

PLACES IN PECULIAR JURISDICTIONS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD

Peculiars were areas which, for historical reasons, were exempt from the bishop's jurisdiction. The main peculiar jurisdictions were exercised by: the Dean of Lichfield; the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield collectively; individual prebendaries (members of the Chapter who held properties and jurisdictions called prebends); royal free chapels, which were subject only to royal jurisdiction; and some manors.

Peculiars had their own courts and administrative apparatus which carried out similar functions, such as the granting of probate, to those of the main consistory court of the diocese and the diocesan registry. Since peculiars produced their own separate series of records, it is important to know whether or not a place was in a peculiar when looking for certain types of records relating to it, or to people living in it. A person from Bilston, for instance, would probably have had his or her will proved in the court of the Royal Free Chapel of Wolverhampton rather than the consistory court.

Most surviving peculiar records are held at Lichfield Record Office alongside the main diocesan archive. There are two series of probate calendars: one for wills proved in the consistory court and other for wills proved in one of the peculiar courts. These are indicated by the letters (C) and (P) respectively, in the following list. However certain courts are not included in the main peculiar calendars and there are separate indexes for them, indicated by (PS) in the list. Further information on the separate finding aids for peculiar records relating to probate is available in our publication "Family History for Beginners", part 8.

This list is a single alphabetical sequence of the parishes and other places in the diocese which were in peculiars, showing where their probate records are held. In some cases the available information about the extent of peculiar jurisdictions is not consistent, and this may in any case have varied over time. In addition, not all places within a jurisdiction are necessarily represented in the surviving records, and places in peculiars may also feature in the diocesan records. The list also includes non-peculiar places which are represented in the diocesan records but whose probate records are not held by the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archive Service. If a place does not appear in the list you should assume that it fell within the jurisdiction of the consistory court.

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Place	Peculiar in which situated	Location of probate records
Abney and Abney Grange (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Acton Trussell (Staffs)	Prebend of Whittington and Baswich	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Adbaston (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Albrighton nr Shrewsbury (Salop)	Royal Free Chapel of Shrewsbury St Mary	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Alrewas (Staffs)	Prebend of Alrewas	Lichfield Record Office (P); Staffordshire Record Office (D783/5/2)
Alveley (Salop)	Royal Free Chapel of Bridgnorth	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Armitage (Staffs)	Prebend of Handsacre and Armitage	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Ashford (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Aspley (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Astley (Salop)	Royal Free Chapel of Shrewsbury St Mary	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Astley Abbots (Salop)		Herefordshire Record Office
Aston nr Hope (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Baddesley Clinton (Warks)	Manor of Baddesley Clinton	Warwickshire Record Office
Badger (Salop)		Herefordshire Record Office
Barston (Warks)	Manor of Barston	Warwickshire Record Office
Baslow (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Baswich (Staffs)	Prebend of Whittington and Baswich	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Beckbury (Salop)		Herefordshire Record Office
Bednall (Staffs)	Prebend of Whittington and Baswich	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Beeley (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Bentley (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Wolverhampton	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Berkswich see Baswich		
Berwick (Salop)	Royal Free Chapel of Shrewsbury St Mary	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Bilbrook (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Tettenhall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Bilston (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Wolverhampton	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Bishops Itchington (Warks)	Prebend of Bishops Itchington	Lichfield Record Office (PS)

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Bishops Tachbrook (Warks)	Prebend of Bishops Tachbrook	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Bishopswood (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Blackwell (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Blithbury (Staffs)	Prebend of Alrewas	Lichfield Record Office (P); Staffordshire Record Office (D783/5/2)
Bobington (Staffs & Salop, later Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Bridgnorth	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Bradwell (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Branston (Staffs)	Manor of Burton-upon-Trent	Lichfield Records Office (C, P); Staffordshire Record Office (D(W)1734/2/8/1-72)
Breaston (Derbs)	Prebend of Sawley	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Brewood (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Bridgnorth (Salop)	Royal Free Chapel of Bridgnorth	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Brocton	Prebend of Whittington and Baswich	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Brough and Shatton (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Broughton (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Brownhills (Staffs)	Prebend of Handsacre and Armitage	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Brushfield (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Bubnell (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Buildwas (Salop)	Buildwas Abbey	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Burntwood (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Burton-upon-Trent (Staffs)	Manor of Burton-upon-Trent	Lichfield Record Office (C, P); Staffordshire Record Office (D(W)1734/2/8/1-72)
Buxton (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Calverhall (Salop)	Prebend of Prees or Pipa Minor	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Cannock (Staffs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Chadshunt (Warks)	Prebend of Bishops Itchington	Lichfield Record Office (PS)

