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- Paintings, political cartoons, and fine art prints
- Diaries, journals, memoirs and scrapbooks
- Architectural records
- Published resources on the history of the state and the lives of its citizens, ranging from scholarly books to the works of local societies

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The State Historical Society of Missouri is only partially funded through state appropriation and therefore appreciates, and increasingly depends on, the thousands of individual members, corporate and institutional supporters, and generous donors who enable fulfillment of the mission to collect, care for, and provide access to the materials that document Missouri history.

Membership

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