

PARISH RECORDS

The following indexing system was described in the 1960 Guide to Nottinghamshire County Records Office. It gives a good idea of the wide range of records which may have survived. It is always worth asking any County Record Office what parish records it holds. These may or may not be indexed. In many cases the original documents have to be searched, which can be time-consuming and tedious, but potentially rewarding.

INCUMBENT	Appointments of rector or vicar, curate, parish clerk, lay reader, etc. Papers concerning advowsons.
REGISTERS	Registers of baptisms, marriages, burials & banns. Marriage licences. Burials in woollen. Briefs. Registers of services, Sunday Schools, etc. Special services, prayers, etc.
BENEFICE	Glebe property, including tithes. Easter dues. Investment of income etc. Tithe accounts, awards and papers. Procurations. Queen Anne's Bounty papers. Rectory or vicarage buildings. Churchyard.
CHURCHWARDENS	Accounts, including miscellaneous items such as mole catchers' papers. Pew rents. Church rate books. Visitation papers. Deeds of parish property. Church inventories. Faculties and accounts for church buildings. Deeds for parish hall, etc. Parochial Church Council minute books and accounts. Sequestration papers.
VESTRY	Minute books. Accounts. Boundary agreements.
CONSTABLE	Appointments. Assessments. Accounts. Warrants. Orders.
SURVEYOR	Rate books. Accounts. Surveys.
OVERSEERS	Valuations. Rate books. Accounts. Settlement and removal papers. Bastardy papers. Apprenticeship indentures. Poor Law Union papers.
SPECIAL COMMITTEES	Burial Board. Lighting and Watching Committee.
CIVIL PARISH (AFTER 1894)	Parish Council minute books. Accounts. Correspondence. Special Committee minute books, etc. Title deeds and maps of Parish Council's property.
CHARITIES	<i>Poor:</i> wills, title deeds, Charity Commissioners' schemes, trustees' minutes and accounts. <i>Education:</i> as above, also school managers' minutes and accounts, appointments of teachers, plans, accounts and reports of school buildings, papers concerning external educational authorities (eg National Society, County Council, Board of Education). <i>Apprenticeship:</i> as above.
MANOR	Court rolls. Manorial appointments.
OPEN FIELDS	Regulations for common pasture.
INCLOSURE	Awards. Plans. Acts. Commissioner' papers.
TRANSPORT & WATER	Deposited plans of railways and canals. Courts of Sewers. River Boards. Turnpike Trusts.
TAXATION	Assessments and papers for various taxes.
CENSUS	Returns and other papers.
MILITIA	Orders for assembly and training. Recruitment and discharge papers. Family allowances. Substitutes. Payments for Bounties. Papers relating to Civil, Napoleonic, 1914-1918, 1939-1945 and other wars.

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