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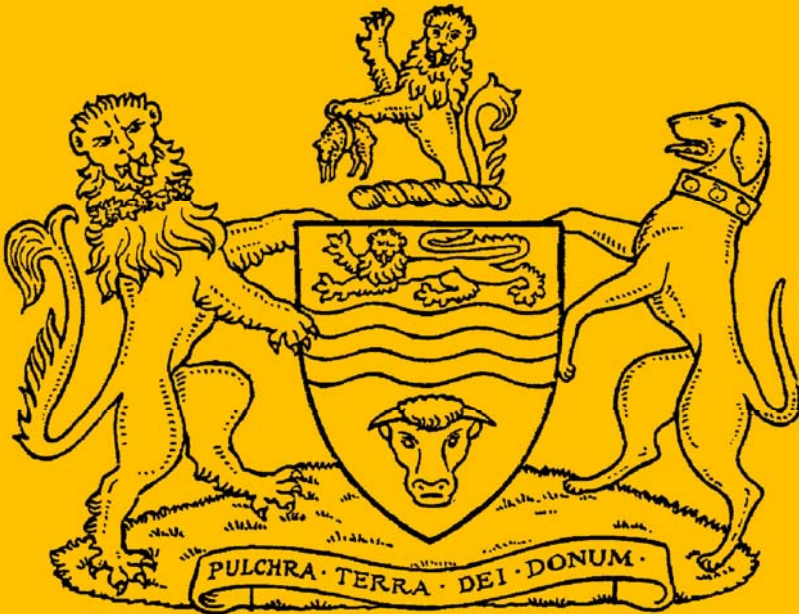
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Editor's Report

Some time ago I received an article submitted to me concerning the Monument on the River Usk at Abergavenny. The deceased was Mr. Hungerford Hoskyns, the only son and heir to the baronetcy of Harewood Park in Herefordshire. Unfortunately I cannot find any reference to who sent this to me and so I cannot publish it in the journal until I can confirm the author. If this was you can you contact me directly.

You will also notice that Herefordiensis is lightly shorter this time, there are 2 reasons for this, firstly I have run out of articles submitted for publications and secondly we usually cut down the number of pages so we can include the Renewal notifications within the journal.

Hopefully you will take advantage of renewing via our On-Line shop on the site at <https://www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk/shop/> and renew your membership this way. Both our Membership Secretary and Treasurer appreciate this as the preferred method of renewing.

Can I also make a mention here about the presentation being done by Mary McKee on behalf of FindMyPast on the up-coming release of the 1921 Census.

If you are registered on the site you do not need to do anything further. I will send out the link in the website Newsletter.

Should you not be registered for some strange reason, contact me at my email of philbufton@hotmail.com and I will send you the link towards the end of January.

The presentation will take place on Tue 8th February 2022.

And finally, in true Two Ronnies style, there are again no New Members Interests this edition, so maybe that feature is no longer required.

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Chairman Report January 2022

A belated Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all our members, old and new. (I cannot get the deadlines right.)

This time last year I wrote about getting back to the 'norm'. Well, I was wrong (again, as the wife would say.)

It has been a year when our ZOOM talks have gone from strength to strength and will continue into this New Year. The committee attempt to restart the meetings at the Hereford Kindle Centre failed miserably. So, until things have improved, we will continue with the on-line talks.

Fortunately, the Hereford Record Office (HARC) has started to allow limited personal research and the HFHS transcription project of the National Burial Registers is now running again.

The monthly newsletter, written by Phil Bufton, is a good source of upcoming events and general chit-chat. Make sure you read it! The other source for society information is our website at:

www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk

Here you can pay membership fees, browse through our free selected items for members or order all sorts of wonderful genealogical goodies.

It is hoped that some new sources of such goodies will become available soon due to the volunteers who give their time and effort in working with many of the records held by the HARC.

May you all stay safe and healthy in the coming year.

Alan Charles
Acting Chairman Herefordshire FHS

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Great-grandparents under the microscope

Liz Summerson

I feel very much a Herefordian, especially as, besides being born and bred in the county myself, five of my eight great-grandparents also came from Herefordshire. Two others originated just over the Welsh border on the other side of the Black Mountains, while the eighth was born in industrial Glamorganshire of mixed Cardiganshire and Somerset ancestry.

I am lucky enough to have photographs of all eight of them. I don't suppose this is anything very unusual, but my point of comparison is my husband, who has photos of only two of his. Six of my photos came from family collections, while the final two resulted from a very serendipitous google search leading to my purchase of a parcel of family documents that had been sold in an auction following a house clearance. How lucky was that?

I decided to look at some comparative information relating to my great-grandparents, who were all born between 1824 and 1866. We talk glibly of 'a generation' but, between them, my great-grandparents' lives spanned 124 years and included the reigns of George IV, William IV, Victoria, Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII and George VI. A phenomenal amount of social and technological change took place in that time frame, as well as all the Victorian wars of Empire and two World Wars.

Two of the eight were born before civil birth registration began in England and they are the only two to appear in the 1841 census. Four of the eight are listed in 1851 and six in 1861. All eight are in the censuses of 1871, 1881 and 1891. In fact, they were all alive simultaneously between 1866 and 1893. Six were in the 1901 census, five in the 1911, and I look forward to finding four of them in the 1921 schedules when those are published. Only one solitary great-grandfather made it to the 1939 National Registration; he, too, died before I was born. If he could have just hung on for another 23 months ...

Work

When I embarked on my family history research twenty-odd years ago, I expected that, coming from a rural county, my male ancestors would be mostly agricultural labourers. But I was wrong. I discovered that two of my four great-grandfathers were self-employed, whilst the other two worked in promoted positions.

Looking at my paternal great-grandfathers, Edwin GARRETT, born 1843 at Breinton, Herefordshire and raised in Weobley, was at various times a hurdlemaker, timber squarer/hewer, innkeeper (of The Unicorn, Weobley) and latterly, timber contractor, farmer and operator of a carrier's cart service from his home village of Hope under Dinmore to Leominster; he was certainly an entrepreneurial man. John NUTT, the earliest born of my great-grandparents came into the world in 1824 at Leysters in north-east Herefordshire; he was an agricultural labourer in his younger years, but was promoted to gamekeeper, working at Queenswood on John ARKWRIGHT's Hampton Court Estate. I like to think Nutt's Ride in Queenswood was named for him.

