



Gateway to
the history
of Shropshire
and Telford

Sources for OAKENGATES (formerly part of Wombridge & Shifnal parishes)

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

Printed books:

General works - These may also be available at Oakengates 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 XI
- Parish Packs
- Monumental Inscriptions

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

- **BE92 v.f.** Childhood memories – *Moses Evans*
- **K20 Reading Room** The Lilleshall Company Ltd: a history 1764-1964 – *WKV Gale & C R Nicholls*
- **L66.9 Reading Room** North Telford, Wellington and Oakengates and the surrounding areas – *S Powell & M A Vanns*
- **q N25** The industries of the Oakengates area: an historical review – *W H Williams*
- **N 64.9 v.f.** Oakengates in the words of Oakengates people; a view of the Oakengates district based on the memories and photographs of Oakengates people



Holy Trinity Church, Oakengates, 6009/151

Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials	Membership Register
Holy Trinity Church	1855-1957	1855-1978 / 1862-1968, Banns 1968-1995 original only	1855-1928	
Station Hill Primitive Methodists Chapel	1888-1932 1932-1979 original only	1910-1951 1951-1973 original only	None	1892-1900 1900-1935 originals only
Methodist records - see Methodist Circuit Records (Reader's Ticket needed)				

Up to 1900, registers are on 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, 1841-1911 can be looked at on the Ancestry website on the computers

Maps

Ordnance Survey maps 25" to the mile and 6 "to the mile, c1880, c1901 (OS reference: old series XXXVI.11 new series SJ6810)
Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers)

Newspapers

Shrewsbury Chronicle, 1772 onwards
Shropshire Star, 1964 onwards
Wellington Journal, 1901 onwards (original only)

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

P211 Oakengates Parish records

School Records

See Wombridge school

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL14 Wellington Union Workhouse records
Q Quarter Sessions
DA12 Oakengates Urban District Council records held offsite, please request in advance
6475 and others Telford Development Corporation records

Estate records

972 Sutherland (Lilleshall) Collection
3098/3 – Plan of part of the Wombridge Estate dated 1865

Other records

4846 Co-operative Society
8335 Wellington Library Community History Collection
Wills for Shropshire post 1858 (pre 1858 – see Hereford Diocesan Record Office)
Photographs and Postcards
And much much more!

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