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Abbreviations used:- SRO Staffordshire Record Office
WSL William Salt Library
LRO Lichfield Record Office
SoTCA Stoke on Trent City Archives

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A CANAL RECORDS

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1 CANALS : GENERAL

(a) GENERAL RECORDS

Description	Dates	References	Office
Thomas Congreve's proposal for a canal to join the Trent to the Severn	1716-1717	SMS 155	WSL
Printed plan to accompany Congreve's proposal	c1720	D593/L/1/13/9	SRO
Copy diary, will, etc., of James Brindley with associated photographs and notes	20 th cent	85/42	WSL
Reference to Severn-Stourbridge navigation	1661	D868/3/72B	SRO
Agreement and other papers re proposed Stour-Salwarp navigation, with plan	1662	D(W)1788/P.37B	SRO
Presentment to make Rivers Trent and Tame navigable	1676	Q/SO/7	SRO
Petition to make the Trent navigable as far as Burton on Trent	1692	D(W)1734/2/5/1	SRO
Notes on rights and duties of canal owners and landowners	c1770	D(W)1778/V/593	SRO
Oakengates – River Severn: advantages and disadvantages of proposed canal	1788	D3388/24/1	SRO
Opposition to proposed tax on inland navigation	1796	D564/12/14, 18, 20	SRO
Register of canal barges and boats	1795-1797	Q/Rub	SRO
Invention for construction of locks and	c1813	M27	WSL

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Letter re rivalry between canals and railways	1821	D768	SRO
Introduction of coal to London by inland navigation	1823	D593/M/2/2/5	SRO
Business papers re various Midland canals	late 18 th -19 th cent	D1798/HM/37/19, 24	SRO
Journal of Inspector of Canal Boats: Stoke on Trent	1934-1969	SD1127/1	SoTCA
Index detailing canal boats registered with Stoke on Trent Corporation	1896-1969	SD1127/2	SoTCA
Handbook on Canals (Board of Trade)	1918	4496	SRO

(b) GENERAL PLANS

Brindley's plan of canal: Burslem, Newcastle, Lichfield, Tamworth etc.	1760	D593/H/9/1	SRO
Canal to link Bristol, Hull and Liverpool, and Brindley's printed plan of canals to link London, Bristol, Liverpool and Hull	1760, 1769	D593/H/9/2-3	SRO
Printed plan of navigable canals from Birmingham to Aldersley from Fradley Heath; from Fazeley to Coventry and from junction of Oxford and Coventry canals to Oxford	1791	D3186/8/6/1	SRO
Profile of different lines of navigation from Grand Trunk Canal to Worcester	late 18 th cent	D3186/8/6/2	SRO
Plan and section of proposed line of canal between London, Staffordshire mineral district and Birmingham showing existing lines between London and Liverpool and estimated cost	nd	D3186/8/6/7	SRO
Plan of inland navigations communicating with ports of Liverpool, Bristol and Hull	c1800	D3186/8/1/30/121	SRO
Printed plan of navigable canals and rivers completed or under construction in England and Wales	1802	D593/H/9/4	SRO
Allen's plan of canals completed or under construction in England and Wales	1812	D593/H/9/7	SRO

Part of Bradshaw's map of canals	c1830	D3186/8/6/3	SRO
Description	Dates	References	Office
Canals in district between Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham	c1835	D3186/1/30/56; D3186/8/130/119	SRO
Plans of canal system in mineral districts of South Staffs, East Worcs and N Warwicks	1882, 1886	D3186/8/2/9-10	SRO
Canals in England and Wales	c1820	74/62	WSL
Canals in England	c1900	136/88	WSL
Canals in West Midlands	c1900	81/60	WSL

2 RECORDS OF INDIVIDUAL CANALS

(a) BIRMINGHAM CANAL NAVIGATION

Deposited plans

Netherton to Oldbury	1792	Q/RUm 5-6	SRO
Broadwaters Cut to Walsall	1792	Q/RUm 11	SRO
Broadwaters Cut to Wolverhampton	1793	Q/RUm 10	SRO
Deepfields Cut to Tipton	1793	Q/RUm 8	SRO
Bradley and Walsall branch	1793	Q/RUm 47-48	SRO
Danks branch, West Bromwich to Salford Bridge, Aston	1810, 1838	Q/RUm 80	SRO
Coseley Tunnel	1834	Q/RUm 79	SRO
West Bromwich to Tipton	1834	Q/RUm 106	SRO
Parker Branch, Halesowen and West Bromwich Walsall link to Wyrley and Essington Canal	1838	Q/RUm 109	SRO
Wednesfield canal to Hednesford	1853	Q/RUm 252	SRO
Lords Hay Branch to Wyrley Bank	1853	Q/RUm 253	SRO
Netherton Branch canal link	1854	Q/RUm 272	SRO

Other plans

Intended branches from Birmingham Canal to Aldersley	1767	3436/4; D3186/8/2/1	SRO
Plan	1771	M740	WSL

Description	Dates	References	Office
Profile of intended navigable canal from near Farmer's Bridge to Bordesley, with sections	1782	D3186/8/2/2	SRO
Proposed canal from Wolverhampton to Broadwaters near Wednesbury	c1792	D3186/8/1/30/61	SRO
Plan and sections of proposed canals from Gower Branch Canal and in Tipton	c1793	D3186/8/1/30/85	SRO
Intended branch from Birmingham Canal to Bushbury	1835	3436/5	SRO
Gower Branch Canal, Rowley Regis	1835	D593/H/9/11, 21-22	SRO
Area in Staffs, Worcs and Warwicks served by BCN	1850, 1855	D593/H/9/13-14	SRO
Bentley Canal	1859	D593/H/9/15-16	SRO
Wyrley Bank Branch Canal	1859	D593/H/9/17	SRO
Wolverhampton and Tipton areas	1893	D593/H/9/18	SRO
Gower Junction Canal, Brades Hall	1893	D593/9/19	SRO
Birmingham-Wolverhampton Canal	1897	D593/H/20	SRO
Birmingham Canal system	1901 and 20 th cent	D3186/8/2/12, 17	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>			
Cut to New Hall ring	1769	D564/12/5	SRO
Effects of new canal on Birmingham coal trade	1770	D564/12/3	SRO
Letter from Lord Dudley to Birmingham Canal Co.	1772	D(W)1778/V/715	SRO
Printed papers re Birmingham Canal including opposition	1776	D(W)1778/V/622	SRO
Correspondence re proposed new Birmingham Canal and indemnifications from Oxford and Coventry Canal Cos. to old Birmingham Canal Co.	1783	D(W)1778/V/728-730	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
Surveys, c1789-1791; letter re extension of canal from Broadwaters to Bilston etc., 1792; printed proposal for canal from Netherton to Selly Oak, 1793; case for Bill for navigation between Birmingham Canal and Worcester and Birmingham Canal, 1815; letters from Thomas Telford, 1826; proposed extension to link system with London, c1833; survey report, 1834; proposals for new line of canal from Goldshill, Wednesbury to Salford Bridge, Aston, c1850; report on advantages of completing Bloomfield and Deepfield communication and the Island Line; estimate of expenses and statements of returns, 1892-1894; bye-laws, tolls etc., 1812-1920; records of general administration, 1812-1942; papers re competition from other canals, 1775-1858; accounts, 1891-1892, 1913	c1789-1942	D3186/2/1-6	SRO

Letter re opposition to extension of Dudley Canal to Selly Oak	1793	D564/12/14/18	SRO
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Printed objections to Birmingham Canal Bill with plan	1811	D3186/8/1/30/60	SRO
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(b) BIRMINGHAM AND FAZELEY NAVIGATION

Proposed cut, Wednesbury-Fazeley	1783	D742/F/1/43	SRO
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Plan of proposed extensions to Birmingham and Fazeley and Wyrley and Essington Canal	nd	D3186/8/1/30/32	SRO
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Profile of intended canal from near Farmer's Bridge to Bordesley	1782	D3186/8/2/3	SRO
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Plan of Birmingham and Birmingham and Fazeley Canal through St Martin's parish, Birmingham	1791	D3186/8/2/4	SRO
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Plan of canal route through H Legge's estate	c1850	D615/M/9/9	SRO
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**(c) BIRMINGHAM AND LIVERPOOL JUNCTION CANAL
(later SHROPSHIRE UNION CANAL)**

