

FAQ Researching history

Do you have reference/research facilities?

The Museum has a collection of books relating to the woollen industry. It is our intention that these will be available to the public for research, but this is not yet possible. We hope to have a list of our books online in the near future.

An excellent source of information about the town's heritage is: **An Historical and Archaeological Study of the Industrial Heritage of Newtown, Powys, Mid-Wales**, Mark Walters CPAT, 2003 which is available online.

The Newtonian, published by the Newtown Local History Group, has numerous articles relating to the Textile Museum, the woollen industry and the town in general. Ask us for details. A complete set of these publications is available at the Newtown Library.

At this time, if you have a request for information, please contact the Museum, either by submitting your request to admin@newtowntextilemuseum.co.uk or by writing to:

The Secretary, Newtown Textile Museum, 5 – 7 Commercial Street,
Newtown, SY16 2BL

Where can you search for family history?

The Montgomeryshire Genealogical Society www.montgomeryshireregs.org.uk has a wide range of documents and material available. See their website for information on how to contact them.

Most residents of Penygloddfa were buried in Llanllwchaiarn parish churchyard, St Marys churchyard, or after 1847 in St Davids churchyard in the town.

The Museum is working to determine the residents of the houses that form our building, and the area generally. This information will be available for visitors. The details from the census records including occupations, from 1841 to 1901 for the area around the Museum, are available from the History

page of our website. For most of the census records the house numbers were not recorded, making it difficult to be certain about who lived in 'our' cottages.

We welcome enquiries from descendants of residents in the Penygloddfa.

The Newtown Library has an excellent local history research room, and the County Archives at Llandrindod Wells also hold extensive records. Bookings are essential for the Archives.

What else is in the town relating to its history?

There are two other small museums in the town and also the **Oriel Davies Art Gallery**.

Robert Owen Museum, The Cross, Broad Street houses a collection of objects, pictures and written material relating to the life of the social reformer, Robert Owen, who was born, and died, in the town.

W.H. Smiths have a small museum on the first floor of their shop in High Street. The contents relate primarily to the growth of the company.

Newtown Local History Group and *Frank Moore's Photographs old and new of Newtown*, Powys have Facebook pages full of information on the town.