

Maps

The Record Office holds a large variety of maps including Ordnance Survey, printed maps and manuscript maps. **All maps need to be ordered with a document request slip.** However, there are a number of separate finding aids which you are welcome to use yourself.

Ordnance Survey

The Record Office holds a large collection of OS maps for the County of Warwickshire, including complete sets of the 6 inch first edition (1880s) in sheet form and the 25 inch first edition (1880s) on microfilm. Later editions of these scales are incomplete however we do also hold a selection of one inch, 2 ½ inch and 50 inch maps. The Office does not usually have the most recent editions of any map. **See Ordnance Survey Maps Finding Aid**

Board of Health Maps

These were compiled by the Ordnance Survey for the Local Boards of Health and were surveyed on a very large scale between 1849 and 1852 for Coventry, Leamington, Rugby, Stratford-upon-Avon and Warwick. Photostat copies are available on Map Shelf B. **Please complete a document request slip.**

Town Plans

For certain towns – Atherstone, Leamington, Rugby and Warwick – we have sheets from the 1880s on a very large scale: 10.56 feet to the mile. These show features in great detail and date from the mid-1880s. Atherstone and Leamington are kept in Map Tank 4, Rugby (1913) is CR 2084/72-75 and Warwick is kept on Map Shelf B. **Please complete a document request slip.**

Map Packs

We have separate map packs for Leamington and Warwick which includes reproductions of a range of historic maps for each town. **These are located on Map Shelf C – Self Service**

Other Printed Maps

We have many printed maps of Warwickshire, starting with Saxton's 1576 map and including Speed's map of 1610. There are three one inch surveys of the County published by Beighton (1729), Yates (1793), and Greenwood (1822). **Photocopies of Beighton's and Yates' are available on Map Shelf A – Self Service.**

For a detailed guide see PDA Harvey and Harry Thorpe: *The Printed Maps of Warwickshire 1576-1900*. Warwickshire County Council 1949 (ref. C 912 HAR). **This is located on Map Shelf A.**

All printed maps are listed in the **Printed Maps card index**

- MA: General maps of a whole county or diocese
- MB: Maps of an area less than a county
- MC: Maps of an area greater than a county
- MD: Special maps, e.g. geological maps

Manuscript Maps

The Record Office has a large number of maps that are hand-drawn, and in some cases, finely coloured and decorated. They were mainly produced in the period 1700-1850, although some go back to about 1600, and therefore, predate most of the large-scale printed maps. Most were compiled by professional surveyors and map-makers, and are one of the most important sources for our knowledge of the buildings and the landscape in the past.

Tithe Maps

Most of the 168 Warwickshire tithe maps were compiled in the 1840s and cover about 50 per cent of the county by area. They are usually on a scale of 25" to the mile and are accurate marking field boundaries and buildings, and are accompanied by a schedule (or apportionment) which gives the names of owners and occupiers, the field names, acreages, whether they were arable, pasture or woodland, and the value of tithe paid.

To find out if a place has a tithe map look in the General card index or the large blue volume entitled "Key to Enclosure and Tithe Maps" **located on Map Shelf C.**

The information contained in the schedules is now available on a database entitled Tithe Apportionments at <http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/warwickshire-county-record-office/county-record-office-resources-and-catalogues/county-record-office-tithe-maps-database/>

Warwickshire tithe maps together with the information from the schedules are now available to buy on CD. Please see notice board nearest searchroom door.

Inclosure Maps

Most of the eighty or so Warwickshire inclosure maps date from the 1790s to the 1850s. Where they exist, these maps are a great help in understanding the text of the Inclosure Award, a long and complex document, produced under Act of Parliament, which described the creation of smaller fields from the large open field system of agriculture which had previously existed. The maps show fields and buildings and are often referred to in disputes involving rights of way.

To find out if a place has an Inclosure Award and map, look in the General card index and the large blue volume entitled "Key to Enclosure and Tithe Maps" **located on Map Shelf C.**

We also have a series of reconstructed plans for most of those Awards which lack a plan. The series number is Z1114.

Estate Maps

These were commissioned by a landowner to show details of the farms and estates he owned, and although a few were made before 1600, most date from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Their accuracy varies, but increases with the development of surveying methods during the eighteenth century.

Many estate maps are extremely attractive with much use of colour and decoration, as well as bird's-eye views of important buildings. The information about the names of tenants, and the names and acreages of individual fields, as well as the rent paid, are sometimes contained in a key on the map itself, or more often, in a separate survey book.

As well as several hundred estate maps, the Record Office has a large number of photographic copies of Warwickshire Estate maps held elsewhere. All these are recorded in the General card index and the card index of Manuscript Maps as well as being plotted on the two large brown volumes entitled "Key to Estate Maps" **located on Map Shelf C.**

Deposited Plans

The Record Office also has a series of Deposited Plans (ref. QS 111) which show the proposed lines of canals, railways and turnpike roads from 1783 onwards, as well as some other public undertakings.