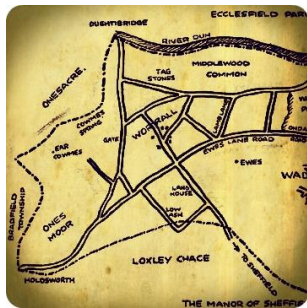


# Sources for the History of Loxley



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

Map of the Manor of Wadsley in 1802

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Remains of Daniel Chapman's House at Little Matlock, Loxley - a household of six people were washed away and drowned during the Great Sheffield Flood, 1864

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s00975)*

The Wood Family outside Wisewood Forge, Loxley Valley, early 20<sup>th</sup> cent.

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

Loxley is 4 miles north west of Sheffield. For local government purposes it was in the West Riding of Yorkshire and Wortley Rural District until 1974 when it was transferred to the city of Sheffield.

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

## **Books**

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Battye, Ray, *The Forgotten mines of Sheffield: especially around the upper Don, Loxley and Sheaf valleys* (ALD Design & Print, 2004)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 622.367 SF; Sheffield City Archives: BAT/BUS and at various community libraries 622.334)

Battye, Ray, *A Study of the gannister mining industry in the Wadsley, Worrall and Loxley areas of Sheffield, from its rise in the mid-nineteenth century to its decline in the mid-twentieth century* (unpublished MA dissertation, 1997)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 622.367 SQ)

Beedham, Ann, *Peeks at the past in Sheffield and the surrounding area. Vol.2* (Pickard Communication, 2004)  
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Castle, Joe, [*Loxley House and Loxley House Farm* - Collection of notes, correspondence, newscuttings, sale plans, etc.] (20<sup>th</sup> cent.)  
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Castle, Joe, *The Low Ash and Stubbing Areas (twixt Worrall and Loxley) c. 1600 – 1930*, (Unpublished typescript, 2010)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SSTQ)

Clayton, Ron, *The River Loxley from emergence to confluence* (youbooks, 2009)  
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Hammond, T, *Sketches from Nature Drawn on the Stone etc.* (1869)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SSTF)

Lee, John, *A historical sketch of Loxley Chapel*, (Sheffield Independent Press, [189?])  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.741*)

Nunn, Malcolm, *Around Bradfield, Loxley and Hillsborough* (Chalford, 1996)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield City Archives: NUN/LOCAL and at various community libraries 942.821*)

Nunn, Malcolm, *Around Bradfield, Loxley and Hillsborough: the second selection* (Tempus, 2002)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S and at various community libraries 942.821*)

Nunn, Malcolm, *Loxley Valley and beyond through time* (Amberley, 2009)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S and at various community libraries 942.821*)

Sheffield: Department of Land and Planning, Countryside Management, *Loxley Valley walk* (Sheffield: Department of Land and Planning. [198?])  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3351 S*)

Sheffield: Department of Land and Planning, *Loxley Valley Plan proposals* (Sheffield: Department of Land and Planning, 1985)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 719.3 SQ*)

Sheffield Libraries, Archives and Information, *Sources for the study of the Great Sheffield Flood 1864* (2008)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 016.94274; Sheffield City Archives: STUDY GUIDES*)

Wadsley and Loxley Commoners, *Discover Wadsley and Loxley Common* (Wadsley and Loxley Commoners, 2009)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4289 S*)

Zimmermann, Johann, *Historical and antiquarian sketches of the neighbourhood of Sheffield: comprehending, within a distance of twenty miles, descriptions of buildings and natural scenery, biographical notices, traditions, and events of local interest; together with historical, antiquarian and heraldic information. Vol.1, The Loxley and the Rivelin* (Pawson and Brailsford, 1863)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SST*)

Yorkshire Archaeological Society  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 913.4274 S*)

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

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

Trade Directories which give a history of the district, main occupants and businesses, 1774 - 1974, and telephone directories thereafter. A full list of trade directories at Archives and Local Studies is available:

[www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/trade-directories.html](http://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 [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.west-yorkshire.gov.uk/archives). Some directories are available to view online: <http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4>

See also records of the Great Sheffield Flood (1864) which affected lives and property in the Loxley Valley: Sheffield Corporation Water Department, Claims for Damage to Property (*Sheffield City Archives: CA7/1-8*) and Claims for Injury to People and Claims for Loss of Life (*Sheffield City Archives: CA7/9*); Yorkshire Water Authority (*Sheffield City Archives: YWA*).

## **Businesses**

Industry was established in the Loxley area in the middle of the 17th century when the first mills were set up on the River Loxley. Steel and iron forging and rolling mills were established. During the 1800s the Loxley Valley became a producer of refractory bricks (used to line furnaces) which were made from ganister, prevalent in the Loxley area.

