

BURIAL GROUNDS OF BIRMINGHAM

Dr. R. J. Hetherington researched The Lesser Known Burial Grounds of Birmingham during the 1950's, and compiled a card index of his work, which is deposited with Birmingham City Archives & Heritage Services at the Birmingham Central Library. The Birmingham Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry gratefully acknowledges Dr. Hetherington's Permission to publish a digest of his research on the Society's web site and is happy to acknowledge to Dr. Hetherington the sole attribution of his research.

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Name of Ground	Date Opened	Date Closed to New Graves	Family Burials Allowed to Existing Plots to -	Further Information
All Saints, Hockley	1833	1891		
All Saints, Kings Heath	1863	1899		Cremation burials permitted from 1940. Garden laid out 1947.
Alum Rock (alias Moat House)	1913			Covent of the Incarnation
Betholom Row, Jewish	1824	1873		Replaced Checkers Walk in 1824 The mortuary Chapel Was used until 1881.
Bourneville ,Quaker Meeting House	1924			Cremation burials permitted from 1924
Boldmere, Roman Catholic, Sutton Coldfield				The site is unknown unused since C 1870 Remains moved to Oscott, S. Coldfield
Bradford Street	1787	1873		Chapel built over it 1873

Brandwood End Cemetery, King's Heath	1899		Extended 1915, 1921, Portion sold to Hebrew Congregation 1919, Also has portion for Muslims. 28,348 Interments up to 1935
Cannon Street Baptist Chapel	1738	1860	Closed 1873. 142 bodies removed to Witton Cemetery 1879-80 to allow Corporation St. Development
Carrs Lane Chapel Congregational	1747		The Chapel was rebuilt twice in 1802 and 1820
Chequers Walk Granville Street Jewish	1766	1873	Bodies transferred from Froggery when New St. station was built.. All remains went to Witton in 1876
Cherry St. Methodist Chapel	1782		1 st . Methodist Chapel Demolished 1883. Chapel stood on the Corner of Union St. And Corporation St.
Christ Church The free church	1813	1893	The burials were in catacombs. 106 coffins Removed to Warstone Lane Catacombs and 33 elsewhere
Christ Church Sparkbrook	1867		No burials.
Christ Church Yardley Wood	1840		Extended 1895 and 1924.
Day's Grave	1779		This grave was marked By Hanson on corner of present Bath Row and Islington Row.

Deritend Burial	1791	1835	Sold for road widening in 1850. Bodies found under factory floor in 1948
Easy Hill	1775		John Baskerville buried in grounds of home, was reinterred at Christ Church, New St. Hall of Memory is on The site of his home.
Ebenezer Chapel	1817	1873	1886 Portion of land Sold for road widening Coffins removed to Witton. Chapel sold to Christian Scientists in 1931. Remainder of Coffins went to Witton.
Erdington Methodist Station Road			Opened in 1868
Erdington Congregational			Opened in 1835
Erdington –Old burial ground			Situated in High St. opposite Station Rd. Became site of R.C. Chapel in 1846. May Have been site of R.C. burials prior to 1688?
Froggerly Jewish			Opened Circa 1730, and closed well before 1846 Bodies removed to Chequers Walk and Then to Witton. To Make way for New St. Station.
Freeman St. Chapel	1729	1752	Bones discovered 1856 during demolition. Bap.
Handsworth Cemetery	1909		19,789 buried up to 1935
Holy Trinity Bordseley	1822	1873	Family plots used up to 1935

Job Marston's Chapel	1704		
Jordan's Grave	1729		A peddler, Jordan was murdered on site near Oscott College, Sutton Coldfield. Now the As Begger's Bush.
Key Hill Cemetery	1835		Mainly used by Baptists Remians from Cannon St. brought here.
Kings Heath Baptist			Opened in the High St. Circa1817
Lombard St. Deritend	1786	1873	Chapel closed 1886
Lodge Hill Cemetery	1895		Crematorium built 1937 Section for Friends, Muslims, British Soldiers 14 Germans. 42,547 burials in 1935
Longbridge Quaker Meeting House	1878		In use till ca 1948 for marriages, baptisms. To Christadelphians ca 1921. Family graves (cremations) only Moved to Cofton Hacket churchyard 1951
Mason, Sir Josiah Mortuary Chapel			Himself, wife, 53 orphans, cremated at Perry Barr 20.10.1962 To free land for Development
Monmouth Street Burial Ground or Old Quaker Burial Ground	1682	1750 (except for vaults)	Chapel demolished 1726 Now part of Colmore Row.. Remains removed 1850 (to make way for Great Western Railway) to New Bull street site which was near North end of Great western arcade
Mount Zion Graham Street (Harpers Hill)	1824	1873	Bought by Baptists 1831

