Appendix B: A list of British history-themed toys and games

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The list below includes the British history-themed toys and games I examined when writing Chapter 8. They represent only a small selection of the toys and games produced from the eighteenth century as part of a wider pedagogical drive to instruct children about the past. The majority of the games consulted were produced by London-based publishers. They are by date so that readers can see the development of the market for these educational games and toys, and because many were created by anonymous authors. While I have noted when games were reprinted with no changes under the first known publication date, I have also included separate entries for those games – like *Historical Pastime* – that were modified and updated. These entries illustrate the commercial success of these works and reinforce how the games industry became an offshoot of children's publishing.

- Post 1760 Anon., [History cards: a set of letterpress cards on British history from Queen Boadicea to George III] (place and publisher unknown).
- 1787 John Hewlett, *Engravings for teaching the elements of English History and Chronology after the manner of dissected maps for teaching Geography* (London: C. Rington Bowles, C. Dilly and William Darton, 1787).
- 1788 Anon., *Wallis's Royal Chronological Tables of English History on a Plan similar to that of Dissected Maps* (London: John Wallis, 1788). Also consulted the 1799 edition.
- 1791 Anon., *Royal Genealogical Pastime of the Sovereigns of England from the Dissolution of the Saxon Heptarchy to the Reign of His Present Majesty George the Third* (London: E. Newbery and J. Wallis).
- 1800 Anon., *Historical Cards Exhibiting the History of England* [showing the kings and queens of England from William the Conqueror to George II] (London: John Wallis).
- c. 1800 Anon., *Historical Recreation; or, British History in Miniature. An entertaining Game, combining pleasure with improvement, and calculated to lead the minds of Youth to the love of true patriotism and virtue* (London: H. Teape).

- 1803 Anon., *Historical Pastime or a New Game of the History of England from the Conquest to the Accession of George the Third* (London: J. Harris and J. Wallis). Rulebook: *Rules and Directions for Playing the Historical Pastime; or New Game of the History of England; with a Short Account of the Principal Events which Have Occurred, from William the Conqueror, to the Accession of George the Third* (London: J. Harris and J. Wallis, 1804). Also consulted the 1813 rulebook.
- 1804 Anon., *An Historical Game of England* (London: Didier and Tebbett). Rulebook: *An Historical Game of the Kings of England; including the Memorable Events of their Reigns, adapted to the Juvenile Capacity* (London: Didier and Tebbett).
- 1807 Anon., *The History of England, on Cards. Instructive Game* (London: Harvey and Darton). Rulebook: *The History of England, in Cards, by way of Question and Answer* (London: W. Darton and J. and J. Harvey).
- c. 1809 Anon., *Historical Cards* [A hand-drawn game featuring royals from William the Conqueror to George III] (place and publisher unknown).
- 1810 Anon., *Jubilee An Interesting Game* (London: John Harris). Rulebook: *Rules and Directions for Playing the Jubilee* (London: J. Harris, 1810).
- 1813 Anon., *Instructive Conversation Cards, consisting of Thirty Two Biographical Sketches of Eminent British Characters* (London: W. Darton Jun.). The first edition was published in 1809.
- 1814 Anon., *Wallis's New Game of Universal History and Chronology* (London: John Wallis and son). Rulebook: *Explanation to Wallis's New Game of Universal History and Chronology* (London: John Wallis, 1814).
- 1815 Anon., *The Principal Events in the History of England, to the Reign of George III. Dissected for Children* (London: William Darton, Josiah Harvey and Samuel Darton).
- c. 1815 Anon., *The Royal Game, of British Sovereigns, exhibiting the most remarkable events in each reign, from Egbert to George 3rd* (London: J & E Wallis and Sidmouth: J. Wallis Junr). Rules for the c. 1815 edition were printed on the board. Rulebook: *Explanation to the Royal Game of British Sovereigns; Exhibiting the most Remarkable Events in each Reign, from Egbert, the First King, to that of His Present Majesty*, 3rd edn (London: E. Wallis, c. 1840).
- c. 1816 Anon., *Darton's Pocket Tablet of English History and Chronology* [Egbert to George III] (London: W. Darton Jun.).
- 1820 Anon., *The Sun of Brunswick a New Game* (London: John Harris).
- c. 1820 Anon., *Three New Interrogatory Games on English History, Arts & Sciences and English Grammar* (London: E. Wallis).
- 1824 Anon., *Historical Pastime. A New Game of the History of England [from William 1st to George IV]* (London: E. Wallis and J. Harris & Son). Rulebook:

