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Searching the AAS Catalog: North American Imprints Program, the Evans years (pre-1801)
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Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82499605011?pwd=UEJKRzJoZDJmdXpwNFFrN1RDOTZCZz09>

Password: Evans

Link to reference sheet: <https://bit.ly/NAIPMay13>

Foundational information not covered in this session

In Keyword Search:

- “all of these” searches for records that have all of the search terms anywhere in the record
 - o The search terms may not be next to each other.
- “any of these” searches for records that have any of the search terms anywhere in the record
 - o Only one of the search terms may be in the record.
- “as a phrase” searches for the search terms in that order in the record.
 - o Use “as a phrase” instead of putting quotation marks around your search terms

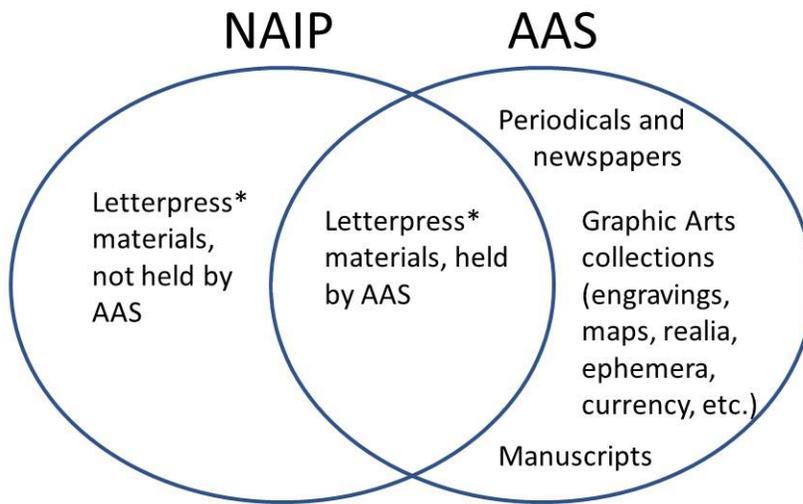
North American Imprints Program (NAIP)

- Created in 1980s as sibling project to the English Short Title Catalog (ESTC)
 - o NAIP was responsible for the North American imprints
 - o ESTC and NAIP have since diverged in scope
 - There is current work to reconcile the two files for pre-1801 imprints
- Project title and original scope is North America, representing both the United States and Canada
 - o In practice, much stronger in US imprints than Canadian imprints
- Aspires to create detailed catalog records for materials through 1876
 - o Original chronological scope was 1640-1800
- Creates records for materials known to be extant
 - o No record for The Oath of a free-man (Evans 1), for which there is no extant known copy
 - o The earliest title in NAIP is The whole booke of Psalmes (Evans 4)
- Union catalog that lives in the same place as the AAS catalog
 - o The NAIP catalog and the AAS catalog are both accessed via <http://catalog.mwa.org>
 - o Compare to the ESTC catalog and the British Library catalog, which are accessed at <http://estc.bl.uk> and <http://explore.bl.uk> respectively
- Generally letterpress materials, excluding serials (periodicals and newspapers) and blank forms

The AAS Catalog

- <http://catalog.mwa.org>
- Successor to the card catalog (<http://bit.ly/AASCatalogCards>)
- Searches exactly for what you tell it to
- Searches the information the cataloger gave it

Pre-1801 materials that can be searched in the AAS catalog (not to scale)



*Excluding serials (periodicals and newspapers) and blank forms

Pre-1801 titles not held by AAS

- Call number Not at AAS
- Catalog records created from:
 - o Reports of libraries' holdings that they sent in the 1980s and into the 1990s
 - o Early American Imprints microform set and digital supplements
 - o Bibliographies, including:
 - Bristol, R.P. Supplement to Charles Evans' American bibliography
 - Alden, J.E. Rhode Island imprints, 1727-1800
 - Felcone, J.J. Printing in New Jersey, 1754-1800
 - McCorison, M.A. Vermont imprints, 1778-1820
 - Stoddard, R.E. Bibliographical description of books and pamphlets of American verse printed from 1610 through 1820
- To get only titles held by AAS
 - o Filter: Library Location: At AAS (Keyword search)
 - o Limit to: Held by AAS (Exact search)

