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Dictionary of American History REF 973.03/DIC
Dictionary of American Social Reform REF 973.03/FIL
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Index to the Bobbs-Merrill reprint series in black studies Pamphlets 8 E185

A-Z of modern America Reference E169.12.D83
Cassell's Biographical dictionary of the American War of Independence Reference E208.B63
Oxford History of the American West F591.084
Notable American Women: Coleraine campus CT3260.N68
A reader's guide to American History ZE178.R43
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The United States and the 1930's. A selective guide to materials in the British Library ZE806.

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Cambridge encyclopedia of Latin American and the Caribbean Reference F1408.C25 (also in Coleraine) moved to
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Dictionary of Canadian biography Magee Old Books F1005.D49 (Coleraine Reference CT283.D5)
Encyclopedia of Latin American history and culture Reference F1406.E52
Encyclopedia of the Clinton presidency Reference E885.L48
The famine immigrants Reference E184.I6F2
Harvard encyclopedia of American ethnic groups Reference E184.A1H2 (also in Coleraine)
Mexico and Central America handbook Reference F1209.M48
Reference guide to Latin American history Reference F1410.R74
South American handbook Reference F2211.F66
The United States in Latin America Reference F1418.S52