

Cemetery and Graveyard Maps

We hold maps of several local cemeteries and churchyards including a detailed map of Beckett Street Cemetery.

Newspapers

Newspapers often have obituaries or death notices so if you have a date of death it is worth checking the local newspapers in the days after the death for any announcements. A death announcement will usually give details of funeral services and interments and often other family member names.

Visit or contact us...

Local and Family History Library
 2nd Floor, Leeds Central Library
 Calverley Street
 Leeds, LS3 1AB

Tel: (0113) 378 6982

Email: localandfamilyhistory@leeds.gov.uk

Website: www.leeds.gov.uk/localandfamilyhistory

Opening times

Monday–Wednesday	9am–7pm
Thursday	9am–6pm
Friday	9am–5pm
Saturday	10am–5pm
Sunday	11am–3pm



Local and Family History Burial Records

The Local and Family History Library holds a variety of burial records including municipal cemetery registers, church burial records and cemetery maps. If we do not hold the records here we will try to direct you to the most appropriate source to locate the information you require.

Cemetery Records

The Local and Family History Library holds microfilmed copies of the records for municipal cemeteries in Leeds. These list burials by date and usually give the name, address and age of the deceased, along with plot details. Printed name indexes are available for Woodhouse, Beckett Street and Hunslet Cemeteries.

The Yorkshire Indexers have also indexed these cemeteries online – see www.yorkshireindexers.info for subscription details.

Leeds City Council's Bereavement Services keep the original records at Farnley Hall, Hall Lane, Leeds, LS12 5HA, 0113 3957446 or parks@leeds.gov.uk. Contact them to arrange a visit or request a search (fees apply).

Woodhouse Cemetery

This burial ground, also known as Leeds General Cemetery, has been largely cleared of headstones but still exists within the grounds of the University of Leeds. We hold a surname index of burials but the original records are with the university's Special Collections. To make an appointment, call (0113) 343 5518 or email specialcollections@library.leeds.ac.uk

Beckett Street Cemetery Records

This is the oldest municipal cemetery in Leeds and we have a printed list of burials, indexed by surname and split into consecrated and unconsecrated sections. The index provides burial and grave numbers that can be used to find further details from our microfiche records and a map of grave locations. If you plan on visiting the cemetery yourself you may find it useful to contact the Friends of Beckett Street Cemetery for advice:

www.beckettstreetcemetery.org.uk

National Burial Index/Leeds Burial Index

These electronic databases are not complete but are easy to search by surname. Please ask staff for access.

Parish Burial Records

Church burials are included with our parish register collection on microform. Our website lists which churches we cover. Many of these are available on Ancestry.com which is free to use in all Leeds Libraries – search for **West Yorkshire Parish Registers**.

Catholic Burial Records

Killingbeck Cemetery in East Leeds is the main Catholic burial ground. The records are not publically available but a basic list of names can be found on the Leeds Burial Index for 1896-1947. The cemetery office can be contacted at:

- Cemetery Cottage, York Road, Leeds, LS14 6AB.
- Telephone: (0113) 264 5247.

For enquiries regarding Catholic baptisms, marriages and burials please contact the Leeds Diocesan Archives, Hinsley hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX, 0113 261 8031, email: robert.finnigan@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Jewish Burial Records

Information about Jewish cemeteries in Leeds can be found online, in the Leeds section of the International Jewish Cemetery Project website: www.iajgsjewishcemeteryproject.org/england/leeds-yorkshire.html

A further database of Leeds Jewish burial records can be found at: <http://www.jewishgen.org/JCR-uk/Leeds.htm>

Other Non-Conformist Records

Some of these records have not survived; however, we have a limited selection of non-conformist burial records available on microform including some Quaker, Methodist and even some older Catholic records. Please ask staff for the indexes in order to access these.