Sources for the Study of Women's Suffrage









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Poster advertising a suffrage demonstration in London, c. 1913 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1229 S)

Women munitions workers at Cammell Laird, Sheffield c. 1916 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s00540)

Election flier for Eleanor Barton, Labour candidate for Attercliffe in the 1920 council elections (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1809 S)

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Introduction

This booklet lists sources available within Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield City Archives for the study of the campaign by women to vote in local and national elections. It includes information on earlier political action by women such as the campaign to abolish the slave trade and slavery and it continues through to the success of local women councillors in the first elections after women won the right to vote in 1918.

It is not a detailed history of the suffrage campaign; it merely points the reader who wishes to carry out their own research to what is available within Sheffield Local Studies and Archives.

Many other areas of resources for researching women's political activism have been left out – simply because they demand more detailed guide in their own right – women marching against unemployment in the 1930s or campaigning against pit closures in the 1980s are just two examples of related study areas.

As more items are catalogued and the collections are used by researchers it is likely that additional references to women's suffrage will come to light. More detailed searching of our catalogues for related terms may reveal additional material. It is always worth contacting the service points or checking our website for updates to this *Study Guide*.

Timeline showing key dates 1792 - 2008

1792	Mary Wollstonecraft published 'A Vindication of the Rights of Women'.
1825	Sheffield Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society established
1837	Sheffield Ladies' Association for the Universal Abolition of Slavery established.
1842	The Sheffield Complete Suffrage Association was established.
1851	Mrs C Ash addressed the Sheffield Female Political Association. A resolution calling for female suffrage was passed and presented to the House of Lords.
1864	The first women's suffrage committee was formed.
1870	Certain women ratepayers eligible to stand for election to local school boards.
1882	Sarah Ruth Wilson first woman to be elected as a member of Sheffield School Board. In 1888 she was appointed chair of the Board's School Management Committee.
1894	Elizabeth Chappell, elected to Sheffield Poor Law Union. She represented the Brightside Ward for the Liberal Party.
1903	The Women's Social and Political Union was set up by Emmeline Pankhurst.
1905	Annie Kenney and Christabel Pankhurst were sent to prison and were labelled suffragettes.
1906	Emily Davison threw herself in front of a horse at the Derby and was killed.
1907	Maud Cavanagh and Annie Crowther elected the first women on the Ecclesall Bierlow Poor Law Union.
1907	Certain women ratepayers eligible to stand for election to borough and county councils.
1907-1914	Militant suffragette campaign.
1909	Attercliffe by-election at which the suffrage question played a part.
1917	First women police officers in Sheffield appointed.
1918	Four million women were at work in factories, on farms and in hospitals.
1918	All women aged over 30 were given the right to vote (as were all men aged 21 and above).
1919	Eleanor Barton the first woman elected to Sheffield Council.
1919	Nancy Astor was the first woman to take her seat in Parliament (a month earlier a woman Irish Nationalist had been elected but she refused to take her seat)

1920	3% of Sheffield's councillors were women
1924	Margaret Bondfield was appointed a government minister – the first woman to hold such office
1928	All women over 21 were given the right to vote – universal suffrage had finally been achieved.
1936	Ann Eliza Longden took office as Sheffield's first female mayor.
1949	Ann Eliza Longden was the first woman to be made an honorary 'freeman' of the City of Sheffield. By 2008, of over 70 freemen granted since 1899, 6 had been granted to women.
1950s	Grace Tebbutt believed to be the first female leader of Sheffield City Council.
1969	Voting age lowered from 21 to 18.
1970	24% of Sheffield's councillors were women.
1974	Joan Maynard elected Sheffield's first female Member of Parliament, representing the Brightside Constituency.
1979	Margaret Thatcher elected as Britain's first woman prime minister.
1990	33% of Sheffield's councillors were women.
1998	Jan Wilson became leader of Sheffield Council.
2008	33% of Sheffield's councillors were women.

Early political activism: anti-slave trade and anti-slavery campaigning

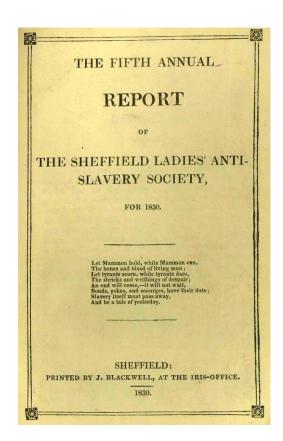
Women did not get the chance to vote in national elections until 1918, and even then not all women were eligible. Universal suffrage wasn't granted until 1928. However, women were involved in political campaigning in the early 19th century. A good example of this is the campaign to abolish slavery.

