

# COVENTRY

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## Abbreviations

B & M Inst.	Birmingham and Midland Institute
Clarke	C. B. Clarke, 'Charities for the Poor' in <i>VCH Warms.</i> viii, 398–414
CRO	City of Coventry Record Office
Corpn deeds	CRO: Corporation deeds
A.14(a), etc	CRO: Council Minutes
CET	<i>Coventry Evening Telegraph</i>
Dibben	<i>Coventry City Charters</i> , ed. A. A. Dibben (Coventry Papers No. 2: Coventry Corporation, 1969)
Dugdale	William Dugdale, <i>Antiquities of Warwickshire</i> (1st edn 1656, 2nd edn, ed. W. Thomas, 1730)
E 164/21	Public Record Office: Exchequer KR Book 21: Coventry Priory Rental and Cartulary 1411
G-H deeds	SBRO: The Gregory-Hood Collection
Lancaster (1)	J. C. Lancaster, 'The Coventry forged charters: a reconsideration' ( <i>Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research</i> , xxvii, 1954, 113–40)
Lancaster (2)	J. C. Lancaster, <i>Godiva of Coventry</i> (Coventry Papers No. 1: Coventry Corporation, 1967)
Lancaster (3)	J. C. Lancaster, contributions to <i>VCH Warms.</i> viii
Leet Bk	<i>The Coventry Leet Book</i> , ed. Mary Dormer Harris (Early English Text Society, 1907–13)
Poole	Benjamin Poole, <i>Coventry: its history and antiquities</i> (1870)
PCNHSS	<i>Proceedings of the Coventry Natural History and Scientific Society</i>
PN Warms.	<i>The Place-Names of Warwickshire</i> (English Place-Name Society, vol. xiii, 1936), ed. J. E. B. Gover and others
R. Warms. and Cov. Sess. of the Peace	<i>Rolls of the Warwickshire and Coventry Sessions of the Peace, 1377–97</i> , ed. E. G. Kimball (Dugdale Society xvi, 1939)
Reg. H. T. Guild	<i>Register of the Guild of the Holy Trinity, St Mary, St John the Baptist and St Katherine of Coventry</i> , ed. M. D. Harris (Dugdale Society xiii, 1935)
Rose	R. B. Rose, 'The Common Lands' in <i>VCH Warms.</i> viii, 199–207
SBRO	Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, Records Office, Stratford-upon-Avon
Stat. Merch. R. Cov.	<i>Statute Merchant Roll of Coventry, 1392–1416</i> , ed. A. Beardwood (Dugdale Society xvii, 1939)
Sharp	Thomas Sharp, <i>Illustrative Papers on the History and Antiquities of the City of Coventry</i> , ed. W. G. Fretton (printed for the Subscribers, 1871)
TBAS	<i>Transactions of the Birmingham Archaeological Society</i>
Tomlinson	M. Tomlinson, architectural descriptions in <i>VCH Warms.</i> viii, <i>passim</i>
VCH i, ii, viii	<i>Victoria County History of Warwickshire</i> , i, ed. H. A. Doubleday and W. Page (1904); ii, ed. W. Page (1908); viii, ed. W. B. Stephens (1969)
Watts	D. G. Watts, 'The outlying parts of Coventry' in <i>VCH</i> viii, 40–124