

Library Collections at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse



The Museum Library at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse, the Museum of Norfolk Life is housed on the first floor and contains a large collection of books, documents and photographs. The collection covers many aspects of Norfolk's history and is available by advance appointment for researchers.

This document gives information on the collections held in the Library.

Books

The Library books are catalogued and arranged on the shelves under the Social History and Industrial Classification (SHIC) system. The various sections are described below together with significant volumes in that section. Small booklets, pamphlets etc. are stored in ring binders in the appropriate section. The list also gives some of the more significant books in that section

1.1 Community Life/Cultural Tradition (Red A): Dictionaries, Dialect, Place Names, Vocabulary, Folklore, Religion histories, Legends, Folksongs, and Ballads

1.2 Community Life/Organisations (Red B): Agricultural Societies.

1.3 Community Life/ Regulation and Control (Red C): Parliamentary papers, Poor Law, Agriculture policy.

1.4 Community Life/Welfare & Well being (Red D): Workhouses, Gressenhall, Norfolk, non-Norfolk, plans. Nursing, Medical, Welfare.

1.5 Community Life/Education (Red E): Schools, Children, Education.

1.6 Community Life/Amenities, Entertainment & Sport (Red F): Museums, Rural Sports, Fairs, Norwich Castle, Portraits, Deer Hunting, and City of Norwich Records.

1.7 Community Life/ Communications & Currency (Red G): Coins

1.8 Community Life/ Welfare & Defence (Red H): Civil War, World War One, World War Two, Land Army, Airfields, Edith Cavell, 'Norfolk and Great War Exhibition 1984'.

1.9 Community Life/Other (Red I): Directories - Kellys, Whites, Harrolds. Topography, Maps, Guide Books, General Norfolk Histories, Town and Village histories, Guide Books. 'History of Norfolk', 'Norfolk Tour'.

2.0 Domestic Life (Yellow A): Kitchen, Recipes, Gardening, Hobbies/Past Times, Houses, Pottery, Porcelain, Household Encyclopaedias, Games, Cooking, Needlecraft, and Bygones.

3.0 Personal Life (Yellow B): Memories, Childhood, 'John Sell Cotman', 'Paston Family', 'Coke of Norfolk', 'The Nelsons of Burnham Thorpe'.

4.0 Working Life/General (Blue A): Crafts, Labouring Life, Rural Industries, Business, Trade Unions, George Edwards. 'The Land Worker 1932 – 1965, 'Journal of NUAW'.

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- 4.1 Working Life/Horticulture, Forestry & Fishing (Blue B):** Apples, Fruit, Flora, Forestry.
- 4.2 Working Life/ Energy & Water Supply Industries (Blue C):** Windmills, Watermills, Mining.
- 4.3 Working Life/Minerals & Engineering (Blue D):** Bricks, Pottery, Pharmacies.
- 4.4 Working Life/Metals & Engineering (Blue E):** Blacksmith, Industrial Archaeology, Tools, Technology, Steam Engine Manufacturers, Catalogues, and Traction Engine Manufacturers.
- 4.5 Working Life/Other Manufacturing Industries (Blue F):** Bakery, Confectionary, Brewery, Boots/Shoes, Wool, Saddlery, Brush Making, Joinery/Carpentry, Furniture, and Machine Tools.
- 4.6 Working Life/Construction (Blue G):** Architecture, Houses, Building, Thatching, and Plumbing/Sanitation.
- 4.7 Working Life/Transport & Communication (Blue H):** Wherries, Sailing, Railways, and Ships.
- 4.8 Working Life/Distribution; Hotels/Catering; Repairs (Blue I):** Inns, Grocer, Shopping, and Shop Accounts.
- 4.9 Working Life/Other (Blue J):** Servants, Hairdressers.
- 4.11.1 Agriculture/General (White A):** Farming, Rural Life & Tradition, Labouring Life, Agrarian History. 'Rural Cyclopaedia, Rev John H Wilson, 1849', 'Copland's Agriculture 1866', 'Stephens Book of the Farm 5th Ed 1908', 'Cyclopidia of Modern Agriculture, Prof. R Patrick Wright 1911', 'Agriculture of Norfolk, Young 1804', 'Agriculture of Norfolk, Richard Bacon 1844,' 'The Practical Norfolk Farmer 1818 (R Kiddle)', Board of Agriculture Leaflets.
- 4.11.2 Agriculture/Land Management (White B):** Farm Wagons, Carts, Farm Buildings, Farm Implements/Hand Tools, Farm Machinery, Steam Ploughing, Land Drainage.
- 4.11.3 Agriculture/Crop Husbandry (White C):** Chemistry, Ploughing, Crops, Soil.
- 4.11.4 Agriculture/Animal Husbandry (White D):** Horses, Sheep, Dairy Farming, Pigs, Poultry, Rabbits, Farriers, Veterinary, Trapping, Poachers. 'Red Poll Herd Book', 'Suffolk Stud Book', 'British Friesian Herd Book.
- 4.11.7 Agriculture/People (White E):** Farm Workers, Country People.
- 4.11.8 Agriculture/Events (White F):** Royal Agriculture Society Meetings.

