

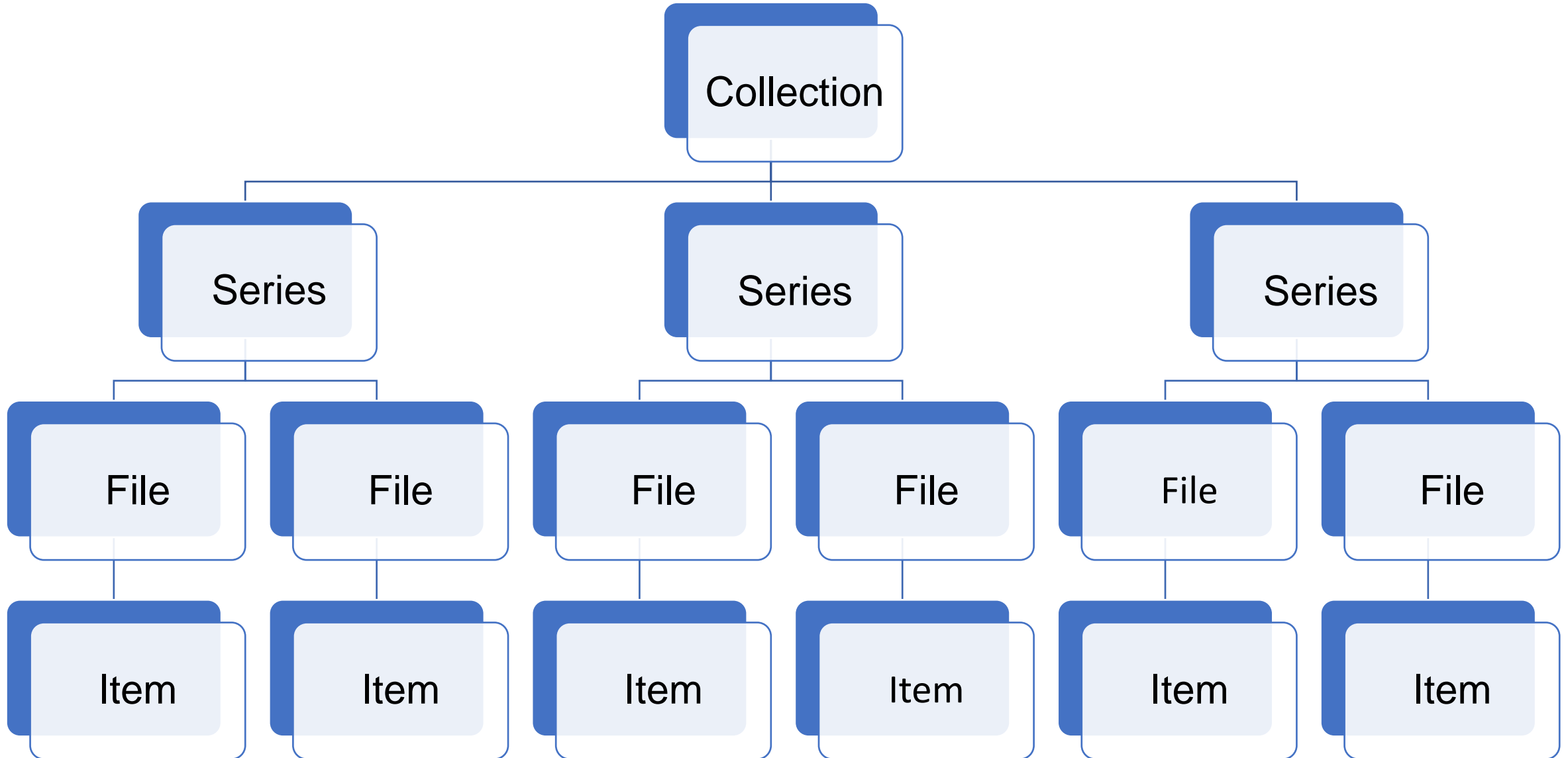
iSkills: Discovering Archives and Modern Manuscripts at the Bodleian Libraries



Content

- Post-1800 archive & manuscripts in western languages at the Bodleian Libraries
- Subject areas covered in our archive & manuscript collections
- How to use the Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts catalogue
- Other Bodleian printed archives and manuscripts catalogues
- National archive gateways
- Q&A session

Archival arrangement



Search the Bodleian Libraries' archives and manuscripts

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What is included?

- ✓ Archives and manuscript material created between circa 1500 and the 21st century. The material described is predominantly in manuscript form, but also includes photographic material, audiovisual items, and born-digital content.

What isn't included?

- ✗ Medieval Manuscripts (see [Medieval Manuscripts in Oxford Libraries](#))
- ✗ Asian and Middle Eastern Manuscripts (see our [LibGuides](#) for links to specialist catalogues)
- ✗ Administrative records of the University itself (see [Oxford University Archives](#))

New additions

For a list of recent additions to the online catalogues, see our [new additions page](#).

