

Parish Register Transcripts

General Outline

Parish register transcripts (also known as bishops' transcripts) are contemporary copies of the parish registers made by the incumbent or his clerk and sent to the diocesan authorities, sometimes at Easter, and sometimes during the visitation process. In theory the transcripts ought to contain the same information as the registers, but in practice there may be considerable differences between the two – one might contain entries that are not in the other, or one may give more detail than the other. If there is any doubt about a register entry, or the register appears incomplete, the transcripts are always worth consulting. Similarly, if there is a problem with the transcripts, the original registers should be checked.

Parish register transcripts in most dioceses exist from the 16th century onwards, but the first general obligation to compile them dates from the Provincial Constitution of Canterbury in 1597. There was a general break in the registers during the Commonwealth period (1649-1660). Some dioceses, however, tried to make good this gap after the Restoration by ordering retrospective transcription. The need for transcripts was greatly reduced by the introduction of Civil Registration in 1837, although baptisms and burials often continue up to about 1850, and occasionally later.

Parish Register Transcripts in Yorkshire

The transcripts for the diocese of York are held by the Borthwick Institute, with the exception of those covering the former archdeaconry of Nottingham which are deposited at Southwell Minster Library. Microfilms of these transcripts can be seen in the Nottinghamshire County Record Office.

There are also a number of other repositories holding Yorkshire parish register transcripts. Transcripts of parishes in the peculiar jurisdictions of Crayke before 1837 and Northallertonshire before 1813 are held at the Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections. Northallertonshire parishes include: Birkby, Brompton, Cowesby, Deighton, Hutton Bonville, Kirby Sigston, Leake, Northallerton with Romanby, Osmotherley, North Otterington, West Rounton, Nether Siltan, Thornton-le-Street and High Worsall. In 1541 the archdeaconry of Richmond, containing parts of the North and West Ridings was detached from the diocese of York and given to the newly founded see of Chester. The transcripts for this area, and those for the diocese of Ripon after 1836, are held by the West Yorkshire Archives Service in Leeds.

The survival of transcripts for the first half of the seventeenth century is extremely patchy, with generally only a few years surviving from each parish. During the period of the Civil War and the Commonwealth, from about 1643 and 1660, there were none returned for Yorkshire at all. After the Restoration the series of transcripts is almost complete for most parishes up to 1837, with baptisms and burials being recorded up to around 1850.

Important advice to researchers

Parish register transcripts in the Institute are all available on microfilm. This is to protect the originals from wear and tear. The following list has been designed to provide researchers with a basic list of all the parishes whose parish register transcripts are held by the Borthwick Institute. The Borthwick Institute holds these transcripts for over 800 parishes, and as the holdings are at times very patchy it is strongly advised that researchers contact the Institute in advance either by phoning the searchroom on (01904) 321166 or emailing bihr500@york.ac.uk, to check that we hold the dates required.

