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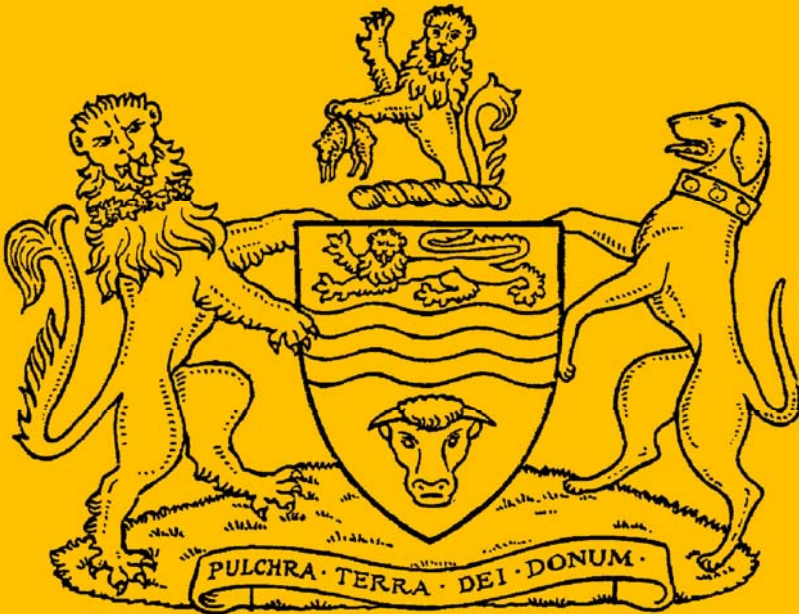
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## **Editor's Report**

### **Births, Marriages and Deaths.**

Our Vice Chairman Alan Charles has again been down the HARC and is busy transcribing the Births, Marriages and Deaths in the newspapers and other sources, we are now in the period of January 1921 to March 1921, so not yet back to being exactly 100 years ago, we will eventually get back to the 100 years ago being published in the journal on the same month.

### **Bristol Apprentices**

On page 53 of this edition I have extracted a list of apprentices which appear in the Bristol & Avon FHS publication which was mentioned on one of our Zoom meetings as having Herefordshire people listed in them. The B&AFHS has given me approval to extract them and publish them in the journal, the full publications are available to purchase on their webshop.

### **Herefordshire Pre-1837 Marriages on FMP**

Our index of marriages compiled from the parish registers at the HARC over many years, originally organised by the Late John Harnden, is now available to search on FindMyPast (FMP).

We hope that those people without a copy can search them now on FMP, you will note that there will be 2 entries which look the same, the IGI copy and our copy. The IGI copy only has the parish name, our copy has the dedication as well.

Each time someone searches and selects our entry we get a few pence.

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## **Chairman's Report AGM May 2022**

Welcome all. Once again, I present the Herefordshire Family History Society Chairmans report for 2022. Due to the continuing circumstances this is again a ZOOM meeting with business as normal as possible. All eight existing committee members are prepared to stand again and, I hope, we may have a new member to add to our minimalistic committee. However, we are still in need of new committee members wherever they may be. This is the advantage of the internet; you do not need to live locally to be a part of this team.

Membership has continued to drop and is now about 350 members – down 50 on last year. Our membership secretary, Jane Cox, continues to encourage members to renew. So much so that several have renewed twice!

The program of ZOOM talks, organised by our Secretary, Norman Price, has been very well attended, with on average, 45 + members tuning in. It was decided late last year (2021) to see if revisiting the Kindle Centre, for a live attendance meeting would encourage local members to re-attend. It did NOT. What the committee now propose is to have an open day at the HARC so that local members, who do not join in on ZOOM, can be shown how easy it is to join the monthly talks. It has been accepted by the committee that meetings at The Kindle Centre are not going to happen this year and so we have moved all our library books to safe keeping, away from the storage at the Kindle.

The society e-newsletter, produced by Phil Bufton, has proved a useful way to inform over 400 people of the forthcoming, monthly talk program and incorporate an easy link to join the meetings.

Obviously, due to the drop in membership, our finances are down, but our Treasurer, Colin Meredith, has managed to balance the books. We thank him.

The Hereford Archive and Record Centre, HARC, is once again open and several projects are again being progressed. Transcribing the Herefordshire Parish Burial Registers, part of the National Burial Index, (NBI) on the first Friday in the month, has really taken off under the guidance of Linda Lloyd. All are welcome. The Baptism Registers transcribing, which is very close to completion has not yet re-started. The project at the Hereford crematorium of transcribing and indexing the Burial Registers has been completed but has not yet been signed off. The Births, Marriages and Deaths gleaned from the Hereford Journal for 1921 have now been completed and will shortly be in our journal, the Herefordiensis. Our editor, Phil, is always asking for articles, photographs and any items of local interest for inclusion in the journal. So come on and start writing.

As always, we need to thank the committee members who keep this society ticking over. Our Minutes secretary, Eleanor Atkin, who translates our ZOOM

committee meetings into real words on paper. Sheila Greig and Carol Bendle who look after our Facebook presence and extensive library collection of real books.

As a society we continue to exist, but the committee will have some hard choices to make in the coming year if circumstances do not change.

After this AGM there will be a 'Bring and Tell' session, which are always very revealing of family memorabilia.

**Alan Charles**  
**Acting Chairman Herefordshire FHS**

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

2020/21	Income	2021/22	2020/21	Expenditure	2021/22
£4006.02	Subscriptions	£4855.32	£2504.00	Journal printing	£2545.00
£1968.52	Sales	£977.42	£283.93	Journal postage	£1572.93
---	Donations (meetings)	---	---	Journal envelopes-printing	£509.76
£170.00	Donations(other)	£30.00	£138.00	Other printing	£117.00
£0.35	Interest	£0.33	£71.52	Secretarial	£101.54
£339.24	Pay-per-view	£273.01	£73.66	Advertising	£182.40
£507.82	Gift Aid	£474.75	£40.00	Room Hire & storage	£252.00
			---	Books/CDs	-----
			£318.28	FFHS Sub/Insurance	£323.98
			£400.00	Speakers	£595.00
			---	Mon Inscriptions	-----
			---	Open days	---
			£284.40	Website	£230.40
			143.88	Zoom registration	-----
			---	Laptop	-----
			£164.99	Other	£178.99
---	Deficit	---	£2569.29	Surplus	£1.83
£6991.95		£6610.83	£6991.95		£6610.83

### BALANCE SHEET

2021		2022	2021		2022
£2943.51	Accumulated Fund B/Fwd	£5512.80	£5344.68	Lloyds Bank	£5177.81
£3576.09	Subs received in advance	£3287.38	£3333.23	Scottish Widows	£3333.56
			£410.98	Paypal	£286.98
£2569.29	Surplus for the year	£1.83	---	Deficit for the year	---
£9088.89		£8798.35	£9088.89		£8798.35

Other Assets : Computer equipment, projector, display stands/tables and a library of books purchased/donated over many years.

I HAVE EXAMINED THE ABOVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, AND BALANCE SHEET, AND CERTIFY THEM TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOOKS, RECORDS AND INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO ME

RICHARD CROXTON

## The Whitecross Chronicles No: 1

I wonder if, like me, you have spent time during lockdown getting to know your local streets and wondered who used to live in the houses in Victorian and Edwardian times and what it must have been like?



