

Sources for the History of Parson Cross



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Opening of Brightside and Carbrook Co-operative Society, Margetson Crescent,
1951

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Parson Cross Fun Day, 2010

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Housecraft lesson at Colley School, Parson Cross, 1951

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

Parson Cross is 5 ½ miles north of Sheffield city centre.

Parson Cross was originally a village in the parish of Ecclesfield. Up until 1974 Ecclesfield was in the West Riding of Yorkshire (though some parts had been absorbed into Sheffield as early as 1901).

There are separate guides to Ecclesfield and Chapeltown and High Green.

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

Books

Eastwood, Jonathan, *History of the Parish of Ecclesfield, in the county of York* (Bell and Daldy, 1862)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies available at Sheffield Archives: EAS/LOCAL and in a number of community libraries: 942.821*)

Ecclesfield Parish Pictorial: A Nostalgic Look at Village Scenes in Chapeltown, Ecclesfield, Grenoside and High Green (Chapeltown & High Green Archive, 1991)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; also available at Chapeltown and Stocksbridge libraries: 942.821 Q*)

Hey, David, *Historic Hallamshire* (Landmark, 2002)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies available in a number of community libraries: 942.821*)

Hey, David, *The Village of Ecclesfield* (Advertiser Press, 1968)
(*Sheffield Archives: HEY/LOCAL; also available at Chapeltown and Stocksbridge libraries: 942.741*)

Holland, Derek, *New Light on Old Ecclesfield* (1975)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; copies also available at Sheffield Archives: ECC/LOCAL and Central Library Store and Hillsborough Library: 942.821 Q and 942.74 SQ*)

Jones, Joan, *Ecclesfield, Grenoside, High Green and Chapeltown* (Nonsuch Publishing, 1999 and 2005)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST; copies available in a number of community libraries: 942.821*)

Jones, Joan and Mel., *Ecclesfield Parish: People and Places: an Album of Photographs of Chapeltown, Ecclesfield, Grenoside and High Green to*

Commemorate the Centenary of Ecclesfield Parish Council (Chapelton & High Green Archive, 1994)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; also available at Sheffield Archives: JON/LOCAL; and Chapelton and Hillsborough libraries: 942.821 Q*)

Jones, Joan, *Picturing the Past: Chapelton, Ecclesfield & High Green in Words and Pictures* (2004)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies available in a number of community libraries: 942.821*)

Jones, Joan, *Past Times from around Chapelton, Ecclesfield, Thorpe Hesley and Wentworth* (Green tree, 2002)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies available in a number of community libraries: 942.821*)

Jones, Mel., *Changing times: in Chapelton, Ecclesfield, High Green and Thorpe Hesley* (Green Tree, 2007)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; copies available in a number of community libraries: 942.821 Q*)

Jones, Mel., *Ecclesfield, Chapelton & High Green Through Time* (Amberley, 2009)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; copies available in a number of community libraries: 942.821 Q*)

Mercer, V. W., *The School at Parson Cross, 1630 - 1980* (Sheaf Books, 1980)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 379.94274 S*)

Monteney Community History Workshop, *Parson Cross in the late 1980s - 100 photographs of the area ...* (1990)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SSTF*)

Voices of Ecclesfield, Grenoside, High Green and Chapelton (Tempus, 2000)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies also available at Ecclesfield Library: 942.821*)

Slinn, Cyril, *Ecclesfield Remembered* (Countryside Publication, 2003)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available at Chapelton and Stocksbridge libraries: 942.741*)

Mayland, J. M., *Ecclesfield Church: Minster of the Moors: 1500 years* (1976)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 S; copies available in a number of community libraries: 726.509*)

Woodriff, Bryan, *Shiregreen, Wincobank and Ecclesfield* (Sutton, 2001)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies available in a number of community libraries: 942.821 Q*)

Woodriff, Bryan, *Shiregreen, Wincobank and Ecclesfield Memories* (Sutton, 2003)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies available in a number of community libraries: 942.821 Q*)

Aspects of Victorian Ecclesfield (Workers' Educational Association. Ecclesfield Branch. Local History Group, 1992)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

Exploring old Ecclesfield (Workers' Educational Association. Ecclesfield Branch. Local History Group, 1977)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; copies available at Sheffield Archives: ECC/LOCAL and in a number of community libraries: 942.74 Q and 942.821 Q*)

