

SOURCES FOR THE HISTORY OF THE *Wakefield Waterfront*



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In 2013-2014 Wakefield Historical Society undertook a project to research the history and share the stories of life on Wakefield's Waterfront from 1700 to the present day. This handlist is intended to help other people to seek our sources of information on the Waterfront, which are scattered in a wide variety of websites, libraries and archives.

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Wakefield Waterfront Project website:

<http://wakefieldwaterfront.weebly.com>

Wakefield Historical Society website

<http://www.wakefieldhistoricalsociety.org.uk>

Facebook: Wakefieldwaterfront

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1. Resources Online

There are now many online sources which are of use to local historians which have been used in the Wakefield Waterfront Project. Some of them provide access to printed sources, like newspapers, trade directories and books. Others give access to original records, particularly those which provide information on individual people through census records and records of births, marriages and deaths; although these are mainly used by family historians, they provide information on addresses, occupations and places of origin which also inform a study of a local area.

Online image libraries relevant to the Wakefield Waterfront Project are listed in Section 3.

Most libraries and archives have online catalogues which are listed under individual entries in Sections 4 and 5. There is also an online portal, A2A, which gives access to search archives throughout England and Wales.

British Newspaper Archive: <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>

This website gives access to digitised images of newspapers in the British Library. It is freely searchable, but to view the images it is subscription or pay-per-view. It does not have any of the local Wakefield newspapers, but does include The Leeds Intelligencer, Leeds Mercury, Leeds Patriot and Yorkshire Advertiser and the Leeds Times. It also has the York Herald, the Yorkshire Evening Post, the Yorkshire Gazette and the Yorkshire Post. Searches are made using Optical Character Recognition which is not 100% reliable.

Google Books: <http://books.google.co.uk/books>

Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/details/texts>

Both these free websites have digitised versions of many books, which can be read online, or are downloadable in various forms. They include such volumes as "Wakefield Worthies" by Joseph Hirst Lupton (1864) and "Walks in Yorkshire, Wakefield and its Neighbourhood" by William Stott Banks (1861) and "An Account of the Academy at Heath" by Joseph Randal (1750). It is possible to search using names, places, or other key words.

The London Gazette: <http://www.london-gazette.co.uk>

For over 350 years this has been the official newspaper of record, providing news about parliamentary and military appointments, ecclesiastical announcements and other official notices. It provides information about the dissolution of business partnerships and insolvency.

Historical Directories of England and Wales: <http://bit.ly/1rxcF8r>

This collection contains 675 directories for England and Wales originally digitised under a Lottery funded project run by the University of Leicester. The aim of this project was to make available one directory for each English and Welsh county for the 1850s, 1890s and 1910s. In addition, a sample of directories was made available for the period 1750-1849, and for the 1860s, 1870s, 1880s and 1900s. This new site is at present being tested (March 2014) the previous website now being obsolete. At present there are some difficulties in navigating the new site.

Ancestry: <http://home.ancestry.co.uk>

This website is part of an American based for-profit company Ancestry.com. It offers images of UK census pages, fully indexed and searchable by name, an index to the Civil Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, military records, apprentice and criminal records amongst many others.

It has digitised records held by the West Yorkshire Archive Service and now has downloadable images of Church of England marriages and banns 1813-1935, baptism, and burials from 1813-1910, confirmations from 1859-1915 and baptisms, marriages and burials from 1512-1812.

It has options for subscription membership or pay-per-view, but is free at West Yorkshire Archives, and for library members at Wakefield Local Studies Library. Many other libraries country-wide offer free access to their library members.

Find My Past: <http://www.findmypast.co.uk>

Find My Past is part of a UK based company, which has links to the Society of Genealogists. It holds many of the same records as Ancestry.co.uk, such as the UK censuses. Many records transcribed by UK Family History Societies were added to the site, so the transcriptions may differ slightly. Like Ancestry.co.uk records are accessed by subscription, or pay-per-view, but are free at Wakefield Local Studies Library for library members

A2A: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/advanced-search.aspx?tab=1>

Access to Archives (A2A) is a free search site to the catalogues of archives throughout England and Wales. Part of the National Archives, it is possible to search by key words such as name or business, and place, dates, repository and region.

