldwin Family Bible Records - State Library of North Carolina



Some funeral programs are available online, like this one from the Digital Library of Georgia.

- <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/aarl/bss/pdfs/bss03-003.pdf> Funeral services for Edward Randolph Carter - Digital Library of Georgia



While you can usually find military records in your typical genealogical database, there are some that are only available from specific institutions that haven't been added to the big databases yet.

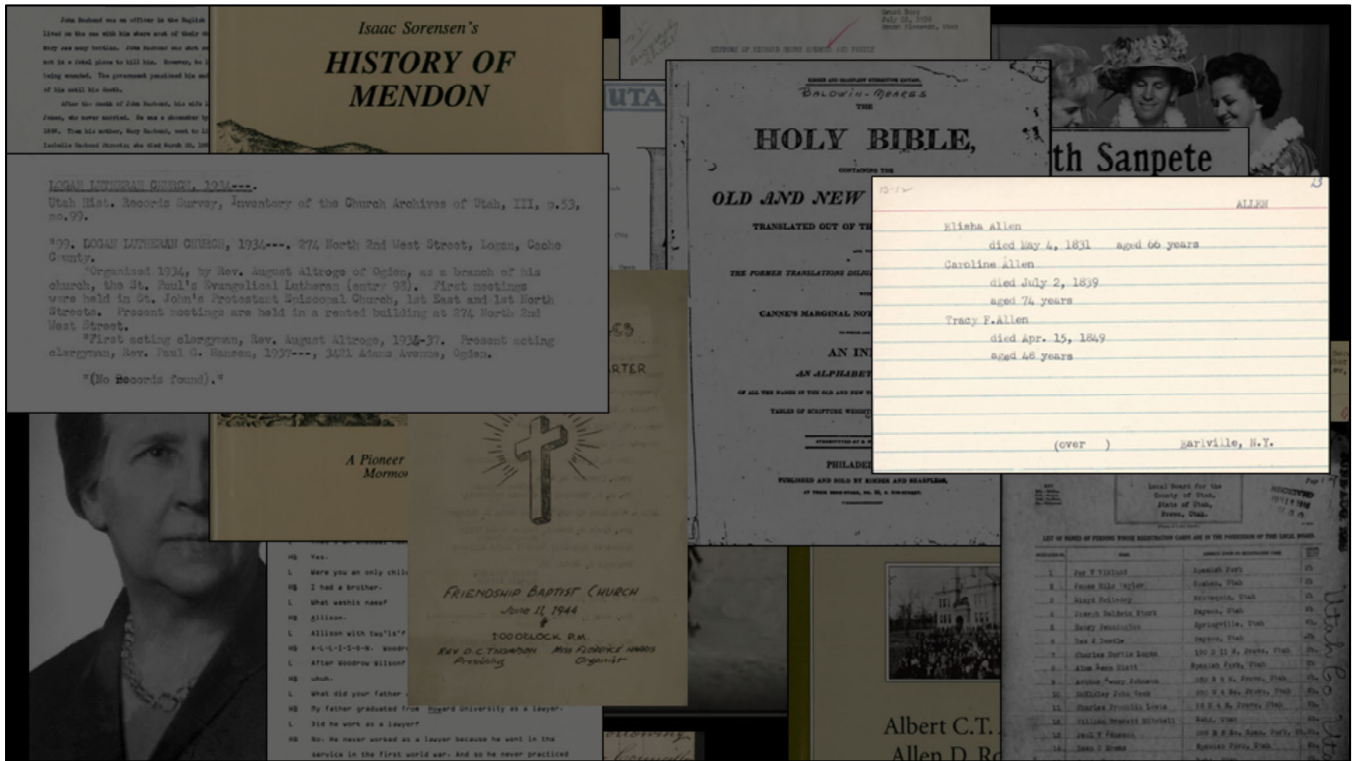
This example is a World War I draft board register from the Utah State Archives

- <http://images.archives.utah.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p17010coll34/id/1941> WWI draft board registers - Utah State Archives



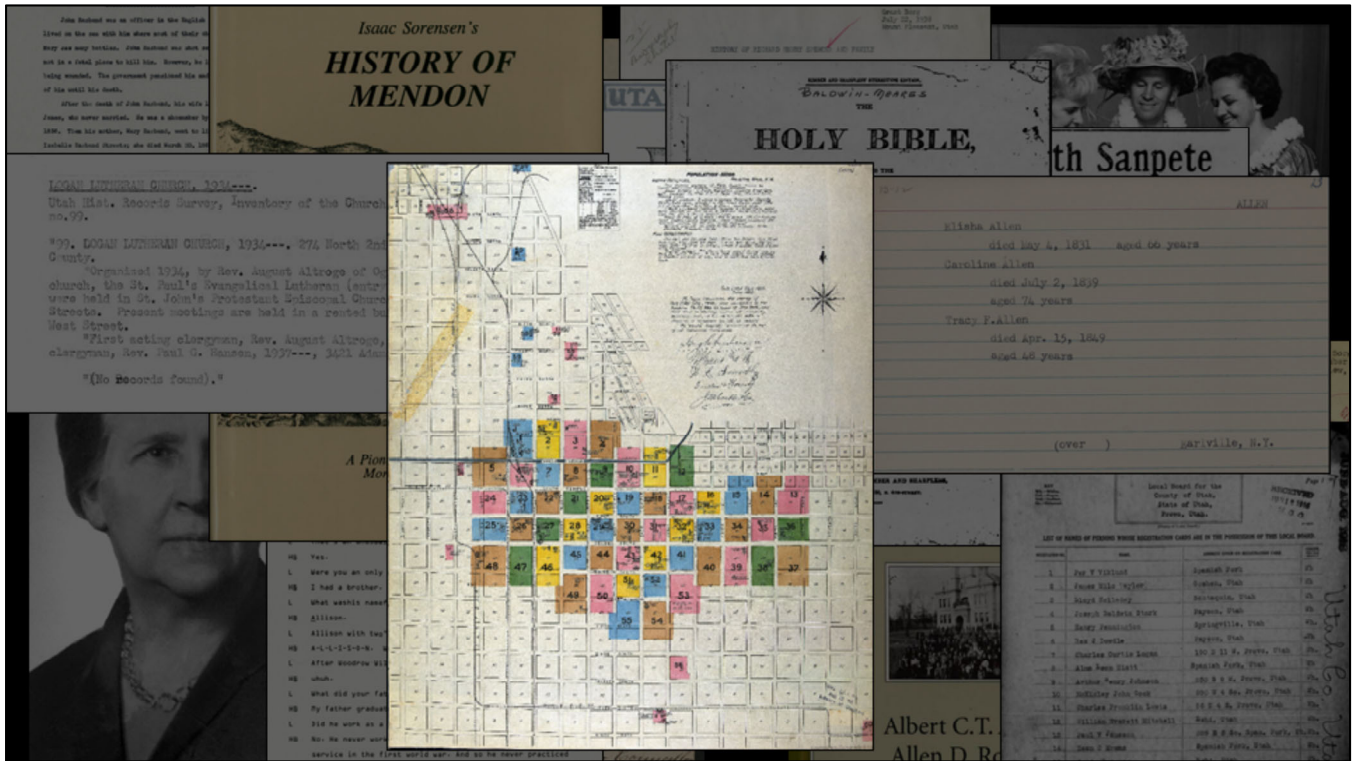
There are also some church records online, like this example from the Logan Lutheran Church in 1934 from Utah State University.

- <http://digital.lib.usu.edu/cdm/ref/collection/p16944coll13/id/103> Logan Lutheran Church, 1934 - USU



There are also cemetery records like this example from the Allen family cemetery records in the New York Heritage digital library.

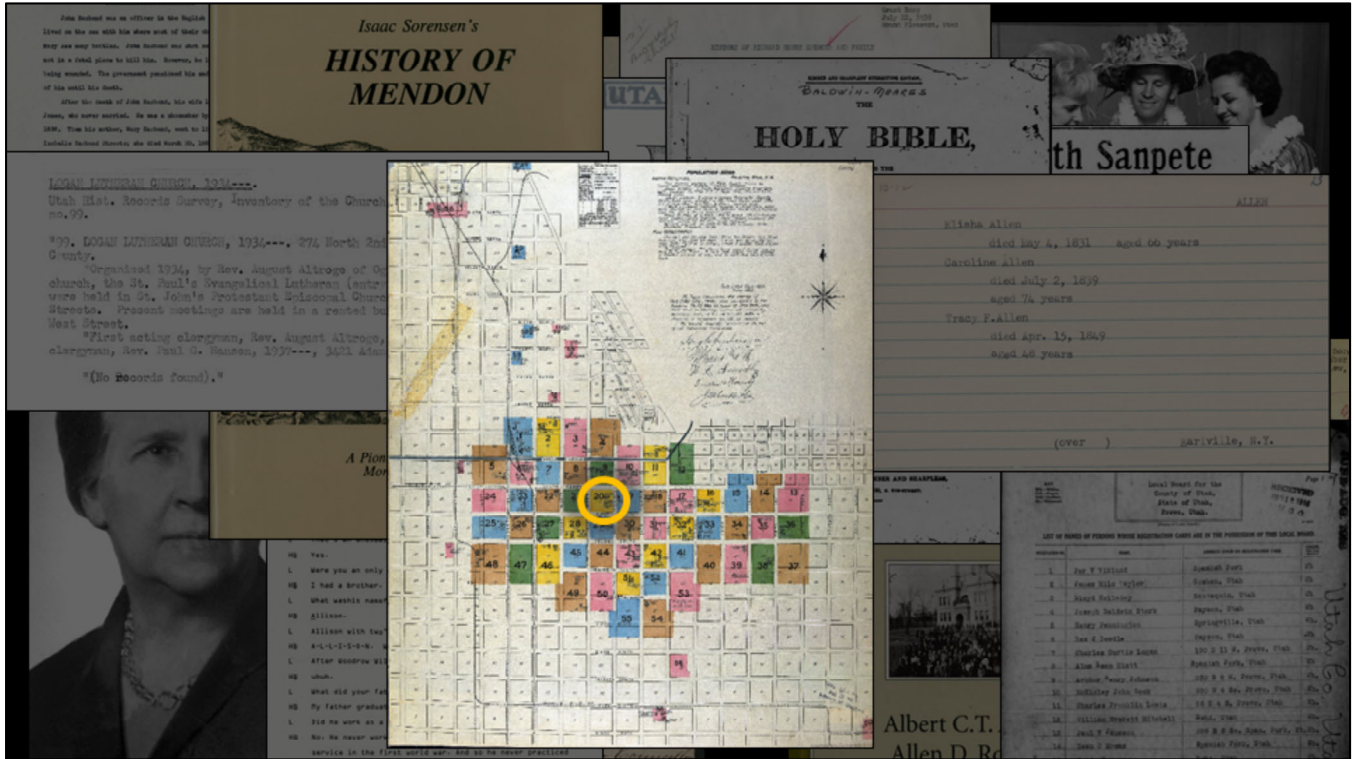
- <https://cdm16694.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16694coll11/id/2> Allen Cemetery Records - New York Heritage



Many maps that have been created over the past several hundred years are available in digital libraries.

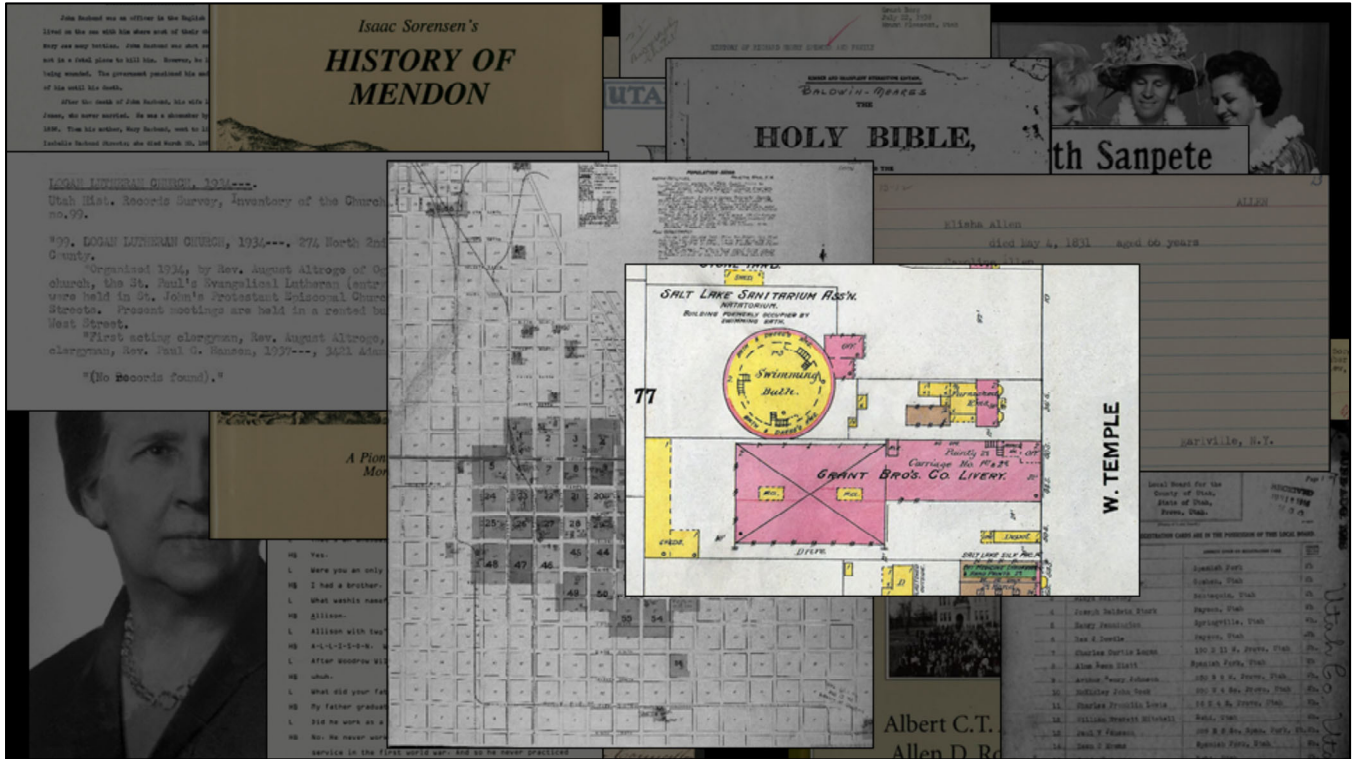
This example is a key map of Salt Lake City in 1889 that then links to a different map for each block represented by the different colors, where you can find more detailed information on what the city looked like in the late 19th century.

