



Poll Books and Electoral Registers

Electoral registers and poll books comprise lists of people entitled to vote in a particular election. They were compiled annually from 1832, after the Representation of the People Act, except for 1916-17 and 1940-44. Voting qualifications varied at different times. Before WWI, men had own property to qualify. In 1918 women over 30 were given the vote, and this was made equal to men at 21 in 1928, eventually being lowered to 18 in 1969.

In 1832 the parliamentary borough of St Marylebone was created, which included the parishes of Paddington, St Marylebone and, for a while, St Pancras. In 1983 the old Westminster, Paddington and Marylebone constituencies became two new constituencies of Westminster North, and the City of London & Westminster South, due to boundary changes

For fuller information, see *Poll Books c 1696 – 1862: A Directory to Holdings in Great Britain and Electoral Registers since 1832*; and *Burgess Rolls*, both by Jeremy Gibson and Colin Rogers, and the *Handlist of British Parliamentary Poll Books* by John Sims (currently out of print).

Early Poll Books

NB Poll books 1749, 1774-1820 are held at London Metropolitan Archives

Date	Details	Reference	Location
1727	London & Middlesex electors listed in the Bedfordshire Poll Book	Acc 145	archive store
1749	Poll book for Westminster Bye-election (printed copy and separate 2 volume index of names & trades)	324.42	open shelves
1768	London Poll Book	324.42	open shelves
1774	Westminster Poll Book	324.42	open shelves
1784	Westminster Poll Book		m/f only
1780	Westminster Poll Book	324.42	archive store (rare books)
1796	St Margaret & St John Poll books for Westminster Parliamentary Election, giving name, address and occupation	E3081a	m/f box 2249
1802	St Margaret & St John Poll books for Westminster Parliamentary Election, giving name, address and occupation	E3081	m/f box 2249
1818, 1834, 1835, 1837 1841	Westminster Poll Book	324.42	open shelves

Electoral Registers

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Candidates in the Westminster election, 1784: Lord Hood, Charles James Fox and Sir Cecil Wray, who had defected to the Tories. Engraving by Thomas Rowlandson

South Westminster

Date	Details	Reference	Location
1835, 1857/58, 1858/59, 1859/60, 1862/63, 1865, 1865/66, 1883	Westminster Register of Electors	324.42	open shelves
1874-76	Register of Voters in the Parishes of St Margaret & St John, Westminster	E3351	m/f box 1507-8
1888	Register of Voters in the Parishes of St Margaret & St John, Westminster	E3351, & 324.42	m/f box 1507-8, & open shelves
1889	Register of Voters in the Parishes of St Margaret & St John, Westminster	E3351	m/f box 1507-8
1890-1905	<i>(no registers in the collection)</i>		
1906/07	St George district only		open shelves
1907/08	St George and Strand districts		open shelves
1908/09, 1909/10, 1910/11, 1911/12, 1912/13, 1913/14, 1914/15	St George, Strand and Westminster districts		open shelves

South Westminster (continued)

Date	Details	Reference	Location
1918, 1919	Abbey and St George districts		open shelves
1920-1939	Autumn and spring editions, Abbey and St George districts		open shelves
1939	Westminster Abbey division, districts B, C, D, E & F and districts G, H, J, K & L		open shelves
1939	St George division, with South Paddington		35mm film
1939-41	St George division, districts M-P & Q-S		open shelves
1945	Editions for March, May, August and October		open shelves
1946-1948			open shelves
1949	Abbey division, with South Paddington for 1948/49		35mm film
1950-1983	With extra volumes for November 1949 and November 1950, and volume for City of London & South Westminster for 1979		open shelves
1984 →	As South Westminster		open shelves

