More about selected primary & secondary source materials

**EEBO (Early English Books Online)** were previously only available as microfilm elsewhere, but The Ames Library now has a subscription to the online version. Links are available on the A-Z List of Databases and the History guide. Get search help at [http://eebo.chadwyck.com/help/basic_srch.htm](http://eebo.chadwyck.com/help/basic_srch.htm)

**Early American Newspapers** are located in the stacks at MICROFORM PS530 .E275. Newspapers are on these cards alphabetically by state, then publication name. There isn’t an index to their subjects, so you need to find secondary sources that mention specific articles and dates or browse a date range or region for information that will help.

What are Shaw Shoemaker (aka Early American Imprints)?

**Early American Imprints, Series I: Evans, 1639-1800** has been hailed as the definitive resource for researching every aspect of 17th- and 18th-century America. This collection is based on Charles Evans’ renowned “American Bibliography” and contains virtually every book, pamphlet and broadside published in America over a 160-year period.

**Early American Imprints, Series I** is comprised of a vast range of publications, including advertisements, almanacs, bibles, broadsides, catalogs, charters and by-laws, contracts, cookbooks, elegies, eulogies, laws, maps, narratives, novels, operas, pamphlets, plays, poems, primers, sermons, songs, speeches, textbooks, tracts, travelogues, treatises and more.

**Early American Imprints, Series II: Shaw-Shoemaker, 1801-1819** provides a comprehensive set of American books, pamphlets and broadsides and is based on the noted “American Bibliography, 1801-1819” by Ralph R. Shaw and Richard H. Shoemaker.

Through **Early American Imprints, Series II**, students and scholars can extensively research westward expansion, the development of American arts (literature, music, painting, etc.), the progression of American political thought and much more. In addition to books, broadsides and pamphlets, the collection includes published reports and the works of many European authors reprinted for the American public. Additionally, a large number of state papers and early government materials—including presidential letters and congressional, state and territorial resolutions—chronicle the political and geographic growth of the developing American nation.

How do I search for them?

**Intro to Shaw, Shoemaker and the Early American Imprint (EAI) series**

**Early American Imprints: 1639-1800** (AKA Evans & First Series) is based on Charles Evans’ renowned [American Bibliography](https://www.google.com) and contains virtually every book, pamphlet and broadside published in America over a 160-year period.

**Early American Imprints: Second Series, 1801-1819** (AKA Shaw-Shoemaker) provides a comprehensive set of American books, pamphlets and broadsides and is based on the noted [American Bibliography, 1801-1819](https://www.google.com) by Ralph R. Shaw and Richard H. Shoemaker.

How to search for titles in the **Early American Imprints** series with WorldCat:

Locate the *WorldCat* catalog through the *Quick Links* at the upper right of the library homepage or find it on the History subject guide, then follow these steps:

1) Choose the *Advanced Search* Option.
2) Enter “Early American Imprints” in the first search field and choose to search *Notes/Comments* in the dropdown menu on the right.
3) Enter your subject(s), author(s), or keyword(s) in the next search field (connected by an AND). Choose what field to search: Subject Phrase (this searches only terms in the LC subject headings), Keyword, Author, Title Phrase, or Title, if you are not sure you have the complete title or the right order of the words.

4) Choose the date range if you have one in mind and would like to include it in your search, for example: 1750-1800

**TIPS for searching in WorldCat:**

Add a plus (+) symbol at the end of your term to search both the singular and plural expression of the term. Type a minimum of three letters of your term and truncate it by adding an asterisk: instruction* gets instruction, instructions and instructional

Type a minimum of three letters and include a wildcard to search various spellings of your term: wom#n searches both women and woman, and labo?r looks for labor and labour.

When you find a title, note the Evans or Shaw-Shoemaker card number and go to the collection area on the third floor: these two collections are at PS530 .E33 and PS530 .E3. The card numbers held in each box are listed on the box labels.

What are the **Sabin Collections** on **American Women, Immigration, and Slavery**?

The **Sabin Collection: American Women**

This collection includes works on the education of women, their legal rights, employment, as well as collective and individual biographical studies of American women. Authors included are educators such as T.H. Gallaudet and Emma Willard, and early political activists such as Lydia Maria Child, Catharine Esther Beecher and Lucretia Mott. The collection has 63 titles.

The **Sabin Collection: Immigration**

This collection has gathered materials that relate to issues of immigration, including pamphlets, broadsides, speeches, articles and books.

The **Sabin Collection: Slavery**

This collection contains many memoirs of life under slavery. The material includes original speeches and lectures, sermons, memorial speeches and discourses, papers and reports written to the legislatures across America, books, pamphlets and reviews of the day and international essays expressing both pro- and anti-slavery views.

**How do I search the Sabin Collections?**

All three are located in one microfiche drawer on the third floor. They are filed in this drawer by their collection call numbers:

MFICHE E441 .S3 2000 : Slavery
MFICHE HQ1154 .S3 2000 : American Women
MFICHE JV6450 .S3 1999 : Immigration

Within these collections, the fiche are filed alphabetically by author or title.

1) To search, use WorldCat to look for the phrase “Sabin’s Dictionary” and choose Series Title from the dropdown menu, and

2) **AND** it to one of the Sabin collection names as a **subject**: American Women, Immigration, or Slavery

3) **AND** it to another search term as subject or keyword as you did with EAI above.

**OR** browse for ideas by looking at the title listings located in reference under the three call numbers listed above.