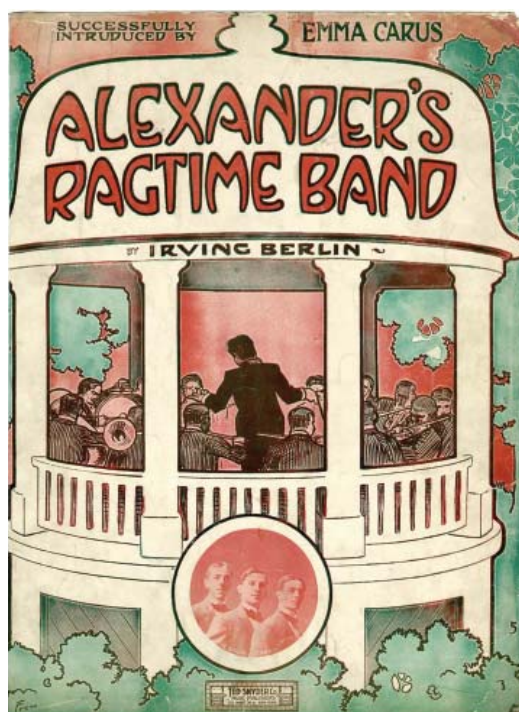


Exhibits

Teachers and students can also examine current and past exhibits at TSLA. In addition to a small space for exhibits, we have digitized selections from our current and past exhibits for online study. For more information, go to <http://www.tn.gov/tsla/exhibits/>



Sheet music from the Rose Music Collection, 1911

“Volunteer Voices”

“Volunteer Voices: The Growth of Democracy in Tennessee” is a state-wide project that involves a number of museums, libraries, historical societies, and archives throughout the state of Tennessee, including TSLA. The project will provide K-12 educators and students with free online access to primary sources related to Tennessee history, culture, industry, and government. Resources will

be selected based upon their relevance to the K-12 Tennessee social studies curriculum and other related subjects. For more information, go to www.volunteervoices.org

TSLA Web Site

Educators are urged to explore the entire TSLA Web site (<http://www.tn.gov/tsla>) for other materials that may be of use in the classroom, including

- Military records
- Census records
- Bibliographies
- County records
- Manuscript materials
- Governors’ Papers
- Record Groups
- Maps
- Photographs

Some items will be available in their entirety, whereas others are only indexed and require an on-site visit to examine. Some of our materials are available on microfilm only and can be accessed during a visit to TSLA or through inter-library loan arranged by your local library.



The Roosevelts and Governor Cooper at the Smoky Mountains National Park dedication, 1940

Teaching History

with primary sources from the
Tennessee State Library and
Archives



Recruits leaving Union Station, 1942

TSLA

What is TSLA?

The Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) is the official repository for the records of state government and the custodian of Tennessee's documentary history. Ever since statehood was granted to Tennessee in 1796, historians, officials, and interested citizens have been collecting materials relevant to Tennessee history. TSLA, in existence since 1852, preserves and maintains these records and ensures that they are available for use by all citizens of Tennessee and visitors to the state. Because of our commitment to and tradition of acquiring diverse materials, TSLA is one of the best places in Tennessee for teachers and students to connect with the American past. TSLA has a full range of records: rare books, manuscript letters, diaries, photographs, maps, posters, recordings, and state and county records. For more information, please visit our Web site at <http://www.tn.gov/tsla>

Where is TSLA?

The Tennessee State Library and Archives is located at 403 Seventh Avenue North in downtown Nashville, Tennessee. TSLA is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm CST, excluding state and federal holidays.



Print of a Native-American woman from McKenney-Hall, circa 1836

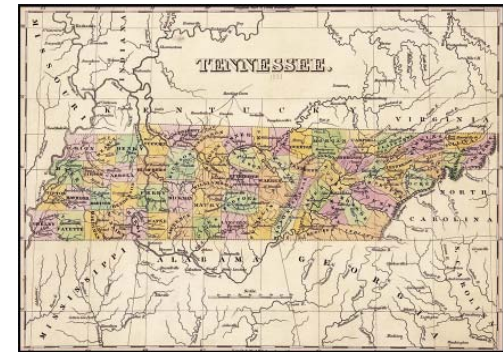
Visiting TSLA

Our current facility makes it difficult to manage large groups of school children, but small groups may be accommodated if appointments are made in advance. For more information about resources for teachers, please contact

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Resources for Educators

Providing materials for teachers and students has always been a core mission of TSLA. Recent federal initiatives, including the Teaching American History project, have put TSLA in the ideal position of introducing its holdings to a new audience of educators and students. Designed to “improve the quality of instruction in and student mastery of American history in public schools,” the program places great emphasis on the use of primary sources in upgrading history instruction. Primary sources are the textual and photographic evidence of the past, the raw materials of history. We believe the most important element of contemporary educational outreach is a web site that includes digitized primary sources. Our Web site now includes detailed information on how to use primary sources in the classroom, including lesson plans for teachers based upon some of our most significant holdings.



1831 Map of Tennessee from the TSLA collection

Teaching American History

TSLA has digitized hundreds of primary source materials that will be useful for K-12 teachers and students. Linked with Tennessee's standards for teaching American history, items are divided into the ten eras of history as designated by the State Department of Education. Each primary source featured in the presentations includes brief interpretive text, historical context, and, in some cases, a reference to the state performance indicator being addressed. For more information, go to <http://state.tn.us/tsla/tah/index.htm>

Tennessee Virtual Archive

TSLA recently launched an exciting digitization initiative, the Tennessee Virtual Archive (TeVA). We are digitizing some of our most historically significant materials so that all Tennesseans, especially teachers and students, will have better access to our collections. Selected items will be added to the TSLA Web site, with accompanying information about their history, location, provenance, and more. For more information, go to <http://tsla-teva.state.tn.us/>

