



DIAGRAM OF BIRMINGHAM'S BOROUGH AND CITY BOUNDARIES 1838 - 1931

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RATE BOOKS

- DISTRICTS: 1. ASTON : 1799 - 1911 (1871 - 1911 on open shelves.)
2. BALSALL HEATH : 1880 - 1911
3. BIRMINGHAM : 1736 - 1961 (1837 - 1920 on open shelves.)
4. EDGBASTON : 1788 - 1911
5. ERDINGTON : 1895 - 1911

6. HANDSWORTH : 1837 - 1911
7. HARBORNE : 1864 - 1911
8. KINGS NORTON : 1787 - 1896
9. NORTHFIELD : 1846 - 1901
10. YARDLEY : 1861 - 1896

AN INDEX TO THESE DISTRICTS IS AVAILABLE.

Some of the books are on the open shelves. Some are on microfiche.
Some books have to be ordered. A few are unfit for production.

1. ASTON BOXES 1 to 60

e.g. Box 1 : 1799 Vestry meeting / poor rate. April 1799 - December 1799.
Includes Aston, Bordesley, Saltley, Duddeston and Nechells,
Castle Bromwich. 1 vol. 245064

1800 - 1801 Vestry meeting / poor rate June 1800 - Jan. 1801.
1 vol. 245065

1801 Vestry meeting / poor rate July 1801 - Sept 1801
Handle with care. 1 vol. 245066

1822 - 1824 Poor relief. May 1822 - Jan. 1824.
1 vol. 245067

2. BALSALL HEATH

Balsall Heath was originally the northern part of Moseley Yield in the parish of Kings Norton and for the civil parish records relating to this area before 1895, readers are referred to the records of that parish. In 1862, however, a Local Board of Health was established for the urbanised area of Balsall Heath. This became an Urban Sanitary Authority under the Act of 1872; and in 1891 Balsall Heath was incorporated into the City of Birmingham. However, Balsall Heath remained part of Kings Norton Poor Law Union, until the general rearrangement of local government boundaries in the city under the Greater Birmingham Act 1911. In 1894, a separate parish of Balsall Heath was established for all civil purposes. In practice, because Birmingham City Council provided all local government functions, the parish was responsible for the Poor Law rating and very little else as the records suggest. The civil parish ceased to exist in 1911 when Balsall Heath became part of the Birmingham Poor Law Union and no longer needed to be separately rated.

OVERSEERS' ACCOUNTS CP/BH/2

POOR RATE BOOKS

(In addition to the poor rates listed below, Corporation rate books are available for 1896, 1901, 1906 and 1911, as well as some later years. For earlier poor law rates see CP/KN. For earlier local government rates see BCB)

- 1896 Poor rate assessment, April 1896
- 1896 Poor rate assessment, October 1896
- 1901 Poor rate assessment, April 1901
- 1906 Poor rate assessment, April 1906, Divisions I –IV
- 1906 Poor rate assessment, April 1906, Divisions V-VI
- 1911 Poor rate assessment, April 1911, Divisions I – IV
- 1895 – 1902 Summary accounts of rate income 1895 – 1902

3. BIRMINGHAM RATE BOOKS

Birmingham Rate Books for the years 1832 to 1920 are on the open shelves.

Birmingham Rate Books for the years 1921;1931; 1941; 1951; 1961 can be requested From the Bookstore, by using: the year,"district ward" & street name.

LEVY BOOKS Vols. 1 – 24 1736 – 1823. Available on Microfilm.

Vols. 25 –35. 1823 – 1837. Available on Microfilm.

Vol. 36 1810. Valuation List.

Vol. 37. 1810. Reassessments.

Vol. 38. 1817. Reassessments.

Vol.39. 1851. Evaluations: Birmingham, W'hampton & Dudley
Birmingham & Oxford Junction Railways

Vol. 40. 1856 – 1869. Appeals at the Special Sessions, re. Ratings.

