

Sources for the History of Dore



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

Midland Railway, steam train leaving Dore and Totley Station, June 1897-1898
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s15043*)

High Street, Dore, looking towards Church Lane, early 20th cent.
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s00524*)

George Wainwright of Dore aged 107, [1821]
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s08407*)

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This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for researching the history of Dore at Sheffield Archives and Local Studies Library.

Dore was in the county of Derbyshire until 1934. Under the Sheffield Extension Act of 1933 (which came into operation on 1 April 1934) Dore was incorporated in the city of Sheffield.

For advice and guidance on any of the information in this *Guide* please contact Sheffield Archives and Local Studies.

Books

Vernon Brelsford, *A History of Dore and Totley From the 9th to the 20th Century*, 1953
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.51 SST*)

V. S. Doe, *Essays in the history of Dore in the nineteenth century*, 1977
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.51 SQ*)

John Dunstan, *Chapel Life at Dore*, 2011
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 287.1 S*)

John Dunstan, *Dore Old School in records and recollections*, 2006
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 372.94274 SQ*)

John Dunstan, *The A to W of Dore: the story of the village's road names*, 2002
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

William R. Gibson (Vicar of Dore), *History of Dore*, 1927
(*Sheffield Archives: GIB/LOCAL*)

Joseph Hancock, *The old days in Dore: a history of Dore* drafted by J. Hancock [in] 1896, 1998
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.51 S*)

Percy Rickards, *Tunnels on the Dore and Chinley Railway*, 1894
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 385 SQ*)

Helen Ross, *The Time of our lives: Dore at war: memories from the Dore Oral History Collection*, 2005
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.5342 S*)

See also: *Dore Village Society Newsletter* (1965 – 1980) and *Dore to Door* (the newsletter of the Dore Village Society) (1986 to date) which contains articles relating to many aspects of Dore's local history.
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 945.51 SQ; 309.26 SQ*)

Derbyshire Miscellany (Derbyshire Archaeological Society, 1956 - 2011)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.51 SQ*)

Derbyshire Archaeological Society journal
(*Sheffield Reference and Information Library*)

Transactions of the Hunter Archaeological Society
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 913.4274 S; Sheffield Archives: HAS*)

Trade Directories which give a history of the district, main occupants and businesses, 1774 - 1974, and telephone directories thereafter. A full list of trade directories at Archives and Local Studies is available: www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/trade-directories.html. Most Derbyshire Directories however are available in the Sheffield Reference Library or at Derbyshire Local Studies Library. Some directories are available to view online: www.historicaldirectories.org.

Census returns

These list every resident by household and include names, relationships, occupations, ages and birth places, every 10 years from 1841 through to 1911, available free at every Sheffield library and at Sheffield Archives via www.Ancestry.com

Church registers and records, monumental (gravestone) inscriptions and cemeteries

The parish of Dore was formed out of the ancient parish of Dronfield in 1844. Dore and Topley townships were constituted one ecclesiastical district in 1844 but in January 1878, a portion together with a part of Norton was made a separate ecclesiastical district called Abbeydale and in 1924 Topley was constituted a separate ecclesiastical parish.

Christ Church, Dore, parish registers, 1813 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR137*)

Christ Church, Dore, monumental inscriptions (compiled in 1985)
(*Sheffield Archives: MI/42/1-2 and ROM/11*)

Christ Church, Dore, grave plot plans of churchyard
(*Sheffield Archives: Acc. 1987/43*)

Christ Church, Dore parish magazine, 1965-67; 1976; 1988-91 and 1993 onwards
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 2143 S; 283.4251 SQ; 283.4214 S*)

St John the Evangelist, Abbeydale, parish registers, 1876 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR86*)

St John the Evangelist, Abbeydale, parish magazines, 1987 onwards
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 S*)

All Saints, Topley, parish registers, 1919 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR135*)

Dore Methodist Church, minutes etc., 1929 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: Acc. 2000/78, 2012/13*)

Dore and Topley United Reformed Church, 'Take Notice' magazines, Nov 1987 – Sep 1992
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 285.232 S*)

For church histories see:

John Dunstan, *Christ Church, the Parish Church of Dore in the City of Sheffield*, 1972
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4251 S*)

John Dunstan, *The Story of Methodism in Dore, 1790-1907*, 1980
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 287.1 S*)

For earlier Dronfield Parish registers contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#), Matlock.

