

Sources for the History of Midhopestones



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Lower Hand Bank Farm, formerly the Rose and Crown Public House, Manchester Road, Midhonestones

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St. James' Church, Midhonestones, 2001

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J. W. Rodgers, Post Office, Midhonestones, at the crossroads of the Sheffield to Manchester Road (left to right) and Mortimer Road

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

Midhopestones, 11 miles north-west of Sheffield City Centre, was formerly a township of Bradfield in the parish of Ecclesfield. For local government purposes it was in the West Riding of Yorkshire and Stocksbridge Urban District until 1974 when it was transferred to the city of Sheffield.

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

Books

Charlesworth, Wallace, *Notes on Bolsterstone and Neighbourhood* (1895)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST; also available at Stocksbridge Library: STOCKSBRIDGE 1/30)

Crossland, Pamela, *The Parish of St. Mary, Bolsterstone: Then and Now: A Handbook of History and History in the Making* (1968 / 1980s)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 267 and 283.4274 S; also available at Sheffield City Archives: CRO PAR HIST pamphlet and Stocksbridge Library: BOLSTERSTONE 18)

Kenworthy, Joseph, *The Early History of Stocksbridge*, Vol. 1 [20th cent.]
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S)

Kenworthy, Joseph, *The Broken Earthenware of Midhope Potteries : a romantic story of the lowly potters of Midhope-stones who with the gentlemen glass-makers of Bolsterstone have shed an undying lustre on the annals of the Little Don and Ewden valleys* [20th cent.]
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST)

Kenworthy, Joseph, *Handbook to the Early History of Stocksbridge and District*. No.18a, Old registers and old scholars, or, The beginnings of the Sunday School Movement in Bolsterstone and Midhope (1916)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available at Sheffield City Archives: KEN/LOCAL and Sheffield Central Library Store and Stocksbridge Library: 942.821)

Kenworthy, Joseph, *Handbook to the Early History of Stocksbridge and District*. No.15, Bolsterstone
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available at Sheffield City Archives: KEN/LOCAL and Sheffield Central Library Store and Stocksbridge Library: 942.821)

Kenworthy, Joseph, *The Lure of Midhope-cum-Langsett and the Uplands of the Little Don Valley* (1927)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST)

Kenworthy, Joseph, *Midhope cum Langsett and Midhope Potteries* (1927/28)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST*)

Bolsterstone to Midhopestones: Steel Valley Heritage Trail (Steel Valley Project, 2009)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4292 S*)

Yorkshire Archaeological Society
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 913.4274 S*)

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

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

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. Most West Riding directories however are available in the Sheffield Reference Library or at [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.wyorkshirearchives.org). Some directories are available to view online: <http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4>

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

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

St James, Midhope, parish records, from 1772
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR53*)

Between c. 1665 and 1847 the livings of the ancient chapelries of Midhope and Bolsterstone (the latter a chapel-of-ease to St Nicholas, Bradfield) were normally held together, and Midhope entries were included in Bolsterstone St Mary registers until 1813, when separate registers were begun.

Midhope St. James was transferred from the Diocese of York to Wakefield Diocese in 1914. Baptism and burial registers from 1813 onwards are held at the West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield. For marriages at Midhope before 1926 see Bradfield and Penistone registers, and after 1926 see the Midhope registers available at West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield.

St Mary, Bolsterstone, parish records, 1723 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR53*)

St Nicholas, Bradfield, parish records, 1559 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR44*)

Penistone, parish records, 1643 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: A72 - 73*. Original registers held at West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield)

Transcripts and indexes, Bolsterstone and Midhope, 1691, 1736 - 1814
(*Sheffield City Archives: RC/166*)

A number of transcripts and indexes are available online at www.bolsterstone.net

St Mary, Bolsterstone, churchyard monumental inscriptions
(*Sheffield City Archives: MI/49*)

Ecclesfield cemetery registers, 1920 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: A474*)

Stocksbridge, Deepcar and Bolsterstone parish magazines, 1900 - 1979
(*Stocksbridge Library: Stocksbridge archive*); 1881 and 1956 - 1960 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 2259 S and 283.4274 S*)

