

APPENDIX

Online resources and datasets for historical research¹

To accompany

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This Appendix is a work in progress. We hope to update it regularly and for that we would welcome help and suggestions (via email) from any users who identify useful online resources for historical research (of all kinds) that are not currently listed. We are conscious that the site focuses upon UK and Anglophone sources and is weak in areas of cultural and literary history in particular. It is hoped, with the help of users, that these shortcomings will soon be rectified and that we can also keep abreast of the appearance of new digital sites and digitised sources.

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The appendix is arranged into 5 sections:

1. Reading
2. Useful contacts and guides to using digital resources and to practising quantitative history.
3. Portals, gateways and catalogues
4. Economic History datasets
5. Social and Cultural History datasets

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2. Useful contacts and guides to using digital resources and to practising quantitative history

AHC:UK – The Association for History and Computing UK

<http://www.ahc.ac.uk/>

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) – Quantitative Methods Initiative

<http://www.quantitativemethods.ac.uk/>

Details learning resources, data sets and what is going on in UK social science and ICT research.

Geographical Information Systems: ESRI ArcGIS 9

Online tutorial – <http://resources.arcgis.com/en/tutorials/>

Guide to Using Historical Resources on the Internet, University of York

<http://www.york.ac.uk/teaching/history/pjpg/internet.htm>

Journeys in Survey Research

<http://surveyresearch.weebly.com/>

The site of John Hall which includes a workshop on survey analysis and other useful material.

Microsoft Office training in software tutorials

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/support/microsoft-excel-training-curriculum-guide-FX102828216.aspx>

For Access 2007 see:

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/access-help/access-2007-training-courses-HA010274447.aspx>

Quantitative Skills – Research Guide, University of Pennsylvania

<http://gethelp.library.upenn.edu/guides/general/quantskills.html>

SAGE online research methods

<http://srmo.sagepub.com/publicstart;jsessionid=7B61AC7BB718B30A500E5266AD5C74ED?authRejection=true>

Lists encyclopedias and handbooks on measurement and statistics, data analysis and so on.

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SAGE's 'Little Green Books' and 'Little Blue Books' provide guidance on topics including quantitative research methods, panel data analysis, regression analysis.

<http://www.vtstutorials.co.uk/tutorial/socialstatistics>

Web tutorial for students on using the web to locate social statistics, with a page of links to sources of social statistics, as well as general advice on sources of information for academic use on the web.

STATSnetBASE

http://www.crcnetbase.com/page/statistics_ebooks

Choose 'Advanced Search' upon connecting to CRCnetBASE and limit your search to the 'Statistics' Subject collection.

Tools and Methods for Historical Research

<http://www.methodsnetwork.ac.uk/redirect/pdf/wkp4.pdf>

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3. Portals, gateways and catalogues

A2A

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/>
Catalogue of archive collections.

AIM25

www.aim25.ac.uk
Major project which provides electronic access to collection level descriptions of the archives of over 50 higher education institutions and learned societies in London.

Archives Hub

<http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk>
Searchable database of participating institutions detailing collections.

Archives Network Wales

<http://www.archivesnetworkwales.info>
Online catalogue for information about over 7,000 collections of historical records in 21 archives in Wales.

BGS maps portal

<http://www.bgs.ac.uk/data/maps/home.html>
Provides high-resolution images of maps produced by the British Geological Survey starting in 1832.

British History Online

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/>
Digital library of important printed primary and secondary sources for the history of Britain and Ireland, mainly between 1300 and 1800.

British Library Online Gallery

<http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/index.html>
Access to the visual images of 30,000 items from the Library including old maps and virtual books.

British Library Newspapers: nineteenth century

<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelprestype/news/newspdigproj/database/>
Searchable full-text digital archive of 70 national and local newspapers from UK and Ireland.

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British Library Newspaper Collections

<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelprestype/news/blnewscoll/>

Full listing of all newspaper holdings in the British Library, including magazines, journals and many non- British publications. Guide and access to those that have been digitised.

