



# Nottinghamshire Archives

## Welcome to the latest email newsletter from Nottinghamshire Archives

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### New Programme of Events now available

Find out about all the events and activities taking place during autumn and winter at Nottinghamshire Archives.

All events take place at Nottinghamshire Archives. Places for all events are limited, so booking is essential. To book your place, use our booking form, available online at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/history/archives/archiveevents/](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/history/archives/archiveevents/).

### Thursday Tours

4 October, 1 November, 6 December,  
3 January, 7 February, 7 March  
2.30pm (tours last between 1 and 1 ½ hours)  
£3

Join us for our regular Thursday Tours of Nottinghamshire Archives and see what goes on behind the scenes. Find out where we keep the archives and how we conserve them.

### Lunchtime Talks

Wednesday 31 October, 14 November,  
28 November, 12 December  
1pm  
£4

A series of talks on the theme of architecture:

- Explore different **architectural styles** in Nottinghamshire, from Gothic buildings to art deco design (31 Oct)
- Find out about Nottingham architect **Thomas Cecil Howitt** (14 Nov)
- Learn about the making of **Forest Fields** in Nottingham (28 Nov)
- Reconstruct the history of Nottinghamshire's churches (12 Dec)

### Wednesday Workshops

17 October, 21 November, 16 January,  
20 February, 27 March  
2.30pm – 3.30pm unless stated otherwise  
£4

Our popular Wednesday workshops continue! Our series this autumn explores:

- Records of the **parish chest** including churchwardens' accounts and parish registers (17 Oct)
- The archives of **Southwell Minster** and the religious body which influenced the lives of ordinary people through its courts and schools (21 Nov, 2.45pm – 3.45pm)
- Sources for the **Civil War** in Nottinghamshire (16 Jan)
- **Occupations and trades** of our ancestors (20 Feb)
- **Wills and inventories** (27 Mar)

### Archive Skills Workshops

Friday 12 October, 16 November,  
8 March, 15 March, 22 March  
2.30 – 4pm  
£4

Find out more about using archives and how to get the best out of your visit.

This autumn we have two brand new workshops:

- **The Old Streets of Nottingham**, where we will explore a range of old photographs and maps (12 Oct)
- The **Wikipedia Workshop** where we will investigate updating heritage content online (16 Nov)

And in the winter, the return of some old favourites:

- Our popular **Reading Parish Registers** workshops return where you can get hints and tips on reading old handwriting in English (8 Mar) and Latin (15 Mar) – no experience necessary!

- Complementing these workshops is **Interpreting Dates**, where we will explore how our ancestors counted days, months and years and how to interpret them in the documents we read (22 Mar)

### Family Tours

Thursday 25 October, 21 February  
2.30pm (tours last between 1 and 1 ½ hours)  
£3

New for this season – bring the whole family and join one of our special half term tours. Aged 7+ years (children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult). Children under 16 free

### Christmas Diary Readings

Friday 14 December  
2.30pm  
£5

Join us for a selection of festive readings from a new selection of diaries held at Nottinghamshire Archives. Enjoy a cup of tea and a mince pie!

### Marking the Anniversary of William Booth

**William Booth** was born at 12 Notintone Place in Sneinton, Nottingham, on 10 April 1829 to Samuel Booth and his second wife Mary Moss. He was baptized on 12 April 1829 in the parish church of St Stephen in **Sneinton**.

William attended services at the Wesleyan Methodist chapel on **Broad Street** in Nottingham (now the Broadway Cinema). In 1846 Nottingham was visited by the American evangelist James Caughey and William was so influenced by his sermons that he began to conduct his own **services** preaching in the poorer parts of Nottingham.

In 1849 he moved to London and was later accepted as a minister within the Methodist church; however, in 1865 he broke from Methodism and formed the **Christian Mission** in the East End of London. Soon there were thirteen mission stations in various parts of East London. In 1878 the Christian Mission was renamed **The Salvation Army**.

William Booth was a **champion of the poor** in the inner cities. He died on 20 August 1912 and this month marks the **100th anniversary** of his death.



Ref: CA/TC/10/119/1/1

In 1915 the **William Booth Memorial Halls** opened in Nottingham and became the home of the Nottingham 1 Corps of The Salvation Army. This document (*left*) is the programme for the stone-laying ceremony which took place on 7 July, 1914. The hall was designed to provide accommodation for 800 adults and 500 young people and salvation services took place on Sundays and week nights for the ‘conversion of sinners’, ‘reclamation of drunkards’, care of the sick and dying, and young people’s and children’s services and classes.

A small selection of records held at Nottinghamshire Archives is on **display** in the archives search room, marking the anniversary of the death of William Booth. Find out more on our August Document of the Month at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/history/archives/archivescollections/archivesdom/?blogpost=1399>.