Deposited plans

Main canal	1825	Q/RUm 57	SRO
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Description	Dates	References	Office
Main canal	1826	Q/RUm 60	SRO
Newport branch	1826	Q/RUm 61	SRO
Route variation, Gnosall and Norbury	1826	Q/RUm 61A	SRO
Feeder to Belvide Reservoir	1830	Q/RUm 68	SRO
Knighton reservoir and feeder	1832	Q/RUm 69	SRO
Extension to Bushbury	1841	Q/RUm 140	SRO
<u>Other plans</u>			
Proposed canal: printed plan	1825	D593/H/9/8	SRO
Route variation with reference book: Gnosall and Norbury	1826	3129	SRO
Proposed routes in Norbury and Gnosall	1830, 1917	D615/M/9/10-11, 14-17	SRO
Proposed Newport branch	nd	D3186/8/1/30/23	SRO
Telford's plans of junction etc.	1832, nd	D3186/1/30/24-27, 84	SRO
Printed plan and opening prospectus	1835	D593/H/9/12	SRO
Proposed Birmingham-Liverpool ship canal to join Birmingham and Liverpool Junction Canal	late 19 th cent	D593/H/9/28	SRO
Plans of parts of canal	1825-30, 20 th cent	D615/M/9/14-17	SRO
Shropshire Union Canal	c1959	D3186/8/6/8	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>			
Accounts for cuts etc: Norbury	1829-1834	D615/E(S)/4/1/1-2	SRO
Miscellaneous papers	1827-1830	D(W)1788 P.48 B.3	SRO
List of shareholders	1834	D593/P/22/1/29	SRO
Printed prospectus with plan	1835	D593/H/9/12	SRO
Discharge of water into Aqualate Mere	1877	D(W)1788 P.6 B.9	SRO
Shares	1799	93/13/41	WSL
Description	Dates	References	Office

Notes and newscuttings	18 th -19 th cent	M732, M744, 02/7-8, 21/83	WSL
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(d) BIRMINGHAM AND STOURBRIDGE JUNCTION CANAL

Deposited plan

Canal between Shut End and Tipton	1840	Q/RUm 136	SRO
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(e) CALDON CANAL

Deposited plans

Branch to Leek and Rudyard Reservoir	1795	Q/RUm 16, 18	SRO
Branch from Froghall to Uttoxeter	1796	Q/RUm 19	SRO
Variation of canal route to Caldon Low quarries	1800	Q/RUm 26-27	SRO
Variation of canal route to Caldon Low quarries	1808	Q/RUm 45	SRO
Feeder to Rudyard Reservoir	1806	Q/RUm 40	SRO
Feeder to Rudyard Reservoir	1821	Q/RUm 52B	SRO
Variation in route	1822	Q/RUm 52E	SRO
Link from Caldon Canal at Norton to Macclesfield and then to Bridgwater Canal at Sale Moor	1811	Q/RUm 49	SRO

Other papers

Memo of agreement for cut from Norton to Norton Green	1778	D1798/177	SRO
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(f) COMMERCIAL CANAL

Deposited plan

Route from Ashby de la Zouch through Potteries to Nantwich with branches to Coventry Canal etc.	1796	Q/RUm 17	SRO
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Other papers

Copy leaflet re proposed canal	1796	954	SRO
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(g) COVENTRY CANAL

Deposited plan

Description	Dates	References	Office
Variations in route	1829	Q/RUm 66	SRO
(h) DUDLEY CANAL			
<u>Deposited plan</u>			
Netherton to Selly Oak via Lapal tunnel	1792	Q/RUm 1	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>			
Letter re opposition to proposed canal	1793	D564/12/14/18	SRO
Copy miscellaneous notes including byelaws	18 th cent	Mf 79	SRO
Shares	19 th cent	D695/1/12/87/2	SRO
Shares	19 th cent	D695/1/5/28/3	SRO
Papers re company	1832-1882	D695/1/12/92	SRO
Lease of canal wharf at Tividale	1881-1886	D593/K/5/1/41	SRO
Photographs of Delph Locks at Brierley Hill	1967	D3296/4	SRO
Consent of Dudley Canal Co. re reservoirs and on Pensnett Chase, 1781: byelaws, etc, c1810	1781, c1810	D3186/5	SRO
(i) GRAND TRUNK CANAL (later TRENT AND MERSEY CANAL)			
<u>Deposited plans</u>			
Link from Swadlincote collieries to Staphenhill	1792	Q/RUm 3	SRO
Burton on Trent to Fradley Heath	1792	Q/RUm 4	SRO
Burton on Trent to Fradley Heath	1793	Q/RUm 12	SRO
Burton on Trent to Fradley Heath	1794	Q/RUm 13	SRO
Shobnall cut	1794	Q/RUm 15	SRO
Burslem Canal	1797	Q/RUm 20	SRO
Deviation near Harecastle Tunnel	1806	Q/RUm 41	SRO
Deviation near Harecastle Tunnel	1807	Q/RUm 42	SRO
Harecastle Tunnel	1821	Q/RUm 52A	SRO

New Harecastle Tunnel Description	1822 Dates	Q/RUm 52D References	SRO Office
Stone-Baswich link with Staffs and Worcs Canal	1825	Q/RUm 54	SRO
Fradley Heath to Streethay Wharf	1829	Q/RUm 67	SRO
Burton on Trent and Moira Canal	1841	Q/RUm 137	SRO
<u>Other plans</u>			
Intended canals	1760	3436/1-3	SRO
Proposed canal: Burton on Trent-Fradley Heath	c1800	D615/M/9/30-31	SRO
Plan of Trent and Mersey and River Trent	1800	D615/M/9/21	SRO
Plan	1802	D593/H/9/6	SRO
Plan, showing canal and railway communications	1838	D3098/8/11	SRO
Plans	Late 19 th cent	D615/M/9/19-20, 22-23	SRO
Printed plan of Trent and Mersey Canal with branch to Caldon Low	Late 18 th cent	D3186/8/1/30/58	SRO
North Staffordshire canal routes through Rugeley, Alrewas, Fradley and Little Haywood	c1855	D615/M/9/12-13	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>			
Plan of of canal from Coventry to Grand Canal at Fradley Heath	1767	M733	WSL
Deed to land occupied by Canal Co	1808	44/302/41	WSL
Bills and papers re Bromley Common to Birmingham Canal	c1771	M727/6-11	WSL
T Congreve's proposal for a Trent and Severn Canal	1716-1717	SMS 155	WSL
Historical notes, 1755: proposal for a canal, c1760	1755, c1760	SMS 342	WSL
Miscellaneous papers	1765-1841	M724; M743	WSL
Reports, pamphlets etc, including one by Josiah Wedgwood	18 th cent	D1798/HM37/19, 24, 40	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
Printed statement re proposed Burton on Trent-Fradley Heath canal	18 th cent	185/69	WSL
Shares, share certificates	1799, 1827-1847	93/13/41	WSL
Copy lists of calls on shareholders	1750-1769	D952/3/1/59	SRO
Copy list of shareholders	c1766	3297/1	SRO
Agreement to rent lands near Trentham, 1770, with rough notes of costs of works, 1772-1775	1770-1775	D593/L/1/14-15	SRO
Observations on canal bill	c1770	D1721/3/170	SRO
Coals got from Harecastle Tunnel	c1780	D260/M/E/428/4	SRO
Case for link between Trent and Mersey Canal and Coventry and Oxford Canals	1785	D(W)1788/P/2/B/10	SRO
Register of contracts	1776-1780	Q/RUn	SRO
Building of Stone wharf	1789	D593/F/3/2/64	SRO
Agreement with mill owners	1792	D593/B/1/11/40	SRO
Trespass notice	1800	D148/1	SRO
Coal and lime accounts	1803	30/65/42	WSL
Miscellaneous correspondence re shares	1830-1865	D260/M/E/430/33	SRO
Transfers of shares	1810-1843	D3098/1/22	SRO
Transfer of shares	1837	11/58/50	WSL
Correspondence re new cut	1830	D357	SRO
Miscellaneous correspondence	19 th cent	D615/P(B)11	SRO
Miscellaneous papers	19 th cent	D3098/8/11	SRO
Description	Dates	References	Office
Mines under Harecastle Tunnel	1850	D695/1/31/5	SRO
Plan of mines under Harecastle Tunnel	1850	61/5/47	WSL
Canal rent accounts: Fradley	1872-1881	D3948	SRO
Trent and Mersey Canal letters addressed to Robert Bill	1786	D5227/1-18	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
(j) LEEK CANAL			
Plan of lands in Wall Grange for Leek canal and feeder, 1802	1802	D593/H/9/5	SRO
Specification and engineer's report	nd (c1800)	852	SRO
(k) LICHFIELD CANAL			
James Brindley's estimate	1758-1759	196/159-160/77; M727/1-6	WSL
(l) LICHFIELD AND WALSALL CANAL			
Shares	1770	SMS 478	WSL
(m) LONDON AND BIRMINGHAM JUNCTION CANAL			
Prospectus	c1830	D593/K/3/1/24	SRO
(n) MACCLESFIELD CANAL			
<u>Deposited plans</u>			
Main canal	1811	Q/RUm 50	SRO
Main canal	1825	Q/RUm 59	SRO
Link to Harecastle Tunnel	1826	Q/RUm 62	SRO
(o) NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME CANAL			
<u>Deposited plan</u>			
Main canal	1794	Q/RUm 14	SRO
(p) NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME JUNCTION CANAL			
<u>Deposited plan</u>			
Newcastle to Audley	1797	Q/RUm 21	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>			
Copy minutes of canal company: George Stephenson's report re replacement of canal by railway	1825-1863	1163	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
(q) PEAK FOREST CANAL			
Opposition to Grand Commercial Canal	1796	D554/162	SRO
(r) SEVERN NAVIGATION			
Plan of proposed Severn-Trent connection	18 th cent	D593/L/1/13/9	SRO
Papers re Navigation Bill, 1842: plan and pamphlets, 1786	1786, 1842	D260/M/E/430/29	SRO
Oakengates to River Severn: advantages and disadvantages of proposed canal	1788	D3388/24/1	SRO
SHROPSHIRE UNION CANAL <i>see</i> BIRMINGHAM AND LIVERPOOL JUNCTION CANAL			
(s) STAFFORDSHIRE CANAL CO.			
Sale of land to Canal Co.	1839-1856	1/97-100/23	WSL
(t) STAFFORDSHIRE AND WORCESTERSHIRE CANAL			
<u>Deposited plans</u>			
Link from Newport, Salop, to Acton Trussell or Penkridge	1792	Q/RUm 7	SRO
Radford Bridge to Stafford extension	1798	Q/RUm 21A	SRO
Radford Bridge to Stafford extension	1799	Q/RUm 25	SRO
Route variations at Orton p.Wombourne	1804	Q/RUm 34-35	SRO
Feeder from Wyrley to Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal at Goldy Bridge	1804	Q/RUm 37	SRO
<u>Other plans</u>			
Plan	1773	M741	WSL
Route from Stourbridge to Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal at Stourton with branch to Pensnett Chase	1775	D615/M/9/8	SRO
Proposed canal from Black Delph, Kingswinford, to Netherton, Dudley	c1775	D615/M/9/28	SRO
Printed plan of proposed Stourbridge Canal	1775	D3186/8/4/1	SRO
Photocopy plan of branch canal from	c1776	D3890	SRO

