

# Research at Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life

Research facilities are available in the museum library by appointment only

Below is a list of source material held in Tiverton Museum which is a Service Point of Devon Record Office

## Family History / House History / Parish History / News & Events

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- Parish Registers:** Baptisms/marriages/burials are held on microfiche/film for the parishes of: Bampton; Bickleigh; Blackborough; Burlescombe; Butterleigh; Cadbury; Cadeleigh; Calverleigh; Cheriton Fitzpaine; Clayhanger; Clayhidon; Creacombe; Cruwys Morchard; Cullompton; Culmstock; Halberton; Hemyock; Hockworthy; Holcombe Rogus; Huntsham; Kentisbeare; Loxbeare; Morebath; Netherexe; Oakford; Payhembury; Petton; Plymtree; Poughill; Puddington; Rackenford; Rewe; Sampford Peverell; Sheldon; Silverton; Stockleigh English; Stockleigh Pomeroy; Stoodleigh; Templeton; Thelbridge; Thorverton; **Tiverton** (Chevithorne; Cove Chapel; St. Andrew; St. George; St. Paul; St. Peter; Withleigh); Uffculme; Uplowman; Washfield; Washford Pyne; Willand; Witheridge; Woolfardisworthy East.
- Non-conformist Baptism Records:** (microfiche unless otherwise stated) Baptism registers for the South Molton Wesleyan, Primitive Methodists & Bible Christian Circuits and Tiverton Wesleyan & the Tiverton & Bampton Bible Christian/United Methodist Circuits. A photocopy of the Tiverton Wesleyan Chapel Burial Register and the Sampford Peverell Wesleyan Chapel Burial Register are also held. Society of Friends (Quaker) records held for Devon East Division and Exeter. Tiverton Register Office Marriage Notice Books 1837-1939 are held on microfilm. These record notices of marriages in Non-conformist Chapels/Churches in the Tiverton Registration District & Tiverton Register Office and in such places elsewhere where one party may have resided outside the Tiverton Registration District.
- Census Returns:** (microfiche unless otherwise stated)
- 1841 North Devon:** Surname Index
  - 1851 Devon:** Countywide index including details of census entries. **CR:** Sub-Districts Bampton, Devon, and Dulverton, Somerset. FHS 1851 Census. **Devon:** Surname Index Booklets (full set). Somerset & Dorset FHS 1851 Census **Somerset** Surname Index (printed booklet).
  - 1861: CR: Devon:** Sub-Districts of Bampton, Cullompton, Silverton, Tiverton (part only), Washfield & Witheridge. North Devon: Surname Index
  - 1871: CR: Devon:** Culmstock Sub-District. **Somerset:** Dulverton Sub-District.
  - 1881:** Countywide Indexes including details of census entries for **Cornwall, Devon, Dorset & Somerset**
  - 1891: CR: Devon:** Sub-Districts of Bampton, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Cullompton, Culmstock, Silverton, Tiverton, Uffculme, Washfield & Witheridge. **Somerset:** Dulverton Sub-District.
  - North Devon:** Surname Index.

- I.G.I – International Genealogical Index:** 1992 Edition for the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset & Somerset is held, as is the 1984 edition for Devon only.
- Tithe Maps:** Microfiche copies of Tithe Maps and Apportionments for the majority of parishes shown above.
- Newspapers:** Bridgwater Gazette (1871-84); Crediton & North Devon Chronicle/Crediton Gazette (1885-1939); Devon & Somerset News (1890-1983); East Devon County Press (1934-39); South Molton Gazette (1872-1939); Tiverton Gazette & East Devon Herald (1858-1939) & Western Counties Advertiser/Western Observer (1875-1930).
- John Heathcoat & Co., Lace Manufacturers:** Logbooks 1899-1964. 1900 + books, documents, records, ephemera. Company magazines 1930-33 and 1952-1990.
- Ephemera, Books, Documents etc:** Numerous items re businesses, churches, shops, personalities, towns & villages etc. in Tiverton & district. Local Directories/Year Books for various years 1897-1947. Parish & Church Magazines.
- Maps:** Dating from 1777 to 1950 including 1889 issue 10ft. 6in. = 1 mile scale OS map of Tiverton town centre and 25in. = 1 mile/6in. = 1 mile scale maps of Tiverton & certain surrounding areas.
- Family History:** Published histories of ACLAND, BOYCE, CHATTEY, CLARKE, COADE, COG(G)AN, COLES, COWLEY, FOX, FROST, GLASS, HURLEY, KIBBEY, PERKINS, PUDDINGTON/PURRINGTON, ROBINSON, ROSSITER, ROWE, SLEE, STEDMAN, VENNEN, WONNACOTT, & WRIGHT families together with Name Files on other local families on whom research has been carried out for enquiries.
- Photographs:** Large collection (indexed) relating to people, buildings, events & locations 1870 to date.
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**Access to Archives:** The above items can be seen in the Library by prior arrangement. All researchers are asked to pay the museum admission fee. Museum members have five free visits to the library per year.

**Prior Booking is essential:** at least 7 days before the proposed visit and can be made by: email: [research@tivertonmuseum.org.uk](mailto:research@tivertonmuseum.org.uk); telephone: Tiverton Museum 01884 256295

**The Research Facilities** provided in the Museum's Research Library are intended for use by people visiting the museum to carry out their own research. The Research Library is staffed by museum volunteers. Research for researchers who are not able to visit the museum will incur a charge (subject to availability of research volunteers); details on our website.

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