

A Selected Bibliography of Basic Sources for Information about Tennessee History

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Note from Carole Bucy, May 1, 2021: There are literally hundreds of books and articles about various Tennessee history topics that I had discussed in these classes. Feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions about specific books.

West, Carroll Van, ed., *The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*, 1998.

Best Source for information about Tennessee History Topics – both general longer articles such as “Reconstruction,” “The Civil Rights Movement,” “Religion,” “World War I,” “Woman Suffrage,” etc. as well as specific entries about people, places, and events.

West, Carroll Van, ed., *The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History & Culture*, on-line edition: <https://tennesseeencyclopedia.net/>

Copies of the hardbound version of the *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History & Culture* that was published in 1998 are still available from the Tennessee Historical Society at:

<https://tennesseehistory.org/publications/the-tennessee-encyclopedia-of-history-and-culture/>

Just scroll down past the embedded *Encyclopedia* and click on the “Buy Now” button.

General narratives of Tennessee history:

Wayne Moore, “A History of Tennessee,” published in the *Tennessee Blue Book* and also available online: <https://sos.tn.gov/content/tennessee-blue-book>. The *Tennessee Blue Book* is a hardbound book published by the office of Tennessee Secretary of State Trey Hargett every 2 years. For a free copy of the hardbound Blue Book, contact your Tennessee state representative or senator. This website has contact information about how to reach your state senators and representatives, as well as a way to find out who your state senator or representative is: <https://www.capitol.tn.gov/legislators/>

The Tennessee State Museum’s “Tennessee For Me” project: <http://www.tn4me.org/>. This site divides Tennessee history into nine chronological time periods and has all sorts of dropdown menus with additional information and images.

I encourage all of you to visit the **Tennessee State Museum**, which is located on Rosa Parks Blvd, just north of the Nashville Farmers’ Market and the **Tennessee State Library and Archives** which is across the Bicentennial Mall from the Museum. The museum’s permanent exhibits are excellent, and provide an excellent overview of Tennessee history. The new state archives also has several interesting things to see, including interactive maps. Free parking is available in front of the museum.

The East Tennessee Historical Society Museum in Knoxville also has an excellent permanent exhibit and website: <https://www.easttnhistory.org/>

For Books & Articles on Specific Topics of Tennessee History Since the Civil War:

The Tennessee Historical Quarterly is the best source of information on specific topics in Tennessee history. It provides topical articles which provide the most up-to-date scholarship on specific areas of Tennessee history. Subscriptions are free with membership in the Society: <https://tennesseehistory.org/>

Carole Bucy note: I have used articles from the *Quarterly* extensively in preparing for my lectures.

The University of Tennessee Press: <https://utpress.org/>

Excellent search engine with books on a variety of Tennessee topics

Arcadia Press: <https://www.arcadiapublishing.com/>

Arcadia (which was formerly the History Press) publishes numerous books on specific Tennessee towns, topics, and events. Excellent search engine with books on towns and cities across Tennessee as well as books about specific Tennessee history topics.

Tennessee State Museum Book Club: The Museum offers a monthly book club that meets virtually in which leading experts in various fields lead discussions of specific books related to Tennessee history. Here is a description of upcoming books that will be discussed in May, June, and July 2021: <https://tnmuseum.org/book-club>