### The Hereford Whitecross and 208 Whitecross Road

This year has been a census year, which happens every 10 years, and past census returns make it possible to see who lived in the houses we walk past. Towards the city centre, 100yds from the milestone on Whitecross Road, is 208 Whitecross Road, ‘Carlton Villa’, with the blue plaque for Brian HATTON, the artist who was born there in 1887.

Built in 1875, it is described by Pevsner as ‘especially notable, of banded brick and tiled bands, their outer gables corbelled out above canted bays’, the architect being G. C. Haddon. In the 1891 census, which took place on the night of April 5th, Brian is listed as age 3 living with his mother Amelia Roberta (26) and father, Alfred (34), a Boot and Shoe manufacturer. They have two servants living in the house Annie ANDREWS (23) from Much Birch and Emily JONES (21) from All Saints parish. Both Alfred and Amelia were born in Hereford and were married on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1884 in the Lady Chapel of Hereford Cathedral. I haven’t found Brian’s christening or that of his sister Ailsa, but his youngest sister Marjorie was baptised at St Nicholas in February 1896.



The neighbours are, on one side, Edgar HEWLETT (54), listed as an Inland Revenue Collector, born in Oxford, with two daughters (26, 24) born in Suffolk, and on the other side, George W COLLINS (32), Clerk in Holy Orders from Worcester, and his wife Florence (35) from Liverpool and their three young daughters. George wasn't the curate in charge of Holy Trinity, though, and I wonder what his duties were?

Alfred's father, Charles, was a tanner and currier in the 1861 census, employing 12 men and one boy. Perhaps the boy was his son Charles age 17 who is listed as an apprentice. Alfred was only 4 years old but 10 years later he is one of 14 pupils aged 11 to 15 at Bickenhill School, Dymock Gloucestershire. I had assumed that a tanner would not have been able to afford education for his children, but Charles must have been doing well and Hereford must have been a good place to have such a business with a cattle market and rail connections.

Alfred and some of his brothers had set up their own business advertised in the Hereford Directories as "Hatton Brothers & Co. boot, shoe & leggings manufacturers and dealers in bags, lawn tennis & cricket requisites. 15 St Peter's St, East St, & Eign St."

By 1902 Alfred's older brother Charles is a J.P. living at 'The Priory', Barton Road, his brother Edwin John is at 'Kilburn House', Aylestone Hill and Alfred is living at 'Mount Craig', Broomy Hill. Their business had thrived and now middle-aged they could enjoy being respectable members of Hereford society.

According to the National Probate Calendar Alfred died on 15 October 1933 at Via St. Margherita a Montici No1, Florence Italy, perhaps on a business trip and buying leather goods to sell at home. What a long way away from being born in Hereford!

*Jean Thomson*

***ED: This is a series of articles that Jean Thomson has done. She was encouraged by our Minute Secretary Eleanor Atkin to submit them to the Herefordiensis journal.***

## **From Herefordshire to Okanagan**

David J. Skyrme

Many of us tracing Herefordshire ancestors will have found that some of them emigrated. In my own Skyrme research I have found numerous descendants currently living in the USA, Australia and New Zealand. But this is a story of three young Herefordshire farmers, two of whom were pioneers in the development of the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia, Canada. I am grateful to the Okanagan Historical Society whose annual reports provide useful background material as well as specific details about some of the individuals mentioned.

### ***Farmers of Pudleston***

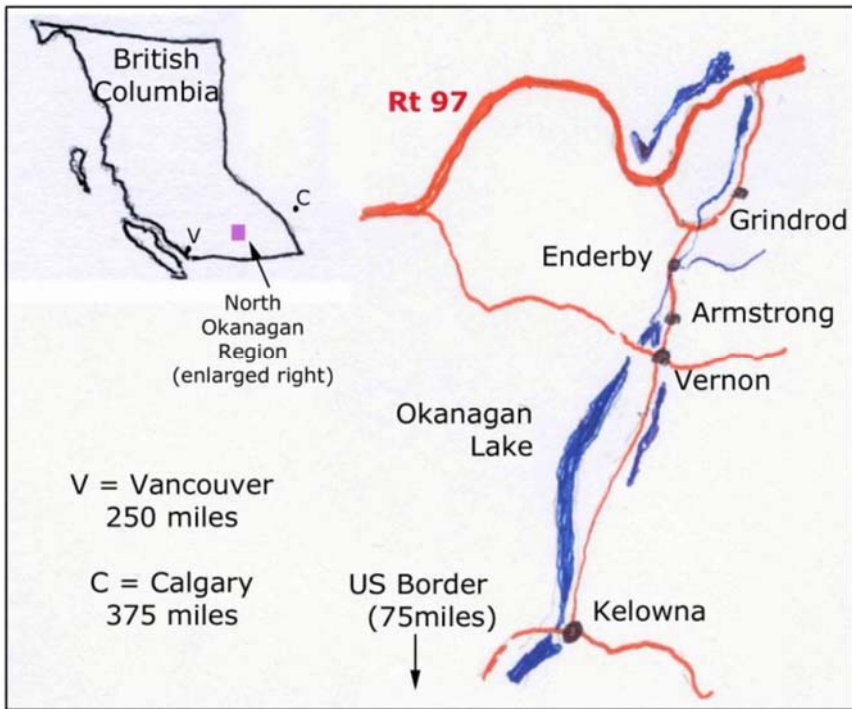
Ernest Henry SKYRME (1875-1948), and Thomas Richard SKYRME (1878-1953), were born into a farming family in Pudleston, near Leominster. Several generations of their ancestors had been farmers at places such as Norton Canon, Weobley, Winslow and Kinnersley. Their grandfather Thomas had moved into the 227 acre farm at Ford Abbey in Pudleston in 1861, the largest of the local farms. Their father Thomas married Elizabeth YAPP in 1870. Elizabeth's parents lived at Whyte House, while Thomas farmed next door at Upper Whyte. Ernest and Thomas were the middle of nine children. After they were born they lived at several different farms in the area, including Gatehouse Farm in Kyre just over the county border in Worcestershire.

Farming in Herefordshire had been through some bad patches in the 1870s and the British and Foreign Colonial Emigration Society were active in encouraging young farm workers to emigrate to the USA or Canada. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century some 10% of Herefordshire's population moved out of the county each decade to seek better opportunities elsewhere.

Ernest emigrated to British Columbia, it is said with two of his neighbours, around 1895 when aged just 19. His younger brother Thomas followed him a few years later. I have not found their first arrival records, but there are several passenger records over the years showing that they made several trips back to England. An early example is Ernest returning to Canada in 1902, listed as a "discharged trooper". Presumably this was from the Boer War though I have found no record of his participation. He also travelled from Liverpool to St Johns, New Brunswick in 1925 and from Liverpool to Montreal in 1934 when he was age 59 and retired. Both voyages were on Canadian Pacific steamers, and the brothers' initial immigration was probably a combined sea-rail ticket via St Johns or Halifax, Nova Scotia. The journey on the Canadian Pacific railway from there to British Columbia would have taken about a week.

