

Sources for the History of Arbourthorne



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

Arbourthorne Cottages, off Arbourthorne Road, c. 1920s
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s05405*)

Arbourthorne Estate under construction, 1938
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s12435*)

Arbourthorne Central School, Dining Hall, 1938
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s10252*)

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

Arbourthorne lies 2.6 miles south east of Sheffield city centre.

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

Books

MacDonald, Dennis, *Arbourthorne Views* (Monteney Community Workshop, 2003) (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

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

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 parish of St Paul, Arbourthorne appears to have been formed partly out of Christ Church, Gleadless, and partly out of Christ Church, Heeley in 1937.

Arbourthorne, St Paul, baptisms, 1937 - 2002 and marriages 1940 - 2001, etc.
(*Sheffield Archives: PR98*)

Christ Church, Gleadless, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1839 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR113*)

Christ Church, Heeley, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1848 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR103*)

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

Arbourthorne Methodist Church, baptisms, 1957-1991 and marriages, 1959-1970
(*Sheffield Archives: acc. 2006/132 and 2007/139*)

Diocese of Sheffield, faculties from 1914 onwards (these detail changes made to the Anglican church building)
(*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 Arbourthorne 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 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 Attercliffe 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; some planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards, etc. For instance, there are planning applications relating to the development of the Arbourthorne estate in the 1930s. There are also deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers.

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 <http://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

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.
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 Arbourthorne Central Junior School and Arbourthorne County North School.
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 or Derbyshire (such as Gleadless and Handsworth) there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#) and at the [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

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.

Areas formerly in Derbyshire came within the Diocese of Derby (back to 1927). Records are at the [Derbyshire Record Office](#), and before 1927 in the Diocese of Lichfield. Records for that diocese are at the [Lichfield Record Office](#).

Wills and probate records relating to those who died in Sheffield prior to 1858 are either held at the [Borthwick Institute](#) for Diocese of York parishes or the [Lichfield Record Office](#) for areas formerly in the Derbyshire area. 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
Beighton	Dungworth	Loxley	Sharrow
Bents Green	Ecclesall	Manor	Shirecliffe
Birley	Ecclesfield	Midhopestones	Shiregreen
Bolsterstone	Firshill	Millhouses	Southey
Bradfield	Firth Park	Mosborough	Stannington
Bradway	Frecheville	Nether Edge	Stocksbridge
Brightside	Fulwood	Nether Green	Tinsley
Broomhall	Gleadless	Netherthorpe	Totley
Broomhill	Greenhill	Norton	Upperthorpe
Burngreave	Grenoside	Oughtibridge	Wadsley
Carbrook	Greystones	Owlerton	Walkley
Chapelton and High Green	Hackenthorpe	Park	Whirlow
Crookes	Handsworth	Parson Cross	Wincobank
Crosspool	Heeley	Pitsmoor	Wisewood
Crystal Peaks	Hillsborough	Porter Valley	Woodhouse
			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.

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

Our facilities include:

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Adding to our collections

Sheffield Libraries and Archives seeks to preserve information about events in our city's history. If you have photographs or personal papers that may be worth preserving please consider safeguarding them for current and future generations by placing them in the care of Sheffield Libraries and Archives. It is only through the generosity of individuals and organisations that we are able to have a complete record of important events in the history of Sheffield and the nation. We are interested in photographs, flyers and posters, minutes of meetings etc. For advice on record keeping and the facilities we offer please contact us (archives@sheffield.gov.uk or 0114 203 9395).

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and

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

For 65,000+ images of Sheffield: www.picturesheffield.com



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