

Government Documents for American History:

Documentary Sets & Comprehensive Indexes



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A. Comprehensive Indexes & Guides

1. Descriptive Catalogue of the Government Publications of the U.S. (Poore)
Coverage: 1774-1881
REF Z1223 .A 1885d
2. Comprehensive Index to the Publications of the U.S. Government (Ames)
Coverage: 1881-1893
REF Z1223 .A5 1970
3. Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications
Coverage: 1895- 2003
Cumulative indexes: 1900-1971. 15 v
1951-1960. 2 v.
1961-1965. 2 v.
1966-1970. 2 v.
Jan. 1971-June 1976. 2 v
July 1976-Dec. 1980. 151 microfiche
GOV DOCS GP 3.8:
4. Guide to U.S. Government Publications (formerly known as "Andriot")
REF Z1223.Z9 G842 2002
5. Schmeckebier, Government Publications and Their Use
REF Z1223.Z7 S3 1969

B. Congress

1. Journals of the Continental Congress
Coverage: 1774-1789
3rd Floor, J10 .A5
2. American State Papers
Coverage: 1789-1838
Microfilm Cabinets, 61 Mfilm

3. Serial Set (House and Senate reports and documents).

Selected documents and reports
23rd Congress to 64th (1833-1917)
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwss.html>

1966-1996 in paper. From 1980- available in microfiche. GOV DOCS Y 1.1/2:

Indexes to Serial Set & American State Papers:

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| 4. CIS U.S. Serial Set Index, 1789-1969 | REF Z1223.Z9 C65 1975 |
| 5. U.S. Congressional Serial Set Catalog, 1983-1996 | GOV DOCS GP 3.34: |
| For years not covered by the indexes above, use the <i>Monthly Catalog</i> (entry A.3) to identify documents by subject. Should you require a serial number, consult: | |
| 6. Numerical Lists and Schedules of Volumes | GOV DOCS GP 3.7/2: |

Proceedings

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| 7. Annals of Congress
Coverage: 1780-1824 | Microfilm Cabinets, 69 Mfilm |
| 8. Index to the Debates and Proceedings | REF J11 .A5 Index |
| 9. Register of debates in Congress
Coverage: 1824-1837 | Microfilm Cabinets, 70 Mfilm |
| 10. Index to the Register of Debates in Congress | REF J11 .D5 Index |
| 11. Congressional Globe
Coverage: 1833-1873 | Microfilm Cabinets, 71 Mfilm |
| 12. Index to the Congressional Globe | REF J11 .G5 Index |
| 13. Congressional Record (1873-10/1976)
After 1976 in periodical stacks (1977-10/2000 in microfiche, 10/2000-present in paper)
An index is issued for each session which includes History of bills and resolutions.
Congressional Record Index for 1983-present: http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS8316 | Microfilm Cabinets, 95 Mfilm |

C. Foreign Relations

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| 1. Revolutionary Diplomatic Correspondence of the United States (1775-1785). | SP COL, E249 .U583 |
| 2. The Emerging Nation
A documentary history of the foreign relations of the United States under the Articles of Confederation, 1780-1789. | GOV DOCS AE 1.114/3:N 21/V. |
| 3. Foreign Relations of the United States
Coverage: 1818- , Odum Library has 1868 - . There is about a 30 year lag in publication.
“Presents the official documentary historical record of major U.S. foreign policy decisions and significant diplomatic activity.” | GOV DOCS S1.1: |
| 4. Hasse, Index to United States documents relating to foreign affairs, 1828-1861 | REF Z1223.Z7 H2 |
| 5. Bevans, Treaties and Other International Agreements of the United States of America (1776-1949) | REF JX236 1968 .A5 |
| 6. United States Treaties and Other International Agreements (1950-1984) | GOV DOCS S 9.12: |

Indexes

3. Dubester's U.S. Census Bibliography with SuDocs Class Numbers and Indexes REF HA214.C3 C66 1996

F. Wars

1. Naval documents of the American Revolution GOV DOCS, D 207.12:
2. War of the Rebellion. A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. 127 v. Series I: Military Operations; Series II: Prisoners; Series III: Union Authorities; Series IV: Confederate Authorities. General Index. REF E464 .U6
3. Guides: Military Operations of the Civil War
4. Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion REF E591 .U58 Index, 1927
5. United States Army in the World War, 1917-1919 3rd Floor, D570 .U55 1988
See also official histories "United States Army in...." Series exist for World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam.