



Memorial Inscriptions

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Monumental Inscriptions

Parish churches, churchyards and cemeteries are an important source for family historians as they contain memorials to our ancestors. Very early memorials were made of wood so have not usually survived. Stone has generally been used for churchyard memorials since the late 17th century, so it is not uncommon to find legible inscriptions dating back 200 years. The information contained in memorial inscriptions can be used to confirm family relationships, open new avenues of research about other relatives and corroborate information obtained from civil registration certificates and parish registers.

Often, however, gravestones have become badly weathered rendering the inscriptions illegible, or the memorials may have been removed, or, as in the case of many inner-city churchyards the entire site may have been built over. In order

to preserve memorial inscriptions for posterity some local history groups and private individuals have set about recording them. During the late 1920's and early 1930's one such individual, Arthur Blackburn (1868-1940) recorded the inscriptions in over 100 local churchyards and cemeteries. His work, recorded in notebooks, has been deposited in Bradford Local Studies Library, and a microfilm version is available for consultation. A surname index to the Blackburn Registers has been compiled by Philip Rushworth and is also available for consultation.

Bradford Libraries also hold other transcriptions of memorial inscriptions, notably those produced by the Keighley Family History Society and the East Yorkshire Family History Society. These are in booklet form, and, again, are available in the Local Studies Library.

Where to find Recorded Monumental Inscriptions (Yorkshire), published by N.E.

Group of Family History Societies, 1998.

Shelved in the Local Studies Library at H929.5 NOR.

Monuments and their Inscriptions, a practical Guide by H. Leslie White, 1978.

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ALLERTON B929.5 THO	Prospect Methodist Lodge,	D. 1998
BAILDON	Parish Church Clayton, B Moravian Church Wesleyan Church	
BAILDON B 929.5	Moravian Church Clayton, B 1999 WHA 1816-1929 and Wesleyan Church 1855-1929	
BAILDON B 929.5 WHA	Parish Church of St. John Clayton,	B 1999
BRADFORD	Cathedral Bfd. Antiquary 1888 (North side of chancel)	
BRADFORD B 929.5 HOR	Horton Lane Ind. Cong.	
BRADFORD	Westgate Baptist 1907	Preston, W
BURLEY B 929.5 BUR	St. Mary the Blessed Virgin	Gill, R.W 1982
BURLEY B 929.5 ILK	Salem United Reformed Ilkley	UDC 1973
COLEY Y 929.5 COL	St. Johns	Fowler, M. 1991
DENTON Y 92935 WHA	Churchyard	Mitchell, F. 1982
ECCLESHILL B 929.3 BRA	Norman Lane Bradford Wesleyan	FHS 1984
GUISELEY	St. Oswalds	Yorks Arch. 1881 Journal vol.6
GOMERSAL B 929.5 ACK	Grove Ind. Chapel	Ackroyd, Dr. L. 1976
HAWORTH B 929.5 KEI	Hall Green & West Lane Keighley Non-Conformists	FHS 1996

HAWORTH B 929.5 HAW	St. Michael & All Angels	Jennings, M. 1991
HECKMONDWIKE B 929.5 ACK	Westgate Congregational	Ackroyd, Dr. L. 1979
IDLE B 929.5 TUR	Upper Chapel, with notices of Quaker burial ground, Westfield Lane and Thackley End, private burial ground	Turner, J.H. 1906
ILKLEY B 929.342817 CLA	All Saints	Clayton, B. 1999
ILKLEY H 929.342817 WHA	All Saints Wharfedale FHS	
KEIGHLEY B 929.5 KEI	Parish Church	Trolley, E
KILDWICK B 929.5 KIL	St. Andrews Church	Trolley, J 1988
LAYCOCK B 929.5 KEI	Wesleyan Methodist Chapel	Keighley FHS
LOCKINGTON B 929.5 EAS		EY FHS 1983
LUND B 929.5 EAS		EY FHS 1983
OAKWORTH B 929.5 KEI	Slack Lane Baptist Keighley	FHS 1996
OXENHOPE B 929.3 KEI	Horkinstone Baptist Keighley	FHS 1997
OXENHOPE B 929.5 KEI	Parish Church Keighley St. Mary the Virgin	FHS 1997
QUEENSBURY B 929.3 QUE	Ambler Thorn Methodist Queensbury	History Society
QUEENSBURY B 929.5 QUE	Baptist Church Thornton,	S 1987
QUEENSBURY B 929.5 QUE	Cemetery Thornton,	S 1994
QUEENSBURY B 929.5 QUE	Holy Trinity Thornton,	S 1989

