

# Sources for the History of Deepcar



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

Travellers' Inn, Vaughton Hill, Deepcar [early 20<sup>th</sup> cent.]  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s06992*)

Stepping Stones on River Don, Bitholmes Wood, Deepcar [early 20<sup>th</sup> cent.]  
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Members of the Milnes Family in Pony and Trap at Bitholmes Wood, Deepcar,  
c.1892 - 1895  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s15677*)

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

Deepcar is a village located to the east of Stocksbridge, in the Stocksbridge and Upper Don Ward, approximately 8 miles north west of Sheffield city centre. Deepcar was in the Ecclesfield parish and the Diocese of York. For local government purposes it was in the West Riding of Yorkshire and Stocksbridge Urban District until 1974 when it was transferred to the city of Sheffield.

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

There are separate Guides for Stocksbridge, Bolsterstone and Midhopedstones.

## Books

Harry Eastwood, *The history of Stocksbridge and District*, 1968  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 SQ*)

Olive Hepworth, *Some historical notes on Stocksbridge and district*, [1982]  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 SQ*)

Joseph Kenworthy, *The early history of Stocksbridge and district, or: annals and antiquities of the Little Don and Ewden Valleys, with an account of some industries in Hunshelf and Waldershelf, 1914 - 1928*  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

St Ann's Deepcar and St Mary's Penistone, *St Ann's Church, 1859 – 2009: 150 years of a vibrant parish*, 2009  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 S*)

Edward Thickett, *A History of St. Johns Church, Deepcar, 1877 – 1977, 1977*  
(*Stocksbridge Library: DEEPCAR, HUNSHELF 4*)

A. Coultas, *John Armitage of Deepcar, 1826 – 1890*  
(*Stocksbridge Library: DEEPCAR, HUNSHELF 13*)

Michael Parker, *The Poppy People of Bolsterstone, Deepcar and Stocksbridge revisited: World War One*, 2009  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.467 SQ*)

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 West Riding directories, however, are available

in the Sheffield Reference Library or at [West Yorkshire Archives](http://WestYorkshireArchives). Some directories are available to view online: [www.historicaldirectories.org](http://www.historicaldirectories.org).

### **Businesses**

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

*(Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library)*

For example:

Trade catalogue, GR-Stein Refractories Limited, Deepcar, 1978

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: TRC GRST)*

### **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**

St John the Evangelist, Deepcar (daughter church to St Mary's at Bolsterstone), parish registers and records 1940 onwards

*(Sheffield Archives: PR151)*

St Mary, Bolsterstone, Anglican Parish, 1723 onwards

*(Sheffield Archives: PR53)*

St Matthias, Stocksbridge, Anglican Parish (chapel-of-ease to St Mary's Bolsterstone), parish registers and records, 1875 onwards

*(Sheffield Archives: PR136)*

St Ann (with Penistone St Mary), Roman Catholic Parish, Deepcar, records, 1875 onwards

*(Sheffield Archives: CATH13)*

St John's Institute, Deepcar (affiliated to St John the Evangelist): minutes, 1922 - 1952

*(Sheffield Archives: X133)*

Bishops' Transcripts, St Mary, Bolsterstone (microfilm), 1778 - 1871

*(Sheffield Archives: SY 337/X1/9)*

St Mary, Bolsterstone, churchyard monumental inscriptions

*(Sheffield Archives: MI/49)*

Stocksbridge, Deepcar and Bolsterstone Parish Magazines, 1900 - 1979  
(*Stocksbridge Library: Stocksbridge archive*)

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 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 further 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 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 further 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)

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

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

Eric Longford Jessop, *Barnsley brass: echoes of Barnsley and district brass bands*, 2006 - includes information on Deepcar Brass Band  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 784.9*)

### **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.  
(*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 (Deepcar was in the West Riding until 1974) 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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/electoral-registers.html)

For West Riding electoral registers and poll books courts (Deepcar was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974) 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](http://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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/hospital-records.html)

As Deepcar was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974, older records will be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

## **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, there are plans, particulars and conditions of sale of 'valuable licenced public-house and sales shops at Stocksbridge and freehold building land at Deepcar', 1902 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

In addition some planning applications survive from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards – these include Stocksbridge Urban District Council (UDC), 1876 - 1974 (*Sheffield Archives: CA759*), Stocksbridge UDC register of plans (*Sheffield Archives: CA773*) and from 1974 onwards for Deepcar, Sheffield City Council (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*). For example, Waterworks office, Deepcar, 1897 (*Sheffield Archives: CA759/17*); 8 flats at Truman Grove, Deepcar, 1974 (*Sheffield Archives: CA206/1974/3242B*).

There are also deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers at Sheffield Archives. A search of the Archives and Local Studies online catalogues and the card indexes may reveal relevant entries. (*Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

## **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*)

### **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/](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/).

In addition, the *Penistone, Stocksbridge and Hoyland Express* (later *South Yorkshire Times*) covering Deepcar is available on microfilm from 1898 (*Sheffield 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**

Deepcar was formerly in the Wortley Poor Law Union formed in 1838.

Records of Wortley Poor Law union, 1869 – 1930  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA527*)

Wortley Poor Law Union Board of Guardians, minutes, 1838 – 1929  
(*Sheffield Archives: SY164*)

Stocksbridge Local Board of Health and Urban District Council records, 1873 - 1974  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA60, CA61 and CA67-101*)



Stocksbridge Parish and Urban District Council rate books, 1873 - 1962  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA635 and X436*)

For more information on poor law and workhouse records see:  
[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 and Local Studies has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance Governors' Minutes from Royd Nursery Infant School, Carr Road, Deepcar, 1977 – 1990 (*Sheffield Archives: CA724/P119/1-3*). 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 Deepcar was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974 some school records may be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

### **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:

Stocksbridge Library has photographs, books and maps relating to Deepcar.

Bradfield, in the ancient parish of Ecclesfield, covered a very large area including Deepcar. Some records may be held at [Bradfield Archives](#).

For areas formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire (Deepcar was in the West Riding until 1974) there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#).

Prior to 1914, Deepcar 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 Deepcar 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

Arbourthorne	Darnall	Jordanthorpe	Ranmoor
Attercliffe	Deepcar	Kelham Island	Richmond
Beauchief	Dore	Lodge Moor	Ringinglow
Beighton	Dungworth	Loxley	Sharrow
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Bolsterstone	Firshill	Millhouses	Southey
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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 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 12<sup>th</sup> century to the present and relates to Sheffield, South Yorkshire and north Derbyshire.

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