

# Select Bibliography

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R. W. Chapman's edition of *The Letters of Samuel Johnson* (Oxford, 1952), with its informative (and sometimes engagingly eccentric) notes and indices, has been of great value as a detailed – though inevitably incomplete – record of Johnson's daily life. For certain periods of Johnson's life, his *Diaries, Prayers, and Annals* (New Haven, Conn., 1958), edited by E. L. McAdam, Jr, with Donald and Mary Hyde, and published as the opening volume of the Yale Edition of the Works of Samuel Johnson, has been frequently drawn on. It goes without saying that Boswell's *The Life of Samuel Johnson, LL.D.* has been repeatedly referred to and not infrequently quoted from; George Birkbeck Hill's edition (rev. and enlarged by L. F. Powell [Oxford, 1934]), is still indispensable for serious students of Johnson. It is now possible to supplement the *Life* with, and check it against, Boswell's private papers; and the dozen volumes that have so far appeared in the 'Reading Edition' of the Yale Edition of the Private Papers of James Boswell have been consulted, especially the following.

- Boswell's London Journal, 1762–1763*, ed. Frederick A. Pottle (1950).  
*Boswell in Holland, 1763–1764*, ed. Frederick A. Pottle (1952).  
*Boswell on the Grand Tour: Germany and Switzerland, 1764*, ed. Frederick A. Pottle (1953).  
*Boswell on the Grand Tour: Italy, Corsica, and France, 1765–1766*, ed. Frank Brady and Frederick A. Pottle (1955).  
*Boswell in Search of a Wife, 1766–1769*, ed. Frank Brady and Frederick A. Pottle (1956).  
*Boswell for the Defence, 1769–1774*, ed. William K. Wimsatt, Jr, and Frederick A. Pottle (1959).  
*Boswell: The Ominous Years, 1774–1776*, ed. Charles Ryskamp and Frederick A. Pottle (1963).  
*Boswell in Extremis, 1776–1778*, ed. Charles McC. Weis and Frederick A. Pottle (1971).  
*Boswell: Laird of Auchinleck, 1778–1782*, ed. Joseph W. Reed and Frederick A. Pottle (1977).  
*Boswell: The Applause of the Jury, 1782–1785*, ed. Irma S. Lustig and Frederick A. Pottle (1982).

*Boswell: The English Experiment, 1785–1789*, ed. Irma S. Lustig and Frederick A. Pottle (1986).

Two volumes of the 'Research Edition' of the Boswell papers have also been consulted.

*The Correspondence of James Boswell and John Johnston of Grange*, ed. Charles N. Fifer (1976).

*The Correspondence of James Boswell with Certain Members of the Club*, ed. Charles N. Fifer (1976).

The most recent scholarly edition of Boswell's *The Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides, with Samuel Johnson, LL.D.* has also appeared as part of the Yale Edition; and an edition of Johnson's *A Journey to the Western Islands of Scotland* forms part of the Yale Edition of his works. A less elaborate but useful edition bringing these two works between the same covers is by R. W. Chapman (Oxford, 1924).

For the Streatham years, *Thraliana: The Diary of Mrs Hester Lynch Thrale, 1776–1809*, ed. Katharine C. Balderston (2nd edn Oxford, 1951) has been an important source, supplemented by the same writer's *Anecdotes of Samuel Johnson* (published under her later name of Mrs Piozzi), ed. S. C. Roberts (Cambridge, 1932) and by *The Letters of Mrs Thrale*, ed. R. Brimley Johnson (1926). Less important sources have included *The Letters of Hannah More*, ed. R. Brimley Johnson (New York, 1926); *Letters of Anna Seward* (Edinburgh, 1811) – though, regrettably, her letters earlier than 1784 have not survived; *Diary and Letters of Madame D'Arblay*, ed. Charlotte Barrett (1904); *Dr Campbell's Diary of a Visit to England in 1775*, ed. James L. Clifford (Cambridge, 1947); A. M. Broadley's *Doctor Johnson and Mrs Thrale* (1910), for the diaries of the Welsh tour; *The French Journals of Mrs Thrale and Doctor Johnson*, ed. Moses Tyson and Henry Guppy (Manchester, 1932). Numerous other minor sources are identified and excerpted in my *Dr Johnson: Interviews and Recollections* (London, 1987).

Among the modern biographies of Johnson, I have relied most heavily on Walter Jackson Bate's *Samuel Johnson* (London, 1978). James L. Clifford's *Young Samuel Johnson* (London, 1955) has been useful for the early years. Of the numerous other biographies, devoted to members of Johnson's circle, that have been consulted, the most useful has been James L. Clifford's *Hester Lynch Piozzi* (2nd edn Oxford, 1952).

For details of Johnson's writings I have depended on the standard bibliographies and also on various volumes in the Yale Edition, especially *Political Writings*, ed. Donald J. Greene (New Haven, Conn., 1977), and on *The Poems of Samuel Johnson*, ed. David Nichol Smith and Edward L. McAdam (2nd edn Oxford, 1974).

The *Dictionary of National Biography* has, as usual, been a source of information (and, frequently, of entertainment) concerning all but the most obscure individuals.

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