

Finding the Records - Basic Importance

This list gives the "historical" records that could be useful when researching "lost routes". They are arranged roughly in order of importance - if evidence is found within the first ones, then that evidence will usually carry more weight in the claim.

10 stars

1. Inclosure Records - for routes set out in the Award
2. Stopping Up and Extinguishment Orders - where the path is set out as a replacement highway.
3. Quarter Session Records - if the order relates to the path in question.

5 stars

1. Turnpike Records - for former turnpike routes.
2. Inclosure Records - for other routes.
3. Tithe Records.
4. River and Drainage Authority Records.
5. Railway and Canal Records.
6. Main Road Orders.
7. Quarter Session Records - for other routes referred to in the order
8. Ordnance Survey Boundary Records - up to this level of importance
9. Inland Revenue Valuation (Finance Act 1910) - for white roads and for deductions on a route that can be defined.
10. Handover Maps
11. Stopping Up and Extinguishment Orders - (a) where the path is shown but is not the subject of the order; (b) where the path is shown in retention of cables, mains and pipes order.

4 stars

1. Highway Board Records and Maps.
2. Ordnance Survey Object Names Books - up to this level of importance

3 stars

1. Turnpike Records - for routes linking to former turnpike routes.
2. Ordnance Survey First Edition Maps, Area Books - where area books provide land use information.
3. Inland Revenue Valuation (Finance Act 1910) - for routes where a deduction for footpath or bridleway was allowed but the route is not certain from IR documentation
4. Sales Documents and County Farm Valuation

2 stars

1. Turnpike Records - where maps are not very detailed.
2. Early County and Area Maps
3. Parish, Estate and Manorial Maps
4. Ordnance Survey Published Maps - if a suitable comparison or argument can be drawn
5. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Farm Survey Records

1 star

1. Ordnance Survey Published Maps - if simply shown as a physical feature
2. Ordnance Survey First Edition Maps, Area Books - otherwise.

Restoring The Record - Some Useful Resources

On Line Mapping Services

Bradford

<https://maps.bradford.gov.uk/LocalViewext/Sites/CROWPublic/#>

http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/the_environment/countryside_and_rights_of_way/mapofpaths.htm

Calderdale

http://map.calderdale.gov.uk/connect/?mapcfg=Transport_Network

Kirklees

<http://map.kirklees.gov.uk/publicrightsofway/>

Leeds

<https://cms.esriuk.com/leedscs/Sites/LCCPROW/#>

North Yorkshire

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/29023/Rights-of-way---maps>

http://maps.northyorks.gov.uk/connect/?mapcfg=Out_and_About

Wakefield

<http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/rights-of-way/rights-of-way-map>

Other Useful websites

<http://maps.nls.uk>

<http://labs.nationalarchives.gov.uk/maps/valuation.html>

<http://data.gov.uk/dataset/land-registry-inspire-service-metadata>

<https://www.gov.uk/search-property-information-land-registry>

<http://www.restoringtherecord.org.uk/>

<http://highwayhunter.uk>

<http://www.cassinimaps.co.uk/>

<http://www.tracksintime.wyjs.org.uk>

<http://cassinimaps.co.uk>

<http://www.magic.gov.uk/>

Some Historical Information

West Yorkshire Tithe Map Project

<http://www.tracksintime.wyjs.org.uk/tracks-in-time-bradford.htm>

This is really helpful and easy to use.

Ordnance Survey Old Maps

<https://www.old-maps.co.uk/#/>

These maps have a restricted viewing level which makes the 6 inch maps difficult to examine in detail. But you can get a reasonable idea on topography from the larger scale maps.

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British History Online

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/os-1-to-10560/yorkshire/201>

1850s 6 inch series are better as you can zoom in further. But fewer maps.

Other Local Information

Commons Registers

<http://www.commonsreregistration.org.uk/resources.html>

Has list of commons applied for and the decision letters - reasons for rejecting claims and ownership etc.

Site info compiled by Steve Byrne.

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Name given to me by another Restoring the Record person who says he has been helpful in the past.

Genuki, Yorkshire Maps

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~genmaps/genfiles/COU_Pages/ENG_pages/yks.htm

A selection of old maps - often not what you're looking for, but occasionally something interesting.

London Gazette

<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/all-notice>

Recently LG have changed the search tool. It is now a bit clunky but if you know the approximate date still good.

Link to additions and deletions of paths WRCC definitive Map Area 3 29th July 1958, page 9210 - 9213

<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/London/issue/41460/page/4737>

Link to additions and deletions of paths WRCC definitive Map Area 3, 1st October 1965, page 4737 - 4749

<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/London/issue/43779/supplement/9210>

Nineteen Century Newspapers

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/galenet/brad?cause=http%3A%2F%2Ffind.galegroup.com%2Fbncn%2Fstart.do%3FprodId%3DBNCN%26userGroupName%3Dbrad%26finalAuth%3Dtrue&cont=&sev=temp&type=session&sserv=no>

You can access this for free with a Bradford Library card number. All sorts of interesting things - Early Inclosure notices advertising roads and ways to be set out, Local Board highways reported & court cases etc.

Gale Newspapers, Nineteen Century Newspapers

<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/?gclid={SI:gclid}&gclid=CIWsq8q55MYCFS7KtAodmTENRQ&dclid=COv6vMq55MYCFdEQGwod65QLEA>

Same facility as above but they expect you to pay for it.

