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REALLY USEFUL Bulletin

No 10

Welcome to the current edition of the *Really Useful Bulletin*
We hope this will provide you with ideas for your family history.

Join us for the expanded autumn show!

Friday 12th November 6pm—10pm

Saturday 13th November 10am—6pm



Less popular family history shows may offer early-bird tickets until the last minute suggesting that the stated 'official' price might be more imaginary than real.

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News from the Federation

The Federation elects a new President

Dr Janet Few

History Interpreter – Writer – Speaker – Researcher

We are delighted to welcome Janet Few as President.

*Many readers will know of Janet through her talks, books, novels
and perhaps also her alter ego, Mistress Agnes.*



Janet has a reputation as an academic historian who firmly believes that good history is for everyone. She brings history alive in her talks, books (fiction and non-fiction), re-enactment with a team of historical interpreters and involvement in research of both family and place.

Involvement with her local family history society is part of Janet's busy life, keeping her feet firmly on the ground and connected with today's issues affecting family historians wherever they are.

Janet's own words following her election:

Here I am, three decades after serving on the executive committee of the Family History Federation, having the honour of being voted in as its President. I am following some seriously big names in the genealogical community. To be considered some kind of elder stateswoman, is not only a humbling experience, it also makes me feel incredibly ancient. Perhaps I should point out that during my time on the executive I was the youngest ever serving member; although I think that record has since been passed to someone else.



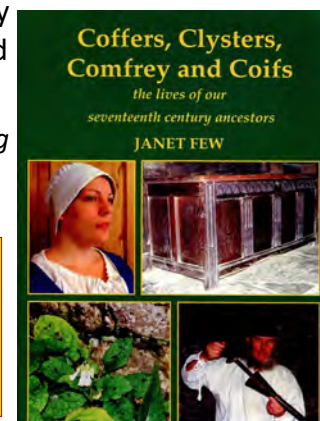
Janet as Mistress Agnes

Family history societies are at a crossroads. Many have seen slowly declining memberships and have struggled to fill committee and volunteer roles in recent years. Now is the time to either reinvent ourselves and our function or fade into oblivion. We cannot keep repeating the pattern that has not been working well and expect it to suddenly become relevant and appealing.

The pandemic has forced us to rethink the way in which we do many things. Societies can either put change in the 'too hard' basket or embrace it and perhaps use it as the first step to a resurgence. Societies can still be relevant in today's genealogical landscape but it takes work and insight to make them so.

For many years, I have come into contact with societies across the world as a member, a volunteer and a speaker. In the past year, my 'catchment area' has expanded exponentially and I am looking forward to 'meeting' many more family historians in the coming months. I am very mindful of the honour that has been entrusted to me in these challenging times.

Read more about Janet and her work at <https://thehistoryinterpreter.wordpress.com/> also her blog at <https://thehistoryinterpreter.wordpress.com/latest-news-from-the-history-interpreter/>



To welcome Janet we are offering her excellent book:
Coffers, Clysters, Comfrey and Coifs—The Lives of Our Seventeenth Century Ancestors
at the special price of £10.99 until 15th July, 2021.

www.familyhistorybooksonline.com/coffers-clysters-comfrey-and-coifs-76



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England and Wales Family History Research ROYAL NAVY RECORDS

Whether you are new to family history research or have been researching for a while, this brief overview with some ideas for researching navy ancestors who were ratings will provide useful background.

Background

As an island nation the sea has always played a great part in our defence and history. In the Victorian era the Royal Navy as the 'senior service' numbered amongst one of the largest employers in the country. To identify a naval ancestor, the occupational term of seaman or sailor was usually used. Seaman was the preferred term of the Navy for its sailors. In many official documents Royal Navy personnel frequently recorded the name of their ship as well as their rank or rating. The term 'sailor' was particularly common in the Victorian period amongst crews of Portsmouth-based ships.

Navy records are complex and sometimes heavily abbreviated and all too often it is necessary to look at various records to build up a full and detailed picture of a seaman's career. If you are familiar with the records and know where to look and how to use them, you will have a better chance of finding all the information about your navy ancestor and what he (or she) did whilst in the service.

