

Sources for the History of Whirlow



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

20 of the first 25 women in the Sheffield Diocese due to be ordained as priests at Whirlow Grange Conference Centre, 1994
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s22763*)

Bedroom at Whirlow Grange, c. 1900
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s05984*)

Whirlow Park, 1956
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield y03596*)

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

Whirlow lies 4 miles south west 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

Frost, Shirley, *Whirlow: the Story of an Ancient Sheffield Hamlet* (J.W. Northend, 1990)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield Archives: FRO/LOCAL*)

Keeling, Christ, *A Photographic Journey down Ecclesall Road from Whirlow to Town* (Arc, 2009)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Snowdon, Maurice, *Whirlow Grange: a History of the Sheffield Diocesan Conference Centre* (1989)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.4274 S*)

Hey, David, *A History of Sheffield* (Carnegie, 2005)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield 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 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 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*)

Transactions of the Hunter Archaeological Society

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 913.4274 S; Sheffield 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: 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

Whirlow was originally in the parish of Sheffield and later in the parish of All Saints, Ecclesall.

Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul (formerly Sheffield parish church), registers and records from 1560 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR138*)

All Saints, Ecclesall, registers and records from 1784 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR100*)

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

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 Whirlow-based clubs, societies and charities, for example:

Whirlow Hall Farm Trust Farm Fayre programmes, 1990s
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 2696 S*)

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 Archives: MC*)

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

Prior to 1880 Whirlow came within the jurisdiction of the West Riding Quarter Sessions. Records are held at [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.wyorkshirearchives.gov.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

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, plan and particulars of the Whirlow Grange Estate, 1873 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 10 June 1873*). 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, for instance:

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

Over 60,000 images from the Sheffield Library and Archive collections are available to view online at [Picture Sheffield](#).

Poor Law, Civil Parish and Local Government records

Sheffield Town Trustees, records from 1297
(*Sheffield Archives: TT*)

Sheffield Church Burgesses, records from 1304
(*Sheffield Archives: CB*)

Sheffield Borough (later City) Council, records from 1843
(*Sheffield Archives: CA*)

Sheffield Poor Law Union (including Whirlow): Guardians' minutes 1890 - 1930 and letter books 1847 - 1861; officers' appointments 1876 - 1913; workhouse punishment book 1903 - 1926, dietary table 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

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

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

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 Whirlow 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	Deepcar	Lodge Moor	Ringinglow
Attercliffe	Dore	Loxley	Sharrow
Beauchief	Dungworth	Manor	Shirebrook
Beighton	Ecclesall	Midhopestones	Shirecliffe
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Crookes	Heeley	Pitsmoor	Winn Gardens
Crosspool	Hillsborough	Porter Valley	Wisewood
Crystal Peaks	Jordanthorpe	Ranmoor	Woodhouse
Darnall	Kelham Island	Richmond	Woodseats

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.

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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