

# Sources for the History of Greenhill



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

Miss Elms village shop, Greenhill Village, now Cruck Cottage, most probably Greenhill Main Road, 1912/13  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s10613*)

May Queen, Hilary Fielden and Attendants, outside Greenhill Methodist Church, School Lane, 1972  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield t01472*)

Map of two parcels of land lying at Green-hill [Greenhill] in the parish of Norton in the County of Derby, by William Dickinson, 1766  
(*Sheffield Archives: NSC/4/19*)

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

Greenhill lies 5 miles south of Sheffield city centre. Note that until 1933 it was in the county of Derbyshire and the rural district of Norton. Ecclesiastically it was part of the ancient parish of St James, Norton in the Diocese of Lichfield.

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

## **Books**

*A Journey in faith: Greenhill Methodism 1797-1997* (1997)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 287.1 S)

Lofthouse, Alistair, *Sheffield S8: Greenhill, Heeley, Meadowhead, Norton, Woodseats* (ALD Design and Print, 2009)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S)

Memmott, David, *The Parish Church of Saint Peter, Greenhill, Lowedges and Bradway: a short history and guide* (1995 - 2000)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4251 S and 283.4274 SQ)

Smith, Tony, *Bradway* (1990)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 239/1)

Smith, Tony, *Historical notes about Bradway* (1998/9)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SF; also available at Sheffield Archives: SMI/LOCAL)

*The City Wall*: magazine for the Bradway and Greenhill area, 1980 onwards  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 309.26 SQ)

*Greenhill Methodist Church 1797-1947* (Greenhill Methodist Church, 1947)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Methodist Pamphlets vol. 1 287.1 SST)

Short, Joseph, *Greenhill Wesleyan Chapel centenary, 1823 - 1923* (1923)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Methodist Pamphlets vol. 1 287.1 SST)

Wainwright, Fiona, *Greenhill: a history of Greenhill and the surrounding area* (Jane Gilmour, 2012)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ)

*Derbyshire Miscellany* (Derbyshire Archaeological Society, 1956 - 2011)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.51 SQ)

Derbyshire Archaeological Society journal  
(Sheffield Reference and Information Library)

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

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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/trade-directories.html). Most Derbyshire Directories however are available in the Sheffield Reference Library or at [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#). Some directories are available to view online: [www.historicaldirectories.org](http://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](http://www.Ancestry.com)

### **Church registers and records, monumental (gravestone) inscriptions and cemeteries**

Greenhill was originally in the ancient parish of Norton. In 1959 St Peter's Greenhill was created (though meetings were being held from 1951)

St James, Norton parish records, 1559 onwards  
(*Sheffield Archives: PR2*)

St Peter's, Greenhill, parish records, 1951 onwards  
(*Sheffield Archives: PR146*)

Greenhill Methodist Chapel (established 1823), records, 1876 onwards  
(*Sheffield Archives: NR various*)

Norton Cemetery, burial registers from 1869  
(*Sheffield Archives microfilm A474-A476*)

For further details on Anglican parish registers see  
[www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/parish-registers.html](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/monumentalinscriptions.html)

Diocese of Sheffield, faculties from 1914 onwards (these detail changes made to Anglican church buildings)  
(*Sheffield Archives: DIOC/FAC*)

Greenhill was in the Diocese of Lichfield until 1884, when it became part of the newly-established Diocese of Southwell. The parish was subsequently transferred to the Diocese of Derby on its formation in 1927, and, the Diocese of Sheffield in 1974. Archives are located as follows:

Diocese of Lichfield (prior to 1884) contact [Lichfield Record Office](#).

Diocese of Southwell (1884 - 1927) contact [Nottinghamshire Archives](#).

Diocese of Derby (1927 - 1974) contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Diocese of Sheffield records are at Sheffield Archives.

### **Clubs, Societies and Charities**

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

Greenhill Bradway Tenants Association, News, 1969 - 1970  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 374.28 S*)

### **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*)

For records of Derbyshire courts (Greenhill was in Derbyshire until 1933) contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

## **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](http://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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/poll-books.html)

For Derbyshire electoral registers and poll books (Greenhill was in Derbyshire until 1933) contact [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

## **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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/hospital-records.html)

As Greenhill was in Derbyshire until 1933 older records will be at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

## **Land, Building and Property Records**

The Local Studies Library has a collection of sale particulars (often with plans) dating from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century; for instance, particulars and plan of freehold land, farmhouse, cottages and buildings at Greenhill (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 12 Sep 1867*). In addition there are planning registers and planning applications from Norton Rural District Council (which included Greenhill until 1933) (*Sheffield Archives: CA207, CA208a and CA208b*), as well as Sheffield City Council (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*), etc. There may also be planning applications at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

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 Greenhill was in Derbyshire until 1933 some land, building and property records may be at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/enclosure-awards-and-maps.html)

For example,

Plan of the village of Greenhill derived from the survey of Norton in the County of Derby, 1804

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: S 42 M)*

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 Derbyshire maps (Greenhill was in Derbyshire until 1933) contact [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#) and [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

## 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/](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/).

For Derbyshire newspapers (Greenhill was in Derbyshire until 1933) contact [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

## Photographs and Illustrations

The main series of photographs and illustrations (60,000+) is 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**

Norton Vestry Minutes, 1824 - 1833 (includes meetings of Norton Burial Board, appointment of parish officials, etc. At front are a few notes of payments made to Overseers of the Poor for maintenance of children, 1804 - 1809, and list of Overseers, 1799 - 1833. At back are some notes of the Overseers on applications for relief, 1807, and list of parish apprentices, 1788 - 1822)  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA29*)

Norton Parish Council minutes, 1894 - 1932  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA29*)

Norton Rural District Council minutes (with some contracts etc.), 1895 - 1934  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA51*)

As Greenhill was in Derbyshire County and Norton Rural District until 1933 some records of the poor law and local government will be available in [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

### **Schools**

Sheffield Archives has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For example there are log books of Greenhill Primary School from 1893 onwards (*Sheffield Archives: 2001/26*). For a full list of school records see [www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records)

See also Greenhill Primary Schools official opening by The Lord Mayor of Sheffield (Alderman J. W. Holland, J.P.), 29 Jan 1959.  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3773 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:

Prior to 1933, Greenhill was in Derbyshire. For records of Derbyshire contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#) and [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

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Wills and probate records relating to those who died in Greenhill prior to 1858 are held within the Lichfield Diocesan archives at the [Lichfield Record Office](#). Probate records after 1858 are held at [The National Archives](#) (TNA).

Court records will be held at the [Derbyshire Record Office](#) 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](#).

Norton History Group

[http://www.sheffieldhelpyourself.org.uk/full\\_search\\_new.asp?group=19337&searchname=norton](http://www.sheffieldhelpyourself.org.uk/full_search_new.asp?group=19337&searchname=norton)

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The information dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> century to the present and relates to Sheffield, South Yorkshire and north Derbyshire.

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