



# GUIDE TO MODERN SOURCES

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### Introduction

Oxford's collections (primary & secondary) for modern British and European history are outstanding by both national and international standards. The principal collections are housed in the Bodleian Library. This guide aims to give an overview of some of the Bodleian's most important and useful finding aids and collections.

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## 1. Bibliographical sources

### i. Library catalogues

SOLO	<a href="http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/">http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/</a>
Library Hub Discover (UK Union catalogue)	<a href="https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/">https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/</a>
WorldCat	[via SOLO + <a href="http://www.worldcat.org/">http://www.worldcat.org/</a> ]
Library of Congress	<a href="http://catalog.loc.gov/">http://catalog.loc.gov/</a>
Karlsruhe Virtual Catalog	<a href="https://kvk.bibliothek.kit.edu/">https://kvk.bibliothek.kit.edu/</a>
Gemeinsamer Bibliotheksverbund Katalog (GBV)	<a href="http://www.gbv.de/">http://www.gbv.de/</a>
Catalog Collectif de France	<a href="http://ccfr.bnf.fr/">http://ccfr.bnf.fr/</a>
Servizio Bibliotecario Nazionale (SBN)	<a href="http://opac.sbn.it/">http://opac.sbn.it/</a>
Biblioteca Nacional de España (BNE) Catálogo	<a href="http://catalogo.bne.es/uhtbin/webcat">http://catalogo.bne.es/uhtbin/webcat</a>

*A guide to microform holdings in the Bodleian Library.* 5th ed. (2002)

[In most reading rooms – ask staff]

### ii. Bibliographical sources

#### [Bibliography of British and Irish History \(BBIH\)](#)

Being the successor to the *Royal Historical Society Bibliography* online, BBIH is a comprehensive guide to historical writing about the history of Britain, Ireland, and relations with the empire and Commonwealth from 55BC to the present. The database consists of more than 470,000 records giving as comprehensive a guide as possible to books, articles in journals, and articles in books published since 1901, and to a considered selection of those published before 1901. The database consolidates a number of existing bibliographies (primarily series published by the Royal Historical Society and the Institute of Historical Research) together with some additional material. It is not intended to be a guide to the raw material of history - the manuscripts, printed books, buildings, artefacts and so on which constitute the historical record. However, published guides to these sources are included, as are modern editions of primary material and a selection of printed primary material published up to 1900.

#### [Historical Abstracts](#)

*Historical Abstracts* is one of the most important bibliographical databases for the history of the world from 1450 to the present. Since 1954- it indexes journal articles, dissertations, book reviews (selectively) and essays from over 2,000 sources.

#### [Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History / Military History](#)

OBO is a library of disciplined-based subject modules. In each subject module, leading scholars have produced a literary guide to the most important and significant sources in an area of study they know best. The guides feature a selective list of bibliographic citations supported by direct recommendations about which sources to consult.

#### [Arts & Humanities Citation Index](#)

Indexes content of major scholarly journals since 1975-. Particularly useful for finding book reviews.

#### [Index Religiosus: International Bibliography of Theology, Church History and Religious Studies](#)

Index Religiosus is a reference bibliography for academic publications in Theology, Religious Studies and Church History. It covers publications written in various European languages (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, etc.) and is the result of collaboration between the Catholic University of Louvain and the KU Leuven, which are both recognized internationally for their excellence in the field of Theology and Religious Studies.

#### [JSTOR](#)

JSTOR is a trusted archive of important scholarly journals. Amongst the journals of interest for the study of US history are *American Historical Review*, *Journal of African American History*, *Journal of American History*, *William and Mary Quarterly*. Thanks to its full-text searching functionality, JSTOR is also a resource to find articles and book reviews. However, being an archive of back issues, it does not provide access to current content.

[Periodicals Archive Online & Periodicals Index Online](#)

Previously known as PCI Full Text, this resource is a major online periodical archive that makes the backfiles of periodicals in the humanities and social sciences available electronically. Periodicals Index Online is an electronic index to millions of articles published in over 4,500 periodicals in the humanities and social sciences. Both resources are useful discovery tools for finding older published material.

[DigiZeitschriften](#)

DigiZeitschriften offers electronic access to the back issues of over 200 scholarly German journals, some going back to the 19th century.

**Austria**

*Österreichische historische Bibliographie* = Austrian historical bibliography. 1967-.

Available online at <http://wwwg.uni-klu.ac.at/oehb/oehbquery/>

**Belgium**

Bibliographie de l'Histoire de Belgique (BHB).

1952-2008 at [http://www.rbph-btfg.be/fr\\_biblio.html](http://www.rbph-btfg.be/fr_biblio.html).

2009- at <http://biblio.arch.be/webopac/Vubis.csp?Profile=BHBBGB&OpaLanguage=eng>

**France**

*Répertoire bibliographique de l'histoire de France*. 1920-31.

[URR K.8.38]

*Bibliographie annuelle de l'histoire de France*. 1953-.

[URR K.8.38]

**Germany**

*Jahresberichte der Geschichtswissenschaft, 1880-1916*

*Jahresberichte der deutschen Geschichte, 1918-1924*

*Jahresberichte für deutsche Geschichte*. (Leipzig, 1927-).

[URR K.7.278]

1974-2015 available online at <http://www.jdg-online.de/>

*Historische Bibliographie*. 1986-.

1990- available online at <http://historische-bibliographie.degruyter.com/>

**Great Britain**

[Bibliography of British and Irish History \(BBIH\)](#) s.a.

Also known as *Annual Bibliography of British and Irish History*, 1975-

*Annual Bulletin of Historical Literature*; IHR. 1, 1911-.

*Writings on British history*: a bibliography of books and articles on the history of Great Britain from about 400 A.D. to 1914 R.H.S.

Also available as the *Bibliography of British and Irish History* (s.a.)

**Italy**

*Bibliografia Storica Nazionale*. 1939-99. 2000- available online at <http://www.qcss.it/bsn/>.

**Netherlands**

De Digitale Bibliografie Nederlandse Geschiedenis

<http://www.dbng.nl/>

**Spain**

*Indice histórico español*. 1953-.

[URR K.9.100]

1 (1953)-124 (2009) at <http://revistes.ub.edu/index.php/IHE/index>

**Switzerland**

*Bibliographie der Schweizergeschichte*. (Bern, 1913-).

<https://www.nb.admin.ch/snl/de/home/recherche/bibliografien/bsg.html>

## 2. Dissertations

The Bodleian holds nearly all Oxford postgraduate theses in the humanities where a deposit requirement is stipulated by the University: all D.Phil. (doctoral) theses, all B.D. theses, all B.Litt./M.Litt. theses since Michaelmas Term 1953, and most B.Phil./M.Phil. theses since Michaelmas Term 1977.

<http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/finding-resources/theses>

Theses on specific areas (e.g. Commonwealth & US) or subjects (e.g. science, law) are held in those libraries of the Bodleian Libraries which collect in those areas.

All new humanities theses since January 1994, and an increasing number of D.Phil. theses catalogued retrospectively, can be found on SOLO.

If you need a thesis which is not held in Oxford, please check out [EThos](#), the British Library's service for downloading of theses from UK universities. From 2008 onwards, Oxford theses will be deposited in the **Oxford University Research Archive (ORA)** at [http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/ora/oxford\\_etheses](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/ora/oxford_etheses).

### [ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global](#)

With more than 1.6 million entries, the Dissertation Abstracts database is the single, authoritative source for information about doctoral dissertations and master's theses. The database represents the work of authors from over 1,000 graduate schools and universities. We add some 47,000 new dissertations and 12,000 new theses to the database each year. The database includes bibliographic citations for materials ranging from the first U.S. dissertation, accepted in 1861, to those accepted as recently as last semester. Citations for dissertations published from 1980 forward also include 350-word abstracts written by the author. Citations for master's theses from 1988 forward include 150-word abstracts. The full text of more than one million of these titles is available in paper and microform formats.

Also includes a comprehensive listing of theses with abstracts accepted for higher degrees by universities in Great Britain and Ireland since 1716.

### *History Theses 1901-1970: Historical research for higher degrees in the universities of the United Kingdom. (Institute of Historical Research)*

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/theses-1901-70>

A listing of historical theses completed in the United Kingdom between 1901 and 1970, compiled by the Institute of Historical Research from its own listings after 1930 and from various sources before that date.

### *Theses completed 1971-2019 (Institute of Historical Research)*

<http://www.history.ac.uk/history-online/theses>

The Institute of Historical Research (London) publishes lists of history theses completed since 1971 and in progress. Note that the IHR has only included theses that students or their representatives have given us express permission to include. This means that some theses listed in previous years are no longer listed.

### 3. Primary sources: selections

Listed below are some major collections of sources. However, there is much material also available as single monographs. These can be found using e.g. subject searches in SOLO:

Ireland -- Politics and government -- 1837-1901  
 World War, 1914-1918 -- Germany -- Personal narratives  
 Immigrants -- Great Britain -- History -- 20th century  
 Disraeli, Benjamin, Earl of Beaconsfield, 1804-1881 -- Correspondence

#### i. Europe

##### European Documentation Centre (EDC)

<http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/law/finding/collections/edc>

The European Documentation Centre (est. 1963) contains the official publications and documents of the institutions of the EU. The [Bodleian Law Library](#) has been an EDC since 1963.

##### EuroDocs

[http://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main_Page)

Collection of links to Western European (mainly primary) historical documents that are transcribed, reproduced in facsimile, or translated. They shed light on key historical happenings within the respective countries (and within the broadest sense of political, economic, social and cultural history). The order of documents is chronological wherever possible.

##### [Annual register: a record of world events](#) [1758-2009]

The Annual Register is a year-by-year record of British and world events, published annually since 1758. It is a valuable source of contemporary opinion, historical context and biographical information. The online version of The Annual Register includes every volume published and will be updated with the latest volume each year. It was first written in 1758 under the editorship of Edmund Burke. The first half of the modern volumes comprise articles on each of the world's countries or regions, while the latter half contains articles on international organisations, economics, the environment, science, law, religion, the arts and sport, together with obituaries, a chronicle of major events and selected documents.

##### [European Colonialism in the Early 20th Century](#)

Digital collections of English-language source collection relating to early 20th century European colonialism. Collections cover Dutch East Indies, 1910-1930, Italian Colonies in North Africa and East Africa, 1930-1939, Portuguese Colonies in Africa, 1910-1929, French Colonialism in Africa: From Algeria to Madagascar, 1910-1930, German Colonies in Asia and the Pacific 1910-1929.



##### [Making of the Modern World](#) [1450-1850]

Provides digital facsimile images on every page of 61,000 works of literature on social and economic history published from 1450 through 1850. Full-text searching on more than 12 million pages provides researchers unparalleled access to this vast collection of material on commerce, finance, social conditions, politics, trade and transport.

##### [Making of Modern Law: The Legal Treatises 1800-1926](#)

MOML comprises over 21,000 works from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries on British Commonwealth and American law. It covers nearly every aspect of law, encompassing a range of analytical, theoretical, and practical literature, some very rare. The monographs and materials in Legal Treatises include casebooks, local practice manuals, books on legal form, works for lay readers, pamphlets, letters, and speeches. The collection covers domestic and international law, legal history, business and economics, politics and government, national defence, criminology, religion, education, labour and social welfare, and military justice.

##### [Post-War Europe \(Archives Unbound\)](#)

An online archive of primary sources for the study and understanding of the challenges facing the European peoples in the aftermath of World War II, it covers the politics and administration of the refugee crisis in Europe after World War II as well as the day-to-day survival of the refugees themselves. The selection of materials is based on holdings in the National Archives and the Wiener Library, London, and includes documents and letters in the original language. The archive includes the working papers of Rose Henriques from 1945-1950, which comprises perhaps the most complete record of the effort to improve the lives of Jewish survivors of the Holocaust and Displaced Persons in the British Zone of Occupation. It also includes

papers of the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad (JCRA), the Jewish Relief Units (JRUs) and copious documentation on other aspects of the Jewish refugee situation in the period 1945 to 1950.

### [International Historical Statistics 1750-2010](#)

A key resource providing access to statistics covering a wide range of socio-economic topics. It is a collection of data sets taken from hundreds of disparate primary sources, including both official national and international abstracts dating back to 1750. This edition provides updated statistics to 2010 – covering 260 years and cover Europe, The Americas, but also Africa, Asia and Oceania. There are vital statistics and statistics for population, labour force, agriculture, industry, external trade, transport and communications, finance, prices, education, and national accounts. Statistical analysis can be conducted across both time and geopolitical boundaries. Data tables can be downloaded as ePDFs and/or Excel files.

