Recent Editions

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This annual bibliography of documentary editions recently published in the fields of American and British history, literature, and culture is generally restricted to scholarly first editions of English-language works. In addition to the bibliographical references, Internet addresses are provided for the editorial project or the publisher.

ADAIR, LYLE G. "They Have Left Us Here to Die": The Civil War Prison Diary of Sgt. Lyle G. Adair, 111th U.S. Colored Infantry. Edited by Glenn Robins. Kent State University Press. 2011. 72 pp. $19.95. ISBN: 9781606351017. Adair was captured by Confederate cavalry and spent the last seven months of the war in five different Confederate prison camps. This edited and annotated version of the diary Adair kept reflects his strong allegiance to the Union cause and provides insights into the breakdown of the prisoner exchange system between the Union and Confederacy. A white soldier serving in an African American regiment, Adair also provided revealing observations about the influence of race on the experience of captivity.
http://www.kentstateuniversitypress.com

Britain and France sparked political factionalism. Other highlights of the volume include the birth of Abigail and John Adams’s first granddaughter and John Quincy’s appointment as resident minister at the Hague, where he and his brother Thomas Boylston witnessed the French invasion of the Netherlands and the impact of the French Revolution on the broader European society.

http://www.adamspapers.org


http://www.uscpress.com

AMERICAN SOUTH. See BROWN, WILLIAM WELLS; HEYWARD FAMILY.

ANGLICANISM. The Letters of George Davenport, 1651-1677. Edited by Brenda M. Pask. Boydell & Brewer. 2011. 312 pp. $90. ISBN: 9780854440702. Consisting largely of letters from Davenport to fellow Anglican William Sancroft, this collection sheds considerable light on efforts of committed Anglicans to sustain their faith during the Commonwealth period and also on the Restoration settlement in and around Durham. Also included is a list of manuscripts that Davenport contributed to the famous library of John Cosin, bishop of Durham.

http://www.boydellandbrewer.com

http://press.princeton.edu

BACHMAN, JOHN. *Selected Writings on Science, Race, and Religion*. Edited by Gene Waddell. University of Georgia Press. 2011. 400 pp. $39.95. ISBN: 9780820338187. Bachman was a Lutheran minister in Charleston and the world’s leading authority on North American mammals. In arguing that humans constituted a single species, he challenged the polygenetic views of Louis Agassiz. This is the first collection of his writings and includes selections from his three major books, letters, and his articles on a wide range of subjects.

http://www.ugapress.org

BARTRAM, WILLIAM. *William Bartram: The Search for Nature’s Design: Selected Art, Letters, and Unpublished Writings*. Edited by Thomas Hallock and Nancy E. Hoffmann. University of Georgia Press. 2010. 608 pp. $50. ISBN: 9780820328775. This work assembles a selection of letters, presented chronologically, various manuscripts, and other material by the famous naturalist and travel writer. Over 100 illustrations by Bartram bring to life his correspondence and the manuscripts, which include horticultural texts, poetry, and philosophical and ethnographic reflections.

http://www.ugapress.org
http://www.tamupress.com

http://www.cambridge.org

BENTHAM, JEREMY. *Church of Englandism and Its Catechism Explained*. Edited by James E. Crimmins, Catherine Fuller, and Philip Schofield. Oxford University Press. 2011. 668 pp. $160. ISBN: 9780199590254. Published in 1818, this work was part of Bentham’s sustained attack on English political, legal, and ecclesiastical establishments. Bentham argued that the purpose of the Anglican educational system was to instill habits of insincerity and protect abuses that were useful to the church and the ruling classes in general. Published here for the first time is an appendix based on original manuscripts.  
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http://www.uncpress.unc.edu

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CIVIL WAR. *Tejanos in Gray: Civil War Letters of Captains Joseph Rafael de la Garza and Manuel Yturri.* Edited by Jerry Thompson. Translations by Jos Roberto Jurez. Texas A&M University Press. 2011. 160 pp. $29.95. ISBN: 9781603442435. Gathered for the first time, these letters between two members of San Antonio's Tejano elite reveal the intricate and intertwined relationships that characterized the Mexican Texas community in the years leading up to and including the Civil War. The letters complicate readers' understanding of Confederate allegiance and loyalty.

