

LOCATING MATERIALS

The microfilm collection at the Center for American History is quite extensive and includes microfilm copies of books, periodicals, government documents, archival and manuscript collections, and newspapers. Original source material for microfilmed documents can be found in the Center, the National Archives, the Library of Congress, private collections, and archival collections throughout the United States.

Microfilm can be accessed from many different points; for a more inclusive search, all these resources should be consulted. If, after consulting the following resources, you are still having difficulty locating microfilm, please see a CAH staffmember.

1. Non-Newspaper Microfilm Indexes and Lists.

- A. Ramsdell Collection of Southern History Documents (Card Catalog Cabinet E; in brown binders on top of card catalog cabinets).

Records of Confederate bureaucracy, soldiers, and politicians as well as miscellaneous material relating to the general history of the antebellum, Civil War, and Reconstruction eras in the South. The Ramsdell Collection is a result of a project from 1937 to 1940 that filmed printed and manuscript materials on Southern history housed in archival repositories outside of Texas, including Yale, the Massachusetts Historical Society, the Library of Congress, Duke University, the Mississippi State Department of Archives and History, and the Illinois State Historical Society.

- B. University of Texas Regional History of Business in the Southwest (Card Catalog Cabinet E).

- C. Miscellaneous Microfilm (Black binder on top of card catalog cabinets).

Complements Item G, the Microfilm-Miscellany in Card Catalog.

Access by title to the list of positive microfilm available for self-service use on the Mezzanine. Cataloged microfilm has 4 or 5 digit call numbers without decimal points (ex. 22, 336) and uncatalogued microfilm has 5 digit call numbers with decimal points (ex. 802.43).

- D. Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations Records, Series G: (Guide located in the Archives/Manuscripts Inventories and Checklists located in the filing cabinets opposite from Card Catalog A).

Part 1. Texas and Louisiana

Part 2. William Massie Collection

A listing of the plantations records archives available at the Center. CAH collections include the extensive records of the Massie and Pugh plantations, and shed light on nearly every aspect of plantation life.

- E. Texas Census Index, 1850 and 1860 (incomplete) Card Catalog Cabinet D.

Name index to listings of individuals, including county of residence, birthplace, age and gender, as well as citations to census page numbers for individuals and dwellings.

- F. Research Microforms Collections in the University of Texas at Austin Libraries (Gray binder located on top of card catalog cabinets).

An incomplete listing by title and title keyword of research microform collections in the UT-Austin libraries. Not all items listed here are held at the Center for American History.

- G. Microfilm – Miscellany (Card Catalog E).

Complements Item C, the Miscellaneous Microfilm black binder on top of card catalog cabinets.

2. Newspaper Collection Indexes and Lists.

Various guides and indexes to the CAH's newspaper collection can be found on the table adjacent to card catalog cabinet A and perpendicular to the Archives and Manuscripts Finding Aids table. Codes indicate availability on microfilm (MF), availability for interlibrary loan (*), and availability for purchase (†). Please note that most of the inclusive dates are for INCOMPLETE runs. We may not have every issue between the given dates.

- A. Texas Newspaper Collection holdings alphabetically by city of publication, then by title.
- B. U.S. Newspaper Collection holdings alphabetically by state, by city of publication, and by title.
- C. Newspaper holdings for Texas cities and towns arranged by county.
- D. Natchez Trace Newspaper Collection alphabetically by state, by city of publication, and then by title.
- E. Foreign Newspapers by country, by city of publication, then by title.
- F. Index to Texas Newspaper Collection by Ethnic, Religious, Professional or Political Orientation.
- G. Title and Keyword Title Indexes to the Texas Newspaper Collection.
- H. Gannett Newspaper Collection: This provides subject access to a small collection of 20th century newspapers from around the United States.
- I. Index to U.S. Newspapers housed at Collections Deposit Library: An alphabetical list of 1300 U.S. newspaper titles by state then by city which are held at the Collection Deposit Library, which is open to the public between 8-5 Monday-Friday.

NARROWING YOUR SEARCH

After determining which titles you need to see, check UTnetCAT and/or the newspaper lists to verify title and issue date are at CAH. All non-Texas newspapers on microfilm are located at Perry-Castañeda Library.

1. If the code in this list indicates there is a microfilm (MF) copy of the newspaper, researchers are required to use this copy. Go to the microfilm area (the Winkler Study adjacent to the Reading Room), where you will find the self-service microfilm and microfilm readers. Please do not refile microfilm after use. A self-serve microfilm printer is located below the stairs next to the photocopier.
2. If all else fails, ask a Reading Room staff member for assistance.

REQUESTING MATERIALS

1. For microfilm, you will NOT need to fill out a call slip. Reels of microfilm can be found in the self-serve area on the Mezzanine (up the stairs above the photocopier).
2. Microfilm reels and microfilm readers have been moved from the second floor mezzanine to the first floor Winkler Study, adjacent to the Hogg Reading Room. The Winkler Study will close daily at 4:45p.m.
3. If you need help, consult with a Reading Room staff member.

COPYING

A self-serve microfilm reader-printer is located below the stairs next to the photocopier. Do NOT use this reader-printer for initial research; use the readers in the Winkler Study. Patrons are limited to 15 minutes of printing when others are waiting. If you need assistance, consult a Reading Room staff member.

Microprints may be made by patrons at a cost of \$.25 per exposure. At this time, the machine will only take copycards, available for purchase at several locations near the Center.