### *North Okanagan*

During the Canadian gold rush in the early 1860s cattle were driven through the Okanagan Valley to feed the mining communities to the north. Vernon was the first established community and after the gold rush was over in 1868 several ranches were established. With the arrival in 1885 of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Sicamous, some 20 miles north of Grindrod, the communities in the valley started to grow.



Travel was difficult in those early days and other than by horse or wagon, the main way of travelling down the valley was by steamer on the Spallumcheen (now Sushwap) river. A rail branch line came south through the valley in 1892. After that many of the ranches were subdivided and replaced by fruit farms and orchards in the dry, sunny climate. Today, the Okanagan Valley produces about a third of Canada's apple crop and most of its soft fruit.

Thomas was the first to marry. In 1908 he married Edith TURNER, a farmer's daughter born in Lancashire. One of their children, Alice, married James EMENY, the son of pioneer Edgar EMENY who founded Grindrod in 1888. On its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1988 Alice wrote:

"It is almost impossible for today's generation to picture Okanagan Valley as our pioneer families found it, with only rough wagon roads to travel on."

"The land was entirely covered with trees, and was slowly cleared off, using hand labour, axes, and cross-cut saws. Oxen and horses were used to pull stumps. Logs were used for buildings, fence posts and fire wood."

So this was what faced Ernest and Thomas when they arrived. And like other settlers their first task would probably have been to build a log cabin before their first winter. And as they continued to clear the land they would build a barn. There was a tradition of 'barn raising' in which the able-bodied people from the neighbourhood all worked together for the final assembly of the building. Alice reports that "Tommy and Ernie helped at many such 'bees'".

### ***Ranching and Farming***

After their arrival Ernest and Thomas, (who had been a teamster in Herefordshire) started work at the Stepney ranch south of Enderby. This was a 1,600 acre ranch owned by Sir Arthur STEPNEY, a Liberal MP for Carmarthen, where he also owned 9,800 acres in the county. In 1895 he appointed Irishman George HEGGIE to manage his British Columbian ranch.



Photo (taken 1900 by C.W.Holliday, reproduced courtesy of the Enderby & District Museum and Archives): The Stepney Ranch Crew (known as "Heggie's Boys") 1900. George Heggie is standing. Tom and Ernie are the first two on the left in the front row.

In 1909 George was appointed to manage the 17,000 acres of fruit and farm lands of the L&A (Land and Agricultural) company near Vernon. Ernest obviously moved with him since in 1914 he is foreman at this ranch. Both Ernie and Thomas are living in the Armstrong area at the time of the 1911 census.

### *A Tragic Accident*

A few years later, Thomas's wife Edith died in a drowning accident in June 1915 aged only 33, along with their 8-year old daughter Olive. The Enderby Press reported:

"The girl got beyond her depth while bathing, and the mother plunged into the river to save her. The bodies of both were rescued by Mr Skyrme."

Three years later Thomas remarried. His new wife was Emily HARDCASTLE, originally from Surrey, the daughter of a bootmaker. The Enderby Press describes the marriage at St. George's Church on 2nd October 1918 thus:

"The ceremony was not of a public nature, but, in the beautiful surroundings of the harvest decorations, it was one of the prettiest ever held in the church. The groom has long been a popular figure in the Armstrong-Enderby district, and their many friends will be delighted to see Mr and Mrs. Skyrme at home on old Hazelmere, by the sleepy, soft-flowing Spallumcheen." Thomas is described as "one of the district's most successful farmers and stockmen".

Meanwhile Ernest had married Isabella TURNER, the 33-year old sister of Thomas's first wife Edith. Isabella had moved from England in 1912 to join her sister. Ernest and Isabella's marriage certificate of 12<sup>th</sup> July 1913 says: "married in the house of Thomas Skyrme [Hazelmere, Enderby] according to the rights and ceremonies of The Presbyterian Church". Ernest was the Presbyterian while Isabella's was Church of England. The couple moved north with their one and only child Ernest Archibald in 1918 to set up their own farm in Grindrod. In the 1921 census Ernest and Thomas are neighbours at Grindrod, which is where they both lived until they died – Ernest in 1948 and Thomas in 1953.

In annual report No. 53 of the Okanagan History Society is a full tribute to Ernest and Isabel's son Ernest Archibald SKYRME (1914-1989). It describes how his father Ernest created a farm and how Ernest junior worked on the farm full-time from age 13. Judy Reimche writes:

"Right from the beginning, Ernie, like his father, was an innovator. And, again like his father, farming was his life." "On Ernie's 13th birthday, his father bought him one of the first milking machines seen in the North Okanagan."

At its peak in the 1940s, Ernie's farm was over 300 acres with a herd of dairy cows. Descendants of Ernest and Thomas still farm in Canada today, some in the Okanagan area and others in Alberta.

### *The Third Brother – Another Tragedy*

After Ernest and Thomas emigrated their two eldest brothers, William and Herbert, remained as farmers in Herefordshire for the rest of their lives. However, their youngest brother George Henry SKYRME, known as Harry, had followed them to British Columbia in 1912 when he was aged 23. He was a rancher at Vernon, about 20 miles south of where his brothers were living.

George enlisted in the 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in February 1916. This battalion recruited its troops from north British Columbia. They trained near Comox on Vancouver Island and on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1916 started the long journey to Europe. 37 officers and 968 men travelled on the CPR steamship ‘Empress of Britain’ from Halifax, Nova Scotia, arriving in Liverpool on 28<sup>th</sup> June. After six weeks training at Bramshott in Hampshire they travelled to the western front in Flanders.

During the war, the battalion were in several big battles, such as the 4-day battle of Vimy Ridge in April 1917 where they lost 314 men. Before that, though, there was frequent shell bombardment of their trenches by the Germans, killing a few soldiers every week. George was one of six killed around 15<sup>th</sup> September 1916 – the battalion record gives this date, though UK records give either 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>). He was killed in the St Eloï trenches near Reninghelst, a few miles into Belgium from the French border. He is buried at the Reninghelst New Military Cemetery. There is a memorial to him and Alfred HASKELL in Thornbury church not far from where his parents farmed at Lower Butterly after moving back into Herefordshire from Kyre.

#### *Conclusion*

I have been able to piece together something about the lives of three Herefordshire young men who sought a better life in Canada. Good availability online of contemporary records for both England and British Columbia such as census records, baptism and marriage records, and passenger lists provide a good starting point. What has really brought more insight into their lives are the memories and research reports of a local history group, which started in 1925 and is very active today. Even so, there is a lot I would still like to learn about these remarkable men.

**David J Skyrme Membership No 3192 [www.skyrme.info](http://www.skyrme.info)**

**Footnote:** After World War 1 when Ukraine became part of the Soviet Union, there was a large influx of Ukrainians to the farms of British Columbia. Today around 10% of the population of Vernon are of Ukrainian descent.

