



The U.S. Congressional Serial Set

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Background

In October 2018, HeinOnline embarked on the enormous undertaking of releasing the *U.S. Congressional Serial Set*.

Due to the enormity of the *Serial Set*, HeinOnline is releasing the archive in phases with the goal of adding about **4 million pages each year** until it is completed.

HeinOnline has chosen to include the *U.S. Congressional Serial Set* at **no additional charge** for the following groups:

- HeinOnline Academic+ Subscribers
- HeinOnline Core+ Subscribers
- Subscribers to HeinOnline's U.S. Congressional Documents





What is the Serial Set?

A Quintessential Tool for Researching U.S. History



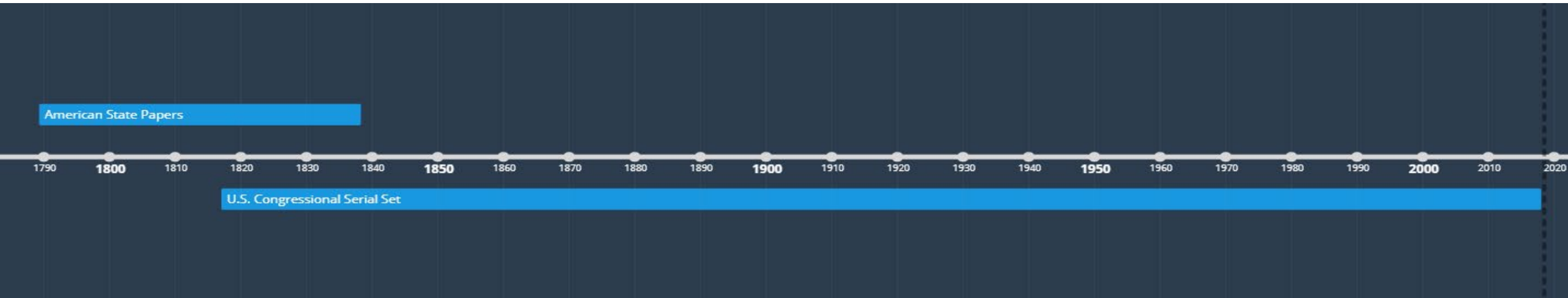
The Serial Set

The *U.S. Congressional Serial Set* is considered an essential publication for the study of American history.

Spanning more than two centuries with more than 17,000 volumes, records in this series include House and Senate Documents, House and Senate Reports, and much more.

U.S. Congressional Documents from 1789 to 1817 are published under *American State Papers*, consisting of 38 volumes. The two series overlap, as *American State Papers* covers through 1838.

