



Government Information

Locating Pre-1976 United States Federal Documents

The *Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications* is available online only back to July 1976. The resources listed below can aid the researcher identify and locate pre-1976 U.S. federal documents. See also *Using Government Information Sources: Electronic and Print*, by Jean Sears and Marilyn Moody, 3rd ed., Chapter 52, "Historical Searches" (Oryx Press, 2001) [DOC REF Index J] and *Congressional Publications and Proceedings: Research on Legislation, Budgets, and Treaties*, by Jerrold Zwirn, 2nd ed. (Libraries Unlimited, 1988) [Reference, 2nd floor, JK 1067 .Z85 1988]. RSH 4/06

Comprehensive General Indexes

Dates Covered	Title	NGL Location
Sept. 5, 1774 – March 4, 1881	A Descriptive Catalogue of the Government Publications of the United States (GPO, 1885).	DOC REF INDEX D
1789-1909	Checklist of United States Public Documents (GPO, 1911). (Known as the "1909 Checklist.") Also online: http://www.evergreen.edu/library/govdocs/tools/1909checklist/congressionaltables.html	DOC REF INDEX D
1881-1893	Comprehensive Index to the Publications of the United States Government (GPO, 1905).	DOC REF INDEX D
1893-1940	Catalogue of the Public Documents of the (53rd-76th) Congress and of All Departments of the Government of the United States (GPO, 1940, 25 vols.). (Known as the "Document Catalogue.")	DOC REF INDEX D
1895-2005	Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications (GPO, 1895-date). Now superseded by the online Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) < http://catalog.gpo.gov/ >	DOC REF INDEX D (1933-2005)
1900-1971	Cumulative Subject Index to the Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications, 1900-1971 (Carrollton Press, 1973-1975, 15 vol.).	DOC REF INDEX D
1941-1975	United States Government Publications Monthly Catalog: Personal Author Index, 1941-1950, 1951-1960, 1961-1965, 1966-1970, 1971-1975 (Pierian Press, 1971-1979, 5 vols.)	DOC REF INDEX D

Congressional Indexes and Documents

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1789-1989	Guide to the Records of the United States House of Representatives at the National Archives, 1789-1989 (National Archives and Records Administration, 1989).	DOC REF INDEX I
1789-1989	Guide to the Records of the United States Senate at the National Archives, 1789-1989 (National Archives and Records Administration, 1989).	DOC REF INDEX I
1789-1969	CIS U.S. Serial Set Index (Congressional Information Service, 1977-1997, 14 vol.). Covers the <i>American State Papers</i> (1789-1817) and the 15th through the 91st Congresses (1817-1969).	REFERENCE 2nd Floor J 74 .C65 1975
1817-1893	Tables of and Annotated Index to the Congressional Series of United States Public Documents (GPO, 1902).	DOC REF INDEX J
1970-1998	CIS/Annual: Abstracts of Congressional Publications and Legislative Histories (Congressional Information Service, 1971-1999).	DOC REF INDEX F
1789-date	LexisNexis™ Congressional CIS indexing and abstracting of Congressional publications and CIS legislative histories from 1970 to date; Congressional indexes from 1789 to 1989, and indexes to unpublished hearings through 1980.	Full Text Online (SHSU access only)
1973-date	Thomas—Legislative Information on the Internet (Library of Congress) < http://thomas.loc.gov > Provides access to the <i>Congressional Record</i> , bills, committee reports, roll call votes, appropriations legislation, treaties, and presidential nominations.	Full Text Online (unrestricted access)

Historical Congressional Documents Online

1774-1875	A Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation: U. S. Congressional Documents and Debates, 1774-1875 (Law Library of Congress) < http:// http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/ > Provides access to a wide array of journals, debates, letters, bills, resolutions, statutes, and selected sections of the Serial Set.	Full Text Online (unrestricted access)
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Presidential Executive Indexes and Documents

Dates Covered	Title	NGL Location
1945-1989	Codification of Presidential Proclamations and Executive Orders, April 13, 1945-January 20, 1989 (Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, 1989). Also online < http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/codification/codification.html >	DOC REF INDEX I
1929-date	Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States (Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, 1957-date). Also online < http://www.hti.umich.edu/p/ppotpus/ >	MAIN 4th Floor J 80 .A282

