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### **Guides to the (reference) literature and to (primary-source) research**

In Jacksonian America

In American history. For example,

- Perrault & Blazek. *United States history: a multicultural, interdisciplinary guide to information sources*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2003.
- Prucha. *Handbook for research in American history: a guide to bibliographies and other reference works*. University of Nebraska Press, 1987. REF E178 .P783 1987.
- *Harvard guide to American history*. Rev. ed. Ed. Freidel. 2 vols. Harvard University Press, 1974. REF E178 .F745 1974. Lists *primary* sources in some categories, among other things.
- *Guide to the study of the United States of America*. Ed. Basler, Mugridge, & McCrum. 2 vols. Library of Congress, 1960.

In special topics. For example,

- Morgan. *Slavery in America: a reader and guide*. University of Georgia Press, 2005.
- *Harvard guide to African-American history*. Ed. Higginbotham. Harvard University Press, 2001. REF E185 .H326 2001.

In history generally. For example,

- Brundage. *Going to the sources: a guide to historical research and writing*. Harlan Davidson, c2002. REF D16 .B893 2002.
- *History highway: a 21st century guide to Internet resources*. Ed. Trinkle & Merriman. M. E. Sharpe, 2006. D16.117 .H55 2006.

### **Dictionaries and encyclopedias**

Of Jacksonian America. For example,

- Corps. *Historical dictionary of the Jacksonian era and manifest destiny*. Scarecrow Press, 2006.
- Buel. *Historical dictionary of the early American republic*. Scarecrow Press, 2004.
- *Encyclopedia of American history*. Rev. ed. Ed. Nash. 11 vols. Facts on File, 2009. See esp. vol. 4, *Expansion and reform*.
- Volo & Volo. *Encyclopedia of the antebellum South*. Greenwood Press, 2000. N.b.: this one was meant really for the high-school library.
- Gale. *Cultural encyclopedia of the 1850s in America*. REF E426 .G147 1993.

Of American history in general, more or less. For example,

- *Encyclopedia of the United States in the nineteenth century*. Ed. Finkelman. 3 vols. REF E169.1 .E626 2001.
- *Dictionary of American history*. Ed. Kutler. 10 vols. Scribners, 2003. REF E174 .D52 2003.



Of special topics. For example,

- *Encyclopedia of religious revivals in America*. Ed. McClymond. 2 vols. Greenwood Press, 2007. REF BV3773 .E53 2007. Vol. 2 is given over to primary sources contextualized by scholarly essays. Offers also two extensive bibliographies and “A Guide to archival collections related to revivals in North America”.
- *Encyclopedia of New York State*. Ed. Eisenstadt. Syracuse University Press, 2005.
- *Encyclopedia of religion in the South*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., rev., updated, & expanded. Ed. Hill, Lippy, & Wilson. Mercer University Press, 2005. On order. Meanwhile, SPU has the 1<sup>st</sup> (1984) edition at REF BR535 .E52 1984.
- *Major acts of Congress*. Ed. Landsberg. 3 vols. Macmillan, 2004. REF K154 .M35 2004. See the timeline pointing to legislation in the back of each volume.
- Queen, Prothero, and Shattuck. *Encyclopedia of American religious history*. 2 vols. 2001. REF BL2525 .Q44 2001.
- *Encyclopedia of the American West*. Ed. Phillips & Axelrod. Simon & Schuster/Macmillan, 1996. REF F591 .E485 1996.
- *Encyclopedia of New York City*. Ed. Jackson. Yale University Press, 1995. REF F128.3 .D75 1995.
- *Gale encyclopedia of multicultural America*. Ed. Vecoli, Galens, Sheets, & Young. 2 vols. Gale Research, 1995. REF E184 .A1G14 1995.
- *African American encyclopedia*. 8 vols. Ed. Williams. Marshall Cavendish Corp., 1993. REF E185 .A253 1993.
- *Encyclopedia of the South*. Ed. O’Brien & Martin. Smithmark Publishers, 1992 [Facts on File, 1985]. REF F207.7 .E53 1992.
- *Dictionary of Christianity in America*. Ed. Reid, Linder, Shelley, & Stout. InterVarsity Press, 1990. REF BR115 .D53 1990.
- *Encyclopedia of the American religious experience*. 3 vols. Ed. Lippy and Williams. 1988. REF BL2525 .E53 1988.
- *Encyclopedia of modern Christian missions: the agencies*. Ed. Goddard. Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1967. REF BV2040 .E53.