Kingswinford to Lane Delph

Description	Dates	References	Office
Plan of branch canals in Kingswinford connecting with Stourbridge Canal	nd	D3186/8/1/30/83	SRO
Miscellaneous plans	1834	D695/2/16	SRO
Plan including Stourbridge Extension Canal	1927	D3186/8/5	SRO
Plans including junction with Trent and Mersey Canal at Great Haywood, c1770; water supply and building plans, c1799-1837; reservoirs near Saredon, nd; proposed feeder for Gilpin's engine, Churchbridge, 1804; Pool Hall and Dimmingsdale Reservoirs, 1828; new Harecastle Tunnel, c1823; other reservoirs and feeders, 1826-1830; proposed branch from Goldy Bridge to Mr Gilpin's works at Churchbridge, 1828	c1770-1837	D3186/8	SRO
Engine plans, 19 th cent; proposed viaduct, 1831; plan of link between Flatheridge Basin and Greens Forge Lock, 1828; new wharf at Hyde iron works, nd; plan of proposed cut from Lord Stafford's canal at Paved Lane near Newport to Staffs and Worcs Canal near Penkridge, 1792; printed plan including variation of line in Wombourne, 1804; section of proposed branch of Staffs and Worcs Canal near Goldy Bridge to Churchbridge, 1828.	1792-1831	D3186/8/1/30/64, 74	SRO
Plan to show proposed widening of canal at Kidderminster	1827	D3186/8/1/30/76	SRO
Plan of proposed canal from Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal at Radford Bridge to Stafford	1799	D3186/8/1/30/120	SRO
General plan and sections	1915	D3186/8/1/36	SRO
Copy plans	1966	D3186/8/1/42/1-11	SRO
Plan of intended canals	c1760	3436/2-3	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>			
T Congreve's proposal for canal between Trent and Severn	1753	M728	WSL
Extract concerning T Congreve's	1753, 1771	M731	WSL

proposal, with plan Description	Dates	References	Office
Shares	1792-1801	106/16/44	WSL
Copy letter re Radford Wharf, Stafford	1809	Fac 117	WSL
Plan	19 th cent	106/8/44	WSL
Right of way at Acton Trussell	1939	79/51	WSL
Copy minute book of 'second survey', 1772; survey books, 1766-1770; Brindley's order books, 1767-1771; levelling book, 1766-1767; day books, 1766-1772; disbursements, 1766-1774; contractors' dimension books, 1766-1772	1766-1774	Mf 79	SRO
Minutes and draft minutes, 1766-1878; shareholdings, c1824-1851; bye-laws c1800, 1879; financial records, 1773-20 th cent; surveys for building canal c1767-1772; Company Clerk's papers, 1770-1815; general administration records, 1772-early 20 th cent	1766-1878, early 20 th cent	D3186/1-9	SRO
Financial papers concerning Lord Hatherton's investments in Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal	mid 19 th cent	D260/M/T/6; D260/M/E/430/16	SRO
Bye-laws	1800	D590/303	SRO
Correspondence and agreements	1771-1821	D615/P(B)/11	SRO
Leases of wharf in Forebridge with plans	1811, 1814	D641/3/E/1/4/9-10	SRO
Papers re formation of company, 1775-1776; subscription lists, 1775; bye-laws, 1846; half yearly abstracts and balance sheets, 1814-1822; Thomas Dadford's appointments as surveyor and engineer, 1776; clerk collectors and agents' appointments, 1781-1834; clerk's papers re formation of company, 1766-1781	1766-1822	D3186/3/1-6	SRO
Photocopy correspondence and plan re proposed Stourbridge to Stour/Smestel canal	(1767-1771)	3898/17-22	SRO
Petition against new cut from Stourbridge to join Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal, and correspondence	1775	D(W)1778/V/7-8, 718	SRO
Description	Dates	References	Office

Drafts and copy deeds, notices, reference book, 1827; plan 1834	1766-1904	D695/2/16	SRO
Copy minutes, reports, etc	18 th -19 th cent	Mf 79	SRO
Correspondence	1840	D260/M/F/5/19/10	SRO
Miscellaneous papers	1851-1873	D695/1/12/80/3, 86/1, 87/2	SRO
Case re negligent navigation	1852	Q/SB 1852	SRO
Reports and notices	1860-1866	D695/1/31/5	SRO
Papers concerning Stourbridge Extension Canal (with plan)	1889-1899	D695/1/12/112/1	SRO
Proposed new tolls at Kingswinford	1892-1893	D695/8/14	SRO
Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal permits issued at Great Haywood	1893, 1901	D3900/1-2	SRO
Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal permits issued at Great Haywood	1905	5967/1	SRO
Photographs of Dursley Tunnel	c1970	4941/1-11	SRO

(u) STOURBRIDGE CANAL

Deposited plan

Branch from The Leys to Shut End, Kingswinford	1827	Q/RUm 65	SRO
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Other papers

Draft and copy deeds, receipts, book of reference 1827, bills and acts	1766-1904	D695/2/16	SRO
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(v) STOURBRIDGE EXTENSION CANAL

Description	Dates	References	Office
<u>Plans</u>			
Stourbridge Extension Canal	nd	D695/1/12	SRO
Stourbridge Canal and Stourbridge Extension Canal	1927	D3186/8/5	SRO
Photocopy of plan of proposed branch canal from Stourbridge to Black Delph, Kingswinford	nd	D3890	SRO

Other papers

Income and expenditure statements	1840-1843	D3186/4	SRO
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(w) TAME VALLEY CANAL

Deposited plans

Tipton to Salford Bridge	1838	Q/RUm 110	SRO
Variation in route	1839	Q/RUm 122	SRO
Extension to Toll End, Tipton	1839	Q/RUm 124-125	SRO
Variations in route	1840	Q/RUm 134-135	SRO

TRENT AND MERSEY CANAL *see* GRAND TRUNK CANAL

Description	Dates	References	Office
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(x) WALSALL JUNCTION CANAL

Plans sections and elevations	c1900	D3186/1/30/28-30	SRO
Plan of intended canal from the W & B Canal at Kings Norton to Stratford on Avon	1792	D3186/8/2/5	SRO
Plan of intended canal from Birmingham to River Severn near Worcester	1789	D3186/8/3/1	SRO
Printed plan of canals between Haywood, Staffs, and Gloucester, showing proposed Worcester and Birmingham Canal	late 18 th cent	D3186/8/3/3	SRO

