RHODE ISLAND

Providence, RI

167. Brown University, John Carter Brown Library

Corner of George and Brown Streets
Providence, RI 02903

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Contact person:
Ted Widmer, Director

Overview:
Contemporary printed works (and some manuscripts) relating to the history of the Western Hemisphere, from Hudson Bay to Patagonia, during the colonial period of the Americas, ca. 1492–1825. The library is defined as both a repository for rare books and a center for advanced research. Its major manuscript collection is the commercial papers of the Brown family, from the early eighteenth century to the mid-nineteenth century. The library also has a collection of early maps and prints (ca. 1825) and pamphlets from the era of the American Revolution. Inclusive dates: 1492–1825.

168. Brown University, Special Collections

John Hay Library
20 Prospect Street
Providence, RI 02912

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Box A, Brown University
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Strong nineteenth-century American history collection including the papers of Jonathan Russell, the McClellan Lincoln Collection, the papers of John Hay, Samuel Sullivan Cox, and Eli Thayer (of the Emigrant Aid Society). Collections relating to church history include the records of several Baptist churches in Rhode Island and the papers of individual Baptist clergymen, including Roger Williams. Twentieth-century collections include several relating to WWII. Collections relating to Rhode Island include the papers of reformers Thomas Wilson Dorr and Elizabeth Buffum Chase, Governors William Sprague and Charles Warren Lippitt, and the Hall-Hoag Collection of Dissenting and Extremist Literature. Other collections include the Gorham Company Archives, the Hoffman Napoleon Collection, the Lownes History of Science Collection, the Rider Collection of Rhode Island History, and Rhode Island Manuscripts. Records date from the seventh century BCE to the present.

169. Johnson and Wales University

Culinary Archives and Museum
315 Harbourside Boulevard
Providence, RI 02905

Phone: (401) 598-2805
Fax: (401) 598-2807
E-mail: http://www.culinary.org
Hours: Tu-Sun 10 am-5 pm; appt. req’d.

Contact person:
Deborah Pinkham, Director

Overview:
The culinary archives contains approximately 1,000,000 volumes and supports the teaching programs of Johnson & Wales University.
It is one of the principle institutions in the U.S. for the study of the history of food, cooking, nutrition, and related subjects including travel and tourism, direct marketing, hotel management, and fashion retailing, reflecting interests from ancient times to the present. Established in 1979 with a donation of rare cookbooks from the late Paul Fritzsche, the holdings were enlarged by the Szathmary Family Culinary Collection of approximately 300,000 items. The museum also holds the archives of the Honorable Order of the Golden Toque and Les Dames d’Escoffier International. Holdings include cookbooks, tradecards, postcards, menus, and manuscript collections including food-related correspondence signed by emperors, kings, U.S. presidents, politicians, artists, writers, musicians, scientists, and renowned chefs. Inclusive dates: 1500–present.

170. Rhode Island College, Special Collections
600 Mount Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02908–1991

Phone: (401) 456-9653
Fax: (401) 456-9646
E-mail: http://www.ric.edu/adamslibrary/about/specialcollections/index.html
Hours: M–F 9 am–4 pm; appt. recommended.

Contact person:
Marlene L. Lopes, Special Collections Librarian

Overview:
Historical records include the Rhode Island College Archives and the Records (1930–1950) of the International Institute of Rhode Island. Among the collections are the business and family papers of Nathaniel Terry Bacon, Dr. Carl Russell Gross’s research on the African-American community of Rhode Island, the papers of Judge Michael DeCiantis, the Irving Jay Fain Collection on civil rights and fair housing, and materials related to Cape Verde and the Cape Verdean-American connection. Inclusive dates: 1852–present.
171. Rhode Island School of Design Archives

2 College Street
Providence, RI 02903

Phone: (401) 454-6398
Fax: (401) 454-6226
E-mail: http://www.risd.edu/archives.cfm
Hours: M-F 8:30 am–4:30 pm; appt. req’d.

Contact person: Andrew Martinez, Archivist

Overview:

The Rhode Island School of Design Archives collects, preserves, and provides access to historical materials related to the College and RISD Museum, documenting their development and programs and illuminating the contributions of individuals and organizations associated with RISD. The collections are a unique and valuable resource for understanding and appreciating the significant role RISD has played in teaching and advancing the disciplines of art, design, and art education—regionally, nationally, and worldwide—since its founding in 1877.

Materials include administrative records for the college, office files of past presidents, records of former museum directors and museum exhibition files, Board of Trustees records dating to the founding, biographical files for current and former faculty, historical student records and select examples of student work, information on alumni, photographs, audio- and videotapes, film, plans, and other documentation for RISD buildings, scrapbooks, publications including student newspapers, printed ephemera, artifacts, and several collections of personal papers of individuals associated with RISD. Inclusive dates: 1877–present.