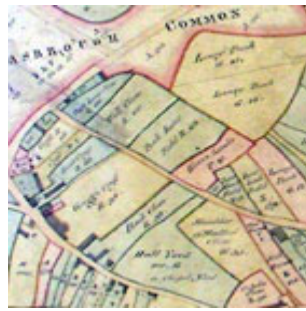
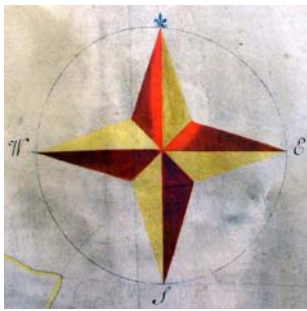


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Introduction

It is probable that the requirements of the Fairbank's practice rather than deliberate purpose led the four generations of the family to preserve the records of their work first begun by William Fairbank about 1739. They were engaged in surveying at a time when Sheffield was evolving from a small town to a great industrial centre, and were the only such firm whose work has survived in any quantity. It is doubtful whether there is a similar collection, in size and character, in existence. Good fortune has attended these records throughout; from the care of two interested successors of the Fairbanks, they came into the possession of a book lover and student of archaeology in Mr R D Bennett, who, realising their value, gave them to the City Library.

The work of classifying and cataloguing so large a collection of diverse material presented some difficulties. Apart from the arrangement of the 4,650 plans of various sizes, a notation had to be devised which would preserve topographical order and be at the same time mnemonic and progressive. Before any final cataloguing could be carried out, the plans had to be collated with the field books and, wherever possible, with the other records.

The Fairbank Collection – available at Sheffield Archives - is an excellent source for many types of research: local history, topography, transport, history of surveying and family history; the archives reveal the appearance of Sheffield as it was nearly two hundred and fifty years ago, and shows the changes which destroyed one by one the ancient landmarks of Hallamshire during a century of rapid growth.

Summary Description

The Fairbank Collection consists of the plans and business papers of the Fairbank family, who practised as surveyors in Sheffield from about 1736 to 1848. The majority of the plans are the work of the second William Fairbank, his sons William and Josiah, and Josiah's son, William Fairbank Fairbank. In their capacity of surveyors they were actively concerned in local enclosures, railways, canals, roads and waterworks. Their business extended beyond Sheffield to cover South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire and even Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Cheshire, Lancashire and Staffordshire. The following are the main classes of documents involved:

Surveyors' Work:

- Maps and plans (4,650), of which 2,263 are of places in the parish of Sheffield.

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- Field books (311) being the notebooks in which the surveyor's original notes and sketches were made; supplementary to the plans.
- Building books (68), 1765-1800, running parallel to the field books during the period when the firm engaged in building work on a considerable scale. Survey (miscellaneous) books (546): these contain numerical and other surveys, which form the key to the plans, and were taken particularly in connection with enclosure, tithe commutation and canal and railway development. The series includes Josiah Fairbank's records as agent for the Crown manor of Eckington, with rentals, 1736-1737, and court rolls, 1793-1804.
- Plans: Collieries at Parkgate (1769), Sheffield, Wibsey and North Derbyshire, late 18th century (photocopies of originals in private custody)
- Surveys: Mills on River Don above Oughtibridge 1824
- Letters: and papers re rail and road transport c1820-1840s

Firm's Business and Family Business records:

- Account books (33), 1753-1830. (The early books contain accounts of the school kept by the first William Fairbank).
- Work diaries (26), 1814-1841; relate to apprentices' work.
- Notebooks (44), 1780-1847 (miscellaneous).
- Letters and papers (50 large packets).
- Sheffield and Glossop Turnpike Trust records, 1818-1874, practically in their entirety.
- Deeds, etc. (56), relating to the Fairbank family or persons for whom one of the Fairbanks was executor (Hawke, Hirst, Parkin and others); also apprentices' indentures to the Fairbank firm. 1706-1783.

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The Fairbanks

"It was . . . during the century between 1750 and 1850 that the modern England, with whose features we are familiar, came into being";¹ and with modern England, modern Sheffield. The activities of the Fairbanks cover this vital period almost exactly; the earliest plan in the collection is dated 1739, and the latest, 1850. The first William Fairbank (c. 1688-1759) was a schoolmaster, of the Quaker faith, who undertook surveying and legal work; only a few examples of his plans, dated from 1739-1749 remain. They show stretches of pasture where Silver Street runs down to West Bar. His son William (c. 1730-1801) made a large percentage of the existing plans; and it is clear from many other sources of local information that he did more work even than can be inferred from the collection. His two sons, William (c. 1771-1846) and Josiah (1778-1844) carried on the business for some time as W & J Fairbank. Prior to 1833 the partnership was dissolved, and about that year Josiah took his son William Fairbank Fairbank (1805-1848) into partnership. They worked as Josiah Fairbank & Son until the death of Josiah in 1844; and on the death of the son four years later, the firm was wound up. Parts of their records were bought by clients²; the remainder, which forms the present collection, was bought by Marcus Smith of Sheffield, a surveyor. His widow, Sarah Smith, presented the collection to her nephew Alfred Smith Denton of Raisin Hall, and after his death it passed to his son Arthur Smith Denton, from whom it was purchased by Mr R D Bennett.

The Fairbanks were mainly employed in the surveying of estates and townships in Yorkshire and Derbyshire, and of property in the town of Sheffield; but their work extended at times to the counties of Nottingham, Stafford and Lincoln, and even further afield. The second William Fairbank was a surveyor of considerable standing; his quiet and steady industry is amply illustrated by the numerous examples of his work remaining in the collection. He was the surveyor of many turnpike roads, mostly in Derbyshire; and several important Yorkshire and Derbyshire roads were undertaken by his son and grandson. The spread of railways offered them further opportunities; the plans for many lines, some of which were carried out and others abandoned, are the work of Josiah Fairbank and his son William Fairbank Fairbank. In the nervous and hurried atmosphere of the early years of the nineteenth century, these two energetic surveyors undertook more work than they could easily encompass; and the excitement and sudden collapse of the railway boom of the 1840's was clearly the cause of their ill-health and comparatively early deaths.

¹ *The English Land System* J A Marriott

² RAIL 1153 at The National Archives comprises 37 files of Fairbank railway archives, 1817 – 1847.

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If they had no other cause for local celebrity, the Fairbanks would always be remembered for the sake of their three beautiful and indispensable maps of Sheffield: The Town of Sheffield, 1771, by William Fairbank; The Parish of Sheffield, 1795, by W Fairbank and Son; and The Town of Sheffield, 1808, by W and J Fairbank.

