

EDMUNDSON & GOWLAND ARCHIVE (The Making of Mashamshire)

This worksheet is a listing of all documents that have so far been catalogued by The Making of Mashamshire, from the Edmundson & Gowland Collection.

Edmundson & Gowland were a legal firm based in Masham, North Yorkshire generally covering a radius of 25 miles from Masham. The database represents 20% of the E&G documents archived by The Making of Mashamshire in 2013.

The documents are listed for the period 1850 – 1930. As advised by the Law Society, documents are held beyond 1930 but are not available for public access.

Documents held earlier to 1850 are lodged at [North Yorkshire County Records Office](#).

DOWNLOAD DATABASE HERE – PLEASE READ NOTES BELOW BEFORE USING

Using the database

The database is downloadable as an excel worksheet. This allows users to use the FIND tool to identify entries by specific name, place, occupation, date or type of document and to copy and paste specific entries.

PLEASE NOTE:

Once the excel database is downloaded the data in each cell is not locked to the rest of the row of cells referring to the same document.

This allows you to use the excel FIND tool but always SELECT ALL before using SORT.

Not doing this means cells become mixed up; for example, a date for one document may become aligned to details from another document.

It is advisable to regularly download a clean copy of the database if you are using it frequently or prior to requesting to view an original document.

Searching by name, place, occupation, date or type of document

1. Select FIND on the home menu bar
2. Type the surname, place name etc. you are searching for
3. You can then either FIND ALL to list all the records containing the subject or FIND NEXT to see the entries in context

Viewing the originals

Arrangements can be made to view specific original documents at Masham Community Library.

Please contact us on info@mashamhistory.com

The documents are not held at the Library and have to be retrieved from archive. This takes time and is dependent on workload.

Masham Community Office may be willing to scan retrieved documents with a suggested donation.

It is worth noting that the majority of personal probate documents and wills are publicly available via the [National Archive](#).

Land Registry documents are publicly available via the [North Yorkshire Records Office](#).