

LEICESTER MUSEUMS: ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT

1970-1972

The following records have been received:

1970

ESTATE

Book of title to the Ferrers Estate, early 17th century.

PERSONAL

Eric Pochin, natural historian, diaries 1938-59; R. C. Burnell, schoolmaster, a/cs. 1949-67.

DEEDS

Various Le. parishes, 14th-20th centuries.

OFFICIAL

Transport Dept., records 20th century; Leicester Poor Law Union, misc. documents 1847-61; Public Health Inspectorate's Records of civilian deaths by bombing, 1940; slum clearance records, Housing Confirmation Orders 1932-37; Project Co-ordination Division records 1970.

NONCONFORMIST

Gallowtree Gate and Ivanhoe Street Congregational Chapels, records 1851-1948.

BUSINESS

Toy Town Shoes Ltd., records 19th-20th centuries; Le. Trade Protection Soc., records 19th-20th centuries; apprenticeship indenture of Alfred Adderley, founder of a drapery firm, 1848; Douglas & Derrington, surgeons, 1876-77; Leicester Permanent Building Soc. 1852-1935; day books and ledgers of Arthur Yates, bookbinder, 1921-48.

RAILWAY

Great Northern Railway, plans and contracts, 19th-20th centuries; 28 railway plans for Le., 19th century.

MAPS

25" and 50" O.S. maps, various editions; map of Le. by Richard Blome, 1673; 3 maps of Le., 17th century and 19th century.

1971

FAMILY AND PERSONAL

Ellis of Knighton and Belgrave, documents 1806-94; W. J. Goodacre, curate and vicar, presentation bible and sermon notes, 1860-4; John Kendall, exercise and music book 1753.

SOLICITOR'S DEPOSIT

Stone & Co., patents, Dadlington court records and deeds, 15th-19th centuries.

DEEDS

Leicester 18th-20th centuries.

OFFICIAL

Adult Education records 1912-69; Leicester Quarter Sessions, 1836-1971.

PARISH

Incl. registers: Leicester, Christ Church, St. George, St. Luke and St. Matthew, 1827-1966, St. Leonard 1682-1812; Knighton 1654-1928.

NONCOMFORMIST

Belvoir Street, Harvey Lane and Charles Street Baptist Chapels and Sanvey Gate Sabbath School, records 1760-1942.

CHARITY

Trinity Hospital (*addnl.*); Police Aided Assoc. for Clothing the Destitute Children of Leicester 1896-1904; Leicester General Charities, a/c books and files, 1854-1961.

RAILWAY

Plans and sections, Leicester-Bedford Railway, 1845.

BUSINESS

Records of: Brush Engineering, Loughborough (incl. many photographs); Ellis & Everard, fuel, agricultural, etc., merchants; J. Chamberlain, music shop, 1937-50; Joseph Henson, blacksmith and shoeing smith 1907-41; Henry Herbert & Sons, builders, 19th-20th centuries; Simpkin & James, general provisions, 19th-20th centuries; J. S. Winn & Co. Ltd., Oriental Café, 1926-43.

SOCIETIES

Leicester Freeman's Deputies, records; Leicester Parliamentary Debating Soc., 1951-60.

MAPS

25" O.S. maps, Le., various editions.

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FAMILY AND ESTATE

Deeds, letters, papers, vouchers and shrievalty papers of the Hartopp family, 15th-19th-centuries; Morgan family correspondence, 1805-1881.

PERSONAL

Personal effects of various deceased patients in care of Leicester Corporation, 1871-1912; Apprenticeship indenture of Ernest Stevenson, 1883.

SOLICITOR'S DEPOSIT

Ironside and Co. collection of documents relating to Parker *v.* Bingham in Chancery concerning mining rights in the manor of Rothley, 1885-1888, with transcripts of documents, 956-1888, and also 2 miscellaneous documents of different provenance, 1830 and 1893.

DEEDS

Xerox copies of Leicester property deeds from Archdeacon William Sponne's papers at Jesus College, Cambridge, 1333-1435.

CHARITY

Bank account book and volume of recipients of the Leicester Blanket Lending Society, 1861-1903 and 1920-1921.

OFFICIAL

Leicester Poor Law Union papers, 1837-1908; Administrative papers of the Social Services, Children's and Welfare Departments *c.* 1907-1968; Records of the Superintendent of Markets, 1899-1965; Volumes of annual reports of the Medical Officer of Health 1851-1969, and misc. reports and files of minutes, 1945-1966; Reports of the Borough Surveyor to various committees and sub-committees, *c.* 1890-1947.

NONCONFORMIST

Registers of the Emanuel Baptist Church, 1869-1972.

EDUCATION

Minute books of various committees *c.* 1945-1960; volumes of circulars *c.* 1945-1960.

BUSINESS

Records of W. Preston & Son, elastic web manufacturers, 1877-1963; Papers, vouchers and correspondence relating to Odstone mill *c.* 20th century; Files of vouchers relating to the business of C. Offord, baker and grocer of Swinford, mid-19th century-1917; Records from T. Taylor & Sons, hosiery machinery manufacturers, 20th century.

SOCIETIES

Nurses' League of Leicester General Hospital comprising a photographic record of the nurses and various programmes for prizes and ceremonies, 1917-1972.

MILITARY

Volume of newspaper cuttings, letters and minutes of the Leicester Volunteer Rifle Corps, 1859-1860 and 1900-1902.

PLANS

Plans of the East Midlands Electricity Board Station, Aylestone Road, 20th century; Plans related to Abbey Pumping Station, 20th century. Plans of Storm Water Drainage and Main Sewage System, 1884.

Leicester Museum Archives Dept.

Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. — 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. — 12 noon

Detailed lists of all the above records are in the Department, the National Register of Archives, and the Copyright Libraries.

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REVIEWS

OLD BRAUNSTONE. By Jonathan Wilshere. Leicester Research Services (1973)
40pp 60p

With this booklet, Mr. Wilshere has completed "a trilogy of village histories". Glenfield, Kirby Muxloe and Braunstone were grouped together ecclesiastically until the 1930s. He has extracted useful information from the Winstanley Estate papers, and is able to elaborate on the Winstanley pedigree.

The booklet is probably more useful as a pictorial record than for its very desultory collection of miscellaneous information; even then we are not told that the houses in Cressida Place were built by William Butterfield.

The purpose of detailed local study is at least a two-fold one: to throw light on the origins of a local community, and, as a result, to be able to confirm or to modify the general history of a period. It is, therefore, not really sufficient to say that "the universal decline in prosperity during the fifteenth century probably did not leave Braunstone completely unscathed". What historians want to know is whether the *evidence* about Braunstone at that period bears out the generalised statement.

Accumulation of information, however painstaking, is not enough.

JAMES CROMPTON

THE SIEGE OF LEICESTER. By Jonathan Wilshere *and* Susan Green. Leicester Research Services (1972) 28pp 40p

Originally published in 1970 this useful account has now passed, with minor amendments, into a second edition.

A GUIDE TO OAKHAM PARISH CHURCH. By Stephen Haddelsey. 26 pp. 1972

A useful duplicated parish guide.

LEICESTER AS IT WAS. By A. Broadfield. Hewdon Publishing, 1972. 60pp 88p

The author has put together a valuable collection of old photographs beginning with a familiar one of the centre of Leicester in 1862, six years before the erection of the Clock Tower.

Much of value for Leicester's history is to be found in the three main repositories of old photographs: the Museum; the offices of the *Leicester Mercury*; and the City Reference Library.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, KINGS NORTON. By J. Brushe. 1973. 9pp 20p

An excellent guide to this ecclesiologically very important Church.

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