SHIPLEY B 929.5 SHI	St. Pauls SUDC	
SILSDEN B 929.5 SIL	St. James	
STANBURY B 929.5 KEI	Cemetery Keighley	FHS 1997
THORNTON B 929.5 THO	Cemetery Lodge,	D 1998
THORNTON B 929.5 THO	Old Bell Chapel	Townsend, G 1912
TONG B 929.3 SAI	St. James	Kitchen, Rev.

Records for municipal cemeteries are held at the three district offices as follows:

Scholemoor:

Bowling, North Bierley, Queensbury, Thornton, Tong, Clayton and Scholemoor.

Bradford cemetery records are now available to consult in the local studies library on computer database. Please ask staff for details.

Nab Wood, Charlestown, Windhill, Bingley, Wilsden, Menston and Burley Utley. Contact Scholemoor cemetery 01274 571313.

Keighley area

The public cemeteries in Bradford were opened as a result of the Burial Acts of 1851-2 which instructed local authorities to provide burial space as churchyards were becoming overcrowded.



1.	Baildon Parish Church of St.	1931	8
2.	Moravian Chapel	1931	8
3.	Wesleyan Chapel	1931	8
4.	Bankfoot Parish Church of St. Matthews	1930	1
5.	Bierley Parish Church of St. John	1928	1
6.	Bingley Parish Church of All Saints	1931	8, 9
7.	Congregational Chapel	1931	8
8.	Cemetery (part)	1931	8
9.	Birkenshaw Parish Church of St. Pauls	1930	9
10.	Birstall Parish Church of St. Peter	1930	9,10
11.	Bowling St. Johns Church	1929	1
12.	Bradford Cathedral St. Peters	1932	1,2
13.	Cathedral Epitaphs	1932	2
14.	Cathedral Tablets	1932	1
15.	Horton Lane Congregational Chapel	1932	4
16.	Kirkgate Wesleyan Methodist Church	1928	4
17.	Salem Chapel, Manor Row	1928	5,6
18.	Unitarian Chapel	1928	7
19.	Buttershaw St. Pauls Church	1929	10
20.	Calverley Parish Church of St. Wilfrids	1929	11
21.	Clayton Parish Church of St. John the Baptist	1929	2
22.	Baptist Church	1929	2
23.	Clayton Heights Old Dolphin (Wesleyan)	1929	2
24.	Cleckheaton White Chapel Church	1928	12
25.	Coley Parish Church of St. John	1929	12
26.	Cullingworth Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist	1932	12
27.	Baptist Chapel	1932	12
28.	Wesleyan Chapel	1932	12
29.	Daisy Hill Primitive Methodist Chapel	1932	3
30.	Drighlington Parish Church of St. Paul	-----	12,13
31.	Congregational Chapel	1930	12
32.	Zion Chapel	1929	12
33.	Dudley Hill Ebener Primitive Chapel	1928	3
34.	Holme Lane Congregational Chapel	1928	4
35.	Wesleyan Chapel	1928	3
36.	Eccleshill Parish Church of St. Luke	1930	3
37.	Congregational Chapel	1930	3
38.	Wesleyan Cemetery	1931	3
39.	Esholt Parish Church of St. Paul	1930	13
40.	Farsley Parish Church of St. John Evangelist	1930	13
41.	United Methodist Chapel	1931	13
42.	Gomersal Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin	1929	13
43.	The Grove Congregational Chapel	1930	13
44.	Gt. Horton Old Bell Chapel Burial Ground	1929	3

