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Free access collections and archives

Below is a selection of both free-to-access and restricted archives that are an extremely valuable source of information for researchers. The collection can be accessed and searched via the [JISC Hub features collections](#). Alternatively, access their wide range of [digital resources](#).

[19th Century British Pamphlets Online](#)

Pamphlets covering the political, social and economic issues of the 1800s, with highlights including British policy in China, the philosophy of medicine and women and work.

[Anglo-Saxon Cluster](#)

All aspects of Anglo-Saxon history including bibliographical data and descriptions of landscape.

[A Vision of Britain Through Time](#)

Historical maps, statistics and travel writing charting rapid, wide-reaching change across the British landscape and people during the 19th and 20th Centuries.

[The Cause Papers](#)

A church court archive of over 15,000 papers and related materials giving insight into northern English life between 1300 and the mid-Victorian era.

[Connected Histories](#)

Making new connections between major digital collections of British history from 1500- 1900, covering family and local history, religion, politics, government, and entertainment, with research guides on areas such as 'Crime and Justice'.

[History to Herstory](#)

The lives of Yorkshire women, dating from 1100 to today, as told through diaries, letters, including from the Brontë sisters, books and photographs covering themes such as work, education, war, politics and health.

[Histpop: Online Historical Population Reports](#)

Details covering the British population during a period of massive social change, between 1801 to 1937, with statistics on births, deaths, marriages and other social trends, documents and over 100 contextual essays.

[Language Box](#)

Materials and resources for teaching and studying minority 'community' languages, so far including Bengali, Tigrinya, Malay and Scottish Gaelic.

[Locating London's Past](#)

A digitised map and cross referenced materials that provide fascinating detail on London during the 18th Century, including archaeology, crime, poverty and social policy.

[StrandLines Online Community](#)

Strandlines is a digital community of academic researchers, residents, workers and any other enthusiasts to share stories and images and uncover memories and archive material.

Restricted access collections and archives

[19th Century UK Periodicals](#)

Insights into life in 19th Century Britain, from attitudes to childhood, hobbies, leisure pursuits, comedy and the status of women.

[British Periodicals](#)

Hundreds of periodicals from the late 17th to early 20th Centuries on subjects including literature, philosophy, history, science, art, music, drama, archaeology, architecture and social sciences.

[British Library Electronic Thesis Online \(ETHOS\) Service](#)

Over 250,000 theses on a wide range of subjects from more than 100 participating UK higher education institutions, plus a tool kit and regular news updates.

[Ireland Collection: digital resources from and about Ireland](#)

Journals, magazines and manuscripts dating from the 18th century on all aspects of Ireland.

[Statistical accounts of Scotland](#)

Collated during the 1790s and 1830s by parish ministers and other local officials such as doctors and teachers, these statistical accounts, which include drawings, maps and photos, provide a picture of local and national Scottish life.