CIVIL PARISH OF BIRMINGHAM

1869 - 1899 Boxes 1 – 6. Overseers Minute Books;

EDGBASTON RATE BOOK Interim List

Rate books; CP/ED/2/1

1778 – 1830	Poor Levy Books	6 Vols.
1831 – 1836	Grand Levy Book	6 Vols.
1837 – 1911	Rate Book incomplete	65 Vols.

ERDINGTON RATE BOOKS

1895 – 97	Poor Rate, Erdington,	1 Vol.
1896	Poor Rate, Erdington, October	1 Vol.
1896	Poor Rate, Witton, October	1 Vol.
1901	Poor Rate, Witton, April	1 Vol.
1901	Poor Rate, Erdinton, April	1 Vol.
1902	Poor Rate, Erdington, April	1 Vol.
1906	Poor Rate, Erdington, April Part1 & 2,	2 Vols.
1906	Poor Rate, Witton, April	1 Vol.
1911	Poor Rate, Erdington, April Part 1 – 2,	2 Vols.
1891	Lighting Rate, Erdington, April	1 Vol.
1836 - 72	Surveyor of the Highways Account Book	3 Vols.
1882 - 94	Vestry Meeting Minute Book	1 Vol.

HANDSWORTH RATE BOOKS.

BOX 1.	1837	Poor Rate: Perry Barr, January	1 Vol.
	1849	Poor Rate, May	1 Vol.
	1866	Poor Rate & Cattle Plague Expenses,	1 Vol.

Box 2.	1868	Poor Rate, May UNFIT FOR PRODUCTION	1 Vol
	1868	Poor Rate, October	1 Vol.
	1869	Poor Rate, May	1 Vol.
OUTSIZE	1871	Poor Rate, April 1871	1 Vol.
	1871	Poor Rate, May 1871`	1 Vol.
	1876	Poor Rate, April 1876	1 Vol.
	1886	Poor Rate, May 1886	1 Vol.
	1891	Poor Rate , 1891.	1 Vol
	18 95	Poor Rate, November Parts 1 – 2	2 Vols.
	1886	Poor Rate, April Parts 1 – 2.	2 Vols.
	19 01	Poor Rate: District no.1, Spring	1 Vol.
	1901	Poor Rate: District no.2, Spring	1 Vol.
	1906	Poor Rate: District no. 1, Spring Parts 1 – 2.	2 Vols.
	1906	Poor Rate: District no. 2, Spring	1 Vol
	1911	Poor Rate: District no 1, Spring, Parts 1 – 2.	2 Vols.
	1911	Poor Rate: District no. 2, Spring	1 Vol.
	1863	Valuation List	1 Vol.
	1866	Valuation List, April	1 Vol.
	1868	Valuation List, May	1 Vol.
	1868	Valuation List,	1 Vol.
BOX 3	1875	Valuation List (original)	1 Vol.
	1882 – 89	Valuation & Supplemental Valuation Lists	1 Vol
BOX 4	1889	Valuation & Supplemental Valuation Lists	1 Vol.
BOX 5	1894	Valuation & Supplemental Valuation Lists	1 Vol.
	1899	Supplemental Valuation List: District no. 2	1 Vol.

BOX 6	1899	Valuation List (original)	1 Vol.
	1906	Supplemental Valuation List : District on. 1 (orig)	1 Vol.
BOX 7	1906	Valuation List : District no. 1 (original)	1 Vol.
	1906	Valuation List : District no. 2 (original)	1 Vol..
BOX 8	1906	Supplemental Valuation List: Dist. no. 2 (original)	1 Vol.
OUTSIZE	no date	Valuation List	2 Volumes
BOX 9	1751 - 1762	Overseers accounts	1 Vol.
	1814 - 1824	Overseers accounts	1 Vol.
	1827 - 1836	Overseers accounts	1 Vol.
	1802 - 1829	Overseers accounts : Perry Barr	1 Vol.
BOX 10	1912	Overseers Receipts & Payments Book, April	1 Vol.
	1912 - 1921	Overseers References to the Chief Ass. Officer, Birmingham & Handsworth Overseers	1 Vol
OUTSIZE	1914 - 1924	Overseers Receipts & Payments Book	1 Vol.
	1924 - 1927	Overseers Receipts & Payments Book	1 Vol..