In the 1820s a national anti-slavery society was established calling for gradual abolition; however some groups, notably a group of women in Birmingham called for immediate abolition. A Sheffield Ladies Anti—Slavery Society soon followed the establishment of the one in Birmingham. Its literature stated it was engaged in the cause of 'light, of liberty, of knowledge, of mercy, of truth and love'. The society was dissolved following emancipation in 1833, but it was later re-established to continue campaigning against slavery in other parts of the world.

A number of the Society's annual reports have survived and these tell us of its activities:

During 1829-1830 the Sheffield Society:

- ◆ Distributed 100 anti-slavery Reporters and other pamphlets
- Printed 500 copies of a speech of Mr Brougham in Parliament relating to West Indian slavery
- Distributed 1500 copies of 'an appeal of the Friends of the Negro to the British people on behalf of the Slaves in their Colonies'. This pamphlet was mainly given 'to the poor of this town', through female collectors and schools.



The Fifth Annual Report of the Sheffield Ladies Anti—Slavery Society for 1830 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Pamphlets Vol. 129 No 14 and Vol. 130 No. 12 (042 S))

The Sheffield Women's Political Association

The struggle by British women for suffrage began in the mid-nineteenth century and Sheffield has the distinction of being the first known place in the country to have formed a women's suffrage society run by women for women – The Sheffield Women's Political Association. The inaugural meeting was held on 26th February 1851 at the Democratic Temperance Hotel, and was reported in *The Sheffield Free Press and Rotherham and Barnsley Advertiser* on 1st March.

The Sheffield Free Press and Rotherham and Barnsley Advertiser, 1st March 1851 with the address from the 'women to the democracy of Sheffield ... to .. Beloved Sisters.' (Sheffield Local Studies Library) Remale Political Association, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28th, 1851, held at Mr. G. Cavill's Democratic Temperance Hotel, 38, Queen street, the following address was unanimously adopted:—

To the Women of the democracy of Sheffield, beg the indulgence of addressing you at this important juncture. We have been observers for a number of years of the various plant, systems, and organisations, which have been laid down for the better government and guidance of democracy, which has had for its end the amelioration of the condition of all classes, and we are brought to the conclusion that women might, with the strictest propriety, be included in the proclamation of the people's charter, for we are the majority of the nation, and it is our birthright, equally with our brother, to vote for the man who is to sway our political destiny—to impose the taxes which we are compelled to endure; and heartily should we rejoice to see the women of England uniting for the purpose of demanding this great right of humanity, feeling assured that were women thus comprehended, they would be the greatest attriliaries of right against might. For what would not the patient energetic mind of woman accomplish, when once resalved? The brave and heroic deeds which history records are our testimony to the world that no danger is too great, or struggle too arduous, for her to encounter; thus confirming our convictions, that woman's co-operation is greatly neglical for the accomplishment of our political well-being. But there are some who would say: Would your have women to mjoy all the political rights of men? To this we most emphatically answer, Kes! for does she not toil early and late, in the factory, and in every department of life, subject to the despotism of men; and we ask, in the name of justice, must we continue ever the allert and service victins of his injustice?—to perform all the drudgery of his political societion, and never to possess a single political right? Is the oppression to last for ever? Are we always to romain the drudge

World War One: war work

As men were called up for military service in the First World War, many services and industries, including the big Sheffield steel firms had to look elsewhere for workers, and began to recruit women for jobs formerly closed to them. Firms such as Sheffield Simplex Motor Works Ltd. at Tinsley, and Cammell Laird and Co. Ltd employed women in shell manufacture and file grinding. By 1915 Cammell Laird claimed to have the largest forgings in the world for 15 inch guns.





Pictures issued by Cammell Laird showed an idealised view of working conditions

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s00540 and s00548)



Tram conductresses, c. 1917

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield t03345)

Anti-Women workers sentiment

The Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen founded in 1880 was a trade union for men. During the First World War women started to do many jobs which had previously only been done by men, some in heavy industry and in particular munitions work. This created resentment in many cases as men perceived the women as a threat to their own jobs, especially as wages were lower for women. The resolution (below) passed by ASLEF was clearly as a result of just this situation.

