HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY IN ARIZONA
A RESEARCH GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

The State Historic Preservation Office’s (SHPO) Advisory Committee on Historical Archaeology and SHPO compiled *Historical Archaeology in Arizona: A Research Guide* to provide information on conducting historical archaeology research in Arizona. It is intended to serve as a resource guide for state and federal agencies and cultural resource management (CRM) firms planning to conduct archaeological, historical, and architectural studies that will be reviewed by SHPO. However, the guide is not a substitute for having a qualified, trained historical archaeologist as a member of the research team. The largest international scholarly society focusing on historical archaeology is the Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA). Information on the SHA and the resources it offers can be found at [http://www.sha.org](http://www.sha.org).

This guide is not an exhaustive list of resources available to the researcher and is not a substitute for a thorough search for unique documents and publications related to a specific project area. Rather, it is a list of sources that should be consulted to obtain basic preliminary information. Because each project is unique, resources listed here may or may not be applicable; likewise, additional resources not listed in this guide may need to be consulted to adequately research specific people, properties, or artifacts. These additional resources include CRM reports and a wide variety of published and unpublished sources.

The Guide is subdivided into the following major sections: Resources for Researching a Historical Place or Person and five appendices. Appendix A contains information on historic context studies produced by the Arizona SHPO; Appendix B is a summary table of resources for local history research available at Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records; Appendix C is a bibliography of research sources on material culture; Appendix D is a bibliography of reports on historical archaeology in Arizona; and Appendix E contains information on historical sources that are housed in the National Archives and Records Administration.

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RESOURCES FOR RESEARCHING
A HISTORICAL PLACE OR PERSON

This summary of sources of maps, photographs, and written documents and records in Arizona will be useful to those who are researching the history of places (e.g. mines, homesteads, ranches, roads, urban residences, and businesses) and of the individuals associated with them. The resources in this document are mostly primary sources of information, which are generally archived in public facilities. These sources will be found in federal, state, county, and city locations, as appropriate. Some may be in the hand of private or semiprivate organizations. To further confuse the issue, city and county records may be archived in state and federal repositories. As a matter of course, all primary sources should be subject to external and internal historical criticism prior to use of information found in those sources. For basic discussions of historical method, see Shafer (1980) and Wood (1990).

Note: Periodic updates will be made to this document. If you are aware of any information changes, corrections or additions, please contact Carol Griffith at Arizona State Parks, the State Historic Preservation Office, 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, (602) 542-7141, cgriffith@azstateparks.gov
Maps

It should be noted that collections at the three Arizona universities, the various divisions of the Arizona Historical Society, and the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records include a wide range of map types and subjects that are not specifically listed below. Many of these will be of use to the historical archaeologist.

**General Land Office (GLO) Plat Maps**

A complete set of GLO maps, covering most Arizona townships, may be found at the state office of the Bureau of Land Management in Phoenix. The maps should be reviewed prior to beginning survey fieldwork to guide field investigations and to help identify and interpret cultural features. Specific information about cultural features on these maps may be found in the surveyor’s field notes, which are located in the state office on microfilm. Maps date from the 1860s to at least the 1930s. These survey maps were created as desirable land was opened for settlement; therefore, the earliest tend to be where there were mineral deposits or agricultural possibilities. Use maps in conjunction with the surveyor’s field notes and the patent filing information (Serial number) to identify the earliest official use/ownership. Be aware that before a patent was issued for a property, squatters and undocumented land use is possible for the nineteenth century, and earlier. Final proofs describing actual improvements to applied land (Homestead files) may be obtained by writing to the National Archives branch office in Laguna Nigel, California. To access the final proof information you will need the patent number, date of action, and serial number, which is available at the BLM office. You will find [http://www.glorecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorecords.blm.gov) of value for accessing GLO information. To search for Master Title Plates and associated Index Sheets see [http://www.blm.gov/az/mtps/mpts_search.cfm](http://www.blm.gov/az/mtps/mpts_search.cfm) Cadastral, Homestead Entry and Mining Survey Maps are available on DVD for purchase from the BLM Office in Phoenix ([http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en.html](http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en.html)).