### *European State Finance Database*

[<https://www.esfdb.org>]

Free online access to statistical datafiles covering most European countries. Much of the data relates to different types of taxes, but there is also material relating to army size, wool and cloth exports and imports and stock prices.

## ii. England

*English historical documents*. Vols. 8 (1783-1832), 9 (1833-1874), 10 (1874-1914) (London: Routledge, 1996-).

This series aims to compile a wide selection of fundamental sources of English history.

### *Selden Society Publications*

[URR K.6.5 + online in [HeinOnline](#)]

The Selden Society is the only learned society and publisher devoted entirely to English legal history. Most of the annual volumes consist of original source materials, never before in print: early law reports, courts' records, judges' notebooks, legal treatises, precedent and practice books, and compilations of documents brought together by the Society's editors for the first time. Each volume has the full original text coupled with a modern translation, made as accessible as possible for the modern reader. List of titles is also available online at [http://www.law.harvard.edu/programs/selden\\_society/pub.html](http://www.law.harvard.edu/programs/selden_society/pub.html).

### *List & Index Society (Series)*

[DH LISoc]

Aims to provide photographic copies of unprinted lists and indexes kept in the Public Record Office, London, and of other unprinted guides and aids to the use of public archives in the British Isles. Publications include lists, texts, editions and tabulations of historical manuscripts. Also continues publication of some of the key series of government documents, notably the *Calendar of Patent Rolls*. It is currently publishing transcripts of the medieval customs accounts and calendars of such little known but key series as HO 47, Judges' Reports on Criminals 1783 to 1830. Recent publications include medieval royal witness lists and itineraries, and gazetteers of early Tudor taxation and medieval markets and fairs. Index of publications available online at <http://www.listandindexsociety.org.uk/allpubs.html>.

### [Empire On-line](#) [1492-1969]

Bringing together approximately 60,000 images of original manuscript and printed documents from libraries and archives around the world, Empire On-Line is a new kind of electronic publishing project, one which will enable undergraduates, postgraduates, academics and researchers to explore colonial history, politics, culture and society. Published in five thematic sections over the next four years, Empire On-Line is fully searchable and offers thematic essays by leading scholars, embedded with hypertext links which relate directly to the documentary evidence provided. Later sections will concentrate on Empire Writing and the Literature of Empire (Section II); The Visible Empire (Section III); Religion & Empire (Section IV); and Race, Class & Colonialism (Section V).



### [British and Irish Women's Letters and Diaries 1500-1950](#)

Includes the immediate experiences of 430 women, as revealed in approximately 80,000 pages of diaries and letters. Particular care has been taken to index this material so that it can be searched more thoroughly than ever before. When complete, the collection will include more than 100,000 pages of primary materials spanning more than 300 years.

### *Proceedings of the Old Bailey, London, 1674-1913*

<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>

The Proceedings contain accounts of trials which took place at the Old Bailey. The crimes tried were mostly felonies (predominantly theft), but also include some of the most serious misdemeanours. The first published collection of trials at the Old Bailey dates from 1674, and from 1678 accounts of the trials at each session (meeting of the Court) at the Old Bailey were regularly published. Inexpensive, and targeted

initially at a popular rather than a legal audience, the Proceedings were produced shortly after the conclusion of each sessions and were a commercial success.

### [London Low Life](#)

This collection brings to life the teeming streets of Victorian London, inviting students and scholars to explore the gin palaces, brothels and East End slums of London in the 19th century. From salacious 'swell's guides' to scandalous broadsides and subversive posters, the material sold and exchanged on London's bustling thoroughfares offers an unparalleled insight into the dark underworld of the city. Children's chapbooks, street cries, slang dictionaries and ballads were all part of a vibrant culture of street literature.

This is also an incredible visual resource for students and scholars of London, with many full colour maps, cartoons, sketches and a full set of the essential Tallis' Street Views of London – resource for the study of London architecture and commerce. Also includes George Gissing's famous London scrapbooks from the Pforzheimer Collection, containing his research for London novels such as *New Grub Street* and *The Netherworld*.

### [Victorian Popular Culture](#)

Contains a wide range of source material relating to popular entertainment in America, Britain and Europe in the period from 1779 to 1930, and shows how interconnected these worlds were. It is comprised of 4 separate sections: Spiritualism, Sensation and Magic, Circuses, Sideshows and Freaks, Music Hall, Theatre and Popular Entertainment, Moving Pictures, Optical Entertainments and the Advent of Cinema.

### [Queen Victoria's Journals \(1832-1901\)](#)

A resource which reproduces every page of the surviving volumes of Queen Victoria's journals (including draft volumes and copies made by Lord Esher and Princess Beatrice). It provides full transcriptions and keyword searching of the journal entries covering the period from Queen Victoria's first diary entry in July 1832 to 13 January 1901. As well as detailing household and family matters, the journals reflect affairs of state, describe meetings with statesmen and other eminent figures, and comment on the literature of the day.

### [First World War: Personal Experiences](#)

This collection of primary source documents offers a rich seam of information on subjects such as: Daily life and routines in the army and auxiliary services; Trench warfare and Conditions in the trenches; Food and supplies; Battles and warfare; Training and discipline; Weapons and equipment; Camaraderie and friendship; Death; Health and medicine; Thoughts on the enemy. More complex themes of faith, morale, citizenship, mortality, masculinity, race and class can also be explored. Material includes Diaries and journals; Letters; Personal narratives and reminiscences; Trench literature and soldiers' journals; Postcards; Scrapbooks and albums; Photographs and 360° views of personal items and objects; Sketches and paintings; Ephemera; Sheet music; Photographs; War art; Cartoons and comics; Propaganda and recruiting posters; Trench maps.



### [Mass Observation Online](#)

An incredible useful collection of material from the Mass Observation Archive. It includes the entire File Report sequence 1937-1972, access to all of the Day Surveys, Directives and Diaries, 1937-1950, early Mass Observation Publications and 13 Topic Collection (e.g. e.g. Smoking Habits 1937-1965, etc.). The Worktown Collection includes material of a major study of the towns of Bolton (Worktown) and Blackpool (Holidaytown).

The resource also includes interactive maps, bibliographic resources and essays on various aspects of Mass Observation.

Useful for the study of social history, sociology, etc., of modern Britain, it covers topics such as abortion, old age, crime, eating habits, shopping, fashion, dance, popular music, coal mining, adult education, sex, reading, ethnic minorities, and the decline of Empire.

### [Popular culture in Britain and America 1950-1975: Rock and Roll](#)

From the austerity of the 1950s to the excess of the 1970s, discover this dramatic period through a wealth of printed and manuscript sources, visual material, ephemera and video clips. Digitized in full colour, the material covers key areas and major events of the period including:

- Student activism across Europe and the US, including the disturbances in France in Mai '68
- The Vietnam conflict
- The fight for Civil Rights
- Women's Liberation
- Fashion and Youth Culture
- The Music Scene
- Book, Magazine and Film Censorship

## Government Papers

The Bodleian Library's collection of Official Publications for Great Britain and Ireland is vast. For more information on parliamentary publications (on e.g. Legislation, Statutory Instruments, Command Papers, etc.), Census Reports and Non-parliamentary publications (e.g. Foreign Official Confidential Reports), see the guide at [http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/official\\_papers](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/official_papers).

Also invaluable is the British Library guide to UK Official Publications: <http://www.bl.uk/collection-guides/uk-national-government-publications>

### [U.K. Parliamentary Papers](#)

Includes over 200,000 House of Commons sessional papers from 1715 to the present, Debates (Hansard) and supplementary material back to 1688. Both Houses of Parliament, the Commons and the Lords, produce parliamentary papers. Although UKPP is a collection of Commons papers, some from the Lords are also included. This is because the Lords often presented papers to the Commons, such as reports prepared by Lords Select Committees. These reports were then included in the House of Commons Papers, and therefore appear in HCPP. *Subject Catalogue of the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers 1801-1900* [Off. Papers: O.Ref/Parl.29]

### [The Cabinet Papers 1915-1982](#)

The National Archive's Cabinet Papers website provides an online resource of primary source material on the outbreak and events of the first and second world wars, the post-war division of Europe, the creation of the welfare state and the end of empire. The records of Cabinet meetings, chaired by the prime minister, constitute the most valuable single collection of modern British material that can be obtained from official sources. The Cabinet papers include minutes, memoranda and cabinet conclusions and some Cabinet Secretary's notebooks. This resource is relevant to 20th century British history, politics, war studies and social policy. The following are included: CAB 23, CAB24, CAB 65, CAB 67, CAB 68, CAB 128, CAB 129 and CAB 195.

Northern Ireland. Parliament. House of Commons. *The Parliamentary Debates (Official Report)*. (Belfast, 1921-). [Law Library]

Transcripts of parliamentary debates in the House of Commons.

Northern Ireland. Parliament. *Senate. Parliamentary Debates (Official Report)*. (Belfast, 1921-). [Law Library]

Transcripts of parliamentary debates in the Senate.

## Diplomatic & foreign relations

*British and Foreign State Papers*. 1812-1934 (Foreign Office) [LAW Internat 090]  
Selected volumes are digitised on [Google Books](#) and the Internet Archive ([archive.org](#))

This series, in 138 volumes, includes the text of treaties, diplomatic correspondence, foreign constitutions and laws pertaining mainly to international relations but with some information on British internal affairs, such as budget. Compiled by the Foreign Office.

### [Documents on British Policy Overseas \(DBPO\)](#)

DBPO provides users with access to a wide range of primary source documents from Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Selected and edited by the official historians of the FCO, it includes many documents specifically de-classified for inclusion in the series. The resource contains three distinct collections, which together form a continuous exploration of British foreign policy and diplomatic history: British Documents on the Origins of the War 1898-1914; Documents on British Foreign Policy 1918-1939 and Documents on British Policy Overseas.

### *Foreign Office Confidential Prints*

[http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/official\\_papers/fo\\_prints](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/official_papers/fo_prints)

From the 1820s papers of significance began to be distributed to officials in the Foreign Office, Cabinet and other departments as Confidential Print. The practice grew until the 1850s when nearly every important dispatch or telegram was routinely printed. The Confidential Prints vary in format from a single page to a

substantial volume, many have maps (we have over 700) and diagrams. The documents are numbered 1-10,600 (1827-1914) in roughly order of printing.

For the historian this is an incredible set of primary source documents. They are a window to Britain's colonial past covering subjects such as slavery, railways, expeditions, diplomatic relations and war, from Abyssinia to Zanzibar.

The index, 'List of Confidential Papers Relating to Foreign Affairs' (No. 10330, covers no.1-10,000) has been transcribed into a searchable database. The index was arranged alphabetically by country, and the documents listed roughly in date order.

### *Colonial Office Confidential Prints*

[http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/official\\_papers/colonial-office-confidential-prints](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/official_papers/colonial-office-confidential-prints)

The Prints collection comprises copies of selected correspondence and other documents which were made for internal use in the Colonial Office; it ranges from a single page to large volumes. The Prints, which relate to Africa, date from 1848 to 1915 and cover a wide range of subjects, from slavery to railway construction. The database can be searched by jurisdiction, date, document number and keywords.



[Confidential Print: Africa, 1834-1966](#)

[Confidential Print: Middle East, 1839-1969](#)

[Confidential Print: North America 1824-1961](#)

### [Cambridge Archive Editions: China Political Reports 1911-1960, 1961-1970](#)

This resource draws together the periodic political and intelligence reports sent by British officials based in China back to the British Foreign Office.

### *British documents on foreign affairs--reports and papers from the Foreign Office confidential print.* [catalogued separately in [SOLO](#)]

Starting with the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, this large series consist of compilations of diplomatic reports, dispatches, and telegrams printed for limited circulation within the British government. Documents have been selected and reproduced. The original Foreign Office designation and confidential print numbers remain for reference purposes (and useful for locating more materials in microfilm collections). A list of documents and chronological table is with each volume.

**Part I, From the mid-nineteenth century to the First World War**

**Part II, From the First to the Second World War**

**Part III, From 1940 through 1945.**

**Part IV, From 1946 through 1950**

### [Justis](#)

Full text of all UK statutes (including repealed statutes) and English Law Reports in their original form as enacted, dating back to 1235. It is the only source for repealed statutes as well as those still in force. It includes a very useful visual diagram of amendments and repeals.

