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The material on this CD represents only an anthology of sources for the history of Cowley. The following selective list attempts to highlight the chief sources for Cowley available in print, and to list the main libraries and archives where unpublished or manuscript material (including maps, photographs and illustrations) is deposited. Further information on Cowley is provided in the footnotes and bibliographies of the printed works listed, and in the catalogues available in the listed libraries and archives. Many printed materials are listed (with references) in E.H. Cordeaux and D.H. Merry, *A Bibliography of Printed Works relating to Oxfordshire* (1955) and in their *Bibliography of Printed Works relating to the City of Oxford* (1976)

Sources included in part or in whole on this CD-ROM are marked: ● Click over to link to section.

Most other printed sources are available locally in the Centre for Oxfordshire Studies in Oxford Central Library, or in the Bodleian Library.

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Published Histories of Cowley, including references in General

Victoria History of Oxfordshire, volume II (1907), 157-8, 210, 270

Victoria History of Oxfordshire, volume IV (1979), 187-8, 207-8, 217-22, 261-3, 409-11, 414, 419, 421-2, 424, 446-7, 454, 473-4 - covers Cowley after it became part of Oxford City in 1929

- Victoria History of Oxfordshire, volume V (1957), 76-95 - covers Cowley before 1929

The VCH is an ongoing series which aims, when completed, to have produced a detailed history of every town, village and parish in the country. Thirteen Oxfordshire volumes have so far been produced, covering two-thirds of the pre-1974 county; the Vale of White Horse is covered in the Berkshire volumes. Available in the Centre for Oxfordshire Studies

A.F.C. Bourdillon, ed., A survey of the social services in the Oxford District, 2 vols. (1938-40)

- Edward Cordrey, 'Sidelights on old Cowley', Allen's Activities (Summer 1954)
- Cowley Festival of Britain week souvenir booklet (1951)
- Nan Davies, Cowley village 1903 (1979)

E.W. Gilbert, 'The industrialisation of Oxford', Geographical Journal (1947)

Malcolm Graham, On Foot in Oxford no.2: Cowley (1974)

Tony Moore, Cowley- car works, community and churches (1981)

Carole Newbigging, Susanne Shatford and Trevor Williams, The changing faces of Cowley (1994)

Carole Newbigging and Trevor Williams, The changing faces of Cowley: Book Two (1995)

Carole Newbigging, The changing faces of Cowley: Book Three (1999)

H. Simmons, 'Cowley', in The landscape of Oxford's Green Belt (1981), 22-38

Books or Articles on Particular Topics

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ARCHAEOLOGY

R.J.C. Atkinson, 'Romano-British potters' field at Cowley, Oxfordshire', *Oxoniensia* 6 (1941), 9-21

C.J. Young, 'The Roman Kiln site at St. Luke's Road, Cowley', *Oxoniensia* 38 (1973), 215-232

BUILDINGS

Dept. of Environment, List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest: City of Oxford (typescript 1972, with updates): copy available in Centre for Oxfordshire Studies

N. Pevsner and J. Sherwood, *Buildings of England: Oxfordshire* (1974), 339-344

CHURCHES

● Church of St. Luke's, Cowley (195-)

Cowley and its parish church (1972)

INDUSTRY

Martin Adeney, *Nuffield*, a biography (1993)

P.W.S. Andrews and Elizabeth Brunner, *The life of Lord Nuffield* (1955)

Harry Edwards, *The Morris motor car 1913-1983* (1983)

Arthur Exell, 'Morris Motors in the 1940s', *History Workshop* 9 (1980), 90-114

● Ernest Fairfax, *Calling all arms* (1945) - the work of the Nuffield Organisation during the Second World War

Robert Jackson, *The Nuffield story* (1964)

● G.T. Launchbury, 'John Allen & Sons (Oxford) Ltd., 1868-1952', *Allen's Activities*, 13-22 (1952-4)

James Leasor, *Wheels to fortune: a brief account of the life and times of William Morris Viscount Nuffield* (1954)

Books or Articles on Particular Topics continued

- Morris Motors Ltd., At Cowley (1929 and 1932 eds.)
- Morris Motors Ltd., Morris specialised production (193-)
Nuffield Press, 1925-1985: a jubilee history (1985)
- R.J. Overy, William Morris, Viscount Nuffield (1976)
- Pressed Steel Company Ltd., 24 years of progress (1950)
- Pressed Steel Company Ltd., The Prestcold story (1953)
- Pressed Steel Company Ltd., This is our company (1962)
- Television History Workshop, Making cars: a history of car making at Cowley (1985)
- Sir Miles Thomas, Out on a wing: an autobiography (1964)
- Richard Whiting, The view from Cowley: the impact of industrialisation upon Oxford, 1918-1938 (1983)

PLANNING

- National Economic Development Office, The Cowley Shopping Centre (1968)
Oxford City Council, Comprehensive Development Area no.1: Cowley (1953); programme (1955)
Oxford City Council, Cowley Centre: City of Oxford Development project (1965)
- Oxford City Council, Beauchamp Lane Conservation Area (1974)