Arizona State Office Bureau of Land Management, Security Building
222 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 417-9200

Northern Arizona University
Cline Library, Special Collections
P. O. Box 6022
Flagstaff, AZ 86011-6022
(928) 523-5551; E-mail: Special.Collections@nau.edu;
Website: [http://www.nau.edu/library/speccoll/index.html](http://www.nau.edu/library/speccoll/index.html)

Pima County Public Works Department
201 North Stone Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85701-1207
(520) 740-6451

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records; History and Archives Div.
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: [http://www.lib.az.us](http://www.lib.az.us)
United States Geological Survey (USGS) Maps
The federal government followed the township-based GLO maps with the USGS quadrangle sheets. Initially, these were issued in a 60-minute format, and later by a more limited 30-minute series. Subsequently, a 15-minute series covering most of the state was prepared. These have all been superceded by the current 7.5-minute series. The earlier series, like the GLO maps, provide a wealth of information about cultural features. Many of the early maps can be viewed at the Arizona State Museum; Special Collections, Cline Library, Northern Arizona University; and Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. In the library at the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center (see below), the USGS maintains the following maps for public reference: 1:24,000 maps for the state of Arizona, 1:250,000 and 1:100,000 maps of the entire United States, and 1:24,000 for some areas in adjacent southwestern states.

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records; History and Archives Div.
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: http://www.lib.az.us

Arizona State Museum
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ 85721
(520) 621-4011

Arizona State University
Noble Science Library, Map Collection
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 965-3582; Website: http://www.asu.edu/lib (ASU library Catalog Home Page)

Northern Arizona University
Cline Library, Special Collections
P. O. Box 6022
Flagstaff, AZ 86011-6022
(928) 523-5551; E-mail: Special.Collections@nau.edu;
Website: http://www.nau.edu/library/speccoll/index.html

Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center
U.S. Geological Survey
2255 Gemini Dr., Bldg. 1, Rm. 143
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 556-7008; Website: http://www.usgs.gov/library

State Historic Preservation Office, Arizona State Parks
1300 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85001
(602) 542-4009, Website http://www.azstateparks.gov

University of Arizona
Main Library, Map Room
Tucson, AZ 85721
(520) 621-6406
**Highway Maps**
Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records; History and Archives Div.
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: [http://www.lib.az.us](http://www.lib.az.us)

Arizona Department of Transportation
206 S. 17th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 712-7498

**County Highway Atlases**
A full set of atlases for the state is available at SHPO and the Arizona Department of Transportation. County transportation department offices will usually have sets for their own county.

1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: [http://www.lib.az.us](http://www.lib.az.us)

Arizona Department of Transportation
206 S. 17th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 712-7498

Arizona State Museum
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ 85721
(520) 621-4011

State Historic Preservation Office
Arizona State Parks
1300 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 542-4009; Website: [http://www.pr.state.az.us](http://www.pr.state.az.us)

**Sanborn-Perris Fire Insurance Company Maps**
The Sanborn maps for Arizona date from 1882 to the 1960s. The earliest Sanborn maps in Arizona are of Tombstone. Sanborn-Perris Fire Insurance Company maps are widely available as microfilm copies from a number of locations. Some are negative views (black background with white lettering), while others are positive views (white background with black lettering). The quality of the copies varies, and it pays to examine several versions if you will be reproducing them in a report. A drawback to using the microfilm copies is that it is not possible to see the color-coding used to designate building materials that are visible on the original maps. Full-size color copies of Sanborn Maps are more difficult to locate. Facilities having these copies are noted below. The Library of Congress has a complete set of the Sanborn maps and may have them on-line in the near future. For information, consult the Library of Congress’s American Memory website at [http://memory.loc.gov](http://memory.loc.gov) sponsored by E Data Resources, Inc. For more information contact Marla Krauss at mkrauss@CONNIX.COM

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (entire state on microfilm)
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: http://www.lib.az.us

Arizona Historical Society (entire state on microfilm, some full-size color copies for Tucson)
Southern Arizona Division
949 E. 2nd Street
Tucson, AZ 85719
(520) 628-5774

Arizona Historical Society (originals for Flagstaff & microfilm)
Northern Arizona Division
2340 North Fort Valley Road
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 774-6272

Arizona State University (microfilm and full-size color copies for Phoenix)
Hayden Library, Arizona Room
Tempe, AZ 8281
(480) 965-4932; Website: http://www.as.edu/lib (ASU library Catalog Home Page)
Noble Science Library, Map Collection
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 965-3582

Arizona State University (full-sized color copy of Phoenix 1947)
Arizona Historical Foundation
Hayden Library
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 966-8331

Burton Barr Library, City of Phoenix

Flagstaff Public Library (microfilm for Flagstaff)
300 W. Aspen
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 779-7670, (520) 774-6272

National Archives and Records Administration
700 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20408
Website: http://www.narn.gov/

National Archives and Records Administration – Regional Records Service
Laguna Niguel
24000 Avila Rd., first floor – east entrance
Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-6719
(949) 360-2641; E-mail: archives@laguna.nara.gov; Website: http://www.narn.gov/regional/laguna.html

