

# Portsmouth History Centre

## Guide to Sources

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'Inspiring everyone to explore Portsmouth's archive heritage by collecting and preserving the records, stories, and collective memory of the people of Portsmouth, and enabling access to these unique records locally, nationally and internationally'

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In this booklet you will find a brief guide to the resources available at Portsmouth History Centre. It is intended as an overview of sources and not a comprehensive list. The History Centre combines the Local History Collections of Portsmouth Central Library and the Portsmouth City Record Office.

### **Local history at Portsmouth Central Library**

The public library service in Portsmouth began in 1883 and it is known that there was already a small collection of local history books by the following year. Since then, books and other materials have been collected on the history of Hampshire (including Bournemouth and Christchurch), West Sussex and the Isle of Wight. Within that area, the main emphasis is on Portsmouth itself, with a slightly lesser emphasis on the Gosport, Fareham, Havant, Petersfield and Chichester districts. As well as books and directories the library collects local newspapers and magazines, pamphlets and printed ephemera (including posters), maps and photographs.

Holdings also include Naval, Dickens and Genealogy collections.

### **Portsmouth City Record Office**

For many years, the city charters and records of local government, together with the town seals and money, were kept in a secure chest and cared for by the borough cofferers. Through the centuries of the city's archives have also been held in the old town house on the High Street in Old Portsmouth and the gaol on Penny Street before being transferred to the Guildhall. It was sheer luck that the records survived the bombing of the Guildhall in 1941. The City Record Office was established in 1960 in the rebuilt Guildhall. It moved to the Museum Road site in 1976 and to the Central Library in June 2011 to form Portsmouth History Centre.

The records come from various sources: Portsmouth City Council and its predecessors; local churches (Anglican, Roman Catholic and Non-Conformist); hospitals; businesses; local groups, clubs and societies; families and individuals. The records relate primarily to Portsmouth but also cover the surrounding areas. For example, the boundaries of the Diocese of Portsmouth extend beyond that of the city; we therefore hold records of parishes in the deaneries of Gosport, Fareham and Havant.

The collection includes photographs, postcards and maps, as well as handwritten, typed and printed items of various kinds on paper and parchment.

## Visiting the Portsmouth History Centre

You will need to sign-in to the history centre upon your arrival. We accept valid County Archive Research Network (CARN) tickets.

To obtain a CARN ticket, which is free of charge, you need to show official proof of your name and address, such as a driving licence, council tax bill or utility bill. Temporary day tickets are also available upon proof of identification.

For security reasons we ask you to put your bags and large items in a locker. Handwritten notes should be made in pencil rather pen.

Eating and drinking is not allowed in the centre, but a selection of food and drinks is available in the cafe on the Third Floor of the Central Library.

Please note that many original documents are stored offsite and should be ordered in advance of your visit.

In addition, some records may be unavailable for public consultation because they are too fragile or contain sensitive personal information.

If wishing to use a microfilm reader or a public computer to access family history websites it is recommended to book a machine before your visit.

Photography permits are available at a cost of £10 per day.

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Saturday	10.00 – 3.30pm

Website:

[www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/events-parks-and-whats-on/libraries/portsmouth-history-centre-and-records-office.aspx](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/events-parks-and-whats-on/libraries/portsmouth-history-centre-and-records-office.aspx)

## Finding Aids

Many of our indexes and catalogues are only accessible at Portsmouth History Centre but there are two major exceptions:

Books are listed on the City Libraries catalogue available online at [www.portsmouth.gov.uk/learning](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/learning) under 'Libraries'

Catalogues for some Portsmouth History Centre archive collections can be searched on The National Archives 'Discovery' database at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

## Guide to Sources

### Apprenticeships

Although few apprenticeship records (indentures) have survived, a names index for records 1654-1797 is available.

Useful collections: **11A** City Librarians Collection

### Businesses

There are records relating to various businesses including breweries, public houses, corset factories, builders, chemists, water and gas companies etc. Please see indexes in Portsmouth History Centre.

