Organisation Records

Oxfordshire History Centre holds a variety of documents deposited by a range of local organisations, societies and clubs. These include records for some University clubs.

Some significant collections that we hold include:

- The Oxford Union
- Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes
- Oxford Playhouse
- Oxford Jewish Congregation
- Oxford Prison
- Wallingford Farm Training Colony/Turner's Court

What will I find?

The records that organisations produce can vary to a large extent, but generally we hold administrative records such as minutes, correspondence, and financial records. There may also be publicity material such as photographs, programmes and scrapbooks.

Interesting examples

O29/PR/1 Calendar of prisoners from Oxford Prison, 1882

If your ancestor was ever accused or convicted of a crime, they might have spent time in Oxford Prison. These calendars give a persons name, age, trade, the date of warrant, the date received into custody, the offence, the date of the trial, the verdict and the sentence.

Where are these records?

These records are held at the Oxfordshire History Centre.

If you are wishing to consult the Oxford Union records, you will need to have permission from the Union. Please contact us about this and we will pass on the relevant contact details.

Where is the catalogue?

The records themselves are not online, but the catalogues of many of the records are available on Heritage Search. However, a number of the earlier catalogues are only available on index cards in the History Centre searchroom. Copies of the online catalogues are also available in the searchroom.

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