Northern Arizona University
Cline Library, Special Collections
P. O. Box 6022
Flagstaff, AZ 86011-6022
(928) 523-5551; E-mail: Special.Collections@nau.edu;
State Historic Preservation Office (color reproduction of Flagstaff 1901–1904)
Arizona State Parks
1300 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 542-4009; Website: http://www.azstateparks.gov

University of Arizona (full-size color copies and microfilm, complete set for Tucson and much
of rest of state as well)
Main Library, Special Collections
Tucson, AZ 85721 (520)
(520) 621-6423

Midvale Collection Maps
The Midvale Collection is an original set of documents concerning prehistoric and historical-
period canals in Arizona. The bulk of this work focuses upon the Salt and Gila Rivers. As of
May 1, 1999, this collection was being prepared at Special Collections, Hayden Library, Arizona
State University. It cannot be accessed until the inventory and cataloging is completed.

City Plat/Subdivision Maps
These are usually available at the County Recorder’s Office or city government offices. See
listing under Property Title Records.

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (for Maricopa County 1890s–1950s)
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: http://www.lib.az.us

Arizona Historical Society, Northern Arizona Division
2340 N. Fort Valley Road
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 774-6272

Tucson Public Library
Reference and Arizona Section
101 N. Stone Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85701
(520) 791-4393
Bureau of Land Management (include current and past land-use activities such as homesteads)
Master Title Plats (Government Survey)
Arizona State Office
One N. Central Ave., Suite 800
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 417-9200

**Other Maps**
Bureau of Land Management (maps of tribal lands)
One N. Central Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 241-2281 (by appointment only)

Bureau of Indian Affairs (maps on Indian Lands)
Realty Department
Two Arizona Center, 13th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 379-6781

**Electronic Sources**
Library of Congress:

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/
Collection of digitized maps available for download
Photographs

A number of institutions conserve, display, and make available to researchers historical-period photographs. Local historical societies and museums may have resources unique to an area. A useful published source for the Phoenix area (1870–1970) is McLaughlin and McLaughlin (1970).

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records; History and Archives Div.
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: http://photos.lib.az.us/

Arizona State University
Arizona Historical Foundation, Hayden Library
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 966-8331; Website: http://www.asu.edu/lib (ASU Library Catalog Home Page)

Arizona Historical Society, Central Arizona Division
1300 N. College
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 929-0292, ext. 173

Arizona Historical Society, Southern Arizona Division
949 E. 2nd Street
Tucson, AZ 85719
(520) 628-5774

Arizona Historical Society, Northern Arizona Division
340 N. Fort Valley Road
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 774-6272

Arizona Historical Society, Rio Colorado Division
240 S. Madison Avenue
Yuma, AZ 85364
(928) 782-1841

Arizona State Museum
Photographic Archives
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ 85721
(520) 621-2445

Arizona State University
Hayden Library, Arizona Room, Special Collections
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 965-4932; website: http://www.asu.edu/lib (ASU Library Catalog Home Page)
Museum of Northern Arizona
3101 N. Fort Valley Road
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 774-5213

National Park Service
Grand Canyon National Park
P.O. Box 129
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023
(928) 638-7758

Phoenix Public Library and Phoenix Museum of History
Images of Arizona
http://azhistoricalimages.org/index.jsp

Northern Arizona University (750,000 images from Flagstaff and Colorado Plateau area)
Cline Library, Special Collections
P.O. Box 6022
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 523-5551; E-mail: Special.Collections@nau.edu;
Website: http://www.nau.edu/library/speccoll/index.html

Sharlot Hall Museum (Yavapai County)
415 W. Gurley Street
Prescott, AZ 86301
(928) 445-3122

State Historic Preservation Office (photos with National Register and State Register files)
Arizona State Parks
1300 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85001
(602) 542-4009; Website: http://www.azstateparks.gov

University of Arizona
Main Library, Special Collections
Tucson, AZ 85721
(520) 621-6423

For online exhibits of various Arizona celebrities and historical events go to
http://www.library.arizona.edu/speccoll/public_programs/

US Farm Security Administration (FSA), Dorothea Lange Collection
Photograph collection of farm workers in California and Arizona during the Great Depression.
Dorothea Lange took the photos at the request of the FSA
Aerial Photographs

**Colorado River Corridor (Glen Canyon Dam to Lake Meade)**
Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center
2255 Gemini Dr., Bldg. 1, Rm. 143
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 556-7373
Aerials are intermittent for the years 1935 to the 1980s, but are available for every year from 1990 to the present.

