Unsolicited archival advice (in 140 characters or less)

- Archival research will always take longer than you expect. Start early, call ahead and do preparatory research. You won’t regret it!

- Archival research starts with record creators, not subjects. Start with a list of not only what you’re looking for but also who.

- Be aware that access to some materials will be restricted for a period of time because of legislation, donor request, or to protect privacy.

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