### **Papers of individuals**

*The letters of King George IV, 1812-1830* / ed. by A. Aspinall. 3 vols. (Cambridge, 1938)  
[URR K.10.181]

*The dispatches of Field Marshal the Duke of Wellington.* 8 vols. (Cambridge, 2010)  
[URR K.10.182]

*The Gladstone diaries* / edited by M.R.D. Foot. 14 vols. (Oxford, 1968-94)  
[URR K.10.192]

*The speeches of the late Right Honourable Sir Robert Peel.* 4 vols. (New York, 1974)  
[URR K.10.191]



### [Churchill Archive](#)

A significant collection providing access to more than 800,000 pages of original documents of Winston S. Churchill's private papers, produced between 1874 and 1965. They include speeches, private letters, telegrams, manuscripts and government transcripts.

*The Churchill war papers* / [compiled by] Martin Gilbert. (London, 1993-) [URR K.10.221]

*Winston S. Churchill: his complete speeches, 1897-1963* / ed. Robert Rhodes James. 8 vols. (New York, 1974) [URR K.10.222]



### [Macmillan - Cabinet Papers, 1957-1963](#)

Complete coverage (nearly 12,000 pages) of the Cabinet Conclusions (Minutes) (CAB 128) and Memoranda (CAB 129), including recently released material. The Cabinet Conclusions are taken by the Secretary of the Cabinet or one of his assistants and comprise summaries of all discussions in Cabinet together with a note of decisions reached. Cabinet Memoranda consist of all papers circulated to members of the Cabinet and to other Ministers for information or as a basis for discussion. These classes provide a distillation of the work of all the other departments of government, ranging in subject matter from agricultural policy and trade, to nuclear policy and issues of international diplomacy.

This resource also offers unique access to 165 files (over 16,000 pages) from the Prime Minister's Private Office (PREM 11). These provide an important supplement to Cabinet Records and cover all aspects of policy making.

Two volumes from PRO Class CAB 134 (Cabinet Committees) are also included featuring Minutes and Memoranda of the Colonial Policy Committee, 1957, and of a committee convened to discuss "Future Policy", 1959-1960. These are essential sources for the study of decolonisation, Commonwealth affairs, nuclear policy and Foreign and Defence Policy.

Bodleian's Catalogue of the papers of Harold Macmillan, 1889-1987  
<https://archives.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/repositories/2/resources/2545>

### *Margaret Thatcher – Complete Public Statements, 1945-1990* [CD-ROM]

A resource which gives access to the public papers of Margaret Thatcher from 1945 to 1990, together with selected material from 1990 to 1998. The database contains over 7,100 documents, as well as details of around 400 more statements. These include speeches, statements, letters, TV and radio interviews, articles, and press conferences.

## **Political Parties**



British Conservative Party archives <http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/cpa>  
48 reels & 1165 microfiches. See also [ARCHIVES IN OXFORD. Section 6ii](#).

### Archives of the British Independent Labour Party

Accompanied by *Archives of the Independent Labour Party, 1856-1975: a detailed guide to the microform collections* (Reading, 1990)

- Organisational and regional records, 1856-1955. 25 reels. [BOD Films 1647]
- Series I: Pamphlets and Leaflets. 512 microfiches [BOD Microfiches 1006-1010]
- Series II: Minutes and related records. 176 microfiches (I: national administrative council minutes and related records 1894-1950; II: Branch minutes and related records 1892-1950 [BOD Microfiches 835]
- Series III: The Francis Johnson correspondence. 21 reels. [BOD Films 1554]



### Archives of the British Labour Party

Accompanied by *Archives of the British Labour Party, 1873-1973: a detailed guide to the microform collections* (Reading, 1990).

- General correspondence and political records. Various parts [Check guides]

- National Executive Council minutes. 1900-64. Part 1-9. [BOD Microfiches 787]
- Pamphlets and leaflets. Parts 1-5. 582 microfiches. [BOD X.Films 81]
- Speeches and statements. Part 1: 1964-1973. 197 microfiches [BOD X.Films 82]

### [Parliamentary Labour Party Papers, 1968/1969-1993/1994](#)

The Parliamentary Labour Party is the organisation of Labour members of Parliament (MPs) founded in 1906. Included in this collection are all the minutes of the Party Meetings, the Liaison Committee and the Parliamentary Committee (Shadow Cabinet) for the period 1968-1994.

### Archives of the British Liberal Party

481 microfiches + guide

[BOD X.Films 90]

- Pamphlets and leaflets, parts 1-4
- National Liberal Federation Annual Reports, 1877-1936.

### Statistics & Census reports

Mitchell, B.R., *British Historical Statistics* (Cambridge, 1988)

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### [International Historical Statistics 1750-2010](#)

A key resource providing access to statistics covering a wide range of socio-economic topics. It is a collection of data sets taken from hundreds of disparate primary sources, including both official national and international abstracts dating back to 1750. This edition provides updated statistics to 2010 – covering 260 years and cover Europe, The Americas, but also Africa, Asia and Oceania. There are vital statistics and statistics for population, labour force, agriculture, industry, external trade, transport and communications, finance, prices, education, and national accounts. Statistical analysis can be conducted across both time and geopolitical boundaries. Data tables can be downloaded as ePDFs and/or Excel files.

Sources of historical statistics (House of Commons Library Standard Note)

<http://www.parliament.uk/briefing-papers/SN04635>

The Value of Pound Since 1750 (House of Commons Library Research Paper)

<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/RP96-18>

EH.net

<http://eh.net/databases>

EH.Net provides an on-line location for researchers in economic history to make their data series available to other professionals and interested scholars.

History Data Archive

<http://hds.essex.ac.uk/>

HDA aims to establish a collection of historical digital resources drawn from a wide range of sources and with broad temporal and geographic coverage for use in research, learning and teaching. It provides a fully searchable catalogue record and set of indexes for all data collections held in the collection and gives access to downloadable copies of data collections held in this collection.

International Institute of Social History: List of datafiles

<http://www.iisg.nl/hpw/data.php>



*HistPop: Online Historical Population Reports*

<http://www.histpop.org/ohpr/servlet/>

A collection of British Historical Population Reports. The Online Historical Population Reports (OHPR) collection provides online access to the complete British population reports for Britain and Ireland from

1801 to 1937. The collection goes far beyond the basic population reports with a wealth of textual and statistical material which provide an in-depth view of the economy, society (through births, deaths and marriages) and medicine during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

These 200,000 pages of census and registration material for the British Isles are supported by numerous ancillary documents from The National Archives, critical essays and transcriptions of important legislation which provide an aid to understanding the context, content and creation of the collection.



### *Vision of Britain*

<http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/>

A portal to over 12 million facts about places and lives in Britain, including new-to-view historic boundary maps, a land use survey that helped to defeat Hitler, unemployment and wage records, farm surveys from 1866, the biggest e-library of historic British travel writing and the results of every Parliamentary election since 1833. Includes two centuries' worth of facts, figures, surveys, maps, election results and travel writing showing how 15,000 UK places have changed. The changing story of Britain's towns and villages can be explored in new depth online, which unites more than 200 years' worth of official documents, maps and travel stories.

### *Statistical Accounts of Scotland, 1791-1845*

The Statistical Accounts provide vitally important reference sources for a critical half century spanning the Agricultural and Industrial Revolutions. They are locally created and factually based; the two Accounts allow comparisons to be made parish by parish at a time of rapid and significant change; and they offer a unique reference and research source for the study of local and national life in Scotland in this period."

### **iii. Ireland**

British Library guide to Irish government documents:

<http://www.bl.uk/collection-guides/west-european-government-publications>

Maltby, A., *Ireland in the Nineteenth Century: a Breviate of Official Publications*. (Oxford, 1979). [Law Library O.REF/IE.10]

Summarizes the scope and content of twelve classes of official documents: government; finance; ownership and valuation of land; agriculture; poverty and relief measures; health and living conditions; transport and communications; education and culture; ecclesiastical matters; trade, industry and labour; magistrates and juries; and civil commotion. Also provides an appendix of annual or recurring reports.

Maltby, A., *Irish Official Publications: a guide to Republic of Ireland Papers, with a Breviate of Reports, 1922-1972*. (Oxford, 1981). [Law Library O.REF/IE.9]

Covers government; economy, finance, and labour; industry and technology; agriculture; energy; law and police; transport and communications; education and culture; welfare, health, and housing. Includes summaries of the types and scope of official documents produced by the government.

Finnegan, R.B., *Irish Government Publications: A Select List, 1972-1992*. (Dublin, c1995). [Law Library O.REF/IE.3]

Picks up where Maltby's guide left off (s.a.). Documents are listed topically and chronologically within each topic. Topics include monetary policy, relations with the European Union, agriculture, energy and environmental policy, women, labour, health, economic policy, social service, education, national culture, and law. Includes only Stationery Office publications.



### *Enhanced Parliamentary Papers on Ireland 1801-1922 (EPPi)*

<http://www.dippam.ac.uk/eppi>

Digitization project, which aims to enhance access to reports of committees, commissions; accounts, statistical reports related to Ireland.

Ireland. Oireachtas. Dail. *Diospoireachtaí Parlaiminte: Tuarisc Oifigiúil = Parliamentary Debates: Official Report*. (Dublin, 1922-). <http://debates.oireachtas.ie/>

Transcripts of parliamentary debates. Available online at Houses of the Oireachtas.

*Checklist of British parliamentary papers in the Irish University Press 1000 volume series, 1801-1899* (Shannon, 1972). [Weston Library BIB xZ2019 CHE]

Index to reports of committees, commissions; accounts, including treaties, statistical reports. Includes volumes related to the Poor Laws of Ireland.

*Documents on Irish Foreign Policy* (1919-1945). 9 vols. (Dublin, 1998-)[URR K.10.320]

#### iv. Germany, Austria & Switzerland

The Bodleian Library has excellent coverage of national history and regional history. Interesting collections include publications produced in Germany during the First World War, books and pamphlets relating to the Second World War, the Third Reich, the Nationalist Socialist (Nazi) Party and the Nuremberg tribunals.

Major microform sets include the *Akten der Partei-Kanzlei der NSDAP* and the extensive Records and Documents Relating to the Third Reich. In particular, of major international importance - and unrivalled within the British Isles - is the Gutteridge-Micklem Collection of books, pamphlets, journals, and ephemera concerning the Kirchenkampf between the Nazi regime and the churches within Germany.

Extensive sets of parliamentary proceedings are also held from Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, as well as good collections of documentary sources relating to the regional history of these three countries. These include, for example, the latter country's *Schweizerisches Bundesblatt* from 1942 onwards and a run from 1861 onwards of the *Neujahrsblatt* of the Historischer Verein in St Gallen.

Collections relating to the history of the former German Democratic Republic (East Germany) are also held in the Bodleian, with strong holdings of source materials on the former East German State, as well as secondary sources relating to the Reunification of Germany, acquired since 1989.

The Bodleian's collections in German studies are supplemented by those held in the [Taylor Institution Library](#).

Dahlmann, F.C., *Quellenkunde der deutschen Geschichte*: Bibliographie der Quellen und der Literatur zur deutschen Geschichte. 10th ed. (Stuttgart, 1965-). [URR K.9.6]

#### Sources

*Publicationen aus den königlichen preussischen Staatsarchiven* [URR K.9.2]

Catalogued separately in [SOLO](#). Includes e.g. *Preussen im Bundestag, 1851 bis 1859 : Dokumente der K. Preuss. Bundestags-Gesandtschaft* / [Edward Otto Leopold von Bismarck-Schönhausen]; hrsg. von Ritter v. Poschinger. 4 vols. (Leipzig, 1882-84).

*Ausgewählte Quellen zur deutschen Geschichte der Neuzeit*

Catalogued separately in [SOLO](#). Includes e.g. *Quellen zu den deutsch-italienischen Beziehungen, 1861-1963*; herausgegeben von Wolfgang Altgeld. (Darmstadt, c2004)

*Quellen zur Geschichte des Parlamentarismus und der politischen Parteien* [Check [SOLO](#)]

*Quellensammlung zur Geschichte der deutschen Sozialpolitik, 1867 bis 1914*

Catalogued separately in [SOLO](#). Includes e.g. *Die Sozialpolitik in den letzten Friedensjahren des Kaiserreiches (1905 bis 1914)*. 4 vols. (Wiesbaden, 1982)

Otto von Bismark: *Gesammelte Werke*. Neue Friedrichsruher Ausg. (Paderborn, 2004-)  
[URR K.9.7]

Deutsche Reichsanzeiger und Preußischer Staatsanzeiger 1819-1945

<https://digi.bib.uni-mannheim.de/periodika/en/imperial-gazette/>

A newspaper that acted as the official press organ of the state of Prussia and then the German Reich. Also includes details relating to trade and commerce (e.g. bankruptcies) and between 1873 and Dec 1943 also stock market information. Published extensive lists of casualties during the First World War and expatriation lists during the Third Reich.