HARBORNE RATE BOOKS Temporary shelf list.

BOX 1.	1864	Rate Book : General District	1 vol
	1865	Rate Book , May & December	1 vol
		UNFIT FOR PRODUCTION	
	1870	Rate Book, April - October	1 vol

UNFIT FOR PRODUCTION

OUTSIZE	1896	Improvement Rate, March 1896	1 vol
	1911	Improvement Rate, April 1911	1 vol
	1896	Poor Rate, April 1896	1 vol
	1896	Poor Rate, October 1896	1 vol
	1897	Poor Rate, April 1897	1 vol
	1901	Poor Rate, April 1901	1 vol
	1906	Poor Rate, April 1906	1 vol
	1911	Poor Rate, April 1911	1 vol

KINGS NORTON CIVIL PARISH

A brief history of this parish is given within this index in the City Archives.

PARISH GOVERNMENT

1887 – 1892	Minute Book 8 Aug 1887 – 8 Aug 1892	1 Vol
1892 – 1895	Minute Book 5 Sept – 25 Mar 1895	1 Vol
1895 – 1898	Minute Book 4 Jan – 28 Sept 1898	1 Vol

The Parish Council was established 1894, but abolished 1898 when the local authority became an urban district council.

OVERSEERS' ACCOUNTS

Valuation and Rate Books In addition to the poor rates listed below, a number of others survive in privately deposited collections. See Library Index for details of years and codes.

1787 – 1788	Poor levy book (all 4 yields)	1 Vol.
1841	Poor rate assessment	1 Vol.(o/s)
1855	Poor rate assessment, Oct.	1 Vol.
1856	Poor rate assessment, Apr. Handle with care.	1 Vol.
1856	Poor rate assessment, Oct.	1 Vol.