RAILWAYS

Richard Lingard, Princes Risborough - Thame - Oxford Railway (1978) - includes history of Morris Cowley station

SCHOOLS

John Tecklenborough, Seven years cadet life, containing the records of the Oxford Military College (1885)

Source Material Available in Print

Cowley entries in Oxfordshire Trades Directories

(available in the Centre for Oxfordshire Studies and Bodleian Library), e.g.:

- Post Office Directory of Oxfordshire (1847 and later editions to 1877)
- Kelly's Directory of Oxfordshire (1883 and later editions to 1939)

Kelly's Oxford Directory (1889/90-1976)

Sale Catalogues and printed ephemera in Centre for Oxfordshire Studies, Central Library (listed in Centre for Oxfordshire Studies card indexes), including:

extensive collections relating to the motor industry (●) and John Allen & Sons (Oxford) Ltd.(●)

Newspapers references or Cuttings, available in Centre for Oxfordshire Studies (some cuttings listed in card indexes), including information about the motor industry, Cowley Centre and individual firms in Cowley for earlier Cowley Newspaper references, see also:

'Chronological Synopsis and Index to Oxfordshire Items in Jackson's Oxford Journal, 1753-80', ed. E.C. Davis (typescript 1967)

'Chronological Synopsis and Index to Oxfordshire Items in Jackson's Oxford Journal 1781-90', ed. E.H. Cordeaux (typescript 1976)

copies available in Centre for Oxfordshire Studies and Bodleian Library, Oxford.

Source Material Available in Print continued

For further Cowley material, the following volumes of the Oxford Historical Society:

The life and times of Anthony Wood, antiquary, of Oxford, 1632-1695....., ed. Andrew Clark (O.H.S. 19, 21, 26, 30, 40)

Survey of the antiquities of the City of Oxford... by Anthony Wood, ed. Andrew Clark (O.H.S. 15, 17, 37)

Remarks and collections of Thomas Hearne..., ed. C.E. Doble (O.H.S. 2, 7, 13, 34, 42-43, 48, 50, 65, 67, 72) and the following volumes of the Oxfordshire Record Society:

- Chantry Certificates and Edwardian Inventories of Church Goods, ed. R. Graham (O.R.S. 1)

Parochial Collections by Anthony Wood and Richard Rawlinson, ed. F.N. Davis (O.R.S. 2, 4, 11)

- Hearth Tax Returns for Oxfordshire, 1665, ed. M. Weinstock (O.R.S. 21)

Church Bells Of Oxfordshire, ed. F. Sharpe, iv (O.R.S. 34), 384-5

Oxfordshire Hundred Rolls of 1279, ed. E. Stone (O.R.S. 46)

- Articles of Enquiry at the Primary Visitation of Thomas Secker, 1738, ed. H.A. Lloyd Jukes (O.R.S. 38)

The Correspondence of Bishop Secker, ed. A.P. Jenkins (O.R.S. 57)

- Bishop Wilberforce's Visitation Returns, 1854, ed. E.P. Baker (O.R.S. 35)

The Letter Books of Samuel Wilberforce 1843—68, ed. R.K. Pugh (O.R.S. 47)

- Church and Chapel in Oxfordshire, 1851: the Returns of the Census of Religious Worship, ed. K. Tiller (O.R.S. 55)

Protestation Returns and Tax Assessments, 1641-2, ed. J. Gibson (O.R.S. 59)

Oxfordshire Muster Rolls, 1539, 1542, 1569, ed. P.C. Beauchamp (O.R.S. 60)

Printed Maps

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- R. Plot, Map of Oxfordshire (1705)
 - T. Jefferys, Map of Oxfordshire (1767)
 - R. Davis, Map of Oxfordshire (1797)
 - A. Bryant, Map of Oxfordshire (1824)
- C.E. Goad, Ltd., Cowley, Oxfordshire: shopping centre plan (1981-)

Ordnance Survey:

1" series, Field Surveys for 1st edition, sheet 157 (1811)

1" series, 1st edition, sheet 13 (1830)

6" series, Oxon. XXXIX.NE (surveyed 1876-8, 1897-8, 1919, 1938); SP 50 SW (1961 provisional edn.)

● 1/2,500 series, Oxon. XXXIX.4,8 (surveyed 1876, 1898, 1919 and 1938); SP 5403, 5404 (1955-56)

available in Centre for Oxfordshire Studies and Bodleian Library, Oxford

Manuscript and Unpublished Collections**OXFORDSHIRE RECORD OFFICE**

(St. Luke's Church, Temple Road, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2EN
tel. 01865 398200; fax 01865 398201; email archives@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

Full guides, lists, and indexes are available in the Record Office; the following is a brief overview of the chief categories relevant to Cowley

Maps and surveys. All maps and plans (including those attached to printed Sale Catalogues) are indexed. Of particular note are the Cowley inclosure map and award (1853) (●) and the tithe map and award (1853) - copies in Centre for Oxfordshire Studies

