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1	Ms 05348-5369 and 20960 only	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	-	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05348-5369,20960, 32811-20 and 35162	@@Records of the Worshipful Company of Bowyers@@	1679-2000	78; production units	The earliest reference to the company is in 1371 when an agreement with the Fletchers established the two crafts as independent. In 1488 they received a grant of arms. The Bowyers were granted a charter on 25 May 1621; ordinances were granted in 1670. The company had a hall in Noble Street until the 1630s. The archives were deposited in the Library in 1949 and 2001, and were catalogued by various members of staff over many years. The records were compiled from 1679, but they include copies of earlier material from 1625. Ms 32812/2-4 are subject to a 30-year closure period. As the archive is large and complex, and to assist the user, the catalogue has been arranged in sections each with an archive classification code as follows: LBEB Constitutional records. LBEB Court records. LBEB Membership records. LBEB Financial records. LBEB Trade records. LBEB Clerk's records. LBEB Charities and estates. Entering the appropriate code in a Number Search will bring up summary details of all records in that section in archival order. Entering the code for the whole archive, LBE, will provide a summary list.	-	MS 32812/2-4 ARE SUBJECT TO A 30-YEAR CLOSURE PERIOD	Ms 05348-5369,20960, 32811-20 and 35162	q2343069
2	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Financial records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 32816	Account Book	1940-80	1v	-	-	-	Ms 32816	M0023520CL
3	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Membership records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05369	Apprenticeship indentures	1779-1977	2 items comprising 1 roll containing 8 items, tied at top; vellum (1) and 1 env of 4 items (2)	Item 1 1779-1860. Item 2 Reginald John Williams 1941, Rupert Mark Yates and Andrew Neil Yates 1977.	Williams, Reginald John Yates, Rupert Mark Yates, Andrew Neil.	-	Ms 05369	q2344146
4	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Clerk's records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 32820	Certificate of association between the Bowyers Company and the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment	1999	1 item	-	Great Britain. Army. Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment	-	Ms 32820	M0023543CL
5	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	-	Barbican London Collection	QL 37 BOW	Charter and some other records of the Bowyers' Company	London: Bowyers' Company, 1901	-	-	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	-	-	v7699581
6	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Clerk's records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 32819	Clerk's miscellaneous papers	1901-95	1 bundle	Includes music score and words of the Bowyers' Song (written and composed by Sir Samuel Sangster), the motto of the Bowyers, certificate of the presentation of a longbow to Queen Elizabeth on her Silver Jubilee 1977, orders of service 1986-98, leaflet on visit to the battlefields of Crecy and Agincourt 1995	Elizabeth, II, Queen of Great Britain, 1926-Sangster, Sir, Samuel	-	Ms 32819	M0023542CL
7	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Constitutional records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 35162	Copy order in Council for the removal of a warden and five assistants of the Company	1687	1 item in envelope	-	-	-	Ms 35162	M0039772CL
8	yes	City and Guilds of London Institute	-	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 21871	Correspondence with the Livery Companies of London, with related papers 1878-1984. [Files 1-20]	1878-1965	20; files	Former reference AFB/26-27, AFB/71-75	-	-	Ms 21871	v1866701

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9	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Court records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05349	Court minute books, 1679-1899, including a record of freedom admissions from ca 1656 and apprentice bindings from 1679	1679-1899	10v	In vols. 1-3 apprentice bindings are entered separately, inverted at back Vol. 1 contains, at front, calender of freedom admissions ca 1656-1713 Vol. 2 contains apprentice bindings 1728-66 and 1771-2; also draft minutes 1738-40 Vol. 3 contains apprentice bindings 1758-67	-	Vols. 4-10 indexed	Ms 05349	q2343307
10	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Court records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05351	Draft minute book	1903-20	1v	-	-	-	Ms 05351	q2343425
11	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Membership records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 32814	Freedom admission certificates	1976-91	1 envelope of 17 items	Some certificates on head paper	-	Years 1976, 1978-80, 1988-91 only.	Ms 32814	M0023515CL
12	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Financial records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05364	General voucher books	1834-78	5v	-	-	Incomplete date coverage	Ms 05364	q2344867
13	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	-	Guildhall (PB)	Closed Access SL 37: B 788	The grant of arms to the company of Bowyers ... 1488; Regrant by ... Charles II ... 1666 of the original charter ... granted ... by ... James I ... 1621. Also an extract from the will of Mr. James Wood	London: printed by Shaw, 1901	xii, 82 p; 25 cm xii, 82 p; 25cm	-	-	-	-	t3162482