- Rules and Directions for Playing the Historical Pastime or New Game of the History of England* (London: E. Wallis and Harris & Son, 1824).
- 1825 Anon., *History Made Easy. Genealogy since the Conquest* [Genealogies First from Egbert to William the Conqueror; the Second from William to George the Fourth] (London: G. B. Whittaker).
- c. 1825 Anon., *The British Sovereigns, from William the Conqueror to George IV. Designed to Assist in Teaching the Elements of English History and Chronology after the manner of Dissected Maps for Teaching Geography* (London: William Darton).
- c. 1828 Mrs. O'Sullivan, *A Genealogical and Chronological Game of the History of England*, 4th edn (London: Bowdery and Kerby).
- 1829 Anon., *The Interrogatory Historical Game of England, Accompanied by a Chronological stream of time, on an entirely novel principle* (London: John Betts).
- c. 1830 Anon., *Historical Pastime. A New Game of the History of England [from William 1st to William 4th]* (London: E. Wallis and J. Harris & Son).
- 1830s Anon., *Panorama of Kings [and Queens] of England from [William I to George IV]* (London: Edward Wallis).
- 1830s Anon., *The Principal Events in English History from the Landing of Caesar to William the Fourth* (London: E. Wallis).
- c. 1830s Anon., *The British Sovereigns, from William the Conqueror to William the Fourth, Designed to assist in Teaching the Elements of English History and Chronology, after the Manner of Dissected Maps for Teaching Geography* (London: William Darton & son).
- c. 1830s Anon., *Historical Amusement. A New Game* (London: N. Carpenter). Rulebook: *Historical Amusement. A New and Entertaining Game on the History of England* (London: N. Carpenter, undated). I also consulted a later edition of this game, 1850–1855.
- c. 1835–1840 Anon., *Wars of the Roses. A New Game* (place and publisher unknown).
- 1836 G. Darvall, *Historical Biographical and Geographical Cards: Intended as a Game for the Instruction and Amusement of Young Persons*, 6th edn (London: Romsey Press).
- c. 1837 Anon., *Panorama of English History* [begins with a Saxon] (London: William Sallis).
- c. 1837 Anon., *The British Sovereigns, from William the Conqueror to Victoria the First* [also called Peter Parley's Royal Victoria Game of the Kings & Queens of England] (London: Darton and Clark).
- c. 1837–1840 Anon., *Historical Pastime. A New Game of the History of England [from William 1st to Queen Victoria]* (London, E. Wallis and J. Harris & Son). Rulebook: *Rules and Directions for Playing the Historical Pastime, or New Game of the History of England* (London: E. Wallis).

- 1840 Anon., *Wallis's New Game of Universal History and Chronology* (London: Edward Wallis).
- c. 1840 Anon., *A Chain of Events in English History* (London: John Betts). Rulebook: *Key to Chain of Events in English History* (London: John Betts).
- c. 1840 Anon., *The Royal Game of Contemporary Sovereigns* (London: John Betts).
- c. 1840 Anon., *Amusement in English History* (London: W. Sallis). Rulebook: *Amusement in English History. Exhibiting the most remarkable events in each reign, from the time of the Britons* (London: W. Sallis, 1840).
- c. 1840s Anon., *Arrang'd in Bricks. The Kings & Queens of England with Historical References* (place and publisher unknown).
- 1840s Anon., *Royal Revels, or, Game of Kings for Learning the History of England, on a New Plan* (London: E. Wallis).
- 1840s Anon., *History of England* [round cards] (place and publisher unknown).
- c. 1840s Anon., *A New Game of Wellington's Victories* (London: E. and M. A. Ogilvy).
- c. 1840s Anon., *Sallis's Game of the Little Historian* (London: W. Sallis).
- c. 1845 Anon., *British Sovereigns or The Circle of English History A Game* (London: David Ogilvy and E. & M. A. Ogilvy). Rulebook: *The Circle of British History* (London: David Ogilvy). The rulebook contains instructions for two versions of the game – one intended for younger players.
- 1845–1847 Anon., *Crowned heads or contemporary sovereigns* (London: David Ogilvy).
- 1846 Anon., *The Game of English Blood Royal* (New Orleans: Wm. Chauncy Langdon).
- 1847 Anon., *Spooner's Game of English History, Comprising a chain of Memorable Events from the Invasion of the Romans to the Present Time* (London: William Spooner).
- 1848–1855 Anon., *The Bugle Horn, or Robin Hood & his Merry Men. A Mirthful Game* (London: David Ogilvy and E. & M. A. Ogilvy). Also consulted a later edition c. 1850–1865.
- c. 1850 Anon., *Historical Pastime. A New Game of the History of England* (London: J. Passmore).
- c. 1850 Anon., *Historical Tetotums. A New Game* (London: J. R. Barfoot).
- c. 1855 Anon., *Grandmamma's New Game of English History. Interesting & Instructive* (London: J. R. and J. W. Barfoot).
- 1855 Anon., *The Sovereigns of England* [dissected puzzle] (London: John Betts). Rulebook: *The Sovereigns of England, including Thirty-Six portraits, with the Principal Events in Each Reign* (London: John Betts).
- c. 1855 Anon., *Events of English History* [toy blocks] (place and publisher unknown).