45.	Primitive Methodist Chapel	1929	3
46.	Wesleyan Chapel	1929	3,4
47.	Wesleyan Cemetery	1929	3
48.	Hawkesworth Wesleyan Chapel	1931-2	14
49.	Heysham Parish Church	-----	14
50.	Epitaphs	-----	14
51.	Idle Parish Church of Holy Trinity	1931	4
52.	Baptist Chapel	1930	4
53.	Quaker Cemetery Westfield Lane	1932	4
54.	Wesleyan Chapel	1930	4
55.	Wesleyan Cemetery Croft Street	1930	4
56.	Cemetery Westfield Road	1930	4
57.	Ilkley Parish Church of All Saints	1931	14
58.	Ingrow Parish Church of St. John	-----	14
59.	Laisterdyke Greenhill Wesleyan Chapel	1930	4
60.	Maltby Street Wesleyan Chapel	1928	5
61.	Lightcliffe Parish Church of St. Matthew	1929	15
62.	Low Moor Holy Trinity Church	1929	5
63.	Parish Church of St. Mark	1929	5
64.	Wesley Place Wesleyan Chapel	1929	5
65.	Manningham Parish Church of St. Paul	1928	5
66.	White Abbey Wesleyan Methodist	1928	7
67.	Morton Parish Church of St. Luke	1931	15
68.	Cemetery	1931	15
69.	North Bierley Cemetery	1930	6
70.	Northowram Primitive Methodist Chapel	1932	15
71.	Wesleyan Chapel	1932	15
72.	Pudsey Parish Church of St. Lawrence	1930	15,16
73.	Parish Church of St. Paul	1928	16
74.	Congregational Chapel	1930	16
75.	Fulneck Moravian Chapel	1930-1	16
76.	Primitive Methodist Chapel	1930	16
77.	Salem Baptist Chapel	1928	16
78.	Queensbury Parish Church	1929	16
79.	Ambler Thorn Chapel	1929	16
80.	Baptist Chapel	1929	17
81.	Round Hill Chapel	1929	17
82.	Union Croft Congregational Church	1930	17
83.	Wesleyan Chapel	1929	17
84.	Cemetery	1929	17
85.	Sandy Lane Baptist Chapel	1932	6
86.	Shelf Parish Church of St. Michael All Angels	1929	17
87.	Bethel Chapel	1929	17
88.	Primitive Methodist Chapel	1929	17

89.	Wesleyan Chapel	1929	17
90.	ShIPLEY Parish Church of St. Paul	1931	17
91.	Wesleyan Chapel	1931	18
92.	HIRST Wood Cemetery	1931	18
93.	Stanningley Parish Church of St. Thomas	1930	18
94.	Parish Church of St. Thomas Epitaphs	1930	18
95.	Wesleyan Chapel	1930	18
96.	Thackley Quaker Burial Ground	1932	6
97.	Thornton Kipping Congregational Chapel	1932	6
98.	Kipping Wesleyan Chapel	1932	6
99.	Kipping Cemetery	1932	6
100.	Wesleyan Chapel	1928	6
101.	Cemetery	1932	6
102.	Tong Parish Church of St. James	1928	6
103.	Tong Westgate Hill Wesleyan Chapel	1928	6
104.	Undercliffe Wesleyan Chapel	1930	6,7
105.	Wibsey Congregational Chapel	1929	7
106.	Wibsey Wesleyan Reform Chapel	1930	7
107.	Wilsden Parish Church of St. Matthew	-----	19
108.	Congregational Chapel	1932	19
109.	Primitive Methodist Chapel	1932	18
110.	Wilsden Wesleyan Chapel	1932	18
111.	Cemetery	1930	18
112.	Windhill Wesleyan Chapel	1931	7
113.	Woodhouse Grove Methodist Church	1930	8
114.	Wyke Parish Church of St. Mary	1929	7
115.	Moravian Chapel	1929	7
116.	Westfield Independent Chapel	1929	8
117.	Various Miscellany of words, lines and verses 8 of hymns from various graveyards		
118.	Bingley Cemetery	-----	8
119.	Charlestown Cemetery	-----	8
120.	Harewood Parish Church	-----	14
121.	Nab Wood Cemetery	-----	17
122.	Northowram Oliver Heywood's Chapel	-----	15
123.	ShIPLEY Bethel Baptist Chapel	-----	18

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