Royal Navy Ratings

Royal Navy ratings were senior rates or junior rates designated thus:

SENIOR RATES:

Chief Petty Officer, Petty Officer

JUNIOR RATES:

Leading Seamen, Leading Hands, Able Seaman

Ordinary Seaman - This was the lowest rating on a ship. The Ordinary Seaman was someone who was not experienced as a sailor. Most seamen gained their experience through working on board a ship, and specialising and progressing up the rating ladder.

Able Seaman - As the name suggests, they were to be able seamen, i.e. those who were competent in their job and had gained their knowledge through



***The Royal Navy* by Ian Waller FSG**

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experience. Most able seamen had around five years of experience and were appointed by the captain of the ship on which they served. Once they became able, they did not lose that rating.

Boys - Boys were rated first, second or third class depending upon age. Boys who joined the navy under the age of fifteen years were rated third class, between fifteen and seventeen years as second class (unless they joined from a training ship). A first class boy was one who was training to become an officer or who had graduated from a training ship.

Seamen's wills and effects papers

The Prerogative Court of Canterbury, prior to 1858, had the responsibility for proving the wills of ratings who died abroad. Up to 1815 it also had the responsibility for those who died in service where more than £20 was owed to them in wages. The indexes will often indicate the name of the ship on which the testator was serving when the will was



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made. In some cases the abbreviation PTS is used indicating 'foreign parts'.

After 1858 naval wills were under the jurisdiction of the Principal Probate Registry although the wills of seamen for the period up to 1882 were the responsibility of the Navy Inspector of Wills. The Inspector of Wills had the responsibility to make sure all naval personnel wills were properly registered and above all that records were kept of the registered wills. The administration under this navy department provides the family historian with a good number of documents, the main series being seamen's wills.

The original 20,000 plus wills deposited with the Navy Pay Office are in series ADM48 and these can be searched and downloaded using *Discovery* for the period 1786-1882. Original wills, where validated by the Admiralty, were usually on printed forms. If the original wills were not validated, they were, in most cases, returned to the executors and a direction to that effect was noted in the register.

The registers of wills are in series ADM142 and can be freely downloaded from *Discovery*. They are arranged alphabetically in two series covering 1786 to 1861 and 1862 to 1909. Several of the earlier volumes record the name, address and relationship of the executor or administrator. In some cases there is additional or supporting correspondence.

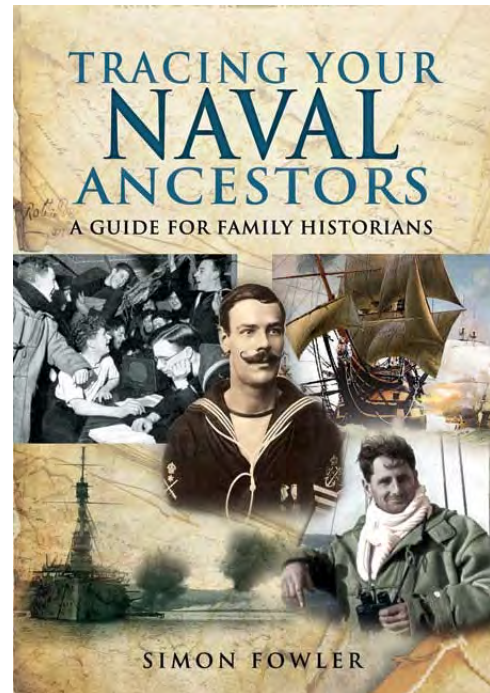
The wills provide:

- The seaman's name
- Date the will was made
- Rank or rating
- The name of the last ship on which he served
- Details of his effects
- The name (and sometimes the address) of the person who was to receive the effects in the event of his death which was normally the nominated next of kin.



Ratings Service Records

Many Royal Navy servicemen who served throughout the Second World War or at the time of National Service took their service records with them when they were discharged from the service.



***Tracing your Naval Ancestors* by Simon Fowler**

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It is possible, therefore, that they are amongst individual family papers rather than being available through the Ministry of Defence. The Ministry of Defence is the custodian of all records of service personnel after 1923.

Naval seamen experienced a very organised and disciplined way of life on board a ship. Over 600,000 service records dating from 1853 are available to search and download online via The National Archives *Discovery* Online Documents section and on subscription websites. Although most terminate in 1923 there are some which contain records of service to c1928.

The original records which can now be collectively searched were in two series:

- ADM139 - continuous service engagement books from 1853 to 1872
- ADM188 - registers of seamen's services from 1873 to 1923.

