

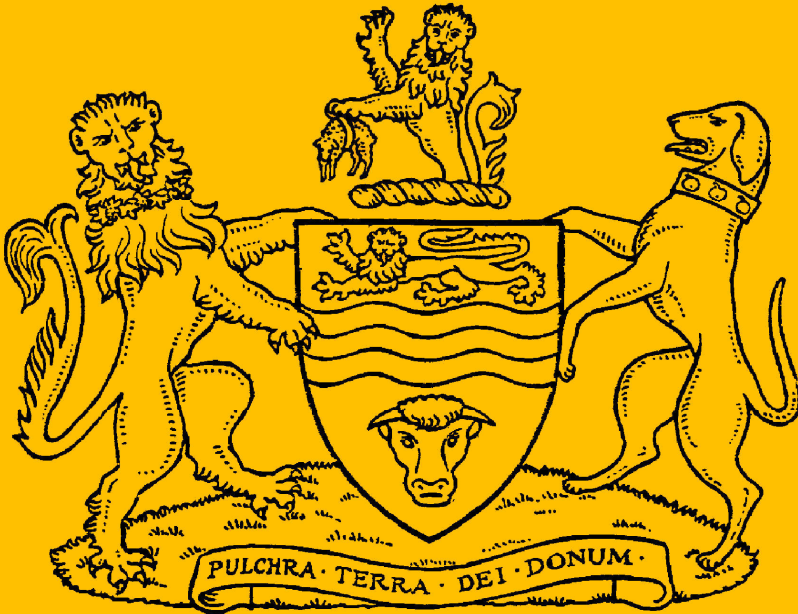
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Editor's Report

Here in the UK, spring is almost with us, so I am imagining that many of our members will be looking forward to having a few trips out in the very near future. I am guessing Bahrain might not be still at the top of your travel destinations.

Wherever you eventually end up travelling to, hopefully it will be a pleasant time. Maybe you might like to visit Herefordshire in May. The Herefordshire FHS will be attending the Hereford History Day at St Peter's Church in Hereford, just along from the previous venue, the Hereford Town Hall. Unfortunately that venue is not available this year, due in part to a leaking roof for other much needed repairs to the building.

The Hereford History Day is again a part of the Herefordshire Histories Festival, which is being extended this year, from Saturday 9th - Monday 25th May.

This is to include the Bank Holiday weekend.

My own personal news is that I have decided that after 16 years of being the Editor of Herefordiensis, I believe it is time for a change of Editor. I have enjoyed doing this job, but feel it is possibly the easiest one of my many jobs to find a willing volunteer for. On page 103 you will find a summary of what the job entails, which in reality is only a few hours every 3 months.

I have said I will stay on as Editor until May 2027.

I still intend to carry on with my other roles within Herefordshire FHS, also being a committee member, if I am still wanted, also webmaster and National Burials Index volunteer.

As always, whoever is Editor they will still require articles for future editions.

Phil Bufton

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Chairman's Report

I am not going to mention Spring or fast approaching Easter, so welcome to this journal report. 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 many of the usual exhibitors in attendance.

It was obvious that several of the neighbouring societies were not in attendance, and is a sign that it becomes a difficult struggle for smaller societies to find enough people to raise a committee. So it is a big thank you to the members manning our display.

As a society we have lost committee members this year and are therefore looking for like-minded people to swell our ranks.

The Annual General Meeting is fast approaching (15th 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.

Anyone who has placed a web order recently will be aware that sales item downloads do not work. This is due to the old 'steam driven' website that we have. A shiny new site is being built and is very near completion.

The web address will still be: www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk

The second 'Herefordshire Histories Festival' will take place from Saturday 9 May 2026 to Monday 25 May 2026. Many local family history groups will be taking part throughout this period, showing exhibits of the work they have done or are doing to promote interest in local history. The HFHS will be at the St Peters Church, Hereford on 23 May with our usual stall. Come and say hello.

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.

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

Births, Marriages & Deaths - 1923

Items from the Hereford Journal with corrections from other sources.

DEATH.

6.

JONES, Mary Ann at 2 Canonmoor Street, Hereford. Aged 79 years.

MORRIS, James of 62 South Street, Leominster. Aged 63 years.

7.

JONES, Mrs. Funeral at Baptist Church, Peterchurch

JARVIS, Edwin Phipps at Llangarron. Aged 83 years.

8.

JARVIS, Harriet at Llangarron. Aged 83 years.

11.

BURKE, Patrick James at 34 Vicarage Street, Leominster. Aged 53 years.

15.

EVANS, Emma at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 79 years.

SEARLE, Samuel at Katesgrove, Ryelands Street, Hereford. Aged 69 years.

18.

THOMAS, Jonathan at 73 St Owen Street, Hereford. Aged 84 year.

20.

DAVIES, Alfred Richard at Cobnash, Kingsland. Aged 55 years.

HATTON, William Henry at 29 New Street, Ledbury. Builder. Aged 80 years.

21.

ROBIN, Charles Callos of Sleeves Oak Farm, Woolhope. Aged 48 years. Coroner Verdict – Death due to heart failure.

22.

CARLESS, Thomas at 12 St Martins Avenue, Hereford. Aged 44 years.

23.

PREECE, William Henry at Upper Derndale, Canon Pyon. Gunshot wound. Aged 47 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

24.

GAMMOND, Edward Stratford at Bollintree, Weston-u-Penyard. Aged 13 years.

25.

PHIPPS, Mary Ann at Hom Green, Ross. Aged 69 years.

26.

CHESTERFIELD, Dorothea, Countess, of Holme Lacy. Died in London. Aged 95 years. [Photo. 12/05/1923]

PARSONS, Mary Jane late of New Street Ross. At Pyecombe.

27.

