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PUBLIC RECORDS

These are defined as public records because they are subject to the Public Records Act, which makes provision for their preservation and access.

- 1. COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS – Wigan Borough:** 1733-1754, 1790-1971 QS

Wigan enjoyed its own sessions of the peace by royal grant. The extant rolls and files record cases of assault, petty larceny and similar offences within the pre-1974 borough. Some administrative matters, such as licensing of alehousekeepers, are recorded sporadically up to the mid-19th century.

N.B. 30 year closure applies.

- 2. PETTY SESSIONAL COURTS:** PS

Wigan Division (townships surrounding Wigan):		Wi/1
Court Registers:	1920-1921, 1926-1974	
Court Minute Books:	1925-1974	
Licensing Registers:	1895-1969	
Register of Clubs:	1920-1954	
 Wigan Borough (pre-1974 borough):		 Wi/2
Court Registers:	1916-1974	
Court Minute Books:	1949-1974	
Licensing Registers:	1903-1966	
Registers of Clubs:	1933-1962	
 Leigh Division (townships surrounding Leigh):		 Lei/1
Court Registers:	1880-1974	
Court Minute Books:	1935-1953	
Licensing Registers:	1903-1966	
Register of Clubs:	1903-1962	
 Leigh Borough (pre-1974 borough):		 Lei/2
Court Registers:	1903-1974	
Court Minute Books:	1923-1934, 1937-1940, 1947-1951	
Licensing Registers:	1904-1966	
Register of Clubs:	1903-1962	

These were the predecessors of the present magistrates' courts, and were also referred to variously as courts of summary jurisdiction, or police courts. They dealt with minor offences, adoption applications, and licensing of public houses, beer houses, music, dancing, cinemas, etc. Separate registers were kept for the juvenile courts from 1933; these are included with the court registers listed above.

N.B. 30 year closure applies.

- 3. CORONER'S COURT – Wigan Borough:** CR

Inquisitions Post Mortem:	1804-1811
Inquest Books:	1836-1840, 1917-1919

Coroner's records tend not to survive in great quantity prior to 1900. Full calendars of the 19th century records are available on the open shelves. Extant records for other parts of Wigan Metropolitan Borough are deposited at Lancashire Record Office.

N.B. 75 year closure applies.

- 4. COUNTY COURTS:** CC

The modern County Courts were established in 1846 to deal with minor civil actions. Mostly they heard cases of small debt recovery, but also had jurisdiction in bankruptcy, adoption applications and cases under the Workmen's Compensation Acts.

Leigh County Court:		Lei
*Minute Books:	1850-1952	
 Wigan County Court:		 Wi
*Minute Books:	1847-1964	
*Registers of Workmen's Compensation Act Cases:	1898-1948	
Bankruptcy Register:	1884-1910	

*Records in these classes are preserved only on a selective basis, normally one register per decade. The years quoted are therefore covering dates.

5. HOSPITAL RECORDS:

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Wigan Dispensary and Royal Albert Edward Infirmary:

Wigan Dispensary was established as a charitable institution in 1798, a new building being opened in King Street in 1801. Its object was to treat 'the sick poor who are unable to pay for medicines and are properly recommended' by a subscriber. The Infirmary, which became Wigan's general hospital, developed from the Dispensary and was opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales in 1873.

Minute Books – Dispensary Select Committee:	1824-1873
Infirmary Committee:	1866-1873
Infirmary Medical Board:	1874-1949
Infirmary Board of Management:	1889-1948
Infirmary Management Committee:	1873-1948
Registers of Attendance at Board Meetings:	1916-1924
Annual Reports – * Dispensary:	1806, 1821, 1824, 1829
Infirmary:	1873-1948

*Reports and Rules for the following years available at the History Shop: 1843, 1852-53, 1855, 1857, 1859, 1861-65, 1867, 1869-72.

Bills of Quantities and Specifications:	
North End Ward:	1919
X-Ray Department:	1925
North Ward Balconies:	1928
Gidlow Ward Balcony:	1929
Salaries Account Book:	1914-1930
Admission and Discharge Registers:	1874-1883, 1886-1919, 1921-1948

Cf. CHURCH RECORDS: D/P 24 for lists of admissions to the Dispensary, 1852-1858.

Operations Registers:	1895-1913, 1915-1949
Operations Register (Ophthalmic):	1902-1919
House Surgeons' Agreement Books:	1893-1942
Sunday and Saturday Movement Minute Books:	1872-1901, 1918-1948
Ladies' Linen League – Register:	1946-1985
Account Book:	1920-1985
Golden Jubilee Brochure:	1970
House Visitors' Report Books:	1934-1979
Miscellaneous:	
List of donations, benefactions and subscriptions for the dispensary:	1868
Report on design for Infirmary:	1869
Papers re public appeal for Infirmary:	1867-1869
Pictorial Presentation Record of Infirmary Exhibition and Bazaar:	1873
Visitors' Book:	1873-1938
Declaration of Trust (Endowment Fund):	1874
Brochure for opening of new Outpatients' Department (includes plans and drawing):	1915
Infirmary <i>Pharmacopoeia</i> :	1928
Illuminated Subscription Roll re endowment of Queen Mary Bed:	1935
Order of Service for Blessing of Queen Mary Bed and Mortuary Chapel:	1935
Programme for Coronation Concert:	1937

Whelley Hospital:

Whelley Hospital was opened in 1889 as the Sanatorium for infectious diseases for Wigan County Borough.

Admission and Discharge Registers:	1927-1954
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Frog Lane Welfare Home:

Frog Lane Welfare Home was the name used under the National Health Service for Wigan Union Workhouse and its successors the Poor Law Institution and the Public Assistance Institution. It was renamed Frog Lane Hospital in 1954, was closed in 1972 and subsequently demolished.

Cf. OFFICIAL RECORDS: G/Wi for the main records of Wigan Poor Law Union.

Admission and Discharge Registers:	1951-1958
Master's Report Books:	1935-1938

Wi/2

Wi/3

Billinge Infirmary:

Billinge Infirmary was established as the Infirmary for Wigan Poor Law Union, and opened in 1910.

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Cf. OFFICIAL RECORDS: G/Wi for the main records of Wigan Poor Law Union.

Creed Registers:	1910-1953
Admission and Discharge Registers:	1910-1915, 1924-1931, 1936-1953

Leigh Joint Hospital Board (Astley Hospital):

This Board was constituted in 1893 and from 1897 administered Astley Sanatorium on behalf of the surrounding Urban Districts.

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Minute Books:	1893-1902, 1906-1930, 1934-1948
Financial Statements:	1895-1924, 1935-1948
Priced Quantity Books: Astley Sanatorium:	1894-1899
Salaries and Wages Books:	1895-1899, 1912-1920, 1922-1933
Miscellaneous Accounts:	1895-1948
Returns of members and officers:	1895-1913
Staff Register:	1929-1941
Assistant Nurses' Certificate Book:	1896-1933
Correspondence and other papers of Clerk to the Board:	1933-1948
Year Books:	1928-1932, 1935-1939

Cf. OFFICIAL RECORDS: UD/Go E 5

Admission and Discharge Registers –	
Abram and Little Hulton:	1929-1940
Atherton:	1929-1940
Farnworth:	1929-1935
Golborne:	1929-1940
Hindley:	1931-1940
Kearsley:	1929-1940
Leigh Borough:	1929-1940
Leigh Public Assistance Committee:	1929-1940
Leigh Rural District:	1929-1933
Swinton and Pendlebury:	1933-1941
Tyldesley:	1929-1940
Worsley:	1929-1940
Medical Officers' Reports:	1932-1939, 1941-1948

Leigh Infirmary:

Leigh Infirmary was opened by public subscription as a general hospital for Leigh in 1906.

Lei/2

Minute Books: Management Committee:	1907-1948
Annual Reports:	1907-1908, 1927-1947
Souvenir Programme for opening of new wing and nurses' home:	1927

Cf. SOLICITORS' RECORDS: D/DX Cal

Leigh Poor Law Institution (Atherleigh):

This was the name used under the 1909 Poor Law Act for Leigh Union Workhouse. Under the National Health Service it was renamed Atherleigh Hospital.

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Lunatic Examination Book:	1926-1939
Record of Seclusion and Mechanical Restraint:	1914-1949
House Committee Reports:	1963-1974
Visitors' Book:	1941-1947
Plans of Institution and of Ministry of Health Emergency Hospital:	1925-1944

Wigan and Leigh Hospital Management Committee:

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Hospital Management Committees were established in 1948 under the National Health Service to administer public hospital services. All the local hospitals whose pre-N.H.S. records are listed above came under the Wigan and Leigh Committee. The committees were wound up in 1974 when the Health Service was reorganised into Regions and Areas.

Minute Books and Indexes –	
Hospital Management Committee:	1948-1974
Medical Advisory Committee:	1948-1961
Local Hospital Service Reserve Committee:	1950-1955
House Committees:	
Astley Hospital:	1948-1974
Atherleigh Hospital:	1948-1974
*Billinge and Ashton Hospitals:	1948-1974

Leigh Infirmary and Firs Maternity Home: 1948-1974
 **Whelley, Pemberton, Ashton and Frog Lane Hospitals and Chest Clinic: 1948-1972
 Wigan Infirmary: 1948-1974

*Between 1948 and 1950 covered Billinge and Frog Lane Hospitals.
 **Ashton to 1950; Frog Lane from 1957; Whelley to 1964; Pemberton to 1968.

Annual Reports: Hospital Management Committee: 1948-1974

N.B. Closure periods of between 30 and 100 years apply to hospital records.
 Cf. **OFFICIAL RECORDS** for the records of Lancashire Divisional Health Committee no. 11.

6. RATING ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE:

IR/RAC

Under the Rating and Valuation Act of 1925 local rating authorities compiled valuation lists of rateable property within their areas. These were subject to confirmation by Assessment Committees which comprised 'representative local ratepayers'. The committees were abolished in 1948. The Wigan Committee covered the area of the former Poor Law Union as follows: Abram, Ashton, Aspull, Billinge, Dalton, Haigh, Hindley, Ince, Orrell, Parbold, Shevington, Standish, Upholland, Wigan, Worthington, Wrightington.

Wigan Rating Assessment Committee:

Rate Assessment Books - volumes for each township listed above: 1937-1943
 Valuation Lists: volumes as above: 1934
 Comparison of Assessments: licensed houses: 1914-1929

N.B. A copy of this volume is available in the search room.

The above volumes are similar to rate books in that they record the owners and occupiers of rateable properties, together with the valuation.

Cf. **OFFICIAL RECORDS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT** for rating records compiled by the local rating authorities.

7. MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING RECORDS - Wigan County Borough:

CB/Wi

Registration of motor vehicles was introduced under the 1903 Motor Car Act, which designated county councils and county boroughs as the registration and licensing authorities. Under the Vehicle and Driving Licences Act of 1969 a central registration system was introduced by the Department of the Environment; this replaced local authority licensing in 1978.

Index Cards: EK 5973-7017, EK 7026-9999, JP 1-9999, AEK 1-OEK 999L, AJP 1-NJP 999L.

These cards record the make and class of vehicle and the name of the authority with which it was last registered. Earlier cards (especially before date suffixes were introduced in 1963), may record also details of body, engine and chassis, date of first registration and details of last owner.

Files: EK 978-9998, JP 1-9999.

These files variously contain applications for renewal of licences, notifications of transfer of ownership and logbooks. Many of the files were weeded before transfer to the archives. The above are covering numbers only, since a number of files are missing.

Counterfoils: AEK - JEK-H, AJP 1 - SJP-N.

These counterfoils record the make and size of vehicle and the last registered owner.

Other records:

Registers of driving licences: 1904-1917
 Register of heavy vehicles: 1904-1914
 Statistics of licences issued: 1924-1976

8. LOCAL INSURANCE COMMITTEE - Wigan County Borough:

CB/Wi

Local Insurance Committees were established to administer the National Insurance Scheme set up in 1911.

Minutes: 1912-1948

OFFICIAL RECORDS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT

These comprise the archives of Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council's predecessors in local government up to 1974 and of the civil townships and parish councils.

1. WIGAN BOROUGH:

Wigan was incorporated as a borough by Henry III in 1246, and subsequent charters confirmed and extended the borough's privileges. Before 1835 Wigan was effectively governed by the manorial court leet, apart from a brief period (1685-88) when a Common Council met under the constitution prescribed by James II's charter. Up to 1860 the manorial lordship belonged to the rectors of Wigan, who since the Reformation have been resident incumbents of the parish. The borough privileges were held by the rectors from the crown and granted by them to the mayor and burgesses. The ancient borough constitution was ended in 1835 by the Municipal Corporations Act which, as in many other towns, established an elected council. In 1888 Wigan became a county borough. The boundary was extended to include Pemberton Urban District in 1904, and in 1974 the borough was combined with Leigh Municipal Borough, eleven urban districts and one rural district to form the present Metropolitan Borough.

A. Records before 1835

AB/Wi

Charters:

7 Edward II: inspeximus of charter (30 Henry III) granted to John Mansel, rector of Wigan: 1314
 Copy of inspeximus (27 Elizabeth) of above charter and of inspeximuses of charter of John Mansel to the burgesses: 1618
 14 Charles II: 1662
 1 James II: 1685
 2 William IV: grant of additional magistrates and borough officers: 1832

Translations and transcripts - *Charters of the Borough of Wigan* (Warrington: John Haddock) 1808

MS. translation with observations on the rights and privileges of the corporation, by William Clayton: 1806
 MS. translation by Joseph Ingram: n.d., early 19th cent.

Court Records:

Court Leet: rolls: 1626-1834 AB/CL

The manorial court was normally held at Easter and Michaelmas, the mayor presiding as steward. Disputes between the corporation and rector led to an agreement in 1619 under which the Michaelmas Leet, the St. Luke's fair, the Friday market and the Court of Pleas (see below) were awarded to the corporation, the rector retaining the Easter Leet, the Ascension Day fair, the Monday market and jurisdiction over his own household and servants. In 1664 a further arbitration decided that all the rector's manorial rights should be leased to the corporation for £3. 6s. 8d. per annum. The manorial rights were finally purchased outright in 1860.

The extant rolls record administrative and judicial business. The former include petitions of both Wiganers and 'foreigners' to be allowed to carry on a particular trade or activity, or against the activities of others, the election of borough officials, and the names of burgesses of the borough. The judicial business covers presentments for assault, slander, trespass, nuisance etc.

N.B. Calendars available in search room for all rolls.

Court of Common Pleas or King's Pleas: rolls: 1616-1781 AB/KP

Wigan was one of five Lancashire towns exercising jurisdiction through a borough court (as distinct from a manorial court), the jurisdiction in Wigan being in cases of debt over £2. However, there was evidently a certain amount of overlap between this court and the Court Leet judging by the type of cases heard, with nuisances, assaults and trade disputes all occurring in the Common Pleas. Administrative business also includes lists of burgesses, accounts for fairs and tolls, and accounts for church and poor rates.

N.B. Calendar available in search room for rolls up to 1735.

Administration:

AB

Book of Common Council: 1685-1688
 Memorandum of meetings to assess leys: 1677-1695, 1733
 Rota Book for Watch and Ward: c. 1817
 Census Book - covers approximately half of the borough: c. 1811
 Market St., Hallgate, Birch's Croft, Frog Lane, Wallgate, Millgate,
 Scholes, Warrington Lane, Hawarden's Square, Castle Yard, Club Row.

N.B. Photocopy available at History Shop.

Rates:	Highways Rate Book:	1813
	Poor Relief Rate Book:	1830
	Rate Book:	c. 1804
Accounts:	Accounts for fairs (contained in Oaths Book below):	1662-1726
	Accounts for fairs:	1724-1769
N.B. Fair accounts also occur in AB/KP (above)		
	Bailiffs' accounts:	1731-1806
	Highway Surveyors' accounts:	1731-1822
Taxation:	Window Tax Assessment Book:	1768
	N.B. Photocopy available at History Shop	
	Schedule of defaulters for assessed taxes:	1817
Elections:	Certificates of admission of burgesses:	1694-1832
	Lists of admissions of burgesses and freemen:	1670-1688, 1725-1737
	N.B. Systematic lists of burgesses are given in the court leet rolls: AB/CL (above)	
	Poll Books for parliamentary elections:	1768, *1820, 1830, 1831, 1832

*Bound with MS. 'Proceedings at Common Halls' 1734-75, notes on Wigan's constitution.

Cf. MMP 25/673 for a MS. poll sheet for 1763

Memorandum re mayoral election (contained in Book of Oaths below):	1701
Petition of inhabitants of Wigan requesting the candidature of Richard Potter of Broughton:	1830

Enrolment:	Books of Oaths of Allegiance and Protestant Declarations:	1663-1726, 1725-1835
	Lists of masters and wardens of trade companies:	1662-1724
	Register of apprentices:	1663-1679

Overseers of the Poor:	Order from mayor to enforce poor law:	1705
	Bastardy orders:	1705
	Removal orders:	1705-1706
	Warrants for collection of leys and taxes:	1705-1706
	Miscellaneous accounts:	1705-06, 1741-42

N.B. Overseers' records are also to be found amongst the archives of Wigan Parish Church: Cf. D/P 24 for churchwardens' accounts containing payments for poor relief, overseers' accounts 1746-1800, and pauper apprenticeship indentures. Entries relating to poor law matters may also be found in the Wigan court records.

Legal Papers:	Citations and depositions for cases in Chester Consistory Court:	1735-1737
	Counsel's opinion on mayoral right to sit on County Bench:	1727

Deeds:	Leases of summer fair, weekly market and court leet, from the rector to the corporation:	1741, 1835
	Leases of tolls and stallages:	1796-1835

Miscellaneous:	Book of agreements, accounts, receipts etc., for the building of the new town hall (formerly amongst the Bradshaigh MSS.):	1719-1728
	'The History of the Town and Borough of Wigan' by Thomas Whitehouse (MS. history with watercolour illustrations):	1829
	N.B. Microfilm available at History Shop	

Cf. SOLICITORS' RECORDS: D/DX Ap G.

