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during 2004

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Introduction

2004 saw the addition to archives available to the public in Derbyshire Record Office of over 400 new series. These included documents of all types from official records of the county of Derbyshire and city of Derby to personal records of individuals. The dates of new accessions spanned over 750 years – from 13th century deeds relating to Hopton in the Gell papers (D3287) to Derbyshire Probation Service reports for 2004 (D6284). Although all these new documents relate to Derby and Derbyshire, many have strayed some distance from their places of origin. For instance, the Derbyshire Imperial Yeomanry's Boer War Roll of Honour was found in Hertfordshire and records of Frederick Mutton of Willersley Hall and his wife were donated by descendants in Buckinghamshire.

Survey and fieldwork by Record Office archivists has also resulted in acquisition of additions to archives already in the collections and furthermore we are grateful to our colleagues in the Library Service for their assistance in ensuring the preservation here of unique original manuscripts by facilitating their transfer to the Record Office. In terms of quantity, probably the largest acquisition of new archives by type relates to nonconformist churches and chapels. Amalgamation of congregations, closure of chapels, and changes of personnel have all prompted transfer of such archives for safekeeping and use by researchers. Methodist organisations strongly represented in 2004 include chapels in the Peak District including Bradwell, Buxworth, Castleton, Chapel en le Frith, Combs, Cressbrook, Fernilee, Furness Vale Hathersage, Peak Forest, Sparrowpit, Tideswell, Whaley Bridge and Whitehough. The series of records received for Derby Junction Baptist Church (D5754) and Derbyshire Baptist Union (D2660) were also of particular interest.

As Diocesan Record Office for the Diocese of Derby, we have also received many series of ecclesiastical parish records from throughout

the county. These mostly comprise additional registers of baptisms, marriages and burials (for example, of St Barnabas, New Whittington (D6330) , but increasingly papers relating to social and community groups are also being deposited. These provide a fuller picture of the life of the parish today than can be obtained from the standard official series. Recent instance include the detailed scrapbooks of Calow parish history during the 20th century.

Local voluntary groups have also transferred records directly. Interesting series received this year include archives of many Derbyshire lodges of the Independent Order of Oddfellows (D6198) and of friendly societies in Ilkeston and Edensor in the early 19th century (D6336, D6396). Matlock Forum Club has deposited its records from its inception in 1973 (D6271) and another interesting accession comprises minutes of Wirksworth Temperance Hall from 1940-94 (D6283). Youth groups are well represented, for example, by the archives of Creswell Boys Brigade in the early 20th century (D6168). Sources for the history of sport and leisure pursuits have been enhanced by records of Whaley Bridge Golf Club (D6277) and Matlock Park Bowls Club (D5595). A particularly interesting group relates to the early days of the charity for Riding for the Disabled (D3287/26).

Personal papers continue to be rich and diverse in content. Accessions are too numerous to itemise here, but particular importance for research purposes attaches to the papers of Nicholas Cresswell of Edale, an early emigrant to North America who returned to document historical sites and monuments in his native Peak District late in the 18th century (D6230). The same collection includes much interesting Edale parish material from the mid 17th century including the costs of repairing the village stocks. An equally fascinating series from the early 20th century relates to the early life and career of John D Rimington of Shipley. The son of a local coalminer, he began working life as an office boy at the age of 14 but rose to be Area Financial Director for East Midlands coalfields. His memoirs show the transition in his home area from a rural agricultural estate to an industrialised economy in the early 20th century. The Arkwrights of Cromford are well-known historical figures and it is particularly gratifying to have received gifts of new archives notably a history notebook of Richard Arkwright c1800 (D6313), a facsimile

letter of Sir Richard Arkwright describing early days of his cotton spinning business at Cromford, 1772 (D6340) and a photograph of the elderly Mr and Mrs Peter Arkwright in the later 19th century (D3287/7/28). Natural historians will find much of interest in the beekeeping and botanising records of the Revd Marcus WB Osmaston of Youlgreave and his son John FitzHerbert Osmaston. From 1888 to 1984 father and son successively noted all the wild flowers they saw on walks, many of them near their Derbyshire home and their weather observations will be of value for local environmental history.

Public records added to the collections during 2004 include further admission and discharge registers for Scarsdale Hospital, Chesterfield with minutes and other records for Heanor, Langley Mill and District Memorial Hospital, Ilkeston General Hospital and Renishaw Hospital. Business records received during the year have added to the Office's strengths in this area. New archives include records of the builders Richard Perks & Son of Long Eaton (D5609), the master butcher JA Martin of Alvaston (D6315), Nestle's condensery in Ashbourne (D6318), the Renishaw Iron Company (D6207) and pharmacies in Chesterfield (D62950 and Somercotes (D6319). Sources for the history of plaster mining in the county have been augmented by 19th century day book of Chellaston plaster mines (D6170) and researchers into lead mining will benefit from the acquisition of further mid 18th century accounts for Neverfear mine, Little Hucklow (D6280).

For many years coal mining was the lifeblood of many Derbyshire communities, whether times were good or bad. It is particularly important to have added to Record Office collections archives of the 1938 Markham disaster fund, only finally wound up in 2002 (D6234), together with highly informative reminiscences of Bolsover Colliery Co. by the mining contractor Henry P Moorley (D6189). His anecdotes about 'backhanders' have the ring of truth.

Coal mining in Shipley as far back as the 18th century features in John D Rimington's papers (D6272) and other records newly received include records of visits to National Coal Board collieries in North Derbyshire in the 1950s (D6210).

