Guide to Archives

Archives

Go to the Archives’ pages of the Queen Mary, University of London Library website to find out about our collections and the services available. The web address is: http://www.library.qmul.ac.uk/archives

The Archives hold a wealth of fascinating institutional, personal archives and rare prints, dating from the 17th century to the present day. Among its varied collections, the Archives hold:

- **College archives**: the institutional records of Queen Mary and Westfield College 1882 to present.
- **Private papers of individuals, and the records of several organisations**: dating from the 18th century to the 1990s.
- **Rare prints**: dating from 17th century to the 1960s.

The collections are in a range of formats, including paper (e.g. letters, minutes and printed reports), manuscripts, photographs, prints, parchment, cinefilm, audio cassette, video, digital media and artefacts. Records of the medical colleges are held by St Bartholomew’s and the Royal London Archives and Museums.

Archives Catalogue

Search the Archives Catalogue for records relating to your research, or contact the Archives to make an enquiry: archives@qmul.ac.uk or 020 7882 3873.

http://archives-catalogue.library.qmul.ac.uk/CalmView/

Archives Reading Room

The Archives Reading Room is located on the 2nd Floor of the Mile End Library and is open Tuesday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and Mondays and Friday by appointment only. Users are advised to contact the Archives in advance of their visit.

College Archives

The institutional archives include the records of the College, and its predecessor bodies, the People’s Palace and Westfield College. The collections tell the personal stories of former staff and students, and provide an insight into the social history of East London, and women in higher education from the Victorian period to the present day. The main elements of the collections are:

- Queen Mary, University of London 1989–present
- Queen Mary College and the People’s Palace 1887–1989
- Westfield College 1882–1989
Private Papers and Organisations Archives

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Collections

The personal papers of former lecturers of the College provide evidence of teaching and research.

- Deyermont, Alan (1932–2009), professor of medieval Hispanic literature
- Hennessy, Peter (b.1947), journalist and professor of contemporary history
- Isaacs, Jacob (1896–1973), professor of English
- Jenkins, Harold (1909–2000), literary scholar, English lecturer
- Leslie, Robert Frank (fl.1918–1994), professor of history
- Maynard, Constance (1849–1935), mistress of Westfield College, theologian
- Schmitthoff, Clive Macmillan (1903–1990), law lecturer
- Skeel, Caroline (1872–1951), Classicist, professor of history

The papers of other individuals and records of organisations represent primary sources for the study of subjects in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

- Benson, Stella (1892–1933), novelist, feminist, writer
- Carlton, Ann (fl. 1965–2004), Labour Party activist
- Chesworth, Donald Piers (1923–1991), politician, administrator
- East London Papers: administrative papers, and journal of history, social studies and the arts
- Fowler, Rachel Elfreda (fl. 1872–1927), art historian
- Haydon, Benjamin Robert (1786–1846), painter
- Lyttelton, General Sir Neville Gerald (1845–1931), army officer
- Martin, John (1789–1854), painter
- Maynard, Constance (1849–1935), writer
- National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers: records c.1889–1989
- Palmer, Samuel (1805–1881), painter
- Smetham, James (1821–1889), painter
- Skeel family, merchants and apothecaries: family papers 1785–1928
- Temple, William (1881–1944), archbishop of Canterbury
- Wakefield, Edward Gibbon (1796–1862), colonial statesman
- Wyld, Professor Henry Cecil Kennedy (1870–1945), professor of English

Science and Engineering Collections

Personal papers of former lecturers and students of the College provide evidence of science and engineering teaching and research.

- Brooke, Eileen (d.1989), mathematician
- Delf Smith, Ellen (1883–1980), botanist
- Garwood, Robert Francis, (1914–1984), chemistry lecturer
- Jones, Gwyn Owain, (fl. 1949), professor and head of the department of physics
- MacGregor-Morris, John Turner (1872–1959), professor of electrical engineering

Rare Prints

The Westfield College Print Collection includes rare prints of lithographs, mezzotints, copper plate engravings and sketches of artwork and posters dating from 17th century to the 1960s.

Exhibitions and Digital Archives

Women at Queen Mary Online Exhibition: www.women.qmul.ac.uk
Archives Image Galleries: www.library.qmul.ac.uk/archives/archives_galleries
Digitised Records: http://www.library.qmul.ac.uk/archives/digital

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