B. Records after 1835

CB/Wi

Charters:	6 William IV: confirmation of separate court of quarter sessions for the borough:	1836
	Grant of Arms to Wigan County Borough:	1922
	22 Elizabeth II: charter of Wigan Metropolitan Borough:	1973
	Grant of Arms to Wigan Metropolitan Borough:	1974

Administration:

Council - Minute Books:	1835-1974	A1
Committees - Minute Books - (various bound together):	1873-1899	A1
Baths:	1880-1916	
Blind Persons' Welfare:	1921-1935	
Borough Extension:	1903	
Burial Board and Cemetery:	1916-1926, 1933-1935	
Civil Defence:	1941-1943	
Clothing:	1923-1935	
Conversion of Closets:	1914	
Distress:	1905-1914	
Education:	1903-1974	
Cf. SCHOOL RECORDS: SR/WGHS		
Electric Light:	1898-1916	
Estates and Development:	1921-1935	
Finance, Market and Tolls:	1836-1934	
Food Control:	1917-1920	
Gas:	1874-1916	
General Purposes:	1880-1935	
Health:	1904-1935	
Housing:	1922-1935	
Housing of the Working Classes:	1902-1908	
Industries:	1916-1921	
Insanitary Houses:	1889-1935	
Library:	1877-1915	
Local Pensions:	1916-1935	
Market Site and Mesnes Park:	1874-1877	
Markets and Parks:	1923-1935	
Maternity and Child Welfare:	1923-1935	
Munitions:	1915-1916	
Parliamentary:	1874-1924	
Property, Markets and Parks:	1877-1923	
Public Health:	1838-1841, 1848-1877	
Salaries:	1892-1935	
Sanitary and Sewage:	1882-1903	
Sanitary Works:	1907-1916	
Sewage Farm and Disposal:	1882-1935	
Smallholdings and Allotments:	1916-1921	
Streets, Buildings, Improvements:	1877-1935	
Street Lighting:	1923-1935	
Technical Instruction:	1891-1902	
Tramways and Transport:	1891-1935	
Unemployment:	1920-1933	
Watch:	1836-1935	
Water and Sewerage:	1852-1935	
Works:	1926-1935	

Joint Committees:		F1
Local Relief:	1914-1919	
Belgian Refugees:	1915-1917	
Ribble Watershed:	1915-1918	
War Memorial:	1922-1925	
Wigan and District Regional Planning:	1928-1937	
Wigan Coalfields Distress:	1928-1930	
Local Distress:	1931-1947	

N.B. From 1935 most committee minutes were bound with the minutes of the council. Some duplicate unsigned minutes of the council and committees are available in the search room. The History Shop also has available a run of minutes from 1890 onwards.

Reports to Committees:	1913-1940	A3
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Town Clerk:

Correspondence:		A4
Letter Books (correspondence with government departments):	1917-1921	
Letter Books (general correspondence):	1937-1959	
Correspondence files:	1964-1967	

Agreements:		A5
Registers of Seals:	1937-1968	
Registers of Mortgages:	1858-1905	

Register of Deeds:	1906-1914	
Leases of summer fair and weekly market, from the rector to the corporation:	1842, 1849	
Leases of tolls and stallages:	1837-1861	
Housing Registers:		A6
Registers of unfit houses, houses in clearance areas and action taken:	1930-1970	
Certificates of disrepair:	1954-1970	
Registers of improvement grants:	1971-1974	
Housing inspection book:	1936-1945	
Register of common lodging houses:	1940-1943	
Regulations:		A8
Byelaws:	1851-1962	
Licensing:		A9
Canal boats:	1878-1951	
Cf. CB Wi/D6, D7 (below)		
Market rentals:	1918	
Hackney carriage licences:	1927-1974	
Ice cream premises:	1938-1974	
Slaughterhouses:	1940-1958	
Milk Dealers:	1949-1960	
Food and Drugs:	1957-1974	
Scrap metal dealers:	1965-1969	
For motor vehicle licensing Cf. PUBLIC RECORDS (above)		
Burial records:		A10
Minute Books: Burial Board:	1854-1904	
Cemetery Registers: Lower Ince:	1856-1976	
Gidlow:	1948-1972	
N.B. These registers are shown only on microfilm at The History Shop.		
Monumental inscriptions (All Saints' graveyard):	1906	
N.B. Copy available at The History Shop.		
Elections:		A12
Poll Books:	1837, 1841, 1845, 1852, 1854, 1857	
Registers of electors (and draft lists):	1835-1866	
Roll of honorary freemen (continued in use by Wigan Metropolitan Borough):	1889-	
Enrolment:		A3
Books of Oaths and Declarations:	1835-36, 1853-1973	
Miscellaneous:		A12
Town Clerk's MS. index of Wigan events:	1837-1893	
Papers re extension of borough:	1903-1904	
Report and schedules of air raid shelters:	1951	
Treasurer:		B3
Rates: (Cf. PUBLIC RECORDS : IR/RAC above)		
*Poor Rate Books:	1839-1911	
Gas Rate Book:	1849	
Special Rate Book for sewerage works:	1857	
*General District Rate Books:	1860-1911	
*Poor and General Rate Books:	1912-1922	
*Town Rate Books:	1924-1926	
*General Rate Books:	1936-1974	
N.B. For reasons of storage some rate books are kept at Greater Manchester Record Office.		
Accounts:		B1
*Abstracts and Epitomes of accounts:	1851-1973	
N.B. A partial set of these accounts is available at The History Shop		
*Covering dates only for these classes.		
Surveyor:		C2
Correspondence:		C5
Tramways/Transport Department:	1919-1941	
Plans:		
Registers of Plans (submitted for approval under the Public Health Acts):	1851-1934	
Plans (microfilm copies):	1851-1904	
N.B. The originals of these plans were microfilmed prior to destruction.		

Wigan Gas Company:		F3
Minute Books:	1822-1872	
Waterworks Department:		E5
Engineers' monthly reports:	1884-1958	
Reservoir and rainfall statistics (Adlington, Arley, Worthington; Pemberton; Bispham):	1896-1957	
Public Health:		
Medical Officer of Health:		
Annual Reports:	1899-1972	D1
*Reports to committee:	1949-1966	D2
School Medical Officer of Health:		
*Annual Reports:	1913-1957	D2
N.B. These reports were bound with the M.O.H. Reports (above) when not issued separately.		
*Covering dates only for these classes.		
N.B. Annual Reports above also available at The History Shop.		
Registers of Diseases:		D3
Registers of notifications:	1948-1973	
Measles:	1949-1974	
Tuberculosis:	1959-1975	
Public Health Inspector:		D5
Reports to Committee:	1940-1974	
Reports on canal boats:	1879-1943	
Cf. CB Wi/A9 (above)		
Notices of defects on canal boats:	1939-1945	
Other Departments:		
Libraries:		E2
Accession Registers: reference:	1885-1974	
lending:	1920-1974	
Visitors' books (Reference Library):	1883-1936, 1937-1942, 1945-1951	
Suggestion book:	1878-1939	
Catalogue of Lending Department:	1903	
Mayor:		E3
Visitors' books (Mayor's Parlour)	1913-1951	
Miscellaneous:		
Maypole Colliery Explosion (1908) Relief Fund:		F2
Minutes:	1908-1918, 1921-1963	
Correspondence files:	1908-1964	
Ledger:	1908-1948	
Balance sheets and accounts:	1908-1923	
Trust deeds and papers:	1911-1931	
Acts of Parliament:		F6
Wigan Local Acts:	1822-1933	
N.B. Some records above are subject to closure periods.		
2. LEIGH BOROUGH:		MB/Lei
Leigh was granted the status of a municipal borough in 1899. Prior to that a Local Board of Health had been established in 1863 for each of the constituent townships - Bedford, Pennington and Westleigh. In 1875 these were amalgamated to make up the Leigh Local Board, which under the 1894 Local Government Act became Leigh Urban District. This in turn was superseded by the Borough. The archives of the borough's predecessors are all listed here.		
N.B. Some records, especially committee minutes, were continued by the successor authorities.		
Local Boards:		
Bedford:		
Minute Books: Board:	1863-1875	A1
Minute Books: Committees:	1864-1873	A2
Pennington:		
Minute Books: Board:	1863-1875	A1
Minute Books: Committees:	1864-1875	A2
Westleigh:		
Minute Books: Board:	1863-1875	A1
Minute Books: Committees:	1864-1875	A2

Joint Committees:			
Minute Book: Fire Engine (includes list of staff 1883):	1866-1877	A2	
Leigh:			
Minute Books: Board:	1875-1894	A1	
Minute Books: Committees:	1875-1894	A2	
Miscellaneous records (including general ledgers; Leigh Silkworkers' Relief Committee accounts):	1875-1894		
Correspondence files:	1876-1894		
Leigh Urban District:			
Minute Books: Council:	1894-1899	A1	
Minute Books: Committees:	1894-1899	A2	
Correspondence files:	1894-1899		
Miscellaneous (including petition for incorporation of Leigh, 1898):	1894-1899		
Municipal Borough:			
Charters:			
Charter of Incorporation:	1899		
Grant of Arms:	1899		
Administration:			
Council - Minute Books:	1899-1974	A1	
N.B. Duplicate unsigned minutes are available at Leigh Local History Library.			
Committees:		A2	
Minute Books -			
Allotments:	1947-1968		
Amenities:	1969-1973		
Cemeteries:	1903-1966		
Cf. Joint Burial Board (below)			
Cleansing:	1924-1969		
Education:	1903-1945		
Electricity:	1920-1948		
Finance:	1897-1974		
Gas:	1875-1956		
General Purposes:	1897-1958		
Health:	1897-1974		
Highways and Buildings:	1897-1974		
Housing and Town Planning:	1920-1969		
Labour Bureau/Unemployment:	1908-1909, 1921-1927		
Library:	1894-1969		
Markets and Baths:	1897-1969		
Maternity, Child Welfare and School Clinics:	1927-1948		
Motor Omnibus and Central Works:	1920-1968		
Parks and Cemeteries:	1959-1969		
Policy and Planning:	1963-1973		
Rating:	1927-1950		
School Attendance:	1877-1903		
School Medical Services:	1937-1945		
Shop Hours:	1905-1906		
Smallholdings and Allotments:	1908-1909		
Technical Instruction:	1892-1903		
Town Hall:	1899-1908		
Tramways:	1900-1920		
Transport:	1934-1969		
Watch:	1899-1969		
Water:	1956-1961		
Town Clerk:			
Agreements:			
Registers of Seals:	1895-1966		
Registers of contracts:	1899-1968		
Register of mortgages:	1864-1917		
Roll of honorary freemen:	1914-1972		
Byelaws:	1900-1967		
Education letter-books:	1911-1944		
Register of infectious diseases:	1920-1969		
Claims of voluntary attested men:	1914-1918		
Military Service Act 1916: register of cases:	1917-1918		

Housing Registers:		
Register of common lodging houses:	1864-1906	
Register of new dwellings:	1923-1972	
Licensing:		
Registers of bakehouses:	1870-1909	
Registers of canal boats:	1878-1934	
Burial Records:		
Cemetery Registers:	1856-1966	
N.B. These registers are shown only on microfilm at Leigh Local History Library and The History Shop.		
Miscellaneous:		
*Year Books:	1897-1973	
Treasurer:		
Rates:		
*Poor Rate Books:	1895, 1899	
*General District Rate Books:	1882-1901, 1941-1973	
Accounts:		
*Abstracts of accounts:	1899-1970	
*Covering dates only for these classes.		
Surveyor:		
Highways Report Books:	1924-1955	
Public Health:		
Medical Officer of Health:		
Reports:	1898-1972	
Public Health Inspector:		
Reports on canal boats:	1897-1956	
Cf. LICENSING (above)		
Other Departments:		
School Attendance:		
Report Book:	1888-1893	
Maternity and Child Welfare:		
Midwifery service records (including case registers):	1924-1951	
Joint Boards:		
Leigh & Atherton Joint Sewerage Board:		
Minute Books:	1895-1944, 1970-1972	
Miscellaneous records:	1895-1968	
Leigh & Hindley Joint Water Board:		
Minute Books:	1875-1903	
Miscellaneous records:	1876-1887	
Astley, Bedford, Pennington and Westleigh Burial Board:		
Minute Books:	1855-1903	

3. TOWNSHIPS:

These are archives of the civil townships or vestries that administered local government within the larger parishes, although churchwardens' records are often found amongst them. The vestries lost their powers during the 19th century to new and larger units of local government such as the Boards of Guardians, Local Boards of Health (and their successors the district councils), and from 1894 the civil parish councils and meetings. Wigan township was already governed as a borough.

Cf. CHURCH RECORDS: D/P for township archives deposited with parish records.

N.B. Many of the dates quoted for rates and accounts are covering dates only.

Abram:		
Minutes of ratepayers:	1839-1858	
Poor Rate Books:	1837-1878	
Overseers' accounts:	1691-1819	
Poor relief books:	1825-1845	
Settlement certificates:	1691-1750	
Removal orders:	1688-1815	
Apprenticeship indentures:	1702-1833	
Register of apprentices:	1804-1832	
Charity accounts:	1706-1802	
Lists of paupers and parochial statements:	1846-1850	
Constables' accounts:	18th cent.	
Highway Surveyors' Rate Books:	1839-1856	

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Highway Surveyors' accounts:	c. 1700-1812	
Technical Instruction Committee minutes:	1893	
Ashton-in-Makerfield:		TR/Ash
Minutes of vestry and ratepayers:	1741-1834	
Township ledgers (churchwardens', overseers' and other accounts):	1799-1821	
Report of Select Vestry:	1833	
*Apprenticeship indentures:	1747-1788	
Cf. RECORDS OF SOCIETIES: D/DS 55		
Highway surveyors' accounts:	1818-1864	
*Calendar available in search room		
Aspull:		TR/Asp
Minutes of vestry and ratepayers:	1858-1900	
Church Rate Book:	1848	
Poor Rate Books:	1838-1894	
Astley:		TR/Ast
Minutes of vestry and ratepayers (from 1895 parish meeting):	1858-1932	
Minutes of Lighting Inspectors:	1878-1895	
Valuation Lists:	1866-1875	
Poor Rate Books:	1859-1874	
Lighting Rate Books:	1878-1891	
Special Expenses Rate Book:	1894	
Parish Council:		
Minutes:	1895-1930	
Financial Statements:	1902-1923	
Atherton:		TR/Ath
Minutes:		A
Memoranda book (lists of officers, memoranda, summary accounts etc.):	1670-1715	
Minutes of vestry and ratepayers:	1839-1927	
Lists of people attending meetings:	1774-1775	
Memorandum re building of workhouse:	1785	
Churchwardens:		B
Rate assessments:	1707-1806	
List of persons owing church ley:	1798-1800	
Accounts:	1691-1836	
Overseers of the Poor:		C
Rate Books:	1802-1894	
Accounts:	1692-1834	
Relief ledgers and register:	1818-1840	
Vouchers for accounts:	1693-1837	
Settlement certificates:	1712-1834	
Settlement examinations:	1795-1839	
Removal orders and bonds:	1669-1840	
Vagrancy passes:	1723-1801	
Memoranda re lodgers lacking certificates:	1749	
*Apprenticeship indentures and bonds:	1677-1838	
Bastardy examinations:	1819-1837	
Bastardy orders and bonds:	1702-1839	
Orders for payment of militiamen and relief of militiamen's families:	1779-1804	
Certificates for militia substitutes, etc.:	1779-1806	
Agreement between townships in Leigh parish for managing Pennington workhouse:	1782	
Inventory of furniture etc. in workhouse, with schedule of inmates:	1834-1837	
Poor Law Commissioners' order and circulars:	1837-1847	
Schedules of Paupers:	1830-1847	
Quarterly Abstracts (Leigh Union: Atherton):	1838-1847	
Friendly Society Certificates:	1795-1834	
*Calendar available in search room		
Constables:		D
Accounts:	1692-1831	
Vouchers for accounts:	1692-1818	
Warrants and orders:	1708-1833	

Highway Surveyors:		E
Rate Books:	1799-1840	
Composition Books:	1768-1797	
Accounts:	1697-1864	
Highways Board Time Book:	1869-1870	
Vouchers for accounts:	1718-1823	
Miscellaneous:		F
Accounts for land and window taxes:	1769-1774	
Census of township:	1765	
Notices for Chowbent Fair:	1837-1861	
Bedford:		TR/Bed
Poor Rate Books:	1843-1893	
Poor Relief Book:	1835-1874	
Cf. SOLICITORS' RECORDS: D/DX Cal		
Golborne:		TR/Go
Minutes of ratepayers, parochial committee and highways board:	1857-1894	
Haigh:		TR/Hai
Minutes of ratepayers:	1842-1846	
Poor Rate Books:	1838-1894	
Valuation List:	1875	
Highways Rate Book:	1870	
Hindley:		TR/Hi
Minutes of ratepayers:	1863-1925	
Vouchers for overseers' accounts:	1809-1838	
*Apprenticeship indentures:	1678-1837	
Bastardy examination and orders:	1804-1815	
Vouchers for highway surveyors' accounts:	1813-1814	
*The original MSS. are not deposited, but a calendar is available in the search room.		
Ince-in-Makerfield		TR/In
Overseers' and constables' accounts:	1749-1820	
*Apprenticeship indentures:	1726-1760	
Orders from High Constables:	1737-1805	
Highway Surveyors' accounts:	1748-1793	
*Calendar available in the search room		
Pemberton:		
Cf. D/DZ A13/30 for Poor Rate Book, 1867		
Cf. D/DZ A13/32 for Constables' accounts, 1766-1824		
Pennington:		TR/Pe
Minutes:		A
Township book (lists of officers, minutes, accounts, leys, tax assessments etc.):	1785-1817	
Minutes of vestry and ratepayers:	1847-1866	
Churchwardens:		B
Rate assessments:	1697, 1706	
Accounts:	1704-1817	
Overseers of the Poor:		C
Rate assessments:	1700-1706	
Poor Rate Books:	1840-1894	
Valuation Lists (includes field book):	1863	
Valuation List:	1888	
Accounts:	1699-1848	
Settlement certificates:	1687-1859	
Removal orders:	1699-1816	
*Apprenticeship indentures:	1699-1836	
Bastardy orders:	1701-1830	
Return of volunteers for Navy:	1795	
Deeds and papers re workhouse:	1739-1822	
List of paupers in workhouse:	1828-1830	
Female Friendly Society certificates:	1797-1836	
*Calendar available in search room		
Constables:		D
Accounts:	1704-1814	
Militia papers:	1745-1813	

Highway Surveyors:		E
Composition Books:	1775-1813	
Accounts:	1706-1814	
Miscellaneous:		F
Land Tax assessments:	1689-1791	
Window Tax assessment:	1791	
Deeds of Hopcar estate:	1718-1766	
Papers re Leigh Silkworkers' Relief Fund:	1877	
Cf. MB Lei for main records of this charity		
Papers re Leigh Indian Famine Fund:	1897	
Shevington:		TR/Sh
Rate Book:	1856-1857	
Standish:		TR/St
Minutes of ratepayers:	1852-1904	
Overseers' accounts:	1838-1848	
Poor Rate Books:	1847-1888	
Valuation List:	1872	
Tyldesley:		TR/Ty
Minutes of ratepayers:	1880-1927	
Poor Rate Books:	1840-1891	
Valuation Lists:	1834, 1894	
Settlement certificate:	1746	
Highways Rate Book:	1857	
Lighting Rate Book:	1860	
Westleigh:		TR/We
Poor Rate Books:	1858-1894	
Valuation List:	1871	

4. LOCAL BOARDS AND URBAN DISTRICTS:

Local Boards of Health were constituted under the Public Health Act of 1848 and the Local Government Act of 1858. They were succeeded in 1894 by Urban District Councils. The records of both are listed together here under each area.