# **HEREFORDSHIRE FHS OPEN DAY**

## **Saturday 10th September 2022**

**Herefordshire Archives Records Service  
Rotherwas, Hereford  
10-00am - 4pm**

**In an effort to re-engage with our local Members and Non-Members, following the COVID-19 restrictions now being lifted.**

**Because we have now given up the Kindle Centre storage space and do not have any future Monthly Meetings scheduled to be held at the Kindle, all of our society library is being held at the HARC currently, so this will be available on the day.**

**We will have these items all available for research, along with the other research information we would normally have at a Family History Fair (Remember those)**

### **Herefordshire Strays Index**

### **Burial Indexes and Monumental Inscriptions**

### **Herefordshire Society Library**

**We will also have demonstrations on using the on-line information on our own website, such as:**

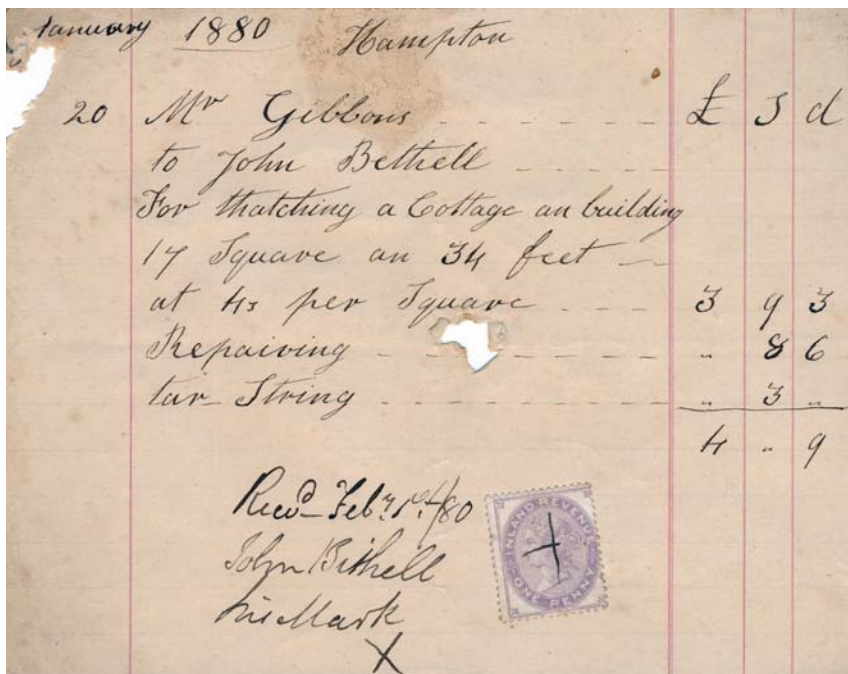
### **Herefordshire PDF publications**

### **Herefordshire National Burial Indexes (Inc as yet Un-Published Indexes)**

### **Herefordshire Marriage Indexes**

### **Exchange Journals**

## An 1880 Herefordshire, once “Sheep Stealer”, Thatcher’s Invoice Bob Powell



Tracing family history does not mean that it must be your own family. In fact, sometimes the resulting detective work can be equally intriguing and rewarding. The inspiration for the following piece is an invoice from January 1880 between Mr GIBBONS who contracts John BETHELL to thatch a cottage for him.

Mr Gibbons was Mr Henry Gibbons of, Hampton Bishop, south-east of Hereford where he was baptised on January 25<sup>th</sup> 1802. On November 17<sup>th</sup> 1829, he married Martha LANE who was ten years older than him. Martha died at the end of 1854. In the 1841 Census, Henry, was a “Farmer” who by 1851, aged 49, was a “Farmer, 370 Acres, employing 14 Labourers.” A widower by the 1861 Census, Henry, aged 59, was a “Farmer of 220 Acres employing 9 Labourers.” Then in the 1871 Census, Henry, aged 69 was “Farmer. Owner of 82 Acres & Farming 235 Acres, employing 10 men and 1 boy.” Seven years later Henry Gibbons died at Hampton Bishop on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1878, aged 76.



John BETHELL born circa 1816 at Byford, Herefordshire turned out not only to be a Thatcher but also an interesting character, for one of the first records for him is a criminal one. On June 28<sup>th</sup> 1847, the County of Hereford Assizes recorded that John Bethell, aged 32, was convicted of Sheep Stealing and sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment. Convicted with him was George PREECE alias POWELL, aged 25, who with two previous convictions was sentenced to one month's imprisonment followed by ten years Transportation.

The court case was reported in the 'Hereford Journal' of July 7<sup>th</sup> 1847, page 2:

*John Bethell, aged 32, and Geo. Preece, aged 25, labourers, were indicted for having stolen, in April last, four ewes and lambs, the property of Mrs. Tully, of Huntington; the prisoner Preece was further charged with having stolen, in November last, three ewes, the property of Mr. Joseph TUNSTALL, of Burghill, and no doubt exists that they had for some time past carried on an extensive system of sheep stealing, several farmers in the neighbourhood having had their flocks considerably reduced in number. They were both found guilty. Bethell 18 month's hard labour; Preece, on first indictment one month's hard labour; on the second ten years transportation.*

Records show that John Bethell was married at the time of his conviction, for in 1838 he married Ellen ANDREWS in Hereford. From the 1851 Census, John Bethell, born Byford, aged 36 and an agricultural labourer, was recorded as living on Scut Mill Road, Tupsley along with his Dinedor born wife Ellen, aged 35, and their five children. It might be said that Bethell got off lightly with his conviction, that maybe gave him a reforming shock. In the 1861 Census "Labourer" Bethell, his wife Ellen and four of their children were living at Dog Lane, Woolhope.

Between the 1861 and 1871 Census returns, John Bethel's wife Ellen must have died, for in the latter Census he is remarried to Woolhope born Mary Ann, aged 50. Living with them at Widow's Green, Fownhope are two of John and Ellen's Tupsley born children: George a labourer aged 15 and Eliza a scholar aged 13. It is in the 1871 Census that John Bethell is formally recorded as a "Thatcher."

John Bethell's invoice is from January 1880, for which he, apparently illiterate, acknowledged payment in February with "His Mark", a cross. This may have been one of his last contracts as he died in 1880 confirmed by the G.R.O. In the 1881 Census, John's widow Mary, still at Widows Green, Fownhope was recorded as of "No Occupation" but she had "Woodman" William WILLIAMS, his wife Sarah and their five children as lodgers.

The core of John Bethell's invoice to Henry Gibbons was for "*For thatching an Cottage an building 17 Square and 34 Feet at 4s per square (at) £3 9s 3d.*" Further, there was "*Repairing at 8s 6d.*" A "Thatcher's Square" is a recognised unit measuring 10 feet by 10 feet i.e., 100 square feet. Therefore, John BETHELL's invoice was for a roof of 1,700 square feet plus the extra 34 feet, an overall total of 1,734 square feet.

It may be reasonably assumed that Bethell was thatching with wheat straw. The repairing might apply to holes in the existing thatch, if, for example it was left on as a sub-thatch to be top thatched over. We may only guess.

The "Tar String" on the invoice quoted at 3 shillings, would be the thatching twine for holding the thatch on to the roof. By being tarred, this not only preserved and elongated the life of the twine but added a degree of stickiness that held knots and bindings more tightly. It is possible that John Bethell obtained his tarred twine either directly from or via a vendor who had been supplied by rope and twine manufacturer Henry GORE who had a "ropery" at the Hereford Cattle Market. Although two years before, an article about Gore in the 'Hereford Journal' for June 29<sup>th</sup> 1878, page 7 confirms that he did supply "tar twines". What we cannot estimate is how much tarred twine was used.