The Collection

The main group in the collection is the fine series of Field Books and the 4,600 draft plans, mostly of places in north Derbyshire and south Yorkshire, which were made from them.

The Field Books are small paper note books of uniform size, containing measurements for plotting the plans, and (until the last days of the firm, when modern methods had come into use) rough sketches of the fields and buildings, with names and other details. The survival of this almost complete series, with the great majority of the entries dated and described, is particularly fortunate; for many of the plans are undated and as many without titles, and careful search for the corresponding entries in the field books has made it possible to date and identify all but a few.

The science of surveying is comparatively recent; and the plans themselves show an interesting change from early to modern methods. The plans of the first William are small and quaint; the fine pen and ink productions of the second William are generally eked out with pasted-on scraps at the edges to save expensive paper, and are given character by delicate handwriting and rich brown ink; in comparison, Josiah's coloured work, covered with pencil notes, is very modern-looking, and the untidy drafts which bear the thick scrawly writing of William Fairbank Fairbank reflect the haste of the industrial age. Only a few examples of the third William's work remain; they, like his father's, are careful pen and ink drawings.

The appearance of villages and their common fields; early street and field names; sites of coalpits, leadmines, ponds, wells and footpaths; the encroachment of the town on the country, and the names of the first purchasers of building plots: these are examples of the "visible history" recorded in the plans. Of outstanding interest are the large maps of townships, many of them showing pre-enclosure conditions, a list of which is given on page 19.

The section of the collection called Building Books is another relic of the industry of the second William. These books, which are of the same size and appearance as the Field Books, are almost entirely in his handwriting; they contain measurements of buildings for estimating the cost of repair, erection or alteration, and record Sheffield's vanished bricks and mortar as the plans record its vanished fields. They offer information valuable to the student of

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eighteenth century building, prices, and trade conditions, and to the reader interested in particular Sheffield buildings. In the case of private houses, however, some research or previous knowledge is necessary to identify them. The remainder of the collection consists of a number of miscellaneous books of all sizes and descriptions, the majority of which are books of reference to plans of large estates, townships, railways and roads; a few account books; and a quantity of correspondence and loose papers of all kinds. All these sections are described in greater detail below.

Their extent is shown by the following summary:-

Plans and Maps	Plans	Land	3,699	
		Engineering	901	
	Maps		50	
				4,650
Surveyors' Books	Field Books		311	
	Building Books		68	
	Miscellaneous Books		546	
	Account Books		33	
	Note Books		44	
	Work Diaries		26	
				1,028
Letters and Papers	Loose Papers		6,983	
	Glossop Road Records		975	7,958
Total Number of Items				13,636

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A map of part of the manor of Kimberworth in the Parish of Rotherham in the County of York, by J Clarke, 1827. This map shows the conditions before inclosure (Ref. FC ROT 24L)

The Plans

The plans are first divided into two main groups: Plans of Land and Engineering Plans. This subject grouping is made without regard to their physical size, each group being numbered within itself; but for storage they are divided into three sizes: Large, Small and Rolled.

The Plans of Land are grouped by parishes (taking the extent of each parish as that shown in the collection itself, without regard to modern boundaries), and are stored in alphabetical order of parishes. This arrangement emphasises the physical aspect of England which had remained with little change for centuries, and which, when the last plan was drawn in the Fairbank office, was on the verge of being obliterated by the rapid expansion of county borough boundaries and the rise of new local government units.

2,263 plans are of places in the parish of Sheffield. These have been subdivided into:

- (i) plans of the town and its townships, estates, street improvements, and drafts for enclosure awards;
- (ii) (2) plans of property in the built-up area, the extent of the town roughly as shown on Tayler's map of 1832;

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- (iii) (3) plans of estates in the open country within the boundaries of the parish

The Engineering Plans fall naturally into eight classes:

Bridges (35 in number),

Buildings (241),

Canals (54),

Collieries (14),

Railways (267),

Rivers (7),

Roads (224),

Waterworks (59).

Within these classes, the plans are arranged in alphabetical order by the names of the particular undertakings.

The Field Books (FC/FB/2-67)

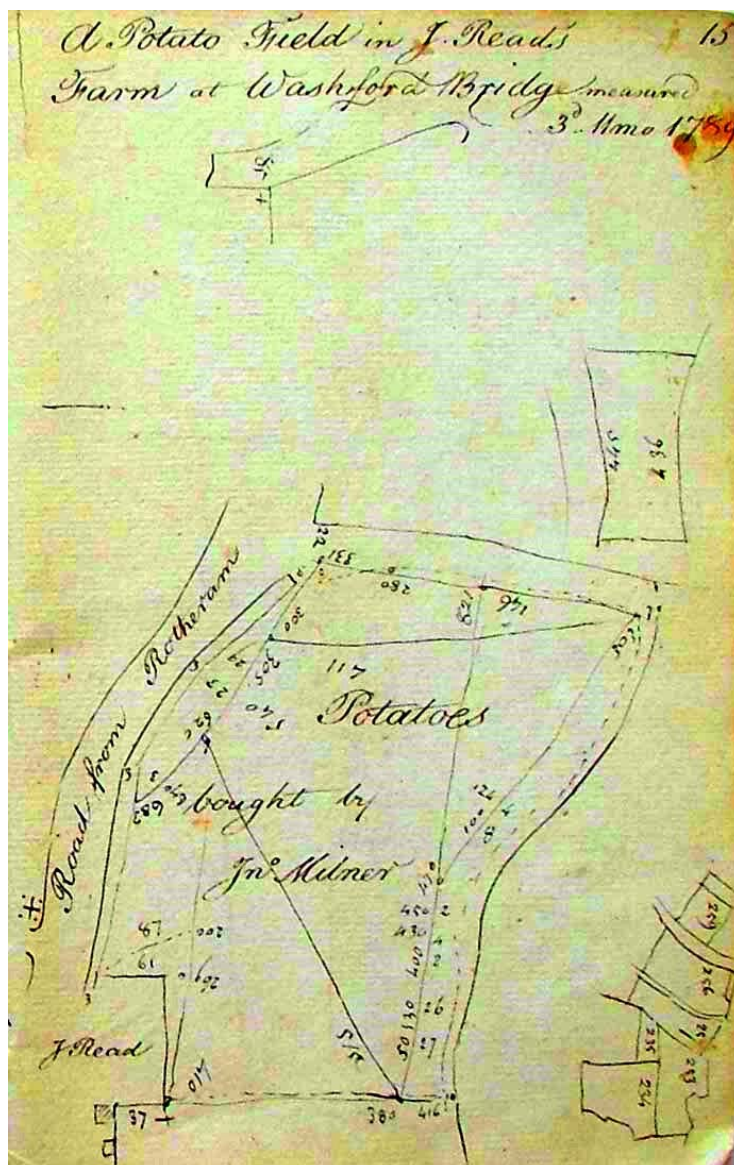
There are 311 Field Books, and as far as possible they have been left as they were originally arranged by the second William Fairbank, and, for a time, by his sons. From 1752 to about 1824, they are numbered 1 to 174; and in cases where two or more books were in use simultaneously, the second is called a "supplement" to the first. These numberings have been retained, including the use of the "supplement," and the numbers of missing books have been omitted. Up to 174 eight books are missing (Nos. 1, 22, 97, 106, 146, 147, 165, 172) of which, at least 106, 165 and 172 are known to have been lost in the Fairbanks' own times.

