WHAT IS MDH?

Proposed in 2007 by then Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, the Missouri Digital Heritage initiative is intended to be a collaborative endeavor to increase access to Missouri history. This database includes information and records from institutions located all across the state. The Missouri State Library, the Missouri State Archives, and the Missouri State Historical Society, along with other repositories are working together to digitize their records and put them online for all to access.

Missouri Digital Heritage also provides resources and lesson plans for Missouri educators. This curricula is based on standards set by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Through this database, teachers, parents, & students can access primary resources and additional educational material.

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GETTING STARTED

Missouri Digital Heritage can be accessed from any computer with an internet connection, even from home. The Cass County Public Library website provides a link to the database under the Resources tab at the top of the page.

QUICK LINKS

Collections
The Quick Links feature provides access to some of Missouri Digital Heritage’s most commonly used collections. This includes:

Missouri Birth & Death Records
- A collection of early (Pre-1910) birth and stillbirth records and death records for the state of Missouri. These records are transcribed, not digitized, (a copy can be requested) and searchable by county and full or partial name.

Missouri County Histories
- To view a list of history books for a particular county, select that county from the alphabetical drop-down list. Where a county may not be covered specifically, there is regional coverage of the area. All books are digitized – sponsored by the Missouri State Library.

Missouri County Plat Books
- This collection can be searched using the same methods stated above.

Missouri Death Certificates
- This contains death certificates for individuals who died in Missouri from 1910 – 1968. These records are digitized and searchable by first and last name, county, and year. For out-of-state deaths, you must contact the state in which the death occurred.

CIVIL WAR RESOURCES

The Missouri Digital Heritage initiative’s Civil War resources explore Missouri’s history: military battles, slavery, and the aftermath of the war. Collections include manuscripts, newspapers, photo archives, the Missouri Soldier’s Database, and more. MDH also has Civil War research guides, educational videos, lesson plans, and links to additional external resources.

BROWSE COLLECTIONS

For a comprehensive list of the record and information collections available on the Digital Heritage database, select the Browse Collections link at the top of the page. These collections can be filtered by selecting any of the following:

By Topic
- This will provide a list of topics including Genealogy, Cultures and Communities, Women, etc.

By Media Type
- Selecting this filter will show you options based on type such as Art, Newspapers, Sound Recordings, etc.

By Institution
- A list of all contributing institutions including historical societies, archives, schools, libraries and more.

You can also choose View All in order to see a list of all collections.

NAVIGATING THE HOME PAGE

On the home page you will find links to the database’s features on the dark gold bar across the top of the page. Below that you will find the General Search Form, as well as the Latest Updates and Videos and Featured Content available on MDH.

VIEWING DIGITIZED RECORDS

All MDH digitized images, including the death certificates, can be viewed as PDF files. These images can be printed or saved from any computer.

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