



Sources and Strategies for Research in 19th Century Britain

Tools for Locating Primary Sources

Electronic Resources (at the Libraries' "Electronic Resources Directory"):

<http://www1.baylor.edu/ERD/Search/Search.aspx>

BearCat will locate books and journals owned by Baylor University Libraries. Remember that books will also include diaries, letters, and other primary sources. Type in your key term ("Great Britain 19th Century" or "abolition Great Britain" or "women suffrage") followed by the word "sources" to retrieve the records of books we own on your topic. For primary source on or by an individual, use the person's last name followed by any of the following words: "sources" or "diaries" or "letters" or "correspondence" ("Gandhi correspondence," "Ruskin letters,"); this also works for an era: "Victorian diaries," for example. Once you have a list of results, you may limit your search to English language



materials by using the button at the top of the page.

Empire Online – full-text resource of documents, scholarly essays, chronologies, and biographies covering 1492 – 1969. The documents section will contain the primary sources, the remaining sections are of secondary source material.

In the First Person is a database indexing journals, diaries, oral history projects, letters, and personal narratives in English. Some materials indexed are freely accessible. Researchers can search by keyword, by date, by city or country, or by particular collections (called "repositories"). The narratives are of persons of all social standing and experiences.

Newspapers – there are several online or digital collections of historical newspapers including: The Times (of London) Digital Archive, 1785 – 1985; The New York Times, 1851 – 2004 (ProQuest Historical Newspapers collection); and African American Newspapers Online (19th Century).

C19, The Nineteenth Century Index – index and some full-text to the Anglo-American world from 1790 – 1919; full-text access is complemented by an extensive microfiche collection of the primary documents. The microfiche is kept in the Jones Library Microfiche collection. When looking for the microfiche collection as a whole search by title for "nineteenth century general collection."

The Victorian Web. <http://www.victorianweb.org>. 3 September 2007. Originally provided contextual information for an undergraduate course in Victorian literature at Brown University, this web site has become an independent resource for all aspects of the Victorian era (literature, gender, social and intellectual history, science and technology, religion, etc.). Contents include essays, timelines, bibliographies, and visual materials.

Databases for Locating Scholarly Articles in Journals and Essay Collections

Historical Abstracts – covers world history from 1450 – present. Contains links to full-text articles where these exist. Can limit search by language. Primary resource for scholarly articles in history.

America: History and Life – the counterpart to Historical Abstracts for the North American continent. Primary resource for scholarly articles in American and Canadian history.

ATLA Religion Database – index with linked full-text to popular and scholarly articles in religion, religious history, and theology.

Essay and General Literature Index – lists articles published in books (as opposed to periodicals) and other collections of essays (English language materials only)

MLA International Bibliography – index only to scholarly articles in all languages and literatures.

Periodicals Index Online – broad subject coverage in the humanities, social sciences, and arts across more than 300 years of published work.

World History Collection – provides full-text coverage of history topics from approximately 150 journals, many scholarly. Can limit search to academic journals.

Techniques for Successful Searching

- 1) Search for ordinary people using the “Last name, First name” format.
- 2) When searching for rulers of countries you may need to search by their regnum name (“Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, 1819-1901”), by their birth names, or by combining their regnum name with the subject term “history” or the country name (ex: “Victoria” and “Great Britain” and “history” all in subject fields).
- 3) Any subject is likely to have an encyclopedia and a dictionary relevant to your work. To find these:
 - a) search BearCat in keyword index for the term you want with the word “encyclopedia” (England dictionary)
 - b) The same is true of the terms “sources” (for primary resources), “bibliography” and “biography” (“d:Victorian and d:bibliography; or d:19th Century d:England d:travel”)
 - c) Putting “d:” before the words will ensure that they appear only in the subject listing for the book
 - d) using “*” as the last character in a word will search for plurals or variant (“travel*” retrieves “travel,” “travels,” “travelers,” “travel literature,” etc.)
- 4) When using print indexes (the precursors to databases) many of these same techniques will still be used, but there are controlled vocabulary terms you may need to use; please speak with one of the librarians (in either Jones Library or the Armstrong Browning Library) for help as needed.
- 5) MOST IMPORTANTLY: if you keep coming up with either nothing pertinent or too much info, please come speak with me or one of the other Reference Librarians, we can help you reduce your frustration.
- 6) EVEN MORE IMPORTANT: START YOUR RESEARCH NOW!!!!!!

