

# **Chapter 1 The documented history of Langcliffe**

## **Introduction**

The original written records concerning the village and Manor of Langcliffe in the ancient parish of Giggleswick in Craven (now North Yorkshire but earlier in the West Riding) are the subject of this account. It is not a continuous narrative but a compilation undertaken since 2000 with some explanatory information wherever suitable and extensive Appendices of available information. A commentary derived from published scholarly texts is included to place documentary information in context.

The earliest document is in the Domesday book of 1086. Some of the material concerns the 20thC - the Church, the Institute, the School, the shops and village life. There are many documents about land transactions and many wills but consideration of these does not extend beyond about 1700 because of the multiplication of family names involved after this time and the large volume of material.

The locations of information sources are rather widely dispersed. Copyright restrictions have prevented the inclusion of images of original documents and illustrative material but transcriptions have been made by us and sources of information are given. The major repositories consulted are as follows:

The National Archives ([www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk))  
Local Record Offices and other places (Discovery on The National Archives site)  
Censuses ([www.census.pro.gov.uk](http://www.census.pro.gov.uk), [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) for example)  
Yorkshire Archaeological Society (library and records, not on-line except for Bradfer-Lawrence collection. Now at Leeds University Library)  
North Yorkshire County Record Office (Northallerton)  
West Yorkshire Archive Service (WYAS) - on-line catalogue available.  
([www.archives.wyjs.org.uk](http://www.archives.wyjs.org.uk))  
Society of Genealogists ([www.sog.org.uk](http://www.sog.org.uk))  
Borthwick Institute for Archives at University of York  
(<https://www.york.ac.uk/borthwick/>)  
Northumberland Record Office  
Newcastle upon Tyne Archives Service  
Lancashire Record Office (Preston)  
Exeter and London Guildhalls

### **Libraries:**

British Library ([www.bl.uk](http://www.bl.uk))  
Settle Library (local books and Giggleswick School lists)  
Brayshaw Library at Giggleswick School  
Skipton Library (YAS volumes, Victoria County History, local newspapers)  
Leeds City Library  
Yorkshire Archaeological Society  
Borthwick Institute for Archives at University of York  
Colne Library  
Bury St Edmunds Local History Library

Guildhall Library in London  
University of Bradford  
University of Lancaster  
University of York

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