*Akten der Partei-Kanzlei der NSDAP: Rekonstruktion eines verlorengegangenen Bestandes*; herausgegeben vom Institut für Zeitgeschichte. (München, c1983-1992).

[BOD Microfiches 562]

*Inventory*, ed. H. Heiber, is at BOD 24024 d.204 with index at BOD 24024 d. 205.



[Hitler Quellen 1924-45](#)

Adolf Hitler: *Reden, Schriften, Anordnungen*. (München, 1992-) [URR K.9.10]

Compiling 3 key German sources on Hitler in a single database, this resource gives online access to *Hitler: Reden, Schriften, Anordnungen, Februar 1925 bis Januar 1933* and *Hitler: Reden und Proklamationen, 1932-1945* (Max Domarus ed., 1962-1963) as well as documentation of Hitler's trial for high treason in 1924.

The database can be searched by topic thanks to an integrated subject index; it is also searchable by date, place, name, and publication title. The source texts are in German.

[The Diaries of Joseph Goebbels Online / Tagebücher von Joseph Goebbels Online](#)

For the first time, the database gives researchers the chance to access the diaries of Joseph Goebbels electronically using the valuable subject index that until now was available in print only.

Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's Reich's Minister for Propaganda 1933-45. As leading member of the German National Socialist Party and Propaganda Minister in Hitler's government 1933-1945, the diaries of Joseph Goebbels are a key source for the Third Reich and the history of the Nazi party and Hitler himself.

This edition in German is issued by the Institut für Zeitgeschichte. It includes a transcription of all handwritten entries from the years 1923 to July 1941 and the subsequent dictations up until 1945 and is based on the reproduction of the entire diaries on glass microfiches – commissioned by Goebbels himself – that was discovered by Elke Fröhlich in the former special archive in Moscow.

*Der Kirchenkampf: the Gutteridge-Micklem collection at the Bodleian Library, Oxford*. 515 microfiches. (London, [1988]). [Check [SOLO](#)]

Includes materials, assembled from private collections, which detail the attempts of the German clergy to maintain a separate identity under the Third Reich. These materials document two struggles: that of the evangelical church against the Nazi attempt to impose a unified *Reichskirche*; and the struggle within the church to establish and define its own development and structure while under siege.

The collection includes books, periodicals, pamphlets, correspondence, reports, memoranda and manuscripts. Most of this material originated in the *Bekennende Kirche*, but there is also coverage of the Roman Catholic Church, the National Socialists and their various subsections, as well as other German and British Christian churches.

Also included are unique manuscripts describing the precarious situation of the pastors, bishops, religious publishers and printers whose lives and livelihoods were threatened by the Third Reich. There are lists of pastors who were imprisoned or suspended from duty, press service reports and banned literature.

*Dokumente zur Deutschlandpolitik, 1939-[1982-].* [catalogued separately in [SOLO](#)]  
Aims to publish academic critical editions of important sources on *Deutschlandfrage*.

### [The Economy and War in the Third Reich, 1933-1944 \(Archives Unbound\)](#)

Sourced from the Library of the London School of Economics and Political Science, it provides rare, detailed data on the German economic situation during the Third Reich up to and throughout World War II. Consisting of *Monatliche Nachweise über den auswärtigen Handel Deutschlands* (January 1933-June 1939), *Der Aussenhandel Deutschlands Monatliche Nachweise* (July 1939) and *Sondernachweis der Aussenhandel Deutschlands* (August 1939-1944) publications.

## Government Papers

British Library guide to German government documents:

<http://www.bl.uk/collection-guides/west-european-government-publications>

☆ *Die Protokolle des preussischen Staatsministeriums, 1817-1934/38.* 12 vols. (Hildesheim, 1999-2004) [check [SOLO](#)]

*Protokolle der deutschen Bundesversammlung 1815-1866.* 19 vols. (Frankfurt, 1817-1828) [check [SOLO](#)]

*Stenographische Berichte über die Verhandlungen des Reichstages des Norddeutschen Bundes.* 1867-70. (Berlin, 1867-70) [check [SOLO](#)]

Selections also available as *Die Reichstagsprotokolle 1867-1895* at

<http://www.reichstagsprotokolle.de/rtbiauf.html>

*Verhandlungen des Deutschen Reichstags [1867-1938]*

<https://www.reichstagsprotokolle.de>

This project digitised the proceedings of the German Reichstag and biographical details of parliamentarians and includes:

- Protokolle des Norddeutschen Bundes von 1867 - 1870 (19 Bde.)
- Protokolle des Zollparlaments von 1868 - 1870 (3 Bde.)
- Protokolle des Reichstags von 1871 - 1895 (141 Bde.)
- Protokolle des Reichstags von 1896 - 1918 (214 Bde.)
- Protokolle des Reichstags von 1919 - 1938 (134 Bde.)
- Parlamentsalmanche u. Reichstagshandbücher von 1867 - 1918 (14 Bde.)
- Reichstagshandbücher von 1919 - 1938 (9 Bde.)

*Akten der Reichskanzlei. Weimarer Republik.*

<http://www.bundesarchiv.de/aktenreichskanzlei/1919-1933/0000/index.html>

*Akten der Reichskanzlei. Regierung Hitler 1933-1945.* 9 vols. (Boppard am Rhein, 1983) [Check [SOLO](#)]

## Nuremberg Trials

*Trials of war criminals before the Nuremberg Military Tribunals under Control Council law no. 10*, Nuremberg, October 1946-April, 1949. 15 vols. (Washington, D.C.: U.S. GPO, 1949-1953) [http://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/Military\\_Law/NTs\\_war-criminals.html](http://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/Military_Law/NTs_war-criminals.html)

"This 15-volume series, also known as "The Green Series," focuses on the 12 trials of almost 200 defendants. The defendants included: diplomats, politicians and jurists, such as Ernst von Weizsaecker, the State Secretary of the Foreign Office, cabinet ministers Schwerin von Krosigk and Hans Lammers, and the Acting Minister of Justice Franz Schlegelberger; military leaders, including Field Marshals Wilhelm von Leeb, Wilhelm List, and Georg von Kuehler; SS (Schutzstaffel) leaders, such as Otto Ohlendorf and Oswald Pohl; leading industrialists, such as Friedrich Flick, Alfred Krupp, and the directors of I. G. Farben; and physicians, such as Gerhard Rose. The trial proceedings, conducted in English and German, were carried out under the direct authority of the [Allied Control Council](#), Law No. 10, the text of which is included in Volume I of "the Green Series." The trials lasted two and a half years, and produced more than 300,000 pages of testimony and evidence. This publication by the United States Government Printing Office is the official abridged record of the individual indictments and judgments, as well as the administrative materials that were common to all the trials." LoC website, accessed 19/10/12.

*Trial of the major war criminals before the International Military Tribunal, Nuremberg, 14 November 1945-1 October 1946*. 42 vols. (Nuremberg: [s.n.], 1947-49).

[http://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/Military\\_Law/NT\\_major-war-criminals.html](http://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/Military_Law/NT_major-war-criminals.html)

This 42-volume series, also known as "The Blue Series," is the official record of the trial of the major civilian and military leaders of Nazi Germany who were accused of war crimes. The accused were: Hermann Wilhelm Goering, Rudolf Hess, Joachim von Ribbentrop, Robert Ley, Wilhelm Keitel, Ernst Kaltenbrunner, Alfred Rosenberg, Hans Frank, Wilhelm Frick, Julius Streicher, Walter Funk, Hjalmar Schacht, Gustav Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach, Karl Doenitz, Erich Raeder, Baldur von Schirach, Fritz Sauckel, Alfred Jodl, Martin Bormann, Franz von Papen, Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Albert Speer, Constantin von Neurath, and Hans Fritzsche.

Nuremberg Trials Project (Harvard Law School) <http://nuremberg.law.harvard.edu/>

The Harvard Law School Library's Nuremberg Trials Project is an open-access initiative to create and present digitized images or full-text versions of the Library's Nuremberg documents, descriptions of each document, and general information about the trials.

## West Germany

*Der Parlamentarische Rat, 1948-1949: Akten und Protokolle*. 14 vols. (Boppard am Rhein, 1975-). [Check [SOLO](#)]

☆ „Die Kabinettsprotokolle der Bundesregierung“ online

<https://www.bundesarchiv.de/cocoon/barch/0000/index.html>

*Bundesgesetzblatt online*

<https://www.bgbl.de>

Free online access to the history of Germany legislation as published in the Bundesgesetzblatt (Archiv BGBI Teil I und II) and dating from 1949 (1951 for Teil II) to the present.

*Die Protokolle des Bayerischen Ministerrats, 1945-1962*

<http://www.bayerischer-ministerrat.de/>

Adenauer, Konrad, *Briefe*. 9 vols. (Berlin, 1983-2006)

[Check [SOLO](#)]

Adenauer, Konrad, *Erinnerungen*. 4 vols. (Stuttgart, 1965-68)

[Check [SOLO](#)]

Willy Brandt, *Berliner Ausgabe*. 10 vols. (Bonn, 2000-2009)

[Check [SOLO](#)]

## Diplomatic & foreign relations

*Die Grosse Politik der Europäischen Kabinette 1871-1914: Sammlung der Diplomatischen Akten des Auswärtigen Amtes.* 40 vols. (Berlin, 1922-27).

[Check [SOLO](#) + [online](#)]

*Die Deutschen Dokumente zum Kriegsausbruch, 1914: Vollständige Sammlung. Neue, durchgesehene und vermehrte Ausgabe.* 4 vols. (Berlin, 1927) [Check [SOLO](#) + [online](#)]

Also: *Outbreak of the World War: German documents* (trans.) (New York, 1924) [Check [SOLO](#)]

*Akten zur deutschen auswärtigen Politik, 1918-1945.* Var. series (Göttingen, 1982-).  
[URR K.9.8, BOD 24041 d.842 and [online via BSB Digi20](#)]

Also: *Documents on German Foreign Policy 1918-1945.* Ser. C (1933-1937), The Third Reich: First Phase. Ser. D (1937-1945) (transl.) [URR K.9.8]

*Akten zur auswärtigen Politik der Bundesrepublik Deutschland. 1949/50-.* (München, 1999-). [Check [SOLO](#)]

1949-53 and 1962-88 available online via [IFZ](#) or [DeGruyter](#)

Auswärtiges Amt. *Verträge der Bundesrepublik Deutschland.* Series A: Multilaterale Verträge. 74 vols. + suppl. (Bonn, 1955-1990). [Check [SOLO](#)]

*Der Auswärtige Ausschuss des Deutschen Bundestages : Sitzungsprotokolle.* [1949-83] (Düsseldorf, 1998-) [Check [SOLO](#)]

### [European Colonialism in the Early 20th Century: German Colonies in Asia and the Pacific: From Colonialism to Japanese Mandates, 1910-1929](#)

German Colonial aspirations in Asia and the Pacific ended with the start of the First World War. Japanese Army forces seized German leased territories in China and the Japanese naval forces occupied the German Pacific colonies. The Treaty of Versailles legitimized Japan's aggression and the territories were officially mandated to the Japanese government. This collection of over 10,000 images from the National Archives (US) comprises correspondence, studies and reports, cables, maps, and other kinds of documents related to U.S. consular activities. U.S. Consulates were listening posts reporting on the activities of the German colonial governments and later the Japanese mandate authorities, and the activities of the native peoples.

## East Germany

### [East Germany from Stalinization to the New Economic Policy, 1950-1963](#)

This publication reproduces the State Department Decimal Files 762B, 862B and 962B from the General Records of the Department of State, in the custody of the National Archives. It was originally microfilmed as Records of the U.S. Department of State, relating to the Internal Affairs of East Germany. It specifically looks at in depth the creation of the East German state, living conditions and its people. Documents included in this collection are predominantly instructions to and dispatches from U.S. diplomatic and consular personnel, regarding political, military, economic, social, industrial and other internal conditions and events in East Germany.

*Dokumente zur Geschichte der SED.* 2 vols. (Berlin, 1981-). [Check [SOLO](#)]

*Dokumente zur Aussenpolitik der Regierung der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik* (Berlin, 1954-). [Check [SOLO](#)]

Bundesarchiv ARGUS - Anzeige der Digitalisate des Stasi-Unterlagen-Archivs (BStU-Archiv) [http://www.bundesarchiv.de/findbuecher/argus/hilfeseiten/findbuecher\\_digitalisate.htm](http://www.bundesarchiv.de/findbuecher/argus/hilfeseiten/findbuecher_digitalisate.htm)

Access to digitised archives of the German National Archives (Bundesarchiv) with relevance to the former GDR. Includes minutes (Protokolle) of the SED Politburo, Zentralsekretariats) and selected digitised papers relating to unions (Gewerkschaften), Militärarchiv, Staatssicherheit Ministerium für Kultur, and Ministerium des Innern.