**Indices to biographical dictionaries.** For example,

- *Research guide to American historical biography*. Ed. Muccigrosso. 4 vols. Beacham Publishers, 1988-1990. REF CT214 .R47 1988.
- Biography and Genealogy Master Index. A SPL & KCLS database. SPU has the original print edition at CT214 .B5. . . .
- Biography Resource Center. A SPL & KCLS database.

**Biographical dictionaries.** For example,

- Doutrich. *Shapers of the great debate on Jacksonian democracy: a biographical dictionary*. Greenwood, 2004.
- *Moment of decision: biographical essays on American character and regional identity*. Ed. Miller & McKivigan. Greenwood Press, 1994.

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- *American national biography*. 24 vols. + 1 Suppl. Ed. American Council of Learned Societies. Oxford University Press, 1999. REF CT213 .A68 1999, and online at the University of Washington. Online via the King County Library System. Offers a “Cumulative Index by Occupations and Realms of Renown”, as well as indices “by Place of Birth in the United States” and “Outside the United States”.

For a good list of the major older such biographical dictionaries, including the multi-volume *Dictionary of American biography* (REF E176 .D562), see the *Harvard guide to American history*, vol. 1, pp. 154-155. Its predecessor, the *Dictionary of American biography*, too, offers a number of very helpful appendixes: indices to topics, and subjects by birthplace, schools and colleges, and occupations. See, for example, the *comprehensive index, complete through supplement eight*, REF E176 .D562 Index v. 1-20 Suppl v. 1-8. (Note, though, that there are 10 supplements (all of them irrelevant to the period in question here).)

- Ljungquist. *Antebellum writers in New York*. Second series. Gale, 2002.
- Ljungquist. *Antebellum writers in the South*. Second series. Gale, 2001.
- *Biographical dictionary of Christian missions*. Ed. Anderson. Macmillan, 1998. REF BV3700 .B56 1998. Appendix offers several indices, e.g. “Biographies by time period,” incl. 1801-1850, “Biographies by region of service,” incl. Asia, Central and Northern (incl. China), and Pacific Islands (incl. Hawaii), and “Biographies by selected major agencies, orders, and religious traditions” (there are more).
- Bowden. *Dictionary of American religious biography*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., rev. & enlarged. Greenwood Press, 1993.
- Thrapp. *Encyclopedia of frontier biography*. 3 vols. A.H. Clark Co., 1988. REF F596 .T515 1988.
- Rathbun & Grecu. *American literary critics and scholars, 1800-1850*. Gale, 1987.
- *Dictionary of American Negro biography*. Ed. Logan & Winston. Norton, 1982. REF E185.96 .D53 1982.
- Myerson. *Antebellum writers in New York and the South*. Gale, 1979.

**Google Books**, <http://books.google.com/>. Searches full-text, and, so, can turn up books that, because they reference your person or topic in passing, may turn out to be relevant in at least some overarching sense.

### Library catalogs

- SPU
- Summit
- Public & other regional libraries not in Summit
- WorldCat. An SPU database, the contents of which is also searchable via Summit. But for a very large catalog with some features that WorldCat lacks, I use often Harvard’s, <http://lms01.harvard.edu/>.



**Google Scholar**, <http://scholar.google.com/>. Searches full-text, and, so, can turn up articles that, because they reference your person or topic in passing, may turn out to be highly relevant in some overarching sense.

### Periodical indices and serial bibliographies

- America: History and Life. A University of Washington database. The University of Washington also offers Historical Abstracts.
- ATLA Religion Database. An SPU database.
- Academic Search Premier. An SPU database.
- Research Library Complete. An SPU database.

