

# The ArchiveGrid discovery interface from OCLC Research

ArchiveGrid® is a discovery service that provides access to detailed archival collection descriptions, making information available about historical documents, personal papers, family histories and other archival materials. It includes over two million descriptions of archival collections held by thousands of libraries, museums, historical societies and archives and enables researchers to learn about the contents of these collections, contact archives to arrange a visit to examine materials or order copies—all from one simple, intuitive search. Try it out at <http://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/>.

Anyone seeking historical collections can use ArchiveGrid's powerful search engine and user-friendly interface to retrieve results that include the title of the collection, holding institution, brief description and a link to an extended description. Primary sources can be hard to find on the Web, but they are found quickly and easily in ArchiveGrid, along with contact information for the archives and repositories where these materials are held.

You are invited to contribute your collection descriptions to ArchiveGrid through our free and easy-to-use contribution form at <http://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/contribute>. Supported formats include PDF, Word, and HTML in addition to MARC and EAD. For more information, please contact Bruce Washburn, OCLC Research, at [bruce\\_washburn@oclc.org](mailto:bruce_washburn@oclc.org) or Ellen Eckert at [eckerte@oclc.org](mailto:eckerte@oclc.org).

Over the past year ArchiveGrid has continued to grow, and we've introduced responsive design techniques to the interface to allow better access by smartphones and tablets. Several OCLC Research investigations have begun to explore new opportunities to analyze and enrich archival descriptions. We've published the results of a survey conducted in order to better understand our audience, as well as the outcomes of an EAD tag analysis. OCLC Research will continue progress on these activities and more, and you can stay informed of our progress through the ArchiveGrid Blog at <http://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/blog/>.

## The ArchiveGrid Discovery Interface Homepage



The screenshot shows the ArchiveGrid homepage with the following sections:

- ARCHIVEGRID** logo and search bar.
- SELECTED TOPIC**: A featured image of a man playing a trumpet with the word "Jazz" overlaid.
- FIND ARCHIVES NEAR YOU**: A map of the San Francisco Bay Area with red location pins. Below the map is a search box for a location or zip code (94002) and a list of states including Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, and Connecticut.
- COLLECTION HIGHLIGHT**: A featured collection titled "Henry Sugimoto Half Dome of Yosemite, 1935" with a description and a "Next" button.
- LATEST FROM THE BLOG**: A section titled "Born 85 years ago, Martin Luther King Jr. fueled change" with a brief text snippet.
- RECENT ADDITIONS**: A list of recent additions including "Connecticut College - Charles E. Shain Library" and "Chicago State University - Douglas Library".

## An ArchiveGrid Discovery Interface Search Result

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# ARCHIVEGRID

**9,095 philadelphia photographs**

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### Helen Hartzell photographs 1900, 1933 [microform]

Historical Society of Pennsylvania  
 Mounted, fragile oversized prints, one of which is a composite. Locations unknown. Portraits of unidentified man and of student body of Woodrow Wilson Junior High School.

### Darlington Hoopes photographs, 1920-1930 [microform]

Historical Society of Pennsylvania  
 Socialist Party activists and portrait of Eugene Debs, United States.

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## Thomas H. Shoemaker Germantown and Philadelphia portraits and views collection, 1863-1922

Shoemaker, Thomas H., 1851-1936.

**Historical Society of Pennsylvania**  
 The collection is open for research.



**Details**

33 boxes, 4 volumes, ( 9 linear feet)

The collection is open for research

The Thomas H. Shoemaker Germantown and Philadelphia prints and views collection consists of over twelve thousand images of historical places and colonial houses (many of which no longer exist) in and around the Germantown, Chestnut Hill, and Mount Airy sections of Philadelphia. In addition to exterior shots of houses, there are also images of doorways and some house interiors. There are also photographs of views along the Wissahickon Creek; images of graveyards, meeting houses, and churches, various portraits, and pictures of historic houses in other states, such as South Carolina and Massachusetts. While the collection contains mostly photographs, there are also lithographs, india ink drawings, prints, engravings, and silhouettes.

[Indicate cited item or series here] Thomas H. Shoemaker Germantown and Philadelphia portraits and views collection (Collection V86). The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Thomas H. Shoemaker (1851-1936) was a resident of Germantown and author of "The Inhabitants of Germantown of Chestnut Hill in 1809," which was published in volumes fifteen and sixteen of the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography. He was an informal Germantown historian and recognized, in the late 1880s, that his hometown's landscape was changing. Many of the local old colonial homes were being torn down in favor of shops and row houses, and Shoemaker wished to somehow document the disappearing buildings. In 1888, Shoemaker met artist John Richard, who had already begun making pen and ink drawings of many old Germantown houses. Shoemaker took to opportunity to work with Richard and began collecting his works. Unfortunately, Richard died several months after their first meeting, and Shoemaker decided to carry on the documentation process using photography.

**Topics**

- Cemetenes
- Cemetenes -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia.
- Church buildings
- Church buildings -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Engraving
- India ink
- India ink -- Drawings
- Lithography
- Photographs
- Prints
- Silhouettes

**Genres**

- Drawings
- Photographs

Stay tuned as we post updates on the new ArchiveGrid Blog at <http://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/blog/>.