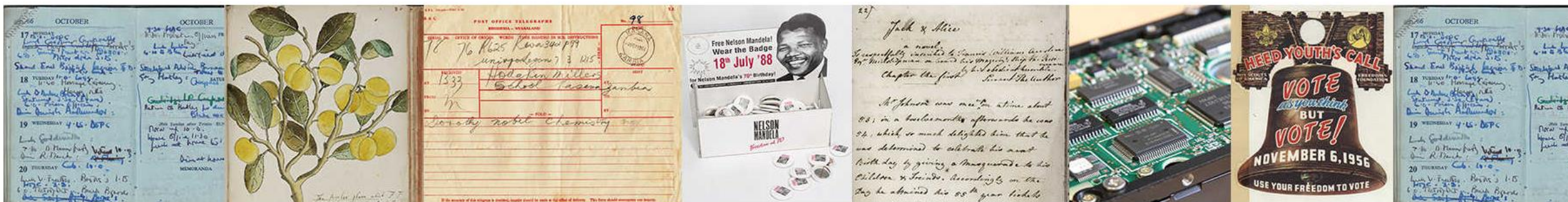
What am I searching?

- Full descriptions of all items catalogued after 2001
- Collection-level descriptions of most collections described in our published printed catalogues
- Full descriptions of some collections catalogued before 2001 are being added as they are digitised

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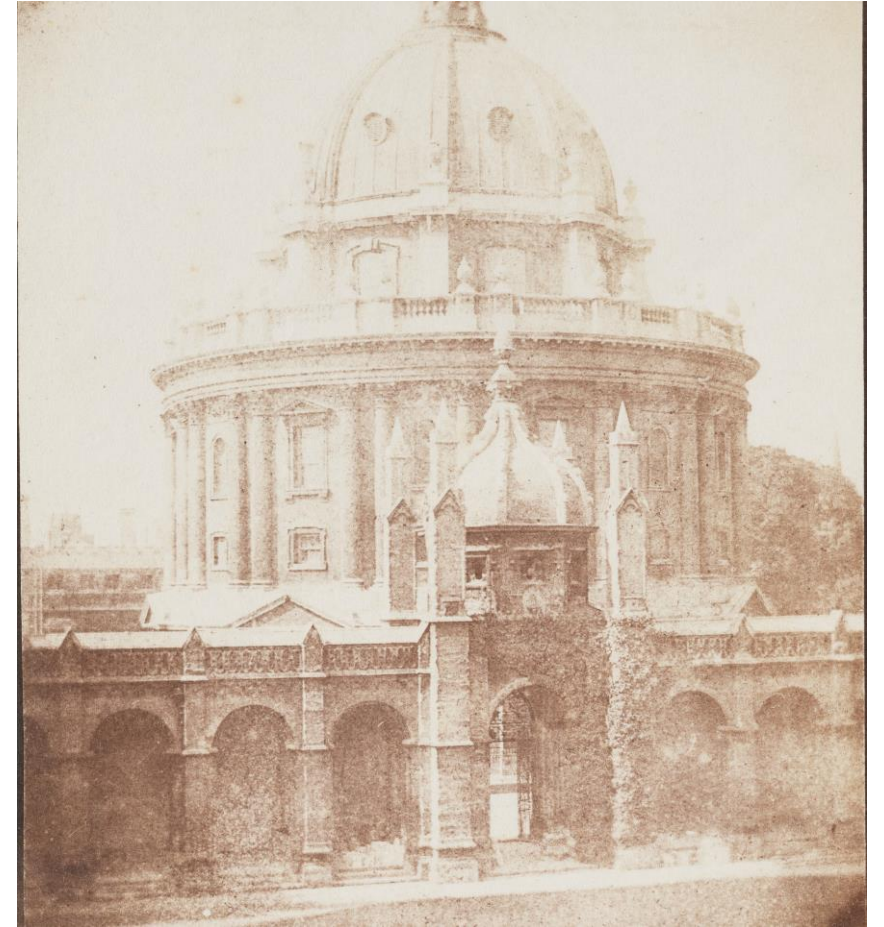
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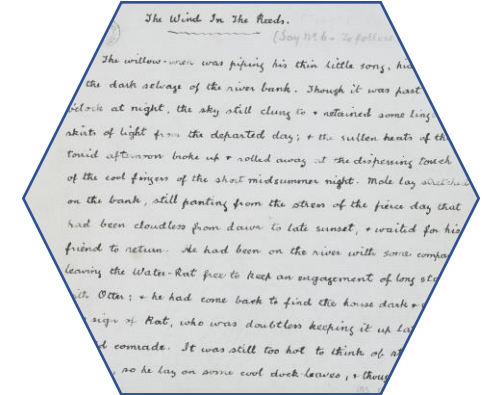
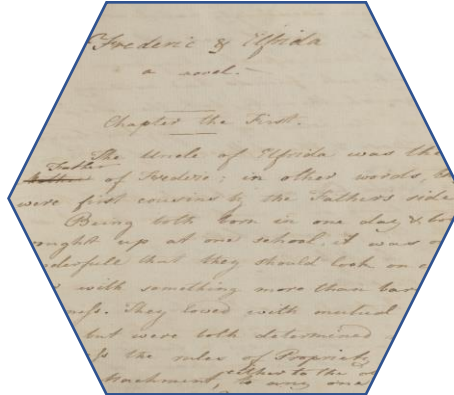
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- Over 200,000 boxes of archival material.
- Full descriptions for all holdings catalogued after 2001.
- Summary Catalogue of Western Manuscripts.
- Full descriptions for most holdings catalogued 1976-2001, following the conversion of descriptions from typescript to digital form.
- Collection level descriptions of most of the collections described in our published hardcopy catalogues.



