

RESEARCHER'S GUIDE TO THE ARCHIVES OF APPALACHIA

WHAT IS THE ARCHIVES OF APPALACHIA?

Located in northeast Tennessee, the Archives collects and preserves records of enduring value that document the historical and cultural fabric of life in Appalachia. Topics include: folklore, arts & crafts, language & literature, music, landscape, agriculture, industry, railroads, food, medicine, and religion.

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 cultural heritage and identity. Visitors to the Archives should take advantage of the Center's other educational resources by visiting the [Reece Museum](#) or by picking up a copy of the publication [Now & Then](#).

WHERE IS THE ARCHIVES OF APPALACHIA LOCATED?

The Archives is located on East Tennessee State University's main campus, 4th floor of the Sherrod Library, Room 422. Sherrod Library is located at 344 J L Seehorn Road. To view a map of campus, please click [here](#) (Sherrod Library is Building 320).

WHEN CAN I VISIT?

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

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR MY VISIT?

- ❏ Check out the [online database](#) to our document and media collections. While limited staff and resources prevent us from digitizing our materials, these guides allow you to browse our collections in advance. To locate our special collections books, search the University's [library catalog](#).
- ❏ Visitors must 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 visit their office at 132 Stout Drive Johnson City, TN 37614.
- ❏ All visiting researchers are required to register and present valid photo identification. Acceptable forms include: driver's license, student id, passport, etc.
- ❏ Sometimes, our reading room is a bit on the chilly side. You may want to dress in layers!
- ❏ Food or drink is not permitted in the Archives. However, dining options are available on or near campus. Please keep this in mind if you plan to be here for an extended period of time.

MAY I BRING A LAPTOP, CAMERA, OR SCANNER?

- ❏ Laptops are allowed. We provide Wi-Fi internet access. We also have public access computers available for research use.
- ❏ Cameras require the permission of Archives' staff.
- ❏ Personal scanners, including handheld wand scanners, are not permitted.
- ❏ 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.

WHAT IF I CAN'T VISIT?

Due to the unique and often fragile nature of our collections, materials may only be viewed in the Archives. Please take advantage of our [online database](#) because in certain cases, distant access services may be arranged.

For more information, please reference our [Access Services and Fees Schedule](#) below. You may also contact us at 423.439.4338 or archives@etsu.edu.