2. Printed Sources

General sources on the history of Wakefield

W S Banks, *Walks about Wakefield*, 1871

Henry Clarke, *Drawings of Wakefield*, 1977

Henry Clarkson, *Memories of Merry Wakefield: An Octogenarian's Recollection, 1801-1887*, 1887

John Goodchild, *The Development of Wakefield in Maps, Plans and Views*, 1981 Folder of maps with explanatory leaflet

John Goodchild (compiler), *Images of England: Wakefield*, 1998

John Hewitt, *The History and Topography of the Parish of Wakefield and its Environs*, 1862

Harold Speak and Jean Forrester, *An Outline History of Wakefield*, 1971

Kate Taylor, *The Making of Wakefield 1801-1900*, 2008

J W Walker, *Wakefield, its History and its People*, 1939 (2nd edition)

Books and articles on specific aspects of the history of Wakefield's Waterfront

Most of the printed sources relevant to the waterfront are concentrated on the navigations, the railways and the Chantry Chapel. The following list is not comprehensive.

Christine Clark, *The British Malting Industry since 1830*, 1998

Mike Clarke (compiler), *Images of England: The Aire & Calder Navigation*, 1999

John Goodchild, *Wakefield and Wool*, 1981

John Goodchild, *Wakefield Canal Trail*, 1985

John Goodchild, 'The Wakefield Soke' in *Aspects of Medieval Wakefield and its Legacy*, 1991

John Goodchild, 'Dyeing for Wakefield: The Story of the Belle Isle Dyeworks' in *Aspects of Wakefield 2*, 1999

John Goodchild, *Wakefield's First Railway and its Collieries*, 2002

Hadfield, Charles, *The Canals of Yorkshire and North East England Vol 1*, Plymouth 1972. The standard textbook: Chapter 1 is about the Aire and Calder, Chapter 2 is about the Calder and Hebble.

Peter L Smith, *The Aire and Calder Navigation*, 1987

Peter L Smith, *Ethel and Angela Jane A Brief History of the Commercial Carrying Scene on the Calder and Hebble Navigation*, 1976

Harold Speak and Jean Forrester, *Chantry Chapel of St.Mary on-the-Bridge, Wakefield*, 1972

Kate Taylor, 'Shirts from Wakefield' in *Aspects of Wakefield*, 1998

Kate Taylor, *This Pious Undertaking, the Chantry Chapel of St Mary Virgin on Wakefield Bridge in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*, 2003

Taylor, Kate, *The Pious Undertaking Progresses*, the later history of the Chantry Chapel on Wakefield Bridge,

Taylor, Mike, *The Calder & Hebble Navigation*, Gloucestershire, 2002

Antonino Vella, 'Images of Wakefield' in *Aspects of Wakefield*, 1998

3. Photo Archives

These are the most accessible photo archives, although there are photographs in most of the libraries and archives listed in sections 4 and 5.

Twixt Aire & Calder: <http://www.twixtaireandcalder.org.uk>

This collection of local photographs of the Wakefield District is managed by Wakefield Council Libraries. It is a selection of photographs held by Libraries rather than a complete copy of all they hold. It also includes images contributed by the public where the originals are not held by Libraries. The site contains copyright information on photos where it is known. It can be searched by keyword, and it is also possible to search by date or date range.

Wakefield Museums online: <http://www.wakefieldmuseumcollections.org.uk/photographs>

This collection of over 20,000 photographs of the Wakefield District are held by Wakefield Council's museum service, almost the entire collection that it holds. This site also contains a selection of historic photographs from the Wakefield Express. The site contains copyright information on photos where it is known. It can be searched by keywords, but there is also an option to search from lists by theme, person or place.

Yorkshire Post: <http://yorkshirepost.newsprints.co.uk>

The Yorkshire Post has a photo archive of images used in the Yorkshire Post which can be viewed and ordered online. It contains about 3,000 images, with most of the images being post Second World War. The search mechanism is clumsy and slow. Keywords Wakefield, Thornes, Thornes Lane, malting, Sutcliffe's, Sanderson's produced no result.