Collections on which cataloguing has been completed during 2004 include further papers of the Gell family of Hopton (D3287 and D3311). These catalogues are now available on-line at www.a2a.org.uk, as are the earlier series of Gell archives referenced D258. It is impossible to summarise briefly the contents of these collections but major family figures whose papers survive are noted below.

Anthony Gell (d1593)

Anthony Gell was a lawyer who was admitted to the Inner Temple in 1547 where he was later called to the bar. Many of his papers have been dispersed but those which survive in D3287 include law reports from 1557-1572 (D3287/57/5) and a note of gold kept in his house (D3287/59/10/1)

Sir John Gell, 1st Baronet (1593-1671)

A distinguished Parliamentary commander during the Civil War. The bulk of papers of his time in Derbyshire Record Office are to be found in the collection referenced D258, but there are a some items in D3287 including his textbook on military tactics

Sir William Gell (1777-1836)

William Gell was a noted antiquarian, topographer of Troy, Pompeii, and other sites. He was Chamberlain to Queen Caroline (of Brunswick), the estranged wife of George IV, and accompanied her into exile in 1814. Gell settled in Naples where he died unmarried. The majority of papers relating to him in Derbyshire Record Office are in the collection referenced D258, but some important items in D3287 include: the second part of the manuscript of 'Pompeiana', letters to William Hamilton, Secretary of Dilettanti Society, 1831-35 and letters to Lady Blessington, 1821-35. Certain of these items are fragile and awaiting conservation before they can be made available for public access.

Sir John Franklin (1786-1847), knighted 1829

One of the outstanding explorers of the early 19th century, Admiral Franklin's tragic end earned him iconic status. As a young midshipman, Franklin served at Trafalgar. He then commanded a frigate in the seas around Greece between 1830 and 1833. Four years later, in 1837 Franklin was appointed Governor of Van Diemen's Land (now Tasmania), a post he held until 1843. His lasting reputation derives from his major expeditions to the Canadian Arctic in search of the North West Passage. He embarked on the third in May 1845. The last sighting of his ships was in July 1845. Relief expeditions were mounted, but by 1850 it was clear to everyone except his second wife Lady (Jane) Franklin (1792-1875) that the expedition was lost. She continued to raise funds to send out search parties until 1859 when proof was found of the deaths of Franklin and his party. Franklin's first wife was Eleanor Anne Porden (1797-1825) whom he married in August 1823. Their only child, Eleanor Isabella (1824-1860), married

the Rev John Philip Gell. Franklin himself was married for the second time in 1828 to Jane Griffin (1795-1875), but the couple had no children. The bulk of papers in Derbyshire Record Office relating to Franklin and his expeditions are to be found in the collection referenced D3311, with other items in D3287. Although some documents are contemporary with Franklin, much is secondary and later in date.

Eleanor Anne Franklin nee Porden (1797-1825)

Eleanor Anne Porden, daughter of the architect William Porden, was known in her lifetime as a poet and writer. She is sometimes regarded as a 'protofeminist' because of her dedication to an independent literary life. 'The Veils or the Triumph of Constancy', published in 'six books' in 1815, is one example of her long poems. For ten years she collected poems, essays, letters and other material in unpublished magazines called 'The Attic Chest' Her early travel diaries also survive. Eleanor died from tuberculosis less than two years after her marriage to John Franklin. Her writings and correspondence in Derbyshire Record Office are to be found in the collection referenced D3311, with some other documents in D3287.

Revd John Philip Gell (1816-1898) John Philip Gell was educated at Rugby School (where he was supposed to be the original of 'Old Brooke' in *'Tom Brown's Schooldays'*, published in 1857) and at Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1846 he travelled to Van Diemen's Land (now Tasmania) to become the first warden of a new educational institution, Christ College. In 1991 this became part of the University of Tasmania. Gell's lasting contribution was to establish its library, using both his own books and donations from friends and relatives. In 1849 he returned to England to marry Eleanor Isabella Franklin (1824-1860) whom he had met while her father was Governor of Van Diemen's Land. Almost all the papers of John Philip Gell in Derbyshire Record Office are to be found in the collection referenced D3287 and include an account of his life at Rugby School, correspondence about Queen's School and Christ College, Tasmania, and diaries of journeys, respectively from Adelaide to Hobart town, 1845, in Tasmania, March 1846 and from Tasmania to England 1848. Letters to him also survive from Dr Arnold while Headmaster at Rugby, c1832-44. There are also two stray letters referenced D3311/127.

Eleanor Isabella Gell, nee Franklin (1824-1860)

As the only child of John Franklin, Eleanor Isabella accompanied her father and his second wife when they went to Australia in 1843. She was close to her father and continued to write letters to him after he had left on his ultimately fatal Arctic expedition in 1845. After her marriage in 1849 to John Philip Gell, the couple lived in Buxted, Sussex. Eleanor Isabella Gell died in 1860 and is buried in Monmouthshire. Papers associated with Eleanor Gell in Derbyshire Record Office chiefly comprise family correspondence in the collection referenced D3287.

Philip Lyttelton Gell (1852-1926)

Philip Lyttelton Gell, the son of John Philip and Eleanor Isabella Gell, had a long and varied career, the highlight of which was his involvement in overseas development from 1899 until 1925, as a Director (1899-1917, 1923-25), Chairman (1917-1920) and President (1920-23) of the British South Africa Company. In these capacities he was closely associated with the settlement and administration of Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe and Zambia), a country named after the Company's founder, Cecil Rhodes (d 1902). Gell's main ambition was to establish the British way of life in South Central Africa, an area he never visited and of which he had no first hand experience. The value of his papers lies in the light they shed on colonialism in the early years of the 20th century through Gell's extensive business and personal correspondence with a wide range of people – fellow Board members, Company employees, British and South African politicians and administrators, clergy, family members, friends, acquaintances and members of the public.

