



Nottinghamshire  
County Council

# Nottinghamshire Archives

## Cemetery Records

### Introduction

Traditionally, burials have taken place in the churchyard of the local parish church. However, by the middle of the nineteenth century some churchyards were becoming overcrowded especially in towns and cities. In Nottingham the parish graveyards of St. Mary, St. Nicholas and St. Peter were increasingly only available for burials in existing family plots.

Private companies were formed to establish and operate cemeteries. Legislation between 1852 and 1857 allowed local authorities to set up Burial Boards to purchase suitable land to establish cemeteries. Some plots were set aside for pauper burials.

### Searching for a burial

To locate a burial you will need to have an idea of where and when the person died. If the death occurred after 1837 this information will be recorded on their death certificate. Obituaries and death notices in the local newspaper may also be helpful. Local newspapers are held by libraries at various locations throughout the county. Please ask staff for details.

If you are searching for a burial prior to 1850 in an urban area you should first check the burial register for the relevant parish. Please consult the index to the parish registers to locate the microfiche you require. If the burial you require is for a later date you will need to consult the indexes for the municipal cemeteries. For burials in rural areas please consult the parish register. You may need to consult a map to locate the appropriate church or cemetery situated closest to the person's

address. Please ask a member of staff for advice.

Unfortunately we do not hold records for Wilford Hill Crematorium (opened 1931), Mansfield Crematorium (opened 1960s) or Bramcote Crematorium (opened 1979).

Nottinghamshire Archives has records available for a number of cemeteries. The majority of deposits consist of interment and grave registers and these are available on microfiche (mf). The registers for Newark cemetery are available on DVD. Register entries are in date order of burial rather than surname order but there are some surname indexes available.

The amount of detail recorded in cemetery registers varies between cemeteries. They may record date of death, date of burial, age, address and sometimes the occupation of the deceased, grave location reference, and burial fees.

To find out details about the location of a plot within a cemetery you will need to contact the cemetery administrator for the relevant cemetery. Please ask staff if you require contact details.

## Types of Records

### Surname Indexes

An alphabetical index arranged by surname and within each surname, by date of burial. There are usually 2 alphabetical sequences one for Anglican (Church of England consecrated) burials and one for Nonconformist (dissenter unconsecrated) burials. The index may provide a grave number or an interment number or sometimes

both. With this information you can consult the interment registers.

Vannoren Christina	✓	9/1/85	16668	7
Preston Geo. B.	✓	" 38"	18556	16
Parker Albert S. A.	✓	" 8 Mar	21255	19
Powell Sarah	✓	" 6/4/85	9638	19
Parker Bertie	✓	" 5 Mar	9058	23
Porter Ralph	✓	" 4/4/85	10065	24

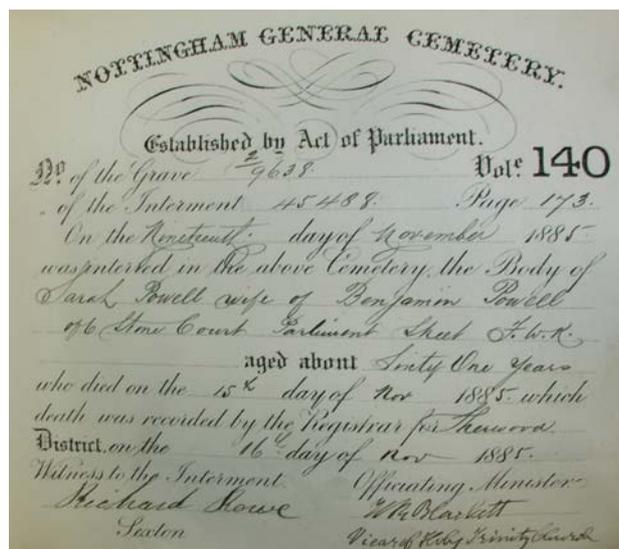
### Grave Registers

The graves are arranged in numerical order and provide the interment numbers or sometimes the names of everyone buried in the grave. It may be necessary to check each interment number in the interment books to find further details about the deceased.

589/02		✓
763/13		
95/80	118	Tyler
9637	9638	9639
28880		27-89
451188		7203
48302		86218
96296		
2 in Powell		H
9634	9634	9634
55602		53518
65315		9154

### Interment Registers

The interment books are arranged in numerical order and record the details for an individual burial.