On my maternal side, George PRICE, born 1861 in Velindre, Breconshire, worked as both a tailor and innkeeper, holding the licence of The Three Horse-shoes, Velindre for an amazing 54 years. He apparently sat cross-legged in the bar, sewing uniforms for the Breconshire Regiment. Finally, John GRIFFITHS, born 1848 at Winforton in the west of the county, left a life of low-paid farm labouring in Herefordshire to go to Dowlais, Glamorgan, where he worked his way up in an iron foundry to become a blast furnace overman. This was quite a prestigious position which enabled him to buy a newly-built house for his family, away from the unhealthily crowded streets of the town centre. Social mobility was also demonstrated by the fact that two of his daughters became village headmistresses: one of these was my grandmother Cornelia, who presided over Goodrich School, Herefordshire, for 24 years.

My great-grandmothers, like most women of that time and place, were not generally employed outside the home after marriage, except perhaps on casual agricultural work. From home, they might work as dressmakers and seamstresses as John Nutt's wife Susannah did. George PRICE's wife Elizabeth certainly helped out in the Velindre pub and the little provisions store that it included.

A comparison with the previous generation – my great-great-grandparents – is also quite interesting. The fathers of John NUTT and John GRIFFITHS were both agricultural labourers, so employees like their sons, but they were not able to advance. Rather differently, Edwin Garrett's father John was a hurdlemaker, which was a skilled craft job paid at quite a high rate. He was self-employed, organising contracts with farmers and others in need of hurdles, and travelling to where his work was required. George PRICE's father was a self-employed master tailor who trained up apprentices and used the services of his wife and step-daughters as shirtmakers.

Family size

In the main, my great-grandparents came from families that were smaller than those they themselves went on to produce. The time at which they were having their children was still a time of high infant mortality in Britain, including in rural areas. Edwin GARRETT was the tail-ender of only five known siblings. His wife Anne LEWIS born 1849 at Holmer, Hereford was the sixth of 11 children, of which six died as babies or young children. Edwin and Anne themselves had 12 offspring, of whom four died between one and six years of age of diseases that would now be curable. John NUTT was the fourth of nine known children, of which only one died in infancy, and his wife Susannah BENGREE born 1832 at Stoke Prior, Herefordshire, was the eldest of seven, who seem to have all survived to adulthood. John and Susannah themselves were very fertile, producing 16 children, just one of which died as a baby. George PRICE was the only child of his mother's second marriage, but he had six older half-brothers and sisters from her first marriage. George's wife Elizabeth JONES, the youngest of my great-grandparents, was born 1866 at Velindre, Breconshire and was the single illegitimate child of her mother and an unknown father; her mother later married, giving her three much younger half-siblings, one dying as a baby. George and Elizabeth's own brood totalled nine. John GRIFFITHS was the third of thirteen siblings, of which one died as a baby, and his wife Rosina HYDE born 1852 at Dowlais, Glamorganshire, was the second of 11 children (three not surviving infancy). This urban area was one of the most unhealthy in Britain at that time. John and Rosina themselves had ten children, with just one baby not surviving.

Literacy

My great-grandparents were mostly literate, though probably none spent long at school. Edwin and Anne GARRETT both signed at their marriage, and Edwin completed the 1911 census form in a cursive hand with no spelling mistakes. John Nutt, the earliest-born of my great-grandparents, made his mark at his marriage and when registering his children's births. It is doubtful that he had any education though it is always possible that someone who could not write could nonetheless read. His bride Susannah did sign her name at the wedding and she could certainly read and write competently: I have copies of tiny notes in her handwriting that are stored in the Herefordshire archives. George Price was apprenticed to his father as a tailor at the age of nine and may not have had much schooling, but he was certainly literate and enjoyed reading. One of his granddaughters remembered him saying he would have liked to have been a teacher. Again, he completed the 1911 census form in a good flowing hand with no mistakes. His wife Elizabeth, who had been brought up by her maternal grandparents almost next door to George's home, also signed the marriage register when they eloped to Cheltenham for a hasty wedding. John Griffiths and Rosina, by contrast, both

made their mark at their wedding. John had been a ‘boy of all work’ at the age of 11; probably his school days were very short indeed, if indeed he had any. However, decades later, Rosina completed the 1911 census in an educated hand – had the registrar assumed she would make her mark back in 1875? Or perhaps she did not want to be different from John.

Age at death and causes of death

The average age at death of my great-grandfathers was just under 70, whereas that of my great-grandmothers was 76.5 years.

Edwin GARRETT’s demise was a sad one. Feeling his age and suffering from various aches and pains, he committed suicide in 1915 at the age of 72 by drowning himself in the Lugg, when the Leominster Union Workhouse would not take him in as a hospital patient. He did not lack funds for medical treatment, but he had got it into his head that the Workhouse infirmary was where he should be. An inquest declared him to have been of unsound mind. John NUTT, the game-keeper, died of apoplexy and heart disease at 69 in 1893 – a ‘good and faithful servant’ to the ARKWRIGHTS of Hampton Court, as his gravestone declared. George PRICE was the only one to outlive his wife, dying of old age in his 87th year in 1948, while John GRIFFITHS was only 52 when he died unexpectedly of pneumonia in 1900, something that penicillin would probably have cured a few decades later.

As for their wives, Anne GARRETT, née LEWIS, had 15 years of widowhood, dying aged 82 of stomach cancer. Susanna NUTT, née BENGREE, lived twelve years after John’s death before she died in 1905 aged 73 of heart disease and chronic bronchitis, not to mention the hard work of raising her huge family. Elizabeth PRICE, née JONES, although four and a half years younger than her husband George, died fifteen years before him at 67, having been generally unwell for some time. Rosina GRIFFITHS, née HYDE, lived to 84, having been a widow for over 36 years; her newspaper obituary in 1937 described her as one of the oldest inhabitants of Dowlais.

