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## Sources for BITTERLEY

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

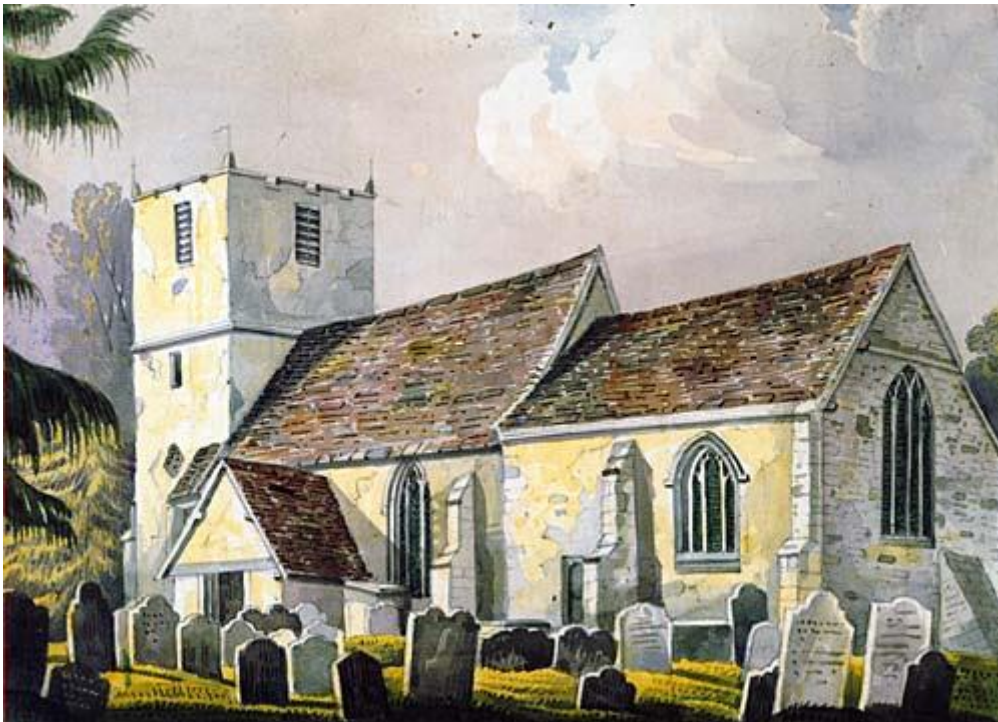
### Printed sources:

**General works** - These may also be available at Ludlow 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)

- **AB97** Weavers of Webs – *H P W Burton*
- **C61 v.f. Reading Room** A Bitterley broil in 1718: Booton versus Langford – *In Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society, 3<sup>d</sup> series, vol VII, 1907*
- **Q64 v.f.** Villages of the Cleve Hills – *G S Hewins*



Bitterley church (ref: 6009/26 )

## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages	Burials
St Mary's Parish Church *On <a href="http://www.findmypast.co.uk">www.findmypast.co.uk</a> up to 1900	1658-1894	1658-1989	1658-1875

### 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 LXXII.14; new series SO5677)  
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

Plans of Bitterley Grammar School (ref: ED1564/17-20)

### Official records

Ludlow Poor Law Union (ref: PL9)– 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

### Estate/manorial records

Walcot Collection (ref: 151) – see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a catalogue  
Rouse Boughton Collection (ref: 6683) - see the Shropshire Archives online catalogue at [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk)  
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:

Please note that data protection restrictions may apply to some records.

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