

YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST – ARCHIVE MATERIAL

Principal Artefacts

- a) Five of the seven Royal Charters. The first, dated 1135, has been lost. The Seventh, dated 1609, has also been lost but a full translation in modern language is on view in the Council Chamber. Details of Charters attached.
- b) Silver-gilt Mace presented by Charles II in 1660.
- c) The Mayor's Seal
- d) The Seal of the Corporation
- e) Set of four old keys in envelope numbered 9094. The large one is probably the original key to the main door to the building.
- f) Two Yarmouth Commemoration Medals, Queen Victoria's Jubilee 1887 plus accompanying letter from A. G .Cole dated 17 Sep 1951.
- g) Mayor's Chain of Office, held by present office holder.

Documents

Yarmouth Corporation Minute Books	1710-1787 1785-1862 1862-1891
Yarmouth Town Trust Minute Books	1891-1905 1905-1910 1910-1916 1916-1924 1924-1937
Committee Minute Books (Pier, Harbour, Town & Finance Committees)	1900-1912 1912-1924 1924-1951
Town Trust Letter Books	1899-1909 1909-1922
Treasurer's Ledger	1842-1890
Account Books	1864-1880 1891-1903 1912-1921
Corporation Cash Book	1879-1884

Borough of Yarmouth Court Leet Book	1785-1862	
Report of Municipal Corporation Commission	1880	
Two Volumes	Report of Evidence	
One Volume	Special Report	
Copy of King James' Charter 1609		Charity Commission booklet March 1987
Ancient Town Records	1600-1634	Copied from MSS in British Museum
Conveyance	1966	Site of Public Toilets adjacent to Common
Table of Wharfage Tolls	1858	
Pier & Harbour Order Confirmation Act	1874	
Deeds for Recreation Ground	1929	
Lease of the Common		by Town Trust to Parish Council 1933
Bundle of early Pier documents		
Record of Corpn. Meeting 20 Dec 1787		following theft of records by Lt Cunningham Crooke to confirm dates of Corpn. members' election
Bundle of title deeds of Trust property	1843-1879	
Original Charity Commission Schemes		establishing Yarmouth Town Trust in 1890 and amending it in 1931
Copies of 1609 Charter in Latin and the English translation dated 1862		
Town Trust Notice to Mariners re Harbour	15 May 1905	
Grant of two pieces of land from Walter Erth to Richard Inglander c1486		
Plea Roll c1700 (illegible)		
Conveyances & Agreements re land at Yarmouth Common and The Mount		
Copy of Deed establishing the Thomas Lord Holmes Trust dated 28 Jan 1752		

Proposal for an Exhibition in the Castle discussed intermittently with English Heritage 1979-1991 but limited to a modest exhibition of photographs. Efforts to resurrect the proposal in 2005 were successful.

Yarmouth Castle Exhibition File: Detailed suggestions for a permanent exhibition.
Correspondence with DOE and English Heritage 1979-91

Thorley Parish Minute Book 1895-1932

Proposal by Harbour Commissioners to demolish the Pier 1981-1982

<u>Yarmouth Places</u>	Volume I	Initials A to N
	Volume II	Initials O to Z

<u>Yarmouth People</u>	Volume I	Initials A to G
	Volume II	Initials H to Q
	Volume III	Initials R to Z

Box 2: General Notes File

Transcripts of some documents in Appx A See intro to Appx

Lost Place Names Clues available

Transcripts of Leases, Indentures, etc

Copy of 1840 Tithe Award

Copy of 1841 Census

Copy of 1851 Census

Church Records of Tithe Payers 1851-1911

Church Registers: copies - originals held in County Record Office

Births, Marriages and Deaths	1614-1812
Baptisms	1813-1901
Marriages	1813-1971
Burials	1813-1974

Yarmouth Society Historical Section: Meetings
Data and miscellaneous notes
Newsletters 1978-1980

Borough of Yarmouth Directory 1883

Report of Commissioners' Enquiry into Yarmouth Corporation 1876

Valuation of Julia Margaret Cameron photographs
Tithe Rent Charges 1853-1881 & 1891-1911

