

# Norfolk Record Office Information Leaflet 6

## Records available on microform

This is a summary of the most popular sources available on microfilm and fiche at the Norfolk Record Office. For more detailed information, consult the catalogues in the Record Office searchroom or contact us by telephone, post or email.

You can also see many of these microfilms and fiche at the Norfolk Heritage Centre, Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1AW (tel. 01603 774740).

### 1. Parish records

- Parish registers for many Norfolk parishes c.1538-c.1900. To find out exact dates for individual parishes, contact the Norfolk Record Office or check our website <<http://archives.norfolk.gov.uk>>.
- Other parish records, including churchwardens' accounts, overseers of the poor accounts, settlement examinations, settlement certificates and removal orders for over 400 parishes. Coverage varies widely from parish to parish.

### 2. Archdeacons' and Bishop's transcripts

These are contemporary copies of parish registers.

- Archdeacons' and Bishop's transcripts c.1600-c. early twentieth century. Exact dates vary from parish to parish. There are often gaps, especially in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. For many parishes, the transcripts peter out during the late nineteenth century.

### 3. Free Church (nonconformist) and Roman Catholic registers

- Registers of many Norfolk nonconformist churches, including the mainly pre-1837 registers held by the Public Record Office in London.
- Registers of Roman Catholic chapels: Norwich Duke's Palace 1758-86, Garret Chapel 1787-92, St John Maddermarket 1793-1896 and Willow Lane 1848-94; Costessey 1785-1896; and King's Lynn St Mary 1802-1939.

### 4. International Genealogical Index (IGI)

- The IGI for Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire lists many baptism and marriage entries, but coverage is incomplete.

## **5. Norfolk census**

- Norfolk censuses, 1841-1901 and Norfolk census indexes for 1851 and 1881

## **6. Wills, administrations and probate inventories**

- Wills, administrations and inventories proved in Norfolk church courts c.1370-1857. There are printed name indexes in the searchroom.
- Norwich District Probate Sub-Registry wills 1858-1925 and indexes to wills and administrations 1858-1941.

## **7. Churchyard surveys and cemetery registers**

- Copies of the inscriptions on gravestones and monuments in Norfolk churches and graveyards. Covers around a third of Norfolk parishes. Includes a few nonconformist burial grounds.
- Norwich Rosary Cemetery registers 1821-1991 and Earlham Cemetery registers 1855-1970 (with indexes to 1998).
- Great Yarmouth Old and New Cemetery registers 1856-1987; Magdalen Cemetery registers 1958-87; Gorleston Old Cemetery registers 1879-1987; Caister Cemetery registers 1906-87; and transcript of Market Gates Cemetery register 1828-64.

## **8. School records**

- The majority of our school log books and admission registers prior to 1926 are available on microfilm. Most records at the Record Office relate to closed local authority schools. Schools that are still open usually keep their own records.

## **9. Electoral registers**

- Norfolk county 1845-1975.
- Great Yarmouth 1832-1915 (1918-48 only available as original records; for 1949 onwards, see county series).
- King's Lynn burgess rolls and electoral registers 1834-1901 (for 1918 onwards, see the county series).

## **10. Records of the poor**

- Overseers' accounts, settlement examinations, settlement certificates and removal orders for over 400 parishes.

- Poor Law Union records c.eighteenth century-c.1927 (dates vary widely according to the union).
- Norwich poor relief records c.1570-1909.

## **11. Records of freemen and apprentices**

- Norwich freemen's registers 1317-1981.
- Great Yarmouth freemen's registers 1680-1856.
- King's Lynn freemen's registers 1440-1868.
- Norwich apprenticeship registers 1510-1749, with some apprenticeship indentures 1515-1774, 1826-38, 1867.
- Great Yarmouth apprenticeship registers 1662-1856.
- King's Lynn apprenticeship registers 1648-1851.

## **12. Rating and taxation records**

- County land tax returns c.1780-1832.
- Norwich land and window tax assessments 1708-1832.
- Great Yarmouth poor rate books 1741-1861.
- King's Lynn borough poll and land tax returns 1689-1705.

## **13. Records of prisoners and of the Quarter Sessions courts**

- Norfolk Quarter Sessions court records 1752-1955.
- Norwich Quarter Sessions court registers 1511-1851.
- King's Lynn Sessions court records 1620-1865.
- Calendars (lists) of prisoners for various dates 1650-1896.
- Norfolk County Gaol (Norwich Castle) records 1733-35, 1764-85, 1809-87.
- Norwich Prison records 1887-1937.

## **14. City and Borough records**

- Norwich city court rolls 1285-1508.
- Norwich Mayor's Court books 1424-1835.

- Great Yarmouth borough court records 1280-1312, 1577-1851.
- King's Lynn Hall books 1385-1731.
- King's Lynn Guildhall Court books 1591-1842.

## **15. Norwich Medical Officer of Health**

- Birth returns 1904-61.
- Death returns 1894-1965.
- Vaccination registers 1882-1948.

## **16. Diocesan**

- Marriage licence bonds, Norwich Consistory Court 1557-1902.
- Marriage licence bonds, Norfolk and Norwich Archdeaconry Courts c.1660-c.1915.
- Bishop's registers 1299-1761.
- Consistory Court act books 1508-1871.
- Consistory Court depositions 1499-1788.
- Diocesan Book (indexes of incumbents etc.) c.1730-c.1968.

## **17. Manorial records**

- Court rolls, court books and other records for about 500 manors. Covering dates vary widely. Records before 1733 are in Latin except for the Commonwealth period.

## **18. Maps and plans**

Please ask searchroom staff for a list of maps available on microfilm.

- Tithe maps and apportionments for almost every Norfolk parish 1836-c.1850.
- Some enclosure maps and estate maps.



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