

Enhanced British Parliamentary Papers on Ireland

The EPPI Project provides access to the British Parliamentary Papers relating to Ireland 1801-1922.

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Audience: UK and international researchers, historians and undergraduates.

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EPPI involves the electronic cataloguing and full-text digitisation of some 14,600 documents (containing around 600,000 pages) from Southampton University's unique Ford Collection of Official Publications. It features a comprehensive searchable database of *Parliamentary Papers relating to Ireland 1801-1922*, with bibliographic information, Library of Congress subject descriptors and, for a significant selection of items, abstracts of contents.

The parliamentary '*Blue Books*' contain the pertinent information on Ireland and its relations with Britain in this period: from extensive social inquiries and census enumerations, through reports on economic, educational and scientific subjects, cultural and linguistic institutions and political and military developments, to transcripts of semi-literate emigrant letters.

Phase 1 - 2003 - bibliographic database launched at the Institute of Historical Research, London and Queen's University Belfast.

Phase 2 - Spring 2005 - full text digitisation of the papers identified in Phase 1. A selection of 10,000 pages of statistical material has also been digitised and converted into spreadsheets for numerical analysis.

Phase 3 - August 2007 - relaunch of site from BOPCRIS servers at the University of Southampton. Bibliographic access to 14,600 papers with associated full text and hit-term highlighting. The relaunch has migrated the collection to a new database system. This provides a number of new ways to access the material, whilst preserving as many of the old features as possible.

October 2007: The scheduled update to EPPI, to complete the full-text for remaining papers, has been delayed. We expect to be able to make these papers available by mid-November.

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