Sources for the Study of Sheffield's Yemeni Community









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Hadfield's steel works, where many Yemenis worked (Sheffield Local Studies Library Picture Sheffield: s02549)

Detail from Al-Nazzeh Al-Yemeni, monthly newsletter issued by the Yemeni Refugee Support Group (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5499 M)

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Introduction

This booklet lists sources available within Sheffield Libraries Archives and Information for the study of the city's Yemeni community.

It is not a detailed history of Yemeni immigration into Sheffield; it merely points the reader who wishes to carry out their own research to what is available within Sheffield Libraries and Archives.

References are included to books, documents, photographs and other items which explicitly refer to the Yemeni community of Sheffield. It does not include own language books, works of fiction or documents translated into Yemeni. Neither does it include details of books about Yemen.

The catalogues of Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield City Archives will contain additional references not listed here. This is because some items will include implicit references to the Yemeni community. For instance, there are a large number of reports and documents which refer to wider terms (or terms no longer used) such as 'ethnic minority', 'refugees', 'immigration' or 'race relations'. Using these terms to search the services' catalogues is likely to yield further relevant material.

Yemenis have been settling in Britain for well over a century and a half. In fact they are the longest established Arab community in the UK.

In the 19th century many arrived in Britain as seamen and traders and they settled close to ports such as London, Cardiff and Bristol. In 1939 the British annexed the city of Aden. This was a major port en-route from Europe to East Africa, the Middle and Far East and Australasia. Many Yemenis sought work in the port and on the ships.

After World War II with labour shortages in Britain many Yemeni workers and their families came to the UK, often to work in the steel industry. However, in the 1980s when the UK economy fell into recession a considerable number of Yemenis returned home.

Significantly more settled here during the 1990s as they fled the civil war raging in their country. Most settled in London, however as there were existing communities in Sheffield, many were attracted northwards. South Shields, Liverpool and Hull were also areas of Yemeni settlement.

There are approximately 70-80,000 people of Yemeni origin living in the UK according to the latest available census figures (2001). In Sheffield, there are estimated to be 2,500 people of Yemeni origin. The main community centres are Burngreave, Darnall and Firth Park.

A well known Sheffield Yemeni is Prince Naseem Hamed, former world featherweight and European bantamweight boxing champion.

Timeline showing key dates

Late 19 th century	Some Yemeni mariners settled in port areas of the UK, notably London, Cardiff and Bristol, but also in Sheffield.
1939	The city of Aden is annexed by Britain. The city was a major port en-route from Europe to the Far East
1950s - 1960s	Britain's need for more workers led to an influx of workers from many nations, including Yemenis who came to Sheffield to work in the steel industry.
1960s	Approximately 12,000 Yemenis believed to be living in the UK.
1967	Yemen becomes independent of Britain.
1971	Yemeni Workers' Union established by steelworkers in Sheffield.
c. 1975	Approximately 15,000 Yemenis believed to be living in the UK.
c. 1979	Approximately 2,000 Yemenis believed to be living in Sheffield.
1980s	With the UK economy in recession some Yemenis returned home.
1986	Yemeni Community Association (YCA) established.
1988	Yemeni Literacy Campaign set up in Sheffield.
1992	Hadfields Institute established.
1994	Civil war in Yemen led to may Yemenis immigrating to the UK.
1994	Yemeni Economic and Training Centre (YETC) established.
1997	Yemeni Refugee Organisation (YRO) established in Sheffield.
2001	The census records 12,500 Yemenis living in the UK.
2003	A Sheffield College survey puts the number of Yemenis living in Sheffield at 5,500.
2007	An article in the Sheffield Telegraph puts the figure at 3,500.
2008	It is believed there are 70-80,000 people of Yemeni origin in the UK.
2010	2,300 Yemenis believed to be living in Sheffield.

List of documents, books, photographs and other items available at Sheffield Libraries, Archives and Information

Newspaper reports, etc.

Relevant articles and features may appear in local newspapers. The main titles available at Sheffield Local Studies Library for the 20th century are: *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*, 1855 - 1986; *Sheffield Telegraph* (weekly) 1989 - date; *Sheffield Independent* 1819 - 1938 and the *Star* 1873 - date

Ali Ahmed Salen Attia, the priest who conducted a Iddul Alad prayers service at Emmanuel Youth Club, talking afterward with Mr G A Zindari, President of the Aden Protectorate Community ...