**Flagstaff-Area Coverage**
Northern Arizona University
Cline Library, Studio Collections, Fronski Collection
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 523-5551; E-mail: Special.Collections@nau.edu;
Website: [http://www.nau.edu/library/speccoll/index.html](http://www.nau.edu/library/speccoll/index.html)

**Phoenix Area Coverage**
1935 Fairchild over flight is the earliest complete set of photographs for the Phoenix area. They were taken to show where Salt River Project (SRP) irrigation was possible and cover the Salt River basin from Granite Reef Dam to Gillespie, including some Verde River valley coverage. Originals are in California, but local copies are available at SRP.

Arizona State University
Noble Science Library, Map Collection
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 965-3582; Website: [http://www.asu.edu/lib/hayden/govdocs/maps/mapcoll.htm](http://www.asu.edu/lib/hayden/govdocs/maps/mapcoll.htm)
ASU has Landis Collection aerials from 1969 to the present, which mostly cover the Metro Phoenix area, and Fairchild Collection aerials for 1935 to 1939.

Fairchild Aerial Photography Collection
Whitter College
Whitter, CA 90608
(562) 907-4220

Rupp Aerial Photographs
4811 N. Seventh Street
Phoenix, AZ 85014
(602) 277-0439
Aerial photographs are available from a number of commercial companies in Phoenix, but Rupp has a series of six over flights dating from 1949 to the 1990s for the Phoenix area.

Salt River Project Research Archives
Shelley Dudley
North Project Drive
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 236-5900, ext. 6626

**Salt, Gila, and Santa Cruz River Valleys Coverage**
Aerial photographs of canals in the Salt, Gila, and Santa Cruz River valleys were collected in 1930 by Neal Judd of the Smithsonian Institution; the Salt River photographs have annotations by Odd Halseth. See: Judd, Neal (1931) *Arizona's Prehistoric Canals, from the Air*. Exploration and Fieldwork of the Smithsonian Institution in 1930, pp. 157–166. Copies can be found at the
Arizona State Museum and in Special Collections at the University of Arizona Library.

Arizona State Museum (low-elevation, oblique photos of Salt River canals, Tempe, Mesa, Phoenix)
Photographic Archives
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ 85721
(520) 621-2445

Smithsonian Institution (Gila and Santa Cruz River valleys, 10,000-foot vertical shots)
Office of Printing & Photographic Services
MAH CB-054, MRC 644
14th & Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20560
(202) 357-1933

**Statewide Coverage**
Arizona Department of Transportation
206 S. 17th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 712-7258

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (Arizona State Land Dept. Ortho Photo Quads)
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: [http://www.lib.az.us](http://www.lib.az.us)

**Tucson Coverage**
Arizona Historical Society (Magee Collection, 1920s–1980s; U.S. Army Signal Corps 1924 aerials)
Southern Arizona División
949 E. 2nd Street
Tucson, AZ 85719
(520) 628-5774
Architectural Plans and Drawings

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 542-3701 (library); (602) 926-720 (History and Archives Div.);
E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: http://www.lib.az.us

Arizona Historical Society (Lescher & Mahoney and Fitzhugh & Fitzhugh Collections)
Central Arizona Division
1300 N. College
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 929-0292

Arizona State University (including Albert Chase MacCarther Collection)
College of Architecture
Architecture Special Collections
Tempe, AZ 85281

Northern Arizona University (Mary Jane Colter Plans & University Properties)
Cline Library, Special Collections
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 523-5551; E-mail: Special.Collections@nau.edu
Website: http://www.nau.edu/library/speccoll/index.html

State Historic Preservation Office
Arizona State Parks
1300 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 542-4009; Website: http://www.azstateparks.gov

University of Arizona (by appointment only, includes Roy Place collection)
College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture
Architectural Archives
Tucson, AZ 85721
(520) 621-2991

Electronic Sources

http://www.pghbridges.com/basics.htm
Drawings of bridges, as well as terminology and construction techniques.

