Historical Research Guide: Cultural Diversity Sites in Spokane

This guide is intended to offer multiple entry points into the process of identifying and researching sites (buildings, sites of demolished buildings, structures, park lands, and other places) associated with the diverse populations of Spokane, past and present. The guide is extensive but not exhaustive. If you come across a source that is not listed but should be, please let me know (rast@gonzaga.edu).

The kinds of sites to think about include:

– places associated with significant individuals
– places associated with a significant event or events
– places of work (physical labor, industrial labor, service industries, white-collar work, etc.)
– small businesses (restaurants, groceries, barbershops/salons, auto repair, etc.)
– places of worship (churches, synagogues, temples, mosques)
– places of remembrance (cemeteries, memorials)
– places of leisure (parks, bars, theaters, dance halls, music venues, sports venues)
– schools (including community colleges and Gonzaga)
– sites of government (courthouses, police stations, jails, city hall, etc.)
– places of community gathering and community organizing (labor halls, community halls, social clubs)
– buildings or other structures that seem to have architectural distinction

Dr. Larry Cebula (EWU and Washington State Archives) produced a guide like this one for students working on the Spokane Historical project: docs.google.com/document/d/1MkpDGVBowxfeYpmaG_nLIzL-zoSMFnJVsV2zPvy08/edit. Be sure to consult his guide as well; it is more helpful for pre-WWII sites in particular.

The URLs listed in this guide are not hyperlinks. Sorry, you’ll need to copy and paste into your browser (at least until I put this online somewhere).

– Ray Rast, Department of History, Gonzaga University (March 2014)
• Larry Cebula’s Spokane Historical web site and app

– Web site: spokanehistorical.org

– Spokane Historical now includes roughly 300 entries – I have tried to identify the most relevant (below)

– Note: if an entry cites a National Register and/or Spokane Register nomination, be sure to turn to that nomination for additional information and sources

– Sites associated with Native Americans:

  The Creation of the Falls: Indian Falls: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/94
  – important site for regional Indian life, culture

  Indian Canyon Park: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/147
  – site of regional Indians’ encampments

  Riverside State Park: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/134
  – site of regional Indians’ encampments

  Cliff Park: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/132
  – used by the Spokane Tribe as a lookout (entry offers no further details)

  Cowley Park: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/116
  – entry mentions that Spokane Tribe used this area for winter encampments

  Spokane House: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/406
  – a “100 Stories” entry, very limited in scope

  Qualchan Hanging Site: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/370
  – not in Spokane, but a noteworthy site

  Chief Garry Park: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/108
  – entry is not very informative or thought-provoking

  Chief Spokane Garry Memorial, Greenwood Cemetery: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/31
  – entry offers overview of Chief Garry’s life

  Drumheller Springs: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/102
  – site of Spokane encampments and Chief Garry’s school

  Bing Crosby and Mildred Bailey: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/410
  – a “100 Stories” entry, very limited in scope

  That Place Where Ghosts of Salmon Jump, Spokane Falls: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/149
  – site associated with Sherman Alexie poem
– Sites associated with European immigrants, European Americans:

**Patrick Clark Mansion:** [spokanehistorical.org/items/show/281](http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/281)
– home of Irish immigrant turned millionaire mining investor, designed by Kirtland Cutter
– entry cites National Register nomination

**Holy Names Academy:** [spokanehistorical.org/items/show/299](http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/299)
– renovated in 1903 by architect Herman Preusse and Julius Zittel, German immigrants
– Preusse and Zittel also designed St. Aloysius Church, GU’s College Hall, etc.
– entry cites National Register nomination

**Old City Hall:** [spokanehistorical.org/items/show/187](http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/187)
– designed by German immigrant, Julius Zittel, 1912
– entry cites National Register nomination

**Montvale:** [spokanehistorical.org/items/show/169](http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/169)
– building served as a single-room occupancy (SRO) hotel for laborers (many European immigrant)
– listed on National Register

