

Introduction to Historical Texts

Over 480, 000 late 15th to long 19th century texts (EEBO, ECCO, BL 19th Century and UK Medical Heritage Library)





What is Historical Texts?

Historical Texts is a full text digital archive enabling you to cross search, view and download over 480,000 texts published in the late C15th to the long C19th.

It is comprised of four main collections:

- » Early English Books Online (EEBO) (1473-1700)
- » Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO) (1701-1800)
- » 65,000 texts from the British Library 19th Century collection (1789-1914)
- » 66,000 texts from the UK Medical Heritage Library (primarily C19)

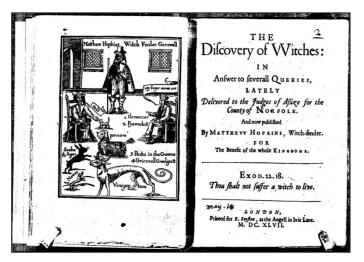
Including a wealth of content ranging from the Romantic to the Victorian period and coverage subject areas including English literature, history, geography, science, social science, religion and medicine.

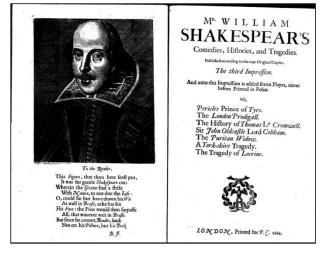
Materials include books, pamphlets, sermons, almanacs, sheet music, broadsides and newsbooks.



Early English Books Online (EEBO)

(1473-1700)





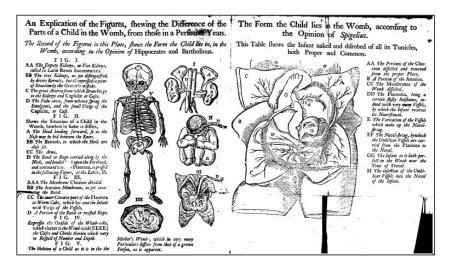
- >> The scanned images, and full-text digital versions where available, of over 130,000 books printed in Britain and British North America, and works in English printed elsewhere, from the first book published in England up to 1700.
- » Authors include Shakespeare, Galileo, Bacon, Chaucer, Spenser and Margaret Cavendish.

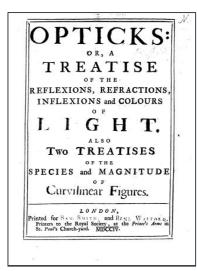


Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO)

(1701-1800)





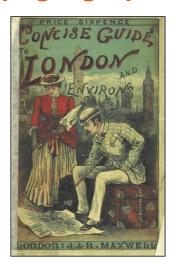


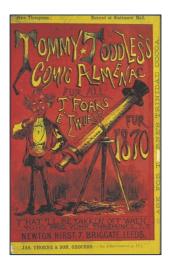
- »A digital collection of more than 215,000 titles published in Great Britain and its colonies during the eighteenth century, including works in languages other than English (e.g. French, German, Latin and Welsh)
- » Works include Daniel Defoe, Newton, Culpepper, Alexander Pope, Thomas Paine, Voltaire.

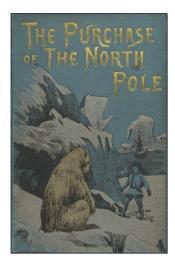


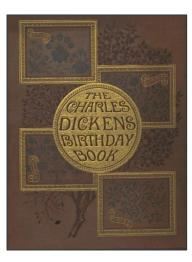
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65,000 British Library 19th century texts (BL) (1789-1914)









- » Over 65,000 recently digitised editions from the British Library's 19th century collection, comprising over 25 million pages of previously rare and inaccessible titles.
- » Authors include Jane Austen, Charles Dickens, Jules Verne

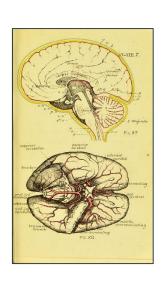


UK Medical Heritage Library Collection (UKMHL)









- »Over 66,000 digitised European medical publications from the nineteenth century
- »The collection has now been integrated into the main platform but remains open access
- »Full colour page images, PDF, ePub and OCR full text are downloadable for all publications in this collection