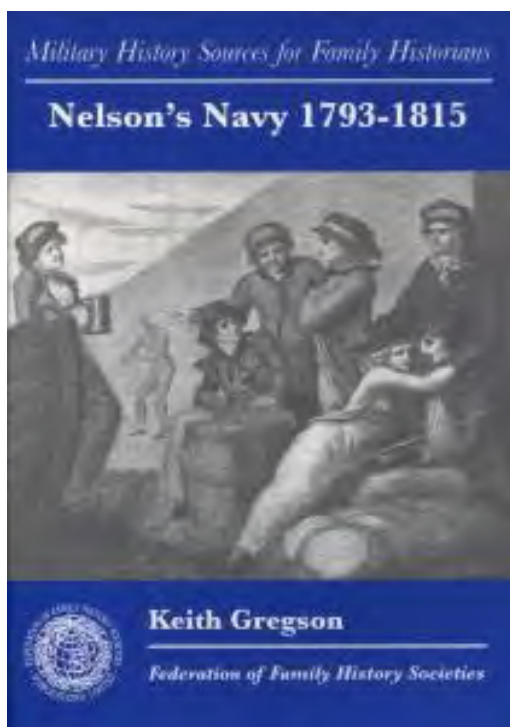
From 1853 new ratings signed up for ten years' service if they were eighteen or older. Existing



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ratings could sign up for seven years' service. Both new and existing ratings were given a continuous service (CS) number which remained unchanged throughout a serviceman's career. Since 1894, the Navy had three managing ports: Chatham, Portsmouth and Devonport (Plymouth). All ratings belonged to their designated port during their service and the following designations were included in their service numbers C (Chatham), P (Portsmouth) and D (Devonport).

It is important as you research to understand the service number system as these changed over time. Originally the service numbers were known as CS numbers up to 1872 and from 1873 to 1894 as ON official numbers. The allocation of service numbers changed in 1894 and up to 1970 different sets of numbers were allocated to different branches. The numbering system changed again in 1908 running to 1923 and this time they were prefixed by a letter and within each letter class they commenced at number 1.



Nelson's Navy 1793-1815

By Keith Gregson

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In 1903 a short service scheme was introduced where men could serve for a period of twelve years. The first seven years was spent on active Royal Navy service and the remaining five years in the Royal Fleet Reserve. Continuous Service Records with the prefix SS relate to those engaged on short service. It is also useful to note that if seamen joined before 1928 and continued service after that date then his career details up to 1928 are in ADM188 but the remainder of the record is still held by the Ministry of Defence. It was not unusual for ratings who were discharged in the early 1900s to join the Coastguard Service and in this case they frequently kept their Royal Navy service number.



Information in Continuous Service Records

Name; year of birth (or age); place of birth; names of ships with dates of service in each; period actually served; details of engagements which may have not been completed. From 1892 you will normally find additional details including: seaman's occupation on joining; badges issued; character and ability; details of physical description including hair, colour of eyes, complexion, height and details of tattoos; information relating to wounds; date of death (if the seaman died in service). There may also be a cross-reference to the 'new register' for which the other record will be in one of the Continuation Books (ADM188/83-90) so you may need to look for a second record.

If the record was contained in ADM139 (Continuous Service Engagement Books) you may also find details of any service within the Merchant Navy. The official number may also enable you to trace records of service in later registers. This is particularly important if your ancestors' service was either side of 1872/73.

If you locate the service records of a man whose number is prefixed by the letter 'F' then they served in the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) during the First World War and you will need to use the records for that branch. They may have become RAF personnel on 1 April 1918 for which there are separate records beyond that date.



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The CS record may indicate that a rating became a warrant officer (gunner, boatswain, carpenter or artificer engineer). You will then need to undertake research for a warrant officer's service record using series ADM196.



Certificates of Service 1802-1919

Series ADM29 comprises of service records compiled by the Navy Pay Office from the ships' musters and pay books and relate mainly to ratings. Records were sent to the Admiralty for the granting and administration of pensions, superannuation, gratuities or medals (ADM29) with another sent to Greenwich Hospital (ADM73). The prime purpose of the records was to support of applications made by naval servicemen for pensions, gratuities or medals. ADM29 also included applications for the admittance of orphaned children to the Greenwich Hospital. Service records were also compiled for the same reasons regarding coastguards, naval dockyard workers, and convict guards as many had previous service in the Royal Navy.