**Balkan Hotel:** [spokanehistorical.org/items/show/232](http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/232)
– building served as a single-room occupancy (SRO) hotel for laborers (many European immigrant)
– listed on National Register

**Woodward Building:** [spokanehistorical.org/items/show/231](http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/231)
– building served as a single-room occupancy (SRO) hotel for laborers (many European immigrant)
– listed on Spokane Register

**National Hotel:** [spokanehistorical.org/items/show/300](http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/300)
– building served as a single-room occupancy (SRO) hotel for laborers (many European immigrant)
– entry cites Spokane Register nomination

**Mearow Block (Bickett Hotel and Richmond Hotel):** [spokanehistorical.org/items/show/272](http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/272)
– building served as a single-room occupancy (SRO) hotels for laborers (many European immigrant)
– entry draws on Spokane (or National?) Register nomination

**Willard Hotel:** [spokanehistorical.org/items/show/170](http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/170)
– building served as a single-room occupancy (SRO) hotel for laborers (many European immigrant)
– entry cites National Register nomination

**The Pietsch House:** [spokanehistorical.org/items/show/41](http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/41)
– Peaceful Valley home built by German immigrant bricklayer

**Schade, Greenwood Cemetery:** [spokanehistorical.org/items/show/43](http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/43)
– entry on Bernhardt Schade, German immigrant

**Schade Brewery:** [spokanehistorical.org/items/show/152](http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/152)
– business that served working-class immigrant men
Spokane Public Bath House: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/233
  – bath house and swimming pools served working-class immigrant communities
  – listed on Spokane Register

1917: IWW Office Raided (IWW office building site): spokanehistorical.org/items/show/291
  – the IWW (labor union) attracted thousands of European immigrants (Joe Hill, etc.)

Hillyard High School: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/298
  – Hillyard had working-class, immigrant character – school probably served European immigrant families

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and Convent: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/268
  – 1901 building associated with Spokane’s growing Catholic immigrant communities
  – entry cites Spokane Register nomination

St. Aloysius Church: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/82
  – entry is limited, focuses on Bing Crosby's association with the church and neighborhood (“Holy Land”)

– Sites associated with Asian immigrants, Asian Americans:

  Spokane’s Chinatown: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/400
  – entry contains some factual errors, echoes (but cites) historylink.org essay

  Trent Alley: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/151
  – a stronger entry, four paragraphs, draws on Judy Nelson thesis, later added to “100 Stories”

  Greenwood Memorial Terrace Japanese Cemetery: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/399
  – material on Chinese immigrants, Japanese immigrants, and discrimination

  Spokane Buddhist Temple: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/397
  – Japanese buddhist community dating from 1945, building dates from 1994
  – entry echoes (but cites): www.spokanebuddhisttemple.org/history

  Aluminum Fountain: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/189
  – created by Japanese American sculptor in 1974

  Nishinomiya Tsutakawa Japanese Garden, Manito Park: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/113
  – designed by Japanese landscape architect, Nagao Sakurai – opened in 1974

  Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/398
  – since 1990, this institute has offered immersive English-language instruction for Japanese students
  – entry echoes (but cites): www.mfwi.edu/history.htm

– Sites associated with African Americans:

  Barracks and Buffaloes (Fort George Wright): spokanehistorical.org/items/show/174
  – entry discusses African American soldiers stationed there
Spokane’s First Legal Hanging, Greenwood Cemetery: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/135
– execution of 62-year-old black man who killed his 27-year-old Swedish immigrant wife
– entry fails to mention that Charles Brooks was African American (interracial marriage, etc.)

Theodore Roosevelt on the Parade Grounds (Fort Geo. Wright): spokanehistorical.org/items/show/153
– entry discusses Roosevelt’s visit, praise for African American soldiers who fought in Cuba

Bethel AME Church: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/396
– a stronger entry, drawing on Peoples of Washington and other secondary sources

– Sites associated with multicultural interactions and/or discrimination:

Riverside Cemetery: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/128
– interesting entry, suggests evidence of racial segregation within the cemetery, etc.

