

Historical Texts release notes

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Summary

The 21 June 2016 release for Historical Texts is a major update providing a range of new features as well as additional data.

Enhanced functionality includes improvements to the searching and display of EEBO periodicals as well as ECCO and BL multi-volume works. New data is available in the form of additional EEBO images, an additional 20,000 EEBO full text transcriptions (EEBO TCP) and, for the first time, 2000 manually keyed full text transcriptions for ECCO (ECCO TCP).

These release notes describe the changes specific to each collection.

We hope you find the new features useful and we welcome feedback on them, so please do contact the helpdesk at historicaltexts@jisc.ac.uk to let us know your thoughts or for any assistance using them.

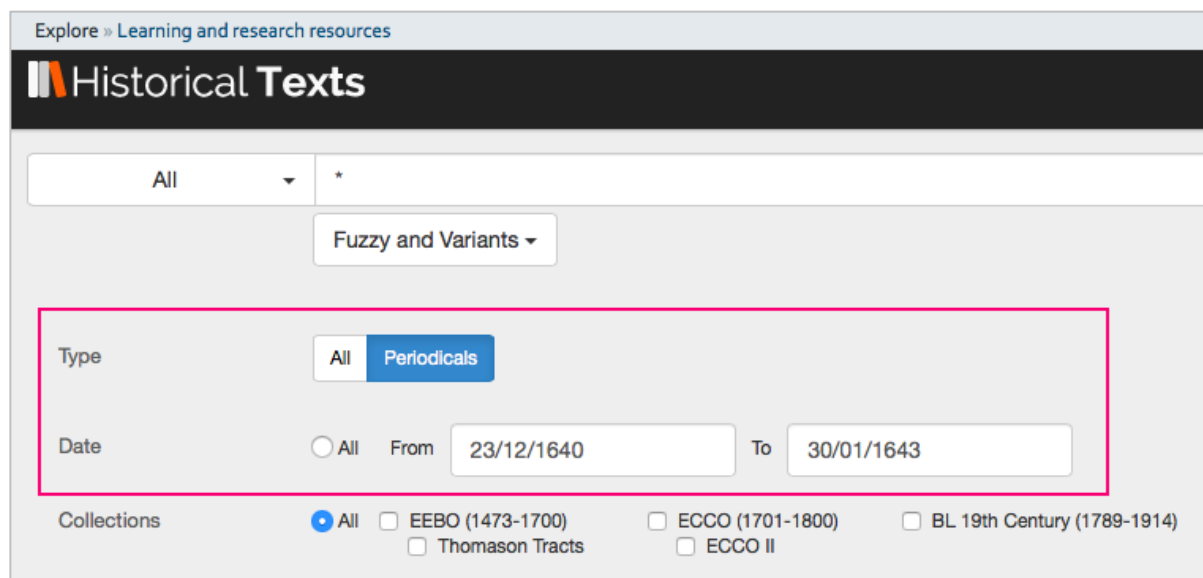
You can access Historical Texts at: <http://historicaltexts.jisc.ac.uk> .

If you can access Historical Texts, but can't see any of the new features, we recommend you clear your browser cache and cookies in the first instance. This will ensure you're viewing the latest version of the application.

EEBO enhancements

EEBO periodical search

You can now select to just search EEBO periodicals in Historical Texts by choosing the 'periodicals' 'type' button on the search page. When selected the 'periodicals' button will be blue and the date search box will change to enable you to enter dates in the format 'dd/mm/yyyy' to 'dd/mm/yyyy'.



The screenshot shows the 'Historical Texts' search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Explore » Learning and research resources'. Below this is the 'Historical Texts' logo. The search area includes a dropdown menu set to 'All', a search box containing an asterisk (*), and a 'Fuzzy and Variants' button. A pink rectangular box highlights the 'Type' section, which has two buttons: 'All' and 'Periodicals'. The 'Periodicals' button is selected and highlighted in blue. Below the 'Type' section is the 'Date' section, which includes a radio button for 'All', a 'From' date field containing '23/12/1640', and a 'To' date field containing '30/01/1643'. At the bottom, there is a 'Collections' section with several checkboxes: 'All' (selected), 'EEBO (1473-1700)', 'Thomason Tracts', 'ECCO (1701-1800)', 'ECCO II', and 'BL 19th Century (1789-1914)'.

