Before your visit

The Local History & Genealogy (LHG) division is located on the third floor of Main Library at 96 S. Grant Ave. Columbus, OH 43215. Parking is available in the Library Park N garage.

Online Resources
Search these online resources to learn more about the collection before your visit:

1) Online catalog includes books, magazines, periodicals and some microfilm. Some items may already be digitized and will be linked in the catalog record.
2) My History includes photos, documents, books and other items from the community and the library’s collection.
3) Finding aids give you a listing of archives and photograph collections. Most of these items are not yet digitized.
4) Columbus Dispatch Digital is the searchable newspaper from 1871 to 1985.

Preparing for your visit
Some items may be in storage. To reduce your wait time at the library, email us before your visit and we will prepare items for your arrival.

For research help, consider our Reserve an Expert service where you can schedule a virtual meeting with a librarian to discuss your question or research project.

What to bring

• Bring your research! It will help us to know what you’ve already found.
• Thumb drive or flash drive to save images from microfilm or the scanner.
• Covered drinks are allowed in the library. Food is not allowed at this time.
• Your library card and ID.

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