

Digitized Sources for Global & American Research Projects
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A few important details about the below list:

- 1) It is not exhaustive, as it originates from a **collaborative Twitter thread from November 2018** (<https://twitter.com/sysgak/status/1062048149773127681>). Nearly all of the collections from the thread are included here. Dates are included for the materials when possible, based off a quick glance at the website.
- 2) *We must consider the context in which sources are selected to be digitized.* The below Twitter thread provides examples of how archives with digitized databases explain their mission, their selection process, how the digitized materials relate to non-digitized ones, etc. Excellent resource & reading:
<https://twitter.com/amaliasl/status/1245544256212807680?s=20>
- 3) The list is categorized by regions (non-Western, Europe, and North America). Due to the entangled nature of world history, many collections fit more than 1 category. This is why there are duplicate listings of some collections.

Digitized sources about non-Western world:

- University of Bremen's collections about Germany's colonies, 1884-1919:
<https://m.suub.uni-bremen.de/ueber-uns/neues-aus-der-suub/digitale-sammlung-deutscher-kolonialismus-dsdk-workshop-am-5-maerz-2019/>
- International Slave Trade Database:
https://slavevoyages.org/?fbclid=IwAR37j9A1A2qQ8pyI6Uxnub9FBKef64F57C--m603d-l_fGZljQ6n1Hfi6d0
- NATO files online: <http://archives.nato.int>
- Images of the Ottoman Empire and Turkish Republic, 1853-1958 (most only until 1930), Pierre de Gigord Collections, Getty Images,
<http://archives2.getty.edu:8082/xtf/view?docId=ead/96.R.14/96.R.14.xml;query=;brand=default>
 - o Background on the collection, what it includes, etc.:
<https://blogs.getty.edu/iris/ottoman-era-photographs-take-on-new-meaning-in-their-digital-life/>
- The British Library's Endangered Archives Program –digitized archives worldwide that were in danger of destruction, neglect, or physical deterioration: <https://eap.bl.uk/search/site>
 - o Notes: search for language first, as this will narrow down what you might be able to logistically use
 - o Topics in English include: Newspapers, Colonial administration, Slavery, Nigeria, education, colonialism, sport & leisure, business, crime, genealogy, Ghana history,

- Lesbian and gay press, Caribbean area politics & government, Uganda history, missionary work, Bengali culture, health & medicine
- Indiana University, Liberian Government Archives, 1828-1911:
<http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/findingaids/view?docId=VAB6927&doc.view=items>
 - Indiana University, H.K. Banda Archive 1924-2005 (most between 1950-1997); Dr. Hastings Kamuzu Banda, first president of the Republic of Malawi:
http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/findingaids/view?doc.view=entire_text&docId=VAA9500
 - The United Nations History Project:
<https://www.histecon.magd.cam.ac.uk/unhist/research/archives.html>
 - Digital Library of the Caribbean (and LatAm), includes material on topics such as: Cuban genealogical material, Panama canal, the Braga brothers collection, Jewish communities in Barbados and Jamaica, etc.: <https://dloc.com>
 - Radical History Online (list of collections, including on: African Communist, Anarchist library, Anti-Fascist Action, Black Liberation Front, Bulletin of the 1955 Bandung Conference, and many more):
<https://hatfulofhistory.wordpress.com/2018/11/03/radical-history-online-a-list-of-collections/>
 - University of Georgia, Francophone Slavery (18th-19th centuries): <http://slavery.uga.edu>
 - University of Otago, Marsden Online Archive (Marsden was a chaplain to New South Wales, a driving force behind the Church Missionary Society in NZ in the early 19th C.):
<https://marsdenarchive.otago.ac.nz>
 - Digital Innovation South Africa (sociopolitical history of SA from 1950-1994, including anti-apartheid activist Steve Biko, Gandhi-Luthuli Documentation Centre):
<http://www.disa.ukzn.ac.za>
 - The Woodrow Wilson Center's Cold War International History Project, Digital Archive (including 1956 Polish and Hungarian Crises, 1988 Seoul Olympic Games, Asian People's Anti-Communist League, Bandung Conference, Brazilian Nuclear History, and many more):
<https://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/collections>
 - Durham University, Sudan Archive, Annual Reports of the Governor General of Sudan (reports on the finances, administration, and conditions of the Sudan under British rule, 1902-1952): https://www.dur.ac.uk/library/asc/sudan/gov-genl_reports/
 - o Also a series of intelligence reports: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/library/asc/sudan/sirs/>
 - The American University of Cairo, various collections on Egypt:
<http://digitalcollections.aucegypt.edu>
 - Colonial Film Database: Moving Images of the British Empire (6000+ films):
<http://www.colonialfilm.org.uk> (not clear if films are available online)
 - Open Source Guinea, a historian's collection of archival materials related to his work about recruiting indentured labor in West and Central Africa, 1500 sources and 400 digitized books and articles): <http://www.opensourceguinea.org/p/aga.html>

- Stanford University, 1947 Partition Archive interviews (Partition of India-Pakistan), done in various languages: <https://exhibits.stanford.edu/1947-partition/browse/interviews>
- Macquarie University, Colonial Cases archive (case law of the British empire's colonial and consular courts):
http://www.law.mq.edu.au/research/colonial_case_law/colonial_cases/site/cc_home/
- Bandung + 60, about the Asian-African conference in Indonesia in April 1955 (birth of the 'Third World'): <https://bandung60.wordpress.com/bandung-documents/>
- Museum of British Colonialism (some interviews and site maps, i.e. of the Kenyan Mau Mau Emergency from 1952-1960, with the plan to upload documents in the future):
<https://www.museumofbritishcolonialism.org>
- Michigan State University, African Activist Archive, material from 1950s-1990s about African-related struggles worldwide: <http://africanactivist.msu.edu/index.php>
- Indigenous education in northern Australia:
<http://educationmob.communitystories.net/archive/index.php>
- South Asian American Digital Archive (SAADA): <https://www.saada.org/browse>
- The Six Nations appeal to the League of Nations, 1920s:
<http://sixnationsappeal.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html>
- Qatar Digital Library (including materials dated from 0-1999, covering the entire Gulf region, some materials for last century or so in English): <https://www.qdl.qa/en/about>
- University of Wisconsin, Bhopal Digital Archive (law, accidents, and disasters in India, largely related to a major leak of lethal gas in 1984, including court documents, newspaper clippings, and other secondary sources):
<http://repository.law.wisc.edu/s/uwlaw/page/bhopal-collection>
- The World War I Document Archive - <http://www.gwpda.org>
- Francis Mairs Huntington-Wilson Papers (related to his work in the American Legation to Japan to 1905, Assistant Secretary of State 1909-1913, and World War I and II-era materials): https://digitalcommons.ursinus.edu/fmhw_immigration/

Europe-related Digitized Archives

- Harvard Project on the Soviet Social System (interview transcriptions online):
<https://library.harvard.edu/collections/hpsss/index.html>
 - o Including a detailed "Background Guide":
https://library.harvard.edu/collections/hpsss/working_with_hpsss.pdf
- Open Society Archives – its Digital Repository contains materials related to interviews with Hungarian refugees after the 1956 Revolution, Donald Blinken's materials related to his ambassadorship to Hungary after 1989, Radio Free Europe's 'mood reports' about life under communism, and much more: <http://www.osaarchivum.org/digital-repository>

- The Runaway Slaves in Eighteenth Century Britain Project (800+ mainly English and Scottish newspaper ads between 1700-1780 by masters and owners seeking the capture and return of enslaved and bound people): <https://runaways.gla.ac.uk>
- The Proceedings of the Old Bailey, a prominent criminal court in London (details lives of 'non-elite' people who were punished from 1600s-early 1900):
<https://www.oldbaileyonline.org>
- WWI Diary of French soldier Albert Huet, digitized by UF library Helene Huet (includes: original images, transcribed French text, and English translations) -
<https://helenehuet.org/about/>
- Ahnenerbe: Documents from Nazi Germany, 1936-1945 (about folklore and archaeology that was 'found' to be related and supportive of Aryan culture). These fortunately have been translated into English: <https://digitalcommons.ursinus.edu/ahnenerbe/>
- Stockholm International Peace Research Institute: contains several digitized archival collections related to arms' transfers between the US and Soviet Union, arms' embargoes, arms' reports, and more: <https://www.sipri.org/databases>
- National Library of New Zealand, Papers Past (including NZ and Pacific newspapers from 19th-20th centuries, letters and diaries, Parliamentary Papers):
<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>
- British Online Archives ("covering 1000 years of world history, from politics and warfare, to slavery and revolution"): <https://microform.digital/boa/>
- Macquarie University, Colonial Cases archive (case law of the British empire's colonial and consular courts):
http://www.law.mq.edu.au/research/colonial_case_law/colonial_cases/site/cc_home/
- Norwegian Workers' Communist Party: <https://akp.no/ml-historie/html/english.html>
- University of Georgia, Francophone Slavery (18th-19th centuries): <http://slavery.uga.edu>
- The United Nations History Project:
<https://www.histecon.magd.cam.ac.uk/unhist/research/archives.html>
- NATO files online: <http://archives.nato.int>
- Library of Hungarian-Transylvanian historical documents (time period varies greatly, site and material in Hungarian): <http://adatbank.transindex.ro/belso.php?k=34#alk63>

North American-Related digitized sources:

- University of Minnesota's Tretter Transgender Oral History Project (full video recordings and transcripts online): <https://trettertransoralhistory.umn.edu>

- International Slave Trade Database:
https://slavevoyages.org/?fbclid=IwAR37j9A1A2qQ8pyI6Uxnub9FBKef64F57C--m603d-l_fGZljQ6n1Hfi6d0
- Twitter thread w/pic about digital archives on the Civil Rights Movement:
<https://twitter.com/evanfaulkenbury/status/1093166484531146755>
- “Voices of Freedom Outside the South: An Oral History Resource,” *Black Perspectives* (list of OH collections on the subject):
<https://www.aaihs.org/voices-of-freedom-outside-of-the-south/>
- American Joint Distribution Committee, (a Jewish aid organization, including photographs, text documents, and oral histories): <https://archives.jdc.org/our-collections/>
- Pennsylvania Folklife Collection (local scholar who documented the life of the Pennsylvania Dutch in the late 1940s-1950s):
<https://digitalcommons.ursinus.edu/pafolksociety/>
- Francis Mairs Huntington-Wilson Papers (related to his work in the American Legation to Japan to 1905, Assistant Secretary of State 1909-1913, and World War I and II-era materials): https://digitalcommons.ursinus.edu/fmhw_immigration/
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