

Local Studies Collection



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From the late 18th century until the present day, directories form a valuable source of local information. The amount of information contained varies according to the date and compiler. Early directories may contain:

- i) A general account of the district, usually with population statistics
- ii) Details of local government
- iii) Alphabetical list of streets
- iv) Alphabetical list of residents, though not comprehensive
- v) Classified trades section

Directories published after about 1880, and particularly the 'Post Office Directories', are much more detailed, and in addition to the features listed above usually include:

- i) Advertisements for local firms
- ii) Political information about the district
- iii) Churches and chapels, including date of opening
- iv) Local Societies
- v) Clubs, theatres, libraries, cemeteries
- vi) Railways and local transport services
- vii) Brief accounts of surrounding village

A map was usually included with the directories. These have been taken out, and are filed in the map collection.

After the Second World War, many firms ceased to produce local directories, due to the difficulty of keeping information up-to-date. In the post-war period, the Barrett directories began to appear, and from 1981, Thomson's directories can be a useful source of information. However these directories are not as detailed as earlier ones. Telephone directories from 1935 supplement Barretts and Thomsons.

Some specialist textile directories are also held such as 'Bradford Exchange Co. Ltd.' 1916-1975, 'Skinners Wool Trade' and 'Worrall's Yorkshire Textile Director' 1910-1971.

Directories are for Reference Only. Please ask the staff if you cannot see the one that you want on the shelves.

Certain Bradford and Yorkshire trade directories are now available as high quality reproductions to browse and search online, at:

www.historicaldirectories.org Featured years are in bold in the list below.

1792 UNIVERSAL BRITISH DIRECTORY (*Bradford*).

1793-8 UNIVERSAL BRITISH DIRECTORY - microfiche edition.

1798 LEEDS DIRECTORY (*reprint*).

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1809 W. HOLDEN. Triennial Directory, 1809-1811.

1822 BAINES & PARSON. History, Directory and Gazetteer of the County of York. Two vols. - (*vol. 1 covers the West Riding, vol. 2, the East and North Ridings*).

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1828 J. PIGOT. National Commercial Directory. (*Covers N. England*).

1830 PARSON & WHITE. Directory of the Borough of Leeds and the Clothing Districts of Yorkshire, including Bradford.

1834 J. PIGOT. National London & Provincial Directory. (*Extract covers Bradford only*).

1835 J. PIGOT. National Commercial Directory.

1837 W. WHITE. History, Gazetteer and Directory of the West Riding. (*2 vols.*).

1841 J. PIGOT. Royal National and Commercial Directory.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1842 W. WHITE. Directory and Topography of the Borough of Leeds, and the Whole of the Clothing District. Includes Bradford.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1845 J. IBBETSON. Directory of the Borough of Bradford

1845 J.U.WALKER. Directory of the parish of Halifax (*reprint*).

1847 W. WHITE. Directory and Topography of Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield, Wakefield and the Whole of the Clothing District.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1850 J. IBBETSON. General and Classified Directory, Street List and History of Bradford.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1851 COLLINSON & Co. West Riding Worsted Directory. Includes 'A History of the Worsted Trade'.

1852 COLLINSON & Co. West Riding of Yorkshire Woollen and Worsted Directory.

1853 W. WHITE. Directory and Gazetteer of Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield, Wakefield and the Whole of the Clothing District.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org (For 1854)

1854 I. SLATER. Royal National Commercial Directory of the Northern Counties.

1856 J & C. LUND. Bradford Directory.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1857 KELLY & Co. Post Office Directory of Yorkshire.

1861 KELLY & Co. Post Office Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire. *Copy in fragile condition, available at discretion of staff.*

1861 W. WHITE. Directory and Topography of the Borough of Bradford, Keighley, Bingley ... and the surrounding towns and villages.

1863 JONES & PROUD. Jones's Mercantile Directory of Bradford, Baildon, Bingley, Keighley, Shipley etc.

1866 W. WHITE. Directory of Leeds, Bradford, Huddersfield, Halifax, Wakefield, Dewsbury and all the parishes and villages.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1867 KELLY & Co. Post Office Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire.
Copy in fragile condition, available at discretion of staff.

1870 W. WHITE. General and Commercial Directory of the Clothing Districts of Leeds, Bradford, Huddersfield, Halifax, Wakefield etc.
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Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1871 KELLY & Co. Post Office Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

1872 F. SMITH. Directory of Bradford and neighbourhood.

1875 I. SLATER. Royal National Commercial Directory of the County of Yorkshire.

1875 W. WHITE. General and Commercial Directory of the Clothing Districts of Leeds, Bradford, Huddersfield, Halifax, Wakefield etc.

