American Historical Periodicals from the American Antiquarian Society, Part VII

This archive offers researchers an alternative to the official historical record by unearthing the voices of people who lived it, giving varied perspectives across American society on the events, issues, and attitudes that have shaped the America of today.





This digital collection, made with Gale's exclusive partnership with the American Antiquarian Society, presents American history through the eyes of those who lived it.

Many of the periodicals in this archive have never been scanned before, including many oversized publications that were previously too large for digitization. It also includes many publications that have been recently acquired by the American Antiquarian Society, which have never been available online. While the content is largely English-language, there are some non-English publications that show the diversity of the American people, and the potential similarities and differences in the experience of America in the late nineteenth century.

ARCHIVE SNAPSHOT

Number of titles: Approximately 650,000

Date Range: 1812-1976 (mostly from the 1840s to early 1900s)

Learning Center: Yes! Launched in Fall 2022.

HOW DOES PART VII RELATE TO TODAY'S ISSUES?

For researchers seeking to understand today's United States, this archive offers insights into several areas of historical interest. It covers the period of abolition and emancipation, the battle between the United States and the Confederacy, and many topics that underpin political and social divisions that persist today. It covers the formation of important groups, such as the National Rifle Association, that are vocal in current debates around gun control. Other major social issues—including education, childcare, and immigration—are also covered. Many areas of business, industry, and commerce can be explored. These help researchers explore contemporary issues such as the labor force, economic shifts, and the relationship between money and geography in areas such as the Rust Belt.

THIS COLLECTION WORKS WELL WITH THESE GALE PRIMARY SOURCES ARCHIVES:

The main overlap is with the first six collections in the archive, because Part VII adds over 190 brand-new periodical collections to the series and backfills over 100 titles, adding greater breadth and depth to the series.

It can be particularly powerful with Slavery and Anti-Slavery, offering different perspectives on the legacy of slavery, abolition, and emancipation, giving insight into the public perception of—and reaction to—one of the most significant periods in American history.

Part VII's value in exploring social issues continues with Gale's Women's Studies Archive, as researchers can track the origins, developments, and experiences of women's movements in America during the period.

As a source of opinions and perspectives, it can also work with the recently expanded Indigenous Peoples of North America, exploring the place and perception of Indigenous peoples across the continent.

OPTIMIZED FOR DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP

Explore new research pathways and tell visual stories with historical data using Gale Digital Scholar Lab: the cloud-based research environment that removes barriers to digital humanities and enables researchers of all levels to quickly build, analyze, and visualize data mined from primary sources, including American Historical Periodicals from the American Antiquarian Society, Part VII. Ask your rep about how to make the most of your Gale Primary Sources holdings with this invaluable tool that places the evolution of digital scholarship within reach, and advances thrilling new research possibilities at your institution.





