

Packaging
Port Trade
Miscellaneous
Sedgemoor Businesses in 2000
Textiles and Clothing
Wicker and Furniture
Wood working
Additional Binder of Newspaper Cuttings

-Biography – Yellow Binders

Bridgwater People 1860s And 1870s
People List - A-S
More People - T-Z
John Chubb
Robert Blake
Oliver Cromwell
Chubb Research File

Numbered Box Files

- 1.Robert Blake
- 2.Monmouth Rebellion
- 3.John Chubb history
- 4.Lansdown, Symes and Alford
- 5.Bridgwater Borough Coat of Arms - Markets
- 6.Civil War and Siege of Bridgwater
- 7.Bridgwater - General History
- 8.Bridgwater Carnival and Sedgemoor Show
- 9.Brick and Tile Industry
- 10.Chandos glass cone
- 11.Bridgwater Industrial History
- 12.Twinings
- 13.Bridgwater - Buildings-Churches-Ceilings
- 14.Shipping
- 15.Bridgwater and WWII-Home Guard and POW
- 16.Other Bridgwaters
- 17.Bridgwater People
- 18.Outside Bridgwater
- 19.Archaeology -excavation reports
- 20.Bridgwater Maps
- 21.Miscellaneous -Pirates and Railways

Other Box Files not numbered

Blake Family History Enquiries
Items returned

Miscellaneous Lever Arch Files -

Scanned Chubb Paintings
Typed Up Picture List
Squibbs - Pictures Around the area

One yellow binder, 18th Century Copies of Buildings
One green folder which contains details of the contents of the display cabinets in Museum, pre 2009.

Maps

Maps and large photographs are housed in plan chests in the Battle and Transport rooms. These are fully indexed.

Other material

The Library has more reference material, too extensive to list here, but it includes a number of CDs – Records of the C19 censuses, and army lists for example. There are records of archaeological excavations in the neighbourhood stored under the cases in the archaeology room

Much more material about Bridgwater's history can be found on the Bridgwater Heritage Group's web site: www.bridgwaterheritage.org.uk, including digitised early town maps and a link to downloadable large-scale Ordnance Survey maps.

To make an appointment to use the library

Ring (+44) 01278 456127
Monday or Thursday between 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Email: secretary@bridgwatmuseum.org.uk

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The Museum Library



The museum library, refurbished 2017-18

The museum's library houses a collection of reference material, used to research and design displays, and for answering queries from the public. It is not a lending library, but enquirers may consult it by appointment, and may use it under supervision throughout the year.

BOOKS

The bulk of the collection is housed in the library, but some material – catalogues, town guides, etc, are housed in boxes in the Museum's archive store and can be accessed by the Museum's main catalogue.

The library has books, mainly on the history of the town and the parishes comprising its collecting area – the area of the old Bridgwater Rural District Council: from the Huntspills in the north to Thurloxtton in the south and from Ashcott in the east to Nether Stowey in the west; roughly the Polden hills and the Eastern Quantocks.

There are collections about the English Civil War and the Battle of Sedgemoor, and of the biographies of Robert Blake, the Duke of Monmouth, and Romantic poets Coleridge and Wordsworth, who lived on the Quantocks at the end of the C18. There is a small collection relating to WW1 assembled to inform the research and design of a series of exhibitions about it at the Museum, each August, 2014-2018. There are the *Victoria County History* volumes for the area and volumes of transcripts of the town's medieval records. There is a collection of reference material about the Middle Ages, maritime topics, military history, transport and industry, costume, local biographies, directories etc.

The Museum has runs of some serials: *Proceedings*, *Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society*, *Newsletter of Somerset Industrial Archaeology Society*, *Amateur Historian*.

Details of the collection are being entered on a library database.

PHOTOGRAPHS

There are boxes of photo prints, a number of albums of prints and digitised copies of negatives, mainly the Douglas Allen collection. These are more fully described in the companion leaflet *BRIDGWATER PHOTOGRAPHY*.

REFERENCE RESOURCES IN THE BLAKE MUSEUM LIBRARY

Collections of information in binders and box files
These were compiled by SDC staff pre-2009

Parishes – Green Binders

Each binder will typically contain an extract and translation of the Domesday Book (1086) entry, copies from the relevant pages from C19 Directories, and pages from guidebooks. There is a map pinpointing the village's location.

Aisholt	Lyng
Ashcott	Mark
Bawdrip	Middlezoy
Broomfield	Moorlinch
Burrowbridge	Nether Stowey
Burtle	North Petherton
Cannington	North Petherton Church
Catcott	Othery
Charlinch	Otterhampton
Chedzoy	Over Stowey
Chilton Polden	Pawlett
Chilton Trinity	Puriton
Combwich	Shapwick
Cossington	Spaxton
Durleigh	Stawell
Durston	Stockland Bristol
Edington	Stogursey
Enmore	Sutton Mallet
Fiddington	Wembdon
Goathurst	Westonzoyland
Greinton	Woolavington
The Huntspills	

Brick and tile manufacture – Black Binders -

John Board & Company 1934
John Browne & Co 1964
Colthurst Symons - Early Period
Colthurst Symons - Late 1930s
Colthurst Symons - Post War
Cox & Company (Highbridge)
Somerset Trading Co
Somerset Brick & Tile Museum

Bridgwater history – Blue Binders

Bridgwater Castle
Bridgwater Directories 1784-1875
Bridgwater Docks and the River Parrett
Bridgwater landscape
Bridgwater Pageant 1927
Coal Industry and Transport
Sailing vessel *Irene*
Mariners' Chapel
Maritime published text
Maritime collections and Bridgwater Shipping Lists
Maritime Text
Monmouth and the Battle of Sedgemoor
Monuments and Buildings
Newspaper cuttings
Religion in Bridgwater
Siege of Bridgwater
Social and Financial conditions in Bridgwater & District
One odd blue binder (in with the greens) on North Petherton Church
One Lever Arch blue file on Crandon Bridge
Stratigraphic Report (Archaeology)

Manufacturing and Commerce – Red Binders

Animal Feed
Brick and Tile
Catalogues, 1970-1997
Copies of Miscellaneous Photographs
Copies of Photographs of Bridgwater town
Engineering and Foundries
Food and Drink