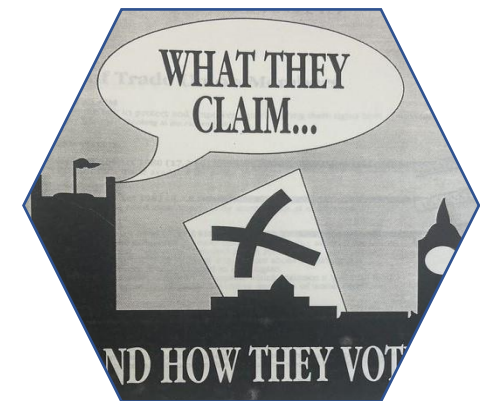
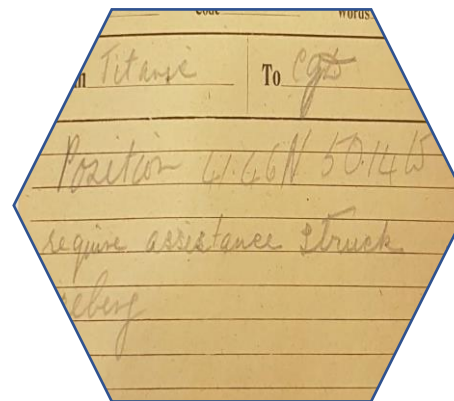
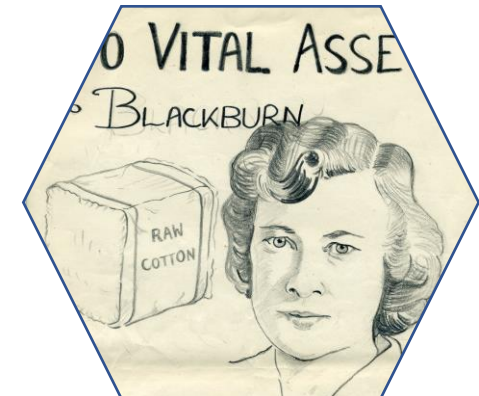
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- Diaries and travel journals



