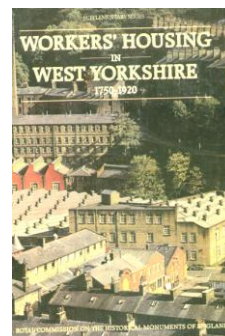




There are a number of resources in Keighley Library that you can use to trace the history of your house.

**Books on the subject are shelved at:728.0941/2**

There are other books in the Bradford Libraries' system which can be ordered free of charge. Books on architectural styles for this area are in the Yorkshire section at **720/728**.



**Conservation Area Assessment reports** – these look at the building materials and architecture of an area, including houses, and also trace the history of an area, see [www.bradford.gov.uk](http://www.bradford.gov.uk)

**Local Maps** – trace when your house was built and plot the changes in the surrounding area. You can do free searches on 1851 O.S. maps at [www.old-maps.co.uk](http://www.old-maps.co.uk) and also view maps for English towns on the National Library of Scotland web site at <http://www.nls.uk/collections/maps> Keighley Library also holds goad (fire insurance)maps for the town centre from 1962.

**Listed buildings** – if your property is a listed building it will have a full architectural description in the Buildings' list for this area. Ask at the counter for details or access information at [www.bradford.gov.uk](http://www.bradford.gov.uk) which gives full details free of charge.

**Building Plans** – Keighley Library has building plans of the area between 1871-1974. You will need to look at the indexes first but you must give 24 hours' notice and thereafter, 24 hours' notice for the plans themselves. The collection also includes local areas such as Haworth, Oakworth and Oxenhope. Any plans after 1974 are held at Bradford Archives, before 1871, try Wakefield District Archives.

**Sale Plans** – the library holds the Weatherhead collection of sale plans of the area. These can be useful for the history of an area, eg. plans for America Farm in Sutton, 1911, show the old field names. There is an index to these sale plans at the counter.

**Conveyancing documents and Title Deeds** - can be difficult to trace sometimes. If there are none with the previous owner or solicitor, consult the following:

**For the period before 1970**, contact the Wakefield District Archives, which is the Registry of Deeds for the local area. Visits are by appointment only.

Wakefield Archives and Registry of Deeds, Newstead Road, Wakefield, WF1 2DE Tel: 01924 305980

[www.archives.wyjs.org.uk](http://www.archives.wyjs.org.uk)

**For information after 1974 regarding your property**, you will need to contact the Land Registry office for the Bradford area which is The Nottingham (West) District Land Registry, Chalfont Drive, Nottingham, NG8 3RN

Tel: 0115 935 1166 [www.landregisteronline.gov.uk](http://www.landregisteronline.gov.uk)

### **Help!**

Land registration was not compulsory until 1990 and voluntary registration began only in 1863. The National Archives has information guides for tracing deeds, see

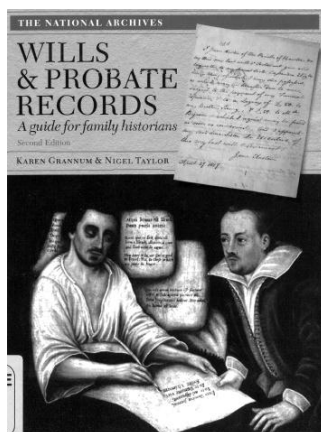
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research>

## **Owners and Occupants**

At Keighley Library:

**Census records:** 1841-1911, 1939 Register

See leaflet and [www.ancestrylibrary.com](http://www.ancestrylibrary.com)



**Probate records and wills,**

see leaflet and [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

**News cuttings and obituaries,** see card indexes

**Birth, marriage and death certificates.** Check in the library online at [www.ancestrylibrary.com](http://www.ancestrylibrary.com)



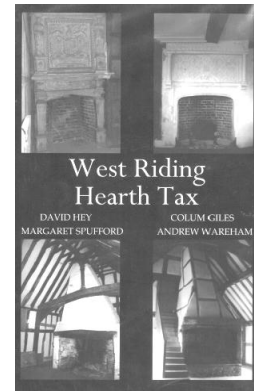
**The following books in the library may also prove useful:**

Trade directories, Keighley Year Books and Almanacks (for obituaries), Haworth (including Keighley) landowners and mill owners in books by Robin Greenwood, various biographical works on locally important men in business and civic circles, diaries and family papers in the library archives, see collection catalogue.

**Electoral records** including electoral registers from 1882 for Keighley, some later for the local area. Poll books for the West Riding for 1807, 1838, 1841, 1859:

**Tax records**

Domesday in the County of York; Poll tax returns 1379, West Riding Hearth Tax 1672; Return of Owners (1873) West Riding edition. For other land tax and also window tax (from 1696) assessments see the National Archives web site. Also see Hearth Tax Online.

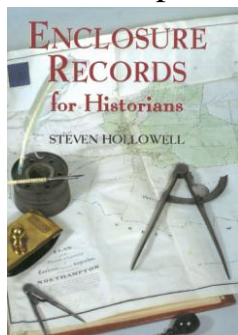


**Tithe Maps**

Large scale maps produced after the Tithe Commutation Act of 1836. Together with the Tithe Award, they give information about the township at the time and the tithes due from it to the Church. In places where the tithes had already been commuted there are no tithe awards or maps. Three copies were made for the parish, the diocese and the Tithe Redemption Commission. Many Yorkshire Tithe Awards and Maps are at the Leeds branch of West Yorkshire Archive Service. **Keighley Local Studies holds tithe maps for Keighley, Haworth, Steeton with Eastburn (map tracing only).**

**Enclosure awards and maps relate to the enclosing of common land.**

Some were by private agreement but in the 18thc, there was increasing use of the private act of parliament. From 1836, there was enclosure under Public General Acts for each township that wished to enclose its common land. They date mainly to the later 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century. **Enclosure Awards** show the enclosed lands and include a list of those local people who received them. Most awards have maps to accompany them. **Enclosure maps** vary in the amount of information they provide; some show the whole of the township, most only show the lands actually being enclosed, usually open fields and common.



**The locations of most of the West Riding Enclosure Awards and Maps** are given in a *Handlist of West Riding Enclosure Awards* produced by the West Riding Committee of the National Register of Archives in

1965, see 333.2 WES/YOR (Yorkshire Cupboard) Also *Yorkshire enclosure awards* by Barbara English, 1985, at B33.2 ENG. (Bradford LS). Keighley has an enclosure Act for 1780 and map for Oxenhope, 1777 and Hainworth and Lees.

### **Manorial Records**

Court sessions by the Lord of the manor produced tenancy lists, rentals, surveys, maps and estate documents. Keighley Library holds the Terrier or survey of the manor of Keighley belonging to William Lord Cavendish in 1612, carried out by William Senior. A copy of Haworth manorial court records are also held here. For other areas please see the Manorial Documents Register at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr)



### **Rate Books**

Keighley Library has a collection of rate books of sample years: Keighley c1828-1939; Haworth c1819-1939; with a few for Oakworth, Sutton and Steeton ; Oxenhope and Stanbury are included in the Haworth Township until 1866. *See the Keighley Township archive binder at the counter.*

***Keighley Local Studies Library has a good collection of local history and family history books that can guide you through the research of these records and help you trace your own family and those who owned your property, some are for loan others for reference. You can check the catalogue from home and also helpful online resources and databases with your library card by following the link for libraries at: [www.bradford.gov.uk](http://www.bradford.gov.uk)***