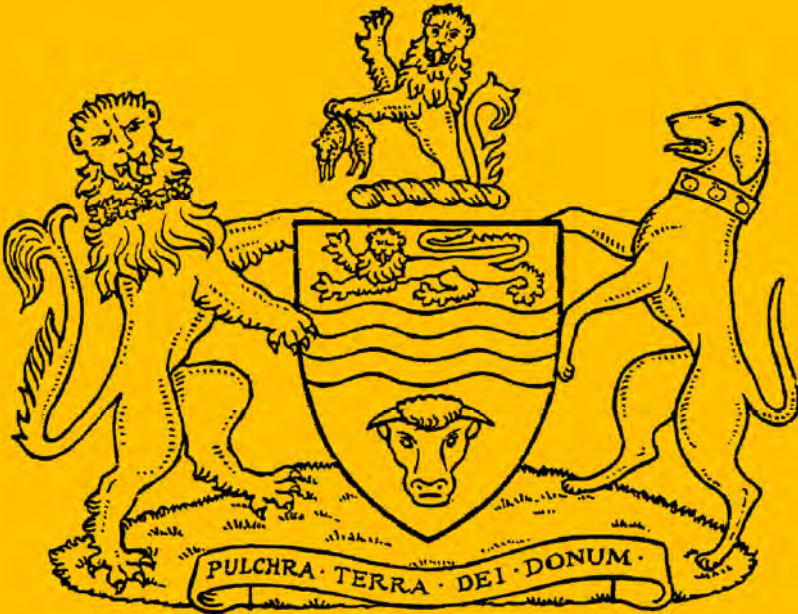


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Editor's Report

Here we are again, what happens to the time ? At least spring is on the way in the norther hemisphere and we will be able to get out and about.

We have just come back from the Midlands Family History Fair at Malvern. This was again a great success and we have been informed it will continue in 2026. See my report and photograph on page 11.

And finally my usual pleas for more articles please, I am rather low on both long and short articles, a photo always helps as well.

Those of you who are registered on the website will now be able to access the latest editions of those societies who participate in the digital exchange journal exchanges. The most recent additions include Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Canberra, British Columbia, Hillingdon, Herts , Manchester, Ormskirk and York & District.

Also all copies of Herefordiensis can be found within the members area
The number of societies participating in the digital exchange is still less than we used to get by post, but is expanding all the time.

And finally, on pages 12 and 13 you will see an update of the National Burials Index which is going from strength to strength under the leadership of Linda Lloyd.

We also have a project to check the entries in our Baptisms index post 1813. Our Vice Chair Alan Charles is the person leading this project, but he does need some help in checking the index.

You need to be able to get to the Hereford Archives and Record Centre (HARC) to be able to help. Only if you can help contact Alan Charles.

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Chairman's Report April 2025

Spring has started and Easter is fast approaching. The clocks have gone forward to give us 'Summer time.'

The HFHS attended the West Midlands Family History show, at the Malvern Three Counties showground, in mid-March. The society had a good spot and our display exhibits of free computer look-ups, sale items of our growing range of genealogical transcriptions and general enquires from the public meant a busy time on our stall. The show was a success with free talks throughout the day on a range of subjects and all the usual exhibitors in attendance. Thanks to the members manning our display.

In May week 10th to 18th the inaugural Herefordshire Histories Festival takes place. This will comprise county wide, local history groups showing exhibits of the work they have done or are doing to promote interest in local history. The HFHS will exhibit, along with several other groups, at the HARC. on Saturday 10th May in a history fair.

Our Membership Secretary, Jane Cox, reminds us that membership is now due and can be renewed or started at our website at:

www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk.

This site gives details of all of the society dealings including membership, sales items, social chatter and the odd free item.

The Annual General Meeting is fast approaching (16th May) and as usual the appeal for more members to join the (aging) committee. One of the advantages of ZOOM is that a personal presence is not necessary to be a member of the committee and we already have a good working relationship with two, non-local members.

Anyone interested in keeping this society going can contact any committee member for details.

Alan Charles
Acting Chairman Herefordshire F.H.S.
Membership No. 268

Herefordshire Histories Festival

Sat 10th May - Sunday 18th May 2025

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3065150696966203>



Herefordshire Family History Society is hosting an event at the Herefordshire Archives and Research Centre (HARC) at Rotherwas, Hereford on the first day of the inaugural Herefordshire Histories Festival (HHF) which runs between **Saturday 10th May - Sunday 18th May 2025.**

To keep up to date, join the Facebook group. Anyone can join.

<https://herefordshirehistories.org/>

It will take the form of a history fair and we have invited the following to come along and setup a display of the work which they have done and are doing.

Bartonsham History Group

Caring for Gods Acre

In Our Age

Rotherwas Together

The Woolhope Club

Please put this date(s) in your diary should you be planning a visit to Hereford in the summer of 2025. If you live locally, come along and support us.

Phil Bufton

Herefordshire Military History Festival

Friday 26th - Sunday 28th September 2025

An inaugural three-day military history literary festival in Hereford, which matches the scale, appeal and global reputation for excellence of the Three Choirs Festival, and which attracts world-class military historians and speakers who will engage local, national and, ultimately, global audiences of all ages.

In year one, the event will involve talks by speakers such as Anthony Beevor, Max Hastings, Ben MacIntyre, Andrew Roberts, Nicholas Soames (Winston Churchill's grandson) and others in the refurbished Castle Green Pavilion, the Green Dragon Hotel ballroom and Hereford Town Hall; a military music concert in Hereford Cathedral; a children's programme with historical re-enactments and historic military equipment displays (tanks and Spitfires) on the old bowling green on Castle Green; and a cornerstone dinner in the Green Dragon with speakers on the history of the SAS Regiment.