14	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Charities and estates	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05368	James Wood's Bequest: extract from Wood's will and papers relating to the manor of Isley Walton, Leicestershire	ca 1625-1876	1 folder containing 14 items	Comprising three copies of extract from the will of James Wood 1625 (proved 1629), one copy made 17th cent., others 19th. Cent., with copy licence to hold in mortmain lands in Isley Walton, Leics., 1823, and reports of visits to the Company's manor of Isley Walton, 1874 and 1876, with papers appertaining.	Isley Walton (Manor)	-	Ms 05368	q2345223
15	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Charities and estates	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05360	James Wood's Bequest: papers and correspondence relating to the manor and lordship of Isley Walton, Leicestershire	1701, 1767-1815	1 envelope containing 1 bundle	-	Isley Walton (Manor)	-	Ms 05360	q2345341
16	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Charities and estates	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05365	James Wood's Bequest: two plans of the manor of Isley Walton, Leicestershire, one with key to names of fields, acreages etc.	1854	1 cardboard envelope containing 2 large folded sheets, 1 waxed paper and 1 cloth-backed	-	Isley Walton (Manor)	-	Ms 05365	q234546x
17	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Charities and estates	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05361	James Wood's Bequest: Oxford and Cambridge exhibitors' receipt books	1758-1835	5v	-	James Wood's Bequest University of Oxford University of Cambridge	Incomplete date coverage	Ms 05361	q2345588
18	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Charities and estates	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05362	James Wood's Bequest: scrapbook of original certificates of residence at college (Oxford and Cambridge) of exhibitors, and related correspondence	1844-55	1v	-	University of Oxford University of Cambridge James Wood's Bequest	-	Ms 05362	q2345826

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19	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Charities and estates	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05363	James Wood's Bequest: papers relating to a case in chancery (Christ's Hospital versus Bowyers' Company) regarding claim to Oxford and Cambridge exhibitions	1718-20	1 bundle	-	University of Oxford University of Cambridge James Wood's Bequest	-	Ms 05363	q2345708
20	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Membership records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 32813	List of members of the Court of Assistants, livery and freemen (1974-95), and programmes of events (1995-2000)	1974-2000	1 env of 6 items, comprising 5 booklets and 1 sheet	-	-	All printed except 1998-2000	Ms 32813	M0023510CL
21	no	-	-	Guildhall (PB)	Closed Access Store 326-328	Livery List - Bowyers' Company	London: Bowyers' Company	-	Worshipful Company of Bowyers members list. Holdings: 1967/8-1968/9; 1971-1972; 1975; 1981; 1983; 1986; 1990; 1992; 1994; 1995; 1997	-	-	-	149523
22	no	-	-	Guildhall (PB)	Closed Access Pam 18730, Pam 20814	The longbow and the arrow in English History	[London]: [Worshipful Company of Bowyers and Worshipful Company of Fletchers], [1989?]	[3] p; ill; 20cm	Important dates in the history of the longbow' inserted	Worshipful Company of Bowyers Worshipful Company of Fletchers	Cover title	-	t343231x
23	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Constitutional records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05359	Memorandum book	Early 18th century	1v	Comprising copies of: charter of 1666; ordinances of 1670; records of the manor of Isley Walton, Leics. (James Wood's bequest), viz survey 1672, minutes of court leet and baron 1672 and of court baron 1701, and survey 1715; also, inverted at back, extract from the will of James Wood 1625 (proved 1629), and agreement with the Broderer's company for the use of the Broderer's Hall by the Bowyers 1674.	Worshipful Company of Broderers James Wood's Bequest Isley Walton (Manor)	-	Ms 05359	q2343187
24	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Clerk's records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 32818	Menu cards and table plans	1936-2000	2 items comprising 1 envelope and 2 items (1) and 1 bundle of 76 items (2)	-	-	Years 1936, 1938, 1981-2000 only	Ms 32818	M0023537CL
25	no	-	-	Guildhall (PB)	Closed Access Store 65	Newsletter - Worshipful Company of Bowyers	London: Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Frequency - irregular	Winter 1996, May 1998-	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	-	-	S0000293CL
26	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Clerk's records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 32817	Proposed answers to questions of the City of London Livery Companies' Commission	1881	1 gathering	-	Royal Commission on the Livery Companies of the City of London	Printed	Ms 32817	M0023536CL
27	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Membership records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 32815	Quarterage and exhibition book	1897-1940	1v	Contents: Quarterage payments 1901-23. Exhibitions at Oxford and Cambridge 1897-1940. Competition results 1910-39. Quarterage 1923-31. List of people who received copies of the book of the charter and other records of the company (with dates of death 1903-37) 1901. List of people who have not redeemed their quarterage 1930-40. List of people who received copies of the red book 1935. List of people who received honorary badges 1913, 1926.	University of Oxford University of Cambridge	-	Ms 32815	M0023516CL

