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Sources for COALBROOKDALE

This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for the parish of Coalbrookdale at Shropshire Archives. This parish was originally part of the Madeley and Dawley Magna parishes until 1851

Printed sources:.

General works - These may also be available at Madeley 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 – Volume XI
- Parish Packs
- Monumental Inscriptions

Small selection of more specific texts (search www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a more comprehensive list)

- **C61 Reading Room** The Coalbrookdale Story: facts and fantasies – *R A Mott in Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society, vol. LVIII, 1965-68, pp 153-166*
- **C64 Reading Room** The Darbys of Coalbrookdale – *Barrie Trinder*



Resolution steam engine Coalbrookdale and Old Furnace Broseley

Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
Before 1851 this parish was part of either Madeley or Dawley Magna parishes			
Church of the Holy Trinity	1851-1998	1854-1998 / 1925-1951	1854-2003
Wesleyan Methodist Chapel	1838-1933 1933-1966 originals only	1932-1952 1952-1962 originals only	
Society of Friends (Quaker)			1763-1896 originals only

Up to 1900, registers are on 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 also be looked at for free on the Ancestry.com website on the computers at Shropshire Archives.

Maps

Ordnance Survey maps 25" to the mile and 6 "to the mile, c1880, c1901 (OS reference old series: XLIII.10; new series: SJ 6404)
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 –

Coalbrookdale High School Records (Ref: 5338)
there is a 100 year closure period on records containing personal details

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

Madeley Union Workhouse records (PL10) - see www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a list
Quarter Sessions records (ref: Q) - see www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a list

Estate records

Labourchere Collection (1987) – see www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a for a list
Cooper and Co Solicitors Collection (Broseley) – see www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a for a list
Coalbrookdale Company Records and Horse Hay Works (245 and 516) – see printed lists in search room. Also records in 6001.
Coalbrookdale Archives Association (566) including manorial records.
See www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr for manorial records for Shipton.

Other records

Wills for Shropshire post 1858 – pre 1858 wills, check Herefordshire Record Office
Photographs and Postcards
And much much more!

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