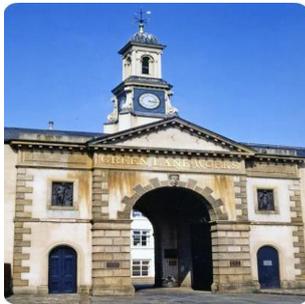


# Sources for the History of Kelham Island



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Entrance to Green Lane Works (established in 1795 by Henry Hoole and Thomas Nicholson), Green Lane, c. 1980 - c. 1999  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield u05941*)

Riverside apartments, Kelham Island, 2009  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield c04190*)

Fat Cat Public House (formerly the Alma), Alma Street, 1991  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s21996*)

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

Kelham Island lays 2 miles north of Sheffield City Centre. Historically it has been within the township and parish of Sheffield and in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

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

### **Books**

Caulton, T. J., 'The Sheffield Workhouse near Kelham Island', in Melvyn Jones (ed.) *Aspects of Sheffield: Discovering Local History 1*, pp. 167-181 (Wharncliffe Publishing, 1997)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*; also available at a number of community libraries)

Fearnley, A. R., *Our Daily Bread* [workhouses, inc. Kelham Island] (Fearnley, 2001)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.58 S*)

Fielder, Robin, *The Furnace Trail: Early Steel Making and Metal Industries in the Kelham Island area of Sheffield* (Upper Don Walk Trust, 2008)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 596/1*)

Smithurst, Peter, *A Guide to Sheffield's Industrial History* [includes an introduction to the Kelham Island area] (Sheffield City Museums, 1983)  
(*Sheffield City Archives: SHE/LOCAL*)

Hey, David, *A History of Sheffield* (Carnegie, 2005)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*; *Sheffield City Archives: HEY/LOCAL*; also available at 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 City Archives: SHE/LOCAL*; also available at most Sheffield libraries)

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 City 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 City Archives: HUN/LOCAL*)

*Transactions of the Hunter Archaeological Society*  
*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 913.4274 S; Sheffield City 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). Some directories are available to view online: <http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4>

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

*J. S. C., Business directory of Sheffield, Rotherham, Masbro' and Attercliffe, 1862*  
*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SST)*

### **Businesses**

A search of the Archives and Local Studies online catalogues and the card indexes may reveal relevant entries.

*(Sheffield City Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library)*

Here are two examples:

James Dixon and Sons Limited, cutlery and silverware manufacturers, Cornish Place Works, Cornish Street. Business records, 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> cents.  
*(Sheffield City Archives: Dixon)*

Ibbotson and Company, manufacturers of steel, saws, files, springs, bolts and nuts, Globe Steel Works, Alma Street. Business records, 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> cents.  
*(Sheffield City Archives: LD1145 - LD1155)*

### **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.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk)

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

Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul [formerly Sheffield Parish Church], parish registers and records, 1560 onwards

*(Sheffield City Archives: PR138)*

St Jude, Moorfields, Gibraltar Street, registers and records, 1855-1938

*(Sheffield City Archives: PR141)*

St Anne, Hoyle Street, registers and records, 1883-1941  
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR11*)

St Philip, Infirmary Road, registers and records, 1828 onwards  
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR10*)

St Michael and All Angels, Neepsend, registers and records, 1867-1953  
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR49*)

Holy Trinity, Wicker, registers and records, 1847-1971  
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR50*)

St Catherine of Alexandria, Roman Catholic Church, Burngreave, registers of baptisms, 1876-1940, marriages, 1879-1951, deaths, 1959-1983  
(*Sheffield City Archives: CATH/48*)

Wesleyan Reform Chapel, Watery Street, register of baptisms, 1852-1939  
(*Sheffield Archives: NR169*)

Ebenezer Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Ebenezer Square, Shalesmoor, registers of marriages, 1903-1950  
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY139/N32/7-11*)

Portmahon Baptist Chapel, St Philips Road, registers of marriages, 1915-1947  
(*Sheffield City Archives: BapR 3/1/1-2*)

Burngreave Cemetery, registers and indexes of burials, 1861-1996  
(*Sheffield City Archives: microfilms A430 - A442*)

Burngreave Cemetery, Monumental Inscriptions  
(*Sheffield City Archives: MI/64*)

Wardsend Cemetery (St Philip), registers of burials, 1829-1977  
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR(M)10/37-46 and PR10/3/11; TI(M) 39/16 and TI 17/3-4*)

Wardsend Cemetery (St Philip), Monumental Inscriptions  
(*Sheffield City Archives: MI/33/1-2 and MI/58*)

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

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)

## **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 City Archives: MC*)

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

Prior to 1880 Kelham Island came within the jurisdiction of the West Riding Quarter Sessions. Records are held at West Yorkshire Archives: [www.archives.wyjs.org.uk](http://www.archives.wyjs.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](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, plan and conditions of sale of valuable freehold works on Kelham Island, Alma Street, Sheffield, 1914 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 28 July 1914*). 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 may reveal relevant entries.

