

Discovering Amy Johnson

at the Hull History Centre

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Introduction

The Hull History Centre is home to the Hull City Archives, the Hull Local Studies collections and the University of Hull Archives, and between us we hold archive collections, local studies collections and books, photographs, newspapers, maps and plans.

Finding what you are looking for can prove daunting, so we have created a number of guides to help you.

This guide relates to Amy Johnson, the world-famous pilot who was born in Hull in July 1903, became the first woman to fly solo to Australia in 1931, but died tragically young in January 1941.

Many of the books in the reading list can be borrowed from our library if you are a member of Hull libraries. If you are not yet a member, you can join when you visit the Centre.

The items listed within the Local Studies and City Archives relate to records found within collections not necessarily wholly relating to Amy Johnson, but which may prove useful to your research. There is only one collection solely related to Amy, and that is the collection of letters to Hans Areggar at L DIAJ. These letters have been digitised and can be viewed via our [Amy Johnson Letters](#) web page on the History Centre web site.

These lists are not exhaustive and our [on-line catalogue](#) may also help you to find what you are looking for. Type Amy Johnson into the search engine and it will bring up any records or books we hold relating to her.

Once you have found what you are looking for you can e-mail or phone us to order the item/s to view in advance of your visit by contacting us on hullhistorycentre@hcandl.co.uk or 01482 317500. Please place your order at least 24 hours in advance of your visit. As some of these items are on microfilm, we may also have to reserve a microfilm for your use.

Hull Local Studies Library reading list

Library reference	Author	Title	Publication Date
J.920 JOH	Beerling, F.J & Bowler, Gareth (Illust)	<i>Little Wings: The story of Amy Johnson</i> (Children's book)	2016
L.920 JOH	Bellis, H.	<i>Amy Johnson</i> (Children's book)	1953
L.629.13	Boase, Wendy	<i>The Sky's the Limit: Women pioneers in aviation</i>	1979
L.920 JOH	Charles, W.	<i>Amy Johnson, a Brave Yorkshire Girl</i> (Children's book)	1966
L.920 CRA	Crawley, Paul	<i>An Unexpected Member of the Amy Johnson Appreciation Society</i>	2013
L.629.13	Crawley, Paul	<i>The Ninth Parachute: Amy Johnson and the mystery of Mr X</i>	1989
L.629.13	Curtis, Lettice	<i>The Forgotten Pilots – A story of The Air Transport Auxiliary 1939-1945</i>	1982
L.920 JOH	Dixon, C	<i>Amy Johnson – Lone Girl Flier</i> (Biography)	1930
L.629.13	Dodsworth, E	<i>Wings Over Yorkshire: Pioneer aviators and their flying machines, a pictorial survey</i>	1988
L.920	Elsom, K	<i>Hull Personalities, Part 1</i>	1990
L.920 JOH	Finch, B	<i>Amy Johnson, Global Adventurer</i>	1989
L.920 JOH	Gill, Alec	Amy Johnson: Hessle Road Tomboy. Born and bred-dread and fled	2016
L.639.22	Gill, Alec	<i>Hull's Fishing Heritage: Aspects of life in the Hessle Road fishing community</i> Chapter 8 Amy Johnson and her hidden fishing roots pp95-113	2003
L.920 JOH	Gillies, Midge	<i>Amy Johnson – Queen of the Air</i>	2003
L.920 JOH	Grey, E.	<i>Winged Victory: The Story of Amy Johnson</i> (Children's book)	1966
L.920(4)	Hartley, M., Ingilby, J.	<i>Yorkshire Portraits</i>	1961
L.629.13	Holmes, W.	<i>Seven Adventurous Women</i>	1953
L.920 JOH	Hull City Council	<i>Silvered Wings</i> , A commemorative brochure for the Amy Johnson Festival	1980
L.920 JOH	Johnson, Amy	<i>Myself when young</i> (Autobiography) A collection of essays edited by Margot Asquith Muller	1938
L.629.13	Johnson, Amy	<i>Sky roads of the world</i> (Autobiography)	1939