Useful collections: **504A** Chilcot and Williams Ltd; **45A** British Gas (Southern); Water Company; **49A** Portsmouth Floating Bridge Company; **2085A** Whitbreads including Brickwoods, Pike Spicer & Co, Portsmouth and Brighton United Breweries; **1433A** Hoad and Sons Wheelwrights; **129A** Portsmouth Water Company; **2049A** Portsmouth & Gosport Hide, Skin, Fat & Wool Co Ltd

### Cemetery Records (see also Parish Records)

Mile End Cemetery	1831 – 1955 registers on microfilm; name index
Milton	1912 – 1946 registers
	1912 – 1980s index on microfiche
Highland Road	1854 – 1901 registers on microfilm
	1854 – 1901 card index
	1854 – 1980s index on microfiche
Kingston	1856 – 1902 registers on microfilm
	1856 – 1980s index on microfiche
Anns Hill Cemetery, Gosport	1855 – 1953 burial registers on microfiche

## Census Returns

Census returns for England and Wales are available via our subscriptions to the Ancestry and FindMyPast websites. We also keep street indexes for all returns up to 1901 and the following census on microfilm, microfiche or CD-Rom:

1841	Copy of original returns for Hampshire
1851	Copy of original returns for Portsmouth & South East Hampshire
1861 - 1881	Copy of original returns for Portsmouth area
1881	Transcripts Great Britain
1891 & 1901	copy of original returns for Portsmouth & South East Hampshire
1881	Transcripts for Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, Berkshire, Sussex and the Royal Navy including name indexes.

In addition we keep:

1801- 1991	Statistics for Hampshire
2001	Statistics for Portsmouth

## Clubs and Societies

Records include those of the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, sports clubs (including Portsmouth Football Club), musical societies, freemasons, political parties and much more. Please see indexes in the Portsmouth History Centre.

Lists of local societies also appear in Kelly's and other Directories (see pages 8-10); Lists published by Hampshire Library Service 1991-2000 are also available.

Minutes and reports of meetings of the Portsmouth Literary and Philosophical Society 1824-1858, 1869-1893, 1901-1955

Useful collections: **1931A** Milton Glee Club; **1392A** Portsmouth Players **1978A** Phoenix Lodge; **1218A** Portsmouth Bee-keepers Association; **218A** 1st Drayton Scouts;

## Coroners

Coroners records pre-1953 have not survived. The post-1953 coroners records for Portsmouth and South-East Hampshire are held by Hampshire Archives and Local Studies in Winchester – please contact them for advice. Reports of inquests can sometimes be found in local newspapers (see pages 15-16).

## Council Records

Portsmouth City Council:

Minutes of council and committees e.g. finance, planning, health, education, housing  
Historic records of City Council departments from 1835.

Published Borough/City Council minutes 1895 to date

Unbound committee minutes mid-1970s to date

Published Hampshire County Council minutes 1889 to 2000

## Court Records

Holdings include Court Leet, Court of Record and Quarter Sessions records with name index in Portsmouth History Centre to Quarter Sessions 1652-1869; Portsmouth Magistrates Court records only survive from 1942 onwards.

Some court records need to be ordered in advance as they are stored offsite. Records less than 100 years old are not available for public consultation.

## Deeds

Many firms of solicitors in Portsmouth have deposited pre-registration title deeds. Deeds have also been deposited by other organisations, families and individuals. An alphabetical street index is available in Portsmouth History Centre.

Useful collections: **1534A** Bolitho Way; **544A** Glanville, Wells and Way; **216A** Brutton and Co.

## Directories

Bailey's (Portsmouth extract)	1783
Sadler's (Portsmouth extract)	1784
Universal British Directory (fiches) Portsmouth & Gosport extracts in hard copy	1794-8
Holden's (Portsmouth extract)	1811
Pigot's (Portsmouth extract)	1823
Pigot's Hampshire (fiche)	1828
Pigot's Hampshire (copy)	1830
Pigot's Southern England & S. Wales	1830
Pigot's Hampshire	1844
Post Office Hampshire & S E England (not London)	1847
Slater's Hampshire	1851
Hunts Hampshire	1852
Post Office Directory, Hampshire	1855
Craven's Hampshire	1857
White's History Gazette & Directory of Hampshire & Isle of Wight	1859
Simpson's Portsmouth	1863
Harrod's (Portsmouth extract)	1865
Post Office Directory, Hampshire & Isle of Wight	1867
Butcher's Boro of Portsmouth	1874/5
Kelly's Hampshire/Wiltshire/Dorset	1875
White's Hampshire	1878
Chamberlain's Portsmouth	1879
Kelly's Hampshire	1880
Chamberlain's Portsmouth	1881
Kelly's Hampshire and Isle of Wight	1885
Kelly's Portsmouth	1886
Steven's Portsmouth	1887
Chamberlain's Portsmouth	1887