(y) WYRLEY AND ESSINGTON CANAL

Deposited plans

Extension from Birchills via Pelsall Wood to Huddlesford Junction of Coventry Canal	1793	Q/RUm 9	SRO
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Description	Dates	References	Office
Essington Wood branch	1798	Q/RUm 22	SRO
Link to Walsall branch of Birmingham Canal Navigations	1838	Q/RUm 109	SRO
Bentley Branch Canal	1839	Q/RUm 128	SRO
Rushall Canal	1839	Q/RUm 126-127	SRO
<u>Other plans</u>			
Plan	1793	M725	WSL
Plan of proposed extensions to Wyrley and Essington Canal and Birmingham and Fazeley Canal	Nd	D3186/1/30/32	SRO
Plans	1791-1913	D351/M/B/134-139	SRO
Plans	1801, 1815, 1890	D615/M/9/24-27	SRO
Copy plan, Willenhall	1850	1255	SRO
Coventry Canal and Wyrley and Essington Canal	1833	D(W)1746/E/106-115	SRO
Plan of Wyrley and Essington Canal and extension from Wolverhampton to the Coventry Canal, nd; section of the proposed cut from Little Bloxwich to the Staffs and Worcs Canal near Goldy Bridge, 1827	1827	D3186/8/1/30/36-38	SRO
<u>Other records</u>			
Act of Parliament for consolidation of Wyrley and Essington Canal with Birmingham Canal Navigations	1840	DW3222/250/1-6	LRO
Shares	1801	71/9/45	WSL
Correspondence including plans of reservoir and feeder on Cannock Chase	1812-1820	D15/3/1	LRO

B RAILWAY RECORDS

Arrangement of the guide

1 RECORDS OF INDIVIDUAL LINES OR GROUPS OF LINES ARRANGED BY PRE-GROUPING (1923) COMPANIES

- (a) London and North Western Railway lines
- (b) North Staffordshire Railway lines
- (c) Midland Railway lines
- (d) Great Western Railway lines
- (e) Great Northern Railway lines

2 COLLECTIONS OF RAILWAY RECORDS RELATING TO SEVERAL LINES

NB: By no means all of the deposited plans (SRO series Q/RUm) have been included. Basically only the principal plans of the lines that were actually built are included.

Description	Dates	References	Office
1 RECORDS OF INDIVIDUAL LINES			
(a) LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY			
(i) GRAND JUNCTION RAILWAY (CREWE-STAFFORD-PENKRIDGE-BUSHBURY-BIRMINGHAM-RUGBY: OPENED 1837)			
<u>Deposited plans</u>			
Main line: Warrington-Birmingham via Crewe	1832	Q/RUm 77	SRO
Stafford and Bushbury	1833	Q/RUm 78	SRO
Portobello and Wolverhampton branch	1846	Q/RUm 209	SRO
Bescot and Wolverhampton branch	1846	Q/RUm 210	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>			
Plans of Grand Junction line where it passed through Anson family property; basically land required for the railway in Dunston, Shallowford, Chebsey, Little Bridgeford and Norton Bridge	c1837	D615/M/10/9-10, 13	SRO
Plan of property in Hill Chorlton belonging to the Duke of Sutherland served by the Grand Junction Railway	1839	D593/H/9/59	SRO
Account (in a letter) of a journey to Stafford, soon after the opening of the line.	1837	D897/8/1	SRO
Stafford Station personnel register	1898-1972	D1225	SRO
Plans of Grand Junction Railway in Staffordshire: Standon Bridge-Stafford; Standon Bridge-Betley Road	c1900	4786	SRO
(ii) TRENT VALLEY LINE (STAFFORD-COLWICH-LICHFIELD-TAMWORTH-NUNEATON-RUGBY: OPENED 1847)			
<u>Deposited plans</u>			
Main line	1840	Q/RUm 132	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
Main line	1844	Q/RUm 147	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>			
Letters from John Monk to Lord Hatherton and plan and surveyor's report by Joseph Locke	1844	D260/M/E/430/25	SRO
Plans of Trent Valley Railway and some of the Pottery Railway on Anson and other properties in Armitage, Handsacre, Baswich, Colwich, Milford, Colton, Kings Bromley, Mavesyn Ridware, Meaford, Stone, Aston, Burston, Sandon, Rugeley, Shugborough, Stafford, Stone, Tamhorn, Tamworth, Whittington and Lichfield.	1845-1847	D615/M/10/24-85	SRO
Plan of the route through Shugborough Park	c1846	D615/M/10/87	SRO
Plan of small areas in Tixall and Baswich	nd	D615/M/10/88	SRO
Agreement with the Trent Valley Railway Company for the construction of the line through Shugborough Park	1845, 1853	D615/E(L)/14	SRO
Plan of widening at Armitage and Rugeley	1901	71/26/45	WSL

(iii) BIRMINGHAM, WOLVERHAMPTON AND STOUR VALLEY (BIRMINGHAM-SMETHWICK-TIPTON-WOLVERHAMPTON): OPENED 1852

Deposited plan

Main line	1845	Q/RUm 205	SRO
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(iv) SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE RAILWAY (WYCHNOR JUNCTION-LICHFIELD- BROWNHILLS-WALSALL-WOLVERHAMPTON-DUDLEY: OPENED 1847-1850; AND CHASE BRANCHES, PRINCIPALLY RUGELEY-CANNOCK-WALSALL., OPENED 1858-1859)

Deposited plans

Main line: Trent Valley and Midland Grand Junction Railway (Tatenhill-Wolverhampton)	1845	Q/RUm 195	SRO
Walsall-Norton Canes-Cannock	1846 1853	Q/RUm 208A Q/RUm 250	SRO SRO
Cannock-Rugeley (Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire)	1852	Q/RUm 248	SRO

Junction Railway) Description		Dates	References	Office
Cannock Mineral Railway		1856	Q/RUm 219	SRO
Cannock Mineral Railway extension		1861	Q/RUm 310	SRO
Cannock Chase and Wolverhampton (Brownhills-Hednesford): opened 1867		1863	Q/RUm 336	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>				
Copies of South Staffordshire Junction Railway Act with map of proposed line		1846	D661/13/2/1	SRO
Proposed terms of lease of South Staffordshire Railway to LNWR		1850	D661/13/2/2	SRO
Copy lease of South Staffordshire Railway to LNWR		1851	D661/13/2/3	SRO
Printed circulars, correspondence, notes of Col.R.Dyott about the lease of the South Staffordshire Railway to LNWR		1860-1861	D661/13/2/4	SRO
Resolution of parliamentary committee and correspondence about agreement with other railway companies		1845-1846	D260/M/E/430/22	SRO
Rates for carriage of coal on South Staffordshire Railway		1859-1863	D351/M/B/2	SRO
Monthly report book		1951-1852	D351/M/B/11A	SRO
Case papers concerning South Staffordshire Railway Company		1839-1856	1/97-100/23	WSL
Letter re South Staffordshire Railway Company		1845	11/341/19/50	WSL
Miscellaneous track plans: Cannock, Rugeley, Armitage		1891-1923	5135	SRO
(iv) STAFFORD-NEWPORT-WELLINGTON				
<u>Deposited plans</u>				
Stafford-Shrewsbury		1844	Q/RUm 146	SRO
Stafford-Shrewsbury		1845	Q/RUm 175	SRO
Stafford-Shrewsbury		1845	Q/RUm 177	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>				
Plans of alterations to Gnosall LNWR		1888	D5870	SRO

Station Description (v)	Dates	References	Office
SUTTON COLDFIELD AND LICHFIELD RAILWAY (OPENED 1884)			
<u>Deposited plans</u>			
Birmingham and Lichfield Junction Railway	1871	Q/RUm 423	SRO
Sutton Coldfield and Lichfield	1879	Q/RUm 497	SRO
(vi) LNWR LINES IN BURTON ON TRENT			
<u>Deposited plan</u>			
LNWR lines in Burton on Trent	1873	Q/RUm 438	SRO
(b) NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE RAILWAY			
(i) MACCLESFIELD-KIDSGROVE-STOKE-NORTON BRIDGE ("POTTERY LINE")			
<u>Deposited plans</u>			
Manchester and Birmingham Railway (Manchester-Macclesfield-Kidsgrove- Etruria-Stoke-Stone-Hammerhouses p.Chebsey)	1837	Q/RUm 101	SRO
Manchester and Birmingham Railway (deviations)	1838	Q/RUm 102	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>			
Plan of property of the Duke of Sutherland in Trentham and Barlaston affected by the building of the Pottery Line	nd	D593/H/9/67	SRO
Pottery Branch Committee minute book	1835-1839	SD1122	SoTCA
(ii) STONE-COLWICH (STONE-SANDON-WESTON-COLWICH: OPENED 1849)			
<u>Deposited plans</u>			
Stone-Rugby	1840	Q/RUm 133	SRO
Macclesfield-Colwich	1845	Q/RUm 191	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>			
Agreement with the Manchester and Birmingham Railway for the construction of the line from Stone to Rugby through Lord Lichfield's estates.	1839	D616/E(L)/12	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
Various records of Weston and Ingestre station rescued from the station at the time of closure including consignment notes, circulars, monthly summaries of merchandise and weekly returns of goods traffic.	1907-1963	D928	SRO

(iii) CHURNET VALLEY LINE (MACCLESFIELD-LEEK JUNCTION-CHEDDLETON-OAKAMoor-ALTON-ROCESTER-UTTOXETER: OPENED 1849)