N.B. Covering dates only are given for some classes of records.

Abram:		UD/Ab
<i>Local Board</i> – Abram Local Board was formed in 1880, but the Board's records have not survived.		
<i>Urban District – Council and Committees:</i>		
Minute Books:	1895-1974	A1
Clerk – Legal Agreements, etc.:	1881-1973	A5
Register of displaced persons:	1933-1937	A6
Treasurer – Poor Rate Book:	1914-1915	B3
General Rate Books:	1941-1973	
Financial Statements and Abstracts of Accounts:	1916-1953	B1
Surveyor – Report on water supply:	1882	C5
Public Health – Annual Report: Medical Officer of Health:	1941	D1
Registers of diseases:	1913-1974	D3
Ashton-in-Makerfield:		UD/Ash
<i>Local Board</i> (formed 1872) – Board and Committees:		
Minute Books (including accounts and byelaws):	1872-1895	A1, A2
<i>Urban District – Council and Committees:</i>		
Minute Books (including accounts):	1895-1974	A1
Reports Library Committee:	1906-1913	A3
Clerk – Registers of Seals:	1944-1969	A5
Housing Registers (including tenancy registers 1921-1960):	1921-1974	A6
Files re overcrowding survey:	1936	
Byelaws:	1875-1934	A8
Schemes of regulation for common lands:	c. 1899	

Treasurer – Poor Rate Books:	1911, 1915	B3
General Rate Books:	1912-1972	B3
Abstracts and Epitomes of accounts:	1959-1969	B1
Surveyor – Architect's report on proposed public baths:	c. 1900	C5
Public Health – Annual Reports: Medical Officer of Health:	1915, 1959-1965	D1
Report on prevalence of scarlatina and diphtheria:	1909	D2
Miscellaneous – Ashton Charities:		
Charity Commission Schemes:	1901-1918	E1
Minute Book:	1879-1881	E2
Woollen Stock accounts:	1694-1883	
Apprentice Stock accounts:	1705-1883	
Accounts:	1881-1958	
Correspondence, legal papers, etc.:	1881-1933	
Edge Green Colliery Explosion Relief Fund:		E3
Minute Books:	1932-1948	
Accounts:	1932-1949	
Trust Deed:	1933	
Reports, cuttings, papers re victims etc.:	1932-1949	
Acts of Parliament:		E5
Ashton local Acts:	1875-1957	
Library:		
Stock and issue registers:	1906-1968	
Aspull:		UD/Asp
<i>Local Board</i> (formed 1876) – Board and Committees:		
Minute Books:	1876-1894	A1, A2
<i>Urban District – Council and Committees:</i>		
Minute Books:	1894-1974	A1
Clerk – Registers of displaced persons:	1938-1972	A6
Files re overcrowding survey:	1936	
Register of factories:	20th cent.	A9
Scale of charges for water supply:	1880	A11
Treasurer – Poor Rate Books:	1895-1921	B3
General District Rate Books:	1902-1927	
Public Health – Annual Reports: Medical Officer of Health:	1922-1970	D1
Registers of diseases:	1934-1974	D3
Atherton:		UD/Ath
<i>Local Board</i> (formed 1864) – Board:		
Minute Books:	1864-1894	A1
<i>Urban District – Council and Committees:</i>		
Minute Books:	1894-1974	A1, A2
Clerk –		
Registers of Seals:	1933-1974	A5
Deeds and papers re Albion Mill site:	1834-1939	
Agreements re electricity supply:	1903	
Papers re Atherton Public Hall Company:	1869	
Reports on lawsuit re The Valley:	1891	
Property register:	1869-1940	
Housing registers:	1923-1972	A6
Registers of Land Charges:	1924-1963	A7
Byelaws:	1879-1960	A8
Yearbooks:	1903-1973	A12
Burial Records:		
Cemetery Registers: Church of England ground:	1857-1960	A10
Nonconformist ground:	1857-1954	
N.B. These registers are shown only on microfilm at Leigh Local History Library and The History Shop.		
Treasurer – Poor Rate Books:	1895-1926	B3
General District Rate Books:	1865-1973	
Abstracts and Epitomes of accounts:	1910-1926	B1

Surveyor – Reports to Highways and Sanitary Committee:	1922-1950	C1
Specifications for refuse destructor:	1918	C3
Public Health – Annual Reports: Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector:	1946-1972	D1
Registers of diseases:	1922-1974	D3
Miscellaneous – Manchester & District Joint Town Planning Advisory Committee: minutes and other records:	1925-1942	E1
Atherton local Acts:	1873-1938	E2
Deed establishing Atherton Gas Co.:	1836	E3
Gilchrist Educational Trust: minutes and accounts:	1891-1893	
Billinge-and-Winstanley:		UD/BW
The area served by the U.D.C. was divided in 1974 between Wigan and St. Helens Metropolitan Districts. Most of the archives were inherited by St. Helens and are available at St. Helens Local History Library.		
Local Board (formed 1872) – Board:		
Minute Book (unsigned):	1888-1894	A1
Order and resolution of ratepayers for the establishment of the Board:	1872	E1
Urban District – Council:		
Minute Books (unsigned):	1895-1974	A1
Clerk – Legal agreements etc.:	1877-1947	A5
Papers re footpath diversions:	1888-1901	
Petition re water supply:	1875	
Byelaws:	1873-1936	
Regulations for dairies:	1903	
Treasurer – General District Rate Books:	1873-1898	B3
Financial Statements:	1873-1905	B1
Surveyor – Report on proposed reservoir:	1907	C1
Miscellaneous – Billinge Charities		
Accounts of overseers and Linen Cloth Charity:	1838-1848, 1861-1891	E2
Accounts and other papers:	1874-1943	
Golborne:		UD/Go
No Local Board was formed for Golborne, which, along with Astley, Culcheth, Kenyon and Lowton, was included in Leigh Rural Sanitary Authority established in 1872 (see RD/Lei below). In 1894 Golborne was taken out of the R.S.A. (which became Leigh Rural District), and established as an Urban District. In 1933 when the Rural District was abolished, Kenyon, Lowton and part of Culcheth were transferred to Golborne.		
Urban District – Council:		
Minute Books:	1894-1974	A1
Clerk – Correspondence:	1922-1956	A4
Housing registers:	1921-1961	A6
Papers re government overcrowding survey:	1935-1937	
Yearbooks:	1952-1974	A12
Cf. MMP 8/10 for Yearbook 1895-96		
Treasurer – General & Water Rate Books:	1936-1974	B3
Abstracts and Epitomes of accounts:	1933-1969	B1
Surveyor – Bills of quantities for sewage works, etc.:	1936-1937	C4
Public Health – Annual Reports: Medical Officer of Health:	1913-1973	D1
Registers of diseases:	1926-1940	D3
Miscellaneous – Copy enclosure award for Bank Heath (1763-1766):	c. 1877	E1
Enclosure award for Lowton:	1763-1765	
Parish Councils:		
Culcheth: Minute Books:	1895-1933	E2
Kenyon (Parish Meeting): Minute Book:	1896-1933	E3
Survey and valuation of Lowton (based on tithe apportionment):	1840	E4
Astley Sanatorium: Annual Reports:	1938, 1940, 1943-1944	E5
Hindley:		UD/Hi
Local Board (formed 1867) – Board and Committees:		
Minute Books:	1867-1894	A1, A2

Urban District – Council and Committees:		
Minute Books:	1894-1974	A1, A2
Clerk – Correspondence:	1928-1938	A4
Registers of Mortgages:	1870-1944	A5
Contracts Book:	1940-1956	
Register of Seals:	1967-1974	
Housing Registers:	1910-1971	A6
Brochure for housing scheme, Atherton Road:	1920-1922	
Byelaws:	1886-1934	A8
Licensing:		
Registers: shops:	c. 1905	A9
ice cream premises:	1938-1969	
factories:	1938-1960	
milk purveyors:	1943-1962	
hawkers:	1946-1973	
societies:	1956-1974	
Burial Records:		
Burial Board: Minute Books:	1876-1913	A10
Cemetery Registers:	1880-1973	
N.B. These registers are shown only on microfilm at The History Shop.		
Records of A.R.P. service:	1939-1945	A12
Treasurer – General Rate Books:	1939-1972	B3
Surveyor – Reports:	1920-1960	C1
Specifications and bills of quantities for Leyland Free Library building:	1883, 1885	C4
Bills of quantities for Castle Hill estate:	1961	
Public Health – Annual Reports: Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector:	1947-1969	D1
Miscellaneous – Duckinfield's Charity: minutes and accounts:	1869-1936	E1
Ince-in-Makerfield:		UD/In
Local Board (formed 1866) – Board:		
Minute Books:	1866-1895	A1
Urban District – Council and Committees:		
Minute Books:	1895-1974	A1, A2
Clerk – Correspondence:	1869-1941	A4
Registers of Seals:	1949-1974	A5
Contract Book:	1938-1961	
Register of deeds:	1868-1930	
Housing registers:	1928-1973	A6
Overcrowding register:	1939	
Byelaws:	1867-1961	A8
Licensing:		
Registers: slaughterhouses:	1885-1925	A9
milk purveyors:	1923-1939	
emergency petrol supplies:	1939-1944	
societies:	1956-1973	
Records of fire prevention service:	1939-1942	
Schedule of domestic surface shelters:	1940's	
Burial Records:		
Cemetery Registers:	1857-1958	A10
N.B. These registers are shown only on microfilm at The History Shop.		
Report Book for tramways inspection:	1896-1897	A12
Yearbooks:	1896-1974	
Treasurer – Poor Rate Books:	1915-1926	B3
General Rate Books:	1931-1973	
Financial Statements and Abstracts of Accounts:	1879-1937	B1
Overseers' balance sheets:	1894-1920	B7
Surveyor – Specifications for sewerage works:	1870-1929	C3
Bills of quantities for council houses:	1946, 1948	C4
Correspondence, estimates and reports for waterworks:	1870-1897	C5

Public Health – Annual Reports: Medical Officer of Health:	1950-1960	D1
Reports to committee: Sanitary Inspector:	1940-1946	D5
Registers of diseases:	1923-1957	D3
Reports on infectious diseases:	1924-1974	D5
Miscellaneous – Reports, accounts, etc. for National School:	1859-1868	E1
Report on proposed recreation ground, Amberswood Common:	1880's	
Orrell:		UD/Or
Local Board (formed 1872) – Board and Committees:		
Minute Books:	1872-1894	A1, A2
Urban District – Council and Committees:		
Minute Books:	1894-1974	A1, A2
Clerk – Correspondence:		
Register of Seals:	1914-1966	A4
Registers of mortgages:	1939-1941	A5
Registers of mortgages:	1879-1974	
Housing Registers:	1919-1974	A6
Register of factories:	1938-1966	A9
Treasurer – Poor Rate Books:	1914, 1921	B3
General and Water Rate Books:	1920-1974	
Financial Statements:	1903-1918	B1
Public Health – Annual Reports: Medical Officer of Health:	1965-1971	D1
Registers of diseases:	1953-1974	D3
Miscellaneous – Orrell Nursing Association: Minute Book:	1909-1949	E1
Pemberton:		UD/Pe
Pemberton Urban District was wholly absorbed by Wigan County Borough in 1904.		
Local Board (formed 1872) – Board and Committees:		
Minute Books:	1871-1894	A1, A2
Urban District – Council and Committees:		
Minute Books:	1894-1904	A1, A2
Clerk – Correspondence:		
Registers of mortgages:	1904	A4
	1885-1904	A5
Treasurer – General District Rate Book:	1901	B3
Surveyor – Register of plans:	1873-1904	C5
N.B. Plans referred to in this register are available on microfilm in the search room.		
Standish-with-Langtree:		UD/St
Local Board (formed 1872) – Board and Committees:		
Minute Books:	1872-1894	A1, A2
Urban District – Council and Committees:		
Minute Books:	1894-1974	A1, A2
Clerk – Correspondence:		
Registers of Seals:	1881-1935	A4
Registers of Mortgages:	1935-1971	A5
Registers of Mortgages:	1878-1962	
Housing registers:	1933-1971	A6
Byelaws:	1890-1925	A8
Register of slaughterhouses:	1873-1884	A9
Registers of omnibus licences:	1891-1905	
Papers re proposed extension to burial ground:	1886	A10
Yearbooks:	1894-1973	A12
War Relief Fund: orders, accounts:	1918-1919	
Aged People's Treat Association: minutes etc.:	1935-1938	
Treasurer – General District Rate Books:	1874-1913	B3
Highways Rate Books:	1873-1891	
Sewerage Rate Books:	1880-1891	
General Rate Books:	1929-1972	
Abstracts and Epitomes of Accounts:	1874-1972	B1
Overseers' balance sheets:	1895-1903	B7
Surveyor – Reports:	1884-1894	C1
Register of plans:	1940-1970	C5
Papers re widening of Wigan Road:	1904	

Public Health – Annual Reports: Medical Officer of Health:	1915-1972	D1
Reports of Nuisance Inspector:	1875-1894	D7
Reports on unfit houses:	1891-1893	
Tyldesley:		UD/Ty
The Urban District was extended to include Astley (formerly in Leigh R.D.C.) in 1933.		
Local Board (formed 1863) – Board and Committees:		
Minute Books:	1863-1895	A1, A2
Urban District – Council and Committees:		
Minute Books:	1895-1974	A1, A2
Reports to Library Committee:	1909-1951	A3
Reports to Fire Brigade Committee:	1935-1941	
Clerk – Registers of Seals:	1934-1974	A5
Agreements, contracts etc. for Technical School:	1891-1924	
Schedule of council properties:	1865-1952	
Housing registers:	1931-1974	A6
Byelaws:	1870-1902	A8
Register of ice cream premises:	1949-1974	A9
Register of societies:	1956-1973	
Cemetery Registers:	1878-1953	A10
N.B. These registers are shown only on microfilm at Leigh Local History Library and The History Shop.		
Yearbooks:	1959-1974	A12
Museum Donation Book:	1909-1978	
Treasurer – General District Rate Books:	1871-1931	B3
General Rate Books:	1931-1973	
Abstracts and Epitomes of Accounts:	1924-1969	B1
Surveyor – Register of plans for Technical School:	c. 1905	C5
Public Health – Annual Reports: Medical Officer of Health:	1922-1972	D1
Miscellaneous – Mechanics' Institute: register of students:	1883-1897	E1

5. RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITIES AND RURAL DISTRICTS:

Rural Sanitary Authorities were established in rural areas by the Boards of Guardians under the Public Health Act of 1872. They were succeeded by Rural District Councils under the Local Government Act of 1894.

Leigh:		RD/Lei
Leigh R.S.A. comprised Astley, Culcheth, Golborne, Kenyon and Lowton. In 1894 Golborne became an Urban District (see UD/Go above), and in 1933 the R.D.C. was abolished: Astley was absorbed by Tyldesley U.D.C. and the other townships by Golborne.		
Rural Sanitary Authority (formed 1872) – Minute Books:	1872-1894	A1
Rural District – Minute Books: Council:	1895-1933	A1
Rate Books:	1897-1933	B3
Overseers' balance sheets:	1903-1918	B7
Copy of Culcheth manor enclosure award (1751):	c. 1900	E1
Copy of Astley manor enclosure award (1765):	c. 1900	
Wigan:		RD/Wi
Wigan R.S.A. comprised Dalton, Haigh, Parbold, Shevington, Worthington and Wrightington.		
Rural Sanitary Authority (formed 1872) – Minute Books:	1872-1894	A1
Rural District – Minute Books: Council:	1894-1974	A1
Minute Books: Parochial Committees:	1910-1954	A2
Clerk:		
Registers of mortgages:	1893-1973	A5
Register of deeds:	1894-1974	
Housing registers:	1926-1960	A6
Overcrowding survey:	1936	
Byelaws:	1905-1968	A8
Register of dairies etc.:	1879-1883	A9
Register of plumbers:	1898-1953	
Register of factories:	1972	

Schedule of evacuation accommodation:	1940's	
Schedule of rights of way:	1933-1935	A12
Survey of rights of way:	1950-1951	
Treasurer:		
Poor Rate Books: Dalton, Parbold, Shevington:	1913-1915	B3
General and Water Rate Books:	1928-1974	
Surveyor:		
Bills of quantities for council houses, Shevington:	1940's	C4
Registers of plans:	1911-1928, 1961-1963	C5
Public Health:		
Annual Reports: Medical Officer of Health:	1948-1972	D1
Registers of diseases:	1953-1974	D3
Parish Councils:		
Haigh: Minute Book:	1895-1925	E1
Shevington: Minute Book:	1894-1954	E2

Cf. OFFICIAL RECORDS: G/Wi for further records.

6. PARISH COUNCILS:

Parish Councils were established under the 1894 Local Government Act for rural parishes with a population of over 300.

Astley (abolished 1933):		TR/Ast
Minutes:	1895-1930	
Financial Statements:	1902-1923	
Culcheth: see UD/Go E2		
Haigh: see RD/Wi E1		
Kenyon: see UD/Go E3		
Shevington: see RD/Wi E2		

7. COUNTY DIVISIONAL COMMITTEES:

Lancashire Divisional Education Committees:		DC/EC
no. 13: Ashton, Aspull, Billinge, Orrell, Upholland, Wigan Rural District: Minutes:	1956-1974	
no. 15 (formerly no. 23): Leigh, Atherton, Tyldesley: Minutes:	1946-1974	
no. 31: Atherton, Tyldesley:	1903-1937	

Lancashire Divisional Health Committee no. 11:		DC/HC
Minutes:	1948-1973	

This Committee had responsibility for local authority health services in the following areas: Bolton County Borough, Leigh Municipal Borough, the Urban Districts of Atherton, Blackrod, Farnworth, Horwich, Kearsley, Little Lever, Turton, Tyldesley and Westhoughton.

OFFICIAL RECORDS: STATUTORY BODIES

1. BOARDS OF GUARDIANS OF THE POOR:

Boards of Guardians were established under the 'New Poor Law' of 1834. Responsibility for administering poor relief, maintaining workhouses and carrying out other functions was removed from the township overseers and transferred to the Guardians, whose work was supervised by a new government department, the Poor Law Commissioners. The old townships were grouped for this purpose into Poor Law Unions. The present Wigan Metropolitan area was covered by two of these, Wigan and Leigh, which were both established in 1837. Boards of Guardians were abolished by the Local Government Act of 1929, and were succeeded by the Public Assistance Committees (see below).

For records of poor relief administered by overseers of the poor see OFFICIAL RECORDS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT and CHURCH RECORDS.

Leigh Board of Guardians:

Leigh Poor Law Union comprised the following townships: Astley, Atherton, Bedford, Culcheth, Lowton, Pennington, Tyldesley, Westleigh.

