

## Sources for HOPTON WAFERS (WAFRE)

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

### Printed sources:.

**General works** - These may also be available at Ludlow 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 texts** (search <http://search.shropshirehistory.org.uk> for a more comprehensive list)

- **QH97 v.f.** A short history of the parish with a guide to the church of St Michael and All Angels, Hopton Wafers – *L C Perfect*
- **C61** Hopton Wafers – *J Payton in Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society 3<sup>rd</sup> series, vol. IX 1909 pp267-286*
- **C61** Catherton Cottage, Hopton Wafers – *Madge Moran in Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society vo.LXV 1987 pp45-49*



The old church at Hopton Wafers from [www.secretshropshire.org.uk](http://www.secretshropshire.org.uk) website ref 6001/372/3

## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burial s
St Michael and All Angels church	1638, 1661-1812 in printed book form		
	1859-1904 originals only		
Methodist records - see Methodist Circuit Records (reader's ticket needed)			

### Census returns

1841, 1851(indexed), 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901

Census returns for the whole country to 1911 can be looked at on the Ancestry website

### Maps

Ordnance Survey maps 25" to the mile and 6 "to the mile, c1880, c1901

(OS reference: old series LXX.1 new series SO 6375

Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers)

### 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.**

Many of the catalogues can be searched online at <http://search.shropshirehistory.org.uk>

### P140 Hopton Wafers Parish records

#### School Records

ED2699/39/34 Manager's returns

#### Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL5 Cleobury Mortimer Union Workhouse records

Q Quarter Sessions records

DA41 Cleobury Mortimer Rural District Council records *nb held offsite so need to be requested in advance.*

#### Estate records

833/1-23 Personal papers of the Caldwell family including maps of parish and diaries, mid 19<sup>th</sup> century

See [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr) for manorial records for Hopton Wafers (including some within LB Ludlow Borough) and Doddington also known as Earl's Ditton.

#### 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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