SPU databases by subject: <http://www.spu.edu/depts/library/databases/subjects.htm>

UW databases by subject: <http://www.lib.washington.edu/types/databases/>

KCLS databases by subject: [http://www.kcls.org/databases/subject\\_categories.cfm](http://www.kcls.org/databases/subject_categories.cfm)

Seattle Public Library databases by subject:

[http://www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=collection\\_db](http://www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=collection_db)

### Retrospective periodical indices and/or full-text. For example,

- *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers* (Library of Congress), <http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/>:: “allows you to . . . find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present.” Of course there are many guides to historic American periodicals in print.
- *Balay. Early periodical indexes : bibliographies and indexes of literature published in periodicals before 1900.* Scarecrow Press, 2000. On order.
- *Making of America*
  - University of Michigan, <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moagrp/>
  - Cornell University, <http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa/>
- 19th-Century U.S. Newspapers. A KCLS database. Searches can be limited by year (among other things), beginning with 1800.
- American Periodicals Series Online, 1740-1900. A University of Washington database. “Special interest and general magazines, literary and professional journals, children's and women's magazines”.
- ATLA Religion Database. An SPU database. Limit to the period in question for the Methodist Reviews Index and other retrospective indexing.
- C19, the Nineteenth-Century Index. A University of Washington database. “indexes publications of the Anglo-American World, 1790-1919”, incl. periodicals. “You may search the entire index and thus all the resources contained within it, or limit your search to one of the individual resources included in the database,” e.g. *Poole's index to periodical literature*, or the *Wellesley index to Victorian periodicals*.

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- Newspaper Archive. A KCLS database. “contains tens of millions of searchable newspaper pages, dating as far back as the 1700s.” Claims to be “the world’s largest archive of online newspapers”. Is worldwide in its focus, not specifically American, but does contain images from American papers.
- Wells. *Literary and historical index to American magazines, 1800-1850*. Praeger, 2004.
- Wells. *Literary index to American magazines, 1850-1900*. Greenwood, 1996.
- Wells. *Literary index to American magazines, 1815-1865*. Scarecrow, 1980.

**Non-serial bibliographies.** For example,

- Dublin, ed. “Section 42. United States, 1815-1877.” In *The American Historical Association’s Guide to Historical Literature*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., ed. Norton & Gerardi, vol. 2, pp. 1365-1416. Oxford University Press, 1995. REF D20 .A55 1995 v. 2.
- Remini & Miles. *Era of good feelings and the age of Jackson, 1816-1841*. Goldentree bibliographies in American history. AHM Pub. Corp., 1979. “the most complete listing of published works on the Jacksonian period that I can recommend” (Remini, *Jacksonian era* (1997), 123).
- Fehrenbacher. *Manifest destiny and the coming of the Civil War, 1840-1861*. Goldentree bibliographies in American history. Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1970.
- McKivigan. *History of the American abolitionist movement: a bibliography of scholarly articles*. 5 vols. Garland Publishing, 1999.
- Grob. *American social history before 1860*. Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1970.
- Carman, Thompson, & Greene. *Guide to the principal sources for American civilization, 1800-1900, in the City of New York*. Columbia University Press, 1962.

See also under **Guides to the (reference) literature and to (primary-source) research** (above). And don’t forget that fine bibliographies and bibliographical essays appear as articles in journals, and in books.

**Chronologies.** For example,

- Carruth. *Encyclopedia of American facts and dates*. 10<sup>th</sup> ed. HarperCollins Publishers, 2002. REF E174.5 .C3 1997.
- *Encyclopedia of American history*. 7<sup>th</sup> ed. Ed. Morris & Morris. HarperCollins Publishers, 1996. REF E174.5 .E52 1996.
- Jensen. *America in time: America’s history year by year*. Houghton Mifflin, 1977. E174.5 .J46.

**Atlases.** For example,

- Carnes, Garraty, & Williams. *Mapping America’s past: a historical atlas*. H. Holt, 1996. REF E179.5 .C37 1996.
- *Atlas of American history*. Rev. ed. Ed. Jackson. Scribner’s, 1978. REF E179.5 .A85 1978.



