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## Sources for MELVERLEY

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

### Printed books:.

**General works** - These may also be available at Oswestry or Shrewsbury 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 – Volume X
- Parish Packs
- Monumental Inscriptions

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

- **EA97 v.f.** St Peters church, Melverley
- **C64 Reading Room** *Antiquities of Shropshire*, vol. X – *Robert Eyton*



St Peter's church, Melverley before restoration in 1878, 6001/372

## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St Peter's	1723-1924	1723-1836	1723-1992
Some 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 (searchable database on CDROM), 1891 and 1901.  
Census returns for England and Wales can be looked at on the Ancestry website on the computers, 1841-1911

### Maps

Ordnance Survey maps 25" to the mile and 6 "to the mile, c1880, c1901  
(OS reference: old series XXVI.16 new series SJ 3216)  
Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers)

### Newspapers

*Shrewsbury Chronicle*, 1772 onwards  
*Shropshire Star*, 1964 onwards  
(Oswestry Advertiser will be at Oswestry Library)

## Archives:

To see these sources you need a Shropshire Archives Reader's Ticket.  
You can search many of the catalogues online at:

[www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk)

### P185 Melerley Parish Records

**School Records** – *there may be restrictions on some school records due to data protection*  
ED1240/5-7 Log books and furniture inventory  
ED1421/105-230 Admissions registers 1877-1961 etc

### Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL1 Atcham Union Workhouse records  
Q Quarter Sessions  
DA24 Oswestry Rural District Council – records held offsite, please request in advance.

### Estate records

D3651/489 Sales particulars and plan Estate in Molverley – 1868  
6001/2482 – Craven Estate Survey Vol. 3 1771  
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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