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Map showing the Park Windmill, [1937] copy of W & J Fairbank’s plan, c.1808  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 2295 M)

St John’s Church, Park, Sheffield, 1860  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s04805)

Hyde Park Flats, Sheffield, late 1960s  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield u05358)

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

Park lies 0.5 mile 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 are separate Guides for Manor, Arbourothone and Attercliffe.

Books

Hill, John, Recollections of Sheffield Park 60 years ago [from ‘The Gatherer’ a manuscript family magazine], 1894
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 2706 M photocopy; reprinted in Flowing Stream, vol.2, Spring 1980: 929.2 SQ)

Sydes, Irene (ed.), Park Reflections, presented by Park Local History Group, 1987
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S)

Wesley-August, Sandra, Road to Emmaus: St John's (Park): a history, 1789-2006, 2006
(Sheffield Archives: WES/PAR HIST; Sheffield Local Studies Library: 372.94274 S)

Sources for the Study of Park Hill and Hyde Park Flats (Sheffield Libraries Archives and Information, 2010)
(Sheffield Archives: STUDY GUIDES/PARK; Sheffield Local Studies Library: 331.016 SQ)

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)

(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)
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.  
(Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library)  

For example:  

Records of Ind Coope & Company Limited, 51 Cricket Inn Road, Park, Sheffield (including property records of Hooson Brothers’ Park Brewery), 1914 - 1953  
(Sheffield Archives: BUS16)  

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  
The foundation stone of St John’s church, Park was laid on 28 Sep 1836 and the building was opened on 26 Jul 1838. The site was given by 12th Duke of Norfolk. St John’s Church is located on Bernard Street and is in the Attercliffe Deanery.
St John’s Church, Park, parish registers and records, 1840 onwards  
(Sheffield Archives: PR70)

Prior to the opening of St John’s Church, see Church of St Peter and St Paul  
(Sheffield Parish Church), parish registers and records, 1560 onwards  
(Sheffield Archives: PR138)

Official opening and dedication of St John (Park) Church of England (Aided) School  
by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, the Right Reverend Francis John Taylor, on Friday,  
20th June, 1969  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 147/1)

St John the Evangelist, Park: rededication of the parish church and opening of new  
hall, 11 November 1971  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 808 S)

Sheffield East Methodist Circuit (formerly known as the Park Circuit and the Norfolk  
Circuit), various records, 20th cent  
(Sheffield Archives: NR)

Sheffield Park Wesleyan Methodist Chapel (later Park, Duke Street Methodist  
Church), various records, 1896 - 1945  
(Sheffield Archives: NR)

Victoria Methodist Church (formerly the Victoria Wesleyan Church), Stafford Road,  
Park, various records, 1927 - 1994  
(Sheffield Archives: NR)

‘Heard these hymns at the anniversary on 30th April 1928 at the Wesleyan Chapel,  
Park’, 1928  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 881 S)

Park Wesleyan Chapel and Sunday School: news cuttings, hymns (1831, 1843) and  
psalms etc. (1868, 1877)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: news cuttings 942.74 S; hymns 245 S; psalms  
264.078 S)

City Road Cemetery (microfilm), burial registers, 1881 – 1996  
(Sheffield Archives: SY658)

St John, Park: plan and list of some of the tombstones, [20th cent.]  
(Sheffield Archives: CA31/3)

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

For further details on non-conformist chapel registers see

For further details on cemeteries see

For further details on monumental inscriptions (gravestone transcriptions) see

**Clubs, Societies and Charities**
A search of the online catalogues and the card indexes at Archives and Local Studies may reveal records from Park-based clubs, societies and charities; for instance:

Hyde Park Community Action Group, 1981-1989. Includes minutes, annual reports, accounts, correspondence, papers relating to social work, play schemes, housing, recreation, media and publicity. Also papers of Hyde Park Residents' Association and the Sheffield Federation of Tenants and Residents Associations
(*Sheffield Archives: LD2481-2496*)

Park Writers' Group, Outaspace, 1988
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 828.08 SST*)

**Courts**
The Magistrates Court (or Petty Sessions court) records deal mainly with minor offences and licensing the sale and consumption of liquor. Records of the Sheffield Division cover the borough and City of Sheffield and records of Upper Strafforth and Tickhill Division of West Riding of Yorkshire cover areas outside the borough 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 Park came within the jurisdiction of the West Riding Quarter Sessions. Records are held at [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.wyarchives.org.uk/).
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 and conditions of sale of leasehold property in Cricket Inn Road, Sheffield Park and shares in the Gladstone Building Company, 14 Apr 1896 (Sheffield Local Studies Library); 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.

E.g. Lease of lands in Sheffield Park - Charles Howard Duke of Norfolk to Mrs. Ann Newbould of Sheffield Park, widow. Lease of dwelling, farm buildings and eight parcels of land known as the Well Close, Pond Meadow, Ox Close, Upper Cundy, Hutter Hill, Rough Close, Simon Close and Hartley Close, totalling ninety one acres, in Sheffield Park, 1789.
(Sheffield Archives: X461/1)

See also: the papers of the Duke of Norfolk's Estate (Arundel Castle Manuscripts) [12th - 20th cent] which include references to land, building and property records.
E.g. Letters from Hadfield to the Duke about proposed new Abattoir in Sheffield Park, 1887
(Sheffield Archives: ACM/S/489/3)

A search of the Archives and Local Studies online catalogues and the card indexes may reveal other 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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/ordnance-survey-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)

E.g. Plan of a close in the Park held by the Duke of Norfolk by Vincent Eyre, 1788 (Sheffield Archives: ACM SheD 548 S)

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](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk)

Photographs and Illustrations
The main series of photographs and illustrations (60,000+) is available at Sheffield Local Studies Library in the Central Library. Over 50,000 of these are available online at Picture Sheffield. 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.

Sheffield Poor Law Union (including the Park area): 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)


Schools
Sheffield Archives has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers’ log books (diaries). For instance there are archives from Park Hill Primary School on Duke Street (Sheffield Archives: Acc.2006/138). 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)

See also:

George Allen, An epistle to the children taught in the Park Infant School, 1848 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Pamphlets, Vol.129, No.2, 042 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 Park) there may be relevant records at the West Yorkshire Archives Service.

Prior to 1914, Park 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 Park 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.
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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.

Included are extensive collections of books ● pamphlets ● photographs ● church registers ● newspapers ● census records ● minutes ● diaries ● films ● maps ● deeds ● records from schools ● hospitals ● businesses and charities ● family estates ● personal papers etc

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