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The ECEG-database

a database of eighteenth-century English grammars and grammar writers

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Alston's 'English (distinct) Grammars'

This volume is devoted **exclusively** to English grammars written in English by Englishmen, Americans, and in one or two cases foreigners, as well as a very few grammars written in Latin by native speakers.

[...] the following **sorts of books** are specifically **excluded** here:

- (1) spelling-books containing abstracts of grammar;
- (2) miscellaneous works, epistolary manuals, &c., containing brief grammars;
- (3) dictionaries containing grammars;
- (4) polyglot grammars;
- (5) grammars of English written in foreign languages, as well as grammars written in Latin by foreigners and published abroad.

(Alston 1965:l.xiv)

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ECEG

□ *Eighteenth-Century English Grammars Database*

A new electronic data source for the study of C18th English grammars (bibliographic information) and grammar writers (biographical information)

□ **Aims:**

- i. to revisit Alston's early bibliographic work
- ii. to provide an up-to-date resource for the study of the C18th grammatical tradition at macro- and micro-level
- iii. to turn 'to the original texts and view *them and their authors* in the social and intellectual context of their time'
(Beal 2004)

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The term 'English Grammar'

'Clearly, a flexible tool'

Criteria

- i. deals with morphology and syntax
✗ universal grammar, style
- ii. written in English
✓ polyglot grammars
- iii. written by native speakers
✓ 'naturalized English speakers'
- iv. printed in the British Isles & America
✓ few exceptions

EG in ...

grammar books
dictionaries
treatises on language
rhetoric/elocution
letter-writing manuals
spelling-books
books of exercises
manuscripts
miscellany

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Reference Sources

Bibliographies

- Kennedy (1927)
- Alston (1965-2008, vols. I-VIII, Supplement, Addenda)
- Evans's American bibliography (1903-1959)
- Bristol's supplement (1970-71)

Scholarly works

- Leonard (1929)
- Poldauf (1948)
- Michael (1970, 1987)
- Vorlat (1975)
- Sundby et al. (1991)
- Mitchell (2001)

Collections & facsimiles

- ECCO (2010)
- Evans Digital Collection of American Imprints
- English Linguistics 1500-1800

Biographical databases

- ODNB (2004)
- Lexicon Grammaticorum (1996)
- Universal Index of Biographical Names (Koerner 2008)
- modern scholars' research

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Contents – Fields

Grammars

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Authors

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15. Gender
16. Place of Birth
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Online database

www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/subjects/lel/research/projects/c18englishgrammars/

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Website: Info & Access request form

Eighteenth-Century English Grammars (ECEG) Database

Access

The ECEG database was released in December 2010. ECEG is available in free electronic format for research and educational purposes. Please complete the access request form, available from the link below, and return it via e-mail to nlb1@man.ac.uk.

Click here to enter the database (username + password)

Signed-up users will be able to access the database in any published form. Your use of it; copyright is retained by Nuria Yáñez-Bouza and María Rodríguez (© 2010).

The contents of the database are available via two interfaces: Browse layout and Search layout. In addition, search results can be downloaded to the user's computer too. Guidelines are available via the link below:

NB. For technical reasons, users are advised to access the database with the [Firefox browser](#) rather than Internet Explorer. If Internet Explorer is preferred, the recommended version is IE8.

Firefox

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Browse Layout
(Check out Figure 1 and Figure 2)

The records (~entries) in the Browse layout are chronologically sorted, so that record 1 data Users can browse record by record, or jump to a particular record by clicking on the hyperlinks.

The contents of each record are displayed in two sections:

- top row, which is always visible, and
- six clickable tabs, visible one at a time

Fields are arranged as below. An asterisk indicates that a drop-down value list is not available layout. (See [here](#) for a detailed description of each field)

- Top row:
 - Year
 - Edition
 - Title*
- Author:
 - Name
 - Gender
 - Place of birth (Country, County, City)
 - Occupation (Category, Description*)
 - Biographical details*
- Contents:
 - Type of work
 - Divisions of grammar
 - Subsidiary contents
 - Target audience (Age, Gender, Instruction, Specific Purpose)
- Imprint:
 - Place of printing (Country, County, City)
 - Printers*
 - Booksellers*
 - Price
 - Physical description

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Search
(Check out Figure 3 and Figure 4)

To search the database, click on Enter Search Criteria at the top of the page in the Browse layout.

The structure of the Search layout will mirror the Browse layout described above. Simply enter the search criteria into the boxes provided for each field. Users can search a maximum of 10 fields at a time - any 10 fields. A drop-down value list will appear in some fields giving sample values that can be searched for; a null value is also available. (Some tips about operators are provided in the Show Search HELP tool.)

For combined searches (X and Y in the same record), the formula is ~X&Y

For instance, ~Region&Education in the field 'Occupation' will show all authors whose occupation had something to do with religion AND education.

For multiple searches (either X or Y), the formula is X|Y

For instance, Scotland|England in the field 'Place of Birth' will show authors who were born either in Scotland or in England.

The number of hits ('search results') will display on the top-right of the page (e.g. 11 records). To view the records, click on Browse Search Results on the menu at the top of the page. Users may download data by clicking on Configure Download from the top menu. The downloadable file can be saved as .csv or .xls (Excel) format. (See Figure 5)

To start a new search, simply click on Clear Search Criteria from the menu at the top of the Search layout. To view the database in full again, click on Return to Browse All.

If you have any queries, do not hesitate to [contact us](#).