St Marylebone

Date	Details	Reference	Location
1844/45	Includes list for Paddington and St Pancras	T/V/66	m/f & 1/192/2
1845/46	Includes list for Paddington and St Pancras	T/V/68	m/f & 1/192/2
1846/47	Includes list for Paddington and St Pancras	T/V/67	m/f & 1/192/3
1847/48	Includes list for Paddington and St Pancras	T/V/69	m/f & 1/192/3
1850/51	Includes list for Paddington	T/V/70	m/f & 1/192/3
1854/55	Includes list for Paddington and St Pancras	323.42	open shelves & m/f
1856-1904	<i>(no registers in the collection)</i>		

St Marylebone (continued)



John Aird, Conservative MP for North Paddington 1887-1905, addressing local people in the parliamentary election of 1900

Date	Details	Reference	Location
1905	Wards 1, 3, 5 & 6	T/V/72	1/218/2
1905	Wards 2, 4, 7, 8 & 9	T/V/73	1/218/2
1913/14	Incomplete: Hamilton Terrace, Church Street, Bryanston Square and Portman wards only		open shelves
1914	Incomplete: wards 1, 3, 5 & 6 only		open shelves
1918			open shelves
1918/19	Autumn and spring editions		open shelves
1920-1926	Autumn and spring editions		open shelves
1927	Autumn edition		open shelves
1928/29-1935/36			open shelves
1936		T/V/75	1/105/3
1936/37			open shelves
1937	Incomplete: wards A & J missing	T/V/76	1/105/3
1937/38			open shelves
1938	Includes absent voters list for Hamilton Terrace		open shelves

St Marylebone (continued)

Date	Details	Reference	Location
1938/39, 1939/41, 1945-1957 1939	Includes North Paddington		open shelves 35mm film
1958			m/f only
1959-1965/66			open shelves
1966-1983	(with Westminster volumes)		open shelves
1984 →	Becomes North Westminster		open shelves

Paddington

Date	Details	Reference	Location
1832	Poll Book for Paddington	T/V/65	1/192/2
1844/45	Included in St Marylebone list	T/V/66	m/f & 1/192/2
1845/46	Included in St Marylebone list	T/V/68	m/f & 1/192/2
1846/47	Included in St Marylebone list	T/V/67	m/f & 1/192/3
1847/48	Included in St Marylebone list	T/V/69	m/f & 1/192/3
1850/51	Included in St Marylebone list	T/V/70	m/f & 1/192/3
1854/55	Included in St Marylebone list	323.42	open shelves & m/f
1867	Wards 1-4		open shelves
1867/68			open shelves
1869-1901	<i>(no registers in the collection)</i>		
1902-1915	Plus additional volume for 1906		open shelves
1918	Queen's Park only (unbound, card jacket)		open shelves
1919	North & South Paddington		open shelves
1919	North & South Paddington absent voters lists	T/V/74	m/f & 1/93/5

Paddington (continued)

Date	Details	Reference	Location
1920-1926	North & South Paddington, Autumn and Spring editions		open shelves
1927-1940	North & South Paddington, plus an additional volume for 1933/34		open shelves
1939	North Paddington, with St Marylebone		35mm film
1939	South Paddington, with St George division		35mm film
1945-1947	South Paddington		35mm film
1945-1948	North Paddington		35mm film
1948/49	South Paddington, with Abbey division for 1949		35mm film
1949-1969	North Paddington		35mm film
1950-1969	South Paddington		35mm film
1947-1967	North & South Paddington, plus and additional volume for 1957 South Paddington		open shelves
1968-1971	North & South Paddington (with Westminster volumes)		open shelves
1972-1983	(with Westminster volumes)		open shelves
1984 →	Becomes North Westminster		open shelves

St Pancras

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1844/45	Included in St Marylebone list	T/V/66	m/f & 1/192/2
1845/46	Included in St Marylebone list	T/V/68	m/f & 1/192/2
1846/47	Included in St Marylebone list	T/V/67	m/f & 1/192/3
1850/51		T/V/71	m/f & 1/192/3
1854/55	Included in St Marylebone list	323.42	open shelves & m/f