

Sources for the History of Richmond



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Lodge at entrance to Woodthorpe Hall, Richmond Road, 1884
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Opening of Richmond Sports Park, 1920s - 1930s
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Staff of City Grammar School, Stradbroke Road, 1960s
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This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for researching the history of Richmond at Sheffield Archives and Local Studies Library.

Richmond lies 3.5 miles east of Sheffield City Centre. It was formerly a village in the West Riding of Yorkshire. For local government purposes it lay within the Handsworth Urban District, becoming part of Sheffield in 1921.

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

Books and Pamphlets, etc.

Birks, Walter, *Handsworth parish, past and present; with a review of the West Riding and Hallamshire* (W. J. Greenup, 1890)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield Archives: BIR/LOCAL*)

'Birley Vale Magazine and monthly review of the parishes of Handsworth, Beighton and Ridgeway', 1875 - 1876
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 S*)

Dewar, David, *Hallamshire: a district from ancient times embracing the parishes of Sheffield, Handsworth, Ecclesfield with the chapelry of Bradfield: a note on its Justices' Courts, Justices and Clerks* (1975)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 347.994274 S*)

Earl, Florence Margaret, *The Handsworth I Remember* (2005)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available at Darnall Library: 942.821*)

Ferraby, Heneage, 'An Introduction to the Story of Handsworth' [notes used by Canon Ferraby at a talk at Handsworth Library, 28 Feb 1973] (1973)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 2113 S*)

Ferraby, Heneage, *Handsworth Annals: a time chart from the earliest times to the present day* (Church Publishers, 1969)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 2984 S or 942.74 SST*)

Ferraby, Heneage, *Handsworth: ground-work of the history of Handsworth, Yorkshire. Part 1, From the earliest days to the beginning of the Parish Register, 1558*
(Church Publishers, 1963)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S PHOTOCOPY; Sheffield Archives: FER/LOCAL pamphlet*)

Gillott, Sandra, *Handsworth* (Tempus Publishing, 1999)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies also available at a number of Sheffield Community Libraries: 942.821*)

Gillott, Sandra, *Handsworth: the second selection* (Tempus Publishing, 2002)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies also available at a number of Sheffield Community Libraries: 942.821*)

Gillott, Sandra, *Handsworth in days gone by* (ARC, 2009)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies also available at a number of Sheffield Community Libraries: 942.821*)

Gillott, Sandra, *Orbit: historical Handsworth jottings* (2002)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 377*)

Gillott, Sandra, *101 things to know about Handsworth* (2004)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

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*)

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

Le Tall, W. J, *Doings in Handsworth Woodhouse, and in Handsworth Parish, 1876 to 1899* (Sessions, York, 1916)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield Archives: LET/LOCAL pamphlet*)

Le Tall, W. J , *Le Tall's Woodhouse : Woodhouse and the parish of Handsworth, past and present* (Sheaf Publishing Ltd, 1981)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Lester, Geoff, *Handsworth Traditional Sword Dancers*, 2nd ed. (1979)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 793.31 SST*)

Oates, Mark, *A Guide to Historical Handsworth* (c. 1980s)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 30 SQ*)

Oates, Mark, *A Guide to St. Mary's Churchyard, Handsworth*
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 042 S*)

Sanderson, Derek [Director], *Handsworth: Past and Present* [Video] (1995)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: VID 36*)

Sharp, Cecil James, *The Sword Dances of Northern England: Part 3* (Novello, 1913)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 793.31 SST*)

Thomas, A. Rev., *The History of the Parishes and Churches in the Deanery of Handsworth* (Sir W. C. Leng & Co., 1932)
(*Sheffield Archives: THO/PAR HIST*)

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

Vickers, J. Edward, *The Ancient suburbs of Sheffield* (Jev Publications, 1971)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Walton, Mary, 'Old Handsworth and Woodhouse' [adapted from a lecture given at Woodhouse Branch Library in January] (1939)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 331 SQ or Local Pamphlets no. 1 - 042 SQ*)

Whiston, David, *Handsworth Woodhouse Catholic Deaf and Dumb Institution, 1870-1875* (British Deaf History Society, 2000)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 39/1; also available at Woodhouse Library: 362.42*)

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

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. Most West Riding directories, however, are available in the Sheffield Reference Library or at West Yorkshire Archives. Some directories are available to view online: www.historicaldirectories.org.

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

St Mary's Church, Handsworth dates from around 1170 and is thought to have been founded by Richard de Lovetot, Lord of the Manor. The ancient parish of Handsworth was incorporated into the City of Sheffield in 1921.