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Browse

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Enter Search Criteria | Configure Download

Year	Edition	Title
1700	1	A key to the art of letters: or, English a learned language, full of art, elegance and variety. Being an essay to enable both foreigners, and the English youth of either sex, to speak and write the English tongue well and learnedly, according to the exactest rules of grammar ... With a preface shewing the necessity of a vernacular grammar. London: Printed for A. & J. Churchill at the Black Swan in Peter-noster Row, and J. Wild at the Elephant at Charingcross.

Author: Lane, A[richbald] | Gender: male | Place of Birth: ..

Occupation: grammarian, master of free-school, schoolmaster (private)

Biographical Details: Lane, A. (fl. 1695-1700). Cf. also Koerner (2008). fl.1695-1700.

Search

EC EG Database 323 Records

Browse Search Results | Configure Download | Clear Search Criteria | Return to Browse All | Show Search HELP

Year	Edition	Title
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Author: | Gender: | Place of Birth:

Name: | Country: | County: | City:

Occupation: | Details:

Biographical Details:

download

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EC EG Database

The page at http://130.88.133.61 says:

Select entry number

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Enter Search Criteria | Configure Download

Year	Edition	Title
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Biographical Details: Lane, A. (fl. 1695-1700). Cf. also Koerner (2008). fl.1695-1700.

By A. Lane, M.A. late Master of the Free-school of Loomster in Herefordshire, now teacher o a private School at Mile-end-green near Stepney.' (1700; title-page); Master of the Free Scollo, Loomster; later of a private school at Mile-end-Green, Stepney' (Michael 1970:569).

Source: R. D. Smith, 'Lane, A. (fl. 1695-1700)', Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, Oxford University Press, 2004 [http://www.oxforddnb.com/view/article/69577, accessed 8 June 2006].

Lane, A. (fl. 1695-1700), grammarian, is known only through the evidence provided by the two grammars he has left us. He styles himself MA

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Year Edition Title

Author Contents Imprint Editions References Comments

1783 1 An easy introduction to the arts and sciences: being a short, but comprehensive system of useful and polite learning. Divided into lessons, illustrated with cuts and adapted to the use of schools and academies. London: Printed for S. Crowder, No. 12, Paternoster-Row.

Author Contents Imprint Editions References Comments

Name	Gender	Place of Birth
Turner, Richard	male	England, Worcestershire, St Helen's

Occupation Details

Education schoolmaster

Religion reverend doctor

Writing writer (educational writer)

Biographical Details

Turner, Richard (bap. 1753, d. 1788).

Jun. of Magdalene Hall, Oxford. Author of An Easy Introduction to Geography (title page).

Source: J. Shearman and N. Shearman, "Turner, Richard (bap. 1753, d. 1788)", Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, Oxford University Press, Sept. 2004; online edn, Jan 2008 [http://www.oxforddnb.com/view/article/27859, accessed 25 March 2008].

Turner, Richard (bap. 1753, d. 1788), educational writer and schoolmaster, was baptized on 26 December 1753 at St Helen's, Worcester, the second surviving son of Richard Turner (bap. 1720, d. 1791), Church of England clergyman and educational writer, and his wife, Sarah Greene (d. 1800). Thomas Turner (bap. 1747, d. 1809), a porcelain manufacturer, was his elder brother.

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Browsing ECEG – Authors

Name Gender Place of Birth

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Occupation education religion writing politics other

Biographical Details

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Browsing – Grammar Contents

Divisions of 'Grammar'

Type of Work

Subsidiary contents

Audience age gender instruction specific

Year	Edition	Title
1761	1	The rudiments of English grammar, adapted to the use of schools. London: Printed for R. Griffiths, in the Strand

Author Contents Imprint Editions References Comments

Type of Work Division of Grammar

English Grammar Etymology, Syntax, Prosody

Subsidiary Contents

Rhetorical material

Prose/verse passages

Derivation of words

Verb conjugation/aspect/tense

Style

Target Audience

Age	Gender	Instruction	Specific Purpose
children & advanced	mixed	institutional	non-specified

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Browsing – Grammar Imprint

Place of Printing (CCC)

printers

booksellers

price

Physical description

Place of Printing	Printers	Booksellers
Scotland, Edinburghshire/Midlothian, Edinburgh	printed by Alexander Donaldson and John Reid. For A. Donaldson,	and sold at his shops in Edinburgh and London; E. Wilson, Dumfries; and W. Inglis, in Lanark.

Price six shillings bound

Physical Description xxiv, 112 p ; 16 cm. 8°

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Downloading

Grammar ID

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Opening ECEG_download.csv

You have chosen to open
ECEG_download.csv
 which is a: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File
 from: http://130.88.133.61

What should Firefox do with this file?

Open with Microsoft Excel (default)

Save File

Do this automatically for files like this from now on.

OK Cancel

Grammar ID	Title	Edition	Printers	Booksellers	Price	Physical Description	Year
328	A practical grammar of the	1	printed for T. Jaun non-specified	1 shilling	xii, 60p., 12o.		1720
377	The expeditious instructor.	1	printed for the autl and sold by W. Rea	1 shilling	iv, [2], 5-60p., plate: 4o		1756
115	The youth's pocket compan	1	Printed for J. Coot non-specified	1 shilling	[2], 142 p., [1] leaf of plat		1756?
216	Newbery's new spelling dict	1	printed for E. New non-specified	1 shilling	[2], [286]p., 32o		1788
229	An English accidence, or, A	1	printed for the autl and sold by R. Balc	1 shilling	[2], iv, 26p., 12o		1790?
51	The Westminster spelling-b	1	printed for the autl and sold by W. Ric	1 shilling	2v., ill., 12o		1793

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