

Library of Birmingham Archives & Collections

A Source List Relating to Canals, Canal Boats, and Canal Carriers

Archives

MS 86

Birmingham Canal Navigation, mainly legal and financial papers, early 19th cent. Also on BCN Boat Register.

MS 316

Official register of Boats and Inspections: 1879 - 1957
Register of Boats (9 vols. 1879-1960)
Record of Inspections (5 vols. 1934-1957)
Examining Officers' Reports (2 Vols. 1912-1943)

MS 454

From Fellows, Morton and Clayton, canal carriers. Miscellaneous photographs, newspaper cuttings and maps relating to canal boats

MS 626

Birmingham Canal Navigation, mainly legal and financial papers, early 19th cent. Also on BCN Boat Register.

MS 685

Correspondence file of Chief Sanitary Inspector re canal boats, their registration and inspection. Including correspondence with Fellows, Morton and Clayton. 1935-1972

MS 856

Records of the Birmingham Canal Navigation and the Birmingham & Midland Canal Carrying Co. Ltd, including the Birmingham Canal Act, 1931. 1909-1982

MS 905

Miscellaneous collection of various papers relating to Birmingham canals.

MS 1424

Survey of Birmingham Canal. Microfilm. 1777

MS 1497

Digbeth and Deritend Local History Project. 1989

MS 1497/13

Boat children: taped reminiscences of school attendance.

MS 1677

Material relating to John Snape, land surveyor 1737-1816, includes canal plans.

385899 [ZZ 33]

Miscellaneous notes on canals and railways. 1840

568603 [ZZ 75A]

Letters re Holden family's interest in Canals 1788-1869

593899 [IIR 29]

Report to committee of Birmingham Canal by John Smeaton. 1782

660153 [IIR 2]

Plans of Fazeley Canal 18th century. Photocopy. 18th cent.

662750 [IIR Grille]

Diary of G R Bird, wharfinger, (owner or manager of a wharf) carrier and boatbuilder. 1820-30

Maps

436711

A collection of Maps, Plans and other material relating to Midlands Canals Index: Canals by location. 1750-1850

Photographs

See Archives & Heritage photography indexes, Floor 6

Secondary Sources

H. S. Cobb, *Parliamentary records relating to internal navigation* (1969)

Volume 9, p73-79

Location: Archives & Heritage, Floor 6, B.025.171.0942

R. Shill, *Investigating the Genealogy of Canal Carriers*

The Birmingham Historian Vol. 11

Location: Archives & Heritage, Floor 6.

R. Shill, *'The Industrial Canal'*

Location: Archives & Heritage, Floor 6, A386.354 SHI

C. Hadfield, *The Canals of the West Midlands*
Location: Archives & Heritage, Floor 6, 47.21

D. J. Smith, *Canal Boats and Boaters*
Location: Social Science, Floor 4, A386.460942 SMI

See also

A number of deposits at various Record Offices, see white card in 'Name, Place and Subject Index'. 'Subject Index' contains CANALS: by location (Alpha).
In the subject index there are references to coroner's inquests on deaths related to canals, 1876 and 1877.

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