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## Where to Find *Shashi*

The following are links to selected university libraries with *shashi* holdings. Please contact each library for information on specific holdings and how to access collections.

Detailed holdings information is available through WorldCat and holdings information for Japanese libraries, including prefectural and university libraries, is available through the National Diet Library's search system.

### UK

- University of Oxford Bodleian Japanese Library: About 250 *shashi*, collections of local histories and university/school histories, searchable via CiNii Books

### North America

- Ohio State University Libraries: Shashi Wiki – Category: OSU
- University of California Berkeley Library
- University of Kansas Libraries: Shashi Wiki – Category: Kansas
- University of Chicago Library • University of Hawaii at Manoa Library: Company Histories (Shashi)
- University of Pittsburgh Libraries: Shashi Wiki – Category: Pitt

- Japanese Company Histories (*Shashi*) Wiki Main Page: A general catalog of collections of *shashi* in North America
- Japanese Company Histories (*Shashi*) Wiki *Shashi* Collections by Universities in North America: Links to holdings information for each university

### Related Reading

Koide, Izumi. “An Introduction to the Shibusawa Shashi Database (SSD),” in *Shashi: The Journal of Japanese Business and Company History*. Vol. 3, no. 1, (2014).

<http://shashi.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/shashi/article/view/26>

## What Are *Shashi*?

*Shashi* (社史) translates directly as “company history” and refers to not only the history of a company but also publications describing that history. It is customary for Japanese companies to publish *shashi* to mark commemorative years such as the 30th, 50th, or 100th anniversaries of the company's founding. Along with the company's history, a *shashi* will often outline the company's founding and management philosophies. Manufacturing companies may include ingredients and product manufacturing processes, while companies involved in commerce may include international as well as domestic trading histories. Some *shashi* look beyond the company in question to provide background on the general history of the industry or that of the local area dating back as far as prehistoric times.

Despite being a treasure trove of information on economic development and wisdom, *shashi* often have only limited distribution, being given to people related to the company instead of being sold publically. In addition, because many lack indexes, they can be difficult to use effectively. The Shibusawa *Shashi* Database (SSD) aims to solve these and others issues by facilitating access to the contents of *shashi*.



## *Shashi* Included in the SSD

Of the some 15,000 *shashi* that have been published in Japan since the Meiji period, the SSD comprises about 1,500 *shashi*, primarily of companies related to Shibusawa Eiichi. For detailed information on companies related to Shibusawa Eiichi, please refer to the “Name Change Charts of Companies and Organizations Related to Shibusawa Eiichi” (渋沢栄一関連会社名・団体名変遷図.) [https://www.shibusawa.or.jp/eiichi/compa\\_nyname/](https://www.shibusawa.or.jp/eiichi/compa_nyname/)

## Data Set

For each *shashi* in the database, data has been collected from the table of contents, index, chronology, and appendix. If each of the above is considered to be a single piece of data, the total data count is about 2,420,000. While the full text of *shashi* have not been included and thus volumes cannot be read online, links are provided to WorldCat, NDL-OPAC, CiNii Books, and other sites that give holdings information to assist users in tracking down copies in collections around the world.



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## Shashi Search

The *Shashi* Search covers the entire database and allows for searches of the basic information (such as bibliographies), tables of contents, indexes, chronologies, and appendices.

### Shashi Search Area on the Homepage

**Keyword Search**  
Search the entire database by free keyword.

**Shashi List**  
A list of all the *shashi* contained in the SSD with links to further information on each volume and its contents.

**Shashi List by Industry**  
A list of *shashi* by industry. The pie chart on the top page shows the number of *shashi* in the database by industry.

**Company Name Search**  
Search the database by company name.

**Personal Name List**  
A list of personal names that have been automatically extracted from the index data contained in the database.

### 「第一銀行」を含む検索結果

基本情報 (34冊) 目次 (40冊) 索引 (65冊) 年表 (15冊) 資料編 (11冊)

検索結果の要約表示

※クリックすると該当する書籍で切り替わります。

「第一銀行」基本情報の検索結果 全34冊中20冊 1冊～20冊目を表示

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

会社名	業種	収録タイトル	目次	索引	年表	資料編
(株)第一銀行	銀行	第一銀行の歴史	122	122	122	122
(株)第一銀行	銀行	第一銀行の歴史	122	122	122	122
(株)第一銀行	銀行	第一銀行の歴史	122	122	122	122
(株)第一銀行	銀行	第一銀行の歴史	122	122	122	122
(株)第一銀行	銀行	第一銀行の歴史	122	122	122	122

### 収録社史一覧

業種別社史一覧 全192冊中20冊 1冊～20冊目を表示

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会社名	業種	収録タイトル	目次	索引	年表	資料編
(株)第一銀行	銀行	第一銀行の歴史	122	122	122	122
(株)第一銀行	銀行	第一銀行の歴史	122	122	122	122
(株)第一銀行	銀行	第一銀行の歴史	122	122	122	122
(株)第一銀行	銀行	第一銀行の歴史	122	122	122	122
(株)第一銀行	銀行	第一銀行の歴史	122	122	122	122

### (株)青森銀行「青森銀行史」(1968.09)

基本情報 目次 索引 年表 資料編

基本情報

目次

索引

年表

資料編

基本情報

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資料編

## Shashi Search Results

### Menu

Keyword search results are displayed under the following tabs: Basic Information ( 基本情報 ), Tables of Contents ( 目次 ), Indexes ( 索引 ), Chronologies ( 年表 ), and Appendices ( 資料編 ).

### Industry Ratio Pie Chart

A pie chart showing the percentages of results by industry is displayed at the top of the search results for each tab, and Appendix columns of the table.

### Shashi List

The titles of individual *shashi* on the *Shashi* List or *Shashi* List by Industry pages include a link to the Basic Information for that volume. There are also links in the icons that appear in the Table of Contents, Index, Chronology, and Appendix columns of the table.

## Shashi Details Page

### Menu

The *Shashi* Details page for each volume is divided into the following tabs: Basic Information, Table of Contents, Index, Chronology, and Appendix.

### Basic Information

Provides a brief introductory description of the *shashi* including bibliographic information and holdings information via WorldCat, NDL-OPAC, and other resources. When available, links are also provided to corresponding pages in resources created by the Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial Foundation, such as the Name Change Charts of Companies and Organizations Related to Shibusawa Eiichi ( 渋沢栄一関連会社名・団体名変遷図 ).

## Home Page

There are three search functions on the SSD homepage: **1** *Shashi* Search, **2** Chronology Search, and **3** Index Search. With these multiple search functions users can access the information contained in *shashi* in various ways. This section provides information on search methods, search tips, and how to interpret the search results pages.

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## Chronology Search

*Shashi* often include a chronology that describes events related to the company and its history. By searching across all the *shashi* in the database, users can create unique thematic chronologies based on keyword searches. Chronology searches can be narrowed down by specific year, month, or day.

### Top Page Chronology Search

**Keyword Search**  
Users can conduct keyword searches across the chronologies of all of the *shashi* in the database.

**Date Search**  
Users can conduct searches using a specific year, month, or day. This feature can also be used to narrow down keyword searches (A) by date.

**High Volume Years**  
A graph with the top 10 years based on number of listings in the chronologies. Clicking on a year on the graph links to a chronology for that year.

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