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the history
of Shropshire
and Telford

Sources for WESTBURY

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

Printed books:

General works - These may also be available at library
(search www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a more comprehensive list)

- 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
- **q C 64** 'The Poor of Westbury Parish' In *Salopian Recorder* Number 21, Autumn 1997 pp 6-7
Jane Lunt
- **EC 64 Reading Room** *The history of Minsterley*. Merry
- **Reading Room Periodicals** 'Caus Castle's historic associations'. In *Montgomeryshire Collections* vol XXXVIII, 1918 p 261-268 Jones



St. Mary's church in Westbury was first built during the Norman period (1066-1154). Like many churches, however, it has been altered and added to over time and in 1855 Sir Stephen Glynne described it as being "much patched and modernised". For example, the church's tower was built in 1753, just less than a hundred years before Glynne visited Westbury. 6009/212

Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St Mary's church	1637-1927	1637-2010 / 1799-1812 & 1841-1961	1637-1970
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 XL.1 new series SJ 3202)
Land Valuation Maps, 1910
Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers)

Newspapers

Shrewsbury Chronicle, 1772 onwards
Shropshire Star, 1964 onwards

Archives:

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School Records

ED2699/43/21 Manager's returns

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL1 Atcham Union Workhouse records
Q Quarter Sessions
DA16Atcham Rural District Council records *held offsite, please request in advance*

Estate records

279 Severn Collection
D3651/489 – Sales particulars and plan Whitton Hall Estate, West Felton 1870
D3651/B/3/6/61 – Letter book Westbury Estate, 1879-1887 (incl. rents)
D3651/B/68/1 – Westley Estate, Westbury 1696-1810

Other Records

Wills for Shropshire post 1858 (pre 1858 – see Hereford Diocesan Record Office)
Photographs and Postcards
And much much more!

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