Guide to British Parliamentary Documents at Ohio State University Libraries

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1. DIGITAL DOCUMENTS

Parliamentary Papers (and debates, bills, acts, journals+)
The Parliamentary Papers (Sessional Papers) are primary source reports and documents produced or published by the British House of Commons and House of Lords. They include documents from the 17th century - 21st century. The documents have analytical and descriptive information on all aspects of British politics, society, economy, health, technology, foreign affairs, and affairs of the British empire. Also find maps, illustrations, tables and other graphic materials. The database also provides full text from Hansard, the Official Report of debates in Parliament, from both the House of Commons and House of Lords, from 1803 to 2005; bill and acts (17th century -1834); journals, and proceedings.

Acts, Bills, Statutory Instruments, Votes and Proceedings


Statutory Instruments. 1987- present (Note copyright information)

Votes and Proceedings. (Commons) May 1998- present

Acts and Statutes from the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Scottish Parliament, and the National Assembly of Wales.

Debates

Hansard Debates (House of Commons; House of Lords) 1803-2005

House of Commons Parlamentenary Debates (Hansards) 1988- (part text) 2002- (complete), Includes text and indexes. edited verbatim report of proceedings in the Chamber, in Westminster Hall and in Standing Committees. MPs’ words are reported with repetitions and
redundancies omitted and with obvious mistakes corrected, but nothing is left out which adds to the meaning of the speech or illustrates the argument.

_House of Lords Parliamentary Debates (Hansards) 1995- (part text) 2002-(complete),_ Includes text and indexes edited verbatim report of proceedings in the Chamber, in Westminster Hall and in Standing Committees. MPs’ words are reported with repetitions and redundancies omitted and with obvious mistakes corrected, but nothing is left out which adds to the meaning of the speech or illustrates the argument.

**Papers and Documents**

**Official Documents May 2005--present**

Official reference facility for Command and departmentally sponsored House of Commons Papers. From May 2005 onwards, all Command Papers and House of Commons Papers, as well as Key Departmental Papers are included. Does not include Statutory Instruments or Acts (see above for these).

**Parliamentary Reports from select committees** (House of Commons and House of Lords) including those of select committees, as well as a link to the Parliamentary Archives where the historic records of Parliament are stored and made available to the public.

**2. PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES**

**House of Commons Debates (all volumes or sets include an index)**

1066-1803 (J301H6 in RARE)

Cobbett’s Parliamentary History of England from the Earliest Period to the Year 1803. 36 Vols. London : H.M. Stationery off., 18 - Includes the proceedings and debates. Check the introduction for a discussion of authenticity of the information. See the table of contents and name index.

1621 (DA385 .N9 in in Thompson Library)


1628 (DA395 .G738 in in Thompson Library)

Commons Debates 1628. 6 Vols. edited by Robert C. Johnson ... [et al.]. New Haven : Yale University Press, 1977-

1629 (H31 .M65 NO10 in Depository)

1667 -1694. (J301.K2 1667 in Rare Storage. Request in Rare Book Room )
Debates of the House of Commons, from 1667 to 1694: Collected by the
digital facsimile format from Eighteenth Century Collection; As online in transcript form from British History Online.

1668 -1741
A Collection of the Parliamentary Debates in England, from the year M,DC,LXVIII. to the present
time. ... [London], 1739-42. 21 Vols. Available in digital facsimile format from Eighteenth Century Collection

1774-1780
The Parliamentary Register; or, History of the Proceedings and Debates of the House of
Commons; ... and a list of the acts ... London: printed for J. Almon, 1775-1780. 17 Vols. (Vols. 2, 5, 10, 14, 15 are proceedings of the House of Lords; the other volumes are proceedings of
the House of Commons) Available in digital facsimile format from Eighteenth Century Collection

1796-1802
The Parliamentary Register; or, History of the Proceedings and Debates of the House of
Commons... London: printed for J. Debrett, 1797-1800. 12 vols. (Some volumes include the
House of Lords) Available in digital facsimile format from Eighteenth Century Collection

1803-2005
Hansard Debates (House of Commons; House of Lords) 1803-2005

1803-1820 (J301H61 in RARE 1803-1810; in Thompson Bound Journals, 1810-
1820)
The Parliamentary Debates From the Year 1803 to the Present Time. London: T.C. Hansard,
1812-

1820-1830 (J301H62 in Thompson Bound Journals)
The Parliamentary Debates. 25 Vols. London: Published under the superintendence of
T.C. Hansard, 1820-1829

1830-1891 (J301H63 in Thompson Bound Journals)

1891-1908 (J301H64 in Thompson Bound Journals)

1909-1985 (J301H652 in Thompson Bound Journals)
The Parliamentary Debates (Hansard), official report, 5th series. London, H.M. Stationery Off., 19 -
The Parliamentary Debates (Hansard), official report, 5th series. London, H.M. Stationery Off., 19 -

1982-present (J301H65 at Thompson Microfilms)

The Parliamentary Debates (Hansard), official report, 5th series. London, H.M. Stationery Off., 19 -

1988- (part text) 2002-(complete) (Online WEB Access)

The Parliamentary Debates (Hansard), includes text and indexes. Edited verbatim report of proceedings in the Chamber, in Westminster Hall and in Standing Committees. MPs' words are reported with repetitions and redundancies omitted and with obvious mistakes corrected, but nothing is left out which adds to the meaning of the speech or illustrates the argument.

