



British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography on-line database: a user guide NIS 19

Introduction

The [British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography on-line database](#) is a bibliographic database hosted by the Archaeology Data Service, and comprises some 92,000 references for relevant publications issued from AD 1695 to 1991, of which around one third are accompanied by an abstract. These references are taken from the following:

- The *Index of Archaeological papers* produced by the Gomme family between 1892 and 1910, which was a retrospective compilation of the works of 17th- and 18th-century antiquaries
- The *Archaeological Bibliography for Great Britain and Ireland*, published by the Council for British Archaeology, which provided comprehensive indexed listings for publications from 1940-1980
- *British Archaeological Abstracts*, also published by the CBA, which was a twice-yearly compilation of the latest and most significant archaeological publications, covering 1968-1991

Getting started

The **British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography on-line database** is available to all networked users via the campus network. Access can be gained in one of two ways:

- From the [Library Web](#). Click on *Electronic resources, Databases* and then on *Databases: complete alphabetical table*. Finally click on the entry **for British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography on-line database**, and then follow the instructions
- Directly from this page by connecting to the [British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography on-line database](#) web page

Searching the database

Type your search term in the Query box, and click on the Submit Query button.

Hints on searching:

- You can use a phrase, such as *Maiden Castle*, but you must remember that the search engine will seek to match the exact phrase
- You can use % as a wildcard to link several terms together so that the search engine will not attempt to make an exact phrase out of them, for example *Maiden Castle%third* will return "Wheeler, R E M 1937 'The excavation of Maiden Castle,

Dorset. Third interim report' Antiq J 17(3), 1937 261-82, pls (unno'd), figs (incl fold-outs), refs.", whereas *Maiden Castle third* will not retrieve it

Displaying the results of your search

Once you have carried out a search, the results will appear on the screen. You can highlight a reference that interests you, and then use the Copy and Paste functions in the Edit menu to transfer it into your own file.

The next step

After completing a search, you may want to:

- Begin another search (type a new term into the Query box)
- Quit the system (either click on the Home button on the toolbar or close your internet browser)

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