Aerofilms: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/archives-and-collections/nmr/archives/photographs/aerofilms>

The air survey company Aerofilms Ltd was set up in 1919 by First World War veterans FL Wills and C Grahame-White. In addition to their own archive of pictures Aerofilms also bought two smaller collections – AeroPictorial (1934-1960) and Airviews (1947-1991). This very large collection of historical air photographs was bought by English Heritage, in partnership with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales and Scotland, from Blom ASA in 2007. 95,000 of the oldest and most valuable photographs in the Aerofilms collection, those dating from 1919 to 1953 are currently being scanned into digital format and made available online for everyone to see. The project should finish in 2014.

4. Libraries

WAKEFIELD LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY

Library summary:

The Wakefield Local Studies Library has a rich collection of mainly secondary sources relating to the history of Wakefield and the wider area. As well as books, pamphlets and articles, it also holds maps, photographs and illustrations, trade directories and telephone directories, newspapers, electoral registers, local ephemera, and has access to parish registers and censuses.

Online access:

The Local Studies Library has extensive resources that can be accessed online from home: The Libraries website home page at <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/residents/libraries-and-local-history> gives access to a number of specialist reference and local and family history databases which are available free. These include:

The Library catalogue at <https://libraries.wakefield.gov.uk/web/arena>

The Reference and Local Studies Index at <http://srs.click4.it/wakefield/index.asp>

The Library image bank Twixt Aire and Calder at <http://www.twixtaireandcalder.org.uk>

The British Newspaper Archive at <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>

A selection of British Newspapers from the 19th century at British 19th Century Newspapers (Library card barcode number needed to log in).

To make a visit:

Anyone can consult the resources in the Local Studies Library during opening hours without appointment. The Libraries website homepage gives information on Library facilities and services, including: how to join the library, library opening hours and the library catalogue.

Material relevant to the Waterfront Project:

Printed sources:

An extensive collection of books, pamphlets and articles about the history of Wakefield by authors such as J.W. Walker and John Hewitt and modern historians such as Kate Taylor and John Goodchild.

Maps:

A wide range of Ordnance Survey and other maps from the 1820s to the present day to show how the area has grown and changed.

Photographs and illustrations:

Often a valuable contemporary record of buildings and landscapes which have vanished. Twixt Aire and Calder is the Library Service's extensive digital archive of illustrations.

Trade directories and telephone directories:

Various editions of West Riding trade directories from 1822 to 1936 and local telephone directories from the mid-20th century help to locate and identify local businesses.

Newspapers:

These are an excellent and fascinating source of information about people and places. The Library holds a number of local and regional titles from the mid-18th century onwards on microfilm, while its newspaper cuttings files date from the Victorian period through into the present century. Some name and subject indexes are also available.

Censuses:

These are useful for finding people who lived in the area and for discovering more information about each member of the household. The local censuses are available on microfilm and there is free access to the 1841-1911 censuses through the Ancestry and FindMyPast websites in Libraries.

Parish Registers:

The baptism, marriage and burial indexes of Christ Church shed light on the inhabitants of the area. They are available on microfiche and through the Ancestry website.

Electoral Registers:

The Library holds registers and poll books from 1741 to the present day containing the annual lists of the people eligible to vote in Local and Parliamentary elections.

Ephemera:

The Library has a fascinating collection of miscellaneous items relating to local businesses, trades and people, including leaflets, bills and souvenir booklets, which are listed in the online Reference and Local Studies Index.

Websites:

Websites that can be consulted in the Local Studies Library include:

The Library catalogue at <https://libraries.wakefield.gov.uk/web/arena>

The Reference and Local Studies Index at <http://srs.click4.it/wakefield/index.asp>

Twixt Aire and Calder (The Library image bank) at <http://www.twixtaireandcalder.org.uk>

Some subscription websites are available free in the Library to members, as well being accessible from home:

19th Century British Library Newspapers (with library card barcode number)

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (with library card barcode number)

Accessible only on computers in Libraries. Direct access, no login required.

Ancestry.com – Library Edition

FindMyPast – Community Edition

Location and contact details:

Wakefield Library

Address: Wakefield One, Burton Street, Wakefield WF1 2DD

Telephone: 01924 305 376 (Main Library),

Telephone: 01924 305356 (Local Studies and Wakefield Museum)

Email: wakefieldlibrarymuseum@wakefield.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/residents/libraries-and-local-history>

YORKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Library summary:

The Yorkshire Archaeological Society (YAS) exists to promote the study of Yorkshire's past. It was founded in 1863 (originally as the Huddersfield Archaeological and Topographical Association) and in 1870 it expanded its interest to cover the whole of Yorkshire. Today it is the main society in this field for the historic county. The Society has always been active in publishing articles on many aspects of Yorkshire's past and transcripts of important Yorkshire records, through the Yorkshire Archaeological Journal and the Record Series. The Society has built up a fine library which holds books on all aspects of Yorkshire's history from prehistory to the present day including local history, social history, industrial history, heraldry, place-names, and architecture.

