

Sources for researching the history of Sheffield's Irish community



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The Crofts area of Sheffield, 19th cent (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield: u09599*)

Sheffield Irish Festival brochure, 2000 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 305.5 SQ*)

Irish Freedom Movement March along Haymarket, 1984
(*Sheffield Local Studies: Picture Sheffield: s27586*)

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Introduction

This booklet lists sources available within Sheffield City Archives and Local Studies Library for the study of Sheffield's Irish community.

This *Guide* is not a detailed study of the history of the Irish community in Sheffield. It merely points the reader who wishes to carry out their own research to what is available within Sheffield City Archives and Local Studies Library.

Studies of the Irish community inevitably involves the study of the Catholic population and the institutions that served it. This Guide includes some references to Catholic institutions – some schools and churches for instance, but it is not a comprehensive list. A search of the Archives and Local Studies catalogues will reveal far more information on that subject matter.

Also, this guide does not include references to the national campaign for Catholic emancipation in the 1820s; neither does it include anti-Catholicism or 'Popery'; or the Irish estates and tenants of the Fitzwilliam family of Wentworth Woodhouse¹.

Although Irish people had been migrating to England before the nineteenth century, it was the famine of the 1840/1850s that caused one and a half million people to emigrate - to North America, Australia and Britain. Many of those who came to Sheffield originally settled in the area around Scotland Street and the Crofts.

There was some support in Sheffield for Irish Home Rule in the late 19th / early 20th century², and support for the nationalist cause / end to partition in the latter part of the 20th century.

In the 1960s there was an Ulster Week in Sheffield – to promote friendship and trade between Sheffield and Northern Ireland.

Sheffield's first Irish Festival took place in c. 1998.

As more items are catalogued and the collections are used by researchers it is likely that additional references will come to light. More detailed searching of our catalogues for a wide range of terms may reveal additional material.

¹ The extensive Wentworth Woodhouse archive is held at Sheffield City Archives (ref. WWM). It contains many references to the Irish estates and the links between the family and Ireland over many centuries.

² For instance, the Sheffield branch of the Irish National League which campaigned for Home Rule, had over 500 members in 1906.

Timeline showing key dates

Date	Event
1424	First reference to the Irish Cross in Sheffield ³
c. 1820	Bernard Bird, a native of County Monaghan migrated to Sheffield (his memoirs were published in 1850)
1827	Catholic emancipation ended much legal discrimination against Catholics
1827	Irish Aid Society established in Sheffield ⁴
1839	Housing occupied by Irish migrants in Sheffield referred to as “scenes of wretchedness” ⁵
1845 - 1852	The Great Famine in Ireland (the potato famine) – approx. 200,000 Irish migrated to Britain
1850	Bernard Bird, a native of County Monaghan who migrated to Sheffield published his memoirs
1850	Sheffield, St Marie’s Catholic church, Norfolk Row, opened
1851	The census recorded Sheffield’s population as 161,475. 4,477 had been born in Ireland
1853	Three priests left Castleknock, Dublin, travel to the Crofts area of Sheffield to minister to the Irish poor
1856	St Vincent de Paul Catholic church, Solly Street, opened
1857	English Convent of the Sisters of Charity, 151 Solly Street opened
1860	Chapel of St Anne at Hillsborough Barracks opened for Catholic soldiers
1861	Roman Catholic Girls' Reformatory (also known as St Joseph's Home for Catholic Girls), Howard Hill, Walkley opened
1863	Catholic burial ground at Rivelin Glen opened
1863	St. William's Catholic Mission, Lee Croft opened
1863	St Vincent Boys’ School opened
1871	Crofts area known as Little Ireland due to the high proportion of Irish living there
1878	St Vincent’s Presbytery, Solly Street, opened
1887	Roman Catholic Girls' Reformatory changed its name to St Joseph's Industrial School for Roman Catholic Girls
1890s	Much of the Crofts area was redeveloped to improve public health
1894/5	John (Jack) Peden, an Irishman, played for Sheffield United Football Club
1901	The census recorded Sheffield’s population as 381,000. 3,960 had been born in Ireland.
1905	St. William's Catholic Mission, Lee Croft closed
1905	First reference to the ‘Shamrock’ pub, at Pea Croft, recorded ⁶

³ A grant of a messuage opposite the ‘Irishcrosse’ (*Sheffield City Archives: BrC/15/1*). David Hey in *A History of Sheffield* (page 39) suggests the ‘cross may have been erected during the time of John Talbot, the first Earl of Shrewsbury, who spent several years on military campaigns in Ireland’.

