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LENCH'S TRUST

There are several collections in Birmingham City Archives, which relate to the administration of the Trust established by William Lench in 1525 and the land and property acquired by the Trust to pursue its charitable activities. Funds were originally provided to repair roads and bridges, especially the bridge at Deritend, and to distribute to the poor of Birmingham most in need. By the 19th century, several Almshouses had been established. Those in Conybere Street, Highgate, still exist.

Most of the property owned by the trust was in the City Centre, particularly in Digbeth and Deritend and the Steelhouse Lane area, and in Sparkbrook and Highgate.

ZZ 329/ 660543	Trustees Minute Books 1771-1920. 14 Volumes.
ZZ 329/ 660544	Trustees Annual Accounts, 1857-62, 1877-78, 1880-1922, 1924-1936, 1940-44. 83 volumes.
ZZ 329/ 660542A 660542	Bailiff's Accounts, 1630-94, 1 volume. 1785-1883, 1 volume.
ZZ 329/ 660545	Bailiff's Annual Accounts, 1860-63, 1865, 1868, 1870-71. 8 volumes.
ZZ 329/ 660546	Rent Ledgers, 1904-43. 5 volumes.
ZZ 329/ 660550 660549 660551 660552	Minute Books: Almshouses Cttee, 1854-1903 Estates Cttee, 1854-1903 Finance Cttee, 1854-1877 Misc. Cttees, 1878-1881
ZZ 329/ 660552	Lease Book, 1701-1857. 1 Vol.
ZZ 329/ 660557	Bailiff's Annual Reports, 1861-1886. 1 Vol.
ZZ 329/ 660547	Private Ledger: Income Account Book. 1928-33
ZZ 329/ 660556	Annual Account Book 1854-82.
ZZ 339/ 660548	Cash Book. 1798-1814. 1 vol.
ZZ 339/ 660555	Cash Income Account Book. 1930-36. 1 vol.
ZZ 339/ 660554	List of deeds relating to Lench's Trust. C.1928. 1 vol.
DV 260/ 324155	Deeds re land in Steelhouse Lane. 1772. 1 vol.