

Selected Bibliography of Columbus History

Andromeda, Sandy, *Death and Devastation Strikes Columbus, Ohio: A Story of the Great Flood of 1913*. North Liberty, OH: North Liberty Publications, 1996.

A recounting of the 1913 flood through printed and oral histories of survivors.

***Architecture: Columbus*. Columbus, OH: Foundation of the Columbus Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, 1976.**

A detailed chronicling of the history of the city through its significant architecture from earliest times to the 1970s.

Arter, William, *Columbus Vignettes*. Columbus, OH: Nida-Eckstein Printing, Inc., 1966.

Bill Arter's illustrated articles first appeared in the weekly Sunday Magazine section of the *Columbus Dispatch*. They are compiled into 4 volumes.

Barrett, Richard E., *Columbus 1860-1910*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2005.

A brief photographic history of Columbus from 1860-1910.

Barrett, Richard E., *Columbus 1910-1970*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2006.

A brief photographic history of Columbus from 1910-1970.

Barrett, Richard E., *Columbus, Ohio in Vintage Postcards 1898-1950*. Chicago, IL: Arcadia Publishing, 2002.

A history of Columbus through historic postcards.

Barrett, Richard E., *"Made in Columbus" Automobiles*. Columbus, OH: Columbus Historical Society, 1994.

Columbus was once known as the "buggy capital" due to the number of automobile manufacturers located here. This is a history of some of the significant automobile manufacturers, including The Columbus Buggy Co., Allen Motor Cars and Firestone.

***Centennial Biographical History of the City of Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio*.**

Chicago, IL: Lewis Publishing Co., 1901.

A Who's Who of Franklin County in the early twentieth century with illustrations.

Cole, Charles, C., Jr., *A Fragile Capital: Identity and the Early Years of Columbus, Ohio*. Columbus, OH: Ohio State University Press, 2001.

A history of Columbus covering roughly 1801-1850, based on primary accounts in newspapers, letters and personal diaries.

Darbee, Jeffrey T. and Nancy A. Recchie, *AIA Guide to Columbus*. Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press, 2008.

An architectural guide to the city arranged by neighborhoods and historic districts.

Darbee, Jeffrey T., *Taking the Cars: A History of Columbus Union Station*. Columbus, OH: Columbus Historical Society, 2003.

A pictorial history of the three depots that served Columbus from the 1850s to the 1970s.

Davis, Marilyn Clifton, *Ohio's Statehouse is Intriguing!* Columbus, OH: M.C. Davis, 1997.

A great resource for teachers and students with information on every room of the Statehouse and the grounds, including trivia.

***Franklin County at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century: Historical Record of its Development, Resources, Industries, Institutions and Inhabitants*. Columbus, OH: Historical Publishing Company, 1901.**

This history of Franklin County includes several illustrated biographical sketches of prominent citizens of the time period.

Garrett, Betty and Edward R. Lentz, *Columbus: America's Crossroads*. Tulsa, OK: Continental Heritage Press, 1980.

One of the few contemporary books on Columbus that is a comprehensive review of the city's history from earliest times to the 1980s. Highly illustrated.

Goerler, Raimund E. *The Ohio State University: An Illustrated History*. Columbus, OH: The Ohio State University Press, 2011.

Brief articles chronicle the vast history of the university. A selective chronology can be found at the end of the book.

Hooper, Osman Castle, *History of the City of Columbus, Ohio, from the Founding of Franklinton in 1797, through the World War Period, to the Year 1920*. Columbus, OH: Memorial Publishing, 1920.

A classic Columbus history written by Osman Hooper, former editor of the *Columbus Dispatch* and Professor Emeritus of The Ohio State University School of Journalism, covering many important events and institutions.

Hunker, Henry L., *Columbus, Ohio: A Personal Geography*. Columbus, OH: Ohio State University Press, 2000.

A comparison of the city from the 1950s to the 1990s written by a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geography and School of Public Policy & Management at The Ohio State University.

Lee, Alfred E. *The History of the City of Columbus, Capital of Ohio*. New York: Munsell & Co., 1892.

A two volume set covering the prehistory to the 1890s including biographical information on representative citizens.

Lentz, Edward R., *As It Were: Stories of Old Columbus*. Madison, WI: Red Mountain Press, 1998. Volume 1.

A collection of short 1-2 page stories on individuals, events and institutions significant to the history of the city, including Lucas Sullivant, James Thurber, Lazarus Department Store, streetcars and more.

Lentz, Edward R., *As It Were: Stories of Old Columbus*. Madison, WI: Red Mountain Press, 2001. Volume 2.

Lentz continues telling stories of Old Columbus in volume 2.