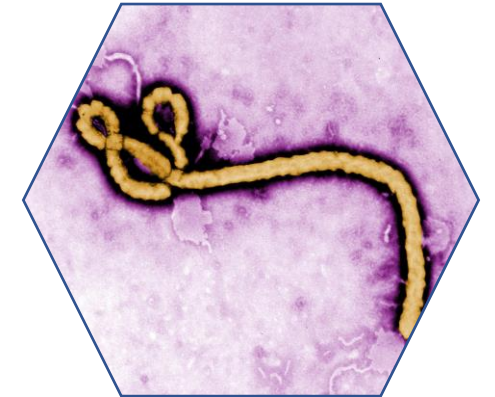
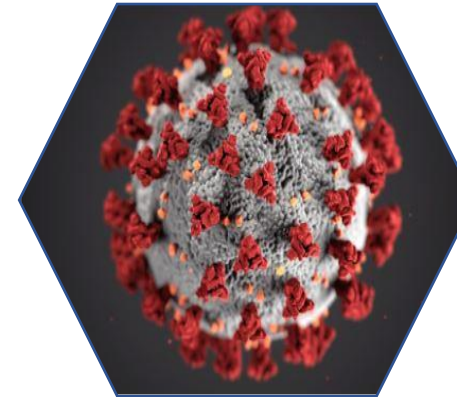
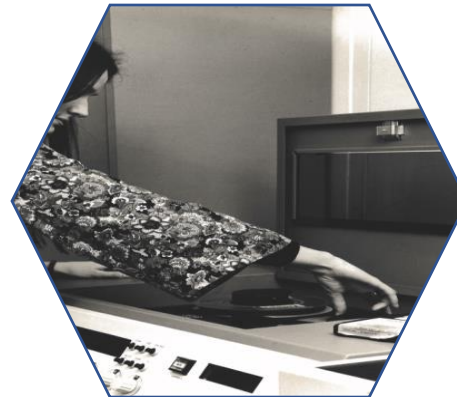
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- Intellectuals
- Archaeology
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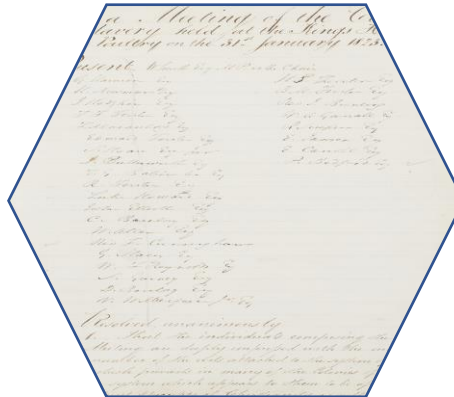
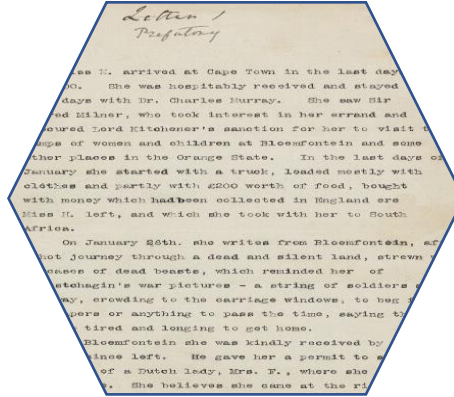
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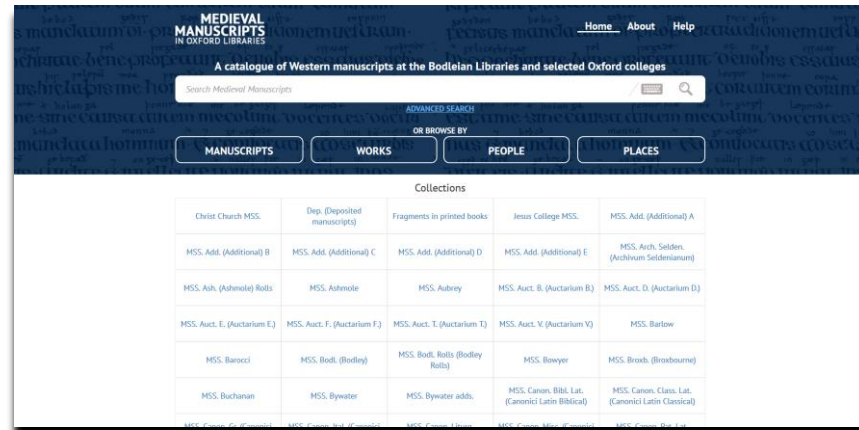


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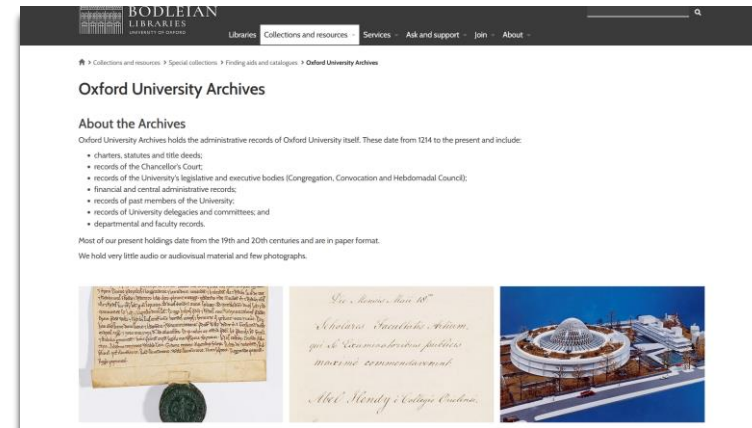
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- Missionary archives
- Anti-slavery