Titles

Title and subtitle on the title page

NAIP catalogers also add information for the following (if different than the main title)

- Cover title (if original to title; generally, from printed boards or printed wrappers)
- Caption title
- Half title
- Running title
- Spine title
- Works included in the title being cataloged

Does not include series

Keyword: Title keyword

Poems on divers subjects by Martha Brewster

- Poems on divers subjects, all of these, Title keyword
 - o 3 results, two of which are by Brewster
 - o 1758 edition is not held by AAS
 - In record:
 - Other Holding Libraries: Brown University; Harvard University; Library of Congress
 - o 1757 edition is held by AAS
 - In record:
 - Other Holding Libraries: University of Delaware

The best results are when you search for what's exactly on the title page.

Reynolds pamphlet (<https://bit.ly/ReynoldsPamphlet>)

- Reynolds pamphlet, all of these, Title keyword
 - o 0 results
- The title is:
 - o Observations on certain documents contained in no. V & VI of "The history of the United States for the year 1796," in which the charge of speculation against Alexander Hamilton, late secretary of the Treasury, is fully refuted. Written by himself.
- Observations on Certain Documents Contained in No, as a phrase, title keyword
 - o 2 results

Tip: search just enough in a Title keyword to get what you need

Tip: if searching for a longer title in title keyword, use "all of these" instead of "as a phrase"

- Observations on certain documents contained in no. V & VI of "The history of the United States for the year 1796," in which the charge of speculation against Alexander Hamilton, late secretary of the Treasury, is fully refuted, as a phrase, title keyword
 - o 0 results
- Observations on certain documents contained in no. V & VI of "The history of the United States for the year 1796," in which the charge of speculation against Alexander Hamilton, late secretary of the Treasury, is fully refuted, all of these, title keyword
 - o 2 results

- Why?
 - o The information is entered in the catalog as Title : Subtitle / Authorship statement. An 'as a phrase' search doesn't search across the different sections – it searches for the phrase in the Title or the Subtitle, but not from the Title into the Subtitle

Exact: Title

Searches titles alphabetically, character by character

- Does not search on articles (a, an, the)

Poems on divers subjects

- 2 results

Observation

- 665 hits
 - o Includes observation and observations

Observations

- 659 results, sort by publication date
 - o Result 10: Instructions for the cultivating and raising of flax and hemp
 - "Observations made by Richard Hall, of the city of Dublin, hemp and flax dresser; on the methods used in Holland, in cultivating or raising of hemp and flax. And likewise, his remarks on Mr Slator's book ..."--[2], 39, [1] p., with separate title page (Evans 3911).
 - Cataloger told the catalog that Observations made by Richard Hall is also a title in the volume, and it is in the search results because of that
 - o Result 243: An inaugural address on that species of hernia called bubonocele
 - Half-title: Observations on bubonocele
 - Cataloger told the catalog that Observations on bubonocele is a title associated with the volume, and it is in the search results because of that

Observations on

- 527 results

Observations on certain

- 4 results

Observations on certain documents

- 3 results

Observations on certain documents contained

- 2 results

First lines

First lines of poems that appear on broadsides

Recorded when three or fewer poems are on the broadside; if there are more than three poems, the first line is not recorded

Keyword: First line broadside verse keyword

Another black parenthesis of woe, all of these, First line broadside verse keyword

- A funeral tribute to the honourable dust of that most charitable Christian, unbiassed politician, and unimitable pyrotechnist John Winthrope Esq. ...