At King's College, London, and at Balliol College, Oxford, Gell was a close friend of Alfred, later Viscount, Milner (1854-1925) who tried unsuccessfully to make Gell one of his famous 'Kindergarten' during his early days in 1897 as High Commissioner in South Africa. Until 1896 Gell had been employed in publishing, firstly with John Cassell & Son and, later, as Secretary to the Oxford University Press. His philanthropic interests included Toynbee Hall, Whitechapel, of which he was Chairman from 1884 to 1896, and the Co-operative Movement in which he was a colleague of Earl Grey. Politically, he was active in support of the Liberal Unionists, especially while he was living in Oxfordshire, and he maintained links with Oxford University not least through his position as one of the literary executors of Benjamin Jowett (1817-1893), Master of Balliol College.

In an African context, Gell was also on the board of the Rhodesian Lands Company and was associated with the Scottish Sharpshooters' Association, both organisations intended to promote British land settlement. A detailed typescript journal and associated photograph album of a tour down the Zambezi river in 1903 by an officer of the British South Africa Company also survive in PL Gell's papers. The purpose of this project was to ascertain the navigability of the Zambezi. Other business interests included the Victoria Falls Power Project and the Rhodesia Cold Storage Company. Outside Africa, Gell sought to promote commercial development in Siberia, Spain and, especially, Western Australia.

Philip Lyttelton Gell's domestic interests included: the government and finance of the Church of England, especially in the context of Welsh disestablishment; history, especially of Merton College, Oxford (of which his brother in law GC Brodrick was Warden); genealogy, especially of the Gell family; and contemporary politics, especially Ulster Unionism. Gell contributed articles to a number of publications including the '*Nineteenth Century Review*' and the '*Pall Mall Gazette*'. Virtually all Philip Lyttelton Gell's business and personal papers in Derbyshire Record Office are to be found in the collection referenced D3287.

Edith Lyttelton Gell (b 1860, m1889, d1944)

In 1889 Philip Lyttelton Gell married the Hon. Edith Brodrick, daughter of the 8th Viscount Midleton of Peper Harow, Surrey, and sister of William St John Fremantle Brodrick, 1st Earl Midleton (1856-1942), a distinguished politician who was Secretary of State for War from 1900-1903 and Secretary of State for India from 1903-1905. Edith shared her husband's interests and took an active role in political and Church of England fundraising and charitable activities, nationally as well as locally.

An indefatigable writer of devotional poems, hymns, and moralistic pageants and tracts, Edith Lyttelton Gell strongly supported traditional family values. She was prominent in organisations such as the Mothers' Union, the Central Church Union and the Union of Women Workers. Derbyshire church matters were another interest and she involved herself in both Carsington and Wirksworth parishes. Deeply conventional in outlook, Edith Lyttelton Gell for many years published or circulated her writings amongst her extended family and social circle. She reached a wider readership with her memoirs 'Under Three Reigns'.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of her papers relates to the work Edith Lyttelton Gell undertook to complement her spouse's involvement in Rhodesia. Females were thought to outnumber males in the population of Britain and, to address this 'surplus', emigration was widely promoted as a remedy not only for the scarcity of well paid employment for women but also for the shortage of potential husbands. Edith was a member of the British Women's Emigration Society and in 1901 became Chair of the South African Emigration Expansion Committee. She played a key role both in encouraging women to settle in the new country of Rhodesia and in vetting their suitability. She provided practical advice to intending female emigrants and her correspondence in the opening years of the 20th century includes much on the management and staffing of the Salisbury Hostel in Bulawayo, a facility for new women arrivals.

All Edith Lyttelton Gell's papers in Derbyshire Record Office are in the collection referenced D3287, except for a travel journal with the reference D3311/125.

Rev Frederick Gell (1820-1902), Bishop of Madras

Frederick Gell, younger brother of John Philip Gell, was educated at Rugby School under Thomas Arnold (Head Master, 1827-1842) and at Christ Church, Oxford. After ordination, he served as chaplain to the Bishop of London. From 1860 the remainder of his career was in South India following his appointment as Bishop of Madras. The diocese was extensive and Gell took his duties seriously, making many tours over the next thirty-seven years. He was clear about his main objective 'the evangelisation of the world'- but he also engaged with local issues and concerns, particularly the caste system in Hinduism and the plight of children orphaned by famine. Gell became Acting Metropolitan of India and corresponded with clergy colleagues in India and England on theological and administrative matters. For much of his time on the subcontinent he was

accompanied by his unmarried sister, Caroline Mary Gell, whose papers include an illustrated journal of her brother's visitation of his diocese from October 1862 to January 1863 and her posthumous biography of him, 'Memorials of Bishop Gell'. Photographs include views of South Indian landscapes, especially hill stations such as Ootacamund and Cooncore, and of Todas natives in the Nilgiri Hills showing the traditional huts of this tribe. His papers in Derbyshire Record Office are to be found in the collection referenced D3287.

'The Sisters'

Edith Lyttelton Gell and her sisters Helen, Augusta and Marian entered into an agreement in 1896 to write to each other at least fortnightly. This they maintained until 1935 and long series of these letters between these dates survive in Derbyshire Record Office under the reference D3287/12-17.