Deposited plans

Main line: Macclesfield-Willington (Derbyshire)	1844	Q/RUm 150	SRO
Burton on Trent branch (Egginton Junction-Burton)	1845	Q/RUm 190	SRO
Ashbourne branch (Rocester-Ashbourne)	1847	Q/RUm 219A-B	SRO

Other papers

Plans and line drawings of station buildings on the Churnet Valley line: Denstone (1851), Oakamoor (1899), Rushton (1892-1893), Alton (c1897-1954), Rudyard (1876-c1901)	1851-1954	C/Rd/5/1-6	SRO
Schedule of property of John Bill affected by the building of the Churnet Valley Railway in Kingsley, Cheadle and Ipstones	1844	D554/167	SRO
Papers and correspondence relating to the building of the Churnet Valley Line in Leek	1846-1848	D593/K/7/18	SRO
Miscellaneous papers relating to the proposed closure of the Churnet Valley Railway: letters, newspaper cuttings, copies of memoranda and representations.	1960	D957/4	SRO

(iv) DERBY-CREWE (DERBY-WILLINGTON-SUDBURY-MARCHINGTON-UTTOXETER-LEIGH-BLYTHE BRIDGE-STOKE-KIDSGROVE-ALSAGER-CREWE: OPENED 1848)

Deposited plans

Main line: Willington-Utttoxeter-Stoke-Crewe	1845	Q/RUm 168	SRO
Cheadle branch: Cresswell-Cheadle	1855	Q/RUm 276	SRO

Cheadle Mineral and Land Co.	1896	Q/RUm 618	SRO
Description	Dates	References	Office
Burton branch <i>see</i> Churnet Valley Railway			
<u>Other papers</u>			
List of subscriptions for building Cheadle branch	1866-1867	D239/M/2089	SRO
Plans of Meir tunnel	1849	D593/H/9/71A	SRO
Plan of the line of the Cheadle Railway at Dilhorne on land belonging to Sir E.M.Buller	1879	D1176/A/4/4-5	SRO
Specification for construction of Cheadle Railway	nd	1320	SRO
(v) POTTERIES BRANCHES			
<u>Deposited plans</u>			
Potteries Loop: Kidsgrove-Stoke via Burslem and Tunstall	1864	Q/RUm 356	SRO
Biddulph Valley branch: Stoke-Biddulph-Congleton	1853	Q/RUm 254-255	SRO
Longton-Adderley Green-Bucknall	1865	Q/RUm 378	SRO
Newcastle-Silverdale	1858	Q/RUm 284	SRO
Sneyd branch (to Sneyd Collieries)	1860	Q/RUm 305	SRO
Leek branch (Bucknall-Endon-Leek)	1863	Q/RUm 328B	SRO
Hanley branch	1859	Q/RUm 288	SRO
Audley branch (Potteries Junction Railway)	1862	Q/RUm 321	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>			
Plan of land at Ford Green intersected by the Biddulph Valley Railway	1876	D1176/A/6/5	SRO
Correspondence re Longton, Adderley Green and Bucknall Railway	1869-1873	D239/M/1966-2016	SRO
Copy agreement re colliery junction siding near Jamage Junction: NSR and Joel Settle of Alsager	1902	4320	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
(vi) LEEK, CAULDON LOW AND HARTINGTON LIGHT RAILWAY (LEEK BROOK-BRADNOP-WATERHOUSES: WATERHOUSES-HULME END)			
<u>Deposited plan</u>			
Leek, Cauldon Low and Hartington Light Railway	1897	Q/RUm 626	SRO
	1903	Q/RUm 705	SRO
<u>Other papers</u>			
Plans of land required for line at Bradnop	nd	D1176/A/2/35	SRO
Plan of land required for line at Ipstones	nd	D1176/A/9/6	SRO
Plan of land required for line at Leek	nd	D1176/A/11/64	SRO
Plan of land required for line at Sheephouse	nd	D1176/A/11/72	SRO
Drafts of parliamentary bills, correspondence and other working papers relating to the Leek and Manifold Valley Light Railway	1896-1923	D3359/58	SRO
Sundry papers relating to the Manifold Valley Light Railway	c1900-1925	203/75	WSL
(vii) WELLINGTON-DRAYTON-SILVERDALE (OPENED 1870)			
<u>Deposited plans</u>			
Wellington-Market Drayton-Newcastle	1861	Q/RUm 318	SRO
Silverdale-Madeley-Market Drayton	1863	Q/RUm 334	SRO
(viii) PAPERS RELATING TO NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE RAILWAY LINES IN GENERAL			
Bould Collection. NSR balance sheets , other financial material and miscellaneous plans and drawings	1846-1869	SD1152	SoTCA
Fuller Collection. Items recovered from the former NSR Loco Works at Stoke including minor financial and insurance records	1909-1913	SD1263	SoTCA

See also the Jeuda, Hollick and Lancefield-Walker Collections in Section 2 of the guide

(c) MIDLAND RAILWAY				
Description	Dates	References	Office	
(i) BIRMINGHAM AND DERBY JUNCTION RAILWAY (BURTON-BARTON-TAMWORTH-BIRMINGHAM: OPENED 1839)				
<u>Deposited plan</u>				
Main line: Burton-Tamworth-Birmingham	1835	Q/RUm 84	SRO	
(ii) BURTON ON TRENT-LEICESTER				
<u>Deposited plan</u>				
Burton on Trent – Leicester	1845	Q/RUm 203	SRO	
(iii) BURTON ON TRENT INTERNAL RAILWAY SYSTEM				
<u>Deposited plans</u>				
Enlargement of Burton station	1847	Q/RUm 218	SRO	
Burton on Trent railways	1855	Q/RUm 274	SRO	
Burton on Trent railways	1857	Q/RUm 282	SRO	
Burton Bridge	1858	Q/RUm 286	SRO	
Burton Bridge	1864	Q/RUm 353	SRO	
Burton on Trent branches	1859	Q/RUm 294	SRO	
Burton on Trent deviations	1857	Q/RUm 297	SRO	
Burton on Trent railways	1861	Q/RUm 313	SRO	
Burton on Trent railways	1864	Q/RUm 350	SRO	
Horninglow branch	1865	Q/RUm 379	SRO	
Additional powers	1865	Q/RUm 386	SRO	
Additional powers	1878	Q/RUm 478	SRO	
<u>Other papers</u>				
Photocopies of MR distance diagrams in Burton	1915	4077/1	SRO	
Award in dispute between MR and NSR re brewery lines in Burton	1871	4944/3	SRO	
MR scrapbook containing notifications	1866-1867	B D70	LRO	

of new freight rates and routes through
Burton

Description	Dates	References	Office
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(iv) **WOLVERHAMPTON, WALSALL AND MIDLAND JUNCTION RAILWAY
(ALDRIDGE-WOLVERHAMPTON: OPENED 1879)**

Deposited plan

Wolverhampton, Walsall and Midland Junction Railway	1871	Q/RUm 414	SRO
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(d) **GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY**

(i) **BIRMINGHAM, WOLVERHAMPTON AND DUDLEY RAILWAY
(BIRMINGHAM SNOW HILL-WEST BROMWICH-BILSTON-WOLVERHAMPTON LOW LEVEL:
OPENED 1854)**

Deposited plan

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(ii) **SHREWSBURY-WOLVERHAMPTON
(SHREWSBURY-WELLINGTON-SHIFNAL-OXLEY-WOLVERHAMPTON: OPENED 1849)**

Deposited plan

Shrewsbury-Wolverhampton	1845	Q/RUm 163	SRO
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Other papers

Correspondence re Shrewsbury-Wolverhampton line	1845-1846	D260/M/E/430/23	SRO
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Plan of land at Oxley Station	1855	3012/1-2	SRO
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(iii) **OXFORD, WORCESTER AND WOLVERHAMPTON RAILWAY
(WOLVERHAMPTON-DUDLEY-STOURBRIDGE-WORCESTER: OPENED 1852-1854)**

Deposited plan

Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway	1846	Q/RUm 212	SRO
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Other papers

Prospectus, correspondence and handbill	1844	D260/M/E/430/26	SRO
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(iv) **SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY
(KIDDERMINSTER-BRIDGNORTH-SHREWSBURY)**

Deposited plans

Severn Valley Railway	1852	Q/RUm 246	SRO
Alterations	1863	Q/RUm 340	SRO
Description	Dates	References	Office

(v) WOLVERHAMPTON-KINGSWINFORD VIA WOMBOURNE

Deposited plan

Wolverhampton-Wombourne-Kingswinford	1909	Q/RUm 728	SRO
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(e) GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY

**(i) DERBYSHIRE AND STAFFORDSHIRE EXTENSION RAILWAYS
(DERBY FRIARGATE-EGGINTON JUNCTION-BURTON)**

Deposited plans

Derbyshire and Staffordshire Extension Railways	1871	Q/RUm 424	SRO
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New railways at Burton	1873	Q/RUm 439	SRO
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Description	Dates	References	Office
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**(ii) UTTOXETER-STAFFORD
(BRAMSHALL JUNCTION-GRINDLEY-WESTON-SALT-HOPTON-STAFFORD)**

Deposited plans

Uttoxeter-Stafford	1862	Q/RUm 309	SRO
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Additional land at Stafford	1881	Q/RUm 522	SRO
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Additional land at Stafford	1882	Q/RUm 526	SRO
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Other papers

Photographs of views around Stafford Common GNR Station	1921	5247	SRO
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Train register for Grindley Signal Box	1939-1941	D6101/1	SRO
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2 COLLECTIONS OF RAILWAY RECORDS RELATING TO SEVERAL LINES

(i) D615/M/10/2

Railway map of the northern half of the county showing the lines of the different	1882	D615/M/10/2	SRO
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railway companies and also showing collieries in the Rugeley, Cannock and Essington areas and the lines leading to them.

