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Historic Bank of England publications and documents now available online

The public can now access historic Bank of England publications and documents from the Bank website, following the completion of the first phase of an Archive digitisation project.

Key publications

Key publications have been digitised back to their first date of publication. The *Inflation Report* is now available back to 1993; the *Financial Stability Report* back to 1996; the *Annual Report* to 1947; and the *Quarterly Bulletin (QB)* to 1960. The back editions of the *QB* contain a wide range of articles, analysis and statistics. These have been split into individual articles which should be particularly useful to researchers. Reports on banking supervision made under the Banking Act 1979 are digitised from 1987/8 to 1997/8. All the publications are text searchable.

Archive documents

Last summer, the diaries of Montagu Norman were made available on the Bank website, together with an Index to the Original Subscribers to Bank Stock in 1694. Minutes of the Bank's Court of Directors (1694 to 1911) and two unpublished histories of the Bank during both world wars are now also available.

The Court Minutes are one of the Bank Archive's most important and extensive record series. They cover a wide range of topics, from matters of national finance to the administration of the Bank and its staff. The war histories are a comprehensive record of the work and activities of the Bank during the periods 1914-21 and 1939-45.

The Archive digitisation project continues, with other documents due to be added to the Bank website at a later date.

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Notes to Editors

1. The Bank Archive contains over 80,000 ledgers, files and individual records relating to all aspects of the history of the Bank and its work, dating from its foundation in 1694 to the present. The Archive supports the work of the Bank today, and provides facilities for researchers from all over the world.
2. In addition to long series of customer account and stock ledgers, the Archive includes branch records, architectural plans and drawings, staff records, diaries and papers, records from the Bank's solicitors including case files on forgery and prisoners' correspondence. Modern files detail changing policies, day-to-day work, and relationships with governments and other central banks.
3. There is a fully searchable online catalogue containing all of the records that are open to the public. Records in the Archive generally become open after 30 years, but some are closed for longer periods where they contain information relating to customers, staff, the security of the Bank and some aspects of its work. Members of the public are free to consult the Bank Archive. The Archive is open to visitors by appointment from Monday to Thursday, 10.00am till 4.30pm.
4. See <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/archive/Pages/default.aspx>