- Cohen. *Mapping the West: America's westward movement, 1524-1890*. Rizzoli, 2002. REF & General Collection F590.6 .C65 2002.
- Gaustad, Barlow, & Dishno. *New historical atlas of religion in America*. Oxford University Press, 2001.
- Wexler. *Atlas of westward expansion*. Facts on File, 1995. REF E179.5 .W49 1995.

### Primary-source anthologies (*very much in progress!*)

Of Jacksonian America in general. For example,

- Austin, ed. *African Muslims in antebellum America: transatlantic stories and spiritual struggles*. Rev. & updated ed. Routledge, 1997.
- Brown & Jackson. *Minnesota farmers' diaries: William R. Brown, 1845-46, Mitchell Y. Jackson, 1852-63*. Ed. Loehr. Minnesota Historical Society, 1939.
- Duvall. *Navy surgeon in California, 1846-1847: the journal of Marius Duvall*. Ed. Rogers. Howell, 1957. An example of something I normally rigorously excluded, namely, the single-author "anthology".
- Foner, ed. *Factory girls: a collection of writings on life and struggles in the New England factories of the 1840s*. University of Illinois Press, 1977.
- Hart, ed. *American history told by contemporaries*. Macmillan, 1897-1929. E173 .H32.
- Lawson & Merrill, eds. *Three Sarahs: documents of antebellum Black college women*. E. Mellen Press, 1984.
- McCall, ed. *Letters from the frontiers*. University Presses of Florida, 1974 [1868]. War with Mexico, 1845-1848.
- McClymond, ed. *Encyclopedia of religious revivals in America*. 2 vols. Greenwood Press, 2007. REF BV3773 .E53 2007. Vol. 2 is devoted almost entirely to primary sources contextualized by scholarly essays.
- Ripley & Rossbach, eds. *Black abolitionist papers*. 5 vols. University of North Carolina Press, 1985-1992. See esp. vols. 3 & 4. Cf. Carter & Ripley, eds., *Black abolitionist papers: a guide to the microfilm edition* (Microfilming Corp. of America, 1981).
- Rozema, ed. *Voices from the Trail of tears*. J. F. Blair, 2003. LCSH: Trail of tears, 1838-1839.

**For more of a less personal nature, see Appendix.**

Of larger periods in general

- Davis & Mintz, eds. *Boisterous sea of liberty: a documentary history of America from discovery through the Civil War*. Oxford University Press, 1998. E187 .B65 1998 (on Reserve).
- *Select documents illustrative of the history of the United States, 1776-1861*. Ed. MacDonald. Macmillan, 1903. REF E173 .M13.

Of special topics



Of American history in general.

- *African-American archive: the history of the Black experience in documents.* Ed. Wright. Black Dog & Leventhal Publishers, 2001. REF E184.6 .A33 2001.
- *Our nation's archive: the history of the United States in documents.* Ed. Bruun & Crosby. Black Dog & Leventhal Publishers, 1999. REF E173 .O77 1999.
- *Documents of American history.* 10<sup>th</sup> ed. Ed. Commager & Cantor. 2 vols. Prentice Hall, 1988. REF E173 .D59 1988.
- *Annals of America.* 21 vols. Encyclopædia Britannica, 1968-1987. REF 1977-1986.
- *Documentary source book of American history.* Ed. MacDonald. Macmillan, 1926. REF & General Collection E173 .M129 1926. A selection from MacDonald's *Select charters, Select documents, and Select statutes.*

**Archival catalogs.** For example,

- "Ready, 'Net, Go!" Archival Internet Resources, <http://www.tulane.edu/~lmiller/ArchivesResources.html>. Note esp. "Master Lists of Archives," and "Archival Search Engines".
- Archival Resources. Formerly a component of RLIN, but now, I *believe*, a component of the SPU database WorldCat (below).
- Archival Research Catalog ARC, <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>. Note that searches in this National Archives catalog can be limited in such a way as to return "Digital Copies" only, and by date-range as well.
- ArchivesUSA.
- National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, <http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/>. Also a component of ArchivesUSA and some of these others. But this is free online.
- WorldCat. An SPU database. Select "Archival Materials".