Before the introduction of continuous service registers for ratings, these certificates formed the only official evidence of the careers of ratings. If a Continuous Service (CS) or Official Number (ON) is given in ADM29 documents, you should find a more composite service record in the Continuous Service Engagement Books or the Registers of Seamen's Services on line.



Ships' Musters and Pay Lists 1667-1878

If a seaman served before 1853, one way to trace the service of a seaman is the use of ships' musters and it is possible to trace a seaman's service both backwards and forwards using ships' muster rolls provided you know the name of at least one ship on which he served.

Men signed up to serve on a particular ship and were paid off when the ship was decommissioned. The available ships' musters also cover the period to 1878 when there may not be a comprehensive

service record as described above. Available musters can be accessed through *Discovery*: enter the name of the ship **without** using any prefix such as 'HMS'.

Ships' musters were maintained for every ship in commission. They were either monthly or quarterly. Muster rolls along with associated pay lists were the only record of everyday seamen's service kept by the Navy until 1853. Between 1715 and 1830 at least three sets of pay books were maintained for every ship. Each had a different function and destination. It

is not unusual for different information to be included in the different sets so if more than one record exists for a ship, then all should be searched.

A ship's muster from around 1761-1764 should provide a seaman's age and place of birth although this was not always entered. The age given is that of the seaman when entering the ship, not necessarily when he joined the navy. Unfortunately the information can often be vague or inaccurate, but it may give clues which can be followed up in other genealogical sources including parish

baptism registers. From about 1800 description books which provide additional details relating to age, height, complexion, scars and tattoos may be included with musters and these can provide a wealth of other information besides the physical description, such as details of previous ships on which the seaman served, a valuable resource when tracing a man's career before 1853.

If a muster is missing you can, as an alternative, use the ships' pay books to confirm that a man served on a particular ship. Some of the musters contain 'alphabets' which are surname indexes sewn into the actual books.

On joining a ship, a crew member was provided with a pay book number which should have remained unique to him throughout that ship's voyage/commission.

Musters and pay books are contained in various, but different classes. The ships' musters can be found in ADM 36, ADM 37, ADM 38, ADM 39, ADM 41, ADM 115 and ADM 119 and the pay books in ADM 31, ADM 32, ADM 33, ADM 34, ADM 35 and ADM 117.



A Leading Seaman fouled anchor badge [private collection of Ian Waller]



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Royal Navy Pensions

The Royal Hospital, Greenwich was founded in 1694 as a home for superannuated seamen and mariners. The first in-pensioners were admitted in 1705. By 1716 the hospital also maintained payments to out-pensioners and provided pensions and allowances for widows and orphans of seamen.

It stopped housing in-pensioners in 1869 and from 1873, the hospital continued to administer out-pensions and other allowances as well as continuing with the school administration until it moved to Holbrook in the 1930s.

Frequently, civil registration certificates and other genealogically valuable documents will refer to the occupation of someone as a 'Greenwich Pensioner' who was the navy equivalent of an army 'Chelsea Pensioner'. Those living in the Royal Hospital Greenwich were known as an 'in-pensioner' and those who lived elsewhere but received a naval pension were known as 'out-pensioners'.

Pension Administration

After 1853 with the introduction of continuous service for ratings they were rewarded with a pension after twenty years of service. Although the Continuous Service Records exist there are not that many records thereafter relating to actual pensions. Dependents of ratings killed in action were eligible for payments of a year's wages which was paid to them by the Naval Pay Office.

Greenwich In-Pension Records

Compared with out-pensioners, there were only a small number of in-pensioners but the records which exist are far more detailed when admission was sought or granted. The records cover 1790-

1865 and can be searched by name index in class ADM73.

The out-pension pay books cover a short period from 1781 to 1809. There are also a series of registers of allowances paid to wives or guardians of children for men who were in receipt of a navy pension but who have been admitted to public lunatic asylums during the period 1899 to 1948.

The entry books list date of entry, name, age, marital status, number of children, where they were born, last place of residence albeit sometimes just the town rather than actual address, time served in the service, navy trade (if any), the name of the last ship on which they served and cause of wounds or disablement. Some registers will also give a physical description and there is also a register for those ratings whose applications as in-pensioners were rejected.