## Post-Unification

Drucksachen und Plenarprotokolle des Bundestages - ab 1949

<https://pdok.bundestag.de/>

## Statistics

*Prussian state finance, 1688-1806*

<https://discover.ukdataservice.ac.uk/Catalogue/?sn=3114&type=Data%20catalogue>

Free online access to statistical datafiles covering most European countries. Much of the data relates to different types of taxes, but there is also material relating to army size, wool and cloth exports and imports and stock prices.

*Statistisches Jahrbuch für das Deutsche Reich, 1880-1942* (Berlin, 1880-[1942?]).

[Check [SOLO](#) and [online via DigiZeitschriften](#)]

Germany. Statistisches Reichsamt. *Einzelschriften zur Statistik des Deutschen Reichs* (Berlin, 1927-41) [Check [SOLO](#)]

*Statistisches Jahrbuch ... für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland* [1952-1990] (Stuttgart, 1952-). [Check [SOLO](#) + [online](#)]

*Statistisches Jahrbuch Der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik* (Berlin, 1956-1990)

[Check [SOLO](#) + [online via DigiZeitschriften](#)]

*Statistisches Jahrbuch: Deutschland und Internationales* (Wiesbaden, 2012-)

[Check [SOLO](#)]

*Monatliche Nachweise über den auswärtigen Handel Deutschlands* [Check [SOLO](#)]

Also partially online as [Economy and War in the Third Reich, 1933-1944](#)

Very patchy print holdings in Oxford.

Sourced from the Library of the London School of Economics and Political Science, it provides rare, this statistical source provides rare and detailed data on the German economic situation during the Third Reich up to and throughout World War II. Consists of *Monatliche Nachweise über den auswärtigen Handel Deutschlands* (January 1933-June 1939), *Der Aussenhandel Deutschlands Monatliche Nachweise* (July 1939) and *Sondernachweis der Aussenhandel Deutschlands* (August 1939-1944).

These publications illustrate a number of major topics, including: the importance of German trade with Eastern Europe; effect of new trade treaties with Southeastern European states concluded in 1934 and 1935; Germany's economic offensive beginning in 1934; growth of a "command economy" and the requirements of the Rearmament Program; balance of payments problem; and the defeat of "the traditionalists" with the dismissal of Schacht and Neurath and the appointment of Ribbentrop.

*Sondernachweis der Aussenhandel Deutschlands* is particularly important as it provides a thorough breakdown of German foreign trade by commodity, volume and value on a monthly basis. The December issue of each year gives a final listing of annual figures.

Publisher's note: This collection comprises, in its entirety, the Primary Source Media microfilm collection entitled *Statistics of the Third Reich Analyzed, 1933-1944*.

## Austria

British Library guide to Austrian government documents:  
<http://www.bl.uk/collection-guides/west-european-government-publications>

*Fontes rerum Austriacarum* [URR K.9.5]  
 Catalogued separately in [SOLO](#). Includes e.g. *Das poetische Tagebuch* / Kaiserin Elisabeth; herausgegeben von Brigitte Hamann. (Wien, 1984).

### Government Papers

*Die Ministerratsprotokolle Österreichs und der österreichisch-ungarischen Monarchie 1848-1918.* (Wien, 1970-) [Check [SOLO](#) + [online](#)]

Ser. 1: Die Protokolle des österreichischen Ministerrates, 1848-1867

Ser. 2: Die Protokolle des gemeinsamen Ministerrates der österreichisch-ungarischen Monarchie, 1867-1870

*Verhandlungen des Österreichischen Verstärkten Reichsrathes 1860.* Nach den stenographischen Berichten. 2 vols. (Wien, 1972) [Check [SOLO](#) + [online](#)]

*Stenographische Protokolle über die Sitzungen des Hauses der Abgeordneten des Reichsrathes.* 22 vols. (Wien, 1861-1913) [Check [SOLO](#) + [online](#)]

*Stenographische Protokolle über die Sitzungen des Herrenhauses des österreichischen Reichsrathes.* (Wien, 1885-1914) [Check [SOLO](#) + [online](#)]

*Stenographische Protokolle über die Sitzungen des Nationalrates der Republik.* [BOD]. (Wien, 1920-). [Check [SOLO](#) + [online](#)]

### Statistics

*Statistisches Jahrbuch für (die Republik) Österreich.* 1950-2000. [Check [SOLO](#)]

*Statistisches Jahrbuch Österreichs.* [BOD has 2001- ] (Wien, 1993-) [Check [SOLO](#)]

### Switzerland

Switzerland. Bundeskanzlei, *Schweizerisches Bundesblatt.* (Bern, 1942-)  
<http://www.amtsdruckschriften.bar.admin.ch/>  
 Digitised official notices of the Swizz federal government published between 1848 and 2003.

Bulletin officiel de l'Assemblée fédérale / Amtliches Bulletin der Bundesversammlung (Archives fédérales suisses) <http://www.amtsdruckschriften.bar.admin.ch/>  
 Online archive of the parliamentary proceedings 1891-2005. Covers Nationalrat and Ständerat.

Sammlung Schweizerischer Rechtsquellen online <http://www.ssrq-sds-fds.ch/online/>  
 Since 1894 the Swiss Lawyers Society edits a collection of law sources which had been created on Swiss territory up to 1798, the Collection of Swiss Law Sources. The Collection contains material from the early middle ages until early modern times (1798). Over 100 volumes, or more than 60,000 pages of source material and comments from all language regions of Switzerland have been published so far.

Statistik Schweiz - Bundesamt für Statistik  
<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken.html>

## v. France

The Bodleian's post-1900 collections relating to the History of France are particularly strong in primary and documentary sources relating to the regional history of the country. Notably, there is the extensive series of *Inventaires-sommaires des archives départementales*, collected continuously from the 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards. These constitute various local records of the French Departmental Archives.

Other major holdings include the annals of learned societies in France, covering French social and cultural history. Of particular note is the strength and interest in collections for the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic periods, and French regional history.

Many publications from France printed during the Second World War were acquired retrospectively as part of a concerted effort at the end of the War, including university theses from Paris, which were collected almost comprehensively.

The Bodleian's collections in French studies are supplemented by those held in the Taylor Institution Library and the Maison française d'Oxford.

*Bibliographie de l'histoire de France: catalogue méthodique et chronologique des sources et des ouvrages relatifs à l'histoire de France depuis les origines jusqu'en 1789*; par G. Monod et al. (Paris, 1888). [Check [SOLO](#)]

Useful guide to collections of primary sources listed according to general as well as regional categories, types of documents as well as subject and period. Valuable for lists of regional learned society series which often published the edited documents vital for local and regional history.

## Sources

*Les sources de l'histoire de France: notices bibliographiques et analytiques des inventaires et des recueils de documents relatifs à l'histoire de France*; par Alfred Franklin. (Paris, 1877). [URR Ref.URR.30]

*Bibliothèque des écoles françaises d'Athènes et de Rome* (Rome, 1877-)

Catalogued separately in [SOLO](#). Includes e.g.

*Histoire et politique en France et en Italie : l'exemple des socialistes, 1945-1983* / par Fabrice d'Almeida ; préface de Gaetano Arfè. (Rome, 1998)

Société de l'histoire de France (Series) (Paris, 1835-) [URR: K.8.14]

Catalogued separately in [SOLO](#). Includes e.g.

*Journal de l'Assemblée des notables de 1787* / par le comte de Brienne et Étienne Charles de Loménie de Brienne. (Paris, Klincksieck, 1960).

Local society publications:

e.g. *Annales du Midi*. (Toulouse, Privat, 1889-).

e.g. *Revue du Nord*. (Lille: Université de Lille, 1910-).

*Les papiers de Richelieu : section politique intérieure, correspondance et papiers d'Etat* (Paris, 1975-). 5 vols. [URR K.8.50]



*The French Revolution research collection*; editor-in-chief, Colin Lucas. (Oxford, 1989-95]) [Check [SOLO](#)]

Section 1. Newspapers / editor, Hugh Gough -- section 2. Memoirs and autobiographies / editor, Colin Lucas -- section 3. Basic printed collections / editor, Colin Lucas -- section 4. Bibliographical and research tools -- section 5. The Pre-revolutionary debate / editor, Jeremy Popkin -- section 6. Political themes / editor, Alison Patrick ... [et al.] -- section 7. Resistances to the Revolution / editors, Colin Lucas [and] Roger Dupuy -- section 8. Religion / editor, Timothy Tackett -- section 9. The reorganization of society / editors, Isser Woloch ... [et al.] -- section 10. The economy / editors, Colin Lucas ... [et al.] -- section 11. War and colonies / editors, Jean-Paul Bertaud ... [et al.] -- section 12. Culture / editor, James Leith.

#### French Revolution pamphlets

... from the Frank E. Melvin collection, University of Kansas libraries. 645 microcards [BOD Microcards 39]

... from the Talleyrand and other collections of the New York Public Library. 2853 microcards. [BOD Microcards 36]

... from the university libraries of Kentucky and Cornell and the LC. 540 microcards. [BOD Microcards 26]

Napoléon Bonaparte: *Correspondance générale*. (Paris, 2004-). [URR K.8.70]

#### Occupation

*France during the German occupation, 1940-1944: a collection of 292 statements on the government of Maréchal Pétain and Pierre Laval* / Translated from the French by Philip W. Whitcomb. 3 vols. (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1958-59). [Check [SOLO](#)]

*La persécution des juifs de France 1940-1944 et le rétablissement de la légalité républicaine : recueil des textes officiels 1940-1999* / ouvrage réalisé sous la direction de Claire Andrieu. (Paris, c2000.) [Check [SOLO](#)]

*Voices from Wartime France, 1939-45: Clandestine Resistance and Vichy Newspapers. [microfilm]. 206 reels.* (Reading, 2003) [Check [SOLO](#) + Guide: URR K.8.42]

A research collection which constitutes the sum of the French press that actually reached Britain during the Occupation of 1940-44. It is the record of what was known by the British about the hearts and minds of the French people at the most dramatic period of their shared history. This collection offers the complete French holdings of the British Library, acquired through a variety of intelligence, clandestine and neutral sources, offering as full a view of life during the War as was possible at the time.

Charles de Gaulle: *Lettres, notes et carnets*. 12 vols. (Paris, 1980-88). [URR K.8.90]

Charles de Gaulle: *Discours et messages*. 5 vols. (Paris, 1970-71). [UKK K.8.91]

#### Government Papers

British Library guide to French government documents:  
<http://www.bl.uk/collection-guides/west-european-government-publications>



France. *Gazette nationale ou Le Moniteur universel* (1789-1810) Online in [Gallica](#)  
 Cont. as: *Le Moniteur universel* (1811-1868)  
 Cont. as: *Journal officiel de l'Empire français* (1869-1870)

### *Journal officiel de la République française (1870-1941)*

Official gazette which is a prime resource for all French laws and regulations. After 1941 JO is published in four different sections:

4 sections: Lois et décrets [[Gallica](#) 1880-1948]  
Debats Parlementaires. Chambre des députés [[Gallica](#) 1881-1948]  
Debats Parlementaires. Sénat [[Gallica](#) 1881-1940]  
Avis et Rapports  
Documents administrative

1990- available online:

Legifrance <http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/>  
Le Journal officiel électronique <http://www.journal-officiel.gouv.fr/>

See also *A guide to microform holdings in the Bodleian Library*. (5<sup>th</sup> ed. 2002)

Example title search in SOLO:  
*Journal officiel lois decrets*

*Bulletin des lois de la République française*. 1794-1931. Selections available in [Gallica](#)

*Archives parlementaires de 1787 à 1860*: recueil complet des débats législatifs et politiques des chambres françaises. [BOD 23734 d.17]  
Chamber of Deputies (1923-40) [BOD Films 388]  
Senate (1927-40) [BOD Films 386]

France. Assemblée nationale. Chambre des députés. *Débats parlementaires*. Comptendu in extensor (Paris, 1881-1938).  
Issued as part of *Journal Officiel*.

France. Parlement (1946-). Assemblée nationale. Annales: *Débats (Indexes)*.