Out of interest, however, ten year's later in 1890, Henry PODGER of Weston-super-Mare sold "Tarred Twine, per Ball 6d" (Weston-super-Mare Gazette, July 19, 1890), which, even allowing for inflation indicates that Bethell may have used six balls. Other references also indicate that the tarred twine was often sold by weight.

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**Births, Marriages & Deaths January 1921 – March 1921  
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**1 January 1921.** The death of Mary Ann BOWEN at 95 Green Street, Hereford. Aged 81 years. The death of Mary Flower SMITH at 43 Ryelands Street, Hereford. Aged 70 years.

**2 January 1921.** The death of Maria FORSTER at 6 Meyrick Street, Hereford. Aged 83 years.

**4 January 1921.** The death of John GEORGE at 8 Ledbury Road, Hereford. Aged 71 years.

**5 January 1921.** The death of Edward William Jessie PRITCHARD of 59 Westfaling Street, Hereford. Thrown from a brewery wagon and broke a leg. Died in Hereford General Hospital. Aged 29 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental Death.

The death of John CRUMPTON at St Giles Hospital, Hereford. Aged 86 years.

The death of Eliza RAWLINGS at 2 Stonebow Road, Hereford. Aged 66 years.

The death of Violet May THOMAS at 82 Park Street, Hereford. Aged 22 years.

**7 January 1921.** The death of Tom HERRIOTTS of 8 Grenfell Road, Hereford. Died of heart failure. Aged 66 years. The death of MARY JONES at 17, Perseverance Road, Hereford. Aged 75 years.

**8 January 1921.** The death of Elizabeth CLARKE at Walney Farm, Hereford. Aged 44 years. The death of Leslie George HOLLIDAY at 24 Mill Street, Hereford. Aged infant.

**9 January 1921.** The death of Evan JONES of Bircher. Body found in a pool. Aged 83 years. Coroner Verdict – Suicide whilst of unsound mind. The death of Ellen DAVIS at 21 Berrington Street, Hereford. Aged 74 years. The death of Mary Ann PARSONS at 201 Whitecross Street, Hereford. Aged 55 years.

**10 January 1921.** The marriage at Hay Parish Church of J L WEBB of Bear Street, Hay to T S BELL of Bridge Street, Hay. The death of Agnes Penelope HITCHINGS at Cotterell Street, Hereford. Aged 21 years.

**12 January 1921.** The death of Ronald PRICE at 10 Broad Street, Hereford. Aged infant.

**15 January 1921.** The death of Elizabeth Jane REES at Nursery Cottage, Kingstone. Died after childbirth. Aged 24 years. Coroner Verdict – Internal haemorrhage following the birth. The death of Hilda Mary WOOD at 59 Broad Street, Worcester. Aged 26 years.

**16 January 1921.** The death of Charles BISHOP at Lily Cottage, Ross. Aged 79 years.

**17 January 1921.** The death of Captain Thomas Llewellyn MORGAN at The Poole, Belmont Road, Hereford. Heart failure. Aged 78 years.

**18 January 1921.** The death of Dora Winifred CURTIS of Leominster. Aged 36 years.

**19 January 1921.** The death of Joshua GLADWIN, aka Joe MAYO, at a hovel

called the Ark, Broadmoor Common, Woolhope.. Aged 73 years. Coroner Verdict – Death from natural causes and exposure.

The death of Henry EVANS at Harpton House, Aylestone Hill, Hereford. Aged 85 years. The death of Blanche ROUND at 108 Whitecross, Hereford. Aged 54 years. The death of Sarah SMITH at Stanhope Street, Hereford. Aged 90 years.

**21 January 1921.** The death of Elizabeth WILLIAMS at 44 Richmond Road, Abergavenny. Aged 80 years.

**24 January 1921.** The death of Leonard Lewis EVANS of Allbrighton, 36 Breinton Road, Hereford. Aged 73 years. The death of Mabel Florence GRIFFIN of The Barrack Tavern, Eign Road, Hereford. Aged 42 years.

**27 January 1921.** The death of Harold Robert BEAVER at 39 Bewell Street, Hereford. Aged 53 years.

**28 January 1921.** The death of John BARNES at 1 Bath Villas, Bath Street, Hereford. Aged 77 years.

**29 January 1921.** The marriage at Chapel Royal, Savoy, London of Capt. Adrian BETHELL of Rise Park, Hull to Cicely Cotterell of The Garnons, Hereford.

The death of Eliza GWATKIN of 49 East Street, Hereford. Aged 87 years.

**30 January 1921.** The death of Henry WELSH at Lyndhurst, Kings Acre, Hereford. Aged 77 years.

**31 January 1921.** The death of Thomas WATLING at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 70 years.

**4 February 1921.** The death of Thomas MORRIS of 3 Tanbrook Place, Widemarsh Street, Hereford. Aged 64 years.

**6 February 1921.** The death of Ellen Amy ARKWRIGHT of Bodenham. Died in Torquay. The death of John THIRLWALL at 7 General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 72 years.

**7 February 1921.** The death of Esther STINTON at 16 Berrington Street, Hereford. Aged 81 years. The death of Thomas WAGSTAFFE at 40 Mill Street, Hereford. Aged 79 years.

**8 February 1921.** The death of Charlotte SWEETMAN at 52 Bath Street, Hereford. Aged 74 years.

**9 February 1921.** The death of George William PRICE of Tenbury. Died by drinking weedkiller. Aged 64 years. Coroner Verdict – Suicide whilst of unsound mind.

**10 February 1921.** The death of William LAMBERT of Primrose Villa, Barrs Court Road, Hereford. Hereford station master. Aged 60 years. The death of Mary BEAMAN at Tenbury Workhouse. She had a non-healing fractured leg. Aged 80 years. Coroner Verdict – Death from heart failure. The death of Gladys Mary BISHOP at Pinsley House, Broad Street, Leominster. Aged 43 years. The death of William MILES at Bromyard. Leg broken by a timber wagon. Aged 81 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

**11 February 1921.** The death of Wilfred TRUMPER at Bliss House, Staunton on Wye. Died from shotgun wound. Aged 20 years. Coroner Verdict – Death

was due to a gunshot wound in the forehead, but there was no evidence to account for the discharge of the gun. The death of Kathleen Martha GOUGH at Watling Street, Leintwardine. Badly scalded by saucepan of water. Aged 4 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

**12 February 1921.** The death of Maria ARNOLD at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 90 years. The death of Charles King POWELL of Grithill Lodge, Allensmore. Fell from bicycle. Aged 49 years. Coroner Verdict – Died from heart failure following a fracture to his skull due to falling off his bicycle.

**13 February 1921.** The death of Arabella WATKINS at 4 Greenfields Villas, Hereford. Aged 91 years.

**14 February 1921.** The death of Mary Ann ARROWSMITH at 78 South Street, Leominster. Aged 70 years. The death of Mary POYNER at 14 Highmore Street, Hereford. Aged 79 years. The death of Julia RAPER at Hoe Court, Colwall. Aged 81 years.

**15 February 1921.** The death of William FORD at Stockton Court, Kimbolton. Aged 78 years. The death of Helen Lamb VINNING at Hope under Dinmore. Aged 70 years.

**18 February 1921.** The death of Ruth GALE at 22 Chandos Street, Hereford. Aged 82 years.

**19 February 1921.** The death of Lydia P WALSH at Wilton Castle, Ross. Aged 79 years. The death of Esther Mary SYMONDS at Clifford House, Holmer. Aged 73 years.