Adieu, all of these, First line broadside verse keyword

- 34 results, sort by publication date
- Result 12: Hymn, ode, and dirge, to be sung in New-Bedford, the 22d of February, 1800
- ...
- o Dirge; first line: Hark! He bids all his friends adieu
- Result 4: The soldier's adieu
 - o First line: First line: Adieu adieu my only life
 - o Click on link – 5 results for other records with the first line Adieu adieu my only life

Blessed, all of these, First line broadside verse keyword

- 10 results, sorted by publication date (3 pre-1801)
 - o Mary the Blessed Virgins name (result 1)
 - o O blessed man! ordain'd by the great God (result 2)
 - o Is blessed Whitefield come again? (result 3)

Exact: First line broadside verse

Searches first lines alphabetically, character by character

- Does not search on articles (a, an, the)

Adieu

- 23 results, sort by publication date

Blessed

- 2 results
- Blessed bible! How I love it!
- Blessed Gospel! Thou suppliest strains which angel-bosoms thrill

People – creators and contributors

NAIP catalogers add information for:

- Authors
- Translators
- Editors
- Printers
- Publishers

- Booksellers
- Illustrators
- Engravers
- Provenance (ex. former owners, donors)

Keyword: Name keyword

Sophronia Mansfield, all of these, name keyword

- 1 result

Mary Avery, all of these, name keyword

- 17 results, sort by publication date

Alexander Hamilton, all of these, name keyword

- 438 results, sort by publication date
- Result 1: A brief narrative of the case and trial of John Peter Zenger
 - o Andrew Hamilton ; James Alexander
- Result 4: A defence of Dr. Thomson's Discourse on the preparation of the body ...
 - o Alexander Hamilton (1712-1756)

There are several Alexander Hamiltons in the AAS catalog, including the subject of Hamilton the musical, his son, his grandson, and two different doctors from Edinburgh.

Isaiah Thomas, all of these, name keyword

- 2080 results
- Result 1: Account of the wonderful old hermit's death and burial
 - o Isaiah Thomas (1749-1831) is the printer
- Result 2: An address to the independent citizens of Massachusetts
 - o Isaiah Thomas, Jun. (1773-1819) is the printer
- Result 3: The Adventurer
 - o Isaiah Thomas (1749-1831) is the donor of copy 2.

There are several Isaiah Thomases in the AAS catalog, including the founder of AAS, his son, his grandson, and his nephew.

Library form of name

Using the form of name libraries use can narrow your search results.

To find the library form of name for people and collective agents (corporations, schools, etc.):

- Find a record that you know is by or about them and use the form given there
 - o Alexander Hamilton, all of these, Name keyword
 - An address, to the electors of the state of New-York [Result 153, p. 3]
 - Library form of name: Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804

- Search Wikipedia, scroll down to the authorities box, and click the number following LCCN. This takes you to the entry in the Library of Congress Name Authority File (LC NAF), which is the central database where librarians record the library form of name
 - Example: Alexander Hamilton
 - LCCN: n79021633
 - Library form of name: Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804
 - Example: Flora Batson
 - LCCN: no2015088584
 - Library form of name: Batson, Flora, 1864-1906
 - Example: Henry ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia
 - LCCN: n83056043
 - Library form of name: Obookiah, Henry, 1792-1818
 - Example: Second Bank of the United States
 - LCCN: n50082233
 - Library form of name: Bank of the United States (1816-1836)
- Someone must be in Wikipedia AND have an established library form of name AND have had those two things linked for this to work
 - Gerrit Schipper, an artist, is in Wikipedia but doesn’t have an established library form of name
 - The African Free School is in Wikipedia and has a library form of name (New York African Free-School), but they haven’t been linked to each other in Wikipedia
- Search the Library of Congress Name Authority File (<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names.html>)
 - Example: Alexander Hamilton
 - The results are relevancy ranked, and I have never figured out how they relevancy rank – Alexander H. Peacock is no. 1 in the search results, but Alexander Hamilton (1757-1804) is no. 56 in the search results

Keyword: Name keyword, using library form of name

Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, name keyword

- 148 results

Isaiah Thomas 1749 1831, all of these, name keyword

- 1754 results
- Result 1: An Account of the wonderful old hermit’s death and burial
 - Isaiah Thomas is a printer
- Result 2: The Adventurer
 - Isaiah Thomas is a donor

Note: when searching names with dates, use “all of these” not “as a phrase”

Exact: Author, Printer / Publisher / Bookseller, Illustrator / Engraver, Provenance

Search using the library form of name in the formal order. This is usually LastName, FirstName, dates.

