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the history
of Shropshire
and Telford

Sources for BISHOP'S CASTLE

This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources both printed and manuscript available for Bishop's Castle:

Printed sources:

General books

- Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*
- *Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society*
- *Shropshire Magazine*
- *South West Shropshire Historical & Archaeological Society Journal*

More specific books and articles

- Acton, Frances Stackhouse, *The castles and old mansions of Shropshire* (1868)
- Griffiths, E G, *History of Bishop's Castle* (1901)
- Leonard, John, Preshous, David, Roberts, Marion, Smyth, John and Train, Christopher (eds) *The gale of life; two thousand years in South-West Shropshire* (2000)
- Lawrence, Anne *The Bishop's castle; the story of the castle at Bishop's Castle* (1995)
- Preshous, Janet *Bishop's Castle well-remembered* (1990)
- Rhodes, Gerald (ed.) *A Shropshire landowner; the diary of Henry Oakeley, 1869-1871* (1980)

These works may also be available at your local library.



Bishops Castle Church 1819
From www.secretshropshire.org.uk website (ref: 6009/239)

Registers

	Baptisms	Marriages	Burials
Bishop's Castle Parish Church	1559-1914	1559-1970	1559-1946
Bishop's Castle and Clun Methodist Circuit	1887-1900	-	-
Bishop's Castle Independent Chapel	1814-1837	-	-

* A printed transcript for 1559-1715 (ed. M Roberts) is available in the Reading Room.

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 LXII.8; new series SO3288)
Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers)

Newspapers

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

Archives:

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

School Records

Bishop's Castle National School	ED1564/14-16
Bishop's Castle Boys Board/Council School	ED441/1, ED2699/37/23
Bishop's Castle Girls & Infants Board/Council School	ED441/1, ED2699/37/24

Official records

Clun Poor Law Union (ref: PL6) www.shropshirehistory.org.uk for a catalogue
Bishop's Castle Borough (ref: DA1) see www.shropshirehistory.org.uk for a catalogue *held off-site, please order in advance*

Records are also held at Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre – see www.bchrc.co.uk for more information.

Estate records

Garnett-Botfield Family (ref: 539) – see www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a catalogue
Powis Estate Records (ref: 552) – see www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a catalogue
Charlton Family of Ludford Park (ref: 11) see www.shropshirehistory.org.uk for a catalogue
More and Mytton families (ref: 1039) – see www.nationalarchives.org.uk/a2a 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 visit our website or contact us:

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