

## Sources for BEDSTONE

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

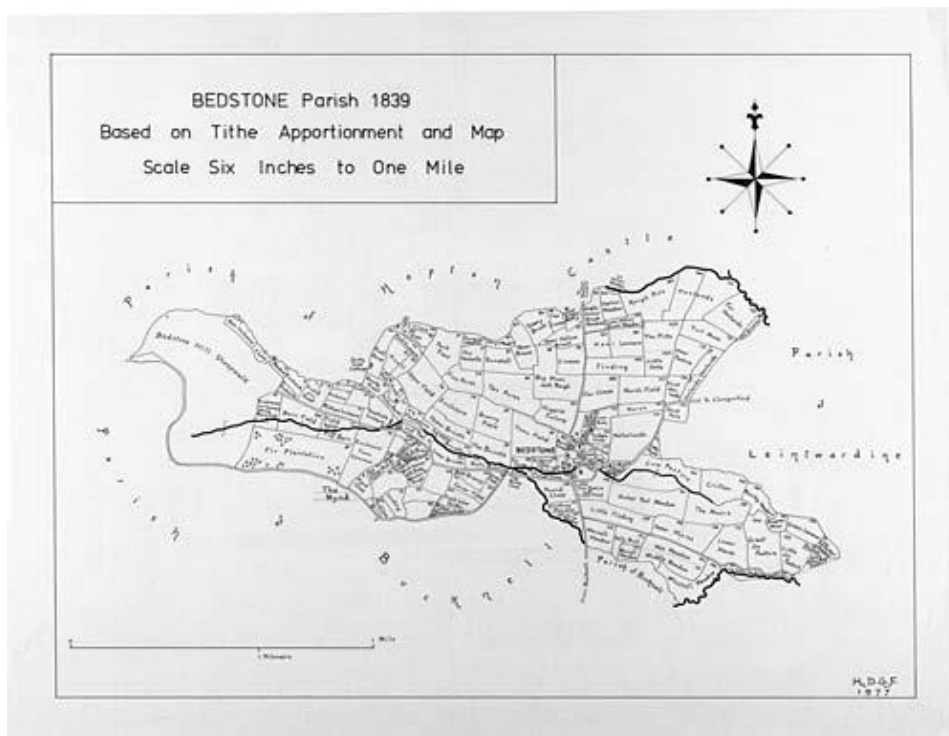
### Printed sources:

**General works** - These may also be available at Craven Arms 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
- Maps
- Monumental Inscriptions

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

- **C61 Reading Room** Some old Shropshire houses and their owners – *H E Forrest in Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society, vol XLVI, 1931-32, pp70-84*
- **C61 Reading Room** The Rural Deanery of Clun in the seventeenth century – *W G Clark-Maxwell in T.S.A.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> series, vol IX, 1909, pp 309-346.*
- **C64 Reading Room** *Antiquities of Shropshire, vol. XI – R W Eyton*



Field Name Map – Bedstone parish 1839

## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Confirmations	Marriages	Burials
St Mary Parish Church ** Up to 1900 on <a href="http://www.findmypast.co.uk">www.findmypast.co.uk</a>	1719-1992	1928-1976	1719-1983	1719-1992

### 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 LXXVII.6; new series SO3673)  
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.

### School Records for Bedstone Church of England School

Log book, 1901-1948 with holiday absence 1938, H.M.I. Report 1939 (ref: ED 1158/4)  
*Please note there are restrictions on access to 20<sup>th</sup> century records due to data protection*

### Official records

See Clun Rural District Authority (DA19), Clun and Bishop's Castle District Authority (DA21) and Teme Rural District Authority (DA43) – see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for catalogues. *Held off site, please order in advance.*

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

### Estate/manorial records

Bennetts of Bedstone (ref: D3651 and 5216) – see the Shropshire Archives online catalogue at [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) and game books from Bedstone Court (ref: 4354)  
See also the Manorial Documents Register at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr/)

### 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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