



Gateway to
the history
of Shropshire
and Telford

Sources for PREEs

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

Printed sources:

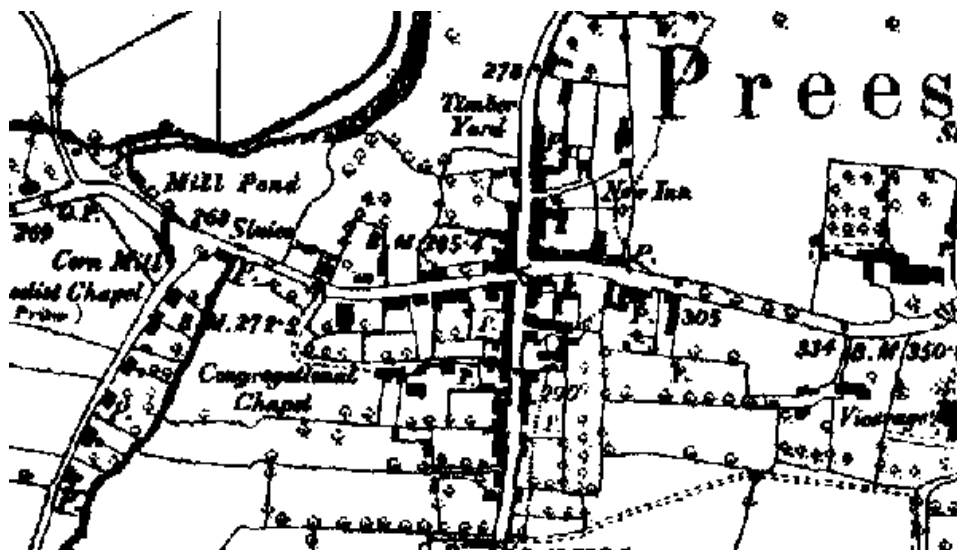
These may also be available at Whitchurch Library.

General works

- 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 for a more comprehensive list)

- Shropshire Archaeological Society 1930, *Calendar of Shropshire and Administrations deposited in Shrewsbury District Probate Registry.*
- Wood, M, *Second Report of the school called Industry Hall in the parish of Prees 1801* (ref: G35.6)
- Leach, Francis, ed in Eddows, *County Seats of Shropshire* (ref: C 71.4 q)
- *St Chads Church, Prees, Guide*, (ref: IP97 v.f.)
- Bennet, A, *A few notes on the history of Prees, 1947*, (ref: IP64 v.f.)
- Blower, Meriel, *Analysis on the work of the overseers of the poor of the parish of Prees 1760 – 1815* (ref: IP42.4 v.f.)
- Bryan, Betty, *A history of Prees* (ref: IP64 q)
- Edward, P & T, *Prees Methodist Church centenary 1892-1992* (ref: IP98.7 v.f.)
- Moran, Madge, *Vernacular buildings of Whitchurch and Area and their occupants*, (ref: H71.4)
- Preston, Mary, *A history of Prees* (ref: IP64 q)
- Ruscoe, Anthony, *Landed estates and the gentry – An historical study ---, vol 3, Market Drayton area* (ref: J64)
- Transcripts of St Chad's, Prees parish registers 1597-1837
- Transcript of Prees Green Primitive Methodist Chapel Baptisms 1827-1827 (see also Whixall Chapels)



From Baugh's map of Shropshire 1808

Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages	Burials
Prees (St Chads) Parish Church	1597-1947	1653-1952 Banns to 1970	1597-1922
Prees Green Primitive Methodist Chapel	1824-1837	None	None

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 XV.5 new series SJ5533)
Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers)
Land Valuation map, 1910

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

P221 Prees Parish Records, including a large amount of poor relief papers pre 1834

School Records

ED2699/42/8 – Manager's Returns
ED4541/22-23 – Attendance Committee documents

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL15 Wem Union Workhouse records
Q Quarter Sessions
DA27 Wem Rural District Council *records held offsite – please request in advance*

Estate records

5586 Apley Park Estate records
3607 Whitfield papers (Nash) – not fully catalogued
592 and 429 Raine family papers
731 Hill of Hawkstone (Bygott) papers
See www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr for manorial records

Other records

MI1593/1 Journal of Samuel Jebb of Ferny Leas Farm, Prees, 1816-1822
Wills for Shropshire post 1858 (pre 1858 – see Lichfield Diocesan Record Office)
Photographs and Postcards
And much much more!

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