

Courts of Law Records

Petty Sessions: Westminster Petty and Special Sessions

Minutes re: rate arrears, poor law and licensing (partly indexed) for the following parishes and divisions:

- St Anne, Soho, 1749 to 1792
- St Clement Danes, 1734 to 1767
- St James, Piccadilly, 1765 to 1796
- St Margaret and St John, 1707 to 1801 (gaps)
- St Paul, Covent Garden, 1711 to 1729 (gaps)
- Hanover Square, 1902 to 1956
- St James (including St Anne), 1825 to 1955
- St Margaret, Westminster, 1927 to 1956
- St Martin-in-the-Fields, 1851 to 1853
- Strand (including St Clement, St Martin, St Mary, St Paul), 1853 to 1956
- Westminster (all areas), 1959 to 1962

Registers of licences and transfers (partly indexed) for the following parish and divisions:

- St Anne Soho, 1754 to 1813
- Hanover Square, 1902 to 1956
- St James (including St Anne), 1828 to 1961 (gaps)
- St Margaret, Westminster, 1921 to 1957
- Westminster, 1961 to 1972

Registers of licensing convictions for the following division:

- St James, 1837-1870, 1903 to 1920

Register of offences under the Education Acts (partly indexed) for the following divisions:

- Strand, 1919 to 1929
- Westminster, 1949 to 1965

Summons books for rate arrears for the following parishes:

- St James, 1800 to 1872 (incomplete)
- St Margaret, 1802 to 1843 (incomplete)

Jury lists for the following parishes:

- St Margaret, 1758, 1826-1838, 1873 to 1889
- A, B, D, E, H (parishes): Acc 402, 804 (divisions) Access to recent records is restricted.
- Paddington Petty Sessions. Minutes, 1834, 1875 to 1955, and court register, 1941 to 1956 P, Acc 1653 (in P)

Other offences that occurred within Westminster may have been tried at the Quarter Sessions (a Westminster magistrate's court for more serious offences and licensing administration, held four

times a year) or the Middlesex Sessions, which covered a wider jurisdiction, including Marylebone and Paddington. Records of Westminster Quarter Sessions and Middlesex Sessions are held at the [London Metropolitan Archives](#).

Petty Sessions: St Marylebone

Minutes, 1730 to 1932 (gaps), register of convictions before the court of summary jurisdiction, 1882 to 1935, and registers of alehouses, 1822 to 1941 T, Acc 804

Coroners' Records

Bailiffs and coroners of Middlesex

Photocopy of list, 1594 Acc 47 (copy: original at London Metropolitan Archives)

Gatehouse Prison

Photocopy of court book, 1496 Acc 45 (copy: original at London Metropolitan Archives)

Paddington Coroners' Court

Coroner's inquest reports, 1840 to 1864 P

Westminster Coroners' Court

Microfilm copies of Westminster's Coroner's Inquests, 1760 to 1800 (original records at Westminster Abbey Muniment Room and Library)

Registers of bodies in the mortuary, 1900 to 1983 (Access Restricted). Acc 1391

Registers civilian war dead in the mortuary, 1939 to 1945 Acc 1214

Westminster Coroner's Court records for 1760 to 1880 are held at Westminster Abbey Monument Room. Those for 1880 to 1944 are not extant and a sample of those from 1944 onwards are held at the [London Metropolitan Archives](#) (but see also the mortuary registers listed below). Paddington Coroner's Court records from 1892 are also held at the London Metropolitan Archives. There are access restrictions to recent records.

[Read more about where our coroners' records can be found](#)