Online access:

At the moment, there is no on-line access, although plans are progressing to enable the catalogue to be added to the Society's web site. There is a catalogue on a computer within the Library, and there is an extensive card catalogue, with all entries sorted by author, title and topic.

To make a visit:

Members of the public can use the library without belonging to the Yorkshire Archaeological Society. Details of opening hours are on the website. If there is anything especially required, it is probably worth ringing first to ensure that the item is available.

For the Wakefield Waterfront Project:

Identifying items directly relating to Wakefield is not easy. The Library contains many of the same printed sources noted at other libraries/archives. However, it also holds court records, correspondence from the King/Queen's Courts of the day and transcription of Wakefield Court Rolls. There are also a large number of maps, photographs and other related items. Some of the Parliamentary papers relate to a variety of acts that directed the construction of canals and roads, the bringing of water and gas to the town and regulating the access and charges of tolls in the area. These include:

- YAS 120F1/2/3/4/5/6 Wakefield Water Bill, 30.4.1874, House of Commons Select Committee on Private Bills. This was about the public water and sewage system, and the building of a reservoir for Wakefield. It included details of many Wakefield companies and their water usage.
- YAS120F10 3rd report of Commissioners on The Best Means of Preventing the Pollution of Rivers (Aire and Calder) 1867

Location and contact details:

The Library is located at the foot of Clarendon Road close to Woodhouse Square and the Clarendon Wing of the Leeds General Infirmary. The Leeds circular bus passes up Clarendon Road and circles from the bus station to the railway station to the University.

Address: 23 Clarendon Road, Leeds LS2 9NZ

Telephone number: 0113 2457 910

Email: yas.library@gmail.com or yas.enquiries@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.yas.org.uk>

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, THE NATIONAL BREWING LIBRARY

Library summary:

The National Brewing Library is an English language collection relating to brewing, distilling, other alcoholic beverages and dependent trades. The collection aims to be the primary and most comprehensive source of information in the UK, on the scientific, technological, historical and social aspects of the above. It has been formed by bringing together the libraries of the Institute of Brewing, The International Brewers' Guild and the technical reference library of The Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association, the book collection of the Whitbread Brewing Archive, and books and journals from the Brewery History Society Library.

Online access:

There is a downloadable catalogue with subject index and classified index. Search terms Wakefield, Thornes, Thornes Lane, Sandersons and Sutcliffes don't locate any relevant material. However, the contents of journals are not covered by the index.

To make a visit:

To register as a reader it is necessary to make a prior appointment with Special Collections and produce photo ID and proof of address. The reader is given a card valid to use the Library for one year. The Library has photocopying facilities, but is not able to provide photographs. Readers are permitted to take their own photographs for personal use.

For the Wakefield Waterfront Project the only items located that are relevant are listed below, but there are likely to be other reports on Wakefield malting companies throughout the Brewers' Journal and other journals.

- Brewers' Journal, issue for January 1903 - a foldout print showing the extensive properties of Sanderson and Son's, in the course of modernisation and some new building on the west bank of the Calder
- Brewers' Journal, issue for January 1903, p.19-20 - a report on the annual general meeting of the Leeds and Wakefield Breweries, Limited
- Brewer's Journal, issue for January 1903, p.24 - a report on the annual meeting of shareholders of Michael Sanderson and Son, Limited
- Brewers' Journal, issue for January 1903, p.26 - a full description of the buildings and their equipment shown in the print of Sanderson and Son's (above)

Location and contact details:

National Brewing Library Enquiries: Attn: Donald Marshall

Address: Oxford Brookes University Library, Headington Campus, Gypsy Lane, Oxford OX3 0BP

Telephone: 01865 483136 (National Brewing Library)

Telephone: 01865 483156 (University Library enquiries)

Email: dmarshall@brookes.ac.uk

Website: <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/headton.html>

5. ARCHIVES

THE CANAL AND RIVER TRUST ARCHIVES

Archive summary:

The Canal and River Trust holds the archives formerly owned by British Waterways. They have now been moved to The David Owen Waterways Archive at Ellesmere Port and the Gloucester Archive where they were previously held has closed.

