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Sources for SHREWSBURY TOWN

This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for the town of **Shrewsbury** at Shropshire Archives. For particular parishes please see separate guides

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)

- **D71.4 Reading Room** *The old houses of Shrewsbury*
- **q C71** *List of buildings of special architectural or historic interest: Borough of Shrewsbury*
- **D68.5** Hobbs, *Shrewsbury street names*
- **q D64** *Shrewsbury: a celebration of 800 years*
- **qD64 Search Room** Owen and Blakeway, *A history of Shrewsbury*
- **D64 Reading Room** Bellamy, *The making of Shrewsbury; the history of a border town.*
- **D 55.3 Reading Room** Forrest, *Shrewsbury Burgess Roll*
- **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 Burghley map of Shrewsbury, 157 (reproduced in 1860) TP17 – copies for sale in Reception

Sources on microfiche or film:

List of Parish and non-conformist churches/chapels in Shrewsbury

All Saints (from 1871- previously part of St Michael's)	Holy Trinity (from 1840)	St George (from 1837- previously part of St Chad's)	St Mary's (from 1584)
Harlescott (from 1924)	St Alkmund (from 1559)	St Giles (from 1857- previously part of Holy Cross)	St Michael's (from 1854-previously part of St Mary's)
Holy Cross (The Abbey) (from 1541)	St Chad (from 1616)	St Julian (from 1559)	St Peter (from 1940 originals only)
R.C. Cathedral of Our Lady and St Peter (from 1775)	Castle Court Primitive Methodists	Frankwell Wesleyan Methodists	St Nicholas's Presbyterian
Abbey Foregate Congregational	Castlefields Wesleyans	Harlescott Moston Rd Methodists	Society of Friends (Quakers)
Albert St U.F.M	Claremont St Baptists	High St Presbyterian	Swan Hill Independent's
Belmont Presbyterian	Ebenezer MNC/UM	St John's Hill Wesleyan Methodists	
Methodist registers – see also Methodist Circuit Records and Methodist Registers folder			

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)

Town plans in map cabinet in Reading Room.

Newspapers

Shrewsbury Chronicle, 1772 onwards

Shropshire Star, 1964 onwards

Archives:

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

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

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

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

Shrewsbury School records held at the School (many books held at Shropshire Archives)

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

Photographs and Postcards

And much much more!

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