

Wisconsin Historical Society

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Before you go to the WHS be sure and look at their times and rules.

I would leave backpacks and purses behind.

Bring some loose paper or spiral notebook and a pencil and a credit card.

Parking is hard. All the meters take credit cards, but street parking is only two hours. You must keep running out or you will get towed.

Copies can be had by a WHS card available in the main hall.

State street is only a few blocks away. But the nice food spots are gone.

I would suggest walking across the street to the Student Union and eat there. Lots of choices and great view of the lake.

The best place to start at the WHS online is the COLLECTIONS tab.

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15310>

On the home page, scroll down to Collections and click the tab. This is a good starting point to find what you need.

You must remember that not everything they have is online.

This is a massive collection of items that are ONLINE and digital.

It would take many hours to show it all to you.

You should go explore this collection.

I will scroll through it at the end of this presentation. It will not show up on the recorded version for our Online members.

Next.

Let's look at RESEARCH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY tab.

This section has several collections to explore. And it is where you can request copies of Vital Records. It is much easier here than going to the Vital Records Office in Madison.

Here is the catalog, ARC Centers that Bob will talk about. And Webinars. Also guides and collections related to family.

It has Civil War rosters and a guide to the newspaper collection.

There is also a guide to caring for your family documents and treasures.

I broke it down into four different views to get it all in.

There is a lot to search in these past four slides.

Take some time and explore.

Search for names and places and things.

In this next tab from the Home Page, we are going to explore to things from local communities and the WHS itself.

There is more information than you could ever absorb on this site.

Be aware that most of it is Wisconsin Oriented. There are, however, major National Collections of high importance, such as the Draper Papers.

The photo collections are numbered in the Millions.

The newspaper collection is numbered in the millions.

Now.

Let's go online and do a few searches.