Key features

- »Cross-search EEBO, ECCO, 65, 000 texts from the British Library C19th collection and the UK Medical Heritage Library from the same platform
- »Search across both open access and subscription content
- »View and search the full text (where available) as well as the bibliographic information for texts
- »View images and full text side by side
- »Download whole publications (PDF) and individual images (JPEG).
- »View publication date histogram for search results
- »Additional download options for TCP-transcribed texts (ePub, XML, HTML, plain text)



Historical Texts Labs – Visualising Medical History project (VMH)





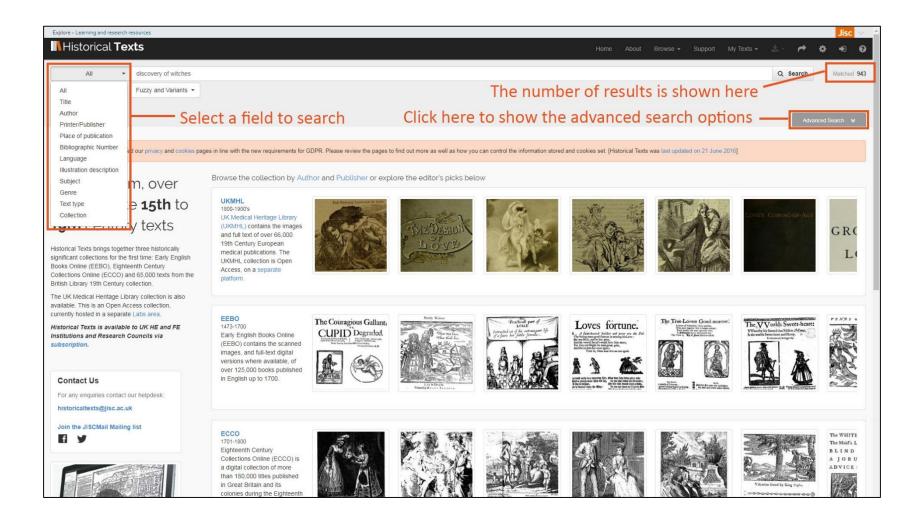


- »Bespoke visualisation tools built specially for the UKMHL collection in a sister project will continue to be available on the separate UKMHL labs site (ukmhl.historicaltexts.jisc.ac.uk)
- »The available visualisations are: Image Wall, Hospital Map, Ngram Viewer, Timeline, Sunbursts and Dendrograms
- »Facilitate new ways to explore the collection data

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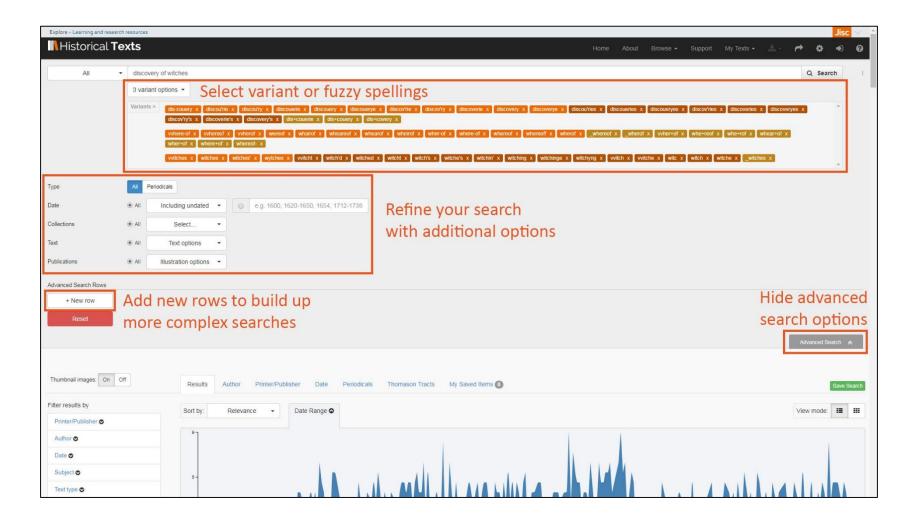