After 1824 the sequence of numbered books comes to an end. Many of the later books have no numbers at all, and Josiah Fairbank and his two sons appear to have had each a set of Field Books, with separate numbering, which time has rendered incomplete. The whole of the later books, therefore, have been placed in chronological order and numbered straight through from 175 onwards³.

The books have been indexed page by page. In the majority of cases, a reference has been added to the description of the plan for which the sketch was made; but in about 1,400 cases no plan was found to correspond with the entry in the Field Book. Separate main cards were made for these items.

³ Note: Nos. 184 and 186 were missing at the time of deposit with Sheffield Archives.

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Example of a field book – a potato field in J Read's farm at Washford Bridge, [Attercliffe, Sheffield] measured 1789 (FC/AB/68 page 15)

The Miscellaneous Books (FC/MB)

The Fairbanks kept drafts or copies of the books of reference they supplied with large plans. These books do not seem to have been kept in any special order, and as the general rule with them is, one book, one survey, they have been grouped under places and subjects, and numbered straight through, 1-546. They are indexed in the same way as the Field Books: the main card for each plan contains references to any Miscellaneous Books made to go with it. They all deal with places included in the List of Parishes (page 19); and

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amongst them are the 'records of Josiah Fairbank as agent for the Crown manor of Eckington, consisting of surveys, reports, timber accounts, and twelve volumes of letters, 1813-1843.

The Building Books (FC/BB)

From 1752 to 1765 the Field Books contain occasional records of measurements and estimates for the cost of erecting, altering, repairing and decorating public and private buildings in the neighbourhood of Sheffield. This branch of the work then grew so important that William Fairbank began a parallel series of Building Books, with the same numbers as his Field Books. This original numbering has been retained, and the Building Books are B.B.30 to B.B.98.⁴ William Fairbank's sons did not do nearly as much of this type of work as their father. About 1800, the Building Books cease, and similar estimates are only to be found as separate papers, and occasionally in the Note Books.

There are two types of page heading, which sufficiently show the scope of these books. Private work is headed in this way:

"William Birks's carpenter work by Robert Unwin" (Birks being the owner, and Unwin the carpenter); for public work, as "Glazing the front part of Hollis's Hospital by Thomas Dam." The entries are so methodical that students will not find searching difficult; they are in exact chronological order, every one is fully dated, and each book has a list of contents at the end.

The Note Books (FC/NB)

44 small books containing valuations, memoranda, items copied from books, as well as matter which seems to suggest that they were used as substitutes for Field Books, have been placed in chronological order (1780-1847) and indexed as far as possible in the same manner as the other books.

The Account Books (FC/AB)

14 account books and 19 small cash books, etc., covering the period 1753 to 1830, remain. These have been searched page by page for items which would throw any light on the dating or purpose of plans, and some have been dated with reasonable certainty by this means. In a few cases references have also been made to entries which show who commissioned the plan, or for what purpose.

⁴ BB 30 – 83 relate to the period 1765 – 1801 (i.e. up to the death of William Fairbank II) and BB 84 – 98 (originally numbered 1-15) relate to the period 1802 – 1815.

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Nos. 1, 2, and 3 contain accounts, for the period 1753 to 1774, of the school kept by William Fairbank, and some personal accounts of interest.

The Work Diaries (FC/WD)

These 26 small books contain day to day records of the work done by Josiah Fairbank's assistants and apprentices, from 1814 to 1841. They were kept by Thomas Hodgson, James Harford, Joshua Thorpe, Joseph Smith, Joseph B. Jenkins, Richard Cogswell, Joseph James, F. Nevins Flintoff, John Tertius Fairbank (son of Josiah), James Culshaw and William Cumber. In the books of Joseph Jenkins and John Tertius Fairbank, the succession of entries of the " Drawing a map " kind is broken by personal notes and by sketches, some of considerable merit. These books, besides being a final source of information for the dating of doubtful plans, are full of interest as showing the work and outlook of the Quaker youth of the day, and are often enlivened by humour.

The Papers (FC/CP)

The 6,983 loose papers (including letters) have been sorted and tied up in 50 packets, the arrangement following that of the plans in its division into subjects and parishes. The papers in the place divisions include one-sheet surveys relating to plans, valuations of land or property, and notes about the transactions for which the plans were made. Those in the subject divisions include reports and correspondence about projected enterprises, and in many cases calculations for the actual carrying out of the work. At the end of the sequence is placed a large section of general correspondence (1794-1847), including some personal letters, some concerning the conduct of the firm's business, and a quantity of purely formal notes.

Although the main value of the loose papers lies in their elucidation of the plans, there is also much detail about local matters hidden in them. Where the researcher is interested in a particular subject, or knows roughly what places are connected with their interest, it is worth checking whole bundles of the papers.