ASLEF minute book containing a resolution about women workers, 1916

(Sheffield City Archives: ASLEF/1b)

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That in view of the fact that women have been introduced on the railways as shunters and are also learning signalman's duties and rumours being current that they are about to be placed on the footplate, the branch request the General Secretary in the event of any attempt being made to introduce female labour on the footplate, to immediately call the [committee] together to take whatever steps may be necessary to protect us and if necessary call a stoppage of the footplate staff

Once the war was over women were no longer wanted in the essential industries because the returning soldiers needed employment, and women found themselves forced back into their homes, thus losing their new-found freedom and economic independence.

Political campaigning up to 1918

The Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) as founded in 1903 by Emmeline Pankhurst specifically to campaign for the franchise to be extended to women. Since 1869 only women rate-payers could vote and then only in local elections. The WSPU aimed at extending the vote to all women in

national elections.



The first of several Suffrage Bills failed in 1870 and these defeats encouraged the formation of a much more concentrated campaign. There were marches and rallies in many towns, and in some cases demonstrations became quite violent with women chaining themselves to railings and being arrested. They took part in hunger strikes in prison and many were force-fed.

The militant side of the suffrage movement was very lively in Sheffield, and Mrs Pankhurst sent her daughter Adela as a local organiser for the Sheffield WSPU. A 'suffrage shop' was opened at 26-28 Chapel Walk, and in 1908 an attempt was made to enter the Cutlers' Feast, at which the First Lord of the Admiralty was the guest speaker. Adela Pankhurst disguised herself as a

kitchen maid and tried to enter the Cutlers' Hall, but was stopped by the police. She made a speech from the Town Hall steps, was moved on by the police and went back to the Cutlers' Hall but failed to get in.

During the First World War many women readily assisted in the war effort and their ability to do men's work was proved. This helped towards the passing of the Representation of the People Act in 1918 which enabled women over 30 to vote. It was not until 1928 that women were given equal status with men and the voting age was reduced to 21.

Poster advertising a demonstration in London (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1229 S)

Electoral success from 1919

In 1918 women aged 30 and above won the right to vote in parliamentary elections. Ten years later, all women aged over 21 were allowed to vote.



Left – election flyer for Eleanor Barton, Labour candidate for Attercliffe in the 1920 council elections

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1809 S)

Below left – Photograph of successful Labour Women in Sheffield City Council election, 1 Nov 1929

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s12604)

Below - Ann Eliza Longden, Sheffield's first female mayor, 1936

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s08604)





List of documents, pamphlets and other items available at Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield City Archives

Early political activism: anti-slave trade and anti-slavery campaigning

See our study guide entitled *Slavery, the Slave Trade, Abolition* and *Emancipation* Research Guide to Slavery and Abolition

Newspapers

Relevant articles and features may appear in local newspapers. As these are mainly unindexed they can be time consuming to search. The main titles available at Sheffield Local Studies Library include: *Iris* or *Sheffield Advertiser for the Northern Counties*, 1794 - 1856; *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*, 1855 - 1986; *Sheffield Mercury*, 1807 - 1848; *Sheffield Telegraph* (weekly) 1989 - date; *Sheffield Independent* 1819 - 1938 and the *Star* 1873 - date.

The British Library British Newspapers website includes over nine million pages from over 300 national and local newspapers (including the Sheffield and Rotherham Independent 1819 - 1909, Sheffield Daily Telegraph 1855 - 1950 and Sheffield Evening Telegraph 1887 - 1920) (http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/)

Archives of some national newspapers are available on the internet, notably *The Times* (http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/archive/) and *The Guardian* (http://archive.guardian.co.uk)

Sheffield Free Press and Rotherham and Barnsley Advertiser – an address delivered by Mrs C Ash at a meeting of the Sheffield Female Political Association, 26 Feb 1851

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: newspapers; typescript available at MP 581 L)

Photographs

Over 70,000 images from the Sheffield Local Studies Library photographic collection are available to search online at www.picturesheffield.com. There are images relating to women's suffrage. A few have been highlighted below:

Photograph (taken from a newspaper report) of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies Pilgrimage leaving Sheffield via Pinstone Street, 7 Jul 1913. The caption reads 'On march to London, a party of law abiding suffragettes have spent the weekend in Sheffield. They departed on the next stage of their journey yesterday morning, and our picture was obtained as they proceeded along Pinstone Street, their 'law abiding' banner being held at a doubtful angle.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s02941)

