

# The English Reports - HeinOnline

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The English Reports is a collection of over 100,000 reprinted early English cases dating from 1220-1867 (although there are a few cases in the collection date from 1866-1873). It encompasses the most important decisions of the English Courts prior to the commencement of the official *Law Reports* series in 1865.

These cases originally appeared in law report series with names such as "Adolphus & Ellis' Queen's Bench Reports" or "Carter's Common Pleas Reports" which were published by the individuals whose names they bear, and which are therefore also known as the "Nominate Reports".

Cases which have been reprinted in The English Reports therefore have both a "nominate citation" and an English Reports citation, e.g., Heydon's Case 3 Co. Rep. 7a (nominate citation); 76 Eng. Rep. 637 (English Reports citation).

The English Reports is also available in Westlaw. The text of The English Reports is the same in both databases.

In addition to access to the English Reports (Full Reprint), this collection also includes access to Pre-1865 Law Reports. This series contains Law Reports for England and Wales comprised of nearly 350 volumes which were not reprinted in the English Reports. The reports cover a period before the commencement of the Law Reports in 1865 and are available in their original form.

Also included in the collection is the Statutes of the Realm (1235-1713).

You may see the English reports screen below. If not, you begin at the HeinOnline Home screen - under "Browse Databases by Name", click on "English Reports" and select Full Reprint (1220-1867) (or English Law Reports: Pre-1865.) to reach this screen.



The screenshot shows the HeinOnline interface for the English Reports database. At the top left is the HEINONLINE logo. A search bar contains the text "Search English Reports...". Below the search bar are links for "Advanced Search" and "Search Help", and a checkbox for "Search All Databases". A "Live Chat" button is visible on the right. The main navigation area shows "Databases > English Reports" with a sub-menu containing "English Reports, Full Reprint (1220-1867)", "English Law Reports: Pre-1865", and "Other Related Works". The "Case Locator" section includes a text input field for "Enter Case Name Or Nominative Citation" and a "Locate" button. Below this are four radio button options: "Case Name (Bradshaw)" (selected), "English Reports Citation (77 Eng. Rep. 1283)", "Nominative Citation (2 Wils. K. B. 137)", and "Key Word Search". The "Browse" section lists "English Reports Full Reprint Vols. 1-176 (1220-1867)", "Chart of Reports", and "Statutes of the Realm Vols. 1-11 (1235-1713)".

## The Index Chart and Chart Tool

The English Reports were originally issued in hard-copy in 178 volumes in 1900-1932 and were accompanied by a two-volume index of cases and a table (or chart) listing all the nominate reports included in the series and keying them to the volume(s) in which they were located.

To view the chart click on the link “Chart of Reports” under the heading “Browse” in the bottom half of the screen.

The link brings up a list of all the old reports which were reprinted in The English Reports and gives their corresponding abbreviations, and this list can be sorted in various ways.

Chart of Reports				
Acton, 1 & 2	12	Acton or Act.	1809-1811	P.C.
Addams, 1-3	162	Add.	1822-1826	Ecc. Adm./ P. & D.
Adolphus & Ellis, 1	110	Ad. & E.	1834-1840	K.B.
Adolphus & Ellis, 10-12	113	Ad. & E.	1834-1840	K.B.
Adolphus & Ellis, 2-5	111	Ad. & E.	1834-1840	K.B.
Adolphus & Ellis, 6-9	112	Ad. & E.	1834-1840	K.B.
Aleyn	82	Al.	1646-1649	K.B.
Ambler	27	Amb.	1737-1784	Ch.
Anderson, 1 & 2	123	And.	1534-1605	C.P.
Andrews	95	Andr.	1738-1739	K.B.
Anstruther, 1-3	145	Anst.	1792-1797	Ex.
Atkyns, 1-3	26	Atk.	1736-1755	Ch.
Barnardiston, Chancery	27	Barn. C.	1740-1741	CH.
Barnardiston, K. B. 1 & 2	94	Barn. K.B.	1726-1735	K.B.
Barnes	94	Barnes.	1732-1760	K.B.
Barnewall & Adolphus, 1 & 2	109	B. & Ad./ Barn. & Adol.	1830-1834	K.B.
Barnewall & Adolphus, 3-5	110	B. & Ad./ Barn. & Adol.	1830-1834	K.B.
Barnewall & Alderson, 1-5	106	B. & A./ Barn. & Ald.	1817-1822	K.B.
Barnewall & Cresswell, 1-4	107	B. & C./ Barn. & Cress.	1822-1830	K.B.
Barnewall & Cresswell, 5-8	108	B. & C./ Barn. & Cress.	1822-1830	K.B.
Barnewall & Cresswell, 9-10	109	B. & C./ Barn. & Cress.	1822-1830	K.B.
Beavan, 1 & 2	48	Beav.	1838-1866	Rolls.
Beavan, 13-17	51	Beav.	1838-1866	Rolls.
Beavan, 18-22	52	Beav.	1838-1866	Rolls.
Beavan, 23-26	53	Beav.	1838-1866	Rolls.

