

Helpful Hints

If you are a teacher, researcher or someone generally interested in exploring local cemeteries to discover any 'Untold Stories' of people buried there, then here are some helpful tips on where to start and find information. Stories uncovered at a cemetery can be a good project for schools. They can be used across the curriculum incorporating a wide range of subjects such as local and family History, English, paired reading, Drama, Geography, Citizenship, and ICT.

Starting Point

- If you are interested in looking for Conscientious Objectors, there are records of COs. Information can be found through the National Archives.
- A quick internet search can also give some indication of COs in your local area; for example the details of the 'Richmond 16' can be found easily online.

Cemetery Records

- When you have established any persons of interest you wish to explore further you need to get in contact with your local cemetery to get access to internment records.
- Below is a list of where you can find access to local cemetery records. Every cemetery is different and the dates and quality of the record will differ. Some information has been digitised.

Places to access Cemetery Records

Undercliffe Cemetery – The burial registers 1854 to 1958 are available at the cemetery and also at the West Yorkshire Archive Service.

There are a number of other cemeteries in Bradford:

- i) **Bowling (opened in 1889), North Bierley (opened in 1903), Scholemoor (opened in 1860) and Tong (opened in 1860).** The records for these cemeteries are all available at Scholemoor Cemetery.
- ii) **Charlestown, Bingley, God's Acre, Nab Wood, Wilsden, Menston and Windhill.** The records for these are all available at Nab Wood Cemetery.

- iii) **Silsden, Ilkley, Haworth, Stanbury and Utley.** The records for these are all available at Utley Cemetery.

Personal Records

- If you have any success in finding the burial place of a person of interest you now need to delve further. The best starting point is family history websites; they are a great place to determine date and place of birth to see if they coincide with any details you have previously found. Some include birth and death registers, marriage and parish records, military records and even newspaper archives. You can often gain access to such sites for free with 14 day trials.
- Quick internet searches are always recommended, it is amazing what you find!
- For further research, local archives, such as the West Yorkshire Archive Service will have access to numerous records, e.g. newspapers and even criminal records'.

Profile

- Begin to compile a profile of any information you can find regarding this person, it is important to ensure any hints of information are recorded as often something which may seem irrelevant or implausible may be deemed correct through further research.
- For schools, creating a story is simple. Any missing information can be filled in by pupils asking questions about why the information is missing, what could have happened etc. This encourages pupils to engage with the story and come up with their own interpretations.

Hopefully this information will give some direction to any interested in pursuing their own 'Stories in Stone'.