- Valuation and Maps under Finance Act (1910): annotated Ordnance Survey maps, with accompanying surveys listing owners and occupiers. Cowley records are at DV. IV/40 and DV. XII/39-41

Private deeds: indexed by place and personal name

Diocesan papers etc (MSS. Oxf. Dioc. and MSS. Oxf. Archd. Oxon.): records relating particularly to local churches and church schools. For many Cowley references see footnotes in VCH Oxon. Vol. 5

Nonconformist records:

- Parish records: original parish registers and indexed transcripts together with records such as churchwardens' accounts and overseers' accounts. Information about the building of St. Luke's Church is at PAR/205/11
- School records: including deposited log books for Church Cowley, Cowley Poplars and Temple Cowley schools

OXFORD CITY ARCHIVES

(consulted at Oxfordshire Record Office)

- Cowley Parish Council minutes, 1894-1929 and letters, 1919-29 (Y.1.1-3)
- Housing Allocation Sub-Committee minutes, 1935-45 (EE.4.1-2)
- Papers relating to Cowley sewers, 1931 (A.22.8) and school extensions, 1936-37 (A.9.9)

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CENTRE FOR OXFORDSHIRE STUDIES

(Central Library, Westgate, Oxford OX1 1DJ

tel. 01865 815749; fax 01865 810187; email cos@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

has the following:

- Census Enumerators' Books 1841-1891: available on microfiche
- Printed ephemera (including Sale Catalogues and newspaper cuttings), some indexed by name and place (see above)
- A selection of maps, including successive editions of most Ordnance Survey maps (see above)
- Parish register transcripts, with indexes
- Printed books, including Oxfordshire Trades Directories (see above)
- Oral history tapes, especially from BBC Radio Oxford, including reminiscences of Cowley and the motor industry, music played by local brass bands and information about the Rev. Georgie Moore, vicar of Cowley 1875- 1928

OXFORDSHIRE PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE (located in the Centre for Oxfordshire Studies; tel. 01865 815432)

- Holdings include many 19th and 20th-century photographs of Cowley, most available on fiches

OXFORDSHIRE SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD (located in the Centre for Oxfordshire Studies; tel. 01865 810825)

Base maps and Primary Record Number (PRN) cards for archaeological and other sites, leading to document files, reports, and additional information. Also collections of aerial photographs and ● photographs of listed buildings

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BODLEIAN LIBRARY

(Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BG; tel. 01865 277000; email enquiries@bodley.ox.ac.uk)

Topographical and local history manuscript collections are indexed chiefly in the following catalogues, available in Duke Humfrey's Library, Old Bodleian Library:

P.D. Record, Index to Summary Catalogue of Western Manuscripts

P.S. Spokes, Index to Summary Catalogue of Western Manuscripts [acquisitions 1916—1962]

M. Clapinson and T.D. Rogers, Index to Summary Catalogue of Western Manuscripts [acquisitions 1916—75]
index cards (on fiches) to MSS. Ch. Oxon [Oxfordshire Charters] card index to topographical drawings and photographs

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON

The disparate classes of records held at the P.R.O., and the numerous catalogue series containing place-name indexes, are too extensive to be listed here. Sources relating to Cowley include:

Hearth Tax of 1662: E 179/255/4

● Census Enumerators' books 1841—91 (also available on fiches in Centre for Oxfordshire Studies: see above)
Wills proved in Prerogative Court of Canterbury, available on microfilm; personal and place-name indexes available at P.R.O.

For further information, contact the Public Record Office, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU; tel. 0181 876 3444. For general background on the P.R.O.'s holdings, see M.G. Giuseppi, *A Guide to the Manuscripts Preserved in the Public Record Office* (H.M.S.O. 1923--4); numerous shorter guides and information sheets are available at the P.R.O. shop.

Note that some records (e.g. Census, P.C.C. Wills, nonconformist records) have now been transferred to or are duplicated at the FAMILY RECORDS CENTRE, 1 Myddelton Street, London EC1R 1UW; tel. 0181 392 5300

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CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD

(The Archivist, Christ Church, Oxford, OX1 1DP; tel. 01865 276171)

College estate records for Cowley, including maps by William Chapman (1777) and a copy of that map by Benjamin Badcock (1840) (●) - copies of both maps in Centre for Oxfordshire Studies

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE, OXFORD

(The Archivist, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, OX1 4JF; tel. 01865 276700)

College estate records for Cowley, including a map by Thomas Langdon (1605) (●) - copy in Centre for Oxfordshire Studies

Photographs and Drawings

See above under Published Histories; Centre for Oxfordshire Studies; Bodleian Library.

This CD-ROM features many images from the Oxfordshire Photographic Archive and also includes copies of photographs held by Newsquest (Oxfordshire) Ltd., and Trevor Williams of Cowley Local History Society (see Credits for details).

The National Monuments Record Centre, Great Western Village, Kemble Drive, Swindon, Wilts., SN2 2GZ; tel. 01793 414600 has extensive collections of aerial photographs and photographs of historic buildings; coverage includes Cowley.