Kelly's Portsmouth	1888
Kelly's Hampshire & Isle of Wight	1889
Kelly's Hampshire/Wiltshire/Dorset	1890
Kelly's Portsmouth	1890
Kelly's Portsmouth	1892
Kelly's Portsmouth	1894
Kelly's Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Wiltshire & Dorsetshire	1895
Kelly's Portsmouth	1896 - 1898
Kelly's Hampshire & Isle of Wight	1899
Kelly's Portsmouth	1899 - 1902
Kelly's Hampshire & Isle of Wight	1903
Kelly's Portsmouth	1904 - 1907
Portsmouth & Southampton District Trade Directory	1907/8
Kelly's Portsmouth	1908 - 1910
Kelly's Hampshire and Isle of Wight	1911
Kelly's Portsmouth	1912 - 1914
Kelly's Hampshire/Wiltshire/Dorset	1915
Kelly's Hampshire and Isle of Wight	1915
Kelly's Portsmouth	1917 - 1918
Kelly's Hampshire	1920
Kelly's Portsmouth	1920 - 1941
Kelly's Hampshire	1923
Kelly's Hampshire	1931
Kelly's Hampshire and Isle of Wight	1935
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Trades Directory	1938/9
Kelly's Hampshire & Isle of Wight	1939
Kelly's Portsmouth	1946
Kelly's Portsmouth	1948
Kelly's Portsmouth	1951
Kelly's Portsmouth	1953
Kelly's Portsmouth	1956
Kelly's Portsmouth	1958
Kelly's Portsmouth	1960
Kelly's Portsmouth	1962
Kelly's Portsmouth	1964
Kelly's Portsmouth	1966
Kelly's Portsmouth	1967
Kelly's Portsmouth	1969
Kelly's Portsmouth	1971 - 1973
Kelly's Portsmouth	1975 - 1976

Kelly's and similar directories for other towns in Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Sussex  
(various dates, incomplete runs)

Chichester	1936 - 1974
Emsworth and Havant	1928
Fareham and Portchester	1959
Gosport	1918 - 1958
Havant & District	1956

Isle of Wight	1914 - 1951
Southampton	1914 - 1975
Winchester	1928 - 1973

Portsmouth area telephone directories	1938 to date
Portsmouth Yellow Pages directories	1960 to date
Thomson directories	1981 to date

### **Electoral Registers**

Portsmouth	1835 to date
Havant (1949-1974 listed under Portsmouth: Langstone)	1949 – 2000
Fareham	1961 – 2001
Gosport	1962 – 2001
Petersfield	1961 - 2000
Winchester	1978 – 2001

For the Havant area 1889 – 1948 contact Hampshire Archives and Local Studies.

Please note that the previous ten years of registers prior to the current electoral register are unavailable for public consultation.

### **Family Papers**

Collections relating to local families including Hulbert Jackson, Hoad, Pink and Padwick – records include correspondence, photographs etc. See indexes.

Biographies, autobiographies and published histories of families

Useful collections: **626A** Hulbert Jackson Collection; **1433A** Hoad and Sons, Wheelwrights; **780A** Wiltshire collection; **937A** W H Pink and Sons Ltd; **1370A** W Pink and Sons Ltd; **114A** A E Cogswell and Sons, Architects;

### **General Register Office (GRO) indexes**

The GRO indexes to births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales are available to search via our subscriptions to the Ancestry and FindMyPast websites.

We also keep microfiche copies of the indexes for England and Wales 1837-2000.

Birth, marriage and death certificates must be purchased from the registrars, with the exception of church marriages which may be found among our parish records.