George W Maunsell

George W Maunsell and his wife Pauline nee Thomas were the parents of Aileen Elizabeth Maunsell who married Philip VW Gell. George Maunsell wrote and published 'The Fisherman's Vade-Mecum', a standard work. George Maunsell's papers in Derbyshire Record Office are to be found in the collection referenced D3287 and include: letters from George W Maunsell to his wife Pauline nee Thomas from 1894 to 1917 including his service in India, 1894 (D3287/20/8), in South Africa during the 2nd Boer War, 1900-1902 (D3287/20/9-12,15-16) and while on active service during World War I, 1914-1917 (D3287/14,17,19). There are also letters from Rev John Gell, army chaplain, including one from Lechtenburg, 19 Dec. 1900 commenting on the reported rising of Cape Colony and recommending 'the harshest measures' to suppress it.

John Franklin Gell (1851-1884)

John Franklin Gell, known as Franklin, was the elder brother of Philip Lyttelton Gell. He died in India in 1884 aged 33. Most of John Franklin Gell's papers in Derbyshire Record Office are in the collection referenced D3287, with oddments in D3311. These include: his diary of a visit to Isle of Man 1868 (D3287/10/1), a journal relating to his illness and death, 1884 (D3311/10/6), business and personal correspondence 1870-83 (D3287/11/9), and letters of condolence on his death (D3311/11/10)

Philip Victor Willingham Gell (d 1970)

His papers in Derbyshire Record Office are in the collection referenced D3287 and include: Reports from his preparatory school and from Eton, 1903-11 (D3287/19/49), exam papers 1911-16 {/21/6}, letters while on active service in World War I, 1914-18 (D3287/19/3), World War II Home Guard manuals, farming records including the Hopton herd of Guernsey cattle, 1950s, papers as High Sheriff of Derbyshire, 1954, minutes and papers relating to his involvement in the charity Riding for the Disabled in the 1960s and other correspondence.

Philip Anthony Maunsell Gell (1921-98), known as 'Anthony' or 'Antho', son of Philip VW Gell and his wife Aileen nee Maunsell was born on 9 Sept 1921 in Birmingham, and educated at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford, where he took a degree in jurisprudence. While at Oxford, he was Captain of the University Boat Team. During World War II Gell was commissioned in 1942 into the Coldstream Guards and served until demobilisation in 1946. PAM Gell then worked for the family firm, British Heat Resisting Glass Company, and became its managing director. In 1958 he started in Kingswinford a firm called Elemelt which pioneered electric melting furnaces, but sold his interest in the business in 1968. PAM Gell died in September 1998. No business papers survive in collections in Derbyshire Record Office but there is early personal correspondence including: Letters while at Eton, 1930s (D3287/19/28,47), school reports from Eton 1934 (/19/48) letters while in the army in WWII (D3287/19/1,28), and letters to his parents, 1940s (D3287/19/2)

Brodrick family, Viscounts and Earls Midleton, of Peper Harow, Surrey

The Brodrick family included Edith (1860-1944), daughter of the 8th Earl Midleton, who married Philip Lyttelton Gell. Apart from a few items with political connotations, papers in Derbyshire Record Office comprise chiefly family correspondence, 1833-c1924 (D3287/19/5-19) 1842-60 (D3287/19/23-27), 1853-1925 (D3287/19/29-42,44-47)

William Porden (1755-1822), architect

William Porden designed Eaton Hall, Cheshire, and the interior of Brighton Pavilion. He was the father of Eleanor Anne Porden. His diaries from 1793-1820, together with his commonplace books, survive in Derbyshire Record Office in the collection referenced D3311. His travel journals for trips with his daughter to France in 1816 are also extant under the reference D3311/4. Porden had an extensive collection of prints - some portraits, some buildings and some of Indian sculpture (D3311/6/1-6). Other items relating to him in the collections in Derbyshire Record Office include: letters (D3311/2), his will and other papers (D3311/3); and some of his accounts 1822-28(D3287/11/3)

John Richardson (1787-1865)

John Richardson was a surgeon, naval officer, naturalist and explorer, and colleague of John Franklin. He was knighted in 1846. A series of his copy correspondence is to be found in Derbyshire Record Office under the reference D3311.

Lady (Jane) Franklin nee Griffin (1792-1875, m1828)

Jane Franklin was a friend of Eleanor Anne Porden and after her death married her husband John Franklin as his second wife in 1828. Jane was an indefatigable traveller in her own right in Europe, Syria and North Africa, as well as accompanying her husband to Australia where he was governor of Van Diemen's Land, 1837-1843. After the disappearance of Franklin's last Arctic expedition in 1845, Jane Franklin continued to press for investigations into the fate of her

husband and his colleagues until proof of their death was found in 1859. There are references to Jane Franklin in Derbyshire Record Office in the collection referenced D3287 but the collection D3311 also includes: a death notice (D3311/124); her commonplace book (D3311/59) and her will (D3311/65)

Derbyshire County Council's Record Office is the archive office for the county of Derbyshire, city of Derby and diocese of Derby. It is legally appointed to hold and make available to the public archives of all types - official, ecclesiastical, business, family, societies, schools, hospitals, industries, and so on – of Derbyshire origin from the Middle Ages to the present day. Under joint arrangements with Derby City Council, all the professional services and facilities provided by Derbyshire Record Office are available to individuals and institutions within the city of Derby as well as within the county of Derbyshire. New archives come into Derbyshire Record Office in Matlock every week. The majority of these are from new sources, often identified by Record Office surveys and field work, whilst others are additions to series already in our custody.

The purpose of ***Archives 2004*** is to provide an initial guide to acquisitions during that year by giving brief information about the type of archival material, its covering dates and the Derbyshire Record Office reference number. Fuller details of each archive are available for reference in the catalogues in the Record Office Search Room in New St., Matlock, where original documents, if not undergoing conservation treatment or subject to closure periods, can also be consulted. Some catalogues are also now available electronically, for example, on the Record Office website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/record_office/ and on the National Archives' Access to Archives website, www.a2a.org.uk.