End note

My family history research has, of course, revealed many more personal details about my ancestors than can be included here, even though it has mainly been conducted through documents rather than family connections and handed-down tales. Many people have known at least one of their great-grandparents, especially if their family has tended to marry and reproduce young. With modern-day longer life expectancy, having those relationships becomes even more likely. This was not the case in my family. However, through my research and having looked long and hard at their photos, I feel I know all eight great-grandparents very well.



I hope readers will like the idea of comparing ancestors' lives as I have done here and will perhaps conduct a similar exercise with their own families.

John Nutt and Susannah Bengree



Edwin Garrett and Anne Lewis



John Griffiths and Rosina Hyde



George Price and Elizabeth Jones



Me, their great-granddaughter. Who do I Take after ?

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Introducing the 1921 Census of England & Wales

Back in October 2021 I was in contact with FMP about doing a Zoom presentation about the 1921 census as part of our Zoom monthly meetings. I am going to host it as part of a joint meeting with Herefordshire FHS, Powys FHS, and Montgomeryshire GS.

I will be sending this out as part of the Herefordshire Monthly website Newsletter and it will be copied to the Powys FHS Newsletter as well. In addition it will be passed to the MGS Chair to distribute to its membership.

This will be a separate meeting to our monthly Zoom meeting and will be a separate link to our normal registered meeting. If you would like to be included and you are not registered on the HFHS site, register to get an invite or email me direct at philbufton@hotmail.com

The 1921 Census Zoom meeting will NOT require registration.

Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7-30pm
FMP speaker, Mary McKee

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The early days of Hereford's "Weighing Machines."

This note is partly inspired by the fact that my Great-great-great-grandfather Thomas POWELL of Wormsley (1766 ~ 1851) was both a farmer and 'Hallier' or haulier, as was my Great-great-grandfather William Powell (1814 ~ 1881). Both men would have known Hereford City's weighing machines well, using them to establish what to charge for their haulage services.

Hereford's first major weighing machines appear to exist from the later Eighteenth Century. In 1794 the Hereford Turnpike Trust, to be associated with the toll gates, advertised for "Any person or persons wishing to contract with said Trustees for erecting Five WEIGHING MACHINES, are required to send Estimates and Proposals to Mr. John COREN, Hereford." (*Hereford Journal*, May 7th, 1794, page 3). By 1796 this had changed to "Any person or persons willing to contract for the erecting of SIX WEIGHING MACHINES at the Gates in the City of Hereford." (*Hereford Journal*, May 4th, 1796, page 3) In effect you have weighing machines being used to extract tolls from the 'halliers' and others to counteract wear and tear on the 'Toll Roads' but also weighing goods to protect both vendors and consumers of goods from fraud.

As shown in Figure 1, Hereford's principal machine for commercial weights was the 'City Machine'. In the *Hereford Journal* of October 29th, 1794, page three it stated: "City of Hereford. To Be Let And Entered upon immediately, The Weighing Machine with its Appurtenances situate in St. Owen's Street." The role of custodian associated with the collection of charges was a tendered for position, the principle being that the custodian would extract more from users than the sum he tendered.

In time, other principal Hereford machines would include the 'Wye Bridge Machine' convenient for the Wharf, coal and timber yards; the 'Tram Road Machine' and the 'Great Western' weighing machine at the station.



Figure 1: The 'City Weighing Machine' in St. Peter's Square from the 1806 map of Hereford drawn by G. Cole and engraved by J. Roper.

Over subsequent decades up to the middle 1800s these and other local weighing machines had a reputation for being notoriously inaccurate. This led to much public debate and at times anger which was reflected in both the Hereford Journal and Hereford Times. For example, from the outset: “City of Hereford, Weighing Machine, Reports having been circulated, insinuating that the WEIGHING MACHINE, belonging to this city, is not perfect, the Mayor of the said city hereby assures the Inhabitants and the Public in general, that such insinuations are false and groundless; and that upon inspection and experiment, the same has been found to be perfectly exact and accurate. April 30, 1799.” (*Hereford Journal*, May 1st, 1799, page 3)

The issue was one that persisted: “Too much praise cannot be given to our Chief Magistrate for his determined and impartial conduct in sending out the Inspector of Weights and Measures, to the different shops in this city and suburbs. Mr. HOWELLS finished his inspection last week. Numbers of weights were found defective, consequently many seizures were made... We are informed the scales in a number of instances were very defective; and we recommend those who purchase flour particularly, to see the scales balanced before the weights or flour are put in them. The city machine and Wye-bridge machine are the only correct ones; the others are not to be depended upon. There is a difference of one hundred and a half in one of them in the gross weight of 1 Ton 7cwt. 3 qrs.” (*Hereford Journal*, December 23, 1829, p3)

Two years later in 1831, opinion was that only the City Machine should be relied upon: “**Caution.** – It is strongly recommended to those who purchase coal, to be very particular it is weighed at the *city* machine, as otherwise *mistakes* may occur, not particularly to the advantage of purchasers.” (*Hereford Journal*, December 28, 1831, p3)

The previous quote was challenged soon after in the Hereford Times of July 14th, 1832, page 3 when the ‘City Machine’ was compared with the ‘Tram-Road Machine’. As shown in Figure 2, questions were raised regarding the discrepancy and who should be responsible for policing the two hundredweight difference for the same cart load of coal. The implication was which of the two machines was correct, if indeed either was?

HEREFORD WEIGHING MACHINES.—Our attention has been called to the following copies of machine-tickets, both of them relating to *one* load of coal:—

| July 11th. | | | July 11th. | | |
|---------------|------|---|--------------------|------|---|
| CITY MACHINE. | | | TRAM-ROAD MACHINE. | | |
| Gross..... | 1 18 | 0 | Gross..... | 2 1 | 0 |
| Cart..... | 0 10 | 0 | Cart..... | 0 11 | 0 |
| | | | | | |
| Coal..... | 1 8 | 0 | Coal..... | 1 10 | 0 |

Whose duty is it to trace the cause of the *dissimilarity*?
 The original tickets may be seen at our Office.

Figure 2: From the Hereford Times, July 14th, 1832, page 3.

