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LIST OF AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS UP TO 1940, HELD BY LIBRARIES IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

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LIBRARY SYMBOLS

The symbols used are those devised by the British Union Catalogue of Periodicals, except for NLI for the National Library of Ireland.

AbN	National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.
BhP	Bath Public Library.
BnU	University College of North Wales Library, Bangor.
C	University Library, Cambridge.
CrP	Cardiff Public Libraries.
Е	National Library of Scotland.
EP	Edinburgh Public Libraries.
GM	Mitchell Library, Glasgow.
\mathbf{L}	British Museum.
LGU	Guildhall Library, London.
LRO	Public Record Office.
LU	University of London Library.
LdU	Leeds University Library.
LvU	Liverpool University Library.
MP	Manchester Public Libraries.
MR.	John Rylands Library, Manchester.
MU	University of Manchester Library.
NLI	National Library of Ireland, Dublin.
ORH	Rhodes House Library, Oxford.
SP	Sheffield City Libraries, Central Library.

ABBREVIATIONS

đ	daily
tri⊸w	tri-weekly
S⇔W	semi-weekly
W	woekly
s⊷m	semi-monthly
m	monthly
x	title not found in C. S. Brigham, <u>History and Bibliography</u> of <u>American Newspapers</u> , <u>1690-1820</u> , Winifred Gregory, <u>American Newspapers 1821-1936</u> ; a Union List of Files <u>available in the United States and Canada</u> , or in any other state or local list consulted.
* *	holding before or after publication dates or known holdings, given by C. S. Brigham, or Winifred Gregory.
ی ۵	to date (at the time of publication of above volumes).
9	from the former to and including the latter.
?	information incomplete.
U.L.	Winifred Gregory, <u>American Newspapers 1821-1936; a Union</u> List of Files available in the United States and Canada.

note: a square bracket following a foreign title encloses the English sub-title of the newspaper; a round bracket encloses a literal translation of the title into English.

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The list is arranged alphabetically by states, and by towns within each state, and includes Hawaii and the Virgin Isles.

Each title is followed by information taken from C. S. Brigham, <u>History</u> and <u>Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820</u>, (2 vols., Worcester, Mass., 1947), or Winifred Gregory, <u>American Newspapers 1821-1936</u>: a Union <u>List of Files available in the United States and Canada</u> (N.Y., 1937), or from various state and local lists of newspapers, compiled in the United States. This information includes frequency of publication, language if not English, inclusive dates of publication, or of first and last known holdings, and some information intended to help the reader to identify the newspaper, for example titles of predecessors and successors. Where a title does not occur in any of the American bibliographies consulted, the title is marked with an " x^n and the information following has been obtained by consulting a file of that newspaper in Great Britain. Foreign titles may be followed by the English subtitle of the newspaper enclosed in a square bracket, or by a literal translation into English enclosed in a round bracket. Russian and Ukrainian titles which would appear in the Cyrillic alphabet have had to be transliterated into the Latin alphabet.

The title and general information is followed by individual library holdings. The library symbols used are those devised by the editors of the <u>British Union Catalogue of Periodicals</u>. Over 600 libraries were circularised, although as will be seen, only some 19 appear to have significant holdings. The principal collections were examined by Mrs. Daltrop with the help of other members of the Survey. Much help was given by the custodians of these collections, as well as by those of the lesser collections who submitted complete reports on their holdings; to all those great thanks are due and are here given. Mistakes and omissions are those of the editors alone, who will be glad to hear of them.

Since the British Museum holdings form the bulk of the holdings of American newspapers in the British Isles these are placed first, and other library holdings then follow in alphabetical sequence. Most of the British Museum American newspapers are at the Newspaper Library, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9., but some newspapers before 1800 are kept at Bloomsbury. The The Burney Collection of newspapers from 1603 onwards is kept at Bloomsbury and the original manuscript catalogue exists; some particularly valuable issues have been extracted from the collection and arc kept in showcases in the North Library, Bloomsbury, but this is indicated in the Burney Catalogue. It is necessary to consult the Burney Catalogue for these early newspapers as not all of them are included in the Colindale newspaper catalogue. Readers should not rely upon the catalogue of Colonial and Foreign newspapers at Bloomsbury, for this has not been kept up to date, but for all newspapers (except those in the separate Burney catalogue) should use the Newspaper catalogue at Colindale. Approximately one third of the American newspapers at Colindale are single issues for the year 1858, and the source from which the Museum obtained this curious collection is at present tantalisingly obscure. By pencilled markings on some of them they appear to have been sent to the New York Tribune and New York Herald offices in exchange for those journals. They have been included in this list because among them are a considerable number of titles which do not appear elsewhere, and several issues which overlap previously noted holdings.

We are grateful to C. S. Brigham for lending us his notes on the location of American newspapers in the Public Record Office, and in view of the difficulty of tracing newspapers in the vast collections of material among which they are scattered, the class reference has been added after the dates of Public Record Office holdings.

American newspapers noted in the Sheffield City Libraries are all found among the Wentworth-Woodhouse Muniments.

The British Museum was presented by the compilers with a complete run of the American Periodical Series of microfilms compiled by University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Michigan, covering the Eighteenth Century and 1800-1850. The editors of this series exclude all classes of material which are excluded from the <u>Union List</u> of Serials in Libraries of the <u>United States and Canada</u> (2 ed., N.Y. 1943; supplements, 1945, 1951), compiled by Winifred Gregory, but in many cases the line of demarcation between a newspaper and a periodical is tenuous, and in Appendix A we list those titles in the Series which are included as newspapers by C. S. Brigham or Winifred Gregory in their lists. The Eighteenth Century Series is also held by Manchester University.

Appendix B lists British Museum holdings of periodical publications which do not appear in Miss Gregory's Union List of American newspapers, nor in her <u>Union List of Serials</u>, but which, while usually published in order to represent the views of some particular interest group, do regularly carry general news.

While we hope that this list will be of some modest help to those pursuing American historical studies in this country (as well as supplying some missing titles to American State historians and librarians), yet the list also unhappily demonstrates the difficulties with which such studies have to contend. If the prayers of English scholars are ever answered and the Treasury were to view the British Museum as a national glory and not as a target for petty economies, then the filling of flagrant gaps (presumably by microfilm) in the Museum's holdings of important American newspapers should surely have as high a priority as any.

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