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L.373 KIN	Johnson, Amy	<i>The Boulevardian: Essay 'New Year in China'</i>	April 1921 Vol XXL p27
L.629.13	King, A.	<i>Golden wings: the story of some women ferry pilots of the Air Transport Auxiliary</i>	1956
L.920 JOH	Lalani, K.A.	<i>Unto the Skies: A biography of Amy Johnson</i>	2017
L.629.13	Lomax, Judy	<i>Women of the Air: Amy Johnson – British heroine from Hull</i>	1986
L.920 JOH	Luff, David	<i>Amy Johnson: Enigma in the Sky</i>	2002
L.920 MOL	Luff, David	<i>Mollison: The Flying Scotsman</i>	1993
L.920 JOH	Nesbit, Roy Conyers	<i>Missing Believed Killed</i>	2010
L.920 JOH	Smith, C. B.	<i>Amy Johnson</i>	1967
L.920 JOH	Snell, G.	<i>Amy Johnson, Queen of the Air</i>	1980
L.629.13	Sugden, Philip	<i>Amy's Last Flight: The fate of Amy Johnson in 1941</i>	2015
L.920 JOH	Welton, Rick	<i>Amy Johnson: a life in pictures</i>	2016
L.629.13	Yorkshire Post	<i>Amy Johnson, 50th Anniversary Supplement</i>	19 May 1980
L.731.73		A Look Inside: The Amy Johnson Memorial	18 July 1974
L.791.6	Amy Johnson Festival	Material relating to the Amy Johnson Festival. Includes 'A Moth for Amy'	1 Jul 2016 – 6 Sep 2016
L.728.8(54)S	Bridlington Corporation	Souvenir Catalogue of the Amy Johnson Collection: Bridlington Art Gallery, Sewerby Hall	1959
L.791.6	Amy Johnson Festival	The Big Book of Moths: A guide to the art works of A Moth for Amy	2016
L.920 JOH	Bailey, Eva	<i>Amy Johnson (Children's book)</i>	1987
DVD	Odeon Entertainment	<i>They Flew Alone</i> Starring Anna Neagle, Robert Newton as Amy Johnson and Jim Mallison (1942)	2010
L.784.8	Words by J.G. Gilbert, music by Horatio Nicholls	Sheet music - Amy: A song specially composed for the home-coming of the heroine of the England – Australia flight	1930
L.920 JOH	DVD	<i>Amy Johnson: newsreel film</i>	1931

Items within the Hull Local Studies Library Archive Collections

Reference	Collection	Description	Covering Dates
L DBHR/3/4/4	Papers of the Hohenrein Family	Menu for a Luncheon in honour of Miss Amy Johnson, C.B.E. to celebrate her solo flight from Croyden England to Port Darwin, Australia, 5-24 May 1930	12 Aug 1930
L DIAJ	The Amy Johnson Letters	The majority of the letters are from Amy to her partner Hans Arregger. These letters have been digitised and can be accessed via the History Centre's web page: The Amy Johnson Letters	1922-1928
L DIJO/2/2/2	Records relating to Dorothy Johnson	Group photograph of the bride, Molly Johnson, the groom and guests. Including Amy Johnson and Jim Mollison.	c. 1930s
Lp.629.13/1	Photographs & illustrations	Copy of photograph from the Eastern Morning News of one of the planes at the air display at which Amy Johnson took her first flight	5 Nov 1926
Lp.731.73 JOH/1-6	Photographs & illustrations	A number of photographs from the Hull Daily Mail relating to Amy Johnson, including photographs of Amy taken in 1932, the Amy Johnson Statue being sculptured by Harry Ibbotson and it's unveiling in 1974.	1932-1986

The Hull Local Studies Library also holds the Amy Johnson Library. Initially part of the Johnson Bequest to Kingston High School in 1941 the collection of 250 books was transferred to the Local Studies Library in December 1987 when the school library closed.

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C DBHM/10/2	Hull Daily Mail Archive	Newspaper cutting relating to Amy Johnson	1930-1974
C DBHM/17/1/31	Hull Daily Mail Archive	Early Flying Days in Hull - The true story of Amy Johnson's tragic end	n.d.
C DEBK/14/1	Records of Kingston High School, Formerly Boulevard Municipal Secondary School	Includes a programme re Amy Johnson Memorial unveiling	18 Jul 1974
C DFX/11/1	Miscellaneous Personal & Family Papers	Flag attached to Amy Johnson's bouquet during her visit to Hull.	n.d.
C DFX/19/1	Miscellaneous Personal & Family Papers	Four photographs of the return of Amy Johnson to Hull	n.d.
C DINS/1	Photograph of Amy Johnson	Photograph of Amy Johnson taken at Mukden, China	c. 1931
C DMX/83	Miscellaneous Deposited Items	Souvenir Booklet from a Luncheon in Honour of Miss Amy Johnson, 1936 Signed by Amy Johnson	1936
C DMX/127	Miscellaneous Deposited Items	Air Co-operation form signed by Amy Johnson	1939
C DSR/27	Rotary Club of Hull Records	Programme for the luncheon in Honour of Amy Johnson given by the President and Board of Directors of Rotary International Club	8 Aug 1930
C TMK/1/5/26	Miscellaneous Functions of the Hull City Council	Notes on Amy Johnson and in particular the Amy Johnson Award	1962
C WJC/1	Amy Johnson Cup for Courage	An insurance certificate for the Amy Johnson Cup for Courage	21 May 1935



Items held elsewhere

Hull Museums hold a number of items relating to Amy Johnson including her flying jacket, photographs of her wedding to Jim Mollison on 29 July 1932 and 'The Amy Johnson Cup for Courage'. Visit [Hull Museums Collections](#) for further information.

The [National Archives](#) holds a copy of Amy Johnson's application form for her pilot's licence (Catalogue ref: BT 217 /1208) and her pilot licence, both dated 1929 (Catalogue ref: BT 217/1282)

The [Royal Air Force Museum](#), Department of Research and Information Services holds Constance Babington Smith's papers relating to her biography of Amy Johnson (AC 1997/7)

Amy's trophies and souvenirs were given by her family to the Bridlington Corporation, and are now permanently on display at [Sewerby Hall](#), the house Amy had opened in 1936.