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[British Pathé](#)

British Pathé is considered to be the finest newsreel archive in the world and is a treasure trove of 85,000 films unrivalled in their historical and cultural significance.

[British History Online](#)

British History Online is a not-for-profit digital library based at the Institute of Historical Research. It brings together material for British history from the collections of libraries, archives, museums and academics. These primary and secondary sources, which range from medieval to twentieth century, are easily searchable and browsable online.

[The British Library: Online Galleries](#)

The British Library contains primary documents on the history of Britain

[Cambridge Digital Library](#)

Over the course of six centuries Cambridge University Library's collections have grown from a few dozen volumes into one of the world's great libraries, with an extraordinary accumulation of books, maps, manuscripts and journals.

[Kings Collage London: Online Exhibitions](#)

Here you can explore highlights of the College's uniquely rich and growing collections of more than 5 million archives, rare books, photographs and illustrations that span more than 500 years of world history.

[Connected Histories](#)

Connected Histories brings together a range of digital resources related to early modern and nineteenth century Britain with a single federated search that allows sophisticated searching of names, places and dates, as well as the ability to save, connect and share resources within a personal workspace.

[The History of Parliament](#)

The History of Parliament is a research project creating a comprehensive account of parliamentary politics in England, then Britain, from their origins in the thirteenth century. Unparalleled in the comprehensiveness of its treatment, the History is generally regarded as one of the most ambitious, authoritative and well-researched projects in British history.

[The Spectator Archive](#)

From 1828 to 2008, explore the history of The Spectator Magazine. Every page has been scanned and digitised, each article tagged and extracted, so that you can search the whole archive by content, keyword, topic, location, and date.

[The National Archives (US): Docs Teach](#)

The National Archives has selected thousands of primary source documents to bring the past to life as classroom teaching tools from the billions preserved at the National Archives. Use the search field above to find written documents, images, maps, charts, graphs, audio and video in our ever-expanding collection that spans the course of American history.

[University of Washington: Britain and Ireland](#)

This contains a research guide to primary and secondary sources for British and Irish history.

[The Illustrated First World War](#)

With the centenary of the First World War upon us, Illustrated London News and Great Eight Illustrated Magazine collection archives, felt a responsibility to make the 1914-18 archives available to the public for research, education and pleasure.

[Euro Docs](#)

These open access sources are readily available to all -- without fees or subscriptions. Links connect to European primary historical documents that are transcribed, reproduced in facsimile, or translated.

[The Library of Congress](#)

This provides free and open access through the Internet to written and spoken words, sound recordings, still and moving images, prints, maps, and sheet music that document the American experience.

[World Digital Library](#)

The WDL makes it possible to discover, study, and enjoy cultural treasures and significant historical documents on one site, in a variety of ways. Content on the WDL includes books, manuscripts, maps, newspapers, journals, prints and photographs, sound recordings, and films.

[Online Historical Population Reports](#)

The Online Historical Population Reports (OHPR) collection provides online access to the complete British population reports for Britain and Ireland from 1801 to 1937.

[Olive Active Paper Archive](#)

ActivePaper Archive is a collection of newspaper headlines from the Manchester Guardian, Daily News, News of the World and the Weekly Dispatch dating from 1851 to 1918. You can use a keyword search to find a resource or a particular date. It is a limited resource, as it has only a selected number of years but it can be useful for finding more local news articles.

[Local Image Collection](#)

The Manchester Local Image Collection is a unique photographic record of Manchester, its people, streets and buildings from a period stretching well over 100 years. Over 80,000 images of Manchester and the surrounding area are available to view online. The database contains pictures depicting executions and public reaction. One example is the Manchester Outrage, where Sergeant Charles Brett was killed in the Irish struggle for freedom from British rule, providing an insight into Irish nationalism.

[British Cartoon Archive](#)

The British Cartoon Archive allows users to search their full collection of British cartoons, comic strips, newspaper cuttings and artwork dating back to 1904. User can use a keyword search to find satirical depictions of crime and criminal culture, i.e. the portrayal of the incompetent policeman versus the intelligent criminal. Users can also search using a particular author or publishing date. The Archive has over a 140,000 pieces of cartoon artwork supported by a reference library of newspaper cuttings, books, catalogues and magazines.