CHARLES, James Samuel of 94 Park Street, Hereford. Died at Credenhill Factory breaking down WW1 shells. Aged 34 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidentally killed by explosion of a shell.

JENKINS, Richard of Attmarsh, Sutton St Nicholas. Aged 70 years.

AYERS, Mabel late of Walford. Ross. Aged 34 years.

28.

WINTLE, Robert at May Hill Farm, Longhope. Aged 71 years.

29.

HOWELL, Evelyn Louisa at 39 Blueschool Street, Hereford. Aged 2 years.

MAY 1923

BIRTH

2.

ROWLANDS, a daughter to Rev William and Mary Elizabeth at Marstow Vicarage.

22.

Clarke, a daughter to Letitia the wife of Leslie Clarke at Redhill cottages, Ross.

MARRIAGE.

19.

At Leys Hill Baptist Chapel, Walford of John Percival (Percy) CHARLETT of Yarnnton to Alice TURNER of Leys Hill, Walford.

22.

At Primitive Methodist Chapel, Chandos Street, Hereford of Wilfred Vernon MARSHALL of Pengrove Road to Frances May ARUNDALE of Bromley.
[Photo. 2/06/1923].

DEATH.

1.

EVERSHAM, Eliza Ann (Annie) at 23 Garden City, Hereford. Aged 46 years.
HALL, Mary Ann of Wilton. Aged 72 years.

4.

CHAPMAN, Edward Henry at Cobrey Park, Ross. Aged 79 years.
BLOMER, Emma of 47 Bridge Street, Leominster. Husband Frederick Blomer. Aged 81 years.

DAY, Annie Meek of The Harbour, Wellington. Aged 71 years.

BARNETT, Thomas at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 70 years.

6.

ALLEN, James at 4 Stanhope Street, Hereford. Aged 65 years.

7.

FENNELL, Louisa Maria at 15 Holmer Road, Hereford. Aged 75 years.

LLOYD, Percy John at Stanhope Street, Hereford. Aged 30 years.

8.

CHINN, William at Lea Villa, Lea. Aged 82 years.

DAVIES, Percy of 41 Bridge Street, Leominster. Aged 29 years.

9.

DANIEL, Mary at 11 Ryelands Street, Hereford. Aged 68 years.

WRIGHT, Dorothy Violet at 74 Bath Street, Hereford. Aged 20 years.

10.

SPENCER, Lucy at Cantilupe Street, Hereford. Aged 88 years.

13.

WILCOX, George Whittington at 108 Whitecross Street, Hereford. Aged 23.

14.

LEWIS, Charles Percy at Peterstow, Ross. Aged 45 years.

16.

SMITH, Albert at the General Hospital. Aged 44 years.

19.

WOODHOUSE, Elinor Leece of Burghill Court. Aged 93 years. [Photo. 26/05/1923].

20.

INIGHT, Henry at 47 Newmarket Street, Hereford. Aged 71 years.

25.

ROTHERHAM, Alice Margaret at 20 Mostyn Street, Hereford. Aged 49 years.

27.

HOWELLS, Elizabeth at 69 Stanhope Street, Hereford. Aged 56 years.

28.

ROBINSON, Sarah at Old Pigeon House, Garway Hill. Aged 78 years.

29.

TURNER, Ernest John of Thorneycroft, Kyrle Street, Hereford. Aged 37 years.

30.

TIPTON, Mary Ann at 42 Cotterell Street, Hereford. Aged 78 years.

31.

HART, Sarah Jane at Clairville House, Ross. Aged 65 years. Coroner Verdict – Died from fatty degeneration of the heart.

JUNE 1923

MARRIAGE.

7.

At St Paul's Church, Kandy, Ceylon of Alfred William SEYMOUR of Dorset to Ruby HENDERSON (Widow) of Lynhales, Herefordshire.

12.

At St. Mary Church, Much Birch of Ernest Thomas LEWIS of Victoria Street, Hereford to Hilda May MANNING of Much Birch. [Photo. 23/06/1923]

At Tattershall Church, Boston of A H HUGHES of Hereford to Mary HUBBERT of Tattershall.

23.

At Eastnor Parish Church of Thomas Albert Warren CARLISLE of Worcester to Ellen Margaret (Maggie) MULLINS of Eastnor.

25.

At Mordiford Parish Church of Alfred Richard GLADWYN of Fownhope to Violet Jessie HARRIS of Mordiford.

At the Congregational Church, Leominster of Walter Blisset MARTIN of Brecon and Isabel Dais BYERS of 11 Church Street, Leominster.

DEATH.

1.

BOOTH, Emma of Cruxwell Street Almshouse, Bromyard. Aged 75 years.

BAKER, Emily Elizabeth of Vaga Street, Hunderton, Hereford. Aged 67 years.

JONES, William of 5 Merton Place, Commercial Road, Hereford. Aged 50 years.

2.

POTTINGER, William Robertson of Kingsland. Died after an operation. Aged 42 years.

BROOKES, Allan of Hagley Cottages, Lugwardine. Died with a throat wound caused by a shovel. Aged 34 years. Coroner Verdict – Suicide whilst temporarily insane.

4.

MORRIS, Fred of Leominster. Throat cut by a razor. Aged old worker. Coroner Verdict -Suicide.

6.

WINTLE, Male Baby at Ballingham. Mother Kate. Strangled by binder twine around the neck. Aged newborn. Coroner Verdict – Death caused by a fractured skull. Wilfully killed. Found guilty of Infanticide.

11.

WEAVER, William of Kingsland. Aged 69 years.

13.

BROWN, Rosa of 2 Melbourne Villa, Foley Street, Hereford. Aged 54 years.

14.

COOKE, George at Fox Stream Cottage, Cradley. Hanged. Aged 63 years. Coroner Verdict – Suicide whilst of unsound mind.