Board - Orders of Poor Law Commissioners establishing the union:	1837
Minute Books:	1837-1930

Settlement and Removal - *Asylum Reception Orders:	Lancaster: 1892-1940
	Prestwich: 1879-1940
	Whittingham: 1892-1940
	Winwick: 1898-1928

Removal orders received: 1898-1929

Assessment Committee - Minute Book:	1886-1904
Valuation Lists:	1863-1894
Township plans:	1864-1879

School Attendance Committee:

Reports: Astley, Glazebury, Golborne, Lowton, Newchurch, Risley:	1893-1912
Culcheth, Kenyon, Lowton, Newchurch:	1914-1925
Register of labour certificates issued by Rural S.A.C.:	1883-1905

Cf. MB Lei for records of Leigh S.A.C.

Cf. D/DX Cal Box 43 for other records of the Board.

*Subject to closure period of 75 years.

Wigan Board of Guardians:

Wigan Poor Law Union comprised the following townships: Abram, Ashton, Aspull, Billinge, Blackrod, Dalton, Haigh, Hindley, Ince, Orrell, Parbold, Pemberton, Shevington, Standish, Upholland, Wigan, Winstanley, Worthington, Wrightington.

Board - Minute Books:	1837-1930
General Ledgers:	1838-1884
Parochial Ledgers:	1848-1893
Statement on proposal to form Union:	1837
Bonds of employment for master and officers:	1844-1868

Lunacy - Claims for maintenance of lunatics: 1886-1891

Out-Relief - Order Books:	1891-1897
Application and Report Books: Standish District:	1875-1902
Out-Door Relief Lists: Workhouse & Standish District:	1875
Standish District:	1877-1902

Workhouses - Minute Books: Building Committee:	1856-1858
Workhouse Committee:	1884-1896
Agreements, plans and papers: Hindley Workhouse:	1830-1850
Wigan Workhouse:	1837-1858
Register of Inmates (Wigan Poor Law Institution):	c. 1920-1949

Settlement and Removal - Minute Book: Removal Committee: 1888-1895

Elections - Poll Books for election of Guardians: 1890, 1892

Correspondence - Clerk's letter books:	1855-1876
Correspondence from Poor Law Commissioners:	1837-1876

Assessment Committee - Minute Book: 1863-1875

School Attendance Committee - Minute Books:	1877-1903
Index to labour certificate receipt book:	1883-1888

Other Records - Rural Sanitary Authority: minutes, accounts etc.:	1873-1902
Vaccinator's Register:	1899-1909

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2. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE COMMITTEES:

Public Assistance Committees were statutory bodies established under the 1929 Local Government Act, charged with continuing the work of the former Boards of Guardians. They functioned as committees of the county and county borough councils, and were abolished by the National Assistance Act of 1948.

Records of the Leigh and Wigan Area Committees are available at Lancashire Record Office.

Wigan Area Public Assistance Committee:		PAC/Wi/1
Minutes (unsigned):	1930-1945	
Wigan County Borough Public Assistance Committee:		PAC/Wi/2
Relief determination files:	1932-1934	
N.B. Minutes from 1935 onwards are bound up with the council minutes (CB Wi/A1 above).		

3. MAKERFIELD WATER BOARD:

The Board was established in 1960 to supply water to the following local authority areas: Abram, Ashton, Golborne, Hindley, Ince, Leigh, Newton-le-Willows, Orrell, Standish, Upholland, West Lancashire, Wigan. Prior to 1960 each authority was required to arrange its own supply. In 1974 regional water authorities were set up and the Board was abolished.

Minute Books:	1961-1974	WB/Ma
Loan sanctions:	1961-1973	
Statutory instruments, working files etc.:	1949-1973	

SCHOOL RECORDS

Cf. **OFFICIAL RECORDS** for archives of local education authorities and school attendance committees of the Boards of Guardians; and **CHURCH RECORDS** for school archives deposited by local churches.

N.B. School Boards were not of great importance in the Wigan area, and only one produced any records: these are listed below under **Shevington**.

Abram:			SR
<i>Bryn Gates Council:</i> Managers' minutes:	1921-1948	30	
<i>County Primary:</i> Managers' minutes:	1954-1974	58	
Ashton-in-Makerfield:			
<i>Grammar:</i> Managers' minutes:	1931-1972	AGS	
Cf. RECORDS OF SOCIETIES: D/DS 55			
Aspull:			
<i>Secondary Modern (High from 1977):</i> Log Books:	1960-1961, 1974-1991	90	
Admissions Registers:	1960-1990		
School magazines:	1980, 1982		
Programmes for school events:	1960-1972		
<i>St. Elizabeth's C.E.:</i> Managers' minutes:	1903-1949	80	
Log Book:	1960-1982		
Admissions Registers:	1886-1982		
<i>C.E. Primary:</i> Trustees' and managers' minutes:	1864-1949	82	
Log Books:	1868-1982		
Admissions Registers:	1868-1943		
<i>Methodist:</i> Log Books:	1880-1982	83	
Admissions Registers:	1892-1982		
Atherton:			
<i>Green Hall Special:</i> Managers' minutes:	1957-1973	47	
<i>Handycraft Centre:</i> Log Book:	1914-1961	37	
<i>St. George's Infants:</i> Architect's plan:	1915	79	
Golborne:			
<i>Central and Parkside Council:</i> Managers' minutes:	1905-1925	40	
<i>County Infants:</i> Managers' minutes:	1925-1973	55	
<i>County Secondary:</i> Managers' minutes:	1952-1974	49	
Haigh:			
<i>Red Rock C.E.:</i> Log Books:	1873-1981	87	
Admissions Registers:	1877-1984		
Copy school deed:	1949		
<i>St. David's C.E.:</i> Log Books:	1863-1981	88	
Admissions Registers:	1846-1981		
Copy school deed:	1949		
Hindley:			
<i>Argyle St., Lowe Green, St. Paul's, Castle Hill, Cross St. Cookery Centre, Moss Lane Council, Hindley Common, Brunswick,</i>			
<i>Hindley Green Council:</i> Joint Managers' minutes:	1907-1947	29	
<i>Borsdane Brook Special:</i> Managers' minutes:	1960-1974	51	
<i>Cardinal Newman R.C. Secondary Modern (High from 1977):</i>		91	
Governors' minutes:	1958-1992		
Admissions Registers:	1959-1990		
Plans and elevations:	1957		
<i>Central Secondary:</i> Log Book:	1919-1925	28	
<i>Frederick Street Council:</i> Managers' minutes:	1903-1907	31	
<i>Hindley & Abram Grammar (Park High from 1977):</i>		HAGS	
Trustees' minutes:	1926-1974		
Admissions Registers:	1856-1983		
Staff Registers:	1882-1946		

School magazines:	1922-1966	
Programmes for school events:	1907-1980's	
Exercise books:	1857-1861	
Plans:	1967	
Old Students' Association records:	1911-1958	
Prospectus and brochures:	1970's, 1980's	
Princess Street Nursery: Managers' minutes:	1955-1974	52
Log Book:	1950-1981	
St. Paul's Independent: Managers' minutes:	1903-1907	29
St. Peter's C.E.: Managers' minutes:	1903-1979	73
Log Books:	1874-1955	
Hindley Green:		
Brunswick Council: Log Book:	1919-1927	74
Hindley Green Council: Log Book:	1927-1970	75
National Evening Continuation: Log Books:	1895-1941	76
United Methodist: Managers' minutes:	1903-1921	32
Log Books:	1921-1938	
Ince-in-Makerfield:		
County Primaries: Managers' minutes:	1954-1962	59
County Secondaries: Managers' minutes:	1953-1971	64
Britannia Bridge Nursery: Managers' minutes:	1955-1974	52
St. Mary's C.E.: Managers' minutes:	1955-1974	53
Rose Bridge Wesleyan: Log Books:	1867-1982	38
Admissions Registers:	1907-1928	
Spring View Central: Log Books:	1929-1962	27
Christ Church National: Log Books:	1868-1945	81
Leigh:		
Bedford Wesleyan: Managers' minutes:	1954-1974	15
Butts Wesleyan: Managers' minutes:	1904-1974	16
Boys' Grammar (Bedford High from 1976):		LGS/1
Deeds, legal papers etc.:	1723-1840	
Governors' minutes:	1820-1835, 1901-1974	
Accounts:	1868-1940	
Staff Registers:	1895-1975	
Admissions Registers:	1890-1976	
Attendance Register:	1863-1874	
School Magazines:	1906-1967	
Programmes for school events:	1899-1969	
Honours Lists:	1895-1912	
Specimen examination questions:	c. 1869	
Exercise books:	1825, 1858	
School Prospectus:	c. 1935	
Girls' Grammar: Governors' minutes:	1921-1974	LGS/2
Admissions Register:	1921-1962	
School Magazines:	1953-1958	
King Street Wesleyan: Managers' minutes:	1903-1974	14
Log Books:	1863-1936	
Admissions Registers:	1903-1982	
Leigh Baptist: Log Book:	1878-1909	18
Leigh C.E. Secondary Modern (High from 1976):		89
Governors' minutes:	1972-1991	
Log Books:	1918-1991	
School magazine:	1985	
Programmes for school events:	1970's, 1980's	
Plans:	1969-1977	
School Prospectus:	1982	
Hope Carr Nursery: Managers' minutes:	1953-1974	62



Wigan borough charter 1662: decorated initial incorporating portrait of Charles II.

James R
JAMES the second by the grace of God King of England
 Scotland France and Ireland defender of the Faith &c.
 To Our Trusty and well beloved
 Greeting. This is to authorize you to raise and command a
 Regiment of Horse in England for our Service and to
 obey the orders from time to time according to the Discipin
 of war. Given at Our Court at St. Germain's the twentieth
 day of June 1692 And in the eighth year of Our
 Reigne.
 By his Majesty's Comand.
 Meston

Blank commission to raise forces issued by the deposed James II in exile, 1692: one of a series amongst the Standish plot papers.



Ordnance Survey 6" scale map of Leigh area, published 1849, with later railways overprinted.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF WIGAN



You are cordially invited to the Opening Ceremony
of the

BRITISH RESTAURANT

at the COURT HALL, KING STREET

TO BE PERFORMED BY

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF WIGAN (Coun. R. Prestt, J.P.)

On MONDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1942

PUNCTUALLY AT 12-30 O'CLOCK

Immediately following the Opening Ceremony, all present may obtain service of a British Restaurant Luncheon upon payment of regular prices — exactly in the manner that service will be available to the public upon the cafeteria plan.

Admission to Ceremony by Ticket only.

R.S.V.P. to Director of Education, Town Hall,
Wigan.

WILLIAM HENRY TYRER, Town Clerk.

(See Explanatory Notes overleaf)

Invitation to the opening of Wigan's British Restaurant, 1942. British Restaurants provided cheap nourishing meals during the Second World War.

<i>Newton Westpark Primary: Managers' minutes:</i>	1954-1974	54
<i>Manchester Road Council Senior: Managers' minutes:</i>	1932-1974	1a
<i>Pennington Mission Infants: Log Book:</i>	1927-1937	9
<i>Pennington (Christ Church) National: Log Books:</i>	1869-1971	8
Admissions Registers:	1869-1965	
School deed:	1867	
<i>Plank Lane Methodist: Managers' minutes:</i>	1904-1973	21
Log Books:	1905-1987	
Admissions Registers:	1893-1987	
<i>Westleigh (St. Paul's) National: Attendance Register (Westleigh New Mills):</i>	1851-1852	7
<i>Westleigh Secondary Modern: Managers' minutes:</i>	1932-1974	69
<i>Windermere Road Council: Managers' minutes:</i>	1905-1974	1
Log Books:	1904-1936	
Admissions Registers:	1908-1936	
Lowton:		
<i>Lowton Council: Managers' minutes:</i>	1923-1974	65
Pemberton:		
<i>Lamberhead Green Wesleyan: Log Book:</i>	1863-1895	77
<i>Newtown St. Mark's C.E. Infants: Managers' minutes:</i>	1950-1973	41
Platt Bridge:		
<i>Moss Lane Council: Log Book:</i>	1915-1964	26
Shevington:		
<i>School Board: Minutes:</i>	1875-1903	39
<i>Crooke Board School: Log Books:</i>	1872-1985	
Tyldesley:		
<i>Boothstown Methodist: Managers' minutes:</i>	1954-1974	57
<i>Chapel British: Log Book:</i>	1902-1926	36
<i>Meanleys County Infants: Managers' minutes:</i>	1951-1974	45
<i>Upper George St. Council: Managers' minutes:</i>	1912-1974	24
Log Book:	1926-1935	
<i>Wesleyan: Admissions Registers:</i>	1871-1900	25
Wigan:		
<i>Grammar (Mesnes High from 1972):</i>		WGS
Deeds and legal papers:	1597-1907	
Governors' minutes and accounts:	1636-1923	
Log Books:	1945-1962, 1972-1988	
Day Books:	1979-1985	
Admissions Registers:	1891-1987	
Leavers' register:	1954-1977	
Staff Registers:	1891-1970's	
Wigan Grammar School Act:	1812	
Report on charities of Wigan parish:	c. 1828	
Charity Commission and Board of Education Schemes:	1873-1912	
H.M.I. Reports:	1906-1974	
Board of Education curriculum analyses:	1907-1920	
Syllabus files:	1908-1920	
Pupils' Report Books:	1971-1978	
Leigh House records:	1926-1978	
School Magazines:	1909-1972	
Programmes for school events:	1883-1977	
School Prospectuses:	c. 1930, 1980's	
350th anniversary brochure:	1947	
<i>Thomas Linacre Secondary Technical (absorbed by Wigan Grammar 1963):</i>		WGS/TL
Log Book:	1953-1963	
Examination schedules:	1954-1963	
School magazines:	1960-1961	
Brochure for opening:	1953	

<i>Gidlow Secondary Modern:</i> Admissions Registers:	1932-1972	86
School magazines:	1948-1959	
<i>Girls' High (Whitley High from 1972)</i>		WGHS
Governors' minutes:	1974-1990	
Log Book:	1948-1972	
Admissions Registers:	1896-1989	
Staff Registers:	1904-1942	
H. M. I. Reports:	1908-1968	
Register of pupils' reports:	1905	
Programmes for school events:	1928-1966	
School Magazines:	1930-1953	
House magazines:	1958-1959	
School Prospectuses:	1941, 1980's	
School scrapbooks:	1970's, 1980's	
Jubilee History:	1947	
Wigan Education Committee: Board of Studies: Minutes:	1906-1918	
<i>National & Blue Coat:</i> Log Books:	1862-1982	84
<i>Poolstock C.E. Primary:</i> Managers' minutes:	1956-1974	43
<i>Sacred Heart Primary:</i> Admissions Registers:	1932-1963	72
<i>St. James C.E. Primary:</i> Managers' minutes:	1953-1974	44
<i>St. Thomas C.E.:</i> Managers' minutes:	1953-1972	42
Log Books:	1872-1959	
Admissions registers:	1910-1945	
<i>Warrington Lane Council:</i> Log Books:	1919-1969	34
<i>Whelley Secondary Modern (Middle from 1972):</i>		85
Governors' minutes:	1974-1988	
Log Books:	1927-1988	
Admissions Registers:	1927-1988	
Staff Registers:	1927-1964	
Pupil's reports:	1931-1934	
Programmes for school events:	1929-1986	
School Prospectuses:	1977-1984	
<i>Methodist:</i> Managers' and trustees' minutes:	1903-1952	35
Log Books:	1867-1967	
Admissions Registers:	1907-1966	

N.B. School records are normally subject to a closure period of 30 years.

CHURCH RECORDS

N.B. Most registers of baptisms, marriages and burials have been microfilmed and these are shown only on microfilm at either The History Shop or Leigh Local History Library: See *A Guide to Genealogical Sources* (1994).

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISHES:

Wigan Archives Service is designated as a diocesan record office by Liverpool Diocese for the records of thirty-seven parishes in the deaneries of Wigan and Winwick.

Abram, St. John the Evangelist:

Registers – Baptisms:	1838-1950	1
Marriages:	1854-1966	
Burials:	1839-1945	
Banns:	1901-1946	
Churchwardens' accounts:	1884-1941	
Deed of consecration:	1838	
Faculties:	1882, 1885	
Register of graves:	1860-1974	
Register of pew rents:	1839-1875	
Building Committee: minutes, plans etc.:	1836-1840	
School managers' minutes:	1903-1947	
Church Temperance Society: list of members:	1906-1925	

Ashton-in-Makerfield, Holy Trinity:

Registers – Baptisms:	1838-1955	2
Marriages:	1845-1955	
Burials:	1841-1930	
Banns:	1867-1981	
Deeds of consecration:	1838-1914	
Faculty papers:	1913-1966	
Plan of churchyard extension:	1940	
Register of graves:	1841-c. 1900	
Registers of pew rents:	1838-1936	
Men's bible class: minutes:	1932-1982	
Vestry minutes:	1838-1920	
Parochial Church Council: minutes:	1920-1974	
Church Magazines:	1909-1939	
Schools –		
Trust deed:	1840	
Garswood, St. Andrew's Infants: Log Books:	1898-1970	

Ashton-in-Makerfield, St. Thomas:

Registers – Baptisms:	1698-1938	3
Marriages:	1700-1753, 1845-1955	
Burials:	1745-1925	
Banns:	1954-1976	
Plan of glebe:	1908	
Deed of consecration, faculties etc.:	1746-1859	
Plan of proposed extension to burial ground:	1888	
Pew deeds:	1782-1874	
Vestry minutes:	1819-1922	
Parochial Church Council: minutes:	1920-1968	
Charities: trustees' minutes and accounts:	1820-1879	
Schools –		
Managers' and subscribers' minutes:	1849-1858, 1897-1900	
Bazaar handbook:	1903	
Centenary handbook:	1951	
Resolutions and reports re Sunday Schools:	1814-1846	
Tithe schedule:	1840	

Aspull, St. Elizabeth:

Registers – Baptisms (includes Hindley Hall chapel):	1868-1944	4
Marriages:	1883-1973	
Burials:	1892-1962	
Banns:	1883-1976	
Deeds of consecration:	1882-1915	
Plans of churchyard:	1892, 1915	