List of Parish Register Transcripts in the Borthwick Institute

Aberford	Barwick in Elmet	Broughton in Airedale
Acaster Malbis	Batley	Bubwith
Acaster Selby	Battysford	Bugthorpe
Acklam nr Malton (alias E. Acklam)	Beeford	Bulmer
Acklam nr Middlesbrough	Beeston	Burghwallis
Ackworth	Bempton	Burley in Wharfedale
Acomb	Bessingby	Burnby
Addingham	Beswick	Burnsall
Adel	Beverley, St John	Burton Agnes
Adlingfleet	Beverley, St Mary	Burton Fleming
Adwick le Street	Beverley, St Nicholas	Burton Leonard
Adwick upon Dearne	Bierley	Burton Pidsea
Airmyn (alias Armyn)	Bilbrough	Burythorpe
Aldborough	Bilsdale	Buttercrambe
Aldborough with Cowden Parva	Bilton in Ainsty	Butterwick
Allendale	Bilton in Holderness	Byland, Old
Allendale, St Peter's Chapel	Bingley	Calverley
Allerston	Birdforth	Campsall
Allerthorpe	Birdsall	Cantley
Almondbury	Birkby	Carlton
Almondbury, Holy Trinity	Birkenshaw	Carlton in Cleveland
Alne	Birkin	Carlton in Craven
Alverthorpe	Birstall	Carlton Miniott
Amotherby	Bishop Burton	Carnaby
Ampleforth	Bishop Thornton	Castle Howard Chapel
Anston	Bishop Wilton	Castleford
Appleton le Street	Bishopthorpe	Catton
Appleton Wiske	Blacktoft	Catwick
Ardsley	Bolsterstone	Cave, North
Ardsley, East	Boltby	Cave, South
Arksey	Bolton Abbey	Cawood
Armley	Bolton by Bowland	Cawthorne
Armthorpe	Bolton Percy	Cayton
Arncliffe	Bolton upon Dearne	Chapel Allerton
Askern	Borrowby, Society of Friends	Chapel le Grove (see Oworm, South)
Askam Bryan	Bossall	Chapelthorpe
Askham Richard	Boston Spa	Cherry Burton
Aston	Boynton	Church Fenton
Atwick	Bracewell	Clayton (alias Frickley with Clayton)
Auburn	Bradfield	Cleckheaton
Aughton	Bradford	Clifford
Ayresome nr Middlesbrough	Brafferton	Cloughton
Ayton, Great	Braithwell	Coatham
Badsworth	Bramham	Cockayne Chapel
Bagby	Bramley	Cold Coniston
Baildon	Brandesburton	Cold Kirby
Bainton	Brandsby	Coley
Balby	Brantingham	Collingham
Bardsey	Brayton	Conisbrough
Barlby	Bridlington	Conistone
Barmby on the Marsh	Bridlington Quay	Copmanthorpe
Barmby on the Moor	Brighouse	Cottingham
Barmston	Brodsworth	Cowesby
Barnbrough	Brompton	Cowick
Barnby Dun	Brompton in Pickering Lythe	Cowlam
Barnoldswick (alias Gill Kirk)	Broomfleet	Cowthorpe
Barnsley	Brotherton	
Barton le Street	Brotton	

Coxwold	Farlington	Guisborough
Crambe	Farndale	Guiseley
Crathorne	Farnley	Hackness
Crofton	Featherstone	Halifax
Cropton	Felixkirk	Halifax, Holy Trinity
Cross Stone	Felkirk	Halifax, St James
Cumberworth	Fenwick cum Moss	Halsham
Dalby	Ferriby, North	Halton Gill
Dalton, North	Ferry Fryston	Hampsthwaite
Dalton, South	Fewston	Handsworth
Danby in Cleveland	Filey	Handsworth Woodhouse, S of F
Darfield	Fimber (see Wetwang with Fimber)	Hanging Heaton
Darrington	Firbeck	Harewood
Darton	Fishlake	Harlsey, East
Deighton	Flamborough	Harome
Denby	Flaxton	Harpham
Denton	Flockton	Harrogate, Low
Dewsbury	Folkton	Harswell
Dewsbury, Holy Trinity	Foston	Harthill
Dewsbury, St John	Foston on the Wolds	Hartshead
Dinnington	Foxholes	Harwood Dale
Dishforth	Fraisthorpe	Hatfield
Doncaster	Frickley with Clayton	Hatfield, Great
Doncaster, Christ Church	Fridaythorpe	Hawnby
Doncaster, St James	Frodingham, North	Haworth
Drax	Fulford	Haxby
Driffield, Great	Full Sutton	Hayton
Driffield, Little	Fylingdales	Headingley
Drighlington	Ganton	Healaugh
Drypool	Garforth	Heckmondwick
Dunnington (Bulmer)	Gargrave	Hedon
Dunnington (Holderness)	Garton in Holderness	Heeley
Dunsforth	Garton on the Wolds	Helmsley
Earls Heaton	Gate Helmsley (see Helmsley, Gate)	Helmsley, Gate
Easington in Cleveland	Giggleswick	Helmsley, Upper
Easington in Holderness	Gildersome	Helperthorpe
Easingwold	Gildingwells (see Letwell)	Hemingbrough
East Acklam (see Acklam)	Gill Kirk (see Barnoldswick)	Hemsworth
Eastrington	Gillamoor	Hensworth, R. D. C. burial ground
Ebberston	Gilling in Rydale	Heptonstall
Ecclesfield	Gisburn	Heslerton, East (see Heslerton, West)
Edlington	Gisburn Forest	Heslerton, West
Edstone, Great	Givendale	Heslington
Egton	Glaisdale	Hesse
Elland	Gleadless	Hexham
Ellerburn	Goathland	Hickleton
Ellerton	Golcar	High Hoyland (see Hoyland, High)
Elloughton	Goodmanham	High Melton (see Melton on the Hill)
Elsecar	Goole	Hilston
Elstronwick	Goxhill	Hilton
Elvington	Greasbrough	Hilton
Emley	Great Ayton (see Ayton, Great)	Hinderskelfe (see Castle Howard)
Erringden	Great Driffield (see Driffield, Great)	Hinderwell
Escrick	Great Edstone (see Edstone, Great)	Holbeck
Eskdaleside (alias Sleights)	Grimston, North	Hollym with Withernsea
Eston	Grindale	Holme on the Wolds
Etton	Grindleton	Holme upon Spalding Moor
Everingham	Grosmont	Holmfirth
Faceby		Holmpton
Fangfoss		

