

Circulating Library Publishers of New British Fiction, 1770-1799: Publishers Listed in The English Novel 1770-1829: A Bibliographical Survey of Prose Fiction Published in the British Isles, (TEN) ed. Peter Garside, James Raven, and Rainer Schowering, vol. 1, 1770-1799, ed. James Raven and Antonia Forster, with Stephen Bending (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000) Who Match Circulating Librarians Listed in the Library History Database (LHD) [www.r-alston.co.uk/contents.htm].

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A match has been declared when the name, location, and dates in TEN and LHD coincide. Whenever possible, a date range has been given for the libraries, but these ranges should be taken as approximate, since the traders may have worked before and after the documents (typically ads, catalogs, or book labels) providing those dates. Similarly, the traders may have published before and after the 1770-99 range of TEN. QV indicates librarian publishers listed elsewhere in this appendix. Unless a place name follows the QV, the cross reference is to someone in the same locality.

Bath (10 publishers, 6 publications)

Bally, William. LHD: 1768-74, succeeded by Martha Bally. TEN: 1770 x1 for R.

Crutwell and sold by W. Frederick (QV), H. Leake (QV), W. Taylor (QV),

W. Bally, and A. Tennent (QV).

Bull, Lewis. LHD: 1770-92. TEN: 1791 x1 with Samuel Hazard (QV).

Frederick, William. LHD: 1740-70; 1774 catalog (Kaufman). Lewis Bull (QV) was partner but founded own library in 1770. TEN: 1770 x1 for R. Crutwell and sold by W. Frederick, H. Leake (QV), W. Taylor (QV), W. Bally (QV), and A. Tennent (QV).

Hazard, Samuel. LHD: 1773-1806, succeeded by Thomas Mills. Hazard and Lewis Bull (QV) were partners in printing. TEN: 1791 x1 with Lewis Bull (QV).

Leake, Henry, Samuel, and James. LHD: 1764-70, succeeded by Lewis Bull (QV). TEN: 1770 x1 for R. Crutwell and sold by W. Frederick (QV), H. Leake, W. Taylor (QV), W. Bally (QV), and A. Tennent (QV).

Meyler, William. LHD: 1776 succeeded to Tucker with Joseph Sheldon until 1781 when library became Meyler's Circulating Library. TEN: 1791 x1 for W. Richardson in imprint, but ad says also sold "at Mills (QV), bookbinder, and at L. Bull's (QV) and W. Meyler's, Bath." (Note: TEN misprints 1790: 32 for 1791: 32)

Mills, Thomas. LHD: 1763-73; thence to Bristol. TEN: 1791 x1 for W. Richardson in imprint, but ad says also sold "at Mills, bookbinder, and at L. Bull's (QV) and W. Meyler's (QV), Bath."

Pratt, Samuel J. and Clinch, Charles. LHD: 1780-87, succeeding to Andrew Tennent (QV). TEN: 1780 x2.

Taylor, William and Anna. LHD: 1762-95 William, succeeded by Anna 1795-1806. TEN: 1770 x1 for R. Crutwell and sold by W. Frederick (QV), H. Leake (QV), W. Taylor, W. Bally (QV), and A. Tennent (QV).

Tennent, Andrew. LHD: 1770-80, succeeded by Pratt and Clinch (QV). TEN: 1770
x1 for R. Crutwell and sold by W. Frederick (QV), H. Leake (QV), W.
Taylor (QV), W. Bally (QV), and A. Tennent.

Berwick-upon-Tweed (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Taylor, Robert. LHD: 1739-78. TEN: 1776 x1.

Brentford (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Norbury, Philip. LHD: 1799-1845. TEN: 1799 x1 printed by.

Brighton (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Bowen, Joseph. LHD: 1779-84, succeeding to Miss E. Widget, who succeeded
Woodgate. TEN: 1782 x1 printed for at his Circulating Library on the
Steyne and 40 New Bond St.

Bristol (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Shiercliff, Edward and Mary. LHD: 1767-97. TEN: 1789 x1 printed by Hazard
(QV Bath) and sold by E. Shiercliff.

Carlisle (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Jollie, Francis. LHD: 1780-1826. TEN: 1792 x1 also sold by in ad, vs. imprint.

Chelmsford (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Gray, Samuel and Frost, Charles. LHD: Gray's Circulating Library by 1773,
succeeding to Mary Hassal; Frost's Circulating Library 1771-86. TEN: 1771
x1 "for author, by W. Keymer (QV Colchester), and sold by him and by G.
Robinson" in imprint, but ad says also sold by J. Shave, Ipswich and Gray
and Frost, Chelmsford.