Printed Ephemera

Like the books the printed ephemera collection is arranged under the SHIC code system. The following list shows only the major items within the categories, some items may appear in a number of categories.

1.1 Community Life/Cultural Tradition: Religious Booklets, Memorial Cards, Hymn Sheets, Certificates, Dances etc.

1.2 Community Life/Organisations: Friendly Societies, Prize Cards, Agricultural Shows etc.

1.3 Community Life/Regulations and Control: Board of Agriculture Circulars, Local Government Circulars, Journal of Board of Agriculture, Ration Books, Identity Cards, Small Holders/Allotments, Parliamentary Bills.

1.4 Community Life/Welfare and Wellbeing: Poor Law Documents, Hospital Documents, and Housing.

1.5 Community Life/Education: NEC Regulations, School Documents/Certificates, Teaching Cards, Teaching Notebooks, Exam Papers, and School Books.

1.6 Community Life/Amenities, Entertainment and Sport: Hunt Documents, Programmes, Brass Band Music,

1.7 Community Life/Communications and Currency: Broadsheets.

1.8 Community Life/Welfare and Defence: Postcards, Home Guard Instruction Leaflets, World War One Documents, Civil Defence, 'The Land Girl', Women's Land Army Association Newsletter.

1.9 Community Life/Not Elsewhere Specified: Souvenir Booklets.

2.1 Domestic and Family Life/Domestic and Family Administration and Records: Accounts.

2.2 Domestic and Family Life/House Structure and Infrastructure: Sanitation, Electric Supply.

2.3 Domestic and Family Life/Heating, Lighting, Water and Sanitation: Cookery.

2.4 Domestic and Family Life/Furnishings and Fittings: Prints, Catalogues Furnishing.

2.5 Domestic and Family Life/Household Management:

2.6 Domestic and Family Life/Food, Drink and Tobacco: Cookery Books.

2.7 Domestic and Family Life/Family Wellbeing: Medical

2.8 Domestic and Family Life/Hobbies, Crafts and Pastimes: Fishing, Magazines, Atlases, Knitting, Needlework and Embroidery Patterns.
'Hobbies' Magazines, Handbooks, 'East Anglian Magazine', 'J H Skinner & Co Catalogue 1890'.

2.9 Domestic Life/Not Otherwise Specified: Garden Notebooks, Horticulture, Amateur Garden Magazines, Lawnmower Manuals, Garden Furniture, and Dog Licences.

3.0 Personal Life: Visiting Cards, Pay Slips, Registration Cards, Identity Cards, and National Insurance Cards.

3.1 Personal Life/Personal Administration and Records: Letters, Identity Cards.

4.0 Working Life/General: Union Membership Forms, Newspaper Bulletins – General Strike, NUAW papers.

4.1 Working Life/ Agriculture/Forestry & Fishing: Sale Catalogues - Timber, Fruit Growers Papers, Tree Machinery, Flower Show Certificates, Horticultural Magazines, and MAFF Leaflets.