Description	Dates	References	Office
(ii) D987/1-4			
Collection of early railway photographs principally of GWR locomotives, many of them broad gauge; there are also some early LNWR photos, and a few of other non-local companies such as the Caledonian, South Eastern and Chatham and the North British Railway.	c1860-1920	D987/1-4	SRO
(iii) D3678			
Collection of former LNWR (with a few LMSR) signalling and track layout plans relating to various locations throughout the county : Albion Station, Alrewas Station, Allsops Sidings, Amington Crossing, Armitage, Baswich, Bescot, Bloxwich, Brereton, Brownhills, Bushbury, Cannock, Colwich, Coton Crossing, Darlaston, Dudley Port, Essington, Ettingshall, Four Ashes, Four Oaks, Gailey, Goldshill Crossing, Gravelly Hill, Great Barr, Great Bridge, Great Bridgeford, Hammerwich, Harborne, Hednesford, James Bridge Junction, King Street Crossing, Lichfield City, Littleworth Junction, Madeley, Milford	1875-1935	D3678	SRO
and Brocton, Norton Canes, Norton Bridge, Nuneaton, Oldbury, Pelsall, Penkridge, Portobello Junction, Princes End, Rugeley, Rushall, Sedgley Junction, Smethwick, Spon Lane, Spring Vale sidings, Stafford, Sutton Coldfield, Tamworth, Tipton, Vauxhall, Walsall, Washwood Heath, Waley Lane Crossing, Wednesbury, Whitmore, Willenhall, Witton Station, Wolverhampton, Wychnor, Wylde Green, Wyrley.			
(iv) M745			
Maps, timetables and prospectuses for North Staffordshire Railway	1846-1851	M745	WSL

Description	Dates	References	Office
(v) Jack Hollick Collection			
Miscellaneous railway material relating principally to North Staffordshire and Derbyshire, including photograph albums of Cromford & High Peak Railway 1930s, photographs of Foxfield Colliery and locomotives, NSR public and working timetables, 1907-1910, photographs and other items relating to the Manifold Valley Light Railway.	19 th -20 th cent	Hollick	SoTCA
(vi) Basil Jeuda Collection			
Collection of material relating to the North Staffordshire Railway including the company's master photographic archive [uncatalogued]	19 th -20 th cent	SD1288, D1415, SD1416	SoTCA
(vii) Lancefield-Walker Collection			
Maps, working papers and research notes largely relating to the North Staffordshire Railway	1841-c.2002	SD1319, SD1419	SoTCA

C RECORDS OF ROAD UNDERTAKINGS

Introduction

Few subjects have more potential sources for their study than roads. All maps from the earliest estate maps, through enclosure and tithe maps and then the whole range of the Ordnance Survey series from the First Edition one inch to the mile onwards, are absolutely basic sources. A great many land records from medieval deeds through the whole range of estate and family papers can also be helpful. Civil parish records may contain parish surveyors' records from the late 17th century onwards although these usually contain only occasional references to individual roads. The proceedings of the former county administration – the Court of Quarter Sessions – also contain occasional references to roads, over and above the series such as highway diversion orders which relate specifically to this subject. District and borough council archives contain records relating to the roads under their management scattered through the collections.

If you bring in the question of status of routeways, the list of potential sources becomes even longer. Deposited plans and books of reference for public undertakings in general become relevant, for example, as every time a projected railway line or canal crosses a routeway, the book of reference will make a pronouncement on its believed status. Enclosure awards are absolutely basic in determining the status of a routeway and tithe awards can add useful evidence on likely status.

A totally comprehensive list of the sources for the study of roads would therefore be extremely long indeed and would encompass a large proportion of the holdings of any

general archives repository. For that reason therefore, this guide is essentially a guide to the records of the main bodies statutorily responsible for roads over the years other than the parish – the county authority for the time being, the district, borough and city councils, the turnpike trusts and the highway boards.

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A STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND PREDECESSOR AUTHORITIES

(i) QUARTER SESSIONS

Q/AH

NB: For ease of reference Turnpike Trusts are treated separately although many of the records relating to them are part of Quarter Sessions series

Summary of returns received from Justices Clerks as to disturnpiked roads	1879	Q/AH	SRO
Returns of circulars stating if there are any main roads or not	1886	Q/AH	SRO
Applications by local highway boards for certain roads to be recognized as main roads (with plans)	1879	Q/AH	SRO
List of parishes in Staffordshire having main roads and length of main roads in each parish	nd	Q/AH	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
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Q/RHd, Q/SB, Q/SO

References to roads and county bridges from the late 16th century onwards are scattered throughout the extant Quarter Sessions records (principally Q/SO, the orders of sessions, and Q/SB, the bundles for each court). More formal highway diversion and stopping up orders survive from the mid 18th century onwards in the Q/SB series and continue through to 1913 in the Q/RHd series. Separate indexes are available for the diversion and stopping-up orders.

Highway diversion and stopping –up orders	mid 18 th cent-1913	Q/SB, Q/RHd	SRO
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(ii) STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

County Architect's correspondence on roads and bridges	1865-1908	C/A	SRO
County Roads and Bridges Committee minutes	1889-1974	CC/B/6/1-74	SRO
	1974-1991	CC/B/126/1-68	SRO
Highways Committee minutes	1991-1997	CC/B/126/69-97	SRO
Map showing turnpike roads over the period 1714-1817	nd	C/P/3/8	SRO
Map showing turnpike roads over the period 1714-1800	nd	C/P/3/9	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
Handing-over schedules (roads transferred to the County Council following the Local Government Act of 1929)	1929-1934	C/Rd/19/1-44	SRO
Maps showing the roads handed over to the County Council following the Local Government Act of 1929	1929-1950s	C/Rd/19/2/1-15	SRO
Revised county road maps arranged by district	1929-1970s	C/Rd/19/3/1-20, 4/1-4	SRO
Papers relating to opening of roads and bridges	1963-1990	C/Rd/29/1-30	SRO
Local Taxation – Registers of motor cars and motor cycles registered in the Staffordshire County registration area	1920-1947	C/T/2/1-11	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
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B DISTRICT, BOROUGH AND CITY COUNCILS

Description	Dates	References	Office
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NB: Some authorities created only one main series of minutes which covered decisions on all their areas of responsibility. Where this is the case, these may contain references to highway matters. The following list draws attention to the specific highway committee minutes and other highway series.

(i) Biddulph Rural District Council

Committee minutes including highways	1902-1947	D3227/46-55	SRO
Sundry highway correspondence	1930-1969	D1448/1/175-196	SRO

(ii) Burton on Trent County Borough

Highways Committee minutes	1867-1974	B D23/1/8/1-25	LRO
Papers re footpath diversions and stoppings-up	1933-1952	D3882/1/73-80; D3883/3/1-4	LRO
Motor taxation registers for Burton Borough	1903-1922	B D29/1/1-6	LRO

(iii) Cannock Urban District Council

Surveyors Committee: report books	1928-1939	D4615/2/31-39	SRO
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(iv) Cheadle Rural District Council

Highways Committee minutes	1917-1929	D1425/1/15-16	SRO
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(v) Kidsgrove Urban Distruct Council

Highway Committee minutes	1963-1974	D6030/4/2/1/1	SRO
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(vi) Lichfield City Council

Stopping-up of highways and footpaths	1926-1955	D25/6/2-5	LRO
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(vii) Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Highway Committee minutes	1905-1963	D6030/1/2/17/1-11	SRO
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Description	Dates	References	Office
(viii) Rugeley Urban District Council			
Highways Committee minutes	1911-1930	D3994/1/1/14-15	SRO
(ix) Seisdon Rural District Council			
Description	Dates	References	Office
Highways and Housing Committee	1929	D6327/1/2/48	SRO
(x) Stafford Borough Council			
Highways Committee minutes	1949-1966	D1323/C/32/1-2	SRO
(xi) Stafford Rural District Council			
Highways Committee minutes	1927-1930	D5890/3/2/9/1	SRO
(xii) Stoke on Trent City Council			
The printed minutes of Stoke City Council and its committees are available in the Local Studies Collection at City Central Library, Hanley			
(xiii) Uttoxeter Urban District Council			
Highways and Buildings Committee	1899-1901	D280/1/4	LRO