So, for example, if you wanted to search for all periodicals published in June 1642 you could enter '*' in the search box (use the default option to select 'all' fields) and enter 01/06/1642 to 30/06/1642 in the date search.

EEBO periodicals display

Publications that are part of a series are now displayed differently, to enable you to quickly identify them and navigate the the individual issue you require.

If you search for a particular periodical e.g. Mercurius Politicus, you'll see that there is a bibliographic record for the periodical which has a new 'series' thumbnail and if you select this thumbnail, you will be transferred to the new 'periodicals' tab on the results page where the list of individual issues will be displayed. You can then select an issue to open in the viewer as usual.

Search results for **Mercurius Politicus**. Filter results by: Printer/Publisher, Author, Date, Subject, Text type, Genre, Collection. Sort by: Relevance. Date Range. Results: 1. Thumbnail images: On Off. Results: Author Printer/Publisher Date Periodicals Thomason Tracts My Saved Items 0.

Mercurius politicus ...
 Printer/Publisher: Robert White
 Publication date: 1650-1660
 Publication recurrence: Numb. 1 (6-13 Jun. 1650)-numb. 615 (5-12 Apr. 1660)
 Publication place: London
 Bibliographic number/identifier: • E.603[6], etc (Thomason)
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Individual issues of periodicals are displayed on the 'periodicals' tab in issue order.

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Mercurius politicus ...

Please note that the Periodicals Tab deals with EEBO publications only and ignores any Filters or Advanced Search rows you may have applied to the current query

First < Previous 1 2 3 4 5 Next > Last

Mercurius politicus (Issue: 1)
 Bibliographic number/identifier: • 93:E.603[6] (Thomason)
 Reel Position: 93:E.603[6]
 Date range: 06/06/1650 - 13/06/1650
 9 pages EEBO TT
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Mercurius politicus (Issue: 2)
 Bibliographic number/identifier: • 93:E.603[13] (Thomason)
 Reel Position: 93:E.603[13]
 Date range: 13/06/1650 - 20/06/1650
 9 pages EEBO TT
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Additional download options for EEBO texts with manually keyed text transcriptions (EEBO TCP)

Publications with full text transcriptions, provided by the Text Creation Partnership (TCP), can now be downloaded in XML (this is the TCP markup), epub, HTML and plain text alongside the existing PDF download option. These new options are visible from the download icon in the viewer when viewing EEBO TCP texts.



[Additional EEBO TCP full text transcriptions](#)

20,000 additional EEBO manually keyed full text transcriptions from the Text Creation Partnership (<http://www.textcreationpartnership.org/tcp-eebo/>) are now available.

[Additional EEBO images](#)

Newly digitised images provided by ProQuest are now available.

[Search on EEBO TCP ID](#)

The Text Creation Partnership have allocated their own reference numbers (TCP ID) to EEBO publications with manually keyed text transcriptions and you can search on these reference numbers in Historical Texts. Simply enter a TCP ID into the search box e.g. A16975 and search across the default 'all' fields.

