

Sources for TONG

This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for the parish of **Tong** 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 for a more comprehensive list)

- **N97** *A guide to Tong church Shropshire with photographs, drawings and plans* – G Griffiths
- **NT97** *Notes on the parish of Tong collected by J E Auden, vicar of Tong 1896-1913* – Joyce Frost
- **NT64** *Discovering Tong, its history, myths and curiosities* – Robert Jeffrey
- **N64** – *Some account of Ruckley Grange Estate and families connected with it* – In T.S.A.S, Vol II, 1879, PP. 213-172



This church in Tong, which is dedicated to St. Bartholomew, was built in the 15th century to serve a chantry college which was founded in 1410 by Elizabeth, the widow of Sir Fulke de Pembruge. The guidelines that were set up for the college stated that it should have four priests, two clerks and house thirteen poor people.
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Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St Bartholomew's church	1620-1920	1620-1963 / 1921-1971	1620-1901
Methodist registers – see 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 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 XLIV.7 new series SJ7907)
Tithe maps c 1840
Land Valuation maps 1910

Newspapers

Shrewsbury Chronicle, 1772 onwards
Shropshire Star, 1964 onwards

Archives:

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School Records

ED1081/1-3 – Log books 1872-1960 *data protection applies, please ask staff*
ED2699/43/4 – Manager's returns

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL13 Shifnal Union Workhouse records
Q Quarter Sessions
DA25 Shifnal Rural District Council records *held offsite, please request in advance*

Estate records

1781/2/446 – Shackerly Collection including sales particulars Tong Castle Estate with plans 1855
552/30/325 – Sales particulars Ruckley Grange Estate 1874
5233/1 – Plan of Tong Castle Estate of George Durant Esq. 1796

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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