

Sources for the History of Brightside



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

William Jessop and Sons, Brightside Works, Brightside Lane, 19th cent
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s09754*)

Advertisement for William Jessop & Sons, Brightside Works, Sheffield, 1900
White's Sheffield District Directory, 1900 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library and
Sheffield Archives*)

Brightside School group, c. 1917
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield t01398*)

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

Brightside lies 3.5 miles north east of Sheffield City Centre.

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

There is a separate Guide for Attercliffe.

Books

Who'd have thought it? The changing face of Sheffield's East End (East End Publishing, 1990)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S)

Scrapbook of North-East Sheffield History: Attercliffe, Brightside, Firth Park, Norwood, Pitsmoor, Tinsley, No.2 (Earl Marshall Adult Education Centre. Local History Group, 1984)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; also available at Sheffield Archives: EAR/LOCAL)

St. Margaret's [church], Brightside, 1918-1935
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 99)

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

Binfield, Clive, *The History of the City of Sheffield 1843 - 1993* (Sheffield Academic Press, 1993) (3 vols)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield Archives: SHE/LOCAL; also available at most Sheffield libraries)

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 Archives: HAR/LOCAL)

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 Archives: HUN/LOCAL)

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

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. Some directories are available to view online: www.historicaldirectories.org

Bradbury's Enterprise Almanack for Sheffield and District, 1892 - 1905
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 032.74 S*)

J. S. C., Business directory of Sheffield, Rotherham, Masbro' and Attercliffe, 1862
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SST*)

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*)

Businesses

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

Here are two examples:

William Jessop and Sons Limited, Steel Manufacturers, Brightside Steel Works, Brightside Lane, Sheffield, records, 19th - 20th cent
(*Sheffield Archives: MD7889, MD8004*)

Brightside and Carbrook Co-operative Society, report and balance sheets, 1891-1915 and 1958 - 1985
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 334.5 SQ*)

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

Prior to 1864 Brightside formed part of the parish of Christ Church, Attercliffe.

St Thomas, Brightside, parish registers and records, 1864 onwards
St. Thomas, Brightside was created an ecclesiastical district out of the parish of Attercliffe in 1846, and made a parish in 1850.
(*Sheffield Archives: PR 46*)

St Thomas, Brightside, monumental inscriptions and plan
(*Sheffield Archives: MI/59a-b*)

All Saints, Brightside, parish registers and records, 1869 onwards
The parish of All Saints, Brightside was created out of the parish of St Thomas, Brightside in 1869.
(*Sheffield Archives: PR 43*)

Sheffield, St Margaret, Brightside, parish registers and records, 1918 onwards
The parish of St Margaret of Scotland was constituted in 1918 out of St Thomas, Brightside.
(*Sheffield Archives: PR 66*)

Christ Church, Attercliffe, parish registers and records, 1719 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR 28*)

Attercliffe, Chapel of Ease, monumental inscriptions
(*Sheffield Archives: MI/54*)

Attercliffe, Christ Church, monumental inscriptions
(*Sheffield Archives: DIOC/4/1*)

Sheffield, St Thomas, Wincobank, parish registers and records, 1875 onwards
The parish of St Thomas, Wincobank was formed in 1876 out of the parishes of Ecclesfield, Kimberworth and Brightside.
(*Sheffield Archives: PR 104*)

Brightside Methodist Chapel, Bazaar accounts, 1930 - 1969
(*Sheffield Archives: NR1946*)

Dearne Street Wesleyan Methodist chapel, registers and records, 1866 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: NR1951 and SY139*)

Fell Street Primitive Methodist Chapel, registers and records, 1853 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: NR1424-1425; NR1975 and SY139*)

Emmanuel Church, Attercliffe, parish registers and records, 1880 onwards
The parish of Emmanuel Church, Attercliffe, was formed in 1880, mainly out of Christ Church, Attercliffe, and partly out of All Saints, Brightside, with a small part from St Thomas, Brightside, and St John, Park.
(*Sheffield Archives: PR34*)

St Clement, Newhall, parish registers and records, 1886 onwards
The parish of St Clement, Newhall, Attercliffe, was formed in 1907 out of St Thomas, Brightside, but it was preceded by a Mission Hall on a site in Sanderson Street which conducted services from 1886.
(*Sheffield Archives: PR35*)

Attercliffe Cemetery (opened 1859), registers and indexes of burials, 1859 - 1960
(*Sheffield Archives: A429 - A430 and TI(M) 39/18*)