House of Lords Debates

1558-1603 (Z2002.W76 E242 Microfilm reel 614 and 664 at Thompson Microfilms)


1621 (DA20 .C1719 v.103)


1621, 1625, 1628 (DA20 .C17 Ser.3 v.42 in Thompson)

Notes of the debates in the House of Lords, officially taken by Robert Bowyer and Henry Elsing, clerks of the Parliaments, A.D. 1621, 1625, 1628. Edited from the original manuscripts in the Inner Temple library, the Bodleian library and House of lords, by Frances Helen Relf. London, Offices of the Royal society, 1929.

1624, 1626 (DA20 .C17 new ser.v.24 in Thompson)


1909-1986 (J301H651 in Thompson Bound Journals)

The Parliamentary Debates (Hansard), official report, 5th series. London, H.M. Stationery Off., 19 -

1986-present (J301H651 Microfiche in Thompson Microfilm)


1995- (part text) 2002-(complete) (Online WEB Access)

The Parliamentary Debates (Hansard), includes text and indexes. Edited verbatim report of
proceedings in the Chamber, in Westminster Hall and in Standing Committees. MPs’ words are reported with repetitions and redundancies omitted and with obvious mistakes corrected, but nothing is left out which adds to the meaning of the speech or illustrates the argument.

3. **PARLIAMENTARY (SESSIONAL) PAPERS**

Parliamentary Papers (and debates, bills, acts, journals+)

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**House of Commons Papers**

1715-1802 (J301.K7 in Rare Storage. Request in Rare Book Room at Univ. Archives; Index in in Thompson Reference (Grand Reading Rm))

Reports from Committees of the House of Commons : reprinted by order of the House. [London : s.n., 1803].

18th Century (J301K6261975 Thompson Oversize)

House of Commons. Sessional Papers of the Eighteenth Century. 145 Vols. . SEE the 2 volume INDEX in Reference Dept. (J301K6251975). The sessional papers are reports, accounts and bills produced by the House. *Not all of the documents listed in the index are printed in this set.*

1731-1900 (Microprint J301K6 in Rare Storage. Request in Rare Book Room at Univ. Archives). British Sessional Papers (House of Commons). 1731-1900. House reports, accounts, and bills. Use the Catalogue and Index in the first box of microprints to aid your search. The documents are arranged in chronological order.

1780-1921 (K301K68 in Rare Storage. Request in Rare Book Room at Univ. Archives) House of Commons Parliamentary Papers. Original print edition incomplete.

1801-1921 (DA530 .H5762 1980 Microfiche; Thompson Microfilm)

Index: 1801-1979. Index to the House of Commons parliamentary papers on CD-ROM. Microforms Rm.


1922-1982 (J301K68 in Depository and Rare) House of Commons Parliamentary Papers. London, [His Majesty’s Stationery Office, 190 -

Index: 1801-1979. Index to the House of Commons parliamentary papers on CD-ROM. Microforms Rm.


Recent (Online WEB Access)

Parliamentary Reports from select committees (House of Commons and House of Lords), including those of select committees, as well as a link to the Parliamentary Archives where the historic records of Parliament are stored and made available to the public.

House of Lords Papers

1921-1985 (J301J6 in Thompson Library)
Sessional Papers. [London, H. M. Stationery Off.], 19 -

1985-present-- (J301J6 Microfiche in Thompson Microfilm)
Sessional Papers. [London, H. M. Stationery Off.], 19

Recent (Online WEB access)

Parliamentary Reports from select committees (House of Commons and House of Lords)

Lords Papers. General Index 1714-1805. A general index to the Sessional Papers Printed by Order of the House of Lords or Presented by Special Command 1714-1805. Oceana Publ., 1986. (J301G743 in in Thompson Reference (Grand Reading Rm). Although this index is available, OSU does not own the Lordssessional papers for the 18th century.

A General Index to the Sessional papers printed by order of the House of Lords, or presented by special command; from the union with Ireland to the termination of the fifth session of the fifteenth Parliament of the United Kingdom. (1801-1859) Comp. by order of the Select Committee on the Library of the House of Lords. [London] 1854. Also available: 1859-70,
1871-85 (J301J6 in Thompson Reference (Grand Reading Rm)); 1890-1914 (being cataloged as of 5/06) for J301J6 in Rare Storage due to poor condition (request in Rare).

