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Sources for WOOLSTASTON

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

Printed books:

General works - These may also be available at Church Stretton 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

More specific texts

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

- **RW 22.3 v.f.** Goulburn, Cuthbert *The manor of Wolstaston, the property of Major Thomas Whitmore, M.P.* (Reader's Ticket needed)
- **C61 Reading Room** Purton 'The Popes of Wolstaston' In *Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society vol L*, 1939-40 pp 37-48



This watercolour was painted by John Homes Smith and shows St. Michael's church at Woolstaston . Homes Smith painted many of Shropshire's churches before their restoration during the 19th century. St. Michael's dates back to the 13th century and contains two 12th century fonts. It was restored between 1864 and 1866. 6009/222

Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St Michael's and All Angels church	1601-1997	1601-1955 / 1755-1812	1601-1996
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 XLIX.13 new series SO4597)
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

No school records

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL8 Church Stretton Union Workhouse records
Q Quarter Sessions
DA16 and DA18 Atcham and Church Stretton Rural District Councils *records held offsite, please request in advance*

Estate records

2922/14/2/1-4 & 8 – Rent Rolls Woolstaston Estate 1805,1806,1816,1824 & 1874-1911
2922 – Deeds and papers relating to Dudmaston Estate 1130-1969
See www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr 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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