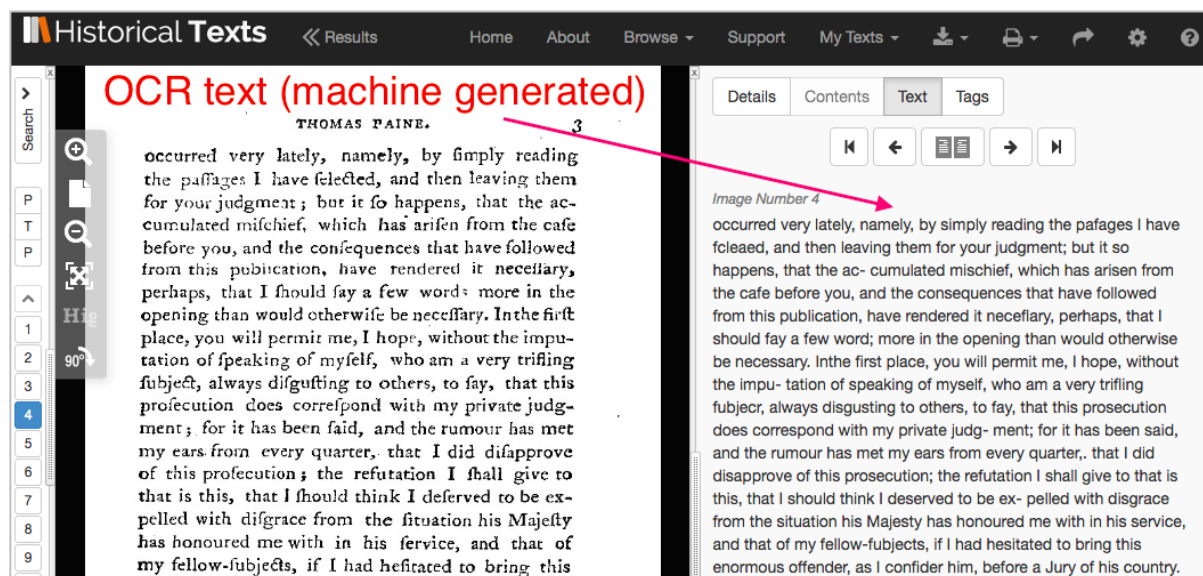
ECCO enhancements

2000 ECCO manually keyed text transcriptions (ECCO TCP)

The Text Creation Partnership produced 2000 manually keyed full text transcriptions for ECCO. These records have been added to Historical Texts and replace the existing Optical Character Recognition (OCR) full text for these records, providing improved searching for these publications.

New manually keyed full text:

Previous OCR full text:



If you run a search on the ECCO collection only, you can then use the 'text type' filter on the left hand side of the results page and select 'keyed' records to limit your results to just the TCP texts.

[Additional download options for ECCO texts with manually keyed text transcriptions \(ECCO TCP\)](#)

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Links between volumes of multi-volume works

Publications that have multiple volumes are now displayed differently to enable you to quickly identify them and navigate to the individual volume you require.


If you search for a particular multi-volume publication by ESTC number, e.g. N025348, you'll see that there is a bibliographic record for the title which has a new 'multi-volume' thumbnail, and a 'volumes' link below the record. Select the 'volumes' link to expand a list of available volumes for that title then select a volume to open it in the viewer.

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The world displayed; or, a curious collection of voyages and travels, selected from the writers of all nations. In which...


Bibliographic number/identifier • N025348 (estc)

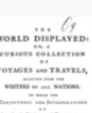


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Showing 20 volumes within this Series


 Volume 1
The world displayed; or, a curious collection of voyages and travels, selected from the writers of all nations. In which the conjectures and ... (Volume 1)

 Volume 2
The world displayed; or, a curious collection of voyages and travels, selected from the writers of all nations. In which the conjectures and ... (Volume 2)

 Volume 3
The world displayed; or, a curious collection of voyages and travels, selected from the writers of all nations. In which the conjectures and ... (Volume 3)

Individual volumes are displayed in the results list as usual but include a 'volumes' link below the record which you can expand to see all of the other available volumes for that multi-volume work.

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
The world displayed; or, a curious collection of voyages and travels, selected from the writers of all...

Printer/Publisher printed by James Williams

Publication date 1779


Publication place Dublin

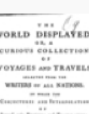
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199 pages  Full Text: ✓

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Search on ESTC number with or without the leading zero

Previously for ECCO records with a leading zero in the ESTC bibliographic reference number (e.g. N042203), you needed to include the leading zero to locate them.