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28	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Membership records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05352	Register of freedom admissions (stamp duty book) 1704-23; with, inverted at back, register of apprentices, 1704-22, with account of orphans duty paid into the Chamber of London	1704-23	1v, vellum	-	-	-	Ms 05352	q2343661
29	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Membership records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05353	Register of apprentice bindings with account of orphans duty paid into the Chamber of London, 1723-53. Also containing register of freedom admissions (not stamped), 1724-61	1723-61	1v, vellum	-	-	-	Ms 05353	q234390x
30	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Membership records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05355	Register of apprentice bindings with account of orphans duty paid into the Chamber of London	1788-1865	1v, vellum	-	-	-	Ms 05355	q2344028
31	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Membership records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05354	Register of freedom admissions (stamp duty books)	1760-1958	2v	-	-	-	Ms 05354	q234378x
32	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Financial records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05357	Renter warden's cash accounts, with quarterage lists 1822-58, and printed livery lists 1841-3, 1848, 1850, 1852, 1858	1822-60	3v, formerly 9v bound as 3 (1-6, 7, 8-9)	Vol. 1 1822-3; vol. 2 1824-6; vol. 3 1830-32; vol. 4 1838-9; vol. 5 1840-41; vol. 6 1842-3; vol. 7 1848-54; vol. 8 1856-8; vol. 9 1858-60	-	Incomplete date coverage. See also Ms 05358 Vol. 7 comprises 3 volumes bound together prior to deposit in the Library and not individually numbered. Vols. 1 and 3-9 indexed.	Ms 05357	q2344382
33	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Financial records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05358	Renter warden's cash accounts, with quarterage lists and printed livery lists 1841, 1843-59	1836-60	11v	-	-	Incomplete date coverage. See also Ms 05357. Indexed. Includes quarterage lists and printed livery lists 1841, 1843-59.	Ms 05358	q2344502
34	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Financial records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05356	Renter warden's rough accounts, with quarterage lists	1666-8	1 gathering in envelope	-	-	-	Ms 05356	q2344620
35	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Financial records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05366	Renter warden's cash accounts, with quarterage list	1824-5	1v	-	-	Partly duplicated in Ms 5357/2. Indexed.	Ms 05366	q2344749
36	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Financial records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05348	Renter-Warden's account books	1762-1860	2v	-	-	-	Ms 05348	q2344264
37	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Court records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05350	Rough court minute books	1858-1928	2v	-	-	-	Ms 05350	q2343543

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38	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Clerk's records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 20960	Schedule of deeds, books, documents etc. delivered over by the former Clerk of the Company to the Upper Warden and Renter Warden	1858 April	1v	-	-	-	Ms 20960	q2344985
39	yes	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Clerk's records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 05367	A scrap book of miscellaneous papers, correspondence, cuttings, photographs and printed matter	1869-ca. 1910	1v	-	-	-	Ms 05367	q2345105
40	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Court records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 32811	Signed minutes	1963-90	2 items, comprising 1 file (1) and 1 twinlock binder (2)	-	-	Typescript pasted onto pages Minutes between 1928 and 1963 have not been deposited	Ms 32811	M0023479CL
41	no	Megson, Barbara	-	Guildhall (PB) [also at London Metropolitan Archive]	L37: B788 [Store 35, 31/(BOW)]	Such goodly company: a glimpse of the life of the Bowyers of London, 1300-1600/ author Barbara Megson; foreword by Robert Hardy	[London]: [Worshipful Company of Bowyers, 1993]	100; p. (4) p of plates; ill (some col.), facsim., maps; 22 cm	-	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	-	-	0952262401
42	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Court records	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Ms 32812	Unsigned minutes, with agenda and supporting papers including annual accounts, sub-committee minutes, clerk's reports and applications for membership with comments	1965-74, 1985-94	4 bundles	-	-	-	Ms 32812	M0023486CL
43	no	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	-	Guildhall (MS)	Closed Access Pam 21971	The Worshipful Company of Bowyers	[London?]: [Worshipful Company of Bowyers, 199-?]	[7]p. ; facsim.; 21 cm	-	Worshipful Company of Bowyers	Coat of arms on front cover. Title from cover.	-	M0023651CL
44	no	-	-	Guildhall (PB)	Closed Access Store 326-328	The Worshipful Company of Bowyers members list	London: Worshipful Company of Bowyers	-	Livery list - Bowyers' Company. 2000-2001; 2004-2006	-	-	-	S0006288CL
45	no	Child, Heather	-	Guildhall (PM)	Closed Access Heather Child Collection 3	[Arms of the Bowyers]/[Heather Child del.]	[1959]	1; art original; pen and watercolour on vellum; 130 x 85 mm (work), one of four sets of arms on a sheet 380 x 275 mm, in cut mount 454 x 330 mm	-	-	Prepared for publication in John Bromley's "The armorial bearings of the guilds of London", (1961)	-	p7503230