## Cemeteries

### Basford Cemetery (mf)

See separate leaflet for more information. Opened in 1875 at Nottingham Road, New Basford. Surname Indexes 1875-1877, 1875-1910

- Grave number indexes for consecrated and unconsecrated graves
- Interments 1875-1944 consecrated and unconsecrated burials. All burials 1945-1992

Other types of records available are Rights of Burial 1886-1945 (ref: CA/BC 1/1-10), Register of Sales for Graves and Vaults 1858-1944 (ref: CA/BC 6/1). Please consult the catalogue for further details.

### Bingham Cemetery (mf)

Opened in 1888 at The Banks. The following records are available on microfiche

- Burials Feb 1888-Jan 1932  
Arranged by date of burial

### Hucknall Torkard Cemetery (mf)

The Hucknall Burial Board was set up in 1884 and a cemetery was laid out in 1887 on a site at Butler's Hill.

- Register of Graves 1887-1970  
Arranged by the date of the first interment in the grave.

## Newark Cemetery (DVD)

Opened in 1856 at London Road.

- Register of Burials Oct 1856-Mar 1997
- Register of Graves 1856-2001
- Index to registers of burials and graves 1856-1997

## Newstead (mf)

Records for Newstead village.

- Register of Burials 1899 – 1934 (ref: PaC 33/7/1)
- Register of Graves 1878 – 1935 (ref: PaC 33/8/1)

## Nottingham Church Cemetery (mf)

See separate leaflet for more information.

Opened in 1856 at the junction of Mansfield Road and Forest Road, Nottingham. Also known as the Rock Cemetery because of the sandstone rocks on which it was built.

- Surname indexes split into 2 volumes  
Vol 1 covers 1856-1995  
Vol 2 covers 1913-1995
- Grave Number Register
- Interments

## Nottingham General Cemetery (mf)

See separate leaflet for more information.

Opened in 1837 on land between Canning Circus and Waverly Street, Nottingham.

- Surname Indexes for Anglican burials 1837-1992 and Dissenters' 1856-1978
- Grave Number Registers for Anglican and Dissenters' graves
- Interment certificates for Anglican burials 1837-1981 and Dissenters' 1856-1976. Interment certificates for Dissenters' up to 31 Jan 1864 can only be found with the Anglican certificates.

Documents relating to the foundation and history of the cemetery can be found by consulting the following references in the catalogues available in the search room.

- M22,945-960
- M22,797-806

There are also administrative and financial records deposited

- CA/GC/VIII/1-44 Order Books 1845-1954
- CA/GC/X/1-14 Cash Books 1839-1948

- CA/GC/XI/1-7 Cash Books 1856-1953 Dissenters'

## Nottingham Northern Cemetery

Opened in 1900 at Hempshill Lane in Bulwell.

- Death certificates and rights of burial 1903-1958 (ref: CA/NC 1-2)

## Nottingham Southern Cemetery

Opened in 1919 at Loughborough Road in West Bridgford.

- Rights of burial and grants of memorial tablets 1919-1957 (ref: CA/SC 1-2)

## Stapleford Cemetery (mf)

Opened in 1881 at Cemetery Road

- Register of burials 1881-1908

## Woodborough Cemetery (mf)

Opened in 1879 at Roe Hill.

- Interments by date order. Consecrated 1879-1992, unconsecrated 1879-1990

## Other Sources of Information

The following sources of information are also available.

- National Burial Index (CD)
- Nottinghamshire Family History Society Burials 1533-1906 (CD)
- Soldiers Who Died in the Great War 1914-1918 (CD)
- Army Roll of Honour 1939-1945 (CD)
- Monumental Inscriptions collected by the Nottinghamshire Family History Society, Local History Societies and researchers.
- The Nottingham Graveyard Guide (published in 1911). Available from the Reception Desk

You will require a valid County Archives Research Network ticket to use the compact discs in the search room.

## Useful Websites

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

[www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)

The Debt of Honour Register lists the men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the two world wars. The register can also be searched for details of the 67,000

commonwealth civilians who died as a result of enemy action in the Second World War.

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[www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

Contact details for the cemeteries in Nottingham.

[www.bramcotecrematorium.org.uk](http://www.bramcotecrematorium.org.uk)

The Book of Remembrance is available online.

**If you require contact details about other cemeteries in Nottinghamshire please ask a member of staff.**