

Victorian Bradford

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Modern Sources

ALVIN, C. B001.2 ALV
Medical treatment and care in 19thC Bradford. PhD unpublished manuscript. Typescript. 1998
One of the many theses in the library collection, this is a study of the development of medical services in Bradford. It concentrates on the period of rapid industrial expansion when ill-health was exacerbated by the demanding environmental conditions.

AYERS, John B720 AYE
Architecture in Bradford. Watmoughs Ltd./Bradford Civic Society.
An architectural account of the significant buildings of Bradford, with historical background, maps and over 200 photographs.

BELLAMY, Joyce M. B338 BEL
Yorkshire business histories: a bibliography. Bradford University Press. 1970
Contains extensive references to literature in Yorkshire libraries on the commercial and industrial sectors. Helpful in tracing 19thC company histories. A good starting point for research into business history in Yorkshire.

BEAVER, Patrick B658.872 BEA
A pedlar's legacy. Henry Melland. 1981
The origins and history of Empire Stores 1831-1981. Illustrates the growth of a major Bradford firm run by the Fattorini family. A social history of changing shopping habits.

The Bradford Antiquary B905 BRA
Bradford Historical and Antiquarian Society. 1888 –
Articles on history, social and religious topics, politics, property and local families. There is an author and subject index compiled by library staff.

CARPENTER, David B942 CAR
Ilkley: the Victorian era. Smith Settle. 1986
Comprehensive overview of Victorian Ilkley, covering town expansion, hotels, hydrotherapy, trades and industries, churches, chapels, education, hospitals and transport

CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN COUNCIL B720 CIT
Bradford's merchant trail. CBMBC. 1996
A self-guided walk round the Bradford Merchant's Quarter. Highlights some of the best examples of architecture in Little Germany.

- DEWHIRST, Ian B942 DEW
Gleanings from Victorian Yorkshire. Ridings Publishing Co. 1972
 Short accounts of events and historical sources eg. Yorkshire workhouses, 19thC health and sanitary reports. Well illustrated.
- FIELDHOUSE, Joseph B942 FIE
Bradford. Bradford Libraries. 2nd ed. 1978
 Written by a local school teacher to provide 'a readable account of Bradford's history from readily available sources'.
- FIRTH, Gary B362.11 FIR
Bradford's charity and the public purse: a history of Bradford hospitals from 1780. Bradford Hospitals NHS Trust. 2001
 Includes chapters on the Bradford Infirmary in Victorian times, and the Workhouse Infirmary. Well illustrated.
- FIRTH, Gary B759.2 FIR
The street characters of a Victorian city. John Sowden's Bradford. Bradford Arts, Museums and Libraries. 1993
 A fascinating view of the people of Bradford through the paintings of John Sowden. The text provides a vivid insight into the lives of working class Victorians.
- GARDINER, J. B823.8 BRO
The world within: the Brontes and Haworth. Collins and Brown. 1992
 One recent book from the extensive collection of works on the Brontes. A life in letters, diaries and writings, with many excellent illustrations.
- GELDART, J.R. B333.337 GEL
The changing conditions of working class housing in Bradford 1870-1970. Unpublished typescript. 1975
 Information on Victorian housing stock, legislation and improvement projects in 1890. Details of 'model' housing in Saltaire.
- JENNINGS, Paul B647.95 JEN
The public house in Bradford 1770-1970. Keele University Press. 1995
 Uses primary sources to illustrate leisure and drinking habits from the alehouse and inn, through gin and dram shops to licensing laws and the brewing industry. Includes many photos, maps and plans.
- JOWITT, J.A. and TAYLOR, R.K.S. B329.941JOW
Bradford 1890-1914: the cradle of the Independent Labour Party. University of Leeds Department of Adult Education. 1980
 Outlines the local, social and economic background to the development of socialism in Bradford, and gives detailed accounts of the Bradford and Keighley Independent Labour parties.