Glossop Road Records (FC/CPG)

A fortunate chance has preserved in the collection a set of turnpike road records almost in its entirety. Josiah and William Fairbank were surveyors for the Sheffield and Glossop Turnpike Trust, and were followed by Marcus Smith, who afterwards bought their business, and who in this way brought the records back into the firm which helped to make them. The records consist of the following sections:

Minutes, 1818-1874 (CPG 1)

Yearly accounts, 1827-1874 (CPG 2)

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Monthly accounts, 1846-1875 (CPG 3 and 4)
Clerk's accounts, 1829-1870 (CPG 5)
Vouchers, 1853-1874 (CPG 6)
Tolls, 1825-1874 (CPG 7)
Bills, 1818-1874 (CPG 8)
Surveyors' workings, 1817-1874 (CPG 9)
Surveyors' accounts, 1846-1874 (CPG 10)
Surveyors' reports, 1851-1874 (CPG 11)
Parliamentary business, 1825-1875 (CPG 12)
Letters, 1842-1874 (CPG 13)
Miscellanea (CPG 14)

Maps (FC/MAPS)

The section headed "MAPS" consists of 28 sheets of the first Ordnance Survey of England and Wales (1 inch to a mile), 1809-1838, and a number of printed maps bought by the Fairbanks. These include:

Nottinghamshire, by Emmanuel Bowen. n.d.

Coal and iron beds in the counties of Derby and Nottingham, by John Gratton. n.d.

A map of ninety miles by seventy-five in which Chesterfield is the centre, by John Tuke, 1798.

7 maps of the bogs of Ireland, made by order of the Commissioners for Improving Bogs in Ireland, 1810-1811.

Yorkshire, by C. Greenwood, 1817.

Leicestershire, by John Cary, and Geological map of Leicestershire, by W. Smith, 1821.

Nottinghamshire, by John Cary, 1821.

Rutlandshire, by John Cary, 1821.

The country twenty miles round Mansfield, by George Sanderson, 1835

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Parliamentary Publications (FC/PP)

A number of Acts of Parliament, etc., have been bound in five volumes, as follows:

I. Enclosure Bills and Acts

(Arksey, 1758; Loxley Chace, 1784; Brightside, 1788; Hoyland, 1794; General Act, 1801; Handsworth, 1802; Norton, 1803; Hathersage, 1808; Bradfield, 1811; Langsett, 1811; Whitwell, 1813; Wisewood, 1815; Whiston, 1816; General Act, 1821; Chinley, 1824; Snelston, 1824; Shepley, 1827).

II. Road Bills and Acts

(Banner Cross, 1812; Sheffield and Glossop, 1818, 1825, 1851; Rugby to Warwick, 1818; Sheffield and Gander Lane, 1821; Lutterworth Hand and Bilton, 1828; Greenhill Moor and Eckington, 1840; Tinsley and Doncaster, 1841).

III. Railway Bills

(Peak Forest, 1816; London Grand Junction Railway Report and Minutes of Evidence on the Bill, 1836).

IV. Miscellaneous Bills and Acts

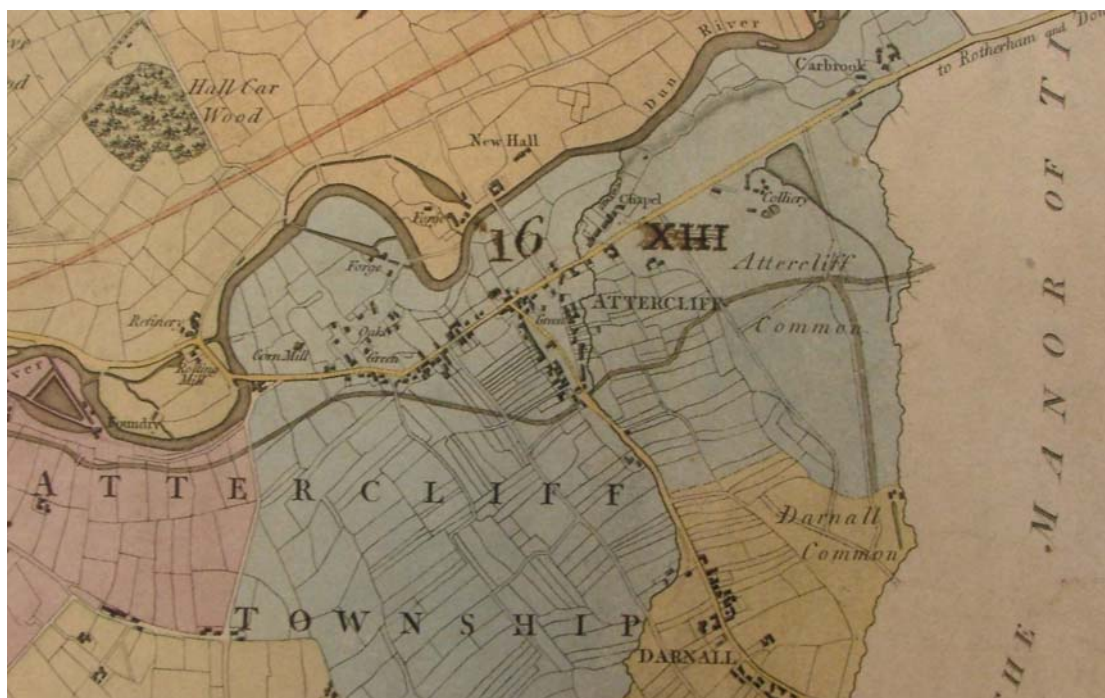
(Tinsley Canal, 1815; Companies Act, 1845; Sheffield Court Baron Act, 1808; Sheffield Street Improvements, 1838; Sheffield Waterworks Bill, 1830; Sheffield Waterworks Act, 1845).

V. Schedules of contract for building barracks at Sheffield, 1838; Sales and Purchases of Land by the Forest, etc. Commissioners, 1814-1827; Standing orders of the House of Commons (1685-1822), 1826; Standing orders of the House of Lords relative to private bills, 1830; Standing orders of the House of Lords relative to the deposit of plans, etc., 1839.

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Part of the map of the parish of Sheffield, 1795 (Ref. FC She 7L)

The Catalogue

The Catalogue, which is currently available only available on typewritten cards, contains entries for plans, field books, and all the other material in the collection in one alphabetical sequence of places and subjects. There is also a database of the plans available. Cards which have a number at the right-hand side, following the date, represent plans. Each of these cards gives the full title, the date, and the scale of the plan, and references to all books and papers connected with it. This is a typical example of a plan entry:

Sheffield.

Rivelin Valley.

" Enlargement of the Hind Wheel dam on the Rivelin measured for John Tillotson and Joseph Greaves" [1810].

Bra 115 S

F.B. 151a, pp. 38-39, 44-45; 155, pp. 18-21.

C.P. 27 (120-215).

Scale, one inch to a chain.

The other symbols used on the cards are:

F.B. Field Book.

M.B. Miscellaneous Book.

A.B. Account Book.

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- N.B. Note Book.
C.P. Correspondence and papers.
C.P.G. Glossop Road records.