C TURNPIKE TRUSTS

GENERAL

Copy of turnpike trust returns pursuant to 1 George IV c.95. Contains name of trust, length, average income, debts, expenditure on loans, interest etc., trustees and Act under which it operates.	1820	Q/RUt	SRO
Register of statement of trusts of turnpike roads pursuant to 3 George IV. Contains name of trust and date of deposit.	1823-1825	Q/RUt 2	SRO

See also C/P/3/8-9 under Staffordshire County Council

Description	Dates	References	Office
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INDIVIDUAL TURNPIKE TRUSTS

NB: For reasons of practicality, the description of the individual trusts adopted for this guide is the one used in the annual returns to Quarter Sessions of income and expenditure. This may differ from the description in the Act of Parliament. If there is any doubt as to which turnpike is involved, please refer to the standard printed account of Staffordshire turnpikes, *The turnpike network of Staffordshire 1700-1840* by A.D.M. Phillips and B.J. Turton in Collections for a History of Staffordshire (Fourth Series, Vol.13, 1988).

(i) Acts of Parliament

The Local Acts of Parliament under which the turnpike trusts operated are scattered throughout the collections but the most complete series is to be found among the Local Acts of Parliament in the William Salt Library

(ii) Albrighton to Tong

General statements of income and expenditure	1834-1875	Q/RUt 3/1/1-29	SRO
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(iii) Alton and Cheadle to Rocester

General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1830	Q/RUt 3/2/1-9	SRO
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(iv) Ashbourne to Leek

General statements of income and expenditure	1823-1876	Q/RUt 3/3/1-49	SRO
Plan and book of reference	1825	Q/RUt 5/37	SRO
Plan and book of reference: Spath Gate-Hanging Bridge	1827	Q/RUt 5/41	SRO
Plan and book of reference: Hanging Bridge-New Street, Stone	1828	Q/RUt 5/43	SRO
Plan and book of reference: proposed deviation Hanging Bridge-Calton	1835	Q/RUt 5/76	SRO
Minute books	1786-1835	D423/M/B/1-2	SRO
Declarations and oaths of trustees	1826-1871	D423/M/B/3	SRO

(v) Ashby de la Zouch to Tutbury

General statements of income and expenditure	1849-1871	Q/RUt 3/4/1-7	SRO
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(vi) Bagots Bromley to Shirleywich

Plan and book of reference	1807	Q/RUt 5/2	SRO
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Description	Dates	References	Office
(vii) Bickford Harbour			
General statements of income and expenditure	1832-1835	Q/RUt 3/5/1-4	SRO
(viii) Biddulph			
General statements of income and expenditure	1835-1875	Q/RUt 3/6/1-32	SRO
Description	Dates	References	Office
(ix) Bilston			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1854	Q/RUt 3/7/1-29	SRO
(x) Birmingham to Hamstead Bridge			
Plan and book of reference	1808	Q/RUt 5/4	SRO
(xi) Birmingham to Wednesbury			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1869	Q/RUt 3/8/1-46	SRO
(xii) Burton to Abbots Bromley			
General statements of income and expenditure	1834-1873	Q/RUt 3/9/1-37	SRO
(xiii) Burton to Lichfield, to High Bridges and Yoxall Bridge			
General statements of income and expenditure	1862-1873	Q/RUt 3/10/1-12	SRO
Plan and book of reference: various parts	1813	Q/RUt 5/15	SRO
Plan and book of reference: branch from Alrewas to Kings Bromley and Rugeley	1818	Q/RUt 5/19	SRO
Plan and book of reference for new road from Streethay to Lichfield	1831	Q/RUt 5/65	SRO
(xiv) Buxton to Leek, Hassop and Middleshill			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1876	Q/RUt 3/11/1-41	SRO
Account book of the trustees	1775-1783	D706/2	SRO
(xv) Cheadle First District			

Description	Dates	References	Office
General statement of income and expenditure	1830	Q/RUt 3/12	SRO
Plan and book of reference : Cheadle Grange-Oakamoor	1830	Q/RUt 5/53	SRO
(xvi) Cheadle Five Districts			
General statements of income and expenditure	1831-1833	Q/RUt 3/13/1-2	SRO
Plan and book of reference: Cheadle-Calton Moor	1830	Q/RUt 5/57	SRO
Plan and book of reference: deviations in the Froghall area	1830	Q/RUt 5/58	SRO
(xvii) Cheadle and Butterson Moor to Ecton Mines			
General statements of income and expenditure	1828-1832	Q/RUt 3/14/1-4	SRO
Plan and book of reference: alterations at Sheen	1832	Q/RUt 5/71	SRO
(xviii) Cheadle and Butterson Moor to Hartington [also known as Butterson Moor End Trust]			
General statements of income and expenditure	1832-1875	Q/RUt 3/15/1-38	SRO
(xix) Churchbridge to Stafford, Uttoxeter and Newport			
General statements of income and expenditure	1832-1866	Q/RUt 3/16/1-36	SRO
(xx) Coleshill First and Second District and United Lichfield Trust			
General statement of income and expenditure	1822-1876	Q/RUt 3/17/1-40	SRO
Plan and book of reference: Coleshill through Staffs to Lichfield and Stone	1823	Q/RUt 5/34	SRO
Plan and book of reference: Coleshill-Canwell	1829	Q/RUt 5/50	SRO
Plans and books of reference: Lichfield-Brereton	1830-1831	Q/RUt 5/62-63	SRO
Plan and book of reference: various widenings	1833	Q/RUt 5/74	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
Order books	1741-1879	D15/2/1-15; D77/16/5	LRO
Mortgage of tolls	1814	D615/338	SRO
Toll houses at Shenstone	1765-1833, 1862	D678/2, 5	SRO
Plans	nd, 1822- 1827	D15/2/12-14	LRO
(xxi) Congleton to Buxton			
Collecting book for Moor Lane Toll Gate	1867-1870	D717/1	SRO
Account book	1845	D717/2	SRO
(xxii) Darlaston and Newcastle			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1865	Q/RUt 3/18/1-34	SRO
(xxiii) Darley Moor to Ellastone			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1875	Q/RUt 3/27/1-45	SRO
Statement of accounts	1836	D1217/2/8	SRO
(xxiv) Dilhorne			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1825	Q/RUt 3/19/1-3	SRO
(xxv) Dudley and Brettel Lane			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1865	Q/RUt 3/20/1-47	SRO
Plan and book of reference: various branches	1831	Q/RUt 5/69	SRO
(xxvi) Dudley and New Inn			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1865	Q/RUt 3/21/1-45	SRO
Plan and book of reference	1826	Q/RUt 5/38	SRO
(xxvii) Dudley and Rowley Regis			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1852	Q/RUt 3/22/1-34	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
(xxviii) Dudley, Pedmore and Rowley			
General statements of income and expenditure	1858-1865	Q/RUt 3/23/1-4	SRO
(xxix) Dudley United Trust			
General statements of income and expenditure	1865-1876	Q/RUt 3/24/1-27	SRO
Description	Dates	References	Office
(xxx) Eccleshall, Newport and Watling Street			
General statements of income and expenditure	1823-1867	Q/RUt 3/25/1-42	SRO
(xxxi) Eccleshall and Walton in Stone			
General statements of income and expenditure	1824-1871	Q/RUt 3/26/1-39	SRO
(xxxii) Forsbrook to Cheddleton			
General statements of income and expenditure	1825-1830	Q/RUt 3/28/1-6	SRO
(xxxiii) Great Chell and Shelton			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1860	Q/RUt 3/29/1-29	SRO
Plan and book of reference	1832	Q/RUt 5/72	SRO
(xxxiv) Handsworth and Perry Barr			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1875	Q/RUt 3/30/1-46	SRO
(xxxv) Hanley and Bucknall			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1875	Q/RUt 3/31/1-51	SRO
(xxxvi) Hilton and Honnington			
General statements of income and expenditure	1829-1867	Q/RUt 3/32/1-8	SRO
(xxxvii) Ipstones			

