

Birmingham Archives & Heritage

Source List

WAR: WW1

Information relating to aspects of the **First World War** can be found in Birmingham Archives & Heritage subject indexes, under the headings of War, First World War, Memorials, Diaries, etc. There is also a range of material relating to the War Refugee Fund (Birmingham & District).

Recommended reading: *'The History of the Corporation of Birmingham'*, Vol V (1915-1935) part 1, by J.T. Jones, includes an informative chapter on *'The Municipality and the War'*. Also, *'History of Birmingham, Borough and City'*, Vol 2 (1865-1938) by Asa Briggs.

Archives:

MS 536	Letters of Oliver Banwell re. his decision to be a conscientious objector.	
MS 347	Sir Richard Threlfall Papers (chemical warfare).	
MS 1410/11	Postcards.	1914-1918
282741/ZZ 65B	Women's Volunteer Reserve, Midlands Battalion: typescript history, extracts from letters.	1915-1917
348217/ZZ 65B	Photographs taken during training of 14 th , 15 th , 16 th (Service) Battalions, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, (Birmingham City Battalions).	1914-1915
MS 2174	Scout album with photographs of the period. (See d/Morris)	
MS 761	Personal papers of Private A. H. Woodward.	
440136/IIR 23	Official War News telegrams.	
430000/ZZ 61A	Diary of Captain AE Impey.	
MS 800	Ration books belonging to Mrs Nellie Lewis.	
MS 1430	Medals and personal papers of Charles Hill.	
MS 2358	Diary of H. C. Hartes.	

Birmingham City Council Committee Minutes

Birmingham War Hospitals Committee.	1915-1920
Watch Committee Minute Book, includes index with references to war allowances, air raid wardens, etc.	1916-1919
General Purposes Committee Minute Book includes a reference to war memorial discussions.	1919-1920

Other Sources:

PRO publications are of interest to those seeking a relative who may have served in the armed forces:

Q35531	'Army Service Records of the First World War', Fowler, Spencer and Tamlin.	1998
929.3	'Army Records for Family Historians', Fowler and Spencer.	