NINETEENTH CENTURY COLLECTIONS ONLINE
Champion academic exploration into the nineteenth century with invaluable documents from global collections.
Nineteenth Century Collections Online was formed from partnerships between Gale and nearly one hundred libraries to preserve content and make it digitally available for academic research. With guidance from professionals and end users, it gives researchers a wide range of carefully selected content from invaluable documents that cover the long nineteenth century and beyond. The collection unites multiple, distinct archives into a single resource of over one hundred types of primary source documents.

Content consists of monographs, newspapers, pamphlets, manuscripts, ephemera, maps, photographs, statistics, and other types of documents in both Western and non-Western languages. Due to the rare and delicate, or extremely fragile, condition of these documents, Gale coordinates closely with curators and preservationists to maintain the integrity of the originals. With authoritative content, extensive bibliographic information, and innovative technology, Nineteenth Century Collections Online revolutionizes the way research of the nineteenth century is done.

Asia and the West: Diplomacy and Cultural Exchange
This collection features a range of primary source collections related to international relations between Asian countries and the West. These invaluable documents, many not previously available, allow scholars to explore the history of British and U.S. foreign policy and diplomacy in Asia in greater detail. Topics include Asian political, economic, and social affairs; the Philippine Insurrection; the Opium Wars; the Boer Rebellion; missionary activity in Asia; and more. Asia and the West: Diplomacy and Cultural Exchange also includes personal letters and diaries that offer researchers firsthand accounts revealing the human side of international politics, in addition to nautical charts, maps, shipping ledgers, company records, and expedition and survey reports, that explore more than a century of world history.

British Theatre, Music, and Literature: High and Popular Culture
British Theatre, Music, and Literature: High and Popular Culture includes receipts and archives from the Drury Lane Theatre and Royal Philharmonic Society music manuscripts as well as the largely forgotten Wandering Minstrels archive, which offers a rare glimpse into the decades of Gilbert and Sullivan. This archive allows researchers to explore primary sources covering such topics as Victorian popular culture, street literature, social history, music, bloods and penny dreadfuls, professional acting on the London stage, the Royal Literary Fund, British dramatic works, and many others. As a record of everyday life, it is nothing short of extraordinary.

British Politics and Society
British Politics and Society includes tens of thousands of primary sources related to the political climate in Great Britain during the long nineteenth century. Invaluable for historical scholarship, the archive includes a range of rare works that offer new avenues for research. From Home Office records and papers of British statesmen to working-class autobiographies and ordnance surveys, British Politics and Society is a remarkable resource for scholars looking to uncover new connections or explore unfamiliar directions in understanding nineteenth century British political and social history.

Children’s Literature and Childhood
With a wealth of children’s literature from around the world, Children’s Literature and Childhood documents the growth of children’s literature and provides legal and sociological texts to contextualize this growth. Included are texts from Europe and North America that contain intricate illustrations as well as the full, searchable text of each printed work. The collection, in its focus and range, opens many compelling subjects for research and teaching. This archive supports the study of the evolution of childhood, development of educational systems and materials, development of laws specific to children, literature and periodicals for children, legal and social definitions of childhood, and more.
Europe and Africa: Commerce, Christianity, Civilization, and Conquest
This collection presents a dramatic, gripping chronicle of exploration and missions from the early nineteenth century through the Berlin Conference (1884–1885), and the subsequent colonial scramble for Africa. Unique sources provide a wealth of research topics on explorers, politicians, evangelists, journalists, and tycoons blinded by romantic nationalism or caught up in the rush for markets and converts. In addition, these monographs, manuscripts, and newspapers cover key issues of economics, world politics, and international strategy. The new platform tools developed for Nineteenth Century Collections Online include detailed subject indexing and metadata, textual analysis tools, personalized user accounts, and more, to give modern-day scholars and students the necessary support for their research endeavors.

European Literature, 1790–1840: The Corvey Collection
This unique collection of monographs includes a wide range of Romantic literature published in English, French, and German. The Corvey Collection, sourced from Castle Corvey in North Rhenish-Westphalia, Germany, is one of the most important surviving collections of works from the period. It focuses on rare works, especially those written by lesser-known female writers, and includes more than 9,500 titles. Scholars can research topics that include Romantic literary genres; mutual influences of British, French, and German Romanticism; literary culture; female writers of the period; the canon; Romantic aesthetics; and many others.

Mapping the World: Maps and Travel Literature
Mapping the World: Maps and Travel Literature contains geographical images spanning the globe. The nineteenth century experienced tremendous growth in maps and mapmaking as the field of cartography gained visibility and respect as a profession. Mapmaking during this time was driven by massive industrialization, imperialism, and exploration. As people moved farther from traditional population centers, tourism created a new market for reliable maps. This collection supports studies on the evolution of travel and transportation, and spans multiple disciplines to provide new insight into societal values, colonialism, and exploration.

Photography: The World Through the Lens
The invention of photography was a turning point for nineteenth-century culture and visual experiences. For the first time in history, people could capture a true image of people, places, and events. As a complement to studies of history, culture, media, and many other disciplines, Photography: The World Through the Lens provides a visual reference to accompany written sources and documents of the nineteenth-century world. Content includes images of people at work and leisure; scientific research and medical practices; travel and exploration; and portraits of people and major events, such as coronations, funerals, and wars.