⁴ *Sheffield Register*, 22 May 1837 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST*)

⁵ *An Inquiry into the Moral, Social, and Intellectual Condition of the Industrious Classes of Sheffield. Part 1 1839* (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 331.8 SST*)

⁶ Sheffield Magistrates Court, Register of Beerhouse Keepers (*Sheffield City Archives: MC/7/1* (page 180))

1906	First reference to the Irish National League in Sheffield ⁷
1931	St Joseph's Industrial School for Roman Catholic Girls closed
1934	St Joseph's House for Mentally Handicapped Women and Girls opened
Mar 1949	Eamon de Valera, veteran of the 1916 Easter Rising, and Irish Taoiseach, visited Sheffield to speak at the Anti-Partition of Ireland League meeting at the Royal Victoria Hotel
1960	Sean McLoughlin (member of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), and veteran of the Irish Civil War) died in Sheffield
Mar 1966	The Northern Ireland government sponsored Ulster Week (in Sheffield) to promote trade and friendship
c. 1980	St Joseph's House for Mentally Handicapped Women and Girls closed
1983	St Vincent's Presbytery, Solly Street, vacated
1996	St Vincent de Paul Catholic church, Solly Street, closed
c. 1998	First Irish Festival in Sheffield
2001	A new St Vincent's Catholic Church opened (Pickmere Road)
2003	Irish Club in Burngreave closed
2008	Sheffield Irish Association formed
2021	The census recorded Sheffield's population as 520,000. 2,750 (0.5%) identified as White Irish.

⁷ *Sheffield and Rotherham Red Book and Almanack*, 1906 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 032.74 S)

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

Irish Cross

A search of the Sheffield City Archives catalogue for 'Irish Cross' reveals many deeds and other documents referring to the cross.

There are also early references to the Irish Cross in the Sheffield Town Trustees minutes and accounts, c. 1566 onwards
(Sheffield City Archives: TT/INDEX/h-I; index to TT/2/1, TT/2/2 and TT/4/1/1)

Sketch and details of the Irish Cross in Tatton, Henry, *Old Sheffield: Sketches and Notes* vol. 2 (pages 246 and 386)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ VOL.2)

Easter Book for Sheffield, 1571
Listing residents ... including those at The yreysche Crose [Irish Cross]
(Sheffield City Archives: ACM/3/2)

Short historical details of the Irish Cross, no date
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 37, page 174 (942.74 SF microfilm))

The Crofts

Minter, Christine, *The Crofts: Sheffield's Long-Lost Community* (Arc Publishing, 2022)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.821 SSTQ)

Ruane, Stephen G., *The Irish in the Crofts, Sheffield, c.1850-1900* (University of North London dissertation, 1996)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 305.89162 SQ)

Belford, Paul, Work, Space and Power in an English Industrial Slum: 'The Crofts', Sheffield, 1750-1850 taken from *The Archaeology of Urban Landscapes*, edited by Alan Mayne and Tim Murray (Cambridge, 2001) (pages 106-117)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5556 M)

Kavanagh, E. G., *The Crofts: A Study of Slum Development and Slum Clearance in Victorian Sheffield* (unpublished typescript, 1990)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 711.59 SQ)

City of Sheffield: 'The Crofts' Insanitary Area. 'Housing of the Working Classes Act 1880'. Key Map (Sheffield City Council 1893-1903)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: S (20) 41 L - S (20) 49 L)

It is possible references to the redevelopment of the Crofts area is mentioned in the minutes of Sheffield City Council's Housing of the Poor sub-committee / Housing of the Working Classes sub-committee (later the Housing sub-committee) which date from 1885

(Sheffield City Archives: CA-HOC)

Descriptive note on the Crofts district, no date

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 17, page 44 (942.74 SQ microfilm))

Rehousing scheme, newscutting, no date

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 2, page 109-111 (942.74 SF microfilm))

Old cottages, now demolished, newscutting, no date

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 9, page 26 (942.74 S microfilm))

Maps and plans of the Crofts area are also available. The main collection of Ordnance Survey Maps is available at Sheffield Local Studies Library. Other maps may also be available - search the Archives and Local Studies catalogues for additional items.

Additional references to the Crofts will also be found by searching the Archives and Local Studies catalogues.

