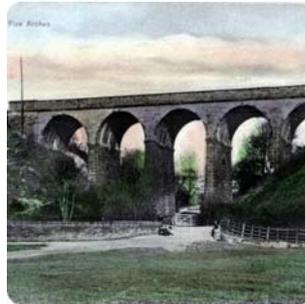


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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

Owlerton Bridge, Penistone Road, Owlerton (showing Swift Brothers, Steel Rollers, Owlerton Rolling Mills in the background), [early 1900s]
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Five Arches, Herries Road, Owlerton (Wardsend Viaduct), constructed for the Sheffield, Ashton-Under-Lyne and Manchester Railway (opened 1845)
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Staff of George Bassett & Co. Ltd, Sweet Manufacturers, Beulah Road, Owlerton [mid 20th cent]
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This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for researching the history of Owlerton at Sheffield Archives and Local Studies Library.

Owlerton lies 2 miles north west of Sheffield city centre. Owlerton was formerly a hamlet, partly in the township of Nether Hallam in the West Riding of Yorkshire, and partly in the parish of Ecclesfield in the Wortley Rural District, until 1901 when it was incorporated into Sheffield under the Sheffield Corporation Act of 1900. There are separate [Community History](#) guides for neighbouring areas such as Hillsborough.

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

Books and Pamphlets, etc.

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 Archives: SHE/LOCAL; also available from most Sheffield libraries*)

Clayton, Ron, *Sheffield S6: Hillsborough, Langsett, Kelvin, Malin Bridge, Neepsend, St. Philips, Wardsend. Vol.1* (ALD Design & Print, 2008)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Clayton, Ron, *Hillsborough and Beyond* (ALD Design & Print, 2009)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.821 S*)

Eastwood, Jonathan, *History of the Parish of Ecclesfield in the County of York* (Bell and Daldy, 1862)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield Archives: EAS/LOCAL; also available from many community libraries: 942.821*)

Hall, T. Walter, *A Descriptive catalogue (3rd volume) of Sheffield Manorial Records from the Court Roll 1424-1597; also divers ancient charters and instruments as to Sheffield, with notes on Owlerton Hall and index to Liber Finium* (J. W. Northend, 1934)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 016.94274 S*)

Hall, T. Walter, *The Aula in Hallam : A Seneschal of Hallamshire, Tickhill Castle and Owlerton Manor in Sheffield* (South Yorkshire Historical Sketches, 1931)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 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*)

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

Mathers, Helen, *Hillsborough by Her People: A History of the District from Earliest Times* [20th cent.]
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Mathers, Helen, *The Second Hillsborough by Her People: More Hillsborough History in Words and Photographs* (1985)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Nunn, Malcolm, *Around Bradfield, Loxley and Hillsborough* (Chalfont, 1996)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S and Sheffield Archives: NUN/LOCAL; also available from many community libraries libraries: 942.821*)

Nunn, Malcolm, *Around Bradfield, Loxley and Hillsborough: the Second Selection* (Tempus, 2002)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available from many community libraries libraries: 942.821*)

Nunn, Malcolm, *Loxley Valley and Beyond Through Time* (Amberley, 2009)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Rickett, Paul, *Roar of the Tigers: 70 years of Sheffield Speedway* [at Owlerton Stadium] (Pendragon Books, 1999)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 796.75 SST*)

Sheffield inundation, March 12 1864: photographic views of the fractured embankment of the Bradfield Reservoir, the ruins at Damflask, Little Matlock, Malin Bridge, Tricketts Farmhouse, Limerick Mill, Hillsboro', Owlerton, Philadelphia, Neepsend etc, specially photographed (Pawson and Brailsford, 1864)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SSTQ*)

Wrigley, J. R., *A Hillsborough Camera: Picture Memories* (Pickard, 2003)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Wrigley, J. R., *An Owlerton Camera: Picture Memories* (Pickard, 2004)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

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

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

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://WestYorkshireArchives). 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

The parish of St John the Baptist, Owlerton, was formed out of St Philip's (Infirmery Road), Sheffield and became a separate parish in 1876. St Philip's Church dates back to 1828. Historically, the older church serving the Owlerton area was St Mary's, Ecclesfield. The independent parish of St Polycarp, Malin Bridge was formed in 1933 with some parts taken from Owlerton and some parts from Stannington (a school church and later mission church had stood at Malin Bridge since 1879). The nearest cemetery in the Owlerton area is Wardsend Cemetery.