Chelsea (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Jacques, Dennett. LHD: 1776-1793 in Chichester. TEN: 1799 in Chelsea. However, given the unusualness of the name, it seems reasonable to suppose a match. TEN: 1799 x1 by D. Jacques for G. Polidori.

Chester (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Broster, Peter. LHD: 1770-1800. TEN: 1794 x1 for author and sold by T. Hookham (QV London) and P. Broster.

Colchester (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Keymer, William. LHD: 1784-1804. TEN: 1771 x1 “for author, by W. Keymer, and sold by him and by G. Robinson” in imprint, but ad says also sold by J. Shave, Ipswich and Gray and Frost, Chelmsford (QV).

Cork (1 publisher, 11 publications)

Connor, John. LHD: 1794-1815. TEN: 1794-98 x11.

Dublin (9 publishers, 152 publications)

Brown, Charles. LHD: 1784-94. TEN: 1786-98 x 7.

Colbert, Stephen & Harriot. LHD: names the husband as Samuel, but he is clearly Stephen Colbert, the first person to advertise a circulating library in Dublin and proprietor of Colbert’s Circulating Library from 1778 till his death in 1786, after which his widow Harriot took over both the library and publishing businesses until 1799 (Phillips 87-8). Dowling, Vincent. LHD: 1790-1801, called both Apollo Circulating Library and Dowling’s Circulating Library. TEN: Stephen 1773-88 x17; Harriot 1787-99 x39; 1773-99 x56 total.

Gilbert, William. LHD: by 1793. TEN: 1775-99 x21.

Hoey, James, James Jr., and Peter. LHD: James Hoey Sr. and his son Peter commenced a circulating library by at least 1770 (cf. Phillips 87). After the father's death c. 1775, his other son James, Jr. seems to have joined Peter (cf. Phillips 87-8; Plomer). TEN: 1770-78 x11.

Jackson, Thomas. LHD: 1783-1804, succeeding to William Spotswood (QV) who immigrated to the USA. TEN: 1775-98 x4.

Spotswood, William. LHD: 1775-83, when he immigrated to the USA and was succeeded by Thomas Jackson (QV). TEN: 1771-82 x2 printed by.

Stewart [Stuart], A. LHD: 1774-1824. TEN: 1772 x1.

White, Richard. LHD: by 1790. TEN: 1790-91 x10.

Williams, James. LHD: 1765-86. TEN: 1770-79 x40.

Exeter (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Woolmer, Shirley. LHD: 1783-1801, with 20,000 volumes by 1789. TEN: 1794 x1 for author and sold by.

Henley-on-Thames (1 publisher, 2 publications)

Norton, G. LHD: by 1789. TEN: 1794-97 x2 children's fiction.

Hereford (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Parker, William Henry. LHD: by 1784; a person by the same name opened a library in 1783 in Ludlow. TEN: 1791 x1 printed by.

Hull (1 publisher, 6 publications)

Rawson, William & John. LHD: By 1794 William and John Rawson operated Rawson's Circulating Library in Kingston-upon-Hull, and by 1795 William ran a library by the same name in the relatively nearby Stockton-on-Tees. TEN: 1793-96 x6.

Leeds (1 publishers, 4 publications)

Binns, John. LHD: 1765-96. TEN: 1782-95 x4.

Lewes (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Lee, William and Arthur. LHD: 1780-1826. TEN: 1778 x1 printed by.

Liverpool (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Merritt, John and Wright, James. LHD: 1795-?? Merritt and Wright's Circulating Library. TEN: 1797 x1 printed by.

London (48 publishers, 968 publications)

Abraham, John. LHD: 1789-92. TEN:1789 x1 printed by.

Allen, George. LHD: by 1790. TEN: 1773-89 x5.

Bateman, Joseph P. LHD: 1790-96 Bateman's British Circulating Library in Holborn; 1727-?? Bateman's Circulating Library in London, by Joseph Bateman, Sr. TEN: 1789-90 x2.

Bell, John. LHD: 1765-ca.95, when George Cawthorn (QV) succeeded him. 1801. Bell succeeded to William Bathoe, who in 1757 succeeded to Thomas Wright, who had opened in 1741. TEN: 1770-99 x 39.

Boosey, John. LHD: 1773-91, succeeding to John Chater (QV). TEN:1773-78 x3.

Carpenter, James. LHD: 1791-?? Hookham and Carpenter's Circulating Library, with Thomas Hookham (QV). TEN: 1791-98 x37 for Hookham and Carpenter; 1791-99 x5 for Carpenter; 1791-99 x 42 total.

