

Private records

These consist of the collections or documents kept or gathered by individuals who lived or worked in Oxfordshire or had a connection with the county.

Classes of records

The records in these personal archives may include letters, diaries, photographs, financial material, registration and membership papers, title deeds, reminiscences and research papers.

Among the unexpected documents in our private collections is a Register of Convicts who were transported to Maria Island, Tasmania, 1815-1830 (reference number [P240/R/1](#)). This register allegedly belonged to an old Oxfordshire family, but we have never been able to find out who they were.

Where to find these records

These private collections are held at the Oxfordshire History Centre.

Catalogues

The records themselves are not online, but catalogues of the records are available on [Heritage Search](#). The catalogues have the prefix **P**. Some of our older catalogues private or personal collections are on the National Archives' [Discovery](#) website. Others are not yet available online, and you will need to visit the History Centre to view the catalogues or request a copy from History Centre staff

More information

- Oxfordshire History Centre [catalogues](#)
- [Visiting](#) Oxfordshire History Centre
- [Contact us](#) to make an enquiry about the records