The records relate to all the inland waterways from the 17th century onwards that British Waterways owns, has owned or has held an interest in. They cover all aspects of the creation, ownership, maintenance and use of 2,000 miles of the nation's waterways, and they take the form of plans, drawings, company accounts, personal work diaries, engineering surveys, gauge registers and share records

Online access:

An online catalogue called the Virtual Waterways Archive Catalogue has been created that covers not only the records held at Ellesmere Port, but also covers the waterways related material of another 15 archives throughout England and Scotland (including West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Headquarters). The catalogue can be found at <http://www.virtualwaterways.co.uk>

To make a visit:

Visitors and researchers are welcome to come and look at the collection. However, booking is advisable to ensure that space is available and that the records a visitor wishes to consult are accessible. Please e-mail or phone to make a booking. Contact archivist Linda Barley on 0151 373 4378 or email linda.barley@canalrivertrust.org.uk

For the Wakefield Waterfront Project:

A search on the website using search term 'Calder Wakefield' brings up 58 documents or groups of documents, including a great many plans, maps and papers relating to the Aire and Calder Navigation and the Calder and Hebble Navigations, particularly:

- BW85 Company of Proprietors of the Calder and Hebble Navigation 1757-1951
- BW91 Undertakers of the Navigation of the Rivers Aire and Calder 1768-1973

Location and contact details:

The Waterways Archive is based at the National Waterways Museum at Ellesmere Port.
Address: National Waterways Museum, South Pier Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 4FW
Telephone at the Archive: 0151 373 4378
Email: linda.barley@canalrivertrust.org.uk
Website: <http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk>

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND RECORD CENTRE

Archive summary:

The Centre holds material on the major Church of England institutions including the Ecclesiastical/Church Commissioners and hence has material relating to individual parish churches. It has the archives of the National Society for the Promotion of the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church which was founded in 1811 and was in correspondence with very many Church schools. The Centre is run in conjunction with Lambeth Palace Library.

Online access:

The online catalogue is to be found via the Lambeth Palace Library website, www.lambethpalacelibrary.org but you will need to create a user ID and password on-line and to log in prior to using it.

To make a visit:

It is necessary to book to attend in person, taking a passport-style photograph, to provide photo ID such as a passport, driving licence or British Library card, and proof of address such as a recent (less than three month old) utility bill showing your own name and address. You will be issued with a Lambeth Palace Library card which is valid both for Lambeth Palace Library itself and the Record Centre.

For the Wakefield Waterfront Project:

There are files on Christ Church and on the Thornes Lane Schools – Christ Church and St James'.

Location and contact details:

The Church of England Record Centre is about 10-15 minutes walk from the nearest underground station Bermondsey.
Address: 15 Galleywall Road, South Bermondsey, London SE16 3PB

Telephone: 020 7898 1030

Email: archives@churchofengland.org . You should put CERC in the subject line.

Website: <http://www.lambethpalacelibrary.org>

THE JOHN GOODCHILD COLLECTION

Archive summary:

This Independent Local History Study Centre holds very large collections which relate primarily, although by no means exclusively, to the central area of the West Riding. It includes material from the twelfth century onwards, and it is especially rich in source materials of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. As well as over one thousand boxes of manuscripts, the collection includes a wide range of maps, illustrations, printed sources and unpublished essays relating to the archive collections.

Online access:

A selection only of the archive is listed on the Access to Archives website, managed by The National Archives. Go to <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a> They can be searched by keyword.

To make a visit:

Visits can be arranged by appointment in advance with John Goodchild, either on 01924 306809 (at West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Office) or on 01924-220073 (home).

