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## Sources for ACTON BURNELL

This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for Acton Burnell at Shropshire Archives.

### Printed sources:

#### General works

- Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*
- *Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society*
- *Shropshire Magazine*
- Trade Directories which give a history of the town, main occupants and businesses, 1828-1941
- *Victoria County History of Shropshire – Volume VIII*
- Parish Packs
- Monumental Inscriptions

Small selection of more specific texts (search [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a more comprehensive list)

- **BL48 v.f.** – Pedigree of the Lee Family (a readers ticket is needed to view this book)
- **EL55** – *St Gregory's, Downside – List of students at Acton Burnell 1794 – 24*, David Dewar
- **C61** – 'Some old Shropshire houses and their owners', *T.S.A.S 4<sup>th</sup> series*, vol IX, 1923-24
- **EL29.9 v.f.** – *Acton Burnell Castle*, C.A.R Radford (a readers ticket is needed to view this book)



Acton Burnell Village (ref: PC/A)



## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages	Burials
St Mary's C of E Church	1568-1944	1568-1981	1568-1812
<b>Catholic Registers – Only those more than 100 years old may be searched</b>			
Acton Burnell Roman Catholic records	1769-1955	1769-1975	1856-1980

### Census returns

1841, 1851(indexed), 1861, 1871, 1881 (searchable database on CDROM), 1891 and 1901.  
Census returns for England and Wales can be looked at on the Ancestry website on the computers

### Maps

Ordnance Survey maps 25" to the mile and 6 "to the mile, c1880, c1901  
(OS reference old series: XLIX.4 and surrounding sheets; new series SJ531019)  
Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers)

### Newspapers

*Shrewsbury Chronicle*, 1772 onwards (NB from 1950 as originals only – Reader's Ticket required)  
*Shropshire Star*, 1964 onwards

## Archives:

**To see these sources you need a Shropshire Archives Reader's Ticket.**

*Please access to 20<sup>th</sup> century records may be restricted due to data protection.*

### Parish records

Including poor relief material, 1657-1847 (ref: P2) – see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a catalogue

### Official records

Atcham Rural District Council records (ref: DA16) – see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a catalogue (these need to be ordered in advance)

Conover Highways Board (ref: HB5) ) – see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a catalogue

Quarter Sessions Records (ref: Q)– see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a catalogue

Atcham Poor Law Union (ref: PL1) see [www.nationarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationarchives.gov.uk) for a catalogue

### Estate records

Smythe of Acton Burnell (ref: 1514) – see the full catalogue at [www.nationarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationarchives.gov.uk)

Berrington Estate Records (ref: 2008) – see printed catalogue

### Other records

Wills for Shropshire post 1858

Photographs and Postcards

And much much more!

These are examples of a few of the sources available. For more information please visit our website or contact us:

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