Sources for the History of Millhouses









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Millhouses Division Policemen outside Police Station, Archer Road, late 19th cent (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield u03588)

Sketch of the old Millhouses Corn Mill, off Abbeydale Road South, 1893 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s09626)

Millhouses Lido, Millhouse Park, c.1970s (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield u04221)

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

Millhouses lies 3 miles south west of Sheffield City Centre. Millhouses was formerly an area in the Ecclesall Bierlow township in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

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

There are separate <u>Community History</u> guides for neighbouring areas such as Ecclesall and Woodseats.

Books and Pamphlets, etc.

Active8 Magazine, *Bygone Sheffield 8 - Volume Two* [Pictorial booklet of historical photographs in the S8 area of Sheffield (black & white) including Millhouses] (Sheffield City Archives: ACT/LOCAL)

Active8 Magazine, *Down Memory Lane - A Nostalgic Journey Around the Sheffield 8 Area* [Recollections of events or memories from people in the S8 area, including Woodseats, Beauchief, Millhouses, Norton Lees and Norton] (2010) (Sheffield City Archives: ACT/LOCAL)

'A Very brief history of Millhouses Park' (2002) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5597 M)

Bramhill, Mary, How they lived in old Ecclesall: a Sheffield suburb in the 17th and 18th centuries (Sheaf Publishing, 1986) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available at Sheffield City Archives: BRA/LOCAL)

Harrison, John, *Survey of the Manor of Sheffield with other lands, 1637* [transcribed and edited by James George Ronksley with introduction by R. E. Leader] (Arthur Wightman, 1908)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 333.094274 S; Sheffield City Archives: HAR/LOCAL)

Harvey, Peter, Abbeydale and Millhouses (Chalford Publishing Co Ltd., 1997) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available at Central Lending Library and a number of Community Libraries: 942.821)

Harvey, Peter, Abbeydale and Millhouses: the second selection (Tempus, 2001) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available at Central Lending Library and a number of Community Libraries: 942.821)

Harvey, Peter, Abbeydale and Millhouses (Nonsuch, 2005) (Available at Central Lending Library and a number of Community Libraries: 942.821)

Hey, David, A History of Sheffield (Carnegie, 2005) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield City Archives: HEY/LOCAL; also available at most Sheffield libraries)

Hunter, Joseph, Hallamshire: the history and topography of the parish of Sheffield: with historical and descriptive notices of the parishes of Ecclesfield, Hansworth [sic], Treeton and Whiston, and of the chapelry of Bradfield (1819) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SSTF; Sheffield City Archives: HUN/LOCAL) Morton, J. Richard, Millhouses Revisited (2005) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4034 S)

Rodgers, Henry A, The Sheffield and Rotherham directory, including Masbro', the Holmes, Attercliffe, Blackburn, Brightside, Darnall, Grimesthorpe, Heeley, Millhouses, Norton, Shire-Green, Tinsley, Walkley, Wincobank, etc. (1841) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SST)

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

Vickers, J. Edward, *The Ancient Suburbs of Sheffield* (Jev Publications, 1971) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S)

Trade Directories give a history of the district, main occupants and businesses, 1774 - 1974, and telephone directories thereafter. A full list of trade directories is available: www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/trade-directories.html. Most West Riding directories, however, are available in the Sheffield Reference Library or at <a href="https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/cdm/sheffield.gov.uk/cdm/sheffield.gov.uk/cdm/sheffield.gov.uk/cdm/sheffield.gov.uk/cdm/sheffield.gov.uk/cdm/sheffield.gov.uk/cdm/sheffield.gov.uk/cdm/sheffield.gov.uk/cdm/sheffield.gov.uk/cdm/sheffield.gov.uk/cdm/sheffield.gov.uk/cdm/sheffield.gov.uk

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.findmypast.co.uk

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

The parish of St Oswald, Millhouses was formed in 1907 out of the parish of Ecclesall. St Oswald Church, Millhouses was built at the corner of Abbeydale Road and Bannerdale Road, and a chapel in Grove Road, Millhouses (which had been

erected in 1897 as a Chapel-of-Ease to Ecclesall Parish Church) came under its care. Following the demolition in 2003 of St Peter's Church, Abbeydale (on Machon Bank, which dates back to 1895), the congregations of St Peter's and St Oswald began worshipping together and the two parishes united to become St Peter and St Oswald in July 2009. Holy Trinity Church, in Millhouses Lane and Grove Road, was built as a Chapel-of-Ease to St Oswalds.