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: The Star (microfilm), 8 Jul 1957)

The Local Studies Library local newspaper cuttings collection will include articles on 'ethnic minorities' and the 'Yemeni community', 20th cent. (Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfiche)

The British Library British Newspapers website includes over nine million pages from over 300 national and local newspapers (including the *Sheffield and Rotherham Independent 1819 - 1909, Sheffield Daily Telegraph 1855 - 1950 and Sheffield Evening Telegraph 1887 - 1920*) (http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/)

FindMyPast has a collection of historic newspapers (1710 - 1953) available to search online http://www.findmypast.co.uk

The Sheffield Star and Sheffield Telegraph have some of their articles from the last 6 years or so available online at: http://www.thestar.co.uk and www.sheffieldtelegraph.co.uk

Some *Sheffield Star* articles from 2003 onwards are also online. Members of Sheffield Libraries and Archives can access this pay-per-view site for free using their library membership number https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/24

Archives of some national newspapers are available on the internet, notably *The Times* (http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/archive/) and *The Guardian* (http://archive.guardian.co.uk)

Photographs

Over 60,000 images from the Sheffield Local Studies Library photographic collection are available to search online at www.picturesheffield.com. A number of them relate to the Yemeni community.

Trade directories / telephone directories / electoral registers

Trade directories from the 18th century onwards list business and private residents in Sheffield. Those from the 1940s onwards in particular may list Yemeni families / businesses. Similarly, telephone directories of private residents and the Yellow Pages for businesses may reveal relevant references. (Sheffield Local Studies Library)

Electoral registers are published every year. A search of these will reveal the names and addresses of those with Yemeni origins who had the right to vote. (Sheffield Local Studies Library)

Census returns and population statistics

A population census had been undertaken every 10 years since 1801 (with the exception of 1941). Census returns record details of every citizen including name, address, age, marital status and birth place. Those from 1841 - 1911 are available to view for free at any Sheffield Libraries and at Sheffield City Archives via Ancestry.com.

Published statistical reports, which include data on ethnic origin (but not generally broken down by nationality), are available up to the latest census (2001). Copies of statistical reports to 1991 are available at the Reference and Information and Local Studies libraries in the Central Library.

School Records

School admission registers can be useful for studying settlement patterns in the city. Sheffield City Archives has such records for over 200 schools dating from the 19th century. These are kept confidential for 75 years so the earliest ones available for general research are from before 1936. Contact Sheffield City Archives for further information on how to access these items.

Business records

A significant proportion of the Sheffield Yemeni community worked at Hadfields steelworks. The archives of the company are available as Sheffield City Archives (ref. HAD), along with printed items such as Hadfield News, 1978 - 1982 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 052.74 SQ); The First 100 Years: Hadfields of Sheffield, A W McKears, 1973 (Sheffield Local Studies Library 338.4 SQ); Hadfield Bulletin, 1938 - 1941 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 672 SQ) and Hadfield Group staff society 'New Era', 1964 - 1968 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 052.74 SQ)

There is also a significant archive from other steel companies, notably Firth Brown (Sheffield City Archives: X307). For a full list of steel company archives available at Sheffield City Archives and Local Studies Library see https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections.html

Documents, journal articles, books, films and other items

Adams, Roger, 'Success for Yemeni Literacy Campaign', in *Dialogue*, Summer 1991 (page 4)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 371.975 SQ)

Yemeni Literacy Campaign leaflet, 1992 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4528 S)

Aden Charitable & Social Association, brief introduction and notes, 2002 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5485 M)

Alhekmh Magazine, 2003, 2005 (odd issues) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 275 - 275 SQ))

Al Kifah (the struggle): Journal of the Palestine Gulf and Yemen Solidarity Campaign (Sheffield), 1974

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5497 M)

Burngreave Messenger, various articles, for example launch of Yemeni Lunch Club in issue 38, Feb 2004, p.11

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 307.1 SQ (journals))

Thank you that's all I knew [Yemeni Literacy Campaign] (Sheffield Film Co-Op, 1989/90) (video)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: VID 145)

BBC Radio Sheffield tape: campaign by the Yemeni Literacy Project to improve illiteracy rates in spoken English and written Arabic in the Yemeni community, [?1980s]

(Sheffield City Archives: SY425/8812/1)

BBC Radio Sheffield tape: interview with John Wilson who found many of Sheffield's Yemeni men working in the steel industry were going deaf, 1988 (Sheffield City Archives: SY425/ week 37 1988)

File re Regeneration of Sheffield's East End

Section 5 includes copy of newspaper article, 2 Jan 1989 titled 'Yemenis forge a stronghold in the city of steel by tempering tradition with youthful spirit'. Newspaper article includes photograph captioned 'Ahmed Mohammed, Abdul Shaif and Abdul Khaliq of the Yemeni Association in Sheffield, giving voice to a thriving community' (Sheffield City Archives: X499)

Council of Europe Sheffield's Language Education Policies, 2008 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 379.2 SQ)

Halliday, Fred, Arabs in exile: Yemeni migrants in urban Britain (I.B. Tauris, 1992) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 305.8 S)