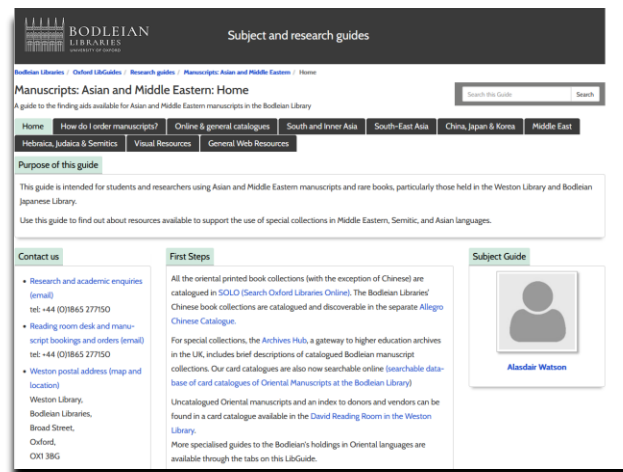
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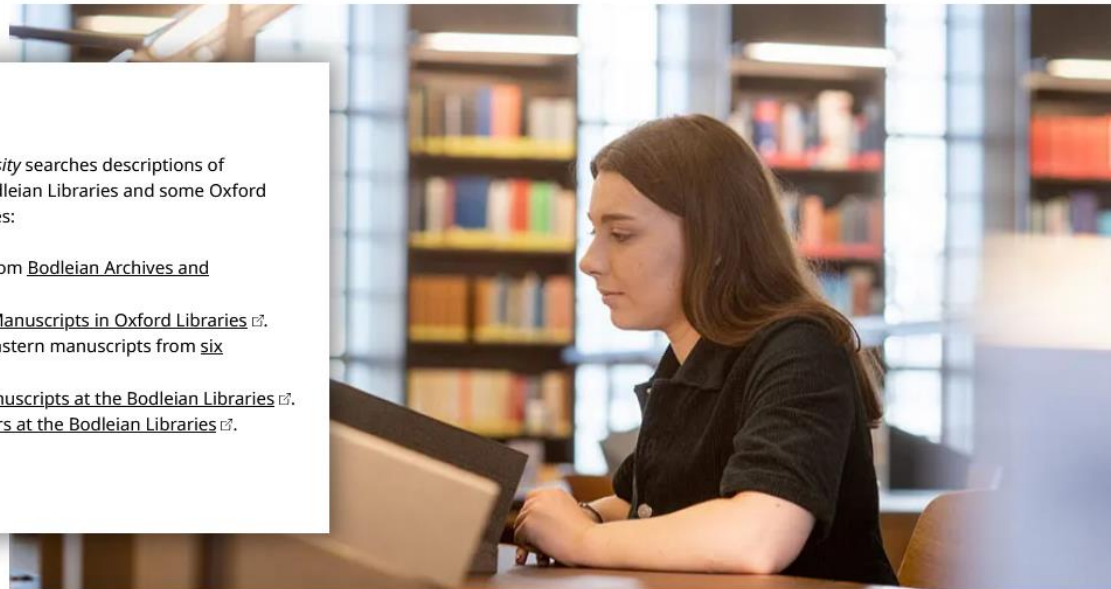


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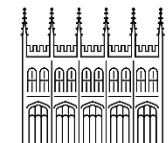
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- South Asian, Inner Asian and Middle Eastern manuscripts from [six manuscript catalogues](#).
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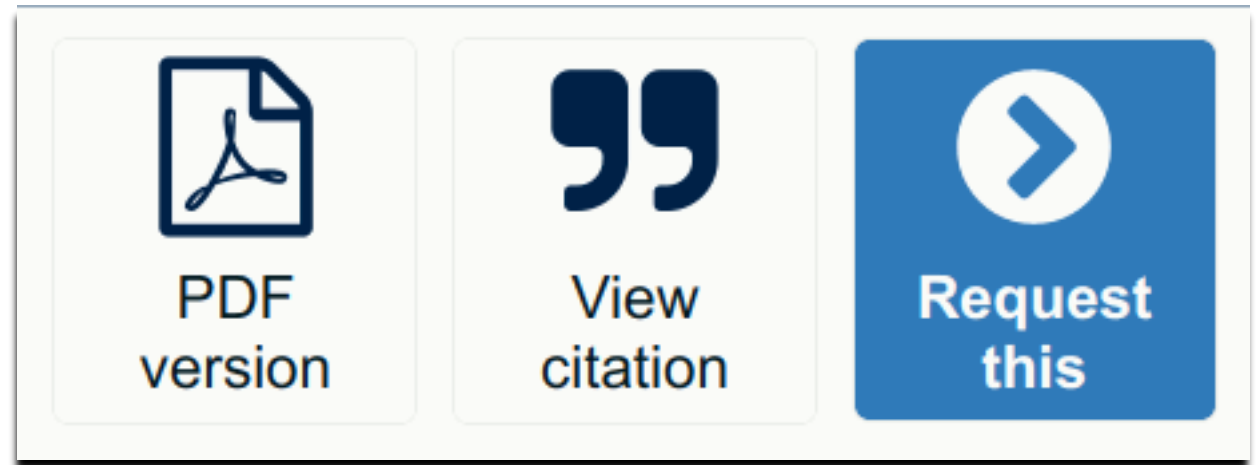
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Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts Demonstration

How to order archives & manuscripts

- Create an account at <https://requests.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>
- Further details on how to order archives & manuscripts: <https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/collections-and-resources/special-collections/ordering>



Ordering archives & manuscripts that don't have online descriptions

If you require access to the original item, you will need to provide further details on your research and your request will be reviewed by the relevant curator.

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[Digital Bodleian](#) provides access to high quality digital surrogates of many Special Collections items, including rare books, manuscripts and ephemera from the Bodleian Libraries and Oxford College Libraries.