4.2 Working Life/Energy & Water Supply Industries: Gas Works, Electric Supply Receipts.

4.3 Working Life/Extraction: Brick/Clay Machinery, Fison Papers, Fertiliser Booklets, Adverts.

4.4 Working Life/Engineering Industries: Company papers - Cranes, Randall's, Savages. 'Ace Razor Blade Works, South Creake.

4.5 Working Life/Manufacturing Industries: Craft Manufacturers, Catalogues, Millers, Bakers, Saddlers etc.

4.6 Working Life/Construction: Invoices.

4.8 Working Life/Distribution, Hotels & Catering: Labels, medicines, Adverts.

4.9 Working Life/Other working Life: Advertisements.

4.11.1 Agriculture/Administration and Commerce/Management: Farm Accounts, Farm Publications, Receipts, Prices, Student Notebooks, MAFF Leaflets, Magazines.

4.11.2 Agriculture/General Buildings, Land Management, Tools and equipment: Machinery Manuals.

4.11.8 Agriculture/Events: Sale Documents, Show Documents.

4.11.23 Agriculture/Machinery: Machinery Booklets.

4.11.24 Agriculture/Furniture and equipment: Tool, Machinery Booklets.

4.11.25 Agriculture/Motive Power and Transmission: Engine Manuals.

4.11.26 Agriculture/Transport and Materials Handling: Tractor Manuals.

4.11.27 Agriculture/Boundaries: Hedging Machinery Manuals.

4.11.28 Agriculture/Drainage and Irrigation: Trench and Ditching Machinery Manuals, Leaflets.

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- 4.11.3 Agriculture/Crop Husbandry:** Harvest Machinery Manuals, Threshing Drums. Reaper/Binders.
- 4.11.313 Agriculture/Agriculture/Crop Husbandry/Preparation/Manuring:** Fertilizer Leaflets, Manuring Leaflets, Spreading Machinery Manuals.
- 4.11.321 Agriculture/Crop Digging/Tillage/Digging:** Digger Manuals.
- 4.11.322 Agriculture/Crop Ploughing/Tillage/Ploughing:** Plough Manuals, Rotovators Manuals.
- 4.11.323 Agriculture/Crop Cultivating/Tillage/Cultivating:** Cultivator Manuals.
- 4.11.324 Agriculture/Crop Harrowing/Tillage/Harrowing:** Harrow, Tiller Manuals.
- 4.11.33 Agriculture/Growth:** MAFF Sugar Beet, Silage, And Insect Pest Leaflets.
- 4.11.331 Agriculture/Growth/Seeding:** Seed Drill, Broadcaster Manuals.
- 4.11.334 Agriculture/Growth/Crop Protection:** Hoe, Sprayer Manuals, MAFF Leaflets - Safety, Pests.
- 4.11.342 Agriculture/Harvesting/Cutting:** Binder, Mower, Combine Harvester Manuals.
- 4.11.343 Agriculture/Harvesting/Digging:** Beef Lifter, Potato Spinner, Potato Lifter.
- 4.11.344 Agriculture/Harvesting/Picking:** Bean Harvester
- 4.11.345 Agriculture/Harvesting/Drying:** Conveyor, Bale Lifter, Hoist, Haydrying, Grain Drying, Elevator.
- 4.11.346 Agriculture/Harvesting/Gathering:** Hay Sweep, Baler, Rake, and Mower.
- 4.11.347 Agriculture/Harvesting/Carrying/Container:** Elevator, Crop Loader, Dumper.
- 4.11.352 Agriculture/Separation/Threshing:** Cleaning Machines, Winnowing Machines, and Threshing Machines.
- 4.11.36 Agriculture/Storage:** Silos, MAFF Leaflets.
- 4.11.40 Agriculture/Animal Husbandry:** Movement Records, Licences, Horseman Recipe Books, Catalogues, Record Books, MAFF Leaflets, Bee Guides, Feed Machinery.
- 4.11.41 Agriculture/Animal Husbandry/Breeding:** MAFF Leaflets, Catalogues, Advertisements, Newspaper Cuttings, Poultry Breeding.
- 4.11.42 Agriculture/Animal Husbandry/Rearing & Feeding:** Grinding Mills, Chaff Cutter, MAFF Leaflets, Invoices Animal Feed, Advertisements.
- 4.11.44 Agriculture/Animal Husbandry/Housing:** Agriculture/Animal Husbandry Poultry & Pig Housing, Catalogues.

