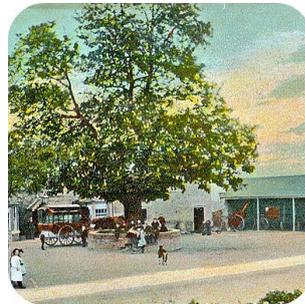


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Woodseats tram terminus, c. 1900  
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Big Tree Hotel, Chesterfield Road, Woodseats. Originally named the Masons Arms.  
Renamed the Big Tree due to the large oak tree at the front, c. 1900  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s17631*)

Ye Olde Sweete Shop, Chesterfield Road, Woodseats, c. 1920s  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s00878*)

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

Woodseats lies 4 miles south of Sheffield City Centre. Originally a village in the parish of Norton and in the Norton Rural District it was transferred to the City of Sheffield in 1901.

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

## **Books**

Bailey, Val. (ed), *Woodseats at War* (Sheffield City Libraries, 1988)  
(*Sheffield Archives: BAI/LOCAL*)

Bradwell, Betty, *A History of St. Chad's Church, Norton Woodseats 1912 - 1987*  
[1987]  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 S*)

*Bygone Sheffield 8 Volume Two* (Heron Publications, c. 2010)  
(*Sheffield Archives: ACT/LOCAL*)

*Do You Remember When? Welcome to a Nostalgic Trip around the Sheffield 8 Area*  
(Heron Publications, c. 2000)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 529/1*)

*Down Memory Lane: A Nostalgic Journey Around the Sheffield 8 Area* (Heron Publications, c. 2000)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 495/1 and Sheffield Archives: ACT/LOCAL*)

Gray, Maureen, *Behind the scenes: Woodseats Operatic Society, 1945 - 1995*  
(Woodseats Operatic Society, 1996)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 792.094274 SST*)

Lofthouse, Alistair, *Sheffield S8: Greenhill, Heeley, Meadowhead, Norton, Woodseats* (ALD Design & Print, 2009)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

*More Sheffield 8 Then and Now: A New Collection of Old Images from Active8*  
(Heron Publications, c. 2000)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 494 and Sheffield Archives: ACT/LOCAL*)

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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: B. ROSS S*)

White, R. J., *Woodseats Operatic Society 1941 - 1971: A History of the Society* (W Bishop and Sons Ltd, 1972)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 792.094274 SST)

Manning, David, *St. Chad's Church, Woodseats 1912 - 2012* (2012)  
(1990)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 915 S)

*Woodseats Methodist Church, Sheffield: Refurbishment Scheme, 1988 - 1993:*  
souvenir booklet and programme (Woodseats Methodist Church, 1993)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 298)

*Woodseats Now and Then* [videorecording] (A D.W.W. Production, c. 2000)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: DVD 78)

*Woodseats Then & Now: The Changing Face of One of Sheffield's Favourite Suburbs* (Heron Publications, c. 2000)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 493/1)

Rawlin, Nellie, *Nellie's Book: A Personal History* [Nellie was born in Woodseats 1917]  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: B.RAWL SSTQ)

*Roundabout Woodseats: Local voices from Norton Woodseats, Norton Village, Norton Lees, Little Norton, Woodseats, Low Edges, Bradway, Fraser Estate, Meersbrook and Heeley; compiled and edited by Yorkshire Art Circus and Woodseats Library* (Yorkshire Art Circus, 1986)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ)

*Derbyshire Miscellany* (Derbyshire Archaeological Society, 1956 - 2011)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.51 SQ)

Derbyshire Archaeological Society journal  
(Sheffield Reference and Information Library)

*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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/trade-directories.html). Some directories are available to view online: [www.historicaldirectories.org](http://www.historicaldirectories.org). Most Derbyshire directories, however, are available in the Sheffield Reference Library or at [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#). Some directories are available to view online: [www.historicaldirectories.org](http://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](http://www.Ancestry.com)

## **Church registers and records, monumental (gravestone) inscriptions and cemeteries**

Woodseats was (until 1912) within the ancient parish of Norton St James.

St Paul's Norton Lees was consecrated in 1877, and originally had jurisdiction over the parish of Norton Woodseats (a parish formed out of Norton in 1874). The parish came to be known as Norton Lees at some time before the new parish of St Chad, Norton Woodseats was constituted in 1912.

The ecclesiastical parish of St Chad's Norton Woodseats was formed out of the parishes of Norton and Norton Lees and from the liberty of Beauchief. The church was consecrated in 1912.

