



Researcher's Guide to the Archives of Appalachia

INTRODUCTION

The Archives of Appalachia is a repository for memories — the written words, images, and sounds that document life in southern Appalachia. We steward nearly two miles of rare manuscripts, 250,000 photographs, 90,000 audio and moving image recordings, and 14,000 books.

The Archives is part of the [Center for Appalachian Studies & Services](#), a Tennessee Distinguished Center of Excellence. The Center sponsors educational activities, exhibits, publications, and documentaries featuring Appalachia's culture and history. Visitors to the Archives can take advantage of the Center's other educational resources by visiting the [Reece Museum](#) or contacting the staff of the [Regional Resources Institute](#).

LOCATION

The Archives is on ETSU's [main campus](#), room 422 (fourth floor) of the Sherrod Library on 344 JL Seehorn Road.

VISIT

We are open to all researchers, including the general public, Monday-Friday, 9:00 – 4:30. [ETSU holidays](#) are observed.

To prepare for your visit:

- consult our [online database](#), where we maintain current finding aids for our archival collections,
- visit the [library catalog](#) to search for books, or
- view our [digital collections](#).

Visitors should contact Parking Services to obtain a parking pass prior to their visit. You may [request a pass online](#), by phone at 423.439.5650, or in person at 132 Stout Drive.

All visiting researchers are required to register with the Archives and present valid photo identification, such as a driver's license, student id, or passport.

Food or drink is not permitted in the Archives. However, dining options are available on or near campus.

EQUIPMENT

Laptops and mobile devices are allowed. We also have public access computers available for research use.

Cameras and personal scanners are generally allowed but require the permission of Archives' staff.

We provide on-site photocopies and document scans of materials if condition permits and there are no duplication restrictions. Our duplication fees can be found on our Access Services and Fees Schedule. We can only accept cash or check at this time.

DISTANCE ACCESS

Due to the unique and often fragile nature of our collections, materials cannot be checked out for use outside the Archives. Visit our [online database](#) and our [digital collections](#) to begin your research. In certain cases, distance access services may be arranged.

For more information, [contact us](#).