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs_haer
Digitized collection of HABS/HAER Reports.
Business and City Directories

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records; History and Archives Div.
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: http://www.lib.az.us

Arizona Historical Society, Central Arizona Division
1300 N. College
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 929-0292

Arizona Historical Society, Southern Arizona Division
949 E. 2nd Street
Tucson, AZ 85719
(520) 628-5774

Arizona State University
Hayden Library, Arizona Room, Special Collections
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 965-4932; Website: http://www.asu.edu/lib (ASU Library Catalog Home Page)

Arizona Historical Foundation, Hayden Library
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 966-8331

City of Phoenix Public Library
Burton Barr Central Library, Arizona Room
1221 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Catalog website: http://www.pac.lib.ci.phoenix.az.us/web/

Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff, some for Williams, phone directories for Winslow)
Cline Library, Special Collections
P. O. Box 6022
Flagstaff, AZ 86011-6022
(928) 523-5551; E-mail: Special.Collections@nau.edu;
website: http://www.nau.edu/library/speccoll/index.html

Tucson-Pima Public Library
Main Library
P.O. Box 27470
Tucson, AZ 85726
(520) 791-4010

University of Arizona
Main Library, Special Collections
Tucson, AZ 85721
(520) 621-6423
Newspapers

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (primarily on microfilm, but some hard copies exist)
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; website: http://www.lib.az.us

Arizona Historical Society, Southern Arizona Division
949 E. 2nd Street
Tucson, AZ 85719
(520) 628-5774

Arizona State University (the Sacks Collection, an annotated card file of newspaper references, is also located here)
Hayden Library, Arizona Room
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 965-4932; website: http://www.asu.edu/lib (ASU Library Catalog Home Page)

Arizona Historical Foundation, Hayden Library
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 966-8331

City of Phoenix Public Library
Burton Barr Central Library, Arizona Room
1221 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Catalog website: http://www.pac.lib.ci.phoenix.az.us/web/

Northern Arizona University (1888–1900 indexed and on microfilm)
Cline Library, Microfilm Area
P.O. Box 6022
Flagstaff, AZ 86011-6022
(928) 523-5551; E-mail: Special.Collections@nau.edu;
Website: http://www.nau.edu/library/speccoll/index.html
http://www.nau.edu/library/speccoll/indexes/Sun/index.html
Index of Flagstaff area newspapers between 1887 and 1894 (Arizona Champion, Coconino Sun, Coconino Sun Weekly).

University of Arizona
Main Library
Tucson, AZ 85721
(520) 621-6441
# Tax and Building Records

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<td>P.O. Box 700</td>
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<td>St. Johns, AZ 85936</td>
<td>Kingman, AZ 86402</td>
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<td>(928) 337-4364</td>
<td>(928) 753-0703</td>
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<td><a href="http://legacy.co.mohave.az.us/depths/assessor/">http://legacy.co.mohave.az.us/depths/assessor/</a></td>
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**Property Title Records**

These records are generally located in each county’s recorder’s office. Some title companies also have older record information they may be willing to share. For Tucson, consult the O’Quinn abstract books (4 vols.) for pre-1940 property transactions (at Special Collections, University of Arizona Main Library) and the Oury Deeds (1862) at the Arizona Historical Society, Southern Arizona Division (Collection M 1072). Some records (e.g. those for Pima County) have been automated and can be accessed on-site. In some cases, it may be useful to have a title search performed by a title company.

**County Recorder’s Offices**

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State Land Leases

State Land Department
1616 W. Adams Street
Phoenix, AZ 87007
(602) 542-4631

Holdings include information about current and historical lessees. Some information about improvements to the land is available in the lease documents.
Irrigation/Farming Records

Salt River Project Research Archives
History Services
1521 N. Project Drive
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 236-2723
http://www.srpnet.com/about/history/facts.aspx

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records; History and Archives Div.
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: http://www.lib.az.us

U.s. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation
6150 W. Thunderbird Road
Glendale, AZ 85306-4001
(623) 773-6200
Historic Photographs on-line: http://www.usbr.gov/history/archives.html
1913-1914 Farm Unit Maps
1902-1903 Reclamation Survey

Arizona Historical Society
Central Arizona Division
1300 N. College
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 929-9499
Local Histories


Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records; History and Archives Div.
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: [http://www.lib.az.us](http://www.lib.az.us)

Arizona Historical Society, Central Arizona Division
1300 N. College
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 929-0292

Arizona Historical Society, Rio Colorado Division
240 S. Madison Avenue
Yuma, AZ 85364
(928) 782-1841

Arizona Historical Society, Southern Arizona Division
949 E. 2nd Street
Tucson, AZ 85271
(520) 628-5774

Arizona Historical Society, Northern Arizona Division
340 N. Fort Valley Road
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 774-6272

Arizona State University
Hayden Library
Arizona Room, Special Collections, Luhrs Reading Room
Tempe, AZ 5281
(480) 965-4932; Website: [http://www.asu.edu/lib](http://www.asu.edu/lib) (ASU Library Catalog Home Page)

City of Phoenix Public Library
Burton Barr Central Library
Arizona Room
1221 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Electronic Sources

Ghost Towns
http://www.ghosttowns.com/statea/az/az.html
A source for brief histories of some early towns in Arizona. Use for initial ID, then use other references to verify information.