What archives can I find in Derbyshire Record Office?

The core series of archives in Derbyshire Record Office are here because they are protected by legislation which requires their safe preservation. In addition, official bodies have a responsibility to ensure records are preserved as evidence to the public of their activities.

Derbyshire Record Office is appointed by the Lord Chancellor as the place of deposit for public records of Derbyshire under the Public Records Acts. The Master of the Rolls has also appointed the Record Office to hold tithe and manorial records from throughout Derbyshire. The Bishop of Derby has appointed the office as the Diocesan Record Office. Derbyshire Record Office also has the legal power to accept Derbyshire archives from private owners and creators of records.

Derbyshire Record Office accepts records under the terms of its published acquisition policy. Criteria include requirements that original documents must be of Derbyshire origin and, in accordance with national guidelines, be identified by archivists as appropriate for permanent preservation. Accessions of new archives are listed by professional archivist staff, receive conservation treatment where necessary and are stored in secure, temperature- and humidity-controlled environments which meet the *British Standard for Storage and Exhibition of Archival Documents (BS5454)*.

How do records come into Derbyshire Record Office?

An important source of archive acquisitions is the programme of surveys and inspections of records undertaken by archivist staff. Some inspections are required by law. For example, amongst the series of records which are transferred into the custody of the Record Office as the result of statutory requirements are the non-current registers of Church of England parishes throughout the county. These are inspected at intervals under the *Parochial Register and Records Measure*. Implementation of these programmes has led to many registers and other series of records coming into the custody of the Record Office where they are accessible to researchers and where their safekeeping is assured into the future. Almost all the historic registers of ancient parishes are now safely transferred; additions to the holdings are made as more recent registers are completed and pass out of current use.

How does Derbyshire Record Office make sure important records in the county and city are not lost or destroyed inadvertently?

Derbyshire Record Office is pro-active in ensuring the preservation of archives at risk of loss or destruction. Closure of long-established local businesses; changes of premises of churches or schools; hospitals becoming redundant; house clearances after the deaths of parents or relatives; restructuring in organisations; changes of officer in local societies or other associations – these are some of the many reasons which can lead to historical documents being lost if the Record Office were not to intervene.

We frequently find out about these risks from individuals and groups who contact us with information. Where appropriate, this is followed up by a visit from an archivist and collection, direct from the source, of archival documents. Derbyshire Record Office has its own transport and so can usually rescue records at short notice if necessary. Gifts of archives and bequests of documents, if agreed in advance with the Record Office, are also welcome.

Are we adding the right archives to our collections?

This list covers a very wide variety of types of archives, but are there others you think we should be acquiring? You may know of historical documents which you feel should be amongst the Record Office's holdings. If so, we should like to know more about where they are and whom we should contact about them.

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Recent accessions

Please note that cataloguing may still be in progress on some collections. Archives of recent date or which contain personal information may not be generally accessible

Official records

Chesterfield:Scarsdale Hospital: admission and discharge registers, death register, etc 20th cent (D6331)

Derby: HM Customs and Excise appointments and dismissal of collectors 1820-1842(D6201)

Derbyshire Probation Service: annual reports 2002-2004 (D6284)

Derwent Valley Water Board: plans, sections and reference book, 1937-8 (D6332)

Draycott: copy enclosure awards and surveys, 19th cent (D6291)

Heanor, Langley Mill and District Memorial Hospital: House Committee minutes c1927-1974 (D6203)

Ilkeston General Hospital: House Committee and other minutes c1902-1974 and other records (D6205)

Renishaw Hospital:Hall Management Committee minutes 1836-1967 (D6208)

Local authorities

Derbyshire County Council :Education Dept: School Medical Officer of Health reports c1952-c1969 (D5088); County Architects' plans for buildings, 20th cent (D6281); photographs of County Council members, 1981-93 (D6297); grant of heraldic badge, 1979 (D6298); Derbyshire County Council Environmental Services Dept: analysis of survey reports 1951-60 (D1534)

Castleton Parish Council: minutes 1964-2000 (D1379)

Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council: minute books 1923-89 and other records(D1219)

Clowne Parish Council: records 20th cent (D1300)

Hathersage Parish Council minutes 1965-90 (D3936)

Heath Parish Council:accounts 1992-98 (D703)

Kilburn Parish Council:minutes 1979-93 (D3495)

Longford Parish Council:minutes 1994-2003 (D3249)

Over Haddon Parish Council:minutes 1932-2000(D6179)

Shirland and Higham Parish Council:minutes 1922-52 (D6220)

Wessington Parish Council:declaration of nature reserve, minutes 1981-2002 (D6288)

Yeardsley cum Whaley Bridge Urban District Council: misc records late 19th cent (D6276)

