

Oxford City Council records

What do they contain?

The Borough archives include:

- Council proceedings and lists of councillors 1528-1974
- Accounts and audits of city officers 1555-1856
- City lease books 1578-1826
- Taxation records: subsidies & poll tax
- Enrolments of hanasters (freemen) and apprentices 16th - 19th centuries
- Medieval court rolls 15th century
- Husting and mayor's court proceedings 1572-1875
- Quarter & Petty Sessions rolls & minutes 1614-1880
- Records of 18th-19th century statutory improvement bodies such as Paving Commissioners, Local Board, Folly Bridge Trustees
- City charters, deeds, wills, etc
- Town Clerk's correspondence and other records 1835-c1980
- Building control and planning applications c1875-1953
- City Engineer's Drawing Office plans and other records c1870-c1980
- Abstracts of accounts and ledgers 1889-1988
- Oxford City valuation lists 1893-1973

Where are these records?

The catalogued records of Oxford City Archive (OCA) are held at [Oxfordshire History Centre](#) and Oxford Town Hall.

Where is the catalogue?

The following catalogues can be found on [Heritage Search](#):

- OCA1 - Oxford Borough Council and Committees, 1520-1974
- OCA2 - Oxford Statutory Improvement Authorities, 1771-1889
- OCA4 - Oxford Ancient Deeds and Collections, 1199-1962
- OCA6 - Oxford City Financial Records, 1553-1889



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- OCA9 - Oxford City Cemeteries, 1885-2009
- OCA10 - Oxford City Courts, 1290-1878

PDFs of a small number of catalogues not listed on Heritage Search, e.g. cemeteries registers, electoral registers and Quarter Sessions records, can be viewed [here](#).

The remaining catalogues of Oxford City records held at Oxfordshire History Centre are currently only available in hard copy in the Searchroom.

More information

- Oxfordshire History Centre [catalogues](#)
- [Visiting](#) Oxfordshire History Centre
- [Contact us](#) to book a visit to consult archive documents