The inaugural festival is scheduled to take place between Friday 26th and Sunday 28th September 2025 and aims to scale up to take place annually in future years.

The festival will be programmed and managed by Lyndy Cooke and Jo James of HandHeld Events. Lyndy managed Hay Literary Festival for 20 years and Jo has run the Cheltenham Literary Festival for many years. Between them, they have an encyclopaedic network of authors and historians with global reputations, many of whom have given preliminary commitments to speak at the festival. HandHeld Events have drawn on their extensive experience and knowledge of festival start-ups in the UK and around the world to develop a feasibility study (available on request) which concludes that a military history literary festival in Hereford is a "no-brainer".

Births, Marriages & Deaths - 1922

Items from the Hereford Journal with corrections from other sources.

Alan Charles.

22 September 1922. - **DEATH.**

BEAVAN, Herbert Benbow at Luston. Fell from damson tree. Aged 56 years.
Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

WEAVER, Thomas Arthur at Pond Side, Eyton. Aged 74 years.

23 September 1922. - **DEATH.**

EVESHAM, Thomas of Sutton St Michael. Aged 76 years.

24 September 1922. - **DEATH.**

WINNALL, Louisa Miss. of Church Street, Leominster. Died after a fall. Aged 91

27 September 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At St Paul Church, Tupsley of William Henry MORRIS of Old Eign Hill, Hereford to Annie Beatrice ROGERS of Ross. (Photo. 7.10.1922)

28 September 1922. - **DEATH.**

ROGERS, Eliza at Lower Hardwick, Eardisland . Died after an accident. Aged 62 years. Coroner Verdict – Disease of the Aortic heart valve.

HOOPER, Robert Alfred of the Britannia Hotel, Cotterell Street, Hereford. Aged 47 years.

29 September 1922. - **DEATH.**

DAVIES, Mary Elizabeth at Chance's Pitch, Ledbury Road. A motor accident. Aged 8 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

30 September 1922. - **DEATH.**

MERRETT, Anthony Charles at Eva House, Newtown Road, Hereford. Aged 81 years.

VAUGHAN, George at 1 Lyke Street, Westfields, Hereford. Aged 67 years.

5 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

COATES, Jean Sim of Eyton House, Eyton. Aged 71 years.

7 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

ATTFIELD, Kenneth James at 6 Richmond Place, Edgar Street, Hereford. Aged 1 years.

8 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

MASON, Mary Ellen at 26 Stanhope Street, Hereford. Aged 64 years.

10 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

NICHOLLS, Albert Edward of 2 Burgess Gardens, Burgess Street, Leominster. Gassed in the war. Aged 35 years.

PITCHFORD, Jane at 18, Cotterell Street, Hereford. Aged 80 years.

13 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

SYMONS, Mary Hayley at Combe Raleigh, Honiton. Late of the Mynde, Leominster. Aged 83 years.

15 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

MURCH, John of Huntington Court. Aged 77 years.

SMITH, Daniel at General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 50 years.

16 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

WALTERS, Gilbert Hart of 36 Cotterell Street, Hereford. Railway guard decapitated at Leominster Station. Aged 44 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental Death.

17 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

HAMER, William George of The Trap House, Stoke Prior. Found hanged. Aged 42 years. Coroner Verdict – Suicide whilst of unsound mind. WATHEN, Thomas William of Bridge Court, Kingstone. Aged 9 years.

18 October 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At Kilburn, London of Greville PHILLIPS of St James Road, Hereford to Carrie DAVIES (Mrs.) of The Friars House, Barton Street, Hereford.

DEATH. - HARRELL, James at Bromyard. Parish clerk. Aged 84 years.

19 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

LUSTY, Samuel of Cabbach Farm, Llangarron. Aged 76 years.

21 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

EVERALL, Edith at 6 Green Street, Hereford. Aged 27 years.

PRICE, Stephen at 50 Bargates, Leominster. Aged 69 years.

25 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

DARK, Walter of Kidderminster. Found drowned at the Hunderton railway bridge. Aged 69 years. Coroner Verdict – Found drowned. COLE, Eliza of Lake House, Withington. Aged 66 years.

26 October 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At St Martins Church, Hereford of Harry George HEEKS 32 Broad Street, Hereford to Elizabeth May JORDAN of the Saracen's Head Inn, Hereford.

DEATH. - RUDD, Richard of Leominster. Died in a motorcycle accident. Aged 23 years.

27 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

BARBER, Thomas David of 42 Portland Street, Hereford. Aged 50 years.

28 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

EDMONDS, Thomas at the General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 61 years.

29 October 1922. - **DEATH.**

HARVEY, George in the River Wye at Hunderton, Hereford. Suicide. Age 52 years. Coroner verdict – Committed suicide by drowning whilst in a state of unsound mind.

BLADON, Joan Frances Mary at The Square, Goodrich. Died from burns to the face. Aged 2 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death due to shock of the burns. WILLIAMS, Elizabeth of 3 Rosebery Villas, St Owen Street, Hereford. Aged 78 years.

2 November 1922. - **DEATH.**

LEWIS, Leonard at 77 Ryeland Street, Hereford. Police superintendent and husband of Gladys E Lewis. Aged 44 years.

4 November 1922. **DEATH.**

SNOWZELL, Frances at 59 Eign Street, Hereford. Aged 83 years.

POUND, Samuel killed at Biddulph level crossing. Deaf, dumb and near sighted. Aged 59 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

5 November 1922. - **DEATH.**

HOWELLS, William at 49 Baysham Street, Hereford. Aged 93 years.

