In order to hinder the spread of the COVID-19 Virus the MHS Research Center will close to the public March 17. The Montana Historical Society Research Center includes the Library, Archives, and Photograph Archives. MHS Research Center staff have taken steps to ensure as much access as possible to our services even if you cannot physically visit the public rooms. We will continue to serve the public by staffing the Reference Desk phones, email, and through our many pre-existing online resources.

**Research Services**

For a list of continuing services, including ILL, research services, and copies and reproductions go to [http://mhs.mt.gov/research/services](http://mhs.mt.gov/research/services)

**Research Requests**  Research Center professionals offer fee-based research services for offsite patrons. These include photograph, genealogy, general research, and legislative histories Charge for Montana residents $10.00, out of State requests $25.00, MHS Members receive two complimentary requests per calendar year. For additional information and request forms, [https://mhs.mt.gov/research/services/requests](https://mhs.mt.gov/research/services/requests)

**Interlibrary Loan (ILL)** Our newspaper microfilm and our oral history recordings are available for loan through your local library. No charge for Montana and other U.S. Libraries. [https://mhs.mt.gov/research/services/ill](https://mhs.mt.gov/research/services/ill)
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Online Resources

MHS Catalog Search  To search the Montana Historical Society Research Center catalog from home go to our webpage at: http://mtsc.sdp.sirsi.net/client/en_US/MT-HIST/  Click onto the blue “Search the Catalog” box and begin the search! A catalog search will provide you with the specifics needed to create a bibliography as well as assist in determining Research Request details.

Digitized Montana Newspapers Online  Access to select Digitized historic newspapers through Chronicling America, from 1864-1963, and Montana Newspaper Project, full-text searchable pages from more than 100 Montana newspapers (1873-2018)  https://mhs.mt.gov/research/collections/newspapers/mtnews

Digitized Collections  Links to digitized collections specific to the Montana Historical Society Research Center, e.g. Maps, Photographs, Montana livestock brands, Montana State Prison records (1864-1974), enlistment cards (1890-1918, WWI, WWII), county histories, Evelyn Cameron Diaries, and more!  http://mhs.mt.gov/research/online/mmp

Charles M. Russell Research Materials from the James B. Rankin Collection
Civil War Era Diaries and Correspondence
Community Cookbooks
County Histories of Montana
Evelyn Cameron Diaries
Letters, Diaries, and Documents from the Montana Historical Society
Livestock Brand Registrations for Montana 1873-1980
Mapping Montana and the West
Military Enlistments (Montana) 1890-1918
Military Enlistments (Montana) World War I
Military Enlistments (Montana) World War II
Montana Historical Society Civil War Era Diaries and Correspondence
Montana on the National Register of Historic Places
Montana’s African American Heritage Places
Montana State Prison Records 1869-1974
Moving Images on YouTube
Photographs of the Montana Historical Society
Publications and Ephemera from the Montana Historical Society
Rosetta Kamlowsky Radio Interviews

Montana Memory Project  To search all digital collections in the Montana Memory Project, use the Search box (or Advanced Search) on the MMP home page  https://mtmemory.org/digital/custom/home/#/

Montana History Compass  To access the Montana History Compass for indexes, subject guides, and Montana facts, go to the webpage at: http://mthistory.pbworks.com/w/page/97588818/Home
Newspapers on microfilm  This is an index of Montana newspapers we hold on microfilm. You can arrange to borrow up to five reels of film through Interlibrary Loan.
http://mthistory.pbworks.com/w/page/98206396/Indexes%3A%20Newspapers%20on%20Microfilm

Other Resources:

Montana State Library  Source for State publications and ILL (Interlibrary Loan)
http://libraries.msl.mt.gov/

Internet Archive: Access to digitized materials contributed by worldwide research institutions  https://archive.org/

Free Online Genealogy Sources

Family Search: U.S. Census, marriage licenses, death records, county records
https://familysearch.org/

Find a Grave: locations, info from markers, some include obits, photos, etc.
http://www.findagrave.com/

BLM/GLO Records: homestead records (Land Patents) and survey maps
http://www.glorecords.blm.gov/default.aspx

Montana State Death Index: vital death dates for locating death certificates, obits
http://montanamsgs.org/deathindex.html

Montana Memory Project: collections from outside the MHS, e.g. Polk City Directories, Yearbooks, Local Histories, Peggy Letters (Miles City)  http://montanamemory.org/

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