

Trade Directories: incomplete collection covering 1797 – 1947. Hunslet and Holbeck directory records generally incorporated into the main Leeds section – see the directory for 1851, for example. Baines' 1817 Directory includes a brief history and description of both 'villages'. **Census records:** 1841 – 1911. Hunslet and Holbeck census records are all available through Ancestry.com, which is freely available in any Leeds Library. Microfilms are available in Local and Family History for census 1841 – 1901, together with street indexes.

Images of Hunslet and Holbeck

See also the many photographs available at www.leodis.net

- *Hunslet* by S. Clark & M. Wilson for the Hunslet Soc History Group.
- *Old Hunslet: A Pictorial Journey* compiled by Malcolm Wright.

Social History

- 'A Day at a Leeds Flax Mill,' from Penny Magazine, Vol. XII, 1843.
- *Hunslet Union Yearbook: List of Guardians, Officers and Committees – 1889-1925* [incomplete].
- *Fatal Calamity; Or, An Account of an Explosion of Gunpowder...[A]t Holbeck and Holbeck Explosion Fund.*
- *The Commons Question: Report of Chancery Proceedings in the Hunslet Moor Case, Friday, February 22nd, 1878 and Hunslet Moor: The Four Acts of Parliament* by William Emsley.
- *Hunslet C.F. & A. Supporters Club Membership Book, 1952-3.*
- *Leeds City Libraries, Public Libraries: Programmes etc, of the Opening of Branch Libraries*

Hunslet Mechanics' Institute: *Annual Reports, 1897-1911; Rules, 1905; Syllabus, 1910-11, Catalogue of the Books in the Library, 1866*

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Written histories of the areas

- *Hunslet de Ledes; a Miscellany; History, events, dates, lore*, by W. Calvert. Manuscript edition also available (*).
- *Baptists in Hunslet in the Late Nineteenth Century* by George M Wieland.
- *Old Hunslet: Its Story* – 1904 lecture notes by Alfred Mattison.
- ‘Hunslet in the Eighteenth Century’ in *Aspects of Leeds 2* (pp. 61-73) by John Goodchild.
- ‘A History of Hunslet in the Late Middle-Ages,’ in *Publications of the Thoresby Society*, XLI, 1954.

Hunslet and Holbeck memories

- *Olbeck Burnfire: The Story of Sixpence and Unslit Feast** – Dialect poems by G.R. Kellett.
- *Another Line from Leeds: Memories are made of this, with special reference to Holbeck, 1914-1945*, ed. Kathy Miller.
- ‘Poor but Happy: Holbeck in the Thirties’ in *Aspects of Leeds 2* (pp. 74-85) by Ray Dobson.
- Autobiographical works by Carrie Stocks written in the 1980s: *Childhood Memories of Hunslet* and *Growing Up in Hunslet*.
- ‘Is Hunslet the Cinderella of the City?’ by Ronald Stott, from the *Yorkshire Evening News*, 1956.
- *The Forgotten Folk of Hunslet* by Marjorie Biggin.

Historical maps

- *Map of the Township of Hunslet in the County of York. Surveyed & Mapped in 1791* (reproduction) by Johnson & Sedgwick.
- *Plan of the Township of Hunslet in the Parish of Leeds and County of York, 1824* (reproduction) by H. Teal.
- *Hunslet and Beeston in 1890: Coal and Industry*, including notes on area by Leeds University School of Geography.
- *Holbeck and New Wortley, 1906* and *Hunslet, 1905*. Alan Godfrey editions – annotated Ordnance Survey map, with historical notes.

Churches, parish records and magazines, plus burial records

Hunslet Parish Church: Parish Registers 1686 – 1989; “300 Years: 1636 – 1936”; Coronation May Fair, 1937.

Hunslet St. Cuthbert’s: Parish registers 1880 – 1955; Parish magazine

1887-1955; Vestry book 1886-1955*.

Hunslet St. Silas: Parish registers 1880 – 1955; ‘Old Days at S. Silas, Hunslet: A Souvenir of the Diamond Jubilee, 1929’.

Holbeck Prospect United Methodist Church: Parish Registers 1878 – 1939; Jubilee Celebrations 1881-1931.

Holbeck St. Matthew’s: Parish registers 1718 - 1976; Centenary Handbook 1832-1932.

Registers of burials and graves for Hunslet cemetery (aka Woodhouse Hill) and Holbeck: 1845 – 1990 (Hunslet) and 1857 – 1991 (Holbeck). See also *Burial Ground Receipts: Holbeck and Hunslet* (various dates, 19th-century).

Newspapers and newsletters

See also microfilm copies of the *Leeds Mercury* (1719 – 1939) and the *Yorkshire Evening Post* (1890 -).

- 1949-1951: *South Leeds Almanac*.
- 1976-1980 (incomplete): *Holbeck Voice!*

Industry and entertainment

THEATRE: See *West End Stars Played to Packed Houses: the Gay Days of Holbeck’s Theatre*, from the *Yorkshire Evening News*, 1956.

CINEMAS included the Queens Picture Theatre, Holbeck (1924-1957) and

the Alhambra (1912-1914) and Pavilion (1913-1959), both Hunslet. See also *Leeds Cinemas* by Robert Preedy, pp. 71-72 and Index of Cinemas (and other works by Preedy for more.)

- *Holbeck Working Men’s Club Centenary, 1878-1978*.
- *The Celestial Glass Bottle Company: a Short History of Lax & Shaw Ltd. 1891-1991*, by Nigel Watson.
- *Marshall Mills Estate...in the Township of Holbeck; and Comprising Extensive Fireproof Mills...Sold by auction...May 21st 1896*, by Hepper, J. & Sons, auctioneers.

Stations and railways

- *The Railway Foundry, Leeds, 1839-1969*, by R.N. Redman.
- *Leeds-Holbeck: The First Wisp of Steam*, by R. Oliver.
- *Curious Railway Stations 4: Holbeck Junction* in *Railway Magazine* 11, pp. 514-517, 1902, by J.T. Lawrence.