Churches

Hallam Diocese (Roman Catholic), registers and records from 19th century onwards
(Sheffield City Archives: HDR)

Evinson, Denis, *The Lord's House: A History of Sheffield's Roman Catholic Buildings, 1570-1990* (Sheffield Academic Press, 1991)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 282.4274 S; also available at Sheffield City Archives: EVI/PAR HIST)

St Marie's Roman Catholic Church

St Marie, Roman Catholic Cathedral, registers and records from 1822

(Sheffield City Archives: CATH1)

Catholic Monthly, St Marie [parish magazine], 1950 and 1995-1997 (incomplete)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 282.4274 S)

St Vincent's Roman Catholic Church

St Vincent de Paul, Solly Street, Roman Catholic Parish, registers and records from 1853

(*Sheffield City Archives: CATH2*)

Cummings, Edward Michael, *A Detailed History of St Vincent's Church, Sheffield, 1846 - 1955* (2004)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 SQ*)

St. Vincents, Sheffield, 1853 - 1953: Centenary Souvenir (Manchester, 1953)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Pamphlets vol 10, no 1 (042 SQ)*)

Cullen, Derek R., *St. Vincent's: History of a Parish, 1853 - 2003* (St. Vincent's Parish Council, 2003)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 282.4274 SQ*)

St Vincent's Roman Catholic Church (Dublin Builder, 1860)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4858 M*)

St Vincent's Church, World War I Memorial Soldiers, 2017

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.3 SQ*)

Photocopy of list of subscribers to St Vincent Roman Catholic Church debt redemption fund, 1917

(*Sheffield City Archives: MD7173*)

Programme of concert at St. Vincent's Hall, 1943

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5332 S*)

The Vincentian (parish magazine), 1949 - 1953

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 282.4274 S*)

St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Church Yearbook, 1952

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Pamphlets vol 323, no 3 (042 S)*)

St Vincent's Church Solly Street Sheffield, 1853-1996: A Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell, 1996

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3768 M*)

St. Vincent's Church proposals, 1993

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3395 M*)

Personal recollections of St Vincent's Roman Catholic School and Church, Solly Street in the 1920s and 1930s

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 7949 M*)

St Vincent's Roman Catholic Church, Solly Street, sale particulars

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Sale Plans Oct 2008*)

St Vincent's Youth Centre reunion, 1989
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3022 S*)

Cemetery records

In addition to local parish churchyards (see references in the churches section above) there is also a Catholic cemetery:

Rivelin Glen, St Michael's Roman Catholic Cemetery, registers of burials, 1862 - 1943

(*Sheffield City Archives: RC (PR Mf) 8-9*) (*microfilm*)

There are also burial registers for civil cemeteries. See

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries-archives/access-archives-local-studies-library/collections/cemetery-registers> for more details

School records

St Vincent's Roman Catholic School, admission registers, 1946 - 1948 and 1976-1989

(*Sheffield City Archives: CA747*)

Plans of St Vincent of Paul Roman Catholic Schools (Solly Street) c. 1851 - 1864,
(*Sheffield City Archives: AP/6/1/27*)

Plans of St Vincent's Church and Schools, Solly Street, Sheffield, [?20th cent]
(*Sheffield City Archives: AccNo. 1985/16*)

Marsden, Dorothy Mary, *The History of St. Vincent's Schools, 1853 - 1985* (1985)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 372.94274 SQ*)

Census returns and trade directories

A population census has been undertaken every 10 years since 1801 (with the exception of 1941). Census returns (from 1841 onwards) record details of every citizen including name, address, age, marital status and birthplace. Those from 1841 - 1921 are available to view for free at any Sheffield Library and at Sheffield City Archives via FindMyPast and Ancestry.com.

For example:

1881 census

25 Spring Street: John Wood, head, grocer and lodging housekeeper, of Armagh, Ireland and Margaret his wife of Cavan, Ireland.

41 Lambert Street: John O'Donnell, boot and shoemaker, of Ireland
43 Lambert Street: 4 Irish lodgers (Henry Quin, John Dunney, Daniel Murray and David McCormack)

Trade directories from the 18th century onwards list businesses and private residents in Sheffield.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield City Archives)

Other items

Address of the Sheffield Branch of the Established Church Society on the importance of maintaining the Protestant Church in the Roman Catholic districts of Ireland, c. 1835

(Sheffield City Archives: SY619/Z8/12)

Sheffield Police Force, Charge Books, 1836 - 1865

Some of these volumes include the origins of those charged, usually 'English, Irish, Scotch'

(Sheffield City Archives:SY295/7/1)