The Chart Tool can be a useful list to consult when given a case citation (reference) to a very early law report that you may not know where to find. You may have a citation such as: Childs v Monins 2 Brod. & B. 460 without any date given.

## Searching for a specific case by the names of the parties in the case

Click on “English Reports” to return to the search screen.

The screenshot shows the HeinOnline search interface. At the top left is the HeinOnline logo. A search bar contains the text "astbury" and a search icon. Below the search bar are links for "Advanced Search" and "Search Help", and a checkbox for "Search All Databases". A navigation bar shows "Databases > English Reports" with a dropdown menu open, displaying three options: "English Reports, Full Reprint (1220-1867)", "English Law Reports: Pre-1865", and "Other Related Works". The "English Reports, Full Reprint (1220-1867)" option is selected. Below the navigation bar is a "Case Locator" section with a text input field containing "astbury" and a "Locate" button. Underneath are four radio button options: "Case Name (Bradshaw)" (selected), "English Reports Citation (77 Eng. Rep. 1283)", "Nominative Citation (2 Wils. K. B. 137)", and "Key Word Search". Below the radio buttons is a "Browse" section with three links: "English Reports Full Reprint Vols. 1-176 (1220-1867)", "Chart of Reports", and "Statutes of the Realm Vols. 1-11 (1235-1713)". A green "Live Chat" button is located on the right side of the interface.



## Searching for a specific case by the citation

From the English Reports home page, you can search either by the English Reports citation or the nominative citation. Select one of these options by clicking the appropriate button under the search box, then type your citation into the box.

**Case Locator:**

Enter Case Name Or Nominative Citation

- Case Name (Bradshaw)
- English Reports Citation (77 Eng. Rep. 1283)
- Nominative Citation (2 Wils. K. B. 137)
- Key Word Search

**Browse**

[English Reports Full Reprint](#)  
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[Chart of Reports](#)

[Statutes of the Realm](#)  
Vols. 1-11 (1235-1713)

## Searching for cases on a particular subject

Select the option "Key Word Search" underneath the search box then type your words or phrases into the box. You will be directed to an advanced search screen where you can type your search terms again. Always enclose a phrase in quotation marks, e.g. "revocation of a will" otherwise the individual words will be searched for separately and you will get a lot of irrelevant results.

**Case Locator:**

Enter Case Name Or Nominative Citation

- Case Name (Bradshaw)
- English Reports Citation (77 Eng. Rep. 1283)
- Nominative Citation (2 Wils. K. B. 137)
- Key Word Search

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Your search results will be displayed with your search terms in bold.

The screenshot shows the HeinOnline search interface. At the top left is the HeinOnline logo. A search bar contains the text "revocations of a will" with a magnifying glass icon to its right. Below the search bar are links for "Advanced Search" and "Search Help", and a checkbox for "Search All Databases". Below this is a navigation bar with "Databases" and "English Reports".

On the left side, there is a "Refine Your Search" section with three expandable categories: "Date", "Document Type", and "Section Type".

The main search results area shows "5 results searching for ('revocations of a will') in English Reports." Below this is a "Sort by:" dropdown menu set to "Relevance", followed by icons for edit, download, print, share, and list. Below the sort menu are buttons for "Check All", "Uncheck All", "MyHein Options", and "Save/Email".

The first search result is listed with a checkbox, the citation "36 Eng. Rep. 618", and the following text: "English Reports Full Reprint Vol. 36 - Chancery (including Collateral Reports) (1557-1865) Vawser v. Jeffery [case] Nominative Citation: 2 Swans. 268". To the right of the citation are icons for document, download, email, and bookmark.

Below the citation is a "Turn to page" box containing the text: "Copyhold estates not being within the statute which [275] requires the attestation of three witnesses to a will (29 Car. 2, c. 3, s. 5, 6), it may be a question, whether many acts are not **revocations of a will** of copyholds, which would not work a revocation in the case of freeholds ; and it will be material for both sides to look into cases of revocation of wills prior to the statute of frauds."

At the bottom of the results area is a link: "+ All Matching Text Pages (1)".

You can modify your search or search within your results and type in further words or phrases to narrow your search by using the icons above the search results shown below.

This image is a close-up of the sorting and action icons from the search results. It shows a "Sort by:" dropdown menu set to "Relevance". To the right of the dropdown are five icons: an edit icon (pencil), a download icon (downward arrow), a print icon (printer), a share icon (two people), and a list icon (document with lines). The edit and download icons are circled in red.

To view the full text of a case, click on the citation.