6 November 1922. - **DEATH.**

BEDDOWS, Annie at 30 St Owen Street, Hereford. Aged 78 years.

9 November 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At Woolhope Parish Church of Philip T D DAVIES of Claston, Dormington to Mildred Ann THOMPSON of The Hyde, Woolhope.

11 November 1922. - **DEATH.**

AYRES, William Herbert in Belmont Road, Hereford. Road accident. Aged 4 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidentally killed.

15 November 1922. - **DEATH.**

HEWAT, Henry Roper C (Lieut- Col) of The Elms, Aylestone Hill, Hereford. Aged 78 years. EAST, Henry fell from a hay rick at Caerswall, Much Marcle on 25 October. Aged 40 years. Coroner Verdict – Fracture at the base of the skull and septic poisoning the result of an accidental fall.

HALE, Isabella at Hope Mansell. Clothes caught fire from an open coal fire. Aged 4 years. Coroner Verdict – Death from shock due to burns accidentally received from an open fire with no fireguard.

16 November 1922. - **DEATH.**

SCHOMBERG, Frances Sophia at Chasewood Lodge, Ross. Aged 83 years.

18 November 1922. - **DEATH.**

NASH, Charles John P. at 'Fairford', Belmont Road, Hereford. Aged 77 years.

BAKER, Richard of 16 Pinsley Road, Leominster. Aged 78 years.

23 November 1922. - **DEATH.**

ARCHER, Jessie at Bridge Cottage, Credenhill. Died after a broken leg. Aged 42 years. Coroner Verdict – Sudden heart failure due to fatty degeneration of the heart.

STUBBS, Thomas Buttery Henlock of 3 Church Villas, Bromyard. Fruit merchant died from chronic nephritis. Aged 50 years. Coroner Verdict – Death from natural causes.

LAKIN, Katherine at the General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 57 years.

24 November 1922. - **DEATH.**

PRITCHARD, James of 2 White Friars, Hereford. Severely scalded in the public bath. Hurt his heels in getting out of the bath and gangrene had set in. Aged 76 years. Coroner Verdict – Death caused by scalds and gangrene.

25 November 1922. - **DEATH.**

DE VALL, Owen of 24 West Street, Leominster. Aged 71 years.

29 November 1922. - **DEATH.**

DALLOW, William of Canon Dale, Holme Lacy. Shot gun suicide. Aged 60.

Coroner Verdict – Suicide by shooting himself while in a state of unsound mind.

30 November 1922. - **MEMORIAM.**

EDWARDS, Frank Ernest of Holmer Street. Died at Gallipoli 1915.

2 December 1922. - **DEATH.**

SMITH, William of 108 South Street, Leominster. Aged 68 years.

4 December 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At Canon Pyon Parish Church of Charles James BAKER of Hereford to May PATRICK of the Nags Head, Canon Pyon.

DEATH. - LARGE, Henry at 32 Stanhope Street, Hereford. Aged 76 years.

6 December 1922. - **DEATH.**

BUCKLEY, Herbert E of Bradford. Knocked down by a train at Barrs Court Road station. Aged 60 years.

Coroner Verdict – Death due to shock and fatty heart condition.

8 December 1922. - **DEATH.**

RAWLINSON, Joseph at Burghill, Hereford. Aged 53 years.

9 December 1922. - **DEATH.**

MILES, Joseph Thomas at 5 Portfield Road, Hereford. Aged 32 years.

10 December 1922. - **DEATH.**

BURFORD, Mary at 95 St Owen Street, Hereford. Aged 81 years.

BISHOP, George Charles at 5 Greenfield Terrace, Green Street, Hereford. Aged 47 years.

11 December 1922. - **DEATH.**

BROWN, Marcia Mary at Llandrindod Wells. Aged 91 years.

KITE, Thomas at 6 Roseland Terrace, Westfields, Hereford. Builder. Accident at work. Aged 59 years.

Coroner Verdict – Death from a fractured spine, followed by cystitis.

BAKER, John at 30 Friar Street, Hereford. Aged 21 years.

12 December 1922. - **DEATH.**

LLEWELLYN, Esther of 104 Widemarsh Street, Hereford. Aged 69 years.

NIBBLETT, Gwyntha Pearl at 13 St Guthlac Street, Hereford. Aged 1 year.

THOMAS, George at 10 Eign Street, Hereford. Aged 76 years.

TROTMAN, Stanley Edward at 7 Vaga Place, Barton Road, Hereford. Aged 20.

13 December 1922. - **DEATH.**

HUTTON, Samuel James at 7 St James Terrace, Green Street, Hereford. Aged 50 years.

To be continued...