Vestry minutes:	1874-1936	
Parochial Church Council: minutes:	1921-1972	
Roll of honour:	c. 1919	
Bickershaw, St. Elizabeth and St. James:		5
Registers – Baptisms:	1905-1972	
Marriages:	1906-1976	
Banns:	1906-1957	
Billinge, St. Aidan:		6
Registers – Baptisms:	1696-1980	
Marriages:	1705-1983	
Burials:	1699-1936	
Papers re dispute over patronage:	1768	
Church leys:	1708-1761	
Churchwardens' accounts:	1771-1879	
Deeds of consecration:	1864, 1908	
Faculty papers, specifications etc.:	1823-1929	
Registers of graves:	1846, 1860's	
Memorial inscriptions:	c. 1900	
Register of pew holders (includes plan):	c. 1824	
Vestry minutes:	1767-1878	
Charities: accounts:	1803-1973	
Sunday School accounts:	1809-1876	
Day School: managers' minutes and accounts:	1886-1892	
Church magazines:	1900-1955	
District Visitors' Association: minutes, accounts:	1899-1980	
<i>Psalms and Hymns</i> for Billinge chapel:	1809, 1820	
<i>Apocrypha at Large:</i>	1790	
Earlestown, St. John:		33
Registers – Baptisms:	1885-1971	
Marriages:	1879-1977	
Banns:	1946-1974	
Deed of consecration:	1879	
Faculty papers:	1935-1974	
Estimate for building church:	1875	
Parochial Church Council: minutes:	1939-1968	
Trust deed for Manor School:	1903	
Sunday School accounts:	1906-1961	
Parish Magazine:	1916	
Festival of Britain souvenir pamphlet re history of parish:	1950	
Golborne, St. Thomas:		8
Registers – Baptisms:	1849-1927	
Marriages:	1849-1930	
Burials:	1850-1929	
Banns:	1895-1981	
Churchwardens' accounts:	1914-1963	
Deeds of consecration:	1849-1956	
Faculty papers:	1886-1986	
Plans of extensions to church:	1877	
Plan of churchyard extensions:	1940	
School deeds:	1850, 1856	
Goose Green, St. Paul:		9
School trustees' minutes:	1872-1878	
Haigh and Aspull, St. David:		10
Registers – Baptisms:	1833-1912	
Marriages:	1834-1936	
Burials:	1834-1915	
Banns:	1964-1976	
Deeds of consecration:	1833-1921	
Parochial Church Council:	1953-1966	
School managers' minutes:	1904-1960	
Minutes of committee for building New Springs church:	1889-1900	

Churchwardens' accounts for 1885-1889 are available at D/DX EL 121/173

Highfield, St. Matthew:		11
Registers – Baptisms:	1873-1947	
Marriages:	1910-1935	
Banns:	1910-1951	
Deeds of consecration:	1910, 1923	
Faculty papers:	1917-1962	
Specifications for building church:	1909	
Vestry minutes:	1896-1970	
Parochial Church Council: minutes:	1920-1953	
School managers' minutes:	1895-1952	
Plan of school extensions:	1905	
Hindley, All Saints:		12
Registers – Baptisms:	1698-1901	
Marriages:	1699-1907	
Burials:	1698-1904	
Decrees, depositions etc. re maintenance of chapel and election of minister:	1697-1699	
Church Rate Books:	1841-1865	
Churchwardens' accounts:	1753-1901	
Lists of chapelwardens:	1707-1793	
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Faculty papers:	1754-1965	
Grant of pews (with plan):	1772	
Subscription for new gallery:	1756	
Pew deed:	1761	
Authority for allotment of burial places:	1775	
Plans of churchyard:	1840, 1886	
Terriers and certificates for burial ground:	19th cent.	
Plan of church:	19th cent.	
Vestry minutes:	1757-1923	
Vestry poll book:	1840-1841	
Charity deeds – Collier's:	1520-1702	
Duckenfield's:	1605-1754	
Platt's:	1650	
Charity accounts:	1693-1973	
Sunday School trust minutes and accounts:	1851-1884	
Deeds re church feoffees' property:	1686-1786	
Miscellaneous deeds:	c. 1300-19th cent.	
Hindley, St. Peter:		13
Registers – Baptisms:	1866-1892	
Marriages:	1866-1902	
Banns:	1866-1895	
Churchwardens' accounts and vestry minutes:	1867-1919	
Faculty:	1888	
Copy deed of consecration (1866):	1901	
Winnard's Charity: accounts:	1868-1945	
Parish Magazines:	1876, 1898	
Hindley Green, St. John:		14
Registers – Marriages:	1903-1920	
Church accounts:	1879-1928	
Faculty papers:	1907	
Papers re building of church:	1894-1899	
Schools –		
Deeds:	1879-1925	
Building Committee minutes:	1878-1887	
Managers' minutes:	1879-1936	
School committee minutes and register of services:	1879-1892	
Subscription accounts:	1879-1886	
Plans:	1879-1928	
Sunday School minutes and accounts:	1879-1903	
Bazaar Handbook:	1909	
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Ince-in-Makerfield, St. Mary:		16
Registers – Baptisms:	1887-1960	
Marriages:	1888-1976	
Banns:	1920-1969	
Churchwardens' accounts:	1902-1906	

Plans, contracts, faculty papers:	1885-1978
Vestry and committee minutes:	1884-1923
Parochial Church Council: minutes:	1922-1967
Church magazines:	1919-1940
Lowton, St. Luke:	
Registers – Baptisms:	1733-1972
Marriages:	1733-1754, 1845-1991
Burials:	1733-1951
Banns:	1845-1986
Chapelwardens –	
Church rate assessments:	1806, 1813
Chapelwardens' accounts:	1786, 1788, 1812-1844
Vouchers for accounts:	1822-1915
Deeds of consecration and faculties:	1733-1979
Pew deeds and papers:	1736, 1813
List of purchasers of seats:	18th cent.
Plans of chapel and yard:	1734, 1832
Plan of seats in nave and gallery:	19th cent.
Plans of graveyard:	1940's
Registers of graves:	c. 1946
Survey and valuation of chapel estate:	1806
Subscriptions and accounts for restoration of church, and pew receipts:	1862
Subscriptions and accounts for churchyard extension:	1879
Vestry –	
Minutes:	1812-1973
Ratepayers' minutes:	1824-1950
Constables –	
Accounts:	1819
Warrants:	1790-1822
Overseers –	
Rate Books:	1786-1805, 1843-1856
Valuation List:	1890
Accounts:	1767-1837
Ledger for outdoor relief:	1799-1834
Registers of paupers:	1818-1837
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Weavers' delivery book:	1818-1829
Ledgers for workhouse provisions and poor stock:	1818-1838
Vouchers for parish accounts (overseers, constables, chapelwardens, highway surveyors):	1708-1836
Settlement papers:	1691-1830
Removal orders:	1688-1829
*Apprenticeship indentures:	1683-1830
Bastardy papers:	1709-1820
Orders for payments to militia and navy volunteers:	1793-1797
Orders for relief payments to militiamen's families:	1797-1808
Friendly Society certificates:	1797-1832
Workhouse: agreements, securities, rules and inventory of goods:	1818-1832
Survey of paupers:	c. 1821
List of out-poor receiving relief:	1859
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Highway Surveyors –	
Accounts:	1746-1807
Vouchers for accounts:	1778-1824
Memorandum of land used for turnpike road:	1775
Papers re Bolton & St. Helens Turnpike Trust:	1829-1879
Plan of proposed toll house:	1854
Charities –	
Minutes of trustees:	1892-1925
Accounts:	1686-1851
Vouchers for accounts:	1754-1826
Schools –	
Deeds, correspondence etc.:	1751-20th cent.
Sunday School accounts:	1815-1967
Lists of pupils:	1858, 1859

Enclosure, tithe, tax –	
Papers re enclosure award:	1762-1765
Tithe apportionment:	1841
Land Tax assessments:	1693-1766
Poll Tax assessments:	1694
Window Tax assessment:	1698
Marriage Duty Tax assessment:	1701
Miscellaneous –	
Church electoral roll:	1920-1972
Local Relief Committee: minutes:	1914-1921
Rolls of Honour:	1914-1916
District Nursing Society papers:	1917-1936
Parish Magazines:	1910-1978
Register of parishioners on active service:	1939-1943
Sacrament certificate:	1676
Declaration of vigilance against sedition:	1792
Notice of Association for Prosecution of Felons:	1825
Album of programmes, cuttings, tickets etc. for parish events:	1912-1980
Winwick Rectory Acts:	1841, 1845
Lowton, St. Mary:	
Registers – Baptisms:	1862-1958
Marriages:	1862-1980
Burials:	1862-1929
Banns:	1862-1973
Churchwardens' accounts:	1886-1906
Deed of consecration:	1861
Faculty papers:	1897-1961
Specification and agreement for building church:	1858
Burial receipt books:	1914-1987
Vestry minutes:	1893-1920
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Specimens of handwriting, Lowton and Newton schools:	1816, 1820
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Registers: Baptisms:	1871-1895
Newton-in-Makerfield, Emmanuel:	
Registers – Baptisms:	1841-1952
Marriages:	1844-1922
Burials:	1844-1976
Banns:	1857-1967
Churchwardens' accounts and vestry minutes:	1845-1943
Deeds of consecration:	1843-1866
Faculty papers:	1947, 1949
Parochial Church Council: minutes:	1923-1961
Schools –	
Dean School Exhibition Charity: reports and accounts:	1882-1927
National: Managers' minutes:	1892-1935
Log Book:	1889-1921
Vulcan Foundry Infants: Attendance Register:	1854-1855
Infants: Log Books:	1899-1982
Admissions Registers:	1895-1982
Tithe schedule:	1839
Church electoral roll:	1920-1939
Newton-in-Makerfield, St. Peter:	
Registers – Baptisms:	1735-1954
Marriages:	1737-1753, 1845-1966
Burials:	1737-1963
Banns:	1904-1933
Church accounts:	1872-1890
Deed of consecration:	1866
Specifications, accounts etc. re rebuilding of church:	1891-1901
Schools deeds:	1699-1875
Parish Magazines:	1934-1945
Church electoral roll:	1920

Pemberton, St. John:		21
Registers – Baptisms:	1832-1909	
Marriages:	1835-1926	
Burials:	1832-1929	
Banns:	1947-1956, 1970-1978	
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Register of graves:	1938-1966	
Burial receipt books:	1870-1893	
Schedule of pew rents:	1830's	
School trust deeds:	1835, 1873	
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Pemberton, St. Mark Newtown:		22
Registers – Baptisms:	1885-1957	
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Churchwardens' accounts:	1900-1913	
School Log Books:	1873-1970	
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Registers – Baptisms:	1899-1934	
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Accounts, plan and correspondence re building of 'Iron Church':	1889-1894	
Wigan, All Saints:		24
Registers – Baptisms:	1580-1896	
Marriages:	1594-1898	
Burials:	1580-1904	
Banns:	1754-1868	
Church Rate Books:	1848-1854	
Churchwardens' accounts:	1651-1911	
Registers of graves:	1765-1830	
Plan of new burial ground:	1809	
Seating plans and plan of gallery:	early 19th cent.	
Report on alterations to mayor's gallery:	1847	
Grant of Legh Chapel to rector and wardens:	1682	
Pew deeds and papers:	1687-1789	
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Bread Book for the poor:	1809-1847	
Sick list:	1821-1831	
Admissions upon recommendations to Dispensary:	1852-1858	
Vestry minutes:	1686-1833	
Overseers' accounts:	1746-1800	
Apprenticeship indentures:	1752-1843	
Mortgage account for workhouse:	1774	
Resolutions re Wigan charities:	1771	
Accounts for Brown's charity:	1858-1912	
Schools –		
Subscriptions for Bluecoat School, etc.:	1850-1851	
All Saints' School: Managers' minutes:	1932-1936	
Sunday School Female Friendly Society: records:	1815-1888	
Men's Society: minutes:	1934-1949	
Deeds and papers re property in Hallgate:	1701-1798	
Tithe apportionments –		
Abram, Aspull, Billinge, Dalton, Hindley, Ince, Orrell, Pemberton, Upholland, Wigan, Winstanley:	1838-1845	
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Registers – Baptisms:	1871-1957	
Marriages:	1883-1970	
Banns:	1950-1984	
Vestry minutes, papers re parish events etc.:	1869-1888	
Wigan, St. Anne:		26
Registers – Baptisms:	1938-1968	
Marriages:	1946-1982	
Banns:	1950-1980	
Deed of consecration:	1953	
Parochial Church Council: minutes:	1939-1981	

Wigan, St. Catharine:		27
Registers – Baptisms:	1841-1950	
Marriages:	1854-1956	
Burials:	1841-1908	
Churchwardens' accounts:	1869-1888	
Faculty papers, estimates etc.:	1905-1969	
Vestry minutes:	1841-1902	
Parochial Church Council: minutes:	1933-1970	
Schools –		
Scholfield Lane: Trustees' minutes:	1858-1899	
St. Catharine's & Whelley: Managers' minutes:	1904-1927	
Wigan, St. George:		28
Registers – Baptisms:	1814-1967	
Marriages:	1854-1964	
Banns:	1854-1963	
Churchwardens' accounts:	1902-1917	
Plan and section of church:	1859	
Faculty papers:	1916-1956	
Pew rent book:	1880-1898	
Church deeds:	1777, 1780	
Vestry minutes:	1903-1908	
Parochial Church Council: minutes:	1905-1973	
Brown's Charity accounts:	1860-1889	
Schools –		
St. George's: Managers' minutes:	1903-1977	
Log Books:	1889-1971	
Admissions registers:	1912-1982	
Working Men's Institute: rules:	1911	
Parish Magazines:	1944-1972	
Research notes for history of parish and benefice:	1970's-1980's	
Plan showing proposed diversion of River Douglas:	1919	
Wigan, St. James (with St. Thomas from 1972):		29
Registers – Baptisms:	1864-1968	
Marriages:	1866-1988	
Banns:	1947-1984	
Churchwardens' accounts:	1866-1927	
Deed of consecration:	1866	
Faculty papers:	1876-1974	
Vestry minutes:	1874-1920	
Parochial Church Council: minutes:	1928-1968	
Schools –		
Poolstock C.E.: Managers' minutes:	1917-1948	
St. James C.E.: Managers' minutes:	1925-1952	
Plans of buildings and extensions:	c. 1910-1940	
Church Magazines:	1889-1896	
Wigan, St. Michael & All Angels:		30
Registers – Baptisms:	1878-1968	
Marriages:	1881-1984	
Banns:	1966-1980	
Churchwardens' accounts:	1902-1956	
Faculties:	1883-1960	
Vestry minutes, news cuttings etc.:	1879-1927	
Parochial Church Council: minutes:	1945-1963	
Schools –		
Managers' minutes:	1903-1955	
Infants: Log Books:	1873-1968	
Admissions Registers:	1869-1968	
Junior: Log Books:	1867-1978	
Admissions Registers:	1915-1977	
Evening: Log Book:	1905-1907	
Admissions Registers:	1898-1921	
Inspectors' reports:	1873-1896	
Church scrapbook:	1878-1895	
Parish Magazines:	1886-1915, 1938-1972	

Wigan, St. Stephen:		31
Registers – Marriages:	1930-1972	
Church accounts:	1892-1969	
Specifications, plans and drawings for new church:	1919-1937	
Vestry minutes:	1914-1922	
Memoranda book for parish events:	1930-1950's	
Church electoral roll:	1930's	

Wigan, St. Thomas (with St. James from 1972: see D/P 29):		32
Registers – Baptisms:	1851-1970	
Marriages:	1852-1970	
Banns:	1925-1970	
Churchwardens' accounts:	1888-1892	
Deed of consecration:	1851	
Faculty papers:	1891-1965	
Plans and drawings of church:	n.d.	
Papers re closure and redundancy of church:	1967-1973	
Registers of pew rents:	1879-1912	
Vestry minutes:	1865-1920	
Parochial Church Council: minutes:	1937-1974	
Schools –		
Deeds:	1844-1926	
Building committee minutes:	1844-1851	
Managers' minutes:	1903-1925	
Sunday School minutes:	1886-1968	
Book of Remembrance:	1913-1970	
Parish Magazines:	1968-1970	

2. NONCONFORMIST AND OTHER DENOMINATIONS:

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Appley Bridge:	
<i>Wesleyan Methodist</i> – Minutes:	1904-1970
Registers: Marriages:	1927-1965

Ashton-in-Makerfield:	
<i>Primitive Methodist (Stubshaw Cross):</i>	
Registers: Marriages:	1925-1967
<i>Primitive Methodist (Warrington Road):</i>	
Registers: Marriages:	1916-1965
<i>Unitarian (Park Lane):</i>	
Minutes:	1859-1929
Registers: Baptisms:	1795-1862, 1913-1965
Marriages:	1838-1870, 1913-1961
Burials:	1800-1866, 1913-1967
Chapel accounts:	1796-20th cent.
School managers' minutes:	1903-1953
Sunday School records:	1813-1932
Pew rent accounts:	1891-1935
Chapel estate deeds:	1599-20th cent.
Memoranda, correspondence etc.:	1724-20th cent.
Sermons by H. Kirkpatrick:	18th cent.

Aspull:	
<i>Primitive Methodist (Harold Street):</i>	
Minutes:	1865-1972
Registers: Marriages:	1958-1965
<i>Primitive Methodist (Scot Lane):</i>	
Registers: Marriages:	1909-1957
<i>Wesleyan Methodist</i> : School Log Book:	1964-1973

Astley:	
<i>Wesleyan Methodist</i> : Minutes:	1849-1959
<i>Wesleyan Methodist (Gin Pit Mission):</i>	
Registers: Baptisms:	1904-1941

Atherton:	
<i>Independent Methodist</i> : Minutes:	1906-1960
Registers: Baptisms:	1883-1946
Marriages:	1933-1979
Register of members:	c. 1890-c. 1906
<i>Primitive Methodist</i> : Registers: Marriages:	1912-1964
<i>Unitarian (Chowbent)</i> : Minutes:	1792-1930
Registers: Baptisms:	1758-1888
Marriages:	1901-1924
Accounts:	1787-1923
School Log Books:	1871-1906
Memorial Inscriptions (1772-1916):	1906-1982
<i>Wesleyan Methodist (Bag Lane)</i> : Minutes:	1908-1938
<i>Wesleyan Methodist (Laburnum)</i> : Minutes:	1899-1956
Sunday School register:	1926-1931

Bedford:	
<i>Wesleyan Methodist</i> : Minutes:	1874-1953
Registers: Baptisms:	1793-1795
Burials:	1799-1856
Accounts:	1792-1937
School managers' minutes:	1870-1904
Lists of members and ministers:	1784-1906
Plan of graveyard:	n.d.

