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## Sources for LEIGHTON

This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for the parish of **Leighton** 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)**

- **BC78 v.f.** Notes on the Corbetts of Leighton – *John L Hobbs*
- **C57.2** A history of the family of Kynnersley of Leighton, Shropshire together with some account of the families of Leighton, Gardner and Panting – *T F Kynnersley*
- **q EQ 71.4** Leighton Hall – *Francis Leach*



*In 1860 the population of this area was 340, according to the Kelly's Directory of 1870. The Kelly's Directory describes Leighton as a village and parish, which included the townships of Leighton, Garmston and Belleurdine. PC/L/6/7*

## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St Mary's church	1660-1934	1660-2001	1660-1941
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

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 XLII.11 new series SJ 6105

Tithe map and apportionment, c 1840

### 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 catalogues now online at [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk)

### P159 Leighton parish records

#### School Records

ED1564/178-182 Plans of school 19<sup>th</sup> century

ED2591/1-8 Log books 1865-1935; Admissions and withdrawals register 1865-1918, cash books and correspondence

ED2699/40/17 Manager's minutes

*These may be subject to viewing restrictions due to data protection– please check with staff*

#### Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL1 Atcham Union Workhouse records

Q Quarter Sessions records

DA16 Atcham Rural District Council records *nb held offsite so need to be requested in advance.*

#### Estate records

1846/1-258 – Leighton Hall Collection 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century – *outline list only please ask staff.*

See [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr) for manorial records

#### Other records

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

Photographs and Postcards

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