BROWN, Mary Ann at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 93 years.

15.

WILLS, Mary Ann of Bowley Cottage, Bodenham. Aged 37 years.

16.

WILLIAMS, Eliza at 57 Friar's Street, Hereford. Aged 88 years.

17.

LLOYD, James of Field Farm, Weobley. Found in a pond. Aged 79 years. Coroner Verdict – Found drowned.

19.

JARRETT, William at the General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 50 years.

20.

SHEPHERD, Thomas at General Hospital. Rail guard on the G.W.R. Aged 61 years.

Alan Charles. Acting Chairman. Membership No 268

Hereford History Day

St Peter's Church, Hereford.

Saturday 16th May 2026

11.00am - 3pm

As part of the Herefordshire Histories Festival.

**Herefordshire FHS will be attending.
Come along and say hello.**



CORONERS INQUESTS. 1827

- 6th April. John MATTHEWS of Upton Bishop – sudden natural death.
7th April. Elizabeth SAUNDERS of Abbeydore – sudden death.
11th April. Joseph CHAMBERLAIN of Walford – sudden natural death.
11th April. Thomas LLANWARNE of Hope Mansell – sudden natural death
24th April. John SKINNER of Holmer – fell through the floor of the house in which he lived.
25th April. Thomas MORRIS of Norton Canon – found dead in a field, cause unknown.
4th May. Ann WHITTINGHAM of Walford – died as a result of an extremely difficult labour giving birth to a still-born male child.
31st May. John SHEPHERD of Weston-under- Penyard – accidentally fell onto the road in front of a wagon and horses.
12th June. James BAYLIS of Bishops Frome – died from hanging himself while lunatic and distracted.
14th June. Sarah JONES of Walford – died from burns when her clothes caught fire.
15th June. Henry WILLIAMS of Allensmore – sudden natural death.
21st June. Henry CHEESE of Cloddock – drowned himself while lunatic and distracted.
30th June. Thomas OAKLEY of Fownhope – sudden natural death.
3rd July. Edward CAVE of Canon Frome – fell from his horse onto the highway and received mortal fractures and injuries.
5th July. John TAYLOR of Colwall – fell from the cart he was driving under the wheels.
5th July. John JONES of Whitchurch – hung himself while lunatic and distracted.
7th July. Sarah PARRY of Marden aged 10 years – died from burns when her clothes caught fire accidentally
7th July. Mary JONES of Lower Bullingham – killed herself by taking arsenic.
10th July. Edward BISHOP of Hampton Bishop – accidentally fell under the wheels of a cart.
11th July. Edward THOMAS of Cloddock – accidentally fell from a hay cart onto the prongs of a pike.
17th July. Remains of an infant child of Bromyard – found dead in an unoccupied house, cause of death unknown.
21st July. William PUGH of Brockhampton – accidentally fell under the wheels of a wagon.

These Coroners Inquests were extracted from the papers of William PATESHALL whilst he was Coroner. The HARC ref is A/95.

Monica Beavan
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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 38,455 records since July 2021. The total added to FMP is now 168,659. 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_loyd@btinternet.com

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

Place	Denomination	No	Start	End
Bromyard		2158	1538	1620
Eye		590	1660	1719
Eye		448	1719	1761
Goodrich		545	1716	1759
Hope Mansel		106	1682	1717

If you would like to come along and help contact Linda Lloyd on her email at linda_lloyd@btinternet.com

Currently we have submitted 143 register transcripts to be added to FMP

Alternatively if you are available to help in the week and would prefer to help checking of the Baptisms index, contact Alan Charles on his email at ajchome@sky.com

Both projects need your help and more hands make light work, especially if you are able to help with the Baptisms index as that is only checking.

Notice of AGM
Friday 15th May 2026
7-30pm

The meeting is Via Zoom.

Registration is required for all Zoom Monthly Meetings.

If you are not getting the monthly notification, you are not registered.

Friday 15th May - Paul Wilkins — How to trace your Family History

To register email Phil Bufton at philbufton@hotmail.com

The Whitecross Chronicles No: 16



Do you remember the market gardener, George PERRIN, living at 'Wykenhurst' on Baggalley Street (see Herefordiensis July 2023), who by the time of his death was a 'gentleman' leaving assets worth £10,543-9s-2d? There is another tale to tell about 'Wykenhurst' on Baggalley Street and it is about the family who moved in after George's family had left.

The head of the family was William John Clarke WHITFIELD and although always 'William' his initials change around in the different censuses as he had many names to choose from! Not only do his initials move around but also the household must have lived in three of the houses in Baggalley Street which perhaps means he was renting. He also had many children, had two wives and oscillated from being 'surgeon' to being 'medical practitioner'!

It became common in the 19th century for those who wanted to be medical practitioners to have qualifications in both medicine and surgery and so practitioners described themselves as 'physician and surgeon' and the occupation gradually became a profession rather than a high street trade. By the middle of the century practitioners were encouraged to hold the MCRS (Member of Royal College of Surgeons) and LSA (License of the Society of Apothecaries).

The MRCS qualification was originally an oral examination on anatomy, physiology, surgery and surgical pathology with an extra additional written paper which was only required of doubtful candidates. Later, after 1860 when William gained the certificate an additional written and clinical component was required from all candidates. The LSA required candidates to spend six months at a recognised hospital or dispensary. Unlicensed practitioners would be liable to prosecution, but the 'college and hall' dual qualification became necessary for all practitioners. The term 'general practitioner' only became accepted by the general public by the middle of the century and interestingly William uses a variety of terms when describing his profession in the censuses: 'Medical Student' (1871), 'MRCS Eng. LSA London. Assistant to head' (1881), 'general medical practitioner' (1891), 'surgeon' (1901), 'medical practitioner' (1911) and 'medical man' (1921).