BASTARDY ORDERS FOR 1802. Ref. Q/SR/90-91

APPERLEY Mary. Much Marcle. (Wm Pitcher)	
BAILEY Mary	Breinton. (Jospeh Bevan Jr)
BEVAN Joseph (Jr)	St Martins. Hef. (Mary Bailey.
BRACE Martha	Upton Bishop (John Thomas)
CALDICOTT Elizabeth	Ledbury (Richard Thomas)
CARTWRIGHT William	Hef City late Kington. (Jemima Collins)
CARWARDINE James	Pembridge (Esther Gibbons)
COLBURN Martha	Peterchurch (Thomas Pritchard)
COLLINS Jemima	Kington (William Cartwright)
COOKE John	Wormbridge (Mary Jones)
DAY Milborough	Colwell (William Lewis)
DAYER John	Ross (Mary Llewellyn)
ENGLAND Ann	Ledbury (John Phillips)
EVANS Ann	Wellington (Timothy Foote)
FOOTE Timothy	Mansel Gamage (Ann Evans)
GIBBONS Esther	Dilwyn (James Carwardine)
GOODMAN William	Ledbury (Elizabeth Parker)
GREENWAY Thomas	Goodrich (Elizabeth Mayo)
HACKFORD Ann	Stoke Edith (Thomas Perkins)
HALE John	Little Dean (Glos) (Hannah Kear)
HANCOX Thomas	Bishops Frome (Catherine Ockey)
HANKES Richard	Linton (Ann Hodges)
HILL Sarah	Dorstone (Thomas Williams)
HODGES Ann	Linton (Richard Hanks)
JENKINS William	Whitchurch (Ann Morgan)
JONES Mary	Eaton Bishop (John Cooke)
KEAR Hannah	Ross (John Hale)
LEWIS William	Hanley Castle Worcs. (Milborough DAY)
LLEWELLYN Mary	Bridstow (John Dayer)
MAYO Elizabeth	Hentland (Thomas Greenway)
MORGAN Ann	Whitchurch (William Jenkins)
OCKEY Catherine (wid)	Bishops Frome (Thomas Hancox)
PERKINS Thomas	Stoke Edith (Ann Hackford)
PHILLIPS John	Burghill (Ann England)
PITCHER William	Wollaston Glos. (Mary Apperley)
PRITCHARD Thomas	Peterchurch (Martha Colburn)
SAUNDERS Abigale	Woolhope (John Weaver)
THOMAS John	Bolstone (Martha Brace)
THOMAS Richard	Coddington (Elizabeth Caldicott)
WEAVER John	Woolhope (Abigale Saunders)
WILLIAMS Thomas	Clifford (Sarah Hill)

Midlands Family History Show Malvern, Three Counties Showground Saturday 15th March 2025

The Herefordshire FHS again attended the Midlands Family History Show at the Three Counties Showground at Malvern, another good show where we were able to meet with members and non-members alike. Hhopefully we will pick up some new members as the membership forms were handed out as well as people paying on the day, for those people this will be their first Herefordiensis, Enjoy!



A view of our stand later on during the day, showing from L-R:

Alan CHARLES (Vice Chair), Eleanor ATKIN (Minute Secretary and Heather BUFTON.

The show has been re-booked for Saturday 14th March 2026.

NBI Volunteers

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE FOR 2025 ?

Are you interested in family and local history?

Do you want to participate in a national project that facilitates easier research both nationally and globally for people trying to find their ancestors?

Can you spare two hours per month to visit HARC in Hereford to work on original parish registers and bishops transcripts, transcribing and checking the documents?

IF THE ANSWER TO THE ABOVE IS YES THEN WHY NOT JOIN OUR SMALL BAND OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WORKING ON PARISH REGISTERS FROM 1536 TO 1812? TO SUCCEED IN THIS ROLE YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES:

Patience and enjoyment in studying and resolving what the Parish Clerk wrote all those years ago. The desire to work in and with a small group of like-minded people. A knowledge of written Latin would be great but is not essential.

You will learn as you go, I promise! I can assure you we also have plenty of registers in modern English and lots of experts willing to help the beginner.

Keyboard skills are not essential as the recording can be done with a pencil and a piece of A4 lined paper, but it is fine if you want to bring along your laptop and key the data into our excel pro-forma.



Our group re-formed after Covid and we have been very successful in forwarding to the National Federation of Family History Society 34,608 records since July 2021. We meet every month at HARC, in Rotherwas, Hereford, on the first Friday at 4.00 pm until 6.00 pm.

If you think this could be of interest to you then contact me, Linda Lloyd, Project Co-ordinator by email at:

linda_lloyd@btinternet.com

National Burials Indexing at HARC
(Latest submission to FMP, and further submissions below)

Herefordshire FHS - NBI SUBMISSIONS					
	Place [all Herefordshi	Description	Number	Start Yr	End Yr
1	Bodenham	St Michael & All Angels	992	1584	1703
2	Brampton Bryan	St Barnabus	433	1663	1735
3	Brimfield	St Michael	1051	1669	1812
4	Canon Pyon	St Lawrence	623	1757	1812
5	Castle Frome	St Michael	181	1757	1812
6	Collington	St Mary	311	1642	1755
7	Colwall	St James the Great	32	1810	1812
8	Credenhill	St Mary	198	1754	1812
9	Cusop	St Mary	596	1698	1812
10	Dixton	St Peter	300	1661	1738
11	Downton	St Giles	65	1788	1811
12	Eardisland	St Mary	904	1728	1812
13	Hereford	St Owen	821	1769	1812
14	Hereford	St Peter	448	1798	1812
15	Holmer	St Bartholomew	327	1712	1760
16	Humber	St Mary the Virgin	540	1627	1812
17	Kingstone	St Michael & All Angels	467	1661	1750
18	Lea	St John the Baptist	321	1580	1648
19	Leintwardine	St Mary Magdalene	1331	1747	1812
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 Callow 1678-1738_160_Entries

 Burgill_1662-1784_1013_Entries

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 Evesbatch_1704-1795_118_Entries

The Whitecross Chronicles No: 12



Walking from the city centre towards the Whitecross Roundabout, you will find Graiseley House on the right-hand side of Whitecross Road, just past Baggallay Street. This attractive red brick house built over three floors with cellars has a name and date plaque above the front door, where we learn the house was built in 1871. But who were the residents who lived here in the early years?

