

Early English Books on Microfilm

1475-1640 *and* 1641-1700

About the Early English Books project

University Microfilms International has undertaken to assemble and preserve on microfilm books, broadsides, and other materials that are listed in two important and comprehensive catalogues of early English books:

W. Pollard & G. R. Redgrave's *A Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland, & Ireland, and of English Books Printed Abroad, 1475-1640* (published in 1926; also referred to as STC I or "Pollard & Redgrave")

and

Donald Wing's *Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and British America, and of English Books Printed in Other Countries, 1641-1700* (published in 1945; also referred to as STC II or "Wing")

The collections based on these catalogues are comprised of over 70,000 titles that would otherwise be impossible for scholars to access, unless they were able to personally visit a multitude of rare book collections. In addition to the microfilm collections, UMI is migrating these materials to digital format. Most of the titles currently in the collection are available both digitally (full-text) and on microfilm.

Locating Items in the Collection

The online version of this collection has transformed the usability of these materials. There are two ways to search for items in this collection: through Early English Books Online or through PittCat.

To search Early English Books Online, choose "Databases A-Z" from the Pitt Digital Library homepage. Click on "Early English Books Online." Once in the database, you can search by author, title, subject, keyword, or create more advanced search strings.

Search PittCat just as you would for any other book (author, title, subject, keyword); the list of results should have at least two records: one for the electronic version of the document, and one for the microfilm version of the document. If there is only a microfilm record, UMI may not have digitized the document you need and you will have to use the microfilm.

There are also paper indexes for both Short Title Catalogs. These are housed in the Microforms Department on the Ground Floor of Hillman Library. For assistance with the indexes or the microfilm collections, ask at the Microforms Service Desk.