Sources for the History of Nether Edge









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Nether Edge tram terminus, c. 1910 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s16403)

May Day concert, Montgomery Methodist Chapel, c. 1910 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s00543)

The Edge Caribbean Restaurant, 1995 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s28588)

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

Nether Edge lies 2.5 miles south west of Sheffield city centre. Historically the area was a hamlet in the township of Ecclesall-Bierlow and ancient parish of Sheffield.

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

Books

Flett, *The Story of the Workhouse and the Hospital at Nether Edge* (ALD Design & Print, 2002)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.11 SQ; Sheffield City Archives: FLETT/HEA; also available at most community libraries: 362.110942 Q)

Old Sharrow and Nether Edge in Photographs (Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group. Local History Section, 2008)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST)

Lofthouse, Alistair, Sheffield S11: Then and Now (ALD Design & Print, 2006) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S)

They Lived in Sharrow and Nether Edge, A Miscellany by the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group, Local History Section (1988) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ; Sheffield City Archives: NET/LOCAL; also available at some community libraries: 920.04282 Q)

Hey, David, A History of Sheffield (Carnegie, 2005) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield City 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 City 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 City 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 City Archives: HUN/LOCAL) Transactions of the Hunter Archaeological Society (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 913.4274 S; Sheffield City 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: http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4

Bradbury's Enterprise Almanack for Sheffield and District, 1892 - 1905 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 032.74 S)

J. S. C., Business directory of Sheffield, Rotherham, Masbro' and Attercliffe, 1862 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SST)

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 City Archives via www.findmypast.co.uk

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

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

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

Montgomery Chapel, Union Road (Wesleyan Methodist) (formerly Cherry Tree), baptisms, 1867 - 1964, marriages 1875 - 1963 and accounts, etc c. 1868 - 1913 (Sheffield City Archives: acc. 1990/24, 1999/125 and SY139/N29/19-22)

Union Road Chapel (United Methodist) (formerly Cherry Tree Hill), baptisms, 1868 - 1923 and marriages, 1910 - 1923 (Sheffield City Archives: acc. 2000/79 and SY139/N29/24-26)

Diocese of Sheffield, faculties from 1914 onwards (these detail changes made to Anglican church buildings)

(Sheffield City 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 Nether Edge based clubs, societies and charities; for instance:

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group newsletters, 1973 onwards (Sheffield City Archives: X74)

Nether Edge Bowling Club rules, etc., 1867 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 140 no. 13 (021 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 City Archives: MC)

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

Prior to 1880 Nether Edge came within the jurisdiction of the West Riding Quarter Sessions. Records are held at <u>West Yorkshire Archives</u>.

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 Nether Edge Hospital. Items such as annual reports, photographs and administrative records may survive.

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; for instance, plan and particulars of sale of the residential estate known as Kenwood Park, 1887 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library*); In addition some planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards (*Sheffield City Archives: CA206*), etc. 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 there are deeds relating to 'Kenwood' [later Kenwood Hall], c. 1593 – 1922 (Sheffield City Archives: LD392)

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/enclosure-awards-and-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 British Library Newspaper Archive website includes the following Sheffield titles:

- Sheffield Independent, 1819 1938
- Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 1855 1950
- Sheffield Evening Telegraph, 1887 1939
- Sheffield Daily News and Morning Advertiser, 1859
- Sheffield Iris, 1835 1843
- Sheffield Register / Yorks, Derbys, Notts, Universal Advertiser, 1787 1794
 Free access to these is available at every Sheffield Library and at Sheffield City
 Archives http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/

Photographs and Illustrations

The main series of photographs and illustrations (65,000+) is available online at www.picturesheffield.com. In addition Sheffield Archives has photographs and illustrations within its collections.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield City Archives)

Poor Law, Civil Parish and Local Government records

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

Sheffield Church Burgesses, records from 1304

(Sheffield City Archives: CB)

Sheffield Borough (later City) Council, records from 1843

(Sheffield City Archives: CA)

Ecclesall Bierlow Poor Law Union (established in 1837) included Ecclesall Bierlow, Nether Hallam and Upper Hallam. The workhouse was built in 1842-1843 and later became the site of Nether Edge Hospital.

Ecclesall Bierlow Poor Law Union: admission or creed registers 1883-1931; asylum admission registers 1920-1928; registers of inmates 1904-1931; workhouse birth registers 1898-1929; workhouse death registers 1903-1931; officers' appointments 1892-1925

(Sheffield City Archives: CA 18/19, LD 2078)

Ecclesall Bierlow Poor Law Union reports, with lists of officers, accounts etc, year ended 1913, 1916-1919, 1921-1923 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.9 S).

Index to inmates in the Ecclesall Bierlow Workhouse, 1883 - 1907 https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/workhouses-and-poor-law-unions.html

Plan of Ecclesall Union Poor House, 1840 - 1841 (Sheffield Archives: AP/1/43)
Report of the Board for the Repair of the Highways in the Township of Ecclesall Bierlow for the year ending March 25th, 1859 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 68 (042 SST))

Papers of Ecclesall Guardians (oddments), 1837 - 1856 (Sheffield City Archives: BM/93)

Sheffield and Ecclesall Civil Parish Overseers minutes, 1902 - 1927 (Sheffield City Archives: CA17)

Ecclesall Vestry minutes, 1808 - 1912; Ecclesall Disbursements, 1827 - 1830; cash books etc; Overseers' minute books, 1863 - 1904; Ecclesall Union: Register of officer appointments, 1892 - 1925; Highway Board minutes, 1848 - 1857, 1863 - 1864 (Sheffield City Archives: CA18)

Ecclesall Union Relief Committee minutes, 1929 - 1931 (Sheffield City Archives: CA55)

Ecclesall Township Highway Board minutes, 1836 - 1866 (Sheffield City Archives: CA139)

Sheffield (or possibly Ecclesall) Overseers' petty cash and wages book, 1787 - 1788 (Sheffield City Archives; CA24/58)

For more information on poor law and workhouse records see: 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 City Archives: SY350; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 379.4274 S)

Other libraries and archives

In addition to information held at Sheffield City Archives and Local Studies other library and archive services will also hold relevant material:

For areas formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire (such as Nether Edge) there may be relevant records at the West Yorkshire Archives Service.

Prior to 1914, Nether Edge came within the jurisdiction of the Diocese of York.

There are extensive archives of the Diocese at the <u>Borthwick Institute for Archives</u> in York.

Wills and probate records relating to those who died in Nether Edge prior to 1858 are held at the <u>Borthwick Institute</u> in York. Probate records after 1858 are held at <u>The National Archives</u> (TNA).

Court records will also be held at the <u>West Yorkshire Archive Service</u> and at the National Archives.

<u>The National Archives</u> (TNA) holds records of central government departments and agencies. You can search the <u>TNA catalogue</u> online.

Information on archaeological sites and ancient monuments is held by the <u>South</u> 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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