Burney Collection Newspapers, 17th and 18th century.

<http://gdc.gale.com/products/17th-and-18th-century-burney-collection-newspapers/>

The largest single collection of English news media from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, mainly focusing on UK newspapers.

Centre for Metropolitan History

<http://www.history.ac.uk/cmh/main>

One of the leading centres for the study of metropolitan and urban history to promote research, teaching and publication. 'Resources' section provides online data.

Dictionary of National Biography

<http://www.oxforddnb.com/subscribed/>

Online version of DNB offering concise, up-to-date biographies of people who shaped British history from the Romans to the twenty-first century.

Digital Librarian, A Librarian's Choice of the Best of the Web

<http://www.digital-librarian.com/history.html>

Several hundred mostly North American websites are flagged containing a mass of digitised source material on US history. Includes some explanatory notes.

Early English Books On-line

<http://eebo.chadwyck.com/>

Full digital facsimiles of most printed books in English up to the eighteenth century.

E.H. Net

<http://eh.net/eha/>

Economics profession site for the promotion of teaching, research, and publications in economic history.

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Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO)

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/ecco/>

A library of over 135,000 18th-century printed books, with more than 26 million scanned facsimile pages. Each title is fully searchable. Includes full-text and illustrations.

Gallic

<http://gallica.bnf.fr/>

Offers access to 20 million pages of nineteenth-century French books.

Hansard 1803–2005

<http://hansard.millbanksystems.com>

Provides access to information from Hansard, the official report of debates in Parliament.

Historical Abstracts

<https://www.ebscohost.com/academic/historical-abstracts>

Bibliographic database covering the history of the world (excluding US and Canada) from 1450 to the present.

Historical Network Research

<http://historicalnetworkresearch.org/resources/bibliography/>

Articles relating to social network analysis in historical study.

Historical Text Archive

<http://historicaltextarchive.com/>

A collection of articles, essays and documents on world history with wide geographical scope and range historical subjects.

History Data Service

<http://hds.essex.ac.uk/>

A collection of digital sources from a range of largely UK historical datasets.

IDEAS

<https://ideas.repec.org>

Free access bibliographic database on economics with working papers, books, book chapters, and articles from peer-reviewed journals.

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Institute of Historical Research

<http://www.history.ac.uk/>

Gateway for history containing historiographical surveys, digital data links and details of various seminars on history subjects including 'Digital History':

<http://www.history.ac.uk/events/seminars/321>

Intute: humanities

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/humanities/>

Extensive catalogue and links to online resources and sources. See also Internet Resources for History PDF booklet:

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/supportdocs/history.pdf>

Intute: Social sciences

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/>

Social sciences gateway.

Internet Library of 18th and 19th Century Journals

<http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/ilej/>

Internet Text Archive

<http://www.archive.org/details/texts>

The main access point for e-books and texts worldwide from many national libraries and in many languages

Literature Online

<http://lion.chadwyck.co.uk/>

Good search engine for poetry, drama and novels that also includes online texts.

London Online

<http://www.history.ac.uk/cmh/lpol/>

Online bibliography of published material relating to the history of the Greater London area.

Modern History Source Book

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.html>

Contains many copy-permitted historical texts for educational use.

National Archives

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Catalogue of the collection.

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Oxford Text Archive

<http://ota.ahds.ac.uk/>

A collection and catalogue of e-library resources for research, teaching and learning in Higher Education.

UK Data Archive

<http://www.data-archive.ac.uk/>

Centre of expertise in data acquisition, preservation, dissemination and promotion. Curator of the largest collection of digital data in the social sciences and humanities in the UK.

UK Data Service

<http://ukdataservice.ac.uk/>

National data service providing access and support for an extensive range of key economic and social data, both quantitative and qualitative, spanning many disciplines and themes.

UK National Register of Archives

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/default.asp>

Covers England and Wales. This can be searched by name, subject, organisation, or keyword and provides an invaluable resource for tracking down primary sources.