1857 Poor rate assessment, Apr. 1 Vol.

1857 Poor rate assessment, Oct. Handle with care. 1 Vol.

1859 Poor rate assessment, Apr. 1 Vol.

1859 Poor rate assessment, Oct. Handle with care. 1 Vol.

1860 Poor rate assessment, Apr. Unfit for production. 1 Vol.

1860 Poor rate assessment, Oct. Handle with care. 1 Vol.

1861 Poor rate assessment, Apr. Handle with care. 1 Vol.

1861 Poor rate assessment, Oct. Unfit for production. 1 Vol.

1862 Poor rate assessment, Apr. Handle with care. 1 Vol.

1862 Poor rate assessment, Oct. Handle with care. 1 Vol.

1863 Poor rate assessment, Oct. Handle with care. 1 Vol.

1865 Poor rate assessment, Apr. Handle with care. 1 Vol.

1865 Poor rate assessment, Oct. Unfit for production. 1 Vol.

1866 Poor rate assessment, Apr. Unfit for production. 1 Vol.

1866 Poor rate assessment, Oct. 1 Vol.

1867 Poor rate assessment, Apr. Unfit for production. 1 Vol.

1868 Poor rate assessment, Oct. 1 Vol.

1871 Poor rate assessment, Apr. 1 Vol.

1871 Poor rate assessment, Oct. Handle with care.

1872 Poor rate assessment, Oct. 1 Vol.

1873 Poor rate assessment, Sept. 1 Vol.

1875 Poor rate assessment, Sept. 1 Vol.

1876 Poor rate assessment, Oct. 1 Vol.

1878 Poor rate assessment, Michaelmas 1 Vol.

1880 Poor rate assessment, Lady Day. 1 Vol.

1881 Poor rate assessment, Apr. Unfit for production. 1 Vol.

1881 Poor rate assessment, Oct. 1 Vol.

- 1883 Poor rate assessment, Oct. Unfit for production. 1 Vol.
- 1886 Poor rate assessment, Apr. 1 Vol.
 For Rednal Field, Public Companies,
 Headley Yield, Moseley South 1st.
 And Moseley South 2nd. Division.
 Includes at folio. 113 Totals raised from
 Rate in 'Kings Norton District' – this vol.
 And 'Balsall Heath District' in following vol.
- 1886 Poor rate assessment, Apr. 1 Vol.
 For Basall Heath, 1st div.,
 Moseley North 2nd. ,3rd.4th.and 5th divisions.
 Includes at folio 188 the same total figures
 Given in previous vol. Handle with care.
- 1886 Poor rate assessment, Oct, 1 Vol.
 For Kings Norton Division.
- 1886 Poor rate assessment, Oct. 1 Vol.
 For Balsall Heath Division.
- 1891 Poor rate assessment, Apr. 1 Vol.
 For Kings Norton Division.
- 1891 Poor rate assessment, Apr. 1 Vol.
 For Balsall Heath Division.
- 1891 Poor rate assessment, Oct. 1 Vol.
 For Kings Norton Division.
- 1891 Poor rate assessment, Oct. 1 Vol.
 For Basall Heath Division.
 (After 1894 this Division was constituted as a separate civil parish)
- 1896 Poor rate assessment, Apr. 1 Vol.
 For Kings Norton.
- 1896 Poor rate assessment, Oct. 1 Vol.
 After the formation of the Kings Norton & Northfield Urban District
 Council collected a unified Poor, General and District Rate.
 See Archive Index for Reference Code.

VALUATION LISTS.

- 1841 Numerical reference and valuation of the whole parish of 1 Vol. O/S
 Kings Norton – compiled R. Fowler & W Robson,
 See Archive Index for more details.
- 1841 Extract relating to Headley Yield only.

- 1872 Valuation List, whole parish. Handle with care, 1 Vol,
- 1880 Valuation list for "Kings Norton District" of the parish. 1 Vol.
Includes, loose notice of Union Assessment Committee.
- 1880 Valuation List for "Balsall Heath District" of parish. 1 Vol.

OVERSEERS' GENERAL LEDGERS

- 1803 – 1837 Audited summary accounts of overseers of poor. 1 Vol.

In each year, the overseer appointed for each of the four yields, accounted separately for his income and expenditure. From 1834 onwards, the accounts are then analysed for the Parish as a whole. (Unfit for production: Fire and damp damage)
- 1868 – 1869 Collecting and deposit book of John Suckling Pritchett, rate collector. 1 Vol.

NORTHFIELD RATE BOOKS

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| OUTSIZE | 1846 | Poor Rate April | 1 Vol, |
| BOX 1. | 1870 | Poor Rate, June | 1 Vol. |
| | 1870 | Poor Rate, December. | 1 Vol. |
| | 1871 | Poor Rate, June . | 1 Vol. |
| | 1871 | Poor Rate, November. | 1 Vol. |
| | 1872 | Poor Rate, November. (Unfit for production) | 1 Vol. |
| | 1873 | Poor Rate, October. | 1 Vol, |
| | 1875 | Poor Rate, July. | 1 Vol. |
| | 1875 | Poor Rate, November. | 1 Vol. |
| | 1876 | Poor Rate, November. | 1 Vol. |
| BOX 2 | 1880 | Poor Rate, June. | 1 Vol.. |
| | 1881 | Poor Rate, November. | 1 Vol. |
| | 1883 | Poor Rate, November. | 1 Vol. |
| | 1888 | Poor Rate, November. | 1 Vol. |
| | 1889 | Poor Rate, November. | 1 Vol. |