Hadfield Institute prospectus 2009/10

The Hadfield Institute aimed to promote educational and training opportunities. The Institute, based at the Vestry Hall, 43 Attercliffe Common, was founded by the Yemeni community in Sheffield in 1992. The name 'Hadfield' linked the Yemeni steelworkers, many of whom worked at Hadfields steelworks, with the Attercliffe building, where one of the founding members of the steel company was born. (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 374.8 S)

Immigrant Communities in Sheffield (Sheffield Education Department, Adult Education Service, 1977)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 325.1 SQ)

Gallia News (newsletter of the Yemeni Community Association and Hadfields), nos. 1-3, 2009-2010

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: journals)

Ansari, Humayun, *The infidel within: the history of Muslims in Britain, 1800 to the present* (Hurst & Co, 2004)

(Sheffield Central Lending Library: 305.6971; also available at various community libraries)

Assinani, Ghamdan, Being a Sheffielder and being a Yemeni: two worlds or one?: a conference to discuss achievement and success for Yemeni young people (2002) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 147 SQ)

Chatterjee, Debjani, Who cares?: reminiscences of Yemeni carers in Sheffield (Sheffield Carers Centre, 2001)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.16 S; also available at Burngreave and Firth Park community libraries: 362.10425)

Mohamed, Fayzeh, Yemeni housing needs: a detailed report of research carried out into the housing needs of the Yemeni community in Sheffield, 1995 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 363.59 SSTQ)

Havell, Cathy, Khat use in Somali, Ethiopian and Yemeni Communities in England: Issues and Solutions (Home Office, 2004) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.299 SQ: also available online at:

<u>www.12steptreatmentcentres.com/Articles/khat%20report05.pdf</u> (accessed Dec 2014)

Jaccoud, Mylène, Relations Between the Police and Ethnic Minorities in Sheffield, England (2002)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 363.23 SQ; also available online at https://depot.erudit.org/bitstream/003048dd/1/CRC_2002_N38.pdf (accessed Dec 2014))

McCarthy, Margaret, Elders in Exile: a Northern Refugee Centre report on the needs of elderly refugees based on research by Margaret McCarthy, (Northern Refugee

Centre, 1995) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.87 SQ and 362.87 SSTQ)

MacKillop, Jane *Ethnic Minorities in Sheffield* (Sheffield, Adult Education Department, Sheffield, c. 1981) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 325.1 SQ)

Power, Anne and Helen Willmot, *Social Capital within the Neighbourhood* (Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE report 38) 2007)
A study of social capital including The Valley, Sheffield.
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 302.9742 SQ)

Rowley, Gwyn and Graham Tipple, 'Coloured Immigrants within the City: An Analysis of Housing and Travel Preferences' in *Urban Studies*, February 1974, vol. 11 no. 1 pages 81 - 89 '[a] study of housing and travel preferences of coloured immigrants within ... [the] Attercliffe area ... and its Pakistani and Yemeni Arab coloured immigrant populations...'. The article includes a map showing the location of mosques and 'Yemeni arab residences.'
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 6200 M)

Searle, Kevin From Farms to Foundries: An Arab Community in Industrial Britain (Peter Lang, 2009) This book focuses on the experience of 25 Yemeni men who immigrated to Sheffield during the 1950s and 1960s to find opportunities for employment in the steel industry and who stayed on in the country, all of them now retired and in their twilight years.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 305.8 S)

Shaif, Abdul Galil, *Drinking from one pot: Yemeni unity, at home and away: an interview with Abdulgalil Shaif, Chairman of the Yemeni Community Organisation, Sheffield,* 1990s

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 63)

Sheffield City Council, Multi-cultural Support Unit, Community Information Packs, 1989 and 1991

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 301.45 SQ and SSTQ)

Sheffield City Council, Family & Community Services, Yemeni Community Investigation, 1993

(Sheffield City Archives: 1997/37)

Sheffield City Council, Education Service, Yemeni (Economic Training Centre) Action Group, correspondence and papers, 1991 - 1994 including 'Culture & Care' - service provision to the Yemeni community in Sheffield - a proposal to the Family & Community Service Department, Sheffield City Council. Prepared by Abdul Galil Shaif on behalf of the Yemeni community 1993.