Until the foundation of the NHS, doctors made a fee for their services making lives difficult for those who could not afford it, but doctors had to make a living and by all accounts, William had worked hard to become a practitioner without going to university (he seems not to have had a degree in medicine) and starting as an 'assistant' to a practicing doctor in Hereford.

William is listed in the Medical Register from 1876 to 1926 as receiving his MRCS in 1872 and the LSA in 1873 with a gap of not being listed from 1920-23. Living at 118 St Owen Street 1876, 5 St Ethelbert St, 1879, 2 Queen Anne's Villa, Baggallay St 1900, Wykenhurst, Baggallay St in 1909, 150 Whitecross Road in 1917 and Mount Pleasant, Victoria Road, Clevedon, Somerset in 1923. In the 1909 and 1917 Kelly's Herefordshire Directories he is listed under the Medical List as 'WHITFIELD, William John Clarke LSA London'.

William came from a large family. Born in a house next door to the New Inn, Holmer in 1851, the family moved soon after to Friars Street where in 1861 his father Frederick (a wine merchant) and mother Margaret lived with eight children. As a 'medical student' aged 20 in 1871, he is still living at home and probably was serving an 'apprenticeship' with Thomas TURNER. In 1881 he had started working at 141 St Owen's Street as an 'assistant' and was living with Thomas Turner 'MRCS Eng LSA London' with whom he shares the same qualifications.

At the age of 32 he had married Esther Grace Morgan (20) in Dilwyn on 10th January 1883. Eight years later in 1891 he and his wife Esther are living in the first of his residences in Baggallay Street at 2, Queen Anne Villas where they have three children, two boarders, a groom and three servants! They must have had stables which of course there is no sight of now.

In the 1901 census William C Whitfield, widower (49), who was a 'surgeon' had moved into 'Wykenhurst,' Baggallay Street with his family, Emily E, his sister (47), William T, his son (15), Esther G his daughter (14) and Fred L his son (12); all of whom had been born in Hereford. Jane Daubing aged 78, a patient who had been a 'trained sick nurse' who had been born in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire. There were also two servants who lived in, Ada J HAYWARD (24) from Bransford, Worcs and Letitia M SMITH (21) from Dinder, Somerset.

In the April following the census of 1901 he (a 'widower surgeon' aged 49) married Ellen Pattick LITTLE (25) at Christ Church Gloucester. In 1911 they are living at 15, Baggallay Street which today has a glazed conservatory over the wooden porch and is part of the present Wykenhurst Care home. Here in the census he is 'medical practitioner' (50) and has had a further four children with Ellen. Two from his previous marriage Esther and Frederick are still living with them, Esther being a 'Governess domestic' – perhaps earning her keep by teaching her half brothers and sisters and Frederick who is a 'Bank Clerk'.

In the 1921 census (at a time when he is not listed in the Medical Register) I was surprised to find William (69) described simply as a 'medical man' living at 'Eaton House', 5, St John's Street, which is a 'private practice Nerve Home', with 9 patients and three nurses. His wife Ellen (44) is 'Nurses Manageress of Nerve Home' and an 'employer of nurses'. All the patients are female: the oldest is 80 and the youngest 15. One is of unknown age and three do not have a known place of birth. There are no members of the family living with William and Ellen now.

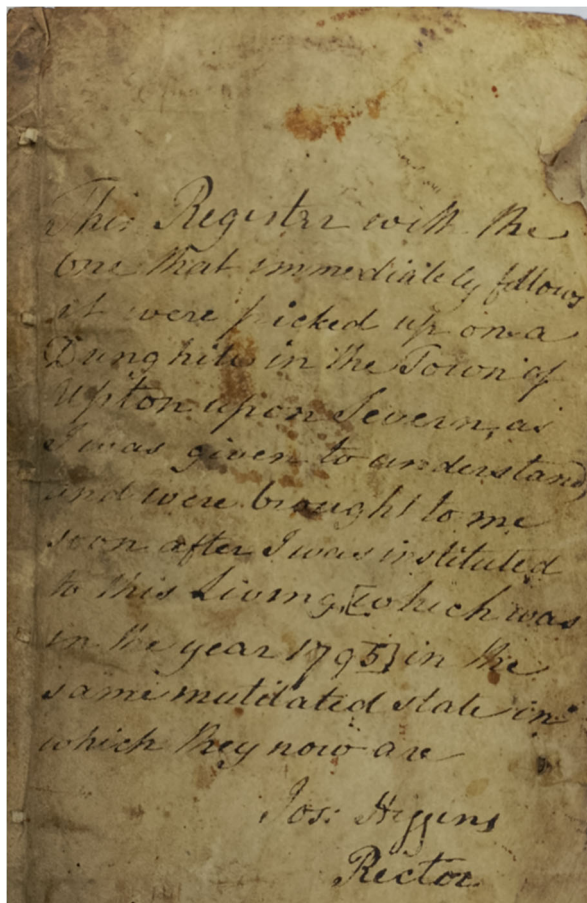
So, what is a 'Nerve Home'? AI suggests, '*a 'nerve home' (or often referred to as a nursing home or private sanatorium for 'nerve cases') in 1921 it was a residential care facility specialising in the treatment of nervous disorders, exhaustion, 'shell shock' (often stemming from WW1), or functional nervous diseases*'. The patients are not lunatics but people who need a rest and care after perhaps experiencing exhaustion, shock and near breakdowns.