- <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6sq99nj> Salt Lake City, 1889: Key map - Marriott Library UofU



From this map, I was able to find the Sanborn fire insurance map of block 20 where this section of the Salt Palace Convention Center is now located.

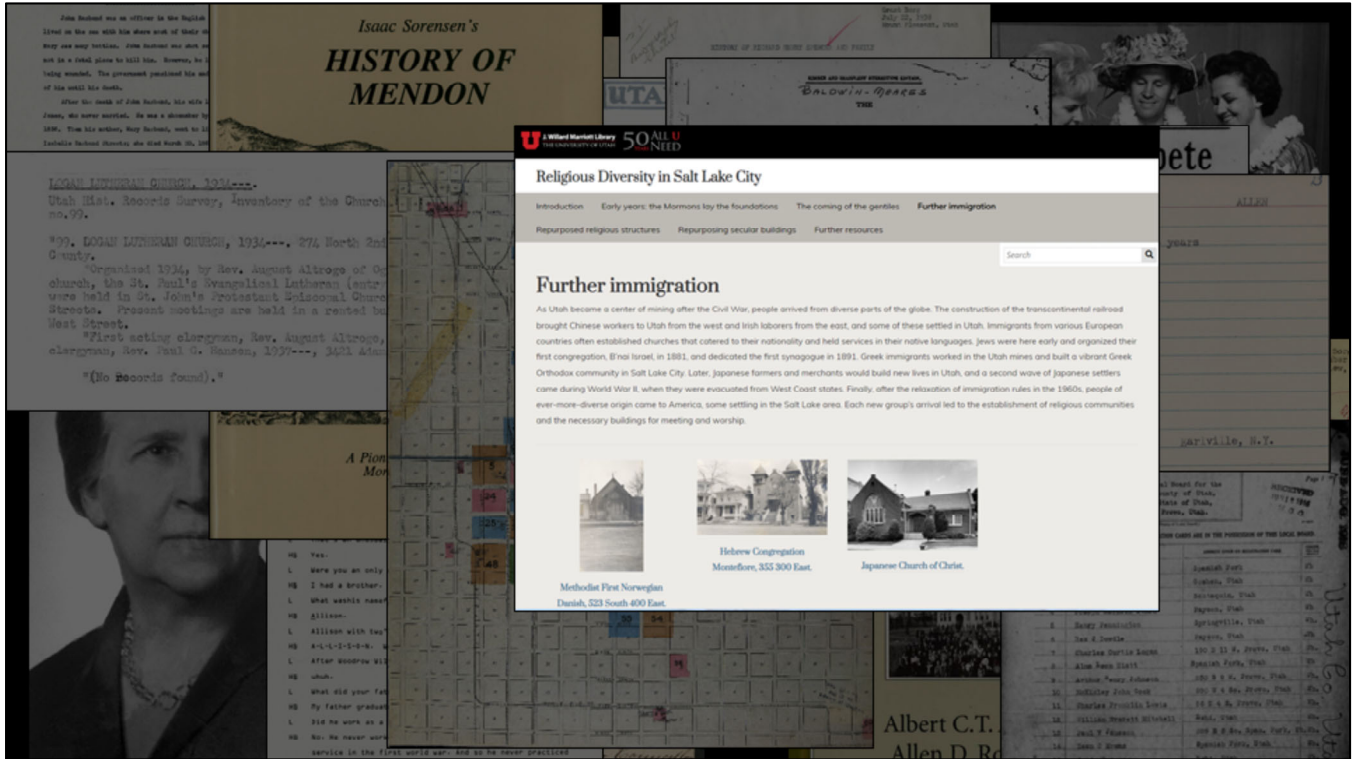
- <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6sq99nj> Salt Lake City, 1889: Key map - Marriott Library UofU



I found that where we stand right now was the Salt Lake Sanitarium Association's Natatorium, including a swimming bath where they would pump water from a hot springs three miles away into this bath, which became a popular destination for people to go swimming.

Then one of the rooms next to us would have been the carriage house for the Grant Brother's Company Livery.

- <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s63b69ct> Salt Lake City, 1889: Sheet 020 - Marriott Library UofU

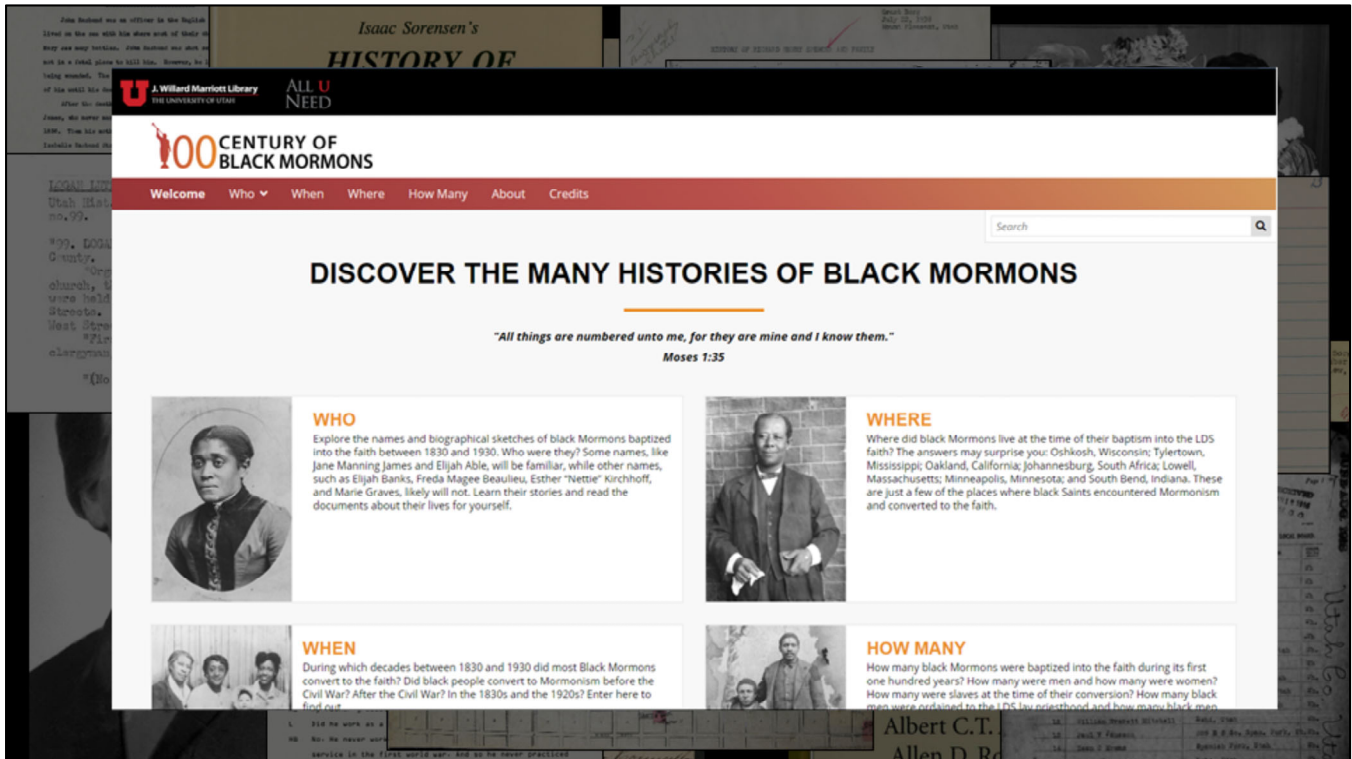


The final thing I want to highlight from digital libraries isn't just one type of content.

Digital exhibits are being created that bring together many digitized items to tell a story around the content in order to place it in a more historical context.

This example is a digital exhibit on religious diversity within Salt Lake City and includes interesting information about how many old church buildings from many denominations have been repurposed into other things in recent years, such as museums, stores, or restaurants.

- <https://exhibits.lib.utah.edu/s/religious-diversity-in-salt-lake-city/page/introduction>  
Religious diversity exhibit - University of Utah Marriott Library



Another digital exhibit that I would like to highlight that goes above and beyond most digital exhibits is the Century of Black Mormons project, managed by Paul Reeve at the University of Utah.

The Century of Black Mormons digital exhibit is a “public history project designed to share not only the stories of black Latter-day Saints with the general public, but the primary source documents which chronicle their lives.”

This exhibit highlights many black Latter-day Saints from 1830-1930, including a lot of genealogical information about each person.

You can hopefully see from all of these examples, you can not only find information about your family in digital libraries, but you can also find a lot of information about locations they may have lived or the social groups and organizations that they may have been involved with.

- <http://centuryofblackmormons.org> - Century of Black Mormons

# Types of digital libraries

Digital libraries can vary immensely in size and scope of what they collect and make openly available.

These are also maintained by several different types of institutions and organizations.

I want to show some example of the different types of digital libraries that exist and how they relate together.

For the purposes of this presentation, I'm going to categorize digital libraries as:

1. Institutional
2. Statewide or regional
3. National or international
4. Digital newspaper repositories
5. Finding aid repositories

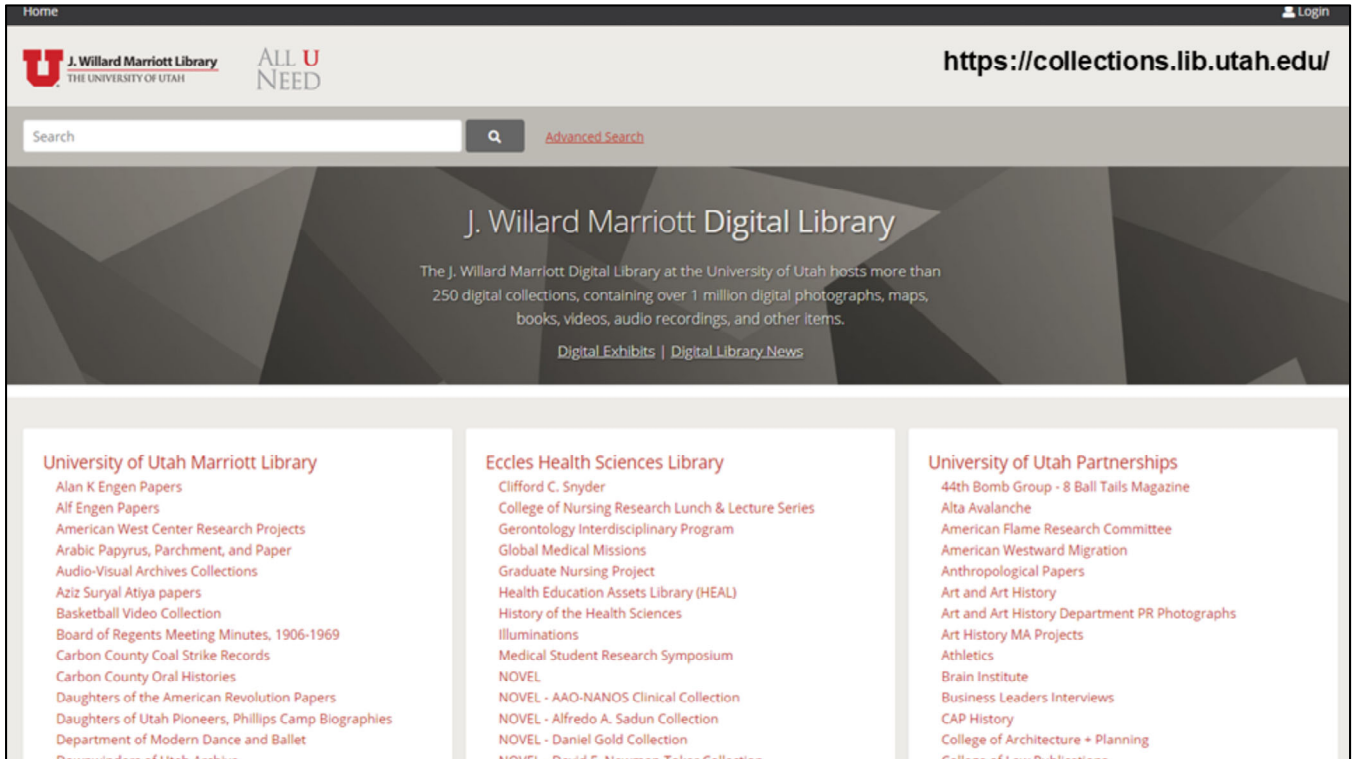
# Institutional digital libraries

First, let's talk about institutional digital libraries.

Most colleges and university have online digital collections, as well as many public libraries, archives, and museums.

Oftentimes, larger libraries will also partner with smaller institutions in their areas to make portions of their content available.

On all of the slides for the different digital libraries that I will highlight, I have included a URL to access each digital library in the top right hand corner.



The first example of an institutional digital library that I want to share is the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Digital Library, which is the digital library that my department supports.

This digital library contains over 650 collections with 2.5 million items.