(Sheffield City Archives: 2001/81)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee - reference to Yemen Welfare Advice Centre, 1985/6

(Sheffield City Archives: CA-POL/18)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee - report of the Race Equality Panel of 13 Sep 1988 entitled 'A Partnership Broken - Unemployment in the Yemeni Community' (Sheffield City Archives: CA-POL/38 part 1, appendix C)

Sheffield Ethnic Minorities Educational Advisory Group (SUMES), Yemeni Action Group minutes 1991-1994;

(Sheffield City Archives: 2001/81)

Frank Hooley, Labour MP for Heeley, Sheffield constituency papers, includes reference to immigration from Yemen, 1980

Information contained in this file may be subject to access restrictions; please refer to Sheffield City Archives for advice on how to access this item. (Sheffield City Archives: MPB/2/21)

Rotherham Yemeni Community Association, Report of the Community led research project focussing on exploring the Mental Health needs of the Yemeni Community (2008)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.2 SQ)

Sheffield City Council, Community profile, 2006 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 305.8 SSTQ)

Sheffield First Partnership, Sheffield's Health & Wellbeing Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Report (2010)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.1 SQ)

Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust (SGMT), oral history interview: Hussain Galab, restauranteur, 2005 [Compact disc and transcript] (Sheffield Local Studies Library: ORAL HISTORY CD9)

Sheffield Hallam University. Centre for Research and Evaluation, Yemeni community survey: a report prepared for The Sheffield College (2003) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 231 SQ)

Sheffield Health, Sheffield Black Health Needs Assessment Report produced by Sheffield Health and Sheffield Black Health Forum (Sheffield Health, 1996) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.84 SSTQ)

Sheffield Health, Sheffield Black and Minority Ethnic Health Needs Assessment report: draft for consultation produced by Sheffield Black Health Forum and Sheffield Health (Sheffield Health, 1996)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 614.42 SQ)

Smith, Tim, Coal, frankincense and myrrh: Yemen & British Yemens (Dewi Lewis, 2008)

(Sheffield Central Lending Library and Burngreave Library: 915.33)

Yemeni Community Association, annual reports 2004/05 onwards

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.892 SQ)

Yemeni Community Association, The Right to be Heard - removing inequalities, Consultation Event With Black And Ethnic Minority Elders (2007) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.84 S)

Yemeni Economic & Training Centre, statutory annual reports and accounts from 2003/4 onwards

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 374.08 SQ)

Yemeni Economic & Training Centre, [information brochure], 1990s (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5498 M)

Yemeni Education & Relief Organization, *Trustees reports and financial statements* 2005/06 onwards

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.849 SQ)

Yemeni Education & Relief Organization, Come join us (leaflet), 2004 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4314 S)

Al-Nazzeh Al-Yemeni, monthly newsletter issued by the Yemeni Refugee Support Group, 20th cent.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.1042 SQ (journals) and MP 5499 M)

Yemeni Refugee Organisation, annual reports 2003/04 onwards (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.87 SQ and 305.8 SQ)

Yemeni Refugee Organisation, Making a difference, 2002 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3436 S)

Beautiful babies: traditions in different countries: a compilation of stories from REEP students: women from Eritrea, Yemen, Syria, Turkey and Somalia (Refugee Education and Employment Project, 2007) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 514; also available at a number of community libraries: 392.12)

Useful Websites

British Yemeni Society (http://www.al-bab.com) This website includes numerous articles on Yemenis in Sheffield as well as a useful bibliography.

Yemeni English language courses in Sheffield, BBC News, 2004 http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/3876307.stm

Witness - Qat Barons of Sheffield (a Baclava Film production (in two parts) for Al Jazeera English, 2007) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKoUyGQi-Uc (accessed Dec 2014)

The History of the British Yemenis, 2009 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vOV9KUN1Ls (accessed Dec 2014)

Library and Archive collections held elsewhere

The National Archives Discovery catalogue includes catalogues describing archives held locally in England and Wales http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

The Archives Hub contains catalogues describing archives held in universities and colleges in the UK http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk/

The National Archives (TNA) holds records of central government departments and agencies, including immigration records and records relating to the administration of Aden, etc: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guides/immigrants.htm. You can search the TNA catalogue online at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

ITN source has library footage relating to Yemeni Community Association / Council Stop Grants / Sheffield, 1 Jul 1994

(http://www.itnsource.com/shotlist/ITVClips/1994/07/22/149026/?s=sheffield+yemeni &st=1&pn=1 accessed Dec 2014))

The London Gazette records details of naturalisation, changes of name, business partnerships and bankruptcies. It can be searched online, 1665 – 2011 https://www.thegazette.co.uk

The following items are not available in Sheffield Libraries but are worth mentioning:

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Papen, Uta, Adult literacy as social practice: more than skills: New approaches to adult language, literacy and numeracy (Routledge, 2005) refers to the Yemeni literacy campaign in Sheffield in the 1980s and 1990s (pages 82-83) http://books.google.com/books?id=IFSuVnIJuEMC&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q=sheffield&f=false (accessed Dec 2014)

Tipple, A. Graham, *Arab housing preferences: a study of Yemeni immigrants in Attercliffe, Sheffield* (University of Sheffield, Department of Town & Regional Planning, 1974)

(Sheffield University Library: ARCH/GPL STORE Q 710.8 (S))

On 26 April 2004 BBC Radio 4 broadcast Born in Yemen, forged in Sheffield.

Sheffield Archives and Local Studies 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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