

Discovering Winifred Holtby 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 Winifred Holtby, a novelist and journalist, born in the East Riding village of Rudston on 23rd June 1898 and died at the young age of 37 of Bright's disease on 29th September 1935.

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 largest collection held at the History Centre relating to Winifred Holtby is held at reference L WH. The collection consists of over nine thousand items reflecting Winifred Holtby's life and her involvement in politics, feminism and South African Civil Rights, as well as showing the path of her literary and journalistic career. It contains letters, manuscripts of novels, original journal/newspaper articles and photographs.

Other items listed below relate to records found within collections not necessarily wholly relating to Winifred Holtby, but which may prove useful to your research.

These lists are not exhaustive and our online catalogue may also help you to find what you are looking for. Type Winifred Holtby into the search engine and it will bring up any records we hold relating to her. The online catalogue can be accessed at: catalogue.hullhistorycentre.org.uk.

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.

Winifred Holtby reading list

Library reference	Author	Title	Publication Date
L.001	Holtby, Winifred	<i>Virginia Woolf</i>	1978
L.001	Holtby, Winifred	<i>Women and a changing civilization</i>	1978
L.001 HOL	Holtby, Winifred	<i>Eutyclus, or, The Future of the Pulpit</i>	1928
L.821	Holtby, Winifred	<i>My Garden and Other Poems</i>	1911
L.821	Holtby, Winifred	<i>The Frozen Earth and Other Poems</i>	1935
L.821 Holtby Collection	Edited by Anthony Webb	<i>Poems and verse by Winifred Holtby</i>	2012
L.822	Holtby, Winifred	<i>Take Back Your Freedom</i>	1939
L.823	Holtby, Winifred	<i>Anderby Wold</i>	1979; 2011
L.823	Holtby, Winifred	<i>Poor Caroline</i>	1931;1985
L.823	Holtby, Winifred	<i>The Crowded Street</i>	1981
L.823	Holtby, Winifred	<i>The Land of Green Ginger</i>	1927;19681975;19761983
L.823 HOL	Holtby, Winifred	<i>Mandoa, Mandoa!</i>	1933;19711982
L.823 HOL	Holtby, Winifred	<i>Pavements at Anderby</i>	1937
L.823 HOL	Edited by Paul Berry and Marion Shaw	<i>Remember, Remember! The Selected Stories of Winifred Holtby</i>	1999;2000
L.823 HOL	Holtby, Winifred	<i>South Riding</i>	1936;19541979;1988
L.823 HOL	Holtby, Winifred	<i>The Astonishing Island</i>	1933
L.823 HOL	Holtby, Winifred	<i>Truth is Not Sober</i>	1934

Works About Winifred Holtby

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L.001 HOL	Edited by Paul Berry and Alan Bishop	<i>Testament of a generation: the journalism of Vera Brittain and Winifred Holtby</i>	1985
L.012	Handley-Taylor, Geoffrey	<i>Winifred Holtby: A Concise and Selected Bibliography</i>	1955
L.012 HOL	Humberside Leisure Services Department	<i>Winifred Holtby (1898-1935): a catalogue of the book and manuscript in the Hull Local Studies Library, produced to commemorate the 50th anniversary of her death</i>	1985
L.821	Perronet Library and Perronet Thompson School	<i>Perronet po-em pro-am and Winifred Holtby 1898-1935: poetry and images</i>	1997
L.823 HOL	Harrison, Philip	<i>South Riding: fifty years on. A paper presented by Philip Harrison to the Hull Literary Club</i>	1989
L.823 Holtby Collection	Edited by Lisa Regan	<i>Winifred Holtby: 'A woman in her time': critical essays</i>	2010
L.823.912 Holtby Collection	Hopper, Mary	<i>From South Riding to Dove House: Winifred Holtby, 1898-1935</i>	1998
L.823.912 Holtby Collection	Regan, Lisa	<i>Winifred Holtby's social vision: 'members of one another'</i>	2012
L.920 HOL	Brooke, Philip	<i>Winifred Holtby: Her Novels and their Context</i>	1985
L.920 HOL	Brittain, Vera	<i>Testament of Friendship: the story of Winifred Holtby</i>	1940;1947 1971
L.920 HOL	Brittain, Vera and Handley-Taylor, Geoffrey [edited]	<i>Selected Letters of Winifred Holtby and Vera Brittain (1920-1935)</i>	1960
L.920 HOL	Holtby, A, McWilliam, J [edited]	<i>Letters to a Friend</i>	1937;1971
L.920 HOL	Kennard, Jean E.	<i>Vera Brittain and Winifred Holtby: A Working Partnership</i>	1989
L.920 HOL	Rymer, Norman H	<i>Winifred Holtby</i>	1984
L.920 HOL	Shaw, Marion	<i>The Clear Stream: a Life of Winifred Holtby</i>	1999
L.920 HOL	White, Evelyne	<i>Winifred Holtby As I Knew Her</i>	1938

Records relating to Winifred Holtby

Reference	Title	Description	Covering Dates
C DIFA	Items relating to Winifred Holtby	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Hymn Book with Tunes belonging to Winifred Holtby; Flyer for a calendar of Winifred's 'Letters to a Friend' compiled by Mary Tyreman with artwork by Clare Leighton; and Article about Winifred's early life at Queen Margaret's School, Scarborough. 	c.1916-2011
C DIGR	Manuscript of Bolshevism in Baghdad	By Winifred Holtby and Noel Brinton written for a night of entertainment at Somerville College, Oxford. Also includes a printed booklet of songs performed to accompany the production.	1921
C DMX/325	Items relating to Winifred Holtby	Includes letters relating to Winifred Holtby that have been copied. Also includes newspaper cuttings relating to Winifred Holtby and her mother, Alice Holtby.	1925-1940
C DMX/326	Papers and letters relating to Winifred Holtby	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Winifred Holtby to her friend Sybil Babington, 1933; Photograph of Winifred Holtby and her mother, 1935. 	
C SRL/E/66	Leaflet	25th Anniversary of Winifred Holtby's Death	9 Sep 1960
C SRL/E/147	Leaflet	Winifred Holtby Exhibition Leaflet	1960
L WH	Winifred Holtby Collection	Collection consists of items relating to the public and personal life of Winifred Holtby. Items relate to Holtby's literary and journalistic career, as well as her work as political activist and social reformer in relation to women's rights and South African civil rights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original manuscripts of Holtby's novels; Correspondence; Photographs; Articles; Notebooks; Reviews of both her books and the South Riding film; 	1909-2002

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