Within weeks, as reported in the Hereford Journal of August 22nd, 1832, page 3, the weighing machines had been attended to:

“The city weighing machine in St. Owen’s street has been repaired, and inspected by Mr. THOMPSON, who has certified that it is correct. The other machines have also been made perfect. Mr WINTER at the Shire-Hall, will superintend the city machine, till a person is appointed to take charge of it. It is a singular fact, that in proving the different machines, out of 40 *new* weights from different persons, 25 were found incorrect, some being under and some overweight, a proof that all weights should be proved by the legal standard; before used.”

That, however, was not the end of the matter for conflict continued for years to come over the machines’ accuracy. From 1850:

“Discrepancies of the Public Weighing Machines. – We have been requested to call the attention of the proper authorities, and others whom it may concern, to the discrepancies which exist in the public weighing machines in and near this city. On Saturday last, Mr. J. WOOTTON, of Holmer, near this city, purchased some coals, which he had weighed at the Tram Road machine. By this machine, the gross weight of the waggon and the coals was 4 tons 3 cwt. At first, the waggon was weighed for 1 ton 4 cwt., but Mr Wootton declared that to be impossible, as, when it was new, several years ago, it did not weigh more than 1 ton 3 cwt., and the probability was that it would rather decrease than increase in weight. Upon this the waggon was reweighed, and was found only to weigh 1 ton 3 cwt., making the weight of the coals exactly 3 cwt. Mr Wootton did not feel satisfied about the weight of the coals and afterwards had them weighed at the City weighing machine, the gross weight of the waggon and coals being there computed at 3 tons 18 cwt, the weight of the waggon 1ton 3 cwt, making the net weight of coals only 2 tons 15 cwt., being less by 5 cwt. than the weight was made at the Tram-road machine.

We have the tickets of both machines before us, and therefore can vouch for the accuracy of what we are stating. If the Tram-road machine be incorrect, then it is the purchasers of the coals who must suffer; if it be the City machine, then the injury is perpetrated upon those who sell it. It is quite evident that some parties must be sufferers. A great public evil exists as regards one or both of these machines, and the sooner it is remedied the better. This is not the first complaint by many that we have heard respecting the discrepancies of the machines in this city and its vicinity; we hear that scarcely any two of them agree. We trust the proper authorities will investigate the circumstance." (*Hereford Times*, September 14, 1850, page 5)

And the complaints continued, as follows from the *Hereford Times*, July 9th, 1853, page 5:

"To The Editor of the *Hereford Times*. Sir, - The public are much indebted to you for the paragraph in your last, headed "Caution to Coal Buyers;" in confirmation of which I beg to state that, in one load of bark, weighed over the Wye-bridge machine during the last month, and afterwards tested by the City Machine, there was found to be a deficiency of 9 cwt.


Several loads were afterwards tested, and a corresponding difference was found to exist.

Hereford, 7th July, 1853.

A SUFFERER."

The pressure to rectify the issues resulted in the old St. Owen's Street City Weighing Machine being replaced fourteen years later in 1867 with a new one in New Market Street. It is interesting to note that the Wye Bridge Machine at the Toll Gate was used in the interim between the old and new City machines.

CITY MACHINE.



THE PUBLIC are informed that the Town Council has adopted the Machine at WYE-BRIDGE TOLL-GATE for the use of the Public till the new Machine is ready for use in New Market-street. The Machine has been tested and proved correct.

GEORGE COLE, City Surveyor.

October 1st, 1864.

Figure 4: Announcing the new City Weighing Machine in the '*Hereford Times*', August 10th, 1864, page 11.

Following is a photograph of the "new" 1864 New Market Street 'City Weighing Machine' courtesy of Dr Derek Foxton. In the road in front of the associated building with its "City of Hereford" sign in the window, may be seen the weighing platform. It was onto this that carts, waggons and later other vehicles or loads would be driven to have the weight ascertained within the building. Inside,

the ‘hallier’ or haulier would be issued with a receipt by the Superintendent (Figure 6) that stated the date, location, goods and their weight, associated charges and by whom it was done.



Figure 5: The New Market Street, City of Hereford public weighing machine originally dating from 1864. (*Courtesy of Derek Foxtton*)

Contrary to maybe expectation, the New Market Street machine did not stop attempted fraud. The following is from a court case reported in the Hereford Times of August 10th, 1867, page 11, where the accused were attempting to make loads of coal appear greater than they were. What is interesting is the information that the report contains about the City’s weighing machines:

“Mr. G. POWELL said he was the keeper of the city weighing machine, which was in good order; he weighed the coal in question on the 19th of July; the cart and coal together weighed 16 cwt. And 1 qr., and the coal weighed, deducting the cart, 10 cwt. 2 qrs. – Mr. ROBERTS, agent to Mr. JELLEY, said that the prisoners and another man came to buy coal on the 19th of July; they had six lots of coal; they bought the coal separately; BOWDLER bought three lots; one load was 9 cwt., one 12½ cwt., another 13½., and another 10½ cwt. and 2 qrs.; Bowdler paid the money; it was sold by the ton, at 13s. – Mr. WAINSCOTT said he inspected the Great Western weighing machine at the station and it was in good order; on the 19th of July he weighed four lots of coal for the prisoners; ELLIS first gave his name as JONES; the first load was 9 cwt., the second 12½ cwt., and another load 10 cwt. and 2 qrs.; he saw the prisoners load the cart; they put the large lumps edgeways and then put a piece across; they put a good many lumps this way and it caused hollows; the coal looked more than it really was. – Cross-examined: I am not aware that the city machine is out of order; I have tested it with the Great Western machine and it is right; I weigh a good deal of coal; there are six or seven weighing machines in the city.” The City Weighing Machine was overseen by superintendents or custodians, the names of some are recorded in the local newspapers, directories and on related receipts (as illustrated Figure 6):

Mr WINTER, temporary superintendent 1832.

James HARDMAN, 1851.

William DAVIES, 1853.

