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## Sources for GREAT BOLAS (Bolas Magna)

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

### Printed sources:

**General works** - These may also be available at Wellington 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
- Monumental Inscriptions

**Small selection of more specific texts** (search [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a more comprehensive list)

- **C61 Reading Room** The building of the church of Great Bolas, 1726-29 – *In Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society, 4<sup>th</sup> series, vol X, 1925-26, pp 222-232*
- **q J64** The sleepy Meese – *D H Robinson*



## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St John the Baptist church	1582-1812 & 1869-1872	1582-1837	1582-1812
Methodist records - see Methodist Circuit Records (reader's ticket needed)			

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 XXX.1; new series SJ 6521)

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.**

### Parish Records

Bolas Magna parish (P35) - - see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for catalogue

### School Records

ED2699/39/13 – Manager's returns

### Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL14 Wellington Union Workhouse - see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for catalogue

DA26 Wellington Rural District- see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for catalogue *NB records are held off-site so need to be ordered in advance*

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

### Estate records

See [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr) for manorial records (many within the Shrewsbury Public Library Deeds Collection)

### Other records

Wills for Shropshire post 1858 (pre 1858 – see Hereford 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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