Greenwich Out-Pension Records

The most comprehensive set of records can be found in ADM73 and these relate to payments given to ratings that were accepted as out-pensioners. These cover the period 1781 to 1809 and include the death dates. Records of payments to ratings for the period 1814 to 1846 are in class ADM22 and these are arranged by date and then by the initial of the surname of the seaman.

Generally these also provide a death date. If the pension was terminated owing to death, then the age and the date of death are recorded. Some records relating to rating pensioners who reside abroad can be found with returns in PMG71.

Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich

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Be aware!

Your ancestor may have served in one of the many divisions of the Navy and as such records will be in different locations.

Sea Fencibles
Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers
Royal Naval Reserve
Royal Naval Patrol Service
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
Naval Brigade
Fleet Air Arm
Royal Naval Division
Royal Naval Air Service
Royal Naval Submarine Division
Royal Naval Aviation (Fleet Air Arm)
Women's Royal Naval Service
Queen Alexandra's Royal naval Nursing Service
Royal Fleet Auxiliary

Royal Naval Service Records Online – (but some are incomplete runs)

Findmypast

Service records 1704-1919
Ships' musters
RND service records
RNR service records
World War One Naval casualties.

Ancestry

Registers of Seamen's Service 1848-1939 (ADM139 & ADM188)
Navy Medal Rolls (ADM171)

Records held by the Ministry of Defence

Written applications and payment of a statutory fee of £30 are needed to obtain the records. The application forms can be downloaded from:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-copy-military-service-records/apply-for-someone-elses-records>

Ministry of Defence
Directorate of Personnel Support (Navy)
Navy Search
TNT Archive Services
Tetron Point
William Nadin Way
Swadlincote, Derbyshire DE11 0BB
Tel: (+44) 01283 227913
Email: navysearchpgrc@tnt.co.uk

Hold the following records:

RN ratings enlisting 1924–1939
WRNS ratings enlisting 1939–1955
QARNNS 1923–1955

Ministry of Defence
NPP(Acs)AFPAA Centurion Building
Grange Road
Gosport PO13 9XA

Hold the following records:

Records after 1940
RN ratings after 1939
FAA after 1939
RNR ratings after 1945
RNVR ratings after 1945
WRNS after 1956
QARNNS after 1956

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Vice-Chairman and Education Officer of the Federation*



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SUSSEX FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The Sussex Family History Group's website and logo have had a makeover.

Our website was created in 1995. Over the following years, with contributions from various members of the group, the content and functionality were improved and expanded and in August 2004 the site was winner of the "Family History Societies Web Award" for the member society with the best website. This achievement was repeated in 2007.

However, by 2017 it was apparent that the website was no longer 'gold standard' and it had progressively become more difficult to develop and maintain. It was decided that a new website design was required that encompassed the latest designs and technologies for easy browsing, data availability, purchasing, expansion and maintainability and that was more "user friendly" in what has become the new "internet age". The redesign was started and after the expected trials and tribulations the new website went live at the beginning of March. Why not see for yourself at www.sfhg.uk. During this period, it was also decided that our logo may benefit from a face lift and, with some professional help, was given a new softer look. The new version can be viewed with this article.

The new website offers many new facilities, including name searching for members interests, access to many more of the Sussex Family History Group's documents, transcriptions and other information. The new "Shop" now has illustrations and much more information about our CD transcriptions of parish registers and general county wide records. We now have the ability to offer Downloads as well as the existing CD/memory stick formats. Many of our transcriptions have already been converted into a downloadable format and more are to follow. This download option provides almost immediate availability of the information worldwide, without the delays and costs and hazards of postage. This option is already proving to be very popular.

We have reintroduced the three-monthly newsletter for members. It's now called "SURELYE". Why? Here is an explanation: *"There are few words more frequently used by Sussex people than this. It has no special meaning of its own, but it is added at the end of any sentence to particular emphasis is required to be given"*. (Source: A Dictionary of The Sussex Dialect-1875).

Explore our new website with the revised address: www.sfhg.uk





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OXFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Friendly and innovative, always seeking new ways to engage members and others interested in family history research

From its foundation in 1976, the Oxfordshire Family History Society has endeavored to encourage the study of family history within Oxfordshire. We currently have 1500 members worldwide.