### Find out about Business Records at Archives

Did you know that Nottinghamshire Archives holds records relating to Nottinghamshire and Nottingham business, companies and industries dating between c1600 and the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

You can now find out details of which businesses we hold records for in our newly-lunched online finding aid to Business Records.

The finding aid has an A-Z listing by business. There is also a category list which gives details of business records organised by type of business.

These categories are:

Agriculture	Architects
Brewers	Building Trade
Chemists	Clock Makers
Coal Industry	Communications
Engineering	Entertainment
Farriers	Financial
Food Industry	Furnishing
Glass Makers	Healthcare
Horse Dealing	Landscape Gardening
Millers	Painters
Pawnbrokers	Postal Service
Property	Quarrying
Retailers	Solicitors
Stationers	Tanners
Textiles	Transport
Undertakers	Utilities
Veterinary Surgeons	

You can explore the finding aid online at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/history/archives/archivescollections/businessrecordsfindingaids/>.

## Spotlight on the Archives

The Southwell Chapter was the religious body which governed Southwell Minster. It was a **powerful religious body** whose effects could be felt by people living in and around Southwell. Its **court** dealt with people's moral and spiritual affairs; it issued **marriage licences** and **proved wills**; and it ran a **grammar school** and a song school.

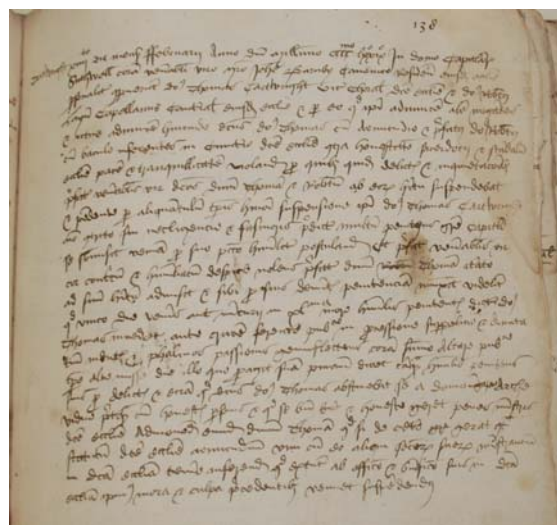
The Chapter was made up of sixteen **prebendary canons**. The canons were secular clergymen who lived with other clergymen on a common estate, serving a common church and living according to a common set of rules or statutes.

The prebendal system was established at Southwell in **1069**. Different parish churches surrounding Southwell had lands and estates attached to them and the profits resulting from these lands and churches were used to support each canon. There were sixteen prebends supporting the canons who formed the Southwell Chapter.

The prebendal system gave each canon a **double function**. The canon was to be the parish priest in the prebendary church. They were also obliged to attend all the daily

masses and services that took place in the Minster. To get around the problem of being in two places at once, the canons would appoint deputies to carry out the work for them, both in their prebendal church and in the Minster.

The deputy appointed to undertake the canons' work in the Minster was called a **Vicar Choral**. All the services and prayers in the Minster were sung, so the Vicars Choral would be members of the choir and would sing together. They were also fully ordained priests and would say mass; some performed special **masses for the dead** and others would be appointed to chair business meetings and other administrative matters of the chapter.



Ref: SC/2/1/1 Chapter Register, 1479

Three times a year the Chapter would meet in a process called **visitation**, at which some of the canons would assess the behaviour of the other ministers and, if necessary, demand correction for any misdemeanour. During this process every vicar choral would be examined to see what he had to say, and any complaints he had to make; and if necessary questions would be put to the examinees on these matters. In response to these examinations warnings might be issued or **punishments** inflicted. The types of offences presented at the visitations ranged widely in scope, and were often a mixture of trivial matters and serious crimes. They included:

- leaving the church doors open
- sleeping during services
- talking and laughing during services
- spitting and blowing noses in choir
- stabbing and fighting
- stealing
- adultery.

It is possible to find out a lot about the personality and life of individual vicars choral from the visitations, which are recorded in the chapter registers.

On our September Document of the Month, available online at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/history/archives/archivescollections/archivesdom/>, we explore the story of Thomas Cartwright, a Vicar Choral who appeared repeatedly in the records.



You can find out more about the Southwell Chapter and the lives of the people touched by it in our online exhibition, available at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/history/archives/archivescollections/archivesonlineexhibitions/>. The catalogue of the Southwell Chapter archive can be viewed online at <http://nawcat.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>.

### New look web site

Nottinghamshire County Council's new look web site was launched in May. Information on Nottinghamshire Archives can be found at our usual address at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/archives](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/archives). All our regular news, events and features are included and there are opportunities for you to leave comments on the site as well.

Please tell us what you think either on the web site or by emailing us at **email** [archives@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:archives@nottscc.gov.uk)



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