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the history  
of Shropshire  
and Telford

## Sources for ELLESMERE

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

### Printed sources:

These may also be available at Ellesmere Library.

#### General works

- 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 a more comprehensive list)

- **G35** *Hall, P.A.* – Fifty years of Ellesmere 1884 – 1934
- **C35.5** *Cowie, Leonard & Evelyn* – That one idea: Nathaniel Woodard and his schools
- **C61** *Forrest* – Some old Shropshire Houses – In TSAS 4<sup>th</sup> series, vol VII, 1918-19, pp 131-158
- **G22.4** *Mytton-Davies* – Their first two centuries: the history of Fullwood and Bland of Ellesmere
- **G64** *Nankivell* – Chapters from the history of Ellesmere



## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St Mary's church	1654-1891	1654-1696, 1704-1737, 1739-1940 / 1822-1900	1654-1678, 1713-1898
Ellesmere Independent Chapel	1787-1837		
St Michaels Roman Catholic Church	Records at the church		
Methodist registers – see circuit records			

Up to 1900, registers are on [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk)

### Census returns

1841, 1851(indexed), 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901 and 1911

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 XIII.2; new series SJ3835)

Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers)

## Archives:

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

**Ellesmere Parish Records (P105)** – see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for catalogue for a catalogue including census returns for the parish for 1821 and 1831.

See also Giles and Horton collection (321 box 6) for a volume of settlement examinations – alphabetical list in red searchroom lists.

### School Records

Log books 1920-1952 and list of school rooms dimensions. (ED1334/28-32)

Manager's Returns (ED2699/39/7)

*Please note that data protection restrictions apply to school records in last 100 years.*

### Official records

Ellesmere Poor Law Union (PL8) - see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a catalogue

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

Ellesmere Rural District Authority (DA21) – see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a catalogue.

*Held off site, please order in advance.*

### Estate records -

Bridgewater collection (212) – see printed list in our Search Room

See [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr) for manorial records

### Other records

Wills for Shropshire post 1858 (pre 1858 – see Lichfield Diocesan Record Office)

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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