

First Stop for History Enquiries

Please use this factsheet to help you with your enquiry.

Donations

**Please contact the History Team regarding possible donations.
Please note that donations can not be accepted at the Castle Museum admissions desk.**

In general, material acquired for the collection should have a strong York or North Yorkshire provenance or association.
Objects with a strong personal story will be given priority.

<http://www.yorkmuseumstrust.org.uk/Page/Contact.aspx>

Enquiries related to York Castle Museum history & collections

<http://www.yorkcastlemuseum.org.uk/Page/Collections.aspx>

Useful books related to the history of York Castle:

Lawrence Butler, *Clifford's Tower and the Castles of York*, (London: English Heritage, 1997).

Thomas Parsons Cooper, *The History of the Castle of York, from its Foundation to the Current Day with an Account of the Building of Clifford's Tower*, (London, 1911).

P.R. Newman, *The Royal Castle of York: a history from 1069*, (City of York: York Castle Museum, 1989).

RCHME, *York Castle, an Illustrated History*, (London, 1973).

York Museums Trust publications

Josie Sheppard, *Through the Needle's Eye – the Patchwork and Quilt Collection at York Castle Museum*, (2006).

Enquiries related to York Castle Prisoners' history

Log on to:

<http://www.yorkcastleprison.org.uk/family-history.html>

This online factsheet also gives details of sources.

If you are looking for a convict sent to Australia a good place to start is the Queensland State Library's online database of transportation registers:
<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh/convicts>.

Documents at The National Archives include:

Manuscript records of the Yorkshire and York City Assize courts for the years 1700–1800, (these include the Crown Minutes).
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/>

For general information on the history of crime and punishment in England see the Historical Background pages of the Old Bailey Online website:
<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>

British Library Online Newspaper Archives
<http://newspapers.bl.uk/blcs/>

Useful books:

William Knipe, *Criminal Chronology of York Castle* (York, 1867).
Leman Thomas Rede, *York Castle in the Nineteenth Century* (London, 1831).
Full-text versions on Google Books.
James Sharpe, *Dick Turpin – The Myth of the English Highwayman*, (London, 2004).

Enquiries related to the history of York

York Explore Centre,
Museum Street,
York YO1 7DS
Tel: (01904) 552828
email: archives@york.gov.uk
<http://www.york.gov.uk/leisure/Libraries/archives/>

Collects archival material

Local and Family History Collection

Local newspapers (18th century - present)

Electoral Registers (19th century - present)

Trade Directories (18th-20th centuries, primarily for city of York)

Transcribed and copied parish registers (primarily for city of York and surrounding area)

Record Society publications (including the Yorkshire Archaeological Society Record Series and Parish Register Series, Surtees Society Record Series and Catholic Records Society)

Census returns, 1841-1901 (for city of York, on microfiche)

Civil Registration Indexes, starting from the 1st July 1837-2002 (on microfilm)
Maps and plans of the city of York and surrounding area, including OS maps
Marriage license index

The Borthwick Institute

Borthwick Institute for Archives
University of York
Heslington
York
YO10 5DD
Tel: 01904 321166
E-mail bihr500@york.ac.uk
<http://www.york.ac.uk/library/borthwick/>

Special collections include:

Vickers Collection

The firm of Vickers Instruments was the successor of the York firm of Cooke, Troughton and Simms, scientific instrument makers since the early nineteenth century. In 1989 they decided to deposit their archives and their collection of scientific instruments in the University. The instruments are now on display in the Department of Physics, and the archives are in the Borthwick Institute for Archives; but the collection also included a small number of printed books, which are kept in the Library. They include histories of the firm, an index to the archives, and books which belonged to members of the firm, including some seventeenth- and eighteenth-century works on scientific instruments.

York Retreat Collection

The books, collected from the institution's earliest days up until the twentieth century, and cover a wide range of material particularly relating to psychiatry and mental illness. In addition there are works on theories of insanity, institutions, care of the insane, the brain, criminal lunacy and legal issues. The collection includes a large number of important contemporary texts and significant authors.

The Terrys Archive

email Dr Amanda Jones at aj509@york.ac.uk

North Yorkshire County Record Office

Malpas Road

Northallerton

DL7 8TB

Tel : 01609 777585

Email : archives@northyorks.gov.uk

www.northyorks.gov.uk/archives

The Minster Library

<http://www.yorkminster.org/learning/the-old-palace-archives-conservation-and-library/york-minster-library-collections/>

The General Collections comprise approximately 100,000 books on topics such as Theology, Art History, Stained Glass, History and Literature. The collection also includes Civil War Tracts, Yorkshire acts of Parliament, newspapers and theatre playbills.

The Old Library collections includes theological material such as sermons and liturgical works, early atlases; a medical collection which includes herbals and some of the earliest printings of ancient medical texts; and a collection of over 100 books printed before 1501. The Old Library also includes some rare early printed music.

Imagine York

<http://www.imagineyork.co.uk/>

Imagine York was created to showcase photographs of York held by City of York Libraries and the City Archives.

This online archive contains thousands of beautiful images of York, carefully researched by a team of expert volunteers. They show the many changes that have taken place in the city over the last 150 years.