Print Resources in Moody-Jones, Crouch, and the Armstrong Browning (AB) Libraries:

The next pages contain a bibliography of key print resources in Victorian studies for Great Britain arranged by subject area. Where there is an online counterpart to the print it has also been listed. The bibliography is in Chicago style (<http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>).

Key Resources by Subject

Biography, General, & Reference Resources

Adams, James Eli, Tom Pendergast, and Sara Pendergast. *Encyclopedia of the Victorian Era*. 4 vols. Danbury, CT: Grolier Academic Reference, 2004. **Jones Reference DA550 .E527 2004**

British Humanities Index Indexes scholarly articles in art, literature, history, and other humanities fields which appear in British journals. Baylor University Libraries collection runs from 1975 – present. **Jones Reference AI3.B7**

Bury, J.P.T., ed. *The Zenith of European Power: 1830-1870*. Vol. 10, *The New Cambridge Modern History*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1971. **Jones Reference D208 .N4 v10**

Crawley, C. W., ed. *War and Peace in an Age of Upheaval, 1793 – 1830*. Vol. 9, *The New Cambridge Modern History*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1974. **Jones Reference D208 .N4 v9**

Hinsley, F. H. *Material Progress and World-Wide Problems: 1870- 1898*. Vol. 11, *The New Cambridge Modern History*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976. **Jones Reference D208 .N4 v11**

Thomson, David. *The Era of Violence: 1898 – 1945*. Vol. 12, *The New Cambridge Modern History*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978. **Jones Reference D208 .N4 v12**

Who's Who: 1899. London etc: A. & C. Black, 1902. **Moody General DA28.W6 1899.**

Who was Who : A Companion to Who's Who, Containing the Biographies of those Who Died: 1897 – 1916. London: A. & C. Black, 1916. **Jones Reference DA28 .W65 1897-1916**

Bridgeman, Harriet, Elizabeth Drury, and Marcus Linell, eds. *The Encyclopedia of Victoriana*. 1st American ed. New York: Macmillan, 1975. **Crouch Books OVZ NK928.B66; and ABLibrary Non-Rare OVZ 745.1 B851e 1975**

Madden, Lionel. *How to Find Out about the Victorian Period; a Guide to Sources of Information*. 1st ed. New York: Pergamon Press, 1970. **Jones Reference Z2019 .M34; and ABLibrary Non-Rare 820.16 M179h**

Mitchell, Sally. *Victorian Britain : An Encyclopedia*. Garland Reference Library of Social Science. Vol. 438. New York and London: Garland Publishing, Inc., 1988. **Jones Reference DA550 .V53 1988; and ABL Belew Scholars Rm Reference 941.081 M695v**

New Oxford Dictionary of National Biography. Online. Oxford: University Press, 2004 - .
<http://www1.baylor.edu/ERD/Search/Search.aspx>

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography. 60 vols. and Contributor's Index. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004. **Jones Reference DA28.O95 2004**

Palmer's Index to the Times (London). Print edition for the years 1790 -1900 in **AB Library Belew Scholars Rm 011.35 P176p 1900**; also online; both print and online are index only, use the *Times Digital Archives* (see p.1) for full-text access. <http://www1.baylor.edu/ERD/Search/Search.aspx>

Propas, Sharon W. *Victorian Studies : A Research Guide*. Garland Reference Library of the Humanities. Vol. 1068. New York: Garland Pub., 1992. **Jones Ref Z2019 .P76 1992**

Roberts, Adam. *Victorian Culture and Society : The Essential Glossary*. Essential Glossary. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003. **Moody General DA550 .R59x 2003; and ABL Belew Scholars Rm Ref 941.081 R643v 2003**

Williams, Chris. *A Companion to Nineteenth-Century Britain*. Blackwell Companions to British History. Malden, MA: Blackwell Pub., 2004. **Moody General DA530 .C76 2004**

History General & Specific

Boyd, Kelly. *Encyclopedia of Historians and Historical Writing*. 2 vols. Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn, 1999. **Jones Reference D14 .E53 1999**

Culler, A. Dwight. *The Victorian Mirror of History*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1985. **Moody General DA3.A1 C85 1985**

Douglas, David Charles. *English Historical Documents. General Editor: David C. Douglas*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1950 -. **Moody General DA26 .E55**

Ensor, R. C. K. *England, 1870-1914*. The Oxford History of England. Oxford: The Clarendon Press, 1936. **Moody General DA560 .E6**

