

Norfolk Record Office Information Leaflet 35

Summary of the King's Lynn Borough Archives

A summary of the main series of records in the borough archives held at the Town Hall, King's Lynn, and jointly administered by the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk and the Norfolk Record Office. For information about consulting the King's Lynn Borough Archives, see Information leaflet 34.

- Royal charters, letters patent and close and privy seal writs, 1204-1737. Episcopal and other non-royal charters, formal letters and agreements, 1204-1609.
- Hall or congregation (assembly) rolls and books, 1385-7, 1399-1403 and 1412-1902; Council minutes, 1903-74.
- Registers of freemen and apprenticeships, 1440-1868, and honorary freemen, 1901-69.
- Registers and enrolments of charters, deeds, wills and memoranda, 1276-1924, including the fourteenth-century Red Register and an early fifteenth-century common clerk's book.
- Enrolled private deeds, 1571-1881.
- Court records, thirteenth-twentieth centuries, including assize of bread, 1296-8, leet rolls and books, 1309-1871, Guildhall Court books, 1591-1846, Quarter Sessions records, 1620-1971, and Admiralty Court books and papers, 1604-1830.
- Accounts, late thirteenth century-1959, including Chamberlains' and Treasurer's accounts, 1297-1959, and tolls and town dues accounts, 1557-1852.
- Terriers, rentals and deeds to Corporation estates in Lynn, South Lynn, Gaywood, Snettisham, Wiggshall and elsewhere, late thirteenth-twentieth centuries.
- Religious guilds, including the Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi guilds: minutes, statutes and accounts, thirteenth-sixteenth centuries.
- Trustees under an Act for the relief of maimed and disabled seamen: minutes, accounts and papers, 1747-1827.
- Paving Commissioners' minutes, accounts, deeds and papers, 1790-1872.
- Borough Surveyor and Engineer's plans, nineteenth-twentieth centuries.

- Registers of deposited (building control) plans, 1883-1974, and plans, 1883-1959.
- Council minutes for the Rural Districts of Docking, Downham, Freebridge Lynn and Marshland Rural Districts and Downham and Hunstanton Urban Districts, 1894-1974.

Detailed lists of the records are available in the searchrooms at King's Lynn and the Norfolk Record Office in Norwich. Most of the lists can also be searched on the internet *via* the Norfolk Record Office's electronic catalogue (<http://nrocat.norfolk.gov.uk>) and also on the Access to Archives website (<http://www.a2a.org.uk/>).



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