Diocese of Sheffield, faculties from 1914 onwards (these detail changes made to Anglican church buildings)
(*Sheffield 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 Attercliffe based clubs, societies and charities; for instance:

Brightside Local Miners' Society, rules and contribution book, 1958
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 149 no. 17 (042 S)*)

Sheffield and Brightside Women's Liberal Association, minutes, 1924 - 1964
(*Sheffield Archives: MD7227*)

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 Strathmore and Tickhill Division of 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*)

Prior to 1880 Brightside came within the jurisdiction of the West Riding Quarter Sessions. Records are held at [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

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, "particulars, plan and special conditions of sale of freehold land and premises situate at Meadowhall Road, Brightside and Wincobank" (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 9 Jun 1891*). In addition, some planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*), etc. There are also deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers. For instance, deeds relating to Samuel Smith of Brightside Bierlow, 1706 - 1751 (*Sheffield Archives: MD1604 - 1608*).

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*)

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)

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

Photographs and Illustrations

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

(Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield Archives)

Poor Law, Civil Parish and Local Government records

Sheffield Town Trustees, records from 1297
(Sheffield Archives: TT)

Sheffield Church Burgesses, records from 1304
(Sheffield Archives: CB)

Sheffield Borough (later City) Council, records from 1843
(Sheffield Archives: CA)

The Sheffield Union (established in 1837) comprised Attercliffe cum Darnall, Brightside Bierlow and Sheffield. The workhouse was built in 1881 at Fir Vale, and it later became the site of the Northern General Hospital.

Brightside Bierlow apprenticeship indentures, 1697 - 1770 and 1782 - 1857
(Sheffield Archives: CA1 and CA2)

Brightside Bierlow civil parish, Vestry minutes, 1858 - 1912; Overseers receipts and payments, 1847 - 1868; Overseers minutes, 1801 - 1858, 1897 - 1902; Overseers memoranda book, 1827 - 1829; Overseers cash book, 1800; register of property owners in Brightside, 1858 - 1892 (Sheffield Archives: CA16)

Brightside Bierlow Township deeds (Including references to poor rates, workhouses, etc) 1802 - 1879
(*Sheffield Archives: CA354*)

Valuation of Brightside Poor House, 1839
(*Sheffield Archives: SY141/1 microfilm*)

Attercliffe, Overseers of the Poor (and Constable's) accounts, 1676 - 1788 and 1819 - 1890
(*Sheffield Archives: CA26/1 and CA15/3*)

Attercliffe, list of overseers, 1608 - 1787
(*Sheffield Archives: CA26/1*)

Attercliffe-cum-Darnall, survey for poor rate assessment with accompanying book of plans 1819
(*Sheffield Archives: CA13/1-2, available on Microfilm A176*)

Attercliffe, settlement and removal records (certificates, examinations, removal orders, etc.) 1712 - 1792
(*Sheffield Archives: CA26/1*)

Attercliffe Vestry minutes, 1884 - 1890; Highway minutes, 1862
(*Sheffield Archives: CA15*)

Sheffield Poor Law Union (including Brightside): Guardians' minutes 1890-1930 and letter books 1847-1861; officers' appointments 1876-1913; workhouse punishment book 1903-1926, dietary 1919 (*Sheffield Archives CA 692/1-35, CA24, CA 510*); Copy minutes 1891/2–1929/30; Statement of Accounts, 1884–1930 (with gaps); Guardian handbook and list of committees, 1894-1904, 1906-1929 (*Local Studies Library 352.9 S and 352.9 SQ*)

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 there are archives from Brightside Nursery First School, Sheffield from 1878 (Sheffield Archives: CA35/142-169). 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 Archives: SY350; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 379.4274 S*)

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:

For areas formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire (such as Brightside) there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#).

Prior to 1914, Brightside 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 Brightside prior to 1858 are held at the [Borthwick Institute](#) in York. Probate records after 1858 are held at [The National Archives](#) (TNA).

Court records will also be held at the [West Yorkshire Archive Service](#) 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](#).

Other titles in this series

Arbourthorne	Darnall	Jordanthorpe	Ranmoor
Attercliffe	Deepcar	Kelham Island	Richmond
Beauchief	Dore	Lodge Moor	Ringinglow
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Broomhill	Greenhill	Norton	Uppertorpe
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			Woodseats

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

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

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