



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Nottinghamshire Archives

Microfiche and Microfilm

Introduction

The microfiche and microfilm held at Nottinghamshire Archives fall into three main groups:

- Preservation copies of documents held here at the Archives
- Copies from national sources held elsewhere
- Copies of local sources held elsewhere, which have been acquired to provide additional sources for research

Researchers can also access certain microfiche copies at other locations around the county. For example some libraries hold microfiche copies of the electoral registers and parish registers for their area. Please contact the individual library for further information.

Microfiche copies are available on open access and can be consulted on one of the 36 microfiche readers in the Searchroom. There is also a self-service reader-printer which can be used to make copies of pages from the fiche.

Microfilms must be ordered from reception using the yellow document request slips and a valid CARN readers ticket. Films will be retrieved from storage as soon as possible. There is one microfilm reader in the Searchroom, if this is already in use, please consult a member of staff.

Microfiche

The following sources are available on microfiche in the Searchroom:

Registration Records

Parish and non-conformist registers for Nottinghamshire record details of baptisms, marriages and burials:

- Parish registers (Church of England) of baptisms, marriages and burials for Nottinghamshire 16th-21st centuries, arranged in alphabetical order by parish with accompanying typed indexes
- Parish register indexes and transcripts for various parishes in Nottinghamshire 16th-20th centuries compiled by family history societies
- Bishops' transcripts 1597-1883: copies of the parish registers which were sent to the bishop of the diocese annually
- Non-conformist church registers, for various churches in Nottinghamshire, pre-1837
- Roman Catholic church registers, for various churches in the county 1786-1910

National Registration Indexes

- General Register Office indexes of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales 1837-1965
- International Genealogical Index (IGI) of births, baptisms and marriages in England, Wales and Scotland up to c1875, produced by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (1992 edition)

Other Parish Records

Besides parish registers the following parish records are also available on microfiche:

- Gedling Parish Officers' accounts 1665-1778
- Stoke Bardolph Parish Officers' accounts 1789-1814
- Misterton Churchwardens' accounts 1681-1714

Cemetery Records and Monumental Inscriptions

- Nottingham General Cemetery 1837-1976
- Nottingham Church (Rock) Cemetery 1856-1995
- Basford Cemetery 1875-1992
- Bingham Cemetery 1888-1932
- Hucknall Torkard Cemetery 1887-1970
- Newstead Cemetery 1878-1935
- Stapleford Cemetery 1881-1908
- Woodborough Cemetery 1879-1992
- Monumental inscriptions for various churchyards in Nottinghamshire are also available on microfiche (additional printed booklets can also be found in the reference library)

Probate Records

Before 1858 all wills were proved in ecclesiastical courts. Some of these probate records are available on microfiche, as follows:

- The Exchequer Court of York: Archdeaconry of Nottingham probate records, 1589-1858
This was the principal probate court in Nottinghamshire.
The wills are indexed on name cards arranged in alphabetical order which should be consulted to locate the correct microfiche
- Southwell Peculiar register of wills 1530-1725
The term 'peculiar' refers to an area of private jurisdiction outside the diocese

Since 1858 all wills have been proved in civil courts. These can be located using the National Probate Calendars, available on microfiche 1858-1943 and in printed volumes 1943-1969

Electoral Registers, Burgess Rolls, Land Tax Assessments and Poll Books

At different periods of history the right to vote in local and parliamentary elections has been restricted by age, gender and social class. Electoral registers, burgess rolls, land tax assessments and poll books can all be used as a record of those individuals entitled to vote at a particular period in history.