Potter’s Field, Fairmount Cemetery: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/122
– contrast to segregation at Riverside Cemetery; poor people of all backgrounds buried in same plot

A Working Man’s Neighborhood (Peaceful Valley): spokanehistorical.org/items/show/88
– working-class diversity?

Spokane’s Amusement Park: Natatorium Park: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/106
– site of ethnic mingling but racial segregation (Maxey’s stories of African American exclusion)

The Davenport Hotel: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/69
– iconic hotel, preservation success story, but also a site of racial discrimination through the 1950s

University Pharmacy: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/280
– since 1947, home of Jack and Dan’s bar (is this a place that might have served diverse students?)

Making Way for the Freeway: Liberty Park: spokanehistorical.org/items/show/114
– entry on demise of Liberty Park, which served diverse residents of East Central neighborhood

– No sites associated with Mexican immigrants, Mexican Americans, Hispanics/Latinos

– It would be worthwhile to capture religious diversity (some sites are listed above, but you’ll find others on the web site and app)
• **Marsha Rooney’s diversity walking tour**

– Marsha Rooney (the MAC) developed a walking tour in 2012 for the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference (which was meeting in Spokane)

– The tour handout has a bit more information (I have a copy), but sites are listed here:

  **Montvale Hotel (1001 W. First)**
  – one of the oldest SRO hotels in Spokane (1899)

  **Pilgrim Slavic Baptist Church (212 S. Lincoln)**
  – revived in recent years with new immigration from Central and Eastern Europe

  **Deutsches Haus (25 W. Third)**
  – German immigrants’ social hall

  **Calvary Baptist Church (203 E. Third)**
  – this is the third church building serving this African American congregation (the oldest in Spokane)

  **Rose-Kly-Cecil Apartments (1726 E. Third)**
  – constructed in 1910 by a German family
  – listed on Spokane Register

  **St. Ann’s Catholic Church (2120 E. First)**
  – parish founded in 1902, church burned and rebuilt in 1930s, played role in 1980s sanctuary movement

  **All Nations Christian Center (1827 E. Pacific)**

  **Korean Presbyterian Church (1727 E. Pacific)**

  **Full Gospel Mission (1900 E. First)**

  **Klein House (1626 E. Pacific)**
  – German owner operated Spokane Foundry Works
  – listed on Spokane Register

  **Vien Dong Restaurant (1730 E. Sprague)**

  **Globe Hotel (204 N. Division)**
  – important gathering spot for Japanese Americans, 1940s-1960s
  – site discussed in East Downtown Historic District National Register nomination

  **Trent Alley**
  – the MAC owns a 1910s Japanese photographer’s photo album

  **Balkan Hotel (31 W. Main)**
  – SRO hotel, housed Bulgarian immigrant workers, first floor restaurant
  – listed on Spokane Register
Saranac Building (25-29 W. Main)
– SRO hotel, housed a Chinese-owned laundry and Japanese-owned grocery and imports store
– on Spokane Register

Robertson Building (307-309 W. Riverside)
– designed by Kirtland Cutter and Karl Malmgren
– upper floors used as fraternal lodge by Odin Hall of Scandinavian Brotherhood and Sons of Norway
– on Spokane Register

Greek Orthodox Church (1711 N. Washington)
– served Greek immigrant community
– designed by Japanese architect Frank Toribara, completed in 1947
– the MAC owns an album of photos taken during construction
• *Spokesman-Review “Then and Now” series*

– Web site: [www.spokesman.com/then-and-now](http://www.spokesman.com/then-and-now)

– Browsing through some of these entries might pique your interest in one or more sites

– Entries that have some connection to social diversity:

  E. J. Roberts Mansion: [www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/ej-roberts-mansion](http://www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/ej-roberts-mansion)  
  – built in 1889 for a wealthy (then bankrupt) German immigrant, Bernhard Loewenberg

  Calvary Baptist Church: [www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/calvary-baptist-church](http://www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/calvary-baptist-church)

  Spokane County Courthouse: [www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/spokane-courthouse-interior](http://www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/spokane-courthouse-interior)  
  – this entry is tied to execution (by hanging) of Chinese immigrant, Gin Pong, in 1897

  Schade Brewery: [www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/schade-brewery](http://www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/schade-brewery)  
  – see Spokane Historical entries, too

  – building long gone, but photo suggest European immigrant diversity

  The Mint: [www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/mint](http://www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/mint)  
  – bar that served (immigrant, working-class) men who lived in downtown SROs, etc.

  Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral: [www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/our-lady-lourdes](http://www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/our-lady-lourdes)

  – tied to story of Temple Emanu-el, opened in 1909, now Plymouth Congregational Church

  – clothing store opened by Polish (Jewish?) immigrants, 1910s, closed in 1993

  Davenport Hotel: [www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/davenport-hotel-hall-doges](http://www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/davenport-hotel-hall-doges)  
  – prominent landmark but also site of racial segregation/exclusion

  Empire Hotel: [www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/empire-hotel](http://www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/empire-hotel)

  Market Street, Hillyard: [www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/market-street-hillyard](http://www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/market-street-hillyard)  
  – tie to working-class immigrant diversity of early Hillyard


  – find a vestige of streetcars – consider the social mixing that occurred because of streetcars

  Shacktown: [www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/shacktown](http://www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/shacktown)
Loma Visita Neighborhood, North Spokane: [www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/loma-vista-neighborhood](http://www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/loma-vista-neighborhood)
  – potential story of houses that adult children of working-class immigrants began to buy, post-WWII

Interstate 90: [www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/interstate-90](http://www.spokesman.com/then-and-now/interstate-90)
  – explore the impact of this interstate on the homes it destroyed, neighborhood it bisected, etc.
• **Spokane Register and National Register nominations**

– Web site: [properties.historicspokane.org](http://properties.historicspokane.org)

– Note: these can be searched by name, address, neighborhood, or district

– You can search through nominations to find properties, but if you find a property through other sources, see if it’s been nominated (the nomination will provide information and citations)

  – nomination quotes 1941 WPA guidebook: “The greater part of the population of Spokane is native born, less than 20 percent claiming foreign birth. Second-generation national groups are however, well-represented—Irish, Germans, Scandinavians in particular, and Italians, Greeks, Scots, and French to a lesser extent. Among racial minorities are 1,000 Negroes, most of whom are engaged in service trades; a few score Chinese in restaurants, laundries, and truck farming; a number of Indians, who wander in and out of the city; and some Japanese. . . . Drifting through the city, however, are thousands of migratory workers, mostly single men, who find seasonal employment in mines and in lumber camps and on the farms.” (see pp. 84-85 of the nomination)
• **Spokane Public Library guide to house history research**


  – This guide provides an overview for “house history” research, but it can be useful for commercial properties, too.

  – The guide includes a link to the County Assessor’s search: [www.spokanecounty.org/pubpadal/default.aspx](http://www.spokanecounty.org/pubpadal/default.aspx) (this can be useful for finding basic but valuable information about a property’s characteristics and current owner)

  – The guide also provides information on searching building permits and property titles.
• **Secondary sources: books**

– These are some titles that I have identified, but this list is not exhaustive

– Remember that every topic and group covered below has a larger historical context, each with a body of scholarship you should explore (for example, if you are interested in the history of African Americans in Spokane, you will want to be familiar with the historical experiences of African Americans in Seattle, the Pacific Northwest, the West, and the nation – this will allow you to analyze how the local experience was similar and/or distinct)

– Spokane and regional history:

  **Tony Bamonte and Suzanne Bamonte, Spokane and the Inland Northwest: Historical Images** (1999)

  **Nelson Wayne Durham, History of the City of Spokane and Spokane County, Washington** (1911)
  books.google.com/books?id=NYEUAAAAAYAAJ&source=gbs_navlinks_s
  – includes a chapter on Jewish community of Spokane

  **Timothy Egan, Breaking Blue** (1992)
  – focuses on the investigation of a murder in 1930s Spokane, but offers broader contextual material

