

Before your visit

The Local History & Genealogy (LHG) division is located on the third floor of Main Library at 96 S. Grant Ave. Columbus, OH 43215. Parking is available in the Library Park N garage. LHG is currently open by [appointment only](#).

Online Resources

Search these online resources to learn more about the collection before your visit:

- 1) [Online catalog](#) includes books, magazines, periodicals and some microfilm. Some items may already be digitized and will be linked in the catalog record.
- 2) [My History](#) includes photos, documents, books and other items from the community and the library's collection.
- 3) [Finding aids](#) give you a listing of archives and photograph collections. Most of these items are not yet digitized.
- 4) [Columbus Dispatch Digital](#) is the searchable newspaper from 1871 to 1985.

Preparing for your visit

Some items may be in storage. To reduce your wait time at the library, [email us](#) before your visit and we will prepare items for your arrival.

For research help, consider our [Reserve an Expert](#) service where you can schedule a virtual meeting with a librarian to discuss your question or research project.

What to bring

- Bring your research! It will help us to know what you've already found.
- Thumb drive or flash drive to save images from microfilm or the scanner.
- Covered drinks are allowed in the library. Food is not allowed at this time.
- Your library card and ID.

Questions? Contact us at history@columbuslibrary.org or book a [Reserve an Expert](#) for a virtual meeting with a librarian.