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Sources for SHREWSBURY ST MARY'S

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

Printed sources:

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 texts (search www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a more comprehensive list)

- **D55.5 v.f.** Janice Cox *St Mary's Peculiar Court, Shrewsbury Act Book 1674-1697* (contains some probate information)
- **q D97** G H Alcock *A place of priceless mystery: A history of St Mary's Church, Shrewsbury*
- **D64.8 Reading Room** Paddy Marsh 'Below the castle walls in the 1840s' –in *Victorian Shrewsbury* edited by B S Trinder pp 105-113
- **q D64 Reading Room** H Owen & B Blakeway *A history of Shrewsbury*
- –See more under **Shrewsbury** – general guide



St Mary's Church PH/S/13/S/11/35

Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages/ Banns	Burials
St Mary's church	1584-1987	1584-1987 / 1803-1987	1584-1893
Catholic Registers – Only those more than 100 years old may be searched			
Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady and St Peter	1775-1919	1833-1905	1858-1940
See list in Reading Room for various non-conformist chapels in Shrewsbury			

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, c 1920-1940. 1:500 scale available for c 1880

(OS reference: old series XXXVIII and XXXIV new series SJ 41 and SJ 51)

Tithe maps of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers) for some of the townships

Town plans in map cabinet in Reading Room

Tisdale's map of parishes in Shrewsbury.

Archives:

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

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P257 St Mary's parish records (NB unusually for Shropshire parishes, these contain marriage bonds and allegations, wills etc within the record for the Royal Peculiar of St Mary's P257/W)

School Records (These records may be subject to closure rules)

ED1564/314-315 – Coton Hill Infants Plans

ED1564/316-326 – St Mary's/St Michael's National School Plans

ED3106/3/1-4 – Manager's Minutes for Lancastrian School/Harlescott/St Michael's Street/Ditherington & Coton Mount

ED3346/2/12 – St Michael's Street Manager's Minutes

ED4844/1/1-/3/3 – St Mary's/St Michael's Log Books, Admission Registers, Stock books

ED5309/1-/22/3 – St Michael's Street Infants Log Books, Admissions registers, Printed history,

See also P257/R for records within St Mary's parish collection

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

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

6001/198-199 Hugh Owen's *Some account of the ancient and present state of Shrewsbury* with watercolours and engravings

Photographs and Postcards

And much much more!

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