  **John Fahey, The Inland Empire: Unfolding Years, 1879-1929** (1986)
  – review: informative but not analytical

  **John Fahey, Shaping Spokane: John P. Graves and His Times** (1994)

  **Mary Kienholz, Police Files: The Spokane Experience, 1853-1995** (1999)

  **Katherine Morrissey, Mental Territories: Mapping the Inland Empire** (1997)
  – focuses on labor, race, class, and creation of regional identity, 1870s to 1920s
  – good discussion of Spokane wealth, development, and construction of civic identity

  – well-guarded regional history textbook, but emphasizes pre-1960s history

  – essays focused on pre-1920s topics (Plateau Indians, agriculture, wageworkers, Dutch investors)
  – Youngs essay on Expo ‘74

  **Sid White and S. E. Solberg, eds., Peoples of Washington: Perspectives on Cultural Diversity** (1989)
  – Has an overview essay on diversity in Washington state
  – Native Americans, European Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, American Latinos
  – Hundreds of sources (need to scan for sources that include Spokane – might or might not be obvious)

  – comprehensive history of Spokane’s development up to and through 1974 Expo
   – review: informative but poorly-written

– Spokane social history, cultural studies – Native Americans:


   John Alan Ross, *The Spokan Indians* (2011)


– Spokane social history, cultural studies – African Americans:


   – story of famed GU alum, African American attorney, and civil rights activist


– Spokane social history, cultural studies – Mexican Americans:


   – essays focus primarily on agricultural labor in rural Washington, Oregon, and Idaho
   – essays do not focus on Spokane specifically, but do provide background and context for Mexican immigrants and Mexican Americans in Spokane and eastern Washington

   – essays focus on historical overview, demographics, agricultural background, political organizing

– Spokane and regional architectural history:

   Tony Bamonte, *Spokane’s Legendary Davenport Hotel* (2001)


– includes essays on Spokane neighborhoods, East Central Neighborhood, Davenport Hotel

• Secondary sources: dissertations and theses


– chapter on Expo ’74 and riverfront redevelopment


– examines political climates for conservative Christians, gay men, and lesbians in Spokane and Seattle


• Secondary sources: journal articles

– Search JSTOR (includes Western Historical Quarterly, Pacific Historical Review, Pacific Northwest Quarterly)
  – searching “Spokane” in title produces 83 hits (African American, American Indian, American Studies, Architecture, History, Irish, Jewish, Latin American, Urban Studies – articles and reviews)


– Also consult journals that do not appear in JSTOR:

  Columbia: The Magazine of Northwest History (Washington State Historical Society)
  – Articles mostly written for a general audience
  – Available in the Northwest Room and compact storage (see catalog), Spokane Public Library, library use only

  Montana: The Magazine of Western History (Montana Historical Society)
  – Articles mostly written for a general audience
  – Searchable database: svcalt.mt.gov/his/magazine
    – Searching “Spokane” produces 29 hits

  The Pacific Northwest Forum (Eastern Washington University)
  – Articles mostly written for a general audience
  – Northwest Room (see catalog), Spokane Public Library, library use only
  – For a list of titles, many digitized, see: www.narhist.ewu.edu/pnf/contents.html

  – Potentially useful articles in this journal:

  – On origins of Fairchild Air Force Base
    www.narhist.ewu.edu/pnf/articles/s1/i-3a/air_force_base/fairchild.html

    www.narhist.ewu.edu/pnf/articles/compau.html

   www.narhist.ewu.edu/pnf/articles/nelson.html


*The Pacific Northwesterner* (Westerners Spokane Corral)
- Articles mostly written by amateur historians for a local audience
- Available in the Northwest Room (see catalog), Spokane Public Library, library use only
- A list of articles: www.westernersspokane.org/Corral_Publications.php

- Potentially useful articles in this journal:

   *The Chinese: Unwelcome Immigrants Who Helped Build the West, Pacific Northwesterner* 56:2 (2012), special issue

- Additional journal articles:

