

“Dedicated to Improving Communication among ASHRAE’s standing Historical Committee, Regional and Chapter Historians”

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Any HVAC&R Museums out there?

The Historical Committee would like to compile a list of museums or collections that specialize in Heating, Ventilating, Refrigeration or Air Conditioning or a combination of any of these specialties.

Do you know of any? Please send any information to Bern Nagengast at nagetk@bright.net

The Committee is aware of two such collections in the US: The Refrigeration Research Museum in Brighton, Michigan and the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Industry Museum in Los Angeles, California, both specializing in refrigeration and air conditioning. There is also a cast iron stove collection at the Albany Institute of History and Art in Albany, New York. There surely must be others in various locations throughout the world! Please bring them to our attention!

Where can you find Society, Regional or Chapter History?

Many chapters have their own newsletters and some go back a long time. If your chapter has an archive of them, that is a source for local history. But where do you find older Chapter history, or regional or Society history? The only way is to access Society official publications. We are all familiar with the *ASHRAE Journal* and *ASHRAE Insights*. These are recent publications that can be used for chapter, regional or Society history. The *ASHRAE Journal* dates back to 1959. Looking for history before 1959? You have to access the official publications of ASHRAE’s prior Societies: American Society of Refrigerating Engineers and American Society of Air Conditioning Engineers/American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers.

American Society of Refrigerating Engineers

Society and chapter information is found in: *Transactions of the American Society of Refrigeration Engineers* 1905 - 1913; *ASRE Journal* 1914-1921 and *Refrigerating Engineering* 1922-1958.

American Society of Heating and Air Conditioning Engineers / American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers

Society and chapter information is found in: *Transactions of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers* 1895-1915; *ASHVE Journal* 1915-1929 and the “Journal Section” of *Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning* 1929-1958. The trade publication *Heating and Ventilating Magazine* between 1905 and 1929 also reported on ASHVE meetings, etc.

Pre-Society History

If you want to look at the history that led to the formation of ASHVE and ASRE you would have to access the trade publications that carried articles about the organizing meetings. For ASHVE look at issues of *Heating and Ventilation* for 1893-1895. For ASRE look at issues of *Cold Storage and Ice Trade Journal* as well as *Ice and Refrigeration* for 1904 and 1905.

But where do you find this old stuff?

The ASHRAE library in Atlanta has sets of almost all of the publications mentioned above. Many local public libraries and University libraries, worldwide, have partial or complete sets of these publications as hard copies or microfilm. And you can now access digital copies of many of them online, the result of the digitizing efforts of GOOGLE, etc. If you are trying to locate libraries holding the publications you want to look at go to www.worldcat.org

Consider attending the Historical Committee meeting on Sunday, January 27, in Dallas. Regional Historians are non-voting members of the committee. Hope to see you there!

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