

Family History

- **Testamenta Leodiensia: Wills of Leeds, Pontefract, Wakefield, Otley & District, 1539 – 1553**, Thoresby Society Publications, no. 19 L 906 THO
- **Birth, marriage and death indexes** are available through the Ancestry website, accessible free in libraries across Leeds
- **Otley Parish Registers** 1562-1943 are available on microfiche or from 1754 on the Ancestry website
- **Census records** 1841-1911 are available through Ancestry
- **Electoral registers** for Otley are available from 1975 onwards in the library and from 1887-1915 on Ancestry
- **Trade directories**, various years, from 1822

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History

- **Anglo-Saxon Otley: An Archiepiscopal Estate and its Crosses in a Northumbrian Context**, I. N. Wood, in *Northern History, A Review of the History of the North of England and the Borders*, Vol. 23, 1987, **LP OTL 333**
- **Billams Hill, Otley: Newall Hall and a Diary from the Past 1838 – 1847**, Alan Billam, 2011 **L OTL 942**
- **Coming Up Singing: Local Memories recorded in Otley Museum**, Christine Dean, 1990 **L OTL 942**
- **Dinner Takers May Go**, Gaythorne Humphreys **L OTL 942**
- **Excavation at the Archbishop of York's Manor House at Otley**, Jean Le Patourel & P. Wood, *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal*, vol. 45, 1973
- **The Extent of Otley 1307**, E. T. Cowling, **L OTL 942**
- **A Guide to the Landscape of Otley, 7th to 17th century**, Paul Wood, 1999, **L OTL 942**
- **A Guide to the Townscape of Otley, 13th to 20th Century**, Paul Wood, 2013, **L OTL 942**
- **The Middle Valley of the Wharfe: from Woodhall Bridge to Otley and Ilkley**, Edmund Bogg, 1922, **Y WHA 914**
- **Otley & Six Miles Round**, Edmund Bogg, **L OTL 942**
- **Otley Chevin: A landscape history**, Alastair Laurence, 2006 & 2016, **L OTL 942.81**
- **Otley in the Twenties: Some recollections of boyhood**, John McLandsborough, **LP OTL 942**
- **Otley: A study of a market town during the late 17th and 18th centuries**, Doreen E. Smith, in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal*, vol. 52, 1980, **LP OTL 942**
- **Otley: Memories of the Second World War**, Dr Jason Knowles, **L OTL 940**
- **The position of the Otley Crosses in English Sculpture of the 8th and 9th centuries**, Rosemary Cramp, **LQP OTL 913**
- **Reminiscences of Old Otley**, Rev. G .H. Brown, 1982, **LP OTL 942**
- **This Little Town of Otley**, Harold Walker, 1974, **LQ OTL 942**
- **Two Rentals of the Manor of Otley**, G. E. Kirk, in *Thoresby Society, Miscellanea*, vol. 37, Part 2, 1941, **LP OTL 333**
- **Wharfedale (Otley) Workhouse**, Anthony Chadwick, Yorkshire Poor Law Fact Sheet, **LQP 362.5 RIP**

Maps, Guides & Walks

- **A map of an estate of Otley belonging to Freeman Flower Esq., 1744, ML 1744**
 - **Otley 1851, derived from OS map of 1851**, Peter J Adams, **ML 1851**
 - **Otley History & Heritage Trail**, Visit Otley, 2019, **LP OTL 914**
 - **A Walk Around Otley**, Paul Wood, **LP OTL 914**
 - **Goad Maps** (Various dates from 1974). Maps showing usage of commercial buildings in Otley town centre.
 - **Ordnance Survey maps**, various dates and scales, from 1850 to date.
- Various other town guides, directories and walks from over the years.

Thomas Chippendale

The Art Library at Leeds Central Library holds a lot of information relating to Otley-born cabinet maker Thomas Chippendale, including:-

- **The gentlemen and cabinet-maker's director**, Thomas Chippendale, 1762, **SR 749.22 CHI**
- **The life and work of Thomas Chippendale**, Christopher Gilbert, 1978, **SR 749.22 CHI**
- **Thomas Chippendale: A review of his life and origin**, Edwin J. Layton, 1928, **SR 749.22 CHI**
- **Thomas Chippendale, a study of his life, work, and influence**, Oliver Brackett, 1924, **SR 749.22 CHI**



Thomas Chippendale Statue, Manor Square, taken from our Leodis archive of historical Leeds images: www.leodis.net