Holtby	Kippax	Lockton
Honley	Kirby Grindalythe	Loftus
Hook	Kirby Knowle	Londesborough
Hooton Pagnell	Kirby Misperton	Long Marston (see Marston, Long)
Hooton Roberts	Kirby Moorside	Long Preston (see Preston, Long)
Hopton, Upper	Kirby Sigston	Long Riston (see Riston, Long)
Horbury	Kirby Underdale	Longwood
Hornby	Kirby with Broughton (alias Kirkby in Cleveland)	Lothersdale
Hornsea	Kirk Bramwith	Loversall
Horsforth	Kirk Deighton	Lowthorpe
Horton	Kirk Ella	Luddenden
Horton in Ribblesdale	Kirk Leavington	Lund
Hotham	Kirk Smeaton	Lythe
Hovingham	Kirkburn	Maltby
Howden	Kirkburton	Malton, New St Leonard
Hoyland, High	Kirby in Cleveland (see Kirby with Broughton)	Malton, New St Michael
Hoyland, Nether	Kirkby Malham	Malton, Old
Hubberholme	Kirkby Overblow	Mappleton
Huddersfield	Kirkby, South	Marfleet
Huddersfield, All Saints	Kirkby Wharfe	Market Weighton
Huddersfield, Holy Trinity	Kirkdale	Marr
Huggate	Kirkheaton	Marsden
Humbleton	Kirkleatham	Marske by the Sea
Hunmanby	Kirkstall	Marston, Long (alias Hutton Wandesley)
Hunslet	Knapton	Marston in Cleveland
Huntington	Knottingley	Marston in Craven
Hustwaite	Knottingley, East	Marston in Holderness
Hutton Bonville	Langtoft	Marston in the Forest with Moxby
Huton Buscel	Langton near Malton	Marton le Moor
Hutton Cranswick	Lastingham	Masbrough
Hutton Rudby	Laughton en le Morthen	Meltham
Hutton Wandesley (see Marton, Long)	Laxton	Melton on the Hill
Huttons Ambo	Leake	Meltonby (see Yapham with Meltonby)
Idle	Leathley	Methley
Ilkley	Leconfield	Mexborough
Illingworth	Ledsham	Middlesbrough
Ingleby Arncliffe	Leeds	Middleton in Pickering Lythe
Ingleby Greenhow	Leeds, Christ Church	Middleton on the Wolds
Keighley	Leeds, Holy Trinity	Middleton upon Leven
Kelk Magna	Leeds, St John	Midhope
Kellington	Leeds, St Luke	Milford, South
Kettlewell	Leeds, St Mark	Millington
Kexby	Leeds, St Mary	Mirfield
Keyingham	Leeds, St Paul	Mitton
Kilburn	Leeds, St Thomas	Monk Bretton
Kildale	Letwell with Gildingwells	Monk Fryston
Kildwick in Craven	Leven	Moor Monkton
Kilham	Levisham	Morley cum Churwell
Kilnsea	Lightcliffe	Moxby (see Marton in the Forest with Moxby)
Kilnwick near Watton	Lindley	Muston
Kilnwick Percy	Linton in Craven	Myton on Swale
Kilvington, South	Lissett	Naburn
Kingston upon Hull, Holy Trinity	Little Driffield (see Driffield, Little)	Nafferton
Kingston upon Hull, Mariners' Church	Little Ouseburn (see Ouseburn, Little)	Nether Hoyland (see Hoyland, Nether)
Kingston upon Hull, St James	Liversedge	Nether Poppleton (see Poppleton, Nether)
Kingston upon Hull, St Jude	Liverton	
Kingston upon Hull, St Luke	Lockington	
Kingston upon Hull, St Mary		