Education, Schools and School Boards

Aldercar School, later Community Language College: minutes 1970-98, governors' attendance registers and other papers (D5620)
Alkmonton: papers re school house, 1903-21 (D6308)
Barrow on Trent: Sale and Davy's Primary School: log book 1960-94 (D6098)
Breadsall: Brookside Special School governors' minutes, 1984-1997 (D5090)
Chesterfield: Hipper St. School: plan, 19th cent (D6267)
Chesterfield St Helena's School: governors reports 1988-91 and other records (D6209); group photograph 1927 (D6338)
Chesterfield: Wigley School log books 1885-1998 (D6186)
Clay Cross Secondary Modern Boys' School and predecessors: log books 1863-1969 (D6194)
Clifton C of E Primary School: logbook 1977-98 (D6320)
Codnor Primary School: governors' minutes 1984-91 (D973)
Danesmoor Infants School: log book 1869-92 (D6193)
Derby: Stanley House school records, 1960s (D6300)
Derby Summer School: teachers' notebooks 1920 (D6293)
Derby Technical College: students' union minutes 1948-52 (D6197)
Duffield: William Gilbert Endowed School: log books 1854-93, admission registers 1945-65 (D6217)
Eckington School: minutes 1978-94 (D6254)
Hadfield Infant School: staff meeting minutes 1997-98 (D6333)
Hayfield Primary School: governors' annual report to parents 1997-03 and other papers (D4428)
Matlock Bank Holy Trinity C.E School: prospectuses 1995-2003 (D3970)
Matlock Green: Tawney House Adult Education Centre: annual report 1962-3, annual programmes c1960s-c1980s and other papers (D6317)
Pinxton Evening Institute: correspondences c1940-c1950 (D6192)
Pinxton: Kirkstead Junior School: log book 1937-54 (D5537)
Pinxton School Board: byelaws 1897-1900 (D727)
Sandiacre Junior School: photograph, 2003 (D6155)
Sawley Infants School: admission registers 1992-2001 (D3550)
Scarcliffe Primary School: minutes 1988-98 (D3626)
Tupton Hall School and predecessors: minutes 1936-82, admission registers c1930-c1950 and other records (D6195)
Tupton: St Bartholomew's School admission registers 1877-91 (D6196)

Church of England diocesan and parish records

Derby South Deanery Synod: minutes 1972-79 (D6266)
Derby Ruridecanal Conference: minutes 1867-1947 and other records (D6266)
Longford Rural Deanery: minutes 1900-1929 and other records (D2040)
Alfreton: baptism registers 1944-64, marriage registers 1950-93, burial registers 1917-53 and other records (D654)
Biggin by Hartington: baptism register 1848-2003 (D3445)
Calke St Giles: misc papers inc listed building notification, 1967 (D3962)

Calow: parish magazines, orders of service, Mothers' Union minutes, 1978-90 scrapbooks, photographs 20th cent (D6322)
Chellaston: marriage registers 1963-2001 and other records (D1058)
Chesterfield St Mary:PCC minutes 1998-2002 and other records (D643)
Derby St Bartholomew: marriages 1928-39 and other records (D3725)
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Fairfield St Peter:PCC minutes 1958-97 and other records (D1813)
Hasland: PCC minutes 1909-1944 (D5942)
Kedleston: faculties, glebe terriers and other papers (D2150)
Killamarsh: marriage register 1975-79 and other records (D3370)
Little Hucklow:apprenticeship indentures 1755-1828, settlement examinations and other poor law papers, mid 18th to early 19th cent (D6280/3)
Mackworth: church rate assessment book 1844-58 (D6292)
Matlock St Giles:graveyard plan 1899 (D1847)
Milford:PCC minutes 1920-37 (D4637)
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New Whittington St Barnabas: baptisms, 1927-92, marriages 1927-62, banns, 1927-67, services 1912-94; PCC minutes 1928-89, accounts 1971-81 (D6330)
Rowsley: PCC minutes c1950-c1980(D2285)
Scropton: correspondence, 1970-1990 (D907)
Shirland: service registers 1985-2001, grave registers 1875-1972 (D3107)
Somersal Herbert: correspondence, c1960-c1990(D1252)
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Allenton: St Martin's Methodist Church: dedication service 1975 (D3884)
Allestree: St John's Methodist Church :newsletters 1989-90 (D6262)
Ashbourne: Sion UR Church: church book 1898-2003 and other records (D3639); newsletters 1979-82 (D6278)
Bakewell Methodist Circuit: church council minutes 1977-96 and other records (D4106)
Beeley Methodist Church: pew book 1891-1953 (D3876)
Bradwell Methodist Circuit: accounts 1942-49 (D1877)
Bradwell Bethlehem Methodist Chapel:minutes 1861-1954 (D3878)
Buxworth Methodist Church:interments, 19th cent(D6241)
Castleton PM Chapel:corresp c1934 (D4052)
Chapel-en-le-Frith:Bagshaw Methodist Church: minutes 1966-95 (D6244)
Chapel-en-le-Frith: Townend Methodist Church: minutes 1952-73 (D6243)
Chesterfield: St Andrew's UR Church:minutes 1942-94 and other records (D6227)
Combs Methodist Chapel:minutes 1962-76 (D6242)
Cressbrook PM Church:cash book 1878-1954(D4099)

Derby:Dunkirk WM Church:baptisms 1880-1995
Derby Junction Baptist Church: marriage registers 1899-1976 and other records (D5754)
Derby South Methodist Circuit:circuit plans 1985 and other records (D2594)
Derbyshire Baptist Union:minutes 1984-2000 and other records (D2660)
Fernilee Methodist Chapel:marriages 1943-67 and other records (D6240)
Furness Vale Methodist Church: minutes 1956-67 and other records (D6102, D6238)
Hathersage Methodist Chapel:Photographs of opening of new chapel 1939 (D3965)
Ilkeston UR Church: architect's plans c1903 (D6180)
Littleover Methodist Church: Meetings minutes, 1968-73 and other records (D3806)
Long Eaton Zion Methodist Church: accounts 1886-1941 and other records (D4159)
Marlpool URC Church: Sunday School minutes 1962-78 and other records (D5261)
Mickleover Methodist Church:flower book 1980-1993, order of service 2001, baptisms 1869-2002 (D4137)
Peak Forest Methodist Circuit: accounts 1904-54 (D4050)
Selston Portland Row Methodist Church minutes 1960-82 (D6274)
Sparrowpit WM Chapel:collection journal 1911-73 (D3879)
Stanley M Chapel: service plans 1929-44 (D6154)
Tideswell PM Church:minutes 1958-69 and other records (D4010)
Tideswell WM Church: minutes 1970-77 and other records (D4209)
Whaley Bridge WM circuit:minutes c1960-200 and other records (D6237)
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Whitehough Methodist Church: minutes 1966-95 (D6245)