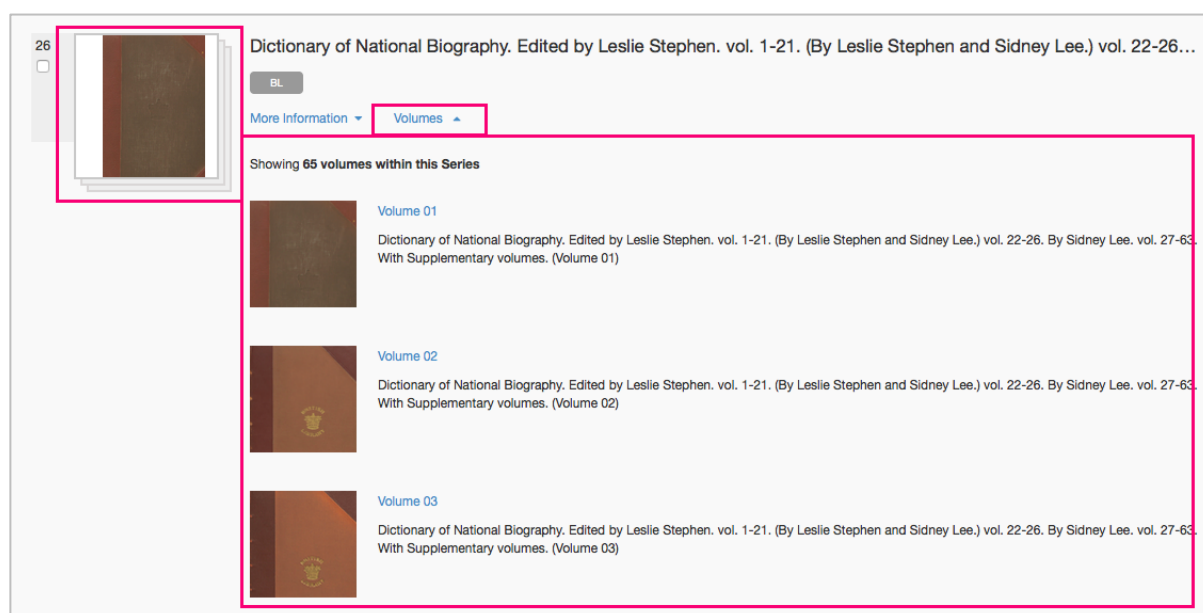
Now you can search with or without the leading zero so 'N042203' and 'N42203' will locate the same Daniel Defoe text "The original power of the collective body of the people of England examined and asserted".

BL enhancements

Links between volumes of multi-volume works


Publications that have multiple volumes are now displayed differently to enable you to quickly identify them and navigate to the individual volume you require.

If you search for a particular multi-volume by title, e.g. Dictionary of National Biography, you'll see that there is a bibliographic record for the title which has a new 'multi-volume' thumbnail, and a 'volumes' link below the record. Select the 'volumes' link to expand a list of available volumes for that title then select a volume to open it in the viewer.



Individual volumes are also displayed in the results list as usual but include a 'volumes' link below the record which you can expand to see all of the other available volumes for that multi-volume work.

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Dictionary of National Biography. Edited by Leslie Stephen. vol. 1-21. (By Leslie Stephen and Sid...


Author: STEPHEN, Leslie.

Publication place Smith, Elder & Co.: London, 1885-1900

456 pages BL Full Text ☒


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Showing 65 volumes within this Series




Volume 01

Dictionary of National Biography. Edited by Leslie Stephen. vol. 1-21. (By Leslie Stephen and Sidney Lee.) vol. 22-26. By Sidney Lee. vol. 27-63. With Supplementary volumes. (Volume 01)



Volume 02

Dictionary of National Biography. Edited by Leslie Stephen. vol. 1-21. (By Leslie Stephen and Sidney Lee.) vol. 22-26. By Sidney Lee. vol. 27-63. With Supplementary volumes. (Volume 02)



Volume 03

Dictionary of National Biography. Edited by Leslie Stephen. vol. 1-21. (By Leslie Stephen and Sidney Lee.) vol. 22-26. By Sidney Lee. vol. 27-63. With Supplementary volumes. (Volume 03)

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