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Sources for ASTLEY ABBOTS

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

Printed books:

General works - These may also be available at Bridgnorth 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

Parish Packs

Monumental Inscriptions

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

- **O64 v.f.** *A short account of Astley Abbots* – R F-J Sawyer – a Reader's Ticket is needed to view this book
- **OA64 v.f.** *History of Stanley Hall, Astley Abbots* – M J Thompson - a Reader's Ticket is needed to view this book
- **q C65.3** Muster roll for Shropshire 1538/39
- **q O65.9** *The US Army in South East Shropshire 1944 - A & N Turley*



St Calixtus Church, Astley Abbots (ref: 6001/372/1) – image also on www.secretshropshire.org.uk

Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages	Burials
St Calixtus Parish Church	1561-1923	1561-1839 1833-1973 (Banns)	1561-1878

Census returns

1841, 1851(indexed), 1861, 1871, 1881 (searchable database on CDROM), 1891 and 1901.
Census returns for the whole country 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: LV111.1V and surrounding sheets. New series: SO 705965)
Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers) and Field Name Map

Newspapers

Shrewsbury Chronicle, 1772 onwards (NB from 1950 as originals only – Reader's Ticket required)
Shropshire Star, 1964 onwards

Archives:

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

School Records for Astley Abbots Church of England School

Log book, 1875-1957 (ref: ED 5806/1)
Admissions register, 1945-1962 (ref: ED 1428/1)
Please note there are restrictions on access to 20th century records due to data protection

Official records

Quarter Sessions Records (ref: Q)– see www.shropshirehistory.org.uk for a catalogue
Bridgnorth Rural District Council (ref: DA17) see www.shropshirehistory.org.uk for a catalogue
Astley Abbots Civil Parish Council (ref: CP16)

Other records

Wills for Shropshire post 1858
Photographs and Postcards
And much much more!

These are examples of a few of the sources available. For more information please contact us:

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