"Tables générales des documents et débats parlementaires, rédigées par les Services des procès-verbaux et des archives."

*Les Comptes rendus des débats* (Assemblée nationale, France)

<http://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/13/debats/>

Online French parliamentary debates dating back to April 1959.

*Les Comptes rendus des débats* (Sénat, France)

<http://www.senat.fr/seances/comptes-rendus.html#debats>

Online version of the debates in the French Senate, dating back to December 1958. Only partially complete for the early period.

*Liste par ordre alphabétique et par départements de mesdames et messieurs les sénateurs avec l'indication de leurs adresses* / Conseil de la République. (Paris, 1946-).  
[Check [SOLO](#)]

*Liste, par ordre alphabétique et par départements, de mesdames et messieurs les députés, avec indication de leurs adresses*. (Paris, 1946-).  
[Check [SOLO](#)]

*Journal des débats politiques et littéraires*. 1815-1944. [Check [SOLO](#) + [Online](#)]  
Prev. title: *Journal de l'Empire*

## Diplomatic & foreign relations



France. Ministère des affaires étrangères. *Archives diplomatiques*. 193 vols.  
Covers 1861 to 1914. [selections [online](#)]



France. Ministère des affaires étrangères. *Documents diplomatiques français* (1871-).  
 1870-1914 [URR K.8.80 + selections [online](#)]  
 1932-9 [URR K.8.80]  
 1954- [Check [SOLO](#)]

[European Colonialism in the Early 20th Century: French Colonialism in Africa: From Algeria to Madagascar, 1910-1930](#)

This collection of over 17,000 images from the National Archives (US) comprises correspondence, studies and reports, cables, maps, and other kinds of documents related to U.S. consular activities. U.S. Consulates were listening posts reporting on the activities of the French colonial government and the activities of the native peoples. Highlights include the beginning of an anti-colonial movement and problems along the Moroccan-Algerian border.

*La Politique étrangère de la France: textes et documents.* 1991- (Paris, 1966-2003). 13 vols. 2004- cont. on CD-ROM [Check [SOLO](#)]

*Les origines diplomatiques de la guerre de 1870-1871.* 29 vols. (Paris, 1910-1932) [Check [SOLO](#)]

France. Ministère des affaires étrangères. *Annuaire diplomatique de l'Empire français.* 1858-1992 [Check [SOLO](#) + selections [online](#)]

Var. titles: *Annuaire diplomatique de la République française*  
*Annuaire diplomatique et consulaire de la République française*

### Statistics

*Annales de statistique.* 1802-1804. 70 microfiches. [Check [SOLO](#) + [online](#)]

Cont. as *Archives statistiques de la France.* 1804-1805 [Check [SOLO](#) + [online](#)]

Collection of departmental statistics (various, 1795-1813). 332 microfiches. [BOD Microfiches 159-252]

*Annuaire statistique (de la France).* 1878-. [Check [SOLO](#) + selections [online](#)]

La Statistique Générale de la France <http://acrh.revues.org/index2890.html>

This survey includes the following historical statistical datasets relating to France:

- Les recensements de 1901 à 1921.
- Les mouvements de la population de 1836 à 1925.
- L'enseignement primaire et secondaire de 1865 à 1906.
- La statistique industrielle de 1861 à 1896.
- Les recensements de 1851 à 1921.
- Les mouvements de la population de 1800 à 1925.
- L'enseignement primaire de 1829 à 1897.
- Territoire et population de 1800 à 1890.

## vi. Belgium & Low Countries

British Library guide to Belgian and Dutch government documents:  
<http://www.bl.uk/collection-guides/west-european-government-publications>

*Rijks geschiedkundige publicatiën*. Grote serie & Kleine serie

Catalogued separately in SOLO. Includes e.g. Brugmans, Izaak Johannes, 1896-: *Statistieken van de Nederlandse nijverheid uit de eerste helft der 19e eeuw*. 2 vols. (s-Gravenhage: M. Nijhoff, 1956).

## vii. Italy

British Library guide to Italian government documents:  
<http://www.bl.uk/collection-guides/west-european-government-publications>

*Guida all'Archivio storico della Camera: storia dell'Archivio e guida alle serie archivistiche; Camera dei Deputati*; (Roma, 1993). [Check [SOLO](#)]

Camillo Cavour: *Epistolario*, 21 vols. (Bologna, 1962-2012) [URR K.9.30]

Camillo Cavour: *Tutti gli scritti*. 4 vols. (Torino, 1976-78) [URR K.9.31]

Alcide De Gasperi: *Scritti e discorsi politici*. 4 vols. in 10 (Bologna, 2006-9)  
[URR K.9.35]

### Government Papers

*Discorsi parlamentari*. Various authors and periods of 20<sup>th</sup> century. [Check [SOLO](#)]

Parlamento: rendiconti del Parlamento italiano. Discussioni del Senato del regno, 1848-60; 1861-70. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 150 microcards.  
[BOD Microcards 41 (1948-60); microcards 42 (1861-70)]

Parlamento: atti (afterwards rendiconti) del Parlamento italiano. Discussioni della Camera dei Deputati, 1848-60; 1861-70. 574 microcards.  
[BOD Microcards 43 (1948-60); microcards 44 (1861-70)]

Augusto - Automazione Gazzetta Ufficiale Storica <http://augusto.digitpa.gov.it/>  
Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno d'Italia 1860-1946 is the official journal of record of the Italian government and promulgates acts of the Italian Parliament and Decrees of the President of the Republic. It also includes other official notices.

Documenti diplomatici italiani. (1861-)  
[URR K.9.29 + <http://www.farnesina.ipzs.it/series/>]

### [European Colonialism in the Early 20th Century: Italian Colonies in North Africa and Aggression in East Africa, 1930-1939](#)

Italian colonial aspirations and policies mimicked those of other European countries during the modern period. Italian colonial policy during the period 1930-1939 was shaped more by Fascism. Fascist tenets related to governance and social policy was used in the administration and treatment of the African

population in Libya, Eritrea, Somalia, and Italian East Africa. This collection of over 6,000 images from the National Archives (US) comprises correspondence, studies and reports, cables, maps, and other kinds of documents related to U.S. consular activities. U.S. Consulates were listening posts reporting on the activities of the Italian colonial governments and later the mandate authorities, and the activities of the native peoples.

## Statistics

*Annuario statistico italiano*. (Torino, 1857-) [Check [SOLO](#)]

*Annuario statistico italiano*. Dir. generale di statistica. (Roma, 1878-) [Check [SOLO](#) + [online](#)]

## viii. Spain & Portugal

British Library guide to Spanish and Portuguese government documents:  
<http://www.bl.uk/collection-guides/west-european-government-publications>

*Colección de documentos inéditos para la historia de España*; [ed.] por M. Fernandez Navarrete [and others]. 1-112 vols. (Madrid, 1842-95) [Check [SOLO](#)]

Cont. as *Archivo documental español*. Real Academia de la Historia (Spain). 1, 1950- [Check [SOLO](#)]

Accompanied by: *Catálogo de la Colección de documentos inéditos para la historia de España* / por Julián Paz et al. 2 vols. (Madrid, 1930-31).

Actas del Consejo de Ministros. 10 vols. (Madrid, 1989-1996) [Check [SOLO](#)]  
 t. 1. Fernando VII (1824 y 1825); t. 2. Fernando VII (1826 y 1827); t. 3. Fernando VII (1828); t. 4. Fernando VII (1829); t. 5. Fernando VII (1830); t. 6. Fernando VII (1831); t. 7. Fernando VII (1832); t. 8. Fernando VII (1833); t. 9. Isabel II (1833 a 1839); t. 10. Isabel II (1843-1844 y 1854-1855). Primera República Española (1873 y 1874)

*Bases documentales de la España contemporánea*; [por] Ma. Carmen García-Nieto, Javier Ma. Donézar [y] Luis López Puerta. 11 vols. (Madrid, 1971-1975) [Check [SOLO](#)]

Cortes: Congreso de los Diputados. Diario de las sessions. 1810-1977. [Online]

Boletín oficial del estado [Check [SOLO](#)]

Gazeta: colección histórica [1661-1959] [Online]

## Statistics

*Annuario estadístico de España*. 1859- [Check [SOLO](#) + [online](#)]

## 4. News, newspapers & periodicals

### Indexes, directories & lists

The Bodleian Library has extensive collections of English and British newspapers. Most should be catalogued on [SOLO](#).

Also, the British Library's newspaper catalogue is very useful and can be searched, for instance, by location or period, at <http://explore.bl.uk/>.

A guide to finding and using online newspapers is at <https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/newspapers>

*Poole's index to periodical literature* / by William Frederick Poole (Boston, 1882-1908)  
[Check [SOLO](#)]

This is an index to the articles in American and English periodicals. It covers the period 1802-1906 and indexes the contents of 479 periodicals.

☆ [\*The Waterloo Directories of English Newspapers and Periodicals, 1800-1900\*](#)  
[\*The Waterloo Directories of Scottish Newspapers and Periodicals, 1800-1900\*](#)  
[\*The Waterloo Directories of Irish Newspapers and Periodicals, 1800-1900\*](#)

All three resources are an alphabetical listing and description of 19th century newspaper and periodical publications in England, Scotland and Ireland covering all fields, including the arts, sciences, culture, professions, industry, finance, trades, labour, agriculture, entertainment, sports, church, women and children.

Between them, the directories include approximately 86,000 titles from 4,600 towns, lists 85,000 personal names and covers over 2,000 subjects.

As well as being an ongoing project to record the bibliographic record of Victorian periodical publications, tracking innumerable title changes for instance, it is indispensable for those studying the all-important context of periodical literature during an important historical period.

Each entry provides details of how and where the title is indexed, title changes, editor, proprietor/publisher/printer, key contributors, political and religious orientation, size, price, circulation, and frequency. It is therefore a useful resource to discover the editorial policy and political leanings of newspapers.

*Warwick Guide to British Labour Periodicals, 1790-1970* (Hassocks, 1977).  
[LRR B1.1151]

*Nineteenth Century Readers Guide to Periodical Literature, 1890-1899*. 2 vols. (New York, 1944).  
[LRR B1.1070]

☆ [\*Wellesley Index to Victorian Periodicals\*](#)

Long regarded as the premier research tool for nineteenth-century studies, the Wellesley Index provides access to printed sources of Victorian thought and opinion to a degree which no other publication can offer. Anyone interested in the Victorian era will find this tool a fascinating gateway to nineteenth-century thought. Although of prime interest to those studying literature, history and Victorian life, the Wellesley Index also covers articles on politics, religion, economics, art, science, archaeology and philosophy. It is also a major source for researching women's writing, including details of about 1500 Victorian women writers.

List of newspapers (Wikipedia) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_newspapers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_newspapers)

**German**

*Die deutsche Presse, 1848-1850 : eine Bibliographie.* (München, 1986)

Jahrbuch der Tagespresse. 1928 (later Handbuch der deutschen Tagespresse)

*Handbuch der deutschen Exilpresse 1933-1945.* 3 vols. (München, 1976-1981)  
[TAY REF.G.21]

List of German newspapers (Wikipedia)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_newspapers\\_in\\_Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_newspapers_in_Germany)

**French**

*Répertoire de la presse et des publications périodiques françaises.* (Paris, 1957-).

*Bibliographie historique et critique de la presse périodique française... depuis l'origine du journal jusqu'à nos jours...* (Paris, 1866)

*Bibliographie de la presse française, politique et d'information générale : 1865-1944.*  
53 vols. (Paris, 1964-2000)

List of French newspapers (Wikipedia)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_newspapers\\_in\\_France](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_newspapers_in_France)

**Italian**

*Guida della stampa periodica italiana.* (1971/2-)

*Annuario della stampa.* (anno 7/8(1929/1930),anno 9/10(1931/1932),anno 15/16(1937/1938)

List of Italian newspapers (Wikipedia)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_newspapers\\_in\\_Italy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_newspapers_in_Italy)

**Full-text newspapers (historic in chronological order)****[British Periodicals \(1681-1939\)](#)**

A resource which provides access to the full-text of nearly 500 British popular periodicals published from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Includes amongst others the *Anti-Slavery Reporter*, *London Review*, *Royal Magazine* *Gentleman's Monthly Companion*, some religious titles such as *The Wesleyan-Methodist Magazine*. Topics covered include literature, philosophy, history, science, the fine arts and the social sciences.

**[The Times Digital Archive \(1785-2012\)](#)**

Digitised version of *The Times* newspapers published from its first issue in 1785 until 1985. The entire newspaper is captured, with all articles, advertisements and illustrations/photos divided into categories to facilitate searching. Covers all major international historical events from the French Revolution to the Falkland War.

