TannerRitchie
PUBLISHING

Medieval and Early Modern Sources Online (MEMSO)
FAQs:

What is MEMSO?

Medieval and Early Modern Sources Online (MEMSO) is a web resource containing an ever-expanding range of primary sources for the study of the medieval and early modern world, with particular strengths in British and colonial history. MEMSO aims to provide not just **access** to all the most important sources for historians in one place, but also **unparalleled tools** for working with those sources in a way that opens up avenues of research impossible by other means.

Designed by historians, for historians, MEMSO offers much more than just fully searchable text or scanned images. With detailed navigation tools added by our staff, combined with the ability to work with and display multiple sources at once, MEMSO provides a powerful historical research interface, while also providing unequalled freedom and flexibility to download and work with material. MEMSO is not just about the books and manuscripts – it's about how you can use them.

Finally, MEMSO is designed by **YOU**, the user. Need a particular book for your research or teaching? Just ask – we can usually provide single books or entire series within a matter of weeks – and at no additional cost to our institutional subscribers.

What does MEMSO contain?

1. Searchable editions of British and Irish (including foreign and colonial papers), printed editions of manuscript source material for the period c. 800 to c. 1800.
2. Manuscript images from the UK National Archives, Kew, linked to the corresponding searchable text ebook.

Examples of the sort of material we include are:

- The Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII
- The Calendars of Patent Rolls (c. 1150-1509)
- The Calendar of State Papers, Colonial (America, West Indies, India, Persia and Japan) (1574-1706)
- Historical Manuscripts Commission
- The Rolls Series & Historical Club Publications (eg Camden Society, Bannatyne Club)
- Historical sources requested by our users.

- Manuscripts from the English State Papers, Foreign, France and Spain.

Full details can be seen by visiting http://sources.tannerritchie.com/ or http://www.tannerritchie.com/

What manuscripts from the English State Papers are included?

State Papers, Foreign, Edward VI, Mary, Elizabeth I and State Papers, Spain and France are <u>available now</u>. More manuscripts will be added in the future, and we welcome suggestions for collections.

Can off campus access be arranged?

Yes (including Shibboleth and EZProxy).

Are MARC records available?

Yes, MARC records are available and are provided by the University of St. Andrews. Example MARC records can be forwarded upon request.

Do you support OpenURLs and Dublin Core Metadata?

Yes. SFX/Serials Solutions integration is in development.

How are books accessed on MEMSO?

Books are accessed via our online viewing and searching interface, or by full book download of a searchable text pdf file. The combination of these two approaches allows for a best of both worlds for researchers able to work permanently on your institution's LAN, and those who like to work offline or remotely.

Will MEMSO stop developing and growing in the future?

We have no plans to stop adding books, or to stop improving the means of access.

How do I search?

The complete catalogue is searchable using a highly advanced search interface of single books, entire series, or date ranges, for phrases and keywords. Users can bookmark their favourite content or even change the colour scheme of the interface.

I would like a particular book/series digitised. Can you add it to MEMSO?

We encourage suggestions from users, and do our best to meet the needs of our clients whenever possible. In short, the answer is usually 'yes'.