In many cases, the references to the books and papers connected with a plan are the only sources of information for its date, title or purpose. The collection can therefore only be used to full advantage by constant reference to the catalogue. The researcher may find all the topographical information required on the plan, but in many cases reference must also be made to the catalogue for the date. Researchers enquiring about small points of general interest may take the word of the cataloguer as correct; but students are advised to ask for everything mentioned on the card, so that they may read all that is known in connection with the plan for themselves, examine the proof of date before accepting it, and possibly bring their knowledge to add something which had escaped the cataloguer.

All plans of places now in the city of Sheffield are catalogued under that general heading, with the name of the particular estate, street or district as a subheading. The modern names of streets and districts are used, with references from the older names.

Plans of places outside Sheffield are catalogued under the names of the actual places, and not under the parish or township in which they are included. This arrangement was adopted with the intention of making the catalogue of use to those enquirers who are not students in the narrow sense; but for the convenience of readers interested in the wider area, a card has been made for each parish, showing the districts included in it and the numbers of all plans of places in that district.

Plans of engineering enterprises are entered under the general heading (Roads, Railways, etc.), with subheadings consisting of the name of the particular road, railway, etc.

As the collection consists of more than plans, the catalogue contains a large number of additional entries of three kinds:

1. *Cards containing full entries for the books, correspondence and papers which are not connected with existing plans.* Those papers which relate not to particular places, but to business matters and the activities of the Fairbanks other than surveying, are indexed under their subjects.
2. *Cards giving the names of places, etc., shown on the plans which are not obvious from the titles.* For example, the plan entitled "Daniel Brammal's estate at Graystones" shows Nether Spurgaire Wheel, and an entry under the name of the wheel gives the number of this plan. References to the sites or outlines of public buildings, and to landmarks, halls and houses, works, etc.,

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within the city of Sheffield, were included during the making of the catalogue, and are constantly being added as new points of interest are discovered.

3. Cards giving *references to other parts of the collection where information on a particular place or subject may be found*. In the case of the built-up area in Sheffield, many streets are often shown on one plan; behind the set of cards for each street, therefore, is one giving the number and date of all other plans on which that street appears.



A Map of the Manor of Scotton in the County of York, part of the estate of Beilby Thompson. Jo. Simpson, surveyor, 1753 (Ref. FC Sco 1L)

The miscellaneous nature of the collection, the necessity of making clear the intimate connection between its various parts, and the desire to give as much information as possible, have made the catalogue seem somewhat complicated. Until the researcher is familiar with its use, it is advisable to consult the duty staff when searching for information.

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The following lists do no more than give in outline the geographical range of the collection, which may prove of use to students living outside Sheffield. Readers are reminded that the names of parishes in List II include areas which are now independent or absorbed in other areas; for instance, Hathersage includes Stoney Middleton, and Dronfield includes Dore.

List of Maps of Parishes, Townships and Manors

DERBYSHIRE

Abney (1849)	Great Hucklow (1849)
Aston (1849)	Grindlow (1848)
Bamford (1840) (B)	Hathersage (1810) (B)
Barlborough (1795, 1830) (B)	Hazlebadge (n.d., 1848)
Beauchief (1761)	Highlow (1849)
Beighton (1818)	Hope (1848)
Bradwell (n.d., 1848)	Killamarsh (1815) (B)
Brough and Shatton (1844)	Nether Padley (n.d.)
Calver (1831)	Offerton (1848)
Derwent (1810) (B)	Stoke (1850)
Dore (1810, 1827) (B)	Wardlow (n.d.)
Eckington (1796) (B)	Wheston (n.d.) (B)
Elmton (1823) (B)	Whittington (1801) (B)
Eyam (n.d.)	Whitwell (1814) (B)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

West Burton (c. 1750)

YORKSHIRE

Barnsley (1777) (B)	Sheffield: Darnall (1812) (B)
Brampton Bierlow (1777) (B)	Sheffield: Nether Hallam (1792)(B)
Brampton-en-le-Morthen (1768) (B)	Sheffield: Upper Hallam (1792) (B)
Brinsworth (1834) (B)	Skellow and Carcroft (1769) (B)
Cumberworth (1801) (B)	Stannington (1795) (B)
Greasborough (1776) (B)	Storrs (1785) (B)
Hooton Roberts (1770)	Swinton (1775) (B)
Hoyland (1771, 1794) (B)	Tankersley (1772) (B)
Ingbirchworth (1801) (B)	Thurlestone (1812)
Kirkburton (1753)	Tinsley (1771) (B)
Langsett (1812) (B)	Treeton (1793) (B)

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Ravenfield (1766)	Wadsley (1789) (B)
Scotton (1753)	Wath (1775) (B)
Sheffield (1788) (B)	Wentworth (1778) (B)
Sheffield: Brightside (1788) (B)	Whiston (1817) (B)

(B) With explanatory books

List of Parishes

The numbers show how many plans there are in each group. A dash instead of a number shows that there are sketches in the Field Books of places in that parish, but no plans.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Water Eaton 1

CHESHIRE

Bowden (see Altrincham)	-	Gatley	1	Stockport	2
Cheadle	4	Northenden	-	Whaley Bridge	-

DERBYSHIRE

Alfreton	20	Duffield	6	Monyash	—
Ashbourne	1	Eckington	78	North Wingfield	—
Bakewell	7	Elmton	3	Norton	38
Barlborough	26	Etwall	—	Osleston	1
Beauchief	5	Eyam	5	Radbourne	—
Beighton	7	Glossop	3	Repton	1
Bolsover	—	Great Longstone	1	Ripley	1
Brampton	16	Gresley	1	Scarcliffe	—
Castleton	4	Hartington	3	Scropton	2
Chapel-en-le-Frith	—	Hathersage	71	Staveley	13
Chesterfield	37	Hope	31	Button	2
Clowne	1	Killamarsh	11	Sutton-on-the-Hill	—
Crich	2	Marston Montgomery	1	Tideswell	10
Darley	4	Marston-on-Dove	—	Whittington	19
Doveridge	2	Mickleover	1	Whitwell	12
Dronfield	85			Wirksworth	2