We partner with many other libraries in Utah to make their content available, such as the Utah Department of Heritage and Arts, Murray City, Park City, and Uintah County Libraries.

Some strengths of our collections related to family history include many oral histories, large historical photograph collections, and a lot of information about the history of Salt Lake City, Utah, and the American West.

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This next example is from the BYU library, where they have approximately 200 collections comprising over 2.8 million digital objects.

Collections that they have available that would be interesting for family history include many photograph collections, journal collections such as the overland trails and Mormon Missionary Diaries, map collections, and collections related to diverse groups of people such as the Filipino Laborers collection.

Historical Society of Pennsylvania

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P.T. Barnum's Museum watercolor, 1849

The third example is from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, one of the largest family history libraries in the country.

They have over 100 collections available of family papers dating back to the colonial days as well as many other family history collections.

# Statewide or regional digital libraries

Now let's talk about statewide or regional digital libraries.

These types of digital libraries bring together collections from many institutions within their region.

An advantage to this type of aggregated digital library is that you are able to search the records from many institutions within the region without needing to search each individual institutions digital repository separately.



## A central search portal for digital collections about the Mountain West region.

We provide free access to over 960,000 resources from universities, colleges, public libraries, museums, historical societies, and government agencies, counties, and municipalities in Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Hawaii, and other parts of the U.S. West. To get more involved, see Member Resources.

The first example of a regional digital library is the Mountain West Digital Library, or MWDL.

MWDL began in 2001 to bring items from several Utah institutions together into one search engine.

Over the years, MWDL has expanded to Nevada, Oregon, Wyoming, Idaho, and Hawaii.

There are around 80 partner institutions that submit their digital library content to MWDL, with a little over 1 million items available.

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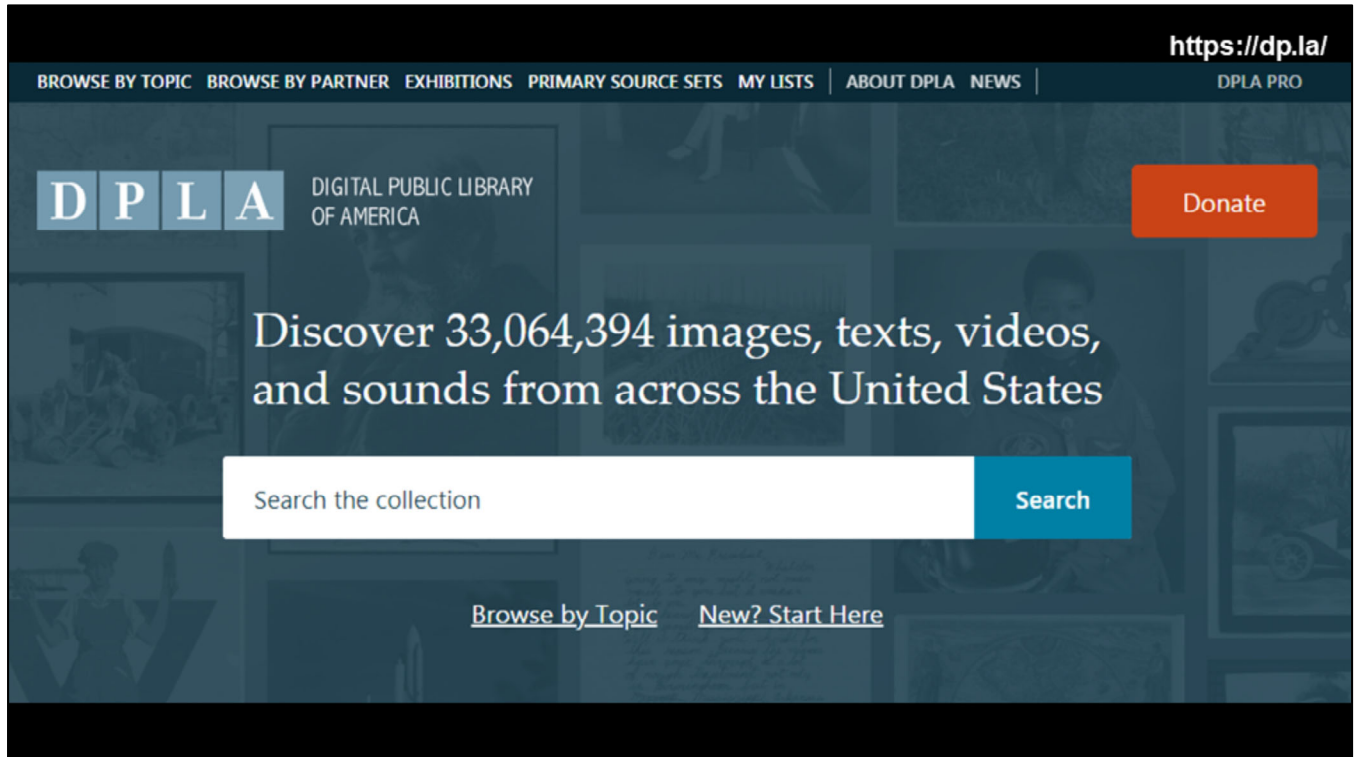
Calisphere is similar to this in that it brings together items from the 10 University of California libraries as well as 160 other partners throughout the state, including over 1 million items available.

# National and international digital libraries

Now let's look at digital libraries on a larger scale with national and international digital libraries.

These are similar to the regional or state digital libraries in that they bring together the resources of many institutions, but they do this on a much larger scale, trying to represent all areas of a country or group of countries.

This makes it possible to access digital content from thousands of libraries, archives, and museums all in one place.



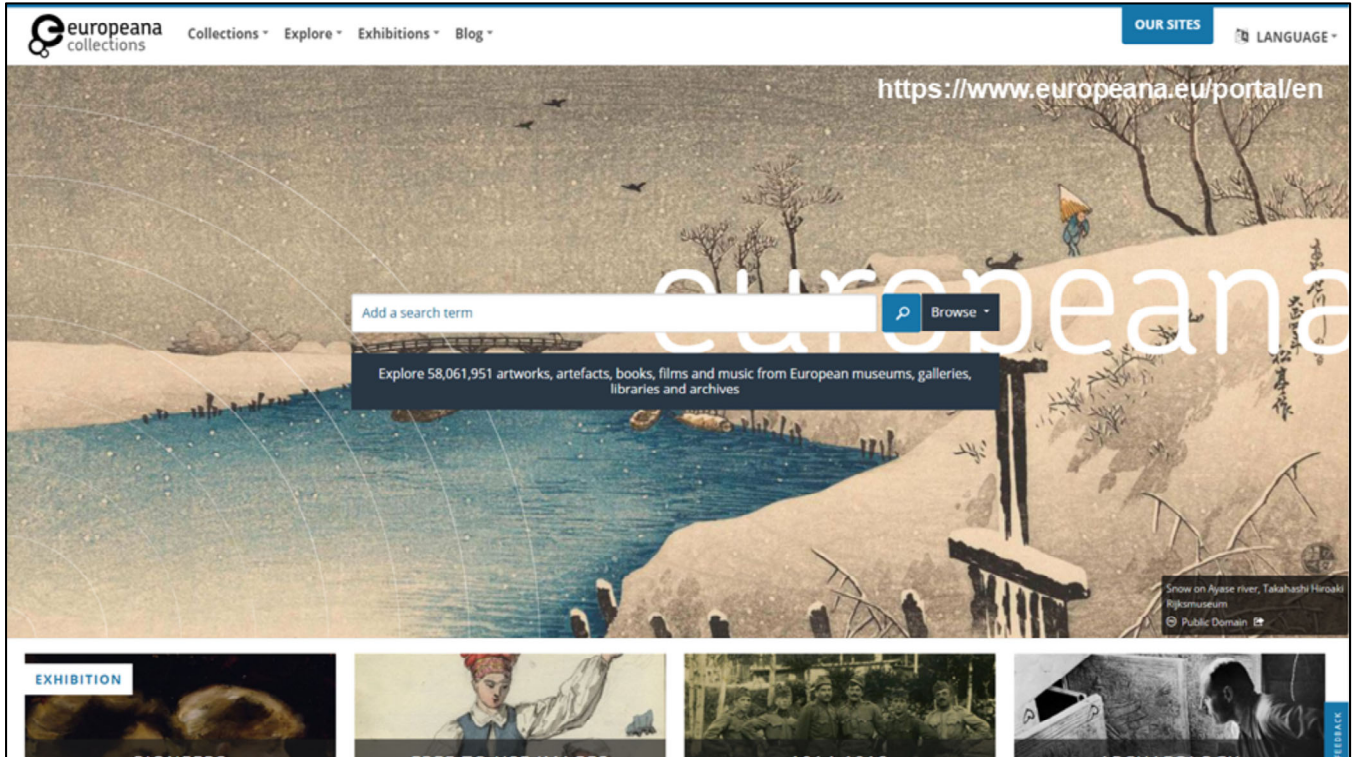
First off is the Digital Public Library of America, or DPLA.

DPLA is a free national digital library for the United States that provides access to millions of materials from nearly all areas of the country. DPLA began in 2013 and is constantly growing.

This screenshot shows that there are a little over 33 million items available as of a few weeks ago. I checked their site again earlier this week, and they now have an additional 420,000 items available.

DPLA has around 40 different service hubs, which are generally the larger institutional digital libraries or the regional digital libraries.

The institutional digital libraries are brought together in the regional or state digital libraries, then those are all brought together into DPLA.



The international digital library that I want to highlight is Europeana.

Europeana includes collections from thousands of libraries, archives, and museums across nearly all European countries.

They currently have over 58 million items available in 40 different languages.

My last name is Myntti, which comes from Finland where I have a lot of relatives still residing today. I have done some searches for my family in Europeana, and I can come up with a lot of results.

The problem is that the majority of these results are in Finnish and Swedish, so I need to better learn those languages to be able to better understand all of the information that I'm discovering.

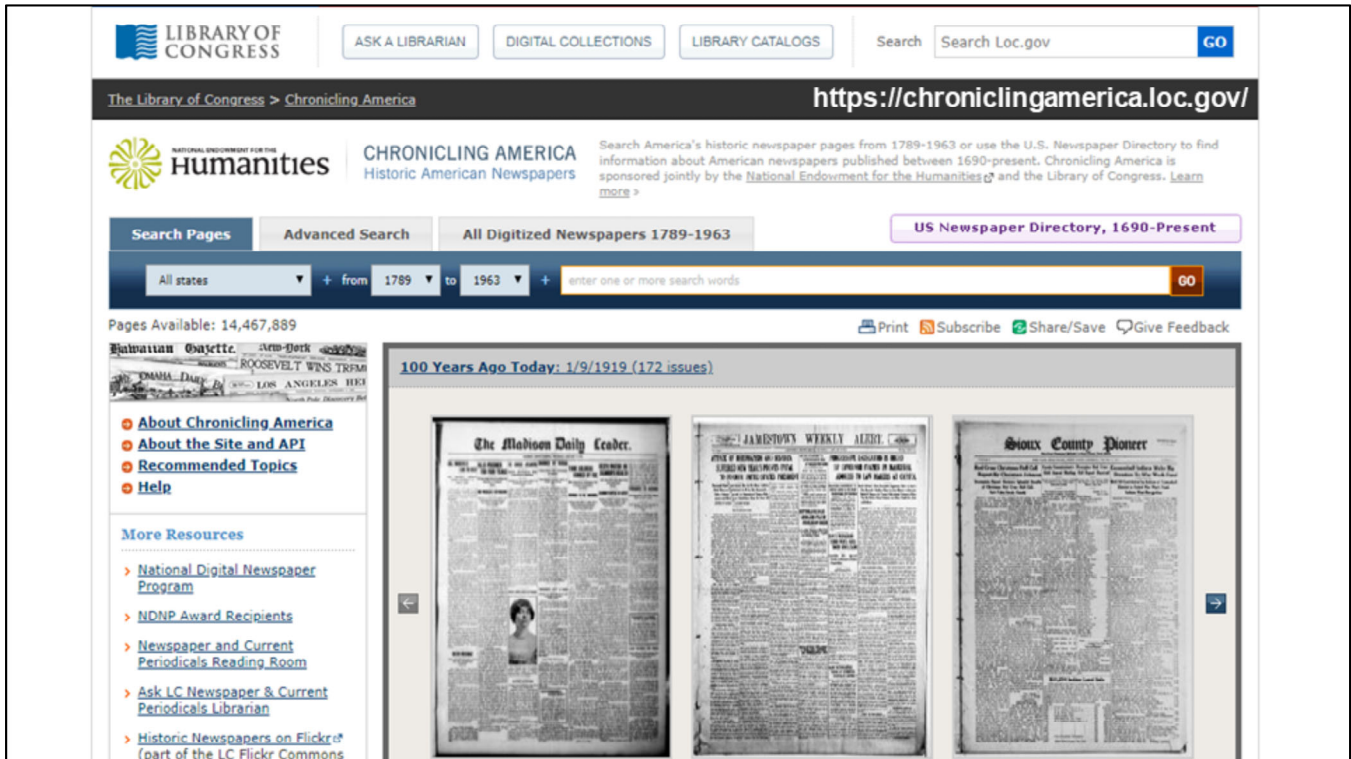
# Digital newspaper repositories

Next, let's turn to a different type of digital library.

While many of the types of digital libraries that we have already talked about include some newspaper content, there are many repositories that focus only on digital newspapers.

There are the large newspaper databases available where you can pay a subscription fee to access newspapers from around the world.

The options that I'm going to talk about are focused more on making the newspapers from a particular state or region available at no cost to the user.



First off is Chronicling America from the Library of Congress.

