



Gateway to
the history
of Shropshire
and Telford

Sources for BRIDGNORTH

This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources both printed and manuscript available for Bridgnorth:

Printed sources:

General books

- Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*
- *Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society*
- *Shropshire Magazine*

More specific books and articles

- Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society 4th series vol VIII 1920-1921.
- Clark-Maxwell, W G; *The mediaeval hospitals of Bridgnorth* (Ref: C 61)
- Smith, Hubert; *The Bridgnorth Hermitage* (Ref: C 61)
- Gwilt, Clive F; *A history of the theatres of Bridgnorth including a brief history of Theatre-on-the-steps* (Ref: O 38.9 v.f)
- Borough of Bridgnorth; *The stained glass windows in the Town Hall* (Ref: O 64 v.f)
- *Bridgnorth Town Hall and Northgate Museum* (Ref: O 71.5 v.f)
- Jas. T Foxall; *Photographic views of Bridgnorth* (Ref: O 66.9)
- Williams, D C ed. *Severn Valley Railway album* (Ref: C 25.1)
- Jones, Maureen ed. *Bridgnorth Grammar and Endowed Schools. Five hundred years of change 1503-2003* (Ref: O 35.3)
- Webb, Alan ed. *Bridgnorth Castle; a brief history* (Ref: O 29.9 v.f)
- Gwilt, Clive F; *A history of the Castle Hill Railway* (Ref: O 25.1 v.f)

These works may also be available at your local library.



30 St Leonard's Square, Bridgnorth PH/B/26/16

Registers

	Baptisms	Marriages	Burials
Bridgnorth (St. Leonard)	1754-1976	1754-1976	1813-1976
Bridgnorth (St. Mary Magdalene)	1762-1980	1754-1969	1804-1966

Catholic Registers – Only those more than 100 years old may be searched

St John's Roman Catholic	1837-1920 originals only	1852-1929 originals only	1857-1947 originals only
Wesleyan Methodists	1838-1936 1937-1978 originals only	None	None
Castle Street Baptists	1779-1836	None	1779-1836
Irvingite (catholic apostolic)	1835-1840	None	None
Stoneway Independent	1765-1837	1768-1772	1768-1790 & 1822-1837
Stoneway Congregational	1860-1937 1937-1962 originals only		

Registers up to 1900 are searchable with digital images at www.findmypast.co.uk

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 LVIII. 8 & 12; new series SO7192 & 7291)
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 consult these sources you need a **Shropshire Archives Reader's Ticket**.

School Records

Administration of the Bridgnorth Grammar School (Ref: P314/Q/10/3/10-11)
Bridgnorth National Schools (Ref: P40/R/2)
"St Mary's School Correspondent to Managers" 1963-1972 (Ref: P41/R/5/11)

Official records

Bridgnorth Poor Law Union (ref: PL3)– see www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a catalogue
Bridgnorth Borough pre 1835 (ref: BB) - see www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a catalogue
Bridgnorth Borough post 1835 (ref: DA2) see www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a catalogue
Held off site, please order in advance.

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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