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Chapel Chorlton (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Chapel-en-le-Frith (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Charnes (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Chasetown (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Chelmorton (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Claverley (Salop)	Royal Free Chapel of Bridgnorth	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Clive (Salop)	Royal Free Chapel of Shrewsbury St Mary	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Codsall (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Tettenhall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Coldmeece (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Colemere (Salop)	Manor of Welshampton and Colemere	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Colwich (Staffs)	Prebend of Colwich	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Compton (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Tettenhall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Congreve (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Penkridge	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Coppenhall (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Penkridge	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Cotes Heath (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Coven (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Croxton (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Curbar (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Dale Abbey (Derbs)	Manor and Peculiar of Dale Abbey	Nottinghamshire Archives
Drayton-in-Hales (Salop & Staffs)	Manor of Tyrley (included the Staffs part of Drayton only)	Lichfield Record Office (C, P); Staffordshire Record Office (828, MF32)
Dunston (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Penkridge	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Earl Sterndale (Derbs)	Dean of Hartington	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Eccleshall (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Edgbaston (Warks)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Edingale (Staffs)	Prebend of Alrewas	Lichfield Record Office (P); Staffordshire Record Office (D783/5/2)
Ellesmere (Salop)	Manor of Town and Liberty of Ellesmere	Lichfield Record Office (C, PS)

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Fairfield, including Cowlow (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Fair Oak (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Farewell (Staffs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Featherstone (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Wolverhampton	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Fernilee (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Fisherwick	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Fradley (Staffs)	Prebend of Alrewas	Lichfield Record Office (P); Staffordshire Record Office (D783/5/2)
Fradswell (Staffs)	Prebend of Colwich	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Freeford (Staffs)	Prebend of Freeford	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Froggatt (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Gailey (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Penkridge	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Gaydon (Warks)	Prebend of Bishops Itchington	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Gentleshaw (Staffs)	Prebend of Longdon	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Gerards Bromley (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Gnosall (Staffs)	Manor of Gnosall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Gratewood Heath (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Great Haywood (Staffs)	Prebend of Colwich	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Great Longstone (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Great Rowsley (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Great Wyrley (Staffs)	Prebend of Handsacre and Armitage or Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Grindlow (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Hales (Staffs)	Manor of Tyrley	Lichfield Record Office (C, P); Staffordshire Record Office (828; MF32)
Hammerwich (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Handsacre (Staffs)	Prebend of Handsacre and Armitage	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Harborne (Staffs, later Warks)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)

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Hartington (Derbs)	Dean of Hartington	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Haselour (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Hatherton (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Wolverhampton	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Hednesford (Staffs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Highlow (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
High Offley (Staffs)	Prebend of High Offley and Flixton	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Hilton nr Wolverhampton (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Wolverhampton	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Hints (Staffs)	Prebend of Alrewas or Prebend of Handsacre and Armitage	Lichfield Record Office (P); Staffordshire Record Office (D783/5/2)
Hixon (Staffs)	Prebend of Colwich	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Hope (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Horninglow (Staffs)	Manor of Burton-upon-Trent	Lichfield Record Office (C, P); Staffordshire Record Office (D(W)1734/2/8/1-72)
Horsley (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Kings Bromley (Staffs)	Prebend of Alrewas	Lichfield Record Office (P); Staffordshire Record Office (D783/5/2)
King Sterndale (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Kingswood (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Tettenhall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Kinnerley (Salop)		National Library of Wales
Kinvaston (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Wolverhampton	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Knockin (Salop)		National Library of Wales
Knowle (Warks)	Manor of Knowle and Temple Balsall	Warwickshire Record Office
Levedale (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Penkridge	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Lichfield St Chad (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Lichfield The Close (Staffs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Lichfield St Mary (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Lichfield St Michael (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Lineal (Salop)	Manor of Lineal	Lichfield Record Office (PS)

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Little Longstone (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Little Wyrley (Staffs)	Prebend of Handsacre and Armitage	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Llanyblodwell (Salop)		National Library of Wales
Llanymynech (formerly Salop, Denbigh and Montgomery)		National Library of Wales
Longdon (Staffs)	Prebend of Longdon	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Longdon-upon-Tern (Salop)	Manor of Longdon-upon-Tern	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Long Eaton (Derbs)	Prebend of Sawley	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Maesbrook Issa (Salop)		National Library of Wales
Marchington (Staffs)	Manor of Marchington	Lichfield Record Office (C); Staffordshire Record Office (D1504/1/1/-2)
Market Drayton see Drayton-in-Hales		
Mavesyn Ridware (Staffs)	Prebend of Alrewas	Lichfield Record Office (P); Staffordshire Record Office (D783/5/2)
Melverley (Salop)		National Library of Wales
Meole Brace (Salop)		Herefordshire Record Office
Merevale (Warks)	Manor of Merevale	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Millmeece (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Monyash (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Nether Padley (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Norton Canes (Staffs)	Prebend of Handsacre and Armitage	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Oaken (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Tetterhall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Offerton (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Ogley Hay (Staffs)	Prebend of Handsacre and Armitage	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Oswestry (Salop)		National Library of Wales
Packington (Staffs)	Prebend of Alrewas	Lichfield Record Office (P); Staffordshire Record Office (D783/5/2)
Packwood (Warks)	Manor of Packwood	Warwickshire Record Office

