

<b>C TMF</b>	<b>Records relating to Hull Corporation local elections</b>	<b>1835-1996</b>
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**Historical Background:** Becoming a freeman and burgess of Kingston upon Hull, like many other towns, was particularly important as it carried some considerable privileges within the borough. The charters of 1299 and 1440 granted the burgesses the right to participate in the election of aldermen as well as the coroner and mayor. These rights and privileges were abolished under the reforms of the 1835 Municipal Corporations Act.

The general definitions of the terms of burgess and freeman are:-

Freeman:

- a) A tenant who holds land of the Lord at a fixed rent without the obligation of feudal service.
- b) Before the Municipal Corporations Act, they could claim a share of the profits of the city or borough and claim exemptions from tolls.
- c) Now an honorary title conferred by a city of corporation.

Burgess:

- a) A citizen of a borough having municipal rights
  - b) A member of parliament for a borough or corporate town
  - c) They hold office for life, unless they resign or had to be removed for some notable reason.
- A burgesses-ship conferred other privileges as well as a share in the government of the town; above all it carried the right to set up in a craft or trade, for which non-burgesses were required to pay an annual licence.

**Description:** Includes roll of honorary freemen, claims made by freemen and burgesses for eligibility to vote in elections, and finance claims relating to elections. Records were primarily created between the years of 1835 to 1889, except for the roll of honorary freemen which covers the years 1885-1996.

**Arrangement**

C TMF/1	Records relating to freemen and burgesses	1835-1996
C TMF/2	Records relating to finances of local elections	1854-1882
C TMF/3	Notices and posters relating to local elections	1855-1889
C TMF/4	Report of corrupt practices in elections at Hull	1853

**Extent:** 4 boxes

**Related material:** Registers of electors are held on microfilm in the library area and at C TRE

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

<b>C TMF/1</b>	<b>Records relating to Freemen and Burgesses 1 volume and 6 bundles</b>	<b>1835-1996</b>
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C TMF/1/1	Roll of Honorary Freemen of Kingston upon Hull admitted under the Honorary Freedom of Boroughs Act 1885 1 volume	29 Jul 1885- 1 Aug 1996
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C TMF/1/2	<p>Lists of persons claiming to have their names inserted in the list of Freemen of Kingston upon Hull and lists of persons objected to, as having no right to be retained on the list of Freemen entitled to vote</p> <p>Lists of claims are only for the 1839-1840 elections</p> <p>1 bundle/10 items</p>	1835-1840
C TMF/1/3	<p>Lists of persons claiming to have their names inserted in the list of Freemen of Kingston upon Hull and lists of persons objected to, as having no right to be retained on the list of Freemen entitled to vote</p> <p>Also includes individual notices of claims and objections</p> <p>1 bundle/27 items</p>	1842-1847
C TMF/1/4	<p>Lists of persons claiming to have their names inserted in the list of Freemen of Kingston upon Hull and lists of persons objected to, as having no right to be retained on the list of Freemen entitled to vote</p> <p>1 bundle/22 items</p>	1850-1859
C TMF/1/5	<p>Lists of persons claiming to have their names inserted in the list of Freemen of Kingston upon Hull and lists of persons objected to, as having no right to be retained on the list of Freemen entitled to vote</p> <p>1 bundle/13 items</p>	1860-1868
C TMF/1/6	<p>Lists of persons claiming to have their names inserted in the list of Freemen of Kingston upon Hull and lists of persons objected to, as having no right to be retained on the list of Freemen entitled to vote</p> <p>1 bundle/19 items</p>	1871-1880
C TMF/1/7	<p>Lists of persons claiming to have their names inserted in the list of Freemen of Kingston upon Hull and lists of persons objected to, as having no right to be retained on the list of Freemen entitled to vote</p> <p>1 bundle/3 items</p>	1880-1884

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<b>C TMF/2</b>	<b>Records relating to finances of local elections</b> <b>12 volumes, 6 bundles, 1 item</b>	<b>1854-1882</b>
<b>C TMF/2/1</b>	<b>Records relating to finances of local elections:</b> <b>1854 election</b> <b>1 bundle</b>	<b>1854</b>
C TMF/2/1/1	Records relating to finances of local elections: 1854 election Includes notices of appointment of election agents and accounts of expenses incurred by election candidates 1 bundle/13 items	12 Aug 1854- 25 Oct 1854
<b>C TMF/2/2</b>	<b>Records relating to finances of local elections:</b> <b>1857 election</b> <b>12 volumes, 3 bundles</b>	<b>1857</b>
C TMF/2/2/1	Financial records relating to Mr. Clay and Lord W. Comptons candidacy in the 1857 election Comprises of volumes of bills. Also includes a volume of financial claims disallowed. 12 volumes	Feb-Mar 1857
C TMF/2/2/2	Financial records relating to Lord Ashley's candidacy in the 1857 election 2 bundles	Mar-Jul 1857
C TMF/2/2/3	Financial records relating to W. D. Seymore's candidacy in the 1857 election 1 bundle	Mar-May 1857
<b>C TMF/2/3</b>	<b>Records relating to finances of local elections:</b> <b>1869 election</b> <b>1 bundle</b>	<b>1869</b>
C TMF/2/3/1	Bills of expenses relating to the 1869 local election 1 bundle	Nov 1869
<b>C TMF/2/4</b>	<b>Records relating to finances of local elections:</b> <b>1882 election</b> <b>1 bundle</b>	<b>1882</b>
C TMF/2/4/1	Party register of expenses relating to the 1882 local election 1 bundle	Dec 1881- Sep 1882

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<b>C TMF/2/5</b>	<b>Item relating to the cost of the Parliamentary register</b> <b>1 item</b>	<b>n.d.</b>
C TMF/2/5/1	Report of the cost of the Parliamentary register for Kingston upon Hull Lists items on which expense claims can be made but does not provide amounts payable 1 item	n.d.
<b>C TMF/3</b>	<b>Notices and posters relating to local elections</b> <b>1 bundle/9 items</b>	<b>1855-1889</b>
C TMF/3/1	Notices and posters relating to local elections Includes notices to freemen whose names were not included in the last register of parliamentary voters asking them to provide their details at the Town Clerk's office, notice of individuals nominated to serve as a member for Kingston upon Hull in parliament, a list of assessors for the different boroughs for 1855. The notices are in fairly poor condition with a number of holes existing along the creases. 1 bundle/9 items	1855-1889
<b>C TMF/4</b>	<b>Report of corrupt practices at elections</b> <b>1 volume</b>	<b>1853</b>
C TMF/4/1	A report of the evidence given before a commission of inquiry appointed by her Majesty to examine the extent of corrupt practices at elections at Hull 1 volume	1853