

# Liverpool RECORD OFFICE

Away programmes, tickets and general correspondence are of interest to researchers into other football Clubs. The joint programmes are of relevance to Liverpool fans in demonstrating the close co-operation between both Clubs in the early 20th century.

The Collection contains research topics of interest to local historians, particularly those exploring the social and economic development of the suburb of Everton in the late 19th century and the 20th century.

## ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

Items which have been digitised are available only on the website ([www.evertoncollection.org.uk](http://www.evertoncollection.org.uk)) or, from early 2010, on microfilm. Some items, particularly trophies, silverware and plaques are periodically on loan to other organisations. Appointments made at least 48 hours in advance are essential for viewing other items at the Record Office. A reader's ticket is needed. Please bring proof of name and address. You will be asked to leave any bags in lockers before consulting original material.

## SCHOOLS AND LEARNING

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# THE EVERTON COLLECTION



The Everton Collection includes over 18,000 items relating to the history of Everton Football Club. The Collection has been deposited at Liverpool Record Office by the Everton Collection Charitable Trust. The Trust bought the David France Collection with a Heritage Lottery Fund grant and united it with the Everton F.C. Archive, which was kindly donated to the Trust by the Club. The two collections have now been integrated at Liverpool Record Office to form The Everton Collection.



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### **DESCRIPTION**

Dating from the 1880 to the present day, The Everton Collection includes items ranging from programmes, minute books and contracts to medals, trophies and shirts. The Collection has been described as the world's most comprehensive collection relating to a single club.

### **PROGRAMMES**

The series of home and away programmes, 1886-2009, includes the programme from Everton's first Football League game against Accrington Stanley on 8 September 1888, and the earliest known Manchester United programme from 15 April 1889. An unbroken series of joint home programmes for Everton and Liverpool Football Clubs runs from 1904-1935. There are tickets for home and away matches, 1881-2009.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

The Collection includes photographs of the team, players, directors and ground 1881-2007. Of particular interest are the early team photographs from the 1880s and 1890s and photographs of Dixie Dean from his first signing for Everton in 1925 to shortly before his death in 1980.

### **CLUB ADMINISTRATIVE PAPERS**

The Everton Collection includes minute books which record the decisions of Everton's directors about the Club's management, the signing of players and fixtures, 1887-1964. Financial documents, including Annual Reports, Accounts and Balance Sheets, Gate Receipt Books and Cashbooks, record the Club's income and expenditure, 1892-2007.

The Collection contains correspondence from 1888-2005. Of particular interest is a series of letters between the director, William Cuff, and the player, Harold Hardman, from 1903-1908. There are letters recording negotiations between Everton and other football clubs about fixtures and player transfers, 1953-1977.

There are a few employment records, 1890-1977.



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These comprise primarily players' contracts. Some are closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act, 1998.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

The Collection contains books published from 1894-2009 tracing the history of Everton and autobiographies of key players.

Newspaper cuttings date from 1881-2006. There are magazines from 1893-2007, with an emphasis on special issues commemorating key matches such as the F.A. Cup Final in 1995.

### **MEDALS AND TROPHIES**

3-D objects include medals and trophies which Everton has won in competitions such as F.A. Cup matches and League Championships, 1890-2000.

### **MEMORABILIA**

The Collection contains pennants given to Everton by other football clubs, 1914-2003. There are also series of cigarette and trading cards, 1897-2007. Fan related memorabilia includes badges, scarves, rosettes and hats primarily dating from 1960-1995.

### **THE ARTHUR BERRY COLLECTION**

This includes football and Olympic medals, badges and a photograph, 1908-1913.

### **COVERAGE**

There are gaps in the chronology of some series such as correspondence. Series which are fairly continuous include the Minute Books, programmes and team photographs.

Acquisitions are being made to enhance the Collection. If you have anything which may be of interest to the Trust please email us at: [everton.collection@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:everton.collection@liverpool.gov.uk)

Research Potential - The Collection, particularly the minute books, provides material for research into the history of Everton F.C. and the development of Association Football. Decisions recorded in the minutes provide background information about items in the Collection.