He died 25th January 1926 at 'Mount Pleasant', Victoria Road, Clevedon in Somerset which had recently been a care home and perhaps at that time was a place where he could still continue his 'nerve' practice as he is listed living there in the Medical Register from 1923 to 1926. Victoria Road is not far from the sea and a good situation to run a care home at a time when Edwardians valued the health effects of the sea air. The probate record tells us that he died with effects of £2,526-15s – perhaps the moral of this tale being that market gardening was a more remunerative occupation than doctor; though I would like to think he was a doctor for whom caring for his patients was more important than the money he earned.



Wykenhurst in 2026

While recording we found this inscription!



Eastnor Parish Register

Just in case, it states on the front cover.

This Register with the one that immediately follows it were picked up on a dung hill in the town of Upton upon Severn, as I was given to understand and were brought to me soon after I was instituted to this living [which was in the year 1795] in the same mutilated state in which they now are.

Ed. The Archives have made repairs now and it is in a stable state.

Herefordshire Histories Festival

Saturday 9 May 2026 to Monday 25 May 2026.

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



**To keep up to date, join the Facebook group. Anyone can join.
Add your 2026 event at the link below.**

<https://herefordshirehistories.org/>

**Add an Event at
<https://herefordshirehistories.org/create-a-festival-event/>**

Herefordshire FHS - Renewal of Membership options

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

You only need to use this form if you send the remittance back via the post with a cheque attached, (Please do not staple it to the form) or you intend to use it to setup your renewal as a Bankers Order.

Although we are still very happy to receive your renewal by this method, we would prefer that you use our own webshop to renew as below.

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

This link will take you direct to the Membership page.

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WANTED

EDITOR of Herefordiensis

After 16 years as Editor of this Herefordiensis quarterly journal, I am looking to find a member of the society who would take over this role as from after the Annual General Meeting in May 2027.

That would mean their first journal would come out in July 2027.

Essentially this job is actually an act of compiling what is sent to you by members of the society, there are regular contributors who send articles and snippets every few months and it is just a matter of compiling into a readable format.

The process I use is as follows:

After the deadline date, which is the 1st day of the preceding month to the publication, I copy the previous Publisher application document and re-name it. Delete everything that is not a common page and Save As a new name.

Then look to see what articles I have and copy them into the publisher document, what and how you put in is absolutely up to you.

Once happy with the included articles, print as a PDF and sent to the proof-reader, in my case that is Hazel Richardson, she has a large Red Pen with which to suggest alterations, mostly to my grammar.

Once returned to you, print as a PDF and sent to the printers for publication.

That is all there is to it!

So how much time does this take ?

Between 2 and 4 hours, 4 times a year.

If you think you would like to volunteer for this or talk to me about any aspect of the above, email me at philbufton@hotmail.com

Parish Profile of Rowlestone

Rowlestone lies 15 miles South of Hereford, taking the A465 out of Hereford, just past the Ewyas Harold village turning, take a right up the hill.

Parish records deposited in Hereford Record Office within the HARC are from 1727-2009 for baptisms, 1727-1954 for marriages and 1727-2011 for burials.

Church Records, good selection of general church records including; Church Warden's accounts, Parish Meetings, Vestry Minutes, church restoration of 1865 and 1900.

General Research items include records on a wide variety of subjects including: Register of Papist estates, photocopies of Trade Directories 1858-1940, 1971 article on church and parish, Rowlestone Mill and Cwm Cottage 1967-1968, Land Tax assessments from 1781, Rights of Way particulars for 1952, Sale Particulars of Vro Farm 1872, Three Farms 1898, Parsonage Farm, papers reference Re-sale in 1975-1981, Pen-yr-Worlodd and Bythall farm deeds post 1930, Edwards farm deeds 1785-1788, Scudamore Estate deeds, The Vedowe with Mill in 1727 assignment in Trust and a video of the church.

Other information can be found on abstracts of probate papers, made available at www.lhsarchive.org.uk



Ed: Yes I do know it is spelt differently!

The Kilvert Society at Monnington-on-Wye in April 2025

The Kilvert Society (www.thekilvertsociety.org.uk) was formed in 1948 to promote interest in the life of Rev Robert Francis Kilvert (1840-1879), his diary and the countryside he loved. Francis Kilvert was born in Hardenhuish and brought up in Langley Burrell, Wiltshire acting as Curate to his father there and later serving as Curate at Clyro 1865-1872, returning to his father's parish until appointed Vicar of St Harmon 1876-77 and Vicar of Bredwardine 1877 to his death.

During the annual AGM weekend in Herefordshire the Society usually make a visit to a place in the area associated with him. Last year we had an enjoyable afternoon visiting Moccas Court and Church and this year we drove along the northern bank of the river for an afternoon visit to Monnington-on-Wye.

Francis' elder sister, Thermuthis Mary (known in the family as "Thersie") married the Rev William Robins Smith on 14 Aug 1866, in their father's parish church at Langley Burrell with her brother officiating. At first they lived in Bath, as William was Principal of Bath College until 1874 when he was offered the parish of Monnington and remained as Rector until his death in 1889. At that time Rev Sir George Cornewall of Moccas owned the Estate and Monnington Court was let. Sir George, who was also Rector of Moccas, made many improvements and built a bridge to link the two estates across the Wye which survived until the 1960s.

Francis enjoyed visiting William and Thersie and records on Monday 5 April 1875, leaving his parents' home at Langley Burrell with a younger sister Dora by train:

"William met us at Moorhampton station with the dog cart and chestnut horse Paddy and drove us to Monnington. I like the look of the place very much. The house is large and comfortable and the situation pretty."

On arrival, Society members assembled in the forecourt, admiring the wonderful old brick house and two beautiful white peacocks stalking around and sounding a warning of visitors. We were welcomed by the current owner, attended by his friendly dog, who told us something of its history and the families who had lived there. The earlier part of the house is 14c and was then the home of Roger Monnington who married Owen Glendower's daughter. The house was extended in the 16c by the Tomkyns family.



