

The Stuff History Is Made Of: Some Primary Sources

Formal Personal Documents

contracts and agreements
wills
court records
certificates and licenses
receipts

Institutional Records

charters and constitutions
membership registers
minutes
correspondence and reports
programs and publications
records

Informal Personal Records

diaries and memoirs
financial statements
letters
memoranda and notes
family and household records
photo albums
home movies/video

Government Documents

court proceedings
laws and edicts
constitutions
reports and proceedings
treaties
records and census data

The Arts

fine arts
graphic arts
music
design
photography

Publications

treatises
periodicals and newspapers
histories and biographies
travel accounts
literature
maps

Artifacts

tools and machines
money and stamps
containers
furniture and furnishings
clothing and personal care
toys and amusements
transportation equipment
communication equipment
architecture

Popular Culture

folklore
mass media
organized sports
songs and hymns
advertising

