
The collections also include books, correspondence and/or collections of the works of John Shaw Billings (1838-1913), librarian, scientist, and Miami alumnus; the working library of Louise Bogan (1897-1970), American poet; Daniel Defoe (1659?-1731), English author of Robinson Crusoe; James T. Farrell (1904-1979), American author; Hamlin Garland (1860-1940), American author; Benjamin Harrison (1833-1901), Miami alumnus and 23rd President of the U.S.; William Dean Howells (1837-1920), American author and area native; William Holmes McGuffey (1800-1873), American educator and MU professor; Matthew Prior (1664-1721), English poet and diplomat; Robert B. Stanton (1846-1922), civil engineer, explorer and Miami alumnus; and Rodolfo Usigli (1909-1979), Mexican playwright, essayist, and diplomat.

Manuscript collections include those pertaining to literary figures, such as William Dean Howells and Percy MacKay, and notable individuals in Miami's history, including Robert Hamilton Bishop, John W. Browne, Benjamin Harrison, William Holmes McGuffey and Robert Brewster Stanton. Letters, diaries, and other manuscripts comprise a growing portion of the Walter Havighurst Special Collections' publicly accessible resources. Finding aids and transcribed documents assist researchers in identifying these unique items.

The Samuel W. Richey Collection of the Southern Confederacy contains over 700 letters and documents written by Jefferson Davis and other Confederate leaders prior to and during the Civil War and Reconstruction. Discover numerous soldiers' diaries from other collections on the Union side of this conflict.

Comparative resources are available on the Napoleonic Wars (from both the Russian and the French perspectives), the French and Indian Wars, the American Civil War, the War of 1812, and World War II and numerous other conflicts.

The histories of the Old Northwest Territory and Ohio River valley are available in the Covington Collection of over 8,000 volumes that chronicle exploration, settlement and growth of the area. Shedding light on the region are emigrant guides; books on farming and mechanical arts; early regional imprints; and territory, state, regional and local histories. Contemporary accounts and documentary material chronicle the history of transportation, including early railroads and river navigation, with special emphasis on the Ohio River system and Cincinnati's riverboats.
Travel and Exploration

Early U.S. exploration is represented by works by Lewis & Clark, Zebulon Pike, Stephen Long, Robert Stanton, and Henry Schoolcraft as well as works on Arctic, Antarctic and Canadian expeditions. British and French exploration are included, as are writings and translations of early missionaries living in North America. Early maps and atlases of the area enhance these collections.

The exploration of the United States is tied almost directly with the development of transportation. The collections include stagecoach, canal and railroad timetables, and materials documenting the development of inland river and steamboat transportation on the Ohio and Mississippi River systems.

Of Special Interest

The André de Saint-Rat Collection contains 18th and 19th century pre- and post-Revolutionary Russian history, literature and art, including some volumes owned by Czar Nicholas II and Czarina Alexandra.

The Shaker Collection contains over 500 volumes on various aspects of this small religious sect, including their music and hymns.

Native American history, traditions, arts and language are featured in three collections: the Myamia Collection, the Ferdinand Bach Collection of Native American Materials and the Native American Women Playwrights Archive.

Education

Discover the King Collection of over 10,000 children’s books and magazines printed from the seventeenth century through the present day, providing insight into the activities of children.

The Walter Havighurst Special Collections houses one of the most extensive collections of the McGuffey Eclectic Readers. These works mirror the changes in the educational process in 19th century America. See also http://doyle.lib.muohio.edu/edm4/mcguffey. These resources are supported by an additional 5,000 schoolbooks published in numerous subject areas from the late 1790s up to the early 1900s.

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Documents from the history of Miami University

The Miami Digital Archive can be accessed at www.lib.muohio.edu/miamihistory/

Highlights of the collections include the:
- Frank Snyder Photograph Collection
- William Holmes McGuffey Family Papers
- Letters of the Reverend John W. Browne
- University documents and publications
- Published speeches and orations
- Early maps, including the first map of Oxford township with Miami College (1810)
- Miami student newspaper
- Miami Stories Oral History Collection