Coverage in the Serial Set



American State Papers

Dates: 1789-1838
Congress: 1st-25th

U.S. Congressional Serial Set

Dates: 1817-Current
Congress: 15th-Current

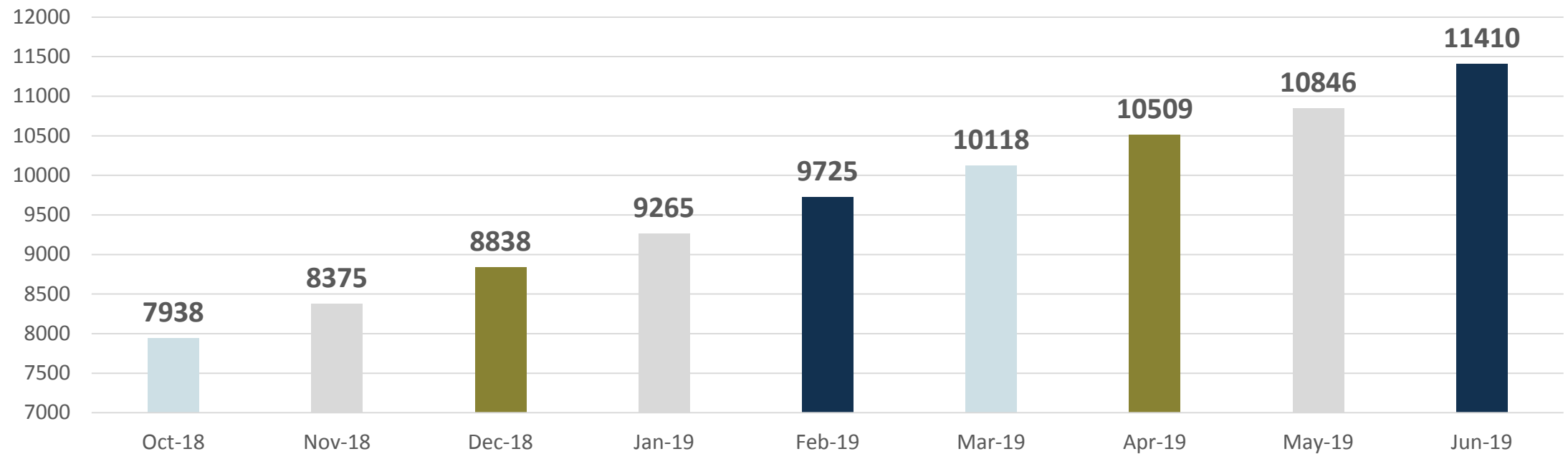


Phase 1

*Obtaining, Digitizing, and Indexing the Volumes of the
Serial Set in HeinOnline*

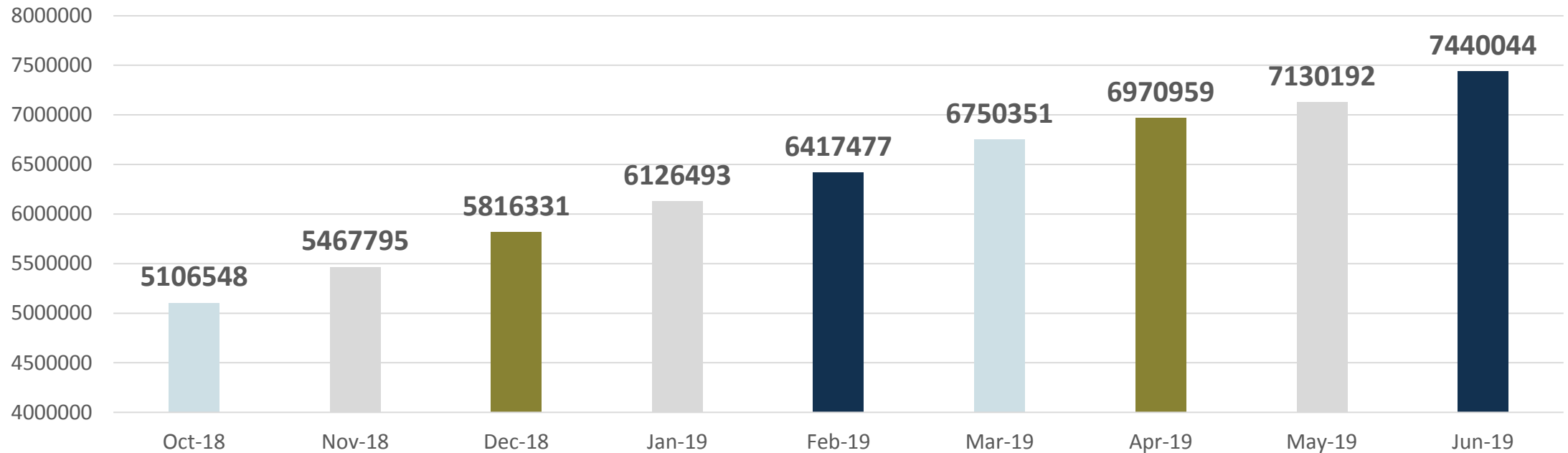
Growth by Volumes

More than 3,400 volumes added since the first release.



Growth by Pages

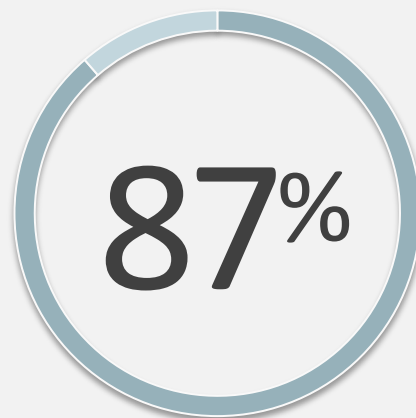
More than 2.3 million pages added since the first release.



Phase 1 Overall Progress



Indexed Records
Available in HeinOnline



Links to Full Text in
HeinOnline or HathiTrust



Full Text Documents
Available in HeinOnline

Pop Quiz

Who was the only U.S. president to die in the Capitol Building?