In the 1881 census Eliza Cook (70), a widow with her widowed daughter and two grandchildren are living in a house on 'Conservative land' (there is no name or number of the house recorded). As Eliza was born in Wolverhampton, I wondered if the name Graiseley House may be connected with Graiseley Hall in Wolverhampton, and therefore I assume she was living in Graiseley House in 1881. Previously in the 1871 census Eliza is living at 10 High Street with her husband Richard (54) who is a 'Grocer, Chandler and Wine Merchant employing 3 persons out of hours'. Their stepdaughter Jane Romley, who is widowed, is living with them with two grandchildren William and Frederick and Jane continues living with her mother-in-law at Graiseley House ten years later.

By the 1891 census the Carver family had moved from 4 High Town (1881 Census) to Graislely House on Whitecross Road. Thomas Carver JP was a member of the Holy Trinity Committee of 1883, which was formed to raise money and build a church on Whitecross Road. Then from 1901-4 he was one of the two Churchwardens, with E. Evans-Edwards, at the time when Holy Trinity became independent from All Saints. According to *'The History of the Parish Church of Holy Trinity Hereford'* published in 1910 he was treasurer for 17 years, but I have no dates.

Thomas, a farmer's son from Leicestershire, and his wife Frances, must have moved to 4 High Town, Hereford, after living in Liverpool for a short while where their eldest son, Frank Thomas, was born in 1876. The family were living over the stationer's shop in High Town, in the 1881 census, where Thomas employed 11 men, 1 woman and 5 boys.

He must have very soon made a partnership with Edward Jakeman, who was a printer, and the joint premises of 4,5 High Town became their business. Here during 1876-85 they published the '*Herefordshire Pomona*', which is a catalogue of Herefordshire apples and pears, in seven issues, for the Woolhope Club. Only 600 copies were printed, and they included 441 original watercolour illustrations of the fruit by Alice Ellis and Edith Bull, produced as plates lithographed by a Belgian firm, G. Severyns.

It was originally conceived to keep a record of fruit growing in Hereford when it was thought fruit orchards were falling into disuse as "*so few of the best varieties of apples should appear in the markets and fruit shops of Hereford.*" Today an original two volume edition can be priced at over £10,000 It is seen today as an amazing achievement and in giving us a reference book for identifying old apple varieties. Their ability meant that their joint publishing reputation had been made. (Philip Weaver '*Herefordshire Dictionary and Biography*').

Perhaps the most amazing enterprise was the decision to publish a Herefordshire Directory and Gazeteer in competition with Kelly's, who was doing directories for the whole country. The first Jakeman and Carver Directory was published in September 1890 and in the preface they thank the many contributors who provided information and write,

"Some idea of the immense labour involved in the compilation of the Directory may be gathered from the fact that every house in Herefordshire has been visited twice by their staff, the assistant overseers and sub-postmasters of every parish cheerfully giving their valuable and ready help, and with invariable courtesy and promptitude." I am glad that their research was supported and carried out so well. In the 1890 Directory Jakeman and Carver advertise their business as; '*Printers, Publishers, Stationers, Lithographers, Engravers, Die stampers, Bookbinders, Booksellers, Account book manufacturers, Advertising agents and Artistic Printing a Speciality*' – so pretty much everything! As well as printing the '*Pomona*' they published the *Woolhope Transactions* where by 1899 they published many photographs by Alfred Watkins and also local books including Herefordshire Birds and Folklore so that by the end of the nineteenth century they were major Hereford printers (Philip Weaver '*Herefordshire Dictionary and Biography*').

In the 1901 census the family had moved round the corner to Meyrick House, Meyrick Street and are still living at 2, Meyrick Street in the 1911 and 1921 censuses. In 1921 aged 73 years 9 months he still states that his occupation is 'Bookseller, Stationer & Printer'. He died April 26th 1926 buried in Hereford Cemetery where there is a gravestone with an inscription mentioning all the family members.

After the Carver family had moved out of Graisleley House, the next resident in the 1901 census (167 Whitecross Road) was Katharine Haynes Yeomans (aged 29) living with her mother Elizabeth (72) and her sister Caroline (30).

Katherine had been born in Stretton Sugwas in 1872 where her father William was a farmer at Stretton Court Farm. It was confusing chasing Katherine through the census returns as she belonged to a large family and seems to have lived with different members during her early life. In 1881, I think she is living with her brother Arthur (21), at Easington Farm, Longden, where he is farmer. Then in 1891 I think I have found her living at Quarry House, Burghill with her mother and two sisters.

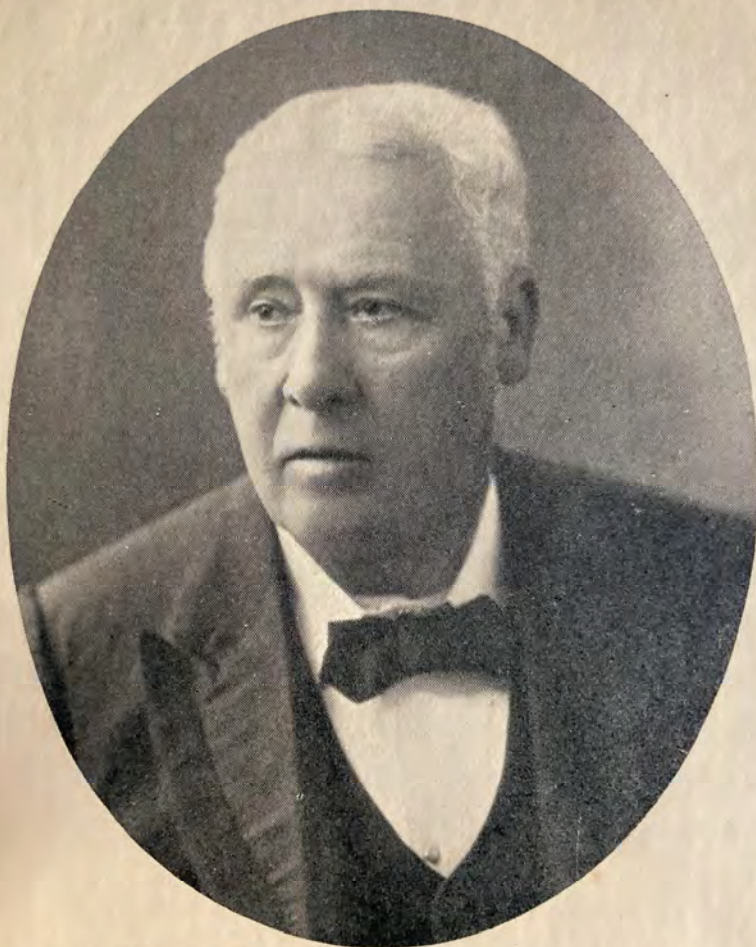
Once living at Graisleley House she settled down and stayed here until she died on 11 June 1937. She was an active member of Holy Trinity Church, where she was Superintendent of the Sunday School for more than 25 years after first becoming a Sunday School teacher in 1902. She also was leader of the Mothers meeting, Secretary of the Provident Club and a District Visitor.

