



# Research at Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life

*Use our Museum for those investigations you have always wanted to carry out*

**Family History**

**Research facilities are available in the museum library:**

**House History**

Mondays (except Bank Holidays) 12:30 – 4.30 pm

Wednesdays – all day from 10.30 am – 4.30 pm

Museum closed from Christmas to early February

**Parish History**

**Below is a list of source material held in Tiverton**

**News & Events**

**Museum which is a Service Point of Devon Record Office**

**Parish Registers:**

Baptisms/marriages/burials are held on microfiche/film for the parishes of: Bampton; Bickleigh; Blackborough; Burlacombe; 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; Witleigh); 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 of 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, VENNER, 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 on Mondays (except Bank Holidays) 2 – 4.30 pm and Wednesdays 10.30 am - 4.30 pm. Access at other times by prior arrangement. Admission charge to museum (including the Library): Adults £4.50 (£5:00 with Gift Aid); concessions £3.50 (£4:00 with Gift Aid); children FREE when accompanied by a paying adult. Museum Trust members have four free visits per year.

**Prior Booking:** Whilst we have four fiche readers, one film reader and four tables, prior booking is recommended as it will ensure you can be accommodated when you visit the museum. It is ESSENTIAL to do so if you wish to search the microfilm copies of Tiverton (St. Peter's) Parish Registers, the Tiverton Register Office Marriage Notice Books, or many Tiverton Gazettes and East Devon Heralds. Prior booking should be made at least 7 days before the proposed visit and can be made by: post – Tiverton Museum, Beck's Square, Tiverton, Devon EX16 6PJ; 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.

Detailed, long-term research cannot be carried out for those unable to visit the museum. General enquiries to assist how your research should proceed in relation to families connected with the parishes listed, or to the history of the parishes themselves, can be dealt with by museum volunteers. Enquiries can be made by email or telephone. Charges may apply.

**Two hour one-to-one sessions** can be arranged on Monday afternoons as an introduction on how to research and use the records. Contact the Research Library for more details. One-to-one sessions £10 or £8 for members.

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