(*Sheffield City 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 City 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 British Library Newspaper Archive website includes the following Sheffield titles:

- Sheffield Independent, 1819 - 1938
- Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 1855 - 1950
- Sheffield Evening Telegraph, 1887 - 1939
- Sheffield Daily News and Morning Advertiser, 1859
- Sheffield Iris, 1835 - 1843
- Sheffield Register / Yorks, Derbys, Notts, Universal Advertiser, 1787 - 1794

Free access to these is available at every Sheffield Library and at Sheffield City Archives <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

### **Photographs and Illustrations**

The main series of photographs and illustrations (65,000+) 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 City Archives)*

### **Poor Law, Civil Parish and Local Government records**

Sheffield Town Trustees, records from 1297

*(Sheffield City Archives: TT)*

Sheffield Church Burgesses, records from 1304

*(Sheffield City Archives: CB)*

Sheffield Borough (later City) Council, records from 1843

*(Sheffield City Archives: CA)*

Sheffield's first workhouse was established at West Bar in 1628. A new workhouse on Kelham Street, opened in 1829, was adopted by the Sheffield Poor Law Union until 1881 when a larger institution opened at Fir Vale (later the site of the Northern General Hospital).

Sheffield Poor Law Union (established in 1837 and comprising Attercliffe-cum-Darnall, Brightside Bierlow and Sheffield townships): records include Guardians' minutes 1890-1930 and letter books 1847-1861; officers' appointments 1876-1913; workhouse punishment book 1903-1926, dietary table 1919 (*Sheffield City Archives CA 692/1-35, CA24, CA 510*); Copy minutes 1891/2 - 1929/30; Statement of Accounts, 1884-1930 (with gaps); Guardian handbook and list of committees, 1894-1904, 1906-1929 (*Local Studies Library 352.9 S and 352.9 SQ*)

For more information: [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 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)

Minutes of the Sheffield School Board (1870 - 1902) may also be of interest.

*(Sheffield City 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 (such as Kelham Island) there may be relevant records at West Yorkshire Archives: [www.archives.wyjs.org.uk](http://www.archives.wyjs.org.uk)

Prior to 1914, the Kelham Island area came within the jurisdiction of the Diocese of York. There are extensive archives of the Diocese at the Borthwick Institute for Archives in York: <http://www.york.ac.uk/borthwick/>

Wills and probate records relating to those who died in the Kelham Island area 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:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/planning-and-city-development/urban-design--conservation/archaeology/smr>

### Other titles in this series

Arbourthorne	Darnall	Jordanthorpe	Ranmoor
Attercliffe	Deepcar	Kelham Island	Richmond
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Beighton	Dungworth	Loxley	Sharrow
Bents Green	Ecclesall	Manor	Shirecliffe
Birley	Ecclesfield	Midhapestones	Shiregreen
Bolsterstone	Firshill	Millhouses	Southey
Bradfield	Firth Park	Mosborough	Stannington
Bradway	Frecheville	Nether Edge	Stocksbridge
Brightside	Fulwood	Nether Green	Tinsley
Broomhall	Gleadless	Netherthorpe	Totley
Broomhill	Greenhill	Norton	Uppertorpe
Burngreave	Grenoside	Oughtibridge	Wadsley
Carbrook	Greystones	Owlerton	Walkley
Chapelton and High Green	Hackenthorpe	Park	Whirlow
Crookes	Handsworth	Parson Cross	Wincobank
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services collect and preserve original records and printed material relating to Sheffield and the surrounding area.

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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	<p><a href="http://www.flickr.com/photos/shefflibraries">www.flickr.com/photos/shefflibraries</a></p>
	<p><a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/SheffieldArchives1">www.youtube.com/user/SheffieldArchives1</a></p>
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