

Discovering Records relating to the development of Queen's Dock & Gardens at the Hull History Centre

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Introduction

The Hull History Centre is home to the Hull City Archives, the Hull Local Studies collections and the University of Hull Archives, and between us we hold archive collections, local studies collections and books, photographs, newspapers, maps and plans.

Finding what you are looking for can prove daunting, so we have created a number of guides to help you.

This guide relates in particular to the development of Queen's Dock and Gardens. Queen's Dock, as it became known in honour of Queen Victoria's visit in 1854, was the first public dock in Hull. Its construction was overseen by the Hull Dock Company. It took 5 years to build and was opened in 1778. A third of a mile long with an area of 10 acres, it cost just over £64,000 to build and helped to facilitate a rapid expansion of trade. During the next 90 years, five larger docks were built that rendered the smaller 'town docks system' obsolete, restricting their use. The decision was made that Hull's oldest dock was not worth maintaining and it was filled in and made into a green space in the 1930s. It has been the subject of redevelopment since and, in recent years, Queen's Gardens has been host to popular events such as the Jazz and Freedom festivals, national play days, concerts and other such celebrations. Researchers interested in how and why this space has continued to evolve will find the records at the Hull History Centre an invaluable resource.

Many of the books in the reading list can be borrowed from our library if you are a member of Hull libraries. If you are not yet a member, you can join when you visit the Centre.

These lists are not exhaustive and our [on-line catalogue](#) may also help you to find what you are looking for.

Once you have found what you are looking for you can e-mail or phone us to order the item/s to view in advance of your visit by contacting us on hullhistorycentre@hcandl.co.uk or 01482 317500. Please place your order at least 24 hours in advance of your visit. As some of these items are on microfilm, we may also have to reserve a microfilm for your use.

Hull Local Studies Library reading list

| Library reference | Author | Title | Publication Date |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| L.352.73 | Various | Parks & Gardens | |
| L.380.5 | | The Port of Hull Journal Vol 27 (no.1, no.2 & no.7) Includes information regarding the purchase of the Dock | 1930 (reference only) |
| L.385 | Nunn, David | The Town Dock of Kingston upon Hull: a brief history of the early docks in the centre of Hull | 2010 (reference only) |
| L.387.1 | British Transport Dock's Board | A History of the Port of Hull | 1978 (reference only) |
| L.387.11 | Jackson, Gordon | The struggle for the first Hull Dock | 1968 (reference only) |
| L.387.11 | Bates, E Percy | A note on the History of Queen's Dock, Hull | 1931 (reference only) |
| L.770 | Credland, Arthur G. | Harry Cartlidge 1893-1987 : Hull photographer (on p.50 is a photograph of the filling in of the dock) | 1998 |

Items within the Hull Local Studies Library Archive Collections

| Reference | Collection | Description | Covering Dates |
|---------------|------------------|--|--|
| Lp.352.73 QUE | Various | 32 Photographs of Queens Gardens & surrounding buildings | 1945-2005 (reference only) |
| Lp.387.1 DOC | Various | 17 illustrations & photographs of the Town Docks. Hull | c.1800-1993 (reference only) |
| Lp.387.11 | Various | 15 illustrations & photographs of Queen's Dock | 1778-1962 (reference only) |
| Lp.9.7086 | Various | 59 Aerial photographs of Hull | 1960-1993 (reference only) |
| L RH/1-3 | Renton Heathcote | Postcards of Kingston upon Hull (3 volumes including images of the Dock and gardens) | Early 20 th century (reference only) |

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| C BRD/2/106 | Papers relating to the sale of property & land by the Corporation | Bundle of documents relating to the sale of land by the Corporation to the Hull Dock Company required for Queens Dock | 5 Apr 1775 |
| C CQB/4 | Plans of Public Undertakings deposited with the Clerks of the Peace | Plan & Section of the dock east of the Citadel with water access to the rivers Humber & Hull Also a book of reference & Standing Orders of the House of Lords | 1839 |
| C DIKJ | Records of Keith Johnson | Postcards collected by Keith Johnson | c.1950s |
| C DMX/39 | Pictorial Record of the Transformation of Queen's Dock into Queen's Gardens | Album of 46 photographs presented to the Chairman of the Queen's Dock Committee, Sir W. Alfred Gelder, JP by fellow members of the Committee. | 1935 |
| C DPD | Records of Humber Conservancy & the Humber Ports | Including photographs, plans, Railway & Dock Parliamentary Bills, shipping dues & registration as well as records relating to the Hull Dock Company and its successors | 1772-1982 |
| C SRL/E/76 | Material relating to Events & Official Openings | Programme for the official opening of Queens Gardens | 19 Sep 1935 |
| C SRL/E/109 | Material relating to Events & Official Openings | Programme for the official re-opening of Queens Gardens after improvements | 16 May 1961 |
| C TCM | Minutes of the Council and its Committees | Queens Dock 'Special' Committee (volume 2) | 1929-1935 |
| C TCM | Minutes of the Council and its Committees | Parks, Leisure Services, Planning, Regeneration etc | 1935-2002 |
| C TCQD | Hull Corporation Queen's Dock Committee, records | Records relating to the work on the Queen's Dock in Hull under the 'Schemes of Work for the Unemployed' | 1932-1935 |
| C TDP/2/3 | Records of Hull City Council's Department of Industrial Development | Aerial Photographs taken from an album by various photography companies | c.1960s |
| C TSC/27 | City Engineers Department contract & design drawings for miscellaneous buildings | Queen's Gardens Fountain | c.1930s |
| C TSP | City Engineers Department Photographs | Various photographs of the Dock & Gardens | c.1938-c.1995 |

Items within the University of Hull Archives Collections

| Reference | Collection | Description | Covering Dates |
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| U DGS/6/385-386 | Records of the Georgian Society for East Yorkshire | Photographs, Negatives & Slides of areas with which the Society was involved including Queen's Dock & Gardens | 20 th Century |
| U DPL2/2/7/64-67 | Papers of Philip Arthur Larkin | Correspondence about the use of a quotation from 'The North Ship' on a monument planned for the northernmost end of Queen's Gardens Hull. Includes a general plan of the garden with detail of the siting of the stone | Jul 1969 |
| U DX336/31-40 | Claude William Jamson Archive | Photographic collection relating to Hull, including Queen's Dock & Gardens | c.1920s |