- KENZIE, Kenneth B942 KEN
A plot of land of irregular shape. Highfield DTP. 1989
 First of a series charting the story of some of the families who occupied six back-to-back houses in Gathorne Street, Great Horton. The houses were demolished...and rebuilt in the mill yard at Bradford's Industrial Museum.
- MASON, Kate M. B942 MAS
Woolcombers, worsteds and watermills. Addingham Civic Society. 1989
 History of worsted, cotton and silk spinning, and weaving in Addingham. Covers mills on the River Wharfe and on the Townhead and Back Becks.
- Mechanization and Misery* B614.0942 MEC
 Ryburn Publishing. 1991 (intro by J.A. Jowitt)
 Outlines the miserable living conditions of the 1840's in the expanding city. Contains the full Bradford Woolcombers report of 1845.
- NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY,
 FILM AND TELEVISION B941.081 NAT
The Victorians. KS2 History Education Pack. 1999
 A booklet with archive photographs to support Key Stage 2 History curriculum. Covers industry and work, schools, transport, leisure and pastimes, people, homes and living conditions.
- PALMER, Tom B338.476773PAL
The Bradford Wool Exchange. Waterstones Booksellers. 1997
 An oral history of the Wool Exchange and its role in Bradford.
- PYE, David B362.11 PYE
The Bradford Fever Hospital. Unpublished manuscript. 1981
 A collection of official reports and newspaper extracts covering the setting up of Bradford Fever Hospital. Information on smallpox and attitudes to vaccination programmes.
- RAWNSLEY, S. and REYNOLDS, J. B614.61 RAW
Undercliffe cemetery, Bradford. History Workshop. Issue 4. pp 215-221. 1977
 Outlines the important role of the funerals and burial places in Victorian Society. details on graves of Bradford industrialists buried at Undercliffe.
- REYNOLDS, Jack B942 REY
The great paternalist: Titus Salt and the growth of nineteenth century Bradford. Maurice Temple Smith. 1983
 Describes political and social conditions in Bradford and reasons for Titus Salt's move to Saltaire. Standard text.
- RICHARDSON, C. B914.2817 RIC
A geography of Bradford. University of Bradford. 1976. reissued 2000.
 Historical geography. Chapters on the Industrial Revolution, coal and iron, the worsted trade etc. in the 19th C.

- ROBERTS, John S. B720 ROB
Little Germany. Bradford Art Galleries and Museums. 1977.
 The Little Germany trail identifies and illustrates the major warehouses of the district. Contains brief history of the Bradford textile trade, and the origins and architecture of the Bradford warehouse.
- ROBINSON, A.H. B735 ROB
Bradford's public statues. Bradford Art Galleries and Museums. 1956
 A pictorial record of the public statues of the city, with biographical notes, details of sculptor, unveiling dates etc.
- SHEERAN, George B614.31 SHE
The Bradford poisoning of 1858. Ryburn Publishing. 1992
 The accidental use of poison in the manufacture of sweets caused twenty deaths. It speeded legislation on food adulteration and public safety.
- SHEERAN, George B728.3 SHE
Victorian houses of Bradford. Bradford Libraries and Information Service. 1990
 The story of Bradford's 19th C houses. Architectural styles, growth of the suburbs and sanitary reform.
- SHEERAN, George B942 SHE
Village to mill town. Bradford Libraries. 1984
 Shipley and its society 1600-1870. Contains a wealth of information and photographs of Shipley in the 19th C.
- SIGSWORTH, Eric M. B338.476773SIG
Black Dyke Mills: a history. Liverpool University Press. 1958
 Describes the process of the Industrial Revolution and the development of Black Dyke Mills, Queensbury. Chapters on alpaca and mohair, continental yarn and piece goods trades. Foster family history.
- WRIGHT, D.G. B942 WRI
The Chartist risings in Bradford. Bradford Libraries and Information Services. 1987
 Outlines the growth of popular radicalism, the Plug and Bradford riots, and the aftermath. Notes on the Bingley Chartists.
- WRIGHT, D.G. and JOWITT, J.A. B942 WRI
Victorian Bradford: essays in honour of Jack Reynolds. Bradford Libraries. 1982
 Results of research by many of Jack Reynolds colleagues and students. Subjects include textiles, health, poor law, leisure etc. Excellent bibliographies and overview of historical writing on Victorian Bradford.

