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Sandwich Guildhall Museum

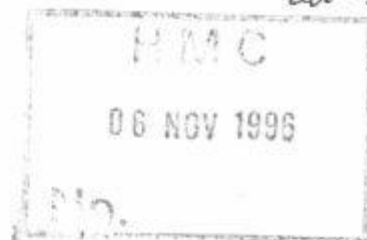
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Archive Collections in Museums

These may include photographs, legal documents, letters, personal papers, military and local government records, newspapers, pamphlets, advertisements, business records, sketch books, plans and architectural drawings. The formal records of the museum are also an archive but it is not necessary to include them on the list below unless they have been accessioned.

Listings of archives.

You may give group accession numbers and group descriptions if this is more convenient. If a computer listing is available, please send a copy on A4 paper and include the accession numbers. Otherwise please complete the following and send additional sheets with accession numbers and descriptions as necessary.

Accession Number

Description of Collections (including dates where known)

Although most of the collections are accessioned, a great number are not, and it is not possible easily to give a range of numbers for the remainder.

NOTE: Most of the ancient records of Sandwich are lodged with the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES at County Hall, Maidstone

1. Extensive collection of books, generally relating to Sandwich and the Cinque Ports which have accumulated here over the past 150 years, including:-

Lambardes 'Perambulations of Kent; 1596 Edn.
Complete set of Hasted's 'History of the County of Kent'
Vol.1 of Harris's 'History of Kent'
Wm. Boys's 'Collections for an History of Sandwich'
Samuel Jeakes 'Charters of the Cinque Ports'
E.W.Bralley's 'History of Kent'
Cox's 'Kent'
Dugdales 'History of Imbanking'
Thomas Philipott's 'Kent'

2. Burial Certificates for local Cemetery from mid-19th. century to 1972.
3. Collection of approximately 600 local postcards
4. Original summary of goods imported into Sandwich 1764 to 1776
5. Original Poor Law Rating Assessments for St. Mary's Parish - 1837.
6. Original Winow Tax Assessment for St. Peter's Parish - 1776
7. Many legal documents, deeds, wills etc. not yet completely ~~catalogue~~ catalogued.
8. Complete set of Statues at Large from Magna Carta to 1972 (when the 1972 Local Government Act was passed)
9. A number of Trade & other Directories relating to Sandwich from late 18th. century onwards
10. A number of Poll Books.

PHOTOGRAPHS. - Several hundred mid- late Victorian collection by a local professional photographer, acknowledged by the Science Museum as being of considerable importance.

Other photographs from late 19th. century onwards relating to Sandwich (probably in the region of 2000 or more) now being data-based & catalogued.

MAPS. - A wide selection of maps dating back to the 17th. century - Ordnance Survey, local planning etc.

Extensive Genealogy records

Please return to the NRA by 31 March 1997. Museums in Scotland can also return lists to the NRA (Scotland) at the Scottish Record Office. **DO NOT SEND TO YOUR AMC.**

NATIONAL REGISTER OF ARCHIVES

What is the National Register of Archives?

- The National Register of Archives (NRA) was established in 1945 to collect information about private papers, archives and records of all sorts in the UK held outside the Government records in the Public Record Office.
- It is maintained by the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts at its London offices and forms a **unique heritage resource for the whole of the UK**
- About 190,000 archive collections are listed from over 3,200 institutions and private individuals around the world. Original material is not collected.
- Virtually every area of life is covered, such as the arts, sciences, military and business history, the lives of individuals and families and national and local organisations.

Why does the NRA need the help of museums?

Some museums already send details of their collections to the NRA but it is recognised that many museums may not be familiar with the NRA's role.

Your contributions to the NRA would therefore be especially welcomed and appreciated as part of the NRA's aim to increase its listing of museums' archive collections.

The **Museums & Galleries Commission** fully supports this initiative by the NRA. The need for museums to contribute to the NRA was a recommendation of **Hidden Assets**, the MGC's recent report on archives and museums.

How can museums help?

By sending brief details of your archive collections (see over) they will become part of the major resource held at the NRA.

What are the benefits?

Information on the archive collection in your museum will be available to researchers at the NRA's search room and on the Royal Commission's Web Site. (<http://www.hmc.gov.uk>)

A fuller picture of the UK's holdings of archives will be created.

The museum will be helping fulfil its responsibility of making the collections accessible.

Further information and help is available from

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