



St John's College Library

SUBJECT GUIDE: **HISTORY**

Resources for History

1. Books

Most history materials can be found in the Penrose section, Second floor. The main 'History' section covers standard chronological history sequences, country by country. For particular types of history you need to refer to that subject :

Location of broad subjects

CC	Archaeology (theory)
with the country in D-F	Archaeology (specific sites)
CD	Archives
BR	Church History - General
BX	- Denominational
JC-JX	Constitutional History and more theoretical politics
HC-HJ	Economic History
D-F	History (Chronological)
Q 125-175	History of Science
GN	Prehistory and Anthropological History
HN-HX	Social History

Location of geographic areas

D	General, World, and European	DJK	Eastern Europe
DA	UK	DK	Soviet Union & Poland
DB	Austria, Czechoslovakia	DL	Scandinavia
DC	France	DP	Spain and Portugal
DD	Germany	DQ	Switzerland
DE	Mediterranean region	DR	Balkans
DF	Greece	DS	Asia
DG	Italy	DT	African History
DH	Low countries	DU	Australasia/Pacific
DJ	Holland	E	North America/Canada
		F	Latin America

2. Journals

All of the Library's journal holdings, listed by subject, are available via the website:

www.joh.cam.ac.uk/journals

Bound volumes may be found in the journals sequence preceding the book sequence. Most history journals will be in the main Penrose section, Second floor. Unbound parts are in the Periodicals area on the Ground floor.

	<i>Classmark</i>	<i>Holdings</i>
<i>Anglo Norman Studies</i>	DA 192.B3	Vol.1- (1978-)
<i>Anglo-Saxon England</i>	DA 151.A5	Vol.1 (1972-)
<i>Annales</i>	DA 20.A6	Vol.14-66 (1969-2011)
	ANA	
<i>Antiquaries Journal</i>	CC 23.L6	Vol.1- (1921-)
	ANT	
<i>Antiquity</i>	CC 1.A6	Vol.1- (1927-)
<i>Cambrian Medieval Celtic Studies</i>	DA 700.C3	Vol.26- (1993-)
<i>English historical review</i>	D 1.E5	Vol.1- (1886-)
<i>Historia</i>	D 51.M5	Vol.1- 62(1950-2013)
<i>Historical journal</i>	D 1.J6	Vol.1- (1958-)
<i>Historical Research (Bulletin)</i>	B 1.B7	Vol.1- (1925-)
<i>History</i>	D 1.H5	Vol.12- (1928-)
	HIS	
<i>History of political thought</i>	JA 8.H5	Vol.1- (1928-)
<i>History today</i>	HIS	Vol.44- (1994-)
<i>Journal of contemporary history</i>	D 410.J6	Vol.29-46 (1994-2011)
<i>Medieval Archaeology</i>	CC 1.M4	Vol.1- (1957-)
<i>Past and present</i>	D 1.P3	Vol.1- (1952-)
<i>Revue historique</i>	D 1.R4	Vol.153- (1926-)
<i>Speculum</i>	D 111.S6	Vol.136- (1961-)
<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>	DA 20.R5-7	1951-
	ROY	1875-1950
<i>Twentieth century British history</i>	DA 20.T8	Vol.1- (1990-)
<i>Viator</i>	D 111.V5	Vol.3- (1972-)

3. *Special Collections*

The [Special Collections](#) held in the Old Library contain a wealth of primary sources for historians, as well as early editions of key historical texts. The [early printed collections](#) span the fifteenth to eighteenth, and early nineteenth centuries. Owing to the number of statesmen who passed through the College's doors in the sixteenth century, the collections are particularly strong for Britain during the Tudor and Jacobean periods, as well as the Civil Wars of the seventeenth century. The development of the anti-slavery movement in Britain is also well represented, as two Johnians, Thomas Clarkson and William Wilberforce, were at the forefront of its early campaigns. The collections as a whole are very broad-ranging, however, and provide ample material on topics as diverse as the European Reformation and Counter-Reformation, and the history of medicine. Please ask the [Special Collections Librarian](#), if you would like to explore these resources further.

4. *Electronic resources*

[The Library Gateway](#) provides a complete guide to electronic resources available across the University:

www.lib.cam.ac.uk/eresources/index.php

Select 'History' from the drop-down menu. Key resources include:

British History Online

British Newspapers 1600-1900

Cambridge Histories Online

National Archives Discovery (redirected from 'National Archives DocumentsOnline')

[The Institute of Historical Research website](#) comprehensively lists relevant digital resources:

www.history.ac.uk/

Note: A Raven password is required for online access off-campus.

Recommendations

The College Library aims to provide all works necessary for Part One courses, and a selection of the most important works required for Part Two. We receive reading lists from the departmental libraries in advance of each academic year, and continually update the Library collections in response to requests from Directors of Studies, supervisors, and students. If texts you require for your course are not available in the College Library, please talk to a member of Library staff. Recommendation cards for new purchases can be found at the Issue Desk, and all reasonable requests will be considered.

Help

If you have any difficulty in tracing the material you need, whether in printed or electronic format, please ask a member of Library staff for assistance.

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