Bispham:	
<i>Wesleyan Methodist</i> : Minutes:	1871-1977
Registers: Baptisms:	1859-1918
Accounts:	1860-1976
Sunday School minutes:	1903-1932

Bryn:	
<i>Independent Methodist</i> : Minutes:	1880-1949
Registers: Baptisms:	1880-1973
Sunday School records:	1881-1944
Register of members:	1880-1890
Copy circuit plan:	1885

Crawford:	
<i>Primitive Methodist</i> : Minutes:	1888-1963
Sunday School records:	1897-1955

Crooke:	
<i>Primitive Methodist</i> : Minutes:	1937-1976

Glazebury:	
<i>Primitive Methodist</i> : Registers: Marriages:	1900-1966

Golborne:	
<i>Primitive Methodist</i> : Registers: Marriages:	1911-1986

Goose Green:	
<i>Primitive Methodist</i> : Registers: Baptisms:	1876-1956
<i>Wesleyan Methodist</i> : Minutes:	1843-1967
Registers: Baptisms:	1859-1948
Burials:	1861-1952

Hindley:	
<i>Congregational (Bridge Croft)</i> : Minutes:	1876-1954
<i>Congregational (St. Paul's)</i> : Minutes:	1851-1981
Registers: Baptisms:	1846-1980
Marriages:	1924-1980
Burials:	1846-1980
School managers' minutes:	1881-1981
Sunday School minutes:	1829-1844
Lists of members and subscribers:	1807, 1812
<i>Primitive Methodist Circuit</i> : Minutes:	1900-1934
<i>Primitive Methodist (Castle Hill)</i> : Registers: Baptisms:	1871-1936
Marriages:	1933-1961
<i>Wesleyan Methodist (St. John's)</i> : Minutes:	1912-1967

Hindley Green:			
<i>United Methodist (Bethel):</i>	Registers: Baptisms:		1872-1936
	Marriages:		1913-1969
	History of church:		1915
<i>United Methodist (Brunswick):</i>	Minutes:		1919-1970
Ince-in-Makerfield:			
<i>Primitive Methodist (Ashton Street):</i>	Registers: Baptisms:		1875-1951
	Marriages:		1912-1968
<i>Primitive Methodists (Manley Street):</i>	Registers: Marriages:		1918-1973
<i>Wesleyan Methodist (Taylor's Lane):</i>	Registers: Baptisms:		1905-1969
	Marriages:		1961-1967
<i>Wesleyan Methodist (Rose Bridge):</i>	Minutes:		1914-1955
Lamberhead Green:			
<i>Primitive Methodist:</i>	Minutes:		1896-1959
	Registers: Marriages:		1911-1962
	Centenary handbook:		1956
<i>United Methodist:</i>	Minutes:		1893-1928
	Registers: Marriages:		1940-1961
	Bazaar handbooks:		1907-1930
	Centenary handbook:		1957
	Notebook of Benjamin Preston:		1890's
<i>Wesleyan Methodist (Fleet Street):</i>	Minutes:		1852-1948
	Sunday School records:		1914-1959
	Mutual Improvement Society, Amateur Magazine:		1873
	Brief History of church:		1946
Leigh (see also Bedford, Westleigh):			
<i>Primitive Methodist Circuit:</i>	Minutes:		1866-1946
	Quarterly Schedules:		1891-1955
<i>Primitive Methodist (Bradshawgate/Leigh Road):</i>	Minutes:		1901-1968
	Registers: Baptisms:		1881-1967
	Marriages:		1900-1967
	Accounts:		1868-1956
<i>Primitive Methodist (Firs Lane):</i>	Minutes:		1926-1945
<i>ex-Primitive Methodist (Cook Street):</i>	Minutes:		1885-1918
<i>United Methodist Circuit:</i>	Minutes:		1918-1955
	Quarterly Schedule:		1944
<i>United Methodist (Plank Lane):</i>	Minutes:		1908-1956
	Registers: Baptisms:		1886-1974
	Marriages:		1936-1974
<i>Wesleyan Methodist Circuit :</i>	Minutes:		1858-1963
	Quarterly Schedules:		1836-1914
	Accounts:		1823-1907
	List of members:		1810-1825
	Library register:		1886-1904
	Bazaar handbook:		1903-1913
<i>Wesleyan Methodist (Butts Mission):</i>	Minutes:		1899-1976
	Sunday School records:		1899-1955
<i>Wesleyan Methodist (King Street):</i>	Minutes:		1898-1953
	Registers: Burials:		1817-1856
	Accounts:		1828-1959
	Sunday School records:		1835-1947
	Wesley Guild minutes:		1923-1956
	Pew rent ledgers:		1913-1946
	Registers of members:		1878-1948
	Library catalogue:		1824-1868
<i>Wesleyan Methodist (Pennington Mission):</i>	Minutes:		1910-1946
	Sunday School records:		1914-1933
	Band of Hope minutes:		1922-1930
New Springs:			
<i>Wesleyan Methodist:</i>	Minutes:		1881-1944
Newtown:			
<i>Wesleyan Methodist (Brunswick):</i>	Minutes:		1902-1973
	Registers: Baptisms:		1874-1975
	Marriages:		1940-1972

Orrell:			
<i>Congregational (Salem):</i>	Minutes:		1882-1958
	Registers: Baptisms:		1873-1900
	Marriages:		1884-1928
	Burials:		1868-1951
	Sunday School minutes:		1894-1920
<i>Primitive Methodist Circuit:</i>	Minutes:		1900-1977
	Annual Schedules:		1908-1976
	Preachers' Plans:		1900-1974
<i>Primitive Methodist (Church Street):</i>	Minutes:		1859-1976
<i>Primitive Methodist (Orrell Post):</i>	Minutes:		1880-1976
	Centenary brochure:		1976
Platt Bridge:			
<i>Primitive Methodist:</i>	Minutes:		1946-1962
	Registers: Baptisms:		1864-1916
	Marriages:		1901-1962
	Sunday School records:		1904-1972
<i>Wesleyan Methodist:</i>	Minutes:		1904-1962
	Registers: Baptisms:		1867-1932
	Marriages:		1912-1973
	School managers' minutes:		1870-1915
Shevington:			
<i>Primitive Methodist (Almond Brook):</i>	Minutes:		1905-1981
	Registers: Marriages:		1937-1979
	Sunday School records:		1943-1957
	Centenary handbook:		1969
<i>Primitive Methodist (Shevington Vale):</i>	Minutes:		1933-1984
	Leases:		1859-1916
Standish:			
<i>Primitive Methodist:</i>	Minutes:		1892-1971
	Registers: Marriages:		1930-1971
	Sunday School records:		1892-1917
	Diamond Jubilee handbook:		1951
<i>Wesleyan Methodist:</i>	Minutes:		1858-1967
	Band of Hope minutes:		1874-1939
	Sunday School records:		1870-1957
Tyldesley:			
<i>Congregational:</i>	Registers: Baptisms:		1870-1957
<i>Presbyterian, ex-Countess of Huntingdon (Top Chapel):</i>	Minutes:		1919-1954
	Registers: Baptisms:		1789-1972
	Marriages:		1910-1966
	Burials:		1789-1919
	Sunday School register:		1876-1881
	Pew rent book:		1899-1928
	Register of graves:		1789-1962
	Plan of graveyard:		n.d.
<i>Primitive Methodist (Mosley Common):</i>	Minutes:		1948-1962
	Registers: Marriages:		1902-1985
<i>Primitive Methodist (Shuttle Street):</i>	Minutes:		1876-1941
	Registers: Marriages:		1928-1966
<i>Wesleyan Methodist:</i>	Minutes:		1857-1957
	Registers: Baptisms:		1850-1949
	School managers' minutes:		1942-1949
	Pew rent ledger:		1865-1898
	Register of graves:		1819-1912
Upholland:			
<i>United Methodist (Tontine):</i>	Minutes:		1921-1962
	Centenary brochure:		1959
Westleigh:			
<i>Wesleyan Methodist:</i>	Minutes:		1877-1947
	Registers: Marriages:		1900-1983
	Sunday School register:		1878-1885
	Bazaar handbook:		1911

Wigan:

<i>Baptist (King Street Particular):</i>	Registers: Marriages:	1918-1969
	Subscription accounts:	1851-1859
	History of Sunday School:	1857
<i>Catholic Apostolic:</i>	Minutes:	1899-1919
<i>Church of Christ (Rodney Street):</i>	Minutes:	1848-1989
	Registers: Marriages:	1945-1980
	District Association minutes:	1940-1947
	Registers of members:	1841-1989
	<i>Centenary History:</i>	1841
<i>Congregational (Hope Street):</i>	Minutes:	1824-1958
	Sunday School records:	1847-1897
<i>Congregational (St. Paul's):</i>	Minutes:	1833-1975
	Registers: Baptisms:	1871-1944
	Marriages:	1883-1894
	Burials:	1884-1891
	Sunday School records:	1866-1961
	Membership roll:	1839-1892
	Deeds:	1657-1970
	Pew rent book and plan:	1903
	Bazaar handbook:	1929
<i>Independent Methodist (Greenough):</i>	Registers: Marriages:	1973-1993
<i>Presbyterian (Trinity):</i>	Minutes:	1859-1965
	Sunday School minutes:	1904-1957
<i>Primitive Methodist Circuit:</i>	Minutes:	1864-1934
	Preachers' Plans:	1868-1931
<i>Primitive Methodist (Douglas Bank):</i>	Minutes:	1890-1961
	Registers: Baptisms:	1891-1959
<i>Primitive Methodist (Gidlow):</i>	Minutes:	1897-1933
	Registers: Baptisms:	1897-1938
<i>Primitive Methodist (Station Road):</i>	Minutes:	1900-1932
	Registers: Baptisms:	1864-1941
	Accounts:	1852-1927
	Bazaar handbooks:	1905, 1914
<i>Primitive Methodist (Whelley):</i>	Registers: Marriages:	1941-1984
	Jubilee handbook:	1918
<i>ex-Primitive Methodist (Standishgate):</i>	Minutes:	1885-1895
<i>United Methodist Circuit:</i>	Minutes:	1858-1955
	Preachers' Plans:	1862-1951
	Year Books:	1902-1905
<i>United Methodist (King Street):</i>	Minutes:	1859-1964
	Registers: Baptisms:	1893-1959
	Marriages:	1888-1954
	Accounts:	1858-1964
	Bazaar handbooks:	1892-1950
	Historical notes etc.:	1881-1936
<i>Wesleyan Methodist Circuit:</i>	Minutes:	1866-1969
	Quarterly Schedules:	1847-1960
	Preachers' Plans:	1832-1893
	Registers: Baptisms:	1837-1882
<i>Wesleyan Methodist (Standishgate):</i>	Minutes:	1843-1969
	Registers: Baptisms:	1849-1862
	Accounts:	1824-1945
	Sunday School records:	1843-1943

FAMILY AND ESTATE PAPERS

This section includes the major archives of landed families and their estates. For lesser deposits see SOLICITORS' and MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS.

1. INCE ANDERTON OF INCE AND EUXTON:

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By the marriage of 1769 of William Anderton of Euxton to Frances Sobieski, heiress of Christopher Ince of Ince Hall, the Ince muniments came into the Anderton family. William was succeeded in 1811 by his son William, who took the name Ince Anderton and purchased the manor of Euxton, although the Andertons had resided there from the late 15th century. The archive comprises 81 bundles of deeds and papers dated between 1230 and c. 1900. These bundles are largely artificial, but a rough calendar produced in the 1930's is available in the search room.

Title Deeds: Adlington (1474); Ashton (1828); Barton (1691); Bickerstaffe (1690-1717); Billinge (1394-1629); Blackrod (1434-1724); Blanscough (1673-1714), Charnock Richard (1632); Church and Rishton (1619); Chorley (1474-1632); Coppull (1673-1714); Clayton-le-Woods (1408-1826); Euxton (1619-1859); Hardshaw (1302-1754); Hulton (1434); Ince (1230-1893); Lathom (1706); Orrell (1704); Oswaldtwistle (1619); Rainford (1628-1724); Padiham (1627); Standish (1724); Thornton (1624); Wigan (1340-1893); Windle (1391); Worthington (1724).

Legal Papers: disputes re land 1648-1663; formulary c. 1650.

Estate Papers: surveys and valuations: manor of Halsall and Downholland, c. 1650; Ince 1702, 1770, 1788; Euxton 1776-78, 1848; Clayton 1776; Euxton, Ince, and Clayton 1886; **rentals:** Garstang, Charnock Richard c. 1660; Ince, Clayton, Euxton, Whittle-le-Woods 1663-1810; tithe rentals for Euxton, Runshaw and Buckshaw; **accounts:** account book of William Anderton 1606; farm accounts of William and Hugh Anderton: wool from Littondale, 1611-1640; accounts and agreements re coal and cannel, Ince, 1748-1833.

Household Accounts: Ince family, 1713-1769; Anderton family, 1722-1848.

Ecclesiastical Papers: grant to Nocton Abbey, Lincs., 1218.

Family Papers: accounts for recusancy fines, 1630-1641; papers of Hugh Anderton re trial, sequestration, payments to royalist officers, 1648-1664; genealogical papers, 1715-1740.

Official Papers: re billeting of officers, exchange of prisoners (including lists of men); orders for the defence of Wigan; orders of Lord Derby and Major General Blair, 1642-43

Cf. SOLICITORS' RECORDS: D/DX Wel

2. CROOKE DEEDS:

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Deeds and papers relating to the Croke Hall estate within the manor of Shevington, held by the de Hulton family and from 1421 the Catterall family.

Title Deeds: Aspull (1384-1794); Charnock Richard (1789); Coppull (1755-1789); Croke (1322-1704); Ince (1384-1704); Orrell (1735-1755); Shevington (1317-1862); Standish (1396-1625); Upholland (1735); Wigan (1384-1709).

3. EARLS OF CRAWFORD:

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Records of the Haigh estate which was acquired in 1780 by the Lindsays, Earls of Crawford, following the marriage of Alexander, 6th Earl, to Elizabeth Dalrymple, heiress of the Bradshaighs who had held the estate since the 13th century. The family's Welsh estate is also documented.

Legal Papers: Bellingham Lodge, Wigan: 1854-1856

Estate Papers (Haigh): inventories: 1885-1934; **report books** (tenant farms): 1875-1942; **rentals:** 1879-1938; **accounts:** 1864-1935; **vouchers:** 1813-1948; **rent accounts:** 1894-1936; **cash books:** 1842-1943; **ledgers:** 1853-1914; **wages books:** 1861-1945; **correspondence:** 1843-1948; **business papers:** 1816-1940.

Estate Papers (Welsh property): rentals and accounts: 1870-1892; **valuation:** 1843; **sale particulars:** 1847; **colliery accounts:** 1898-1941.

Wigan Coal & Iron Company: reports and balance sheets: 1868-1894

Cf. D/DY WC and D/DX El

N.B. The bulk of the archive of the earls of Crawford including the Bradshaigh family muniments, is available at The National Library of Scotland.

4. LANGTON OF HINDLEY:

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The Langton family held the manor of Hindley from the 14th century until 1733. In 1765 the lordship was purchased by the Duke of Bridgewater, together with the Lowe Hall estate, which had been the seat of the Langtons.

Title Deeds: Hindley (1596-1721).

5. **LATHOM DEEDS:** D/D Lat

Title Deeds: Downholland (1341); Lathom (1279-1559); Newburgh (1417-1555); Parbold (c. 1230).

Family Papers: Spencer family settlements 1487-1536.

6. **HOLT LEIGH OF WIGAN:** D/D Lei

This archive comprises mainly the records of Holt Leigh and his son Sir Robert (1762-1843), whose estates were situated in Wigan (including Whitley), Aspull (Hindley Hall), Blackrod, Orrell and Upholland. Apart from the estate records the archive includes a large series of correspondence which is valuable in documenting social and economic life in the Wigan district.

Manorial Records: Orrell: court books 1640-1785; surveys, 1640, 1657.

Title Deeds: Aspull (1632-1809); Blackrod (1614-1796); Hindley (1722-1749); Ince (1722-1749); Longton (1780); Manchester (Hunter's Croft, 1744-1780); Orrell (1561-1838); Upholland (1564-1811); Wigan (1622-1841).

Legal Papers: includes cases re property in Wigan, mines in Orrell, Wigan burgesses, 1738-1799.

Estate Papers: surveys and valuations: Bispham demesne, 1724; Orrell 1764-1772; Upholland 1764; coal mines (Orrell) 1764; timber 1764-1824; **rentals:** Croft 1662-1709; Orrell 1703-1760; Upholland 1739; Wigan (Standishgate) 1746; Standish glebe 1779; general rentals (Aspull, Blackrod, Orrell, Upholland, Wigan) 1805-1851; **notices to quit:** 1804-1813; **accounts:** 1772-1799; **enclosure records:** Hindley: agreements, surveys, plans, accounts 1722-1728; **business records:** colliery accounts (Orrell) 1747-1815; coal agreements: Orrell 1769-1786; Ince and Kirkless 1776; sale conditions for cannel mines (Aspull) 1774; papers re transport of coal to Milnthorpe 1744-1768; accounts and other papers re Douglas Navigation 1731-1772; **miscellaneous:** garden memoranda books n.d.

Household Papers: fragment of inventory of Whitley House 1784.

Correspondence: c. 1500 MSS. dated between 1777 and 1821 concerning family, estate, social and political matters.

Cf. **SOLICITORS' RECORDS:** D/DX EI

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS: D/DZ Lei

7. **MARKLAND OF WIGAN:** D/D Ma

The Marklands became established in Wigan as a prominent trading family in the mid-16th century, and between 1623 and 1742 held nine mayoralities in the borough.

Title Deeds: Blainscough (c. 1215-1240); Coppull (1230-1306); Manchester (1423-1534); Wigan (1394-1713); Worthington (1308).

Family Papers: marriage agreement 1713; wills: 1625, 1702; inventories: 1622, 1684; correspondence 1665-1821; genealogical papers 17th-19th cent.

Official Papers: papers of John Markland, mayor of Wigan re apprehension of a forger, 1700.

Cf. **SOLICITORS' RECORDS:** D/DX EI

8. **SCARISBRICK OF SCARISBRICK:** D/D Sc

Records of the estate of Charles Eccleston Dicconson Scarisbrick (d. 1859).

Title Deeds: draft deeds and abstracts: Coppull (1851-1911); North Meols (1842-1853); Scarisbrick (1843-1863); Shevington (1841); Southport (1843-1856); Sutton (1851); Wigan (1766-1898); Wrightington (1843-1883).

Legal Papers: re settlement of Eccleston and Scarisbrick estates, 1809-1877; Ribble Navigation Bill, 1837-1853.

Estate Papers: rentals: Southport (1841-1843); **correspondence:** 1842-1865; **business records:** leases, agreements, correspondence: Wigan Coal & Iron Co., 1869-1903; Pearson & Knowles Coal Co., 1902-1913; Darlington & Hewlett, 1869-1978; miscellaneous collieries 1851-1903; railway companies, 1848-1859.

N.B. the bulk of this archive is available at Lancashire Record Office.

9. **STANDISH OF STANDISH:** D/D St

The Standishes held the manor and Standish Hall estate from the 13th century. Following the extinction of the male line with the death of Ralph in 1755 the estate passed through female lines until it was sold and broken up after the death of Henry Nouailles Widdrington Standish in 1920.

Manorial Records: Standish: copy presentments, 1789-1790.