Electoral registers

Electoral registers for Nottinghamshire are divided between those for the City of Nottingham and the County as follows:

- City registers: 1832-2001
- County registers: 1833-2001

Burgess rolls

These record the names of Burgesses entitled to vote in local government elections in the Borough of Nottingham, 1835-1915

Registers of women voters

There are also separate lists taken from the Borough of Nottingham electoral registers for women who had the vote in elections for the Nottingham Poor Law Union, but who did not qualify for parliamentary or municipal franchise. These registers cover the period 1906-1915

Land tax assessments

Before the introduction of electoral registration in 1832, land tax assessments were used to establish qualifications for the vote at county elections. They cover the period 1780-1832

Poll books

Poll books record the names of electors and their choice of candidate at elections. The Nottingham Poll Book for 1754 provides an alphabetical list of Burgesses and Freemen of the town eligible to vote at the election of representatives for Parliament

Census Returns

Census returns for Nottinghamshire, 1841-1901, with accompanying typed indexes of places, and indexes of surnames produced by the Nottinghamshire Family History Society

Court Records and Police Records

- County Quarter Sessions minutes 1603-1704
- Notts County Gaol prisoners character book 1869-1878
- Home Office criminal register index and executions, 1805-1816
- Nottingham Police criminal photograph books 1883-1885, 1892-1893, 1899-1901, 1904-1908

Workhouse Records

Nottingham Workhouse: death registers 1851-1926, and admission and discharge registers 1856-1920

Building Plans

From the second half of the nineteenth century, all intended new buildings or alterations to existing buildings had to be approved by the appropriate local council. Some building plan registers and indexes are available on microfiche, as follows:

- Arnold building plans: street indexes 1876-1974, plan registers 1885-1974
- Carlton building plans: street and applicant indexes 1946-1974, plan registers 1889-1951, 1953-1974
- Newark Borough building plans: plan registers 1875-1974
- Nottingham City building plan registers 1874-1948

Maps

- Notts 6 inch Ordnance Survey maps, c1884-1950
- Index to pre 1650 manuscript maps held at record offices in England and Wales (Association of County Archivists, 1991)

Records of Individuals, Families and Businesses

Records of individuals and families on microfiche include:

- John Gilbert Cooper letter book 1749-1757
- Albert Ball letters 1906-1917
- Sir Gervase Clifton notebooks 1772-1812

- Gertrude Savile account books 1736-1758/9
- Thomas Farr's weekly accounts for Henry Cavendish, 2nd Duke of Newcastle, 1675-1691
- Staunton family of Staunton Hall archives 13th-18th cent; including Ann Staunton's cookery and surgery book 1688, and the Brough, Clough and Gordon family papers
See also catalogue DD/S for deposited documents

Records of businesses on microfiche include:

- Raleigh presscuttings books 1907-1920
- Trustee Savings Bank (TSB) archives for Newark, Worksop, East Retford, Nottingham and Leicester
- Sun Fire Office and the Royal Exchange Assurance, fire insurance policies 1775-1787 (national). Includes an alphabetical printed surname index for Nottinghamshire policies 1715-1730 and 1792-1793

Other Nottinghamshire Sources on Microfiche

- Exchequer Lay Subsidy Rolls, 1327-1457
- Nottingham deeds survey: mediaeval and early modern deeds relating to the historic town of Nottingham. Including deeds enrolled at the Borough Court 14th-19th cent, and deeds held at the University of Nottingham Department of Manuscripts
- Cape of Good Hope settlements; including lists of emigrants to South Africa, applications, subscriptions and correspondence 1819-1820

Other Sources on Microfiche

- Leicester Poll Book, 1741
- Derbyshire monumental inscriptions
- 1881 census transcriptions index – Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire
- Lambeth Palace marriage indexes: marriage licences issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury, his Vicar-General and the Faculty Office 1534-1850 (1986)

- National index of apprentices and masters 1710-1774 (The Society of Genealogists, 1985 edition)

Microfilm

A range of sources dating between the 12th and 20th centuries are available on microfilm. These include sources held here at Nottinghamshire Archives and sources held at other repositories.

Documents available on microfilm include; diaries and commonplace books; parish records; non-conformist records; apprenticeship registers; rentals and surveys.

The microfilms all relate to Nottinghamshire and can be located using the subject and place indexes in the 'Z' microfilm catalogue.

