



Nottinghamshire Archives

Welcome to the latest email newsletter from Nottinghamshire Archives

Our August edition features updates on our Nottinghamshire Memorials Project, new features on our web site and our latest search room display case

Extension to Nottinghamshire Archives

£2,568,000 capital funding has been provided by Nottinghamshire County Council to extend Nottinghamshire Archives. This will provide additional archive storage and improved public and learning accommodation. Planning permission has now been granted by Nottingham City Council.

In preparation for the building work to commence, the Car Park will close to the public and staff from 23 September 2013.

During the building work there will be periodic restrictions on access to collections and at the end of the programme a full temporary closure of Nottinghamshire Archives. When more information is available, these dates will be published in the Archives search room, in our email newsletter and on our web pages.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Late Summer Bank Holiday

Nottinghamshire Archives will be closed on **Saturday 24 August 2013**.

Please note that we are no longer open on Mondays. Details of our regular opening hours are available online at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/history/archives/visitingarchives/>.

World War I: Nottinghamshire Memorials Project

We have received £22,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to undertake a project to preserve and catalogue a unique World War One Memorials Collection. The Wakefield Collection comprises the research of Patricia and Maurice Wakefield, and contains information about soldiers from Nottinghamshire and elsewhere who died in the Great War, including photographs of graves and cemeteries.

The project, which will run for 15 months, involves Project Archivist Sarah Cooley working with a number of young volunteers, most of whom are from Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and all of whom are home educated, to number and re-wrap the collection so that it may be preserved for future generations.

We have also organised a programme of workshops for the young volunteers so that they can explore the wider issues of remembrance, for they are the first generation for whom the Great War is out of living memory. They also have the opportunity to record their own thoughts about the First World War and develop their own projects, which when finished will be deposited in the archives alongside the Wakefield Collection.



The Wakefield Collection has information on individual soldiers and officers who served on the front line, including Pte Edward Stephen (Ted) Smith (*pictured left*) whose family lived on Blake Street in

Nottingham. He enlisted in the Sherwood Foresters and transferred to the Tank Corps in 1917. He was killed on 29 September 1918 and was buried at St Emilie Valley Cemetery, Villers-Faucon, France. Pat Wakefield visited his grave on 21 April 1997 and records in her diary "we found the grave of Pte E S Smith, Tank Corps who was killed in action during the advance to the St Quentin Canal... [a relative] had asked us to lay a wreath on [his] grave."

You can keep up to date with the project on our new blog, available online at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/history/archives/archivescollections/worldwar1blog/>.

Make History Happen! Youth Heritage Conference

On Wednesday 17 July 2013 the Make History Happen! Youth Heritage Conference took place at the Galleries of Justice Museum (Shire Hall) on High Pavement in Nottingham. Organised by Nottinghamshire Archives in partnership with Nottinghamshire Local History Association and the Galleries of Justice, the conference was fully booked, with 60 young people, plus heritage professionals and community workers.



The day aimed to 'bring history to life' for a hugely diverse group of young people that ranged from a Nottingham school group

to young people from community projects, volunteer backgrounds, home education children and young people with individual heritage interests.

The event was started off by Adam Stockwell, the current Broxtowe youth mayor. Contributors included the City of Nottingham Museums Service, Greenshoots (a community group that manages youth and community projects), the University of Nottingham, the Galleries of Justice Museum and the Archives' Heritage Lottery funded World War One

Wakefield Memorials Project. Lots of young people spoke about their projects to the conference, providing an opportunity to talk about how heritage had played such an important part in their lives.

Activities at the conference included workshops on World War One, quill pen writing, conserving documents, heritage jewellery, archaeological artefacts and the Spinning Yarns project (young people recording stories from their own lives). Talks explored the world of archaeology and how the legal system has treated young people through the years. In the afternoon community archives and museum project leaders, along with their youth volunteers, reported on projects from around the county and in the city of Nottingham.

There was a great buzz going around the event with lots of people sharing their views and experiences



of heritage and getting to know each other. Some young people 'signed-up' to the heritage projects that were promoted as part of the event. At the end of the day a heritage rap poem was presented, 'Touch the Past', which was based on comments from the conference attendees. Feedback to the event provided lots of positive comments such as 'great fun and interesting', 'I learned a lot', 'cool!' and 'very inspiring'.

Interpreting Dates workshop

There are places still remaining on our Interpreting Dates workshop, taking place on **Tuesday 13 August 2013**.

When using parish registers, deeds and other records you may come across dates written in different ways.

- Why does each year of a parish register start in April?
- When was the third year of the reign of King Henry III?
- When was the first Tuesday after the feast of the Transfiguration in 1624?

