Archival Collections

ALABAMA

Birmingham, AL

1. Birmingham Jefferson History Museum

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Noteworthy collections:
- 4,000 negatives of commercial photographer Bill Wilson, 1950s and 1960s, showing buildings, products, and businesses of the era
- Mining company scrip and “clacker” tokens from various companies
- Irondale Furnaces and Oxmoor Furnace artifacts
- Woco Pep gas pump face plate
- More than fifty vintage menus of Birmingham restaurants
- Birmingham Post canvas carrier’s bag
- 1940s–1950s photos of Loveman’s Department Store display windows

Montgomery, AL

2. Alabama Department of Archives and History

P.O. Box 300100
624 Washington Ave
Montgomery, AL 36130
Overview:
Contains a variety of material relating to businesses in Alabama. Of particular significance are records relating to the lumber industry, railroads, and general merchandise stores of the 1800s and early 1900s. The collections also include materials relating to the early mining and steel industries, lawyers, bankers, and agricultural enterprises such as plantations.

Noteworthy collections:
- Montevallo Coal Mining Company Minutes (1856–1873). 1 vol.
- Montgomery Abstract Company. 17 cu. ft.
- Jackson Company (founded the city of Jackson, Clarke County, AL) (1814–1817). 1 vol.
- Mobile & Girard Railroad Company Annual Reports (1873–1874). 1 folder.
- Montgomery Terminal and Street Railway Letterpress Copybook (1891–1903).
• Moses Brothers Savings Bank (Montgomery, AL) (1881–1892). 2 folders.
• John H. Minge General Store (1892–1907).
• Polar Ice and Coal Company Minute Book (1917–1927).
• Reuben Bennett (1789–1868), Business Records (1816–1863).
• Frederick Wolff Business Records (Cotton Brokerage Firm) (1878–1883).
• Sloan and Freeman General Merchandise Store Records (1898–1910). 10 cu. ft.

Other useful resources
• ADAH Public Information Subject Files (Vertical Files) – by county. Among these files is a small amount of information on individual businesses, including newspaper clippings, programs, correspondence, and histories. Arranged alphabetically by county. A container listing is available in the repository.
• Alabama City Directories contain information on various businesses in Alabama.
• Alabama Secretary of State. Corporations’ records.

Tuscaloosa, AL

3. University of Alabama

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Website: http://www.lib.ua.edu/libraries/hoole
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Overview:
The historical manuscripts collection consists of over 1800 collections – over 11,000 lin. Ft. of historical and literary manuscripts,
reflecting the history and culture of Alabama and the Southeast from the colonial period to the present. Collections include papers of a number of former Alabama congressmen and senators, records of businesses ranging from general stores to iron and coal companies, records of churches and social and professional organizations, and personal papers of individuals and families. The collections document the lives of people of diverse backgrounds, from farmers and plantation owners to soldiers, politicians, educators, and others.