• **Secondary sources: newspaper articles**

- Some historical articles have appeared in publications such as the *Spokesman-Review*


  news.google.com/newspapers?id=1314&dat=19990313&id=JeYnAAAAIBAJ&sjid=EPIDAAAAIBAJ&pg=3752,1150268

  www.spokesman.com/stories/2005/aug/14/when-dragons-roamed-trent

  “Jewish Beginnings: From the Time the State’s First Synagogue Opened Here in 1892, Spokane’s Jewish Community Has Played a Major Role in Our Area’s Development,” *Spokesman-Review* (April 20, 2008)


  Jim Kershner, “Local Historians Find Proof of Chief Garry’s Original Tribal Name,” *Spokesman-Review* (September 1, 2013)
  www.spokesman.com/stories/2013/sep/01/in-the-name-of-history

  www.spokesman.com/stories/2014/mar/15/landmark-longevity
  — on Calvary Baptist Church
• **Digital archives and other online sources**

– Digital archives will be especially useful for finding (digitized) photographs


Northwest Digital Archives: [nwda.orbiscascade.org](http://nwda.orbiscascade.org)
– this web site represents collections (finding aids) for archives in the region
– searching “Spokane” produces 1,400 hits (can restrict search by institution)

Washington State Historical Society: [www.washingtonhistory.org](http://www.washingtonhistory.org)
– collections search for “Spokane” produces 1,200 hits

Washington State Digital Archives: [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov)

Washington State University Digital Collections: [content.wsulibs.wsu.edu/cdm](http://content.wsulibs.wsu.edu/cdm)

Eastern Washington University Digital Archives: [econtent.library.ewu.edu/cdm](http://econtent.library.ewu.edu/cdm)
– searching “Spokane” produces 67 hits (most of Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist)

Gonzaga University Digital Collections: [digital.gonzaga.edu/cdm](http://digital.gonzaga.edu/cdm)

Whitworth University Archives (Exhibits): [www.whitworth.edu/Library/Archives/OnlineExhibits/index.aspx](http://www.whitworth.edu/Library/Archives/OnlineExhibits/index.aspx)
– includes exhibits on “Cosmopolitan Club,” Japanese Americans, Black Student Union
– see also: [cdm16004.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm](http://cdm16004.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm)

University of Washington Digital Collections: [content.lib.washington.edu/index.html](http://content.lib.washington.edu/index.html)
– searching “Spokane” produces 1,605 hits

Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest: [www.washington.edu/uwired/outreach/cspn/Website](http://www.washington.edu/uwired/outreach/cspn/Website)

Seattle Civil Rights and Labor History Project: [depts.washington.edu/civilr](http://depts.washington.edu/civilr)

Columbia River Basin Ethnic History Archive: [archive.vancouver.wsu.edu/crbeha/home.htm](http://archive.vancouver.wsu.edu/crbeha/home.htm)
– searching “Spokane” produces only 20 hits, but web site is worth exploring

Center for Columbia River History: [www.ccrh.org](http://www.ccrh.org)
– a regional history project from the late 1990s (oral histories, essays, etc.)

HistoryLink.org: [www.historylink.org](http://www.historylink.org)
Library of Congress’s American Memory Collection: memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse

Blackpast.org: www.blackpast.org
  – searching “Spokane” produces 110 hits (though some of these are for content contributors)

Northwest History: northwesthistory.blogspot.com
  – Larry Cebula’s blog (posts might have valuable leads, etc.)

Sulustu: sulustu.blogspot.com
  – blog maintained by Barry Moses, Spokane tribal historian and Spokane Community College instructor
• **Newspapers**

– Google has scanned the *Spokesman-Review* (1893-2007) and several other Spokane newspapers  
  sites.google.com/site/sonlinenewspapersite/Home/usa/wa

  – You will need to try searching for relevant articles – you can include “site:google.com/newspapers” in your search terms and you can restrict your search by dates (using “search tools” and the “time” drop-down box, both of which come up on the search results page), but I am not having much luck with search terms – though you do need to include “Spokane” in any search, too

– The Library of Congress has scanned several years of *The Spokane Press* (1902-1910)  
  chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88085947

