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## News of the Day

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Wisconsin Heritage Online is continuing to grow!

As of November 2008, [Wisconsin Heritage Online](#) has 43,342 in 37 collections. This month, University of Wisconsin DoIT staff harvested two collections from Milwaukee Public Library and one from Lawrence University . There are new collections and material added from the University of Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin collections at the University of Wisconsin Digital Collections too. Check out the Featured Collections below for more

## Featured Collections

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[Kenosha County History: Images and Texts, 1830s-1940s](#)



[Kenosha County History: Images and Texts, 1830s-1940s](#). This digital collection includes materials covering the history of Kenosha County , which is situated in the most southeastern part of Wisconsin adjoining the Illinois State border. In 1830, Kenosha County was a remote corner of the largely unsettled Michigan Territory . Beginning in 1835 settlers arrived from New York and New England, making Kenosha County and City the southernmost settlement in the state. From 1835 through the 1880s the region's main commercial activity was agriculture. In the 1870s the County and City barely survived a local depression, which stifled industrial growth. By 1890 industrial

expansion had greatly improved in the City and County with continued growth until the Great Depression of the 1930s.

## Lawrence University Archives Digital Collection



The [Lawrence University Archives Digital Collection](#) document the history of Lawrence University and Milwaukee-Downer College, the latter an all women's college that consolidated with Lawrence in 1964. Digitized items were chosen based on their condition, frequency of use of their physical formats, and their representation of the history of the two colleges.

Many of the photographs in the collection are unidentified. If you know the names of the people in any of the photographs, please [contact](#) the University Archivist.

Collections within the collection contain items from the papers of university presidents, Milwaukee-Downer College, the Conservatory of Music, and other historical material.

## UW-La Crosse Historic Steamboat Photograph Collection



The [UW-La Crosse Historic Steamboat Photograph](#) collection consists of over 40,000 black and white photographic images of steamboats on the inland waterways of the United States, primarily the Mississippi, Ohio and Missouri rivers and their tributaries. The photos depict steamboats in every phase of their life span, in every aspect of their daily operations from the 1850s to the present, and in all sorts of settings as they went about their everyday business of hauling freight and

passengers and towing barges and rafts.

Besides steamboats, other types of images in the collection include steamboat captains, engineers, pilots, passengers and crews; city and town waterfronts; levees; locks and dams; and river-related activities such as fishing, swimming and clamming. The digitized collection now has over 3,500 images online.

## Milwaukee Public Library Waterways



The [Milwaukee Public Library Waterways](#) collection illustrates the role Lake Michigan and Milwaukee's rivers have played in the history of Milwaukee. Pictures of the harbor and ships from around the world loading and unloading materials show the variety of materials that passed through the Port over time. Other pictures illustrate the role the rivers played in the commercial

development of the city. Aerial views of the harbor and rivers and lakefront show the changing uses of the water and land.

## Milwaukee Public Library Historic Photos



The [Milwaukee Public Library Historic Photos](#) collection represents the start of the process of making historic photos of Milwaukee available to the public online. The photos from this collection are pulled from the Milwaukee Public Library's historic photograph collection. The entire collection includes over 50,000 photographs of Milwaukee dating from the late 19th century

to present day. The current digital collection is only a small fraction of the total available photos, but is growing all the time, so stop back to see what new images become available.

## Project News

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### [Wisconsin Historical Society hosted CONTENTdm projects](#)

There are currently three separate institutions working on CONTENTdm WHS-hosted projects. One of them is a historical society, two are museums. All three are working slowly, but expect to make their collections public before mid-2009. A fourth group has begun planning for another project within their collection space.

If you are interested in using the Wisconsin Historical Society's digital collection software, CONTENTdm, for your organization's digitized collections, contact Debbie Cardinal to learn more about it.

If you are using OAI-compliant digital collection software and your collection is web-accessible, we can harvest your collection metadata into the Wisconsin Heritage Online statewide portal. Contact [Debbie Cardinal](#)

## WHO Resources Wiki

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**Important!** [Wisconsin Heritage Online Project Resources wiki is a private wiki now!](#)

Your institution must have a paid membership in Wisconsin Heritage Online for access to the wiki.



Go to the wiki, click on the **Request Access** link on the right. When we get your request we will verify your institution's paid WHO membership and approve access to the wiki. One paid membership will allow multiple people to access the wiki.

WHO membership annual fees are either \$50 or \$100. Your organization decides what you can afford. ([WHO Membership Form](#))

## Events to Note

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### Workshops

#### **WHO Digital Imaging Guidelines in Practice: Modeling a Scanning Workflow**

This workshop will be held in St. Paul , MN in early spring. Details later.

#### **Holiday Time!**

Enjoy your holidays the next few months!

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