George POWELL “keeper of the city weighing machine.” 1867 (*Hereford Times*, August 10th, 1867, page 11)

John Charles RUSSELL, City Weighing Machine, 66 New Market Street. (*Jakeman & Carver’s Directory of Herefordshire, 1890; Kelly’s Directory of Herefordshire, 1905*)

Harry RUSSELL, City Weighing Machine, 66 New Market Street. (*Kelly’s Directory of Herefordshire, 1909, 1913*)

James Roland WHITEFOOT, City Weighing Machine, 66 New Market Street. (*Kelly’s Directory of Herefordshire, 1937*)

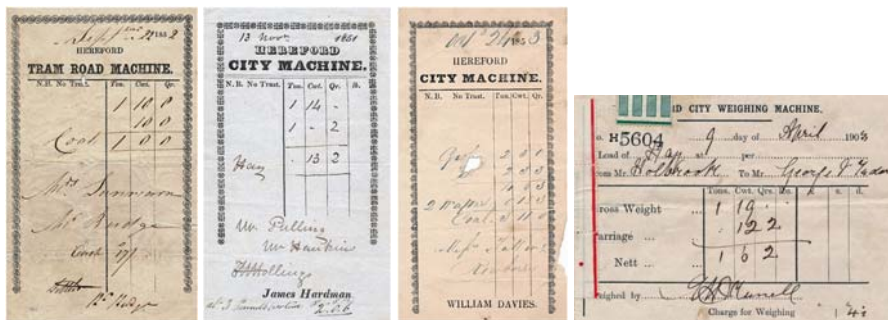


Figure 6 (Items 1 to 4): For proof of goods carried, their weights and associated costs, as referred to earlier receipts, as illustrated from the author’s collection, were issued for the reference of both the “hallier” and his customer. For the record, the 1852 Tram Road Machine receipt for coal measures 143mm x 83mm; the 1851 City Machine for hay 127mm x 78mm; the 1853 City Machine for coal 144mm x 74mm; the 1906 City Machine receipt issued for hay 117mm x 87mm.

This is a brief insight into what were important machines in the City because they affected everyone who lived there whether in business or as a consumer from buying a load of timber or hay, to buying a bucket of coal or a loaf of bread where the flour had been mis-weighed and charged for.

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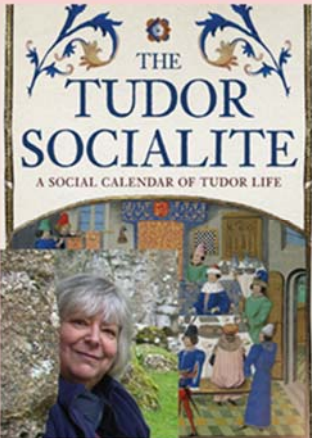


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Births, Marriages & Deaths May – December 1920 Hereford Journal

01 May 1920. The death of Sarah CROMPTON at 15 Canon Moor Street, Hereford. Aged 74 years.

03 May 1920. The marriage at Bridstow Church of William John MADDOCKS to Gertrude Alice GREEN. Both of Bridstow. The death of Charlotte SNEAD at 25 Grandstand Road, Hereford. Aged 77 years.

04 May 1920. The death of Maria JONES at 29 Westfaling Street, Hereford. Aged 74 years. The death of James Henry WATTS at 53 High Street, Ross. Aged 59 years. The death of Samuel Walter VERRELL at 3 Vaga Place, Barton Street, Hereford. Aged 23 years.

05 May 1920. The death of Beatrice DAVIS, wife of John DAVIS at 60 Eign Road, Hereford. Aged 79 years.

06 May 1920. The death of William JONES, who hanged himself from the bannisters at 15 Highmore Street, Hereford. Aged 49 years. Coroner Verdict - Committed suicide while of unsound mind. The death of Ernest Clifford CHADD at 5 Friars Court, Bewell Street, Hereford. Aged 5 months. The death of Richard PENNY at Commercial Road, Hereford. Aged 54 years.

08 May 1920. The birth of a daughter to T. J. CONNELL at 114 St. Owen Street, Hereford. The marriage at Kirby Muscloe, Leicestershire of John HARRATT of Station Road, Rutby to Dorothy Gladys PHELPS, 5th daughter of Charles and T. E. PHELPS of Hom Green, Ross. The death of Susanna PREEN at Market Place, Ross. Aged 86 years.

09 May 1920. The death of Elizabeth BRACE at 46 Chandos Street, Hereford. Aged 76 years.

10 May 1920. The death of James FLETCHER at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 69 years. The death of Albert JOHNSON at Bothwell, Cawdor. Aged 58 years.

11 May 1920. The birth of a son to the wife of the Rev. R.A. LYNE at Upton Bishop vicarage. The marriage at St. Mary's Church, Ross of Allen Henry MATTHEWS, youngest son of the late H. MATTHEWS of Townsend, Brampton to Doris Aldine WOOLF, youngest daughter of W. WOOLF of Gloucester Road, Ross.

13 May 1920. The death of William BROWN at Brookside, Whitchurch. Aged 68 years.

14 May 1920. The death of Charles Benjamin SNOWZELL at 33 Newmarket Street, Hereford. Aged 2 months.

15 May 1920. The death of Albert George HILL at 32 Burcott Road, Hereford. Aged 13 days.

20 May 1920. The death of John STINTON at 40 Ryeland Street, Hereford. Aged 68 years.

21 May 1920. The death of Kate DENNIS, the wife of Arthur William DENNIS of The Hawthorns, Shelwick, after a long and painful illness. The funeral was at Holmer Church. Aged 47 years. The death of John FLYNN at 140 Ledbury Road, Hereford. Aged 67 years.

The death of Daisy Fairfax RAWLINGS at Johnson Brothers, Dyers. She bumped her head coming up from the cellar on 5th May. Aged 26 years. Coroner Verdict - Death from acute meningitis caused by the blow to the head.
21 May 1920. The death of Lce-Cpl. M. E. JONES, Dragoon Guards, killed while exercising his horse in Germany.

22 May 1920. The death, after a long illness, of Ruth MARRIOTT, (nee COUSINS) wife of Albert W. MARRIOTT, of the Motor House, St Owen Street, Hereford at Cantilupe House, Hereford. Aged 43 years.

25 May 1920. The death of Henry Frederick BLACKFORD at 7 Foley Street, Hereford. Aged 5 weeks. The death of George BYTHELL at 85 Edgar Street, Hereford. Aged 49 years.

The death of Hamilton Stratford JONES at 78 Park Street, Hereford. Aged 3 weeks. The death of Edward VERNALL at the Red Coat Hospital, Hereford. Aged 81 years.

