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 (MF) and a microfilm reader should be booked in advance.

Please enquire in advance about access to any unlisted collections.

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)


**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)


**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)


Stella, St Cuthbert: Burials, see Blaydon Cemetery


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

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


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]

(see also Unidentified)


Newcastle General Cemetery: See Jesmond [Newcastle General Cemetery]

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)

Unidentified: Register of stillborn children 1867-1918 (MF) (originally ascribed to Hollywood, but possibly Fenham or Jesmond, St Andrew)

Walker Cemetery: see User Guide 2, Walker, Christ Church (Church of England)


Westgate Hill: Register of burials 1829-1957; index to burials 1829-1857; purchased vaults and graves c1829-1923, plans of cemetery 1847 Ref: CE.WGH (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: Indexes of burials 1864-2005, [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 John’s Westgate and Elswick Cemetery) Ref: CE.JW, CE.JHZ

Longbenton Cemetery: see Benton Cemetery


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


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)


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


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)


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


CREMATORIA REGISTERS

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

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


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