EuroDocs: Online Sources for European History

<http://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/>

Open access source with links to transcriptions and reproductions of European primary historical documents, images, maps and other materials. The sources cover a wide range of European countries and historical events.

Project Gutenberg

<http://www.gutenberg.org/>

4. A vast collection of e-texts including autobiographies

Victorian databases online

<http://www.victoriandatabase.com/default.cfm>

Searchable database of over 118,000 books, articles and dissertation abstracts published from 1945 to 2016 on every aspect of nineteenth-century British studies

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Victorian Literary Studies Archives

<http://victorian.lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/concordance/>

The Hyper-Concordance written in a program that scans and displays lines based on a command entered by the user. Author lists are categorized by Victorian, British and Irish, and American.

Victorian Research Web

<http://victorianresearch.org/>

A guide to research sources for the scholarly study of nineteenth-century Britain.

Victorian Resources online

<http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu/~bpn2f/victorian/bibliog.html>

Online bibliographies and links for the study of nineteenth-century Britain. (The site has not been actively maintained since 2000.)

ZACAT

<http://zacat.gesis.org/webview/>

A social science data portal allowing you to search for, browse, analyse and download social science survey data, provided by GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences.

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4. Economic history datasets

American Family Immigration History Center, Statue of Liberty–Ellis Island Foundation

<http://www.ellisland.org/>

Searchable database containing sources about over 22 million passengers and crew members who passed through Ellis Island into the USA between 1892 and 1924.

Asia, Europe and North America mortality data

<http://www.mortality.org/>

Population and mortality data for 38 countries covering the period from 1751.

China Multi-Generational Panel Dataset, Liaoning

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/DSDR/studies/27063>

Provides population database of Shengjing, today's northeast Chinese province of Liaoning, 1749–1909.

Crop Yields: Three centuries of English yields 1211–1491

www.cropyields.ac.uk

Searchable database of pre-modern grain harvests.

Demographic, Social, Educational and Economic Data for France

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/07529>

A collection of demographic, social, economic and education data for France, 1833–1925.

Economic and Social Data Service

<http://www.esds.ac.uk/>

National data service providing access and support for more than 5,000 key economic and social data sets, both quantitative and qualitative, spanning many disciplines and themes.

EH.Net

<http://eh.net/databases/>

Contains various datasets of global financial data, wages, historical labour statistics and so on.

European Medieval and Early Modern Data Bank

<http://www2.scc.rutgers.edu/memdb/>

A collection of datasets pertaining to currency exchanges and prices of medieval and early modern Europe, from c.800 to 1815.

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European State Finance Database

<http://esfdb.websites.bta.com/Default.aspx>

Data on European fiscal history across the medieval, early modern and modern periods.

Global Commodity Prices Database

<http://www.gcpdb.info>

Price datasets that are categorized by market location, currency and commodity covering the period 1260–1914.

Global Price and Income History Group

<http://gpih.ucdavis.edu>

Data covering prices, wages and incomes for countries, regions and cities across the world from the medieval period.

Hearth Tax online

<http://www.hearthtax.org.uk/>

Digitised records of the English hearth tax

Historical Local Directories

<http://www.historicaldirectories.org/>

Digital library of local and trade directories for England and Wales, from 1750 to 1919.

Historical Statistics of the United States from colonial times to 1970

http://www.census.gov/library/publications/1975/compendia/hist_stats_colonial-1970.html

Includes more than 12,500 time series, mostly annual, providing a statistical history of US social, economic, political, and geographic development during periods from 1610 to 1970.

Human Development Index

<http://hdr.undp.org/en/statistics/hdi/>

United Nations report data and indicators.

Integrated Public Use Microdata Series USA

<http://www.ipums.umn.edu/>

Data sets from the US census 1850–1990.

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Internet Medieval Sourcebook

<http://legacy.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.asp>

Searchable full texts of many primary and secondary sources and maps of medieval Europe covering economic, social and religious topics.

Japan Historical Statistics

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/chouki/>

Large collection of statistics covering the economic, social and cultural life of Japan from 1868 to date.