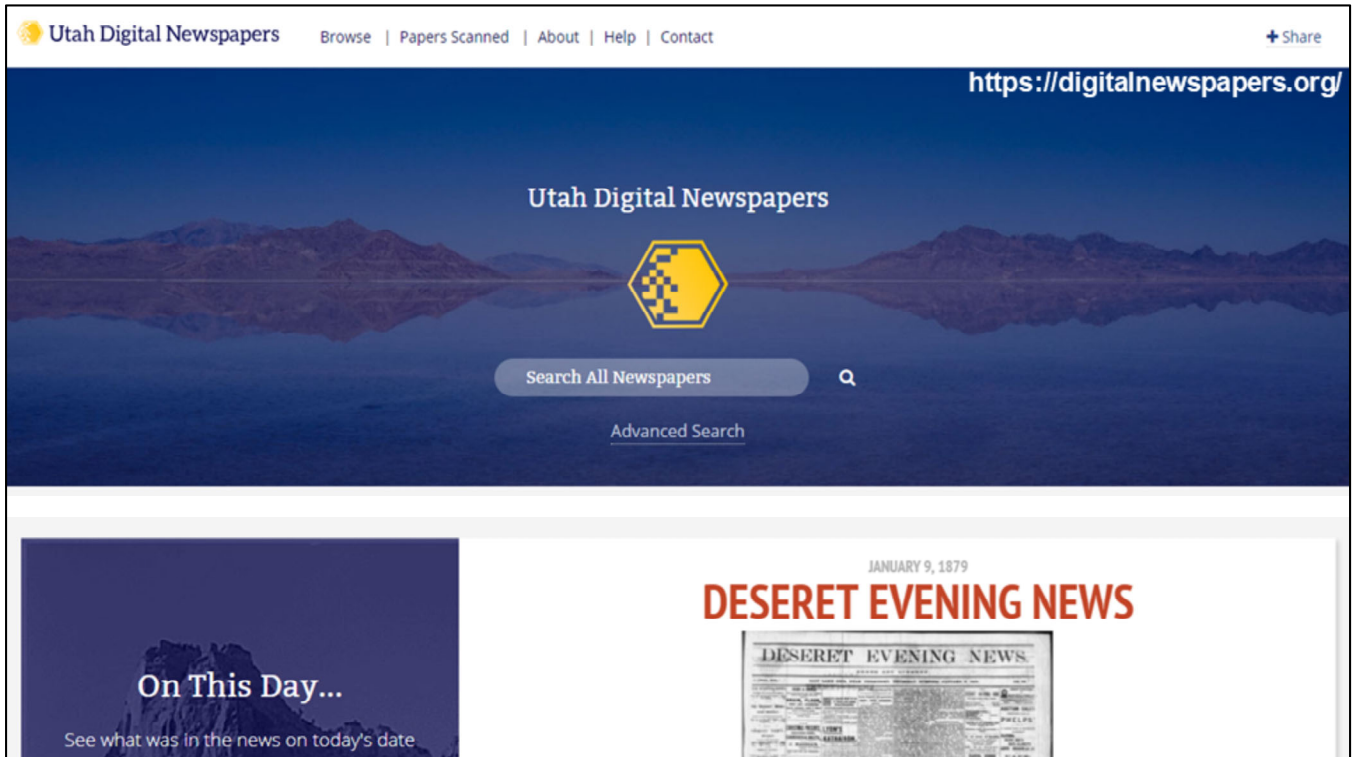
Chronicling America contains some of America's historic newspapers from 1690-1963.

The way they get the content for this site is by giving grants to individual state institutions to digitize 100,000 pages of their state's newspapers.

This grant program has been going on for nearly 15 years now, and almost all states have received at least one grant to make some of their newspapers available in Chronicling America.

While almost all states are represented, Chronicling America on includes a small portion of the digitized newspapers that are available from each statewide digital newspaper repository.

For instance, Chronicling America includes pages from 39 different Utah newspapers including around 380,000 pages.



Now if we look at Utah Digital Newspapers Program, the newspaper repository for this state, you will find nearly 3 million pages from 163 different Utah newspapers.

Utah Digital Newspapers was one of the first digital newspaper repositories in the country, beginning in 2001, about four years before the Library of Congress began Chronicling America.

This is the newspaper repository that my department at the University of Utah is in charge of, and we are continually making more content available nearly every week.

I expect we will hit 3.5 million pages within the next 4-5 months and we have some largescale projects in the works to double or even triple the amount of content in the coming years.

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## Texas Digital Newspaper Program - Locations

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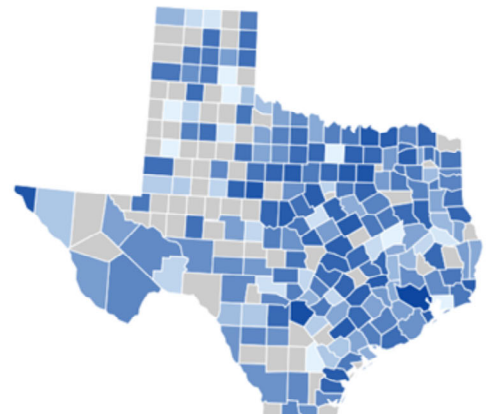
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The Texas Digital Newspaper Program, available through the Portal to Texas History, includes 1400 Texas newspapers with over 6.7 million pages freely available.

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Santa Cruz Sentinel 28 October 1976

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ABOUT

This collection contains 344,588 issues comprising 4,278,211 pages and 24,856,450 articles.

The California Digital Newspaper Collection is a project of the Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research (CBSR) at the University of California, Riverside.

The CDNC is supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

The CBSR has received three grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities to digitize California newspapers for the National Digital Newspaper Program. Titles digitized as part of the NDNP are available both here and at the Library of Congress Chronicling America website.

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And the California Digital Newspaper Collection maintained by University of California, Riverside, has 143 California titles available with 4.2 million pages online.

These are three of the largest statewide digital newspaper repositories that are freely available, but nearly every state has one of their own where you can access millions of pages of newspapers at no cost.

If you add the number of pages that are available in the Utah, Texas, and California digital newspaper repositories together, you will have about the same number of pages that Chronicling America has for the entire country, at about 15 million pages.

# Finding aid repositories

Finding aid repositories are the last type of digital library that I want to talk about and they are quite different than the rest that we have discussed.

A finding aid is a collection inventory or a record that helps users find information in archival collections, mostly physical collections that may or may not have any items available online.

There are many finding aid repositories available that can help researchers identify potential collections to use for their research, even if the collection hasn't yet been digitized.

Then oftentimes, these repositories will provide a way for you to request specific items to be digitized for your use, sometimes with a small fee attached.

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Concordia University Archives

Archives West provides access to descriptions of primary sources in the western United States, including correspondence, diaries or photographs. Digital reproductions of the materials are available in some cases.

**BY REPOSITORY**

Map showing repository locations in Washington (WA), Oregon (OR), Idaho (ID), Montana (MT), and Utah (UT). Locations include Bellingham, Everett, Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Elensburg, Forest Grove, Monmouth, Siletz, Eugene, Bend, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Cheney, Spokane, Pullman, Moscow, Walla Walla, Missoula, Helena, Bozeman, Boise, Logan, and Salt Lake City.

**BY SUBJECT**

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- Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
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- People, Ethnicity, and Culture
- Politics, Government, and Law
- Science, Technology and Health
- Social Life and

The first finding aid repository to talk about is ArchivesWest.

ArchivesWest offers descriptions of archival and manuscript materials held by institutions in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, Montana, and Utah.



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BASIC SEARCH  REPOSITORY

**Virginia Heritage** is a consolidated database of more than 13,000 finding aids which provide information about the vast array of manuscripts and archival materials housed in historical societies, libraries, museums, colleges and universities across the Commonwealth. The continuous addition of new and updated finding aids makes this a great tool for discovering primary source materials documenting the history, culture, and people of Virginia.

Like ArchivesWest, Virginia Heritage is a database of more than 13,000 collection finding aids from institutions in Virginia.

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## Social Networks and Archival Context

All Types Search for... Search

The screenshot displays a grid of five historical figures and their associated images:

- Marquês, Pedro Miguel, 1843-1918**: A black and white caricature of a man with a large beard and mustache, wearing a suit and holding a hat.
- McDougall, Alexander, 1732-1786**: A portrait of a man in a military-style uniform, with the text "Image from Wikimedia Commons" and "H. B. Hall - Public Domain" above the name.
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- Rose, Helen, 1904-1985**: A black and white photograph of a woman sitting in a chair, with another person standing behind her, with the text "Image from Wikimedia Commons" above the name.
- Mayer, Luigi**: A portrait of a man in a white coat, with the text "Luigi Mayer 1755-1803" and "Image from Wikimedia Commons" above the name.

Social Networks and Archival Context, or SNAC, isn't a finding aid repository in itself, but it brings together the finding aids from many different archives around the country.

With these shared finding aids, SNAC has built a resource to help find connections between the people represented in different finding aid repositories.

SNAC helps to link these people with other people they might be related to or worked with as well as the institutions and collections that have information about them.

You can think of SNAC as something like Facebook for dead people from the past several hundred years.

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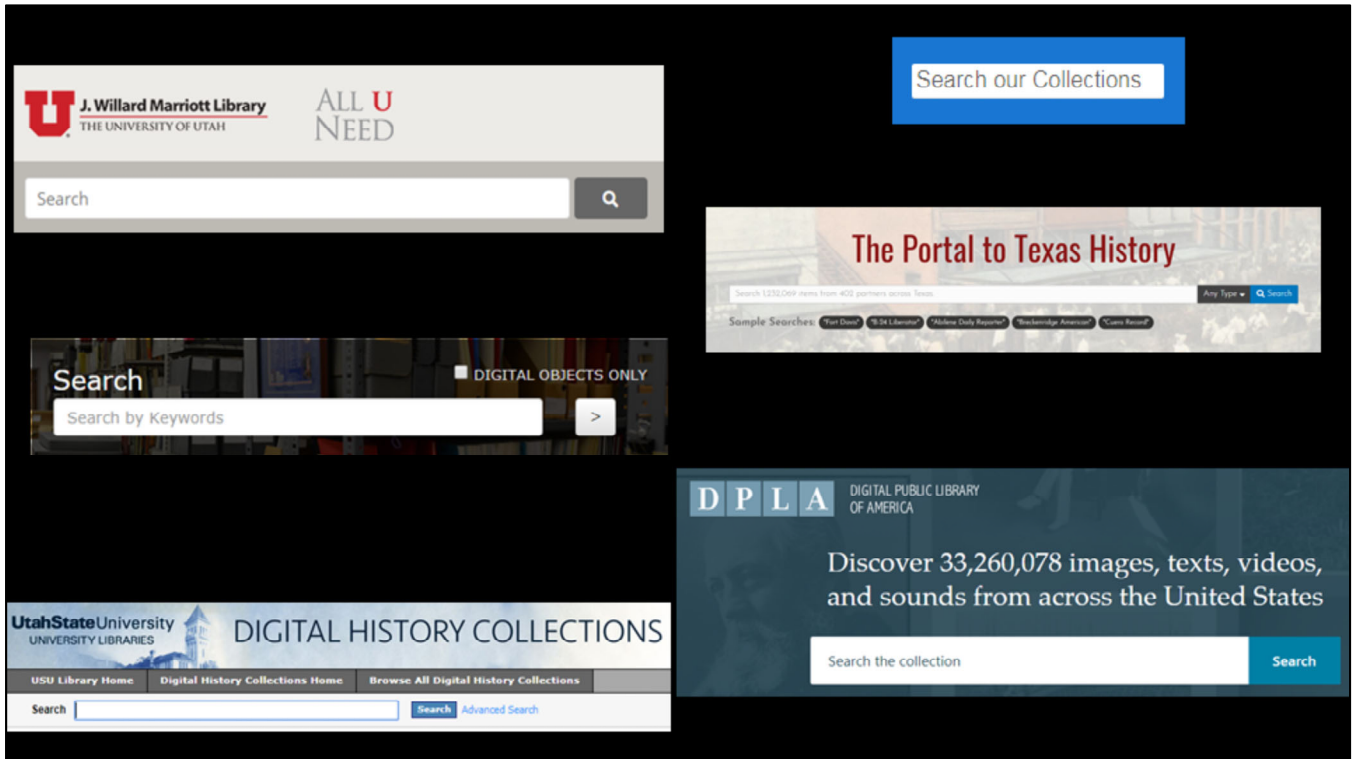
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# Tips for using digital libraries

Now that we know about the different types of digital libraries that we can search, I want to share several tips for searching and discovering content in these types of databases.



Nearly all digital libraries will have a search bar like these on their front page.

These search boxes will generally have a “Google” like feel where you can enter keywords and search across the entire digital library.

I would recommend starting all searches with a basic search like this so you can get to know the digital library and the types of content that you can find in it.

