Florida Resources

NOTE: On first appearance many of the following sites seem to provide the same means of access to Florida resources. However, each site offers unique ways of accessing these resources and may offer resources not available elsewhere. You should spend time exploring each one of them.

Archives Florida
http://palmm.fcla.edu/afl/
This database “describes the contents of some of the collections of organizational records and personal papers held in Florida archives.” Although most of the archives and repositories do not provide online access to their content, the list of resources found in the “Guide to Florida Archives and Repositories” provides a valuable resource for research on a wide range of subjects.

Florida Bureau of Archives & Records Management
http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/index_Researchers.cfm
This is a broader path of access to Florida archives than the previous listing. You will find links to local and state government records, genealogical records, photographs, and other historical materials via the Florida Memory Project. There is also a Florida Folklife Collection.

Florida Electronic Library
http://www.flelibrary.org
Among other resources offered here, you should look at Florida History, listed under Available Resources. This link opens links offering a variety of resources for Florida history. For example, the Florida on Florida link leads to “A comprehensive digital collection of Florida’s History, Culture and Environment.” The collection includes “maps, photographs, postcards, books, and manuscripts.”

Florida Folklife Collection
http://www.floridamemory.com/Collections/folklife/index.cfm
Part of the Florida Bureau of Archives & Records Management. The collection includes paper records, photographs and audio/video recordings.

Florida Heritage Collection
http://susdl.fcla.edu/fh/
Although some of the links do not work, this site still offers access to a wide range of resources. The “Author List” link provides access to online books that can be searched. The site is maintained by the State University System of Florida.

Florida Historical Society
http://www.florida-historical-soc.org/
The Society offers manuscript and newspapers archives, published materials, and links to other Florida historical resources.
Florida History Internet Center
http://www.floridahistory.org
This site emphasizes maps and photographs, but offers links to other resources. You may find the “TEN MOST ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FLORIDA” to be of interest, especially if you are looking for possible topics to research.

Florida Memory Project
http://www.floridamemory.com
Another site offering a wide range of materials on Florida’s culture, geography, government, and history. The link “How to use this web site” gives you access to resources in a wide range of subjects.

Florida Smart Web Guide: Florida History
http://www.floridasmart.com/subjects/history_fl.htm
Emphasizing Florida history, this site offers a range of links to information relevant to historical studies of the state.

MyFlorida
http://www.myflorida.com/
Billed as “The Official Portal of the State of Florida,” this site provides information on many aspects of life in Florida. Links are provided on the left for major subject areas such as government and business.
Looking for information on a particular division of government? Use the “Find an Agency” tab under the “Welcome to Florida” banner at the top of the page.

Office of Cultural and Historical Programs (State of Florida)
http://www.flheritage.com
This is the official web site for the Division of Historical Resources in Florida. Need a quick reference to facts on Florida? Use the FL Facts link at the top of the home page.

The P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History
http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/spec/pkyonge/index.html
A part of the George A. Smathers Libraries of the University of Florida, this library offers resources on Florida history including photographs, maps, and other images. Links to other Florida sites are also provided.

Publication of Archival, Library & Museum Materials (PALMM)
http://palmm.fcla.edu/
This site is self-described as “a cooperative initiative of the public universities of Florida to provide digital access to important source materials for research and scholarship.”
State Library of Florida – Florida Collection
http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/library/FLCollection/index.cfm
In the links on the left side of the page note especially those under Collections. The Florida Collections leads to a number of links for resources on the state. For example, you can check census data by clicking on Florida Collections > Florida Information > Census Information.

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