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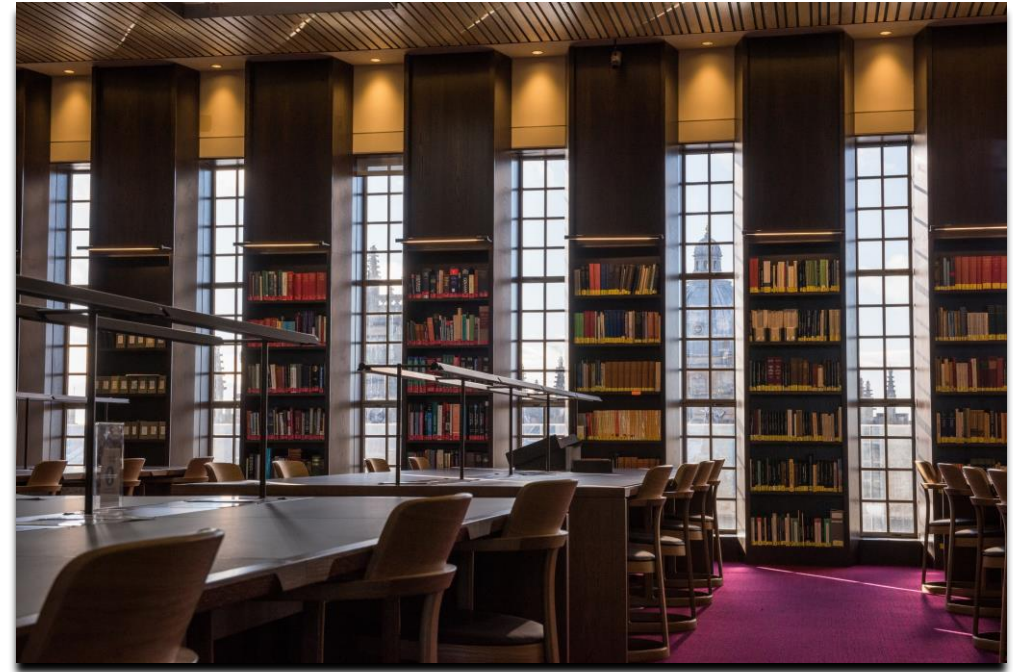
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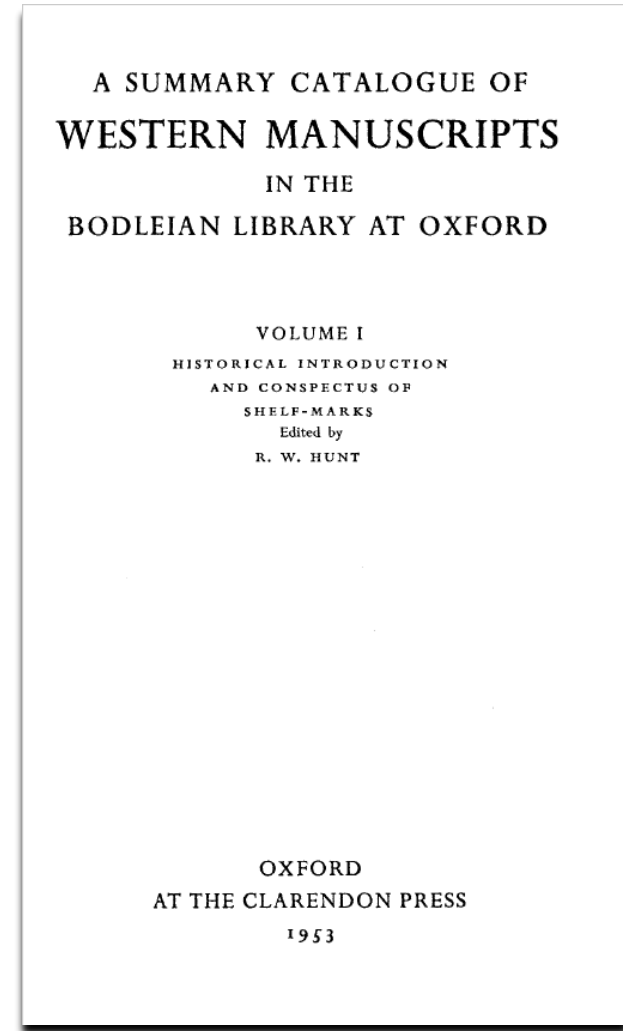
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The Summary Catalogue

- The 'Old Summary Catalogue'
 - Archives and manuscripts acquired 1602-1915
- The 'New Summary Catalogue'
 - Post-medieval archives and manuscripts acquired 1916-1975
- Now available online in Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts.
- The indices have not yet been converted to digital format for Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts.

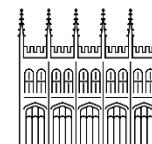


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A copy, made by order of Thomas, earl of Arundel and earl Marshal, of the Barons' letter to the Pope in 1301, with facsimiles of 95 seals, for a full description of which see *Some Feudal Lords and their Seals*, published in 1904 by Lord Howard de Walden.