St Oswald, Millhouses, Anglican Parish, registers and records from 1905 onwards (Sheffield City Archives: PR154)

Holy Trinity, Millhouses, Anglican Parish, registers and records from 1917 onwards (Sheffield City Archives: PR132)

All Saints, Ecclesall, Anglican Parish, registers and records from 1784 onwards (Sheffield City Archives: PR100)

St Peter, Abbeydale, Anglican Parish, registers and records from 1895 onwards (Sheffield City Archives: PR125)

St John the Evangelist, Abbeydale, Anglican Parish, registers and records from 1876 onwards

(Sheffield City Archives: PR86)

Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul (formerly Sheffield parish church), registers and records from 1560 onwards (Sheffield City Archives: PR138)

Millhouses Methodist Church, records including: marriage registers, 1892 - 1916; minutes of Men's Fellowship 1969 - 1983, Worship Committee minutes 1974 - 1995 (Sheffield City Archives: 1996/148)

St Oswald, Millhouses, Centenary service with confirmation, Jul 2010 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 811 S)

St Oswald, Millhouses, 'Celebration '79' programme (1979) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local pamphlets, volume 47 (042 SST))

Millhouses Methodist Church, Contact magazine, Sep 2011 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 741 S)

Sheffield, Ecclesall Methodist Circuit, records, 20th cent (Sheffield City Archives: NR)

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

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

Clubs, Societies and Charities

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

Records of Sheffield and Ecclesall Co-operative Society Limited, c. 1863 - 1983 [the Society had various premises in Millhouses, including a dairy, a bakery, allotments, etc.]

(Sheffield City Archives: SEC)

Friends of Millhouses Park, 'The story of Ecclesall Chapel' [20th cent] (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 6172 M)

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 West Riding of Yorkshire cover areas outside the borough (Sheffield City Archives: MC)

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

For records of West Riding of Yorkshire courts (Millhouses was formerly in the West Riding) contact West Yorkshire Archives

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

Hospitals

Sheffield Archives has records from over 50 hospitals, including annual reports, photographs and administrative records, including Nether Edge Hospital (formerly Ecclesall Bierlow Institution), 1890 onwards (Sheffield Archives: NHS21)

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

Land, Building and Property Records

Sale particulars (often with plans) date from the late 18th century; for instance, Plans, particulars and conditions of sale of Abbeydale Grange Estate consisting of important and exceptionally eligible freehold building estate...also freehold dwelling houses, woodland and Old Moscar Wheel Dam with water rights, also long leasehold house with stabling and outbuildings all situate at Millhouses, Sheffield, 1910 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 15 November 1910)

In addition some planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards (*Sheffield City Archives: CA206*); for instance, Holy Trinity Church of England new church on Grove Road, Millhouses (*Sheffield City Archives: CA206*/36261)

There are also deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers; for instance, Deeds relating to land and property in Millhouses (including waterwheels) at 'Cowe Close', 'the Springe', 'the Padocks', 'Little Holme', 'Holt House' etc., 1621 - 1652 (Sheffield City Archives: OD844, OD899-900, OD903)

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

(Sheffield City Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library)

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 City 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 City Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library)

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 British Library Newspaper Archive website includes the following Sheffield titles:

- Sheffield Independent, 1819 1938
- Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 1855 1950
- Sheffield Evening Telegraph, 1887 1939
- Sheffield Daily News and Morning Advertiser, 1859
- Sheffield Iris, 1835 1843
- Sheffield Register / Yorks, Derbys, Notts, Universal Advertiser, 1787 1794
 Free access to these is available at every Sheffield Library and at Sheffield City
 Archives http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/

Photographs and Illustrations

The main series of photographs and illustrations (65,000+) is available online at www.picturesheffield.com. In addition Sheffield City Archives has photographs and illustrations within its collections.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield City Archives)

Poor Law, Civil Parish and Local Government records

Ecclesall Bierlow Poor Law Union (established in 1837) included Ecclesall Bierlow (which included the Millhouses area), Nether Hallam and Upper Hallam. The

workhouse was built in 1842-1843 and later became the site of Nether Edge Hospital.