In June 1939 a picture was put on the west wall in Holy Trinity church, by the font, to commemorate her dedication to the Sunday School. It is a picture painted by Constance Grant, a friend of her family, which shows Jesus in the centre with arms open wide, surrounded by children of different ages and from different ethnic backgrounds looking up at him. She had seen a photograph of a similar painting and had 'admired it, pointing out how the children on the canvas seemed, ' "so like so and so," of the children of her Sunday School'.

In the sermon preached when the painting was dedicated, the Vicar, the Rev Harold Fowler told how he had met a man who told him;

'How well I remember the Sunday School and what Miss Yeomans taught me when I was a kiddie.' It seems that she not only knew the individual children well but they responded and remembered her teaching later in life.

Jean Thomson Membership No 3644



MR. E. EVANS-EDWARDS, CHURCHWARDEN 1901-4 AND
MEMBER OF CHURCH COMMITTEE 1882-1904

Mr E. Evans-Edwards

Help Wanted

My paternal grandmother, Sarah Jane KEYTE was born in the Winchcombe area of Gloucestershire in 1884 but always said she spent part of her childhood with well-to-do "relations" in Ballingham, Herefordshire. We know from her school records that there was a hiatus in her education in the mid-1890s, but there's no information about why or where she was. For a long time no trace of any relations could be found, but eventually it transpired that two of her mother's cousins moved to Herefordshire.

Thomas HANKS moved to Walford about 1894, married Adelaide GREENAWAY, had two sons and they were all at Mount Pleasant in Clehonger by the 1901 Census. He remained in the area until his death in 1934.

Sarah Jane's children never remembered the names of the "relations" in Ballingham. They certainly weren't the HANKS family!

It seems likely that Thomas HANKS worked for James MEREDITH of Clehonger Court. James's father ran Ballingham Court Farm in the 1880s and 90s and was at Rock Farm by 1901. The MEREDITHS were connected to Thomas ANDREWS who ran Manor Farm at Lower Bullingham, so it may be that the workforces of the three farms helped each other out and perhaps the children (including any visitors) were drafted in, particularly at harvest time.

One story that does seem plausible is that young Sarah Jane went skating on the river Wye. The winter of 1894-5 was extremely cold and many rivers, including the Wye, were frozen for about six weeks.

At ten years of age she would have remembered that winter quite clearly.

There's no evidence in Sarah Jane's surviving diaries or correspondence that she had any contact with Thomas HANKS family and indeed she said she fell out with "the Ballingham relations" when she was in her teens and never heard from them again.

George HANKS moved to Llangarren about 1874 and remained in the Ross on Wye area for the rest of his life. In later life Sarah Jane may have kept in touch with George HANKS's daughter-in-law Dorothy and her son Edgar. One of her wartime diaries records a visit from Dorothy and Edgar and that Edgar played the church organ. No other plausible identification has been found for them.

Please can anyone shed any light on "the Herefordshire relations"

We will be very grateful.

Frances Houghton. Membership No 3079

Herefordshire FHS - Renewal of Membership options

January is when we include within the journal a renewal reminder for the Herefordshire Family History Society.

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<https://www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk/> will take you to our site.

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Stumpy Colcombe



One of my 3 x great grandmothers was a COLCOMBE and although I'd done a bit of work on the Colcombe family (Kings Pyon-Mansel Lacy area mainly) over the years, I'd not found anything out of the ordinary for any of them. But that changed about a year ago, when I got an email from Richard SPENCER, a folk song researcher, asking me whether I knew anything about William (aka Stumpy Bill) Colcombe. I didn't, but with the help of Richard, we pieced together his story. Unusually for a very poor rural and possibly illiterate man, we have found out quite a bit about his life.

William Colcombe's father was James Colcombe, who was almost certainly the brother of my 3 x great grandmother Sarah Colcombe. James married Susanna PREECE in 1823 in Marden and they had at least six children together.

William Colcombe was the 4th child born in 1834 in Hope Under Dinmore. Sadly by the time William was only 7, both his parents had died of consumption, closely followed by the death of two of his siblings. William and two remaining brothers ended up in Weobley workhouse.

