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of Shropshire  
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## Sources for MINSTERLEY

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

### Printed sources:

**General works** - These may also be available at 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 books** (search [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a more comprehensive list)

- EC 64 Reading Room Merry, D T The history of Minsterley.
- C 24.3 Reading Room Burt, Roger; Waite, Peter; Burnley, Ray The mines of Shropshire and Montgomeryshire with Cheshire and Staffordshire; metalliferous and associated minerals 1845-1913.

***A Shropshire Archives Reader's Ticket is needed for the items below.***

- EC 64 v.f. Francis, Peter On the high road... The story of Little Minsterley.
- BF 81 v.f. Francis, Peter Hasty pudding and kettle broth; extracts from the diaries of Bill Francis of Minsterley.
- EC 78 v.f. Morris, Rosie A brief history of the eighteenth century maidens' garlands.



Minsterley Church PH/M/13/7

## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
Holy Trinity Church	For Church registers before 1847 see Westbury parish registers. After 1847: 1847-2006		
Lord's Hill Baptist Chapel	Births – 1794-1877 Originals only	1844-1968 / 1844-1993	1847-1984
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 are on the Ancestry website (on people's network pcs)

### Maps

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

(OS reference: old series XL.14 new series SJ3703)

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.

You can search many of the catalogues online at:

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

### P190 Minsterley Parish Records

### MI08384 Minsterley Independent Church

**School Records** – *there may be restrictions on accessing some school records due to data protection*

### Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL1 Atcham Poor Law Union Records

DA16 Atcham Rural District Authority Records *held offsite, please request in advance*

Q Quarter Sessions

MI7268 Photocopies of Minsterley turnpike trust records

### Estate and business records

4629 Bridgeman family papers

2847 Henlle Hall Collection

D3651/B/6 and 567 Corbet of Longnor – Salt Solicitors records and family collection (printed list)

328/1-55 Plans and sections of mines at Minsterley, etc. ('Grey' list in search room)

### 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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