The History of York

<http://www.historyofyork.org.uk/>

This website includes a timeline of events and people as well as more in depth information of city themes.

These include:

The Build up to the Civil Wars
Horse Racing in York
The development of transport
York as a tourist city
Life in Elizabethan York
Post War York
Georgian York
The downside of Victorian York
Cars and Consumers
20th century
Executions in York
Georgian Architecture
Medical Practice in York
York Castle

Enquiries related to regional history

West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Office

Registry of Deeds
Newstead Road
Wakefield WF1 2DE
Tel: 01924 305980
Fax: 01924 305983
Email: wakefield@wyjs.org.uk

West Yorkshire Archive Service, Bradford

Bradford Central Library
Prince's Way
Bradford
BD1 1NN
Telephone: 01274 435099
Email: bradford@wyjs.org.uk

West Yorkshire Archive Service, Calderdale

Central Library
Northgate House
Northgate
Halifax, HX1 1UN
Tel: 01422 392636
Email: calderdale@wyjs.org.uk

West Yorkshire Archive Service, Kirklees

Central Library
Princess Alexandra Walk
Huddersfield, HD1 2SU
Tel: 01484 221966
Email: kirklees@wyjs.org.uk

West Yorkshire Archive Service, Leeds

Chapelton Road
Sheepscar
Leeds, LS7 3AP
Tel: +44 (0)113 214 5814
Email: leeds@wyjs.org.uk

Beverley Treasure House

The Treasure House
Champney Road
Beverley
East Riding of Yorkshire
HU17 9BA
Tel: 01482 392790
www.eastriding.gov.uk/treasurehouse

The National Archives

Kew
Richmond
Surrey
TW9 4DU
Tel: 020 8876 3444
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Enquiries about historical objects & identifications

Abbey House Museum, Leeds

Tel: 0113 230 5492

Bolling Hall, Bradford

Tel: 01274 431814

Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery

Tel: 01302 734293 | Text: 71006

museum@doncaster.gov.uk

The Royal Dragoons, York

Tel: 01904 642036

Ryedale Folk Museum

Tel: 01751 417 367

info@ryedalefolkmuseum.co.uk

Scarborough Museums Trust

Tel: 01723 384503

Western Park Museum, Sheffield

Tel: 0114 278 2600

Enquiries about the Victorian period

The Victorian Society

<http://www.victoriansociety.org.uk/>

Chanel 4

<http://www.channel4.com/learning/microsites/Q/qca/victorians>

This includes information about Victorian children.

BBC History

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/trail/victorian_britain/

Information covers in depth themes of the period.

Useful books:

Judith Flanders, *The Victorian House*, (London, 2003).

Pamela Horn, *Pleasures & Pastimes in Victorian Britain*, (1999).

Maurice Baren, *How it All Began, Up the High Street*, (Oxford 1996).

Maurice Baren, *How it All Began, Victorian Shopping*, (Oxford 1998).

Asa Briggs, *A Social History of England*, (London, 1983).

Enquiries related to object valuations

Auction houses

Large auctioneers such as Bonham's, Christies and Sotheby's have many departments with specialists in different areas who can help with identification and authentication as well as offering a value on works.

Tennants Auctioneers

34 Montpellier Parade

Harrogate

North Yorkshire

HG1 2TG

Tel: 01423 531661

Fax: 01423 530990

harrogate@tennants-ltd.co.uk

Bonhams Leeds

30 Park Square West

Leeds

LS1 2PF

Tel: +44 (0) 1132 345 755

Fax: +44 (0) 1132 443 910

leeds@bonhams.com

Christie's Harrogate office

Princes House

13 Princes Sq

Harrogate

HG1 1LW

01423 509699

tscott@christies.com

Antique dealers and shops are usually happy to give valuations

Enquires related to caring for historic objects and conservation

For conservation advice there is an on-line register:

www.conservationregister.com

For general conservation material and equipment:

<http://www.preservationequipment.com/>

<http://www.conservation-by-design.co.uk/>

For general advice on caring for historic objects and interiors:

The National Trust, *Manual of Housekeeping*, (Oxford 2006)

ISBN 0 7506 5529 1

Other general enquiries

Useful website include:

General

Intellectual Property Search

<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/os.htm>

This included a searchable database to help track down the date of manufacturing details of an object.

Decorative Arts and Costume

Victoria and Albert Museum

<http://www.vam.ac.uk/nal/findinginfo/index.html>

There are lots of tips about how to research on the V&A website.

The Costumer's Manifesto

<http://www.costumes.org/http:>

Costume time lines, advice on how to date photographs through looking at costume.

Military

The Imperial War Museum

<http://collections.iwm.org.uk/>

Includes a collection search database with historical background to objects.

Army Museums Ogilby Trust

<http://www.armymuseums.org.uk/index.htm>

Military genealogy

Military book search

The location of Military Museums in the Uk and details of the collections they care for.

The Royal Armouries

<http://collections.royalarmouries.org/>

The Royal Dragoons

<http://www.rdgmuseum.org.uk/>

Material related to the Museum's regimental history.

Collects material related to regimental history.

Object identification.