

Sources for the History of Frecheville



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Sheffield's first Ten Pin Bowling Alley, C.B.C Bowl, Frecheville, 1970
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s28735*)

Aerial view of Frecheville area, 1994
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield w00986*)

Birley Hotel, Frecheville, 20th cent
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s07124*)

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

Frecheville lies 4 ½ miles south east of Sheffield City Centre.

Note that until 1967 Frecheville was in the county of Derbyshire. For local government purposes it came within the jurisdiction of Chesterfield Rural District Council. Ecclesiastically it was part of the parish of Beighton until c. 1943.

There is a separate Guide for Beighton.

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

Books

Historical notes of Frecheville and district, taken from Frecheville Review, 1947 - 1948

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST)

Buckley, E., *Historical notes of Frecheville*, 1948

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4483 M)

Around the Nab: Frecheville, Birley, Charnock and Basegreen (Frecheville and Birley Countryside Organisation. Local History Group, 2006)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; also available at a number of community libraries, 942.821)

Goose Grease and Brown Paper: Health in the inter-war Period in Sheffield (Frecheville 'Open Door' History Workshop, 1986)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 614.094274 S; also available at a number of community libraries, 942.821)

Hulbert, Martin F. H., *St. Cyprian's, Frecheville: the continuing story of the lost Derwent Church (lost under Ladybower Reservoir): being the history of Derwent Church from earliest times until the flooding, and the first 40 years of St. Cyprian's, Frecheville, being the church built with the Derwent compensation* (1977)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 S)

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

A temporary wooden church for Frecheville was opened for worship in December 1934, later becoming the parish of St Cyprian, Frecheville. Prior to this Frecheville lay within the parish of St Mary, Beighton.

St Cyprian, Frecheville, parish registers and records, 1940 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR153*)

St. Mary, Beighton, parish registers and records, 1653 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR73*)

The laying of the foundation stone [order of service], St Cyprian's, Frecheville, 1950
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 700 S*)

Blagg, T. M., *Marriages at Dronfield, 1560-1837; Beighton, 1653-1837; and Beauchief, 1696-1837* (Phillimore, 1913)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 929.342511 ST; Sheffield Central Library Store: 929.34251*)

Index to Beighton, St Mary baptisms, 1653 - 1839
(*Sheffield Archives: TI/43*)

Beighton (included in Eckington and area (Wesleyan Methodist)), baptisms from 1877
(*Sheffield Archives: NR2065*)

Bethel Chapel Beighton (included in Handsworth (Intake)) (Primitive Methodist), baptisms from 1887
(*Sheffield Archives: NR18*)

Sothall Chapel, Beighton (Wesleyan Methodist), baptisms from 1885
(*Sheffield Archives: NR626*)

Beighton, West Street Chapel (United Methodist), baptisms from 1868
(*Sheffield Archives: NR1197*)

Beighton Cemetery, burial registers from 1930
(*Sheffield Archives microfilm A472*)

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 (these detail changes made to Anglican church buildings)
(*Sheffield Archives: DIOC/FAC*)

Frecheville (in Beighton) 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, on the creation of the county of South Yorkshire in 1974, Beighton 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 Frecheville based clubs, societies and charities; for instance:

Frecheville Community Association annual reports and accounts, 1930s - 1960s
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 374.28 S*)

Frecheville carnival and pantomime programmes, 1950s - 1970s
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: various references*)

Frecheville Community Cricket Club, 1935-1985: golden anniversary brochure, 1985
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 736.358 SST*)

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 (Frecheville was in Derbyshire until 1967) 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 (Frecheville was in Derbyshire until 1967) contact [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

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 Frecheville was in Derbyshire until 1967 older records will be at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Land, Building and Property Records

The main housing estate, which gave its name to the area Frecheville, was built in the 1930s and was named after the Frecheville family who were lords of the manor of Staveley. All of the street names are for villages in the Peak District.

The Local Studies Library has a collection of sale particulars (often with plans) dating from the late 18th century; for instance, there is a catalogue for the sale of Drake House Estate, 1909 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PLC BEIG4*).

In addition there are a few planning applications from Chesterfield Rural District Council (which included Frecheville) (*Sheffield Archives: CA516 and CA519*), as well as Sheffield City Council (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*), etc. For example, planning application for 196 houses off Alport Road and Birley Moor Road, Frecheville, 1948 (*Sheffield Archives: CA519/9*). 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.

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

(*Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

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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 (Frecheville was in Derbyshire until 1967) 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 (Frecheville was in Derbyshire until 1967) contact [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

Photographs and Illustrations

The main series of photographs and illustrations (60,000+) is available at Sheffield Local Studies Library in the Central Library. Over 55,000 of these are available online at [Picture Sheffield](#). 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 Frecheville was in Derbyshire County and Chesterfield Rural District until 1967 records of the poor law and local government will be available in [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Papers regarding the Beighton Overseers of the Poor, parish constable, etc., c. 1697 - 1764

(Sheffield Archives: MD5786-5787)

Beighton Parish Council minutes and accounts, 1894 - 1960s

(Sheffield Archives: CA37 and SY368)

For more information: 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

Schools

Sheffield Archives has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance log books and admission registers of Frecheville Infant School from 1880 (*CA35 and CA682*). For a full list of school records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records

Blakey, B., *Basegreen Frecheville, 1959-1984* (Sheffield Education Committee, 1984)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 372.94274 SQ; also available at Sheffield Archives: BAS/LOCAL*)

As Frecheville was in Derbyshire until 1967 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 1967, Frecheville 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 Frecheville 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).

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](#).

Beighton Historical Society

www.sheffieldhelpyourself.org.uk/full_search_new.asp?group=16726

Other titles in this series

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

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