

Sources for the History of Stocksbridge



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Stocksbridge Clock Tower War Memorial, Manchester Road, 1989
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Umbrella Girls at Samuel Fox and Co. Ltd., 1925
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View from Clock Tower Gardens on Nanny Hill, looking towards Manchester Road
and St Matthias Church, 1948
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This guide gives a brief introduction to the sources available for researching the history of **Stocksbridge** at Sheffield City Archives and Local Studies Library.

Stocksbridge lies 10.5 miles north-west of Sheffield city centre.

Historically Stocksbridge was a chapel of ease to Bolsterstone and in Ecclesfield parish. It lay within the Bradfield township. Up until 1974 Stocksbridge was in the West Riding of Yorkshire. For local government purposes it was constituted an urban district council from 1894 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 City Archives and Local Studies.

Books

Angus, Keith, *The History of Stocksbridge School: Section 1 and 2, 1929-1971* (1983)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 373.4274 SQ*)

Bainbridge, John, *The History of Stocksbridge School. Section 3, 1971-1982* (1983)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 373.4274 SQ*)

Branston, Jack, *History of Stocksbridge* (Stocksbridge Town Council, 1985)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Branston, Jack, *History of Stocksbridge. Book 2, Pennine People and Places* (Stocksbridge Town Council, 1985)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Duffield, Brenda, *Around Stocksbridge: the second selection* (Chalford, 1998)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Eastwood, Harry, *The History of Stocksbridge and District* (1968)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

Around Stocksbridge (Stocksbridge and District History Society, 1995)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S/SST; Sheffield City Archives STO/LOCAL*)

Stocksbridge Urban District Council Official Guides, 1950s - 1970s
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 211 no 4, vol. 240 no 3 and vol. 246 no 6 (042 S) and 914.274 SST; one copy available at Sheffield City Archives: STO/LOCAL*)

Hinchliffe's Stocksbridge Almanack, 1908 - 1910
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 032.74 S*)

Kenworthy, Joseph, *The Early History of Stocksbridge* (1914 - 1917)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S/SST; Sheffield City Archives: KEN/LOCAL)

Kenworthy, Joseph, *The Early History of Stocksbridge and District: Bolsterstone Glass House and its place in the history of English glass making* (1914)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST)

Kenworthy, Joseph, *History of the Stocksbridge Band of Hope Industrial Co-operative Society Limited, 1860-1910*
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 334.5 SST)

Moxon, Stanley, *A Fox Centenary: Umbrella Frames 1848 - 1948* (United Steel Companies Ltd., 1948)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 338.4 SQ)

Parker, Michael, *The Poppy People of Bolsterstone, Deepcar and Stocksbridge Revisited: World War One* (2009)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.467 SQ / CD-ROM 27)

Holling, Leonard, *Jubilee Souvenir of the Stocksbridge Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1868 - 1918*
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 174 no 3 (042 S))

Centenary Souvenir of the Stocksbridge Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1868 - 1968
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 287.1 S)

Centenary of the Stocksbridge Congregational Sunday School, 1816 - 1916
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 153 and local pamphlets, vol. 204 no 7 (042 S))

Hampshire, Fred., *Stocksbridge Primitive Methodist-West End Methodist Church, 1866-1966: centenary handbook* [1966]
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 287.4 S)

A Stocksbridge Centenary - Centenary of the Miners Welfare Hall 1902 - 2002
(Stocksbridge and District History Society, 2002)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 790.068 S; Sheffield City Archives: STO/LOCAL)

Samuel Fox & Company Limited, Stocksbridge, Sheffield (United Steel Companies Ltd, 1966)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 338.4 SSTQ)

Samuel Fox & Company Limited, Stocksbridge Works, Sheffield (United Steel Companies Ltd, 1968)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 338.4 SQ)

Sources for the Study of Local History: Stocksbridge (Sheffield Libraries, Archives and Information, 2010)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.821 SQ; Sheffield City Archives: STUDY GUIDES)

Stansfield, Hazel, *Samuel Fox & Company Limited, 1842-1967* (United Steel Companies, 1968)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 338.4 SQ)

Stocksbridge Steel Town : 50's Life in South Yorkshire (Media World Market, ?1950s)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: DVD 54)

Sydes, Irene, *Stocksbridge Umbrella Girls* (Stocksbridge Oral History Project, 1987)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 338.4 SST)

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 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)

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](http://www.west-yorkshire-archives.co.uk). Some directories are available to view online: <http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4>

Businesses

Samuel Fox and Company Limited, Steel Manufacturers, Stocksbridge, records, 1847 - 1971
(Sheffield City Archives: Fox and X491)

Fox News / The Fox Magazine, 1946 - 1966
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 052.74 S)

United Steel Companies Limited, Sheffield, records, 1879 - 1970
(Sheffield City Archives: USC)

Records of the Brightside and Carbrook, Oughtibridge and Stocksbridge Co-operatives, late 19th cent - 1930s
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD8251*)

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

St Matthias church, also known as the Fox Memorial Church after the Stocksbridge industrialist and benefactor Samuel Fox, was consecrated on 3 Nov 1890 as a chapel-of-ease to St Mary's Bolsterstone. Stocksbridge became a separate parish in 1917.

