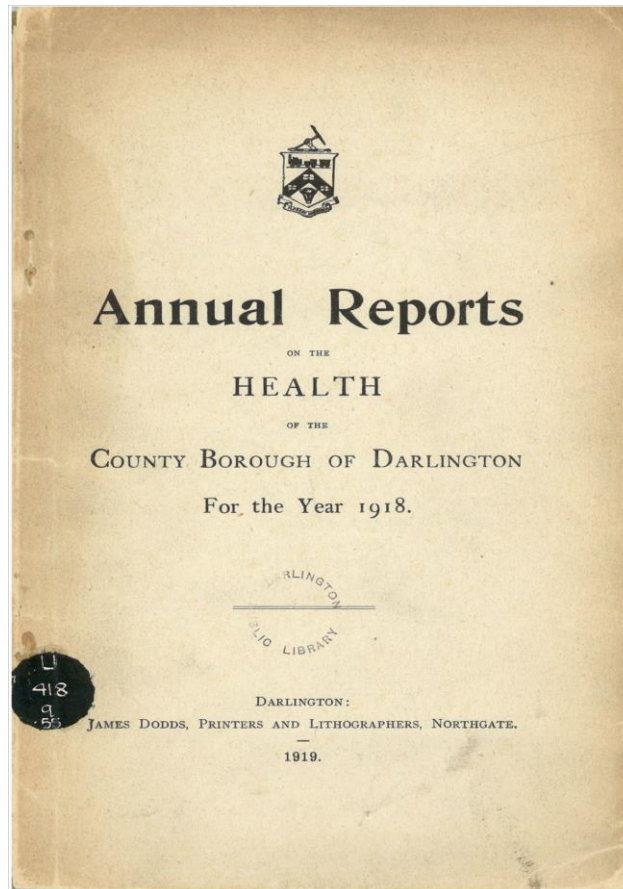


# Annual Reports on the Health of the County Borough of Darlington



These are a very interesting resource for those researching the history of Darlington and were published each year from 1914 – 1969.

They contain general statistics such as average rooms per house, families per house and persons per family and have unemployment statistics and poor law relief statistics. Information about the water supply, sanitary conditions and the condition and cleanliness of premises such as milk suppliers, meat traders, give insight into living conditions and what life would have been like in the town at that time.

Statistics for a variety of infectious and other diseases are contained within the report. Some of these diseases readers will have heard of such as smallpox and scarlet fever. There are other diseases such as Enteric fever, Ophthalmia neonatorum and Encephalitis Lethargica which readers will be less aware of. Looking at the whole picture for Darlington can be interesting if you have an ancestor who died from such a disease. Reading these annual reports helps put health into perspective at a particular time and can therefore give your family history more of a context.

There is an overview of the different hospitals and there are details of new legislation which came into place during the year.

We also have 'Annual Reports Of The Medical Officer Of Health And Principal School Medical Officer'. These include incidence of infectious diseases such as influenza. A variety of other subjects are covered in the report such as health education, housing problems and accidents at home.

A valuable resource of information you would not find anywhere else.