UNO Library owns three types of British Parliamentary Papers—journals, debates and sessional papers. The journals are a record of what transpired in Parliament. The debates are a record of what was said there. The sessional papers are collections of documents (e.g. reports, bills, white papers) produced by Parliament.

The following are the documents UNO Library owns, giving call numbers and locations. For each type of document, indexing is identified and examples are provided.

I. JOURNALS

**Index:** Indexes are located at the end of each volume on microcard. Reference is made to date rather than page number.

II. DEBATES

**Index:** There is no subject index. Use the detailed table of contents in each volume.

   1st series (1803-1820) (v. 1-41.). (Cobbet's *Parliamentary Debates*). 2 boxes of cards.
   3rd series (1892-1908) (v. 1-199).
House of Lords debates are included as an appendix.

**Index:**

For series 1-2 (1803-1830), the index is included at the end of the second series (1830). For series 3-4, the last volume for each session is (or includes) a general index for the volumes of that session.

Citation example: vii [1806] 836, 860, 1019
volume date column numbers
number

The previous citation would be found in the microcard box labeled as follows:

Hansard Debates
Cobbett's
Parliamentary Debates
III. SESSIONAL PAPERS


**Indexes:** There are three comprehensive indexes for the Readex microprint set of *British Parliamentary Papers* UNO Library owns:

   Covers 1696 - 1899. This is a printed index.
   
   v. 1. - 1696-1834 - *Hansard's Catalogue*
   v. 2. - 1801-1852 - Reports of select committees
   v. 3. - 1801-1852 - Accounts and papers
   v. 4. - 1852-1869 - Bills, reports, estimates, accounts
There are numerous volumes per session of Parliament. The page number given represents the sequential page number for an entire volume. These are usually handwritten on the microcard; there are 100 pages per card. The paper number is not necessary for locating the document, but can be used to verify that the correct document has been found. It is located at the bottom of the page when reading the microcards.

The above citation would be found in the box labeled as follows:

British Sessional Papers

House of Commons

1826

VOLS I-XXIX

The header on the microcard where the document is located appears as follows:

British Sessional Papers 1826 Vol. IV
House of Commons pp.1-99

2. Cockton, Peter. *Subject Catalogue of the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers 1801-1900.* Chadwick Healey, 1988. Ref Z2009 C63 1988. 5 volumes. This printed index is limited to the nineteenth century and is the most comprehensive printed index for that period. See the example in "1." above for how to locate documents.

3. *British Sessional Papers Collection of Indexes.* Readex Microprint. Microcard J301.K6 Index. 428 cards in 4 cases. See Genisys for what's in each case (box). Covers 1696 - 1900. These are shelved at the end of the British sessional papers set. These indexes are more comprehensive than any of the printed indexes.

There are also two other indexes which provide selective coverage of the *British Parliamentary Papers* set on microcard:


**APPENDIX**

UNL Love Library also owns the British Parliamentary Papers, in printed volumes instead of on microcard. They have the entire *Irish University Press 1000 Volume Series* of the *British Parliamentary Papers*, which provides only selective coverage of the Sessional Papers compared with the complete Readex microcard set which UNO has. The *Irish University Press* volumes are grouped and named according to broad subjects, e.g. Industrial Relations, which alone has 1+ volumes. UNO Library does have one subject set from the *Irish University Press 1000 Volume Series* — Stage and Theater (3 volumes) at Third floor PN2044.G6 I7 v.#. This set covers 1831-1892.

Once related citations have been selected using the sessional papers indexes discussed above, UNO patrons may borrow individual volumes of the *Irish University Press 1000 Volume Series* from UNL through Interlibrary Loan, using Part 1 of the Checklist below (which UNO owns) to identify the I.U.P. volumes needed.


Below is an example illustrating how to use the Checklist and IRIS, UNL's catalog, to identify the UNL call number, including volume number, for a needed document.

Entry identified in the Subject Catalog of the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers 1801 - 1900: 1837(220) XLII 223.

Entry from Part 1 of Checklist:

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To identify which volume is needed from UNL, proceed as follows:

1. Go to IRIS (UNL's online catalog).

2. Type in British Parliamentary Papers as a title.

3. Click on Limit Search button.

4. Change drop-down box to Words in the Title. Type in Canada and click the Limit/Sort Items bar.

5. The volume number needed in IRIS is the same as the volume number given with the subject group in the Checklist. The call number of the item needed is then Love Folio F1031.5.I74 v.8 in this case.

UNO Library has three other indexes to the Irish University Press 1000 Volume Series:


Instructions for using these indexes are in the Preface to each.

If using the Irish University Press 1000 Volume Series, be sure to start your research early, since it takes two to three weeks to receive an interlibrary loan order from UNL. Alternately, you can drive down to Lincoln and check out the volume(s) you need with your UNO ID.