

# Archives for London.

**Bethlem Royal Hospital Archives and Museum** - holds the records of Bethlem, the Maudsley and Warlingham Park Hospitals including photographs, patient and staff records covering a period from 1553 to 2009  
[museumofthemind.org.uk/](http://museumofthemind.org.uk/)

**Bexley Local Studies and Archive Centre** - holds the records of the London Borough of Bexley including council minutes, parish, school and business records  
[arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bexley/local-studies-and-archives](http://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bexley/local-studies-and-archives)

**Bishopsgate Foundation and Institute** - holds records relating to radical, social, labour, feminist and gay history in London  
[www.bishopsgate.org.uk/library](http://www.bishopsgate.org.uk/library)

**Black Cultural Archives** - holds records relating to the Black community in Britain including personal papers, organisational records, rare books, ephemera, photographs and artefacts  
[www.bcaheritage.org.uk](http://www.bcaheritage.org.uk)

**British Library** - includes manuscripts, journals, newspapers, magazines, sound and music records, patents, maps and drawings. It also holds the records of the India Office  
[www.bl.uk](http://www.bl.uk)

**The Brixton Society** - aiming to make Brixton a better place to live and work in, and give local people a voice in what happens to their surroundings  
[www.brixtonsociety.org.uk/](http://www.brixtonsociety.org.uk/)

**Bromley Local Studies and Archives** - holds the records of the London Borough of Bromley including council minutes, parish, school and business records  
[www.bromleyarchives.org.uk/](http://www.bromleyarchives.org.uk/)

**BT Archives** - holds the records of British Telecommunications plc and its predecessors from the early part of the nineteenth century up to the present day  
[www.btplc.com/Thegroup/BTHistory/BTgrouparchives/index.htm](http://www.btplc.com/Thegroup/BTHistory/BTgrouparchives/index.htm)

**Camden History Society** - local historical society in the London Borough of Camden  
[www.camdenhistorysociety.org/](http://www.camdenhistorysociety.org/)

**Centre for Metropolitan History** - promotes the study and wide appreciation of London's character and development from its beginnings to the present day  
[www.history.ac.uk/cmh/cmhmain.html](http://www.history.ac.uk/cmh/cmhmain.html)

**The Clothworkers' Company** - preserves and makes available for research the historic records of The Clothworkers' Company from its foundation in 1528 to the present day  
[www.clothworkers.co.uk](http://www.clothworkers.co.uk)

**Croydon Local Studies and Archives** - holds records that are of value in the study of the past, present and future of Croydon  
[www.museumofcroydon.com/](http://www.museumofcroydon.com/)

**Federation of Family History Societies** - supports, informs and advises their membership, which consists of family history societies and similar bodies across the world  
[www.ffhs.org.uk/](http://www.ffhs.org.uk/)

**Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust** - contains documents, photographs and artefacts spanning the hospital's 160-year history  
[www.gosh.nhs.uk/about-us/our-history/archives](http://www.gosh.nhs.uk/about-us/our-history/archives)

**Greenwich Heritage Centre** - holds a collection of documents and books, photographs and maps, and prints and drawings relating to the Royal Borough of Greenwich dating from 1387  
[www.greenwichheritage.org](http://www.greenwichheritage.org)

**Hounslow Library Local Studies Service** - collects documents, material and images relating to the places and parishes that make up the London Borough of Hounslow  
[www.hounslow.info/libraries/HounslowInfoLibrariesLocalStudies.htm](http://www.hounslow.info/libraries/HounslowInfoLibrariesLocalStudies.htm)

**Imperial War Museum, Documents and Sound Section** - documents cover a wealth of personal experience and testimony, both British and foreign, as well official records  
[www.iwm.org.uk/collections-research/about/documents](http://www.iwm.org.uk/collections-research/about/documents)

**Institute of Education** - holds collections of archive materials ranging in date from 1797 to the present day. These archives are intended to reflect the broadest possible range of issues and concerns surrounding teaching in past, present and future  
[www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe)

**Kensington and Chelsea Libraries** - material on the history of both Kensington and Chelsea, including books, maps, press cuttings, illustrations, census returns, electoral registers, manuscripts and ephemera  
[www.rbkc.gov.uk/libraries/local-studies-and-archives/local-studies-and-archives](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/libraries/local-studies-and-archives/local-studies-and-archives)

**Kingston Museum Heritage Service** - holds the Royal Borough's archives dating from 1208 and includes local books and directories, maps, newspapers, photographs and paintings of historic Kingston, New Malden and Surbiton  
[www.kingston.gov.uk/museums](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/museums)

**London Borough of Barking and Dagenham: Archive and Local Studies Service** - holds the records of local government and includes books, maps and photographs  
[www.lbbd.gov.uk/heritage](http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/heritage)

**London Borough of Hackney** - holds the records of the borough council and its predecessors back to 1700, original records of local organisations and individuals  
[www.hackney.gov.uk/archives](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/archives)

**London Borough of Hillingdon Local Studies and Archives** – holds archives from the twelfth century Market Charter for Uxbridge to the Middlesex Show of the 1990s.  
[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/heritage](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/heritage)