Material relevant to the Wakefield Waterfront:

Manuscripts:

Wakefield Soke from c1600 and earlier transcripts; Wakefield mills plans c1870 and sale particulars 1830 and 1868; Calder and Hebble Navigation and plans 1741 and 1757; Thomas Foljambe notebooks and plans; Wakefield and Thornes ratebooks 18th century onwards; Sale particulars and plans (ms and printed); Manchester and Leeds Railway prospectus and papers (including L & YR); Wakefield Ings Turnpike Trust; Thornes Lane deeds (re the Wharf); Porto Bello Mill; Wakefield Inclosure plans c1794; Reynolds, Stott and Haslegrave; Christ Church prospectus and accounts re building, including school; Bethel Chapel history; Wakefield inns; The Hotel deeds (junction of Ings Road and Kirkgate); corn and malt mss; Holdsworth of Belle Isle; Wakefield and District Light Railway Company Ltd and successors.

Maps:

Maps held include the 60" OS maps of 1848 and some of the 120" OS maps of the 1880s.

Illustrations:

Illustrations held include views from c1680s onwards, 1722, malting, picture postcards, slum clearance photographs, Wakefield waterfront photographs (waterways illustration boxes)
Local trade directories

Local trade directories are held for 1781, 1784, 1785, 1794, 1811, 1822, 1830, 1834, 1837-38, 1842, 1847, 1853, 1861, 1870, 1875, 1881, 1887, 1891, 1897, 1904, 1906, 1922, 1927, 1936 and later, extending coverage of directories at Wakefield Library Local Studies Library.

Unpublished essays by John Goodchild include *Tootals and Wakefield Corn Trade; Calder and Hebble Navigation; The Wakefield Soke and its Mills; Wakefield Inclosure Movement*, etc.

For the Wakefield Waterfront Project the following were consulted:

- CHN3 Parliamentary and Legal papers including Acts of 1758, 1769, 1825, 1834, 1894, 1931, 1944; bill of 1810; leases of Navigation and its tolls to Aire and Calder navigation 1865; lease of Fall Ing, Wakefield, to Aire and Calder Navigation 1751;
- Printed plan of Calder, surveyed by John Smeaton 1757; copy will and codicil John Smeaton 1792; plan of estate at Walton of which half belonged to John Smeaton, surveyed by W Jessop c1766-1767; printed pamphlet entitled "A Short Narrative... of the late Mr John Smeaton", London 1793; draft letter as to valuing land required for Navigation from Figure of Three Lock to Dewsbury 1761
- Further papers relating to the Calder and Hebble Navigation are contained in the Smithson manuscripts, Ingham manuscripts, Milnes, Stansfeld and Co manuscripts, Richard Milnes manuscripts, Corn manuscripts and the Belle Isle Maltings copper plate.

Location and contact details:

The John Goodchild Collection

Address: West Yorkshire Archives, Wakefield Office, Registry of Deeds, Newstead Road, Wakefield, WF1 2DE

Telephone: 01924 305980 (West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield Office)

Telephone: 01924 306809 (John Goodchild)

Email: via the West Yorkshire Archive Service at wakefield@wyjs.org.uk

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Archive summary:

The National Archives (TNA) hold the archives of all the departments of Government, of the Courts, and of Royal records. It is the main source of information on all national-level Government decisions; relevant to the Wakefield Waterfront these are in education, housing, taxation and the law. TNA also holds some records of organisations which are, or at some date have been, nationalised or in public ownership; relevant to the Wakefield Waterfront, these comprise the records of the railway and canal companies.

Online access:

The TNA online catalogue is called DISCOVERY and is accessible through its website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>. It can be searched by keyword or by a more advanced search facility. For the Wakefield Waterfront Project, the most useful initial keyword combination was 'Wakefield Thornes Lane'; this identified –

- HLG (Housing and Local Government) files - 24 identifying 1930-50s slum clearance areas;
- ED (Education) files -3 relating to the local school

Some documents can be seen on-line via Documents Online on the TNA website, but only a limited number are of relevance to the Wakefield Waterfront. These are:

- Census returns 1841 to 1911 – those of 1841 to 1891 are at www.ancestry.co.uk those of 1901 and 1911 are also available on-line from www.findmypast.co.uk
- Army records, Navy records and RAF records; these are relevant to those who lived in the Waterfront area and served in the First World War (Second World War records have not yet been released except to close relatives).

To make a visit:

Visitors need to take photo-ID or passport, plus proof of address to get a photo-card which gives access to original records reading areas and to the document ordering system. Readers can pay on the day for copies of documents; however, scans of documents can be e-mailed free of charge to personal e-mail addresses.

