

## Early American Bibliography:

\*American bibliography<sup>1</sup>: a chronological dictionary of all books, pamphlets, and periodical publications printed in the United States of America from the genesis of printing in 1639 down to and including the year 1820. Compiled by Charles **Evans** (1850-1935).

After the project began in 1903, Evans changed period of coverage to 1800. At his death in 1935, Evans was in the middle of the year 1799. The work was completed by C.K. Shipton and indexed by R. P. Bristol.

The arrangement of the entire bibliography is chronological and within each volume alphabetically by title. Due to Evans death, the year 1799 is split between two volumes.

v. 1. 1639-1729.--v. 2. 1730-1750.--v. 3. 1751-1764.--v. 4. 1765-1773.--v. 5. 1774-1778.--v. 6. 1779-1785.--v. 7. 1786-1789.--v. 8. 1790-1792.--v. 9. 1793-1794.--v. 10. 1795-1796.--v. 11. 1796-1797.--v. 12. 1798-1799.--v. 13. 1799-1800. by C.K. Shipton.--v. 14. Index. by R.P. Bristol.

Bristol published \*A Supplement to Charles Evans' American Bibliography in 1970 that is essentially "a chronological list, 1646-1800, of "not-in-Evans" items".

\*Early American Imprints, Series I (Evans) 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, treaties and more.

This collection – in Evans' American Bibliography number order – is available in Crumb in a micro-opaque collection. Almost all of the materials identified by Evans in his bibliography are available.

Crumb Library has a micro-opaque card reader and our microformat scanning station includes equipment to make JPEG images of the pages.

Richard Shoemaker and Ralph Shaw completed the original intent of Evans and compiled American bibliography: a preliminary checklist covering 1801 to 1819. [REF. Z1215 .C43]

A Dictionary of Books related to America from its discovery to the present time compiled primarily by Joseph **Sabin**. (Original title: Bibliotheca Americana) [REF. Z1201.S2]. This work was continued after Sabin's death and covers materials into the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Jeffersonian Americana is a ultra microfiche card collection of 708 rare books and pamphlets that are resources for the study of the colonial, revolutionary, and federal periods in American history. This

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<sup>1</sup> All of the \*starred entries are located on the shelving at the back of the Reference/microformat area on the first floor of Crumb Library.

collection provides items on a wide variety of topics relating to early Americana, including religion and church-state relations, Indians, slavery, women's education, taxation of the colonies by Britain, foreign relations, civil liberties, and politics in general.

These cards are located in the microfiche cabinets with the call number WF 1 . On the top of the cabinet, there is a folder that indexes the content by title. The cards include the "Sabin number" – the record in Sabin's bibliography may include an annotation of content.

Library of American Civilization (LAC) is a collection of materials relating to virtually all aspects of American life & literature *up to World War I*. This set contains roughly 6,500,000 pages of material including books, pamphlets, periodicals, biographies and autobiographies, fictional works, poetry, collection of various kinds, and selected federal, state, and local documents.

This collection is also on ultra microfiche cards in the cabinets at WA1

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#### Equipment:

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Ultra microfiche cards can be viewed (and possibly printed or scanned and saved as above) on either of our micro-copiers. You will need to use a special lens available by asking the Reference Librarian at the Reference Desk.