27 May 1920. The death of Herbert Thomas WARREN, of Newbury Park, Ledbury at the Rea bridge, Ledbury. He was killed when his motorcycle, on the wrong side of the road, hit a car. Aged 27 years. Coroner Verdict - Accidental death due to head trauma. The death of Lilian Lucy MORGAN at 72 Catherine Street, Hereford. Aged 63 years. The death of Thomas MEREDITH at Coughton Farm, Walford. Aged 67 years.

29 May 1920. The death of John M. P. CAVE of Upper Wall End, Monkland. Rural District Counsellor. Aged 60 years. The death of Mary Jane HANDLEY at 47 Stanhope Street, Hereford. Aged 58 years. The death of Louisa Maria HARRIS at Ty Bryn, Tredegar. Aged 74 years.

31 May 1920. The death of Emily POUND at Cemetery Lane, Hereford. Aged 61.

The death of Frances Xavier STEWART of High Town, Hereford. Aged 53 years. The death of Robert John CARPENTER at Widemarsh Street, Hereford. Aged 88 years. The death of Thomas POWELL at Garrison House, Presteigne aged 79 years.

1 June 1920. The death of John COLLEY of Barnstone Farm, Pencombe at the Lamb Inn. He was killed when his pony and trap hit a stone and was overturned. He hit the road and broke his neck. Aged 52 years. Coroner Verdict - Although the deceased was worse for drink it was an accidental death. The marriage at St Luke, London of Major E. A CAPEL, Herefordshire Regiment to Dorothy CLIFFORD-SMITH, widow, of Hill Top, Heswall. The marriage at Holy Trinity Church, Bath of Alfred Relph GURNEY, M.C late Lieut. RAF, son of Ald. E C GURNEY of Hereford to Phillis Olivia BUTCHER, youngest daughter of the late Frederick BUTCHER of Chelsea House, Bath.

3 June 1920. The death of Ellen BURLTON, eldest daughter of Thomas BURLTON, at 2 Cheltenham Villas, Ingestre Street, Hereford. Aged 91 years.

4 June 1920. The death of William CLARKE at The Lea, Ross. Aged 56 years. The death of Edward GRIFFITHS at Garth Villa, Knighton.

5 June 1920. George HARRIS of Gwynne Place, Hereford aged 6 years admitted to hospital with serious internal injuries. Fell from a brewer's dray and both wheels of the cart passed over him. The marriage at St Peters Church, Oystermouth of Roland Highmore Burdon BOTTS, 3rd son of Rev. H J POTTS to Rancee Elizabeth MCCULLOCK of North Borneo.

7 June 1920. The marriage at Holy Trinity Church, Hereford of Ernest Harry TREW, son of E W TREW of Dorchester to Elisabeth SAMBROOK, daughter of J.H. SAMBROOK of 77 Cotterell Street, Hereford.

The marriage at All Saints Church, Hereford of William BAYLEY of Widemarsh Street, Hereford to Elizabeth Martin BARRATT, daughter of W A BARRATT of Eign Street, Hereford.

7 June 1920. The marriage at All Saints Church, Hereford of Ernest Herbert WALL, son of T WALL of 4 Clifton Villas, Ludlow to Gertude H SMITH, daughter of E W SMITH 2 Shaftesbury Terrace. The death of Martha Jane HALL, wife of Charles HALL at Pontshill. Aged 60 years.

9 June 1920. The death of Eliza MORGAN, widow of the late Richard MORGAN. JP. at Rhayader. The death of William Henry MORRIS at 44, Newmarket Street, Hereford. Aged 6 months.

10 June 1920. The marriage at St Martins Church, Hereford of Harold BOLT, 3rd son of W C BOLT, builder of West Street, Hereford to Lilian May WATTS, daughter of John T WATTS, grocer of Belmont Road. The death of Daniel BADCOCK at Birmingham. Late of Ledbury. Aged 80 years. The death of Caleb William CARPENTER at The Laurels, Park Street, Hereford. Aged 52 years.

11 June 1920. The death of Sarah Ann WHITE at Rose Cottage, Llantilio Crosseny. Murdered by Primrose Kathleen Alice Whistance, niece. Aged 53 years.

13 June 1920. The death of Harry WEBB, at Trebarran, Pencoyd. Child of Tom and Edith WEBB. Aged 8 years.

14 June 1920. The death of Philip Pudge MORRIS at Aylestone Hill House, Hereford. Head of the firm Philip Morris. Aged 69 years.

15 June 1920. The marriage at Alton Parish Church, Hants of John Andrews MANNING of Hay and Hilda STEWART of Alton.

16 June 1920. The marriage at St Nicholas Church, Blundellsands of Ernest Stanley WOODWARD of Ross and Agnes Eleanor DINGWALL of Litherland. The death of Mary SAVOURY at 3 Johnsons Hospital, Hereford. Aged 73 years. The death of William STALLARD at 14 Gwynne Street, Hereford. Aged 75 years.

18 June 1920. The death of Colonel Thomas Allan HENRY at Hatfield. Aged 78 years.

The death of Amy Constance LUSH at Pixley Rectory. Sleeping pill overdose. Aged 52 years. Coroner Verdict – Death from misadventure. The death of Helena May PAYNE, daughter of E PAYNE, at Holmer. Aged 12 years. The death of Peter ASHTON at Whitecross Road. An infant.

19 June 1920. The death of Thomas BRODRICK, of 2 Edgar Street, Hereford. Died after operation for appendicitis. Aged 61 years. The marriage at Christ Church Cheltenham of Walter Kay MCDONALD of Kensington, London to Violet Gladys HILLER of Ross.

21 June 1920. The marriage at Ewyas Harold Parish Church of Charles Clement BOSTYN, of Ottery St Marys and Maud Elizabeth JENNINGS of Pontrilas. The death of William Thomas TRINGHAM of Hereford. Aged 64 years. The death of Emily Elizabeth PARTON at Church Court, Hereford. Aged 27 years.

