Searching EEBO

EEBO: Early English Books Online

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Early English Books Online (EEBO)
Full-Text scans of historic books and documents

What should I consider during my research?

- Every variation of the author’s name and/or the title of the work.
  - Spelling will matter, and you may have to try a variety of approaches.
    - Historic names, royal titles, married and single names - note them all.
- Make note of the type of information you want - use the Filters on Left Side of search results.

EEBO Practice Search

Search > Author Keywords > Wroth
Scroll down to find one text authored by Mary Wroth

Click on the checkbox to collect the document in Marked List - to see all your selections in one place later; go to Marked List at the top of the screen. This will be cleared as soon as you close out of the database so if you like, print the page (via screen shot or browser) with the citations and blurbs.

Use this icon to see the full text transcription. Not all items will have this available. If an item does have it you can search for words within the text. You can also print sections as you like.

Failed searches may happen when the author’s name as we know it is not recorded as such on the document. Remember - these are scanned documents and they are cataloged accordingly - even using the Variance may not help if the name is simply not in the document itself.
EEBO Practice Search 2

Search using: Variant spellings (What is this?)
(e.g. jealousy finds jealous, jealous etc.)

Limiters (on left):
Author/Creator > Pembroke, Mary Sidney Herbert
OR
Refine Pub Date to the period of time you want to explore (a nice way to find primary sources, too)

Because we chose variations, the results of this search will produce versions Othello that have Shakespeare's name printed with and without an “e” at the end.

OneSearch Practice Search

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Search > Mary Sidney

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OneSearch is useful for searching name variations, as the metadata for the record will be possibly more extensive than the individual database. EEBO is part of OneSearch, and so all of its docs should be available in a OneSearch query. Also, the OneSearch result will have the MLA citation already formed, with only minor edition needed. (For help with the new MLA 8th Edition:  style.mla.org/works-cited-a-quick-guide)

• Without OneSearch, we would need to know the title of Mary Sidney’s work, as it is indexed in EEBO:

  *The tragedie of Antonie. Doone into English by the Countesse of Pembroke*

• Use OneSearch and limit to Available at CSULB in the Library to see what we have in physical texts.