ESSEX

Broxted	1	Little Hollingbury	1	Waltham Abbey	—
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Wigmore	1					
KENT						
Gravesend	1					
LANCASHIRE						
Didsbury	2	Todmorden	6	Whalley	1	
Liverpool	1					
LINCOLNSHIRE						
Claxby	—	Frodingham	1	Saxby	—	
Corringham	—	Gainsborough	3	Scawby	3	
East Stockwith	—	Gunhouse	2	Stokeham	1	
Epworth	—	Laughton	1	Stowe	3	
Welbourne Wroot	1					
MIDDLESEX						
Enfield	1	London	4	Tottenham	2	
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE						
Basford	1	Mansfield	4	Walkeringham	1	
Clayworth	-	North Collingham	4	Warsop	1	
Hayton	1	Treswell	1	West Burton	1	
				Worksop	5	
SHROPSHIRE						
Coalbrookdale						
STAFFORDSHIRE						
Abbots Bromley	-	Kings Bromley	1	Stafford	-	
Alstonfield	1	Leigh	1	Stretton	2	
Farewell	1	Lichfield	3	Uttoxeter	-	
High Offley	-	Rugeley				
YORKSHIRE						
Anston	2	Goole	1	Sheffield:		
Arkengarthdale	-	Halifax	-	Town, townships	149	
Arksey	2	Handsworth	60	Built-up area	1421	
Aston	2	Hatfield	8	Fields, estates	693	
Barnbrough	-	Hooton Pagnell	10	Silkstone	35	
Bentham	-	Hooton Roberts	1	South Kirkby	12	
Bolton-upon-Deame	-	Kirk Bramwith	1	Sprotborough		
*Bradneid	152	Kirkburton	2	Stainton	1	
Braithwell	6	Laughton-en-le- Morthen	6	Stanley	—	
Calverley	5				Tankersley	5

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Campsall		Leeds	1	Thorne	10
Conisbrough	3	Maltby	3	Thrybergh	1
Craven	7	Mexbrough	2	Treeton	12
Crowle	4	Owston	1	Wakefield	-
Darfield	11	Penistone	29	Warmsworth	6
Darrington	6	Rawmarsh	19	Wath-upon-Dearne	37
Dewsbury	—	Rotherham	103	Westow	1
Doncaster	4	Roystone	3	Whiston	54
Ecclesfield ⁵	190	Scotton	1	Wickersley	4
Edlington	2	Selby	1		
Fishlake	9	Settle	—		

And printed plans of the cities of: Bath (1808); Hull (1791, 1835); Lichfield (1781) ; Lincoln (1819); Paris (1792) ; Worcester (1779); York (n.d.).

Lists of Railways, Roads and Enclosures

During the period covered by the collection, a complete system of road administration grew to its full extent and fell into decay, and the face of England was changed by the development of railways, the final disappearance of the common field system, and the enclosure of many acres of common land. The many plans, books and papers in the collection dealing with Turnpike Roads, Railways and Enclosures are therefore of particular interest.

Railways

Bramley Moor and Eckington (plans and books)
Briery Wood and Wheldon's Mill (plans and books)
Cheltenham, Oxford, and London and Birmingham Union Railway (plan)
Gainsborough, Sheffield, and Chesterfield (plans and books)
Goole and Doncaster, and Sheffield and Manchester, Junction (prospectus)
Grand Junction (plan)
Great Grimsby, Sheffield, the Potteries and Grand Junction Railway (prospectus)
Great Northern (plans, books, papers)
Halifax and Hull (plan)
Huddersfield and Manchester (prospectus)
Huddersfield and Sheffield Junction (plan and prospectus)
Hull and Leeds Junction (plan)
Liverpool and Derby (prospectus)

⁵ The parish of Ecclesfield, which was exceptionally large, has for convenience been treated as two: Bradfield (once a chapelry, now a parish) and Ecclesfield.

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London and Ashford (prospectus)
London and Birmingham (plans, books, papers)
London and Brighton (plan)
London and York (plans, books, papers)
Manchester, Buxton, Matlock and Midlands Junction (prospectus).
Manchester, Sheffield and Midland Junction (plans, books, papers)
Midland, Barnsley, Sheffield, Dewsbury, Leeds and Bradford (prospectus)
Newark and Sheffield (plans and papers)
North Kent (prospectus)
North Midland (plans, books, papers)
North Staffordshire (plans)
Oxford and Rugby (plans)
Peak Forest and Bank End (plan)
Peak Forest (plans, books, papers)
Pontefract, Doncaster, Worksop, and Mansfield Junction (plan and prospectus)
Radnorshire, Aberystwyth, and Welsh Midland Junction (plan and prospectus)
Rotherham, Bawtry and Gainsborough Junction (prospectus)
Sheffield and Chesterfield Junction (plans, books, papers)
Sheffield and Goole, Sheffield and Humber (plans, books, papers)
Sheffield and Lincolnshire (plans and papers)
Sheffield and Manchester (plans, books, papers)
Sheffield, Midland and Hull (prospectus)
Sheffield and Rotherham (plans, papers)
Sheffield, Wortley, Silkston and Wakefield (prospectus)
Trent Valley (prospectus)

Turnpike Roads - Derbyshire

Chesterfield and Cuckney
Clowne and Budby
Greenhill Moor and Eckington.
Monsal Dale and Barmoor Clough.
Sheffield and Baslow
Sheffield and Buxton, and Sheffield and Chapel-en-le-Frith, joint trusts
Sheffield and Derby [Sheffield and Chesterfield]
Sheffield and Gander Lane
Sheffield and Glossop
Tideswell and Blackwell

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Cuckney and Clowne

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YORKSHIRE

Attercliffe and Worksop

Grindleford Bridge and Penistone

Manchester and Salterbrook

Rotherham and Harcliffe Hill

Sheffield and Halifax [Sheffield and Penistone division]

Sheffield and Leeds [Sheffield and Wakefield division]

Sheffield and Tinsley

Tinsley and Doncaster

Wadsley and Langsett

Enclosures

DERBYSHIRE

Barlborough (plans and books)

Chesterfield (Walton Common: copy of plan only)

Coal Aston (plans and books)

Eckington (plans and books)

Hathersage, Derwent and Dore (plans, books and papers).

Norton (books and papers)

Whitwell (plans and books)

YORKSHIRE

Attercliffe and Darnall (plans, books and papers)

Barnsley (plans and books)

Brightside (plans and books)

Cumberworth and Cumberworth Half (plan only)

Dungworth (books only)

Ecclesall (plans and books)

Ecclesfield (plans and books)

Handsworth (fragments of plans, and books)

Heeley (plans and books)

Hoyland (plans and books)

Ingbirchworth (plans and books)

Kimberworth (plans and books)

Langsett (plans and books)

Nether Hallam (plans and books)

Storrs (plans and books)

Upper Hallam (plans and books)

Wadsley Common and Loxley Chase (plans and books).