## Hospitals

We keep records for the following hospitals, although many patient records do not survive:

<b>PR/H2</b> St Mary's Hospital	1906 – 1931
<b>PR/H3</b> Municipal Maternity Hospital	1920 – 1934
<b>PR/H4</b> Infectious Diseases Hospital	1870 – 1965
<b>PR/H5</b> Langstone Sanatorium	1911 - 1950
<b>PR/H6</b> Eye and Ear Hospital	1921 – 1971
<b>PR/H7</b> Royal Portsmouth Hospital	1849 – 1974
<b>PR/H8</b> St James Hospital	1873 – 1974
<b>PR/H9</b> Queen Alexandra	1953– 1987

Closure periods of 100 years apply for records containing sensitive information such as patient records.

## International Genealogical Index (IGI)

British Isles/World on microfiche

## Leisure Activities

Records relating to theatres, public houses, piers, swimming baths and other sports facilities. Includes posters, minutes, photographs, programmes etc. Please see indexes in Portsmouth History Centre.

Holiday guides to Portsmouth and Southsea 1775 to date (with some gaps)

Useful collections: **101A** South Parade Pier; Madden Collection playbills; **DL** Leisure Department;

## Maps

### Ordnance Survey Maps

Local History Collection:

6" Scale for parts of Portsea Island/ Southern Hampshire	1857 – 1950
25" scale for Portsmouth	1860 – 1941
25" scale for Hampshire	1860 – 1945
25" scale for Sussex	1911 – 1939
Draft 1" series	c1797
1:10000, 1:2500 and 1:1250 scale	Post-1945

125" (1:500)

1861/1865  
& 1872-1879

1:1250 Vertical format aerial photographs  
printed in lieu of maps.

Late 1940s

All series of Ordnance Survey (except 1:500 and 1:1250) cover some areas outside Portsmouth.

Record Office Collection:

1:2500 and 1:500 scale maps mainly for Portsmouth 1865-1940 and some for surrounding area from former working collections such as City Engineers and **114A** A E Cogswell and Sons, Architects

### Tithe Maps

1838 Tithe maps and apportionment:

<b>CHU26/I/1</b>	Bedhampton,
<b>CHU 27/5/32</b>	Portchester,
<b>78A/1/1-2</b>	Portsea (use surrogate)
<b>CHU15/K/1/1/1-2</b>	Widley and Wymering.

Tithe maps no apportionment:

<b>CHU 43/2D</b>	Fareham
<b>P111</b>	Farlington
<b>CHU 19/3/1</b>	Warblington

Tithe apportionment no map:

<b>CHU42/11H/1</b>	Alverstoke
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Plus various other maps including copies of maps of Portsmouth pre-1800, the originals of which are held in other repositories.

### **Military Sources**

#### Air Force Records

Air Force List 1918, 1923 – 2013 (officers only)

#### Army Records

Army List 1766 – 2014 (officers only)

#### Navy Records

Navy List 1778 to date (officers only)

The Naval Collection and Lily Lambert McCarthy Collection are major sources for the history of navies worldwide including published books relating to the Royal Navy and Portsmouth. These include are naval periodicals, such as Mariner's Mirror, Navy News and RUSI Journal, and published transcripts of operational records in volumes issued by the Navy Records Society.

Relevant collections: **827A** Royal Marines and Naval Orphan Home; **205A** Royal Sailors Rest;

See also: Naval journals

Please note we do not hold Royal Naval service records.

## Monumental Inscriptions

Indexes to monumental inscriptions (i.e. writings on headstones and other monuments in churches and churchyards) on microfiche/paper list.

## Naval journals

Armed Forces Journal	1982 - 1997
Artifice	1932 - 1935
Ashore and Afloat	1910-12,1930-38, 45, 1951-1974
Association of Royal Navy Officers Yearbook	2005 - 2014
ASWE Bulletin	1962 - 1987 (Incomplete)
Black Jack	1977 - 2000 (incomplete)
Broad Arrow	1886 - 1888
Broadsheet	1977, 1979 - 1985
Chart and Compass : Sailors Magazine	1898 only
Chronicles of the Sea	Vols 1 & 2 1838 - 24/01/1840
Coastguard	1983 - 1996
Colburn's United Service Magazine	1866
Condor Magazine	1950 - 1951
Dittybox	Jul 1944 - May 1946
Dock and Harbour Authority	1984 - Jan 1998
Excalibur: Royal Naval Enthusiasts Society Newsletter	1999 - 2004
Falkland Islands Newsletter	May 1998 - to date (Incomplete)
Fleet Annual & Naval Year Book	1910, 1913, 1915-1917
Flightdeck	1973 - 1974, 1992
Globe and Laurel	1907,1933 - 38,1975,1984-8/2004
HMS St Vincent Magazine	1930 - 1938
International Journal of Nautical Archaeology	1972 - 1990
Janes Defence Weekly	1984 - Apr 2013
Janes Navy International (was Navy International)	1995 - 2008 (Incomplete)