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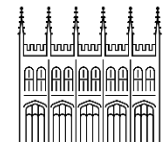
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Reviewing an earlier volume of the *Summary Catalogue*, Sir George Warner spoke of the 'bewildering multiplicity of Bodleian nomenclature'. In the introduction to the present volume I have attempted to write an historical guide to the tangle, to trace the growth of methods of classification and to record what is known of the many catalogues of manuscripts in use in the Library during its long history. The subject is technical, and few users of the Summary or Quarto Catalogues will wish to master all its complexities; but every student of manuscripts knows well how important a knowledge of early shelf-marks and catalogues can be for critical purposes. It is, moreover, fitting that the work of earlier scholars who have laboured to make

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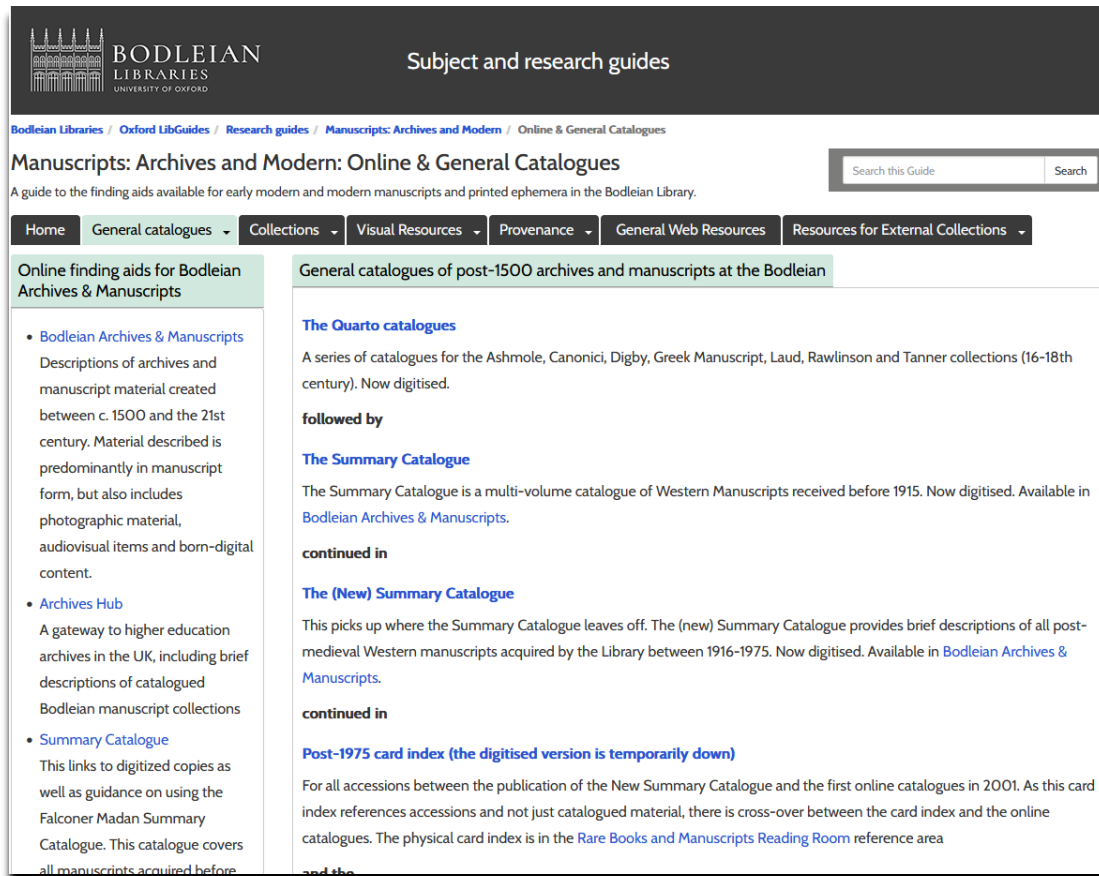
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It fell to me as Keeper of Western Manuscripts in 1976 to take the decision to produce this catalogue, and in 1986 to write the Introduction to it. It now falls to me almost five years later as Bodley's Librarian to write the Preface. The intervening years have seen Mrs. Mary Clapinson become Keeper of Western Manuscripts and Mr. T. D. Rogers her deputy. They have also been years of considerable financial austerity in the Bodleian Library during which, because of staff shortages, the cataloguing of the collections of Western manuscripts has

Other printed catalogues



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Manuscripts: Archives and Modern: Online & General Catalogues

A guide to the finding aids available for early modern and modern manuscripts and printed ephemera in the Bodleian Library.

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Online finding aids for Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts

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Descriptions of archives and manuscript material created between c. 1500 and the 21st century. Material described is predominantly in manuscript form, but also includes photographic material, audiovisual items and born-digital content.
- Archives Hub**
A gateway to higher education archives in the UK, including brief descriptions of catalogued Bodleian manuscript collections
- Summary Catalogue**
This links to digitized copies as well as guidance on using the Falconer Madan Summary Catalogue. This catalogue covers all manuscripts acquired before

General catalogues of post-1500 archives and manuscripts at the Bodleian

The Quarto catalogues
A series of catalogues for the Ashmole, Canonici, Digby, Greek Manuscript, Laud, Rawlinson and Tanner collections (16-18th century). Now digitised.