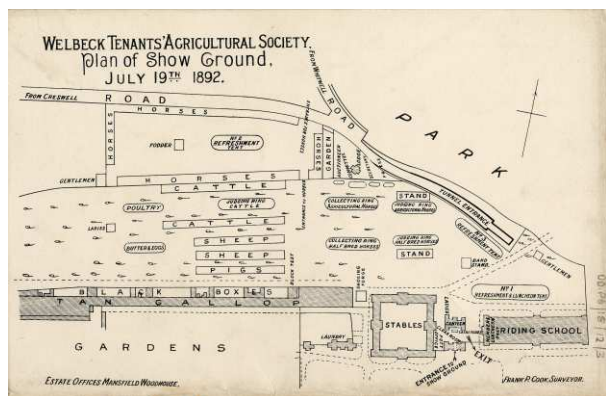
To help you work out what these dates are, and why different dating systems were used, book a place on our workshop!

The workshop starts at 10.30am and costs £4. To book a place, call us on **tel:** 0115 958 1634.



Spotlight on the archives

In July our Document of the Month focused on the records of the Welbeck Tenants' Agricultural Society.



The society was established before the end of the 1880s. Its main business was to host annual shows in which tenants of the Welbeck estate would compete in various classes. The main show was held annually in July or August. It included prizes for horses, cattle, sheep and pigs; and also special prizes for garden produce, poultry, and honey; and for long service. Awards were also given for more unusual categories, such as fancy or ornamental designs in butter. The show acted as a showpiece for the estate, to which local and national dignitaries and their tenants would be invited.

The catalogue of the Welbeck Tenants' Agricultural Show records, part of the archive of the Dukes of Portland, can be viewed online on the Access to Archives web site at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a. You can explore this and all our Documents of the Month over the past year online at: <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/history/archives/archivescollections/archivesdom/>. Return to see which document will be featured for August!

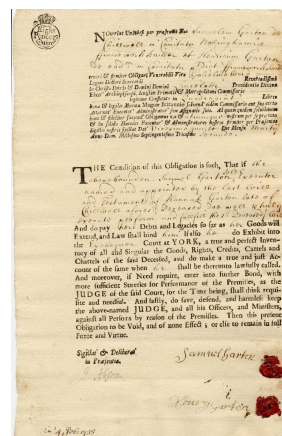
Wills and Inventories at Archives

Wills and inventories are useful resources for researchers.

- **Family historians** can find out details of descendants and kin
- **Local historians** can find information on status, property and wealth
- Inventories can provide details of **furniture, goods and possessions**, including crops and animals
- Wills can provide glimpses of **religious belief** and attitudes to death
- Wills were proved in **church courts** and provide evidence of their activities.

Nottinghamshire Archives holds a huge number of wills proved before 1858. The catalogues for many of these can now be searched on our online catalogue at <http://nawcat.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>.

These include wills proved in the following church courts:



- Exchequer Court of York: **Nottingham Archdeaconry Court**, 1589 - 1858 (PR/NW). Over 32,000 people are included in these records
- **Southwell Peculiar Court**, 1506 - 1857 (PR/SW) and probate registers, 1530 - 1839 (PR/SR)
- **Mansfield Peculiar Court**, 1640 - 1857 (PR/MW)
- Manorial Court of **Dale Abbey**, 1753 - 1896 (PR/D)
- Manorial Court of **Gringley on the Hill**, 1761 - 1855 (PR/GW) with 98 wills included on the manorial court rolls of Gringley, 1659 - 1775 (DD/P/14)
- Manorial Court of **St John of Jerusalem** (Shelford St John's), 1646 - 1791 (PR/JW)
- **Ossington Manorial Court** (copies), 1607 - 1792 (PR/OS).

If you find details of a will from our catalogue, please email us at archives@nottscc.gov.uk and we can provide a quote for a copy. You will need to tell us the name of the person

whose will you want, the date it was proved, and where they lived. All of this information is included in the catalogue. Please note that many wills have seals attached to them, and can therefore only be photographed. You can find out more about our reprographics services online.

Looking for a will proved after 1858? Get in touch and we can provide advice on the National Probate Index and obtaining copies of more recent wills.

150 Years of Shopping at the Co-op

Our search room display case currently features a display marking 150 years of the Co-operative movement. Nationally the Co-op Movement was founded in 1844 in Rochdale. It grew out of a retail society that was based on mutual co-operation that became the model and inspiration for the whole movement.

The movement became established in Nottingham in 1863, when the Lenton Provident Co-op Society was founded.

Since those early days Co-op shops have extended all over the county, becoming a major part of retail life and contributing to a whole range of educational, social and cultural activities.



