

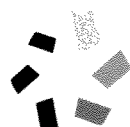
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Part 2: The Ipswich Journal, 1767-1800

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY ENGLISH PROVINCIAL NEWSPAPERS (In association with the British Library NEWSPLAN)

NEWSPLAN is a British Library national programme for the co-ordinated preservation of British provincial newspapers from 1700 to the present day.

Set up by the British Library Consultative Group on Newspapers, under the Chairmanship of Professor P.M.L. Thompson, Director of the Institute of Historical Research, NEWSPLAN aims to develop a coherent national pattern of newspaper access and services.

Harvester Microform, in association with NEWSPLAN, will be responsible for that section of programme concerned with Eighteenth Century English Provincial Newspapers.

The recent microfilm and publication of the Burney Collection of Eighteenth Century London Newspapers in the British Library has highlighted the need for a corresponding edition of provincial papers. We now fill this gap.

The identity and date of the first English provincial paper is uncertain but by 1712 fifteen had been established, by 1753 this had increased to thirty-two, and by the end of the century there were well over fifty.

Initially the provincial newspaper was, to some extent, subordinate to its London cousins and it was often the custom for provincial printers to reproduce verbatim columns of national and international political news from a variety of London papers. But it would be wrong to exaggerate this dependence and in the second half of the eighteenth century larger and larger columns of local news were included as well as locally written essays, letters and other items. The bulk of advertising was always local and the precise selection of news items copied from London newspapers was peculiar to each provincial newspaper.

As such the 18th century provincial newspaper provides a distinctive and unrivalled insight into all aspects of economic, social and political life in the provinces. They reflect not only local life but often played a key role in local political and economic debate.

Increasingly economic, social and political historians are turning to the provincial press as a source.

Under the editorship of John Styles, University of Bath, the following criteria has been adopted for our initial selection:- there are papers representing all parts of the country, all types of town (industrial centres, ports, military centres, spas, university towns, regional centres), and the coverage is as comprehensive as possible.

The aim of Harvester Microform and NEWSPLAN is to ensure that each title is filmed as complete as possible by drawing on a number of locations wherever possible.

Series One contains the newspapers of Bath, the foremost English spa of the eighteenth century, and a focal point of much cultural and 'society' activity.

Series Two contains the newspapers of Derby, a town which more than doubled its population during the eighteenth century and became an important centre of business, industry and social life.

Series Three covers the newspapers of Ipswich, a thriving port, and the administrative and market centre for Suffolk and Norfolk.

Every known issue of the Eighteenth Century Ipswich Newspapers has been located, filmed and included.

The main holding for the Ipswich Newspapers is Suffolk Record Office.

For the years 1794-1800 of the Ipswich Journal, we have used existing film as the originals have since been destroyed.

Extra issues from the British Library Newspaper Library at Colindale have been reproduced at the beginning of the relevant reels and these are detailed in the Contents of Reels.

This programme does not extend beyond 1800 and we have not reproduced issues of The Ipswich Journal after this date.

Series Three contains:-

Ipswich Journal, Or. The Weekly Mercury, The, 1720-1731

Ipswich Gazette, The, 1732-1737

Ipswich Journal, The, 1739-1800

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TECHNICAL NOTE

Harvester Microform has set itself the highest standards in the field of archivally-permanent library microfilming. Our microform publications have been prepared and produced in accordance with recommended and established guide-lines for the production of microform of superior quality.

One of the characteristics of Eighteenth Century Newspapers is that they have been printed on good paper with a generous supply of ink. Usually this leads to a good strong legible image.

But the exceptions are legion.

Under-inking produced very faint pages; over-inking caused a very heavy show-through. The newspapers themselves over the years have been read, rubbed, folded and stored in a variety of conditions. There are stains and foxing, issues have been cropped and some papers have been too tightly bound.

These original characteristics at times present difficulties of image and contrast which stringent tests and camera alterations cannot entirely overcome. Every effort has been made to minimise these difficulties though there are some few pages which have proved impossible to reproduce satisfactorily.

However, the aim of Harvester Microform and NEWSPLAN is to ensure that each title is filmed in its entirety whenever possible and we have chosen to include these pages in order to make available the complete edition. Every care has been exercised in the filming of this unique collection and this microfilm publication meets the standards established by the Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

LOCATIONS OF FILES

British Library (Colindale), British Library Newspaper
Library, Colindale Avenue, London NW9 5HE

Colchester Central Library, Trinity Square, Colchester
CO1 1JR

Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich Branch, St. Andrew House,
County Hall, Ipswich IP4 2JS

REEL SEVENTEEN

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1767 – 1769

REEL EIGHTEEN

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1770 - 1772

REEL NINETEEN

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1773

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1774

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1775
Extra issue: 20 May (BLNL)

REEL TWENTY

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1776 - 1778

REEL TWENTY ONE

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REEL TWENTY TWO

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1782 - 1784

REEL TWENTY THREE

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REEL TWENTY FOUR

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1788 - 1790

REEL TWENTY FIVE

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1791 – 1793

REEL TWENTY SIX

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1794

REEL TWENTY SEVEN

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1795

REEL TWENTY EIGHT

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1796

REEL TWENTY NINE

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REEL THIRTY

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1798

REEL THIRTY ONE

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1799

REEL THIRTY TWO

THE IPSWICH JOURNAL, 1800