



Municipal Buildings, which include the Central Public Library, are opened. See St. Michael: A History of Marks and Spencer (1969) – Goronwy Rees **L 381.1 MAR** and Two Leeds Architects: Cuthbert Brodrick and George Corson (1937) – T. Butler Wilson **SR LQ B COR***

- **1888** Louis Le Prince shoots a moving picture image from Leeds Bridge. See The Missing Reel (1990) – Christopher Rawlence **L B LEP**
- **1889** The Thoresby Society – Leeds’ historical society – formed
- **1890** The *Yorkshire Evening Post* launches
- **1893** Leeds becomes a City. See Becoming a City: Leeds, 1893 (1992) – Arthur Elton **LP 942.819 ELT**
- **1903** City Square opened. See ‘City Square and Colonel Harding’ in Thoresby Society Miscellany Vol. 16, Part 2 (1975) **L 906 THO**
- **1908** Mrs Pankhurst addresses a mass suffragette meeting on Woodhouse Moor. See Suffragette City Tour (2015) – Klara Mills **LQE 324.62 MIL**
- **1916** Explosion at the Barnbow munitions factory. See The Barnbow Story: A History of Armoured Vehicle Manufacture at Leeds (1999) – Peter McKenzie **L 338.7 BAR**
- **1919** Leeds United Association Football Club founded. See Leeds United: A Complete Record (2012) – Martin Jarred and Martin McDonald **L 796.334 JAR**
- **1925** Montague Burton has the largest clothing factory in Europe. See Montague Burton: The Tailor of Taste (1990) – Eric M. Sigsworth **L 380 SIG**
- **1933** Leeds Civic Hall opened by King George V. See Leeds Civic Hall opened by His Majesty King George V: August 23 1933 (1933) **L 725.1 LEE**
- **1941** Quarry Hill Flats completed. See Memento Mori: The Flats at Quarry Hill (1990) – Peter Mitchell **L 363.5 MIT**
- **1961** The Leeds International Pianoforte competition established. See The Story of the Leeds Piano Competition (1990) – Wendy Thompson **L 786.2 THO**
- **1974** Leeds Metropolitan Borough created. See Map showing post-1974 metropolitan boundaries and pre-1974 district boundaries for West Yorkshire (1974) **ML Y 4281**

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The History of Leeds: A Partial Chronology

- **AD731** Bede makes the first mention of Leeds (“Loidis”)
- **1086** Leeds mentioned in the Domesday Book
- **1152** Kirkstall Abbey founded. See [Kirkstall Abbey, 1147-1539: An Historical Study](#) (1984) – Guy Barnes **L 906 THO**
- **1207** Maurice Paynel grants a charter to Leeds. See [Documents Relating to the Manor and Borough of Leeds, 1066-1400](#) (1957) – ed., John Le Patourel **L 906 THO**
- **1534** John Leland visits Leeds, writing that “The Toun stondith most by Clothing”: the wool textile industry is well-established. See [The Woollen Industry of Leeds](#) (1980) – Barbara Nelson **L 338.4767 NEL**
- **1560** First map of Leeds drawn. See [Facsimile of the Earliest Known Map of Leeds](#) **ML1560**
- **1615** Moot Hall built on Briggate and the oldest surviving pub in the city centre, the Nag’s Head (now the Pack Horse Inn) opens. See [Old Inns and Pubs of Leeds](#) (1988) – Barrie Pepper **LP 647 PEP**
- **1626** King Charles I grants Leeds a Charter, establishing a Council. See [A Fragment in the History of the Corporation of Leeds: Under the First Charter of 1626](#) (1879) **L 352 FRA**
- **1634** John Harrison builds St. John’s Church. See [St. John’s Church, Leeds: A History](#) (1993) – Janet Douglas and Ken Powell **L 726.5 DOU**
- **1700** The Aire and Calder Navigation opened as far as Leeds Bridge. See [The Aire and Calder Navigation](#) (1987) – Peter L. Smith **Y 386.48 SMI**
- **1715** Ralph Thoresby publishes the first history of Leeds. See [Ducatus Leodiensis](#) (1715) **LQ 914.2819 THO**
- **1754** The *Leeds Intelligencer*, now the *Yorkshire Post*, founded
- **1758** The first Bank in Leeds is formed, later known as Becketts Bank
- **1767** The General Infirmary at Leeds established. See [The General Infirmary at Leeds: A Pictorial History](#) (2003) – Malcolm Parsons **L 362.11 PAR**
- **1768** The private Leeds Library is founded. See [The Leeds Library: 1768-1968](#) (1994; 2nd ed.) – Frank Beckwith **L 027.2 BEC**
- **1770** Thomas Jeffreys’ survey ‘A Plan of Leeds’ published. For this and later maps see [Printed Maps and Plans of Leeds: 1711-1900](#) (1960) – Kenneth J. Bonser & Harold Nichols **L 906 THO** and [Leeds in Maps](#) (2007) **L E 912 LEE**
- **1771** Leeds Theatre on Hunslet Lane opens. See ‘The Theatre in Hunslet Lane’ in [Thoresby Society Miscellany Vol. 16, Part 2](#) (1975) **L 906 THO**
- **1775** The White Cloth Hall built in The Calls
- **1792** John Marshall moves his flax mill from Adel to Holbeck and Benjamin Gott begins construction of the Park Mills complex. See [The Leeds Woollen Industry: 1780-1820](#) (1931) – ed., W.B. Crump **L 906 THO**
- **1797** Matthew Murray establishes his engineering works at the Round Foundry. See [The Career of Matthew Murrury: 1765-1826](#) (1931) **L B MUR**
- **1798** The first trade directory of Leeds published. See [A History of the Town and Parish of Leeds; to Which are Added, a History of Kirkstall Abbey and a Leeds](#)

