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Sources for MUCH WENLOCK

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

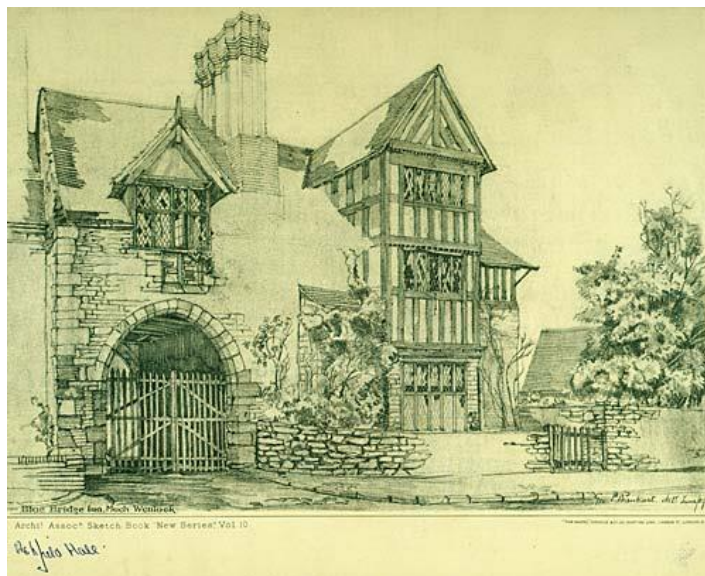
Printed books:

General works - These may also be available at Much Wenlock 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
- Maps
- Monumental Inscriptions

Small selection of more specific books (search www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a more comprehensive list)

- **M64** Wenlock in the middle ages – *W F Mumford*
- **M64** Randalls tourist guide to Wenlock with photographic and wood illustrations being a complete handbook to places of interest in the town and history of the priory 1875
- **M66.9** Much Wenlock (Valentine and Sons series of collotype view book) 1900



Ashfield Hall, Much Wenlock, PR/1/346

On microfiche

Census returns

1841, 1851(indexed), 1861, 1871, 1881 (searchable database on CDROM), 1891 and 1901. Census returns for England and Wales, 1841-1911 can be looked at on the Ancestry website on the computers

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
Holy Trinity church	1558-1954	1558-1960 / 1823-1965 & 1984-1999	1558-2008
St Mary Magdalene Catholic	Records kept at church		
Wesleyan Methodist chapel	1871-1933 1933-1975 originals only	None	None
Primitive Methodist chapel	1873-1945 1945-1995 originals only	None	None
Methodist records - see Methodist Circuit Records (Reader's Ticket needed)			

Up to 1900, registers are on www.findmypast.co.uk

Maps

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

(OS reference: old series L.8 new series SO6299)

Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers)

Newspapers

Shrewsbury Chronicle, 1772 onwards

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

P198 Much Wenlock parish records (see also parish records in the borough collections)

School Records

Much Wenlock C of E School (later Much Wenlock County Primary School) log books, 1890-1962
(in Much Wenlock Town Council Collection) ref: 7963

Home Infant School log books, 1874-1917 (in Much Wenlock Town Council Collection) ref: 7963

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

WB Much Wenlock Borough (pre 1835)

DA6 Much Wenlock Borough (post 1835)

PL10 Madeley Poor Law Union

Estate records

1224 Forester Estate Records (only viewable with permission from the estate)

1242 and 6798 Cooper and Co and other solicitors of Much Wenlock (not fully catalogued)

Other records

6561 Much Wenlock scrap books

5112 Notes on Much Wenlock by Mr Mumford

WOS Wenlock Olympian Society Records – **held at Much Wenlock** (some items available on microfilm at Shropshire Archives)

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

Photographs and Postcards

And much much more!

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