
Sudbury Archives Access Point

INTRODUCTION

This 'Archives Access Point' was set up in 1995 in Sudbury Library to provide copies of source material preserved in the Bury St Edmunds branch of the Suffolk Record Office relating to Sudbury and nearby Suffolk parishes. Used with Sudbury Library's collection of books and press-cuttings this access point will answer many local studies enquiries without the researcher having to travel to Bury.

Traditionally local studies researchers have had to visit one of the record office branches to find the material they need but this access point brings the materials closer to home and also gives a taster of the main collections held at the Bury Record Office.



Interior of the Corn Exchange with market desks in 1963 before the building was converted into the library, Ref SROl: K681/1/440/30

For original documents including maps, photographs, parish records, newspapers and so much more, come and see us at **Bury Record Office** or visit our website for details of our services, information leaflets, office locations and opening times.

The sources held at Sudbury include some of the essential ones for researching family history, house history and aspects of general local history.

SOURCES AT SUDBURY:

- Detailed census returns, 1841-1891, for Sudbury and surrounding parishes (microfilm and fiche)
- Parish registers, 16th century-1900 of Sudbury and nearby Suffolk parishes (microfilm and fiche)
- Free access to Ancestry Library Edition using public computer terminals
- Access to catalogues for Suffolk parish registers and records on the **Suffolk Heritage Direct** website www.suffolkheritagedirect.org.uk

The Suffolk Heritage Direct website, a one-stop gateway to Suffolk's heritage collections, is provided by Suffolk County Council on behalf of a growing partnership of Suffolk heritage organisations. It includes information on collections held by museums, record offices, libraries and Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service. Visit regularly to see news on the latest updates, new collections and heritage activities and events in Suffolk.

SOURCES AT SUDBURY: ARCHIVE FINDING AIDS

While the archives themselves will remain on specialist storage at Bury, Sudbury will have:

- Copies of the catalogues of all archive collections relating to Sudbury and the Cornards: these include St Leonard's and Walnut Tree Hospitals, Sudbury High School and other schools, the Sudbury (Suffolk) Friendly Society and Edward Baker Ltd (Cornard Mills), Sudbury Borough, Great and Little Cornard parish councils, records of various churches, chapels, charities and organisations, photographs
- Copies of the entries for Sudbury and the Cornards from the Record Office's 'places' archive index
- Copies of Suffolk Record Office information leaflets about services and sources for various kinds of research

SOURCES AT SUDBURY: LOCAL STUDIES MATERIAL

- Ordnance Survey maps at 25" to the mile (the town) and 6" to the mile (the town and surrounding area)
- Books and pamphlets relating to the area
- Standard books on the history of Suffolk and East Anglia
- Books giving advice on how to carry out family and local history research
- Press-cutting files on subjects of local interest
- Microfilms of the Suffolk and Essex Free Press 1855-1869

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