

Sources for the History of Bradfield



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Damflask Reservoir, Bradfield by Martin Davenport, c. 1940s
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Mattley Farm, Bradfield, Sam Hartley and his workers, c. 1910
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s09266*)

Bradfield Post Office and cafe, Woodfall Lane by J Hanson, 2005
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield v04064*)

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

Bradfield, 11 miles North West of Sheffield, was an ancient parish in the Diocese of York. 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. (though some parts of Bradfield had been incorporated into Sheffield in 1900).

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

Books

Bradfield Parish and Parish Council (1972)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SST)

The Civil Parish of Bradfield Parish Council (1970s)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SST)

Guide to Bradfield Parish (1990)
(Sheffield Archives: BRA/LOCAL)

Brooks, Len, *A Guide to Bradfield Parish* (Bradfield Parish Council, 1990)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 S; also available at Stannington and Stocksbridge libraries: 914.2821)

Browne, A. B., *Guide to Bradfield Church* (1912)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets vol. 167 no. 12 (042 S))

Eastwood, Jonathan, *History of the Parish of Ecclesfield in the county of York* (1862)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available from many community libraries: 942.821)

Ewbank, C. J. *The Bradfield Parish Library* (20th cent)
Sheffield Reference and Information Library: 018.1)

Bygones of Bradfield (3 vols) (Bradfield Historical Society, 1987-1996)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S)

Gatty, R. A., *Bradfield* (1884)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 104 no. 9 (042 SS))

Hall, T. Walter, *Waldershelf Manor and the Knights Hospitallers of Jerusalem in the Chapelry of Bradfield, near Sheffield* (Northend, 1930)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 016.94274 SST; also available at Sheffield Archives: HAT/PAR HIST and at Stocksbridge Library: WHARNCLIFFE, WORTLEY BOX 1/6)

Hatfield, John, *The Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Bradfield* (c. 2006)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 645; also available at Sheffield Archives: HAT/PAT HIST)

Holder, Brian, *A Walk to Bradfield with some History on the Way* (1982)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 042.74 SSTQ)

Rawlinson, Robert, *Sheffield and Bradford Reservoirs: Sheffield Waterworks failure: Dale Dike or Bradfield Reservoir: report on the failure and bursting of a reservoir embankment belonging to the Sheffield Waterworks Company, on the night of Friday, 11th March 1864*
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.6 SQ)

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

Wilson, John, *The Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Bradfield: a guide for visitors* (various dates)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 519; other copies available at local pamphlets vol. 266 no. 2 and vol. 286 no. 7 (042 S)); also available at Sheffield Archives: WIL PAR HIST (PAMPHLET) and at Stocksbridge Library: 726.50942)

Nunn, Malcolm, *Loxley Valley and beyond through time* (Amberley, 2009)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available from many community libraries: 942.821)

Nunn, Malcolm, *Around Bradfield, Loxley and Hillsborough* (Chalfont, 1996)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available at Sheffield Archives: NUN LOCAL and from many community libraries: 942.821)

Nunn, Malcolm, *Around Bradfield, Loxley and Hillsborough: the second selection* (Tempus, 2002)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available from many community libraries: 942.821)

Portrait of Bradfield Dale (Cottage Press, 2005)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 S; also available from many community libraries: 914.2821)

Smith, D. J., *Crafts of Old Bradfield in the 17th & 18th Century* (1986)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 S; also available from some community libraries: 914.2821)

Yorkshire Archaeological Society
(Sheffield Local Studies Library 913.4274 S)

Transactions of the Hunter Archaeological Society
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 913.4274 S; 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 S STF; 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.

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 Nicholas, Bradfield, parish records, 1559 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR44*)

Registers of Bradfield transcribed 1559 - 1722 by A. B. Browne (1905)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 929.34274 S*)

Notes from tombstones
(*Sheffield Archives: RC/159 and RC/174*)

Monumental inscriptions, c. 2001
(*Sheffield Archives: MI/2006/141*)

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

Clubs, Societies and Charities

A search of the online catalogues and the card indexes at Archives and Local Studies may reveal records from Bradfield based clubs, societies and charities; for instance:

Bradfield Association for the Prosecution of Felons, minutes and rules, 1834 - 1886
(*Sheffield Archives: MD3596 and SY222*)

Bradfield Choral Society programmes, 20th cent
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: concert programmes*)

Pick of the best Hymns [Vinyl records] (Bradfield Choral Society, 1979)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: GR 135*)

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 Archives: MC*)

There are also records of the Court of Quarter Sessions from 1880.
(*Sheffield Archives: QS*)

For records of West Riding of Yorkshire courts (Bradfield was in the West Riding until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.west-yorkshire-archives.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

For West Riding electoral registers and poll books courts (Bradfield 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

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 Bradfield 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 18th century; for instance, there is a catalogue for the sale of a farm land and homestead at Holdworth in the parish of Bradfield, 1898 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Sale Plans*). In addition there are planning applications for Sheffield city (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*) and Wortley Rural District Council registers of building plans, 1881 - 1936 (*Sheffield Archives: CA676*); etc. 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 Bradfield 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 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 (Bradfield was in the West Riding until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.wy.gov.uk).

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/>.

For West Riding of Yorkshire newspapers (Bradfield was in the West Riding until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.wy.gov.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

Bradfield was in the Wortley Poor Law Union established in 1838.

Bradfield Poor rate assessments, 1818 - 1820, summonses for poor rate, 1861 - 1873, etc

(Sheffield Archives: CA63)

Ecclesfield and Bradfield Highways and Ecclesfield and Bradfield Board, minutes and assessments, 1811 - 1865

(Sheffield Archives: CA65)

Bradfield Poor Law Union, copies of documents (settlement certificates, removal orders and bastardy orders), 1705 - 1850

(Sheffield Archives: MD7277)

Wortley Poor Law Union, minutes and accounts, 1838 - 1929, etc.
(Sheffield Archives: SY164 and CA527)

Wortley Rural Sanitary Authority, minutes, 1872 - 1896
(Sheffield Archives: CA528)

Wortley Rural District Council, various records, 19th - 20th cent
(Sheffield Archives: MD7629, MD8143, CA624, CA708, X246 and X435)

As Bradfield 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 has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance log books for Bradfield Church of England Infant School from 1872 (*Sheffield Archives: CA217-218*). For a full list of school records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records

As Bradfield 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 Archives and Local Studies other library and archive services will also hold relevant material:

Bradfield Parish Archives & Family History Centre, www.bradfieldarchives.co.uk/

For areas formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#).

Prior to 1914, Bradfield 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 Bradfield prior to 1858 are held at the [Borthwick Institute for Archives](#) in York.

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
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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
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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.

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