Sources for LILLESHALL

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

Printed sources:

General works - These may also be available at Newport 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)

- C39 Death and disaster in Victorian Telford – Allan Frost
- C84 The Secret of Lilleshall Abbey – Jan Shaw
- K20 Reading Room The Lilleshall Company Ltd – a history 1764-1964 – W K V Gale and C R Nicholls

This watercolour was painted by John Homes Smith. The old hall at Lilleshall was built in the village of Lilleshall around 1750, by Sir William and Lady Jane Gower as a country residence and shooting lodge. However, the building was considered too modest and by 1829, work had begun on a new hall in the grounds of the former Abbey. Image from www.secretshropshire.org.uk website 6009/304
Sources on microfiche or film:

Parish and non-conformist church registers

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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 XXXVI.4 new series SJ 7315
Field name map based on 1813 map

Archives:
To see these sources you need a Shropshire Archives Reader’s Ticket.
Many catalogues now online at http://search.shropshirehistory.org.uk

P161 Lilleshall parish records

School Records
ED2699/40/18 Manager’s minutes. Also some in P161.
These may be subject to viewing restrictions due to data protection– please check with staff

Records of Local Authorities and Institutions
PL11 Newport Union Workhouse records
Q Quarter Sessions
DA12, DA23, DA26 Oakengates UDC Newport and Wellington RDCs – held off site please request in advance.

Estate records
972 Lilleshall Estate Records
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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