A memoir of the incumbency of Rev Canon Wilson, Vicar of Bolsterstone, 1867 - 1914
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets vol. 234 no. 7 (042 S)*)

Branston, Jack, *A Short History of the Little Rustic Chapel of Nether-Midhope* [20th cent.]
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 193*)

Fitton, Michael, *Midhope Church* [1976]
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 S*)

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 non-conformist chapel registers see 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

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

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.
(*Sheffield City Archives: MC*)

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

For records of West Riding of Yorkshire courts (Midhopton 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 (Midhopton 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

Hospitals

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

Land, Building and Property Records

The Local Studies Library has a collection of sale particulars (often with plans) dating from the late 18th century; for instance, plans and particulars of valuable freehold farms, common land, cottages and woodland (part of Sheephouse Wood, with the timber growing thereon) and minerals underlying the whole, situate at Midhope Stones and Lower Belle Clive, Hartcliffe in the parish of Penistone in the county of York (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 28 MAY 1891*)

In addition there are planning applications for Sheffield city (*Sheffield City Archives: CA206*) and Stocksbridge Urban District Council (*Sheffield City Archives: CA759 and CA773*) etc.

There are also deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers at Sheffield City Archives.

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*)

As Midhopestones was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974 some land, building and property records may be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Family and Estate Records

Ellis Family of Midhope Hall and subsequently of Don View, Oughtibridge.

Miscellaneous family papers, 1679 - 1904

(*Sheffield City Archives: MD6264-6266*)

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 City 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 ([maps.html](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/enclosure-awards-and-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 City Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

For West Riding of Yorkshire maps (Midhopestones was in the West Riding until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.west-yorkshire-archives.co.uk).

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 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/>

For West Riding of Yorkshire newspapers (Midhopestones was in the West Riding until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.west-yorkshire-archives.co.uk).

Photographs and Illustrations

The main series of photographs and illustrations (65,000+) is available online at www.picturesheffield.com . In addition Sheffield Archives has photographs and illustrations within its collections.

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

Poor Law, Civil Parish and Local Government records

Midhopestones was in the Wortley Poor Law Union established in 1838.

Wortley Poor Law Union, minutes and accounts, 1838 - 1929
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY164 and CA527*)

Wortley Poor Law Union, maps and Rate books for Ecclesfield, Bradfield and Chapeltown [19th/20th cents.] (*Sheffield Archives: Acc. 1980/43*)
Wortley Rural District Council, minutes and indexes, 1959 - 1974
(*Sheffield City 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 City 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 City Archives: Acc. 2010/131*)

Wortley Rural Sanitary Authority, minutes, 1872 - 1896
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA528*)

Maps of areas in Wortley Union and Wortley Rural District Council, 1844 - 1865
(*Sheffield City Archives: Acc. 1990/34*)

Wortley Rural District Council, various records, 19th - 20th cent
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD7629, MD8143, CA624, CA708, X246 and X435*)

Stocksbridge Local Board of Health and Urban District Council, minutes, etc., 1873 - 1974
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA60*)

Stocksbridge Parish and Urban District Council rate books, 1873 - 1962
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA635 and X436*)

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 Midhopstones 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](#).

Schools

Sheffield Archives and Local Studies has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance, Midhopstones Council School, 1884 -1968 (*Sheffield City Archives: CA268-273*). For a full list of school records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records

As Midhopstones was 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 City Archives and Local Studies other library and archive services will also hold relevant material. Stocksbridge library has books and maps relating to Midhopstones. For example:

Kenworthy, Joseph, The Inclosure Awards of Bolsterstone, Hunshelf, Langsett, and Midhope (1917)
(*Stocksbridge Library: MIDHOPE, LANGSETT 5*)

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

Prior to 1914, Midhopstones 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 Midhopstones 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](#).

Stocksbridge and District History Society <http://www.stocksbridgehs.co.uk>

Other titles in this series

Arbourthorne	Darnall	Jordanthorpe	Ranmoor
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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
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Crosspool	Heeley	Pitsmoor	Wisewood
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			Woodseats

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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 12th century to the present and relates to Sheffield, South Yorkshire and north Derbyshire.

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