



Gateway to
the history
of Shropshire
and Telford

Sources for WHITCHURCH

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

Printed sources:

These may also be available at Whitchurch Library

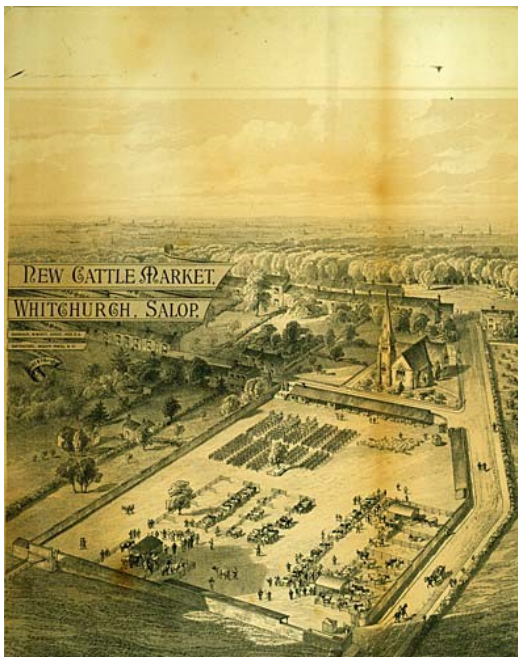
General works

Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*

- *Victoria County History 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

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

- **H66** Whitchurch Area Archaeological Group, *Whitchurch Remembered*
- **H63** *The Whitchurchian, Whitchurch Grammar School 1938 – 1944*
- **H63** Walford, J, *Valuation of buildings, land, tithes and other ratable property*
- **qH55.8** Barnard, Kath & Douglas, *Memorial tablets, gravestones, etc of St Alkmunds, Whitchurch*
- **qH98.4** Tomalin, R.W. Ed, *Dodington Congregational Church 1798 – 1948 – Souvenir of the triple jubilee celebrations April 1948*
- **qH51** Whitchurch Area Archaeological Group, *Eminent Men of Whitchurch*
- **qH35** Whitchurch Area Archaeological Group, *Whitchurch Schools 1550 – 1950*
- *Whitchurch Herald History of Whitchurch, (H64)*
- **H65v.f.** Earnshaw and Anderson *The loyal Whitchurch corps of volunteer infantry 1803-1813*
- **H 64 Reading Room** Anderton *Exploring Whitchurch history; growth of a Shropshire town.*



This is the 'new' cattle market in Whitchurch, which opened in November 1878, on about 5 acres of land. Cattle markets were held here every other Monday throughout the year. It is now (2012) a shopping precinct.

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Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers	Baptisms	Marriages/ Banns	Burials
Whitchurch (St Alkmunds) Parish Church	1627 – 1896	1627 - 1892	1627 - 1898
Catholic Registers – Only those more than 100 years old may be searched			
St George's Roman Catholic Church	1892 - 1970	1901 – 2002	1898 – 2000
Castle Hill Primitive Methodist Chapel	None	1934 - 1969	None
Church of the Saviour (formerly Free Christian Church) Unitarian	1878 – 1911 Originals only	1880 – 1915 Originals only	
Dodington Presbyterian	1708 – 1836	None	1746 – 1777, 1822 - 1836
Dodington Independent Chapel	1807 – 1837	None	None
St John's Wesleyan Methodist Chapel	1813 – 1837	None	None
Yardington Wesleyan Methodist Mission Hall	1905 – 1908 & 1935	None	None

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 VII.4 new series SJ 5441)
Land Valuation Maps, 1910
Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers) and town plans

Archives:

To see these sources you need a Shropshire Archives Reader's Ticket.
(search www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a more comprehensive list)

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School Records

Wesleyan – ED1564/400-405 Plans; ED2699/43/22 Manager's returns
Boys National – ED1564/397-399 Plans; ED2699/43/23 Manager's returns
Girls National – ED1564/397-399 Plans; ED2699/43/24 Manager's returns
Infants Endowed CoFE – ED1564/397-399 Plans; ED2699/43/25 Manager's returns

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL16 Whitchurch Union Workhouse records
Q Quarter Sessions
DA15 Whitchurch Urban District Council *records held offsite, please request in advance*

Estate records

212 Brigewater Collection *partially listed – list in Search Room*
2359 Bygott (Lee Bygott and Eccleston) *only draft list available – see staff*
731 Bygott (Hill of Hawkestone)
6001/2345 – Whitchurch records circa 1800 including inhabitants and estate values 1720

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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