Religion, Spirituality, Reform, and Society
This resource brings together monograph and manuscript collections into a single, searchable environment to help scholars examine religious influences on the shaping of politics, law, economics, and social mores. Religion, Spirituality, Reform, and Society highlights social science scholarship that helps students, faculty, and researchers better understand the relationship between religion and society. Researchers can explore religious and philosophical movements that developed in reaction to the dramatic changes in culture and society brought on by the Industrial Revolution and modern advancements. Topics covered include positivism, freethought, alternative Christianity, and the application of social principles of Christianity to everyday life by a variety of denominations.

Science, Technology, and Medicine, 1780–1925
The long nineteenth century is an era characterized by industrial, technical, and social revolution. With a changing society came new approaches to the study of natural history, physics, mathematics, medicine, and public health. Boasting a wealth of curated primary sources, Science, Technology, and Medicine, 1780–1925, helps researchers place essential subjects in the larger picture of historical study.

Science, Technology, and Medicine, Part II
Science, Technology, and Medicine, Part II, expands subject coverage with an extraordinary gathering of European and British periodicals, and American monographs from renowned sources. Collections include Natural History Monographs from the Huntington Library, The Rise of Public Health in England and Wales (manuscript pages from The National Archives in England), and Academies of Science Publications (periodicals from Brill). This archive allows scholars to analyze technical and conceptual dimensions of scientific knowledge—from phrenology to psychoanalysis to macroeconomics. Diversity of coverage ensures an expansive, integrated, global view of science and technology from a critical era of scientific development.

Women: Transnational Networks
Women: Transnational Networks focuses on issues at the intersection of gender and class, from the late eighteenth century to the era of suffrage in the early twentieth century. Through a transnational perspective, this collection deepens the comprehensive coverage of European movements included in Nineteenth Century Collections Online by adding sources from the United States and other regions. The focus of this collection is on major nineteenth-century trends, topics, and events as they relate to gender, including social reform, high and low culture, transnational networks, immigration, daily life, religion, and more.
CHANGING THE FUTURE OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

At Gale, we use advancements in technology to take our commitment to preservation and increased access to historical collections to the next level. We create new and enhanced ways for researchers to interact with primary sources for an unrivalled research experience.

Through the largest digitization initiatives ever undertaken, Gale helps researchers around the world gain unlimited access to a wide range of pre-eminent historical archives. Nearly all of our essential collections are now available on the Gale Primary Sources platform. This single search environment enables researchers to search across millions of documents at once and discover connections never previously possible.

The collections in Nineteenth Century Collections Online were meticulously indexed and thoughtfully developed to not only be a digital facsimile of the originals, but to create an enhanced research experience that adapts to advanced digital applications used by today’s researchers.

The Gale Primary Sources platform combines fundamental historical content and innovative technology to help academic institutions promote the advancement of historical research by improving discovery, analysis, and workflow.

EXTEND THE REACH OF YOUR RESOURCES

Workflow tools help accelerate research and streamline the process of finding original, firsthand content. With analytical tools, researchers can go beyond a close reading of individual documents to make connections and examine information in ways not otherwise possible.

SUPPORT INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOLARSHIP

Provide supplemental course material that stretches across many disciplines, such as political science, gender and sexuality studies, philosophy, literature, theater, history, and area studies.

SOLUTION FOR RESEARCH AT ALL LEVELS

The online platform features an intuitive search interface and an extensive offering of introductory materials as well as advanced text analysis tools and a large corpus of primary source material suited for in-depth, critical analysis.

CITATION TOOLS

Integrated directly into the user’s workflow, formatted citations can be exported easily from single or multiple documents to services like EndNote or RefWorks. MLA, APA, and Chicago-style citations are supported.

LMS INTEGRATION

LMS integration capabilities extend the value of your Gale Primary Sources collections to meet instruction needs and closely support coursework. Libraries can provide direct access to primary source materials within faculty and student workflow.

COMMITTED TO IMPROVING RESEARCHER OUTCOMES

Nineteenth Centuries Collections Online is available for cross-search on the Gale Primary Sources platform. Built upon a foundation of unique archives and the industry’s most reliable metadata, Gale Primary Sources platform offers researchers an unmatched ability to cross search and explore multiple archives at once to reveal hidden connections across history.

Nineteenth Centuries Collections Online stand-alone interface is now updated to provide a more consistent experience and improve outcomes. Updates include:

— Google and Microsoft integration
— Clean, new design optimized for user’s workflows
— Browse Publications feature
— Additional visualization tools

VISUAL SEARCH TOOLS

Researchers can expand and refine search results through Term Clusters and Term Frequency, which enable users to discover the context of search terms and uncover hidden connections.

Term Clusters: By grouping commonly occurring themes, this tool reveals hidden connections within search terms and leads to the discovery and integration of diverse and relevant information.

Term Frequency: Shows the frequency of search terms within sets of content to identify central themes and assess how individuals, events, and ideas interact and develop over time.

SUPPORT DIGITAL HUMANITIES

Together with libraries, Gale is poised to help colleges and universities launch, enhance, or accelerate their digital scholarship programs. Gale’s Digital Scholar Lab, developed with participation from beta testers across a wide range of institutions and organizations, is designed to transform the way scholars and students access and analyze primary source content by offering solutions to some of the most common challenges facing researchers in the digital humanities today.

TERM CLUSTERS:

Visual search tools reveal connections between themes in historical data.

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“The scope of this digitization project makes it a significant research resource for both scholars and undergraduates. There are several benefits to this scope: the sheer size of the collections; the geographic range, including comparative materials from various cultures; and the variety of document types, including a significant amount of unpublished material.”

— Center for Research Libraries, Global Resources Network