Title Deeds: Adlington (1465-1575); Appleby (1286); Berwick (1417); Birkacre & Chorley (1240-1575); Blackrod (1365-1575); Borwick (1468); Charnock Richard (1523-1575); Chester (1420-1481); Coppull (1343-1575); Duxbury (1230-1575); Shevington (1289-1575); Standish & Langtree (1253-1575); Lymm (1486); Westleigh (1359); Welch Whittle (1379); Wigan (1290-1575); Winstanley (1383-1407); Worthington (1320-1575).

Legal Papers: Jacobite Rebellion: notes on trial of Edward Howard, 1716; proposal for treatment of prisoners, c. 1716; petition for prisoners, c. 1716; notice re prosecution of poachers, 18th cent.

Estate Papers: surveys and valuations: 1725, 1844, 1864; **rentals and accounts:** 1816-1817; memoranda and account book of Ralph Standish, 1721-1727; **miscellaneous:** returns to Board of Agriculture, c. 1805.

Household Papers: inventories: chattels of Lady Phillippa Howard, c. 1698; Standish Hall chapel, 1755; Standish Hall, 1756; Borwick Hall, 1762-1769.

Ecclesiastical Papers: church leys for Standish and Langtree townships, 1748-1749.

Family Papers: papers re Lancashire Plot, 1692-1693; commissions from James II, correspondence, list of names, military memoranda; schedule of muniments, 1771; notebooks of Cecilia Bindloss re braids, astrology, recipes, gardening, 1642-1675; notebooks re visit to Greece, c. 1811; grants of arms: 1730, 1807; pedigree, 1752; genealogical papers, n.d.; satirical pamphlets, 18th cent.

Correspondence: estate and family letters and other papers, 1593-1824.

Official Papers: commission for local militia, 1810; appointment of Deputy Lieutenant, 1817.

Cf. **SOLICITORS' RECORDS:** D/DX Wel

10. **WRIGHTINGTON ESTATE:** D/D Wr

The Dicconson family added the Wrightington Hall estate to their own in Eccleston by the marriage of Edward Dicconson to Anne Wrightington c. 1600. In 1812 the then proprietor, also Edward Dicconson, was succeeded by his nephew Thomas Eccleston, who in turn was succeeded by his son Charles who assumed the name Dicconson and, on his inheritance of the Scarisbrick estates in 1833 took the name Scarisbrick (cf. **SCARISBRICK** above). The estate (minus the Scarisbrick portion) passed subsequently through female lines to Robert Gerard, son of Lord Gerard, who also added the Dicconson name to his own on inheriting in 1895. The archive comprises c. 2,400 deeds and related documents, which are arranged artificially and card-indexed by place, and a series of correspondence mostly of the early 19th century.

Title Deeds: Billinge (1574-1675); Burscough (1596-1857); Charnock Richard (c. 1250-1845); Coppull (1507-1891); Croston (1341-1841); Cuerden (1494, 1615); Culcheth (1718-1784); Dalton (1401, 1683); Durham (1657); Dutton (1631); Eccleston (1283-1894); Ellel (1609); Goosnargh (1671); Halewood (1459); Heskin (1569-1869); Hindley (1357); Kent (1754-1776); Leicestershire (1756); Lincolnshire (1611-1747); London (1839, 1867); Mawdesley (1568-1895); Middleforth (1661-1668); Middlesex (1646); Newburgh (1767); Newton (c. 1300, 1347); Ormskirk (1764, 1794); Parbold (1587-1896); Penwortham (1390-1890); Preston (1615-1619); Rainford (1295-1430); Rainhill (1610-1629); Ribbleton (1629-1630); Scarisbrick (1656-1832); Shevington (1480-1899); Standish (1584-1895); Sutton (1330-1826); Ulnes Walton (1641-1656); Upholland (1623-1787); Walton-le-Dale (1571-1648); Warwickshire (1715); Welch Whittle (1380-1895); Wigan (1610-1894); Windle (1291, 1458); Worthington (1674, 1787); Wrightington (1332-1895).

Legal Papers: case of Bold v. Eccleston re Thatto Heath, 1609-1613.

Estate Papers: rentals: 1551-1559, 1627-1642, 1757, 1799-1801, 1810-1826; registers of estates of Thomas Eccleston of Eccleston, 1717; **business records:** accounts of Greenslates colliery, 1827-1829, and Greenslates tramway, 1868-1873; **miscellaneous:** papers re Parbold rabbit warren, 1850's; papers re Finch Mill and Farm, Shevington, 1814-1816, 1845-1855.

Household Papers: inventories of books, 1601-1602; household account book, 1844-1856.

Family Papers: Dicconson marriage settlements, 1681, 1697; correspondence re case of Scarisbrick v. Eccleston, 1833-1839; recipe books of Mrs. Clifton, 19th cent.; miscellaneous correspondence, 1608-1873.

Official Papers: receipt for muskets to constables of Eccleston, Heskin, 1628; Wrightington township minute book, 1816-1821; Parbold township poor rate book, 1833-1836.

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SOLICITORS' RECORDS

The contents of these archives are very extensive, and only some of the highlights are listed here. Detailed box lists may be consulted in the search room.

1. WRIGHT & APPLETON, WIGAN

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Title Deeds and Legal Papers:

Wigan: Cross Keys Inn, Market Place:	1734-1867
Woods of Whitley Hall:	1685-1946
Taylor of Woodfield: Market Place etc.:	1796-1926
Brown of Standishgate:	1792-1923
Wigan Parish Church:	1849-1898
Trencherfield Spinning Co.:	1853-1930
Wigan Trotting & Athletic Grounds Co.:	1895-1899
Westhoughton: Hargreaves estate:	1715-1912
Other estates: Eckersley:	1841-1942
Lord Kingsdown: rentals:	1855-1864

Grimshaw Papers:

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Legal and official papers of Thomas Grimshaw, town clerk and coroner of Wigan between 1818-1835:	
Writs for parliamentary elections and other papers:	1603-1836
Overseers: poor rate assessment:	1702
list of militiamen in receipt of alms:	1811
accounts:	1833-1836
Burgess lists:	1708-1832
Notices of meetings of Common Hall:	1794-1816
Leases of shops and houses beneath Town Hall:	1764-1806
Papers re stallage of fairs and market:	1785-1828
Papers re manor of Billinge:	1770-1771
Wigan Grammar School: Statues (1664)	c. 1811
Notices of manorial courts leet: Haigh:	1818
Coppull:	1821
Lists of licensed alehouse keepers:	1807-1835
Papers re turnpike and other roads:	1809-1822
Wigan Indigent Clothing Society: reports, rules:	1818-1822
Depositions, indictments etc. re Wigan riots:	1830-1832

2. BULLOUGH, BOARDMAN, KNOWLES & WILSON, WIGAN

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Title Deeds and Legal Papers:

Ince: Broom Street:	1823-1891
Upholland: Carr Lane estate:	1706-1850
Wigan: Cooper's Yard, Scholes:	1799-1892

3. MARSH, SON & CALVERT, LEIGH

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Title Deeds and Legal Papers:

Astley: Astley Estate Co.:	1810-1923
Astley & Tyldesley Coal & Salt Co.:	1857-1933
Bedford: Bedford Brewing & Malting Co.:	1788-1901
Speakman & Sons, Bedford Colliery:	1856-1929
Young of Great Fold:	1753-1907
Leigh: Newton estate:	1835-1868
Lowton: Pierpoint estate:	1773-1858
Tyldesley: estate of Peter Morris:	1845-1922

Manorial Papers:

Presentments: Atherton, Pennington:	1846-1849
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Official and Miscellaneous Papers:

Bedford School: accounts and papers:	1811-1840
Bedford Township: survey, accounts and other papers:	1780-1857
France's Charity: correspondence, accounts etc.:	1829-1937
Leigh Estate & Investment Co.: minutes, registers:	1910-1928
Leigh Infirmary: deed, agreement and other papers:	1902-1909
Leigh Poor Law Union: lease of workhouse:	1822
papers re Union workhouses:	1850's

4. PEACE & ELLIS, WIGAN

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Business and Family Papers:

Ellis:	1803-1936
Peace:	1807-1932

Title Deeds and Legal Papers:

Appley Bridge: Appley Bridge Quarry Co.:	1925
Ashton: Ashton estate:	1666-1841
Billinge: Wiswall estate:	1833-1875
Hindley: Twiss estate:	1826-1882
Lowton: Greene estate:	1364-1766
Manchester: Cheetham Hill:	1704-1885
Newton: Jones of Mere House:	1864-1890
Pemberton: Hough & Sons, boiler makers:	1868-1923
Paley estate:	1837-1891
Standish: Bradley Manufacturing Co.:	1908-1921
Westleigh: Pendlebury estate:	1750-1875
Wigan: Curghey estate:	1690-1855
Fairclough estate:	1773-1901
Kenyon of Swinley:	1763-1891
Lathom estate:	1800-1889
Markland of The Meadows:	1556-1752
Proe & Co., coach builders:	1862-1895
Rylands estate:	1830-1866
Scott estate:	1721-1914
Trumpers Field:	1612-1895
Wrightington: Dicconson estate:	1801-1922
Colliery Companies: Abram Coal Co., Scowcroft Co. & Ackers, Whitley Co.:	1861-1920
Birchenheds Colliery:	1889-1892
Richard Evans & Co.:	1889-1958
Sankey Brook Coal Co.:	1806-1883
Wigan Coal & Iron Co.:	1860-1930
Railway Companies: Lancashire Union Railway Co.:	1864-1874
Other estates: Baldwin:	1763-1849
Clayton:	1760-1869
James Diggie:	1665-1933
Holt Leigh and Leigh:	1810-1900
Lindsay, Earls of Crawford:	1780-1944
Lord Kingsdown:	1859-1880
James Wood:	1865-1891

Official Papers:

Golborne U.D.C. elections:	1894
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5. DOOTSON, LEIGH

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Title Deeds:

Leigh: property in Bradshawgate:	1720-1812
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6. GRIFFITHS, WIGAN

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Title Deeds:

Wigan: Royal Hotel, Standishgate:	1888-1920
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7. HEATON, ACKERLEY & PIGOT, WIGAN

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Title Deeds:

Billinge: manor of Billinge and Bispham Hall:	1764
Upholland: various properties:	1719-1879

8. HEALDS, WIGAN

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Legal Papers:

Briefs, petitions, cuttings books re Wigan elections:	1881, 1894
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9. LAMB & MOORE, WIGAN

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Title Deeds:

Wigan: property in Standishgate:	1676-1810
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10. STEPHENSONS, LEIGH

Title Deeds and Legal Papers:

Property in Leigh: 17th-20th cents.
 George Shaw & Co.: 19th-20th cents.
 Leigh Grammar School: 1820-1895
 Leigh Parish Church: papers re organ, gallery etc.: 1776-1778

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11. TAYLOR, BRIDGE, BARON & SYKES, WIGAN

Title Deeds and Legal Papers:

Property in Astley, Bedford, Hindley, Ince, Lowton, Pemberton, Wigan: 13th-19th cents.
 Douglas Navigation: legal papers, accounts, surveys: 1720-1770

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Miscellaneous:

Correspondence to John Pennington, town clerk of Wigan, from Sir William Meredith M.P. etc.: 1756-1770

12. VINCENT, WIGAN

Title Deeds and Legal Papers:

Wigan: Jackson Square, Scholes: 1805-1887

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13. WITHAM, WELD, LONDON

Title Deeds and Legal Papers:

Ince Anderton of Ince and Euxton: 17th-20th cents.
 Standish of Standish: 18th-20th cents.

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RECORDS OF SOCIETIES AND TRADE UNIONS

Except where stated these archives include records in various categories.

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Wigan Field Naturalists' Society and Wigan Field Club:	1862-1872, 1946-1968	1
minutes, programmes, reports:		
Fox Tavern Burial Society, Orrell:	1881-1963	2
Wigan & District Weavers, Winders, Reelers & Beamers Association:	1911-1972	3
Wigan & District Engineers and Foundry Masters Association:	1878-1943	4
Leigh & District Sunday School Union:	1901-1958	6
Wigan Medical Society: minutes:	1875-1915	8
Woodworkers' Union (Wigan 2nd Branch): minutes:	1895-1975	12
Leigh Operative Bricklayers' Society:	1856-1922	13
Wigan Amalgamated Society of Carpenters & Joiners:	1877-1967	14
Wigan Local Family Burial Society:	1840-1935	15
Tyldesley Swimming Club:	1876-1975	16
Wigan Grammar School Old Boys' Association:	1933-1977	18
Atherton Collieries Dramatic Society:	1926-1954	19
Lancashire & Cheshire Miners' Permanent Benefit Relief Society:	1873-1960	22
Society of Amalgamated Smiths & Strikers (Wigan Branch): minutes:	1889-1927	25
Wigan & District Sunday School Union: minutes:	1893-1941	26
Isaak Walton Angling Society, Leigh:	1927-1954	27
Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants (Tyldesley Branch):	1889-1904	28
Wigan & District Clergy Union: minutes:	1909-1961	31
First Lowton Girl Guide Company: log books:	1950-1965	32
Wigan & District Equitable Co-operative Society:	1890-1965	37,
		Acc. 2607
Association of Wigan Secondary Teachers: minutes:	1919-1925, 1944-1974	40
Gidlow Care Group:	1978-1985	41
Wigan Vigilance Association: minutes:	1894-1896	42
Wigan & District United Temperance Council: minutes:	1899-1910	43
Harben's Recreation Club, Golborne: minutes:	1928-1938	44
Houghton's Charity, Aspull:	1847-1994	45
Wigan Road Cricket & Athletic Club, Leigh:	1922-1935	47
Atherton Light (Salon) Orchestra: minutes:	1948-1959	48
Tyldesley Industrial Co-operative Society:	1891-1952	49
Lythgoe's Charity, Bedford: deeds:	1756-1811	52
Wigan Trades Council & Labour Party:	1921-1974	53
Atherton Temperance Band:	1927-1959	54
Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School and Linen & Woollen Stock Charities: deeds, legal papers, apprenticeship indentures:	1590-1951	55
Wigan & District Medical Guild:	1888-1927	Acc. 2666
Wigan Fur Fanciers' Society: minutes:	1934-1937	Acc. 2724
Wigan Music Society:	1948-1990	Acc. 2753
Good Templars, Alpha Lodge, Leigh:	1873-1913	Acc. 2777
Labour Group, Wigan County Borough: minutes:	1943-1958	Acc. 2797
Leigh Friendly Co-operative Society:	1857-1937	Acc. 2543, 2798
Wigan & District Philharmonic Society: programmes:	1903-1920	Acc. 2874
Wigan & District Council of Churches:	1974-1992	Acc. 2935
Wigan Symphony Orchestra: minutes, programmes:	1927-1931	Acc. 2985
Wigan Little Theatre:	1950-1986	Acc. 2722

Records classified previously under MISCELLANEOUS but listed here for convenience: D/DZ A

Wigan Loyal Volunteers: receipts:	1803-1804	13/43
Wigan Volunteer Light Horse: rules:	1820	13/44
Wigan Yeomanry Cavalry: minutes:	1828-1841	13/45
Wigan Choral Society: minutes:	1847-1849	13/46
Wigan Public Hall (Mechanics' Institute): foundation deed:	1853	13/47
Wigan Education Society: minutes:	1910-1924	13/49
Wigan Swimming Club: Ladies' Section: minutes:	1922-1929	13/50
Tyldesley Cricket & Tennis Club:	1877-1897	49
Wigan Constitutional Association: ward surveys:	1914-1915	68
Atherton Lifeboat Saturday Fund: minutes:	1896-1910	80
Colliery Friendly Society rule books:	1853-1930	83
Astley District Local Relief Fund:	1914-1929	88
Upholland Grammar School Dramatic Society:	1931-1941	Acc. 2653

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Alder Spinning Co., Leigh: mill plans and drawings:	1905-1957	AI
Boydell & Sons, cloggers, Leigh: accounts:	1895-1914	Bo
Brogden & Son, auctioneers & estate agents, Leigh: accounts, valuation books:	1920-1977	Bro
Coop & Co., clothiers, Wigan: registers, accounts, catalogues:	1862-1967	Co
Eckersleys Ltd., spinners and weavers: registers, mill and machinery drawings and plans:	1872-1962	Eck
Farr & Son, carriage builders, Wigan: coach designs:	c. 1890's	Fa
GKN Crompton Ltd.: accounts, catalogues:	1837-1875	GKN
Goulding Ltd., hauliers, Wigan: accounts, wages books:	1919-1970	Gou
Gullick Bros., mining engineers, Wigan: day books:	1921-1934	Gu
Harrison, McGregor Co., engineers, Leigh: minutes, wages books, catalogues, working drawings:	1874-1955	HMG
J. & J. Hayes, spinners, Leigh: accounts, stock books, deeds and legal papers:	1818-1960	Ha
H. W. Ind, cycle manufacturer and garage proprietor, Upholland: accounts and wages books:	1911-1936	Ind
Livesey & Sons, builders' merchants, Wigan: accounts, wages books:	1884-1954	Li
Lord & Sharman, footwear manufacturers, Pemberton: registers, accounts, correspondence:	1920-1972	LS
Lancashire United Transport Ltd.: registers, accounts, reports:	c. 1900-1950's	LUT
George Makinson, mill & factory furnishers, Wigan: accounts, leases:	1903-1967	Ma
Manchester Collieries Ltd.: royalties ledger:	1936-1946	MC
Midgley, Lawton & Co., paint manufacturers, Atherton: accounts, wages books:	1895-1934	ML
Middleton & Wood, funeral directors, Wigan: minutes, accounts, wages books:	1904-1964	MW
Walker Bros., engineers, Wigan: order books, accounts, working drawings:	1867-1960	Pag
Pennington Mill Co., Leigh: minutes, registers, accounts:	1877-1972	Pe
Peck & Co., tarpaulin manufacturers, Wigan: accounts, wages book, deeds:	1812-1960	Pk
Park Webb Ltd., forgemasters, Wigan: minutes, registers, accounts:	1824-1980	PW
Standwear Manufacturing Co., clothiers, Wigan: accounts, catalogue:	1843-1971	St
Tyldesley Coal Co.: minutes and accounts:	1870-1921	TC
Trustee Savings Bank: minutes, declarations, ledgers, reports: Leigh:	1845-1975	TSB
Wigan:	1821-1975	TSB
John Wood & Sons, founders, Wigan: wages books:	1940-1954	WAL
Wigan Coal & Iron Co.: reports and balance sheets:	1867-1938	WC
Henry Whittle, hatter, Hindley: accounts:	1896-1906	Wh
Worsley Mesnes Ironworks Co., Pemberton: order books, adverts, working drawings:	1874-1959	WM
Round House Colliery, Wigan: wages book:	1907-1909	Acc. 2422
Agents' ledgers, wholesale clothier, Wigan and Ashton:	1919-1938	Acc. 2468
Chowbent Mills: inventory of machinery:	1946	Acc. 2535
Alliance Coal & Cannel Co.: wages book:	1900-1910	Acc. 2680
London, Midland & Scottish Railway: mineral rate books for Lindsay Colliery, Wigan:	c. 1928-1956	Acc. 2765
Astley Process Co., textile engineers: wages books:	1942-1956	Acc. 2768
Alfred Thompson, chemist, Leigh: account book:	1913-1951	Acc. 2958
Records previously classified under MISCELLANEOUS but listed here for convenience:		D/DZ A
Douglas Navigation Orders:	1738-1772	13/37
Liverpool and Wigan Cannel Co., letter book:	1772	13/38
Ince Coal & Cannel Co.: letter and note books:	1882-1894	13/40
Messrs. Hope of Aspull, cloggers and grocers: accounts:	1832-1873	15, 64
Howe Bridge Spinning Co. and Combined Egyptian Mills: reports and accounts:	1915-1962	55

N.B. The official place of deposit for pre-nationalisation records of colliery companies in Lancashire is Lancashire Record Office. Other records of Wigan companies are held by British Steel.