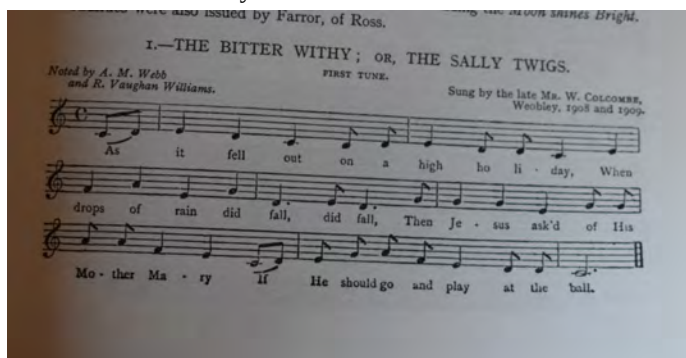
William never married and spent his life in and out of the workhouse, finding work where he could as a labourer. In 1860 (described as a pauper in the workhouse) he was charged with assault and sentenced to 1 month hard labour. He died, as he had lived, in Weobley workhouse in 1909 from heart failure. With a life as hard and seemingly unremarkable as William's he would have been all but forgotten, if it hadn't been for a woman collecting folk songs.

Ella Mary LEATHER was interested in Hereford folklore and by the early 1900s she was gathering folk songs and stories from locals in and around Weobley, which she eventually published in her book *The Folk-Lore of Herefordshire*. One of her subjects was William Colcombe, by then an elderly man, but it seems with

a good memory. In the introduction to her book, Ella describes him as:

‘Most enthusiastic of these (her contributors) was William COLCOMBE, who died a year ago in Weobley Workhouse. He knew upwards of thirty traditional songs and carols, and had a wonderful memory for old tales and riddles, many of which he had learned in his youth from “Old Powell”, the nailmaker, last of his trade in Weobley, with whom he lived for many years. Colcombe was the last man in Weobley to work in a smock-frock; he took a great interest in this collection and would greet me excitedly sometimes with “Got another bit for ye missis!”.

The Folklore of Herefordshire contains many references to William and examples of stories and sayings and superstitions that he told Ella. He was also an enthusiastic singer and there are several of songs he sang for her in the book, like this one called The Bitter Withy.



Not only did Ella write down William’s songs but she also recorded them on a phonograph, given to her by the composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. The songs were recorded on wax cylinders, some of which have survived and are now held by the Vaughan Williams Memorial Library.

Amazingly some of these wax cylinders still exist. There is one tantalizing recording of The Bitter Withy, recorded by Ella Mary Leather in 1908 in Herefordshire. It is very faint and sadly the singer was not identified other than being male, but it is the right time and place and the right song – could it be William Colcombe? You can listen to the recording here:

<https://archives.vwml.org/songs/VWMLSongIndex/SN30665>

We may never know for sure whether it is him or not, but I like to think that it is.

So that leaves one question – why was he called Stumpy. Some have suggested he was missing a leg, but he appears to have both in the photograph of him as an old man. Perhaps, like so many members of my family, he was just short! Again we will probably never know. For a man of such humble origins William “Stumpy” Colcombe has left a rich legacy.

Nicky Rowberry. Membership No 3214

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204	<i>October 15th 1874</i>	<i>George Morris</i>	<i>34th</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Druggist</i>	<i>Broughth</i>	<i>James Morris</i>	<i>Labourer</i>
		<i>Emma Halley</i>	<i>age</i>	<i>Spinster</i>		<i>Broughth</i>	<i>Benjamin Halley</i>	<i>Labourer</i>

Married in the *Parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by *after* *Reverend* by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between the *George Morris* in the presence of *The Rev. Mr. J. R. Jones* and *Charlotte Morris*

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Peterstow Parish Profile



Peterstow lies 10 miles South of Hereford, taking the A49 out of Hereford towards Ross.

Parish records deposited in Hereford Record Office within the HARC are from 1538 - 1892 for baptisms, 1538 - 1839 for marriages and 1538 - 1945 for burials. The Bishops Transcripts cover the period 1660 - 1850

Church Records, good selection of general church records including; Church Warden's accounts, Parish Meetings, Vestry Minutes.

General Research items include records on a wide variety of subjects including Deanery Magazine, plans of the School and Common, Guys Hospital Estate and Farm, Moraston Estate 1843. Deeds of the Broom Fram 1839-1885, Kendrew Farm, Willesbrooke 1570-1641, Poolhellecke 1627-1778. Land Tax assessments 1936-1946, land valuations for 1910.

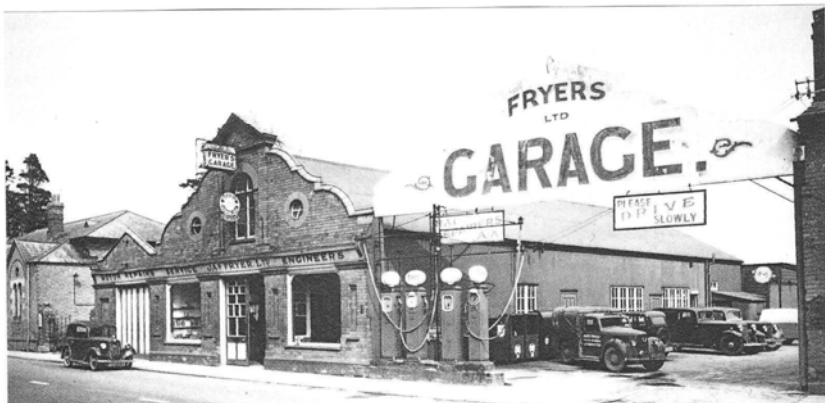
Sale particulars for Daffaluke Farm, Upper Moraston, Hendre Farm and Brooklands for 1874. Parish boundary alterations in 1972, manor of Wilton on Wye court books and records. This manor covers most of the parish of Peterstow.