Journal of Navigation	1949, 1968 - 1999
Lloyds Ship Manager	Apr 1980 - Dec 1990
Marine News : Journal Of The World Ship Society	1952 - 2012
Marine Observer	1931, 1934, 1935
Mariners Chronicle	Vols 2 - 5 (1804 - 1807)
Mariners Mirror	1911 - 1928 (Incompl),1929 -
Maritime Brief	Apr 1994 - Feb 1995
Maritime Defence	1976 -1997
Maritime History	Apr 1971 - Sep 1973
Military Technology	1984 (Issue 7) -1985 (Iss 9)
Mini-Ships Review	1992
NATO Review	1975 - 2001 (Incomplete)
Nautical Magazine	1832 - 53,1855 - 59,1861 - 63
Nautical Review	1977 - Mar 1980
Naval and Military Gazette	Jul 1885 - Feb 1886
Naval Architect	1971 - 02/2006
Naval Chronicle	1799 - 1818
Naval Forces	1981 - 1994 (Incomplete)
Naval Record	1966 - Aug 1979
Naval Review	1913 - 1984
Naval Science	1872 - 1875
Naval War College Review	1999 & Spring 2001
Naval Warrant Officers Journal	1901 - 1946 (Incomplete)
Navy (Later Navy International)	1934 - 1974
Navy and Army Illustrated	1895 - 1902
Navy International (was Navy) (Later Janes Navy Int.)	1975 - 1994
Navy League Annual	1909/10 - 1915/16
Navy League Journal	1895 - 1926
Navy News	1954 -
Navy Records Society - Membership	
Navy Yearbook and Diary	1949 - 1971 (Incomplete)
Nelson Dispatch : Journal of The Nelson Society	1982 - 7/2003
Northern Light : Journal of North Russia Club	1994 - 2005 (incomplete)
Pelican : Royal Naval Staff College Magazine	1936
Pennant : Journal of the Forces Pension Society	2003 - 2015
Polar Record	2007 - 2012
Quarterdeck	1988 - 1989
Royal Naval Warrant Officers' Manual	1910, 1928, 1984-87
Royal Navy Review	Jan - Oct 1966
Royal United Services Institute Journal (was United Services Journal)	1858 - 2001
Sailors Home Journal and Naval Chronicle	1855 - 1867
Sea Breezes	1946 - 1975
Sea Cadet	Sep 1944 - Aug 1946
Seaford House Papers	1974 - 1985

Seaways : Int. Journal of the Nautical Institute	1980 - 1999
Ship and Boat International	1995 - 1999, 2005 - 2008
Ship Repair	1989 - 1990
Shipbuilder	1907 - 1913
Shipping Wonders of the World and Naval & Military Journal	Vols 1 - 4
Ships and Ship Models	Apr 1952 - Dec 1956
Ships Monthly	Jan 1966 - Jul 70, 1974-2005 (incomplete)
Small Craft	1983 - 1985 (incomplete)
Society for Nautical Research : Annual Reports	1928 - 1969
Trafalgar Chronicle : Yearbook of 1805 Club	1991 - 2002, 2015
Trans of Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers	1979 - 1987, 1991
Trans of Royal Institute of Naval Architects	1860 - 1998
Trident	1969 - Mar 1994
United Service Journal (Later Royal Utd Service Jnl)	1829 - 1851 (incomplete)
United Services Manual	1832
Warship	1977 - 1989
Warship International	1966 - Jun 2003 (1976 missing)
Warship World	2004 - 2005 (incomplete)

## Newspapers and Magazines

Local newspapers 1799-date, mostly on microfilm:

<i>Hampshire Post</i>	1877 - 1913
<i>Hampshire Telegraph</i>	1799-1976
<i>Portsmouth Times</i>	1850-1928
<i>Evening News</i>	1878 to date