  – I recommend searching for post-1994 stories here, then finding (pre-2007) stories via Google

– The Northwest Room, Spokane Public Library, holds issues of *Northwest Indian Times* (various issues, 1969-1972)

  – information about this publication is difficult to find online  
  – it looks like this was the predecessor: 4comculture.com


– A 2010s Spanish-language newspaper is *La Prensa Bilingue*  
  – I have not yet found holdings, but this looks like the publisher: www.latinewszone.com  
  – I don’t know if contact info on the web site is current

– Spokane had an Italian-language newspaper in the 1910s, *Il Corriere Italiano*  
  – information about this publication is difficult to find online  
  – a subsequent publication was *The Columbus Record*
• Archival research: manuscript collections

– Regional archives include the Northwest Room at the Spokane Public Library (downtown), the Ferris Research Library and Archives at the MAC, Gonzaga Archives and Special Collections, Whitworth Archives, the Eastern Regional Branch of the Washington State Archives (EWU campus), Eastern Washington University Archives, and Washington State University Archives (all of these are open to members of the public, including students, but they have limited hours, and you will need to schedule an appointment at the Ferris Library)

– Archives include a variety of primary (and secondary) sources, but you have to use these sources in the archives (you can’t check them out, even if you are a student) – the most valuable collections will be those that only exist within a given archive (these are generally known as “manuscript collections” or “papers”)

– Some potentially useful collections (finding aids to these and other collections can be found through a search at nwda.orbiscascade.org):

  Pacific Northwest Protestantism Collection (Whitworth)
  – finding aid: www.whitworth.edu/Library/Archives/PDF/PNWProtestantismClassification.pdf

  Japanese American Alumni during WWII Records (Whitworth)

  Hirata Family Papers (MAC)
  – prominent Japanese American family, operated Clem Hotel

  Chase Family Papers (MAC)
  – James Chase was Spokane’s first (and only) African American mayor

  Joseph Franklin Papers, 1900-1989 (WSU)
  – research notes, photographs, etc. gathered for an exhibit on African Americans at EWU – 7 linear feet

  Inland Northwest Black History Collection, 1960-1985 (EWU)
Archival research: vertical files

- Archives often offer “vertical files” on a list of subjects – these usually contain newspaper clippings and other miscellaneous materials

- The Northwest Room, Spokane Public Library, has more than 5,000 subject files (buildings, neighborhoods, etc.)
• Oral history interviews

– Foley Library holds portions of the Washington State Oral/Aural History Project – the project was conducted during the 1970s and produced more than 200 interviews with Native Americans, African Americans, and Filipino Americans in Washington state – Foley recently acquired the African American and Filipino American oral history transcripts
  – these are available in the first floor reference section (library-use only): F900.A1 W37 2011
  – the transcripts are in a PDF file on a CD
  – a keyword search for “Spokane” suggests that several interviewees describe years spent in Spokane

– The Ferris Research Library at the MAC houses more than 750 oral history interviews

– The Densho Digital Archive contains hundreds of interviews with Japanese Americans: www.densho.org
  – searching “Spokane” produces 198 hits

– These and other interviews/collections can be found via the digital archives listed above:

  Japanese American WWII oral histories (Whitworth)
  – look for audio and transcripts: www.whitworth.edu/Library/Archives/CurrentProjects/Coast&Camp/Index.htm

  Oral history interview with James Ralph Jones (EWU Archives, Inland Northwest Black History Collection)
  – Jones was active in developing Morning Star Baptist Church in Spokane

  Civil Rights Oral History Collection (WSU Archives)
  – web site: content.wsulibs.wsu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/cvoralhist
  – 8 interviews conducted in 2001, focusing primarily on Civil Rights Movement in Spokane, 1960s

  Black Oral History Collection (WSU Archives)
  – web site: content.wsulibs.wsu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/5985
  – search “Spokane”

  Women in the West Oral History Collection (WSU Archives)
  – web site: content.wsulibs.wsu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/wo_west
  – 197 oral histories in the collection
  – search “Spokane” (and “Japanese,” e.g.)
• **Photographs, drawings, and maps**

– The Ferris Research Library at the MAC houses 200,000 photographs – the library’s William Wallace Hyslop Collection includes photographs and drawings of Spokane houses and other buildings.