Acts of Parliament

- **An act for reopening several roads, 1781**, Leeds Acts of Parliament, Vol 1, part 1, **LQ 352 L517**
- **An act for continuing the term, and altering and enlarging the powers of Two Act, for repairing several roads, 1802**, Leeds Acts of Parliament, Vol. 1, part 1, **LQ 352 L517**
- **An act for amending the road from Leeds to Otley**, 1821, Leeds Acts of Parliament, Vol 1, part 1, **LQ 352 L517**
- **An act for repairing, maintaining line of road from Leeds to Otley**, 1837, Leeds Acts of Parliament, Vol 1, part 2, **LQ 352 L517**
- **Otley UDC (Waterworks) Act 1900**, LP OTL 628

Newspapers

Available on microfilm at the Local & Family History Library:-

- **Wharfedale & Airedale Observer**, 1880 to date
- **Wharfe Valley Times**, 1983 – 1987 (incomplete), 1989-2002, 2003 – 2019
- **Otley News & West Riding Advertiser**, 1867 – 1882
- **Ilkley & Otley Mail**, 1988 – 1990 (incomplete)

See also our index of newspaper articles for specific articles relating to Otley.

Photographs

- **15 Postcards of Otley, 1880-1925**, Otley Museum, **L OTL 942**
- **Britain in Old Photographs: Otley & District**, Paul Wood, 1995, **L OTL 942**
- **Old Otley**, Elise Brumfitt, 1986, **L OTL 942**
- **Otley in old picture postcards**, Paul Wood, 1992, **L OTL 942**
- **Otley Through Time**, Stuart Pickersgill, 2013, **L OTL 942**

Many other photographs of Otley can be found on our **Leodis** website, www.leodis.net

Religion

- **All Saints Parish Church, Historical Notes**, Derrick Peel (ed.), c.1981, **LP OTL 283**
- **Early Days in Otley**, (Methodism), R. E. Rawling, c.1990, **L OTL 287**
- **Eventide Review of Primitive Methodism in Otley Circuit**, James Myers, 1920, **L OTL 287**
- **Otley Parish Church, Notes for Visitors**, Chas. Walker, **LP OTL 283**
- **Sixty Glorious Years: Sixtieth Anniversary of the Opening and Dedication of Otley Congregational Church**, Rev. S Leon Cook, **LQP OTL 285**
- **The Story of Otley Parish Church**, British Publishing Company, **LP OTL 283**
- **These Witnesses to Faith: The Methodist Church, Otley**, 1975, **LP OTL 287**



Otley Parish Church, Kirkgate, taken from our Leodis archive of historical Leeds images: www.leodis.net



Old Grammar School, Manor Square, taken from our Leodis archive of historical Leeds images: www.leodis.net

Education

- **Chronicles of the Free Grammar School of Prince Henry at Otley**, F. Cobley & L. Padgett, 1923, **L OTL 373**
- **The Otliensian** (magazine of Prince Henry's Grammar School), 1932-1955-1971, **L OTL 373**
- **The Scheme made by the Board of Education under the Charitable Trusts Acts 1853-1894, in the matter of the Free Grammar School of Prince Henry at Otley**, 1909, **LQP OTL 373**
- **A Collection of Historical Notes on Prince Henry's Grammar School, Otley**, Douglas A. Spencer, 1995, **LQP OTL 373**

Industry & Agriculture

- **Bridge Street Surgery, The Old Smithy: A Practice History**, Joyce Banks, **LQP OTL 610**
- **Life & times of a 19th century chemist in Otley**, John Greenwood, from *Chemist & Druggist*, 14 January 1984 **LQP OTL 615**
- **Modernisation of A Yorkshire Paper Mill**, from *Engineering and Boiler House Review*, June 1957, **LQP OTL 676**
- **The Sinclairs Story**, Andrew Howard, 2013, **L OTL 942**
- **Otley Mills – A history**, Alastair Lawrence, 2015, **L OTL 338**
- **On This Day at the Auction Mart**, Mervyn Lister, 2015, **L OTL 381**
- **The Otley printing machine industry**, W. W. Ogle, **FL OTL 338**
- **Otley & The Wharfedale Printing Machine**, Paul Wood, 1985, **L OTL 681**
- **The postal history of Upper Wharfedale, Ilkley and Otley**, *Yorkshire Postal History Society Publications 6*, **L OTL 383**

Local Government and Planning

- **Otley Conservation Area Assessment**, West Yorkshire Archaeology Service, 2000, **LQP OTL 711**
- **Conservation Area Partnership Scheme Action Plan**, Leeds City Council Department of Planning, 1998, **LQP OTL 711**
- **Draft Town Centre Map, Report**, West Riding of Yorkshire County Council, Otley Urban District, 1971, **LQP OTL 719**
- **Otley... Into the 80s (a consultative document)**, Leeds City Council, 1976, **LQP OTL 719**
- **Otley Draft Local Plan**, Leeds City Council Department of Planning, 1977, **LQP OTL 719**
- **Otley Town Council Minutes**, 1987 – 1989, **L OTL 352**