Airfields
http://www.airfields-freeman.com/AZ/Airfields_AZ.html
Includes abandoned and little known airfields in Arizona.

Highways
http://www.arizonaroads.com/
This site describes existing and abandoned highways in Arizona.

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/history.html
Histories of federal highways and systems.

http://www.library.arizona.edu/exhibits/swetc/
University of Arizona Books of the Southwest (E-Books). Digitized collection of books relating to Arizona, including the Thomas Farish volumes.

http://content.library.arizona.edu/collections/asdo/
Arizona-Sonora Documents online. Provides access to digital materials from various state institutions relating to Sonora, Mexico. From 19th and 20th century.

http://parentseyes.arizona.edu/tubac/index.html

http://www.gilariver.com/education.htm
Electronic documents relating to the land use history along the Gila River written for the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Projects.

http://books.google.com/books?hl=en
A collection of books digitized by Google. Many that are still copyrighted may have partial views; however, there are many books that have become public domain and are available for download as PDFs, including those related to Arizona history (Farish, Hamilton, Hodge, Bancroft. Etc). There are also books related to historic materials research.

http://international.loc.gov/intldl/eshtml/
Digitized document library of Spain, the United States, and American Frontier
Census Records

Federal census enumeration sheets listing individuals and their ages, places of birth, occupation, and other information, are available on microfilm at several locations in Arizona. The decennial census is available from 1860 to 1920. Additionally, special censuses were made in 1864, 1866, 1867, and 1869. The census for 1890 was destroyed by fire in the 1920s. The census Soundex system enables one to locate a particular individual by name without having to resort to a page-by-page search of the enumeration schedules. Using the Soundex system is initially a rather complicated process; we recommend consulting a librarian for assistance. The census schedules are residence based, and if a name is known, but the community in which a person resided is unknown, they are impossible to use. The Soundex system allows the researcher to locate the place of residence when only the name is known.

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records; History and Archives Div.
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: http://www.lib.az.us

Arizona Historical Society, Central Arizona Division
1300 N. College
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 929-0292

Arizona Historical Society, Southern Arizona Division
949 E. 2nd Street
Tucson, AZ 85719
(520) 628-5774

Arizona State University
Hayden Library, Arizona Room, Special Collections
Tempe, AZ 5281
(480) 965-4932; Website: http://www.asu.edu/lib (ASU Library Catalog Home Page)

City of Phoenix Public Library
Burton Barr Central Library, Arizona Room
1221 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Catalog website: http://www.pac.lib.ci.phoenix.az.us/web/

Northern Arizona University
Cline Library, Special Collections
P. O. Box 6022
Flagstaff, AZ 86011-6022
(928) 523-5551; E-mail: Special.Collections@nau.edu; Website: http://www.nau.edu/library/speccoll/index.html
Vital Records (Birth, Marriage, and Death Records)

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: http://www.lib.az.us

Department of Health Services
Vital Records Section
P.O. Box 3887
1740 W. Adams
Phoenix, AZ 85007

LDS Church (see Genealogical Records)

Local Mortuary and Funeral Directors for burial and grave records
Genealogical Records

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: http://www.lib.az.us

Department of Health Services
Vital Records Section
P.O. Box 3887
1740 W. Adams
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Flagstaff Public Library
300 W. Aspen
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 779-7670

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
The LDS Church has several family history centers that can be accessed for research relating to individuals and their families. Website: http://www.familysearch.org

Mesa Family History Center
41 South Hobson
Mesa, AZ 85204
(480) 964-1200

Flagstaff Family History Center
625 E. Cherry
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 774-2930

Tucson Family History Center
500 S. Langley Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85710
(520) 298-0905
Historic Cemetery Records

The State Historic Preservation Office is working with the “Inventory of Arizona Historic Cemeteries Advisory Group to establish a central inventory of historical cemeteries in Arizona. The inventory will provide basic information on the property, such as, location, ownership, dates of use, types of graves, condition of the property, etc. The inventory will not include specific information about who is buried in the cemeteries. Cemetery Inventory Forms are available from the SHPO. The SHPO also has information on cemeteries listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Arizona State Historic Preservation Office
1300 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602/542-4009).