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Agriculture

Ashover: Wilkin House Farm cash book 1808-1813 (D6163)

Brewing/Public Houses/Hotels

Derbyshire: copy ground plans of public houses, 20th cent (D6114)

Building

Richard Perks & Son Ltd., Long Eaton: business records 20th cent (D5609)

Butcher

JA Martin of Alvaston: retail butcher's business and other meat trade records, mid to late 20th cent (D6315)

Engineering and manufacturing

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Ashbourne: Nestle's condensery: scrapbooks, photographs, staff records 20th cent (D6318)

Chesterfield: Bryan Donkin Ltd: addnl records, 20th cent (D6176)

Chesterfield: Hansons, saddlers and harness makers: invoices 20th cent (D6323)

Chesterfield: Robinsons and Son Ltd: letter book 1937 and other records (D6339)

Renishaw Iron Co Ltd: minutes 1902-1964 and other records (D6207)

Staveley Coal and Iron Co: plans and misc papers 20th cent (D6216)

Pharmacies

Chesterfield: A Greaves & Son Ltd, business records 20th cent (D6295) Ilkeston:

Redvers Smith Ltd, pharmacists: records 20th cent (D5534)

Somercotes Pharmacy: title deeds and business records, 20th cent (D6319)

Printing and Stationery

Chesterfield: Brayshaw's Printing Works traveller's day book 1928-30 (D6275)

Textiles

Derby: Boden & Co., lace manufacturers, title deeds, Derby & Somerset, 9th cent (D6316)

New Mills: Strines Printing Co.: pattern book 1990s (D5807)

Smyrna [Izmir], Turkey: silk trade ledger 1673 (D3287/49/3)

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Mining: coal

Bolsover Colliery Co: cuttings and notes by Henry P Moorley, early 20th cent (D6189)

Bolsover and district: Markham colliery: 1938 disaster fund records c1938-c2001 (D6324); fundraising poem for 1938 disaster (D6342); photograph of miner

Walter Emberton, 1940s (D6335); report on proposed closure 1993 (D6328)

North Derbyshire collieries: NCB notebook of visits, 1950s (D6210)

[?Ormonde colliery] weekly output records 1933-36 (D6294)

Shipley Colliery Co. Ltd. output statements, nationalisation compensation papers, etc, 18th-20th cent (D6272)

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Chellaston plaster mines: day book late 19th cent. (D6170)

Little Hucklow: lead ore accounts 1758-66 (D6280/6/2); complaint re Neverfear mine, 1773 (D6280/16/2)

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Railways

High Peak Railway and others: transparencies 20th cent (D6200)

Voluntary groups

Benefit societies

Derbyshire lodges, Independent Order of Oddfellows: records 20th cent (D6198)

Bolsover: 1938 Markham Colliery Disaster Fund: minutes 1938-2001, financial and other records, late 20th cent (D6324)

Codnor: Tantum charity accounts c1925-1970 (D6329)

Edensor Friendly Society: account book 1809-52 (D6396)

Ilkeston Friendly Society: account book 1801-30 (D6336)

Sawley Charities: accounts 1950-2001 (D4618)

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Advisory Council on Riding for the Disabled: minutes and corresp 1966-68(D3287/26/3-5,9) inc East Midlands Riding for the Disabled Association, 1969-70 (D3287/26/11,13)

Derbyshire: Public Monuments and Sculpture association: county files, 20th cent (D5305)

Ashbourne: Shrovetide football match, 1925: postcard (D6325)

Brailsford and District Ploughing & Hedgecutting Society: programme and schedule 2004 (D2392)

Creswell Boys' Brigade: minutes 1901-1924 (D6168)

Darley Dale: Whitworth Show Committee minutes, 1980s (D2637)

Derby Debating Society: minutes 1850-1856 (D5865)

Derby Opera Company: programme for 'The Lilac domino', 1950 (D6306)

Matlock and District Embroiderers' Guild: minutes 1969-98 and other records (D6231)

Matlock Forum Club: minutes 1973-2004(D6271)

Matlock Park Bowls Club: additional records 1930-2002 (D5595)

Matlock Bath Music Festival programme, 1928 (D6307)

Staveley Royal British Legion minutes 1943-83 and other records (D6286)

Ticknall Nursing Association: cash book, correspondence etc 1916-47 (D6096)

Weston on Trent Local History Society: newsletters, correspondence and other papers, 20th cent ; survey of vernacular buildings, 2004(D3367)

Whaley Bridge Golf Club; minutes 1918-26 (D6277)

Wirksworth Temperance Hall: minutes 1940-94 and other records (D6283)

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Arkwright of Cromford: facsimile letter of Richard Arkwright re cotton spinning at Cromford, 1772 (D6340); notebook with history notes and sketches, possibly of Richard Arkwright c1800(D6313); photograph of Mr & Mrs Peter Arkwright, later 19th cent (D3287/7/28)

Arnold, Thomas, of Rugby: letters, 19th cent (D3287/6/7)

Bird of Ilkeston: family postcards and papers, temp WW II (D6289)

Bowmer of Fritchley: copy family tree, title deeds and other papers 18th-20th cent (D6259)

Brodrick, Viscounts Midleton, of Peper Harow: family corresp mid 19th cent –early 20th cent (D3287/19/5-19,20,23-27,29-45; D3287/21/1), copy will of GC Brodrick 1896 (D3287/40/3); letters from Earl of Midleton 1916 (D3287/85/2)