Cass, William. LHD: by 1763 in Holborn. TEN: 1783-85 x7.

Cawthorn, George. LHD: 1795-1801 in Westminster, succeeding to John Bell (QV). TEN: 1797-99 x5.

Chater, John. LHD: 1768-73, when John Boosey (QV) succeeded him. TEN: 1770-71 x4.

Cooke, William and Mrs. A. LHD/Hamlyn: by 1759 William Cooke ran Cooke's Circulating Library in Queen Street, near Mayfair. In 1770, his widow Mrs. A. Cooke passed the business to George Riley (QV). LHD confuses Mrs. A. Cooke with Ayres Cooke, who by 1765 ran a circulating library in Mincing Lane, Fenchurch Street. But addresses in advertisements, business cards, and catalogs make clear that Riley succeeded to the library run by William Cooke's widow in Mayfair, rather than the library of Ayres Cooke (Hamlyn; Plomer). The latter is not known to have published fiction. TEN: 1770 x1 "printed for G. Riley, and A. Cooke, at their Circulating Library, Queen Street, Berkley Square."

Culver, Daniel. LHD: by 1774. TEN: 1774 x1.

Dangerfield, Thomas. LHD: 1776-1810 in Westminster, when succeeded by Rice, then Scrips, then Day. TEN: 1793-94 x 2.

Desbrow, Benjamin. LHD: 1780-85 in Westminster. TEN: 1779 x2.

Dutton, Robert. LHD: 1796-1818. TEN:1799 x3.

Earle, William and Hemet, ?. LHD: 1789-1804 Earle's Circulating Library in Westminster, though 1804 catalog claims to have been in business for 60 years; by 1799 Earle and Hemet's Circulating Library. TEN: 1798 x1 for Earle; 1799 x7 for Earle and Hemet; 1798-99 x8 total.

Egerton, Thomas & John. LHD: Ran separate libraries with the same title beginning respectively in 1783 and 1784. TEN: 1786-92 x6.

Faulder, Robert. LHD: by 1785 in Westminster. TEN: 1787-99 x8.

Fisher, Simon. LHD: by 1797 in Clerkenwell. TEN:1799 x1 printed by.

Fox, James. LHD: by 1800 in Westminster. TEN: 1789 x1.

Fuller, John. LHD: by 1754. TEN: 1772 x2.

Geary, Charles. 1775-90 in Westminster, succeeding to “late Samuel Noble.”

TEN: 1787 x1.

Hall, Francis. LHD: by 1771 in Westminster. TEN: 1771 x1.

Hodgson, E. and H. T. LHD: 1790-1834 in Marylebone. TEN:1795-99 x22.

Hookham, Jordan T. LHD: 1794-1806. TEN: 1786 x2.

Hookham, Thomas, Sr. LHD: 1764-92. TEN: 1772-96 x67 for Hookham; 1791-98

x37 for Hookham and Carpenter (QV); 1772-98 x104 total.

Jackson, Humanitas. LHD: 1760-68 in Westminster; 1768-92 in Marylebone. TEN:

1798 x1 for G. Kearsely in imprint, but ad says also sold by H. Jackson and

G. Kerby (QV), Oxford Street.

Jackson, William. LHD: by 1800 succeeded Linn in Marylebone. TEN: 1796 x1.

Jones, Benjamin. LHD: from c.1771 in Westminster. TEN: 1772 x3.

Jones, Thomas. LHD: by 1766 Jones' Circulating Library in Mays buildings, St.

Martins Lane. TEN: 1771-76 x9 “for T. Jones, at his Circulating Library in the Strand.”

Kerby, James. LHD: 1784-89. TEN: 1789-99 x13; 1798 x1 for G. Kearsely in

imprint, but ad says also sold by H. Jackson (QV)and G. Kerby, Oxford

Street; 1789-99 x14 total.

Lackington, James. LHD: 1776-94 in Finsbury. TEN: 1793 x1.

Lane, William. LHD: Lane's Minerva Library 1770-1802; Lane's Circulating

Library from 1775. TEN: 1775-99 x306 for Lane; 1790-99 x193 at Minerva

Press; 1775-99 x499 total.

Lewis, J. LHD: from 1775 in Westminster. TEN:1775 x1.

Lowndes, Thomas. LHD: 1751-ca.70. TEN: 1770-82 x25; 1783 x1 T. Lowndes and

son; 1783-84 x2 Thomas and William Lowndes; 1770-84 x28 total.