Holland, John, *An Inquiry into the Moral, Social, and Intellectual Condition of the Industrious Classes of Sheffield. Part 1: the abuses and evils of charity, especially of medical charitable institutions*, 1839

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 331.8 SST)

Pollard, Sidney, *A History of Labour in Sheffield* (Liverpool University Press, 1959)
Includes reference to the Irish in Sheffield in the 19th century.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 330.942741 SST)

Hey, David, *A History of Sheffield* (Carnegie, 1998)

Includes reference to the Irish in Sheffield in the 19th century.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S)

Price, David, *Welcome to Sheffield: A Migration History* (Ald Design and Print, 2018)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 304.82 S)

Society for Bettering the Condition of the Poor in Sheffield - report of a resolution passed at a meeting in January 1827 regarding an appeal for funds to relieve those subjected to 'extreme misery and privation'.

Page 3 includes reference to a 'great influx of Irish strangers during the past year, and that the greatest degree of abject destitution many be found amongst these.'

(Sheffield City Archives: X475/3)

Sheffield Fund for the Relief of the Distressed Irish and Scotch/Irish Distress Fund papers, 1847

(Sheffield City Archives: SIS/10/3)

History of Roman Catholicism in the Sheffield area, 1560 - 1828 in *Catholic Monthly*, Jul 1950
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 282.4274 S*)

A Report on the Sanatory (sic) Condition of the Borough of Sheffield, 1847
Reference to 'Irish' on pages 25, 28, 30, 32, and 42.
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY235*)

Bird, Bernard, *The Perambulations of Barney the Irishman, written by himself* (1850)
Bird was born in County Monaghan in 1790 and migrated to Sheffield c. 1820
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.251 SST*)

Perambulations of Barney the Irishman: Note on its Author and Content in *Old Sheffield: Sketches and Notes* by Henry Tatton, vol. 3 (page 656)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

Sheffield City Council, Health Committee minutes, 1851
Includes reference to destitute 'Irish people', pages 46-47.
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-HEA/1/2*)

Letters to the Duke of Norfolk, bundled together under the subject 'The Roman Catholic Church in Sheffield', 1855 - 1872
Reports and covering letters on Sheffield Catholic Schools, Missions, Conference of St. Vincent de Paul; North of England Girls' Reformatory School; Charles Hadfield on St. Marie's Church fabric, 1872.
Also includes reference to Sheffield Catholic Schools' reports, 1855 - 1857, etc
(*Sheffield City Archives: ACM/18/3/2/6*)

(North of England) Roman Catholic Girls' Reformatory, Howard Hill, Walkley, Sheffield, minutes, accounts, correspondence, bills, etc. c. 1859 - 1907. Includes some lists of inmates.
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD7138*)

David, Bryn, *The History of St. Joseph's Home and Hospital: Howard Hill, Sheffield 1860 - 2002* (Impact Graphics, 2014)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 282.4274 SST; also available at Sheffield City Archives: DAV/PAR HIST*)

North of England Catholic Girls' Reformatory and St. Joseph's Home annual statements of account, 1870 - 1873
(*Sheffield City Archives: ACM/X/6*)

St Joseph's Girls Reformatory School, Howard Hill, Walkley, Sheffield, architectural plans, c. 1870 - 1918
(*Sheffield City Archives: HCD/2/38*)

Specifications for St Vincent's Presbytery, Sheffield, 1877
(*Sheffield City Archives: LD2353*)

Illuminated copy of an address to Henry Joseph Wilson MP, on behalf of the Irishmen of Sheffield, in gratitude for his and his wife's support and sympathy for the Irish cause, 1890
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD7125*)

Henry Lamb's Charity for St. Vincent's, annual statements of account, 1901 - 1930
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY614/K73/46*)

'A Genius in Solitude' (tribute to Lewis McHugh by his old friend and collaborator, A.S.G.) [early 20th cent]
Lewis McHugh was a son of an Irish cobbler, John McHugh (c. 1833 - 1892) who appears to have come to Sheffield to seek work during the 1860s and originated from the market town of Ballymote, County Sligo.
(*Sheffield City Archives: X591/2/3/1*)

Literary diaries of Lewis McHugh (1882 - 1947) of Sheffield and later Dore, 1926 - 1939
Lewis McHugh was a son of an Irish cobbler, John McHugh (c. 1833 - 1892) who appears to have come to Sheffield to seek work during the 1860s and originated from the market town of Ballymote, County Sligo,
(*Sheffield City Archives: X591/2/6 and X730/3*)