### [British Library Newspapers, Parts I-IV. \(1732-1950\)](#)

Online access to two million fully searchable pages in 48 national and regional titles chosen by leading experts and academics from the holdings of the British Library. From the Glasgow Herald to the Graphic, from the Illustrated Police News to the Preston Chronicle, the collection greatly enhances research into the history, society and culture of the UK from 1800 to 1900. The website also offers contextual essays regarding the role of newspapers in the Victorian age, bibliographic head-notes and a chronological overview. The commercially available version is known as [British Newspaper Archive](#).

### [19th Century UK Periodicals](#)

19th Century UK Periodicals provides access to a good range of nineteenth-century periodical literature published in the UK. It is of particular interest to those researching nineteenth-century history, literature and culture, empire, feminism, the history of the book, the creative and performing arts, sport and leisure, science and medicine, and the professions.

When complete it will make available full runs of nearly 600 periodical titles, some of which exist only in a single copy. The first part ("New Readerships") covers Women's, Children's, Humour and Leisure/Sport. Four additional series will be published in 19th Century UK Periodicals Online between 2008 and 2011.

### [Welsh Newspapers Online \(1804-1919\)](#)

A free online resource from the National Library of Wales where readers can discover millions of articles from the Library's rich collection of historical newspapers. You can search and access over 250,000 pages from 24 newspaper publications up to 1910 and will grow to over 1 million pages as more publications are added during 2013. Newspapers include Aberystwyth Observer, South Wales Star, Aberdare Times, Celt (Bala) and many others.

### [The Scotsman \(1817-1950\)](#)

The Scotsman is a Scottish national newspaper which is published in Edinburgh. It was launched in 1817 as a liberal weekly newspaper. It is an important source of information for Scottish/Celtic studies, world history, literature and the arts, foreign policy, conflict resolution, and migration studies.

### [The Guardian \(1821-2003\) / The Observer \(1791-2003\)](#)

Founded in 1821 as the Manchester Guardian, becoming The Guardian in 1959 (and moving to London in 1964), The Guardian is an important British newspaper which gives readers online access to facts, firsthand accounts, and opinions of the day about the most significant and fascinating political, business, sports, literary, and entertainment events from the past 200 years. Originally the voice of Manchester's liberal industrial middle classes, in the past fifty years its readership has included an increasing proportion of public sector workers, and the newspaper has a reputation for following a liberal/ social democratic political stance. Ownership of the newspaper passed to a trust in 1936.

The Observer is one of the longest running British national newspapers, and the oldest Sunday newspaper in the world. It has had a range of editorial stances throughout its history, but its acquisition by the Guardian Media Group in 1993 confirmed it as a liberal and centrist newspaper.

### [The Spectator \(1828-2000\)](#)

The Spectator is an important British weekly magazine which It is generally considered to be a right-of-centre and conservative magazine. It focuses largely on political and cultural aspects. [Part of Periodicals Archive Online 7].

### [Times of India \(1838-2008\)](#)

The Times of India, founded in 1838 as the Bombay Times and Journal of Commerce, is one of the major English-language newspapers of South Asia. This resource provides searchable full-text access to the title from 1838 to 2001, including digital reproductions of pages.

### [The Economist Historical Archive \(1843-2014\)](#)

The Economist Historical Archive 1843-2003 ('EHA') is a fully searchable complete facsimile edition of The Economist. The database covers 8,000 issues and more than 600,000 pages, offering full-colour images, multiple search indexes, topic and area supplements and surveys, together with a gallery of front covers (via the browse by date option). Maps, images and financial tables can be searched separately. Selected financial tables published after May 1983 can be exported.

### [Illustrated London News Historical Archive \(1842-2003\)](#)

Access to 150 years of British social history, fashion, theatre, media, literature, advertising, graphic design and politics, as well as those interested in genealogy. With its debut in 14 May 1842, the ILN became the world's first fully illustrated weekly newspaper, marking a revolution in journalism and news reporting. The publication presented a vivid picture of British and world events – including news of war, disaster, ceremonies, the arts and science – with coverage in the first issue ranging from the Great Fire of Hamburg to Queen Victoria's fancy dress ball at Buckingham Palace.

### [Irish Times \(1859-2016\) / Irish Weekly Times \(1876-1958\)](#)

Founded originally as a moderate Protestant Irish nationalist newspaper, it was a predominantly Unionist until the 1930s. It is an important source for studies on Irish history and culture, but also Irish views on international events. The Irish Times passed into the ownership of a trust in 1974.

### [The Financial Times \(1888-2016\)](#)

The Financial Times Historical Archive provides an online, fully-searchable facsimile run of the London edition of the FT, from its first issue in 1888 to the end of 2006. Each item in this complete collection is categorized by both subject and topic, with every individual article, advertisement and market listing included and searchable for retrieval individually and in the context of the full page and issue of the day.

### [Daily Mail Historical Archive 1896-2004](#)

A well-known British daily tabloid newspaper. The archive is an invaluable source for all manner of projects on British and world history, politics, society, culture, publishing, and much more. In its aim to represent the working middle-class and actively campaign for particular causes, it provides an important vocal alternative perspective to other newspapers. This resource also includes fully scanned and digitised copies of the Daily Mail Atlantic Edition, which were edited and produced on the White Star and Cunard liners between Southampton and New York between 1923 and 1931.

### [Daily Express \(1900-\)](#)

Launched in 1900 by Arthur Pearson as a mid-market broadsheet, the ha'penny Express was the first to devote its front page to news (rather than advertisements). When Pearson went blind, during the Great War, he sold the paper to the soon-to-be Lord Beaverbrook, the first "Fleet Street baron" and an evangelist of the free press. By 1936, the right-wing Express had the world's largest circulation of more than two million, rising to four million in the 1940s. It was one of the first newspapers to carry gossip, sport and women's articles and the first to carry a crossword. With its commercial success and vast editorial staff around the world, it dominated Fleet Street. Its contributors run from the exiled Leon Trotsky to Evelyn Waugh (who lampooned Beaverbrook as Lord Copper - "up to a point"), William Hickey (Tom Driberg) and the cartoonist Giles. The Express became a (black-top) tabloid in 1978.

### [Times Literary Supplement Historical Archive \(1902-2013\)](#)

The back numbers of TLS are among the prime sources of 20<sup>th</sup> British cultural history. Until 1974, contributions were almost always published without their authors' names. Now, for the first time users can learn who wrote the reviews as well as learn something about who they were, what else they did and the full range of what they wrote for the journal.

### [Daily Mirror \(1903-\)](#)

Originally a "newspaper for women by women", the Mirror was first in the world to carry photographs; at its height, it had the largest daily UK circulation.

Extensive collections of many national and regional British & European newspapers are available via two online resources which do overlap with each other: *Nexis UK* and *Factiva*. They include amongst many others *The Evening Standard*, *Basler Zeitung*, *Le Monde*, *La Repubblica*, *El País*, etc. Date coverage varies but typically covers 2000-.

## Full-text newspapers (current)

### [Nexis UK](#)

Nexis UK is a large database of UK news and newspapers sources from late 1980s onwards. Good national but also regional coverage. Includes broadsheets as well as tabloids. The news coverage offered by Nexis Global Business and News Service has approximately 12,000 publications from national & local newspapers, press releases, transcripts of TV broadcasts, newswires, statistical bulletins, magazines and trade journals.

### [Factiva](#)

More than 10,000 authoritative sources including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Financial Times*, and many other national and regional newspapers from across the world.

## News

### *Summary of World Broadcasts* / BBC Monitoring Service

[check [SOLO](#) + online in [Nexis UK](#)]

Set up originally in 1939, this is a BBC service which monitors media coverage and provides summary reports from radio, television, news agencies, press and new media in over 150 countries, in over 100 languages, providing a distinctive foreign news and information service from open sources. *Summary of World Broadcasts* is superseded online by *BBC Monitoring Service*. Oxford holdings are very selective so search [SOLO](#) for details of geographical and period coverage.

### *FBIS Daily Reports* (Foreign Broadcast Information Service)

[check [SOLO](#) + online as [FBIS \(1974-1996\)](#)]

FBIS Daily Reports, 1974–1996 consist of translated broadcasts, news agency transmissions, newspapers, periodicals, and government statements from nations around the globe. Many of these materials are first hand reports of events as they occurred. Of the total of 9 geographical collections, Oxford has electronic access:

- Middle East and North Africa, 1974–1987
- Near East and South Asia, 1987–1996
- South Asia, 1980–1987
- Sub-Saharan Africa, 1974–1980 and Africa, 1987–1996
- Eastern Europe, 1974–1996
- Latin America, 1974–1996
- Soviet Union, 1974–1991
- Central Eurasia, 1992–1996
- Western Europe, 1974–1996

## 5. Reference works

### [Cambridge Histories Online](#)

CHO is a digital collection of 250+ titles published since 1960 as part of the Cambridge Histories series. The collection presents an authoritative reference compendium for histories of many countries (e.g. Britain, Europe, US, Middle East, Far East, Latin America) and over 15 academic subjects (e.g. Classics, History, History of Science, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Religion).

### [Oxford Reference](#)

A collection of 100+ dictionaries, language and subject reference works. Includes e.g. *The Oxford Companion to British History*, *The Kings and Queens of Britain*, *The Oxford Companion to Local and Family History*, etc.

## i. Biographical dictionaries

### [World Biographical Information System](#)

World Biographical Information System, the online version of the World Biographical Archive, is one of the most comprehensive biographical databases available, providing short biographical information on 4 million people with a historical coverage from the 4th century BC to the present. It contains 3.85 million digital facsimile articles from more than 3,700 reference works, including biographical information on 2.3 million people worldwide. The microfiche version stands in the LRR, Bodleian Library.

## National Biographies

### **Austria**

*Neue österreichische Biographie, 1815-1918.* (Wien, 1923-). [Check [SOLO](#)]

See also *Biographie-Portal* <http://www.biographie-portal.eu>

*Österreichs Männer des öffentlichen Lebens von 1848 bis heute.* (Wien, 1960). [Check [SOLO](#)]

### **France**

*Dictionnaire de biographie française.* 19 vols. (Paris, 1929-) [LRR B3.521]

Unlike the ODNB the *Dictionnaire de biographie française* is incomplete and only goes up to letter L.

*Dictionnaire des parlementaires français [1889-1940]:* notices biographiques sur les ministres, sénateurs et députés français de 1889 à 1940; publié sous la direction de Jean Jolly. 8 vols. (Paris: Presses universitaires de France, 1960-1977). [LRR B3.554]

*Dictionnaire des parlementaires français [1940-1958]:* notices biographiques sur les parlementaires français de 1940 à 1958. 5 vols. (Paris: Documentation française, 1988-). [LRR B3.554]

*Dictionnaire des députés du Second Empire;* Eric Anceau (Rennes, 1999) [Check [SOLO](#)]

*Dictionnaire biographique du mouvement ouvrier français;* publié sous la direction de Jean Maitron. 44 vols. (Paris, 1964-1997). [LRR B3.564]

### **Germany**

*Allgemeine deutsche Biographie* (1875-1912)

*Neue deutsche Biographie* (1956-) [LRR B3.603]

Available online as *Deutsche Biographie* <http://www.deutsche-biographie.de/>.

### *Biographie-Portal*

<http://www.biographie-portal.eu>

More than 100,000 scholarly biographies of persons from all social backgrounds and nearly all periods of German, Austrian, and Swiss history can be searched.

### **Great Britain**

*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (ODNB)*. New ed. (2004) [LRR B3.101 + [online](#)]

An illustrated collection of 50,000 specially written biographies of the men and women who shaped all aspects of Britain's past, from the fourth century BC to the year 2000. Remarkable people in any walk of life who were connected with the British Isles - excluding living people. It includes not just the great and good, but people who have left a mark for any reason, good, bad, or bizarre.

### [Who's Who and Who Was Who](#)

### **Ireland**

*Dictionary of Irish Biography (2009)*

[LRR B3.150 + [online](#)]

An important reference work, it offers biographical information about Irish men and women who made a significant contribution in Ireland and abroad. It also includes information about the lives of people born outside Ireland, but who made a significant contribution in that county. You have a choice of full-text searching, advanced searching, browsing or trying the lucky dip ("Read a random life").