Recusant returns 1767, Papist Estate register, list of incumbents 1841-1859, school logbook 1895-1917 and admission register 1875-1967, war memorial photograph and W.I. Within living memory recollections.

FRYER's of Hereford
Extracted from booklet originally created by Basil Butcher

JAMES FRYER LTD.,

In 1907 he opened a garage in Leominster, and after the failure of the first manager, he employed a Mr. W.D. Edwards (who had been with him at Kington as a boy), as manager.



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William Drew Edwards
remained manager of
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In 1921 James Fryer built his garage in Widemarsh Street.

The picture above shows the staff in 1922.
(In the background is Tommy Owen's Bottling Stores
which was bought by Henlys and used to store body parts, doors etc.,)
and was later pulled down by Henly's to extend
the new garage and showrooms).

Back Row - W.G. Underwood - Accountant. Miss Brace. Tilly Pugh.
W.D. Edwards - Manager of Leominster later Managing Director when G.H. Butcher
retired. Violet Hughes. Marie Wherley sister of A.V. (Vic) Wherley - foreman.
Percy Ashurst - assistant Accountant. Maude Morris (married John Nullis)
Miss Jones of Leominster. B.C. Day - Works Manager. (He later became Works
Manager for Henlys at Bristol). Miss Faulkner. Reginald Ravenhill. Norah Blaze.
Mrs. John Davies. (J.D. was yardman at Aubrey Street).

Front Row - Stella Davies (married Arnold Cooksey of the Hereford Times). Ada Lewis.
Miss E.E. Holder - Company Secretary (later married G.H. Butcher in 1943)
George Butcher. Rosa Lee - married Percy Turner a mechanic who later started
Hereford Refrigerators. Miss Coslett of Leominster.

Herefordshire FHS Zoom Meetings Programme for 2025

Friday 17th January - Bob Powell
Herefordshire Cart Horse History

Friday 21st February - Martin McDowell
DNA

Friday 21st March - Graham Sutherland
North to Alaska

Friday 18th April - Jeff Page
Dickens: Our Mutual Friend

Friday 16th May - AGM

Friday 20th June - Jenny Malin
Five Generations of a British Raj Family

Friday 18th July - John Frearson
Postcards - 'From Ennis to Emmie'

Friday 18th August - Julie Goucher
Polish Communities

Friday 19th September - Clare Wilson
Researching WW2 Air Force

Friday 17th October - Linda Hammond
Looking for you Irish Ancestors?

Friday 21st November - Richard Holt
Beyond the 1939 Register: Additional Records of National Registration (1939-1991)

All of the 2025 Zoom speakers are now publicised on the website, register and you will then receive the Newsletter.

Bromyard & District Local History Society

Meetings are held at the Conquest Theatre, Tenbury Road, Bromyard.

Membership Secretary: Jane Merry

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E-mail: info@bromyardhistorysociety.org.uk www.bromyardhistorysociety.org.uk

Cradley Heritage Group

Formed in 2004, the group is an active, hands-on group of people who undertake projects in co-operation with Malvern FHS.

<http://www.cradleyvillagehall.org.uk/heritage.htm>

Jeff White jwcradley@gmail.com

Fownhope Local History Group

Contact: Janet Jones. Telephone no: 01432 860319.

<https://fownhopeparishcouncil.gov.uk/local-history-group>

Kington History Society

c/o Kington Museum, Mill Street, Kington HR5 3AL The Kington library room is manned every Tuesday & Friday from 10am-4pm

<https://kingtonhistorysociety.com/>

Leintwardine History Society

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<https://leintwardinehs.wordpress.com/>

Linton & District Local History Society

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All meetings at Linton Village Hall

<https://lintonvillage.com/linton-clubs-and-societies/linton-district-history-society/>

Longtown Historical Society.

Contact: Dr Jeremy Davis. jerrydpdavis@outlook.com

<https://ldhs.org.uk/>

Weobley & District Local History Society

Weobley Museum, Back Lane, Weobley, Herefordshire. HR4 8SG.

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Open April, May Jun: Mon & Tues 10 - 1;

July, Aug, Sept: Mon, Tues, Weds 10-1; Bank Holidays 10 - 4

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<http://www.montgomeryshiregs.org.uk/>

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Meetings held at Brecon BRE, Llanddewi Ystradenny RAD and Abermule MGY

Contact: philbufton@hotmail.com

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Sec: Mrs Jean Evans

secretary@mfhs.org.uk

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www.mfhs.org.uk/

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www.familyhistoryfederation.com

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Society members have been indexing the burials from the registers and Bishop's Transcripts for some years.

The period 1813-1839 is now complete and available via webshop PDF.

Requests for look-up of specific surnames, including Pre-1813 burials, with first names and / or parish if the name is very popular to:

NBI Co-ordinator - Linda Lloyd linda_lloyd@btinternet.com

ALL Completed entries for any particular Parish are now to be found on FindMyPast (FMP) site. www.findmypast.co.uk

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Researchers may publish enquiries in the "Help Wanted" section within the Journal. This service is free to members of the Society, but non-members are asked to make a donation to the Society with their enquiry.

Herefordshire Strays Index

The Society holds a Strays Index, which is available for look-ups and which we invite additions to.

So what is a Stray ?

A stray is someone found in archives or documents out of their county of birth, in our case Herefordshire. This index is available via e-mail and by post from the Editor, searched by Surname.

The Strays Index is available on the Members Area of the website along with other resources.

www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk

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The Herefordshire FHS has now had permission to publish all three of the Registrars indexes compiled by members of the society from the registers held by the Herefordshire Registrars of Births, Marriages & Deaths.

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Marriages: Name of both parties, Place and Date of Marriage, Register, Entry No

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