**21 February 1921.** The death of Sophia HOOK at 27 Union Street, Hereford. Aged 74 years.

**22 February 1921.** The death of Joan MINETT of 109 Green Street, Hereford. Aged 8 month.

25 February 1921 The death of Mr T DISNEY. Teacher. Cancer. Aged...

**25 February 1921.** The death of Dorothy Mary BEVAN at 6 Brinton Road, Hereford. Aged infant. The death of Rose May HARGEST at 9 St Owen Street, Hereford. Aged 57 years.

**27 February 1921.** The death of Herbert Arthur SMITH at Hereford. Aged 35 years.

**1 March 1921.** The death of George HALL at Hereford General Hospital. Aged 57 years. The death of Frank LONG at Ledbury Hospital. Aged 25 years.

**2 March 1921.** The death of Elizabeth LANE at 59 Green Street, Hereford. Aged 73 years.

**3 March 1921.** The death of James Thomas POWLES at Upper Withers Farm, Kimbolton. Drowned. Aged 47 years. Coroner Verdict – Committed suicide whilst of unsound mind.

**5 March 1921.** The death of Henry BEAVAN at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 69 years.

**6 March 1921.** The death of Richard HILL at Walford. Aged 70 years. Coroner Verdict – Death from natural causes.

**7 March 1921.** The death of William Heaven BRUTON at 1 St Olaves, St Owen Street, Hereford. Aged 61 years.

The death of Edward HILL at Veldo, Withington. Aged 86 years.

**8 March 1921.** The death of Arthur Edwin LEACH at Hereford. Aged 18 years. The marriage at New Radnor of Ernest Edward ROGERS of Stockten Farm, Lucton to Lillian Maude Gertrude DAVIES of Haines Mill, New Radnor.

**9 March 1921.** The death of Margaret MICHAEL at 6 Church Cottages, Bewell Street, Hereford. Aged 87 years.

**11 March 1921.** The death of William Frederick ELDRIDGE of 68, Newmarket Street, Hereford. Aged 64 years.

The death of Emily POWELL at 25 Richmond Street, Hereford. Aged 60 years.

The death of Winifred PREECE at 8 Green Street, Hereford. Aged 68 years.

**12 March 1921.** The death of Edna May SCARRETT at Burcott Road, Hereford. Aged infant. The death of Emma OAKLEY of West Hill, Bromyard. Aged 86 years.

**13 March 1921.** The death of Elizabeth BROMAGE at 38 Bewell Street, Hereford. Aged 70 years. The death of John LLOYD at 5 Stanhope Street, Hereford. Aged 67 years.

The death of Winifred MARCHANT at 15 Blue School Street, Hereford. Aged 7 years.

The death of Sarah SANDBROOK at 70 Foley Street, Hereford. Aged 78 years.

The death of Frederick RICHARDS at Allensmore. Aged 48 years.

**15 March 1921.** The death of James BAILEY at Lynwood, 49 White Horse Street, Hereford. Aged 69 years.

**18 March 1921.** The death of Ruth Mary MARSHALL at Bargates, Leominster. Aged 92 years.

**19 March 1921.** The death of Archie NORTON at 105 Eign Road, Hereford. Aged 18 years. The death of Reuben BROMAGE at Breinton. Policeman. Aged 55 years.

The death of Samuel JELFS at 20 Bath Street, Hereford. Aged 61 years. The marriage at Weobley of Cyril John TAYLOR of Ebbw Vale to Annie Elizabeth PUGH of Sycamore Cottage, Almeley.

**21 March 1921.** The marriage at Weobley of George BREEZE of Norton Canon to Beatrice Constance COOKE of Weobley. The death of Eliza Ann GREEN of Froome, Mordiford. Aged 66 years.

**22 March 1921.** The death of Florence May DAVIES at 42 Moorfield Street, Hereford. Aged 5 years. The death of Revd. James George EASTON, rector of Murston. Aged 67 years.

**Alan Charles. Membership No 268**

**Extracts from the Bristol & Avon FHS Publication of Bristol Apprentices  
Published with approval from Bristol & Avon FHS  
<https://bafhs.org.uk/shop>**

**The full transcript of the apprentices whose fathers' abode was listed as being in Herefordshire can be found within the Members Area. To gain access register on our site (Members only) or email Phil Bufton for a lookup.**

**Introduction from B & A FHS Publication on CD.**

The Bristol Record Office (BRO) holds a continuous series of Apprenticeship Records dating from 1532 to 2009 contained in a set of 26 books, known as The Bristol Apprenticeship Books. These were originally identified by the BRO as Volumes AB/1(a) to AB/1(z).

Whilst the books themselves are no longer produced in the public search room, Microfiche versions of the original Bristol Apprenticeship Records are available for examination at the Bristol Record Office, and these are identified by the BRO as Volumes FC/AB/1(a) to FC/AB/1(z).

Over the years, various groups and individuals have produced transcripts and indexes of some volumes of the Apprenticeship Books, indeed, most volumes include their own contemporaneous 'indexes', but these are only 'indexed' by the initial letter of the surname, and for any given initial letter, the records appear chronologically. Moreover, prior to 1764, the volumes are 'indexed' only by the Master's surname, and from 1764 onwards, they are 'indexed' only by the Apprentice's surname.

It also includes 5 complete Alphabetical Indexes, as follows;

- 1 indexed Apprentices Surname, Forename and Volume Number,
- 2 indexed by Father's Trade, Surname and Forename,
- 3 indexed by Father's Abode, Surname and Forename,
- 4 indexed by Master's Surname, Forename and Trade,
- 5 indexed by Master's Trade, Surname and Forename.

SURNAME	FORENAME	FATHER FORENAME	DATE
ASTON	JOHN	WILLIAM	01-JUN-1733
BARLOW	THOMAS	JOHN (DECD)	18-OCT-1733
BEARD	JOSEPH	ROBERT (DECD)	10-NOV-1760
BEARD	JOSEPH	ROBERT (DECD)	10-NOV-1760
BEAVAN	THOMAS	EDWARD	22-JUL-1758
BETHAM	JAMES	JOHN	28-MAY-1778
BTHELL	THOMAS	JOHN	15-APR-1751
BOTHAM	EDWARD	EDWARD (DECD)	27-MAY-1739
COOKE	JOHN	JOHN	15-JUN-1761
CORBETT	RICHARD	WILLIAM	24-FEB-1815



