

## Sources for ASTLEY

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

### Printed sources:

**General works** - These may also be available at Shrewsbury library

- 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
- Parish Packs
- Monumental Inscriptions

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

- **E64** Landed Estates and the Gentry – an historical study of the landed estates of NE Shropshire, Vol 1. Haughmond and Grinshill areas – *A Ruscoe*
- **EW97 v.f.** St Mary the Virgin, Astley – a Reader's Ticket is needed to view this book
- **E64 Reading Room** History of Shrewsbury Hundred or Liberties – *Blakeway and Fletcher*



Field name map of chapelry of Astley

## Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers \*\* Up to 1900 on [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk)

	Baptisms	Marriages	Burials
St Mary the Virgin	1695-1957	1695-1831 1830-1999 (Banns)	1695-1846
This chapelry is very close to Hadnall so it would be worth checking the church in Hadnall if you can't find what you're looking for in Astley.			

### Census returns

1841, 1851(indexed), 1861, 1871, 1881 (searchable database on CDROM), 1891 and 1901.  
Census returns for the whole country 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: XXV111.X11 and surrounding sheets. New series: SJ 525185)  
Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers) and Field Name Map

### 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.

### School Records for Astley St Mary National School

Managers minutes, 1902-1949 (ref: P15/R/1/1)

### Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

Quarter Sessions Records (ref: Q)– see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a catalogue  
Pimhill Highways Board (ref: HB8) see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a catalogue  
Atcham Poor Law Union (ref: PL9) see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a 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 contact us:

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