Oxford City Council records

What do they contain?

The Borough archives include:

- Council proceedings and lists of councillors 1528-1974
- Accounts and audits of city officers 1555-1856
- City lease books 1578-1826
- Taxation records: subsidies & poll tax
- Enrolments of hanasters (freemen) and apprentices 16th - 19th centuries
- Medieval court rolls 15th century
- Hustings and mayor’s court proceedings 1572-1875
- Quarter & Petty Sessions rolls & minutes 1614-1880
- Records of 18th-19th century statutory improvement bodies such as Paving Commissioners, Local Board, Folly Bridge Trustees
- City charters, deeds, wills, etc
- Town Clerk’s correspondence and other records 1835-c1980
- Building control and planning applications c1875-1953
- City Engineer’s Drawing Office plans and other records c1870-c1980
- Abstracts of accounts and ledgers 1889-1988
- Oxford City valuation lists 1893-1973

Where are these records?

The catalogued records of Oxford City Archive (OCA) are held at Oxfordshire History Centre and Oxford Town Hall.

Where is the catalogue?

The following catalogues can be found on Heritage Search:

- OCA1 - Oxford Borough Council and Committees, 1520-1974
- OCA2 - Oxford Statutory Improvement Authorities, 1771-1889
- OCA4 - Oxford Ancient Deeds and Collections, 1199-1962
- OCA6 - Oxford City Financial Records, 1553-1889

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• OCA9 - Oxford City Cemeteries, 1885-2009
• OCA10 - Oxford City Courts, 1290-1878

PDFs of a small number of catalogues not listed on Heritage Search, e.g. cemeteries registers, electoral registers and Quarter Sessions records, can be viewed [here](#).

The remaining catalogues of Oxford City records held at Oxfordshire History Centre are currently only available in hard copy in the Searchroom.

**More information**

• Oxfordshire History Centre [catalogues](#)
• [Visiting](#) Oxfordshire History Centre
• [Contact us](#) to book a visit to consult archive documents

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