

19th Century British Library Newspapers

What is 19th Century British Library Newspapers?

19th Century British Library Newspapers is a major collection of over 2.2 million facsimile pages from 48 national, regional, and local newspapers. The collection includes both daily and weekly publications with titles from established country or university towns, the industrial towns of the Midlands and the North, and from Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Newspapers associated with particular political or social movements such as Reform, Chartism, and Home Rule have also been included along with penny papers aimed at a working class and clerical readership.

Accessing 19th Century British Library Newspapers

This resource is accessed via the **E-resources Guide**.

1. To open the E-resources Guide, go to: <http://subjectguides.york.ac.uk/e-resources>
2. When the E-resources Guide has opened select the **#** tab from the A-Z list at the top of the screen. A list of resources is then displayed.
3. Click on **19th Century British Library Newspapers**. You may be asked to log in with your IT Services username and password. The resource will now open in a new window.

Searching 19th Century British Library Newspapers

The screenshot shows the search interface for 19th Century British Library Newspapers. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Basic Search, **Advanced Search** (highlighted with a red circle), Publication Search, and Browse Publications by Location. Below this is the 'Advanced Search' form. It includes a 'Fuzzy Search' dropdown set to 'low'. The main search area has three rows of 'Keyword(ke)' dropdown menus, each followed by a search term input field. The first row contains 'george hudson'. Below the search fields is a 'Search' button. The 'Limit the results' section includes radio buttons for 'All', 'Before', 'On', 'After', and 'Between'. There are also dropdown menus for 'Year', 'Month', and 'Day' for both 'by publication date(s)' and 'by publication title'. The 'by publication title' field contains '2CFM'. Below this is a 'Browse Publication Title' link. The 'by place of publication' field is empty, with a 'Browse Place of Publication' link. At the bottom, there is a section for 'To select multiple Newspaper Sections, Illustration Types, Publication Frequencies or key while making your selections.' with a dropdown menu showing 'None selected', 'Advertising', and 'Arts and Sports'. Several callout boxes provide additional instructions: one points to the 'Advanced Search' link, another points to the 'Fuzzy Search' dropdown, a third points to the 'by publication date(s)' dropdowns, a fourth points to the 'by publication title' field, and a fifth points to the 'by publication section' dropdown.

You can choose between basic and advanced searching or you can search or browse specific publications. We recommend using the **Advanced Search**.

Use the drop-down menus to specify which part of the record you want to search, e.g. title or keywords.

To search a specific newspaper, click on the **Browse Publication Title** link and use the list provided. When you select the title you want, a code representing that title will appear in the search box. "2CFM" in the example represents "York Herald".

Use the fuzzy search settings to find near matches in the spelling. This also helps overcome problems searching scans of poor quality print.

You can limit your search by publication date.

You can select which part of the newspaper you wish to search, e.g. just the news or just the advertising.



Viewing your search results

Your results will display as a list of references with thumbnail images of the pages:

3. [MR. HUDSON AND THE HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE AT NEWCASTLE](#). GEORGE HUDSON.
The York Herald, and General Advertiser (York, England), Saturday, January 04, 1845; pg. 5; Issue 3771. (678 words). 19th Century
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4. [SUNDERLAND ELECTION](#).
The York Herald, and General Advertiser (York, England), Saturday, January 04, 1845; pg. 5; Issue 3771. (678 words). 19th Century
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Click on the title, image or **Article** link to view the text. You may need to use the options to enlarge the article in order to read it. Your search terms will be highlighted in the text.

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Use the tick boxes on the results page to select multiple items which you can then view together by clicking **Marked Items**. You can print or email article information in bulk from this page.

Searching other newspaper archives

Many of the other newspapers which are available online will allow you to search and limit your results in similar ways to the 19th Century British Library Newspapers. Always check for options to limit your search by publication title or date of publication, and for options to limit your search or refine your results to specific parts of the newspaper such as the editorial, news, or the advertising sections.

