

Sources for the History of Tinsley



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

Supertram bridge over the River Don between Meadowhall South junction and Meadowhall Interchange. Also shows Tinsley Viaduct and Blackburn Meadows Cooling Towers, 1993.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield t02171)

Tinsley Roundabout Centre (former Tinsley Branch Library), Bawtry Road, 1996.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s26895)

Tinsley Rolling Mills Co. Ltd., and Sheffield and South Yorkshire Canal lock, 1971

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield w00646)

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

Tinsley, formerly a township in the parish of Rotherham, lies 5 miles north east of Sheffield city centre. For local government purposes it was in the West Riding of Yorkshire and Rotherham Rural District until 1912 when it was transferred to the city of Sheffield.

There are separate Community History guides for neighbouring areas such as Attercliffe, Brightside, Carbrook and Darnall.

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

Books

Beastall, Tom W., *Rural Tinsley* (WEA Yorkshire South, 1993)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SSTQ*)

Earl Marshal Adult Education Centre Local History Group, *No. 2 Scrapbook of North-East Sheffield History - Attercliffe, Brightside, Firth Park, Norwood, Pitsmoor, Tinsley etc.* (Earl Marshal Adult Education Centre, 1984)
(*Sheffield Archives: EAR/LOCAL*)

Johnson, Stephen, *The Tinsley Chronicle: The Amazingly Startling Story of one of Sheffield's Oldest Suburbs*
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ and Sheffield Archives: JOH/LOCAL*)

Tinsley Towers Trust, *Tinsley Coolin' Towers: Construction Heritage: the Oldest, most Daring Structures ever Built in Reinforced Concrete* (Sheffield, 2008)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 621.312132 SF and Sheffield Archives: TIN/ARCH*)

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

Wilson, C., *Brinsworth and Tinsley: A History of the Area* (Sheffield, 1994)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SSTQ*)

Wrigley, J. R., *An East End Camera: Picture Memories* (Pickard Communication, 2006)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

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

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

Hey, David, *A History of Sheffield* (Carnegie, 2005)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield 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 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 and Sheffield 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. 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.

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*)

Here are two examples:

Hadfields Limited, Steel Manufacturers, East Hecla Works, Meadowhall Road, Tinsley, Sheffield, records, 19th - 20th cent.
(*Sheffield Archives: Acc. 1984/43, 1990/7*)

Tinsley Rolling Mills Company Limited, Sheffield, records, 1838 - c.1962
(*Sheffield Archives: LD2259-2278*)

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. Lawrence, Tinsley, parish registers and records, c. 1600 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR144*)

Rotherham Minster (formerly All Saints), parish registers and records, 1540 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR87*)

Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, Sheffield, parish registers and records, 1560 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR138*)

Sheffield Road United Methodist Church, Tinsley, marriage registers, 1929 - 1964
(*Sheffield Archives: SY139/N36/1-4*)

'Tinsley Trumpet' [St. Lawrence Parish Church centenary anniversary souvenir edition] (Sheffield, 1979)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4439 S*)

Edge, Sandra, *St. Lawrence, Tinsley: The Official Guide* (Sheffield, 2001)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 S*)

Tinsley Park Cemetery, registers and indexes of burials, 1882 - 1996
(*Sheffield Archives: A467 - A468*)

Plan of new cemetery at Tinsley Park, 1882
(*Sheffield Archives: SY188*)

Diocese of Sheffield, faculties from 1914 onwards (which 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 Tinsley based clubs, societies and charities; for instance:

Tinsley Nursing Association, minutes, accounts and correspondence, 1918 - 1966
(*Sheffield Archives: SY401*)

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

Prior to 1880 Tinsley came within the jurisdiction of the West Riding Quarter Sessions. Records are held at [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.wyorkshirearchives.gov.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

The Local Studies Library has a collection of sale particulars (often with plans) dating from the late 18th century; for instance, "Plan and particulars of the extensive and valuable premises called County Steel Works, Bullas Lane, Tinsley Park Road, Sheffield recently erected by Robert Bunting & Sons Limited for their own occupation, also a large plot of land containing 3 acres 2 roods 10 perches or thereabouts adjoining lot 1". (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 24 April 1900*)

In addition, there are planning applications and building plans for the Tinsley area (*Sheffield Archives: CA206, CA211*). There are also deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers at Sheffield 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*)

As Tinsley was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1912 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 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

For West Riding of Yorkshire newspapers (Tinsley was in the West Riding until 1912) contact the [West Yorkshire Archive Service](#).

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

Tinsley was in the Rotherham Poor Law Union established in 1837, and later in the Sheffield Union.

As Tinsley was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1912 other records of the poor law and local government may be available at [West Yorkshire Archives](#). Rotherham Poor Law Union and former Rotherham Rural District Council records may also be held at [Rotherham Archives](#).

Tinsley St. Lawrence, Overseers of the Poor accounts, 1802 - 1837
(Sheffield Archives: PR144/40-41)

Tinsley St. Lawrence, Churchwardens' accounts, 1785 - 1948
(Sheffield Archives: PR144/30-34)

Tinsley Overseers of the Poor minutes, 1924 - 1927
(Sheffield Archives: CA11/2)

Rotherham Poor Law Union, Commissioners printed handbills relating to the creation, assessments and guardians' duties of Rotherham Union, 1837
(Sheffield Archives: WWM/H/175-177)

Rotherham Poor Law Union, Commissioners orders and regulations for the guidance and government of the Board of Guardians of Rotherham Union, 1837
(Sheffield Archives: WWM/P/13/1)

Sheffield Poor Law Union: 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*)

Tinsley Parish Council, records including minutes and reports, 1894 - 1912
(Sheffield Archives: CA586 - CA590)

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, Tinsley Council School, Plumpers Road (*Sheffield Archives: CA35/355-359*). 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 Tinsley) there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#).

Prior to 1914, Tinsley 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 Tinsley 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	Deepcar	Lodge Moor	Sharrow
Attercliffe	Dore	Loxley	Shirebrook
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The information dates from the 12th century to the present and relates to Sheffield, South Yorkshire and north Derbyshire.

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