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CIVIL WAR. *See also ADAIR, LYLE G.; BALL, AUGUSTUS V.; CYPERT, THOMAS JEFFERSON; HAYWARD, AMBROSE HENRY; HEYWARD FAMILY; REYNOLDS, DANIEL HARRIS.*

CODY, WILLIAM F. *The Life of Hon. William F. Cody, Known as Buffalo Bill.* Edited by Frank Christianson. University of Nebraska Press. 2011. 456 pp. $27.95. 9780803232914. Based on Cody's original edition of 1879, when Cody was 33, this volume offers the frontiersman and showman's mythical take on his career as a trapper, buffalo hunter, Army scout, and Indian fighter. Christianson's
annotations reveal both Cody’s personal history and the Buffalo Bill of American myth, as well as the aspects of his life that lived up to both myth and the harsher realities of the American West.

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http://www.wisconsinhistory.org
COREY, ELIZABETH. *An Iowa Schoolma'am: Letters of Elizabeth "Bess" Corey, 1904-1908*. Edited by Philip L. Gerber and Charlotte Wright. University of Iowa Press. 2011. 216 pp. $25. ISBN: 9781587299605. As a teenager, Elizabeth Corey received a certificate to teach, which she did during the first decade of the twentieth century in a series of rural schools in Shelby and Cass Counties, Iowa. Her letters of this period reveal her lighthearted attitude and provide insights into the teaching profession as it was practiced in the rural Midwest.

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CROCKER, HANNAH MATHER. *Reminiscences and Traditions of Boston by Hannah Mather Crocker*. Edited by Eileen Hunt Botting and Sarah L. Houser. New England Historic Genealogical Society. 2011. 539 pp. $39.95. ISBN: 9780880822534. Crocker descended from some of Boston’s most important families and was a writer and women’s rights advocate. Her early nineteenth-century reminiscences, published here for the first time, present a unique history of the Boston area from the 1620s to the 1820s and chronicle such subjects as Puritan law, church history, and women’s work and culture.

http://www.americanancestors.org

CROMMELIN, CLAUDE AUGUST. *A Young Dutchman Views Post-Civil War America: Diary of Claude August Crommelin*. Translated by Augustus J. Veenendaal, Jr. Edited by Augustus J. Veenendaal, Jr., and H. Roger Grant. Indiana University Press. 2011. 208 pp. $29.95. ISBN: 9780253356093. A wealthy young Dutchman, Crommelin used family connections to meet important people in his travels through New England, the Middle Atlantic states, the South, and the upper Mississippi Valley. Published in English for the first time, his journal reveals an astute observer of industry and politics, as well as an engaging writing style.

http://www.iupress.indiana.edu


EDISON, THOMAS A. The Papers of Thomas A. Edison, Volume 7: Losses and Loyalties, April 1883-December 1884. Edited by Paul B. Israel, Louis Carlat, Theresa M. Collins, and David Hochfelder. The Johns Hopkins University Press. 2011. 864 pp. $95. ISBN: 9781421400907. This volume captures Edison’s efforts to replicate the success of his New York electric central system, which required him to forego the lab in favor of expanding his business interests. The volume also includes the unexpected death of Edison’s wife and concludes with his return to the lab to develop new communications technology. http://www.press.jhu.edu
http://yalepress.yale.edu

EMERSON, RALPH WALDO. *The Collected Works of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Volume 9: Poems*. Edited by Albert J. von Frank and Thomas Wortham. Belknap Press of Harvard University Press. 2011. 864 pp. $95. ISBN: 9780674049154. This edition of all the poems Emerson published during his lifetime allows readers to situate Emerson’s poetry alongside his celebrated essays and to consider their interrelationship. Although his reputation as an essayist has long since eclipsed his reputation as a poet, Emerson self-identified as a writer of verse and worked out his transcendental philosophy in this genre. Also included in the annotated edition are chronological lists of variants and texts constituting the historical collation, and public and private writings that reveal Emerson’s own estimation of his poetry.
http://www.hup.harvard.edu

FRANKLIN, BENJAMIN. *The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, Volume 40: May 16 through September 15, 1783*. Edited by Ellen R. Cohn, Jonathan R. Dull, Kate M. Ohno, Alicia K. Anderson, Andrina M. Garbooshian, Michael Sletcher, and Philipp Ziesche. Yale University Press. 2011. 784 pp. $100. ISBN: 9780300165463. This volume covers the final phase of the negotiations that culminated in the peace treaty between the United States and Great Britain. In addition to correspondence with Franklin’s fellow peace commissioners, the
volume includes documents related to his many scientific and literary interests, as well as a discussion of the slave trade with a British abolitionist.
http://www.yalepress.yale.edu

