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the history
of Shropshire
and Telford

Sources for SHIFNAL

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

Printed books:

General works - These may also be available at Wellington 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 for a more comprehensive list)

- **GL35.6** *The history of Adcote School* – Rachael Lowe
- **N31.3 v.f.** *Index of Irish persons resident in Shifnal 1851 and 1855* – Trevor Hill
- **N35.2 v.f.** *Baptisms & Burials at Shifnal 1672-1679 from Bishops Transcripts*
- **N 64.9** *Some Shifnal buildings and people* - Sylvia Watts
- **N55.8 v.f.** *Name index to memorials, peel boards and other listings in Shifnal church* – T & M Hill



The East side of Market Place looking towards Park St/Horsefair in the 19th century, 6009/320

Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St Andrew's church	1678-1969	1678-2002 / 1754-1806 & 1824-1968	1678-1979
Roman Catholic registers carry a 100 year restriction			
St Mary's R.C. Church	1866-1932	1867-1961	1867-1971
Aston St. Particular Baptist chapel	Births 1811-1836 transcript only	None	None
Trinity Wesleyan Methodist chapel	None	1873-1949	None
See also Priors Lee chapels			
Methodist registers – see 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 XLIV.7 new series SJ 708)
Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers)

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

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School Records

ED2699/42/31 – Manager's returns
ED2782/19 – Manager's minutes

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

DA13 Shifnal Union Workhouse records
DA25 Shifnal Rural District Council (records held off-site, please request in advance)
Q Quarter Sessions

Estate records

539 Garnett-Botfield of Decker Hall, Shifnal Estate Records
D3651/B/19/C/9 Salt Solicitors Records relation to Decker Hall
See www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr for manorial records

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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