Plus some other titles with short runs, e.g. Southsea Observer 1874-6

Indexes to:

<i>Hampshire Telegraph</i>	1799-1942
<i>Evening News</i>	1933 to Jul 2010
(1984 to July 2010 computerised and available in Portsmouth History Centre only)	

Cuttings files: biography, topography. 1933 to date

Local magazines, including:

<i>Hampshire Magazine</i>	1960 - 2012
<i>Hampshire Field Club (Proceedings)</i>	1885 to date
<i>Pinks Magazine and Pictorial</i>	1908, 1909, 1914
Local and naval items from the <i>Illustrated London News</i>	1842-1922

## **Oral History Collection**

Our Oral History collection contains over 1,670 interviews on a wide variety of subjects. Please make an appointment to use the collection. See the catalogue at <http://www.modes.org.uk/pormg/index.asp?page=collection-a>

## **Parish Records**

Parish registers of baptisms, marriages and burials (from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the present day), churchwardens' accounts, vestry minutes, church plans, photographs etc for Church of England parishes in the deaneries of Portsmouth, Gosport, Fareham and Havant.

Detailed catalogues of parish records are available in Portsmouth History Centre. Many baptism, marriage and burial registers are indexed by surname.

See Parish Register Guide for list of Anglican parish registers (along with Roman Catholic and Non-Conformist registers).

Prints of parish register entries taken from microfilm/microfiche can be purchased from the history centre. Baptism certificates can also be supplied - please contact us for details.

## **Photographs**

Collections include thousands of photographs spanning over two centuries. Please see Photograph and Local History Collection indexes in Portsmouth History Centre. Many photographs are available to view digitally at Portsmouth History Centre, but others are stored offsite and will need to be ordered in advance.

Many published books of old photographs of Portsmouth are indexed in the Local History Collection index.

Useful collections: City Architects; City Engineers; Lubbock Collection 1984-1986;

## **Plans**

Plans of buildings built and administered by the city such as schools and council housing. Also some buildings such as houses, theatres and hospitals designed by A E Cogswell and Sons. Please see indexes/catalogues in Portsmouth History Centre - some plans may need to be ordered in advance.

Useful collections: City Architects; **114A** A E Cogswell and Sons, Architects



## Police records

Records include staff records of Portsmouth Police. Closure periods apply.

For Dockyard Police see Metropolitan Police records at The National Archives.

Useful collections: **DF/P** Portsmouth City Police

## Poor Law including Board of Guardians

Records from the parishes of Portsmouth from 1737 and Portsea (N.B. few Portsea records survive pre-1838).

Records of the Board of Guardians and Public Assistance Committee of the Portsea Island Union 1838-1980

For poor law records beyond Portsea Island see various parish records collections.

Useful collections: **PL** Portsmouth Parish Poor Law; **PLP** Portsea Parish Poor Law; **11A** City Librarians Collections; **BG** Board of Guardians;

Please note that few settlement records have survived

See also: Workhouses

## Postcards

Archive and local studies collections include thousands of postcards showing local scenes. See indexes in Portsmouth History Centre. Many of these postcards can be viewed on computer at Portsmouth History Centre but some need to be ordered in advance.

## Rate Books

Portsea Parish        1700-1802; 1815-1885; 1891, 1896, 1901, 1906, 1911,  
                                 1921,1931,1941,1951

Portsmouth Parish  1730 – 1759; 1781 – 1884 (listed with Portsea from 1901)

## Schools\*

Portsmouth School Board	1871 - 1903
Chief Education Officer	1927 – 1973
Albert Road School, Southsea	1875 – 1958
All Saints School, Portsea	1862 – 1940
Arundel Street Schools, Landport	1865 – 1946
Binstead Road School, Buckland	1883 – 1983
Conway Street School, Landport	1872 – 1940
Copnor Road School	1907 – 1968