### **Italy**

*Dizionario biografico degli italiani*

[LRR B3.713 + <http://www.treccani.it/Portale/ricerche/searchBiografie.html>]

### **Netherlands**

Het Biografisch Portaal van Nederland

<http://www.biografischportaal.nl/>

### **Spain**

*Diccionario Biográfico Español* (Real Academia de la Historia, 2009-)

[LRR B3.815 + online as [Diccionario Biográfico Electrónico \(DBE\)](#)]

### **Switzerland**

*Historisches Lexikon der Schweiz*. (Basel, 2002-).

<http://www.hls-dhs-dss.ch/>

## **ii. Directories & dictionaries (by topic)**

### **a. Alumni**

Venn, J., *Alumni cantabrigienses: a biographical list of all known students, graduates and holders of office at the University of Cambridge, from the earliest times to 1900* / Compiled by John Venn and J.A. Venn. 10 vols. [DH LF124 VEN 1922]

Foster, J., *Alumni Oxonienses: the members of the University of Oxford, 1500-1714* [& 1715-1886] [DH LF524 FOS 1887]

**Army & Navy**

*Office-holders in modern Britain.* (Athlone Press, 1972-).

*The (Monthly) Army list (and directory).* 1814-.

*The Navy list.* 1814-.

**Church**

*Clergy List.* 1841-1917.

[DH Cler. Dir.]

See also Clergy of the Church of England project <http://www.theclergydatabase.org.uk/>

*Crockford's clerical directory.* 1858-.

[DH Cler. Dir.]

*The Blackwell Dictionary of Evangelical Biography 1730-1860* / Donald M. Lewis, ed. 2 vols. (Oxford, 1995)

**Law**

Sir John Sainty: *List of English Law Officers, King's Counsel...* (Selden Soc., 1987).

Sir John Sainty: *The Judges of England 1272-1990.* (Selden Soc., 1993)

Schofield, A.B., (ed.), *Dictionary of Legal Biography 1845-1945* (1998)

**Labour**

*Dictionary of Labour Biography.* 12 vols. (London, 1972-).

[UCam S.Ref.263]

**Politics & Government**

*Dod's Parliamentary Companion.* 1865-.

[URR K.10.185]

Michael Thrasher: *British electoral facts, 1832-2006.* 7<sup>th</sup> ed. (Aldershot, 2007).

[Check [SOLO](#)]

*Haydn 's Book of Dignities 1894.* (Bath, 1969).

[Check [SOLO](#)]

Lists all holders of major offices, and many minor ones, from the Saxons to 1892.

*Who's Who of British Members of Parliament, 1832-1979.* / M. Stenton and S. Lees

eds. 4 vols. (Hassocks, 1976-1981).

[URR K.10.184]

Use vol. 1 with caution.

**Trade Directories**

Kelly's Post Office Directories - By town, county, and profession

[Selections online at

<http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4>]

Catalogued under 'Kelly' in SOLO. From 1850 every town and county is included with a listing of the more important residents. It was republished every 5-10 years. See also online *Historical Directories*

## 6. Manuscripts, archives & Special Collections

### i. Finding aids & catalogues

Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts (discovery tool) <https://archives.bodleian.ox.ac.uk>

☆ Finding Aids - Early Modern & Modern Manuscripts at the Bodleian Library

<https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/early-sc>

20th Century International History Archives at Oxford University

<https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/international-sc>

Guides to the finding aids available for early modern and modern manuscripts in the Bodleian Library.

Bodleian Library: Quarto catalogues [Weston RBMSS Open Shelves R.Ref.721-26]

<http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/modern-sc/quarto>

*A summary catalogue of western manuscripts in the Bodleian Library at Oxford which have not hitherto been catalogued in the Quarto series.* 7 vols. (Oxford, 1895-1953)

[Weston RBMSS Open Shelves Z6621.096 BOD 1895 + [online](#)]

British Library: Manuscript catalogue (Western mss)

<http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/manuscripts/>

Janus: Cambridge University manuscript online catalogue <http://janus.lib.cam.ac.uk/>

Catalogues of manuscripts [Weston RBMSS Open Shelves R.Cat.]  
e.g. British Library, Bibliothèque Nationale, Folger Shakespeare Library, etc.

☆ TNA Discovery (The National Archives, UK) <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Key discovery tool. Includes the National Register of Archives and Access to Archives (A2A).

☆ National Register of Archives (integrated into TNA Discovery)

A register of manuscript collections for British and British colonial history held in UK and overseas archives. The indexes to the register consist of the personal name, family and corporate bodies' indexes and provide details of the archive. Search by Record Creator.

Access to Archives (A2A) (integrated into TNA Discovery)

A2A contains catalogues of archives held across England and dating from the 900s to the present day. Integrated into TNA Discovery.

ARCHON <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/find-an-archive>

Directory includes contact details for record repositories in the United Kingdom and also for institutions elsewhere in the world which have substantial collections of manuscripts noted under the indexes to the National Register of Archives. Integrated into TNA Discovery.

☆ Archives Hub <http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk/>

A gateway to discover manuscript collections held in over 220 institutions, incl. HE universities, in the UK.

## ArchiveGrid

ArchiveGrid is an important destination for searching through historical documents, personal papers, and family histories held in archives around the world, but largely in the US. Thousands of libraries, museums, and archives have contributed nearly a million collection descriptions to ArchiveGrid. Researchers searching ArchiveGrid can learn about the many items in each of these collections, contact archives to arrange a visit to examine materials, and order copies.

## Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts: *Guides to Reports* [URR K.3.550]

Includes Index of Places and Index of Persons. In its earlier days its work consisted in surveying and publishing reports on collections mainly in private hands - those of individuals, families, estates, corporations and other bodies. These reports, published as parliamentary papers, were supplemented from 1885 by a series of octavo calendars, such as those of the Cecil papers at Hatfield House or the records of the House of Lords. These reports and calendars, together with their published indexes, are, despite their fairly obvious limitations and deficiencies, still in regular and frequent use by historians, and particularly by political historians of the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

*Record repositories in Great Britain* (HMC). 11<sup>th</sup> ed. (Kew, 1999).

[Weston Gallery Open Shelves R.Cat.Ref.41]

## Guides to Sources for British History/ Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts

[URR K.6.7]

1. *Papers of British Cabinet Ministers 1782-1900*
2. *MSS of British Scientists 1600-1940*
3. *Guide to Reports in the Reports and Calendar Series 1870-1980*
4. *Private Papers of British Diplomats 1782-1900*
5. *Private papers on colonial governors 1782-1900*
6. *Papers of British churchmen [sic] 1780-1940*
7. *Papers of British [non-cabinet] politicians 1782-1900*
8. *Records of British business and industry 1760-1914: textiles & leather*
9. *Ibid.: metal processing and engineering*
10. *Principal family and estate collections.*

Hazlehurst, Whitehead, and Woodward, *Guide to the papers of British Cabinet Ministers 1900-1964*. 2nd ed. (Cambridge, 1996). [URR K.10.177]

*List of Cabinet Papers*. 1880-. (HMSO). (Public Record Office handbooks, 4).

It is useful to check the rest of the series in SOLO to other useful guides.

*Guide to Microform Holdings of the Bodleian*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. (Oxford, 2002). [Ask staff]

Lists Bodleian Library's holdings of archives on microfilm and microfiche and its dependent libraries. Ask BOD staff for the most recent edition.

German archives: a guide to discovering and using them (Oxford LibGuide)

<http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/german-archives>

Swiss Federal Archives

<https://www.bar.admin.ch/bar/en/home.html>

Archives Nationales (France)

[http://www.archives-nationales.culture.gouv.fr/en\\_GB/web/guest/home](http://www.archives-nationales.culture.gouv.fr/en_GB/web/guest/home)

Archivio centrale dello Stato (Italy)

<https://www.acs.beniculturali.it/>

Archivo Histórico Nacional (Spain)

<https://www.culturaydeporte.gob.es/cultura/areas/archivos/mc/archivos/ahn/portada.html>

## ii. Archives in Oxford



Bodleian Library: Modern political papers

<http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/modern-sc/political>

The Bodleian Library holds one of **the largest concentrations of modern British political manuscripts and archives**, providing a breadth of coverage which makes it a resource of national and international significance. The collections have been drawn from the **private papers of politicians** from all three major political parties, as well as from **public servants (mainly diplomats)**, print and broadcast **journalists**, and others active in public life. In scale the collections range in size from over 2,000 boxes to a single diary.

### Prime Ministers and the Cabinet

Includes the papers of five of Britain's twentieth-century Prime Ministers: H.H. Asquith (1852-1928), Clement Attlee (1883-1967), Harold Macmillan (1894-1986), Harold Wilson (1916-95) and James Callaghan (1912-2005), and one from the nineteenth century, Benjamin Disraeli (1804-41), and the manuscripts and archives of over forty British Cabinet Ministers, from the Liberal minister John Morley (1838-1923) to the papers of the Labour cabinet minister and campaigner, Barbara Castle (1910-2002) and Denis Healey (1917-2015).

The Bodleian is also the home of the **Conservative Party Archive**, the official archive of the Party's central organization (<http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/cpa>).

## 7. Other Electronic resources & websites

Access via [SOLO](#)

Use SSO for off-campus access.

### i. Electronic journals

Key generalist journals

*English Historical Review*  
*French History*  
*German History*  
*Historical Journal*

*Irish Studies Review*  
*Journal of British Studies*  
*Past & Present*  
*The Scottish Historical Review*

Key modern history journals:

*Journal of Modern History*  
*20<sup>th</sup> century British History*  
*Contemporary European History*  
*Contemporary British History*  
*Journal of Cold War Studies*

### ii. Digital Libraries on the web & portals



*British History Online*

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/>

A digital library containing some of the core printed primary and secondary sources for the medieval and modern history of the British Isles. Created by the Institute of Historical Research and the History of Parliament Trust. Includes e.g. Journals of the House of Commons (1547-1699) and Journals of the House of Lords (1509-1717), *Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae 1541-1857*, Office-holders in Britain and much relating to local and London history. Increasingly content from the Victoria County History project is added to.

**Europeana**<https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en>

A growing digital library capturing European cultural materials held in European libraries, archives and museums. Includes images of paintings, drawings, maps, photos and pictures of museum objects; texts of books, newspapers, letters, diaries and archival papers

**Gallica: la bibliothèque numérique de la Bibliothèque nationale de France**<http://gallica.bnf.fr/>

A growing digital library which gives access to a vast collection of digitised texts and images covering the periods from the Middle Ages to the Nineteenth Century. Subjects covered include philosophy, law, economics and politics as well as history and literature. The website provides chronologies of the periods alongside thematic pages with links to related works.

**Digitale Bibliothek - Bayerische Staatsbibliothek** <http://www.digitale-sammlungen.de/>

Online library of digitised manuscripts, printed sources, books, broadsides and maps. Largely relevant for German and esp. Bavarian history. Also includes some local historical sources for the modern period and many relating to Eastern European history.

**WESSweb Inventory of History**[http://wess.lib.byu.edu/index.php/An\\_Inventory\\_of\\_History](http://wess.lib.byu.edu/index.php/An_Inventory_of_History)

A portal of links to digital source materials relevant for German history.

**Avalon Project: Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy** <http://avalon.law.yale.edu/>

The Avalon Project aims to provide access to digital documents relevant to the fields of Law, History, Economics, Politics, Diplomacy and Government from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**HFL Diigo**[https://www.diigo.com/profile/hfloxford/modern\\_history](https://www.diigo.com/profile/hfloxford/modern_history)

Over 1,000 history websites are bookmarked and tagged in HFL's Delicious which is regularly being added to. Websites largely focus on free resources, finding tools and digital primary sources for British and Western European history.

**8. Other useful libraries in Oxford**

Other libraries holding history collections in Oxford are:

- Special Collections, archival & rare books (Weston Library)
- Post-1945 social & political history, international relations (Social Science Library)
- Archaeology and Ancient History (Sackler Library)
- History of Art (Sackler Library)
- Modern European Languages; Slavonic, Central and Eastern European History (Taylor Institution Library)
- History of Science (Bodleian Library)
- History of Medicine (History of Medicine Library)
- History of Law (Bodleian Law Library)
- History of the United States of America (Vere Harmsworth Library)
- History of Sub-Saharan Africa, the Commonwealth, and other former British colonial territories (except India) (Weston Library)
- History of the Sub-Continent of India (Weston Library)
- History of the Oriental World (Oriental Institute Library)
- History of China (Bodleian K B Chen China Centre Library)
- History of Japan (Bodleian Japanese Library)

**College libraries** for borrowable books (own college only) and early printed books, manuscripts and archives (open to readers by appointment).

- Economic and Social History (Nuffield College Library)
- History of Russia, international relations (St Antony's College Library)
- Military and other Modern History (Codrington Library, All Souls College)