The main entrance is very old and above the door is a carving with monsters. Although not normally open to the public, as a special privilege for KS members, Mr Bulmer kindly invited us into his home. Walking through the screens passage we were able to see the ancient Moot Hall, with its amazing carved frieze, partly pargeted ceiling and large fireplace, but we inadvertently disturbed his cat snoozing on a chaise longue, who was affronted and stalked off.

The house and church dedicated to St Mary stand on high ground in a bend of the Wye, above the level of the water meadows and pool below the house.

Francis Kilvert also had an opportunity to see the interior of the house during his visit and includes his impressions in his diary on 6 April 1875:

“In the afternoon, Thersie, Dora, Florence (Thersie’s young daughter) and I called at Monnington Court and were kindly received by the worthy Churchwarden farmer and his wife, Mr and Mrs James, who showed us the fine old oak carving and the banqueting room. In the garden of the Court House was dug up a few years ago a huge silver coin which Mr James showed us and which looked like a crown of Charles I. Mr James went with us to the church which is light and pleasant and cheerful within and seemed well cared for. He told us that in the great flood of February 6, 1852, he and the present Sir Gilbert Lewis of Harpton (then Rector of Monnington) had punted in a flat-bottomed boat across the Court garden, in at the church door, up the Nave and into the Chancel.”

Walking round the side of the house we came through an ancient gabled Lychgate, passing a yew tree with massive girth. The Church still has most of its 17c oak furnishings with twisted legs, a low two decker pulpit, and beams supporting the chancel roof. On the nave wall is a colourful representation of Charles II’s arms. The stone font and altar table bear the initials of Uvedall Tomkyns and his wife Mary, who remodelled the church in 1679. A flat slab in the chancel marks their resting place and their arms are to be seen on the chancel wall.

Under the tower was a rather alarming very tall ladder with open rungs which could have been for access to clean the interior windows before the days of health and safety concerns. It was good to see the church was still well looked after.

Turning to the right we passed Bulmer’s traditional cider orchards and reached the drive to the former Rectory, the home of Kilvert’s sister. It seems the house had been extended before the Smiths lived there. The older part is on the right side of the photograph.

The current owner met us on the lawn and was able to show us some old framed black and white photographs showing it in Victorian times.

We were able to walk through the garden to the mile long avenue of Scots Pines and Yews known as Monnington Walk which runs from the Court towards Brobury Scar. It was said to have been originally planted by James Tomkins of Monnington to celebrate being elected as MP for Leominster in 1623 and although it has lost some of its magnificent trees it is still impressive. Francis Kilvert walked this way when living at Bredwardine, crossing the river at Moccas bridge to visit the Rectory.

Returning to our cars in the forecourt, we found the Court's cat was keeping watch to ensure we were off the premises!

Sources:

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British History on line "An Inventory of Historical Monuments in Herefordshire, Vol 3, North West HMS0 1934

Historic England List: St Mary's Church, Monnington-on-Wye

The King's England series Herefordshire Ed by Arthur Mee , published 1938



Photo: Courtesy of Nicholas Green (The Kilvert Society)

**Diana Clutterbuck.
Membership No 3628**

**William Powell
Hereford "Pig Dealer"**

*By
Bob Powell*

Pig Dealer

**The occupation entry for William Powell in the 1881 Census.
A variety of pig breeds including 'Gloucester Old Spots' at Chanstone Court**



**Farm, Vowchurch, Herefordshire in about 1905 when it was farmed by
David A. Griffiths. (Bob Powell Collection)**

When in 1853 Thomas Rowlandson wrote his paper 'Farming in Herefordshire' (*Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society of England*, 1853, Vol. 14, pages 433~456) he stated, based on the 1841 Census figures, that of Herefordshire's 113,878 population, 16,213 were "*actively engaged in agricultural pursuits.*" That latter figure included my immediate paternal family.

William POWELL, my great-great-grandfather was born at Wormsley, Herefordshire in 1814. He was the son of Thomas Powell, Wormsley farmer and 'hallier' (*haulier*), both occupations that William would undertake in addition to later being recorded as a "Railway Labourer" aged 47 in the 1861 Census and "Labourer" aged 58 in the 1871 Census. That said, by the 1881 Census William living at number 6 Barton Road, St. Nicholas, Hereford was recorded as shown above as a "*Pig Dealer*". There is no indication of how long William had dealt in pigs.

For all we may know, following his farming roots, he may always have done, for there was a pig sty on what had been the family's farm at Little Wootton, Wormsley. What is known is that William died on December 30th, 1881, aged 67.

I researched this article to provide me with not only a greater insight into pig keeping in Herefordshire but also how it may have related to my family history. There is no question that many people fattened a single pig to be slaughtered as part of their family's food supply. My immediate observation was that pig keeping did not appear to play a significant role in mainstream Herefordshire farming from the late 1700s onwards when livestock was dominated by cattle and sheep. Although the following informative notice including pigs was published in the 'Hereford Journal' (September 6th, 1781) regarding the Weobley Fair, subsequent major publications implied a different story regarding pigs and the Herefordshire farming economy:

*"Whereas the Fair, which formerly was held at this place on the 14th day of September, was by the alteration of the style, through neglect of advertising entirely lost: This is therefore to acquaint the Publick in general, that the said fair will be held this year, and annually on the 25th day of September, for horses, cattle, sheep, **pigs** butter, cheese, hops wool, turned-ware, linen cloths, hard-ward (hard ware?), toys, &c toll free where all proper encouragement will be given."*

First, of the major publications was 'General View of the Agriculture of the County of Hereford' by John Clark published in 1794. Although on page 14 Clark says 'Sheep and pigs are also articles of some importance', pigs are in effect ignored other than a further passing reference: "The little farmer, to whom ten or twenty shillings was an object in making up his rent, brought his poultry, pigs, eggs, &c. to market, and the towns were then well supplied; but the great farmer thinks such trifles beneath his attention..." (Page 70).

