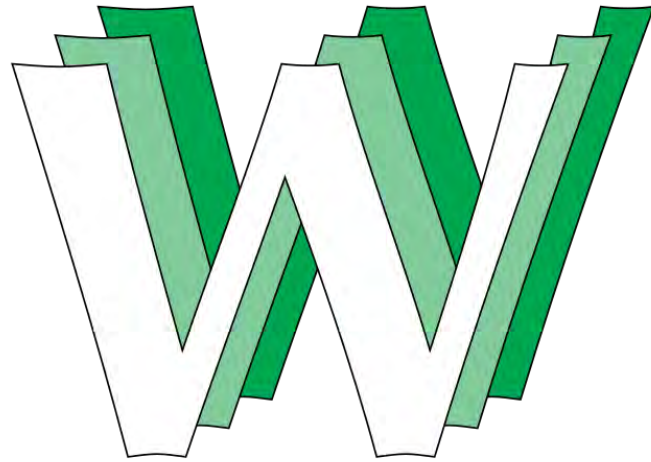


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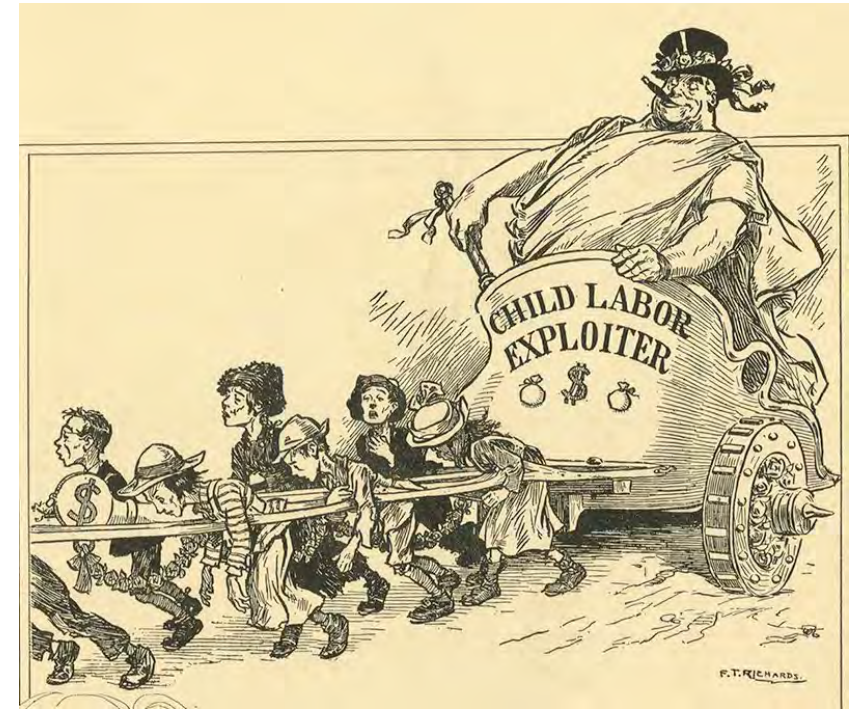


World Wide Web

World Wide Web's "historical" logo created by Robert Cailliau in 1990. Wikimedia Commons <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:WWW-LetShare.svg>

What sorts of materials to look for?

- Historical Newspapers
- Reports, Proceedings, Conferences and Conventions, Organizational records
- Promotional materials, press releases
- Correspondence
- Traces of history where you might not think to look – Serendipity!



F. T. Richards, [Social Welfare History Image Portal](#)

What institutions make these materials available?