For more detailed information about cemeteries and individuals buried in the cemeteries, contact the following resources:

Arizona State Genealogical Society
8258 E. Kenyon Dr.
Tucson, AZ
(520) 886-3363

Northern Arizona Genealogical Society
3299 Rose Lane
Prescott, AZ 86305
(928) 445-8996

Pioneers Cemetery Association
Historic Smirthwaite House
14th Avenue and Jefferson in Downtown Phoenix
P. O. Box 63342
Phoenix, AZ 85082-3342
www.azhistcemeteries.org
Oral Histories/Interviews

Arizona Historical Society (includes Phoenix History Project)
Central Arizona Division
1300 N. College
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 929-0292, ext. 5

Arizona Historical Society, Southern Arizona Division
949 E. 2nd Street
Tucson, AZ 85719
(520) 628-5774

Arizona State University
Hayden Library
Arizona Room, Special Collections
Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 965-4932; Website: http://www.asu.edu/lib (ASU Library Catalog Home Page)

Northern Arizona University
Cline Library, Special Collections
P.O. Box 6022
Flagstaff, AZ 86011
(928) 523-5551; E-mail: Special.Collections@nau.edu;
Website: http://www.nau.edu/library/speccoll/index.html

Tempe Historical Museum
809 E. Southern Avenue
Tempe, AZ 85205
(480) 350-5100
Mining Records

Records of mining activity can be found at a variety of state, federal, and county repositories. These records include information on unpatented and patented claims, maps of patented claims, photographs of mines and mining activity, court documents, business records, among other records. Newspapers are also a tremendously important source of information about specific mines and mining districts. The 15 county recorder's offices in Arizona have the only records of unpatented mining claims, which are the most numerous. These are filed and indexed by the name of the claim and by the name of the locator. Published sources are important too, including those of the Mining Club of the Southwest Foundation (Tucson), the journal *Mining and Engineering World*, the *Engineering and Mining Journal*, the *Mining Congress Journal*, U.S. Geological Survey bulletins, publications by the former Arizona Bureau of Mines, the *Copper Handbook*, CRM reports, and many others.

Arizona Geological Survey Library
416 W. Congress, Suite 100
Tucson, AZ 85701
(520) 770-3500

Arizona Historical Society, Southern Arizona Division
949 E. 2nd Street
Tucson, AZ 85719
(520) 628-5774

Bureau of Land Management
Arizona State Office
222 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 417-9200

Department of Mines and Mineral Resources
1502 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 255-3791

Sharlot Hall Museum (primarily photographs)
415 W. Gurley Street
Prescott, AZ 86301
(928) 445-3122
Business Records

In addition to the business directories and other resources listed in this document, a valuable source of information about Arizona incorporated businesses is the Arizona Corporation Commission. The holdings of the commission contain at least the incorporation papers for most of the companies incorporated in Arizona from the late nineteenth century to the present.

Arizona Corporation Commission
1300 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 542-3026, 1 (800)345-5819; Website: http://www.cc.state.az.us

U.S. Patent Office Records
Google has full-text searchable patent images. http://google.com/patents

Electronic Sources

http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html
Search and view US Patents approved after 1790

http://www.patentec.com/data/class/Classes.html
Provides a list of Patent Classes by Title.
Court Records

As with many sources of information in Arizona, the researcher frequently finds it necessary to check for civil and criminal court records at more than one repository. These documents include the territorial records of the federal judicial districts and those of the superior courts that were established in 1912 with statehood. Documents related to the appeals and tax courts are also available. Court records can be found in the offices of the clerk of court in all 15 county courthouses; at the Department of Library, Archives and Public Records; at the University of Arizona Law Library; and at the Arizona State University Law Library. Special collections departments at the three state university libraries may also have limited holdings of court records. Appeals court cases are published in Arizona Reports, copies of which are available at the university law libraries, offices of law firms, and at the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. An example of a historical-archaeological report in which court records were extensively used is Ayres et al. (1992).

1901 W. Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 926-3720; E-mail: archives@lib.az.us; Website: http://www.lib.az.us

Arizona State University
John J. Roth–Wm. C. Blakely Law Library
College of Law
P.O. Box 877806
Tempe, AZ 85287
(480) 965-6141; Website: http://www.lawlib.asu.edu

Federal Records Center
National Archives and Records Administration
24000 Avila
Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-6719
(949) 360-2618

Federal Records Center
National Archives and Records Administration
Bldg. 48, Denver Federal Center
Denver, CO 80225-0307
(303) 236-0801