Our most valuable resource is our family of volunteers who go above and beyond to assist members and non-members through our helpdesks, advisor sessions and regular meetings and lectures. During the COVID restrictions, our one-to-one advisor sessions in libraries county-wide have been in abeyance, but the helpdesk is very actively answering queries by email and telephone.

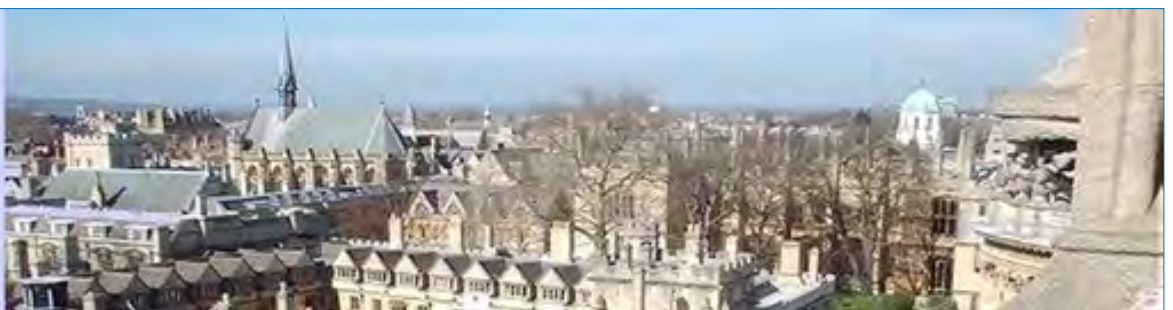
We were one of the first societies to use Zoom to hold our regular monthly meetings and talks. The COVID cloud has delivered a silver lining as we now regularly engage over 100 participants with members joining from worldwide despite the time differences. We have been delighted to welcome members from as far afield as Australia and America. The majority of these talks are recorded and made available to members.

Our very popular annual Fair held in Woodstock has been curtailed for the moment but as soon as we can we will be opening the doors to all again.



Research resources and help

Family historians with links to Oxfordshire are fortunate in having a wealth of transcribed data available, as a result of the efforts of many volunteers over the years covering parish registers, monumental inscriptions. CDs and downloads are available from the [Shop](#) on our website. /over





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We provide an invaluable [Search Service](#) using indexed data on baptisms, marriages and burials for anyone wishing to explore possible Oxfordshire roots.

Our monumental inscriptions teams are often found crawling in graveyards deciphering gravestones and their efforts have resulted in over 150 burial grounds now with a full index.

We joined with the Oxfordshire History Centre to embark upon a scanning project to preserve the parish registers making them available online via ancestry.co.uk.

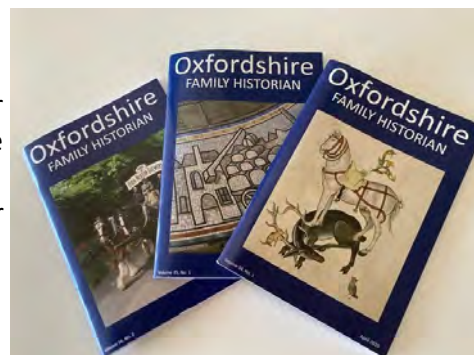
[Wills](#) provide an excellent resource for family historians and we have an extensive and growing online free-to-use, database of indexed and searchable information for over 7000 named testators.

Projects

We also run two linked projects that research Oxfordshire surnames from medieval times and investigate DNA for those with Oxfordshire ancestry before 1880. The project plans to deliver a book in early 2022 containing essays on surnames in different parishes over time, their origins, hotspots, DNA connections and many other facets of Oxfordshire surname research. The project also aims to build a comprehensive database of Oxfordshire surnames from the twelfth to the twentieth century available to members in 2023.

Publications

One of the benefits of membership is the *Oxfordshire Family Historian*, our magazine which is sent out 3 times a year and is also available online in the members' area of our website. Members can search previously published articles, which are wide ranging. Examples from the latest publication cover *Deodatus William Eaton: A Life of Scandal* to *Family Reconstruction using Wills*.