Google Books advanced search UK

https://books.google.co.uk/advanced_book_search?hl=en

Books that give early topographical accounts and general info, local land owners etc. Always use this to get a feel for an area you don't know.

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Another Useful Book Yorkshire Enclosure Awards - Barbara English

Links to Archives

The National Archives

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/results/r?q=Wilsden>

Sometimes records not kept in Yorkshire so helpful to check this as well as local archives.

West Yorkshire Archives

<http://www.wyjs.org.uk/archives-online-catalogue.asp>

Yorkshire Archaeological Society

<http://www.yas.org.uk/content/archives/archivesusing.html>

Has collections lodged by private estates - deeds and maps you will not find elsewhere.
At present in the process of moving their collection to Leeds University Library, so not accessible till later this year.

Some National Organisations



The National Archives Valuation Map Finder - provides TNA document reference numbers and the OS County Series map numbers



National Library of Scotland 25inch 1st edition OS map scans (partial coverage)



HM Land Registry INSPIRE datasets - use to identify if old roads are unregistered, and otherwise to locate landowners



HM Land Registry - use to purchase Land Registers and (sometimes) Plans



Use to get a map suitable for use in a modification order application



MAGIC site - use to identify common land, access land, and village greens

Two final Tips :-

Look in or at :-

- The library local to the "lost route"]
 - Old postcards and photographs of the area.]
 - Local newspaper articles of that area.]
- Any one (or more) of these three may point you in a useful direction*

	Description	Leeds	Bradford	North Yorkshire
10	Inclosure	Enquiry Needed (NB Book)	Enquiry Needed (NB Book)	Enquiry needed - originals Wakefield (NB Book)
10	Stopping Up	Borough Records at Morley Others at Wakefield	Council Records/Quarter Sessions	Those before 1974 held at Wakefield: After 1974 at NY Archives
10	Quarter Sessions	Borough Records at Morley Others at Wakefield	Bradford 1903-1971 Others Wakefield	Quarter sessions for West Riding at Wakefield
5	Turnpike	Little survives - enquire	Little survives - enquire	Little survives (mainly Old North Riding): Enquire
5	Inclosure	Enquiry needed (NB Book)	Enquiry needed (NB Book)	Enquiry needed (NB Book)
5	Tithe Records	Try "Tracks in Time" first	Tithe maps Bradford and Leeds Records Bradford	Some held at NY Archive: On line catalogue should identify these
5	River + Drainage	Wakefield	Drainage Bradford: Waterways Wakefield	On line catalogue for summaries
5	Railway and Canals	Wakefield	Bradford Canal Company Records Bradford Railways Bradford then Wakefield	On line catalogue for railway and canal records
5	Main Road Orders	Council and Morley	Council and Wakefield + Highway Boards	After 1974 NYCC records: Before 74 may be Wakefield
5	Quarter Session	As above	As above	As above
5	OS Boundary Records	OS archive + Leeds Library	OS Archive + Bradford Local Studies	OS archive
5	Inland Revenue Valuation	Wakefield	Wakefield	1910 Finance Act valuation books NY Archive
5	Handover Maps	As QS - try Morley	Bradford then Wakefield	NY Archive for North Riding only
5	Stopping Up	As QS	As QS	As above
4	Highway Board	Morley	Bradford	If held relate to Old North Riding
4	OS Object Name Books	OS	OS	OS
3	Turnpike	See above	As Above	As Above
3	OS first edition maps	OS and Leeds library	OS Archive + Bradford Local Studies	OS Archive
3	Inland Revenue Valuation	Wakefield	Wakefield	V books NY Archive; no supplementary records or maps
3	Sales and Valuations	Morley then Wakefield for Land agent records	Bradford then Wakefield for Deed and Land Registers	Some records for individual properties NY Archive: WR register of deeds Wakefield
2	Turnpike	As above	As Above	As Above
2	Early County/Area maps	Morley	Bradford for list of maps kept	Few early maps held; See on line catalogue
2	Parish/State/Manoral maps	Morley	Bradford for list of maps kept	NY Archive; Details in guide number 3
2	OS published maps	Leeds Library	Bradford Local Studies	NY Archive including 1850s 6 inch to mile maps
2	Agriculture and Fisheries	National Archives	National Archives	National Archives
1	OS Published maps	Leeds Library	Bradford Local Studies	NY Archive
1	OS first edition maps	Leeds Library	Bradford Local Studies	NY Archive but no OS area books held.
	Further Comments		Bradford Township Maps (at Bradford) may be earlier than Inclosure and Tithe maps	Important for parishes that used to be in West Riding until 1974 but now in North Yorkshire
	On Line	www.wyjs.org.uk/archives-leeds	www.wyjs.org.uk/archives-bradford	www.northyorks.gov.uk/archives
	Telephone	Tel: +44 (0)113 393 9788	Telephone: +44 (0)113 393 9785	Telephone: 01609 777585
	Email	Email: leeds@wyjs.org.uk	Email: bradford@wyjs.org.uk	Email: archives@northyorks.gov.uk
		Wakefield Archives		
		Tel: 01924 305980		
		Email wakefield@wyjs.org.uk		