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Services Available:

- Pre-purchase consulting
- Bound book scanning
- Unbound book scanning
- Oversized document scanning
- Microfilm/microfiche conversion
- Hosting and access platform
- Metadata and indexing

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Our Digitization and Preservation Equipment

We've been scanning since the early 1990s, so we understand how to scan based on document type. With various types of scanners, we can recommend the most cost-effective way to scan. Whether it's photos, grayscale, or color—we do it all!



BOUND BOOK SCANNING

Worried about your rare and fragile books? We understand your concern. We have bound book scanners to handle delicate books and documents, and have scanned books dating back to the 1600s. With these scanners, books are opened to only 110° and do not need to be unbound. We have secure shipping containers available upon request to keep delicate books safe, and return your books to you in the same condition as we receive them.



UNBOUND BOOK SCANNING

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OVERSIZED DOCUMENT SCANNING

Merging the flexibility of flatbed scanners with the best of wide format imaging technology, our oversized document scanner is the ideal scanner for capturing books, fragile originals, and other thick or delicate materials up to 18" x 24". We offer unlimited scanning thickness for all of your scanning needs.



MICROFILM/MICROFICHE CONVERSION

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Why Choose Hein?



PRE-PURCHASE CONSULTING

We offer our expertise to you to discuss the advantages and process of digitizing your historical documents before you purchase.



HOSTING AND ACCESS PLATFORM

Your digital files can be prepared for your own hosting service, or we can host them for you in the user-friendly HeinOnline platform.



METADATA AND INDEXING

We can help make your material discoverable to your patrons with the addition of metadata for increased ease of searching.

Words from Our Customers

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