New Meeting Yard Moor Street	1732		Sold to R.C. 1861 Church of Messiah Opened there 1862 Remains possibly Interred at Key Hill
Old Meeting Old Meeting Street	1689	1873	Extended 1779, 1869, 1870. Last family burial in vault 1881 Removed 1882, making way for New Street Station. Monuments moved to Old Meeting Church, Bristol Street. 1,500 Coffins re-interred at Witton
Old Meeting Church			Demolished 1954/5. Obelisk at Witton to Mark the spot
Oratory Graveyard St. Mary's R.C. Retreat, Rednal	1857		Cardinal Newman buried here
Oscott College R.C. Maryvale, Old Oscott			Chapel of St. Mary Sacristy and Oratory Of Sacred Heart added 1819 with vaults
Oratory of St. Philip Neri	1853		20 monuments on East Wall 1850 – 1940 Interments at St. Mary's Rednal
Oscott College	1839		i) Burials of College members 1861 – 1946 ii) Burials in a wood beyond Chapel. Dozen or so graves of College servants 1888 – mid C20 iii) Public ground – large unlabelled entrance beside Erdington Gate, court Lane, opened 1938
Old Burial Ground Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield			Not used since 1870 Moved to Oscott 1954

Park St. Burial Ground	1807		Extra ground for St. Martins.
		1846 Portion bought by L.N.W.R> 1857 Closed for ordinary burials 1873 No further graves opened 1879 Laid out as a park 1892 Further portion sold to L.N.W.R. 1894 1151 coffins removed to Witton	
Perry Barr Crematorium		opened in 1903	
Pest ground Pest Ground		Open land known as Ladywood Green Open land known as Ladywood Green At corner of Ladywood Lane/Love Lane Near present St, Vincent St.was used for Plague burials in 1631 – 1665. Built over circa 1870	
Quaker Meeting House Bull Street	1707		Extended in1778 and 1845. Bodies and Monuments moved There circa 1850 Later Quaker burials At Lodge Hill
Plague burials		(1) Ladywood Green, see above (2) St, Mary’s Whittall Street	
H,M. Prison		1849 All criminals executed there were buried there.	
Quinton Burial Ground		1890 A path runs North/South dividing Nonconformists and the Anglican extention of Christ Church Graveyard. Note: This is not to be confused with Quinton Cemetery, opened 1912 just Outside the City in the Borough of Oldbury.	
St. Barnabus Erdington	1824		Extended 1891
St. Bartholemew Masshouse Lane (called new Chapel)	1750	1861	Entries in St. Martin’s until 1847. Land as recreational ground 1879. Church closed 1939. Bombed and Demolished.

St. Chad's Cathedral R.C.	1861		Burials in crypt. "A History of St. Chad's" Cornish 1904 gives a Full list of burials and monuments
St. Cypron Hay Mills			Burial Registers from 1877 for Horsfall Chapel alongside Church. Bombed 1939 – 45
St. Edburg Yardley	?	?	Yardley Parish Church Possibly closed on opening of Yardley Cemetery. Transferred to Parks Department 1927
St. George Edgbaston			No burials
St. George in the Fields, Tower Street	1822	1873	Laid out as garden 1878
St. Giles Sheldon			Card empty
St. James Ashstead Duddeston	1810		Church opened 1791 Closed for ordinary Burials 1873 8,000 burials to 1880 Included all of Duddeston, Nechells to 1840 Transferred to Parks Department 1927
St. James Edgbaston			No burials
St. James Handsworth	1839	?	To Parks Dept. 1927
St. John The Baptist, Deritend		1938	Foundation Deed 1381 Demolished 1947 No mention of burials, though 18C maps show a churchyard. Nearby Deritend Burial Ground opened 1791
St. John The Evangelist, Perry Barr	1834		

