

Sources for the History of Chapelton and High Green



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

Mortomley Lane, High Green, Sunday School on left, St. Saviour's Church in background, c. 1940-1959

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s13442)

Wortley Rural District Council Steam Roller at Chapeltown, 1903

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s15271)

Barnes Hall, off Elliott Lane, Chapeltown [late 19th century]

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

Chapeltown lies 6.7 miles north of Sheffield City Centre. High Green lies 7.8 miles north of Sheffield City Centre. For local government purposes both were in the West Riding of Yorkshire and Wortley Rural District until 1974 when they were transferred to the city of Sheffield.

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

Books

Bellamy, Edward, *High Green in Times Past* (Countryside, [1982])
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

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*)

Chapeltown and High Green: The War Years (Chapeltown and High Green Archive, 1988)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.5442 SQ*)

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 libraries: 942.821*)

Ecclesfield Parish Pictorial: A Nostalgic Look at Village Scenes in Chapeltown, Ecclesfield, Grenoside and High Green (Chapeltown and High Green Archive, 1991)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

Ellam, Stanley [ed. Mel Jones], *High Green in the 1920s* (Sheffield, 1994)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

Greaves, Beryl, *Sit up Straight! An Illustrated History of High Green Primary School and the Surrounding Community through 150 Years* (Chapeltown and High Green Archive, 1996)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

Gregory, Joan, *The Place Names of the Chapeltown/High Green Area* (1980)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 929.44274 SQ; Sheffield Archives: REF D*)

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)

Huddlestone, Jean, *A Geography of Childhood: An Evocation of Howbrook and Chapeltown in the 1920s/1930s* (Sheffield, 1995)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

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*)

Jones, Joan, *Glimpses of High Green's Past* (Sheffield, 1980)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

Jones, Joan and Mel Jones (eds.), *Ecclesfield Parish: People and Places* (Sheffield, 1994)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

Jones, Joan, *Chapelton and High Green* (Chalford, 1996)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Jones, Joan, *Ecclesfield, Grenoside, High Green and Chapelton* (Tempus, 1999)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Jones, Joan, *Voices of Ecclesfield, Grenoside, High Green and Chapelton* (Tempus, 2000)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942/74 S*)

Jones, Joan, *Picturing the Past : Chapelton, Ecclesfield and High Green in Words and Pictures* (Chapelton and High Green Archive, 2004)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942/74 S*)

Jones, Joan, *Ecclesfield, Grenoside, High Green and Chapelton* (Nonsuch Publishing, 2005)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST*)

Jones, Joan, *Changing Times: In Chapelton, Ecclesfield, High Green and Thorpe Hesley* (Green Tree, 2007)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

Jones, Mel, *Ecclesfield, Chapelton and High Green Through Time* (Amberley, 2009)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Thompson, M. A., *Old Chapelton* (Ecclesfield Parish Council, 1980)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

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. 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

Bradbury's Enterprise Almanack and General Advertiser for Sheffield and District, 1892 - 1905
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 032.74 S*)

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. John Chapeltown was designated a Conventional District in the parish of Ecclesfield in 1844. For earlier records, see St. Mary, Ecclesfield, parish registers and records, 1558 onwards.
(*Sheffield Archives: PR54*)

St. John the Baptist, Chapeltown, parish registers and records, 1857 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR93*)

St. John the Baptist, Chapeltown, index to burials, 1860-1971
(*Sheffield Archives: TI/39/5(M)*)

St. Saviour, Mortomley, High Green, parish registers and records, 1872 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR152*)

Mount Pleasant Methodist Chapel, Chapeltown, baptisms, 1839-1987
(*Sheffield Archives: NR2277/1-2; Acc. 2004/4*)

Mount Pleasant Methodist Chapel, Chapeltown, marriages, 1868-1988
(*Sheffield Archives: NR1503; NR2292/1-9*)

Station Road, Methodist Chapel, Chapeltown, baptisms, 1945-1968
(*Sheffield Archives: Acc. 2004/4*)