Old Ecclesfield Revisited (Workers' Educational Association. Ecclesfield Branch, 1987)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; also available at Sheffield Archives: ECC/LOCAL and Ecclesfield Library: 942.74 Q*)

Pictures from the past - glimpses from some Ecclesfield family albums (Workers' Educational Association. Ecclesfield Branch, 1985)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; also available at Sheffield Archives: ECC/LOCAL; and Ecclesfield and Hillsborough libraries: 942.821 Q*)

Wrigley, J. R., *An Ecclesfield Camera: Picture Memories* (Pickard, 2002)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies also available in Central Lending and Stocksbridge libraries: 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*)

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*)

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. Most West Riding directories, however, are available in the Sheffield Reference Library or at West Yorkshire Archives. 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 Cecilia, Parson Cross was created in 1937 from Christ Church, Pitsmoor, St Mary, Ecclesfield and St Mark, Grenoside to serve the new housing estate of Parson Cross. The parish church (located on Chaucer Close) was completed and consecrated in 1939. The ministry was at first undertaken by members of the Society of the Sacred Mission (the Kelham Fathers). They withdrew in 1955 and a vicar was appointed.

The mission church of St Bernard's was the first building to be opened in the parish in 1937, and was replaced by a brick building in 1954. St Bernard's was located on Southey Hill on the corner of Northlands Road.

The third place of worship, the mission church of Christ the King was built in 1940, and closed in 1970 and the building sold.

St Cecilia, Parson Cross, parish registers and records, 1938 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR45*)

St Mary, Ecclesfield, parish registers and records, 1599 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR 54*)

Christ Church Pitsmoor, parish registers and records, 1850 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR101*)

St Mark, Grenoside, parish registers and records, 1900 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR134*)

Ecclesfield Churchyard Tombstone Inscriptions, transcribed by F S Hague
(*Sheffield Archives: MD3583-3585*)

Ecclesfield Cemetery, registers of burials, 1920 - 1996
(*Sheffield Archives: microfilm A474*)

Mount Tabor Methodist Church, Parson Cross, baptism registers 1938 - 1976, marriage registers, 1952 - 1968; Sunday School accounts, chapel correspondence, minutes etc. 1899 - 1976
(*Sheffield Archives: NR849, NR976-981 and NR1315-1342*)

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 Roman Catholic Church registers see 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

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 Parson Cross based clubs, societies and charities.

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, c.1870 - 1976.
(*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 (Parson Cross 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 (Parson Cross 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 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 Parson Cross was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974, older records will be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Land, Building and Property Records

Sale particulars (often with plans) date from the late 18th century; for instance, plans, particulars and conditions of sale of freehold residence, council hall, dwelling-houses, agricultural land and allotments at Ecclesfield [Parson Cross], 1921 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library 10 May 1921*).

In addition some planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards – these include Sheffield City (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*). For instance, there are planning applications for the Parson Cross Estate, c. 1937/8 (*Sheffield Archives: CA206/36491*) and Wortley Rural District Council registers of buildings plans, 1881 - 1936 (*Sheffield Archives: CA676; CA529*).

There are also deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers (*Sheffield 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

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

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 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

Ecclesfield Overseers of the Poor, Constables, etc, 1602 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR54/22*)

Ecclesfield and Bradfield Highways and Ecclesfield and Bradfield Board, minutes and assessments, 1811 - 1865
(*Sheffield Archives: CA65*)

Bradfield Poor Law Union, Copies of documents (settlement certificates, removal orders and bastardy orders), 1705-1850
(*Sheffield Archives: MD7277*)

Wortley Rural District Council, 1895-1974
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 33 (042 SQ)*)

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

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

Wortley Rural District Council
(*Sheffield Archives: MD7629, MD8143, CA624, CA708, X246, X435*)

Valuation records (plans) prepared for Wortley Board of Guardians for poor rate valuation purposes, 1864 - 1865
(*Sheffield Archives: SY555*)

For more information on poor law and workhouse records see:
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 Parson Cross 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 has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance there are archives from Lindsay Road County School (log books, admission registers and other records), from 1941 onwards (*Sheffield Archives: CA731*).

For a full list of school records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records

Ecclesfield School Board, minutes, 1887 - 1902
(*Sheffield Archives: CA760*)

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 (Parson Cross was in the West Riding until 1974) there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#).

Prior to 1914, Parson Cross 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 Parson Cross 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](#).

Other titles in this series

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

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