Photograph (taken from a newspaper report) of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies Pilgrimage at Rotherham, 4 Jul 1913 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s02947)

Photograph of successful Labour Women in Sheffield City Council election, Nov 1929

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s12604)

Photographs (taken from newspaper reports) of meetings during the byelection at Attercliffe, 3 May 1909 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s02942, s02943, s02944, s02944)

Photograph of a meeting of the Sheffield Women's Social and Political Union in the Lower Albert Hall, 13 Mar 1911 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s02945)

Munitions Workers at Firth Brown, 1914-18 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s09244)

Post-Women and telegram 'girls' around 1917 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s09248, s09249, s09304 t03345)

Other Documents and printed items from the 19th and early 20th century

Election leaflets and flyers for local government elections (i.e. school boards, boards of guardians), by-elections and general elections – various dates (Sheffield Local Studies Library: various references – check the catalogue and card indexes for details)

Sheffield School Board minutes and papers, 1870 - 1903 (Sheffield City Archives: SY350)

Letter from Mrs Agnes Sunley, of Armley, Leeds, *regarding* memoranda in favour of Parliamentary franchise for women, c. 1893-1894 (Sheffield City Council minutes, Sheffield City Archives: CA-MIN/29 (page 573); also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02)

Memoranda in favour of Women's Suffrage, c. 1893-1894 (Sheffield City Council minutes, Sheffield City Archives: CA-MIN/29 (pages 708 and 712); also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02)

Reference to a demonstration at Crookesmoor Recreation Ground by the Women's Social and Political Union, c. 1909-1910 (Sheffield City Council minutes, Sheffield City Archives: CA-MIN/47 (pages 745 and 749); also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02)

Letter and Resolution from Sheffield Branch of Women's Freedom League regarding the Conciliation Women's Suffrage Bill, c. 1910 - 1911 (Sheffield City Council minutes, Sheffield City Archives: CA-MIN/49 (page 112); also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02)

Pamphlets and correspondence relating to women's suffrage, 1871 - 1882 (Sheffield City Archives: MD 6009)

Items relating to women's suffrage and the election of 1885 (Sheffield City Archives: MD 5942)

Poster regarding 'A Meeting in support of the claims of women to the parliamentary vote . . . will be held in the Attercliffe Vestry Hall, on Thursday, Nov. 3rd, 1904' (North of England Women's Suffrage Society) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3639 M)

During the Attercliffe by-election of 1909 the National Women's Social and Political Union sought the support of parliamentary candidates. (Sheffield City Archives: Sheffield Trades and Labour Council Executive Committee minutes, 1909 LD 1629 p. 221/2; Delegate Meetings minutes, 1908-1912 LD1635; Darnall Ward Committee of the Sheffield Labour Representative Committee minutes 1906- 1909 MD 3354; Schedule of open air meetings in Darnall Ward c. 1907 MD 3359; Attercliffe Independent Labour Party subscription book 1903 – 1922 MD 3356/1; election handbill of Joseph Pointer, the Labour candidate 1909 MD6134; photograph of Pointer, signing the Women's Suffrage petition MD6137. See also MP 105 L, MP 2111 M and MP 6135 at the Local Studies Library).

Invitation to a Suffrage play, Endcliffe Hall ... to be followed by a short address (Women's Social and Political Union (Sheffield Branch), c. 1912) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4490 S)

Sheffield women's effort for Serbia: a public meeting will be held in the Montgomery Hall, Wednesday, July 7th, [1915] (National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (Sheffield Branch)) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3976 S)

Letter from Adela Pankhurst with a copy of 'Votes for Women', 1911 (Sheffield City Archives AC/71/17a-b)

National Women's Social and Political Union handbill advertising excursion to London c. 1909 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1229 S)

Extracts from a 1911 Sheffield Directory showing the addresses of Miss Adela Pankhurst and The Women's Social and Political Union (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3640 M)

Election manifesto of Eleanor Barton, Labour candidate for Attercliffe in the local election, 1920

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1809 S)

Obituary of Florence Cheetham (an early Labour councillor for Brightside), 18 Feb 1929

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: The Sheffield Obituary 1850-1975 by Peter Harvey)

Edward Carpenter (1844 - 1929) (a local socialist writer and campaigner on a wide range of issues) spoke on the subject of women's suffrage and corresponded with a number of female political campaigners on the suffrage issue. Note: a microfilm reader should be booked in advance of a visit if you wish to consult Carpenter items.