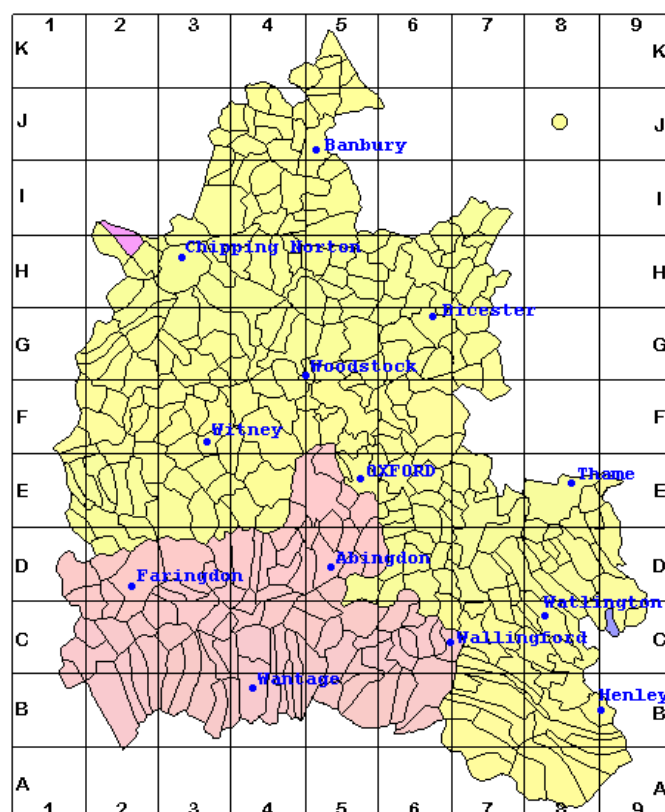
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DORSET FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Dorset Family History Society has re-opened their local research centre 'Treetops' after being closed since March 2020. The centre, at Suite 5, Stanley House, 3 Fleets Lane, Poole, BH15 3AJ, will be opening initially twice a week on Wednesday and Saturday from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. for personal research only and for a small charge.

The Society's computers will be available to access the subscription sites Ancestry (Worldwide), Find My Past, The Genealogist, Fold-3 and the British Newspaper Archives. Experienced volunteers will be on hand to give assistance and advice.

Visits must be pre-booked by using the contact form on the DFHS's website www.dorsetfhs.org.uk where all the details are listed. Unlike in the past, only those with a booking will be admitted to allow for social distancing. To protect visitors and volunteers alike, a risk assessment has been made and a number of measures have been put in place to make Treetops Covid-safe based on current government guidelines and regulations. These visitor guidelines will be shared with those making a booking. A review will be made when government restrictions are further eased, and will be posted on the website.

For details of their zoom talks please see their website or the Family History Federation News and Events page

<https://www.dorsetfhs.org.uk>

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LIVERPOOL & SW LANCS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Like all Family History Societies we have had to find a way to bridge the gap left by not being to hold our normal meetings. To do this we have begun a series of Zoom meetings for our committees and talks via Zoom for our members and anyone else interested. So far these have proved largely successful (to the point where we now have a dedicated Zoom Co-ordinator) and we are planning more. We will invite as many of our members as possible and, being online, these talks will also reach our friends outside of the UK. Invitations will be sent to all of our members whose email addresses we have and registration for a ticket will be available for up to 100 guests at a time, the maximum our Zoom subscription allows.

We are trying to make the subjects as varied as possible and anybody wishing to give a Zoom talk, or recommend a subject and speaker, please get in touch with our Zoom Co-ordinator (email zoom-admin@lswlfhs.org.uk) and we will do all we can to accommodate you.

So far we have planned the following talks:

Tuesday 29 June 2021	2.00pm	Helena Smart and Sarah Conroy	Liverpool Central Library and Archives
Tuesday 13th July 2021	2.00pm	David Archibald	CWGC Archives
Monday 9th August 2021	T.B.A.	Margaret Daley	Maps



In our second talk listed we are collaborating with the Liverpool Central Library and Archives to spread the word about what resources and records are available, both online and in the archives, with particular emphasis on those aimed at family history and in the last meeting of this series how they are also so very knowledgeable about maps

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- *Nonconformists: Baptists, Wesleyans, Independents, Quakers and many more nonconformist lists*
- *Wills and Probate Indexes of wills and administrations*

Head over to www.parishchest.com to see what is new to help you add to your family tree.

Family History Books and Parish Chest are both under the umbrella for the Family History Federation

Friday 12th and Saturday 13th November 2021

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