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## Sources for **TILSTOCK** (formerly part of Whitchurch or Prees)

This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for the parish of **Tilstock** 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
- Maps
- Monumental Inscriptions

**Small selection of more specific books** (search [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a more comprehensive list)

- **q BB28** The Bathos from Tilstock



*This watercolour was painted by Rev. Williams on 1st August 1791. This church was replaced around 1835 by a new plain church. The font from the old church was transferred into the new one, but it has now been replaced. The church houses two volumes of Foxe's "Book of Martyrs" from 1684. 6001/372/3*



## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
Christ Church	1836-1946	1845-1953 / 1916-1998	1836-1917
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 VII.12 new series SJ 5337)  
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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### P280 Tilstock Parish Records

#### School Records

ED2699/43/3 – Manager's returns

#### Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL16 Whitchurch Union workhouse records  
DA27 Wem Rural District Council *records held offsite, please request in advance*  
Q Quarter Sessions

#### Estate records

6007/44 – Map of Tilstock Estate of WW Brookes Esq. 1804  
6007/44A – Plan of Tilstock Estate 1823

#### 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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