Whiston (plans and books)

Wisewood (copy of plan only)

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Sources for Further Study

In addition to the main Fairbank Collection at Sheffield Archives (Ref. FC), there is additional information available as follows:

A general search of the Archive catalogues for the term 'Fairbank' will reveal a large number of plans drawn by the Fairbanks and other material available in a wide variety of collections.

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (DNB) (available for free to any member of Sheffield Libraries through the Council's website:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries)

T W Hall, *The Fairbanks of Sheffield, 1688–1848* (1932)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S and Sheffield Archives: BIOG/FAI*)

Fairbank Collection Access databases
(*Sheffield Archives: ROM/5*)

B English, *Yorkshire enclosure awards 1985* (ISBN 0859580954)
(*Sheffield Archives: ENG/MAP*)

Details of the survey for 'an intended railway or tram road from or near the liberty of Pak Forest in the county of Derby into or near the township or hamlet of Woodlands in the parish of Hope' by Josiah Fairbank in 1815
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Sheffield Clarion Ramblers, 1932-1933 pp. 155, 163 (914.273 S)*)

A map showing the Park windmill, Sheffield. Copied from a plan made by W & J Fairbank, 1808. Published 1937.
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 2295 M*)

William Fairbank (b. 1686) and William Fairbank (b. 1730) Biographical details
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Surveyors and Architects, R E Leader (927.2 S)*)

Typed copies of extracts from Fairbank ledgers (re Duke of Devonshire, Police Commissioners, Glossop Road, Waterworks Company, c. 1815-1820; extracts From Burgery Accounts Of Sheffield, 1574-1822
(*Sheffield Archives: BC7/2-6*)

The Fairbank Family of civil engineers: five generations; compiled 1890 by J F Fairbank, 1890
(*Sheffield Archives: BC/4/3*)

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The Fairbank family from the year 1470: also, the domestic memoirs of five generations of the Fairbank family, by Josiah Forster Fairbank, London, 1888
(*Sheffield Archives: BC/4/1-2*)

Miscellaneous correspondence between Fred Bland and members of the Fairbank family in England, 1932 – 1933
(*Sheffield Archives: BC/3*)

Newspaper cuttings giving R D Bennett's impressions of the USA while on a visit to the Fairbank family in America in 1933
(*Sheffield Archives: BC/2/1-9*)

Plan of Brincliffe (Sheffield) by J Fairbank, 1828
(*Sheffield Archives: MD 2975*)

Plan of Lescar Wheel, by J Fairbank, 1830
(*Sheffield Archives: MD 3153*)

Marginal plan of land in Devonshire Street, J Fairbank and Son, 1830
(*Sheffield Archives: LD 1792/1*)

Map of property in West Bar, J Fairbank and Son, 1838
(*Sheffield Archives: MD 6402*)

Map of navigation improvements to River Dun (Doncaster), by Josiah Fairbank, 1820
(*Sheffield Archives: TC/393*)

Map of the Township of Dore (Sheffield) by Josiah Fairbank, c. 1810 – 1820
(*Sheffield Archives: OD/1190*)

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Colour photograph (actual size) of map of Beauchief estate of Mr Strelley Pegge by William Fairbank 1780s (includes field names, field numbers, vignettes of Beauchief Hall and church. Scale 1 inch : 4 chains. Size 91 x 52 cm (original in private possession)

(Sheffield Archives: MD 7597)

Printed sale particulars of Tapton Hall estate, near Sheffield, 1826, with coloured plan by W and J Fairbank, 1825

(Sheffield Archives: MD 7660 and NHS 17/2/11/4)

Letter from Thomas Denman re his estate at Stony Middleton [Derbyshire], 1813; letter from Robert Easby, Assistant Overseer, re plan and valuation of the township of Liversedge [Yorkshire], 1834; small envelope (unrelated), [c.1860]

(Sheffield Archives: MD 7695)

William Fairbank Map of Carbrook Estate, Sheffield, 1741 (photocopy of original map held by East Riding Archives Service)

(Sheffield Archives: MD 7971)

Survey by William Fairbank of land taken from John Addy for the use of the General Infirmary, Jun 1794

(Sheffield Archives: NHS 17/2/7/12)

Map of land between Sharrowvale Road and Psalter Lane, Sheffield, A & J Fairbank, 1820

(Sheffield Archives: MD 7908)

Map of Craven (Yorkshire) by Josiah Fairbank, 1808

(Sheffield Archives: OD/1239)

Plan of brushhouse Common (Yorkshire), William Fairbank, 1793

(Sheffield Archives: SC/235)

Sketch of alterations to Norton – Gleadless (Yorkshire/Derbyshire border) roads by Josiah Fairbank, c. 1803

(Sheffield Archives: OD/1189)

Plan concerning turnpike road at Heeley and Highfield (Sheffield) by Josiah Fairbank c. 1840

(Sheffield Archives: OD/1193-1195)

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Elevation of a lodge (probably concerning Sheffield – Derby Turnpike Road)
by Josiah Fairbank, 1841
(*Sheffield Archives: OD/1196*)

Map of Charnock Hall Estate, Eckington (Derbyshire) by Josiah Fairbank,
1828 (printed)
(*Sheffield Archives: OD/1446*)

Josiah Fairbank – exchange of land, 1818
(*Sheffield Archives: CB/598/4*)

Josiah Fairbank: agreement and sections of roads in Sheffield, 1822
(*Sheffield Archives: CB/598/11-12*)

Survey for Attercliffe valuation, 1819 by Josiah Fairbank
(*Sheffield Archives: CA 13 and FC/ MB/436-8*)

Letter to the editor of the Sheffield Independent relating to the proposed new
water works c. 1828, 15 Jan 1829 (typewritten copy)
(*Sheffield Archives: BC/8-4*)

Extract of a diary of Josiah Fairbank 1830, when surveying an early railway
with Robert Stephenson (typescript copy)
(*Sheffield Archives: BC/5-2*)

Remarks by Josiah Fairbank as to some of the probable effects likely to be
produced on the mills situate on the Rivers Rivelin, Loxley and Dun by the
proposed reservoirs on the Wyming Brook, 30 Mar 1830 (typescript copy)
(*Sheffield Archives: BC/8-5*)

Account of the gaugings taken by Josiah Fairbank, of the Wyming Brook and
other streams at Redmires, 3 Jul 1830 (typescript copy)
(*Sheffield Archives: BC/8-6*)