Searches an alphabetical index of individuals, organized by their role

- Behind the scenes, catalogers code the names to tell the computer what role someone is in in relation to a title

Author

- Thomas, Isaiah, 1749-1831
- 74 results, sort by publication date
 - o Result 6: An oration: delivered in Free Masons-Hall ...
 - Isaiah Thomas is the author
 - o Result 4: The Royal American magazine
 - Isaiah Thomas is identified as the editor

Printer / Publisher / Bookseller

- Thomas, Isaiah
 - o 898 results
- Thomas, Isaiah, 1749-1831
 - o 595 results
- Thomas, Isaiah, Jun., 1773-1819
 - o 339 results
- Avery, Mary
 - o 2 results

Provenance

- Thomas, Isaiah, 1749-1831
 - o 1245 results, sort by publication date
 - Result 226 (p. 4): A specimen of printing types by Tho. Cottrell
 - Annotated by Thomas, presumably owned by him
 - Result 227 (p. 4): An oration, delivered July 4, 1785
 - Inscribed Isaiah Thomas

Note: when you click through the links (under Find Similar Items), it doesn't re-run the search; it takes you to an alphabetical index of contributors.

Bibliographic references and citations

AAS aspires to comprehensively cite select standard bibliographies in NAIP records. These include:

- general bibliographies, such as Charles Evans' *American bibliography*);
- state and town bibliographies such as Marcus McCorison's *Vermont imprints, 1778-1820* and Hazel Johnson's *A checklist of New London, Connecticut, imprints, 1709-1800*);
- subject bibliographies such as Evald Rink's *Technical Americana* and Roger Stoddard's *Bibliographical description of books and pamphlets of American verse printed from 1610 through 1820*);

- author, printer, and illustrator bibliographies such as Karen Nipps' *Lydia Bailey* and Jane Pomeroy's *Alexander Anderson, 1775-1870*;
- A slightly out of date list of bibliographies cited is given here: <https://www.americanantiquarian.org/bibliographies.htm>; this is in the queue to be updated.

AAS uses standardized citation forms, established and maintained by a committee of special collections catalogers.

- Standard Citation Forms for Rare Materials Cataloging: <http://rbms.info/scf/>
- Many of the formal citation forms changed in 2015 (e.g., from Evans to Evans, C. American bibliography; from ESTC to English short title catalog), and AAS updated its citations to match.

Keyword: Bibliography citation keyword

Evans 11812

Standard Citation Forms: Evans, C. American bibliography

- Evans 11812, all of these, Bibliography citation keyword
 - o An elegiac poem, on the death of that celebrated divine, and eminent servant of Jesus Christ, the late reverend, and pious George Whitefield ... By Phillis, a servant girl of 17 years of age ... Sold by Ezekiel Russell, in Queen-Street, and John Boyles, in Marlboro'-Street., [1770]
- Evans, C. American bibliography 11812, all of these, Bibliography citation keyword
 - o An elegiac poem, on the death of that celebrated divine, and eminent servant of Jesus Christ, the late reverend, and pious George Whitefield ... By Phillis, a servant girl of 17 years of age ... Sold by Ezekiel Russell, in Queen-Street, and John Boyles, in Marlboro'-Street., [1770]

ESTC W22956

Standard Citation Forms: English Short Title Catalogue

- ESTC W22956, all of these, Bibliography citation keyword
 - o No results
- English Short Title Catalogue W22956, all of these, bibliography citation keyword
 - o Benjamin Banneker's Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia almanack and ephemeris, for the year of our Lord, 1792 ...

AAS uses zero citations if a title is not in bibliography (or its supplements) if the scope of the bibliography is comprehensive for its subject.

- For examples, titles that are not in Evans' American bibliography (or in Bristol's Supplement to Charles Evans' American bibliography) will have the citation:
 - o Evans, C. American bibliography, 0

- Example: 1795. Notice to all the inhabitants of the county of Burlington (catalog record # 551387)

Note: lower citation numbers will give false results. Searching “Evans, C. American bibliography 123, all of these, bibliography citation keyword” gives 39 results.

Note: when searching bibliography citation keywords, use “all of these” not “as a phrase”.