Potter Hill Methodist Chapel, High Green, baptisms, 1858-1964
(*Sheffield Archives: Acc. 2004/4*)

Stoney Gate Methodist Chapel, High Green, marriages, 1938-1984
(*Sheffield Archives: NR2261*)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Lane End, Chapeltown, marriages, 1984-1993
(*Sheffield Archives: Acc. 2007/139*)

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, High Green, baptisms, 1896-1935; marriages, 1902-1947; deaths and burials, 1887-1955
(*Sheffield Archives: CATH 47*)

Chapeltown Burncross Cemetery, registers and indexes of burials, 1877-1996
(*Sheffield Archives: A472- A473*)

Diocese of Sheffield, faculties from 1914 onwards. These 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 Chapeltown and High Green based clubs, societies and charities; for instance:

(Royal) British Legion: High Green and Mortomley Branch (Men's Section), minutes, 1948-1977
(*Sheffield Archives: Acc. 2012/98*)

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*)

For records of West Riding of Yorkshire courts (Chapelton and High Green were in the West Riding until 1974) 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 (Chapelton and High were in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974) 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 Chapelton and High Green were in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974, older records will be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Land, Building, Property and Estate Records

The Local Studies Library has a collection of sale particulars (often with plans) dating from the late 18th century; for instance, "...sale of freehold farms, residential and cottage properties and ground rents at Mortomley, Chapelton near Sheffield, Eadon and Lockwood, 1920 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 14 September 1920*)

In addition, some planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*). There are also Wortley Rural District Council registers

of building plans, 1881 - 1974 (*Sheffield Archives: CA676 and Acc. 1993/118*), as well as deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers; for instance "Lease of a house in Chapeltown, Ecclesfield", 1804 (*Sheffield Archives: LD2521*).

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 Chapeltown and High Green were 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 (Chapeltown and High Green were in the West Riding until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Newspapers

The *Penistone, Stockbridge, Hoyland and Ecclesfield and Chapeltown Express*, 1877-1940, is available on microfilm at Sheffield Local Studies Library.

The two main Sheffield newspapers are the *Sheffield Morning Telegraph* (later *Sheffield Telegraph*) and *The Star*, and these are also 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 (Chapeltown and High Green were in the West Riding until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

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

Chapelton and High Green were in the Wortley Poor Law Union established in 1838.

Wortley Poor Law Union, minutes and accounts, 1838 - 1929

(Sheffield Archives: SY164 and CA527)

Wortley Poor Law Union, maps and Rate Books for Ecclesfield, Bradfield and Chapelton

(Sheffield Archives: Acc. 1980/43)

Wortley Rural District Council, minutes and indexes, 1959 - 1974

(Sheffield Archives: Acc. 2003/JAN02, Acc.2003/18, Acc. 2007/136, Acc. 2011/136)

Wortley Rural District Council, Highways and Planning committees minutes, 1957 - 1974

(Sheffield Archives: CA627)

Wortley Rural District Council, Grand Summary of Rate Charge and Rate Account books, Rate books (water), list of new properties, Rate produce book, Rate arrears book, 1927 - 1967 *(Sheffield Archives: Acc. 2010/131)*

Wortley Rural Sanitary Authority, minutes, 1872 - 1896

(Sheffield Archives: CA528)

Maps of areas in Wortley Union and Wortley Rural District Council, 1844 - 1865

(Sheffield Archives: Acc. 1990/34)

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 Chapelton and High Green were in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974 other records of the poor law and local government may be available at [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.west-yorkshire.gov.uk).

Schools

Sheffield Archives has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance, there are archives from Burncross Junior and Infant School, Chapelton (CA35/612-615, CA35/955-958,

CA241) and High Green Junior and Infants (CA35/656-657, CA35/664-669, CA682/114). For a full list of school records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records.

As Chapeltown and High Green were 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:

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

Prior to 1914, Chapeltown and High Green 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 Chapeltown and High Green 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](#).

Chapeltown and High Green Archive (Tel. 0114 245 1235 (Secretary); or 0114 284 8619)

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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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