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The Summary Catalogue
The Summary Catalogue is a multi-volume catalogue of Western Manuscripts received before 1915. Now digitised. Available in [Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts](#).

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The (New) Summary Catalogue
This picks up where the Summary Catalogue leaves off. The (new) Summary Catalogue provides brief descriptions of all post-medieval Western manuscripts acquired by the Library between 1916-1975. Now digitised. Available in [Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts](#).

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Post-1975 card index (the digitised version is temporarily down)
For all accessions between the publication of the New Summary Catalogue and the first online catalogues in 2001. As this card index references accessions and not just catalogued material, there is cross-over between the card index and the online catalogues. The physical card index is in the [Rare Books and Manuscripts Reading Room](#) reference area

- Post-1975 catalogues
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Using Special Collections at the Weston Library



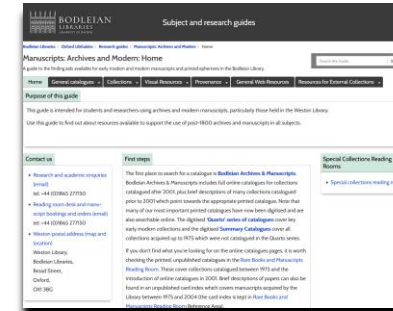
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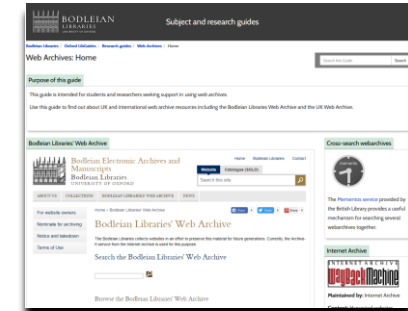
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Welcome to the website of the Oxford Archivists' Consortium

Oxford contains the largest concentration of archival repositories in the south-east. The documents they hold include the papers of local government and administration, the records of the University and its colleges, business records, and personal correspondence. Museums and galleries all have their own papers about their collections and collectors. There are maps and plans, archaeological records, the papers of religious institutions and politicians, charity and health records, and the papers of schools. In fact, there is very little you won't find in an archive somewhere in Oxford.

Although these pages deal principally with the archives of the Oxford colleges, you will find information about, and links to, many other local archives and to other resources which will help you in your research.

The Oxford Archivists' Consortium (OAC) was set up in 2001 to provide a support network for all those working in archives in the city. We hope that these pages will answer any questions you have about archives in Oxford but if the answer you are looking for evades you, please contact OAC and we should be able to point you in the right direction.

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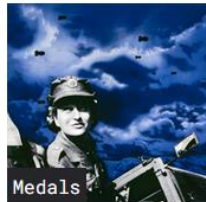
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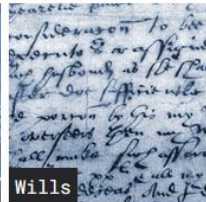
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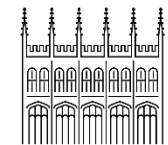


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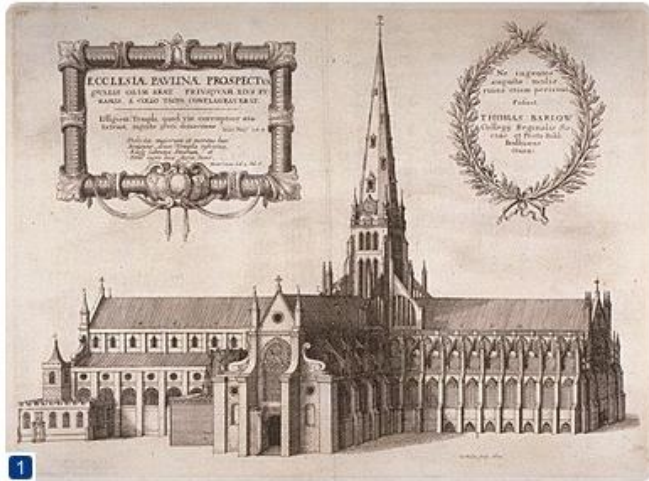


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Archives come in many forms, but include old photographs, diaries, maps, sound and film recordings and much more. They are usually unique and irreplaceable and tell many stories about the history of London and the world. Furthermore, many historic archives remain at risk, for example when the owners of collections move home, when buildings are cleared out prior to redevelopment or when organisations run out of space.

AIM25 provides online access to collection level descriptions from the archives of over one hundred and fifty higher education institutions, learned societies, local authorities, cultural organisations and livery companies within the region, for the purposes of research, teaching and public enjoyment.

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