Historical US and UK Periodicals
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American periodicals

Early American Newspapers
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The collection is a valuable resource for a wide variety of academic areas including American studies, journalism, political science, and 17th, 18th and 19th century history. The Early American Newspapers collection complements the Early American Imprint series. Based on Clarence Brigham's History and Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820, focusing primarily on those papers that began publication before 1820. The set is arranged by state, then title. Since the publisher claims to have acquired "all obtainable issues" of a given newspaper, some issues may not have been reproduced. Subject librarian: Bruce Pencek

Finding aids:
• Early American Newspapers on 35 mm. Microfilm. Microforms index area PN4855 E18x.
• History and Bibliography of American Newspapers 1690-1820 (2 vols). Stacks Z6951 B86
• Birth of America: the Year in Review, 1763-1783; a Chronological Guide and Index to the Contemporary Colonial Press. Z1237 J63
• Online list of papers, by state: <http://www.readex.com/scholarl/EAN Title List 8-12-02.PDF>
• Descriptions of selected papers, by state: <http://www.readex.com/scholarl/EAN Selected Descriptions R.PDF>

American Periodical Series I-III [1741-1900]
Microfilm Z6951 A496 - Z6951 A498

American periodical collections arranged into three eras:
I. 18th century (1741-1799). 88 periodicals, including the era’s four most important: Columbian Magazine, American Museum, Massachusetts Magazine, and New-York Magazine.
III. Civil War and Reconstruction (1850-1900). 117 periodicals reflect the philosophical, social, and literary background of the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Gilded Age. Includes some of the earliest published works of many notable American writers; magazines include Putnam’s Monthly Magazine, Vanity Fair, and Ladies’ Home Journal.

The periodicals in these collections are individually cataloged in Addison. Finding aid indexes these works by periodical title, periodical subject (by Addison/Library of Congress subject heading), editor, and reel number. Subject librarian: Anita Haney

Finding aids:
• American Periodicals, 1741-1900 : an index to the microfilm collections--American periodicals, 18th century, American Periodicals, 1800-1850, American periodicals, 1850-1900, Civil War and Reconstruction. Ref room Z6951 H65.
• Partial: Nineteenth Century Masterfile [Poole’s Plus] database and Poole’s Index to Periodical Literature [1802-1881], Ref room Al3 P7 1963 and microfiche E169.1 L536 LAC 30978-79).
• Partial: Nineteenth Century Reader’s Guide to Periodical Literature, 1890-1899. Ref room Al3 R47

Virginia Gazette
• The Virginia Gazette [1782-1795] Microfilm AN V59 (1782-1786) AN V587 (1787-1795)
  Finding aid: Virginia Gazette Index, 1736-1780. Ref room Al21 V5
• Daybooks, 1750-1752 & 1764-1766 Microfilm Z232 V8 V5
The Virginia Gazette was the first newspaper published in Virginia. In addition to the newspaper, the publisher printed the acts of the Virginia Assembly, almanacs, books, broadsides, tracts and pamphlets (available in the Early American Imprints collection shelved in the microcard area). The Daybooks contain daily transactions of the printing office. Subject librarian: Bruce Pencek

**Bicentennial Features Relating to Montgomery County History Appearing in the Blacksburg-Christiansburg New Messenger**

Microfilm F232 M7 B5

**Related resources**

- Making of America websites

**British periodicals**

**Early British Periodicals**

Microfilm AP4 E15

More than 160 periodicals published primarily in the 18th and 19th centuries. The titles were chosen because they are scarce in American libraries, and because of their value to researchers. The subjects represented are immensely varied, ranging from literature, religion and economics to slavery, folklore, and specialized areas of interest or scholarship. The periodicals are catalogued individually in Addison. The library owns the latter portion of this set, beginning with reel 749.


**Early English Newspapers [1662-1820]**

Microfilm DA26 E2

This newspaper collection contains over 1,100 volumes. It includes some 500 titles from the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, as well as such predecessors of the modern newspaper from the seventeenth century as corants, diurnals, and newsbooks; the earliest items which are recognizable as newspapers date from the early 1620s. The collection is particularly rich in 18th-century London newspapers: all the major titles are included, such as the Daily Courant from 1702 to 1735, the first daily newspaper published in London, and the London Gazette from 1665. Periodicals are also included, such as Addison and Steele’s famous Tatler (1709-1711) and their Spectator (1711-1712). Also represented are English provincial titles from 1712, such as the Stamford Mercury of 1728, Irish newspapers (the earliest being the Dublin Intelligence of 1691), Scottish ones from 1708 onwards, and many 18th-century American ones as well. Subject librarian: Bruce Pencek

The collections are organized in three ways:
- Long-run newspapers are filmed on discreet reels that are identified by the newspaper title.
- Short-run newspapers that were significant in quantity but did not warrant individual reels are grouped together. The guide indicates the reel on which the title may be found by identifying the first title on the reel.
- Miscellaneous issues of numerous titles are collected on six reels, labeled A-F.

Bibliography and Guide aid contains an alphabetical title listing, a unit-by-unit summary, and a title/reel guide. Individual articles or subjects are not indexed.

Finding aids:

**Related resource**

- Internet Library of Early Journals website: [http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/ilej/](http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/ilej/)

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