For further details on Anglican parish registers see
www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/parish-registers.html

For further details on non-conformist chapel registers see
www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/non-conformist-chapel-registers.html

For further details on Roman Catholic Church registers see
www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/roman-catholic-church-registers.html

For further details on cemeteries see
www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/cemetery-registers.html

For further details on monumental inscriptions (gravestone transcriptions) see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/monumentalinscriptions.html

Diocese of Sheffield, faculties from 1914 onwards (which detail changes made to Anglican church buildings)
(*Sheffield Archives: DIOC/FAC*)

Dore was in the Diocese of Lichfield until 1884, when it became part of the newly-established Diocese of Southwell. The parish was subsequently transferred to the Diocese of Derby on its formation in 1927, and, at the time of the creation of the county of South Yorkshire in 1974, Dore was transferred to the Diocese of Sheffield.

Archives are located as follows:

Diocese of Lichfield (prior to 1884) contact [Lichfield Record Office](#).

Diocese of Southwell (1884 - 1927) contact [Nottinghamshire Archives](#).

Diocese of Derby (1927 - 1974) contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Diocese of Sheffield records are at Sheffield Archives.

Clubs, Societies and Charities

A search of the online catalogues and the card indexes at Archives and Local Studies may reveal records from Dore-based clubs, societies and charities; for instance:

Records of the Dore, Totley and Bradway branch of the United Nations Association in Sheffield, c.1950s - 2004
(*Sheffield Archives: X7*)

Programme for the Dore Fur and Feather Club's second annual autumn charity show, Sat 3 Oct 1959
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1016 S*)

Courts

The Magistrates Court (or Petty Sessions court) records deal mainly with minor offences and licensing the sale and consumption of liquor. Records of the Sheffield Division cover the borough and City of Sheffield and records of Upper Strafforth and Tickhill Division of the West Riding of Yorkshire cover areas outside the borough such as Handsworth, Ecclesfield and Bradfield, c. 1870 - 1976.
(*Sheffield Archives: MC*)

There are also records of the Court of Quarter Sessions from 1880.
(*Sheffield Archives: QS*)

For records of Derbyshire courts (Dore was in Derbyshire until 1934) contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Electoral Registers and Poll Books

Sometimes known as Burgess Rolls or voters' lists, in essence, electoral rolls are lists of people that are entitled to vote. The Sheffield Local Studies Library has a comprehensive collection from 1841 onwards. More details are available:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/electoral-registers.html

Poll books list the votes cast by each voter at elections prior to the introduction of the secret ballot in 1872. More details are available:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/poll-books.html

For Derbyshire electoral registers and poll books (Dore was in Derbyshire until 1934) contact [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

Family and Estate Records

There may be records of landed families such as title deeds, leases, surveys, accounts etc.

For example, copy of Articles of Agreement between Christopher Pegge and the Duke of Newcastle, by which Pegge agrees to sell the Manor of Dore [Derbyshire] in mortgage to Mr Cradock, 30 Oct 1704 (*Sheffield Archives: BM/1010*)

There may be further records available at both [Derbyshire Record Office](#) and Sheffield Archives.

Hospitals

Sheffield Archives has records from over 50 hospitals, including annual reports, photographs and administrative records.

For a full list of hospital records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/hospital-records.html

As Dore was in Derbyshire until 1934 older records will be at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Land, Building and Property Records

The Local Studies Library has a collection of sale particulars (often with plans) dating from the late 18th century; for instance, there is a sale plan for 'Valuable Agricultural Estate' at Dore 'easily adaptable to Gentleman's Country Residence with two small trout streams' (Eadon and Lockwood, 1930) (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 21 October 1930*). In addition there are a few planning applications from Norton Rural District Council which included Dore (*Sheffield Archives: CA208a-b*), as well as Sheffield City Council (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*), etc. There may also be planning applications at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

There are also deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers at Sheffield Archives. For example: Lease of land by John Ward of Dore, Derbyshire, yeoman, to Richard Shemeld of Sheffield, ironmonger of a leadmill or smelting house at or near Dore with all drains, dams, goytes, water, watercourses, weirs, shuttles, easements etc. 27 Jan 1626/7 (*Sheffield Archives: MD6282*)

A search of the Archives and Local Studies online catalogues and the card indexes may reveal more relevant entries.