Sundry notes about the Churches

Notes about old residents

Admiral Sir Robert Holmes An Account and Chronology by John Whitbourn

The Dashwood Scrapbook photocopies and notes

South Street 1979

Charles Andrews' letters 1878

Will of Timothy Heath 1737

Yarmouth Poor Book 1729 - 1736 a transcription
1729 - 1755 a photocopy, top copy

Notes on Place Names

Copy of 1851 Census

Copy of 1841 Census

Notes on Freshwater in 1880

A copy of the 7th (Great) Charter 1609

Old correspondence, C W R Winter

Press cuttings

Births, marriages and deaths Press cuttings

Chemist's Prescription Book dated late 19th Century

Box 3: Ron Winter's Research Papers

Draft of his second book (unpublished) "More about Yarmouth"

Three files of History Section notes

Two folders of various papers of historical interest including:

- a) Town Records 1600-1647 (copy)
- b) Extracts from John Winthrop's Journal 1630

Brochure re sale of Heytesbury Estate 19 June 1913

Dashwood family album March 1887 plus family photographs of same period

Other Archive Items

Box 4: Archive legal documents listed in Appendix A

Box 5: Archive legal documents listed in Appendix A

Box 6: Records of the site of Foresters Hall & Cottage

Indenture dated 23 Nov 1798 re sale of buildings by William & Elizabeth Rayner to Joseph Lawrence

Details from 1843 Register of inhabitants and 1851, 1861, 1871 & 1881 Censuses

Mortgage dated 5 March 1853 Barnabas Plumbley to Chas Hillier

Signed receipt dated 1854 by Chas Hillier from Charlotte Plumbley

Indenture dated 30 June 1856 sale by Robert & Charlotte Horlock (was Charlotte Plumbley) to John & Frederick Wadmore, Tailors & Drapers

Mortgage dated 4 July 1856 by the Wadmores to Wm. & Sarah Roach

Conveyance dated 7 July 1869 from Frederick & Marthe Wadmore to Edwin Mowbray

Conveyance dated 13 May 1874 from Edwin Mowbray to Walter Thomas Grigg, Draper

Mortgage dated 15 May 1874 Walter Thomas Grigg to Trustees of the IoW Court of Foresters, The Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society

Reconveyance dated 24 June 1879 Henry Jolliffe and others (Trustees of AOF) to Walter Thomas Grigg

Mortgage dated 24 July 1879 Walter T. Grigg to Robert Shepard

Some details of owners/residents since 1882

Photograph of James Blake (1816-1900) first Chairman Town Trust, and copy of obituary notice from County Press

Scrapbook, believed compiled by Raich Doe containing old photographs of the harbour (1901-1931) and press cuttings re the formation of Yarmouth Harbour Commission in 1931

Four scrapbooks of press cuttings
Dec 1979 - June 1981
June 1981 - April 1983
April 1983 - August 1984
August 1984 - January 1985

Details of nearby residents from the 1841-1891 Censuses

Press cuttings 1980s & 2002/3

Map showing proposed improvements to harbour 1843

Papers re Yarmouth Society Exhibition 1952-53

Miscellaneous Yarmouth facts from Geoff Cotton

Brailsford Family Scrapbook donated by M. L. Mallet

Box 7: Fire Service Archive

Station Activity Log Books
March 1946 - July 1950
February 1961 - October 1967
October 1967 - August 1978
August 1978 - July 1985

Training Record Book
May 1942 - August 1954
July 1966 - December 1970

Station Duty Log September 1950 - April 1954

Personal Record Cards (forty-seven)

Notes on the Completion of Fire Reports on Form K433 - 1963

Manual of Firemanship	Part 1	Theory of Firefighting & Equipment
	Part 2	Appliances 1965
	Part 6A	Practical Firemanship 1955 Reprint
	Part 6B	Practical Firemanship 1954 Reprint

