

Useful Resources for Finding Primary Sources in Fashion History

Databases your institution may have access too:

- Vogue Archive
- Harper's Bazaar Archive
- Women's Wear Daily Archive
- Proquest Women's Magazine Archive
- Proquest Historical Newspapers (also look for their Black Newspapers archive)
- Readers' Guide Retrospective

Open Source Databases and Archives (some of these are commercial, some are academic):

- Google Books has magazines such as *Life*, *Ebony*, *Jet*, and *The Advocate* (and many more!!!)
- Duke University's Ad Access: <https://repository.duke.edu/dc/adaccess>
- The Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/>
- Old Magazine Articles.com: <http://www.oldmagazinearticles.com/>
- Girl Scout Catalogues running back to 1917: <http://www.gscatalogs.com/catalogs/>
- Harvard's Women Working, 1800-1930:
<http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/ww/vcsearch.php?cat=trade+catalogs,%20clothing>
 - Includes some women's magazines and catalogues, home and etiquette manuals, as well as photographs.
- Modernist Journals Project: <https://modjourn.org/journal/>
 - Mostly avant garde publications, but journals like *Crisis* (official publication of the NAACP) may be useful)
- The Advertising Archives: <http://www.advertisingarchives.co.uk/>
 - Searchable advertising from across time and around the world
- Google Patents: https://books.google.com/advanced_patent_search
 - While most fashion isn't patented, some is (the original blue jeans, Claire McCardell's Popover, etc...)
- Wishbook Web: <http://www.wishbookweb.com/>
 - Christmas catalogues dating back to 1937
- The Media History Digital library: <http://www.mediahistoryproject.org/>
 - an extensive resource for media industry publications, but also for movie fan magazines such as *Photoplay*
- Illustrated Modern Magazines on Arthistoricum.net <http://magazine.illustrierte-presse.de/en/> (Links to an external site.)
 - Online archive of German Magazines:

Blogs and Websites of Interest:

- Makeup Museum: <https://www.makeupmuseum.org/>
- Collecting Vintage Cosmetics: <https://collectingvintagecompacts.blogspot.com/>
- The Fashion and Race Syllabus: <https://fashionandrace.wordpress.com/>
- Fashioning the Self in Slavery and Freedom: <https://fashioningtheself.tumblr.com/>

Databases you can subscribe to as an individual:

- Newspapers.com: <https://www.newspapers.com/>
 - Very robust archive that is part of ancestry.com for a reasonable yearly fee. If, like me, your library doesn't have many database subscriptions this maybe of value to you.
- If you are a subscriber to a newspaper you likely have access to their archives which can be useful.