Quick Facts

Rare primary sources for exploring America from the early Colonial era to the formation of the new nation

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Overview

From the acclaimed holdings of the Library Company of Philadelphia, this collection expands *Early American Imprints, Series I: Evans*—itself the definitive resource for researching every aspect of 17th- and 18th-century America. The supplement features nearly 1,100 additional books, pamphlets and broadsides, most of which were not included in either Charles Evans’ monumental work or Roger Bristol’s bibliography. Printed during a 130-year period spanning the Colonial era and the formation of the United States, these wide-ranging items represent a remarkable enrichment of the Readex digital edition of *Early American Imprints*.

Rare and significant materials for exploring early America

Fully integrated with *Early American Imprints: Evans*, this supplement includes items that are representative of numerous genres of colonial print, many from the middle and working classes. As a result of their popularity, the fragile bound books are generally unknown today because they were read repeatedly until they disintegrated. Among these are guide books to contemporary life, which served to shape individual and community identities. The pamphlets, often containing writing of considerable significance, present sermons, religious tracts, political arguments, reports of organized bodies and other influential items. The broadsides—which capture an unedited slice of life—include doggerel ballads, advertisements, official decrees, news extras, amateur elegies and more.

Extensive indexing, easy browsing, full integration

Every item in *Early American Imprints, Series I: Supplement from the Library Company of Philadelphia* is expertly catalogued, and MARC records are available. A companion collection, *Early American Imprints, Series II: Supplement from the Library Company of Philadelphia, 1801-1819* is also offered. Both are cross-searchable with all other Archive of Americana collections.

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