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

(*Sheffield City Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

For example:

Records of John Wood and Sons Limited, Forge and Rolling Mills, Wisewood Steel Works, Loxley Road, 1874 - 1973  
(*Sheffield City Archives: LD2545*)

Thomas Wragg and Sons (Sheffield) Ltd, trade catalogues, 1960s

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: TRC WRAG)*

### **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 City Archives via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk)

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

Loxley was in the ecclesiastical district of Wadsley.

Wadsley Church, Sheffield, parish registers and records, 1834 onwards  
*(Sheffield City Archives: PR78)*

St Polycarp, Malin Bridge, parish registers, 1920s onwards  
*(Sheffield City Archives: PR143)*

Loxley United Reformed Independent Church (Congregational Chapel), baptism, marriage and grave records, 1799 onwards  
*(Sheffield City Archives: NR2324/1; SY730/N2/1 (Mf); Acc 1994/91; Acc 1994/76; Acc 1994/67; T150)*

Loxley United Reformed Independent Church, history, microfilms of registers, minute books etc. [c.1986]  
*(Sheffield City Archives: SY730)*

Loxley Chapel and Wisewood Cemetery Plans  
*(Sheffield City Archives: MD7329)*

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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/parish-registers.html)

For further details on non-conformist chapel registers see  
[www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/non-conformist-chapel-registers.html](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/non-conformist-chapel-registers.html)

For further details on Roman Catholic Church registers see  
[www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/roman-catholic-church-registers.html](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/roman-catholic-church-registers.html)

For further details on cemeteries see

[www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/cemetery-registers.html](http://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](http://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 Loxley-based clubs, societies and charities. For example: records of the Almshouse Charity of Hannah Rawson, which erected houses in 1840 for poor widows in the Wadsley Parish Church district (*Sheffield City Archives: X232*).

### **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.  
(*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 (Loxley was in the West Riding until 1974) 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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/electoral-registers.html)

For West Riding electoral registers and poll books courts (Loxley was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/poll-books.html)



## Hospitals

Sheffield City 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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/hospital-records.html)

As Loxley was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974, older records will be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

## Land, Building and Property Records

The Local Studies Library has a collection of sale particulars (often with plans) dating from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century; for instance, Plans and particulars of valuable freehold and copyhold farms and farm lands situate at Loxley and Worrall in the county of York, 19 October 1880 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Sale Plans*). In addition there are planning applications for Sheffield city (*Sheffield City Archives: CA206*) and Wortley Rural District Council registers of building plans, 1881 - 1936 (*Sheffield City Archives: CA676*); etc. For example: Alterations to Loxley House, Ben Lane to form 10 flats and 4 work stations and erection of 4 terraced cottages and alterations to widen gate access (*Sheffield City Archives: CA206/1999/429P*). There may also be deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers at Sheffield City Archives.

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

(*Sheffield City Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

As Loxley was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974, some land, building and property records may be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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, for example: Plan of Bradfield and Loxley (Wortley Board of

Guardians - Poor Rate Valuation Map). c.1827 (*Sheffield City Archives: SY555/C4/1R*)

For West Riding of Yorkshire maps (Loxley was in the West Riding until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

### **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/>

For West Riding of Yorkshire newspapers (Loxley was in the West Riding until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

### **Photographs and Illustrations**

The main series of photographs and illustrations (65,000+) is available online at [www.picturesheffield.com](http://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**

Wortley Rural District Council, 1895 - 1974

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 33 (042 SQ)*)

Wortley Poor Law Union, minutes and accounts, 1838 - 1929, etc.

(*Sheffield City Archives: SY164 and CA527*)

Wortley Rural Sanitary Authority, minutes, 1872 - 1896

(*Sheffield City Archives: CA528*)

Records of Wortley Rural District Council, 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> cent.

(*Sheffield City Archives: MD7629, MD8143, CA624, CA708, X246, X435*)

Valuation records (plans) prepared for Wortley Board of Guardians for poor rate valuation purposes, 1864 - 1865

(*Sheffield City Archives: SY555*)

For more information: [www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/poor-law-records](http://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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/workhouses-and-poor-law-unions.html)

As Loxley was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974 other records of the poor law and local government may be available at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

### **Schools**

Sheffield Archives and Local Studies have records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance Governors' Records for Loxley Infant and Junior School, Rodney Hill, 1977-2001 (*Sheffield City Archives: CA724*). For a full list of school records see [www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records)

As Loxley was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974 some school records may be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

### **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, Loxley 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 Loxley prior to 1858 are held at the [Borthwick Institute for Archives](#) 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
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Broomhill	Greenhill	Norton	Uppertorpe
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The information dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> century to the present and relates to Sheffield, South Yorkshire and north Derbyshire.

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	<p><a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/SheffieldArchives1">www.youtube.com/user/SheffieldArchives1</a></p>
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