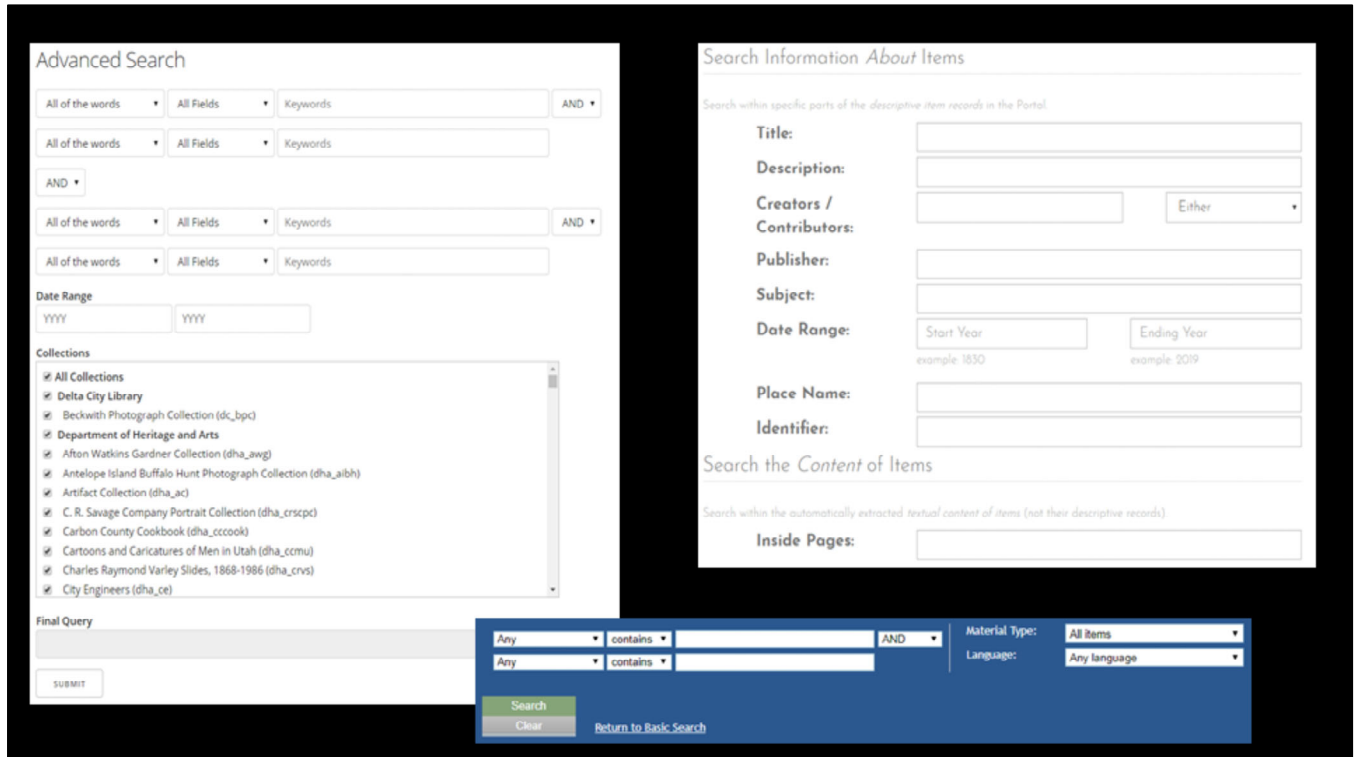
<https://collections.lib.utah.edu/>

<https://mwdl.org/>

<https://dp.la/>

<https://library.usu.edu/digital-collections.php>

<http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/>



After doing some initial searches, you may discover some specific types of data that the digital library has in specific metadata fields, so you could try using an advanced search.

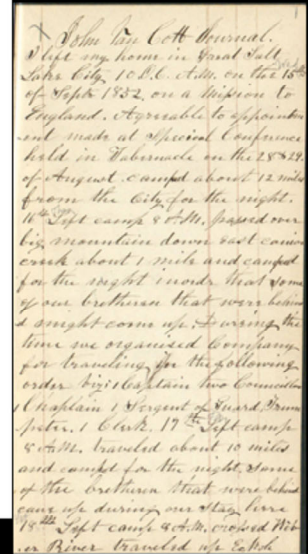
These advanced search options will let you search specific fields such as the title or creator of an item, or you could use this to only search within specific collections.

While these advanced searches can be useful at times, I have found that the majority of searches are easier to conduct within a basic search like from the last slide.

<https://collections.lib.utah.edu/search/advanced>  
<http://utah-primoprod.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primolibrary/libweb/action/search.do?mode=Advanced&ct=AdvancedSearch&vid=MWDL&fn=search&indx=1&ct=search&dscnt=0&dstmp=1523474375119>  
[https://texashistory.unt.edu/search/advanced\\_search/](https://texashistory.unt.edu/search/advanced_search/)

# Metadata

Author	Van Cott, John, 1814-1883
Diary Title	Van Cott, John, vol. 1
Title	Van Cott, John vol. 1, 1852-1856
Notes	John is the Mission President of the British isles through page 5.
Call Number	MSS 1035
Biographical Note	Mormon pioneer and mission president for the LDS Church in Scandinavia.
Summary/Description	The diaries cover the years 1852 to 1856 and 1859 to 1862. Van Cott writes about his service as president of the Scandinavian mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He lived in Copenhagen, Denmark. He also writes about helping organize the migration of Mormon pioneers by handcart in 1856 at Iowa City, Iowa.
Edition	Electronic reproduction;
Date Original	1852-1856



John Van Cott Journal.  
I left my home in Great Salt Lake City, 10 P.M. on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1852, on a mission to England. Agreeable to appointment made at Special Conference held in Tabernacle on the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> of August, I camped about 12 miles from the city for the night. 16<sup>th</sup> Sept camp 8 P.M. passed over big mountain down east canon creek about 1 mile and camped for the night. I could hear some of our brethren that were being brought across up. During the time we organized company for traveling for the following order: 1st Captain, two Councilors, 1 Chaplain, 1 Sergeant of Guard, Drum Major, 1 Clerk, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept camp 8 P.M. traveled about 10 miles and camped for the night. Some of the brethren that were being brought up during our stay here 18<sup>th</sup> Sept camp 9 P.M. crossed the river, traveled up to Colby

In order to have the most successful search, you should know what metadata is and the type of data that you are actually searching when you hit the search button.

Metadata is data about other data, or else it is information that describes the digital objects.

Digital libraries use a few different standards for creating this type of descriptive metadata, but you can almost always find fields such as title, date, description, subject, and creator.

<https://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/digital/collection/MMD/id/45346>

# OCR (optical character recognition)

Ephrasia Cox Day is the name,  
144 East 5th South, Manti, Utah.  
She makes quilts for a living, in her early life she was a School teacher.  
Born May 19th, 1854. at Fairview Utah, She is 74 years old.  
Married Eli A Day, July 2nd, 1884, at Logan Utah

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Optical Character Recognition, or OCR, can be a great help or a major hindrance.

OCR is where the computer looks at an image and tries to read the text on the page in order to make that text searchable.

This example has pretty good OCR where you would easily be able to search for the text on the page.

<https://collections.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s68076ws/701467>

# OCR (optical character recognition)

78 THE LEGISLATURE.—This body will con-  
s sene at the Capitol, Fillmore City, on the sec-  
s ond Monday in Dec. and in all probabili-  
ri ty as we hope adjourn to this City. While the  
ti law most unquestionable requires that they  
d should meet in the place designated by the  
t organic act, yet for the sake of personal  
t comfort to the members and officers, and con-  
a venience to the Territory, *we trust* that they  
a will feel justified in holding their session in  
this city.

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Other types of content might not have the greatest OCR data to search.

This can depend on the quality of the original item, how the item was scanned, or when the OCR was created.

This example from a newspaper article has a lot of errors in the OCR since the scanned images from the microfilmed newspaper wasn't the greatest quality.

OCR data can be your best friend or worse enemy when conducting searches, depending on the quality of the image.

At the end of these slides, I have included links to several resources for more information. One of those resources gives you some tips for searching messy OCR data like this.

<https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/ark:/87278/s6xh14ht/21086285>

## Search tips

- Keywords
  - dog
  - canine
  - puppy
  - hound



When you are searching, you need to think about the terms that you are using and whether or not there are other forms of the words or related terms that might have been used in the metadata.

One example is dog. And yes, my wife put a dress on Daisy and dyed Gidgit pink.

If you search the word dog, you wouldn't find other items that might have only used the word canine, puppy, or hound in the metadata.

You need to think about what words you are using and whether or not you need to do multiple searches with different words to make sure you aren't missing some results.

## Search tips

- Name variants
  - L. Vuorinen
  - L. I. Vuorinen
  - Lauri Vuorinen
  - Lauri Ahlberg
  - Lauri I. Ahlberg
  - Lauri Ilmari Vuorinen



When you are searching people's names, you need to think about the different forms of their name and search these different variations.

My great grandfather's family name was Ahlberg when he lived in Sweden.

When they immigrated to Finland, they wanted to use a more Finnish name, so they changed it to Vuorinen.

My great grandfather also used his middle name at times or even only his initials.

If I'm only searching for Lauri Ilmari Vuorinen, I might not find items that list him as L. Vuorinen, L. I. Vuorinen, or Lauri Ahlberg.

## Search tips

- Exact phrases in quotes
  - “Kerttu Myntti”
  - “Myntti, Kerttu”
  - “Kerttu M. Myntti”
  - “Kerttu Maria Myntti”
  - “Kerttu Maria Vuorinen”
  - “Kerttu Maria Vuorinen Myntti”



If you want to search for an exact phrase, you can enclose the phrase in quotes.

This can be a great help if you know exactly what you want, but you need to be careful when using quotes.

If I search for my grandmother’s name “Kerttu Myntti” in quotes, the search will only find items with that exact form of her name and not the records that might have “Myntti, Kerttu,” “Kerttu Maria Myntti”, or “Kerttu Maria Vuorinen Myntti.”

## Search tips

- Boolean operators (AND OR NOT)
  - Vuorinen OR Ahlberg
  - Lauri AND (Vuorinen OR Ahlberg)
  - Vuorinen NOT Ahlberg



To help with some of these issues, you can use Boolean operators such as AND OR and NOT.

If I search for Vuorinen OR Ahlberg, I will find all items that have either one of those last names in them.

I could also add in Lauri AND at the beginning of that search, so now I could find all items with Lauri Vuorinen OR Lauri Ahlberg.

I can also use NOT, such as Vuorinen NOT Ahlberg, so that search would find anything with Vuorinen, but it would leave out anything that had Ahlberg in the record.

# Search tips

- Wildcards (asterisk \*)
  - Olson vs. Olsen => Ols\*
  - cat\* => cat cats catalog caterpillar category



If you don't know the exact spelling for a word, you can replace some characters with an asterisk.

My maternal grandmother's maiden name is Olson (O-L-S-O-N).

At times, this has been spelled with an E-N at the end.

If I search for O-L-S-\*, I can find all items with OLSON and OLSEN.

You have to be careful with this since it will also find any other words that start with OLS.

For instance, if I search CAT\*, I will find all items with cat, cats, catalog, caterpillar, category, cathedral, catch, catholic, Catherine, catapult, and I'm sure we could come up with many other words that start with CAT.

# Faceting

Topic	
Airmen	1
Allied Occupation of Japan (1945-1952)	2
American Invasion of Panama (1989)	1
Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)	18
Arnhem, Battle of (Netherlands : 1944)	2
Atomic bomb	1
Atomic bomb--Design and construction	1
Atomic bomb--Testing	1
Aviation mechanics (Persons)	7
Bataan Death March (Philippines : 1942)	4
Biak Island, Battle of (Indonesia : 1944)	1
Blockade of Berlin (Germany : 1948-1949)	1
Bomber pilots	12
Cassino, Battle of (Italy : 1944)	1
Central Utah Relocation Center	1
Chemical warfare	1
College teachers	1
Concentration camps	2
Cuban Missile Crisis (1962)	1
Dachau (Concentration camp)	1
Danish Americans	1

Available Filters	
Partners	272
Collections	446
Serial/Series Titles	1,000+
Resource Types	30
World Regions	11
Countries	93
U.S. States	50
Counties	727
Decades	23
Years	188

Refine your search	
Type	—
text	211
image	160
sound	5
moving image	3
Subject	+
Date	—
Between Year	<input type="text"/>
and Year	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Update"/>	
Location	—
Payson, Utah County, Utah, United States, <a href="http://sws.geonames.org/5779548/">http://sws.geonames.org/5779548/</a> , 40.0444, -111.73215	113
Payson, Utah	85
Utah	59
Utah County (Utah)	56
Payson (Utah)	52

Once you complete an initial search, most digital libraries will have ways to limit the number of results you retrieve. This can be done through faceting or filtering those results.

These facets include information from different metadata fields within the records you retrieved to help limit the number of items you have to look through.

These facet examples show how you can limit your search results to include things that are about a specific topic, from a geographic region, a certain type of content, or a date range.

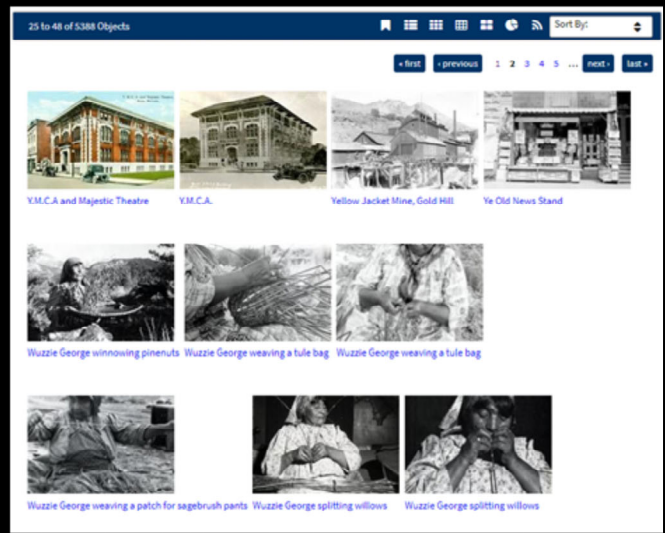
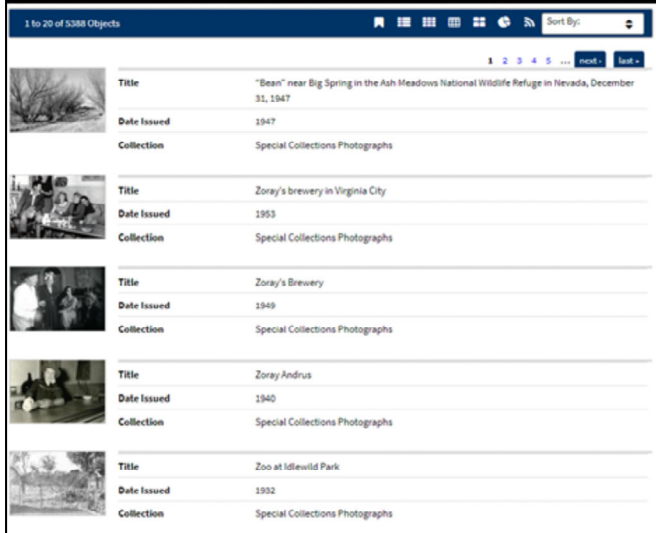
These types of facets can usually be found on the left or right side of the screen that is displaying the search results.

