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Sources for WORTHEN

This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for the parish of **Worthen** at Shropshire Archives, part of this parish is in Montgomeryshire.

Printed books:

General works - These may also be available at Welshpool 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
- Maps
- Monumental Inscriptions
- Various websites such as Secret Shropshire and Routes to Roots – please ask staff about these

Small selection of more specific books (search www.shropshirearchives.org.uk for a more comprehensive list)

- **BW62 v.f.** *My old friends sleep: the memoir of Dr Philip Whitwell 1905-1990*
- **TY64** *All in a lifetime: an album of words and photographs depicting aspects of life in and around the village of Worthen from the turn of the century to the beginning of the second World War* – Worthen Local History Group
- **Q64** *Ludlow (and surrounding villages) through the ages* – Tim Carrington



This watercolour was painted by Rev. Williams on 12th July 1791. Wollaston Church, dedicated to St. John, was built in 1788. During restoration in the late 19th century windows were put in with Venetian tracery.

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Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
All Saints church	1558-1931	1558-1973 / 1754-1812 & 1823-1966	1558-1964
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 XXXIX.16 new series SJ 3204)
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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P315 Worthen Parish Records

School Records

Hope National School – ED1564/138 Ground Plan
National School Worthen – ED2699/43/36 Manager's returns
P315/R Managers Minutes for Bromlow
Hope School records – ED9394

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

Forden Union Workhouse records (Montgomeryshire) records kept at Llandrindod Wells
Q Quarter Sessions
DA19 Clun Rural District Council and successors

Estate records

D3651/B/165/75 – Maps/plans of estate of Robert Corbett, Manor of Leighton in Worthen
4629/18/6 – Valuation of Leigh Hall Estate 1882
227/20 – Plan of Sir John Kynaston's Estate at Worthen 1847
851 Raine Collection
See www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr for manorial records

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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