BOX 3	1891	Poor Rate, June	1	Vol.
	1891	Poor Rate, November.	1	Vol.
	1896	Poor Rate.	1	Vol.
	1896 – 1897	Poor Rate.	1	Vol.
OUTSIZE	1901	Poor Rate.	1	Vol.
BOX 4	1880	Special Expenses, July.	2	Vol.
	1880	Special Expenses. November.	1	Vol.
	1881	Special Expenses. November.	1	Vol.
	1883	Special Expenses, May.	2	Vol.
	1883	Special Expenses, November.	1	Vol.
	1886	Special Expenses, May.	2	Vol.
	1886	Special Expenses, November.	1	Vol.
	1891	Special Expenses, June.	2	Vol.
	1891	Special Expenses, November.	1	Vol.
	1896	Rate for Special Expenses “United Drainage Area”	1	Vol.
	1896	Special Expenses, May.	1	Vol.
	1896 – 1897	Special Expenses.	1	Vol.
	No Date	Special Expenses,	1	Vol.
	1906	Poor Rate & General District Rate, Apr.	2	Vol.
	1911	Poor Rate & General District Rate, Apr,	2	Vol.
	1848 – 1865	Highway Rate Books (Unfit for production)		
BOX 5	1867 – 1872	Highway Rate Books (unfit for production)		
OUTSIZE	1863 – 1874	Valuation List (unfit for production)		
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	1895 – 1912	Overseers Minute Book, Dec. 1805 – Apr. 1912		

YARDLEY RATE BOOKS

BOX 1	1861	Poor Rate May	1 Vol.
	1862	Poor Rate, Oct	2 Vols.
	1863	Poor Rate , April	1 Vol.
	1863	Poor Rate, Sept.	1 Vol.
	1864	Poor Rate, Apr.	1 Vol.
	1864	Poor Rate, Oct.	1 Vol.
	1865	Poor Rate, Mar.	1 Vol.
	1865	Poor Rate, Sept.	1 Vol.
OUTSIZE	1871 – 72	Poor Rate,	1 Vol.
	1872	Poor Rate.	1 Vol.
	1873	Poor Rate.	1 Vol.
	1875	Poor Rate.	1 Vol.
	1876	Poor Rate, Apr.	1 Vol.
	1876	Poor Rate, Oct.	1 Vol.
	1877	Poor Rate, Oct.	1 Vol..
	1880	Poor Rate.	1 Vol.
	1881	Poor Rate.	1 Vol.
	1886	Poor Rate.	1 Vol.
	1891	Poor Rate.	2 Vols.
	1896	Poor Rate.	1 Vol.
	1881	Rate Book for Special Expenses.	3 Vols.
	1886	Rate Book for Special Expenses, Oct.	1 Vol.
	1880	Sanitary Rtae Book.	1 Vol.
	1891	Sanitary Rate Book.	2 Vols.

1896	Sanitary Rate Book.	2 Vols.
Incomplete Listing : Rate Books for Yardley Continue up to 1911		40 Vols.

Summary of remainder of unlisted records for YARDLEY Civil Parish

1843 – 1891	Highway Rates.	2 Boxes & 3 Vols.
1816 – 1855	Surveyor of Highways accounts.	33 Vol.
1807 – 1831	Land Tax Assessments.	2 Vols.
1795 – 1830	Overseers` accounts.	9 Vols.
1810 – 1822	Christmas dole	2 Vols.
1828 – 1833	Paupers rent.	
1809 – 1837	Workhouse accounts.	4 Vols.
1810 – 1822	Workhouse clothing accounts.	4 Vols.
1812 – 1825	Register of inmates (workhouse)	
1823 – 1863	List of overseers` minutes	
1851 – 1868	Overseers` minutes.	
1833 – 1911	Vestry minutes.	3 Vols.

(See also: 278090-I/IIR40 for overseers, etc.accounts
& IIR40 for other Yardley parish records.)