St Mary's Church, Handsworth, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1558 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR158*)

St Mary's Church, Handsworth, transcripts and indexes of parish records, [1558 onwards] and monumental inscriptions [covering 1686 - 1970]
(*Sheffield Archives: ROM/15*)

St Mary's Church, Handsworth, survey of churchyard and memorial inscription index, 1983 - 1985
(*Sheffield Archives: MD7477*)

St Mary's Church, Handsworth, partial section plan of churchyard survey, 1984
(*Sheffield Archives: MD7911*)

St Mary's Church, Handsworth, copies of 'Orbit' magazine, from 2008
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 S*)

The parish church of St Catherine of Siena: a solemn pontifical mass to celebrate the golden jubilee of consecration, 2009
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 747 S*)

Sheffield, Handsworth, Richmond Road, Wesleyan Reform Church, marriage register 1981 - 1993
(*Sheffield Archives: acc. 1998/95*)

Papers of Canon Heneage Ferraby (Rector of St Mary's, Handsworth) relating to local history of Handsworth etc., c. 1964 - 1975
(*Sheffield Archives: MD7552*)

Handsworth Wesleyan Methodist Church Trust minutes and other records, 1925 - 1960
(*Sheffield Archives: NR279-281*)

Handsworth Wesleyan Reform Church (Richmond Road) marriage register, 1981 - 1993
(*Sheffield Archives: 1998/95*)

Handsworth Methodist Church Sisterhood Ladies minutes and accounts, 1913 - 2004
(*Sheffield Archives: 2005/74*)

Handsworth Primitive Methodist Church (Hall Road) marriage registers, 1925 - 1942
(*Sheffield Archives: SY139/15/1/1-2*)

Handsworth Woodhouse Bethel Methodist Chapel marriage registers, 1935 - 1950
(*Sheffield Archives: SY139/15/2/1-2*)

Handsworth Woodhouse United Methodist Church baptism register, 1851 - 1880; and church council minutes of meetings, 1974 - 1991
(*Sheffield Archives: 1995/71*)

Intake Primitive Methodist Church baptism register (relating to "Handsworth and area"), 1887 - 1943
(*Sheffield Archives: NR2069*)

Sheffield, St Joseph, Roman Catholic Parish, Handsworth, registers and records, 1870 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: CATH50*)

Intake Cemetery (Handsworth) (opened 1880), registers, 1880 - 1996
(*Sheffield Archives: Microfilms A316 and A463*)

For Woodhouse church records see [Community History](#) guide for Woodhouse.

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 non-conformist chapel registers see 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

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

Diocese of Sheffield, faculties from 1914 onwards (these detail changes made to Anglican church buildings)
(*Sheffield Archives: DIOC/FAC*)

Clubs, Societies and Charities

A search of the online catalogues and the card indexes at Archives and Local Studies may reveal records from Handsworth based clubs, societies and charities.

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 the 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 Sheffield Court of Quarter Sessions from 1880
(*Sheffield Archives: QS*)

For records of West Riding of Yorkshire courts (parts of Richmond were formerly in the West Riding until 1921) 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

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

For West Riding electoral registers and poll books courts (parts of Richmond were formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#)

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

As parts of Richmond were formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921 older records may be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#)

Land, Building and Property Records

Sale particulars (often with plans) date from the late 18th century; for instance, particulars of the Richmond Park estate, situated at Richmond in the parish of Handsworth near Sheffield (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 17 Oct 1911*).

Handsworth area register of building plans, 1899 - 1921 (*Sheffield Archives: CA214*); Handsworth Urban District building plans, 1889 - 1921 (*Sheffield Archives: CA210A, CA210B and CA210C*). In addition, some Sheffield City Council planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*).

As parts of Richmond were formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921 there may also be planning applications at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

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*)

For West Riding of Yorkshire maps (parts of Richmond were in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921) 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 *Sheffield Independent*, 1819 - 1900; *Sheffield Daily Telegraph* 1855 - 1903 and *Sheffield Evening Telegraph*, 1887 - 1897 are available online at www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/

For West Riding of Yorkshire newspapers (parts of Richmond were in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#)

Photographs and Illustrations

Over 60,000 images from the Sheffield Library and Archive collections are available to view online at [Picture Sheffield](#).

Poor Law, Civil Parish and Local Government records

Handsworth Civil Parish records (including Overseers of the Poor records), 1759 - 1927
(*Sheffield Archives: CA19 and X545*)

Handsworth Local Board of Health and Urban District Council minutes, 1873 - 1921
(*Sheffield Archives: CA46*)

Handsworth Sanitary Committee of Urban District Council minutes, 1895 - 1908
(*Sheffield Archives: CA47*)

Handsworth Highway Committee (Local Board and Urban District Council) minutes, 1877 - 1921
(*Sheffield Archives: CA48*)

Handsworth Licensing (Local Board and Urban District Council) registers (relating to store petrol and slaughterhouses), 1875 - 1921
(*Sheffield Archives: CA49-50*)

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

As parts of Richmond were in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921 other records of the poor law and local government may be available at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Schools

Sheffield Archives has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For a full list of school records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records

Also available:

Richmond College of Further Education, official opening brochure, 1966
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 374.8 SST and PAMP 947 S*)

Richmond College of Further Education, prospectus, 1966/7 - 1980/1
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 374.8 S*)

Richmond College of Further Education, *Richmond Reporter*, 1971 - 1982
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 374.8 S*)

As parts of Richmond were in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921 some school records may be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

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 Richmond there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#).

Prior to 1914, Sheffield 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 Richmond prior to 1858 are held at the [Borthwick Institute](#). 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](#).

Handsworth Historical Society

http://www.sheffieldhelpyourself.org.uk/full_search_new.asp?group=18272&searchname=handsworth

Other titles in this series

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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.

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