

# The Other Sheffields

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Round about 1947, Ron Ward and Eric Buckley, who were well known for their knowledge and interest in the postal history of Yorkshire - and in particular Sheffield, set to work to locate other places throughout the world with the name Sheffield. The result was quite surprising. The discovery and study of the postmarks from the other Sheffields, along with their history, makes an interesting sideline to the study of our own Sheffield.

How did these places get their names? It is thought that it was as a result of immigrants arriving from Yorkshire, settling in an undeveloped area. In one case it was believed to be named after a local resident. As some of the Sheffields have existed for many years the range of postmarks must be very considerable.

There is a hamlet in Cornwall with the name but it has no post office or postmark. Also, a railway station on the Bluebell line in Sussex is named Sheffield Park. There is a Sheffield Green in the same area, which must have been important in 1805 as it had a Magistrates Court.

Listed overleaf are the Sheffields so far collected by myself. Let me know if you find others.

## Note from the Editor:

Dennis, I can only add the following to your list:

- Sheffield, New Brunswick, Canada - on the St. John River. One of its claims to fame is that Benedict Arnold, the loyalist General of the American Revolutionary War, commissioned a Tall Ship to be built her and named it The Lord Sheffield;
- Sheffield Lake and Sheffield Center, Ohio, USA;
- Sheffield Bottom, West Berkshire.

Also, this contribution from *The Sheffield Philatelist* Vol. 3, Number 4, December 1954:

## Sheffields, U.S.A.

by Ron Ward

**Ten little Sheffields,  
All doing fine,  
One changed hands,  
Then there were nine.**

**Nine little Sheffields,  
Still alright,  
Montana Sheffield now  
Rosebud,  
This leaves eight.**

1 Jamaica



2 Tasmania, Australia



3 New Zealand



5 Nova Scotia, Canada



4 Ontario, Canada



7 Sheffield Green; Sussex, UK

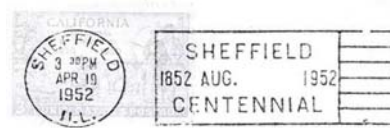


6 Sheffield Park, Sussex, UK  
to be posted on arrival at  
SHEFFIELD PARK

8 Alabama



9 Illinois



10 Iowa



11 Massachusetts (1805)



12 Massachusetts



13 Montana



14 Pennsylvania



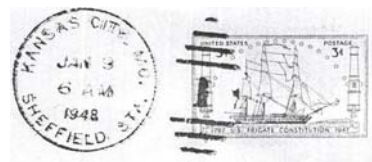
15 Vermont



16 Texas



17 Kansas City



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