Use archival catalogs to help you narrow the search for high-quality reproductions free online. For example, the institution that holds a person's papers is probably the one most likely to digitize them.

**Primary sources by genre,** digital collections excepted (*very* much in progress)

Autobiographies. *For example,*

- Kaplan. *Bibliography of American autobiographies.* University of Wisconsin Press, 1962. PS169.A95 K375 1961.

Correspondence

Diaries. For example,

- Matthews. *American diaries : an annotated bibliography of American diaries written prior to the year 1861.* J.S. Canner, 1959. CT214 .M38 1959.
- Matthews. *American diaries in manuscript, 1580-1954: a descriptive bibliography.* University of Georgia Press, 1974.



- Goodfriend. *Published diaries and letters of American women : an annotated bibliography*. G.K. Hall, 1987. REF CT3260 .G663 1987.
- Havlice. *And so to bed: a bibliography of diaries published in English*. Scarecrow Press, 1987. REF CT25 .H385 1987.
- Arksey, Pries, & Reed. *American diaries: an annotated bibliography of published American diaries and journals*. 2 vols. Gale Research, 1983-1987. REF CT214 .A757 1983.
- Begos. *Annotated bibliography of published women's diaries*. Begos, 1977. REF CT3230 .B44 1977.
- Nicholson. *People in books: a selective guide to biographical literature arranged by vocations and other fields of reader interest*. 2 vols. H. W. Wilson, 1969, 1977. REF CT104 .N535. . . .

Personal narratives. For example,

- Dalleo. *Researching the Underground Railroad in Delaware : a select descriptive bibliography of African American fugitive narratives*. Underground Railroad Coalition of Delaware; City of Wilmington, 2008.

For more official LC genres, see the latest edition of *Free-floating subdivisions*.

Digital collections

Major portals (the big three)

- Infomine: Scholarly Internet Resource Collections, <http://infomine.ucr.edu/>
- Intute: the Best Web Resources for Education and Research, <http://www.intute.ac.uk/>
- Internet Scout Project, <http://scout.wisc.edu/>
- From Revolution to Reconstruction,
- 19<sup>th</sup>-Century U. S. History Sites Online, <http://www.wsu.edu/~amerstu/19th/hist.html>, and esp. <http://www.wsu.edu/~amerstu/19th/19th.html>. May be dead. Last updates 2001.
- *History highway: a 21st century guide to Internet resources*. Ed. Trinkle & Merriman. M. E. Sharpe, 2006. D16.117 .H55 2006. See esp. pp. 301 ff., and more specifically, pp. 310 ff. ("Documents and images"). Don't neglect this.

Directories or guides to digital collections. For example,

- Colonial Background Texts and 19<sup>th</sup>-Century American Historical Documents Online, <http://www.wsu.edu/~amerstu/19th/19th.html>
- Guide to Digital Collections, <http://digitalcollections.wordpress.com/>



Digital collections of note (*very* much in progress). For example,

- AMDOCS, Documents for the Study of American History, <http://www.vlib.us/amdocs/>
- American Memory (Library of Congress), <http://rs6.loc.gov/> . Can be browsed by period, <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/index.html>.
- Avalon Project: Documents in Law, History, and Diplomacy, [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject\\_menus/19th.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/19th.asp)
- Democracy in America, <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/DETOC/home.html>
- Documenting the American South, <http://docsouth.unc.edu/>
- Hypertexts (University of Virginia), <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/hypertext.html>
- Mexican-American War, 1846-1848, <http://www.dmwv.org/mexwar/documents/docs.htm>
- Wisconsin Historical Collections, <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whc/>. Can be searched by decade, at <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/research.asp>



**Appendix:**  
**More published primary-source anthologies, more or less,**  
**all for the most part unexamined,**  
**and some more respectable than others (*very* much in progress)**