Lentz, Edward R., *Columbus: The Story of a City*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2003.

Lentz takes his extensive knowledge of Columbus and chronicles it in a concise history of the city.

Martin, William T., *History of Franklin County: A Collection of Reminiscences of the Early Settlement of the County, with Biographical Sketches and a Complete History of the County to the Present Time*. Columbus, OH: Follett, Forster & Co., 1858.

A brief snapshot of the first 50 years of Franklin County and one of the earliest histories of the city and county.

Moore, Opha, *History of Franklin County, Ohio*. Indianapolis, IN: Historical Publishing Co., 1930.

A three volume set that covers the highlights of the early years in the formation of Columbus and Franklin County up to WWI. Volumes I & II are devoted to biographical sketches of representative citizens.

***Official Program for the Columbus centennial celebration: Columbus Dispatch Centennial Edition*. Columbus, OH: Sunday Dispatch, 1912.**

This book provides a snapshot of Columbus during the 1912 centennial of the city as well as a look at the events surround the weeklong celebration.

Perkins, Michael. *LeVeque: The First Complete Story of Columbus' Greatest Skyscraper*. Bloomington, IN: Author House, 2005.

An illustrated history of Columbus' first skyscraper and the man who was the driving force behind its construction, John J. Lentz, president of the American Insurance Union.

Schlegel, Donald M., *Lager and Liberty: German Brewers of Nineteenth Century Columbus*. Columbus, OH: Donald M. Schlegel, 1982.

The breweries located in German Village made it a thriving community until prohibition. This is a history of the brewers and their companies.

Sheridan, Phil, *Those Wonderful Old Downtown Theaters*. Columbus, OH: Sheridan, 1978.

Phil Sheridan captures the extensive theater scene of Columbus in the days before TV provided most of our entertainment in this 3 volume set.

Shook, C. LaVon, *A History of the Ohio State Fair*. Mansfield, OH: Book Masters, Inc., 2000.

A history of the fair from its infancy in Cincinnati to its permanent home in Columbus in the 1990s.

Studer, Jacob Henry, *Columbus Ohio: Its History, Resources and Progress, with numerous illustrations*. Columbus, OH: J. H. Studer, 1873.

One of the earliest histories on the city of Columbus the covering 1812- 1872.

Taylor, William Alexander, *Centennial History of Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio*. Chicago-Columbus: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1909.

A two volume set heavy in biographical sketches on representative citizens written prior to the 1912 centennial of Columbus.

***The Ohio Theatre 1928-1978.* Columbus, OH: Columbus Association for the Performing Arts, 1978.**

This book is a celebration of a Columbus landmark which was almost torn down in 1969.

Weisenburger, Francis P., *Columbus during the Civil War.* Columbus, OH: The Ohio State University Press for the Ohio Historical Society, 1963.

A small but informative work on what life was like in the city and how the citizens responded to the war. Good teacher resource.

African Americans:

Felix, James, *The American Addition: History of a Black Community.* Washington: University Press of America, 1979.

The American Addition was located in Clinton Township in the northeast area of the city. This book is one of the few printed histories of a Columbus African American neighborhood.

***Listen for the Jazz: Key notes in Columbus History.* Columbus, OH: Arts Foundation of Olde Towne, 1992.**

Portraits of the music scene and African American musicians on the Near East side of Columbus.

Mark, Mary Louise, *Negroes in Columbus.* Columbus, OH: Ohio State University Press, 1928.

This book shows the growth and condition of the Black neighborhoods in Columbus up to the 1920s including East Long Street, Hanford Village, the American Addition and more.

Quillin, Frank U., *The Color Line in Ohio: a History of Race Prejudice in a Typical Northern State.* New York: Negro Universities Press, 1969, originally published in 1913 by Michigan University.

Covers the early legal and social status of African Americans in Ohio beginning with the 1802 Ohio Constitutional Convention. Includes a chapter on Columbus.

Robinson, Aminah Brenda Lynn, *A Street Called Home.* San Diego, CA: Harcourt Brace & Co., 1997.

Aminah Robinson turns her art and stories about growing up on Mt. Vernon Ave, into a beautiful book. A great resource for teachers.

Robinson, Aminah Brenda Lynn, *Symphonic Poem: the art of Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson.* Columbus, OH: Columbus Museum of Art, 2002.

A catalogue of Aminah Robinson's work as well as a biography of the artist.

Children's Books:

Gerber, Carole, *Through Children's Eyes: Tales of Old Columbus,* Columbus, OH: Columbus Historical Society, 2003.

This book was written to assist with the teaching of Third Grade Social Studies and has corresponding lesson plans that can be located on the Columbus Historical Society's website. A great resource for teachers.