4.11.45 Agriculture/Animal Husbandry/Care: Agriculture/Animal Husbandry Veterinary Books, Invoices, Advertisements, Handbooks, Horseman recipes. 'Francis Cupid, Diss papers'.

4.1.46 Agriculture/Animal Husbandry/Extraction & Processing of Animal product: Milking Machines, Wool Certificates, Catalogues. 'The Dairy Farmer'.

4.11.47 Agriculture/Animal Husbandry/Game Management: Agriculture/Animal Husbandry Traps, Gun Licences, Gamekeepers notebooks.

4.11.8 Agriculture/Events: Sale Catalogues, Auction Catalogues.

Other important Ephemera collections:

Britton Brush Company Ltd, Wymondham. Catalogues, Journals, Photographs, Correspondence, Posters, Price Lists.

Daniel Brothers, Royal Arcade Norwich: Seed Growers, Nurserymen and Florists: Catalogues and Seed packets

Miln Masters, Kings Lynn: Seed Catalogues, Price Lists, and Photographs.

Plowright, Pratt & Hasbage Ltd, 8 Norfolk Road, Kings Lynn. Wholesale and retail furnishings & builders, ironmongers, agricultural implements, horticultural requites, lawn mowers & dairy appliances, stove, range & mantel makers, bar, rod, sheet iron & paint merchants: Catalogues.

Royal Norfolk Agriculture Association: Catalogues

R & A Taylor, Seed Merchants, Norfolk Street Kings Lynn: Catalogues

Farm Account books

Photographs

The Museum has a large collection of photographs. These consist of Glass Plate Negatives, original photographs, copy photographs and slides.

Original Photographs are catalogued using the Modes system. Copy Photographs are catalogued on Modes under CP/CP numbers and filed under the appropriate SHIC number.

Newspaper Cuttings

The Library holds an extensive collection of newspaper cuttings in scrapbooks from many local newspapers such as 'Eastern Daily Press', 'Eastern Evening News', 'Church News', and 'Norfolk News' etc.

Magazines

The Library holds copies of the following magazines:

Agriculture
The Agricultural History Review
The Ark
County Garden and Smallholding
The Countryman
East Anglian Magazine
Elmham Deanery News
Farm and Horticultural Equipment Collector
Farm Mechanisation
The Farmers Home
Folk Life – Journal of Ethnological Studies
Heritage Development
Home Farm
Horse Brass
Museum
Museum Bulletin
Museums Journal
New Heritage
Norfolk Archaeology
Norfolk Historic Buildings Group Journal
Norfolk Industrial Archaeology Society Journal
Norfolk & Norwich Naturalist Society
Oral History
Practical Self Sufficiency
Prittle Prattle – Folk Music in East Anglia
Power Farming
Regional Furniture
Rural History – Economy, Society, Culture
Tools and Trades

Maps

The Library holds a large selection of maps covering the county of Norfolk and surrounding counties:

Norfolk

Ordnance Survey 1/2500 25 inches to 1 mile
Ordnance Survey 1/10560 6 inches to 1 mile
Ordnance Survey 1:50000
Ordnance Survey 1/25000 2 ½ inches to 1 mile
Blake's Rivers and Broads
Land Utilisation map 1 inch to 1 mile
Norwich

Miscellaneous

Ordnance Survey - Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Essex

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