Special Printed Indexes to Parliamentary Papers


Southeast Asia References in the British Parliamentary Papers, 1801-1972/73: An Index. (Z3221.W54 in Depository)

Select list of British Parliamentary Papers, 1833-1899. (J301.M3 1833-1899 in Thompson Reference (Grand Reading Rm))


General index to the Bills, Reports and papers printed by order of the House of Commons and to the reports and Papers presented by command, 1900 to 1948-49. London, H. M. Stationery Off., 1960. (J301M3 in Thompson Reference (Grand Reading Rm))

4. PARLIAMENTARY STATUTES (HISTORICAL)


The Statutes at Large, From Magna Charta, to the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, ... [1215-1800] By Owen Ruffhead, Esq. A new edition, in ten volumes, revised, corrected, and continued, by Charles Runnington... London : printed by Charles Eyre and Andrew Strahan; and by William Woodfall and Andrew Strahan, 1786. *Available in digital format from Eighteenth Century Collections Online.*


5. JOURNALS AND PROCEEDINGS

Both Houses of Parliament

1558-1603  (J301.H14 1682 in Rare Storage. Request in Rare Book Room at Univ. Archives; Z2002.W76 E242 Microfilm Reel 180, Micro. Rm)
The Journals of All the Parliaments During the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, both of the House of Lords and House of Commons. Collected by Sir Simonds D'Ewes. London, Printed for John Starkey at the Mitre in Fleetstreet Available in digital facsimile format from Early English Books Online (EEBO) Also available in transcript from British History Online.

1610  (J301 .H32 in in Thompson Library)

1625  (JN534 1625.P76 in in Thompson Library)

1626  (JN534 1626.P76 in in Thompson Library)

1628  (DA395 .G738 in in Thompson Library)
Proceedings in Parliament. 1628. Same as Commons Debates 1628. 6 Vols. edited by Robert C. Johnson ... [et al.]. New Haven :Yale University Press, 1977-

House of Commons Journal

Digital Information

House of Commons Journals  (1547-1699; 1830)

Print Information
1547-1839  (J301K3 in Rare Storage. Request in Rare Book Room at Univ. Archives) Journals of the House of Commons. [S.l.]: printed by order of the House of Commons, 18??-


1614-1801  (J301K32 in Rare Storage. Request in Rare Book Room ) Journal of the House of Commons. [n.p.] 1803.


1660-1740s  (J301 .K43 in Rare Storage. Request in Rare Book Room) The History and Proceedings of the House of Commons From the Restoration to the Present Time, containing the most remarkable motions, speeches, resolves, reports and conferences 14 Vols. Available in digital format from Eighteenth Century Collections.

1986-present  (J301K3 Microfiche at Thompson Microfilms) Journals of the House of Commons.

**HOUSE OF LORDS JOURNALS**

*Digital Information*

*House of Lords Journals (1509-1764, 1832-34)*

*Print Information*

1509-1834  (J301J3 in Rare Storage. Request in Rare Book Room at Univ. Archives [11/23/04]) Journals of the House of Lords. [London: H.M.S.O., 18??-]

6. ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS OF PARLIAMENTARY DOCUMENTS


The Mirror of Parliament for the ... session of the ... Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland. London : Longman, Orme, Brown, Green & Longmans, 1828-1841. 60 Vols. Sometimes bound as Barrow's Debates. It is fuller than Hansard for the period 1828-1833, and Members at that time corrected their speeches for its editors. [Not held by OSU. Limited holdings in OhioLink.]

The Parliamentary writs and writs of military summons, together with the records and muniments relating to the suit and service due and performed to the King's high court of Parliament and the councils of the realm, or affording evidence of attendance given at Parliament and councils. Collected and edited by Francis Palgrave. Printed by command in pursuance of an address of the House of Commons of Great Britain. [London] 1827-34. 2 Vols. in 4 parts. (DA25 .B1 1827 A in Rare Storage. Request in Rare Book Room at Univ. Archives)


Historical collections: or, An exact account of the proceedings of the four last parliaments of Q. Elizabeth of famous memory. [1589 until 1601] Wherein is contained the compleat journals both of the Lords & Commons, taken from the original records of their houses. As also the more particular behaviours of the worthy members during all the last notable sessions together with the most considerable passages of the history of those times. Faithfully and laboriously collected by Heywood Townshend. London, Printed for T. Basset, W. Crooke, and W. Cademan, 1680. Available in digital facsimile from Early English Books Online.
Also available in the original from the Rare Book Room (DA350 .T6). Request at the Thompson Rare.


*The Parliamentary or Constitutional History of England, From the Earliest Times, to the Restoration of King Charles II*. 2nd ed. 24 Vols. London, Printed for J. and R. Tonson, 1761-63. (J301 .H18 in Rare Storage. Request in Rare Book Room at Univ. Archives)

Available in digital format from Eighteenth Century Collection.