



*"No complete run of the Police Gazette exists. It is probable that this single fact alone accounts for the little use made of it by historians. It contains a wealth of information relating to crime, to offenders and policing. The publication on microfilm of this source, compiled from a variety of different archives is to be welcomed as a little known but immensely valuable resource."*

Clive Emsley, Reader in History, The Open University

**Part 1** makes available issues for 1866-1869, 1871-1878, 1882-1897 & 1899-1900 from the holdings of the Cambridgeshire Police Archive (covering 30 years, representing 23% of the total run from 1772 to 1900).

The Police Gazette is an invaluable resource for all those interested in:

- The history of crime.
- The changing role of the police from the Georgian through to the Victorian periods.
- The social history of possessions.
- 'Transportation' to Australia.
- Desertion from the armed forces.
- Genealogy - it is full of names of missing persons, those involved in crime and those deported or imprisoned.



**Part 3** fills some important gaps in the coverage of the first two parts, offering issues for 1829, 1858, 1879-1881 & 1898 from the holdings of the British Library Newspaper Library, London. This means that scholars can now examine virtually unbroken sequences of the Police Gazette from 1797-1810, 1828-1840 and 1866-1900. This represents coverage of 48% of the total run from 1772 to 1900.

Highlights include:

- Exploring the criminal underworld of Georgian and Victorian England.
- Understanding the truth behind the depictions of London by Fielding and Dickens.
- The social history of crime and policing.
- The values placed on personal possessions.
- Genealogy - there are extensive lists of criminals, army deserters (who may have changed identity), missing persons and those sent to Australia.

**Part 2** focusses on the earlier period and makes available issues for 1797-1810, 1828 & 1830-1840 (covering a further 26 years, representing 20% of the total run that we hope to assemble from c1772 to 1900) from the holdings of the State Library of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. There are crimes reported in London, Bristol and Newcastle ranging from arson, forgery and house-breaking, to cattle stealing, embezzlement and fraud. Genealogists will also find this a very helpful resource, as there are lists of criminals, deserters and those being sent to Australia.

**Part 4** offers issues for a further 17 years from the early part of the journal's history and means that we can now offer coverage of 79 years in total from 1797-1840 and 1866-1900. This represents coverage of 61% of the total run from 1772 to 1900.

It offers a valuable insight into Georgian and Victorian social history. It provides minute details of offences committed and thus provides a vast array of information on topics such as:

- highwaymen.
- army deserters and changes of identity.
- valuable possessions.
- transportation to Australia.
- public morality and censorship.



*"Since 1772, this periodical has contained detailed information relating to crime, criminals and police officers throughout England and Wales. It contains a wealth of information of interest to police and local historians and is a virtually untapped source."*

Les Waters, Police History Society.

## The Police Gazette

**Part 1:** The Police Gazette - Issues for 1866-1878, 1882-1897 & 1899-1900 from the Cambridgeshire Police Archives

**Part 2:** Issues for 1797-1810, 1828 & 1830-1840 from the State Library of New South

**Part 3:** Issues for 1829, 1858, 1879-1881 & 1898 from the British Library Newspaper Library, London

**Part 4:** Issues for 1811-1827 from Somerset Record Office and for 1848-1856 from Durham Record Office

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