Ecclesall Bierlow Poor Law Union: admission or creed registers 1883-1931; asylum admission registers 1920-1928; registers of inmates 1904-1931; workhouse birth registers 1898-1929; workhouse death registers 1903-1931; officers' appointments 1892-1925

(Sheffield City Archives: NHS21, CA18/3/1)

Reports, with lists of officers, accounts etc, year ended 1913, 1916-1919, 1921-1923 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.9 S).

Index to inmates in the Ecclesall Bierlow Workhouse, 1883 - 1907 https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/workhouses-and-poor-law-unions.html

Plan of Ecclesall Union Poor House, 1840 - 1841 (Sheffield City Archives: AP/1/43)

Report of the Board for the Repair of the Highways in the Township of Ecclesall Bierlow for the year ending March 25th, 1859 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 68 (042 SST))

Papers of Ecclesall Guardians (oddments), 1837 - 1856 (Sheffield City Archives: BM/93)

Sheffield and Ecclesall Civil Parish Overseers minutes, 1902 - 1927 (Sheffield City Archives: CA17)

Ecclesall Vestry minutes, 1808 - 1912; Ecclesall Disbursements, 1827 - 1830; cash books etc; Overseers minute books, 1863 - 1904; Ecclesall Union: Register of officer appointments, 1892 - 1925; Highway Board minutes, 1848 - 1857, 1863 - 1864 (Sheffield City Archives: CA18)

Ecclesall Union Relief Committee minutes, 1929 - 1931 (Sheffield Archives: CA55)

Ecclesall Township Highway Board minutes, 1836 - 1866 (Sheffield City Archives: CA139)

Sheffield (or possibly Ecclesall) Overseers' petty cash and wages book, 1787 - 1788 (Sheffield City Archives: CA24/58)

For more information on poor law and workhouse records see: 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 there are governors records of Dobcroft Infant and Junior Schools, Pingle Road, Millhouses, from 1977 onwards (Sheffield City Archives: CA724/P37-38).

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

Minutes of the Sheffield School Board (1870 - 1902) may also be of interest (Sheffield City Archives: SY350; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 379.4274 S)

Other libraries and archives

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

For areas formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire there may be relevant records at the West Yorkshire Archives Service.

Prior to 1914, Ecclesall (including Millhouses) came within the jurisdiction of the Diocese of York. There are extensive archives of the Diocese at the Borthwick Institute for Archives in York.

Wills and probate records relating to those who died in the Millhouses area prior to 1858 are held at the <u>Borthwick Institute for Archives</u> in York. Probate records after 1858 are held at <u>The National Archives</u> (TNA).

Court records will also be held at the <u>West Yorkshire Archive Service</u> and at the National Archives.

<u>The National Archives</u> (TNA) holds records of central government departments and agencies. You can search the <u>TNA catalogue</u> online.

Information on archaeological sites and ancient monuments is held by the <u>South</u> Yorkshire Archaeology Service's Sites and Monuments Record.

Other titles in this series

Arbourthorne	Darnall	Jordanthorpe	Ranmoor
Attercliffe	Deepcar	Kelham Island	Richmond
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Bradfield	Firth Park	Mosborough	Stannington
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Brightside	Fulwood	Nether Green	Tinsley
Broomhall	Gleadless	Netherthorpe	Totley
Broomhill	Greenhill	Norton	Upperthorpe
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Carbrook	Greystones	Owlerton	Walkley
Chapeltown and High Green	Hackenthorpe	Park	Whirlow
Crookes	Handsworth	Parson Cross	Wincobank
Crosspool	Heeley	Pitsmoor	Wisewood
Crystal Peaks	Hillsborough	Porter Valley	Woodhouse
			Woodseats

Sheffield City 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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