Original Sources from the Nineteenth Century

- BECKETT, J.R. B920.042 BEC
Bradford portraits. 1892
Biographic notes and portraits of Bradford dignitaries.
- BOROUGH OF BRADFORD B352
Year Books. 1854-
Lists Aldermen and councillors, MP's and magistrates, committees and their duties, rates and rateable properties, police, fire and water services.
- The Bradford Antiquary* B905 BRA
Bradford Historical and Antiquarian Society. 1888-
Articles on history, social and religious topics, politics, property, local families.
- BRADFORD INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY B362 ROY
Annual reports. 1838-1944 (incomplete)
From the days when the Infirmary was run as a charity dependent on subscriptions. Most reports include lists of subscribers and benefactors (even giving details of amounts donated). The 1858 report states "The Bradford Infirmary has always been, since its first foundation, a struggling charity".
- BRADFORD OBSERVER B263.4 BRA
Census of public worship in Bradford. Wm. Byles and Sons . 1881
Statistics of the attendance at religious services in Bradford, with press and pulpit comments.
- BRADFORD POOR LAW UNION B362.5 BRA
Year Books. 1873-1920
Includes lists of Poor Law Guardians and covers topics such as; instructions to nurses, regulations for the management of vagrant wards, relief of deserted married women, duties of school mistress, type of food allowed for meals for inmates etc.
- BURNLEY, James B942 BUR
Phases of Bradford life. T. Brear. 1871
First hand accounts in the form of short sketches by a reporter on the Bradford Observer, including descriptions of market life, a day in a mill, the dram shops, Bowling ironworks.
- Century's progress: Yorkshire industry* B942 CEN
reprinted with introduction by Arthur Raistrick. Brenton Publishing. 1971
Short histories of notable firms. Interesting illustrations.
- CUDWORTH, William B301.444 CUD
Condition of the industrial classes of Bradford and district. Mountain Press. 1887
A survey of the factory system, education, trades and wages, household arrangements, health and sanitary conditions.

- CUDWORTH, William B352 CUD
Historical notes on the Bradford Corporation. Thomas Brear. 1881
 Covers the period 1847-1881, outlining the setting up of the Corporation and its forerunners. Contains many photographs of Bradford mayors.
- CUDWORTH, William B942 CUD
Histories of Bolton and Bowling. Thomas Brear. 1891
 Includes histories of the Bolling family and Bolling Hall, plus details of Bowling ironworks.
- CUDWORTH, William B942 CUD
Histories of Manningham, Heaton and Allerton. Published by the author. 1896
 Includes history of the Lister family and Manningham Mills.
- CUDWORTH, William B942 CUD
Rambles around Horton. Thomas Brear. 1886
 Histories of important families in the area. Also has a useful glossary of words and phrases in use in Great Horton.
- CUDWORTH, William B942 CUD
Round about Bradford. 1st published 1876. Reprinted by Mountain Press 1968
 History and description of 42 places 'within 6 miles of Bradford'. (Most of these places are now part of Bradford District eg. Wibsey, Clayton, Low Moor).
- CUDWORTH, William B677.309 CUD
Worstedopolis: a sketch history of the development of the worsted trade in Bradford.
 Old Bradfordian Press. 1888. reprinted 1997.
 History of the development of the worsted trade in Bradford. Many references to cloth types, and to the introduction of silk manufacture. Detailed map of 1889.
- FEMALE SANITARY INSPECTORS B614 FEM
Annual reports. Bradford Corporation. 1901-
 Miss C.F. Stephens was appointed in 1900 to the Health department and continued the work of the department (see Medical Officer of Health reports). Her reports deal mainly with infant mortality, sanitary conditions of families, overcrowding, infectious diseases.
- Fortunes made in business* B920.042 FOR
 Sampson Low, Marston, Searle and Rivington. 1884
 Biographic sketches of industrial and commercial personalities, including the Salts, the Fisons and Forsters, Lister and Isaac Holden
- GOLDSBOROUGH, Sarah Ann B615.321 GOL
 Mrs Goldsborough's life and work as a healer with testimonials, recipes and diary extracts. 1894-95

