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Organization of the Workbook

The workbook is divided into five categories, which correspond to tabs in the workbook:

National: Indicates national societies which cover histories pertaining to Great Britain, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, or a combination of these areas.

Scotland: Contains information on series specific to certain counties or areas of Scotland.

Wales: Contains information on series specific to certain counties or areas of Wales.

Great Britain: Contains information on series specific to certain counties or areas of Great Britain, including the Isle of Man and Jersey.
GB Regional: Contains information on series specific to certain areas (combined and historical counties) of Great Britain.

Notes on Use

Each of the tabs has grouped listings of its corresponding areas. Only the areas for which UPenn has records are included. These groupings may be opened or closed using the + and - signs to the left of the sheet. Click on the + next to the desired area to show all the records for that area; click the - to minimize the area. To quickly expand or minimize the entire sheet, use the 1 2 buttons; 2 expands the sheet, and 1 minimizes it.

Abbreviations and Notes

- ### in the Call Number column indicates that the series appears under a variety of call numbers, likely different for each title. See the Notes column for more information.
- VP: Van Pelt
- RB&M: Rare Book and Manuscript library
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- Each series is grouped together by color; the actual color is arbitrary.
• Each title under the “Series” column has been taken directly from the Franklin record; most of these titles are not standardized in Franklin and will vary.

For More Information:

The following titles may also be of use when looking for other historical societies:


BIAB: the British & Irish archaeological bibliography (online)

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