

GUIDE TO THE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF DIARIES

All eight volumes of this work are continuously paginated from the title page of volume one, although page numbers are not always printed and the format may vary between sections. With a very few exceptions, usually occasioned by doubt, diarists are listed alphabetically in the year in which their first diary entries are made and the years relating to each page are given in headings; anonymous entries appear first as a matter of convenience. Where year changes occur the new date appears in the left hand margin underlined and bold with 'AD' appended in subscript. Although superfluous in the printed edition this feature is important to the search capability of the electronic version, which is obtainable on CD-ROM, as it enables a computer to distinguish between these signal dates and others which appear in the text. This is only one of the compromises which have been made necessary to ensure the maximum convenience of use in the two formats. As far as has been reasonably practicable it has been arranged that year changes occur at page boundaries, and also that only long individual entries cross the same.

The numerals '01' and '02' which appear in the left hand margin indicate that there has been a significant change or addition since the first edition and will not be of much interest to the majority of users. The number '01' refers to such events in the second edition, which was available only on CD-ROM, and the number '02' indicates those which appear for the first time in this edition.

The first line or two of each entry gives the surname of the diarist in capital letters, but where the name is accented it appears again immediately in unaccented form in brackets, this again is to facilitate computerised searching; alternate spellings, aliases, married and maiden names are also occasionally given, as will usually be clear from the context. Ranks and titles are (with the exception of those which do not require unnatural displacement) usually shown in square brackets after the names: this has been done in order to ensure that the electronically compiled index retains, as far as possible, strict alphabetic order. It should be noted, however, that anonymous diarists are not indexed, even where their occupations are given. Then follow, in brackets, the dates of birth and death of the diarist where known. A supplementary note of occupation, place of birth or other incidental information is then given in many cases. The whole of the foregoing, with very few exceptions, is entered into the index.

At the right hand of the first line of each entry there may occur a series of letters, numbers and symbols which are, with the exception of letter 'E', cross references to entries in other bibliographies¹ of which the meaning is as follows:

- A - Matthews' *American Diaries*² and the page reference.
- B - Matthews' *British Diaries*³ and the page reference.
- C - Matthews' *Canadian Diaries and Autobiographies*⁴ and item number.
- D - Matthews' *British Autobiographies*⁵ and the page reference.
- E - Indicates that the source for part, or occasionally all of the entry is a book review, library or bookseller's catalogue or other publication.
- F - Is reserved to denote fictional diaries and is rarely used.
- G - Goodfriend's *Diaries and Letters of American Women*⁶ and the page reference.
- H - Havlice⁷ and the item number.

¹ The brief citations which appear in the notes below are amplified in the Bibliography of Bibliographies section which follows this guide.

² *American Diaries: An Annotated Bibliography of American Diaries Written Prior to the Year 1861* Berkeley, University of California Press, 1945.

³ *British Diaries: An Annotated Bibliography of British Diaries Written between 1442 and 1942* Berkeley, University of California Press, 1950.

⁴ *Canadian Diaries and Autobiographies* Berkeley, University of California Press, 1950.

⁵ *British Autobiographies: An Annotated Bibliography of British Autobiographies Published or Written before 1951* Berkeley, University of California Press, 1950.

⁶ *The Published Diaries and Letters of American Women: An Annotated Bibliography* Boston, G.K.Hall & Co., 1987

M - Arksey, Pries and Reed⁸ and the item number.

An asterisk preceding any of the reference letters indicates that there is additional information in the publication referred to which is not contained in the entry in this work and usually implies that some or all of the diarist's work has not yet been examined for this bibliography; this is particularly the case for American diaries, especially those written after 1861 and before 1981 where many entries here consist only of the diarist's name, and Arksey, Pries & Reed is the essential reference for Americans writing in this period. In the case of Matthews' bibliographies an asterisk will normally refer only to information about manuscripts rather than to the published works. Where there are no references given the diary has been examined and is not mentioned in other bibliographies, with the exception that Goodfriend is cited only where an unexamined diarist has been mentioned exclusively by her. All the works referred to by Matthews have either been examined and re-annotated or his annotations are quoted verbatim, where this is the case it is acknowledged in every instance.

In the simple case the dates covered by the diary are then given, sometimes with an indication of the degree of its continuity. There are some anomalies where these dates do not correspond, usually only by a year or two, with the entry's position within the bibliography: it is intended to explain or correct these anomalies in the next edition. The diary's dates are followed by a description of the contents, which has been the subject of some discussion in the introduction. The appearances of the diary in print are then given, roughly in order of publication, with title, date and place of publication, editor and sometimes pagination, this particularly in the case of serial publications. It should be borne in mind that the full publishing history is not necessarily given, although modern reprints of older titles have been noted when found. In some instances where many separate diaries by the same author have been published the ordering of annotation and listing has become complex but will, it is hoped be generally intelligible. Titles of publications, and of articles within them, are underlined. The last line of each entry contains a note of any significant references in any of the anthologies, collections or studies which appear in the appropriate section of this work, where, correspondingly, the date of the main entry is shown opposite the diarist's name. Occasionally a further note will be appended to an entry discussing or drawing attention to matters not easily dealt with otherwise.

Indexing is confined to an alphabetical list of diarists but, regrettably, there remain many inconsistencies, particularly with positioning of names prefixed *de*, *de la*, *van* and *von* and in the case of Japanese and a few other oriental names. Because of different usages and conventions from time to time, language to language and country to country, it has not been so simple as was hoped to reduce the problem to order and it is therefore advisable to scan the index for alternative forms of names which at first seem to be absent. It should also be noted that only the main bibliography is indexed, mentions of diarists in anthologies, studies and collections are ignored, as are names appearing in the misleading titles section. It is hoped that printing the index in Volume I and the main bibliography in succeeding volumes will help to contain frustration. The absence of a subject index has already been addressed in the introduction.

⁷ *And So to Bed: A Bibliography of Diaries Published in English* Metuchen, New Jersey, The Scarecrow Press, 1987

⁸ *American Diaries: An Annotated Bibliography of Published American Diaries and Journals* Volume 1: *Diaries Written from 1492 to 1844* Detroit, Gale Research Company, 1983 and Volume 2: *Diaries Written from 1845 to 1980* Detroit, Gale Research Company, 1987