

Birmingham Archives & Heritage

Source List

Allotments

Archives:

[The Robins Family Papers](#)

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| MS 864/D/1a | Red Hill Allotments: lease | 1928 |
| MS 864/D/1b | Red Hill Allotments: lease | 1934 |
| MS 864/D/2 | Red Hill Allotments: lease | 1937 |
| MS 864/D/3 | Copy of licence granted to Messrs Sheffield Ltd, to utilise the Red Hill Allotments for advertising hoarding. | 1937 |
| MS 864/D/4a | Agreement concerning the letting of Redhill Allotments, Yardley, for advertising purposes. | 1951 |
| MS 864/D/4b | Plan of Hay Mills, Yardley, 1913 (annotation 1956) | |
| MS 864/D/5 | Notice concerning lease on land at Hay Mills, Yardley. | 1956 |
| MS 864/D/6 | Copy of consent to the assignment of lease of land at Hay Mills, Yardley. | 1956 |
| MS 864/D/7a | Letter concerning the development of land at Amington Road and Coventry Road, Yardley. | 1951 |
| MS 864/D/7b | Notice of determination of Development Value of land at Amington Road and Coventry Road, Yardley. | 1951 |
| MS 864/J/1 | Double-sided illuminated resolution of the City of Birmingham Allotments Committee showing appreciation to Mr W.H Robins and Miss R.F Robins. | 1957 |
| MS 864/J/2 | Double-sided illuminated resolution of the Birmingham City Council accepting land at South Yardley from Mr W.H. Robins and Miss Robins. | 1950 |

Birmingham City Council Records

These are the minute books of the several committees responsible at different times for the management of allotments.

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| BCC | Estate Committee minutes | 1851-1922 |
| BCC | Allotment Committee minutes | 1922-1964 |
| BCC | Smallholdings & Allotment Committee | 1964-1971 |
| BCC | Allotments Committee minutes | 1971-1974 |

Calthorpe Estate, Edgbaston

This collection is very large and has been recatalogued since the production of these references. Please ask to see the new catalogue.

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| MS 2126 Box 1 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | List of garden tenants at Ladywood and account of rents paid. | 1815 |
| MS 2126 Box 2 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | List of gardens in Edgbaston belonging to Lord Calthorpe. | 1840 |
| MS 2126 Box 2 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | Memo for adjustment of rents. | 1840 |
| MS 2126 Box 2 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | List of gardens tenants in Edgbaston. | 1840 |
| MS 2126 Box 2 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | Copy of letter to Lord Calthorpe with memo re. prevention of cultivation on Sundays in Spring Street. | 1845 |
| MS 2126 Box 2 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | List of garden tenants, Hare's Park Gardens, Edgbaston. | 1845 |
| MS 2126 Box 2 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | From Mr Simmons declining garden at Botanical Gardens. | 1845 |
| MS 2126 Box 2 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | From Mr Simmons applying for a garden in Spring Street. | 1845 |
| MS 2126 Box 3 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | Application for a garden near St. James' Church. | 1852 |
| MS 2126 Box 3 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | From H.N. Grinley about the arrears due from John Cook for garden rent. | 1852 |

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| MS 2126 Box 3 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | Agreements for letting gardens at Edgbaston. | 1856-1873 |
| MS 2126 Box 5 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | List of tenants of Botanical Gardens allotments, asking for a small deputation after floods. | 1908 |
| MS 2126 Box 5 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | Note of rentals at Malthouse Meadow Gardens. | n.d. |
| MS 2126 Box 5 'Estate Box 1 & 2' | List of gardens in Summer Street, Edgbaston. | n.d. |
| MS 2126 Box '4' Docs 1801-1897 | Plan of the gardens between George St. and Tenant St. | |
| MS 2126 Estate Box 11 | Sketch of Malthouse Meadow and Gardens. | 1872 |
| MS 2126 Box '11' | Account of Gardens altered in straightening the fence between Lord Calthorpe and Mr John Houghton in The Moors, Edgbaston. | 1821 |
| MS 2126 Box '11' | Agreement for letting garden at Edgbaston. | 1845 |
| MS 2126 Box '11' | Agreement for letting garden at Edgbaston to Wm. Taylor. | 1846 |
| MS 2126 Vol 1-2 | Garden Rentals (Allotments). | 1874-1880 |
| MS 2126 Vol 3 | Garden Rentals (Allotments). | 1913-1920 |
| MS 2126 Vol 4 | Garden Rentals (Allotments). | 1935-1936 |
| MS 2126 Vol 491 | Agreement for Leases, Vol. 2 (of 10). | |
| MS 2126 Vol 527 | Cottage and Garden Rentals (Allotments). | 1831-1835 |
| MS 2126 Vol 528 | Cottage and Garden Rentals. | 1835-1840 |
| MS 2126 Vol 534 | Garden Rentals. | 1845-1846 |
| MS 2126 Vol 637 | Cottage and Garden Rental-blank. | 1870 |
| MS 2126 Old Plan 24 | Survey of gardens at Monument Lane. | 1829 |
| MS 2126 Old Plan 25 | Survey of Jack's Gardens near Five Ways. | 1829 |
| MS 2126 Old Plan 26 | Gardens in Edgbaston under Price's old lease. | 1829 |

Miscellaneous Material:

- MS 2208 Exhibition entitled '*Homegrown: Photographs of Birmingham's Urban Allotments*', shown at the Midland Arts Centre Nov 1998-Jan 1999 by local photographer David Ruffles. 1998
- Jewel Baillie 37G Notebook containing newspaper cuttings from the Birmingham Daily Post concerning allotment schemes and the unemployed. 1885
- Jewel Baillie 153 Letters and other papers concerning the compulsory leasing of land in Alum Rock Road to Birmingham Corporation for allotments.
- MS 1269 Minute book of the Committee of the Knowle Road Allotments Association. 1930-1945
- MS 1902/1/1 A short history of the Acock's Green and District Allotment Holders Association.
[Permission needed to view this item - please ask]
- 567562-4 /ZZ 331 Gardens & Allotments, Taylor estates at Moseley & Strensham. 1871-1918

Secondary Sources:

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S. Hughes, '*Guinea Gardens-with particular reference to the only remaining site*' from P. Leather, ed., *Rewriting the History of Birmingham* (1992)
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