Second, of the major publications was also called a 'General View of the Agriculture of the County of Hereford' but written by John Duncumb in 1805. Again, the content on pigs, although greater than in Clark's volume, is minimal. On page 132, Duncumb states: "*No one breed of hogs, or of pigs as they are provincially termed, are peculiar to Herefordshire.*"

However, in alignment with the formation of the 'Agricultural Society of Herefordshire' in 1797, there was obviously some interest in the improvement of pig breeds and Duncumb quotes (Page 133) a Mr. Knight: "*...and particularly some (pigs) sent by the Duke of Bedford into Herefordshire for the express purpose of improving our sorts.*"

To gain an insight into the breeds of pigs and the people associated with them within Herefordshire, it is often necessary to amalgamate clues. One pertinent one for the writer was a notice published in the 'Hereford Journal' of August 28th, 1783:

"JOHN POWELL, of the parish of All Saints, in the suburbs of the city of Hereford, having bought in the market there, on Friday the 20th of June last, of(f) Richard Lewis, of the parish of Clifford, a black spotted Hog Pig, which some people suspect to have been stolen: Publick notice is therefore given, that any person, who will prove the said pig to be his or her property, shall have it again, on applying to John Powell aforesaid, within 14 days from the date hereof, and paying all charges; but if not claimed by the owner within that time, it will be sold to defray the same. N.B. The Pig has been proclaimed three times in the Hereford Market."

Apart from the Powell reference, a further notable factor is the pig's "black spotted" description possibly indicating a now rare breed 'Gloucester Old Spot' animal and a clue to their being kept in late 18th Century Herefordshire.

As implied, although keeping pigs seems to have been the preserve of the "little farmer" and 'cottager', sometimes the evidence supports an interest by larger farmers. The following advertisement was published in the 'Hereford Journal' of April 12th, 1787:

HEREFORDSHIRE

To be Sold by Auction by John Browne, on the premises, at Mr. John Parry's at Chanstone, in the parish of Vowchurch, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 17th and 18th days of April 1787.

*Sixty OXEN and BULLOCKS from 2 to 6 years old; Eight 2 years old HEIFERS; Three 3 years old, with calve; Also, **Twenty large Store PIGS.***

The oxen &c. are in high order and were all reared by the present owner.

N.B. The oxen will be put up one pair in a lot the first day's sale; to begin at ten o'clock in the forenoon each day.

Coincidentally the above advertisement is for Chanstone, Vowchurch, possibly the same farm as Chanstone Court (Fig.1) where pigs, including 'Gloucester Old Spots' were still being kept in the early 1900s.

Whether the 'pigs' or 'hogs' were raised by people with small or large holdings, most would have had to have dealt with a dealer to supply the requirements of Herefordshire's population. This included animals not raised within Herefordshire but brought by drovers into the County for sale.

Here Duncumb (1805, pages 166 ~ 167) does give us a greater insight into the role of the dealer at the start of the 1800s:

“Much clamour however is generally raised against the dealer; he receives the curses of the populace in the country where he buys corn, for taking it away, and he is similarly treated in the country to which he conveys it, because he does not sell it cheaper. The jobber is equally blamed, because the same animal is made to pass through many hands, before it arrives at the market. But one district, in which dairies abound, has the means of rearing and supporting a large number of pigs during the summer; another district has a large quantity of corn to thresh, which affords similar means during the winter. By purchasing therefore, the pigs in the one district, and selling them in the other, jobbers, or dealers, are equally friends of both, and of the public; whilst the competition, as in other trades, tends to limit the profit for their time and trouble.

One farmer also, from the nature and circumstances of his farm and buildings, has the means of raising a greater number of pigs with convenience, and with these he supplies others, who have not the same advantages. Crops of clover, vetches, and other green food frequently enable one person to keep a much larger stock of pigs during a part of the summer, than his farm will maintain throughout the year. But, when his food is exhausted, it is surely advantageous to himself and the public, that this stock should be transferred to another, who has the means of providing them with the food required. Under this management, the animal certainly attains and brings to market a larger weight, than it would generally have done in the breeder’s hands, and less food is either spoiled or wasted. When the animal ultimately comes to the scale, neither the butcher nor the consumer are interested to know through how many hands it has previously passed; nor does the pig bred by one farmer only sell at a lower price per pound, than that which has been in the droves of twenty jobbers.”

It may be concluded that the dealer had a pivotal role in not only enabling the movement of pigs from one farming environment to another but also in ensuring the supply of animals. The latter included the markets, individuals wishing to keep or fatten them for ‘home kills’ and the butchery trade. In this, with a family member in this trade in the mid-late 1800s, one might like to think of dealers being honest.

However, the following advisory warning was published in the ‘Hereford Times’ for February 22nd, 1862, page 1. The story revolved around a “poor woman” wishing to buy two “leetle grunterns” to fatten for Christmas bacon. One of the dealers wanted to charge her 28 shillings each, although she thought 24 shillings was fair. However, the dealer thought he could “nail” her at the inflated price. With that a fellow “brother” dealer appeared to help the first relieve the woman of her money. The second offered the first 25 shillings each for the two pigs, but the first refused because having offered the woman first, he was an honourable man, as the woman could see. Of course it was a con, devised by the two men to inflate the price the price the woman would, out of necessity, be obliged to pay.

As reported the story ended:

"Just at this moment, however, a respectable man near quietly suggested to the old lady that the offer made by pig dealer No. 2 was a "draw," in other words he merely made the offer for the purpose of entrapping her. The word "draw" caught the ears of one of the pig-dealing fraternity; it was communicated by him to the other; and the whole "brotherhood" poured out the phials of their filthy wrath upon the head of the party who had hinted to the old lady not to pay "too dearly for her whistle."

