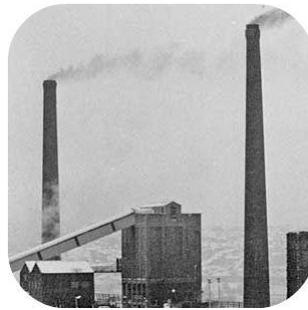


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St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Ecclesfield, 1990s
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This guide gives a brief introduction to the sources available for researching the history of **Ecclesfield** at Sheffield Archives and Local Studies Library.

Ecclesfield is 7 miles north of Sheffield city centre.

Up until 1974 Ecclesfield was in the West Riding of Yorkshire (though some parts had been absorbed into Sheffield as early as 1901).

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

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Ecclesfield Parish Council: official guides, 1968 and 1972
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 216 S and PAMP 217/1*)

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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; also available at Chapeltown and Stocksbridge libraries: 942.821 Q*)

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Hey, David, *Historic Hallamshire* (Landmark, 2002)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies available in a number of community libraries: 942.821*)

Hey, David, *The Village of Ecclesfield* (Advertiser Press, 1968)
(*Sheffield Archives: HEY/LOCAL; also available at Chapeltown and Stocksbridge libraries: 942.741*)

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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 918 S; also available at Sheffield Archives: HEY/PAR HIST PAM*)

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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; copies also available at Sheffield Archives: ECC/LOCAL and Central Library Store and Hillsborough Library: 942.821*)

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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST; copies available in a number of community libraries: 942.821*)

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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; also available at Sheffield Archives: JON/LOCAL; and Chapeltown and Hillsborough libraries: 942.821 Q*)

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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies available in a number of community libraries: 942.821*)

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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies available in a number of community libraries: 942.821*)

Jones, Joan, *The Remarkable Gatty family of Ecclesfield*
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Voices of Ecclesfield, Grenoside, High Green and Chapeltown (Tempus, 2000)
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(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 S; copies available in a number of community libraries: 726.509)

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Aspects of Victorian Ecclesfield (Workers' Educational Association. Ecclesfield Branch. Local History Group, 1992)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ)

Exploring old Ecclesfield (Workers' Educational Association. Ecclesfield Branch. Local History Group, 1977)
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Old Ecclesfield Revisited (Workers' Educational Association. Ecclesfield Branch, 1987)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; also available at Sheffield Archives: ECC/LOCAL and Ecclesfield Library: 942.74 Q)

Pictures from the past - glimpses from some Ecclesfield family albums (Workers' Educational Association. Ecclesfield Branch, 1985)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; also available at Sheffield Archives: ECC/LOCAL; and Ecclesfield and Hillsborough libraries: 942.821 Q)

Wrigley, J. R., *An Ecclesfield Camera: Picture Memories* (Pickard, 2002)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies also available in Central Lending and Stocksbridge libraries: 942.821)

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)

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.

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, Ecclesfield is an ancient parish in the Diocese of York until 1914 (and then in the Diocese of Sheffield). St Paul, Ecclesfield was created in 1949 as mission church to St Mary's.

St Mary, Ecclesfield, parish registers and records, 1599 onwards
(Sheffield Archives: PR 54)

St Paul, Wordsworth Avenue, Ecclesfield, parish registers and records, 1949 onwards
(Sheffield Archives: PR 88)

Ecclesfield Churchyard Tombstone Inscriptions, transcribed by F S Hague
(Sheffield Archives: MD3583-3585)

Ecclesfield Cemetery, registers of burials, 1920 - 1996
(Sheffield Archives: microfilm A474)

High Greave (Methodist New Connexion NC), records, 1906 onwards
(Sheffield Archives: acc. 2006/102)

Trinity Chapel (Wesleyan Methodist) chapel, records, 1840 onwards
(Sheffield Archives: 2002/55)

Nether Lane (Primitive Methodist Chapel), records, 1877 onwards
(Sheffield Archives: NR1453)

Methodist School Church (junction of Sicey Avenue and Beck Road), records, 1989 onwards
(Sheffield Archives: 2007/139)

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 Ecclesfield based clubs, societies and charities; for instance:

Ecclesfield Priory Players programmes
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Miscellaneous operatic and dramatic society programmes and publicity material*)

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*)

For records of West Riding of Yorkshire courts (Ecclesfield was 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

For West Riding electoral registers and poll books courts (Ecclesfield 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

Families

There is an extensive archive of books, correspondence and other papers of the Gatty family of Ecclesfield. The Gatty family (including Margaret, writer on natural history and children's writer and Alfred Gatty, vicar of Ecclesfield) were a well known local family.

(Sheffield Archives: X561; MD602-603; MD2130; MD2687, etc; Sheffield Local Studies Library: computer catalogue and card index)

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 Ecclesfield was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974, older records will be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Land, Building and Property Records

Sale particulars (often with plans) date from the late 18th century; for instance, plan and particulars of freehold land and foundry situate at Charlton Brook in the parish of Ecclesfield, 9 Aug 1887 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library*).

In addition some planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards – these include Sheffield City (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*) and Wortley Rural District Council registers of buildings plans, 1881 - 1936 (*Sheffield Archives: CA676; CA529*).

There are also deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers
(Sheffield Archives)

Court rolls of the Manor of Ecclesfield, 1705 - 1926
(Sheffield Archives: MD596-600)

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, for example, map of Barns Green Estate, Ecclesfield, 1809 (*Sheffield Archives: X583*)

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

St. Paul's Church, Ecclesfield newscuttings, 1949 - 1983
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 726.5094274 SSTQ*)

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

Ecclesfield Overseers of the Poor, Constables, etc, 1602 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR54/22*)

Ecclesfield and Bradfield Highways and Ecclesfield and Bradfield Board, minutes and assessments, 1811 - 1865
(*Sheffield Archives: CA65*)

Ecclesfield Parish Council, minutes, accounts, etc., 1894 - 1983
(*Sheffield Archives: CA688*)

Bradfield Poor Law Union, Copies of documents (settlement certificates, removal orders and bastardy orders), 1705-1850
(*Sheffield Archives: MD7277*)

Wortley Rural District Council, 1895-1974
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 33 (042 SQ)*)

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
(*Sheffield Archives: MD7629, MD7871, MD8143, CA624, CA708, X246, X435*)

Valuation records (plans) prepared for Wortley Board of Guardians for poor rate valuation purposes, 1864 - 1865
(*Sheffield Archives: SY555*)

For more information on poor law and workhouse records see:
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 Ecclesfield 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](http://www.wy.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 Ecclesfield Town Junior School (log books, admission registers and other records), 1900 - 1966 (*Sheffield Archives: CA35/624-631*).

For a full list of school records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records

Ecclesfield School Board, minutes, 1887 - 1902
(*Sheffield Archives: CA760*)

Postles, David, *The First Years of the Ecclesfield School Board, 1882 - 1888* (1970s)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 49 SQ*)

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 (Ecclesfield was in the West Riding until 1974) there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#).

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

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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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