Drill Book for Emergency Fire Appliances & Equipment 1960 & 1963

NFS General Fire Force Instructions Vol 1 - 1942

NFS Drill Book 1942

Fire Service Drill Book		1949 Revised 1955
National Fire Brigades Union Drill Book		undated but includes Steam Fire Engines Manual Engines & Drill with Horses
The Investigation of Fires 1949		For Guidance of Police Officers & Others
'Focus on Fire' booklet		1001 Questions & Answers - undated
The AFS 'Manchester' Fire-fighters Calculator		
British Fire Brigades booklet 1982 Part 1		Hampshire, Dorset & IoW
Fire Protection Association Journal		October 1948, October 1954, July 1955
Standing Orders for Road Movement of Mobile Fire Columns 1961		
London Fire Brigade Handbook on Hydraulics 1937		
Civil Defence Leaflet	No 1	Some things you should know if War should come 1939
	No 2	Masking you Windows
	No 3	Evacuation - Why & How
	No 5	Fire Precautions in Wartime 1939
Civil Defence Manual of Basic Chemical Warfare 1951		
The Official Story of the Civil Defence of Britain		'Front Line 1940 - 1941
First Aid for Fighting Men 1943		War Office leaflet
War Office Manual of Map Reading, Photo Reading & Field Sketching 1939		
War Office Signal Training (All Arms) Pamphlet No 3		Electricity & Line Signalling 1942 Reprint
War Office Signal Training Pamphlet No 5	1943	Signal Procedure
School of Infantry Pamphlet		The Bren Light Machine Gun
ABC Atlas of IoW		undated but probably 1960s
Local defence Volunteers (LVD) armband		pre Home Guard
Armed Services First Field Dressing 1939		
Black wooden chest		
Book of Corporation Acts & Orders		Yar Bridge Act 1858

	Pier & Harbour Orders Act 1874 Making & Improving Harbours Act 1847 Charity Commission Scheme (Yarmouth) 1890
Yarmouth Pier & Harbour Provisional Order	10 March 1930
Yarmouth Harbour Revision Order	1969
Table of Wharfage Tolls & Harbour Dues	dated 1863
Sundry Charity Commission Orders	dated 1895 -1925
Papers relating to Yarmouth Charities	particularly Thomas Lord Holmes
Harbour Authority By-laws 1931	and under Explosives Act 1875 & Petroleum Act 1928
Various Leases, Appointments & Agreements	dated 1857-1906
Reversion of Yar Bridge 1933	Correspondence to County Council
Correspondence 1906 - 1910	Gridiron at Norton Spit
Reconstruction of Ferry Terminal	Correspondence 1981
Correspondence Hopkins / Hockney	document dated 1375
Misc. correspondence re:	Constitution of Yarmouth Council Lease of Yarmouth Common 1933 Ownership of Yarmouth Castle 1967 Lease (1920) Dashwoods/ Town Council re land in Mill Rd
Items of old correspondence	late 1800s - early 1900s
Correspondence 1982-83	“Friendship between the Five Yarmouths”
Envelope of Butler family mementos	given by B. Heryet.
Town Trust audits	1944, 1945 & 1946
File of Town Trust	various Income/Expenditure A/cs 1929-1975
Exhibition display cards for various artefacts	
Auction notices for:	Premises surrounding Town Quay, 27 August 1928, Estate of late Wm. Squire Premises adjoining Pier & George Hotel 18 May 1894 Easton Farm 27 Aug 1928

Notes on Yarmouth's history

Photos used in Ferries Exhibition 2005

Five maps of Yarmouth 1824, 1846, 1862, 1896 & 2002

File re proposed Southern Railway new ferry 1935/6

Harbour Commissioners' Petition 1935/6 against Southern Railway

By-laws of Newhaven Harbour

Southern Railway Act 1936

Town Trust v Freshwater Gas Company Transcript of Judgement 13 July 1903
Bill of Costs dated 13 July 1903
Solicitor's Account

Photograph of Thomas Lord Holmes

Photograph of group at Town Hall awaiting IW Foxhounds Meet 12 Feb 1909

Yarmouth Parish Magazine April 1902

Two plastic bags of old coins (pre-decimalisation)