- Alcott, Allen, & King. *American prejudice against color: William G. Allen, Mary King, Louisa May Alcott*. Northeastern University Press, 2002.
- Allen, ed. *Origins of the Dred Scott case: Jacksonian jurisprudence and the Supreme Court, 1837-1857*. University of Georgia Press, 2006.
- Belz, ed. *Webster-Hayne debate on the nature of the union: selected documents*. Liberty Fund, 2000 [1830].
- Blau, ed. *Social theories of Jacksonian democracy: representative writings of the period 1825-1850*. American heritage. Liberal Arts Press, 1954.
- Bode, ed. *American life in the 1840s*. Documents in American civilization. Anchor Books, 1967.
- Bode, ed. *Midcentury America: life in the 1850s*. Southern Illinois State University Press, 1972.
- Bratt, ed. *Antirevivalism in antebellum America: a collection of religious voices*. Rutgers University Press, 2005.
- Breeden, ed. *Advice among masters: the ideal in slave management in the Old South*. Greenwood Press, 1980.
- Coddon, ed. *Slavery*. Great speeches in history. Greenhaven Press, 2002.
- Conrad, ed. *In the hands of strangers: readings on foreign and domestic slave trading and the crisis of the Union*. Pennsylvania State University Press, 2001.
- Copeland. *Antebellum era: primary documents on events from 1820 to 1860*. Debating historical issues in the media of the time. Greenwood Press, 2003.
- Cunningham & Cappel, eds. *Circular letters of congressmen to their constituents, 1789-1829*. University of North Carolina Press for the Institute of Early American History and Culture, 1978.
- Davis, ed. *Antebellum American culture: an interpretive anthology*. Pennsylvania State University Press, 1997 [1979].
- Faust, ed. *Ideology of slavery: proslavery thought in the antebellum South, 1830-1860*. Louisiana State University Press, 1981.
- Gatel & McFaul, eds. *Jacksonian America, 1815-1840: new society, changing politics*. Prentice-Hall, 1970.
- Gaustad & Noll, eds. *Documentary history of religion in America to the Civil War*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Eerdmans, 2003. BL2525 .D63 2003.
- Graebner, ed. *Manifest destiny*. American heritage. Bobbs-Merrill, 1968.
- Horowitz, ed. *Attitudes toward sex in antebellum America: a brief history with documents*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2006.
- Jewett. *Age of Jewett: Charles Coffin Jewett and American librarianship, 1841-1868*. Ed. Harris. Libraries Unlimited, 1975.



- Lacy, ed. *Antebellum Tennessee: a documentary history*. McCutchan Pub. Corp., 1969.
- Lincoln & Douglas. *Illinois political campaign of 1858*. Library of Congress, 1958.
- Lowance, ed. *House divided: the antebellum slavery debates in America, 1776-1865*. Princeton University Press, 2003.
- Mark & Schwaab, eds. *Faith of our fathers: an anthology expressing the aspirations of the American common man, 1790-1860*. Octagon Books, 1976.
- Morgan. *Slavery in America: a reader and guide*. University of Georgia Press, 2005.
- Morris, ed. *Jacksonian democracy, 1829-1848*. Voices from America's past. McGraw-Hill, 1961.
- Ostrander, ed. *Romantic democracy, 1835-1855*. Marston Press, 1971.
- Perry, ed. *Indiana in the Mexican war*. W. B. Burford, 1908.
- Remini, ed. *Age of Jackson*. University of South Carolina Press, 1972.
- Schweikart, ed. "Banking in the American South, 1836-1865." Ph.D. dissertation, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1983.
- Thompson, ed. *Antislavery political writings, 1833-1860: a reader*. M. E. Sharpe, 2004.
- Van Deusen, ed. *Rise and decline of Jacksonian democracy*. Anvil original 105. Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1970.
- Watson, ed. *Andrew Jackson vs. Henry Clay: democracy and development in antebellum America*. Bedford series in history and culture. Bedford/St. Martin's, 1998. Documents: pp. 119-262.
- Wiltse, ed. *Expansion and reform, 1815-1850*. Sources in American History 4. Free Press, 1967.
- Wish, ed. *Slavery in the South: first-hand accounts of the antebellum American Southland from northern and southern whites, Negroes, and foreign observers*. Materials of American history. Noonday Press, 1964.
- Wyatt-Brown, ed. *American people in the antebellum South*. Pendulum Press, 1973.