St Matthias, Stocksbridge, parish registers and records, 1875 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR136*)

St Mary, Bolsterstone, parish registers and records, 1723 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR53*)

St Mary, Ecclesfield, parish registers and records, 1520 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR54*)

Stocksbridge, Ebenezer Chapel, baptism register, 1829 - 1837
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY344*)

Stocksbridge Wesleyan Chapel, baptism registers, 1863 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: NR883*)

West End Church, Manchester Road, formerly Horner House (Primitive Methodist), baptism registers, 1875 onwards; marriage registers, 1921 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: NR895 and SY139*)

Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Haywood, Stocksbridge, marriage registers, 1914 - 1992
(*Sheffield City Archives: 2010/54 box 2*)

Stocksbridge Christian Centre, minutes and papers, 1974 - 1994
(*Sheffield City Archives: 2002/107*)

Stocksbridge Wesleyan Methodist Church, baptism register, 1900 - 1977
(*Sheffield City Archives: 2009/87*)

Stocksbridge Cemetery, registers of burials, 1950 - 1996

(Sheffield City Archives: microfilm A476)

Ecclesfield Cemetery, registers of burials, 1920 - 1996

(Sheffield City Archives: microfilm A474)

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

Stocksbridge Astronomers *Northern Lights*, 1988 onwards

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 520.55 SQ)

Stocksbridge, Deepcar and District Nursing Association, report and balance sheet, 1934/5

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 143 no 1 (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 City Archives: MC)

There are also records of the Court of Quarter Sessions from 1880.

(Sheffield City Archives: QS)

For records of West Riding of Yorkshire courts (Stocksbridge 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

For West Riding electoral registers and poll books courts (Stocksbridge 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

Hospitals

Sheffield City 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 Stocksbridge was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974, 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, valuable freehold estate at Briery Busk and Stocksbridge, 1812 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 10 Sep 1812*).

In addition some planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards – these include Sheffield City (*Sheffield City Archives: CA206*), Stocksbridge Urban District Council, planning registers, 1922 - 1968 (*Sheffield City Archives: CA773*) and planning applications 1876 - 1974 (*Sheffield City Archives: CA759*) and Wortley Rural District Council registers of buildings plans, 1881 - 1936 (*Sheffield City Archives: CA676; CA529*).

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

(*Sheffield City Archives*)

Court rolls of the Manor of Ecclesfield, 1705 - 1926
(*Sheffield City 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 City 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.

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/>

Penistone, Stocksbridge and Hoyland Express (later *South Yorkshire Times*), 1898 onwards
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfilm*)

Photographs and Illustrations

The main series of photographs and illustrations (80,000+) is available online at www.picturesheffield.com. In addition Sheffield City Archives has photographs and illustrations within its collections.

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield City Archives*)

Poor Law, Civil Parish and Local Government records

Ecclesfield Overseers of the Poor, Constables, etc, 1602 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR54/22*)

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

Bradfield Poor Law Union, copies of documents (settlement certificates, removal orders and bastardy orders), 1705-1850
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD7277*)

The proposed new local board. Petitions for setting up Stocksbridge Urban District Council and early election literature 1872 and 1894
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1434 L*)

Stocksbridge Local Board of Health and Urban District Council, minutes and papers, 1873 - 1974
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA60*)

Stocksbridge Urban District Council, byelaws regarding new streets and buildings, 1926
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.042 SST*)

Stocksbridge Urban District Council, annual reports of the Medical Officer of Health, 1958 - 1963
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.4 S*)

Stocksbridge Urban District Council, valuation lists and rate books, 1873 - 1962
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: CA635 and X436*)

Stocksbridge Education District Committee minutes, 1904 - 1946
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA276-288*)

Wortley Poor Law Union, minutes and accounts, 1838 - 1929, etc.
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY164 and CA527*)

Wortley Rural Sanitary Authority, minutes, 1872 - 1896
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA528*)

Wortley Rural District Council, records
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD7629, MD8143, CA624, CA708, X246, X435*)

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 Stocksbridge was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974 other records of the poor law and local government may be available at [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.wy.gov.uk).

Schools

Sheffield City Archives has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance there are log books from Stocksbridge National School from 1869 onwards (*Sheffield City Archives: CA35/335*)

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

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

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

Stocksbridge College of Further Education, prospectus, 1969/70 - 1987/8
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 374.8 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 (Stocksbridge was in the West Riding until 1974) there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#).

Prior to 1914, Stocksbridge 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 Stocksbridge 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](#).

[Stocksbridge and District History Society](#)

Other titles in this series

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services collect and preserve original records and printed material relating to Sheffield and the surrounding area.

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

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