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ADDITIONAL CONTENT
• STC I (Units 89-90)
• Wing (Units 138)
• TCP I, II combined make available more than 60,000 texts from the entire EEBO corpus!
  • STC I (Units 91-93)
  • Wing (Units 139-145)
  • Facsimile Document Images showing these titles
EIGHT WAYS THAT INTEGRATING TCP FULL-TEXT TRANSCRIPTIONS ENHANCES THE VALUE OF EEBO FOR LIBRARIES AND SCHOLARS

BUILD ON PREVIOUS INVESTMENT
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HELP ALL LEVELS OF RESEARCHERS DISCOVER MORE
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ALLOW YOUR INSTITUTION TO BENEFIT FROM COMMUNITY EXPERTISE
Creation of searchable keyed versions of EEBO texts was entrusted to the university community and drew upon community expertise in the development of the scope and standards for the project.

SUPPORT MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS
Covering 37 key research subjects, the collection offers cross disciplinary support to many programs.

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To accompany page images, the Text Creation Partnership has created accurate transcriptions of many thousands of the works, helping researchers of all levels to discover more from within the EEBO corpus.

The TCP collection is the product of an innovative partnership between ProQuest and the libraries of the University of Michigan and the University of Oxford, with contributions from scholars within the academic community worldwide to provide:

- Keyed, TEI-compliant SGML/XML searchable transcriptions of the full text of more than 40% of EEBO works from both TCP-I and TCP –II
- Produced by language and history experts from within the university community
- Includes the most frequently used texts, by key authors, across 37 subject areas
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Learn more at: textcreationpartnership.org
For every sale, ProQuest makes a percentage donation to the Text Creation Partnership to fund future projects.
“The existence of Early English Books Online has completely transformed my teaching as well as my own scholarly life—both entirely for the better.”
— Regius Professor Quentin Skinner, University of Cambridge

## HOW RESEARCHERS ARE USING TCP MATERIALS IN THEIR RESEARCH

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The results of this question indicate the value of all three aspects of the EEB0 resource — the image sets, the transcribed texts and the catalogue records — working together in tandem. It also indicates the significant added value that the TCP texts give to EEB0, both as transcriptions and as finding aids.

### IMPORTANCE OF EEB0-TCP FEATURES

Participants were asked to rank various factors in order of importance to their work. The following percentages resulted, divided by ranking position.

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Overall, then, accuracy of transcription is considered by most to be the most important factor, followed by completion/comprehensiveness of the corpus. The consistency and richness of the XML encoding are considered important but less so than the first two factors.

Our Partner Libraries

ProQuest is pleased to announce our partnership with the USTC (Universal Short Titles Catalogue List) to assist in the selection of future collections for digitization into the Early European Books corpus. Additionally, USTC will provide enhanced detail into the metadata records, improving the access and discoverability of materials within and across the collections, facilitating an improved researcher experience.

In addition ProQuest is building Early European Books in partnership with several major European libraries, including: Det Kongelige Bibliotek (KBDK)/The Royal Library, Copenhagen; Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze (BNCF)/National Central Library (Florence); Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KBNL)/National Library of the Netherlands, The Hague; Wellcome Library, London; Bibliothèque Nationale de France (BnF)/National Library of France, Paris.

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