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Sources for WHITTINGTON

This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources for the **Whittington** parish

Printed sources:

General works

- Victoria County History of Shropshire
- Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire
- Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society
- Shropshire Magazine

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

- **C 71.4 Reading Room** Acton, Frances Stackhouse, *The castles and old mansions of Shropshire*, 1868
- **C 61 Reading Room** Chitty, Lily Frances, 'Three unrecognised castle sites in North Shropshire' in *Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society vol. LIII*, 1949-50 pp 91-93
- **C 29.9** Clark, George T, *Mediaeval military architecture in England*, 1884
- **F 64** Davies, William, *The history of Whittington*, n.d. [c. 1820]
- **F 29.9** Gibson, Alexander G, *Whittington castle; its history, legends and romance; "a tale of other days."* n.d.
- **F 44 Reading Room** Slack, W J ed., *The Lordship of Oswestry 1393-1607*, 1951
- **C 01/609** Sykes, Harry, *The story of Whittington Castle*, 1902

These works may also be available at Oswestry local library.



Whittington Castle near Oswestry is a Grade 1 listed site. It has been acquired on a 99 year lease by the Whittington Castle Preservation Trust, who aim to look after and preserve this castle which dates from the 13th century. PC/W/15

Sources on microfiche:

Parish registers

Parish registers	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
Whittington	1591-2005	1591-2008 / 1754-1790, 1846-1984 M 2008-2013 original only	1591-1992
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 XII.11 new series SJ 3231)
Land Valuation Maps, 1910
Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers)

Archives:

To see these sources you need a Shropshire Archives Reader's Ticket.
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P395 Whittington Parish Records

School Records

ED1564/406-409 - Plans
ED2699/43/26 Manager's returns
ED4002/248 Ground and block plan
P305/R for Church of England Schools

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL12 Oswestry Incorporation Workhouse records
Q Quarter Sessions
DA24 and DA34 Oswestry Rural District Council *records held offsite, please request in advance*

Estate records

2847 Henlle Hall Collection 1520-1897
D3651/B/4/5/49 – 6" to Mile OS Map of Woodhouse Estate 19th century
P305/F/3/2/1/3 – Draft rentals for Halston Estate 1877
212 Bridgewater Collection (partly listed – list in Search Room)
See www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr for manorial records
Also Aston Hall Collection at National Library of Wales

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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