Maddison project

<http://www.ggd.net/maddison/maddison-project/data.htm>

Project of Angus Maddison and his colleagues measuring long-term economic performance for different regions and time periods. Main source for comparative historical figures of GDP and GDP per capita.

Manorial Documents Register

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr/>

Index and brief descriptions of English and Welsh manorial records and where they are held. Records include: court rolls, surveys, maps and documents relating to the boundaries, franchises, wastes, customs or courts of a manor.

Measuring Worth

<http://measuringworth.com/ukgdp/>

Estimates of population and GDP for the UK from 1830 to the present

<http://moxlad-staging.herokuapp.com/home/es>

Economic and social data (in Spanish) for countries in Latin America, mainly twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

North Atlantic Population Project

<https://www.nappdata.org/napp/>

Database of the complete and sample census data of Canada, Denmark, the UK, Germany, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the US from 1703 and 1911.

OECD Data Portal

<http://www.oecd.org/statistics/>

Comparative economic and social data for the OECD with many visualizations.

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OECD 'Better Life Index'

<http://www.oecdbetterlifeindex.org/>

Comparative data on OECD living standards including 11 different indicators.

OECD 'Society at a Glance' compendium

<http://www.oecd.org/social/socialpoliciesanddata/>

Comparative OECD data on taxes, pensions, inequality etc.

Office of National Statistics (ONS)

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

Provides up-to-date downloads and visualization of data for British official statistics relating to the economy and society. Includes useful information on the production of official statistics and the classifications used.

Online Historical Population Reports

<http://www.histpop.org/ohpr/servlet/>

Online access to the complete population reports for Britain and Ireland from 1801 to 1937.

Population Reference Bureau

<http://www.prb.org/>

Population data for the world and USA, with maps and charts, data sheets and podcasts.

Total Economy Database

<https://www.conference-board.org/data/economydatabase/>

Annual data of GDP, population, employment, labour productivity and total factor productivity covering more than 120 countries.

The Transatlantic Slave Trade database

[http://www.slavevoyages.org/tast/index.faces`](http://www.slavevoyages.org/tast/index.faces)

Detailed information on almost 35,000 slave trade voyages.

United States Historical Census Data Browser

<http://mapserver.lib.virginia.edu>

Allows the study economic and social topics of each American state across census years from 1790 to 1970.

Vision of Britain through time

<http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/>

Contains maps, historical descriptions, statistical sources/trends covering the period 1801–2001

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World Bank Data series

<http://databank.worldbank.org/data/home.aspx>

Much economic and social data for countries around the world and microdata from household and other surveys on individual countries.

World-Historical Dataverse Project

<http://www.dataverse.pitt.edu/index.php>

Historical data on health, social science and environmental topics at the global level.

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5. Social and cultural history datasets

Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html>

Contains over 2,300 individual accounts and 500 photographs of former slaves in America.

Charles Booth online

<http://booth.lse.ac.uk/>

A searchable resource giving access to archive material from the (social reformer) Charles Booth collections of the Library of the London School of Economics and the Senate House Library.

Economic and Social Data Service

<http://www.esds.ac.uk/>

National data service providing access and support for an extensive range of key economic and social data, both quantitative and qualitative, spanning many disciplines and themes.

First World War

<http://www.amdigital.co.uk/m-collections/collection/the-first-world-war-personal-experiences/>

In two parts: 'Personal Experiences' includes a collection of primary sources about the lives of ordinary people during the War; and 'Propaganda and Recruitment' explores the relationship between the government, the press, and the general public in generating national support for the War.

Gathering the Jewels

<http://www.gtj.org.uk/>

Gives access to a wide range of digitized material relating to the cultural history of Wales.

GENESIS

<http://www.genesis.ac.uk>

Searchable database and guide to women's history resources in the Women's History Library at the London School of Economics. A sample of the collection (more than 300 items) is available in the online Digital Library.

Hidden Lives Revealed

<http://www.hiddenlives.org.uk/>

A virtual archive about children in care 1881-1918.