[Ninetieth-Century Serials Edition](#)

The *Nineteenth-Century Serials Edition* is a free, online scholarly edition of six nineteenth-century periodicals and newspapers. The database provides newspapers accounts from 1806 to 1890 from a variety of different sources, giving a reflection of events in the 19th century.

[The National Library of Wales](#)

The site allows users to view issue of crime from a Welsh perspective, with the archive containing 7.6 million articles and 725,000 pages. Search can also be filtered on a regional basis so users can view how different parts of Wales dealt with crime. All newspaper sources are open access and no subscription is required.

[Columbia University Libraries](#)

This is an image database and indexing tool comprising some 13,000 documents (more than 30,000 page images) scanned chiefly from photocopies of original documents

[North Carolina Digital Collection](#)

The North Carolina Digital Collections contain over 90,000 historic and recent photographs, state government publications, manuscripts, and other resources on topics related to North Carolina. The Collections are free and full-text searchable, and bring together content from the State Archives of North Carolina and the State Library of North Carolina.

[HANSARD](#)

The HANSARD database is an online archive of debates that took place in the House of Parliament between 1803 and 2005. A user can use a keyword search to find a resource or they can search using the year. The database will show all the written Answers, written Statements and the transcripts of the debates that took place in the House of Commons. The site has been produced from digitised editions of Commons and Lords Hansard, the Official Report of debates in Parliament.

[Harvard Law School Library: Digital Collections and Exhibitions](#)

The Library is dedicated to digitizing and making available online selections of its rare and important materials. In addition to bringing these materials to a wider audience, digitization facilitates access to unique and valuable materials while preserving and protecting fragile originals.

[The National Archives](#)

The National Archives has a vast collection of resources that spans British history. The collections range from 1066 to the present day. There are online exhibitions, documents, films, photographs and other collections.

[The National Archives of Ireland](#)

The National Archives holds the records of the modern Irish State which document its historical evolution and the creation of our national identity. These documents have enormous research potential as they provide essential primary source material for people seeking to understand the political, economic and social forces which have shaped our nation.

[Copac](#)

Copac exposes rare and unique research material by bringing together the catalogues of c.90 major UK and Irish libraries (and growing).

[The Bodleian Libraries](#)

The combined collections of the Libraries group number more than 11 million printed items, in addition to 80,000 e-journals and vast quantities of materials in many other formats.

[National Library of Scotland](#)

Visit our Digital Gallery for access to maps, broadsides, books, photographs, posters, films and other digitised material.

[The University of Sheffield: HRI Digital](#)

HRI Online Publications is the publishing arm of the Humanities Research Institute at the University of Sheffield. We host and maintain high quality digital research resources arising from our projects.

[Digital History](#)

This is a database of primary source materials, which are related to American History. The materials range from 1492 to the 1800's.

[British Printed Images to 1700](#)

This website makes available a database of thousands of prints and book illustrations from early modern Britain in fully-searchable form.

[BBC Archive](#)

Take a trip through our collective past with the BBC archives and discover themed collections of radio and TV programmes, documents and photographs from as far back as the 1930s.

[National Portrait Gallery](#)

The Gallery was founded in 1856 to collect portraits of famous British men and women. Explore 200,000 portraits from the 16th Century to the present day

[Digital Collections at the University of Maryland](#)

Collections include groupings of digital files of original photographs, correspondence, literary manuscripts, digital videos, and other formats discoverable within one searchable database.

[British Film Institute](#)

BFI Player enables you to watch great films without subscription. It is a video on-demand service from the British Film Institute (BFI).It contains classic and contemporary, hand-picked from our festivals, cultural programme and the BFI National Archive

[Colonial Film: Moving Images of the British Empire](#)

Welcome to Colonial Film: Moving Images of the British Empire. This website holds detailed information on over 6000 films showing images of life in the British colonies. Over 150 films are available for viewing online. You can search or browse for films by country, date, topic, or keyword. Over 350 of the most important films in the catalogue are presented with extensive critical notes written by our academic research team.