



Gateway to  
the history  
of Shropshire  
and Telford

## Sources for FORD

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

### Printed sources:.

**General works** - These may also be available at Shrewsbury 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, vol. VIII
- 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)**

- **C66** Sweet vernal: a collection of country journeys – *J M Pease*
- **EF32.6** Copy of a decree made in the High Court of Chancery, between the Lord and tenants of the Manor of Ford alias Fordshome in the county of Shropshire, 1785
- **EF97 v.f.** Welcome to St Michael's Church, Ford



Thomas Auden, Vicar of Ford parish 1892 – 1908

## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St Michael's Church	1589-1894	1589-2005 / 1755-1812 & 1911-1966	1589-1990
Methodist records - see Methodist Circuit Records (with a Reader's Ticket)			

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 XXXIII.7; new series SJ 4012)

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

ED1564/123-124 – Ground plans of school

ED2699/39/11 – Manager's Returns

### Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL1 Atcham Union Workhouse records - see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for catalogue

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

DA16 Atcham Rural District Council - see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for catalogue

*Records for district authorities held off site and must be requested in advance.*

### Estate records

529/1-158 Tomline Estate, Ford 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century – ask staff for 'deposit file list' Prettyman

MI 123 Ford Manor Decree between tenants and Lord 17<sup>th</sup> century

8069/1 Rough plan of Estate of Thomas Harries, 1797

### 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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