Addresses for the various county courthouses are listed elsewhere in this document.
Context Studies
As part of statewide preservation planning, the SHPO prepares historic context studies for major historical themes relevant to Arizona. “Information about historic properties must be divided into manageable units before it can be useful for planning purposes. Major decisions about identifying, evaluating, registering, and treating historic properties are most reliably made in the context of other related properties. A historic context is an organizational format that groups information about related historic properties, based on theme, geographic limits, and chronological period” (Secretary of Interior’s Standards). Historic context studies for Arizona are available from Arizona State Parks for the cost of printing and postage. Contexts currently in print and available for purchase from Arizona State Parks include: Homesteading in Arizona; Commerce in Phoenix, 1870-1942; Gold and Silver Mining in Arizona, 1848-1945; The Chinese in Arizona, 1870-1950; The United States Military in Arizona, 1846-1945; Transcontinental Railroading in Arizona, 1878-1940; Prehistoric Rock Art in Arizona, Historic Trails in Arizona from Coronado to 1940; Prehistoric to Historic Transition Period in Arizona, circa AD 1519 to 1692; Paleoindian and Archaic Sites in Arizona; Cattle Ranching in Arizona; and the New Deal in Arizona. The SHPO library has copies of additional context studies that are no longer being printed.

A number of federal agencies, such as, the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation and the Arizona Department of Transportation have participated in historic context development and statewide inventory projects.
APPENDIX A

Historic Context Studies Available from the
Arizona State Historic Preservation Office

Prehistoric Water Utilization and Technology in Arizona $12.00
Homesteading in Arizona $6.00
Commerce in Phoenix 1870-1942 $6.00
Gold and Silver Mining, 1848-1945 $9.00
The Chinese in Arizona, 1870-1950 $7.00
The United States Military in Arizona, 1846-1945 $7.00
Transcontinental Railroading in Arizona, 1878-1940 $7.00
Prehistoric Rock Art in Arizona $12.00
Historic Trails in Arizona from Coronado to 1940 $7.00
Prehistoric to Historic Transition Period in Arizona, circa AD 1519 to 1692 $10.00
Palioindian and Archaic Sites in Arizona $10.00
Arizona Towns: Planning the Past, Saving the Future Video $9.95

Shipping
$6.00 & under $3.00
$6.01 – 25.00 $4.00
25.01-75.0 $6.00
75.01 & over $7.00

To order, please send your request and address to:
Arizona State Parks, 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix 85007
Make check or money order to Arizona State Parks
APPENDIX B
Resources for Local History Research, Arizona History and Archives Division, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records

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⁴Divorce records are found in several record groups including the Territorial Legislature and Superior Courts

⁵Naturalization is administered by Federal District Courts. Before 1920, federal courts delegated this responsibility to various state and county courts.

Compiled by J. Homer Thiel
APPENDIX C

Bibliography of Material Culture Sources and Background Resources

This list of sources is intended to provide some basic references on the identification of various classes of material culture found on historical-period sites in the western United States. This list only provides the most basic references (some are cross-listed); it is not exhaustive. To learn more about a particular material class, consult the references cited or bibliographies sections of each of the references. Another way of learning about historical-period artifacts is through museum displays or museum or teaching collections. Use all web sources with caution.

**Bottles, Glass**

Anchor Hocking Glass Company

1999  

Armstrong, Jane R., and Peter D. Schulz

1980  

Busch, Jane

1987  

Devner, Kay

1968  

Fike, Richard

1987  

Fontana, Bernard

1968  
Bottles and History: The Case of Magdalena de Kino, Sonora, Mexico. *Historical Archaeology* 2:45–55.

Friedrich, Manfred, and Donald Bull

1976  

Giarde, Jeffrey L.

1980  
*Glass Milk Bottles: Their Makers and Marks*. Time Travelers Press, Bryn Mawr, California.

Holscher, Harold H.

1965  

Hunt, William J., Jr. (compiler)

1995  
Jones, Olive R.


Jones, Olive R., and Catherine Sullivan

Lief, Alfred

Lindsey, William
ND http://www.sha.org/bottle/index.htm
Bureau of Land Management/Society for Historical Archaeology sponsored website on glass bottles. Contains dating, descriptions of bottles, and reference manual on glass and bottles, with some digitized for download as PDFs.

Lockhart, William

2001 Just Who in the Heck is Lula Anyway? The Alamogordo, New Mexico, Carbonated Beverage Industry and Its Bottles. New Mexico State University, New Mexico.
http://www.alamo.nmsu.edu/~lockhart/AlamoSod/index.html

2001 You Can Whip Our Cream, But You Can’t Beat Our Milk: The Dairies of Otero County, New Mexico, 1889 to 1977. New Mexico State University, New Mexico.
http://www.alamo.nmsu.edu/~lockhart/AlamMilk/index.html

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