Letters from Josiah Fairbank to James Wheat, 1843
(*Sheffield Archives: TT/102*)

Map of new street off Hartshead by W Fairbank, 1781
(*Sheffield Archives: MD 5830*)

Map of the town and environs of Sheffield by W & J Fairbank, 1809
(*Sheffield Archives: SY 632/Z1/1*)

Map of Norris's grinding wheel on Porter Brook, 1810

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(Sheffield Archives: MD 5849)

Survey and sale catalogue plan of land near Endcliffe Grange belonging to the Infirmary, W and J Fairbank, 1821, 1825

(Sheffield Archives: NHS 17/2/11/3)

Maps of the estates vested in the Trustees of the Sheffield General Infirmary in the parishes of Sheffield and Ecclesfield; plans, coloured, drawn up by W and J Fairbank, 1812, revised by J Fairbank and Son, 1827

(Sheffield Archives: NHS 17/2/11/1)

Table of distances from market place to other places in Sheffield environs; Surveyed by William Fairbank; possibly relates to deciding on a site for the infirmary, [c. 1792]

(Sheffield Archives: NHS 17/1/8/2/1)

Plan of premises in Coalpit Lane, by William Fairbank, 1738/9

(Sheffield Archives: LD 2006/67-68)

Plans of Sheffield Free School Croft, William Fairbank, 1736

(Sheffield Archives: GS/68)

Survey by William Fairbank, 1737

(Sheffield Archives: TC/397)

William Fairbank – party to Bargain and Sale, 1750

(Sheffield Archives: MHD/298)

Measuring for carpenters work, William Fairbank, 1754

(Sheffield Archives: MD 1852)

Map near Mortomley, William Fairbank, 1758

(Sheffield Archives: MD 2839 and LD 217)

William Fairbank – deeds relating to settlement, c. 1760

(Sheffield Archives: CM/1276-1284)

Survey of Townend estate, William Fairbank, 1764

(Sheffield Archives: U-WM/497)

Survey of Hoyland Lowe, William Fairbank, 1737 – 1765

(Sheffield Archives: U-WM/508)

Plans of Church Burgess property in Sheffield, William Fairbank, 1768, 1794

(Sheffield Archives: CB/1633)

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Survey and maps of Thomas Eyre's estates, 1772 – 1773
(*Sheffield Archives: MD 6917*)

William Fairbank – trustee of the will of John Girdom, a Quaker of Handsworth Woodhouse, 1779
(*Sheffield Archives: MD 6216*)

Plan of a yard in Fargate, Sheffield, William Fairbank, 1789
(*Sheffield Archives: MD 6531*)

Survey of R Althorpe's estate, William Fairbank, 1789
(*Sheffield Archives: AM/642 and 643*)

Survey of fields at Morthen, William Fairbank, 1765
(*Sheffield Archives: AM/1453*)

Copies of Sheffield parish surveys, William Fairbank
(*Sheffield Archives: Bag/297-301*)

Plans of mills and lands in Heeley, William Fairbank, 1770
(*Sheffield Archives: HC/50-61*)

Maps of Newton and Shaw estates, William Fairbank, 18th – 19th cent
(*Sheffield Archives: NSC/91-150*)

Map of lands of Lowndes School, William Fairbank 1791
(*Sheffield Archives: NC/58-62*)

Survey of part of central Sheffield, William Fairbank, 1790
(*Sheffield Archives: TC/391*)

Survey of Foulstone Hall Estate, Kirkburton (Yorkshire), William Fairbank, 1782
(*Sheffield Archives: TC/391*)

Plans of intended Dearne School Canal, William Fairbank, 1773 or 1793?
(*Sheffield Archives: EM/1711-1713 and EM/1260*)

Map of Countess of Devonshire's charity land at Tankersley (Yorkshire), William Fairbank, 1778
(*Sheffield Archives: Wh M/Maps/17*)

Estimate prepared for building a brewhouse, William Fairbank, 1741
(*Sheffield Archives: TC/368/5*)

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Survey of a farm at Thurgoland (Yorkshire), William Fairbank, 1776
(*Sheffield Archives: TC/368/6*)

Survey by William Fairbank, [18th century]
(*Sheffield Archives: TC/368/3*)

Map of lands and buildings at Attercliffe (Sheffield), William Fairbank, 1746
(*Sheffield Archives: TC/390*)

Attercliffe and Darnall Poor Rate Assessment, W & J Fairbank, 1819
(microfilm copy)
(*Sheffield Archives: A 176a*)

Place names and field names from the Fairbank papers by R D Bennett
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Worsborough, Eckington and Sheffield: descriptive catalogue of the Edmunds Collection edited by T W Hall 016.94274 S*)

Description of the Fairbank Collection
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Transactions of the Hunter Archaeological Society, Vol. 4 p. 172 913.4274 S*)

Illustrated article re the Fairbank Collection
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, Vol. 50, pp. 203-205 942.74 S*)

Surveyors and Local History by Harold Nichols
(*Sheffield local studies library: Local History Magazine, Jul 1991, MP 4747 M*)

Fairbank Cuttings
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST*)

Detailed articles re Fairbank family
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, Vol. 39 pp. 82-87 (942.74 SF)*)

Newspaper article
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, Vol. 50 pp. 203 (942.74 SF)*)

Fairbank family – historical details
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Sheffield by Henry Tatton, Vol. 3 pp. 466, 509 (942.74 SQ)*)

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Records of the Fairbank family

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, Vol. 3, pp. 50 (942.74 S))

Silhouettes and biographical details of six generations of the Fairbank family, 1688 – 1932

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, Vol. 5, pp. 83, 942.74SF and Vol. 49, p. 86 (942.74 S))

Newspaper cuttings, photographs etc re the visit of R D Bennett to the Fairbanks family in America, 1933

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 189 M)

Note on the American branch of the Fairbank family and the Sheffield Fairbank family relics

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, Vol. 28 pp. 127 (942.74 SQ))

Article on an exhibition of Fairbank plans in Hartshead

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, Vol. 39 pp. 95 (942.74 SF))

William Fairbank, died 15 Jul 1846

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Sheffield Local Register)

Fairbank family – association with Sheffield

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Yorkshire Telegraph and Star 31 Mar 1933 p. 8)

Visit of R D Bennett to America in conjunction with 300th anniversary

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Yorkshire Telegraph and Star 12 Jul 1933 p. 6)

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