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Sources for SHREWSBURY HOLY CROSS (The Abbey)

This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for the parish of **Holy Cross, Shrewsbury** at Shropshire Archives.

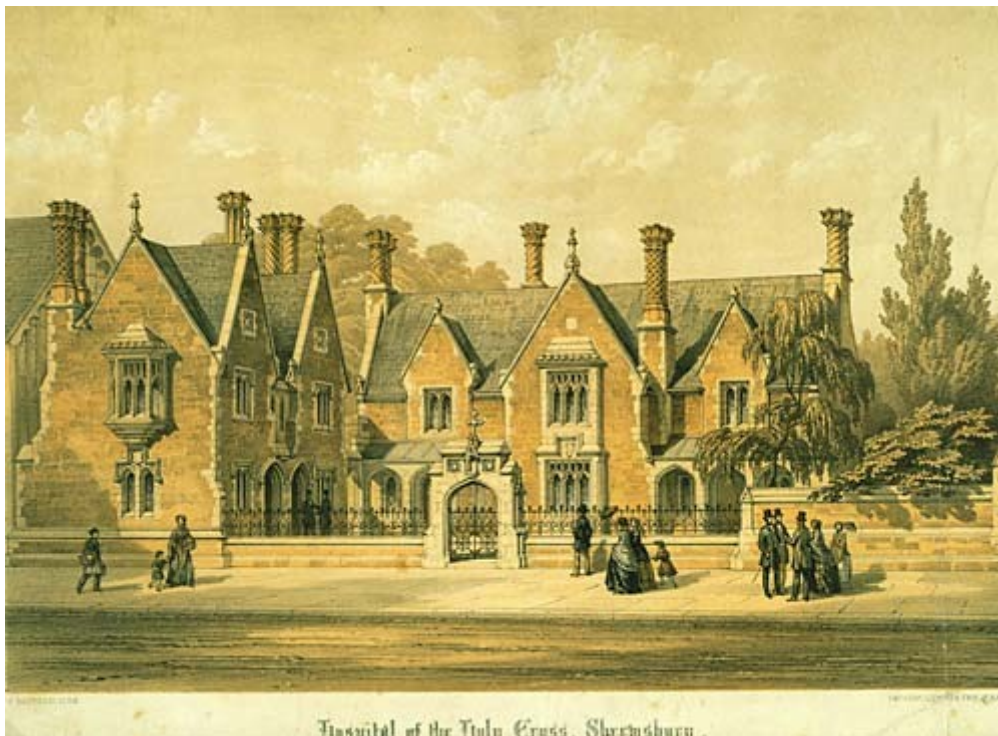
Printed books:

General works - These may also be available at Shrewsbury 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 VI part I
- Parish Packs
- Monumental Inscriptions

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

- **D96 Baker**, *Shrewsbury Abbey; a medieval monastery.*
- **D97** *The abbey of St Peter and St Paul and the parish church of the Holy Cross,*
- **D64** Hugh Owen *Some account of the ancient and present state of Shrewsbury*
- **q D64** Reading Room Owen and Blakeway *A history of Shrewsbury* (2 volumes)
- **q D 96 Search Room** *The cartulary of Shrewsbury Abbey in English translation.*
- **q C 64 Reading Room** *A history of Shropshire volume VI, part 1; Shrewsbury: general history and topography. (The Victoria history of the counties of England)*



The Hospital of the Holy Cross, in Shrewsbury's Abbey Foregate, was built during the Victorian period (1837-1901), by Samuel Pountney Smith. Smith was also responsible for the rebuilding of Battlefield church during the same period. PR/3/280

Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
Holy Cross church	1541-1601 & 1661-2009	1541-1601, 1661-2006 / 1754-1790 & 1795-1997 M 2006-2012 original only Bn 1998-2016 original only	1541-1601 & 1678-1904
Abbey Foregate Congregational (Shrewsbury URC)	1872-1907	None	None
Please look at blue lists as there are many non-conformists chapels in Shrewsbury			
Methodist registers – see also 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 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, c 1920-1940 also 1:500 to the mile c 1880

(OS old reference XXIV.11; OS new series SJ4911)

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.

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P250 Holy Cross (The Abbey) parish records

See also P255 St Giles and P259 St Peter 's (Monkmoor)

School records *Subject to data protection – please ask staff*

Abbey Foregate National School – ED1564/282-286 Plans; ED3106/7/1 Manager's minutes& ED4844/2/6 Stores book 1887/8 (first pages)

Abbey County Primary – ED3106/7/1 Manager's Minutes

Local authorities

SB Shrewsbury Borough – records being catalogued, please ask staff for printed list

DA5 Shrewsbury Borough post 1835 (records held off-site, please request in advance)

PL2 Shrewsbury Incorporation (Poor relief)

Other Records

322 Corbet of Acton REynald and see www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr for other manorial records

6000 and 6001 ex Shrewsbury Public Library Collections of deeds and manuscripts

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

Photographs and Postcards and much much more!

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