Black tin chest

Notices of Parish Council Meetings 1884-93

Yarmouth Parochial Sanitary Committee Minute Book No. 1 Oct 1880 - Mar 1897

Envelope of Bye Laws, Committee Minutes & correspondence re Harbour, 1936

Parish Meetings Minute Book 1916-1947

Bundle of Yarmouth Corpn. A/cs 1845-1879

Yarmouth Charities' Bank Pass Book Wilts & Dorset Bank 1896-1952

Corp'n. Annual Statements of Accounts 1880-1890
1890-1928

Parish Council Account Books 1895-1915
1916-1936
1937-1959

Yarmouth Sewage Plan 1876

Yarmouth Drainage Schedule of Junction pipes, undated

Annual Report on the Health of the Rural Sanitary District of the IoW
dated 1892, Yarmouth page 63
dated 1897, Yarmouth, pages 35 & 88-89

Correspondence as to Dredging 1895-1910
1909-1914

Counsel's Opinion re Extent of the Harbour dated 12 October 1898

Sale of Land to Sir Charles Seeley 1896-1899 correspondence

Agreement dated 14 Sep 1888 between Mayor and Corpn. & William Gannaway for dredging harbour

Corp'n. Accounts years ending 30 June 1876 & 31 Dec 1868

Case & Opinion dated 10 Apr 1874 of T. L. Wilkinson (Solicitor) re election of Churchwardens

Abstract of Title & Conveyance dated 12 May 1937 from H. G. Thomson to Parish Council of field south of Recreation Ground

Various sales of land, leases, petitions Counsel's Opinions etc. 1891-1911

Town Trust Agreements with London & South Western Railway re:
Offices on Pier and a winch on the Quay

Tree Preservation Orders 1949

Hire agreement Mill Road Allotments 1931

27 Apprentices Indentures dated 1897-1936

Correspondence with British Museum dated 1912 re repairs to the Charters and framed photographs of them

ARP Handbook No 14, 1942 re Fire Guards

Geoff Cotton's Archive Items

Blue ring binder - old photographs.

Blue ring binder (Marley Plumbing) - more old photographs (with notes)

Ring binder with pictorial cover (old seafarers) - photographs of 1920-30s

Black ring binder - misc. notes including details on gravestones in the Graveyard and extracts from 1841 Census with details from 1841 Tithe map

Yellow folder and buff file of old photographs

Article - Opening of New Yar Bridge

Yellow box of old photographs

Photocopies of 1841 & 1881 Censuses

List of Island Churches c1284

Register of vessels outward bound from Yarmouth - 1 Jan 1831- 31 Dec 1847

Lymington - Yarmouth Steam Packet Services

Maps - Heytesbury & Calbourne Estates and Yarmouth sewage network 1951

County Press cuttings 1888 (original) re lifeboat incidents

Street map - the Quay area 1840

Yarmouth Town Walls - on back of "Some Yarmouth Dates"

1840 Tythe Map

Other Archives:

Parish Council Minutes	1932-49 1949-60 1960-69 1969-76	from 1 st April 1974 - Town Council Minutes
Town Council Minutes	1976-82 1982-86 1986-90 1990-94 1994-97 1997-98	
Town Council Accounts	1926-31	
Town Trust Minutes	1951-67 1968-86 1986-96 1997-2003	
Box file	Sundry Parish Council maps	
Notes on Yarmouth from 1068AD		for proposed Castle exhibition

List of Maps and Plans (Wall Cupboard)

Definitive map of Yarmouth 1957 Parish Boundaries & Rights of Way

Survey of Rights of Way, Provisional Map 1952

Access to Open Countryside Review map

Review of County Districts

Ordnance Survey Maps Yarmouth & Thorley 1897, 1898, 1908 & 1939

Plans: Rebuilding of Manor Dairy, Bridge Road.

 Pier and buildings.

 Pier location (map)

 Sewers 1877

Rent Charges in lieu of Tithes 1843

Yarmouth Town Map 2005

Map showing Parish Boundaries

Jury Book 1812-1863

Collection of the Public General Statutes passed in the reign of King George IV

Roll of street maps “Yarmouth & some of its inhabitants 1881”

Maps of West Wight & Lymington Shore 1962/3

Commemoration Cert. HMS Onslaught 1942

Plan of Proposed Scout Hut on Recreation Ground (undated)

Indentures re Foresters Cottage

County Development Plan, Freshwater, Totland & Yarmouth 1966 (map)

Maritime chart of Yarmouth Roads & Harbour 1847

Wings for Victory Certificate Of Honour 1943

South Quay Approach Proposed Layout 1980

Roll of Ordnance Survey maps of Yarmouth area 1975,1976 & 1978

On view in the Council Chamber.