Netherthong	Poppleton, Upper	Seamer near Stokesley
New Malton (see Malton, New)	Preston in Holderness	Seaton Ross
New Mill	Preston, Long	Selby, St Mary and St German
Newbald, North	Pudsey	Sessay
Newton Kyme	Raskelf	Settle
Newton near Great Ayton	Rastrick	Settrington
Newton upon Ouse	Rathmel	Sewerby cum Marton
Ninebanks	Ravenfield	Sharow
Norland	Rawcliffe	Sheffield
Normanby	Rawdon	Sheffield, All Saints
Normanton	Rawmarsh	Sheffield, Cemetery
North Cave (see Cave, North)	Redcar	Sheffield, Christ Church Attercliffe
North Dalton (see Dalton, North)	Reighton	Sheffield, Christ Church Fulwood
North Ferriby (see Ferriby, North)	Riccall	Sheffield, St Alban
North Frodingham (see Frodingham, North)	Rillington	Sheffield, St James
North Grimston (see Grimston, North)	Ripon, Holy Trinity	Sheffield, St Jude
North Newbald (see Newbald, North)	Ripponden	Sheffield, St Paul
North Otterington (see Otterington, North)	Rise	Sherburn in Elmet
Northallerton	Riston, Long	Sherburn in Haford Lythe
Northallerton and Romanby burial ground	Roberttown	Sheriff Hutton
Norton near Malton	Romanby burial ground (see Northallerton and Romanby burial ground)	Shipley
Nunburnholme	Roos	Shipton near Market Weighton (see Shiptonthorpe)
Nunkeeling	Rosedale	Shiptonthorpe
Nunnington	Rotherham	Sigglesthorpe
Old Byland (see Byland, Old)	Rothwell	Silkstone
Old Malton (see Malton, Old)	Rothwell	Silsden
Ormesby	Roundhay	Silton, Over
Osballdwick	Rounton, East	Sinnington
Osmotherley	Rounton, West	Skeckling with Burstwick
Osmotherley, S o F burial ground	Routh	Skeffling
Ossett cum Gawthorp	Rowley	Skelbrooke
Oswaldkirk	Roxby	Skelton near Brotton
Otley	Royston	Skelton near York
Otterington, North	Rudston	Skerne
Otterington, South	Rufforth	Skidby
Ottringham	Ruston Parva	Skipsea
Oughtibridge	Rylstone	Skipton
Oulton	Ryther	Skipton, Christ Church
Ouseburn, Little	St Ann in the Grove (see Oworm, South)	Skipton upon Swale
Over Silton (see Silton, Over)	St John Lee and chapelries	Skipwith
Overton	Salton	Skirlaugh
Oworm, South	Sancton	Skirpenbeck
Owston	Sand Hutton (Bossall)	Slaidburn
Owthorne	Sand Hutton (Thirsk)	Slaithwaite
Pannal	Sandal Magna	Sledmere
Pateley Bridge	Sandal Parva	Sleights (see Eskdaleside)
Patrington	Saxton	Slingsby
Paull	Scalby	Snainton
Penistone	Scammonden	Snailth
Pickering	Scampston	Sneaton
Pocklington	Scarborough	South Cave (see Cave, South)
Pontefract, All Saints	Scarborough, St Thomas	South Dalton (see Dalton, South)
Pontefract, St Giles	Scawton	South Kilvington (see Kilvington, South)
Pool	Scorborough	South Kirkby (see Kirkby, South)
Poppleton, Nether	Scrayingham	South Milford (see Milford, South)
	Sculcoates	South Otterington (see Otterington, South)
	Sculcoates, Christ Church	South Oworm (see Oworm, South)
	Seamer near Scarborough	

