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## Sources for STOKE UPON TERN

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

### Printed books:

**General works** - These may also be available at 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](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a more comprehensive list)

- **C61 Reading Room** Notes on Baptists at the Hurst Farm, Stoke Upon Tern – *Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society, vol LIX 1969-74, pp 48-52*
- **BH27** *The Story of My Life* – Augustus Hare 1896
- **BH27** *Memorials of a quiet life* – Augustus Hare 1876-77
- **q C 61** Stoke-on-Tern Castle – *Philip A Barker*



This photograph is of Thomas Dutton and his wife Betsy. Thomas Dutton was known as the Shropshire giant, he was 7ft 3in tall and weighed 23 stone. Dutton was born in Stoke-on-Tern in 1853. He became famous throughout Britain and Europe as "The British Soldier Giant", a part he played for a travelling circus. He died in 1926, aged 73. PH/S/14/8/11

## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St Peter's church	1654-1910	1654-1724 & 1813-1968 / 1852-1953	1654-1746
Eaton on Tern Primitive Methodist Chapel	1858-1987 originals only		
Methodist registers - see Methodist Circuit Records (Reader's Ticket needed)			

Up to 1900, registers are on [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://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 XXII.4 new series SJ 6328)  
Tithe maps c 1840  
Land Valuation maps 1910

### 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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### P271 Stoke on Tern Parish Records

School Records – ED2699/42/37 – Manager's Returns

### Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL7 Drayton Union Workhouse records  
DA20 Drayton Rural District Council – *records held offsite, please request in advance*  
Q Quarter Sessions

### Estate records

327 Corbet of Adderley records including:  
327/2/2/50 Parcel 8 – Documents relating to Helshaw Estate  
327/5/4/1/223-328 – Estate rent rolls 1703-1825

### 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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