22 June 1920. The death of the Dowager Lady Annie Laura RANKIN at The Mynd. Aged 76 years.

24 June 1920. The birth of a daughter to the wife of Revd. Edgar BOWEN of Tower Road, Hereford.

25 June 1920. The death of Hannah PREECE at 9 St James Terrace, Hereford. Aged 85 years. The death of Elizabeth PROSSER at Barton Road, Hereford. Aged 50 years. The death of Ernest Thomas TEAKLE at Fowlet Farm, Eastnor. Shot himself. Coroner Verdict – Committed suicide whilst in a state of temporary insanity. Aged 22 years.

The death of Gerard A. DENNY at Byford Court from heart failure. Aged 49 years.

26 June 1920. The death of Elizabeth Annie WOODWARD at 27 Clive Street, Hereford. Aged 49 years. The death of Florence Ethel HALES at 5 Barrs Court Terrace, Hereford. Aged 16 years. The death of Miss Annie BROWN of Weobley.. Parents formally of the Salutation Inn, Weobley. Aged 70 years. The marriage at Brampton Abbots Church of Allen Ernest GWYNNE of Bridstow to Alice Dorothy GIBBONS of Brampton Abbots

28 June 1920. The death of William Charles Frere WATKINS at 17 High Street, Ross. Aged 64.

29 June 1920. The marriage at the Primitive Methodist Church, Chandos Street, Hereford of the Revd. Alfred George TANNER to Alice POWELL of White Horse Street, Hereford.

The death of Mary Teresa HOPE at the General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 8 years.

30 June 1920. The marriage at the Congregational Church, Hay of Idwal THOMAS of Mynydd-Brith, Dorstone to Rosa Annie PRICE of Pencaenewydd, Erwood.

The death of Mr Thomas BROAD at Field Place, Madley. Aged 72 years. The death of Mary Ann ALLEN at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged. 54 years. The death of Thomas Phillip WARGEN at 3 Edward Place, Richmond Street, Hereford. Aged 2 years. The death of Ellen Edith BALL at 26 Maylord Street, Hereford. Aged 37 years.

1 July 1920. The death of Llewellyn John SELICK at St Owen Street, Hereford. Aged 23 years.

3 July 1920. The death of Elizabeth Margaret SMITH at 36 Monkmoor Street, Hereford. Aged 6 years. The death of George Alfred Bucklee LANDON at Baynham Street, Hereford. Aged. 80 YEARS.

5 July 1920. The death of Clement LAWRENCE at 71 St Owen Street, Hereford. Aged 85 years.

6 July 1920. The death of Edward JAMES at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 54 years.

7 July 1920. The death of Anthony Cliveland BROWNE at Hall Court, Bishops Froome. Accident when kicked in the head by a horse. Died of septic poisoning. Aged 48 years.

11 July 1920. The death of William RICHARDS of Windsor Street, Hereford. Railway accident at Ebbw Vale. Crushed by shunting wagon. Aged. 54 years.

12 July 1920. The death of Arthur HILL at Cheltenham. From Staunton-on-Wye. Aged 68 years. **13 July 1920.** The death of Henry DRINKWATER at GWR Barton Works. Fell under rolling wagon and was crushed. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death. Aged 54 years.

14 July 1920. The death of Bertie ALLEN of 64 Chandos Street, Hereford. Skidded motorcycle thrown under a bus in the High Street. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death. Aged 31 years.

15 July 1920. The death of Ann Elizabeth AINGE at 9 White Friars Street, Hereford. Aged 34 years. The death of Sarah GREENWAY at General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 61 years. The death of Frederick James PICKARD of 1 Wyecliffe Terrace, Bath Street. Went missing from home previous week. Body found in the River Wye below Litley Court. Coroner Verdict – Suicide while temporarily of unsound mind. Aged 62 years.

16 July 1920. The death of Charles EVANS at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 68 years.

The death of Charles WALLACE at General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 49 years.

17 July 1920. The death of Ann THOMAS of 32 West Street, Leominster, widow of William THOMAS of Deepwood Farm, Downton. Aged 60 years.

19 July 1920. The death of Charles WOOD of 55 St Owen Street, Hereford. Fell under horse wagon. Coroner Verdict – Accidental Death. Aged 63 years. The death of Elizabeth WOOD at 13 Holmer Road, Hereford. Aged 58 years.

20 July 1920. The death of Mary WEAVER at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 82 years.

21 July 1920. The death of Myra CONNORS at Ewyas Harold. Aged 71 years.

22 July 1920. The death of William Robert PREECE at 18 Foley Street, Hereford. Aged 72 years. The death of Florence Jane SMITH at Monkmoor Street. Aged 35 years.

24 July 1920? The death of Mrs A FURLONG, nee DEW, wife of Col. Furlong, Royal Scots Guards. At Whitney. Aged The death of Harriett POTTS at Barretts Mill, Woofferton. Aged 63 years.

The death of Ivor LEWIS at Monkmoor Street, Hereford. Infant.

25 July 1920. The death of Frederick ILLMAN, at 68 St Owen Street, Hereford. Drank arsenic poison. Coroner Verdict- Committed suicide while temporarily insane. Aged 41 years. The death of William MERRICK at Bryngwyn Terrace, Hereford. Heart disease. Aged 53 years.

28 July 1920. The death of Clara BUTLER at 48 Newtown Road, Hereford. Aged 57 years. The death of William Alphens PUGH at 6 Westfield Street, Hereford. Aged 47 years.

29 July 1920. The death of Peter Owen CONNELLY of Commercial Road, Hereford. Aged. 69 years.

30 July 1920. The death of George DEVLIN at Canal Road, Hereford by hanging. Aged 43 years. Coroner Verdict – Suicide while of unsound mind.

31 July 1920. The death of William WATKINS of New Cottage, Gorsty Common, Clehonger. Killed by bus. Aged 50 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

2 August 1920. The marriage at Ledbury Baptist Church of John Brychan WILLIAM-JONES of Glasbury to Alexandrine Victoria CROAD of Newmarket Street Hereford.

The death of Rachell THOMAS, wife of Thomas Henry THOMAS at Greenfields, Nelson Street, Hereford. Aged 65 years.

