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## Sources for LILLESHALL

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

### Printed sources:.

**General works** - These may also be available at Newport 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)**

- **C39** Death and disaster in Victorian Telford – *Allan Frost*
- **C84** The Secret of Lilleshall Abbey – *Jan Shaw*
- **K20 Reading Room** The Lilleshall Company Ltd – a history 1764-1964 – *W K V Gale and C R Nicholls*



*This watercolour was painted by John Homes Smith. The old hall at Lilleshall was built in the village of Lilleshall around 1750, by Sir William and Lady Jane Gower as a country residence and shooting lodge. However, the building was considered too modest and by 1829, work had begun on a new hall in the grounds of the former Abbey. 6009/304*

## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St Michael's church	1656-1995	1656-2005 / 1754-1812, 1823-1873 & 1927-1992	1656-1997
Wellington Rd Primitive Methodists, Donnington	1867-1966 originals only	None	None
St George's Jubilee Primitive Methodists	1861-1932 1932-1953 originals	None	None
St George's New St United Methodists	1903-1944 1944-1962 originals	None	None
St George's Trinity Wesleyan Methodists	1818-1930 1930-1962 originals	None	None
Methodist records - see also 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 XXXVI.4 new series SJ 7315

Field name map based on 1813 map

## 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)

### P161 Lilleshall parish records

#### School Records

ED2699/40/18 Manager's minutes. Also some in P161.

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

#### Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL11 Newport Union Workhouse records

Q Quarter Sessions

DA12, DA23, DA26 Oakengates UDC Newport and Wellington RDCs – *held off site please request in advance.*

#### Estate records

972 Lilleshall Estate Records

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

And much much more!

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