Two Serjeants' Staves (6ft long) with George III coat of arms 1761-1820

Three Constables' Truncheons (17 inches long), two with coat of arms of George III 1761 - 1820 and one with that of George IV 1821-1830

Millenium Time Capsule (in fireplace) installed 27th July 2001

Gloved Hand (approx. 13"x 11") on its 12ft pole, the "Hand of Welcome"

Mayor's Chair incorporated in wall bench on northern end of Chamber

Two glass onion-shaped wine bottles c1660

Framed on the walls: The Second Charter and its amendment, both by Edward III dated 1st April 1334

Fourth Henry IV dated 1st July 1439

Fifth Edward IV dated 20 November 1466

Sixth Elizabeth I dated 8th February 1560

Seventh (Great Charter) James I, 1st September 1609
transcribed by Harry Guy of Shalfleet 1912

Mayors of the old Borough of Yarmouth 1600-1891 by Harry Guy 1912

Framed print of River Yar estuary 1838

Two large oil paintings of Leonard Lord Holmes and Lady Elizabeth Holmes. He was Baron Holmes of Kilmallock, County Limerick, and was Mayor of Yarmouth in 1798, 1800 and 1803. Presented by Mr S C Rashley in 1951

Souvenir plaque Queen Victoria's Jubilee 1887

Roll of Honour framed 1914-18

Photograph Visit of Queen Elizabeth II 1965

Two framed prints Sir Robert Holmes & Thomas Lord Holmes

Oil painting of Frederick Charles Spring by C. Dashwood 1904

Two War Savings Campaign plaques 1943 & 1944

Six old balance weights of 14, 7, 4, 2, 1 & ½ lb respectively

Large carved crest HMS Onslaught

presented on her adoption by IoW District
Council, March 1942

In Display Cabinet, Ground Floor

Wooden brass-bound barrel recovered from HMS Gladiator 25 April 1908

Replica of Charles II Mace.

YARMOUTH CHARTERS

FIRST CHARTER

The first Charter was lost many years ago.

It was granted by Baldwin de Redvers in 1135, Yarmouth being the first town on the Island to be so honoured.

SECOND CHARTER

LETTERS PATENT of Edward III confirming to his Burgesses of Eremue (i.e. Yarmouth), Isle of Wight the grant made to them by Baldwin de Redvers of all the liberties and free customs which a free Burgess should enjoy i.e. freedom from tolls in fairs and markets etc. to them and their heirs and successors to enjoy as freely as they and their predecessors have done.

Issued at Rockingham in Northamptonshire on 1st April 1334 upon payment of a fee of Twenty Shillings to the Exchequer.

Second Great Seal of the King attached.

LETTERS PATENT of Edward III issued on the same date and to the same effect but without the record of the fee.

Second Great Seal of the King attached.

THIRD CHARTER

Granted by Richard II in 1385.

FOURTH CHARTER

LETTERS PATENT of Henry VI inspecting and confirming the letters patent of Edward III issued 1st April 1334 to the Burgesses of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.

Issued at Westminster 1st July 1439.

First Great Seal of the King attached.

FIFTH CHARTER

LETTERS PATENT of Edward VI inspecting and confirming the letters patent of Edward III issued 1st April 1334 to the Burgesses of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.

Issued at Westminster 20th November 1466.

Second Great Seal of the King attached.

SIXTH CHARTER

LETTERS PATENT of Queen Elizabeth inspecting and confirming the letters patent of Henry VI issued 1st July 1439, inspecting the letters patent of Edward III issued 1st April 1334 to the Burgesses of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.

Issued at Westminster 8th February 1560.

Great Seal missing.

SEVENTH CHARTER

The original of the last Charter has been lost. It was granted by James I on 18th September 1609. In addition to confirming the status of the town as a Free Borough with a Common Seal and a Mace, the town was granted a market to be held every Wednesday and an annual fair on St. James' Day (25th July), the eve before and the day after.

A full translation is on view in the Council Chamber and a copy is in Ron Winter's Miscellaneous Box of documents.