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The Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH) grew out of the Royal Historical Society Bibliography of British and Irish History. Since its publication in 2010, BBIH has superseded the RHS Bibliography as an essential tool for researchers working on British and Irish history at every level and throughout the world.

Key features

- A database of over 530,000 records, updated three times per year, with around 12,000 references added annually
- Covers British and Irish history and relations with the empire and Commonwealth, from 55 BC to the present
- Includes records from partner projects: London’s Past Online and Irish History Online.
- Bibliographical data drawn from many sources, including (by kind permission of the British Library) their electronic table of contents database and the British National Bibliography
- Incorporates books, articles in journals (print and electronic), review articles and articles in collections of essays
- Over 750 journals and series regularly checked
- Contents reviewed by specialist academics for accuracy and completeness
- Indexed using a specially designed classification hierarchy
- [NEW] A metrics component was added in October 2013. It enables users to examine in detail trends in British and Irish history, see journal profiles (e.g. information on subjects and periods covered), and find authors’ publication profiles.
Aims and scope

The *Bibliography of British and Irish History Online* provides bibliographic data on historical writing dealing with the British Isles, and with the British empire and commonwealth, during all periods for which written documentation is available - from 55BC to the present.

As well as providing details of publications, the bibliography offers links to online catalogues to help you find the items that it lists in research libraries in Britain and Ireland. It also provides links to online text where available.

The bibliography is a guide to the work of historians - it does not contain original sources, unless they have been edited and republished by historians (except for a selection of key sources published before 1901).

The bibliography lists books, articles in books and articles in journals. Over 750 journals and series are regularly checked.

Material is included irrespective of place or language of publication.

The BBiH is a vital tool for any university library and is invaluable for all levels of academic research, from undergraduate dissertations to the most advanced scholarship.

**Subject areas** covered by the bibliography:

- Historiography and historical methods
- Demographic and environmental history
- Social history
- Medical history and health
- Economic history
- Media and communication
- Technology
- Intellectual, cultural and artistic history
- Social and cultural identity
- Religious history
- Political, administrative and legal history
- Military history
- Foreign affairs
- Women’s history
Numerous search options

The interface and search engine are identical to those used by other BREPOLis bibliographical databases which allow detailed searching.

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- Choice of simple or advanced search
- Numerous search fields: author, title, year of publication, subject, place, period, person, etc.
- Auto-complete function
- Automatic counting of number of responses for each search term
- Several export formats (EndNote, Zotero, RefWorks, Microsoft Office Word)
- Multi-lingual interface
- Use of Boolean and truncation operators
- Email alerts in order to stay up to date with new research [NEW]
- Metrics component [NEW]
- Embeddable search widget [NEW]
- Compatible with OpenURL, facilitating linkage to full text
- Ability to find out more about people covered using the integrated links with the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, the National Register of Archives and Who Was Who
- Also including links to British History Online, Reviews in History, H-Albion Reviews, Google books, and COPAC
‘Under the IHR, RHS and Brepols partnership, this essential resource for historians of the UK and its relations overseas continues to expand its coverage and develop new services for users’

Professor Miles Taylor,
Director of the Institute of Historical Research

‘It is impossible to overstate the importance of the Bibliography. Before its arrival, the process of preparing reading lists for courses and of establishing the precise bibliographical details of often recondite books and articles was a laborious task that could easily consume hours, if not days, a task that often ended in frustration. Needless to say, the business of guiding students to relevant background reading for a research project was in these circumstances a highly erratic task necessarily based on memory; after all, the printed bibliographies were several decades out of date.

Now in a few key strokes, these problems have all disappeared. In the process, a mass of relevant earlier works that have effectively been buried in the shelves have at last come to light. Consequently, with the Bibliography, it is now possible to find as definitive an answer as we are ever likely to get to any query about earlier works on a certain subject.

There can be no question; this development has revolutionized the study of British and Irish History. Indeed it is the envy of scholars in other fields. Suffice it to say that my colleagues in American history are deeply and profoundly envious of this innovative development.’

Thomas Cogswell
Professor and Chair
Department of History
University of California, Riverside

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Professor Colin Jones,
Queen Mary, University of London
(President of the Royal Historical Society, 2009-12)
Subject:
- British and Irish history from the Roman period to the present day, including relations with the empire and Commonwealth

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- A comprehensive cataloguing and indexing system.

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- Oliver Cromwell;
- Charles Darwin;
- Decolonization and independence;
- Éamon De Valéra;
- Domesday Book;
- Dublin;
- Edinburgh Castle;
- Elizabeth I;
- Ethnicity;
- Evangelicalism;
- Gender;
- Jade Goodie;
- Hadrian's wall;
- George Frederick Handel;
- Harold II Godwineson;
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- Karachi (Pakistan);
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- Ada Lovelace;
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- Prince Edward Island;
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