For the Wakefield Waterfront Project the following were consulted:

- IR 30/43/397 Tithe Map and Appointments of Thornes 1847, Tithe Map and Apportionments of Wakefield 1845
- IR 58 Field books of the 1910 'Second Domesday' Rating Valuation of the area
- IR136 Detailed record and large-scale maps of the 1910 'Second Domesday'
- RAIL 800 Minute books of the Aire and Calder Canal.

- CUST 119/453 Trial of Mr Haigh, maltster, for evasion of duties payable.
- RAIL 815/16 Smeaton Journal
- RAIL 800/248/6 Smeaton Report

Location and contact details:

The National Archives are 15 minutes' walk from Kew Gardens underground station.

Address: Kew, London, TW9 4DU

Telephone: 0208 876 3444

Email: via contact form on website

Website: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

THE ROYAL SOCIETY

Archive summary:

The origins of the Royal Society lie in an 'invisible college' of natural philosophers who began meeting in the mid-1640s to discuss the new philosophy of promoting knowledge of the natural world through observation and experiment, which we now call science. Since then the Society has been at the heart of modern science for 350 years. They now have a tremendous collection of books, archives, paintings, images and artefacts which are treasured by scholars worldwide. Today the backbone of the Society is its Fellowship, which is made up of the most eminent scientists, engineers and technologists from the UK and the Commonwealth.

Online access:

The Archives can be searched online at <https://royalsociety.org/library/collections> . It can be searched by keyword under several headings, but it can be difficult to find the relevant material.

To make a visit:

Researchers are asked to email the Library if they wish to visit to look at books or documents at library@royalsociety.org. The Library and Archives are open to researchers and members of the public free of charge.

For the Wakefield Waterfront Project:

One fellow of the Royal Society was John Smeaton, sometimes known as the first civil engineer, and the Society has a collection of his original drawings covering the years 1741-1792 in six volumes. The drawings (with supplementary manuscripts and engravings) were classified by mechanical engineer, John Farey (1791-1851) under the following 6 headings:

- I. Windmills and watermills for grinding corn
- II. Mills for various purposes and machines for raising water
- III. Fire engines for raising water
- IV. Bridges and Buildings
- V. Canal works, sluices, and harbours
- VI. Canals and river navigations

Smeaton worked on the Soke Mill on Wakefield Bridge and on the building of the Calder and Hebble Navigation and several of his plans for these are to be found in this collection if searched under Wakefield. There are also a number of fine drawings of a windmill which he built in Wakefield (but not on the Waterfront).

Location and contact details:

The Royal Society is a short walk from Charing Cross and Piccadilly underground stations.

Address: 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG

Telephone: 020 7451 2500

Email: library@royalsociety.org

Website: <https://royalsociety.org>

SUFFOLK RECORD OFFICE, IPSWICH BRANCH

Based in offices at Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Lowestoft, the Suffolk Record Office holds a great range of information about the history of Suffolk and its people from the 12th century onwards. The records relate particularly to organisations, such as the County Council, local authorities, churches, chapels, estates, schools, hospitals, businesses, families, clubs and societies. Some records of Wakefield businesses have ended up at Ipswich because they were taken over by larger businesses which later moved away from Wakefield. Ipswich holds extensive records for Pauls Malt, including Wakefield companies. Pauls Malt is still the largest maltster in Britain, now based in Suffolk.

Online catalogue:

A search for Pauls Malt on the Suffolk Heritage Direct website at <http://www.suffolkheritagedirect.org.uk> is unsuccessful. The catalogue can be found in the Access to Archives website on the National Archives website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a>, but this version of the catalogue is not being updated.

To make a visit:

Suffolk Record Office is a member of the County Archive Research Network (CARN) readers' ticket scheme. Take your CARN readers' ticket with you when you visit. If you do not have a ticket

take official proof of ID which includes name, address and signature. Appointments in advance are recommended, and a limited number of documents can be ordered in advance. All documents for Saturday must be pre-ordered on Friday morning.