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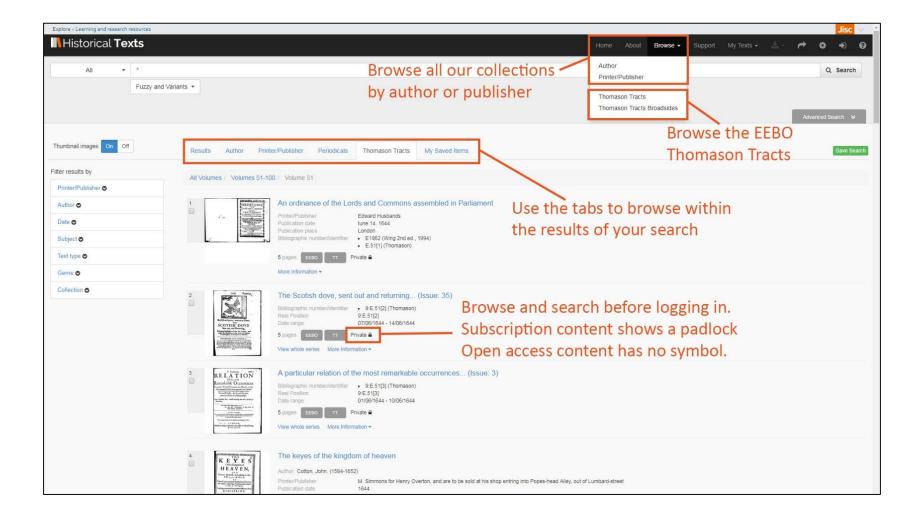


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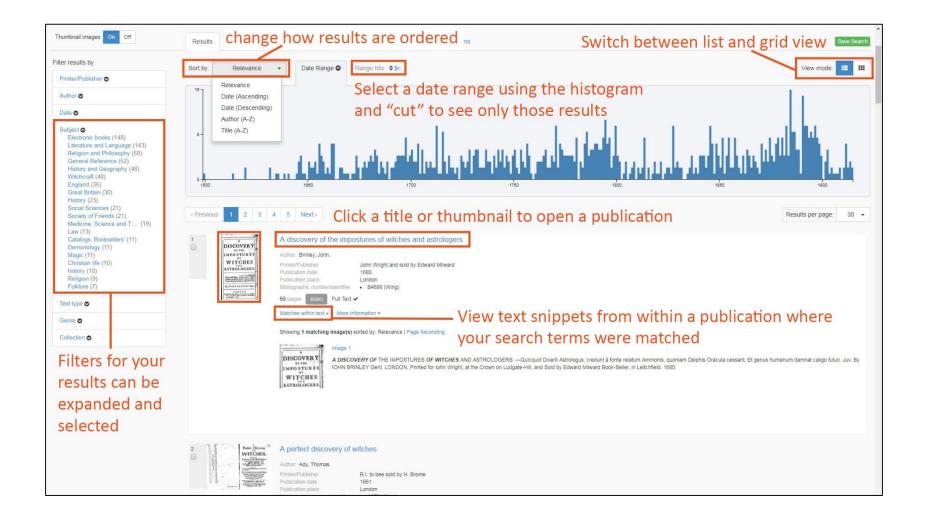


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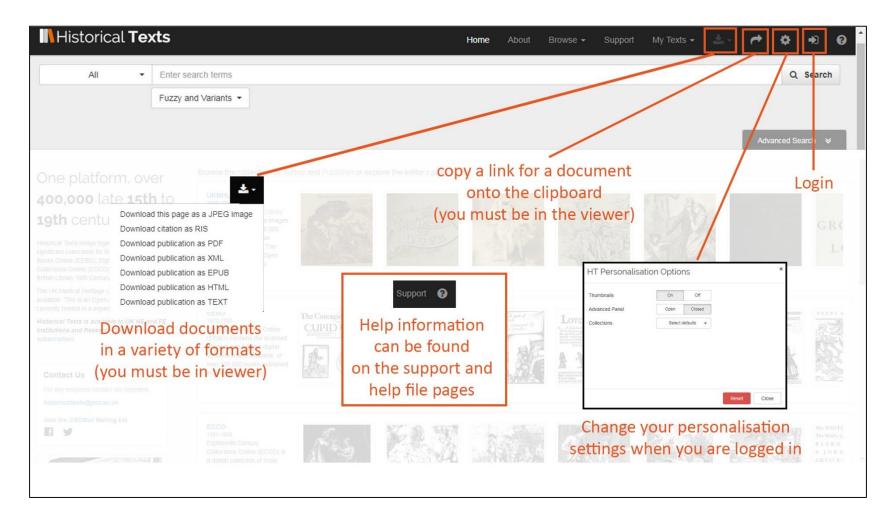


