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USER GUIDE 1

CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA

By the mid-nineteenth century, church graveyards were beginning to pose serious health risks due to overcrowding.

The Burial Acts of 1852 and 1853 enabled local authorities to administer their own cemeteries. Parish vestries elected Burial Boards to manage them.

This user guide outlines those cemetery records held here which will yield information about individual persons. Such records include burial registers, grave books and monumental inscriptions. Other cemetery records such as cash books, letter books etc, are not indicated. This guide also includes registers of cremations at some local crematoria.

Most of these records are available on microfilm and a microfilm reader should be booked in advance.

Please note, it is not normally possible to produce unlisted collections for consultation in the Search Room.

CEMETERY RECORDS (Burial Registers/Grave Books)

Gateshead

Birtley Cemetery, Lamesley: Indexes to burials 1926-1998; burial registers 1926-1998; graves registers 1926-1998 **(MF)**

Blaydon Cemetery: Indexes to burials 1873-1998; burial registers 1873-1998; graves registers 1873-1998; burial registers, stillborn children 1927-1976; list of service personnel in privately owned graves 1918-1956 **(MF)**

Blaydon, Hookergate Cemetery: Indexes to burials and graves 1957-1998; burial registers 1957-1998; grave registers 1957-1998 **(MF)**

Gateshead, East Cemetery: Indexes to burials 1862-1998; burial registers 1862-1998; stillborn children's burials register 1927-1976; graves registers 1862-1998 **(MF)**

Gateshead, Saltwell Cemetery: Indexes to burials 1905-1998; burial registers 1905-1998; graves registers 1905-1998; registers of burials of stillborn children 1927-1998; list of service personnel in privately owned graves 1918-1956 **(MF)**

Greenside Cemetery: Indexes to burials 1976-1998; burial registers 1949-1998; graves registers 1949-1998 **(MF)**

Heworth Cemetery: Indexes to burials 1941-1998; burial registers 1941-1998; graves registers 1941-1998 **(MF)**

Heworth St Mary Churchyard: Burial registers 1964-1998 **(MF)**

Ryton Cemetery: Indexes to burials 1884-1998; burial registers 1884-1998; graves registers 1884-1998; register of service burials (war graves) 1940-1947 **(MF)**

Stella, St Cuthbert: Burials, see Blaydon Cemetery

Whickham, Garden House Cemetery: Indexes to burials 1920-1945, 1962-1998; burial registers 1916-1998; graves registers 1916-1998 **(MF)**

Windy Nook, St Alban Churchyard: Burials registers 1966-1987 **(MF)**

Newcastle

Ballast Hills: List of gravestones [compiled 1929]; burial registers 1792-1853; monumental inscriptions 1707-1817 **Ref: CE.BA (MF)**

Byker and Heaton: Indexes to burial registers 1890-1998; burial registers 1893-1998; purchased graves 1890-1956; grave register F-K 1986-1998; index of Jewish burials 1864-1990 and file relating to Jewish section (including grave plans) 1959-1968 [depositor's consent is required for access to the Jewish records]
Ref: CE.BH, CE.JW, C.NC84 (MF)

Fenham (St Nicholas): Indexes to burial registers c1858-c1945, 1954-1998; burial register 1858-1998; grave books 1858-1873; purchased graves 1858-1928 **Ref: CE.SN (MF)**

Gosforth Cemetery: Notices of interment A-Z 1951; A-Z 1954 **Ref: CE.GO**

Hollywood: Indexes to burials 1943-1998; graves registers 1943-1998; burial registers 1943-1998; register of stillborn children 1867-1918 **(MF)**

Jesmond (All Saints): Indexes to burials 1909-1998; burials 1857-1998; grave books 1857-1998; index to register of purchased graves c1864-1986; purchased graves 1858-1956; graves registers 1873-1998 **Ref: CE.AS (MF)**

Jesmond [Newcastle General Cemetery]: Index to burials 1857-1998; burial registers 1836-1998; grave registers 1839-1997; register of stillborn children 1882-1978; grave

index 1843-1949 **Ref: CE.JE (MF)** [This cemetery was/is also referred to as the Old Cemetery]

Jesmond (St Andrews and Jesmond): Index to burials c1857-1998; burials 1857-1998; purchased graves 1862-1932; graves registers 1857-1998 **Ref: CE.AJ (MF)**

Lemington: Indexes to burials 1906-1998; burial registers 1906-1998; graves registers 1906-1998; war graves registers 1941-1945; register of stillborn children 1910-1973 **(MF)**

Newcastle General Cemetery: See Jesmond [Newcastle General Cemetery] North Gosforth: Burial registers 1878-1998; graves register 1878-1998 **(MF)**

Ravensworth Synagogue: See St John's Westgate and Elswick Cemetery (pre c1920) and Hazelrigg Cemetery (post c1920) **Ref CE.JW**

South Gosforth: see burials for St Nicholas, Gosforth (see User Guide 2: Church of England Parish Registers)

West Road: Indexes to burials 1935-1998; burial registers 1934-1998; graves registers 1934-1998 **(MF)**

Westgate Hill: Register of burials 1829-1957; index to burials 1829-1857; purchased vaults and graves c1829-1923 **Ref: CE.WGH (Part MF)**

