

# Sources for the History of Greystones



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

Recreation Room, 3rd Northern General Hospital, Greystones School, c. 1917  
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View towards Greystones / High Storrs from Psalter Lane, 2013  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield a00778*)

Murray Road from Glenalmond Road, Greystones Road at bottom, the spire belongs to the Greystones Road Primitive Methodist Church, c. 1930s  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s13511*)

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

Greystones lies 2.5 miles south west of Sheffield City Centre. It was formerly a hamlet in the Ecclesall Bierlow township in the parish of Sheffield.

There is a separate Guide for Ecclesall.

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

## **Books**

Tovey, N. P., *History of your Road and Area (Greystones - Millhouses)* (1992)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

Kennet, Peter, *Mining and Quarrying in the Porter Valley: Delving into the Past* (2006)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 622.3 SQ*)

Bramhill, Mary, *How they lived in old Ecclesall: a Sheffield suburb in the 17th and 18th centuries* (Sheaf Publishing, 1986)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available at Sheffield Archives: BRA/LOCAL*)

Cobby, William, *A Walk Around Ecclesall* (1873)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 S*)

Ecclesall Local History Society, *Ecclesall* (Tempus, 1998)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Keeling, Chris, *A Photographic Journey down Ecclesall Road from Whirlow to Town* (Arc, 2009)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

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*)

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*)

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](http://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](http://West Yorkshire Archives). 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**

The parish of St Gabriel, Greystones was formed in the 1930s. Prior to this Greystones was within the parish of All Saints, Ecclesall.

St Gabriel, Greystones, records from 1935 onwards  
(Sheffield Archives: PR83)

All Saints, Ecclesall, registers and records from 1784 onwards  
(Sheffield Archives: PR100)

Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul (formerly Sheffield parish church), registers and records from 1560 onwards  
(Sheffield Archives: PR138)

Greystones Road Primitive Methodist Chapel, marriage registers, 1919 - 1961  
(Sheffield Archives: SY139/N29/13-14)

Greystones Methodist Chapel, records from 1919 onwards  
(Sheffield Archives: NR2087-2092)

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 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 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 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)

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

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

St. Gabriel's Dramatic Society 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 Strafforth and Tickhill Division of West Riding of Yorkshire cover areas outside the borough  
(*Sheffield Archives: MC*)

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

### **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)

## **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)

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

Sale particulars (often with plans) date from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century; for instance, particulars of sale of land and minerals at Greystones, 26 Aug 1884 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library*).

In addition some planning applications survive from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards. (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*)

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 will reveal other 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](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)

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

### **Photographs and Illustrations**

The main series of photographs and illustrations (60,000+) is available online at [www.picturesheffield.com](http://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**

Ecclesall Bierlow Poor Law Union (established in 1837) included Ecclesall Bierlow, Nether Hallam and Upper Hallam. The workhouse was built in 1842-1843 and later became the site of Nether Edge Hospital.

Ecclesall Bierlow Poor Law Union: admission or creed registers 1883-1931; asylum admission registers 1920-1928; registers of inmates 1904-1931; workhouse birth registers 1898-1929; workhouse death registers 1903-1931; officers' appointments 1892-1925

*(Sheffield Archives: CA 18/19, LD 2078)*

Reports, with lists of officers, accounts etc, year ended 1913, 1916-1919, 1921-1923  
*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.9 S).*

Index to inmates in the Ecclesall Bierlow Workhouse, 1883 - 1907

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/workhouses-and-poor-law-unions.html>

Plan of Ecclesall Union Poor House, 1840 - 1841

*(Sheffield Archives: AP/1/43)*

Report of the Board for the Repair of the Highways in the Township of Ecclesall Bierlow for the year ending March 25th, 1859

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 68 (042 SST))*

Papers of Ecclesall Guardians (oddments), 1837 - 1856

*(Sheffield Archives: BM/93)*

Sheffield and Ecclesall Civil Parish Overseers minutes, 1902 - 1927

*(Sheffield Archives: CA17)*

Ecclesall Vestry minutes, 1808 - 1912; Ecclesall Disbursements, 1827 - 1830; cash books etc; Overseers minute books, 1863 - 1904; Ecclesall Union: Register of officer appointments, 1892 - 1925; Highway Board minutes, 1848 - 1857, 1863 - 1864  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA18*)

Ecclesall Union Relief Committee minutes, 1929 - 1931  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA55*)

Ecclesall Township Highway Board minutes, 1836 - 1866  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA139*)

Sheffield (or possibly Ecclesall) Overseers' petty cash and wages book, 1787 - 1788  
(*Sheffield Archives; CA24/58*)

For more information on poor law and workhouse records see:  
[www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/poor-law-records](http://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](http://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 Greystones Council School, Tullibardine Road (log books, admission registers, etc) from 1904 onwards (*Sheffield Archives: 2011/131 and 2012/38*).

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)

Farrell, Stephen, *Greystones School: a Centenary History, 1904-2004* (2004)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 372.94274 S; also available at a number of community libraries: 373.42821*)

*The Martlet*, Greystones Intermediate School [magazine], c. 1929 - 1957  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 373.4274 S*)

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 there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#).

Prior to 1914, Greystones 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 Greystones 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](#).

Ecclesall Local History Society <http://www.ecclesall-local-history-society.org.uk/>

## Other titles in this series

Arbourthorne	Darnall	Jordanthorpe	Ranmoor
Attercliffe	Deepcar	Kelham Island	Richmond
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Birley	Ecclesfield	Midhonestones	Shiregreen
Bolsterstone	Firshill	Millhouses	Southey
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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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			Woodseats

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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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