

Selected Online Resources for Primary Source Material on the History of Music Education

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Books/Periodicals

Google Books

<https://books.google.com/?hl=en>

A comprehensive index of full-text books and periodicals.

Hathi Trust Digital Library

<https://www.hathitrust.org/>

HathiTrust is a partnership of academic and research institutions, offering a collection of millions of titles digitized from libraries around the world.

International Arcade Museum

<http://www.arcade-museum.com/>

Contains a searchable database for full text issues of *Presto Magazine* and *Music Trade Review* back to the nineteenth century. Excellent source for music industry involvement with music education.

Internet Archive

<https://archive.org/index.php>

Internet Archive is a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, and more. Excellent historical resource for full text publications into the nineteenth century.

Newspapers.com

<https://www.newspapers.com/>

Source for historical newspapers. Subscription required.

ProQuest Historical Newspapers

<http://www.proquest.com/products-services/pq-hist-news.html>

Saxophone Museum

<http://www.saxophone.org/museum/saxophones>

Includes historical trade publications from C. G. Conn, H. W. White (King), Buescher, and others.

Genealogy

Ancestry.com

<http://www.ancestry.com>

Family Search

<https://familysearch.org/>

Free database with access to over 2000 historical collections including the US census and military records.

HeritageQuest Online

<http://www.heritagequestonline.com>

HeritageQuest Online is a comprehensive treasury of American genealogical sources—rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, and finding aids. Access through a public or university library.

Music Scores & Parts

Band Music PDF Library

<https://www.bandmusicpdf.org/>

BandMusic PDF Library preserves and shares band music from the Golden Age of the American Town Band. Over 3400 public domain selections including scores and parts are available for free download.

International Music Score Library Project (IMSLP)/Petrucci Music Library

<https://imslp.org/>

The IMSLP database includes thousands of Western art music scores and parts including music for wind band and tune books from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. All scores and parts are available for download free of charge.

Newspapers

Chronicling America

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

This free database at the Library of Congress contains full-text US newspapers from 1789-1924.

Gale's 19th Century U.S. Newspapers

<http://gdc.gale.com/products/19th-century-u.s.-newspapers/>

Gale's 19th Century U.S. Newspapers features full-text articles from a variety of publications including major newspapers as well as those published by African Americans, Native Americans, women's rights groups, labor groups, the Confederacy, and other groups and interests.

GenealogyBank

<http://www.genealogybank.com/>

Excellent source for historical newspapers. Subscription required.

Photographs

Internet Bandsman's Everything Within

<http://www.ibew.org.uk/index.htm>

Includes photographs, discography, and histories of bands from the UK, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Europe, the US, and other countries.

Miscellaneous Primary Source Materials

H. E. Nutt Archive Digital Collection

http://www.vandercook.edu/library/online_collections/

Special Collections in Performing Arts – Music Education, University of Maryland

<http://www.lib.umd.edu/scpa/index-of-collections?#mused>

Recordings

Discography of American Historical Recordings

<http://adp.library.ucsb.edu/>

The Discography of American Historical Recordings (DAHR) includes information and master recordings from American record companies during the 78rpm era. It is part of the American Discography Project (ADP) at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and the Packard Humanities Institute.

National Jukebox at the Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/jukebox/>

Digital recordings from the collections of the Library of Congress Packard Campus for Audio Visual Conservation and other contributing libraries and archives. Many recordings from the Victor Company including many labeled as educational.

Yearbooks

Classmates

<http://www.classmates.com>

This site contains thousands of school and university yearbooks from the early twentieth century to the present. Fee signup required.

E-Yearbook

<http://www.e-yearbook.com/>

E-yearbook contains thousands of school annuals from the late nineteenth century to the present. Although the site requires a subscription, users may search for free to determine if the database meets their needs.