Institutions – national, state, private, consortia



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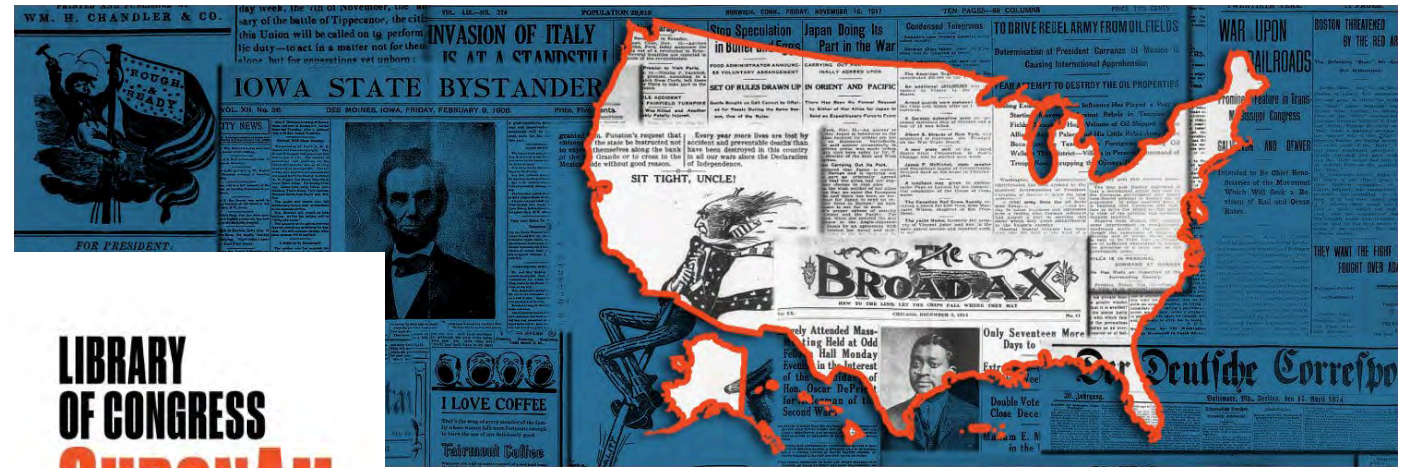
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Historical newspaper repositories

Chronicling America – Library of Congress <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

State and regional newspapers



The British Newspaper Archive

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National and state

Historical societies and museums

Colleges and Universities



Welcome to the Digital Collections!

State Encyclopedias



Digital scholarship projects



Crowdsourcing and transcription projects

Red Summer, April 1919-September 1919



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During the spring and summer of 1919, white urban residents across the nation violently targeted Black communities. Over 24 cities in the North and South witnessed racial violence driven by economic and social pressures caused in part by industrialization, a contracting postwar economy, and the Great Migration, which drew hundreds of thousands of African Americans to Southern and Northern metropolises. Spanning January 1919 to January 1920, A.F.L. correspondence captures the labor movement's reaction to the tensions that drove the violence and its aftermath.

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Library of Congress "By the People" projects