For the Wakefield Waterfront the following files are relevant:

- HC461/13/10 Records of Edward Sutcliffe Ltd 1858-1966, including extensive series of corporate records, ledgers, journals, cash books, miscellaneous financial records, newspaper cuttings, premises and property records, photographs and some records for Sunvi Ltd.
- HC461/13/133 Records of Michael Sanderson and Son Ltd 1806-1967, including corporate records, meeting records, shareholder records, financial records, ledgers, premises and property records relating to New Brunswick Street, Thornes Lane and South Parade.
- HC461/13/19 Records of Reynolds, Stott and Haslegrave Ltd 1931-1970, including meeting records, ledgers, purchase journal.
- HC461/14 Research papers compiled by Christine Clark in preparation of her book *The British Malting Industry since 1830*.

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WEST YORKSHIRE ARCHIVE SERVICE

Archive summary:

The core of the records at the Wakefield Office is the Registry of Deeds, established by Act of Parliament in 1704 and operated until September 1970. It was created to allow land holders to register the title to their property. It operated across the whole of the West Riding of Yorkshire and contains summaries or memorials of the registered title deeds. These memorials give the date, the names and addresses of the parties and a brief description of the property. As well as title deeds probate documents were also registered to indicate the transfer of title, so it is possible to trace the changes of ownership of property on the Waterfront using the personal name indexes. From 1704-1763 the name of the vendor (seller) is indexed, later the names of all parties are indexed. Up to 1794 surnames are arranged under the initial letter of the surname only. After 1794 the index is fully alphabetical. It is also possible to search by place in the place name indexes but these are incomplete. They cover 1704-1787 and 1884-1923. The index is organised by parish or township and is not strictly alphabetical. The indexes of wills cover the period 1704 to 1879 and 1885 to 1890. Outside of these dates wills can be found in the personal name indexes.

At the Wakefield Office, the West Yorkshire Archive Service also houses records of the former West Riding and West Yorkshire county wide, as well as of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council. Other records include the Wakefield Diocesan Archive, Parish Registers, Nonconformist Registers, Bishop's Transcripts, Wills, Roman Catholic Registers, Tithe Records, Police Records and Health Records.

Online access:

The online catalogue is at <http://catalogue.wyjs.org.uk> or can be accessed through the website. At its basic level it can be searched by keyword; a more advanced search facility allows filtering by date and other parameters.

To make a visit:

WYAS is a member of the County Archive Research Network (CARN) readers' ticket scheme. Take your CARN readers' ticket with you when you visit. If you do not have a ticket take official proof of ID which includes name, address and signature. Appointments in advance are recommended, as some records are held offsite.

For the Wakefield Waterfront Project the following files have been consulted:

- C299 Calder and Hebble papers including many plans of C and H Navigation
- C1163 Reynolds and Haslegrave: photos and other documents C20th
- C917 Dye house plan and conveyance 1829
- Wakefield Enclosure maps

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YORKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

Summary:

As well as their Library, the Yorkshire Archaeological Society holds extensive archives, which contain material deposited with or donated to the Society over the last 150 years. They include estate papers, family archives, personal archives including notes of archaeologists, historians and antiquaries, maps, plans, pedigrees, deeds, wills, and manorial court rolls. Of particular interest to Wakefield studies are the Court Rolls of the Manor Court of Wakefield, which date back to

1274 and close with the end of the Manor Court in 1925. This almost continuous record is written on parchment and paper, many of which have been conserved and are available for study. As the originals are difficult to read, only the years that have been translated and published are readily accessible. The records for some years are available as transcribed volumes. In addition, there are documents and maps relating to the whole area and, again, dating back centuries.

Online resources:

The catalogue for the archive is available through the Access to Archives website on the National Archives website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a> which gives a relatively complete summary of the contents of the archive. The site is searchable by keywords or advanced search. A catalogue of all the collections held in the archives will be on the website soon.

To make a visit:

The Archive is open three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. As it may take time to gather <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/> material from the archive, an appointment is required for each visit, and it is useful to be able to offer a list of items required.

For the Wakefield Waterfront Project the following were consulted:

- MD 335/3/10 Letters relating to Aire and Calder Nav Proposal 1740-1
- MD 335/15/3/26 1729-30 Account book for Wakefield Soke Mills
- DD 70 Bretton Estate Archives: correspondence, plans etc relating to Aire and Calder navigation, Calder and Hebble navigation and other canals 1773-1793.

Location and contact details:

The Archive is located at the foot of Clarendon Road close to Woodhouse Square and the Clarendon Wing of the Leeds General Infirmary. The Leeds circular bus passes up Clarendon Road and circles from the bus station to the railway station to the University.

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