Resources at the
AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY Library & Museum

The Society’s exceptional collection numbers over 14 million manuscripts, objects, books, images, and works of art. Topics covered include early American and Revolutionary history, 18th and 19th century natural history, Native American and Indigenous linguistics and culture, nuclear physics, computer development, medical science, genetics and eugenics, and the development of anthropology in America.

Turning Points in History

NHD 2024 participants may have particular interest in the following:
- Thomas Jefferson’s Draft of the Declaration of Independence and John Dunlap’s printed version
- The journals of Lewis and Clark whose expedition was a turning point in history
- Nobel Prize winners like Barbara McClintock and Baruch Blumberg who created turning points in their discoveries
- Technology like the atomic bomb and the ethics of it

Ways to Interact with the APS

VISIT THE ARCHIVE
https://www.amphilsoc.org/library

Use of the archival materials requires an appointment. This website will help you navigate how to set up a research appointment and can answer most questions.

Search the collections: http://search.amphilsoc.org/collections/search

UTILIZE ONLINE COLLECTIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

The Revolutionary City: https://therevolutionarycity.org/
*The Revolutionary City: A Portal to the Nation’s Founding* is a one-stop shop for students, teachers, scholars, and lovers of history to learn about diverse stories of the American Revolution from the perspective of early residents of America’s revolutionary city.

APS Digital Library: http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/
Many of the APS Library’s manuscripts and images have been digitized; this website will allow you to explore those pieces of the collection.

Online exhibitions: http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/galleries
This page contains an archive of several years of online exhibitions compiled by the APS.

Past Exhibitions: https://www.amphilsoc.org/museum/exhibitions
This page contains an archive of past museum exhibitions.

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