GARDENING. Becoming Elizabeth Lawrence: Discovered Letters of a Southern Gardener. Edited by Emily Herring Wilson. John F. Blair, Publisher. 2010. 315 pp. $19.95. ISBN: 9780895873750. The first woman to receive a degree in landscape architecture from what is now North Carolina State University, Lawrence wrote extensively on gardening in horticultural journals and for the Charlotte Observer. She also published several books, some that remain in print. This volume consists of letters Lawrence wrote to a close friend that extend from 1934 to 1966 and reveal much about Lawrence's development as a gardener and writer, as well as the mores of a woman of her class and Episcopal faith.
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village on Georgian Bay, and finally to Los Angeles, where she was a Mormon missionary. Gordon’s well-written, engaging memoir of her many travels and adventures reveals the economic challenges and religious service that defined her long life.

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HAYWARD, AMBROSE HENRY. Last to Leave the Field: The Life and Letters of First Sergeant Ambrose Henry Hayward, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteers. Edited by Timothy J. Orr. University of Tennessee Press. 2011. 320 pp. $52. ISBN: 978157233729x. A native of Massachusetts, Hayward saw action in five states, including the Battles of Antietam, Gettysburg, and Atlanta, before his death at the Battle of Pine Knob in Georgia. His correspondence highlights many of the war’s most significant developments and reveal his continued devotion to the Union cause, despite the brutality of the war.

http://utpress.org


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HEYWARD FAMILY. Twilight on the South Carolina Rice Fields: Letters of the Heyward Family, 1862-1871. Edited by Margaret Belser Hollis and Allen H. Stokes. University of South Carolina Press. 2010. 427 pp. $39.95. ISBN: 9781570038945. This edited collection of letters of one of South Carolina’s wealthiest families traces the decline in their fortunes resulting from the Civil War, and their efforts to preserve their standing in an altered political and economic
environment. Most of the letters included were from Barnwell Heyward to his wife Catherine and reflect his experiences as an engineer during the war and his efforts to rebuild the family's plantations after the war in the face of devastation and an African-American work force claiming new rights.

http://www.uscpress.com

JACKSON, ANDREW. The Papers of Andrew Jackson, Volume 8, 1830. Edited by Daniel Feller, Thomas Coens, and Laura Eve Moss. University of Tennessee Press. 2010. 853 pp. $80. ISBN: 987157233715x. This volume presents more than 500 documents, many never published, in a tumultuous year in his presidency. In 1830, Jackson pursued his Indian removal policy, concluding treaties to force the Choctaws and Chickasaws to resettle west of the Mississippi, nurtured his opposition to the Second Bank of the United States, and pronounced his ban on nullification. Meanwhile the scandal surrounding Peggy Eaton continued to divide his cabinet and hinder his administration.

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JAMES, HENRY. *Notes of a Son and Brother and The Middle Years: A Critical Edition*. Edited by Peter Collister. University of Virginia Press. 2011. 600 pp. $75. ISBN: 9780813930831. The first fully researched, critical edition of James’s memoirs of his youth and development as a writer in New England, and his middle years, when he was residing in London, illuminates the context in which James developed a characteristic voice. Annotations provide rich biographical details on James and his literary circle.

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with the British. Among other documents are a list of books purchased for the new Library of Congress and several letters related to the ongoing renovations at Monticello.

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http://www.yalepress.yale.edu

KAZIN, ALFRED. Alfred Kazin’s Journals. Selected and Edited by Richard M. Cook. Yale University Press. 2011. 512 pp. $45. ISBN: 9780300142037. Kazin contributed almost daily to his journals, which trace his journey from Brooklyn’s Brownsville neighborhood to his position as a leading figure in American letters. In addition to insights into Kazin’s searching intellect and reflections on literature,
history, and politics, readers will encounter an array of interesting and notable individuals.

http://www.yalepress.yale.edu

MADISON, JAMES. The Papers of James Madison, Secretary of State Series, Volume 9: 1 February-30 June 1805. Edited by Mary A. Hackett, J. C. A. Stagg, Anne Mandeville Colony, Mary Parke Johnson, and Katherine E. Harbury. University of Virginia Press. 2011. 616 pp. $85. ISBN: 9780813930985. During the months covered in this volume, Madison attended Jefferson's second inauguration, continued staffing the governments of the Orleans and Louisiana Territories, and observed growing factionalism within his Republican Party. The expansion of the Napoleonic Wars following the declaration of war between Spain and Great Britain hindered Madison's efforts to obtain settlements with both countries and ultimately to the failure to gain a favorable interpretation of Louisiana's boundaries. The correspondence also reveals the toll that the war had on American shipping.

