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the history
of Shropshire
and Telford

Sources for WILLEY

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

Printed books:

General works - These may also be available at Broseley 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)

- **MY64 v.f.** *Willey and Barrow, Shropshire: a short account of the parishes, churches and people* – L F Peltar (Reader's Ticket needed)
- **M64** *Broseley and its surroundings: being a complete history of Broseley, Willey, Barrow, Benthall and Linley* – John Rendall



This watercolour was painted by Rev. Williams on 7th September 1789. St. John's chapel in the grounds of Willey Hall has a Norman (1066-1154) nave and chancel. The tower that you can see in the painting was only added to the church in the 18th century, just before Williams painted this picture.

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Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St John's church	1644-1846, 1878	1756-1975 / 1756-1811	1644-1813
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 LI.10 new series SO 6799)
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:

To see these sources you need a Shropshire Archives Reader's Ticket.
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School Records

No school records

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL10 Madeley Union Workhouse records
WB Wenlock Borough, including some Quarter Sessions and poor relief
DA6 Wenlock Borough (post 1835) *records held offsite, please request in advance*

Estate records

1681/43/28 – Bundle of letters and papers re. sale of Willey Estate 1924-27
q.C32.6 – Land ownership and economic development on the Willey Estate 1748-1828 – Patricia E Clarke
1224 Forester Collection – *please ask staff for list. Permission needed from Willey Estate to view records.*
See www.nationalarchives.gov.uk for manorial records

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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