

Sources for the History of Wisewood



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

St. Mark's Methodist Chapel, Sunday School outing to Wisewood Forge, c. 1900
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s02929*)

Aerial view of Wisewood Secondary School, 1993
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield: w01009*)

The Wood Family outside Wisewood Forge, c. 1900
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield: s10430*)

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

Wisewood is 5 miles north-west of Sheffield city centre. It lies in the parish of Ecclesfield.

Until 1901 Wisewood was in the West Riding of Yorkshire and the Wortley Rural District.

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

Books

Castle, Joe, *Wadsley [and] Wisewood: late 1920s to 1987: a Calendar of Happenings*
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 373.7274 SSTQ)

Castle, Joe, *A Wisewood Diary: to Celebrate Sixty Years of a Community and its School*
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 373.4274 SQ; Sheffield Archives: CAS/EDUC)

Pegg, Melvyn, *Wisewood Forge and Associated Buildings: a Photographic Record of their Condition in 1990*
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 621.21 SSTQ)

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

Wisewood was part of the ancient parish of Ecclesfield. Nearby churches include St Polycarp, Malin Bridge and Wadsley parish church.

St Mary, Ecclesfield, parish registers and records, 1599 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR54*)

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

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

Wadsley parish registers and records, 1834 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR78*)

Wisewood Methodist Church, marriage register 1971 - 1964; minutes and accounts, 1914 - 1998, correspondence, 1967 - 1975, preaching plans 1967 - 1980
(*Sheffield Archives: NR996; NR acc. 2006/112 and 2002/105; NR1340-1341 and NR1356-1360*)

Wisewood Wesleyan Chapel, marriage registers, 1924 - 1960
(*Sheffield Archives: NR acc. 2013/39*)

Wisewood Methodist Chapel, Loxley Road, marriage registers, 1960 - 1980
(*Sheffield Archives: NR acc. 2013/39*)

Wisewood Cemetery registers of burial and grave plots, 1933 - 1996
(*Sheffield Archives: A471 (microfilm)*)

Wisewood Cemetery monumental inscriptions, 1933 - 1999
(*Sheffield Archives: MI/67*)

Wisewood Cemetery plan, 1998
(*Sheffield Archives: MD7329*)

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 Wisewood -based clubs, societies and charities; for instance:

Wisewood Festival programme, 1972
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 2123 M*)

Loyal Wisewood Lodge of Odd Fellows, rules, 1888
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets vol. 149 no. 18 042 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*)

For records of West Riding of Yorkshire courts (Wisewood 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 courts (Wisewood 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 Wisewood was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1901, 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, particulars and conditions of sale of valuable freehold property situate at Wisewood, 11 Dec 1866 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library*).

In addition some planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards – these include Sheffield City (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*) and Wortley Rural District Council registers of buildings plans, 1881 - 1936 (*Sheffield Archives: CA676; CA529*). Register of deposited building plans of the North East (Wincobank) and North west (Hillsborough) Divisions, 1877 - 1902, but including also for the North West Division a few for 1913 - 1922 (*Sheffield Archives: CA467*)

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

Court rolls of the Manor of Ecclesfield, 1705 - 1926
(*Sheffield Archives: MD596-600*)

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, for example:

City of Sheffield: the Wisewood estate housing scheme, lay-out plan, 1929
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: S (12) 10 M*)

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 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 Parish Council, minutes, accounts, etc., 1894 - 1983
(*Sheffield Archives: CA688*)

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

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, MD7871, 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 Wisewood 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 has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance there are archives from Wisewood Junior School (log books, admission registers and other records), from 1832 onwards (*Sheffield Archives: CA35/549-554*).

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

Official opening brochure for Wisewood Council Junior School, 1932
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets vol. 123 no. 12 042 S*)

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

Postles, David, The First years of the Ecclesfield School Board, 1882 - 1888 (1970s)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 49 SQ*)

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 (Wisewood was in the West Riding until 1901) there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#).

Prior to 1914, Wisewood 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 Wisewood 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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