Volumes of poetry and philosophical essays presumably written by Abraham Graham (and/or possibly Lewis McHugh), [1920s - 1930s]
Lewis McHugh was a son of an Irish cobbler, John McHugh (c. 1833 - 1892) who appears to have come to Sheffield to seek work during the 1860s and originated from the market town of Ballymote, County Sligo.
(*Sheffield City Archives: X730/1*)

Account of the Irish quarter in Sheffield, no date
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 10, page 329-331 (942.74 S microfilm)*)

Addy, S. O., *Sheffield and the Irish*, no date
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 1, page 35, 39 (942.74 S microfilm)*)

The Catholic Question, viewed in connection with the approaching county election, 19th cent
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Pamphlets, vol. 48 No. 20 (042 S)*)

Note on the formation of the Catholic Men's Society in 1854, no date
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 10, page 60 (942.74 SQ microfilm)*)

Notes on some Ulster Week events in *Chronicle for Cole Brothers*, vol. XV, no. 7, 19 Mar 1966
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 052.74 SQ*)

Details of Sheffield Ulster Week in *Sheffield Spectator* vol. 1 no. 8, Nov 1965 (page 14)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 052.74 SQ*)

Articles on Ulster Week in *Service in Sheffield* vol. 1 no. 2, Dec 1965 (page 19); vol. 1 no. 3, Jan 1966 (page 19), vol. 1 no. 5, Mar 1966 pages 15-19; vol. 1 no. 6, Apr 1966 (page 15)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 380 S*)

Jackson, John Archer, *The Irish in Britain* (Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1963)
Includes Irish in Sheffield, pages 42 and 44.

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 323.142 SST*)

St Marie's Conference, Sheffield (Society of St Vincent de Paul), minutes and papers, 1898 - 2007

(*Sheffield City Archives: X276*)

Handley, Jack, *From Separation to Integration: The Care of Orphan and Destitute Children in Sheffield 1860 - 1920* (thesis, 1999)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.732 SQ*)

Clarebrough, Denis, *Sheffield United Football Club: The First 100 Years* (SUFC, 1989)

Reference to John (Jack) Peden, an Irish winger (1894/5 season) (page 25).

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 796.334 S*)

Lord Mayor of Sheffield, William Yorke, diary, 1949

Reference to the visit of Eamon de Valera to Sheffield.

(*Sheffield City Archives: CA656/5*)

The Irish and Sheffield (unpublished typescript notes, 1968)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3778 M*)

Rules of the Irish Social Centre (Sheffield) (Working Men's Club & Institute Union Ltd, 1977)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 1307 S*)

Irish Social Centre poster, 1992

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP FOLDER 132*)

Cultural Awareness Handbook (Sheffield City Council, Housing Services, c. 2000)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 305.8 SSTQ*)

McGuire, Charlie, Sean McLoughlin: The Boy Commandant of 1916 from *History Ireland*, March/April 2006

Sean McLoughlin died in Sheffield on 13 Feb 1960.

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5902 M*)

[*Irish*] *Community Profile* (Sheffield City Council, 2006)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 305.8 SSTQ*)

Sheffield Irish Forum, newsletters Nos 1-3, 2000 - 2001
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 305.8 SQ*)

Journeys to the City - Project to Gather Stories from Groups and Individuals About Their Journeys to and within the City (Sheffield Theatres, [2008])
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 307.76 S*)

McGuire, Charlie, *Sean McLoughlin: Ireland's Forgotten Revolutionary* (Merlin, 2011)
Sean McLoughlin died in Sheffield on 13 Feb 1960.
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: B.MCL S*)

BBC Radio Sheffield recording, Irish Dancing - How Rotherham girl, Emma Thirlwell, could become the Irish Dancing World Champion, 1986
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY425/A/8603/12 Band 8.*)

BBC Radio Sheffield recording, Rival Catholic and Protestant Irish factions march in Chesterfield, 1988
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY425/A/Weeks1988/25a*)

Sheffield's Health & Wellbeing Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Report (Sheffield First Partnership, 2010)
Includes reference to the Irish Community.
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.1 SQ*)

Carney, Sean, *The Forgotten Irish: The History of a South Yorkshire Irish Mining Community* (Black Tree, 2012)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 338.2724 S*)

Sheffield Migration Stories (Runnymede Trust, 2012)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 304.82 SQ*)

Community Knowledge Profiles (Sheffield City Council, 2014)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 305.8 SQ*)

Casey, Rionach, *Community, Difference and Identity: The Case of the Irish in Sheffield* (2016)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 7829 M*)

