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Sources for GREAT NESS (inc. Nesscliffe)

This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for **GREAT NESS** at Shropshire Archives. Also known as Ness Magna or anciently Ness Strange.

Printed sources:

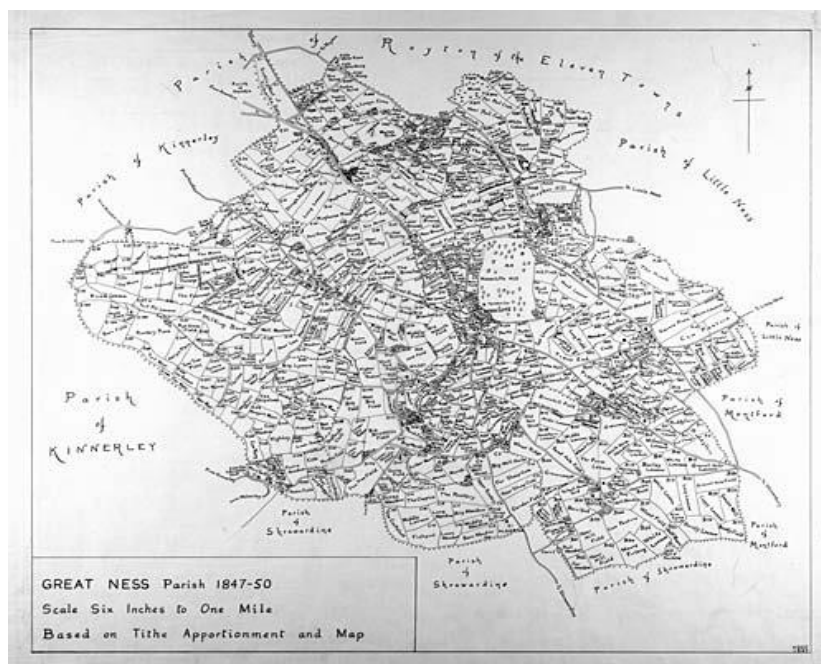
These may also be available at Shrewsbury Library.

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 for a more comprehensive list)

- **GG66.9 q** The Nesses Past and Present - *Great Ness & Little Ness Millennium Committee*
- **G64 Reading Room** The Story of Great Ness – *F. Brighton*
- **GG42.1 v.f.** Ness Strange Bailiffs Accounts
- **C84** Wild Humphrey Kynaston: the robber troglodyte, a romance of the Robin Hood of Shropshire in the reign of Henry VII
- **GG64.9 v.f.** The wartime school at Great Ness – *Annette Hines*



Field name map for Great Ness

Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St Andrew's Church	1589-1664 & 1676-1953	1589-1664, 1676-1720 & 1755-1960 / 1755-1812 & 1824-1913	1589-1664 & 1664-1883

Up to 1900, registers are on 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 XXVII 6 and 10; new series SJ 3919)

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 P114 - see www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a catalogue, includes material relating to poor relief and highways pre 1834.

School Records

ED2699/41/26 Manager's returns Nesscliffe Church of England School

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL8 Ellesmere Poor Law Union - see www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for catalogue

DA16 Atcham Rural District and DA21 Ellesmere Rural District Council - see

www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for catalogues

NB records are held off-site so need to be ordered in advance

Q Quarter Sessions - see www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for catalogue

Estate records

93 and additional accessions records of the Edwards family of Ness Strange, also listed as records of the Edwards family of Great Ness. See www.nationalarchives.org.uk/a2a for lists and ask staff or information on additional accessions.

See www.nationalarchives.gov.uk for a list of manorial records, including records within the Bridgewater Collection (ref 212) and Whitfield (Nash) (ref 3607) collections. These aren't fully catalogued but a summary printed lists are available)

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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