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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 <u>exclusively</u> 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 <u>sorts of books</u> are specifically <u>excluded</u> 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.

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(Alston 1965:I.xiv)

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❑ *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'

<u>Criteria</u>

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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Online database

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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 linl below, and return it via e-mail to

- Access request form (MS Word)

Click here to enter the database (username + password)

Signed-up users will be able to access the database. Users who makes use of it; copyright is retained by Nuria Yáñez-Bouza and María Rodríguez (© 2010).

- ECEG Database (This link will open in a new window)

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:

- ECEG Guidelines (PDF, 383 KB)

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.

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Browse layout

The records (~entries) in the Browse layout are chronologically sorted, so that record 1 dates from 1700 and record 323 dates from 1800. Users can browse record by record, or jump to a particular record by clicking on the hyperlink and entering a number in the pop-up window.

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 for that particular (sub-)field in the Search layout. (The Methodology section provides 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)

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Search

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, *=Religion&=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 .cvs or .xls (Excel) format.

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

Year	Edition	Title
1700	1	The English-school reformed: containing first, rules, shewing the nature of vowels, consonants, syllables, diphthongs, dividing of syllables, and of stops and points. [...] And, lastly, an accidence adapted to our English tongue. By R. Brown, master of a private school in St. Ann's Parish, Westminster. London: printed for A. and J. Churchil, at the Black-Swan in Pater-Noster-Row, and E. Castle next Scotland-Yard.

Author	Contents	Imprint	Editions	References	Comments

Name	Gender	Place of Birth
Brown[e], Richard	male	unknown, unknown, unknown

Occupation	Details
Education	master (writing master), master (master of a boarding-school)*

Biographical Details

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SEARCH

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

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Year	Edition	Title

Author	Contents	Imprint	Editions	References	Comments

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		Country	County	City

Occupation	Details

Biographical Details

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1761	1	The rudiments of English grammar; adapted to the use of schools. With observations on style. By Joseph Priestley. London: printed for R. Griffiths, in the Strand.

Author	Contents	Imprint	Editions	References	Comments

Name	Gender	Place of Birth
Priestley, Joseph	male	England, Yorkshire, Birstall (West Yorkshire)

Occupation	Details
Education	tutor of Academy, polymath
Religion	theologian, dissenter
Science	scientist
Writing	philosopher (natural philosopher, educational philosopher)

Biographical Details

Priestley, Joseph (1733-1804).

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Year
Edition
Title

Author | Contents | Imprint | Editions | References | Comments

Name	Gender	Place of Birth
Priestley, Joseph	male	England, Yorkshire, Birstall (West Yorkshire)
Occupation	**Details**	
Education	tutor of Academy, polymath	
Religion	theologian, dissenter	
Science	scientist	
Writing	philosopher (natural philosopher, educational philosopher)	

Biographical Details

Priestley, Joseph (1733-1804).

Joseph Priestley (1733-1804) is described primarily as a theologian and natural philosopher, known nowadays mainly 'for his isolation and identification of seven gases, including oxygen'; to his contemporaries he was known also 'as a vigorous advocate of unitarianism and of liberal reform of government, education, and theology'. He is remembered as 'a major figure of the British Enlightenment and a notable polymath, and his publications number, in first editions, more than 150 books, pamphlets, and papers in journals'.

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Name   Gender   Place of Birth   CCC

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Religion	theologian, dissenter	
Science	scientist	
Writing	philosopher (natural philosopher, educational philosopher)	

Occupation

education
religion
writing
politics
other

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Biographical Details

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Divisions of 'Grammar'

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1761	1	The rudiments of English grammar; adapted to the use of schools. With observations on style. By Joseph Priestley. London: printed for R. Griffiths, in the Strand.

Author | **Contents** | Imprint | Editions | References | Comments

Type of Work

Type of Work	Division of Grammar
English grammar	Etymology, Syntax, Prosody
Subsidiary Contents	
Passages in prose/verse	
Derivation of words	
Verb conjugation / aspect / tense	
Style	
Grammatical figures	
Versification	

Subsidiary contents

Audience

Target Audience			
Age	**Gender**	**Instruction**	**Specific Purpose**
youth	mixed	instructional	unknown / non-specif

age
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Place of Printing (CCC)   printers   booksellers

Year	Edition	Title
1766		A new introduction to English grammar; in the simplest and easiest method possible. Salop: printed for the author, by J. Cotton and J. Eddowes; and sold by W. Cooke, in Pope's Head-All... London.

Author | Contents | **Imprint** | Editions | References | Comments

Place of Printing	Printers	Booksellers
England, Shropshire, Shrewsbury/Salop	printed for the author, by J. Cotton and J. Eddowes;	sold by W. Cooke, in Pope's Head-Alley, London.
Price	**Physical Description**	
1 shilling	pp. iv, 60. 12o	

price

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Year	Edition	Title
1795	1	English grammar, adapted to the different classes of learners. With an appendix, containing rules and observations for promoting perspicuity in speaking and writing. By L. Murray. York: printed and sold by Wilson, Spence, and Mawman.

edition

Author | Contents | Imprint | **Editions** | References | Comments

Year	Number	Place	Description
1795	1	York	
1796	2		
1796	2	London	with improvements
1797	0	London	[acc. Kennedy]
1797	3	York	improved
1798	4	York	corrected, improved
1799	5	York	improved
1800	0	Philadelphia	
1800	1	Boston	1st American edn
1800	3	New York	
1800	6	York	

year   number   Place (city)   description

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Sources

Reference sources

Alston 1965, vol.I
ECCO
Michael 1970
Michael 1987
Sundby et al. 1991

Libraries

Holding Library

London, British Library
New Haven, Yale University

Author | Contents | Imprint | Editions | References | **Comments**

Compilers' Comments

Comments

Alston (1965:I, no.439): [Pronunciation; accent; spelling; grammar; syntax.]
Alston (1965:I, no.439): 'K[ennedy] 5982 lists an edition published in London in 1797 by Cadell and Davies (cp. Monthly Review, XXV, 1797, 101), but no copy with such an imprint has been identified.'

Michael (1970:579): 'The work ends with 'An epitome of English grammar' in verse. There are numerous small additions throughout the second edition.'

Kennedy (1927:ref.5917): 1787 edn, London, Cadell.

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			Country	County	City

Occupation	Details

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Grammar ID (reference only)

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Grammar	Year	Edition	Title	Price	Physical_Description		
2	328	1720	1	A practical grammar of	1 shilling	xii, 60p.; 12o		
3	377	1756	1	The expeditious instruc	1 shilling	iv, [2], S-60p., plate; 4o		
4	115	1756?	1	The youth's pocket cor	1 shilling	[2], 142 p., [1] leaf of plates : ill.; 17 cm		
5	216	1788	0	Newbery's new spelling	1 shilling	24, [296]p.; 32o		
6	229	1790?	1	An English accidence; c	1 shilling	[2], iv, 26p.; 12o		
7	51	1793	1	The Westminster spelli	1 shilling	xvii, 1, ill.; 12o		
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