Mitchell, Philip. LHD: by 1786 in Westminster. TEN:1786 x1.

?Murdoch, John. 1799-1823 in Holborn. TEN: 1770 x1. Dates make match seem unlikely.

Noble, John & Francis. LHD: 1745-ca.73 jointly, with Francis separately 1752-88. TEN: Francis 1770-88 x58; John 1770-79 x38; 1770-88 x96 total.

Ogilvy, David, and Speare, ??. LHD: Ogilvy's Circulating Library 1779-97 in Holborn; Ogilvy and Speare's Circulating Library 1787-9 in Holborn; London and Westminster Circulating Library 1797-1807, by Ogilvy. TEN: 1791 x1; 1797-99 x2 for Ogilvy and son; 1791-99 x3 total.

Parsons, John. LHD: 1795-1800. TEN:1785-97 x8.

Peacock, R. and Lucy. LHD: by 1796 Peacock's [Juvenile] Circulating Library. TEN:1796-9 x2; 1793-99 x5 at Juvenile Library; 1793-99 x7 total.

Riley, George. LHD: Riley's Circulating Library 1770-1801, succeeding to William and Mrs. A. Cooke (QV). Note: LHD confuses William Cooke's widow, Mrs. A. Cooke, with Ayres Cooke, who by 1765 ran a circulating library in Mincing Lane, Fenchurch Street. TEN: 1770-71 x3 with or as successor to A./William Cooke (QV); 1771-89 x7 for Riley; 1770-89 x10 total.

Roach, James. LHD: by 1784 in Westminster. TEN: 1794 x1.

Roson, John. LHD: by 1772. TEN: 1770-74 x21.

Sael, George. LHD: by 1788 in Westminster. TEN: 1793-99 x4.

Setchell, Henry. LHD: by 1775 in Westminster. TEN: 1788 x1.

Swift, William T. LHD: 1774-86 in Westminster. TEN: 1785-86 x3.

Vernor, Thomas. LHD: by 1766. TEN: 1770-74 x19; 1794-99 x27 for Vernor and Thomas Hood; 1770-99 x46 total.

White, Thomas. LHD: 1795-1811 in Westminster. TEN: 1793-95 x2.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Fisher, Richard. LHD: 1773-93, having bought out William Charnley. TEN: 1782
x1.

Nottingham (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Sutton, C. LHD: 1794-1829. TEN:1799 x1.

Perth (1 publisher, 2 publications)

Morison, Robert and Robert, Jr. LHD: The father ran Morison's Circulating
Library from 1752-1791. In 1790 a new Morison's Circulating Library
opened under both father and son. TEN: 1792-96 x2; both list Thomas
Vernor (QV London) third in the imprint.

Reading (2 publishers, 2 publications)

Jones, T. LHD: by 1778. TEN: 1779 x1

Snare, Robert. LHD: by 1800 until 1827. TEN: 1798 x1.

Sheffield (2 publishers, 1 publication)

Northall, John. LHD: 1792-96, when taken over by James Woollen. TEN: 1794 x1
for author and sold by.

Ward, William. LHD: from 1762. TEN: 1794 x1 for author and sold by.

Southampton (3 publishers, 5 publications)

Baker, Thomas. LHD: 1767-1806. TEN: 1785 x2.

Linden, James. LHD: Linden's Circulating Library, 1768-74; Linden and Wise's
Circulating Library with John Wise, 1774-78, when Linden went bankrupt.
TEN: 1782 x1 with Cunningham.

Skelton, Thomas. LHD: 1784-1816, succeeded by Mrs. E. Skelton. TEN: 1795-99
x2.

Stonehouse (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Huss, Thomas. LHD: 1793-1824, succeeded by Mary Huss. TEN:1794 x1 for author and sold by.

Stratford (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Walford, Mrs. Elizabeth. LHD: by 1788. TEN: 1791 x1.

Weymouth (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Love, John. LHD: by 1785. TEN: 1792 x1.

York (1 publisher, 1 publication)

Todd, John and Sotheran, Henry. LHD: 1766-73 Todd and Sotheran's Circulating Library; 1772-1811 Todd's Circulating Library. TEN: 1788 x1.

Statistical Summary:

98 publisher-librarians (roughly 40% of the total publishers in TEN) published 1,117 publications (83% of total publications in TEN), a ratio of 12 publications per publisher-librarian. Overall, the roughly 250 publishers in TEN published the 1,421 publications in a ratio of 5.7 books per publisher. Circulating library publishers were thus twice as prolific as other publishers, and contributed twice their proportional share to the new novel publications 1770-1799 listed in TEN.