

# Property Boundaries

## Background

Gloucestershire Archives holds many items which can show the boundaries of a property which will be useful whether you're researching out of interest or if you're involved in a dispute. **If you are involved with a boundary dispute you should contact your solicitor. They will be able to advise you further.**

## What records are there and what information will they contain?

### Maps

Maps show the boundaries of a property as it existed at that time. Useful maps include:

- Ordnance Survey maps
- Tithe maps
- Inclosure/enclosure maps
- 1910 Lloyd George/Valuation maps
- Rights of Way maps
- Estate maps

For more information, please see the relevant 'Research Guide'.

### Title Deeds

These can provide a 'biography' of the property with details of previous owners and tenants. They include a written description of the property but the amount of precise detail can vary. Sometimes individual deeds include a plan which shows the boundaries. For more information, please see '*Research Guide: Title Deeds*'.

### Photographs

Photographs, particularly aerial photographs, can show the line of a boundary. So, a sequence of photographs taken over a period of years can show any changes

## How to find the records

See the relevant Research Guide for information on how to find maps and deeds.

If you are looking for information on a particular property you could try searching the online catalogue on our website (available here: <https://catalogue.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>) to see if we hold any relevant documents. Type the name of the property into the quick search box. You can do a more sophisticated search used the "advanced search" option. The online catalogue "help page" explains more about this. You will need to visit Gloucestershire Archives to view any records of interest unless the catalogue entry tells you otherwise.

For more guidance on how to use our online catalogue please see the Help page and FAQs. Or you can watch our YouTube tutorial.

**Please note that not everything held at Gloucestershire Archives is indexed by name.**

The Know Your Place West of England digital mapping project has digitised many types of maps held by Gloucestershire Archives. It is the best way to view and compare Ordnance Survey, tithe and inclosure/enclosure maps

Gloucestershire maps:

<https://maps.bristol.gov.uk/kyp/?edition=glos>

South Gloucestershire maps:

<https://maps.bristol.gov.uk/kyp/?edition=southglos>