

## Sample Queries

1. How can I find out the scholarship surrounding St. James's Chronicle, the long running Protestant and anti-Tractarian weekly established in mid-eighteenth century?
2. I remember the unusual name "Croom Robertson" as a contributor to a late century periodical, but do not know which. How can I find it, when I am not sure whether Croom is a Christian name or a Surname?
3. Did any anthropological journals exist in Victorian Britain?
4. Which children's periodicals were being published in Oxfordshire during the decade of Alice in Wonderland? In London?
5. My grandfather, William James North, lived in Nottingham in 1873. Were any street directories to that city published for that year?
6. Which publications were concerned with women and work?
7. I have heard that the British have always kept detailed port records for all ships entering and leaving each port, their origin, destination, owners, crew, cargo, refits, and so on. Where can I find such records?
8. The *Edinburgh Monthly Magazine* and *Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine*, published also in London, seem to have been related at one point. How can I find the details?
9. Which music reviews were being published in Birmingham during 1846, the year of the Birmingham music festival where Mendelsohn's Elijah oratorio premiered?
10. Which Manchester papers reported on the Crimean War?
11. Women's fashions in the 1880's?
12. I would like to browse the variety of Victorian organizations which published periodicals. How can I do that?
13. Which anti-slavery periodicals were being published during the time of the success of Wilberforce's campaign to abolish the slave trade, with the Abolition of Slavery Act in 1833?
14. Which newspaper was available in Seacombe during the 1860's?
15. How can I find the scholarship surrounding such titles as *Punch*, *The London Illustrated News*, and

## Answers

1. **Search** the title index for *St. James's Chronicle*. If you are uncertain about the spelling, then **Browse** the title index beginning at St or Saint. When you find the title, look in the *Histories* field for a list of scholarship on this periodical.
2. A **Global Search** for “Croom, Robertson” will look for every combination of those two names throughout the database, while a **People Index Browse** will turn it up under Robertson, Croom.
3. A **Subject Index** search for “Anthropology” brings up 55 titles of journals which either have Anthropology as their primary focus (such as those of the Anthropological Society) or as one of several subjects written about. This same results screen cross-refers me to “Ethnology” which lists a further 15 titles.
4. An **Advanced Search** for titles published on the subject of “Children”, the place ‘Oxford’ and the dates “1860-1869 brings up 3 titles in Oxford, 1 in Bicester, OXFORDshire. Searching on London during the same period brings up 183 such titles.
5. An **Advanced Search** for titles published on the subject of “Directories” in Nottingham, 1870-1880, presents 11 records, of which one is *Wright's Directory of NOTTINGHAM and 12 miles round*, an annual running from 1868 to 1905.
6. A **Global Search** for “women and work” presents 122 titles, including *Handbook for Women's Work* (1875), *Female's Advocate, The* (1838-1845), *Industrial Art* (1877-78), advocating “female employment in art designs and Industrial Technical Schools for women,” and *WOMEN and WORK ; a weekly industrial, educational, and household register for WOMEN (1874-76)* by Emily Faithfull.
7. A **Global Search** for the word “port” brings up 109 records; for “register and shipping” returns a list of 20 titles; for “maritime” brings up 39 records, including *Mitchell's Maritime Register* (1856-1922+) and *The Weekly Shipping Record and Maritime Advertiser* (1856), containing “an authentic record of the current Rate of Freights, Amount and Description of Cargo, Time of Departure, probable Time of Arrival, Amount of Tonnage, and all other requisite information; ...an authentic and detailed record of ACCIDENTS, LOSSES, WRECKS, &c.; with full and succinct Reports of the proceedings of Committees of Inquiry and Investigation, as also all important LEGAL PROCEEDINGS instituted in connection with them. Elaborate Records of all ARRIVALS, VESSELS SPOKEN WITH, Vessels Detained from any causes; the Time of Departure and Destination of Vessels trading in every part of the Globe, with full and detailed descriptions of the Cargoes; Lists, in extenso, of all Ships Loading in London or the Outports.
8. A **Title Index Search** for *Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine* provides the following comment on this title: “This journal began as the *Edinburgh Monthly Magazine* . However, a variant printing of issues 1-6 also appeared as *Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine*. It is possible that this latter title was retroactively issued as a result of a dispute. Apart from this and a trivial imprint variant of this issue, the two editions are identical. See the facsimile title pages for this record. In 1810 appeared the *Edinburgh Monthly Magazine* not related to the 1817 publication of the same name.”

9. An Advance Search for the subject "music", the place "Birmingham" and the date 1846 reports 22 titles, one of which is The Birmingham Music Examiner and Dramatic Review (1845-46), which claimed "the musical doings' of importance in the Metropolis will be duly registered; and all musical matters belonging to BIRMINGHAM and the neighbourhood will be found in our pages." Theatrical performances will be fully criticised; and whatever is likely to improve the mind and cultivate the taste, will receive the greatest attention" (1:1, p.1)
10. An **Advanced Search** on the *Place* of Manchester, Start Date 1854 and End Date 1856 brings up 121 titles. One of these is especially promising: *The Daily War Telegraph and General Advertiser*.
11. A **Global Search** for "Women, Fashion" comes up with 56 records, 41 of which have photofacsimile title pages. Some of these have illustrations fashions, many others deal with fashions; **OR**, an **Advanced Search** for the subjects "women, fashion" and the years 1880 to 1890 brings up 452 records, of which one is *Beauty and Fashion; an illustrated journal for men & women of the world*.
12. Browse the **Issuing Body Index**, beginning at any letter of the alphabet you wish. You will very quickly be introduced to the remarkable Victorian world of social responsibility with titles such as The Ragged School Union, The Society for Educating the Poor of Newfoundland, The Society for Bettering the Condition and Increasing the Comforts of the Poor, The Social Purity Movement. Similarly the many scientific, musical, anti-slavery, literary, mission, and humane societies, not to speak of the great range of mission societies, quickly provide a flavour of the culture.
13. An **Advanced Search** for the *Subject* Slavery, the *Start Date* 1830 and *End Date* 1834 brings up a list of 72 titles.
14. A Global Search for Seacombe, a small town which seems not to have published its own periodical or newspaper, results in six titles. One is Birkenhead Advertiser and Weekly Intelligencer for Rock Ferry, Seacombe & New Brighton Districts (1858 – 1860).
15. The *Waterloo Directory*... attempts (impossibly) to list all secondary material related to every title. So if you look at the pertinent record (using the **Title Index**) you will find a great many secondary items on each of these titles, although certainly not all of them.