

## Sources for OSWESTRY

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

More material will be available at:

Oswestry Library <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/oswestry-library>

Oswestry Town Council Archives <http://www.oswestry-tc.gov.uk/oswestry-archives.html>

Oswestry Cemetery Project <http://www.oswestrycemeteryproject.org.uk/home.html>

### Printed sources:

These may also be available at your local 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

**More specific texts** (search [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a more comprehensive list)

- Watkin, Isaac, *Oswestry, with an account of its old houses, shops, etc.* (ref: F64)
- Pryce-Jones, John, *The street-names of Oswestry.* (ref: F64)
- Slack, W J ed. *The Lordship of Oswestry 1393-1607.* (ref: F54)
- Mitchell, Bernard ed. *Oswestry; a pictorial history 1850 - 1950.* (ref: q F66)
- *An illustrated guide to Oswestry and the Cambrian railway* (ref: q F66)
- Mitchell, Bernard ed. *Oswestry. (The Archive Photographs series)* ref: (F 66)
- Bennett, Martin, *Oswestry in old picture postcards.* (ref: F66.9)
- Garner, Lawrence *Oswestry; a town trail and brief history.* (ref: F 66.7 v.f.)
- Cathrall, William, *The history of Oswestry,* (ref: F64)
- Walsh, T J ed. *A tribute to Wilfred Owen.* (ref: BO 97)
- Stancliffe & Cambridge eds. *Oswald; Northumbrian king to European saint.* (ref: BO 81)
- Printed transcript for the Oswestry St Oswald Parish Registers, 1558-1812
- Transcripts for many baptism and/or burial registers for non-conformist chapels in Oswestry



Church Street, Oswestry PH/O/5/6/81

## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
Oswestry (St Oswald) Parish Church	1558-1954	1558-1947 / 1755-1812, 1843-1903	1558-1947
Oswestry (Holy Trinity) Parish Church	1851-1974	1867-1977 / 1867-1894	None
SS Peter & Paul catholic church transcripts Access restricted in last 100 years	1785-1837 & 1842-1914	1807-1914	1855-1914
Oswestry Aston Hall Christ Chapel	1876-1937	None	None
Oswestry (Beatrice St.) Wesleyan Methodist	1812-1836	None	None
Castle Lane Calvinistic	1819-1837	None	None
Crickheath Pant Independent	1829-1836	None	None
Old Chapel Independent (later Arthur Street then Christ Church Congregational now Oswestry URC)	1780-1811, 1813-1816 & 1780-1905 originals only	None	1812-1837
Oswestry Chapel St Primitivie Methodists	1830-1837	None	None
Maesbury Bethesda Primitivie Methodist	None	1961-1965 originals only	None
Maesbury Congregational (URC from 1972)	1869-1985	1871-1971	1870-1912 & 1943-1981

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, 1841-1911 can be looked at on the Ancestry website

### Archives:

To consult these sources you need a Shropshire Archives Reader's Ticket.

#### School Records *Data protection may apply – please ask staff for details*

ED2699/41/36 Oswestry National School, returns under the 1902 Education Act

ED1034/5, ED2699/41/35 Oswestry Board School, managers' minutes and returns

ED1034/5, ED2699/41/35 Oswestry St. Oswald's Roman Catholic School, returns (ref: ED1034/5, ED2699/41/35)

ED 4002/1-248) Oswestry Boys High School, records ED7074 Oswestry Modern School admissions' registers

#### Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

DA4 Some records of Oswestry Borough, 1376-1972 (*please order in advance*)\*

HB 10 Oswestry Highways Board, 1863-1870

PL12 Oswestry Incorporation (Poor Law), 1791-1960

\*the majority of the Oswestry Borough Records are held at **Oswestry Guildhall** (open by appointment only, tel. 01691 680222 or see [www.oswestrytowncouncil.org.uk](http://www.oswestrytowncouncil.org.uk) ).

#### Estate records

539 Powis Estate Records, 1328-1910

360 Garnett Botfield Estate Records, 1675-1931

5982 Longueville Documents, 1731-1920s

See [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.mdr](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.mdr) for manorial documents

#### Wills, photographs and much much more!

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