

Headline History – Keighley Library Archives

Topics for teachers' research.



These information sheets highlight records that we hold within Keighley Local Studies Library for teachers to research themselves and select for copying for use within lessons or to be retrieved by library staff for school class visits. Please give sufficient notice before your visit as the library is booked regularly for events.

Resources

- **Women's Suffrage collection**

A small but important collection of suffragette material (BMT/KE16) which includes *The Common Cause*, the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies' handbills, booklets, notices. Also their supporter, Lady Ethel Snowden's collection with related books and materials.

- **Women in Business**

Accounts and information available from half-time school certificates for girl mill workers to mill owners such as Rachael Leach. Shop owners in the Royal Arcade, pub owners, co-op directors, dame school educators, even Mrs Andrew Carnegie herself. Photographs, mill reports/archives, news cuttings, maps, plans, trade directories, Keighley histories and articles.

- **Women in wartime**

Keighley holds unique WW1 collections (BK10, BK29) including war hospital photos of nurses and its newsletter and history, also women's work on the Home Front. All can be supplemented by the individual war service records of local women, as documented by the award winning *Men of Worth* Project.

- **Women in Politics and Social Reform**

From Frances Smith (first woman to win a contested municipal election) to Lady Snowden of the ILP, and political pioneer, Margaret Wintringham (first Liberal woman MP), explore their influence through our archive records.

Women in Work, Politics and Social Reform

The outstanding contribution of women from the Keighley area towards early 19th and 20th century economic, social and cultural development, both locally and nationally.



- **Brontë Women**

First and foremost the Brontë sisters were educated, working women, whether it be as governesses, tutors or writers. They were also pioneering writers on women's issues such as economic disadvantage and domestic abuse. Outside Haworth Parsonage, Keighley Library holds the largest collection of Brontë study resources including books, archives and news cuttings. A new library town trail, *Brontë Footsteps*, is out now regarding Keighley's contribution to their early lives and cultural education, available in the library. Please see the web site for other leaflets and articles: <https://bradfordlocalstudies.com/>