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Pattingham (Staffs)	Manor of Pattingham	Lichfield Record Office (P); Staffordshire Record Office (D(W)1778/V/1363)
Peak Forest (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Pelsall (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Wolverhampton	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Penkridge (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Penkridge	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Pershall (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Perton (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Tettenhall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Pipe Ridware (Staffs)	Prebend of Alrewas	Lichfield Record Office (P); Staffordshire Record Office (D783/5/2)
Prees (Salop)	Prebend of Prees or Pipa Minor	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Quatford (Salop)	Royal Free Chapel of Bridgnorth	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Risley (Derbs)	Prebend of Sawley	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Rodbaston (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Penkridge	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Rugeley (Staffs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Ruyton-of-the-Eleven-Towns (Salop)	Manor of Ruyton-of-the-Eleven-Towns	Lichfield Record Office (C); Shropshire Records and Research Centre (6000/7731, 10246, 10249, 10286-87)
Saredon (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Penkridge	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Sawley (Derbs)	Prebend of Sawley	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Sedgley (Staffs)	Manor of Sedgley	Lichfield Record Office (C); Dudley Archives and Local Studies Service (D/DE)
Selattyn (Salop)		National Library of Wales
Shareshill (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Penkridge	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Sheldon (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Shobnall (Staffs)	Manor of Burton-upon-Trent	Lichfield Record Office (C, P); Staffordshire Record Office (D(W)1734/2/8/1-72)
Shrawardine (Salop)		Herefordshire Record Office
Shrewsbury St Mary (Salop)	Royal Free Chapel of Shrewsbury St Mary	Lichfield Record Office (PS)

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Shugborough (Staffs)	Prebend of Colwich	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Stafford St Chad (Staffs)	Prebend of Prees or Pipa Minor	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Stapenhill (Derbs)	In the jurisdiction of the consistory court but some wills prove in the court of the manor of Burton-upon-Trent	Lichfield Record Office (C); Staffordshire Record Office (D(W)1734/2/8/1-72)
Statfold (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Stoke nr Hope (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Streethay (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Stretton nr Burton-upon-Trent (Staffs)	Manor of Burton-upon-Trent	Lichfield Record Office (C, P); Staffordshire Record Office (D(W)1734/2/8/1-72)
Stretton nr Penkridge (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Penkridge	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Sugnall (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Swinfen (Staffs)	Prebend of Alrewas	Lichfield Record Office (P); Staffordshire Record Office (D783/5/2)
Taddington (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Temple Balsall (Warks)	Manor of Knowle and Temple Balsall	Warwickshire Record Office
Tettenhall (Staffs)	Royal Chapel of Tettenhall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Thickbroom (Staffs)	Prebend of Alrewas	Lichfield Record Office (P); Staffordshire Record Office (D783/5/2)
Tideswell (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Tipton (Staffs)	Prebend of Prees or Pipa Minor	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Trescott (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Tettenhall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Ufton (Warks)	Prebends of Ufton Decani & Ufton Cantoris	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Upper Arley (Staffs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Wall (Staffs)	Dean of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Walton nr Eccleshall (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Wardlow (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Water Eaton (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Penkridge	Lichfield Record Office (P)

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Wednesfield (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Wolverhampton	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Wednesfield Heath (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Wolverhampton	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Weeford (Staffs)	Prebend of Alrewas or Prebend of Weeford	Lichfield Record Office (P); Staffordshire Record Office (D783/5/2)
Wergs, The (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Tetterhall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Wetmore (Staffs)	Manor of Burton-upon-Trent	Lichfield Record Office (C,P); Staffordshire Record Office (D(W)1734/2/8/1-72)
Wetwood (Staffs)	Prebend of Eccleshall	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Whittington (Salop)		National Library of Wales
Whittington (Staffs)	Prebend of Whittington and Baswich	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Whixall (Salop)	Prebend of Prees or Pipa Minor	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Willaston (Salop)	Prebend of Prees or Pipa Minor	Lichfield Record Office (PS)
Willenhall (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Wolverhampton	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Wilne (Derbs)	Prebend of Sawley	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Winshill (Derbs)	Manor of Buton-upon-Trent	Lichfield Record Office (C, P); Staffordshire Record Office (D(W)1734/2/8/1-72)
Wolverhampton (Staffs)	Royal Chapel of Wolverhampton	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Wombridge (Salop)	Manor of Wombridge	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Woodlands (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Wormhill (Derbs)	Dean and Chapter of Lichfield	Lichfield Record Office (P)
Wrottesley (Staffs)	Royal Free Chapel of Tetterhall	Lichfield Record Office (P)