Abrahams, Jeremy, *Arrivals: Making Sheffield Home* (Northend Creative, 2016)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 304.8428 SF*)

Desforges, Martin, *From Cork to Sheffield: Desforges Family Migrations 1820 - 1982* (2017)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: B.DES SST*)

Sheffield City Council tweets: St Patrick's Day, 2017
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA1026/3/10-11*)

Tebbutt, Graham, *An Imperfect Solution: An Examination of Key Socio-economic and Political Issues Relating to and Events Surrounding the Opening of the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway, October 31st, 1838* (dissertation, c. 1990s)
Includes reference to the Rotherham Navy riots of 1838.
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 385 SQ)

Irish Festival. Programmes of Events and Activities (Sheffield Irish Forum, 1998 - 2001, 2010)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 305.8 SQ)

St Vincent's Quarter: Past, Present and Future (Race Cottam Associates, 2006)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 1120 S)

Past, Present and Future: A Walk Around the Local Area, St Vincent's Quarter (Race Cottam Associates, 2006)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4967 S)

Conservation Area Appraisal Study for the Furnace Hill Area / St Vincent's, Sheffield (draft and final reports) (Building Design Partnership, 2004)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 363.69 SSTQ)

St. Vincent's Action Plan (Sheffield City Council, 2004)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5968 M)

St. Vincent's Action Plan, 2008 - 2018 (Sheffield City Council, 2008)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 711.4 SQ)

Casey, Rionach, *The Irish Community in Sheffield: Needs, Aspirations and Identity* (CRESU, 2008)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 305.89162 SQ)

[Notes about the] Sheffield Irish Forum/South Yorkshire Irish Community Network (South Yorkshire Irish Community Network, 2000)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5486 M)

Advice & Support for the Irish Community: A Guide to Our Services (Cara Irish Housing Services, 200-)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3626 S)

Information leaflets about the Sheffield Irish Forum, [200-]
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3442 (A)-(B) M)

SISOS - Sheffield Irish Survivors Outreach Service [2003]
SISOS provided support to survivors of abuse whilst in institutional care in Ireland.
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3627 S)

O’Cathain, Mairtin, *Dr. John O’Dwyer Creaghe (1841-1920): Irish-Argentine Anarchist*

Creaghe was born in Ireland, he set up a medical practice in Sheffield. He Founded the *Sheffield Anarchist* and helped establish Sheffield Anarchist Group.
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5928 M)

Blatchford, Robert, *The Irish Family and Local history Handbook (Robert Blatchford, 2012)*
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 929.2094 S)

Maguire, Andrew, Irish Diaspora Politics: The West Riding of Yorkshire, 1879-1886 in *Journal of Irish Studies*, No. 9 (2019), (pages 205-228)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 304.82 E)

Pub Heritage Walk Little Chicago Sheffield (Camra. Sheffield & District Branch, 2024)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 1590 S)

Newspapers

The British Library British Newspaper Archive (BNA) website includes millions of pages from over 700 UK national and local newspapers (including a number of Sheffield titles, 1819 - c.1950). [Home | Search the archive | British Newspaper Archive](#). Access to the British Newspaper Archive is free at every Sheffield City Council Library and at the City Archives.

The Local Studies Library local newspaper cuttings collection may include articles on the Irish community, c. 1950 onwards
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfiche)

In addition, microfilms of the main Sheffield titles are also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library, namely: *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*, 1855 - 1986; *Sheffield Telegraph* (weekly) 1989 - date; and the *Star* 1873 - date

Archives of some national newspapers are available on the internet, notably *The Times* ([The Times Digital Archive \(gale.com\)](#)) and *The Guardian* ([How to access past articles from the Guardian and Observer archive | Information | The Guardian](#))

Photographs

Over 100,000 images from the Sheffield Local Studies Library and City Archives collections are available to search online at www.picturesheffield.com.

Library and Archive collections held elsewhere

The National Archives holds documents of the UK Government. A search of their catalogue <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/> (accessed Jan 2025) *may* yield useful references.

The Archives Hub contains catalogues describing archives held in universities and colleges in the UK <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/> (accessed Jan 2025)

Local Studies Library and Sheffield City Archives Facilities

Sheffield Archives and Local Studies 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.

Included are extensive collections of books • pamphlets • photographs • church registers • newspapers • census records • minutes • diaries • films • maps • deeds • records from schools • hospitals • businesses and charities • family estates • personal papers etc.

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