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Deeds and papers: properties in Charnock Richard, Parbold, Pemberton, Shevington, Wigan (Scholes, Wallgate), Wrightington:	1469-1825	3, 5
Charles Towneley's transcripts of Towneley family muniments, Whalley Abbey cartulary etc.:	18th cent.	4
Withnell family deeds and papers:	1603-1812	6
Bullock family deeds and papers:	1604-1705	6a
Deeds of Holcroft House, Ashton:	1648-1776	7
Deeds of properties in Blackrod, Ince, Wigan:	1621-1823	8
Deeds of property in Wallgate, Wigan:	1678-1825	9
Deeds and papers: properties in Aspull, Bolton, Claughton, Rochdale, Wigan:	1410-1744	10
Deeds of property in Aspull:	1744-1814	11
Deeds of house and shop in Hallgate, Wigan:	1684-1776	12
Bishop Bridgeman's Ledger: memoranda and accounts of John Bridgeman, rector and lord of the manor of Wigan (1615-1642):	1708	13/1
'Recollections of Wigan Parish Church' by Richard Burland:	1846-1850	13/4
Rental of rectorial lands in Wigan:	1867	13/7
Agreement for rebuilding Billinge parochial chapel:	1716	13/8
Copy consecration deed and licence for St. George's church, Wigan:	1777-1781	13/9
Abstract of survey of estate of Richard Chorley:	1653	13/11
Estate surveys: Mrs. Towneley, Standish Hall:	1764	13/12
Rev. Cuthbert Allanson, Standish:	1765	13/13
Thomas Gillibrand: Adlington, Blackrod, Chorley, Duxbury, Euxton:	1769	13/14
I. Hodson: Aspull, Ince, Pemberton, Wigan:	1834	13/16
Account books: Francis Sherrington of Wardley:	1581-1601	13/17
Col. Jeremy Baines:	1667-1671	13/18
Charles Towneley:	1787-1798	13/20
Farm accounts of Thomas Tasker of Billinge:	1798-1837	13/21
Pemberton township: constables' accounts:	1766-1824	13/30
poor rate book:	1867	13/32
Papers re mining dispute at Haigh, Aspull:	1634-1676	13/33
Haigh Colliery Orders of Roger Bradshaigh:	1653-1698	13/34
Depositions re case of Martin Mere:	1714	13/36
Mine borings books: Wigan and district:	1832-1846	13/39
Illuminated addresses to Lord Crawford and other members of the Lindsay family:	1874-1922	13/51
Illuminated address to James Marsden:	1899	13/60
Notes for a history of the Chartist movement in Wigan and district by V. Cotsworth:	1935	16/8
'Wigan Military Chronicle': unpublished history of Manchester Regiment (5th Bn.), and Wigan volunteers and yeomanry:	1949-1974	16/12-16
Standish of Duxbury deeds and papers:	1574-1819	17
Wigan Soldiers' & Sailors' Comforts Committee: records:	1916-1919	18
Upholland manorial records:	1653-1747	19
Deeds of Sutch Farm, Lathom:	1681-1800	20
Deeds of Fox Inn, Leigh:	1670-1868	21
Papers re war dead on Wigan War Memorial:	1925	25
Papers re candidatures of Lord Lindsay, Chorley & Ince:	1903-1906	29
Diary of a tour of the Northern Counties:	1798	34
St. Mary's, Ince: banns registers:	1920-1948	38
Tally books, Bowling Green Inn, Leigh:	20th cent.	39
Burn family letters and papers:	1810-1897	44
Deeds of property in Golborne:	1772-1916	45
Deeds of The Black Horse, Wigan:	1920-1928	47

Lancashire & Cheshire Joint Miners' Committee and Conciliation Committee: minutes, reports:	1924-1949	48
Letters and papers of James Higson, Queen's Regt.:	1842-1998	51
Estate ledger of J. H. Stanning, vicar of Leigh:	1907-1927	54
Bond to observe agreement against inmates and settlements in Atherton township:	1699	56
Diary of Roger Lowe of Ashton:	1663-1674	58
N.B. published as <i>The Diary of Roger Lowe</i> ed. W. L. Sachse (1938)		
Papers of J. Monk Foster of Wigan, author and journalist:	20th cent.	64, 94
Holmes family deeds and papers:	1715-1860	65
Papers of Ft. Sgt. S. Preston of Tyldesley:	1943	67
Commemorative tissues: Pretoria Colliery, <i>Titanic</i> , <i>Lusitania</i> :	1910-1915	73
Papers of Nathaniel Eckersley of Hindley:	1805-1936	74
Diaries of Rfn. William Walls of Abram:	1915-1919	76
Textile pattern book of Charles Harding:	1791-1818	77
Diary of tour in Ireland by Lancashire Unionists:	1914	78
Enclosure award, Twiss Green, Culcheth:	1751	81
Plan of Standish station and junction:	1926	82
Account book of Edward Allanson, curate of Newton:	1698-1720	84
Astley weavers' account:	1795-1800	87
St. Mary's, Lowton: parish magazines:	1902-1905	93
Rentals for Wrightington Hall estate:	1835-1860	95
Deeds of property in Wrightington area:	14th-19th cent.	100
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Survey of estate of Rev. J. Vause, Wigan:	c. 1800	102
Wigan municipal election leaflets:	1920's-1970's	108
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Papers of Rev. C. Chambres, headmaster, Wigan Grammar School, family papers and genealogical notes:	20th cent.	Acc. 2617
Deeds of Bellingham Lodge estate, Wigan:	1787-1910	Acc. 2622
Historical collections, theatre programmes etc. of Roy Boardman of Leigh:	1900's	Acc. 2630, 2398,2636, 2659
Deeds and papers re property in Lowton:	1790-1937	Acc. 2667
Diaries of Henry Ainsworth, estate foreman, Haigh:	1880-1884	Acc. 2676
Historical research papers of Coun. P. Hull re Wigan coal field:	1950's-1960's	Acc. 2686
Papers of William Hilton of Westleigh:	1900's	Acc. 2693
Watercolour views of Combined Egyptian Mills:	c. 1910	Acc. 2695
Burrows family papers:	1871-1900	Acc. 2696
Account books of Edward Leigh of Lowton:	1806-1823	Acc. 2712
Notes and transcripts of Leslie Smith re history of Leigh Post Office:	1980's	Acc. 2748
Local history collections of Cyril Ward of Leigh:	20th cent.	Acc. 2751
Theatre programmes, cuttings re Wigan amateur dramatics:	20th cent.	Acc. 2767
St. Luke's Orrell: parish magazines and papers:	1984-1993	Acc. 2779, 2820
Papers of H. Nutt of Wigan, teacher:	1900's	Acc. 2796
Sale catalogue of Winstanley estate:	1951	Acc. 2815
Genealogical notes of E. Cheetham of Shevington:	1980's	Acc. 2819
Natural history records and notes of F. Horrocks of Leigh:	1930's-1980's	Acc. 2846
MS. recipe books and papers:	1900's	Acc. 2847
Autobiography of William Evans of Wigan:	c. 1960	Acc. 2852
Account book of John Yates of Leigh, surgeon:	1798	Acc. 2867
Illuminated testimonial to George Lea, Liberal parliamentary candidate, Wigan:	1885	Acc. 2870
'Genealogical Collections' of Anderton of Lostock:	n.d.	Acc. 2871

News cuttings album of Stephen Walsh, M.P.:	1920's	Acc. 2873
Illuminated addresses and testimonials to Thomas Taylor and John Winnard re opening of Wigan Library:	1877	Acc. 2886
St. Thomas', Upholland: parish magazines:	1885-1986	Acc. 2896
Diaries and yearbooks of Coun. G. Hibbert, Tyldesley:	1948-1980's	Acc. 2899
Deeds and papers re Leigh family, Aspull:	1770-1878	Acc. 2902
Papers, notes and magazines re Lowton Independent Methodist Church:	early 20th cent.	Acc. 2903
St. Thomas', Ashton: parish magazines:	1890-1896	Acc. 2910
Papers of H. Thomas of Wigan, Methodist lay preacher:	c. 1938-1990	Acc. 2942
Deeds and papers of Topping House, Wigan and Lowe and Worthington mills, Hindley:	1797-19th cent.	Acc. 2951
Deeds and papers of iron foundry, Pemberton:	1867-1907	Acc. 2952
Papers of R. Hart, colliery manager:	c. 1910-1956	Acc. 2957
Papers of Sidney Hart of Standish, submariner:	1940's-1980's	Acc. 2964
Theatre and concert handbills, Wigan and district:	1940's-1950's	Acc. 2978
Gill of Burscough purchase: miscellaneous family and estate papers, south Lancashire area, including:		D/DZ Bu
Ditchfield of Hindley and Westhoughton:	1749-1949	
Tasker of Billinge and Winstanley:	1755-1876	
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Watt of Speke Hall:	1860-1896	
Gorses Farm, Aspull:	1635-1783	
Estates in Lathom:	1724-1897	
Gill of Ormskirk:	1751-1818	
Other records: Ormskirk Congregational Church:	1843-1927	
Skelmersdale Working Men's Club:	1910-1916	
Historical papers of F. H. Cheetham of Southport:	20th cent.	D/DZ Ch
Historical papers of A. J. Hawkes, Wigan Librarian:	20th cent.	D/DZ Ha
Holt Leigh estate papers:	1774-1871	D/DZ Lei

Miscellaneous Manuscript Portfolios

MMP

This series of artificial collections of small groups of papers, single items and ephemera was commenced at Wigan Reference Library and continued by the Record Office. Its scope and contents are too miscellaneous for any summary to be given here, but catalogues and indexes (apart from more recent accessions) are available in the search room. The main types of documents represented are deeds and legal papers, correspondence, literary papers, and political, official and theatrical posters and handbills.

EDWARD HALL COLLECTION

This artificial collection of diaries, journals, letter-books and miscellaneous papers was donated in stages from 1947 by Edward Hall (b. 1898), a dealer and collector of MSS. and books. Hall married Emily Littler of Wigan, and discovered the surviving MSS. of Ellen Weeton (see below) in a bookshop on Wallgate in 1925.

It comprises mainly original MSS. (some items are in modern transcript form), and most of the documents have not been published. A notable exception is the diaries of Ellen Weeton, all but one of whose extant MSS. are in the present collection (see D/DZ EHC 165). Only a few of the items relate to the Wigan area or even the north west, the authors originating from all parts of the country and a variety of social backgrounds.

It is only possible to list here some of the important items; a more comprehensive catalogue is available in the search room.

N.B. Some items in the collection have been microfilmed, and readers are requested to use the film in preference to the original.

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Diaries of Anna Walker, wife of Maj.-Gen. George Townshend Walker, written mainly on the Continent:	1789-1814	1-6 29-32, 34-43, 101, 185
Diary and letter-book of Henry and Marianne Thornton:	1777-1815	7, 18
Autobiography, diaries and correspondence of Edward Hall:	1898-1944	8-9, 85-89, 112-117, 221-229
Journal and accounts of James Hole, including logs of voyages made to Barbados 1698-1703:	1698-1721	12
Official accounts and memoranda of William Lee, treasurer for the West Riding of Yorkshire:	1815-1816	14
Diary of Elizabeth Prince of Liverpool:	1830-1831	15
War Department Official Letter-Book: Crimea:	1854-1855	16
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Travel journal of Diana Ramsden in Queensland, Australia:	1899-1900	19
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Travel journal of Miss I. E. Verey of Streatley: boating trip along rivers Severn and Thames:	1889	24
Letter-book of Peter Le Mesurier, soldier of 9th Foot, and Elizabeth his sister:	1808-1813	25
Travel journal of Henry Foley in Europe:	1865	45
Scarah accounts: Westmorland:	1667-1723	51
Journal of voyage from Jamaica to Liverpool, by Littleton Powis:	1789	55
Diary of John Horrocks of Heywood and London:	1859	56
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Diary of George Folliot, merchant of New York, in England:	1765-1776	67
Diary of Abraham Wildman of Keighley:	1828	68
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Log Book of German Paddle Steamer 'Kurier':	c. 1820	83
Diary of Thomas Miller, children's author:	1861	84
Travel journal of Mrs. Light in France:	1835	94
Anonymous travel journal in England & Wales in company of William Etty, artist:	1833	96
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Travel journal of Adine Wili: Mediterranean cruise:	1932	136
Anonymous accounts and memoranda:	1658-1664	137
Diary of H. Arbuthnot at Eton:	1868-1869	140
Travel journal of J. C. Ryley in Europe:	c. 1850	141
Travel journal of Miss M. Matthews in Europe:	1815-1816	143
Travel journal of Montague Drake in Europe:	1710-1711	144
Letter-book of Harry Abadie, XI Hussars: Boer War:	1899-1901	146
Accounts for Voyle Farm, Haverfordwest:	1823-1825	150
Tonbridge Dissenting Chapel, St. Pancras: history, minutes, accounts:	1811-1843	157
Travel journal of Kasturi Venkataramayya in England:	1860	159
St. Mary-le-Sevoy & St. Mary-le-Strand: receipted vouchers for parish accounts:	1664-1812	162
Diaries of Corporal William Todd: Seven Years' War:	1745-1758, 1761-1762	164
Autobiography, letter-books and diaries of Ellen Weeton of Upholland and Wigan:	1807-1825	165
<i>(Cf. Miss Weeton: Journal of a Governess ed. E. Hall, 1936-1939)</i>		
Diaries of Miss F. Leggatt of London:	1862-1867	176
Autobiography of Rev. E. Foley:	1892, 1899	178
Letter-book of George Townshend Walker:	1795	179
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Notebook of John Hylton of Halesowen:	1752-1779	180
Diary of Isabella Quin of Ireland:	1866-1869	181
Musical diary of Ethel Clementi:	1901-1902	184
Travel journals of John Loud: trips to Scandinavia:	1799, 1805-1806	188
Travel journal of A. Barlow in Europe:	1814-1815	190
Diary of Raleigh Trevelyan, schoolboy:	1813-1814	191
Diary of R. Maddison, colliery apprentice, Durham:	1838	192
Travel and honeymoon journal of Juliana Fuller:	1866-1868	195
Travel journal of Abbe de la Fontaine in Europe:	1683	196
Travel journal of J. Marriot: canal trip to London:	1834	197
Travel journal of Rev. W. Williams of Wychwood, in Europe:	1833-1834	198
Diary of Frederica Lascelles:	1885	199
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Notebook of Lt. Stenhouse, Conservator of Forest, Darjeeling:	1869-1875	206
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Notebook and photograph albums of Dorothy Scholes, nursing sister, Exeter Military Hospital:	1914-1918	238, 239
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MAPS AND PLANS

There are extensive series of maps and plans available for consultation, and limited copying of these is possible either by photocopying, photography or tracing, depending on the state of the original.

ORDNANCE SURVEY SHEETS

There is good coverage across the borough at all of the available scales, as follows:

County Series:

6" to 1 mile (1:10560): 1st edn. 1840's (large sheets): complete
1888-93 edn. (quarter sheets): partial coverage
1907-11 edn. (quarter sheets): almost complete
1928-30 edn. (quarter sheets): almost complete
1936-39 revn. (quarter sheets): partial coverage

25" to 1 mile (1:2,500): 1st edn. 1892-93: partial coverage
1907-11 edn.: almost complete
1928-29 edn.: almost complete
1936-39 revn.: limited coverage

5' to 1 mile (1:1056): 1848: this scale only mapped for Wigan town area: all 9 sheets held

10' to 1 mile (1:500): 1889: this scale mapped for urban areas only: Wigan town: 37 out of 43 sheets; Leigh: complete; Chowbent (Atherton): complete; Hindley: complete; Tyldesley: complete.

National Grid Series:

Redundant sheets have been transferred from the Planning and other Departments at the following scales: 1:10,560 1:2,500 1:1,250. These date from surveys made in the early 1950's up to the 1990's, but the dates available at each scale vary considerably from place to place. However, there is usually at least one sheet available for each grid square within the Wigan Metro area.

N.B. for some scales there is coverage for other parts of Lancashire, in particular areas bordering Metropolitan Wigan. The History Shop and Leigh Local History Library also hold sets of O.S. sheets, some of which are more comprehensive than those at the Archives listed above.

OTHER MAPS AND PLANS

Town plans: Wigan 1827 (copy); 1837; 1852 (Board of Health); 1876 (Urban Sanitary Authority); 1907 (Ecclesiastical Parishes).

Township plans: Astley, 1872; Atherton, 1882; Bedford, 1864; Golborne, 1881; Haigh, 1882; Hindley, 1824; Ince, 1863; Lowton, 1879.

Enclosure plans: Astley, 1765 (copy); Culcheth, 1751; Golborne, 1763 (copy); Hindley, 1722; Lowton, 1763.

Cf. LOCAL AUTHORITY and CHURCH RECORDS

Manorial and Estate plans: Manor of Haigh, 1796; Manor of Standish, 1763; Bankes estate, Winstanley & Orrell, 1770 (copy); Ashton estate, 1798 (copy).

Tithe plans (with schedules): Abram, 1844; Aspull, 1841; Astley, 1846; Bedford, 1847 (copy); Billinge, 1843; Dalton, 1842; Hindley, 1839; Ince, 1841; Lowton, 1838 (copy); Orrell, 1841; Pemberton, 1848; Pennington, 1847 (copy); Tyldesley, 1847; Upholland, 1845; Westleigh, 1846 (copy); Wigan, 1838; Winstanley, 1838.

Cf. LOCAL AUTHORITY and CHURCH RECORDS

Local Authority building plans:

These plans submitted to local councils for Public Health or planning approval largely relate to private building development, and date mainly from the early 1900's. Their survival varies greatly from place to place. The most useful and easily accessible series relates to Wigan County Borough (see **OFFICIAL RECORDS: CB/Wi**), available on microfilm only.

Miscellaneous: Draft rights of way plans, c. 1950's.