

Formby Civic Society History Group

Established in 1953, the Society possesses a great deal of archival material of interest to local people, historians and researchers .This includes:-

1. *The Tithe map and Schedule, 1845*, (official copy, 1889).
2. *The 1851 Formby Census*, (transcript).
3. *O.S. (1848), six inch to 1 mile maps of Formby, Halsall and Aughton*.
4. *Over 2000 coloured photographic transparencies*, of local houses, cottages, farm buildings and landscape features, mainly photographed by Muriel Sibley, between 1950/80. (these are already sorted by location).
5. **A collection of line drawings and water colours** by Muriel Sibley which have been systematically laser-printed and indexed, in addition to the original copies. A Data-base of 700 topographical Line drawings in the Sibley Collection has been constructed.
6. **An extensive B/W photographic collection**, mainly mounted, local photographs from the late nineteenth century to present day including some early lantern slides.
7. **Register (transcript); Formby Chapel; 1781 – 1837**, (unpublished).
8. **Scrap books of newspaper** cuttings from late nineteenth century to present day.
9. A **local history book collection** and miscellaneous historical maps and other documents.
10. **A considerable collection of miscellaneous notes**, documents and other items, held in storage boxes with individual basic lists.
11. *Full records, Minute Books, Accounts, etc.of Formby District Nursing Association (1905 – 1947)*.
12. *Full records Formby Women's Gas Association. (Now disbanded). Formby Red Cross Records*.

This collection is available to students and researchers and inquiries are regularly received and access provided. Laser-print copies of topographical drawings and/or photographs are made available at a small charge.

A small working group of 4 – 5 interested members are from next month starting work to improve the access, storage and cataloguing of the collection. This will be of benefit to future historians and members of the public interested in the past of our community.. A necessary pre-requisite of this is the availability of suitable storage boxes and acid-free materials We are now applying for a small grant from our newly formed Parish Council to offset the initial costs of suitable materials.

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