St. Joseph's Cemetery Thimblemill Lane, Nechells. R.C.	1850		
St. Jude, Hill Street			Burial Register from 1857
St. Jude's, Newhall Street	1825		Demolished ca 1876 Nothing known about Re-burials
St. Laurence Northfield			Extended 1881, 1899 Transferred to B'ham Corporation 1911
			Parish inc. Selly Oak, Weoley and ? Bartley Green. Lords of Manor of Northfield bur. Dudley Priory and Halesowen; those of Cofton Hackett bur. St. Michael's, Cofton Hackett Chapel.
St. Luke's Bristol Street	1841 (foundation stone)		Demolished 1899; three coffins found – children of first vicar, Rev. John Oldham – died 1837 (1) 1846 (2)
St. Mark's King Edward Road	1841		Closed 1947. No burials Mural monuments went to St. Paul in the Fields
St. Margaret's Ward End	1517	17C ?	Chapel fell into decay Re-opened 1842. To Parks Committee 1927
St. Martins		1848	Parish Church of Birmingham. Registers from 1554 After 1848 only family graves used in extra Graveyard in Park St.
St. Mary's, Handsworth			Registers from 1558 Family plots only in use After 1909 when Handsworth Cemetery Was opened. 1933 transferred to the City Parks Dept.

St. Mary's , Moseley	1405		Extended in 1878. A sub-chapel of Bromsgrove.
St. Mary's, Selly Oak	1861		Closed 1899 when Lodge Hill Cemetery Opened. Transferred to Parks Dept. 1928
St. Mary's Whittall St.	1774	1861	Church demolished and sold to the General Hospital. Western half Coffins to Witton and The eastern half coffins To Warstone Lane. The Land was used for Ring Road development.
St. Mary's Convent Hunters road, Lozells	1841	1853	Private cemetery for nuns. 53 in 20 graves
St. Michael & All Angels Bartley Green	1892		Additional land in 1872
St. Matthew in the Wilderness, Duddeston	1841	1873	Family burials cont. Transferred to Parks 1927
St. Paul in the Fields Ludgate Hill	1779	1861	Registers duplicated until 1812, a copy to St. Martins. Transferred to Parks Dept. 1894
St. Paul's Convent	1864		Chief members of "Sisters of Charity" St. Paul the Apostle Selly Park, buried here.
St. Peter's, Broad St.	1786	1873	In school playground
St. Peter & St. Paul, Aston			for Erdington, Castle Vale, Castle Bromwich. Castle Brom. Burials to 1810. Registers from 1544. Ground extended 1791: 1821. Graveyard levelled 1960

St. Philip, B'ham	1715	1859	Cathedral since 1904/5 First burial 1715 60,000 in all. Portions needed for road widening 1900. Laid out as garden 1910 A vault burial ca 1950
St. Thomas & St. Edmund of Canterbury, Erdington			R.C. Consecrated 1850
St. Thomas, Holloway Head		1908	First burial 1830 Closed 1859
Scotts Burial Ground, Walmer Lane/Summer Lane	1779	1873	78 bodies to Key Hill and Witton, 1878
Warstone Lane Cemetery C of E	1848		Coffins to here from – Christ Church 1899 St. Mary 1952 – 3 St. Thomas 1954
Witton Cemetery	1860 (May)		First burials 1863
	1 st Local Authority Cemetery in area – 105 acres Separate Roman Catholic, Anglican, Non-conformist, And Jewish sections.		
	350,660 interments to 1935		
	Coffins from :- 1878 – Scotts burial ground 1879 - Cannon Street Chapel 1882 - Old Meeting 1887 - Ebenezer (1 st part) 1894 - Park Street Burial Ground 1903 - Zion Chapel 1928 - St. Mary, Whittall Street 1931 - Ebenezer (2 nd part)		
Yardley Cemetery	1883		Extended 1921 66,914 interments to 1935

Zion Chapel

1791

1844

Swedenborgians 1791

Bought by Baptists

1814

Closed 1873

The after effects of bombing - 1939 to 1945

The following burial grounds were abolished because their churches had been bombed.

- 1) St. Thomas, Holloway
- 2) St. James, Ashstead (Fate still undecided in 1960)

Bombs also fell on the disused grounds of

- 3) St. Bartholemew, Masshouse Lane
- 4) St. Mary, Whittall street