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and Telford

Sources for IRONBRIDGE (formerly part of Madeley parish)

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

Printed sources:

General works - These may also be available at Wellington 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)

- **M162 Reading Room** The Ironbridge book – *Graham Peet*
- **M24.1 Reading Room** The Darbys of Ironbridge Gorge (great engineers and their works) – *B Bracegirdle and P Miles*
- **M66.9 Reading Room** Telford: a pictorial history – *G Evans and R Briscoe*
- **M64 Reading Room** Ironbridge: history and guide



When Abraham Darby established the Coalbrookdale Company, which later erected the Iron Bridge over the River Severn, he set in motion the Industrial Revolution (1700+), a period of history that transformed the world. Image from www.secretshropshire.org.uk website. Ref: PR/3/65

Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

	Baptisms	Marriages / Banns	Burials
St Luke's church Earlier records - see Madeley parish	1837-1931 1931-1946 original only	1838-1951/1839-1951 1951-1983/1951-1955 original only	1846-1988
Ironbridge Primitive Methodists	1856-1931 1931-1938 original only	None	None
Madeley Wood Wesleyan Methodists	1838-1931 1931-1961 original only	1943-1951 1951-1982 original only	None
Also see Methodist Circuit Records (Reader's ticket needed)			
Society of Friends (Quakers)			1763-1866 (original only NO4430/Bur/

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 XLIII.14 new series SJ 6604

Archives:

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

Many catalogues now online at <http://search.shropshirehistory.org.uk>

**P145 Ironbridge Parish records (see also P180 Madeley parish records)
NO4430 and NO5187 Quaker records**

School Records

ED1564/147-154 Plans of school buildings 19th century

ED2879/1-16 Log books 1927-1969; Admissions registers 1913-1970

ED5677/1-2 Blue/Church of England School Log books 1863-1889

Subject to viewing restrictions under the Data Protection Act– please check with staff

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions

PL10 Madeley Union Workhouse records

WB and DA6 Much Wenlock Borough records

Estate and Company records

1987 Darby of Coalbrookdale

2922 Dudmaston Estate Records (Labouchere)

1681 Cooper and Co (Broseley)

MI890 Ironbridge Trust Documents

245, 516 Coalbrookdale Company records – see printed lists

6001/328-337 Coalbrookdale Company records – see printed list in ex Shrewsbury Library 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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