Sheffield, St John the Baptist, Owlerton, Anglican Parish, parish registers and records, 1874 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR90*)

Sheffield, St Philip, Anglican Parish, parish registers and records, 1828 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR10*)

Sheffield, St Mary, Ecclesfield, Anglican Parish, parish registers and records, 1520 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR54*)

Sheffield, St Polycarp, Malin Bridge, Anglican Parish, parish registers and records, 1920 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR143*)

Owerton Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, baptism register, 1838 - 1903
(*Sheffield Archives: NR1681*)

Owlerton Methodist New Connexion Church (corner of Penistone Road and Capel Street), baptism registers and administrative records, 1878 - 1963
(*Sheffield Archives: NR853-859*)

Penistone Road United Methodist Chapel, Owlerton, Sheffield, marriage registers, 1918 - 1962
(*Sheffield Archives: SY139/30/4/1-3*)

Owlerton Methodist Church (Penistone Road) monumental inscriptions (compiled 1969)
(*Sheffield Archives: MI52*)

Wardsend Cemetery (opened 1857), registers and indexes of burials, 1829-1977
(*Sheffield Archives: PR(M)10/37-46 and PR10/3/11; TI(M) 39/16 and TI/17/3-4 for indexes up to 1922*)

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

Clubs, Societies and Charities

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

Owlerton fourth annual athletic sports programme, 2 Jul 1898
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 6133 M*)

Southey and Owlerton Community Alliance (SOCA) minutes and papers, c. 1999 - 2004
(*Sheffield Archives: X387*)

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.
(*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 (Owlerton was in the West Riding until 1901) 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 (Owlerton was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1901) 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 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 Owlerton was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1901, older records may 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, 'Particulars and plan of leasehold grinding wheels at Owlerton', 1877 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 19 June 1877*)

In addition there are planning applications for Sheffield city (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*) and Wortley Rural District Council registers of building plans and plans, 1877-1936 (*Sheffield Archives: CA212, CA467, CA676*); for instance, 'Wortley Rural District Council: building plan relating to Penistone Road and High Bridge, Owlerton, Hillsborough – hotel and saleshop, and 6 horse stable, for William F. Ragg', Aug 1900 (*Sheffield Archives: CA212/160*)

There are also deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers at Sheffield Archives; for instance, court rolls and rentals relating to the manor of Owlerton, 1711 - 1766 (*Sheffield Archives: TC/344-348*)

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 Owlerton was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1901, some land, building and property records may be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

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.

(*Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

For West Riding of Yorkshire maps (Owlerton was in the West Riding until 1901) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

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/.

For West Riding of Yorkshire newspapers (Owlerton was in the West Riding until 1901) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Photographs and Illustrations

The main series of photographs and illustrations (60,000+) is available at Sheffield Local Studies Library in the Central Library. Over 55,000 of these are 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

Owlerton was in the Wortley Poor Law Union (established in 1838) and Wortley Rural District until 1901 when it was incorporated into Sheffield under the 1900 Sheffield Corporation Act. Thereafter Owlerton was in the Sheffield Poor Law Union.

Wortley Poor Law Union, minutes and accounts, 1838 - 1929
(Sheffield 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 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 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 Archives: Acc. 2010/131)

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

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

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

Sheffield Poor Law Union (including Owlerton after 1900): Guardians' minutes 1890 - 1930 and letter books 1847 - 1861; officers' appointments 1876-1913; workhouse punishment book 1903 - 1926, dietary 1919 (*Sheffield 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 and www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/workhouses-and-poor-law-unions.html

As Owlerton was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1901 other records of the poor law and local government may be available at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Schools

Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library have records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance, in the Owlerton area, there are Sacred Heart Roman Catholic School (Ripley Street, Hillsborough) log books, 1903 - 1956 (*Sheffield Archives: Microfilm A200a*). For a full list of school records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records

A search of the Archives and Local Studies online catalogues and the card indexes may reveal other school records; for instance, 'Plans of Owlerton National Infants' School, by Josh. Mitchell, Sheffield', [19th cent.] (*Sheffield Archives: AP/6/1/10*)

As Owlerton was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1901 some school records may be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

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, Owlerton 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 Owlerton 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](#).

Hillsborough and Owlerton Local History Group

<http://www.hillsboroughowlertonlocalhistory.co.uk/>

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Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library 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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