3 August 1920. The death of Emma SHAW at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 72 years.

4 August 1920. The death of Lewis JONES of Ledbury. Aged 76 years.

5 August 1920. The death of George TYE at 78 Green Street, Hereford. Aged 75 years.

6 August 1920. The death of Alfred Arthur GREGSON at Lower House Farm, Byford. Accidentally shot in the head. Aged 6 years. Coroner Verdict – Died from injuries caused by the accidental firing of the gun. The death of Beatrice Rose HILL of 108 Whitecross Road, Hereford. Aged 4 years. The death of Violet Mary BOWLCOTT at General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 20 years. The death of Harold F. DAVIES at Sink Green, Dinedor. Drowned. Aged 22 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidentally Drowned.

9 August 1920. The death of Stanley Thomas LEWIS at Llanwarne. Death by suffocation. Aged 12 weeks. Coroner Verdict – Death from suffocation caused by the dislocation of the respiratory organs set up by riding in a motor car through the air, following convulsions.

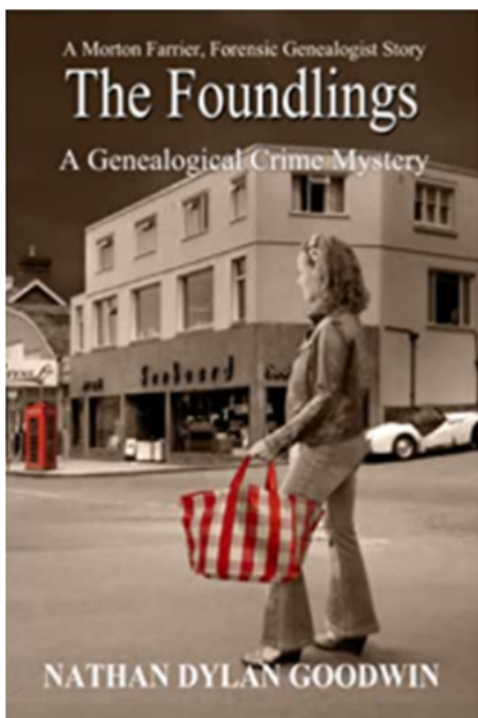
The death of W H VAUGHAN of Westbrook Manor, Hardwicke. Aged ...

The death of Isabella FORD of 2 Chandos Street, Hereford. Aged 72 years.

The marriage at Tupsley Church of Allan JONES of the Highlands, Fownhope to Ida Dorothy WATKINS of 20 Eign Road, Hereford.

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THE FOUNDLINGS
Nathan Dylan Goodwin



‘The Foundlings’ written by a genealogist, is full of interest for the family historian.

Nathan Dylan Goodwin is a prolific writer of both fiction and non-fiction, and this is his ninth novel in the Forensic Genealogist series. Described as ‘Morton Farrier genealogical crime mysteries’ these books weave together multiple threads, skip across generations, and are built around real people and places. Each book can be read as a stand-alone story.

‘The Foundlings’ is loosely based on a true event in 1978 when a six day-old baby girl was found abandoned in a telephone kiosk in Haywards Heath. The novel’s forensic genealogist, Morton Farrier, takes on a case to identify the biological mother of three baby girls, found a few years apart, in similar circumstances. Their DNA showed they were related. Moving deftly between the characters involved in the 1970s, and today, Morton uses every technical device available to him, to identify both the mother and the fathers. His contact with the detective who worked on the case of another baby found in 1973 is central to the story as that baby boy, who was found in a telephone kiosk, proves to be a fourth foundling, a half brother to the sisters already being traced.

Morton’s use of DNA testing, and speedy access to information on all the websites – from the BMD index to FindMyPast and Newspapers.com - is in sharp contrast to the laborious police investigations in the 1970s. On Ancestry.com’s database are more than 20 million people, millions of family trees and links with billions of historical records, to help solve the toughest of family mysteries.

In his search for clues Morton uses every platform available to him.

The author, through Morton's own family secrets, exposes dilemmas that can confront any family historian when they uncover facts which had been conveniently buried. DNA introduces a new dimension to the tracing of ancestors. It is inherited from parents, so forebears can be traced back in time thus revealing deep ancestral roots in specific geographical regions.

Morton shows how this knowledge can be used to advantage when the DNA of the three babies have a common ethnicity: the USA. This result matched that of a woman who had lived in the Sussex area and helped him to identify the mother.

The exposure of the part played by his own grandfather in the darker aspects of this story, raises ethical questions. When family historians reveal seedy aspects of ancestors' behaviour, they have to consider whether or not to share unexpected and unpalatable details with their relatives. One may say 'The truth always comes out in the end', but another, in this case the phone-box baby, confronted with his past, says: 'I'll probably leave things as they are.'

'Your Family Tree' magazine has described Goodwin's books as packed with glorious detail of records familiar to family historians. His latest work, 'The Foundlings', is genealogical fiction but it is sufficiently convincing to read like a true story.

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Herefordshire FHS Zoom Meetings Programme for 2021

For the time being we are organising the Zoom events in the place of monthly meetings, on the same date and time.

As soon as we are able to re-establish the face-to-face meetings, they will be publicised in the Journal, on the website and social media.

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Future Zoom Meeting Dates.

| Date | Speaker Details |
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| 21st January 2022 | Ian Currie Frost Fairs |
| 18th February 2022 | Ian Waller The Broken Branch |
| 18th March 2022 | David Cuffley Errors, Lies and Misinformation |

All of the 2022 Zoom speakers are now publicised on the website and also the link will be sent out as part of the Monthly Newsletter sent out by the website.

**To get this notification register on the site here:
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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.

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Malvern Family History Society (West Midland Group member)

Sec: Mrs Jean Evans
secretary@mfhs.org.uk

All meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of each month, except August. Open at 7pm for a 7-30 start at Eden Church, Grovewood Road, Malvern which is next to the Malvern Spa Hotel. Post code WR14 1GD
www.mfhs.org.uk/

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www.familyhistoryfederation.com

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Leominster Home Guard

The Leominster Folk Museum has the original record of the World War II Home Guard membership for Leominster and surrounding villages.

The index can be consulted in the Herefordshire FHS library, available at the general meetings at the Kindle Centre, Hereford.

Herefordshire FHS Burials 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 on CD.

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

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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.

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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.

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Herefordshire Registrars Indexes

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