

Giggleswick Historical Records

The Ancient Parish of Giggleswick comprised the townships of Giggleswick, Langcliffe, Rathmell, Settle and Stainforth but in the mid-1800s these townships became independent parishes with their own churches. Many of the old records concern the Ancient Parish.

There is no Giggleswick village History Group and the relevant records in this Capturing the Past website are to be found under various headings:

BLY The Brayshaw Library Collection has many items about Giggleswick and the parish church of St Alkelda.

CTP Capturing the Past has the item CTP/006 The Charities Boards in Giggleswick Church and CTP/007 Arrangement of seats in Giggleswick church in 1677. CTP/014 is Stained glass windows in St Alkelda's church Giggleswick. CTP/015 is the Inquisition Post Mortem of Henry de Percy 1315.

MNR Manorial Records for North Craven includes MNR/002 An Introduction to the manorial courts of Settle and Giggleswick and MNR/008 has Giggleswick court rolls.

NCD North Craven Deeds has NCD/004 Giggleswick deeds and NCD/005 has miscellaneous Local deeds.

NCR North Craven Historical Research Group has various items including NCR/002/004 Giggleswick Terriers.

NCW North Craven Wills and Inventories includes NCW/001 Giggleswick wills and inventories and NCW/005 the Reg Postlethwaite collection.

Many books have been written about Giggleswick, the most wide-ranging being

Brayshaw, T., Robinson, R. M., 1932. *A history of the ancient parish of Giggleswick*, Halton & Co., London

but original sources of information are generally not quoted.

St Alkelda's church history is fully documented by various authorities.

Shuffrey, W. A., 1914. *The Churches of the Deanery of North Craven* by, Whitehead, Leeds

Whitaker, T.D., 1878. *The history and antiquities of the Deanery of Craven, in the county of York*. Third edit. Publ. J. Dodgson, Leeds.

Cox, J.C., 1920. *The Parish Church of Giggleswick-in-Craven*. Publ. R. Jackson, Leeds.

Many aspects of the history of Giggleswick have been written about in the North Craven Heritage Trust Journal (www.NorthCravenHeritage.org.uk). The national tax records, wills, deeds, parish registers, origins and population are all subjects of recent and continuing work.