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SURNAME	FORENAME	FATHER FORENAME	DATE
CROXALL	SAMUEL	RODNEY Rev (DECD)	02-DEC-1762
DEW	HERBERT	THOMAS	06-NOV-1734
DONNE	WILLIAM	BENJAMIN	20-SEP-1750
ELTON	WILLIAM	JOHN	10-AUG-1748
FRERE	JOHN	JOHN	18-DEC-1735
GOODMAN	THOMAS	JOHN (DECD)	01-JUN-1728
GOODMAN	GEORGE	JOHN (DECD)	24-JUL-1732
GORDON	JAMES	VALENTINE (DECD)	01-OCT-1739
GREEN	JAMES	EDWARD (DECD)	17-JAN-1825
GWILLYM	CHARLES	ROBERT	01-MAY-1740
HALL	JOHN	JOHN	28-APR-1767
HALL	JOHN	JOHN	02-MAR-1768
HOWELL	WILLIAM B.	THOMAS	28-SEP-1767
HUGHES	THOMAS	THOMAS	03-OCT-1738
JOHNSON	THOMAS	JOHN	03-JUN-1736
JONES	JOHN	EVAN (DECD)	09-JUN-1737
LAMB	LAWRENCE	FRANCIS (DECD)	13-NOV-1730
LEIGH	THOMAS	IDGERTON Rev Mr	20-JUN-1749
LEWIS	THOMAS	JAMES (DECD)	21-APR-1760
LEWIS	JAMES	STEPHEN	07-MAR-1768
LEWIS	THOMAS	JAMES (DECD)	21-APR-1760
MEREDITH	THOMAS	JOSEPH (DECD)	17-JUL-1769
MOORE	JOHN	JOHN	15-JUN-1724
MOORE	FRANCIS	WILLIAM	31-OCT-1787
PARRY	THOMAS	PHILIP (DECD)	26-JUL-1759
PARRY	THOMAS	PHILIP (DECD)	26-JUL-1759
PARRY	CHARLES	PHILIP (DECD)	26-MAY-1763
REES	WILLIAM	JOHN (DECD)	07-FEB-1791
SPENCER	RICHARD	RICHARD (DECD)	21-MAR-1767
TAYLOR	RICHARD	JOHN	21-JUL-1735
TAYLOR	RICHARD	RICHARD	25-JAN-1726
TAYLOR	THOMAS	RICHARD	13-NOV-1733
TYRER	JOSEPH	THOMAS	07-NOV-1746
WILLIAMS	JOHN	WALTER	04-JUN-1757
WILLIAMS	JOHN	WALTER	04-JUN-1757

**All the above were listed as Father's abode being either Hereford or Hentland**

**An update on the National Burial Indexing Project Update.**

***Brandy for the Parson, Baccy for the clerk ... Rudyard Kipling 1906)***

When studying the parish registers I am working on, I often wonder if my Parson and my Clerk had been indulging in a favourite tippie or enjoying a pipeful of baccy (legal or not), whilst complying with the law of the land in recording all baptisms, marriages and burials in their parish. Sadly, I will never know, but if they did I hope they enjoyed themselves and it may explain some of the shaky writing and burn holes in the register!

It was in 1538 when Thomas Cromwell, then Vicar General to King Henry V11, convinced his boss that it would be a good idea to know more about his subjects and decreed in law that a record was to be kept of all baptisms, marriages and burials in all parishes. In 1598 another law was passed requiring these records to be copied and sent to the local Bishop and these are known as Bishops Transcripts. Elizabeth 1 declared that accurate registers in bound books rather than scraps of paper were the order of the day and thankfully many survive today and together with Bishops Transcripts provide our project group with our resource material. The work of our group is part of a National Project instigated by the Family History Federation. The initial project, led by the late Alex Whitfield, completed and published in 2006, the period from 1813-1839. In total 55,455 burial entries were recorded. When Alex stepped down due to ill health, Yve James became the co-ordinator of the project for many years and when she stood down I took over the role in March 2021.

Following the relaxation of Covid restrictions we were able to return to the Records Office in July 2021 to continue working on the burial records from 1538 to 1812. A long period of time to cover, and it is proving to be a marathon not a sprint, but progress is being made and we have in the past 12 months, through Phil Bufton, submitted completed records to the Family History Federation. We are a small group of 14 who meet on the first Friday of every month and spend 2 hours poring over very old bound registers, (thank you Elizabeth 1) and Bishops Transcripts. Roughly one half of the group is transcribing registers, either using pencil and paper or direct computer entry and the other half is checking transcribed registers, making any amendments, again either by pencil or computer. The more we use technology, the more time we can save and the less printer ink and paper we use but it is a personal preference and volunteers choose their preferred way of working.

During the past 12 months our number has grown with three new volunteers and we would welcome many more. There is lots of space in the Records Office and we have lots of registers to work on, so if you fancy a change from doing the crossword, wordle or suduko, come and pit your wits against the handwriting of the Parson who may have imbibed a little something or not. We will never know. Finally, I would like to say thank you to the current group of volunteers, Alan, Bill, Brenda, Carol, Heather, Joan, John, Judith, Kath, Lesley, Pam, Phil and Rex. Also thank you to Melanie who types the handwritten records and Rhys Griffith from the Records Office who freely shares his knowledge and experience with us.

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**THE EPISCOPAL REGISTERS OF HEREFORD**, both in antiquity and continuity, are among the most important in England and indeed in Europe. Commencing as early as A.D. 1275, they are practically complete down to the present time. For the first three centuries of their existence they throw a light on the religious and civil life of the diocese and its parishes, where otherwise there would be almost complete darkness. They are a sort of diary of the official acts of each Bishop in his turn and should not be confused with Parish Registers or Bishops Transcripts, which begin much later. The description of the Lincoln Registers will apply well to our own :—“ They contain Lists of Ordination Candidates, Wills, Papal Bulls, Dispensations by the thousand, the Formation of Vicarages, the Erection of Chantries, Episcopal Letters, Licences of every kind, Lists of Pluralities, Reconciliations of Churches, Records of Visitations, Summonses to Convocation, Royal Briefs, Injunctions to Monasteries, and hundreds of other things.” The Hereford Registers are also rich in letters and documents illustrating the Lollard movement. Mr. H. C. BEDDOE, the Registrar, has most kindly given every facility to all who might wish to consult them for purposes of parochial history. But the abbreviated old Latin MSS. are hard to read and are practically to most people a sealed book. Moreover, there is always the danger of fire or other calamity which would sweep away for ever this store of materials for history.

The Cantilupe Society has been formed for the purpose of printing the Registers, and thus making them accessible to all who wish to study them. This title is adopted because St. Thomas de Cantilupe was the only canonized Bishop of Hereford; the earliest Registers extant are those of his administration, and his personal coat-of-arms is still borne as that of the See.

The subscription has been fixed at the low sum of 10s. 6d., in order that all who are interested may be able to take part in the work; though of course any special donations to help forward the publication of particular Registers would be gladly welcomed. The late Sir Frederick GODSON kindly paid in £100 to the credit of the Society, which has placed it on a firm financial basis.

Several gentlemen well versed in mediaeval writings have already offered their services as Transcribers, so that the only limit to the “ output ” will be that of funds for the printing.

To those who are not specially interested in ecclesiastical questions the work may be of value as furnishing important material for local history. Full Indexes of Names, Places, and Subjects will be provided, and English Summaries will be given of all the Entries. Those who desire to join the Society are requested to send their names to the Hon. Secretary: the Rev. JOHN R. BURTON, Bitterley Rectory, Ludlow.

The Society had a total membership for 1905-6 of 158, of which number 2 were life-members paying ten guineas each, 3 were ordinary members paying one guinea each for two copies of all publications, and 153 were ordinary members contributing half-a-guinea each. As the subscriptions from life-members are not strictly in the nature of annual income, the Council have decided to place these

and all future subscriptions of life-members to a separate deposit account. The Council have adopted as a Seal or badge for the Society a design based upon the Episcopal Seal of St. Thomas de Cantilupe, of which there is an impression in the Cathedral Library.