- GREAT BRITAIN. CHARITY COMMISSION B361 GRE
Endowed charities; administrative county of the West Riding of York, and the County Borough of Bradford. HMSO. 1897
 Provides very detailed and financial accounts for endowed charities in the area, including schools and higher education, poor relief, parks, churches and chapels.
- HODGSON, John B677.309 HOD
 Textile manufacture and other industries in Keighley. A. Hey. 1879
 Detailed accounts of major families, businesses and industries in the township of Keighley.
- HOLE, James B331.833 HOL
The homes of the working classes. Longmans, Green. 1866
 A detailed assessment of the problems of working class housing, and possible ways in which it could be improved. Accounts of Saltaire and Ripleyville, and 'model employers'.
- INDUSTRIES OF YORKSHIRE B942 IND
Part One: Leeds and Bradford. Historical Publishing Co. c.1890
 England's great manufacturing centres. Businessmen and mercantile interests, wealth and growth. Historical, statistical and biographical.
- JAMES, John B942 JAM
The history and topography of Bradford. Longman, Brown, Green and Longman. 1841. Re-issued 1967, Mountain Press. Continuation published 1866. Re-issued 1973, E.J. Morten.
 Standard text.
- MACLEOD, William B615 MAC
Ben Rhydding and the water cure. W. and G.F. Cash. 1855
 An invigorating account of hydrotherapy at Ben Rhydding, with prospectus and testimonials.
- MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH REPORTS ON B614 COR
 THE HEALTH OF BRADFORD
Annual reports. Bradford Corporation. 1876-
 A wealth of statistics and comment, including birth rates, death rates, infectious diseases, sanitary conditions, inspection of food preparation premises, lodging houses, workshops etc. Compares Bradford with other large manufacturing towns.
- RADCLIFFE, J.N. B614 RAD
Report on certain defects in the sanitary administration of Bradford. Taken from "Reports to the Local Government Board". 1872
 This report reflects the growing awareness of sanitary issues in Victorian Bradford, and of the need to appoint a Medical Officer of Health to manage and develop health administration.

Reports of committees of Bradford Council
1853-1866

B352 COR

Presents a summary of the Council activities each year. Reports on sanitation, graveyards, housing and building, streets and drainage, water, police and fire services.

SALT, Sir Titus Bart

B942 SAL

Rules for living in Saltaire 1853-1876. Reprinted by Saltaire TIC. 2000

Outlines the conditions of occupation and use of properties in Saltaire village. Illustrates the control even benevolent employers exercised over their employees.

SCRUTON, William

B942.817 SCR

Pen and pencil pictures of old Bradford. Thomas Brear. 1889

A miscellany of information on churches, chapels, education, old buildings, elections, Bradford families, literature and art. Includes many engravings and line drawings.

SMITH, James

B614.0942BRA

Report on the condition of the town of Bradford. Health of Towns Commission – 2nd report. 1845

A brief view of early Victorian Bradford: its housing, water supply, sewerage, air pollution and employment hazards.

VICTORIAN PERIODICALS

The Central Library on the 5th floor has rich holdings of nineteenth century magazines and journals which often include articles of interest on the study of Victorian Bradford and provide useful background reading. eg. Illustrated London News 1842-, British Workman.

RECORD SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

In addition to proceedings and transactions of Yorkshire Societies such as Yorkshire Archaeological Society and the Thoresby Society, the Central Library has many long runs of journals from other parts of the country, eg. English Place Name Society, Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts etc.