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of Babcock’s original manuscript, until now only available in the archives of the Hoover Institute, this memoir by a second generation army officer offers invaluable insights into the transition the U. S. army underwent during the first decades of the twentieth century. Babcock graduated from West Point in 1898 and saw action in the Philippines during the Spanish American War and subsequent Filipino anti-colonial insurrection and in World War I. In addition, he led a troop of cavalry into San Francisco after the devastating earthquake and fires of 1906 and served along the border in Arizona. Filled with astute observations, Babcock’s memoir tracks a military forced to adapt to new technology and weaponry in the cauldron of warfare.

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MILITARY HISTORY. *Roi Ottley’s World War II: The Lost Diary of an African American Journalist.* Edited by Mark A. Huddle. University of Kansas Press. 2011. 200 pp. $29.95. ISBN: 9780700617692. Journalist Vincent “Roi” Ottley covered the experiences of African American soldiers that neither white reporters nor the American military were willing to report. His personal diary, now published for the first time, reveals a war effort even more hampered by racism than that portrayed in Ottley’s reportage. Mess hall brawls between white southern and black soldiers, the casual indifference of Britons toward their own black soldiers, and other personal accounts make Ottley’s diary a fine resource for scholars of World War II and of the long struggle for racial justice.

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and France, while annotations explore his complex relationships with his family and connect his firsthand experiences with his later writings.
http://www.uscpress.com

MORMONS. In the Whirlpool: The Pre-Manifesto Letters of President Wilford Woodruff to the William Atkin Family, 1885-1890. Edited by Reid L. Neilson. The Arthur H. Clarke Company. 2011. 240 pp. $29.95. ISBN: 9780870623905. As Utah’s statehood grew imminent, pressure against Mormons who practiced plural marriage intensified. Woodruff, who became church president in 1887, went into hiding in 1879 to avoid prosecution. The letters in this volume between Woodruff and the family that had provided him sanctuary, never before published, highlight the spiritual and political conflicts that led ultimately to Woodruff’s 1890 manifesto, which officially disallowed polygamy.
http://www.ahclarke.com

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MURDOCH, IRIS. Iris Murdoch, a Writer at War: Letters and Diaries, 1939-1945. Edited by Peter J. Conradi. Oxford University Press. 2011. 304 pp. $35. ISBN: 9780199756032. These never before published writings include a journal Murdoch kept as a touring actor in 1939 and wartime correspondence with two early intimates, Frank Thompson, a poet and brother of the historian
E. P. Thompson, and David Hicks, with whom Murdoch was engaged during a short, passionate affair.
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NATURAL HISTORY. The Codex Canadensis and the Writings of Louis Nicolas: The Natural History of the New World, Histoire Naturelle des Indes Occidentales. Edited by Francois-Marc Gagnon, Nancy Senior, and Ral Quellet. McGill-Queen’s University Press. 2011. 676 pp. $65. ISBN: 9780773538764. The Codex Canadensis was a seventeenth-century illustrated work on the flora and fauna of Canada, while The Natural History of the World was a literary natural history. Gagnon argues that both were produced by Louis Nicolas, a Jesuit priest who traveled throughout Canada between 1664 and 1675, and has had them translated from the classical French in which they were written into modern French, and also into English. The work presents a pre-Linnaean botany and pre-Darwinian account of living things and illuminates how early-modern Europeans perceived the natural world they encountered in America.
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$34.95. ISBN: 9781557289711. A lawyer in Chicot County, Arkansas, Reynolds enlisted as a captain in 1861, and served throughout the war in the western theater. His articulate journal described the harsh realities of battle and the personal and political difficulties that sometimes divided his soldiers. It offers a view of the nature of command at the company and brigade levels.
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SANTAYANA, GEORGE. The Works of George Santayana, Volume 7: The Life of Reason or the Phases of Human Progress. Introduction and Reason in Common
Sense. Edited by Martin A. Coleman. The MIT Press. 2011. 408 pp. $75. ISBN: 9780262016742. Santayana’s Life of Reason was inspired by Aristotle’s De Anima, Darwin’s evolutionary theory, and William James’s Principles of Psychology, and traced the development of the human capacity for appreciating and cultivating the ideal. This critical edition of the first of the five books includes a chronology, notes, textual commentary, and other tools useful to scholars.

