

Early American Imprints (Evans and Shaw-Shoemaker)

This collection of thousands of microcards is shelved in the microcard area of Microforms. It consists of two series: *Early American Imprints, first series, 1639-1800* (Evans) and *Early American Imprints, second series, 1801-1819* (Shaw-Shoemaker). The collection contains the full text of all known existing books, pamphlets, and broadsides printed in the British American colonies or the United States during these dates. The collection is not cataloged in Addison.

The first series is based on Charles Evans's *American Bibliography* (Z1215 E921 Reference Room) and on Roger Bristol's *Supplement* to the Evans bibliography (Z1215 E92334 Reference Room). The items are arranged by "Evans numbers"—the numbers assigned by Evans and/or Bristol.

The second series is based on *American Bibliography: A Preliminary Checklist for 1801-1819*, compiled by Ralph R. Shaw and Richard H. Shoemaker (Z1215 S48 Reference Room). The items arranged by "Shaw-Shoemaker numbers."

Neither series includes serials or newspapers, although they were numbered in the printed bibliographies.

Access to Early American Imprints

The print versions of Evans, Bristol, and Shaw-Shoemaker all have index volumes. Additionally, there is an index to Evans and Bristol, known as the "Short-title Evans," at Z1215 S495 Reference Room. All of these will lead users to the appropriate numbers for accessing the collection.

There is also a certain amount of online access through WorldCat, RILIN, and the English Short Title Catalog. The online records often will provide the Evans or Shaw-Shoemaker numbers.

Reading and copying

Early American Imprints requires a microcard reader/copier which is available in the microforms area.

American Periodical Series

The American Periodical Series is a three-part microfilm set of reproductions of American periodicals published in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Series I: 18th Century. 88 periodicals on 33 reels. Z6951 A496

Series II: 1800-1850. 923 periodicals on 1,966 reels. Z6951 A497

Series III: 1850-1900. 117 periodicals on 771 reels. Z6951 A498

Access to the American Periodical Series

The series is fully cataloged in Addison. A detailed paper index, *American Periodicals, 1741-1900*, is shelved in the Reference Room in Z6951 H65.

American Prose Fiction, 1774-1900

(also known as Wright American Fiction)

This three-part microfilm set contains all the obtainable titles, 10,827 items in all, cited by Lyle H. Wright in his three definitive bibliographies: *American Fiction, 1774-1850* (Z1231 F4 W9 1948); *American Fiction, 1851-1875* (Z1231 F4 W92); and *American Fiction, 1876-1900* (Z1213 F4 W93), which are shelved in the Reference Room.

Access to American Prose Fiction

This set, classed in PS643 W7, is only partially cataloged in Addison. The best way to use it is to refer to the printed author indexes: *American Fiction, 1774-1900: Cumulative Author Index of the Microfilm Collection* (PS643 W72 1974, shelved in Microforms) or *American Fiction, 1774-1900: Cumulative Author Index* (PS643 W72 1974b, shelved in the Reference Room).

The collection is in three series, reflecting Wright's division by date. The parts are shelved consecutively. The index supplies the series (roman numerals), the number assigned by Wright, and the reel number. For example:

ALCOTT, Louisa May.

Hospital sketches. Boston, J. Redpath. 1863. II.30, Reel A-5

This title will be in series II, on reel A-5.

It is also possible to find the titles by using the original Wright volumes and determining the series by date.