(*Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

As Dore was in Derbyshire until 1934 some land, building and property records may be at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Maps

There are large-scale maps of the Sheffield area from 1853 to the present day. Comprehensive coverage of Sheffield and partial coverage of the surrounding areas is available at Sheffield Local Studies Library. Sheffield Archives has incomplete historic coverage of most of South Yorkshire. More details are available here: www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/ordnance-survey-maps.html

Prior to the Ordnance Survey there may be estate and other maps such as tithes www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/tithe-maps.html and enclosures www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/enclosure-awards-and-maps.html

A search of the Archives and Local Studies online catalogues and the card indexes may reveal other maps.

(*Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

For Derbyshire maps (parts of Dore were in Derbyshire until 1934) contact [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#) and [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Newspapers

The two main Sheffield newspapers are the *Sheffield Morning Telegraph* (later *Sheffield Telegraph*) and *The Star*, and these are available on microfilm at Sheffield Local Studies Library.

The *Sheffield Independent*, 1819 - 1900; *Sheffield Daily Telegraph* 1855 - 1903 and *Sheffield Evening Telegraph*, 1887 - 1897 are available online at www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk.

For Derbyshire newspapers (Dore was in Derbyshire until 1934) contact [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

Photographs and Illustrations

The main series of photographs and illustrations (60,000+) is available online at www.picturesheffield.com. In addition Sheffield Archives has photographs and illustrations within its collections.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield Archives)

Poor Law, Civil Parish and Local Government records

As Dore was in Derbyshire County and Norton Rural District until 1934 records of the poor law and local government will be available at both [Derbyshire Record Office](#) and Sheffield Archives.

Norton Rural District Council - minutes, 1872 - 1934

(Sheffield Archives: CA51)

Dore Vestry book c. 1825

(Sheffield Archives: JC/22/89)

Dore Surveyor of the Highways accounts, 1770 - 1828

(Sheffield Archives: JC/22/72)

Dore and Totley churchwardens' and constables' accounts, 1739 - c. 1837

(Sheffield Archives: JC/22/13 and JC/22/89)

Dore settlement and removal orders, etc 1720 - 1830

(Sheffield Archives: JC/22/52)

Ecclesall Bierlow Poor Law Union was formed in 1837 and included: Ecclesall Bierlow, Nether Hallam, Upper Hallam, Beauchief, Dore, Norton, and Totley. For more information on poor law records and workhouses see:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/poor-law-records and www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/workhouses-and-poor-law-unions.html

Earlier poor law and civil parish records for Dronfield will be at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Schools

Sheffield Archives has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance admission registers of Dore Primary School, 1965 - 2000 (*Acc. 2009/129*) and *The Microcosm* (formerly *Dore and Totley High School Magazine*), 1963 – 1964; 1965 – 1966 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 373.4251 S*). For a full list of school records see

www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records

As Dore was in Derbyshire until 1934 some school records may be at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Other libraries and archives

In addition to information held at Sheffield Archives and Local Studies other library and archive services will also hold relevant material:

Prior to 1934, Dore was in Derbyshire. For records of Derbyshire contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#) and [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

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Wills and probate records relating to those who died in Dore prior to 1858 are held within the Lichfield Diocesan archives at the [Lichfield Record Office](#). Probate records after 1858 are held at [The National Archives](#) (TNA). See also: David Hey (ed.), *Seke in body but hole in mynd: a selection of wills and inventories of Dore and Totley 1539-1747*, 1990 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library*: 942.51 S).

Court records will be held at the [Derbyshire Record Office](#) and at the [National Archives](#).

[The National Archives](#) (TNA) holds records of central government departments and agencies. You can search the [TNA catalogue](#) online.

Information on archaeological sites and ancient monuments is held by the [South Yorkshire Archaeology Service's Sites and Monuments Record](#).

'Open Dore' – a community website provided by the Dore Village Society: <http://www.dorevillage.co.uk/> Dore Oral History Group is linked with Dore Village Society.

Other titles in this series

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			Woodseats

Sheffield Archives and **Sheffield Local Studies Library** services collect and preserve original records and printed material relating to Sheffield and the surrounding area.

The information dates from the 12th century to the present and relates to Sheffield, South Yorkshire and north Derbyshire.

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