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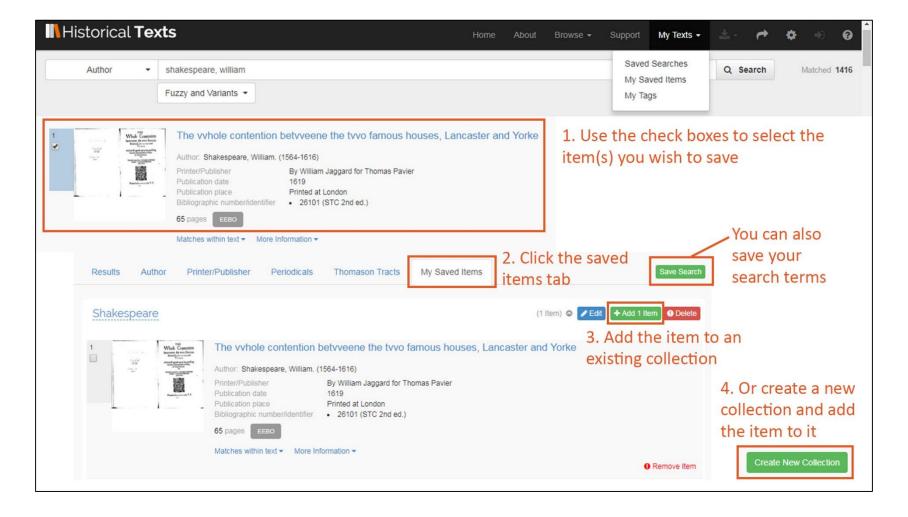


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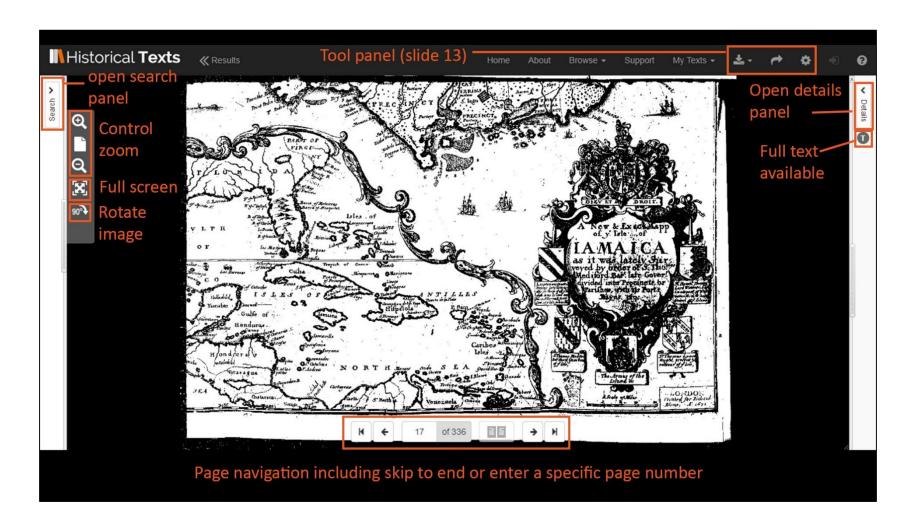