<https://collections.lib.utah.edu/>

<https://dp.la/>

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/>

# Display options



When you do a search and a list of results is displayed, you can often choose whether you want to see the results in a list form with some of the metadata like the example on the left, or as a grid of thumbnail images to quickly look at only small versions of the items like the example on the right.

This usually comes in handy to switch to the thumbnail grid view when you are searching through a large number of photographs, and then the list view when looking for manuscript or book material.

[https://unr.dgicloud.com/islandora/object/spphotoscollection%3Aroot?sort=fgs\\_label\\_ss%20desc&islandora\\_solr\\_search\\_navigation=0&display=default](https://unr.dgicloud.com/islandora/object/spphotoscollection%3Aroot?sort=fgs_label_ss%20desc&islandora_solr_search_navigation=0&display=default)

# Browsing

The screenshot shows a digital library search interface. On the left, there is a 'Collection Name' dropdown menu with a list of collections and their corresponding counts:

Collection Name	Count
A. Oscar Olson	97
A. Selden Millward	509
A.C. Allen	15
Aaron Belnap Ross	795
Agnes Just Reid	25
Alan K. Engen	1,421
Alan Schoenberger	1
Alaska	4
Albion W. and Agnes Sharp Caine	172
Alexander Woodruff Anderson	28
Allen Publishing Company	161
Alpine Mountain Club	103
Alta	91
Alta Club	711
Alton Crane Melville	23
Alvin Colville	139
Ammon Hennacy	21
Andrew Lalo Gallegos	49
Andy Wright	5,635
Angus Woodbury	1

On the right, there is a grid of photograph thumbnails. The interface includes a search bar at the top with '1 - 200 of 1,601' results, a 'Gallery view' button, and a 'Sort by Relevance' dropdown menu. The thumbnails are arranged in a grid of 5 rows and 10 columns, showing various black and white portraits of people.

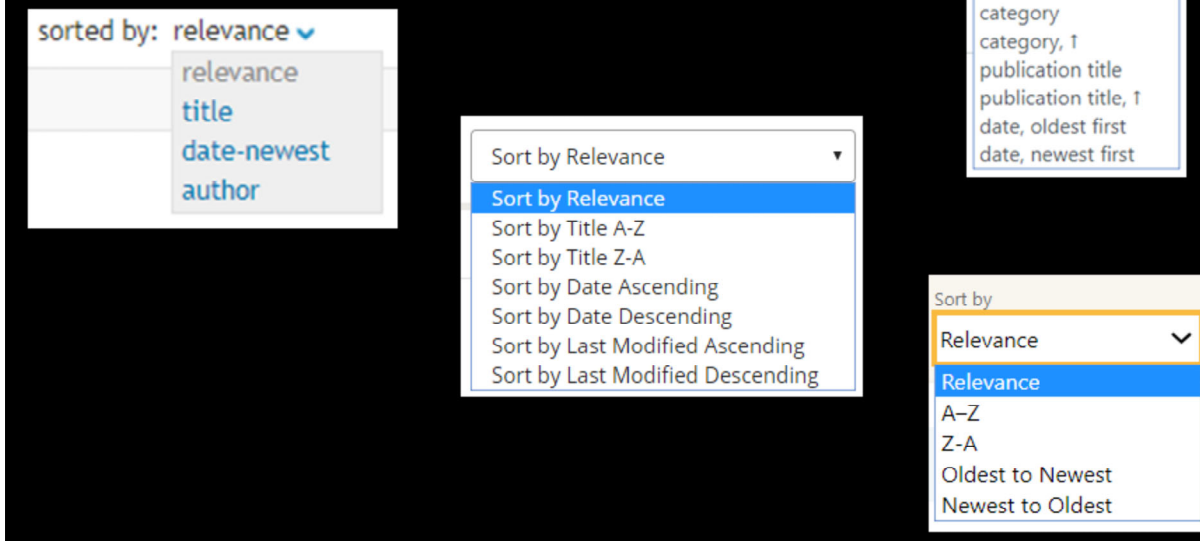
Here is an example where I completed a search, looked at the facets on the left side to choose one particular collection, and then viewed a set of photographs as thumbnails to find the person I was looking for.

As an interesting side note, I was looking through a screen like this a while back of photographs of unnamed people and noticed that one of them was my mother-in-law in the mid-1950s.

The metadata for that photograph listed her as an unknown woman, so I was able to contact that digital library and ask them to add her name to the record so others would be able to find her.

[https://collections.lib.utah.edu/search?facet\\_setname\\_s=uum\\_map](https://collections.lib.utah.edu/search?facet_setname_s=uum_map)  
[https://collections.lib.utah.edu/search?q=unknown&sq=&fd=title\\_t%2Cdate\\_t%2Csetname\\_s%2Ctype\\_t&rows=50&sort=&page=1&gallery=1&year\\_start=&year\\_end=&facet\\_setname\\_s=dha\\_obl](https://collections.lib.utah.edu/search?q=unknown&sq=&fd=title_t%2Cdate_t%2Csetname_s%2Ctype_t&rows=50&sort=&page=1&gallery=1&year_start=&year_end=&facet_setname_s=dha_obl)

# Sorting



Most digital libraries will have a way for you to sort the results that are displayed.

Many search engines will have some sort of algorithm to try and show you what it thinks are the most relevant things for your search, but oftentimes, it would be more helpful to sort things by date or title.

<https://collections.lib.utah.edu/>

<https://mwdl.org/>

<https://dp.la/>

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/>

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One final tip that I want to talk about is regarding the rights you might have to use an item that you find.

Nearly all digital libraries will include some form of a rights statement within the metadata record to help you determine if the item is in copyright, if you can use it freely, or if there are any restrictions on use.

I don't have time to dive deeply into these different types of statements, but I have included some examples here of rights statements on the left that were developed by the Digital Public Library of America and Europeana.

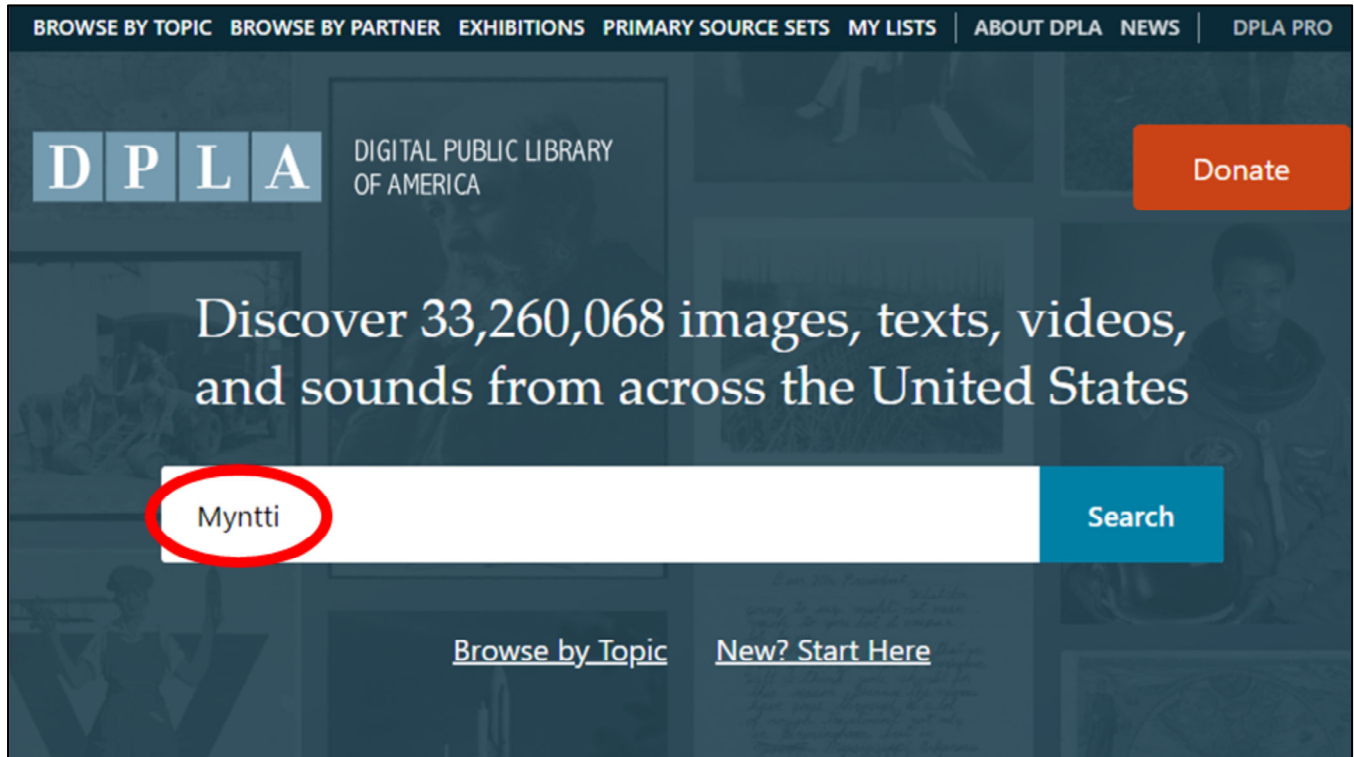
On the right side are creative commons licenses showing how different items can be re-used.

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Open\\_Content\\_A\\_Practical\\_Guide\\_to\\_Using\\_Creative\\_Commons\\_Licences\\_web-29.png](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Open_Content_A_Practical_Guide_to_Using_Creative_Commons_Licences_web-29.png)

<https://rightsstatements.org/page/1.0/?language=en>

# Example #1

Now I'm going to run through a few examples of things from my own family history that I have been able to research using different digital libraries.



This first example will show how DPLA brings together metadata records from other institutions and network digital libraries.

I'll start by searching my last name in DPLA.

I have a pretty unique last name and the majority of my Myntti relatives still live in Finland and Sweden, so I assumed that I would find a whole lot in DPLA since it focuses on the United States.

HOME BROWSE BY TOPIC BROWSE BY PARTNER EXHIBITIONS PRIMARY SOURCE SETS MY LISTS ABOUT DPLA NEWS DPLA PRO

DPLA DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA myntti Search

57 results for myntti Sort by Relevance Items per page 20 Layout

Refine your search

Type	Count
text	56
image	1

Subject

Metadata	24
Linked data	19
Authority files (Information retrieval)	8
Name authority records (Information retrieval)	7
Digital libraries	6
Systems migration	6
Cataloging	5

Create a list from these items

**MYNTTI, Margaret Anne**  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. 1814  
[View Full Item](#) in National Archives at New York

**Myntti Karl Sanfrid**  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. 1814  
[View Full Item](#) in National Archives at New York

With this search, I found 57 items in DPLA with the word Myntti.

That looked like a good number of items, but I quickly noticed that 52 of those 57 items were about me and not people that I wanted to research.

HOME BROWSE BY TOPIC BROWSE BY PARTNER EXHIBITIONS PRIMARY SOURCE SETS MY LISTS ABOUT DPLA NEWS DPLA PRO

DPLA DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA myntti Search

57 results for myntti

Sort by Oldest to Newest Items per page 10 Layout

Refine your search


Type


text	56
image	1

Subject

Metadata	24
Linked data	19
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Create a list from these items

 **New York: NEW YORK County, Enumeration District 839, Sheet No. 2B**  
Department of Commerce. Bureau of the Census. 1913-1/1/1972  
Surname. Given Name: Family Number: Age: Birth Year: Place of Birth  
D'Angelo, Savino: 39: 17: 1903: New York D'Angelo, Marcus: 39: 14:  
1906: New York D'Angelo, Eugenia: 39: 9: 1911: New York D'Angelo...  
[View Full Item](#) in National Archives at Washington, DC - Textual Reference

 **Mormons prepare for Hawaiian luau**  
Martin, Bob  
Photograph was edited for publication purposes Photograph caption dated September 6, 1963 reads "Members of San Fernando Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will stage an authentic Roy...  
[View Full Item](#) in Los Angeles Public Library

I changed the sort order to show the oldest items first since all of my content in DPLA includes things that I have created within the past seven years.

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DPLA DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA myntti Search

57 results for myntti Sort by Oldest to Newest Items per page 10 Layout

Refine your search


Type


text	56
image	1

Subject

Metadata	24
Linked data	19
Authority files (Information retrieval)	8
Name authority records (Information retrieval)	7
Digital libraries	6
Systems migration	6
Cataloging	5

Create a list from these items

 **New York: NEW YORK County, Enumeration District 839, Sheet No. 2B**  
 Department of Commerce. Bureau of the Census. 1913-1/1/1972  
 Surname. Given Name: Family Number: Age: Birth Year: Place of Birth  
 D'Angelo, Savino: 39: 17: 1903: New York D'Angelo, Marcus: 39: 14:  
 1906: New York D'Angelo, Eugenia: 39: 9: 1911: New York D'Angelo...  
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Then I looked closely at the second item listed here, and noticed that the face looked familiar to me.