Description	Dates	References	Office
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1830	Q/RUt 3/33/1-8	SRO
(xxxviii) Ivetsey Bank			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1833	Q/RUt 3/34/1-9	SRO
(xxxix) Lawton and Burslem			
General statements of income and expenditure	1823-1873	Q/RUt 3/35/1-47	SRO
Description	Dates	References	Office
Plan and book of reference	1814	Q/RUt 5/16	
(xl) Longnor to Ashbourne-Buxton Turnpike			
Plan and book of reference	1812	Q/RUt 5/11	SRO
(xli) Macclesfield and Leek			
Plan and book of reference: branch from Rushton Spencer to Wincle	1829	Q/RUt 5/51	SRO
Tolls at Rudyard Gate	1823-1824	D239/M2630-2633	SRO
(xlii) Newcastle Burgesses Lands Act			
General statements of income and expenditure	1860-1873	Q/RUt 3/36/1-9	SRO
(xliii) Newcastle to Marsh Lands and Blyth Marsh			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1875	Q/RUt 3/37/1-56	SRO
Plan and book of reference	1822	Q/RUt 5/26	SRO
Plan and book of reference: improvements	1822	Q/RUt 5/31	SRO
Plan and book of reference: new branches	1839	Q/RUt 5 /80A	SRO
Plan and book of reference: new branch	1840	Q/RUt 5/84	SRO
(xliv) Newcastle to Drayton			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1865	Q/RUt 3/38/1-27	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
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Plan and book of reference: proposed new line from Willoughbridge to Winnington	1830	Q/RUt 5/60	SRO
Plan and book of reference: Almington-Madeley	1831	Q/RUt 5/67	SRO
Plan and book of reference: Whitmore-Maerfield Gate	1831	Q/Rut 5/67A	SRO
Plan and book of reference: bridle way from Winnington to Acton Lane	1832	Q/RUt 5/70	SRO
Plans and sections of diversion near Whitmore	nd	Q/RUt 4/3/1-4	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
(xlv) Newcastle to Eccleshall			
General statements of income and expenditure	1823-1865	Q/RUt 3/39/1-30	SRO
Plan and book of reference	1822	Q/RUt 5/32	SRO
Toll house at Lawhead	1867	D615(D)125	SRO
Mortgage of tolls	1832-1856	D593/B/1/14/17	SRO
(xlvi) Newcastle to Leek			
General statements of income and expenditure	1823-1875	Q/RUt 3/40/1-35	SRO
Plan and book of reference	1817	Q/RUt 5/18	SRO
Plan and book of reference	1827	Q/RUt 5/40	SRO
(xlvii) Newcastle to Nantwich			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1865	Q/RUt 3/41/1-32	SRO
Description	Dates	References	Office
(xlviii) Newport to Stonnall			
General statements of income and expenditure	1827-1870	Q/RUt 3/42/1-24	SRO
(xlix) Oakamoor			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1830	Q/RUt 3/43/1-8	SRO
(l) Penkridge to Cannock			
General statements of income and expenditure	1828-1873	Q/RUt 3/44/1-39	SRO
Plan and book of reference	1825	Q/RUt 5/36	SRO
Papers re toll house	1836-1838	D260/M/T/105	SRO
(li) Perry Barr to Birmingham			
General statements of income and expenditure	1831-1859	Q/RUt 3/45/1-27	SRO
Plan and book of reference	1830	Q/RUt 5/55	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
(lii) Rocester and Derby Junction			
Plan and book of reference	1839	Q/RUt 4/2/1	SRO
(liii) Rugeley, Alrewas ,Armitage and Stone [later called United Trust]			
General statements of income and expenditure	1824-1873	Q/RUt 3/46/1-103	SRO
(liv) Sandon [including Hugbridge, Hilderstone and Draycott]			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1875	Q/RUt 3/47/1-45	SRO
(lv) Sandon-Bullock Smithy			
Trustees' minutes	1762-1815	D706/1	SRO
Trustees' minutes	1816-1843	483	SRO
Accounts	1827	D706/2	SRO
Committee books	1829-1870	D745/1-2	SRO
(lvi) Sedgley			
General statements of income and expenditure	1841-1875	Q/RUt 3/48/1-92	SRO
(lvii) Spath to Hanging Bridge			
General statements of income and expenditure	1823-1855	Q/RUt 3/49/1-28	SRO
(lviii) Stafford to Sandon, Eccleshall and District			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1872	Q/RUt 3/50/1-41	SRO
Plan and book of reference: proposed deviation at Mucklestone and Croxton	1830	Q/RUt 5/56	SRO
(lvix) Stone, Lane End and Trentham			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1875	Q/RUt 3/51/1-50	SRO
Plan and book of reference: proposed diversion	1833	Q/RUt 5/73	SRO
Plan and book of reference: deviation between	1842	Q/RUt 5/87	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
(Ix) Stone, Stafford and Penkridge			
General statements of income and expenditure	1825-1866	Q/RUt 3/52/1-36	SRO
Trustees' minutes	1831-1880	D1323/L	SRO
(Ixi) Stone to Streethay			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1828	Q/RUt 3/53/1-2	SRO
(Ixii) Stone, Uttoxeter, Stoke and Milwich			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1875	Q/RUt 3/54/1-62	SRO
Plan and book of reference: branch to Stafford-Newcastle road	1819	Q/RUt 5/21A	SRO
(Ixiii) Stourbridge and Bridgnorth			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1853	Q/RUt 3/55/1-31	SRO
(Ixiv) Streethay to Wordsley Green			
General statements of income and expenditure	1825-1876	Q/RUt 3/56/1-57	SRO
(Ixv) Tamworth			
General statements of income and expenditure	1823-1875	Q/RUt 3/57/1-40	SRO
(Ixvi) Tittensor and Talke			
Trustees' minutes	1735-1791	SD1125	SoTCA
(Ixvii) Tunstall and Bosley			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1875	Q/RUt 3/58/1-44	SRO
Plans	1818-1819	Q/RUt 5/20	SRO
Plan and book of reference: branch from Knypersley to Cheddleton	1819	Q/RUt 5/23	SRO
Plans and sections	1846	D3154	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
(Ixxviii) Uttoxeter-Ashbourne			
Plan and book of reference: branch from Rocester to Mackworth, Derby	1819	Q/RUt 5/22	SRO
Plan and book of reference	1820	Q/RUt 5/25	SRO
(Ixxix) Uttoxeter and Blyth Marsh			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1875	Q/RUt 3/59/1-15	SRO
(Ixxx) Uttoxeter and Callingwood Plain			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1855	Q/RUt 3/60/1-27	SRO
(Ixxxi) Uttoxeter to Derby			
Plan and book of reference	1824	Q/RUt 5/35	SRO
(Ixxxii) Uttoxeter to High Bridges			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1875	Q/RUt 3/61/1-27	SRO
(Ixxxiii) Walsall First District [including Muckley Corner, Wednesbury and Ocker Hill]			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1850	Q/RUt 3/62/1-28	SRO
Plan and book of reference: Muckley Corner-Walsall-Wednesbury	1826	Q/RUt 5/39	SRO
Plan and book of reference	1829	Q/RUt 5/48	SRO
(Ixxxiv) Walsall Second District			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1850	Q/RUt 3/63/1-28	SRO
(Ixxv) Walsall United Trust			
General statements of income and expenditure	1851-1870	Q/RUt 3/64/1-15	SRO
(Ixxvi) Walsall to Hamstead Bridge			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1870	Q/RUt 3/65/1-19	SRO
Plan and book of reference	1828	Q/RUt 5/44	SRO

Description	Dates	References	Office
(Ixxvii) Wetley Rocks to Tean			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1830	Q/RUt 3/66/1-7	SRO
(Ixxviii) Wolverhampton Old District			
General statements of income and expenditure	1823-1876	Q/RUt 3/67/1-49	SRO
Plan and book of reference: new line of Holyhead Road in High Wolverhampton	1828	Q/RUt 5/42	SRO
Various alterations	1830	Q/RUt 5/54	SRO
Various alterations	nd	Q/RUt 5/80	SRO
(Ixxix) Wolverhampton to Cannock			
General statements of income and expenditure	1831-1832	Q/RUt 3/68	SRO
(Ixxx) Wolverhampton to Dudley			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1865	Q/RUt 3/69/1-43	SRO
Description	Dates	References	Office
Plan and book of reference: alterations at Himley	1831	Q/RUt 5/68	SRO
(Ixxxix) Wombourne to Sedgley			
General statements of income and expenditure	1822-1841	Q/RUt 3/70/1-19	SRO
(Ixxxii) Yoxall Bridge to Ashbourne			
General statements of income and expenditure	1823-1855	Q/RUt 3/71/1-25	SRO
Plan and book of reference: branch to Callingwood Plain	1808	Q/RUt 5/3	SRO
Plan and book of reference	1830	Q/RUt 5/52	SRO

D OTHER RECORDS

NB: Although there were many highway boards created under the 1835 Highway Act there are very few surviving records

Description	Dates	References	Office
Plan and book of reference: Watling Street in Lapley and Weston under Lizard	1807	Q/RUt 5/1	SRO
Account book for various districts of the Kingswinford Highway Board	1881-1898	D585/186	SRO
Photographic record of the construction of the Birmingham Northern Relief Road in Saredon and Cheslyn Hay	2001-2005	6559/1-2	SRO