– The Eastern Regional Branch of the Washington State Archives (EWU campus) holds property assessors’ notebooks, which often include photographs and basic property information – you will need the parcel number for the property (which you can get via an address search here: [www.spokanecounty.org/pubpadal/default.aspx](http://www.spokanecounty.org/pubpadal/default.aspx)).

– The *Spokesman-Review* has a photograph archive, but I don’t yet know how to access it.

– Flikr offers access to recent photographs: [www.flickr.com/commons](http://www.flickr.com/commons)
  – search “Spokane” and “building” etc.

– The Northwest Room, Spokane Public Library, holds Sanborn fire insurance maps
  – holdings: [hzportal.spokanelibrary.org/ipac20/ipac.jsp?index=.GW&term=sanborn+map](http://hzportal.spokanelibrary.org/ipac20/ipac.jsp?index=.GW&term=sanborn+map)
  – these detailed city maps (from the 1880s to the 1950s for Spokane) give some information about specific buildings but also their relationship to nearby buildings, neighborhoods, etc.

– The Northwest Room, Spokane Public Library, holds Metsker’s maps
  – holdings: [hzportal.spokanelibrary.org/ipac20/ipac.jsp?index=.GW&term=metsker+maps](http://hzportal.spokanelibrary.org/ipac20/ipac.jsp?index=.GW&term=metsker+maps)

– The Northwest Room, Spokane Public Library, holds Ogle maps
  – holdings: [hzportal.spokanelibrary.org/ipac20/ipac.jsp?index=.GW&term=ogle+maps](http://hzportal.spokanelibrary.org/ipac20/ipac.jsp?index=.GW&term=ogle+maps)
• City directories

– The Northwest Room, Spokane Public Library, holds copies of Spokane city directories published by R. L. Polk and Company during the late nineteenth century and throughout the twentieth century – these can help you identify who owned a house or property and/or what businesses occupied a location over the years

– holdings: hzportal.spokanelibrary.org/ipac20/ipac.jsp?&index=.TW&term=polk+directory
• **Informational conversations, email correspondance**

– I am identifying individuals and community organizations who might offer valuable connections – you can contact individuals who you think might be willing to share their memories – these informal conversations can be cited as sources (if you take notes) – we also might talk about the possibility of conducting formal, recorded oral history interviews

– Hispanic Business/Professional Association (HBPA)
  
  [www.hbpaspokane.org](http://www.hbpaspokane.org) (also on facebook)

– EWU Chicano Education Program

– Northwest Black Pioneers, Jerrelene (Jerri?) Williamson
  
  [4comculture.com/local-history/jerrelene-williamson](http://4comculture.com/local-history/jerrelene-williamson)

– American Italian Club – Local 2172 (Spokane)
  
  [www.glnw.org/spokane.htm](http://www.glnw.org/spokane.htm) (also on facebook)

– Filipino American Association of the Inland Empire
  
  [www.facebook.com/FilAmSpokane](http://www.facebook.com/FilAmSpokane)

– Spokane Hmong Association
  
  [spokanehmongassociation.com](http://spokanehmongassociation.com) (limited content)
• Other leads

– On the IWW, free speech fight of 1909-10:
  www.spokesman.com/stories/2009/nov/01/a-fight-for-free-speech
  wafreepress.org/article/090903history.shtml
  wafreepress.org/article/091109history-raugust.shtml

– On Italians in Spokane, 1914:

– On ethnic restaurants, 1990s:
  news.google.com/newspapers?nid=0klj8wIChNAC&dat=19950309&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

– On LGBTQ diversity, 2010s:

– German American Society

– Polish American group

– Red Dragon (Chinese restaurant, dating to 1946 – see web site)

– Angus Scott Pipe Band (Scottish)

– Sons of St. Patrick