Inman, Mary K., *The Fowler Family Gets Dressed: Frontier Paper Dolls of the Old Northwest Territory*. Lubbock, TX: Texas Tech University Press, 2000.

Daily life on the Ohio frontier told through the clothing worn at the time. A fun resource for teachers.

Jerome, Kate Boehm. *Columbus and the State of Ohio: Cool Stuff Every Kid Should Know*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2011.

Fun facts about the people and history of the city of Columbus and state of Ohio.

Levine, Susan Sachs, *Packard Takes Flight*. Charleston, SC: The History Press, 2010.

Follow Packard, the peregrine falcon, on an adventure to many of Columbus' landmarks such as COSI, the North Market and the statehouse. A fun way for kids to learn about the city.

Robinson, Aminah Brenda Lynn, *A Street Called Home*. San Diego, CA: Harcourt Brace & Co., 1997.

Aminah Robinson turns her art and stories about growing up on Mt. Vernon Ave, into a beautiful book. A great resource for teachers.

Neighborhoods:

***Arena District: A Neighborhood 170 Years in the Making*. Columbus, OH: Nationwide Realty Investors, 2006.**

The Arena District has transformed from an industrial area and the hub of transportation to the premier entertainment district in Columbus.

Bonowitz, Marvin, *Mt. Vernon Avenue, Jewish Businesses in a Changing Neighborhood 1918-1999*. Columbus, OH: Columbus Historical Society, 1999.

A look back at the businesses that were once an integral part of the King Lincoln Neighborhood.

Custodio, Brenda and Brenda Dutton, *Franklinton: History and Heritage*. Columbus, OH: Inkwell, 1997.

A history of Franklinton from its founding up to the 1830s after the city of Columbus was established.

Darbee, Jeffrey T. and Nancy Recchie, *German Columbus*, Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2005.

A photographic history of a historic neighborhood in Columbus.

Dominianni, Andy and Erin Dominianni, *Columbus Italians*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2011.

A photographic history of the Columbus Italian communities of Flytown, Grandview Heights, Marble Cliff and San Margherita.

Graichen, Jody H., *Remembering German Village: Columbus, Ohio's Historic Treasure*. Charleston, SC: The History Press, 2010.

A history of the people, families, and businesses that make up this unique area of the city.

***Hilltop USA: History and Homes*. Columbus, OH: Greater Hilltop Area Commission, 1984.**

The focus of this book is the architectural styles of the homes in the Hilltop, but it also includes history of the area.

Hyatt, Shirley, *Clintonville and Beechwood*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2009.

A pictorial history of the early neighborhoods north of the city.

Sauer, Doreen Uhas, *The Ohio State University Neighborhoods*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia, 2009.

A photographic history of a neighborhood that contains more just a university.

Sterling, Lea Ann, *Historic Homes of Olde Towne, Columbus, Ohio: a Pictorial Guide*. Dublin, OH: Victory Postcards, 1999.

Pictorial guide to many of the stately old homes in the Olde Towne East historic neighborhood.

Pictorial:

Harden, Mike, *Columbus Celebrates the Millennium*. Montgomery, AL: Community Communications, 2000.

A history of the city written by a former columnist for the *Columbus Dispatch* highlighting many of the businesses that contributed to the success of the city.

Kane, Kathy Mast and Doreen Uhas Sauer, *Columbus and The Ohio State University. Then & Now*. San Diego, CA: Thunder Bay Press, 2009.

A unique photographic history of the city and the university.

***Story of Columbus: Past, Present and Future of the Metropolis of Central Ohio*.**

Columbus, OH: Johnston Publishing, Co., 1898.

One of the earliest pictorial histories of the city.

Taggart, Nick, *Historic Photos of Columbus*. Nashville, TN: Turner Publishing Co., 2007.

A photographic history of the city from 1812 to 1970s using images from the archives of the Columbus Metropolitan Library's digital collection.

Sports:

Tootle, James R., *Baseball in Columbus*. Chicago, IL: Arcadia Publishing, 2003.

Columbus formed its first baseball team after the Civil War. Read about the long history of baseball in Columbus in Mr. Tootle book.

Willis, Chris, *The Columbus Panhandles: a Complete History of Pro Football's Toughest Team, 1900-1922*. Lanham, MD.: Scarecrow Press, 2007.

This is the story of an early professional football team located in hometown Columbus.

Women:

White, Ruth Young, *We Too Built Columbus*. Columbus, OH: Stoneman Press, 1936.

Let us not forget the women's role in the history of the city, especially the work done to create and maintain philanthropic organizations such as the Hannah Neil Mission and Florence Crittenton Home.