Nottinghamshire Archives holds a major collection of archives (reference: DD/GN) that was deposited on behalf of the Greater Nottingham Co-op, and which includes shop photographs, minutes of local societies, plans and advertising material.

The display case features an extract from the minute book of the Lenton Temperance Society from 1863; Co-op sales material from 1956; and photographs including the flagship Nottingham store on Upper Parliament Street in 1965 (pictured below left).

Trade Union Records Finding Aid now available online

Nottinghamshire Archives holds a number of records relating to Nottinghamshire and Nottingham trade unions, and professional and employer associations, dating between 1685 and 2008. The records have been deposited either by the trade union or association itself, or by individuals.

A new finding aid listing details of all these records is now available on Nottinghamshire Archives' web site. The index provides information on what material has been deposited, the date range and the reference number. It can be searched either by category or alphabetically. The categories available are:

- Agriculture
- Architects
- Brewers
- Building trades
- Business
- Chemists
- Coal Industry
- Engineering
- Financial services
- Healthcare
- Non-trade specific
- Pawnbrokers
- Postal services
- Printing and publishing
- Public services
- Retail
- Teaching
- Textiles
- Transport
- Wood industries

The index can be searched online at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/history/archives/archivescollections/tradeunionrecords/>.

N	Reference	Date	Content Summary
Trade Union, Professional and Employer Association			
Nottingham Chartered Accountant Students Society	Unlisted acc 7293	1949 - 2006	Minutes, reports, accounts, magazines and records
Nottingham Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (NCASS)	DD/737	1925 - 1976	Minutes, members signature book and records
Nottingham Chartered Society of Massage and (formerly the Chartered Society of Medical Gymnastics)	Unlisted acc 7293	1901 - 2006	Minutes, reports, accounts, membership records, ledgers, and other records
Derby and Lincoln Society of Chartered Medical Practitioners	DD/CC/3/8	1936 - 1942	Annual reports
	DD/11/125/6	1926	Jubilee report on the work of the Que
		1926	Cash book with list of members
		1926 - 1952	Programme for dinner at Nottingham

Nottinghamshire's People: Ancestral Stories from the Archives

7 June - 1 September 2013

Exhibition by Nottinghamshire Archives and Manuscripts and Special Collections at the University of Nottingham

Tracing our ancestors has proved a fascinating challenge for generations. Some researchers have sought evidence to establish a claim to a title, but increasing numbers pursue family history as a hobby, and want to know more about the lives and times of their forebears. Whether they were humble agricultural labourers, local dignitaries or incorrigible criminals, they all have a story to tell.



This exhibition celebrates the lives of Nottinghamshire's people and communities. Family historians today can draw on rich internet resources, but 'Nottinghamshire's People' showcases the original documents that provide the evidence for ancestral research. Through church records, private papers, maps, wills and many other sources, it uncovers a rich world that lies beyond the indexes of census and birth, marriage and death records.

Visitors can see the historic Guild Roll of St Mary, Nottingham, dated 1371, on view for the first time since its purchase in 2006. The roll identifies the men and women who joined the guild that provided help in times of sickness and unemployment.

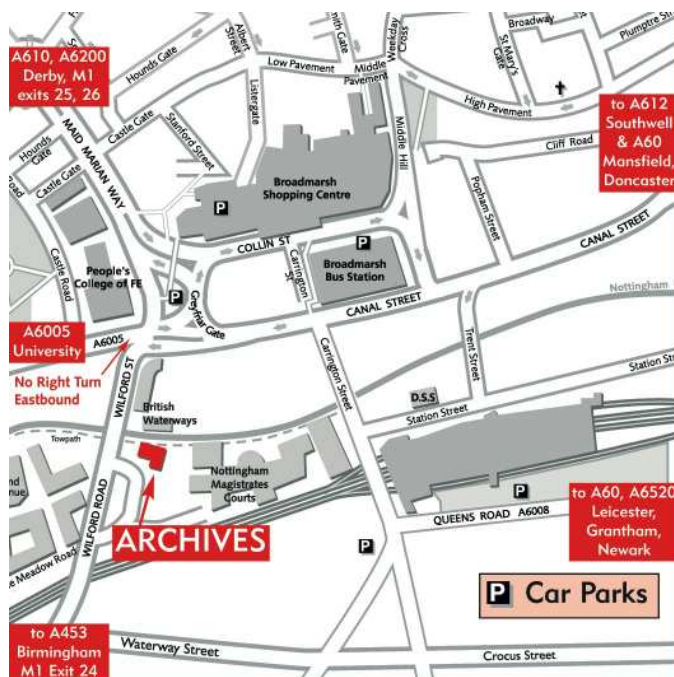
Admission free

Venue: Weston Gallery, Lakeside Arts Centre, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD
www.lakesidearts.org.uk/home.html

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