Westgate (St Johns Westgate and Elswick): Indexes to burial registers c1857-1998; burials 1857-1998; purchased graves 1857-1927; graves registers 1858-1998; records relating to Jewish section 1859-1958; index of Jewish burials 1864-1990 [depositor's consent is required for access to the Jewish records] **Ref: CE.JWE, CE.JW (part MF)**

North Tyneside

Dudley Cemetery: Registers of burials 1934-1995; indexed grave register [including purchased and reserved graves] 1939-1996 **(MF)**

Earsdon Cemetery: Registers of burials 1938-1995; indexed war graves 1940-1943; index to burials 1938-1995 **(MF)**

Hazelrigg Jewish Cemetery: Index of burials 1864-1990 [depositor's consent is required for access to these records] Ravensworth Terrace Synagogue burials took place at Hazelrigg Cemetery from c1920 onwards (earlier ones took place at St Johns Westgate and Elswick Cemetery) **Ref: CE.JW**

Longbenton Cemetery: Registers of burials 1936-1995; indexes to burials 1974-1995 **(MF)**

Preston Cemetery, North Shields: Registers of burials 1856-1995; burials of stillborn children 1935-1984; indexes to burials 1856-1995 **(MF)**

Tynemouth General Cemetery: Register of interments 1834-1892; registers of burials 1856-1896; index of burials 1863; Register of graves and vaults 1833-1890; sextons books 1833-1939 **Ref: T274 (Part MF)**

Wallsend Holy Cross Cemetery: Registers of burials 1918-1995; indexes to burials 1918-1995 **(MF)**

Whitley Bay Cemetery: Registers of burials 1913-1995, indexes to burials 1913-1995 **(MF)**

Willington, Church Bank Cemetery: General burials 1879-1995; consecrated burials 1886-1911; registers of burials of stillborn children 1879-1906; burial indexes 1879-1995; indexes to consecrated burials 1897-1934; graves registers 1879-1911 **Ref: CE.CB (MF)**

South Tyneside

Boldon Cemetery: Register of burials consecrated and unconsecrated ground nos 1-299, 1981-1988; register of public and private graves consecrated and unconsecrated ground various sections c1912-1988; register of burials old ground nos 609-1730, 1899-1975; register of burials consecrated ground nos 777-2353, 1890-1916; register of burials new ground nos 1-400, 1916-1981 **(MF)**

Hebburn Cemetery: Register of burials, consecrated and unconsecrated ground nos 1-26406, 1890-1988; register of graves books 1-2 sections A-L; index of burial registers book 1 A-Z, book 2 A-Z, C, S, B; register of purchased graves 1916-1981, cemetery layout **(MF)**

Jarrow Cemetery: Register of public graves, unconsecrated ground sections T, U, V, W, X, Y, 3, 7, 5, consecrated ground sections H, II, 21, 12, 19, 23; indexes to burial registers A-Y; burial register consecrated and unconsecrated ground no's 1-329 1986-1988; alphabetical index books 1-5; burial registers consecrated and unconsecrated ground 1869-1986 **(MF)**

South Shields (Harton): Purchased grave book 1884-1888; indexes to burial registers 1891-1981; register of graves c1895-1987; register of burials 1891-1975 **Ref: T179 (MF)**

Westoe Cemetery: Purchased graves book 1884-1888; registers of burials, consecrated and unconsecrated 1856-1986; indexes to burial registers 1857-1979 **Ref: T179 (MF)**

Whitburn Cemetery: Register of burials consecrated and unconsecrated nos 1-4379, 1887-1988; register of public graves consecrated and unconsecrated; register of grave spaces consecrated; register of purchased graves **(MF)**

Sunderland

Bishopwearmouth: Indexes to burials 1856-1998; burial registers 1856-1998; graves registers 1884-1998; war graves 1915-1947 **(MF)**

Castletown: Indexes to burials 1967-1998; burial registers 1921-1998; graves registers 1921-1998; war graves 1915-1947 **(MF)**

Easington Lane: Indexes to burials 1892-1998; burial registers 1892-1998; war graves 1915-1947 **(MF)**

Hetton le Hole: Indexes to burials 1906-1998; burial registers 1891-1998; war graves 1915-1947 **(MF)**

Houghton le Spring: Indexes to burials 1892-1998; burial registers 1892-1998; war graves 1915-1947 **(MF)**

Mere Knolls: Indexes to burials 1890-1998; burial registers 1856-1998; grave registers 1890-1998; war graves 1915-1947 **(MF)**

Ryhope: Indexes to burials 1898-1998; burial registers 1898-1998; graves registers 1898-1998; war graves 1915-1947 **(MF)**

Southwick: Indexes to burials 1884-1998; burial registers 1884-1998; grave registers 1884-1998; war graves 1915-1947 **(MF)**

Sunderland: Indexes to burials 1858-1998; burial registers 1858-1998; graves registers 1858-1998; war graves 1915-1947 **(MF)**

Washington: Indexes to burials 1902-1998; burial registers 1902-1998; war graves 1915-1947 **(MF)**

Washington: Register of burials of stillborn children 1938-1966 **Ref: CE.WS**

CREMATORIA REGISTERS

Newcastle (West Road): Registers 1934-1986; indexes 1934-1998 **Ref: CE.NC (Part MF)**

South Shields: Registers of cremation July 1961-May 1986 **(MF)**

Whitley Bay Crematorium: indexes to cremations, 1960-1995; registers of cremation, 1960-1995 **(MF)**

[Please note there is no public access allowed to Whitley Bay cremations registers. The indexes are, however, on open access]

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