**London Borough of Islington** - holds approximately 100,000 items on the history of the borough from Anglo-Saxon village to major urban area  
<https://www.islington.gov.uk/libraries-arts-and-heritage/heritage/local-history-centre>

**London Borough of Sutton Archives and Local Studies** - holds records of local authority and its predecessor including committee minutes, rate books, school records, overseers of the poor volumes and vestry minutes from the 14th century  
[arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/sutton/local-studies-archives](http://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/sutton/local-studies-archives)

**London Metropolitan Archives** - hold a vast and diverse collection of archives, records, images, films and maps which can help researchers in all aspects of London's history  
[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lma](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lma)

**London Transport Museum** - collects items that reflect all aspects of the history of public transport in London from 1800 to the present day  
[www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

**Museum of London** - tells the story of the world's greatest city and its people, its archives include the records of the Port of London Authority and Sainsbury's  
[www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk)

**National Maritime Museum** - has the largest and most important dedicated archive for the study of maritime history in the world covering all aspects of British seafaring history from the 14th to the 20th centuries  
[www.rmg.co.uk/national-maritime-museum/](http://www.rmg.co.uk/national-maritime-museum/)

**Natural History Museum** - holds the Museum's organisational archive covering the history, development and work of the Museum and its staff, including photographs and Tring Museum correspondence  
[www.nhm.ac.uk/research-curation/library/](http://www.nhm.ac.uk/research-curation/library/)

**Parliamentary Archives** - holds the records of both Houses of Parliament, other Parliamentary Collections, Private Papers, records about the Palace of Westminster  
[www.parliament.uk/business/publications/parliamentary-archives/](http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/parliamentary-archives/)

**Richmond Local Studies** - includes the archives of the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, covering Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Hampton, Hampton Hill, Hampton Wick, Kew, Mortlake, Petersham, Richmond, Teddington, Twickenham and Whitton  
[www.richmond.gov.uk/local\\_studies\\_collection](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/local_studies_collection)

**The Rothschild Archives** - reflects the many facets of the Rothschild family's history and the major contribution it has made to the economic, political and social history of many countries throughout the world.  
[www.rothschildarchive.org](http://www.rothschildarchive.org)

**Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew** - The Archives contain the official records of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and the papers of many botanists, gardeners and other individuals.  
[www.kew.org/library/](http://www.kew.org/library/)

**Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists** - the records created by the RCOG since its foundation in 1929 to the activities of the present day and also the records of the Royal College of Midwives  
[www.rcog.org.uk/what-we-do/information-services/archives](http://www.rcog.org.uk/what-we-do/information-services/archives)

**Royal College of Surgeons of England** - holds both institutional records and other deposited collections providing a unique resource illustrating the development of surgery and the surgical profession  
[www.rcseng.ac.uk](http://www.rcseng.ac.uk)

**Society of Genealogists** - a unique combination of research material, guidance and support for those interested in family history  
[www.sog.org.uk/](http://www.sog.org.uk/)

**Southwark Local History Library** - Southwark's range of historical experience is a story vividly told through surviving historical documents. We have gathered these documents and other historical sources at Southwark Local History Library. The library also holds information on changes in Southwark today.  
[www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200161/local\\_history\\_library](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200161/local_history_library)

**Surrey Heritage, Surrey History Centre** - collects and rescues archives and printed materials relating to Surrey's past and present, so that they can tell the story of the county and its people to future generations  
[www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistoryservice](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistoryservice)

**Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives** - holdings of records of the borough and its predecessors dating from the 16<sup>th</sup> century and relating to local institutions, places of worship and schools, and businesses  
[www.ideastore.co.uk/local-history](http://www.ideastore.co.uk/local-history)

**University of Westminster** - collects, preserves, and provides access to records created by staff and students of the University and its predecessors  
[www.westminster.ac.uk/archives](http://www.westminster.ac.uk/archives)

**Wandsworth Heritage Service** - records of the historic civil parishes of the borough: Battersea, Clapham, Putney, Streatham, Tooting and Wandsworth; the Wandsworth District Board of Works; local organisations; some private papers; and photographs  
[www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/200064/local\\_history\\_and\\_heritage/](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/200064/local_history_and_heritage/)

**Westminster Abbey Muniment Room and Library** - collection of manuscripts from the 10th century to the present day including accounts and court records of the Abbey's landed estate and those of various administrative officials, also includes minutes of Chapter meetings, leases of Abbey property, some records of coronations and funerals, letters, coroners' inquests for the City of Westminster 1760-1880  
[www.westminster-abbey.org/library-research](http://www.westminster-abbey.org/library-research)

**Westminster City Archives** - holds extensive collections relating to family, local, business and community history including books, pamphlets, directories, newspapers, journals, maps & plans, prints, drawings & photographs, local government records from 1460, electoral registers, census returns, parish registers, and business archives  
[www.westminster.gov.uk/archives](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/archives)

**Westminster School** - holds records of the school's activities, administration and alumni, predominately dating from the 1868 split from Westminster Abbey  
[www.westminster.org.uk/westminster/about/history/archives-and-collections/](http://www.westminster.org.uk/westminster/about/history/archives-and-collections/)