http://mitpress.mit.edu


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SMITH, JOSEPH. Journals, Volume 2: December 1841-April 1843. Edited by Andrew H. Hedges, Alex D. Smith, and Richard Lloyd Anderson. Church Historian’s Press. 2011. 558 pp. $54.95. ISBN: 9781609087371. This volume features Smith’s first Nauvoo, Illinois, journal and part of the second. It chronicles such developments as the organization of the Female Relief Society of Nauvoo, proxy baptisms, publication of the Book of Abraham, construction of the Nauvoo temple, the dissent of John C. Bennett, the attempt by Missouri and Illinois authorities to extradite Smith, and the maturing of Smith as a religious and political leader.

http://josephsmithpapers.org

SMITH, JOSEPH. Revelations and Translations, Volume 2: Published Revelations. Edited by Dean C. Jessee and Ronald K. Esplin. Church Historian’s Press. 2011. 726 pp. $69.95. ISBN: 9781606419090. This volume presents Smith’s
revelations in the form that most early Latter-day Saints read and experienced them. Included are photographic reproductions of the Book of Commandments (1833), the Doctrine and Covenants (1835), transcripts of 26 revelation texts published in the church newspaper, and a proposed reconstruction of what would have likely been added to the final 32 pages of the Book of Commandments.
http://josephsmithpapers.org

TAFT, WILLIAM HOWARD. *My Dearest Nellie: The Letters of William Howard Taft to Helen Herron Taft, 1909-1912*. Edited by Lewis L. Gould. University Press of Kansas. 2011. 320 pp. $39.95. ISBN: 9780700618002. This collection of letters, written during Taft’s one term as president and most previously unpublished, reveal the close personal and political relationship that the Tafts enjoyed. The letters, at once gossipy and incisive, open a window into the Progressive Era and indicate a Taft who was far more thoughtful a chief executive than scholars have previously portrayed.
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TRANSLATED WORKS. See CROMMELIN, CLAUDE AUGUST; NATURAL HISTORY.
TRAVEL NARRATIVES. See CROMMELIN, CLAUDE AUGUST; MORRIS, GOUVERNEUR

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WASHINGTON, GEORGE. *The Papers of George Washington, Presidential Series, Volume 16: 1 May–30 September 1794*. Edited by David R. Hoth and Carol S. Eber. University of Virginia Press. 2011. 848 pp. $85. ISBN: 9780813930992. During the months covered by this volume, Washington faced concerns that arose from the ongoing war in Europe. Embargo evasions, privateers, and the formation of a league of armed neutrality by Denmark and Sweden all required responses. Problems with restive citizens on the southern frontier and with Native Americans were dwarfed in early August by the open rebellion against the excise tax on whiskey in western Pennsylvania. Washington called up the militia after negotiations failed and left Philadelphia on 30 September to join the troops, the same day that news of General Anthony Wayne’s victory at the Battle of Fallen Timbers reached the city.
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volume opens, Washington is gathering intelligence for an expedition against the Iroquois Confederacy, which enables him to develop a campaign plan. He views with concern the worsening situation in the southern theater, where the British had captured Savannah and were pressing on Charleston. He is forced to respond instead, however, to a British raid on Portsmouth, Virginia. Intelligence gathered in New York allows Washington to block a British attack up the Hudson River.

WILLIAMS, RALPH VAUGHAN. *Letters of Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1895-1958*. Edited by Hugh Cobbe. Oxford University Press. 2010. 668 pp. $55. ISBN: 9780199587643. A selection of about 750 letters from an extant corpus of about 3,300, this chronological volume provides a picture of the famous composer in his own words. The letters reflect Williams’s major preoccupations: musical, personal, and political. Although Williams was reluctant to discuss his creative process, the letters include many discussions of his music.

WOMEN’S HISTORY. See COREY, ELIZABETH; CROCKER, HANNAH MATHER; GORDON, MARGARET E. P.; RIX, ALFRED AND CHASTINA W.