

Sources for HOPTON CASTLE

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

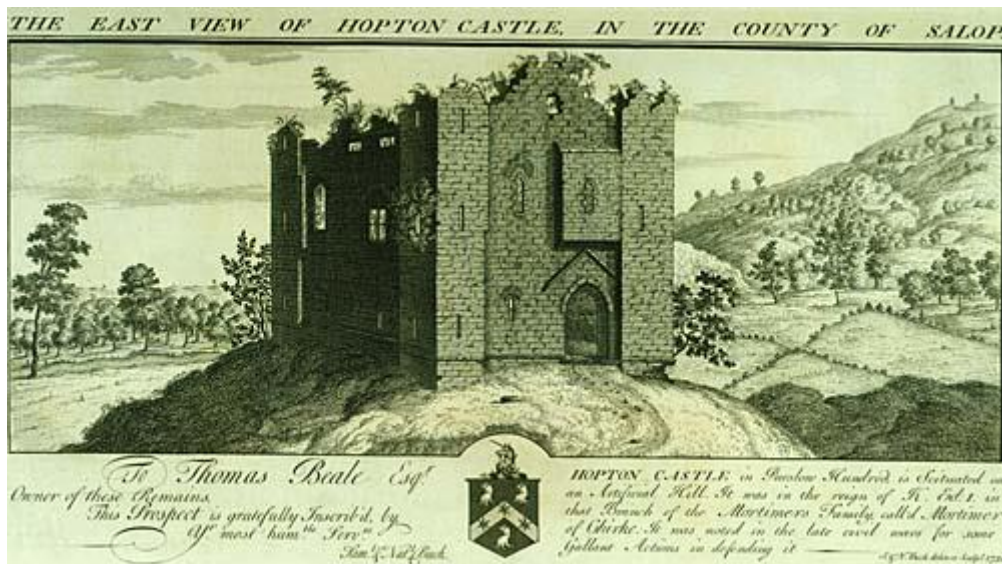
Printed sources:.

General works - These may also be available at Bishops Castle 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 for a more comprehensive list)

- **TL29.9 v.f.** The Tower House at Hopton Castle and its affinities – *P E Curnow*
- **TL29.9 v.f.** Hopton Castle 1066-1305 – *Paul Remfry*



Hopton Castle today is no more than a ruined Norman (1066-1154) keep and looks much as it does in this 18th century print. During the Civil War (1642-1651) the keep was garrisoned for the Parliamentarians. They were besieged by the Royalist forces for three weeks and none of the men who were garrisoned there survived. The castle was subsequently left ruined and abandoned.
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Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St Mary's church	1538-1990	1538-1977 / 1755-1812	1538-1991
Methodist records - see Methodist Circuit Records (Reader's Ticket needed)			

Census returns

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

Census returns for the whole country to 1911 can be looked at on the Ancestry website

Maps

Ordnance Survey maps 25" to the mile and 6 "to the mile, c1880, c1901

(OS reference: old series LXX.14 new series SO 3575

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.

Many of the catalogues can be searched online at www.shropshirearchives.org.uk

School Records - See www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for catalogue

ED1604/4 Log book 1909-1911

ED1604/13 Manager's minutes 1903-1911

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL6 Clun Union Workhouse records

DA19 Clun Rural District Council (later DA31 Clun and Bishop's Castle Rural District Council). *NB records held off-site so need to be requested in advance.*

Q Quarter Sessions records

CP139 Hopton Castle Civil Parish

Estate records

2589/H Willis Collection

See www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr for manorial records

Other records

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

Photographs and Postcards

And much much more!

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