

C TWM

**Weights, Measures and Meters
Department Records**

1827-1962

Accession number: 08/01

Background History: The Weights and Measures Department fixed and regulated the charges for weighing, appointed officers and inspectors to ensure regulation and prosecuted offenders under Weights and Measures Acts. The need for accurate weighing and metering equipment for a town exporting and importing goods was important and Hull was no exception.

The first mention of a weigh house was in 1343 when the corporation maintained its own weighing equipment and established its own department. By 1851, the Metering Committee had been established and was re-named the Metering and Weighing Committee by 1863. Meters and Weighing was later transferred to Finance (1879) and then to Markets in 1899, where it remained until the 1970s when it became part of Environmental Services or Public Protection. Many Inspectors of Weighing and Measures were later renamed Trading Standards Officers.

The Hull Union Buildings Company was formed in 1875 with the specific purpose of acquiring 183 High Street Hull for the Corporation's Meters and Weighers and was wound up in 1920 as the status of members had altered.

Custodial history: C TWM/1 was deposited by Hull City Council's Trading Standards in December 2007. C TWM/2 had previously been deposited and catalogued as TXM.

Description: Record of Standards (1907-1939); Local Standards- weights (1930-1950); Summary of verification (1927-1935); Rules, regulations and scale of charges (1827 and 1955); Meters' Oath (n.d. c.1900); Circular announcing extension of duties (1863); Notes of events (1868-9); Minutes of meeting relating to 138 High Street, Hull (1919-1958); Notebook (1903-1913 and 1962); Records of Hull Union Buildings Ltd (1877-1920).

Arrangement:	C TWM/1	Records of Standards and verification of working standards 1907-1950
	C TWM/2	Records of the Corporation Sworn Meters and Weighers 1827-1962
	C TWM/3	Records of Hull United Building Company Ltd 1877-1920

Related material: For additional material see the Minutes of the Meters and Weighers Committee of the Corporation (Reference TCM) and related papers at TCME

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

Extent: 1 box

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**Records of Standards and verification of working
standards**

**1907-
1950**

Working standards were examined every 3 months along with a verification of local standards every 6 months.

Details such as the type of weighing or measuring instrument and the denominations are indicated.

2 volumes

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C TWM/1/1	Records of Standards 1 volume	9 Dec 1907- 15 Mar 1939
C TWM/1/2	Local Standards Includes the date of the first and each subsequent verification procedure 1 volume	2 Jul 1930- 30 May 1950
C TWM/2	Records of the Corporation Sworn Meters and Weighers Records of the earlier corporation sworn weighers and meters 7 items	1827-1962
C TWM/2/1	Rules and regulations 1 item	20 Apr 1827
C TWM/2/2	Town Clerk's circular Announcing the extension of the Meters' duties to include weighing 1 item	15 Sep 1863
C TWM/2/3	Notes of events relating to the Meters 1 item	1868-1869
C TWM/2/4	Meters Oath 1 item	n.d. c.1900
C TWM/2/5	Notebook compiled by Meter James Barnett Contains notes on the history and duties of Meters, an annual record of their work and some notes on subsequent years 1 item	1905-1962
C TWM/2/6	Minutes of meetings regarding 183 High Street, Hull Concerns the purchase of the building by the Meters and its subsequent management 1 item	1919-1958
C TWM/2/7	Rules and scales of charges 1 item	12 Jan 1956
C TWM/3	Records of Hull United Building Company Ltd Records handed over to the meters when they purchased the property on the occasion of its liquidation in 1920 2 items	1877-1920
C TWM/3/1	Minutes of company meetings 1 item	30 Oct 1877- 12 Feb 1903

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Minutes of company meetings
1 item

25 Feb 1903-
27 Sep 1920