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Key Sources for Business History

Reference Collection: Some of the sources listed below are located in the Reference Collection on the entrance floor of the Jackson Library; material in this collection is grouped into subject or industry categories to make it easily browsable. General print company directories are located on Table B. Not all resources listed below are necessarily available at Jackson Library.

Databases: Some key tools are in electronic format. Databases listed are available by accessing the [research databases](#) list at the [Jackson Library](#) Website. See our [Key Database Resources](#) for a list of available database sources at Jackson.

Special Collections: In Stanford libraries you can also find some special business history archival collections. Please consult SOCRATES and /or a reference librarian for assistance in this area.

BOOK & PERIODICAL CATALOGS

Socrates - Cataloged books, periodical titles and other material at Jackson Library and the other Stanford libraries.

Jackson Library Catalog - Source of most current information on Jackson Library holdings in particular.

Melvyl - Cataloged items at all University of California campuses and periodical titles (all campuses, all Cal State University campuses, USC, Stanford and the California State Library.)

ARTICLE INDEXES

Business Periodicals Index (1958- ; Latest on Reference: Periodical Indexes) - General index of articles in business, finance and related topics. Z7164.C81B983

Industrial Arts Index (1913-57) - Predecessor to Business Periodicals Index. Z7913.I7

New York Times Index (1851-) Green Library Information Center A121.N44

New York Times Historical (1851-2003) – full-text online.

New York Times, Historical Index to the (1851-1922) – online from Chadwyck-Healey.

New York Times Index (1863-1905) – online; part of 19th-Century Masterfile

Readers' Guide Retrospective (1890-1982) – online.

Readers Guide to Periodical Literature (1901- ; Latest in Green Library Information Center) – Green Library A13.R4

Wall Street Journal Historical Archive (1889-1989) – full-text articles online.

Wall Street Journal Index (1955- ; Latest on Reference: Periodical Indexes) - HGI.W26

SERIALS

Business and Economic History (1975-99) - BF5341.B8 v.4-13, 15-

Business History (1958-) - Periodicals Stacks

Bulletin. Business Historical Society (1926-53) – Predecessor to *Business History Review*. Periodicals Stacks: 1926-53; incomplete 1941,1945,1949, 1950

Business History Review (1954-) - Periodicals Stacks

Journal of Economic History (1941-) - Periodicals Stacks; also in [JSTOR](#)

The Labor Historians' Bulletin (1953-59) - Predecessor to *Labor History*. Periodicals Stacks 1953-57

Labor History (1960-) - Periodicals Stacks

CORPORATE REPORTS

Annual reports and SEC filings on Laser Disclosure (1988-); 1969-89 limited SEC filings on microfiche (2nd floor); 1950-68 on microcard (2nd floor.) Other archival electronic SEC filings in [Thomson Research](#) database.

FINANCIAL DATA

[Mergent Corporate Manuals](#) - Extensive historical information on public companies. Includes the following

Mergent / Moody's manuals:

- Industrial Manual, 1920-
- OTC Industrial Manual, 1970-
- OTC Unlisted Manual, 1986-
- Bank & Finance Manual, 1928-
- Public Utility Manual, 1914-
- Transportation Manual, 1909-
- International Manual, 1981-

Some Mergent titles are available in print in the Jackson Library collection.

Poor's. A number of volumes on Utilities, Railroads, and Industrials dating from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. HE2721.P8; HG4905.M85; HG4905.P5.

BIOGRAPHIES & COMPANY HISTORIES

Ingham, John N. *Biographical Dictionary of American Business Leaders*. Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 1983. Reference: Business History HC102.5.A2I53 1983

Schweikart, Larry, ed. *Encyclopedia of American Business History and Biography: Banking & Finance to 1913*. New York : Facts on File, c1990. Reference: Business History HG2461.B33 1990

Schweikart, Larry, ed. *Encyclopedia of American Business History and Biography: Banking & Finance 1913-1989*. New York : Facts on File, c1990. Reference: Business History HG2461.B3312 1990

Derdak, Thomas, ed. *International Directory of Company Histories*. Chicago : St. James Press, 1988- Reference: Business History HD2721.I58 1988 v.1-

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Lovett, Robert W. *American Economic and Business History*. Detroit, Gale Research Co. [1971]. Z7165.U5.L66

Dallas Public Library. Business and Technology Division. *Business History Collection: A Checklist*. Dallas, Texas: 1974. Z7165.U5.D34 1974

Ferguson, Eugene S. *Bibliography of the History of Technology*. Cambridge, Mass.: Society for the History of Technology, 1968. Z7914.H5F4

Larson, Henrietta M. *Guide to Business History*. Cambridge, Harvard Univ. Press, 1948. Green Library Information Center Z7164.C81 L25; Green Library Stacks HF5006.H3

John Crerar Library. *A List of Books on the History of Industry and Industrial Arts, January 1915*. Detroit, Gale Research Co., 1966. Reference: Business History Z7914.H5J6 1966

Index of publications - Newcomen Society in North America. Reference: Bibliographies T1.N492 1933/84, 1985/90; publications themselves in Stacks T1.N5

Daniells, Lorna M., comp. *Studies in Enterprise: A Selected Bibliography of American and Canadian Company Histories and Biographies of Businessmen*. Boston: 1957. Z7164.C81H26 1957