

For the archival exercise I decided to look at records for the village where I live, Finghall. The Victoria County History for North Yorkshire describes it as '[including] the townships of Fingall, Constable Burton, Akebar and Hutton Hang, ... a parish of about 4,600 acres, situated at the entrance to Wensleydale.'¹

I began by entering 'Finghall' into the National Archives. This took me to a page entitled North Yorkshire Record Office: 1995 Accessions. Nothing there appeared relevant so I moved on to the County Record Office website. At the moment this is closed as they have been unable to make the building covid secure, so visiting is not possible. This poses something of a problem as many of the records are not yet in the computer catalogue. However, a search for 'Finghall' resulted in 115 entries.

I have listed three below:

Northallerton
North Yorkshire County Record Office
CRONT 640 (Parishes of Finghall, Hauxwell and Spennithorne Year book 1960-61)

Northallerton
North Yorkshire County Record Office
PR/FN (Finghall Parish Records 1592-1993)

Northallerton
North Yorkshire County Record Office
PR/FIN/3/5 (Finghall Church Restoration Draft Accounts 1906)

¹ 1914. 232-236. British History Online. Web. 18 October 2020.
<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/yorks/north/vol1/pp232-236>.