Cosham School	1863 – 1939
Cottage Grove School, Southsea	1873 – 1947
Court Lane School, Cosham	1940 – 1975
Drayton Road School, North End	1896 – 1970
Flying Bull Lane School, Landport	1874 – 1976
Francis Avenue School, Southsea	1897 – 1976
Fratton School	1909 – 1958
Garrison School, Old Portsmouth	1947 - 1973
George Street School, Buckland	1899 – 1968
Hillside School, Paulsgrove	1940 – 1975
Hill View School, Paulsgrove	1967 – 1974
Hilsea Modern School	1946 – 1975
Junior Technical School	1913 – 1958
Kent Street School, Portsea	1872 – 1976
Langstone School	1936 – 1983
Lyndhurst Road School, North End	1920 – 1955
Lyndhurst Road Secondary Modern	1946 – 1975
Meon Road School, Milton	1928 – 1975
Mile End House School, Portsmouth	c1920 – 1986
Milton Church Hall	1912 – 1927
Milton Schools	1875 – 1975
New Road School, Buckland	1913 - 1980
Northern Parade School, Hilsea	1946 – 1975
Paulsgrove Secondary Modern	1969 – 1975
Penhale Road School, Fratton	1949 – 1974
Portsdown Modern (for boys)	1936 - 1975
Portsdown Modern (for girls)	1969 – 1975
Portsdown Junior School	1945 – 1975
Portsea Infants Schools	1880 – 1929
Portsmouth and Portsea Free Ragged School	1863 – 1933
Portsea Beneficial Society and Schools	1737 – 1964
Reginald Road School, Eastney	1906 – 1981
St Lukes School, Landport	1865 – 1967
Solent Road School, Farlington	1939 – 1975
Stamshaw School	1887 – 1965
Wellington Place School, Buckland	1883 – 1975
Wimborne Road School, Southsea	1916 – 1966

The majority of school records consist of log books, which chart day to day activities in the school. Very few admission registers have survived.

**\*Closure periods of 95 years apply for registers and log books.**

Published school histories and magazines, including:

<i>The Portmuthian</i> (Portsmouth Grammar School)	1912-1916 and most years from 1930 to date.
<i>The Nortonian</i> (Northern Grammar School for Boys)	1933 -1965.
<i>The Secundrian</i> (Southern Grammar School for Boys)	1933 -1974.

## Ship Crew Lists

Crew Lists and Agreements 1857 - 1913  
(ships registered at Portsmouth and at Cowes, Isle of Wight, only)

The index to these records is available at [www.crewlist.org.uk](http://www.crewlist.org.uk)

## Transport

Records relating to railways, buses, trams, ferries, ships, paddle steamers, floating bridges, motor vehicles and coaches. Including plans, photographs, timetables, posters, official guides, Acts of Parliament, minutes, reports and shipping registers.

Useful collections: **DR** City of Portsmouth Passenger Transport Department; **49A** Portsmouth Floating Bridge Company; **PR/S** Shipping registers 1824-1988; **1712A** Isle of Wight Ferry Services

Published histories of local railways, buses and ferries.

Local bus and train timetables 1940s to date (access by arrangement).

## Vehicle Registrations

Vehicles registered in the UK (including motorcycles) have to carry a registered number plate. These were originally issued by local authorities, denoted by a letter code. The letter codes for Portsmouth were:

BK, RV and TP 1904 - 1974

## War

Records relating to various conflicts including information on war memorials. Please see indexes in Portsmouth History Centre.

Records of World War Two include:

Civil Defence/ARP files; photographs, a map showing where German bombs fell on Portsmouth, ration books, ID cards, oral history interviews etc.; newspaper cuttings; German maps and aerial photos of WWII Portsmouth targets;

Useful collections: **108A** Civil Defence

## Wills

Wills pre-1858: Portsmouth History Centre has only a small quantity and these are searchable by card index. Please note that wills are stored offsite and need to be ordered in advance. Wills for Portsmouth can also be found at Hampshire Archives and Local Studies.

Calendars of Wills and Administrations (England & Wales) 1858-1943 on microfiche.

## **Workhouses**

**(See also Poor Law)**

Records of the workhouses in Portsmouth, including:

Admission and discharge (Creed) registers*	1879 - 1953
Lists of poor in the workhouse	1737 - 1815
Journals	1790 – 1840
Day books	1751 – 1836
Workhouse plans	

**\*closure periods of 100 years apply**

**See also: Poor Relief**

[see [www.workhouses.org](http://www.workhouses.org) for information on workhouses across the British Isles]