In conclusion, was my Great-great-grandfather William one of the rogue dealers? Knowing what I do know about his immediate family and their contributions to life in Hereford, I like to think that he was not.



Driving pigs along Edgar Street, Hereford. (Courtesy: Derek Foxton)

Bob Powell
Membership No 3325.

The Irish Family History Society.

We are a not for profit organisation promoting Irish family history and genealogy worldwide. While the majority of our activities are on Zoom, we do hold occasional In-Person activities. Our Annual one day Conference is both In-Person and on Zoom. I'd like to inform you of some upcoming events we are running, which may be of interest or benefit to any of your members trying to trace their Irish ancestry and heritage.

Last autumn we ran a course over 5 weeks showing how to navigate online, mostly free, records and also the benefits of some paid sites and how to get the best for your investment. These courses were recorded and remain on our website (www.ifhs.ie) for members only free access. We have many other resources available free to members via our website.

In April next we are running a 3 week course, which will follow on from the autumn series. We are focusing on the 'what next' and taking case studies to show where you go when you have exhausted the obvious and the free sites. The key-note study will be given by the inimitable John Grenham, Mr Irish Genealogy, an unmissable opportunity to get to ask questions of the expert! His book "Tracing Your Irish Ancestors" is the standard guide to Irish family history.

We will be running a further short course in September focussing on the content and context of the different timeframes in which we are searching for records. The whys and wherefores of finding records in Ireland and additional knowledge that will aid you in your searches.

Courses are free to members.

We also run monthly talks, free to members on Zoom, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 7.30 pm local Irish time on subjects of interest to those searching for Irish Ancestors. When the presenters are agreeable we record & make these talks available for a period of time for members only.

Membership of The Irish Family History Society is €25 per year and runs for January to December each year. We also run members-only informal Zoom 'Meet-Ups' several times a year where you can get help with questions, conundrums and brick walls.

Louise Maher

Treasurer / Secretary

Irish Family History Society

Herefordshire FHS Zoom Meetings Programme for 2026

Friday 16th January - Clare O'Grady

Researching your Pauper Ancestors

At some point in their lives, many of our ancestors would have been in receipt in some form of poor relief, either from the parish or from a Poor Law Union.

Friday 20th February - John Vigar

Murder, Sex and Mayhem in English Churches

Like most people I enjoy the peace and serenity offered by our parish churches, but having visited and recorded over 12,000 of them I have found they also contain countless images of Murder, Sex and Mayhem.

Friday 20th March - Andrea Hetherington

British Widows of the First World War.

Based on my book, a general talk outlining the experiences of war widows and their battle for state support.

Friday 17th April - Jenny Malin

Five Generations of a British Raj Family

A complete insight how five generations of a family lived as Domiciled Anglo Indians with British ancestry on both sides of the family for almost two hundred years in India during the British Raj.

Friday 15th May - Paul Wilkins—How to trace your Family History

Friday 19th June - Bill Laws

The Herefordshire P.O.W

From Cathedral organist Percy Hull, banged up at the Kaiser's pleasure in Germany in 1914, to Panzerwaffe Manfred Klein, held briefly in Tupsley before becoming a stockman at the Vern, Marden in 1945, *The Herefordshire POW* looks at the men, women and children, held against their will during two world wars.

Friday 17th July - Kelly Cornwell

Transportation to Tasmania

Exploring English and Australian records to help you discover more about your female convict ancestors; demonstrated via the case study of a young girl from Shoreditch, her conviction, transportation and ensuing escapades in Tasmania.

Friday 21st August - Frances Hurd - Secrets and Lies

Every family has its secrets -- and their impact can last for several generations.

**The 2026 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.

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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>

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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. jerrydpavis@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

Woolhope Club

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Founded in 1851, The Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club, covers the archaeology, history and the natural history of Herefordshire. Also Archaeological Research Section & Natural History Section Membership £13-00 per year, Joint £15-00, Student £2-00

**Contact Addresses of Family History Societies
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Midland Ancestor (formerly BMSGH)

<https://midland-ancestors.uk/>

Gloucestershire FHS

www.gfhs.org.uk

Clarence Row, Alvin Street, Gloucester, Glous. GL1 3AH

Gwent FHS

Sec: Mrs N. Thomas, 11, Rosser Street, Waunfelin, Pontypool. NP4 6EA

www.gwentfhs.info

Montgomeryshire GS

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

Powys FHS

www.powysfhs.org.uk

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

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Shropshire FHS

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Malvern Family History Society

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www.mfhs.org.uk

Despite our name, we cover the whole of Worcestershire. In 2026, we hope to have our monthly meetings at the Malvern Cube, Albert Road North, Malvern WR14 2YF opening at 1900 for a 1930 start, on the fourth Wednesday of the month and via Zoom, but it is best to check the website!

FHF (Formerly called FFHS) is an international organisation, established in the UK as a non-profit making charitable company. It represents, advises and supports over 200 family history societies and other genealogical organizations world-wide, with a combined membership of over 300,000.

www.familyhistoryfederation.com

See www.fhswales.org.uk/ for information on societies in Wales

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All other correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary.
If you require a reply, please include a S.A.E.

Herefordshire FHS Burial Index

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

Help Wanted

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

Herefordshire Registrar Indexes

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.

Births : 1837 - 1924 £15

Births: Name, Date of Birth, Mother's Maiden Name & Registrar Reference.

Marriages: 1837 - 1964 £25

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

Deaths: 1837 - 1974 £10

Deaths: Surname, Forename, Date of Death, Age & Registrar Reference.

The agreement also includes permission for an extra year to be added to the indexes each January.

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