

Sources for the History of Upperthorpe



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Upperthorpe Council School violin class, 1923
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s09203*)

Upperthorpe to Market Hall horse-bus, c. 1890
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield y00730*)

Norman House, 134 Upperthorpe ('Oak Tower'), 2012
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield a00657*)

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

Upperthorpe lies 2 miles north of Sheffield City Centre. Historically it has been part of the ancient parish of Sheffield.

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

Books

Consecration at the Upper Chapel and the Upperthorpe Chapel, Sheffield, 1883
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 61 no. 7 (042 S)*)

Gamble, Denise, *A History of Upperthorpe Branch Library, 1869-1986* (1986)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 027.44274 SSTQ*)

Pass, Fred, *Weerz me Dad?: A Collection of Autobiographical Childhood Stories of the 40s and 50s* (ALD Design & Print, 2001)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: B.PAS; Sheffield City Archives: PAS/BIOG; also available at most Sheffield libraries*)

Pass, Fred, *Weerz me Mam?: A Further Collection of Autobiographical Childhood Stories of the 40s and 50s* (ALD Design & Print, 2007)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: B.PAS; also available at most Sheffield libraries*)

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. 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 City Archives via 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), registers and records from 1560 onwards
(Sheffield City Archives: PR138)

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

St Nathanael, Crookesmoor, Anglican parish, registers and records from 1902 onwards
(Sheffield City Archives: PR64)

St Bartholomew, Anglican parish, registers and records from 1880 onwards
(Sheffield City Archives: PR75)

The Manse, 124 Upperthorpe, minutes of trustees, 1933 - 1957
(Sheffield City Archives: NR1753)

Sheffield General Cemetery, registers of burials etc., 1836 onwards
(Sheffield City Archives: microfilms)

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 Sharrow-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 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 Uppertorpe came within the jurisdiction of the West Riding Quarter Sessions. Records are held at [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

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

Land, Building and Property Records

Sale particulars (often with plans) date from the late 18th century; some planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards, etc. For instance, particulars of important and valuable freehold estates situate at Crookes, Crookes Moor and Sheffield (including Upperthorpe) (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: sale plan 13 Nov 1843*).

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.

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 (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 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 . In addition Sheffield City 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 Poor Law Union (including Upperthorpe): 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 and 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 example, there are log books and admission registers for Upperthorpe Nursery, First and Middle School from 1900 onwards *(Sheffield City Archives: CA772)*. For a full list of school records see 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 City Archives and Local Studies other library and archive services will also hold relevant material:

Prior to 1914, Sheffield 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 Upperthorpe prior to 1858 are either held at the [Borthwick Institute](#) for Diocese of York parishes or the [Lichfield Record Office](#) for areas formerly in the Derbyshire area. 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

Arbourthorne	Darnall	Jordanthorpe	Ranmoor
Attercliffe	Deepcar	Kelham Island	Richmond
Beauchief	Dore	Lodge Moor	Ringinglow
Beighton	Dungworth	Loxley	Sharrow
Bents Green	Ecclesall	Manor	Shirecliffe
Birley	Ecclesfield	Midhopestones	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	Upperthorpe
Burngreave	Grenoside	Oughtibridge	Wadsley
Carbrook	Greystones	Owlerton	Walkley
Chapelton and High Green	Hackenthorpe	Park	Whirlow
Crookes	Handsworth	Parson Cross	Wincobank
Crosspool	Heeley	Pitsmoor	Wisewood
Crystal Peaks	Hillsborough	Porter Valley	Woodhouse
			Woodseats

Sheffield City 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.

Included are extensive collections of books • pamphlets • photographs • church registers • newspapers • census records • minutes • diaries • films • maps • deeds • records from schools • hospitals • businesses and charities • family estates • personal papers etc

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