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DPLA DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA myntti Search

All items > Mormons prepare for Hawaiian luau

## Mormons prepare for Hawaiian luau

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Created Date 1963

Description Photograph was edited for publication purposes  
Photograph caption dated September 6, 1963 reads "Members of San Fernando Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will stage an authentic Royal Hawaiian Luau featuring professional Polynesian entertainers at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at 15555 Saticoy St., Van Nuys. The luau, a benefit to assist in financing the church welfare program, had been planned by, from left, Mrs. Albert Leon, Encino; **Lennart Myntti**, Van Nuys; Mrs. Don Goul, Granada Hills, and Lloyd Paul, Van Nuys."

Creator Martin, Bob

I clicked on it to see the full item and found this photograph from 1963 has my grandpa, Lennart Myntti, when he lived in Van Nuys California and was helping to advertise a Hawaiian Luau for their local church party.

### Search Results for "myntti"

Search within results

Type of item Select all

image (1)

Decade Select all

1960s (1)

Contributing Institution Select all

Los Angeles Public Library (1)

Collection Select all

Los Angeles Public Library Photo Collection (1)

1 item found in 1 collection

Thumbnail List view 24 Relevance 1 of 1



Mormons prepare for Hawaiian luau

1 of 1

Collections containing your search results (1 found)



Los Angeles Public Library Photo Collection

To show how DPLA is built from collecting records from many digital libraries around the country, DPLA was then able to link me to Calisphere, the statewide digital library in California.

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Digital Collections of the  
Los Angeles Public Library

Collections Exhibits Events Stories About

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Search  Search Advanced Search

Home >> Los Angeles Public Library Photo Collection >> Mormons prepare for Hawaiian luau

Reference URL Share

### Mormons prepare for Hawaiian luau

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Which then linked me to Tessa, the institutional digital library at the Los Angeles Public Library.

# Example #2

That first example didn't give me a whole lot of search results to look through since my Myntti family hasn't been in the U.S. for relatively too long, so this second example will search my wife's Van Cott line.

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Again, I'm starting my search in DPLA and searching for van cott

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van cott Search

335 results for **van cott**

Sort by Relevance Items per page 20 Layout

Refine your search

Type

text	194
image	89
physical object	8

Subject

New York (State)--New York	21
Exhibitions	14
Murals	14
New York World's Fair (1939-1940 : New York, N.Y.)	14
Food Service Tools and Equipment	8
Furnishings and equipment	8

Create a list from these items

**Carolyn Van Cott**  
O. Blaine Larson  
The Larson Studio Collection contains portraits and landscape photographs from Thomas Larson and his son O. Blaine Larson, who operated the Larson Studio in Provo, Utah County, Utah. See <http://histor...>  
[View Full Item](#) in Department of Heritage and Arts

**Carolyn Van Cott**  
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This brought up 335 results

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van cott Search

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Create a list from these items

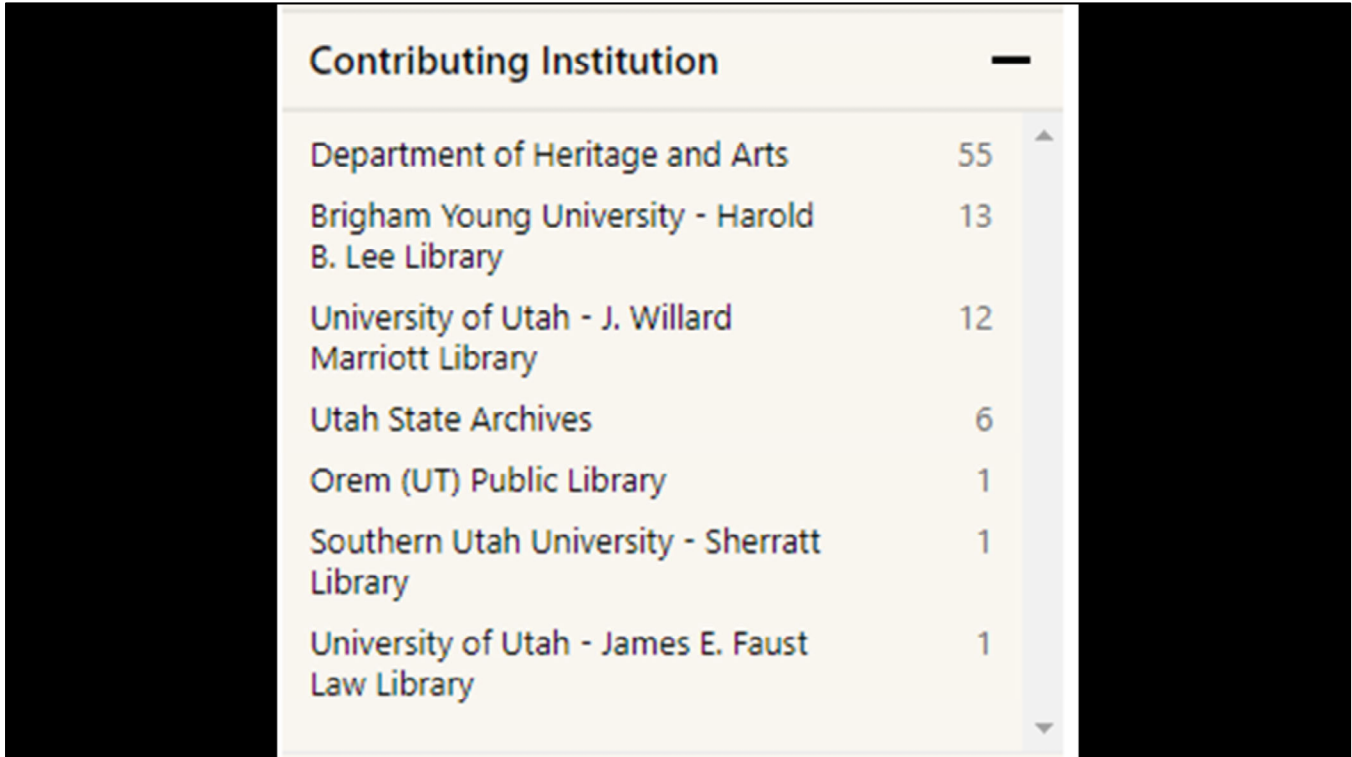
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With the first two items being photographs of my mother-in-law's sister from the 1950s



Contributing Institution	
Department of Heritage and Arts	55
Brigham Young University - Harold B. Lee Library	13
University of Utah - J. Willard Marriott Library	12
Utah State Archives	6
Orem (UT) Public Library	1
Southern Utah University - Sherratt Library	1
University of Utah - James E. Faust Law Library	1

As I was scrolling through the 335 results, I noticed that all of the items with people's names that I recognized from my wife's family tree were coming from institutions such as the Utah Department of Heritage and Arts, Brigham Young University, the University of Utah, the Utah State Archives, and other Utah institutions.

Since I knew that these institutions are all part of the Mountain West Digital Library,

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van cott Search

335 results for van cott

Sort by Oldest to Newest Items per page 20 Layout

Refine your search

Type +

Subject +

Date -

Between Year

and Year

Update

Location +

Language +

Computing Institution +

Partner -

National Archives and Records Administration 158

Mountain West Digital Library 89

The New York Public Library 36

Create a list from these items

A discourse upon the life, character and services, of James Madison, late ex-President of the United States, delivered before the "Hamilton Literary A...  
1837 - Van Cott, Joshua M. (Joshua Marsden), 1815-1896  
View Full Item in Harvard University

Robert E. Brooker III Collection of American Legal and Land Use Documents, 1716-1930. No. 0385  
1849 - Underhill, Benjamin  
Names in document: Benjamin Underhill, Edmund Titus, George Van Cott, Jacob Layton, Elias Lewis, John Smith, Isaac Underhill, Willet Underhill. . Primary location: New York (Oyster Bay). Electronic re...  
View Full Item in Boston College

Robert E. Brooker III Collection of American Legal and Land Use Documents, 1716-1930. No. 0383  
1850 - Barrett, Absalom  
Names in document: Absalom Barrett, George Townsend, Benjamin King, George Van Cott, Elizabeth Barrett, Willet Underhill, Isaac Underhill, Jacob Layton, John Smith, John Montanye, Benjamin King. .  
Pri...

I decided to use the partner facet on the left side of the screen.

Partner	
National Archives and Records Administration	158
Mountain West Digital Library	89
The New York Public Library	36
HathiTrust	19
Recollection Wisconsin	13
California Digital Library	6
Empire State Digital Network	4
Digital Commonwealth	3
University of Southern California Libraries	2
Digital Library of Georgia	1
Illinois Digital Heritage Hub	1

To only view results from that partner institution.

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van cott Search

**89 results for van cott**

Sort by Relevance Items per page 20 Layout

Filtered by keywords: van cott partner: Mountain West Digital Library Clear all filters

Refine your search

Create a list from these items

Type	Count
image	61
text	21

Subject

Clothing and dress--Utah--History	7
Clothing and dress--Utah--Photographs	7
Mormons--Clothing--History	7
Mormons--Clothing--Photographs	7
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints--Mission--Scandinavia	4

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**Carolyn Van Cott**  
O. Blaine Larson  
The Larson Studio Collection contains portraits and landscape

Now I was down to 89 results, with nearly all of them relating to some member of my wife's family.



### Van Cott Birthday

King, Ray

MSS C 400 Salt Lake Tribune Negative Collection 10352

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### Van Cott Wedding

King, Ray

MSS C 400 Salt Lake Tribune Negative Collection 10562

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I started noticing several photographs that had generic information such as “Van Cott birthday” or “Van Cott wedding.”

In looking at the metadata for those items, there were no full names of any of the people, so I need to do some more research on these items to see if I can identify whose wedding or whose birthday these photographs are from.

My wife recognized her grandparents and an aunt and uncle, but who are the other people?

When we can figure out who these people are, we plan on sharing that information with this library so they can add it to their metadata in order to improve access to those items for other people to discover.



In looking through these results, I was able to find other photographs of my wife's mother, aunt, some first and second cousins, as well as a few more distant relatives dating back to the early 1900s.

I found the journals of my wife's third great grandfather from the late 1840s.

I also found a lot of information from several documents, letters, books, and handwritten manuscripts about the life of some of my wife's relatives, one of whom was a prominent lawyer in Salt Lake City and another who was an administrator at the University of Utah in the early 1900s.

# Example #3

For my third example, I wanted to search my maternal grandmother's Tanner line since member of this family have been in Utah since the pioneers first settled here in the mid-1800s, and they were also a prominent family in the east prior to that.

I wouldn't be surprised if there were some people in here that I'm related to through my Tanner line, as well as my wife's Van Cott line.



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John Tanner

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I again started with searching in DPLA for “John Tanner” since he was one of the prominent pioneers that came to Utah in 1847.

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John Tanner Search

1,287 results for **John Tanner**

Sort by Relevance Items per page 20 Layout

Refine your search

Type


text	756
image	395
sound	12
moving image	9

Subject


School	53
Songs	15
Singing	14
Skillet Lickers	12
Beaver County, Utah--History	11
Classical	11
Field recordings	10

Create a list from these items

**John Tanner**  
President (1993-2001 : Clinton). Office of the Counsel to the President. 1/20/1993-1/20/2001  
[View Full Item](#) in William J. Clinton Library



**John Tanner**  
O. Blaine Larson  
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This retrieved 1287 results, which was a lot more than I wanted to look through.

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John Tanner utah Search

1,287 results for **John Tanner**

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**Refine your search**

**Type**

text	756
image	395
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Since I know that he moved to Utah near the end of his life and parts of his large family has lived here for many years, I changed the search to be John Tanner Utah.

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John Tanner utah Search

19 results for John Tanner utah

Sort by Relevance Items per page 20 Layout

Refine your search

Type

image	8
text	8

Subject

College sports	3
Athletics	2
1-Utah State University	1
25th Street (Utah)	1
2T-Dixie State University	1
2T-Southern Utah University	1
4-Utah Valley University	1
6-University of Utah	1
6-Weber State University	1

Create a list from these items

Descendants of John Tanner : born August 15, 1778, at Hopkintown, R.I., died April 15, 1850, at South Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah / 1923 · Tanner, Maurice, 1889-  
The first part of the genealogy is taken from records prepared by George C. Tanner.  
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Gravemarker, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1971  
Fife, Austin E, Fife, Alta Stevens  
Gravemarker for a woman who died shortly after giving birth to a son; attached to her large stone is a small one for the infant who died five days after his mother. The taller marker has a Grecian urn...  
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Now I have only 19 results to look through.

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John Tanner utah Search

19 results for **John Tanner utah** Sort by Relevance Items per page 20 Layout

Refine your search

Type

- image 8
- text 8

Subject

- College sports 3
- Athletics 2
- 1-Utah State University 1
- 25th Street (Utah) 1
- 2T-Dixie State University 1
- 2T-Southern Utah University 1
- 4-Utah Valley University 1
- 6-University of Utah 1
- 6-Weber State University 1

Create a list from these items

**Descendants of John Tanner : born August 15, 1778, at Hopkintown, R.I., died April 15, 1850, at South Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah /**  
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 Gravemarker for a woman who died shortly after giving birth to a son; attached to her large stone is a small one for the infant who died five days after his mother. The taller marker has a Grecian urn...  
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I took a look at the first result and notice "Descendants of John Tanner" with the correct birth and death dates and place names for my ancestor.

In previous searches that I have done using library catalogs for physical items in the past, I have seen that this book is in the Special Collections of several libraries, but I haven't been able to travel to those special collections to view the item.

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[View Full Item](#) in Utah State University - Merrill-Cazier Library

Now thanks to the University of Wisconsin, I have access to this book that was digitized and made available through the HathiTrust which was then harvested into DPLA.