A) John Quincy Adams

B) John Adams

C) James Madison

D) Andrew Jackson

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John Quincy Adams suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage while speaking in the Capitol Building in 1848.



Using the Serial Set

Tips and Tricks for Researching in the Database



Features

The Phase 1 launch includes custom features not available in any other resource, including:

- **Volume Quick Locator**, allowing users to simply enter a *Serial Set* volume number to retrieve the content.
- **Citation Quick Locator**, allowing users to enter a House or Senate document/report citation for quick retrieval.
- **Multiple browse options** to accommodate different research methods.
- **Color-coded H indicators** to help users determine volume and document availability.
- **Advanced Search Tool**, allowing for easy searching of the extensive metadata indexing.

Researching in the Serial Set



Select the U.S. Congressional Serial Set from the HeinOnline welcome page to access all content in the database.



The default landing page directs users to the full list of Congress numbers available within the collection.



Volume and **Citation Quick Locator** tools enable users to enter a *Serial Set* volume number or citation to retrieve content.

The screenshot displays the Serial Set search interface. At the top, there are two search tools: "Volume" and "Citation", each with a text input field and a "Go" button. Below these tools is a list of Congress numbers, organized into two columns. Each entry includes the Congress number and the corresponding volume range.

Congress	Volumes
113th Congress (2013-2014)	Volumes 15579-15737
112th Congress (2011-2013)	Volumes 15376-15578
111th Congress (2009-2010)	Volumes 15209-15375
110th Congress (2007-2009)	Volumes 15069-15210
109th Congress (2005-2006)	Volumes 14933-15068
108th Congress (2003-2004)	Volumes 14802-14931
107th Congress (2001-2002)	Volumes 14680-14801
106th Congress (1999-2000)	Volumes 14532-14679
63rd Congress (1912-1915)	Volumes 6328-6894
62nd Congress (1911-1913)	Volumes 6075-6532
61st Congress (1908-1911)	Volumes 5378-6074
60th Congress (1907-1909)	Volumes 5216-5561
59th Congress (1904-1907)	Volumes 4753-5215
58th Congress (1903-1905)	Volumes 4556-4901
57th Congress (1900-1903)	Volumes 4028-4555
56th Congress (1899-1901)	Volumes 3842-4217

Volumes within a Congress



Once a Congress number has been selected, users are redirected to the complete list of volumes within the selected Congress.

Colored icons indicate whether full text coverage or indexing-only is currently available.

Selecting a volume number within a Congress brings users to a title, type of document, year, and citation formats.

The screenshot displays a web interface for Congress 93. At the top, it says "Congress: 93 >" and includes a search bar labeled "Search this Congress". Below this is a grid of volume buttons. A red box highlights the button for "13,034-5", and a red arrow points from it to a detailed pop-up window.

Congress: 93 > Volume: 13034-5

Title:	Report of Commission on Bankruptcy Laws of United States. 2 pts
Type:	House Documents
Volume:	13034-5  
Doc. No.:	137
Congress-Session:	93-1
Year:	1973
Preferred Citation:	H. Doc. 93-137
Bluebook Citation:	H.R. Doc. No. 137, 93d Cong., 1st Sess. (1973)
Serial Set Citation:	13034-5 H.doc. 137

Interpreting the Icons



Blue and Orange: This icon indicates that this *Serial Set* volume has been digitized and is available within HeinOnline as well as HathiTrust Digital Library.



Blue: This icon indicates that this *Serial Set* volume has been digitized and is available within the HeinOnline database.



Partially Blue: This icon indicates that this *Serial Set* volume is partially available within the HeinOnline database.



Orange: This icon indicates that this *Serial Set* volume is available in HathiTrust Digital Library and will link to the specific *Serial Set* volume within the collection.



Red: This icon indicates that this volume/document was assigned a serial number but it was not distributed or used.



Gray: This icon indicates that this *Serial Set* volume is not yet available in HeinOnline or the HathiTrust Digital Library.

Searching the Metadata

Selecting the **Advanced Search** link located beneath the main search bar allows users to search particular fields within the metadata.

Users can also choose the method by which to sort their search: relevance, volume date (oldest or newest first), or document title.

