

## Bennington Past and Present Research Guide

### Background and Reference Sources

- The Vermont encyclopedia *Reference F47 .V46 2003*
- Vermont, a bibliography of its history *Reference F49 .B38 1983*
- Vermont voices, 1609 through the 1990s : a documentary history of the Green Mountain State *Reference F49 .V59 1999*
- The master plan survey and evaluation for the Town of Bennington, Village of Old Bennington, Village of North Bennington, Village of Bennington, prepared for the Bennington Regional Planning Commission ... (1966?) *Reference F59.B4 J6*
- [Ancestry Library Edition](#) -- Database of census, immigration, birth, death, marriage, court, land, and military records. \*\*Not accessible off campus\*\*
- [Heritage Quest](#) -- Database of census, revolutionary war, and freedman's bank records, as well as books containing family and local histories.
- [Making of America](#) -- from Cornell University. Full text digital library of primary sources in American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction.
- [The Battle of Bennington](#) -- "Teaching with Historic Places" lesson plans.
- [American Memory](#) -- from the Library of Congress. Provides access to writings, oral histories, images, maps, music and sounds that serve as a digital record of American history and creativity.
  - Among the many resources contained in the American Memory web site are American Life Histories from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1940. Here is a link to more than 100 [WPA Life Histories from Vermont](#).
- [In the First Person](#) -- In-depth index of close to 4,000 collections of personal narratives in English from around the world.
- [Historic USGS Maps of New England](#) -- More than 1,100 topographical maps created by the United States Geological Survey from the 1890s to the 1950s covering all of New England—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut—and selected areas of New York.
- [Bennington Banner Online](#) -- News, sports, features, and community information for Bennington and southwestern Vermont.
- [Bennington Museum](#)
- [North Bennington Museum Without Walls](#) -- A new online project to document the history and culture of North Bennington through oral histories, photographs, artwork and other artifacts.
- [Park-McCullough](#) -- Web site for the Park-McCullough House, a Victorian Mansion in North Bennington. Includes information about the estate and its collections and archives.
- [Bennington Town Clerk's Office](#)

- [State of Vermont web site](#)
- [Vermont Political Parties](#)
- [U.S. House of Representatives](#)
- [U.S. Senate](#)

## Finding Books

- [Search for books in Crossett Library by subject heading.](#) -- Try typing in "Bennington" to see all possible subject subdivisions.
  - Or, to search for books in Crossett Library about Bennington, but not about Bennington College specifically, try [this search](#).
- [WorldCat](#) -- Search for books and other materials that can be borrowed through [Interlibrary Loan](#) from libraries around the world.

## Finding Articles and Reviews

- [America's Historical Newspapers 1690-1922](#) -- Reproductions of hundreds of American historic newspapers, providing millions of pages of text-searchable facsimile images.
- [New York Times Historical](#) -- Database of reproductions of every page from 1851 to 2003.
- [JSTOR](#) -- Full text access to scholarly history journals.
- [LexisNexis Academic](#) -- Articles from newspapers and magazines. For Vermont news, click on the Guided News Search tab and select "U.S. News" in step one, then select "Vermont news sources" in step two.