The image shows a facet menu for 'Contributing Institution' with a red arrow pointing to the top entry. The menu is expanded, showing a list of institutions and their counts. The 'Contributing Institution' header is highlighted with a yellow border and a minus sign. The list includes:

Institution	Count
University of Utah - J. Willard Marriott Library	5
Utah State University - Merrill-Cazier Library	3
Brigham Young University - Harold B. Lee Library	2
Department of Heritage and Arts	2
National Archives at Washington, DC - Textual Reference	2
Delta (UT) City Library	1
IUPUI (Campus). University Library. Special Collections and Archives	1
IUPUI University Library	1
University of Wisconsin	1

After scrolling through the other results and finding other relevant items, I decided to look in the facets on the left side of the screen to see what institutions contributed most of these items.

I noticed University of Utah

Location	+
Language	+
<b>Contributing Institution</b>	<b>-</b>
University of Utah - J. Willard Marriott Library	5
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University of Wisconsin	1
Partner	+

Utah State University

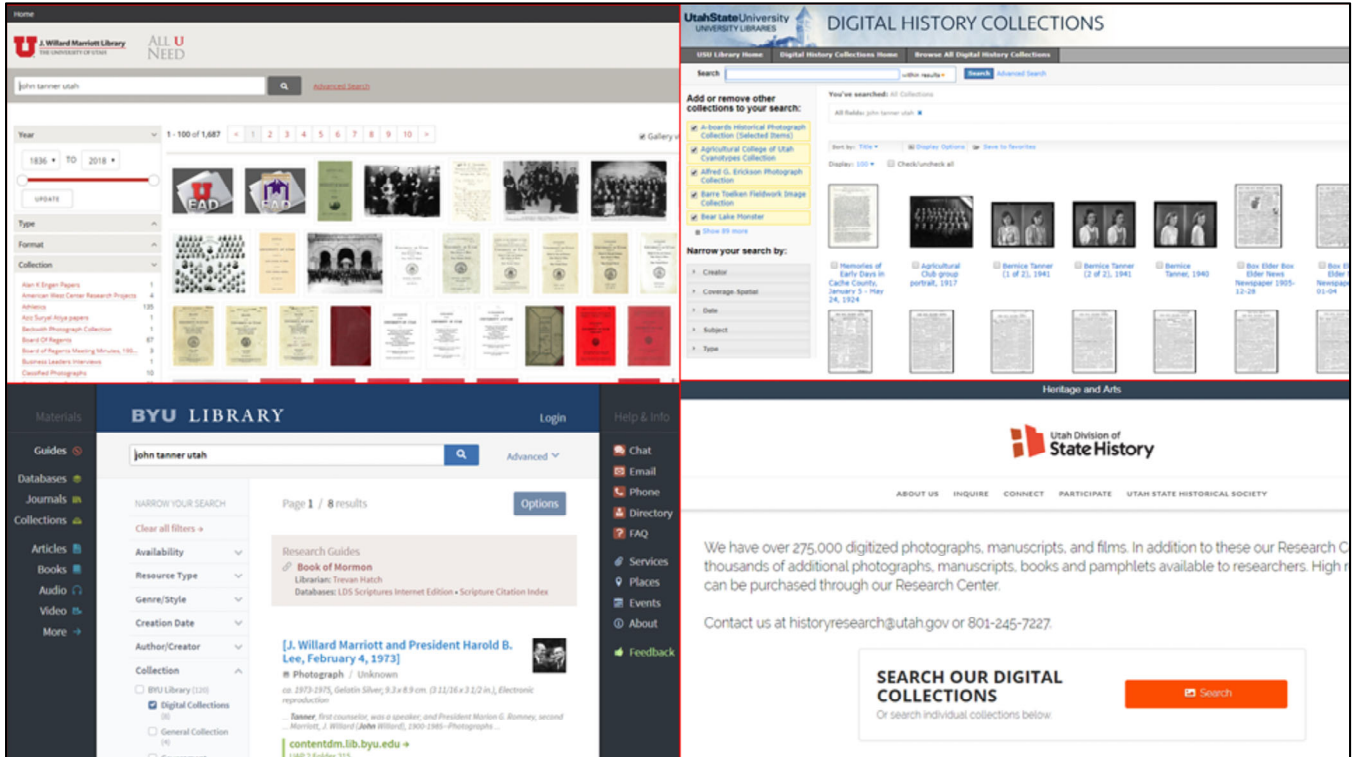
Location	+
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Brigham Young University

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University of Wisconsin	1
Partner	+

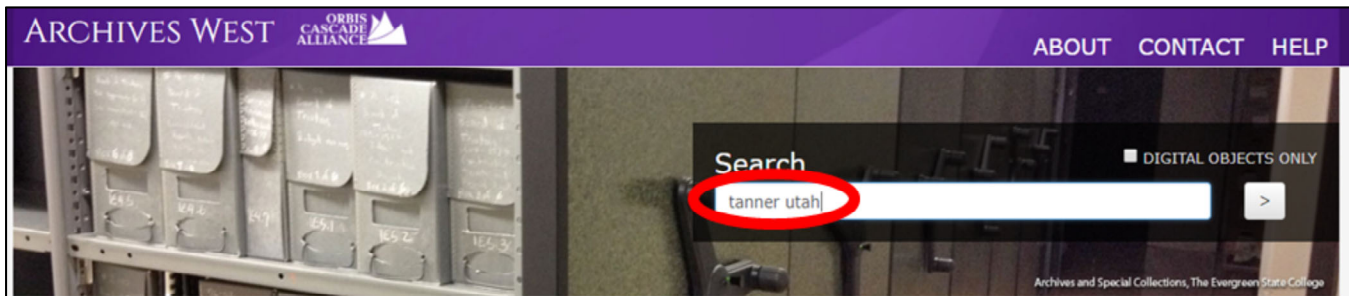
And the Utah Department of Heritage and Arts.

When DPLA harvests metadata from all of the individual libraries, they aren't able to pull in all of the metadata about items, such as the OCR text, so not all of the possible data to search to find these items can be found in DPLA.



Since I know that there might be other content in these digital libraries that isn't as easily discoverable in DPLA, I decided to go and search the digital libraries from those institutions.

Searching for "John Tanner Utah" in those four digital libraries brought up over 1000 additional items.



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After finding a lot of digital resources that I could use to learn more about my family, I started wondering what other related archival collections exist that aren't yet digitized.

I decided to search in ArchivesWest to search the finding aids for some of these institutions.

Search results for tanner utah

Search

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tanner utah



Document(s) 1 to 10 (of 316) 10 | 25 | 50 | All

Refine by keywords



Refine Search:

REPOSITORY

University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections (172)

Utah State University, Merrill-Cazier Library, Special Collections and Archives Division (79)

University of Utah Libraries, University Archives and Records Management (23)

University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections (9)

Washington State University Libraries, Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections (7)

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Collection Title: Nathan Tanner speech

Repository: University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections

Search terms: 57 (occurrences of term(s) in document)

Summary: The Nathan Tanner speech transcript was given by Tanner, in 1895. The speech relates the story of Tanner's conversion and baptism into the Church of Jesus Christ of Later-day Saints (LDS) in New York, at the age of sixteen. He describes the mob persecutions of the Mormons at Kirtland, Ohio, and Far West, Missouri.


Collection Title: O.C. Tanner Company video collection

Repository: University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections

Search terms: 49 (occurrences of term(s) in document)

Summary: The O.C. Tanner Company video collection (1988-1993) consists of video tributes to Utah businessman and philanthropist Obert C. Tanner (1904-1993) and his O.C. Tanner Company, which specializes in employee recognition awards and operates as a retail jeweler in downtown Salt Lake City and Park City, Utah.

The search for Tanner Utah returned 195 collections at the University of Utah

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Search results for **tanner utah** Search  DIGITAL OBJECTS ONLY

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Refine Search:

**REPOSITORY**

- University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections (172)
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**PLACES**

Collection Title: **Nathan Tanner speech**

Repository: University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections

Search terms: 57 (occurrences of term(s) in document)

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And 79 collections at Utah State University.

Now I can go through some of these collections to find out if any of them are already digitized.

If they aren't yet available online, I can submit requests for reproduction and the conditions of use forms to request that the libraries digitize portions of these collections to send to me to help with my family history research.

# Additional resources

On the next several slides, I have a lot of additional information that I have referenced throughout the presentation, including links to many different digital libraries that I highlighted. I'm going to flip quickly through these slides.

## Examples of national or international digital libraries

- Digital Public Library of America (<https://dp.la/>)
- Europeana (<https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en>)
  
- Questions and Collections from “Using DPLA for Genealogy and Family History” (<https://dpla.wpenline.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Genealogy-Workshop-Questions.pdf>)
- Slides from DPLA Genealogy Webinar (<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BzpQeSFqkiZKaUZpeENXOHd5bVU>)

## Examples of state or regional digital libraries

- Calisphere (<https://calisphere.org/>)
- Digital Library of Georgia (<https://dlg.usg.edu/>)
- Mountain West Digital Library (<https://mwdl.org/>)
- Portal to Texas History (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/>)

## Examples of institutional digital libraries in Utah

- Brigham Young University Library Digital Collections (<https://lib.byu.edu/collections/digital/>)
- University of Utah, J. Willard Marriott Digital Library (<https://collections.lib.utah.edu/>)
- University of Utah, J. Willard Marriott Library Digital Exhibits (<https://exhibits.lib.utah.edu/s/home/page/home>)
- Utah Digital Newspapers (<https://digitalnewspapers.org/>)
- Utah Government Digital Library (<http://publications.utah.gov/>)
- Utah State University Libraries Digital History Collections (<http://digital.lib.usu.edu/cdm/>)

## Examples of institutional digital libraries

- Columbia University Libraries (<https://library.columbia.edu/find/digital-collections.html>)
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania Digital Library (<https://digitallibrary.hsp.org/>)
- Ohio State University Digital Collections (<https://library.osu.edu/dc>)
- TESSA: Digital Collections of the Los Angeles Public Library (<https://tessa.lapl.org/>)
- UCLA Library Digital Collections (<http://digital2.library.ucla.edu/>)
- University of Nevada, Reno: Online Digital Collections (<https://unr.dgicloud.com/islandora/object/islandora%3Aroot>)

## Examples of digital newspaper repositories

- California Digital Newspaper Collection (<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/>)
- Chronicling America (<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>)
- Texas Digital Newspaper Program  
(<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TDNP/>)
- Utah Digital Newspapers (<https://digitalnewspapers.org/>)

## Examples of finding aid repositories

- ArchivesWest (<http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/>)
- Arizona Archives Online (<http://www.azarchivesonline.org/xtf/search>)
- OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository (<http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>)
- Online Archive of California (<http://www.oac.cdlib.org/>)
- PACSCL (<http://dla.library.upenn.edu/dla/pacscl/index.html>)
- Rocky Mountain Online Archive (<https://rmoa.unm.edu/>)
- Texas Archival Resources Online (<https://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/taro/>)
- Social Networks and Archival Context (<http://snaccooperative.org/>)
- Virginia Heritage (<http://vaheritage.org/>)

## Examples of digital exhibits

- Century of Black Mormons (<http://centuryofblackmormons.org>)
- Digital Public Library of America Digital Exhibitions (<https://dp.la/exhibitions>)
- Directory of OmekaS Exhibits (<https://omeka.org/s/directory/>)
- University of Utah Digital Exhibits (<https://exhibits.lib.utah.edu>)
- Utah State University Digital Exhibits (<http://exhibits.usu.edu/>)

## Search tips - help files

- DPLA search tips (<https://dp.la/about/search-tips>)
- Calisphere help (<https://calisphere.org/help/>)
- Chronicling America help (<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/help/>)
- Portal to Texas History help (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/help/>)
- Utah Digital Newspapers help (<https://digitalnewspapers.org/help/>)

## Using digital newspapers

- Find my Past Blog: Using newspapers to understand how your ancestors contributed to history (<https://blog.findmypast.com/how-did-your-ancestors-contribute-to-history-1850984080.html>)
- FamilySearch Wiki: United States Newspapers ([https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United\\_States\\_Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Newspapers))
- Genealogy Roadshow: Newspaper Research (<http://www.pbs.org/genealogy-roadshow/genealogy-tips/newspaper-research/>)
- Your Guide to Using Newspapers for Genealogical Research (<http://www.barbsnow.net/Newspapers.htm>)
- Flip Pal: Using Newspapers in Genealogy Research (<https://flip-pal.com/using-newspapers/>)
- The Ancestor Hunt: 8 Ways to Overcome OCR Errors when Searching Newspapers (<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/8-ways-to-overcome-ocr-errors-when-searching-newspapers>)

## Copyright information

- Copyright Overview and Resources (<http://www.lib.utah.edu/research/copyright.php>)
- Permission Free Resources: Find Images, Audio, Text, and Video (<http://campusguides.lib.utah.edu/permissionfree>)
- Rights Statements (<https://rightsstatements.org/en/>)
- Creative Commons (<https://creativecommons.org/>)

## Miscellaneous resources

- 250+ Killer Digital Libraries and Archives (<https://oedb.org/ilibrarian/250-plus-killer-digital-libraries-and-archives/>)
- Harvard Research Guide to find archival collections in U.S. libraries (<https://guides.library.harvard.edu/archives/us>)
- Example reproduction request and use agreement from the University of Utah, Marriott Library Special Collections ([http://www.lib.utah.edu/collections/special-collections/Reproduction%20Request04\\_30\\_2018.pdf](http://www.lib.utah.edu/collections/special-collections/Reproduction%20Request04_30_2018.pdf))

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Thank you for attending this session today about finding your family in digital libraries.

Hopefully this will have given you some more resources that you can use to find information as you seek out the stories of your ancestors.

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