Sowerby (Pontefract)	Tong	Wickersley
Sowerby (Bumer)	Topcliffe	Wigginton
Sowerby Bridge	Tosside	Wighill
Speeton	Treeton	Wilberfoss
Spofforth	Tunstall	Willerby
Sproatley	Ugglebarnby	Wilsden
Sprotborough	Ulley	Wilton in Cleveland
Stainburn	Ulrome	Winestead
Stainland	Upleatham	Wintringham
Stainton in Cleveland	Upper Helmsley (see Helmsley, Upper)	Wistow
Stainton near Tickhill	Upper Hopton (see Hopton, Upper)	Withernwick
Stamford Bridge	Upper Poppleton (see Poppleton, Upper)	Wold Newton
Stanley	Waddington	Womersley
Stannington	Wadsley	Woodhouse
Stillingfleet	Wadworth	Woodkirk
Stillington	Wakefield	Woodsetts
Stockton on the Forest	Wakefield, St John	Woolley
Stokesley	Wales	Worsall
Stonegrave	Walkington	Worsborough
Strensall	Walton	Wortley (Old Ainsty)
Sunk Island	Warmfield	Wortley (Doncaster)
Sutton, Full (see Full Sutton)	Warmsworth	Wragby
Sutton in Holderness	Warter	Wressle
Sutton on the Forest	Warthill	Wykeham
Sutton upon Derwent	Wath upon Dearne	Wyton
Swillington	Watton	Yapham with Meltonby
Swine	Wawne	Yarm
Swinefleet	Weaverthorpe	Yarm, Society of Friends
Swinton	Welbury	Yedingham
Tadcaster	Well	York, All Saints North Street
Tankersley	Welton	York, All Saints Pavement
Terrington	Welwick	York, Bedern Chapel
Thirkleby	Wentworth	York, Cathedral Church of St Peter
Thirsk	West Acklam (see Acklam near Middlesbrough)	York, Holy Trinity Goodramgate
Thorganby	West Allen High Chapel	York, Holy Trinity King's Court
Thormanby	West Ardsley (see Woodkirk)	York, Holy Trinity Micklegate
Thornaby	West Heslerton (see Heslerton, West)	York Minster (see York, Cathedral Church of St Peter)
Thorne	West Rounton (see Rounton, West)	York, St Crux
Thornes	Westerdale	York, St Cuthbert
Thorngumbald	Weston	York, St Denys
Thornhill	Westow	York, St Edward the Confessor
Thornthwaite	Wetherby	York, St George with Naburn
Thornton	Wetwang with Fimber	York, St Helen
Thornton Dale	Wharram le Street	York, St John
Thornton in Craven	Wharram Percy	York, St Lawrence
Thornton le Street	Wheldrake	York, St Margaret
Thornton on Spalding Moor	Whenby	York, St Martin
Thorp Arch	Whiston	York, St Martin cum Gregory
Thorpe Bassett	Whitby	York, St Mary Bishophill Junior
Thorpe Salvin	Whitby, St John the Evangelist	York, St Mary Bishophill Senior
Throapham	Whitgift	York, St Mary Castlegate
Thrybergh	Whitkirk	York, St Maurice
Thurnscoe	Whitley	York, St Michael le Belfrey
Thwing	Whorlton	York, St Michael Spurriergate
Tickhill	Wibsey	York, St Nicholas
Tickton		York, St Olave
Tinsley		York, St Sampson
Tockwith		York, St Saviour
Todwick		