1876 County Book of England and Official List. Yorkshire (West Riding), comprising every official person in the county.

1877 KELLY & Co. Post Office Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

1879 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory. *One copy features foreward covering Court of Chancery case Kelly vs. Byles.*

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1881 KELLY & Co. Directory of Bradford and neighbourhood.

1881 WM. WHITE. General and Commercial Directory of Leeds, Bradford, Huddersfield, Halifax, Wakefield etc.

1883 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1884 A. CRAVEN. Commercial & General Directory of Keighley, Bingley, Skipton and surrounding districts.

1887 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

1887 WM. WHITE. General and Commercial Directory of Bradford.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1888 KELLY & Co. Directory of Leeds and its neighbourhood.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1889 KELLY & Co. Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

1890 T. BULMER & CO. History, Topography and Directory of North Yorkshire.

Part one - Cleveland and Richmond.

Part two - Malton, Scarborough, Tadcaster, Whitby etc.

1891 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1893 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

1893 KELLY & Co. Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

1894 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

1894 WM. WHITE. Clothing District Directory.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1898 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1900 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

1901 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Bradford and suburbs.

1902 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Bradford and suburbs.

1903 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

1906 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

1906 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Manufacturers of Textile Fabrics of the
United Kingdom

1908 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Leeds & Bradford.

1908 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of the West Riding.

1909 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

1911 WHITES DIRECTORY . Directory of Sheffield & Rotherham.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1912 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

Available to view online at www.historicaldirectories.org

1912 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Bradford and suburbs.

1916 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

1917 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Bradford and suburbs.

1919 TOWN & COUNTY DIRECTORIES LTD. Leeds, Bradford & District
Trades Directory.

1921 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

1922 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Bradford and suburbs.

1922 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

1923 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

1924 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.

1925 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Leeds.

1927 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Bradford and suburbs.

1927 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of the West Riding excluding
Bradford, Leeds, Rotherham & Sheffield.

- 1927 TOWN & COUNTY DIRECTORIES LTD. Bradford & District Trades' Directory.
- 1928 WM. BYLES. Post Office Bradford Directory.
- 1928 TOWN & COUNTY DIRECTORIES LTD. Bradford & District Trades' Directory.
- 1928 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Textile Industries throughout England, Scotland and Wales
- 1929 TOWN & COUNTY DIRECTORIES LTD. Bradford & District Trades' Directory.
- 1930 TOWN & COUNTY DIRECTORIES LTD. Bradford & District Trades' Directory.
- 1931 TOWN & COUNTY DIRECTORIES LTD. Bradford & District Trades' Directory.
- 1936 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Bradford and suburbs.
- 1936 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Leeds.
- 1936 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, excluding Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield & Rotherham.
- 1937 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Kelly's Directory of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.
- 1938 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Bradford and suburbs.
- 1938/39 TOWN & COUNTY DIRECTORIES, Bradford Leeds, Halifax, Huddersfield & District Trades Directory.
- 1939 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Hull.
- 1944 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Sheffield & Rotherham.
- 1947 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Leeds.
- 1953 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS. City of Bradford Directory.
- 1954 COUNTY ASSOCIATION LTD. Huddersfield Civic & Commercial Directory.

1955 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS. City of Bradford Directory.

1956 KENT SERVICE LTD. Bingley Directory.

1956 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Scarborough.

1958 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. City of Bradford Directory.

1960 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. City of Bradford Directory.

1961 KENT SERVICE LTD. Bingley Directory.

1961 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. City of Bradford Directory.

1961 CHARLTON PUBLISHING CO. Dewsbury & District Directory.

1962 CARLTON PUBLISHING CO. Shipley & Bingley Street Directory.

1962 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. Wakefield & District Street Directory.

1963 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. City of Bradford Directory.

1963 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. Shipley & District Directory.

1963 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. Keighley & District Directory.

1964 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. Huddersfield County Borough Directory.

1964 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. Kingston-Upon-Hull Directory.

1965 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. City of Bradford Directory.

1966 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Scarborough.

1966 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. City of Leeds Directory.

1966 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. Halifax County Borough Directory.

1966 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. Wakefield & District Directory

1967 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. Keighley & District Directory.

1969 BARRETT'S PUBLICATIONS LTD. City of Bradford Directory.

1969 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Sheffield & Rotherham.

1971 BARRETT'S Directory of Bradford, Halifax & Huddersfield.

1973 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of Sheffield & Rotherham.

1973 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD. Directory of York.

1973 Chambers Trades Register of Yorkshire, Northumberland & Durham.

1976 KELLY'S SCARBOROUGH DIRECTORY.