Brooke family: addnl documents, 19th-20th cent (D4502)

Chapman of Little Hucklow: family papers 17th-20th cent (D6280)

Coke of Pinxton: marriage settlement 1870 (D6248); medieval deeds (D6270)

Cresswell, Nicholas, of Edale: correspondence, especially on historical sites and monuments in the Peak District, late 18th cent (D6230)

Emberton, Walter, coalminer: photograph taken underground at Markham colliery, c1940s (D6335)

Franklin, Eleanor Anne: print book, 1804 (D3311/27); personal letters c 1815-c1823 (D3311/8-10); travel journals, 1816-21 (D3311/14-16); commonplace book c1815-21 (D3311/17); 'Attic Chest' compilations 1808-c1818 (D3311/18-21); literary papers c1813-c1823 (D3311/22-25; will 1820 and marriage settlement, 1823 (D3311/13/1-2); death notice and other papers c.1825 (D3311/26); correspondence about, after her death 1825-6 (D3311/11); post mortem report 1825 (D3311/11); proposed memorial (D3287/6/3)

Franklin, Lady Jane: personal letters c1829-c1843 (D3287/31/8, D3287/32/3,5), 1851 (D3287/31/19); c1856 (D3311/108-109); commonplace book 1847-51 (D3311/110); Arctic search expeditions c1848-57 (D3311/112); copy will, 1871 (D3311/111); memoir, late 19th cent (D3311/113); photos of portrait (D3311/115)

Franklin, (Sir) John: personal letters, 1821-22 (D3311/8/1), 1822 (D3287/31/19), copy family letters, 1822-39 (D3311/66); personal letters 1826 (D3311/11), 1827 (D3311/10); family correspondence 1820s-1830s (D3311/28-31), 1844-45 (D3311/32) 1833-45 (D3287/31/8); copy letter 1823 (D3311/12); misc papers 1824-5 (D3311/33-34); naval and official papers 1815-36 (D3311/35-38);

Tasmania and South Australia (D3287/39-47); log book 1821-22 (D3311/48); letters re Arctic expeditions 1820-c1849 (D3311/49-52); corresp with John Richardson c1820-c1853 (D3311/53-57); biographical notes, 19th cent (D3311/59-60); inventories of effects and executors' accounts, chiefly 1850s (D3311/61-65); portrait prints and statues, 19th-20th cent (D3311/67-71); papers re colleagues on Arctic expeditions 1820s-1840s (D3311/72-74); attempts to find expedition, later 19th cent (D3311/81-85); Arctic expedition 1822 prints (D3311/86); misc cuttings, prints and articles later 19th-20th cent (D331187103);

misc notes re Tasmania, chiefly 20th cent (D3311/104-106); Gell of Hopton: personal, family and business papers, 16th-20th cent (D3287)

Gell, Katherine nee Packer: marriage settlement 1664 (D3287/43/25); notebooks 17th cent (D3287/47/17, /48/1), letter to, 1658 (D3287/60/14); letter from, nd(D3287/60/35)

Gisborne of Derby; family papers, chiefly 19th cent (D6232)

Griffin, Prof Alan: papers inc notes on coalmining etc 20th cent (D6326)

Hare, Eric: papers re National Fire Service, temp World War II (D6254)

Harrison, Bernard Wallis: antiquarian and local history papers, 20th cent (D6310)

Kerry, Rev Charles: 'History of Smalley' with notes, 1907 (D6285)

Kirkby of Kirkby: medieval deeds (D6270)

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Longford of Longford: deeds re Pinxton and South Normanton (D6270)

Manningham, Boyd; travel journals, Italy 1827 (D3287/29/12), Naples 1828 (D3311/136)

Manners, Francis, Earl of Rutland: inventory of tent 1612 (D3287/49/20)

Martin, Joseph A, of Alvaston: personal and business papers as butcher, 20th cent (D6315)

Marshall, Douglas, of Repton: account of experiences as RAF pilot, WW II (D6299)

Maunsell, George W: personal and family letters, late 19th cent – temp World War I (D3287/20/8-12, 14-19), will, 1930 (D3287/26/14), executors' accounts 1938 (D3287/40/16)

Milner, Alfred, later Viscount: election address 1885 (D3287/83/1); corresp. late 19th-early 20th cent (D3287/MIL)

Mutton, Frederick & Dorothy, of Willersley Castle: personal papers, 20th cent (D6314)

O'Neill, Miss E: notebooks from teachers' Summer School, Derby, 1920 (D6293)

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Paxton, Joseph: as Chair of Ways and Works committee, 1849 (D6287)

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Ride of Allestree: pedigree (D6282)

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Rutherford, Jesse, of Wingerworth: certificate from Great Exhibition, 1851 (D6234)

Sacheverell of Kirkby in Ashfield: Pinxton medieval deeds (D6270)

Swanwick of Whittington: civil engineering and building papers 19th cent (D6287)

Tymms family of Edale: papers inc parish, chiefly 17th-18th cent (D6230)

Verney, Maud, of Pleasley: drawings, early 20th cent (D6326)

Vernon of Sudbury: copy estate plan c1850 (D6177)

Waste, Joan, reformation martyr: printed account of life, trial and execution, 17th cent (D6341)

Wragg, Joan: antiquarian papers, 20th cent (D6187)

Wright, Francis, of Osmaston by Ashbourne: printed memoir, 1873 (D3287/48/18)

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Great Longstone: Thornbridge Hall estate copy map 1896 (D4719)

Shipley: Miller Mundy estate map, late 18th cent (D6272)

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Ashover: Fern House, Ashover Hay deeds, 1707-1834 (D6252)

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