St James, Norton, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1559 onwards  
(*Sheffield Archives: PR2*)

St Paul, Norton Lees, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1877 onwards  
(*Sheffield Archives: PR99*)

St Chad, Norton Woodseats, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1912 onwards  
(*Sheffield Archives: PR95*)

Woodseats Methodist Church (originally known as Holmthirst Road Methodist Church), Minutes, papers, Sunday School and other records, 1899 onwards  
(*Sheffield Archives: NR*)

Chantry Road United Methodist Church, Woodseats, marriage registers, 1928 - 1977 (with gaps), minutes, membership list etc., 1920s onwards  
(*Sheffield Archives: NR various*)

Anns Road (Primitive Methodist), later St Andrew's (with early entries for Coal Aston, Norton and Woodseats), baptism registers, 1884 - 1987 and marriage registers, 1899 - 1990  
(*Sheffield Archives: NR2299 and NR2320*)

Norton Cemetery (Derbyshire Lane), registers of burials, 1869 - 1945  
(*Sheffield Archives: A474 - A476 microfilms*)

For further details on Anglican parish registers see [www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/parish-registers.html](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/parish-registers.html)

For details on Roman Catholic church registers see [www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/roman-catholic-church-registers.html](http://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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/non-conformist-chapel-registers.html)

For details on cemeteries see [www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/cemetery-registers.html](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/cemetery-registers.html)

For details on monumental inscriptions (gravestone transcriptions) see [www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/monumentalinscriptions.html](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/monumentalinscriptions.html)

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

Norton (and Woodseats) was originally a parish in the Diocese of Lichfield and later in the Diocese of Southwell (created 1884). When the parish was transferred to Sheffield, it was also transferred to the Diocese of Sheffield.

Diocese of Lichfield (to 1884) contact [Staffordshire Archives Service](#)

Diocese of Southwell (1884 - 1927) contact [Nottinghamshire Archives](#).

Diocese of Derby (1927 - 1974) contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Diocese of Sheffield records are at Sheffield Archives.

### **Clubs, Societies and Charities**

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

Woodseats Boys' Club 'The First Ten Years' 1977  
(*Sheffield Archives: X118/18/26*)

### **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 Derbyshire courts (Woodseats was in Derbyshire until 1901) contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

### **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](http://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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/poll-books.html)

For Derbyshire electoral registers and poll books (Woodseats was in Derbyshire until 1901) contact [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

### **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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/hospital-records.html)

As Woodseats was in Derbyshire until 1901 older records will be at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

### **Land, Building and Property Records**

The Local Studies Library has a collection of sale particulars (often with plans) dating from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century; for instance, plans and particulars of beautiful freehold building sites and gardens, Norton Cliffe Fields and Woodseats, 1856 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 29 Jul 1856*).

In addition there are a few planning applications from Norton Rural District Council, (*Sheffield Archives: CA207 and CA208 and CA214*), as well as Sheffield City Council (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*). There may also be planning applications at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

There are also deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers.

For example, deeds and papers of the Newton Shawe family of Norton, from the 13<sup>th</sup> century onwards (*Sheffield Archives: NSC*) and Bagshawe Family of Oakes-in-Norton (Oakes Deeds), 18<sup>th</sup> century onwards (*Sheffield Archives: OD*).

A search of the Archives and Local Studies online catalogues and the card indexes may reveal other relevant entries.

(*Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

As Woodseats was in Derbyshire until 1901 some land, building and property records may be at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Derbyshire maps (Woodseats was in Derbyshire until 1901) contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

## 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. Also available is the *Eckington, Woodhouse and Staveley Express and North Derbyshire and South Yorkshire Advertiser*, 1899 - 1940.

See also *Active 8 c. 2002 onwards* 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](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk)

For Derbyshire newspapers (Woodseats was in Derbyshire until 1901) contact [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

## **Photographs and Illustrations**

The main series of photographs and illustrations (60,000+) is available online at [www.picturesheffield.com](http://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**

As Woodseats was in Chesterfield Poor Law Union, Derbyshire County and Norton Rural District until 1901 some records of the poor law and local government may also be available in [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Norton Vestry minutes, 1824 - 1833; Norton Parish Council Minutes, 1894 - 1932; Norton Burial Board letter book and ledger, 1868 - 1902; Norton Rural District Council rate account book, 1932

*(Sheffield Archives: CA29)*

Norton Rural District Council minutes and other papers, 1895 - 1934

*(Sheffield Archives: CA51 and CA52)*

Parish Council survey of the parish (25 large scale maps), c. 1860

*(Sheffield Archives: CA58)*

For more information: [www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/poor-law-records](http://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](http://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 instance, there are log books, admission registers and other records of Norton Woodseats Infants Board School from 1876 *(Sheffield Archives: CA993)*. For a full list of school records see

[www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records).

As Woodseats was in Derbyshire until 1901 some school records may be at

[Derbyshire Record Office](#).

## **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 1901 Woodseats was in Derbyshire. For records of Derbyshire contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#) and [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

Norton (and Woodseats) was originally a parish in the Diocese of Lichfield and later in the Diocese of Southwell (created 1884). When the parish was transferred to Sheffield, it was also transferred to the Diocese of Sheffield.

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Diocese of Derby (1927 - 1974) contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Diocese of Sheffield records are at Sheffield Archives.

Wills and probate records relating to those who died in Woodseats prior to 1858 are held within the Lichfield Diocesan archives at the [Lichfield Record Office](#). Probate records after 1858 are held at [The National Archives](#) (TNA).

Court records will be held at the [Derbyshire Record Office](#) 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](#).

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

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