The screenshot displays the HeinOnline Advanced Search interface. At the top, the 'HEINONLINE' logo is on the left, and navigation tabs for 'Full Text', 'Citation', 'Catalog', and 'Case Law' are on the right. Below these is a main search bar with the placeholder text 'Search U.S. Congressional Serial Set...'. A red box highlights the 'Advanced Search' link located directly beneath the search bar. To the right of the search bar are links for 'Search Help' and 'Search History', and a checkbox for 'Search All Databases'. Below the search bar, a breadcrumb trail shows 'Databases > U.S. Congressional Serial Set > Quick Reference Guide'. The main search area contains several input fields: 'Keywords', 'Title', and 'Volume', each with a dropdown arrow. To the right of these fields are 'AND' dropdowns and an 'Add field' button. A 'Venn Diagram Search BETA' button is also present. Below the input fields is a 'Select Document Type:' section with a dropdown menu showing 'All Document Types', 'Serial Set', 'American State Papers', 'Congressional Documents', and 'Congressional Reports'. Below this is a 'Select Titles:' section with a 'Choose By Citation...' dropdown. Further down is a 'Date: (YYYY)' and 'To: (YYYY)' section, followed by a 'Sort by:' dropdown menu which is highlighted with a red box and shows 'Relevance' as the selected option. Below the date and sort sections is a 'Section Types To Search?:' section with a 'Check All' button and an 'Uncheck All' button. This section contains three columns of checkboxes, all of which are checked. The first column includes 'Comments', 'Congressional Bills', 'Court of Claims Reports', 'House Bills', 'House Documents', 'House Executive Documents', 'House Journal', and 'House Miscellaneous Documents'. The second column includes 'House Reports', 'Legislation', 'Notes', 'Senate Documents', 'Senate Executive Reports', 'Senate Executive Documents', 'Senate Journal', and 'Senate Miscellaneous Documents'. The third column includes 'Senate Reports', 'Senate Treaty Documents', 'Congressional Reports', 'Contents', 'Editorial', 'Index', and 'Title Page'. At the bottom left of the search area is a 'Search' button.

Searching the Metadata

Search Options Include:

- Congress
- Document Number
- Keywords
- Title
- Volume
- Year

Section Types Include:

- American State Papers
- Congressional Bills
- House Bills
- House Documents
- House Reports
- Senate Documents
- Senate Executive Reports
- Senate Reports
- Senate Treaty Documents
- And more!

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Full Text Citation Catalog Case Law

Search U.S. Congressional Serial Set...

Advanced Search Search Help Search History Search All Databases

Databases U.S. Congressional Serial Set Quick Reference Guide

Keywords Title Volume AND AND Add field

Select Document Type:

All Document Types
Serial Set
American State Papers
Congressional Documents
Congressional Reports

Select Titles:

Choose By Citation...

Date: (YYYY) To: (YYYY) Sort by: Relevance

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Search

Help Us Complete the Project

If your library holds all or part of the *Serial Set*, and you are willing to assist us in completing this project, please contact Shannon Hein at 716-882-2600 or shein@wshein.com.

Special Thanks:

HeinOnline would like to give a special thanks to **Wayne State University**, **University of Utah**, and **UC Hastings** for their generous contributions which have resulted in the steady growth of HeinOnline's *U.S. Congressional Serial Set*.

Future Releases

Monthly Content Additions

The number of full-text volumes of the *Serial Set* in HeinOnline will continue to grow monthly by nearly 350,000 pages a month, or 4 million pages a year.

Phase II of the Release

Phase II of the *Serial Set* project will include oversized foldouts and maps. Users will be kept up to date on the status of the project via email, the monthly HeinOnline Newsletter, and the HeinOnline blog.

Secrets of the Serial Set

Don't forget to subscribe to the [HeinOnline Blog](#) to receive our monthly blog series, [Secrets of the Serial Set](#). Each month, we unearth a new historical gem that can be found within.



Pop Quiz

Which is the world's “tallest” mountain, when measured from base to summit?

A) Mt. Everest

B) Mt. Kilimanjaro

C) Mt. Fuji

D) Mauna Kea

Pop Quiz

Which is the world's tallest mountain, when measured between base and summit?

While Mount Everest has the highest altitude of any world mountain, Mauna Kea is “taller” when measured from underwater base to peak (10,000 meters).

D) Mauna Kea

A dark, low-key photograph of the U.S. Capitol building, showing the iconic dome and the grand portico with its columns. The image is used as a background for a text overlay.

Questions?

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