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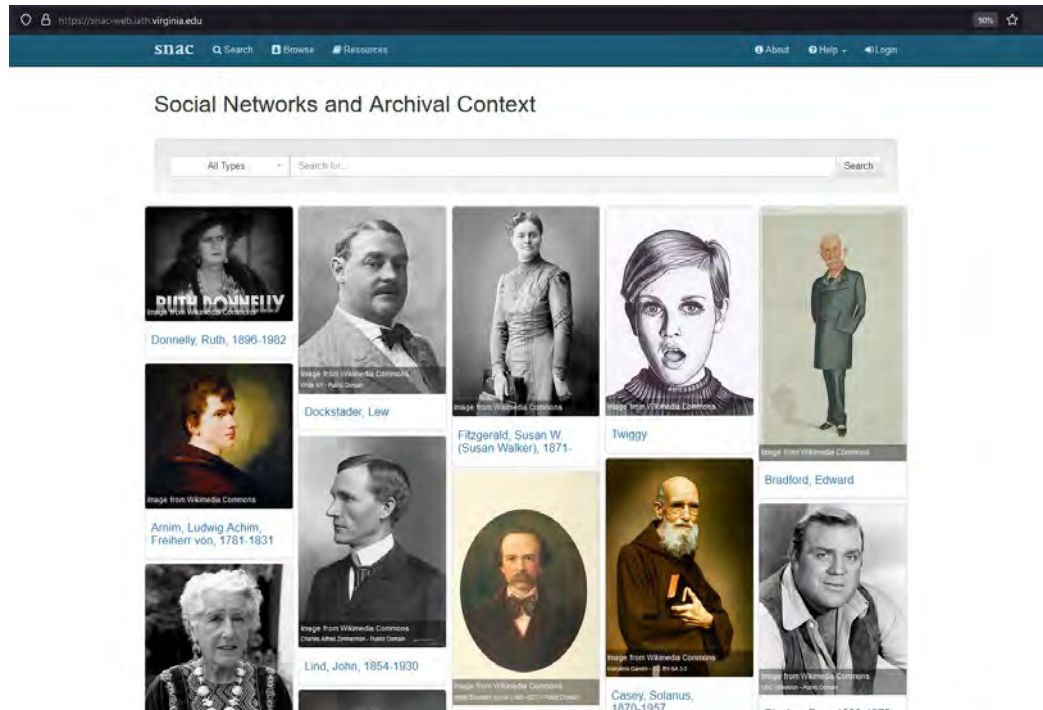
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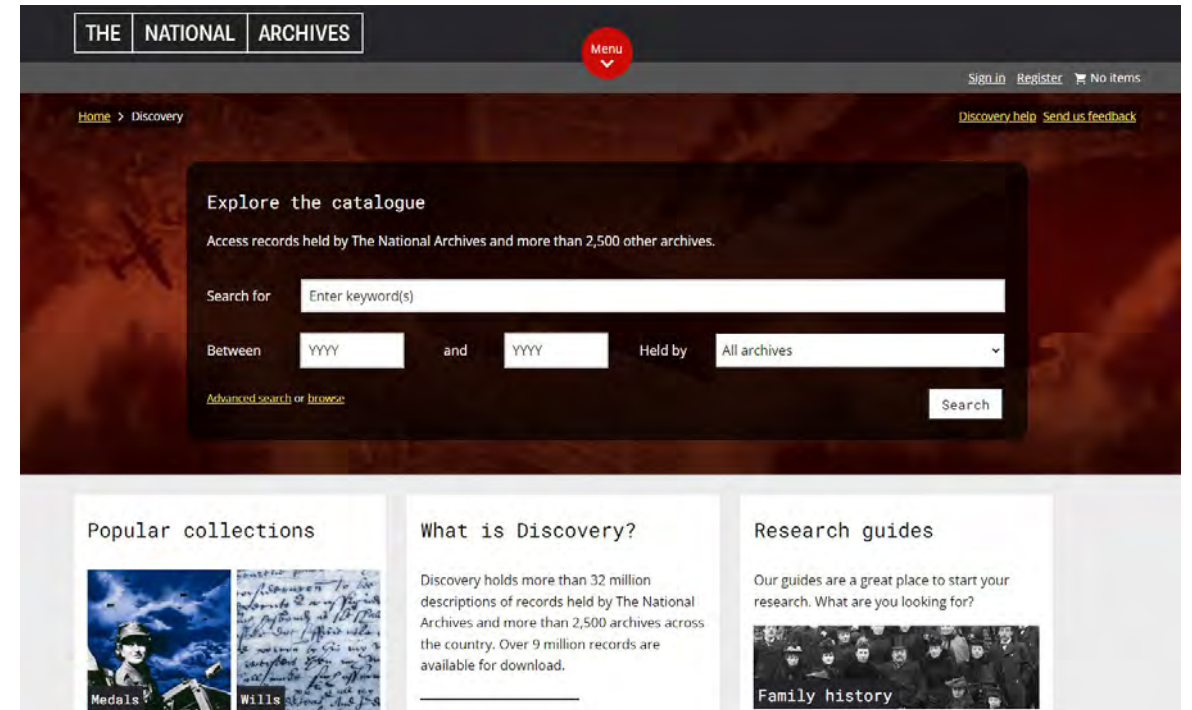
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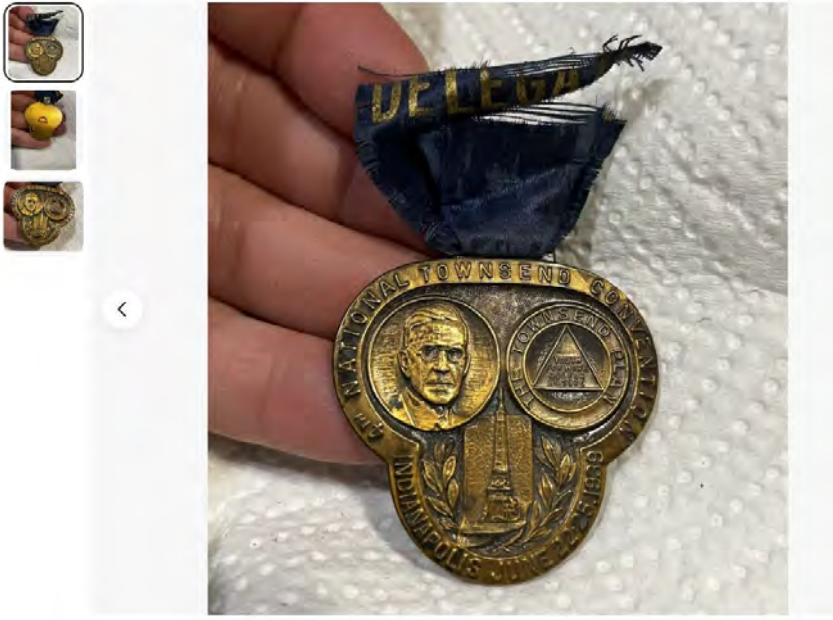
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