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Includes searchable full texts of many medieval primary and secondary sources, maps, images and links to other sites.

International Labour Organisation

<http://laborsta.ilo.org/>

Comparative labour market and related data.

Intute: MedHist

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/medhist/>

Gateway for the history of medicine offering access to information, archives and online material.

John Johnson Collection: An Archive of Printed Ephemera

<http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/johnson>

One of the largest collections of British printed ephemera with access to digitized sources.

Legacies of British Slave Ownership

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/>

Searchable database relating to British slave ownership, abolition compensation, and social and cultural impact of slave ownership on British society.

Locating London's Past

<http://www.locatinglondon.org/>

Enables search of a wide body of digital resources relating to early modern and eighteenth-century London, and to map the results on to a fully GIS-compliant version of John Rocque's 1746 map.

London Lives

<http://www.londonlives.org/>

A fully searchable edition of 240,000 manuscripts from eight archives and fifteen datasets, giving access to 3.35 million names.

Mass Observation Archive

www.massobservation.amdigital.co.uk

Lists surveys and observations, printed publications, and photographs for the study of social history in modern-era Britain. A proportion has been digitized.

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Migration to New Worlds: The century of immigration

<http://www.migration.amdigital.co.uk>

Digitized primary sources recording experiences of migration from the UK, Ireland, mainland Europe, and Asia to the New World and Australasia.

Mundus

<http://www.mundus.ac.uk>

Gateway containing description of over 400 collections of overseas missionary materials held in the UK.

Nineteenth-Century Collections Online: British theatre, music and literature – high and popular culture

<http://gdc.gale.com/nineteenth-century-collections-online/british-theatre-music-and-literature/>

A wide range of primary sources relating to the arts in the Victorian era.

North Carolina Runaway Slave Advertisements

<http://libcdm1.uncg.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/RAS>

Records of more than 2,300 runaway slave advertisements published in North Carolina newspapers from 1751 to 1840.

Old Bailey Proceedings

<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>

Searchable archive of the records of more than 190,000 criminal trials held at London's central criminal court.

Oxford Text Archive

<http://ota.ahds.ac.uk/>

Electronic literary and linguistic resources.

Parliamentary Papers 1688–1834

<http://parlipapers.chadwyck.com/home.do>

More than 200,000 House of Commons sessional papers from 1715 (and supplementary material from 1688). Searchable images of full text of each paper.

People's Collection Wales

<http://www.peoplescollection.wales/>

Searchable collection of digital material relating to the social and cultural history of Wales.

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Research Data on Voting and Public Opinion

<http://www.umich.edu/~nes/>

Data from National Election Studies surveys of the American electorate in presidential and congressional elections from 1948 to 1998.

US Presidential Election Maps: 1860–1996

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/elections/maps/>

Maps and voting percentages of the winning candidate in each American state in presidential elections between 1860 and 1996.

Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War

<http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu/vshadow>

Searchable archive relating to two communities in Virginia and Pennsylvania during the American Civil War, including church, military, agriculture and public records.

Vision of Britain through Time

<http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/>

Contains maps, historical descriptions and statistical sources/trends covering the period 1801–2001.

Weaver to Web

<http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/wtw/>

Archive of Calderdale (Yorkshire) history, giving access to over 23,000 images, accompanied by supporting historical information. Includes digitized documents and texts as well as visual images.

Women in national parliaments

<http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif.htm>

Data on women parliamentary representatives for many countries of the world.

Workhouses

<http://www.workhouses.org.uk/>

Charts the development of the Poor Law and workhouses and includes photographs and detailed histories of individual Poor Law Unions and workhouses.

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World War I document archive

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/~rdh/wwi/>

Archive of primary documents from the First World War.

Online Picture Libraries (UK)

Art UK: <http://artuk.org/discover/artworks>

Mary Evans Picture Library: <http://www.maryevans.com/>

Wellcome Image Library: <http://wellcomeimages.org/>

English Heritage: <http://viewfinder.english-heritage.org.uk/>

V&A Images: <http://www.vandaimages.com/index.asp>

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