Saving items and search terms





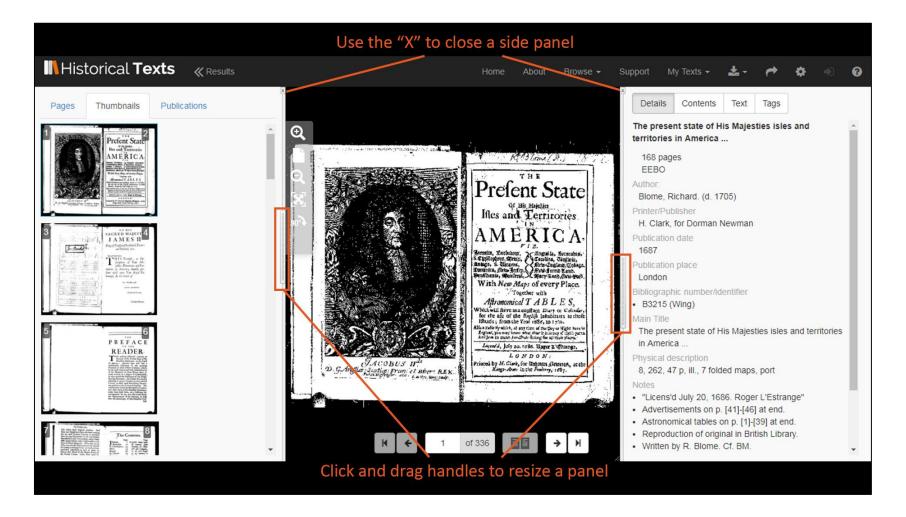
Viewer



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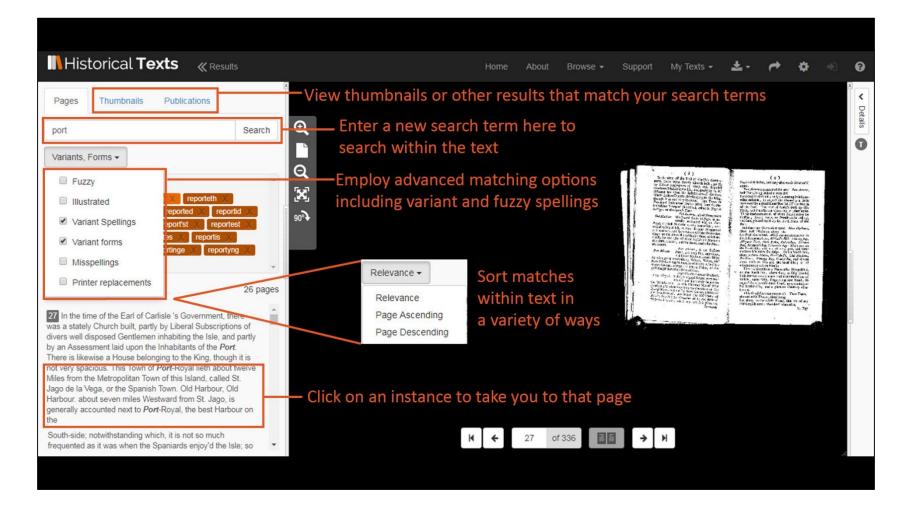
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Viewer (side panels open)



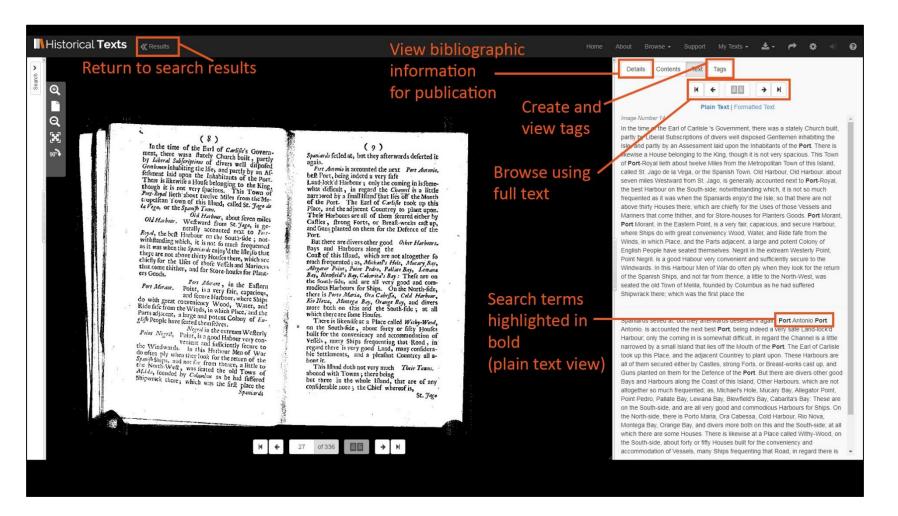


Viewer (search panel)





Viewer (details panel)





Benefits for researchers

- » Time saving reducing need to travel to holding libraries to view texts
- » Access to rare and, in some cases, previously inaccessible texts
- » Full text searching across the 65,000 texts from the BL C19th collection for the first time
- » View ECCO full text for the first time
- » Cross search EEBO, ECCO, UK Medical Heritage Library and 65,000 BL 19th century texts in one place to quickly discover related material
- » View full text and images side by side for first time





Further information

- » Website: http://historicaltexts.jisc.ac.uk
- » UKMHL Labs area: https://ukmhl.historicaltext.jisc.ac.uk
- » Support materials: http://historicaltexts.jisc.ac.uk/support
- » Development roadmap: http://historicaltexts.jisc.ac.uk/developmentroadmap
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