[Directory](#) (1798) – Griffith Wright **SR 942.819 RYL***

- **1801** Edward Baines purchases the *Leeds Mercury* newspaper. See [Mr. Mercury: The Life of Edward Baines, 1774-1848](#) (2009) – David Thornton **L B BAI**
- **1816** The Leeds-Liverpool Canal is completed. See [The Leeds and Liverpool Canal: its History and Heritage](#) (2011) – Mike Clarke **LP 386.4 CLA**
- **1822** Joshua Tetley buys Syke’s Brewery. See [Quality Pays: The Story of Joshua Tetley & Son](#) (1985) – Clifford Lackey **LQ 338.7 JOS**
- **1832** A cholera epidemic strikes the city and the 1832 Reform Bill gives Leeds two MPs. See [The First Asiatic Cholera Epidemic in Leeds, 1832](#) (1982) – Dale Victor Smith **LQ 614.514 SMI** and
- **1834** The first railway from Leeds built, running to Selby. See [Highways and Byways from Leeds](#) (1994) – John Gilleghan **L 914.2819 GIL**
- **1835** The Municipal Corporation Act creates the Municipal Borough of Leeds. See [A History of Modern Leeds](#) (1980) – Derek Fraser **L 942.819 HIS**
- **1841** The new Parish Church opened. See [Walter Farquhar Hook, Vicar of Leeds: His Work for the Church and the Town, 1837-1848](#) (2007) – Harry W. Dalton **L 283 DAL**
- **1845** Beckett Street cemetery – the first municipal cemetery in Leeds – opens. See [To Prove I’m Not Forgotten: Living and Dying in a Victorian City](#) (2008) – Sylvia M. Barnard **L 942.189 BAR**
- **1847** Armley Gaol and the Great Synagogue opened. See [HMP Leeds, 150-years: A Brief History](#) – Tony Kelly **LP ARM 365** and [Leeds Jewry: A History of its Synagogues](#) (1995) – Murray Freedman **LP 296 FRE**
- **1848** The Moral and Industrial Training School opens. See [The Evolution of St. James’s, 1848-1894: Leeds Moral and Industrial Training School, Leeds Union Workhouse and Leeds Union Infirmary](#) (1986) – Pamela M. Pennock **LQ 362.11 PEN**
- **1850** First Ordnance Survey map published (5ft: 1 mile; surveyed 1847)
- **1857** Kirkgate Market opened. See [Kirkgate Market An Illustrated History](#) (1992) – Steven Burt and Kevin Grady **QLP 381 BUR**
- **1858** Leeds Town Hall is opened by Queen Victoria and John Barran begins the mass production of ready-made clothes. See [A Brief History of Leeds Town Hall](#) (1996) **LP 942.819 BRI** and [Barran’s of Leeds: 1851-1951](#) (1951) – David Ryott **L 338.7 JOH**
- **1863** Cuthbert Brodrick’s Corn Exchange opens (see 1884)
- **1870** The first public library in Leeds opens and Leeds St. John’s rugby club founded (forerunners of the Leeds Rhinos). See [Growth of Leeds City Libraries: 1870-1970](#) (1970) – ed., Graham McKenna **LP 027.4 MI99** and [The Leeds Rugby League Story](#) (1992) – Dave Callaghan **LQ 796.333 CAL**
- **1874** The Yorkshire College, later to become the University of Leeds, opens. See [Studies in the History of a University: 1874-1974](#) (1975) – ed., P.H.J.H Godsen & A.J. Taylor **QL 378 GOS**
- **1878** Charles Thornton opens Leeds’ first shopping arcade
- **1884** Michael Marks opens a stall on Leeds Market and George Corson’s