Houghton, Walter E. *The Victorian Frame of Mind: 1830-1870*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1985. **Moody General DA533 .H85 1985**

Jackson, Lee, ed. *A Dictionary of Victorian London : An A-Z of the Great Metropolis*. London ; New York, NY: Anthem Press, 2006. **Jones Reference DA683 .D53 2006**

Mitchell, B. R. *British Historical Statistics*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1988. **Jones Reference HA1134 .M58 1988**

Raugh, Harold E. *The Victorians at War, 1815-1914 : An Encyclopedia of British Military History*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2004. **Moody General OVZ DA68 .R38 2004**

Rose, J., Arthur Percival Newton, E. A. Benians, and Henry Dodwell, eds.. *The Cambridge History of the British Empire*. 8 vols. New York: Macmillan, 1929-59. **Jones Reference DA30.C3 1929**

Taylor, Miles and Wolff, Michael, eds. *The Victorians since 1901 : histories, representations, and revisions*. New York: Palgrave, 2004. **Moody General DA550 .V546 2004**

Music & Art

Calloway, Stephen and Elizabeth C. Cromley. *The Elements of Style : An Encyclopedia of Domestic Architectural Details*. London: Mitchell Beazley, 1991. **Crouch Reference NA2850 .E44 1991b**

The Dictionary of Art. 30 vols. New York: Grove's Dictionaries, 1996. **Crouch Reference N31 .D5 1996**

"Grove Art Online." Oxford University Press. <http://www1.baylor.edu/ERD/Search/Search.aspx>

"Grove Music Online." Oxford University Press. <http://www1.baylor.edu/ERD/Search/Search.aspx>

The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians. 29 vols. Washington, D.C: Grove's Dictionaries of Music, 1980. **Crouch Reference ML100 .N48 2001**

Literature & Literary Indexes

Houghton, Walter Edwards and Wellesley College. *The Wellesley Index to Victorian Periodicals, 1824-1900*. 5 vols. London: Routledge & K. Paul c1966-. **Jones Reference AI3 .W45 and ABL Belew Scholars Rm Reference 820.16 H838w**

Nineteenth Century Short-Title Catalogue. Teaneck, NJ: Chadwyck & Healey, 1984-1988. **Jones Reference Z2013 .N5x** NSTC defines the printed record of the English-speaking world from the beginning of the nineteenth century to the end of the First World War.

Oxford English Dictionary. 20 vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 1989. The *OED* is an excellent source for the history of words – when did it come into use, how has it changed over time; entries include citations to the first known use of the word and to its changing history. **Jones Reference PE1625.O87 1989 also available online** <http://www1.baylor.edu/ERD/Search/Search.aspx>

Poole, William Frederick and William Isaac Fletcher. *Poole's Index to Periodical Literature*. Rev. ed. Vol. I ... 1802-1881. ed. New York: P. Smith, 1938. **Jones Reference AI3 .P7 1802-1881 v.1 pt.1 A-J; AI3 .P7 1802-1881 v.1 pt.2 K-Z and ABL Belew Scholars Rm Reference 050 W187c**

Victorian Bibliography. Indiana University Press Journals. Online. Annual publication from the editors of the journal *Victorian Studies* and published as an issue of the journal. It is an index only to the secondary works on the Victorian era. The **printed** version began in 1957 and is kept in **Moody Periodicals** (complete run) and in **Armstrong Browning Library** (1994 – present in AB Periodicals). The **online** version. Online coverage is from 1991 – 2003. The entries for books also index any scholarly reviews of the book. For the most current information in the areas of literature and language consult the *MLA International Bibliography*.

Wall, C. Edward, Edward Przebienda, and Wayne Somers, eds. *Cumulative Author Index for Poole's Index to Periodical Literature, 1802-1906*. Ann Arbor, MI: Pierian Press, 1971. **Jones Reference AI3 .W3**

Religion

Buchanan, Colin O. *Historical Dictionary of Anglicanism*. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2006. **Jones Reference BX5007 .B83 2006**

Parsons, Gerald, ed. *Religion in Victorian Britain*. 5 vols. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1988-1997. **Moody General BR759 .R43 1988**

Science & Technology

Meadows, A. J. *The Victorian Scientist : The Growth of a Profession*. London: British Library, 2004. **Jones General Q141 .M383 2004**

Singer, Charles Joseph, ed. *A History of Technology*. 8 vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 1954-1984. **Jones General T15 .S53 1957.**