Women's suffrage - notes for a lecture c. 1909 (Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/mss/165)

Letter from Miss KD Courtney, Secretary of North of England Society for Womens Suffrage, Manchester [Lancashire], relating to Carpenter speaking at an event, 31 Oct 1909 (Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/mss/271/110)

Letter from Bessie Ford, about the suffragette movement, 15 Jun 1908

(Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/mss/356/32/3)

Letter from Isabella O Ford of Adel, near Leeds, Yorkshire - comments on Olive Schreiner, the suffrage movement and the home rule movement, 25 Aug 1913 (Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/mss/386/220)

Letters from Charlotte Despard of London; Treasurer of the Womens Freedom League, 1908 - 1910 (Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/mss/386/147, 148, 175)

Letters from Lady Constance Lytton (1869-1923), of Knebworth, Hertfordshire, suffragette, 1909 - 1910 and 1917 (Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/mss/386/164, 168, 170, 281)

Suffragettes' Demonstration: picture with Edward Carpenter Cutting from *Manchester Evening News*, 26 Oct 1908 (Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/NC/2/11)

Press cutting relating to Womens Suffrage, pre-1924 (Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/NC/3/57)

Letter from M Schreiner concerning suffrage in Natal, South Africa, 27 Aug 1909 (Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/mss/271/109) See our study guide entitled *Sheffield's Women Workers in World War One* available to download from our <u>website</u>

Papers of political parties and politicians

Joan Maynard (1921 - 1998) Member of Parliament for Sheffield Brightside 1974 -1987: papers. Note: Four weeks notice is required to access this collection. Many of the papers may have restricted access. (Sheffield City Archives: MPA)

Joan Maynard: a passionate socialist by Kristine Mason O'Conner (Politicos, 2003)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: B MAYN S. Lending copies also available in numerous community libraries ref. B MAYN)

Helen Jackson (1939 -) Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hillsborough 1992 - 2005: papers. Note: Four weeks notice is required to access this collection. Many of the papers may have restricted access. (Sheffield City Archives: MP9)

Sylvia Anginotti, Liberal Democrat Member of Sheffield City Council, 1997 - 1999: papers. Note: Permission is required to access these papers. (Sheffield City Archives: MD 7523)

Eleanor Barton - extract from *Dictionary of Labour History* Vol. 1, 1972 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4347 M)

The Hard Way Up - the autobiography of Hannah Mitchell by Geoffrey Mitchell (Faber, 1968) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: B.MITC S)

Suffragists and suffragettes: Sheffield women campaign for the vote, 1851-1914 by Richard J Hoare, 2007.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 563. Lending copies also available in numerous community libraries ref. 324.623. Copy also available at Sheffield City Archives: HOA/LOCAL))

Molly Murphy: suffragette and socialist; autobiography by Molly Murphy with an introduction by Ralph Darlington (Institute of Social Research, University of Salford, 1998)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: B.MURP SST)

Books and pamphlets on the history of women's political life

The Women's Suffrage Movement in South Yorkshire by J H Copley c. 1965 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 324.4274 SQ)

'Women in Public': Women Elected Representatives in Local Government in Sheffield, 1870 - 1992 by Sylvia Dunkley in The History of Sheffield (Sheffield Academic Press, 1993)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S. Also available at Sheffield City Archives, ref: SHE Local)

'Women Magistrates, Ministers and Municipal Councillors of the West Riding of Yorkshire, 1918 - 1939', Sylvia Dunkley, 1991 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 396 SQ)

Grace Tebbutt obituary in *Quality of Sheffield*, Jul/Aug 1983 (page 50) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 380 SQ)

Labour Women's Advisory Council (Sheffield) celebration of 50 years of women's Suffrage, 1968 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1614 M)

Civic Reception: 50 years of contribution of women to the life of the city, 1968 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1598 S)

BBC Radio Sheffield leaflet: That's how it was, 20th cent (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST)

Brief note on Adela Pankhurst's work for the Women's Social and Political Union in Westside, April 1989, page 12 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 052.74 SQ)

Article on 50 years of household suffrage, G S Leader, 19th cent (Sheffield City Archives: LC/2/5)

The Suffragette in Stocksbridge, Holberry Society Bulletin, Feb 1979, page 14 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 331.8 SQ)

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