The Members of the Society will have received already the printed text of the Register of Bishop CANTILUPE, which it was found expedient to issue in two parts, as the whole would have made a volume of awkward thickness for a book in paper covers. It will be convenient to divide other Registers in the same way. It is proposed for the next issue to pass over for the present Cantilupe's successor, SWINFELD, whose life and character have been already described at some length in the well-known edition of his "Household Boll." The prelate who followed him in the See (Adam de ORLETON, 1317-1327) was a busy politician of great ability, and the introduction to his Register, which is being prepared by the Rev. A. T. BANNISTER, will illustrate the prominent part which that Bishop took in the tragic events of the last years of Edward II. The text itself is already in the printer's hands, and transcripts of several other Registers are in progress. In these it seems desirable to tabulate in compendious form the institutions to parochial and other benefices, and to omit altogether the regularly recurring phrases of the original entries, which add nothing to our knowledge, but would cause needless expense in printed matter.

Owing to the generous gift of Sir Frederick GODSON, whose recent death we have to lament, and to the arrangement made with the Canterbury and York Society, the financial statement now presented shews a satisfactory balance. It should be remembered, however, that the necessary expenditure for the publication of a single Register of the same length and on the same plan as that of Cantilupe is nearly double the amount of all the annual subscriptions of the members, while their number remains so small as at present. Without help or combination the Society could only issue about 200 pages yearly, and even to do this it must rely on voluntary efforts for the somewhat laborious work of transcription. If this had to be paid for only a very meagre quantity of text could be produced each year.

While it is recognised that the early Episcopal Registers have the first claim upon the attention of the Society, the Council would gladly take up other work occasionally, connected with the Mediaeval history of the neighbourhood, if the necessary conditions could be arranged, and the Editor will welcome any suggestions that may be addressed to him on the subject. The Council cannot close this Report without expressing their thanks to Canon CAPES for his valuable Introduction and Summary, to the Bev. B. G. GRIFFITHS for his accurate transcription and excellent Index, to the Lord Bishop and Mr. H.C. BEDDOE for providing facilities for the transcription; and will only add a request to the members generally to secure the accession of new Subscribers. The Society can hardly be considered to be founded on a permanent basis until its membership reaches at least 200.

## **50 GEMS OF HEREFORDSHIRE**

**by David Phelps**

**This is an interesting guide book with a provocative title.**

**What a choice of gems the author had!**

The Contents page lists a few new ones among those already popular with tourists. It's a good mix of historical, scenic and religious places to visit.

Each gem is numbered and put into a geographical area. A large clear map of the county with the main roads leading from Hereford, shows the numbered sites corresponding to the listed gems. The central area has ten sites in Hereford. The main roads out of the city, roughly to north, south, east and west, lead to four other areas with around ten gems in each. This should make visits easy to plan but as the Contents page doesn't face the map, much page turning is necessary to find where the gems are sited.

Often overlooked is Hereford's Museum Resources Centre where the Council displays the county's fine art collection, beautiful textiles dating back to the C17 and a costume collection of national importance.

A visit to Bodenham Lake provides the opportunity to spot 160 different species of birds. Originally gravel pits, the area naturally filled with water, birds arrived, and it is now maintained as a nature reserve.

The Old Men of Moccas are also included. In 1876 the rector and diarist Francis KILVERT wrote: 'I fear those old grey men of Moccas' and described these ancient trees as gnarled, bowed, bent and misshapen, standing watching, century after century, seeing out generation after generation.

Other natural gems featured are Queenswood Arboretum, the Much Marcle Yew, Yat Rock, Hergest Ridge and the White-leaved Oak. Sadly, this tree has just been lost. It stood on the spot where the counties of Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire meet. It had been identified as the centre of an important circular ley-line and equidistant from both Glastonbury and Stonehenge.

In a footnote, the author says that during the production of this book, the 500 year old tree was destroyed by fire.

The author has uncovered many quirky, grizzly and rarely heard anecdotes about the gems he has chosen. His diligent research is most apparent in his descriptions of churches and castles.

## 50 GEMS OF HEREFORDSHIRE

DAVID PHELPS



Among the quirky gems are St Catherine's Church in Hoarwithy which has Italianate mosaics in gold, created in the 1840s by a firm brought in from Murano.

Horace Walpole, an advocate of the Gothic style of architecture had an influence on the re-modelling of Shobdon Church in the 1700s to create a delightful light, ornate and colourful interior.

Names like the Baskervilles, Mortimers, and those of the Marcher Lords crop up throughout the book. Links to Wales are highlighted in the history of the county's unstable and much fought over border.

Herefordshire wavered between Wales and England for centuries. As well as castle gems which are a reminder of fierce battles between the English and Welsh, place names are still recognisable as originally Welsh but now with an Anglicised spelling.

Among the gems are whole towns and villages including Ross, Kington, Bromyard, Ledbury, Weobley and Eardisland.

The beauty of some of the gems is lost in the dark photographs. The book also disappoints with spelling, grammatical and other errors. For instance, the gem of Croft Amberly has a hill fort given as in use 'from the sixth century until the coming of the Romans.' It should read 'from the sixth century BC until the coming of the Romans.' A 1,200 year difference! !

The 50 Gems of Herefordshire will make an interesting addition to any collection of local guide books. As well as a good map showing the 50 sites, the author's research has produced some fresh and fascinating information about them.

**Beatrice Wellings**

## **Herefordshire FHS Zoom Meetings Programme for 2022**

**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.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker Details</b>
<b>15 July 2022</b>	<b>Helen Baggott From log cabin to the palace of Westminster</b>
<b>19 August 2022</b>	<b>Paul Hindle Off the beaten track</b>
<b>16 September 2022</b>	<b>Bill Laws Beef, Beer, Cider &amp; Spuds. Made in Herefordshire</b>

**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:  
<https://www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk/>**



**Bromyard & District Local History Society**

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

**Membership Secretary: Mr Alex Hoyle**

**B&DLHS, 5 Sherford Street, Bromyard, Herefordshire. HR7 4DL**

**E-mail: [bromyardhistory@btconnect.com](mailto:bromyardhistory@btconnect.com)      [www.bromyardhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.bromyardhistorysociety.org.uk)**

**Cradley Heritage Group**

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

**Fownhope Local History Group**

**Contact: Christopher Lansberry. Telephone no: 01432 860733.**

**Kington History Society**

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

**Leintwardine History Society**

**Contact: Mrs. Pam Hatherly, Roman Rise, High Street, Leintwardine, Craven Arms, Shropshire SY7 OLB Telephone 01547 540306**

**Linton & District Local History Society**

**Contact: Mrs Lee Hines. Ford House, Ford Lane, Kilcot, Gloucs. GL18 1NW**

All meetings at Linton Village Hall

**Longtown Historical Society.**

**Contact: Rev. Nicholas Lowton. by e-mail at [lowton.nicholas@virgin.net](mailto:lowton.nicholas@virgin.net) - NEW**

**Weobley & District Local History Society**

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

**Contact: Mr B. Holly. Little Orchard, Hereford Road, Weobley HR4 8SW**

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

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

**Woolhope Club**

**Contact: Mr D. Whitehead. 60, Hafod Road, Hereford. HR1 1SQ  
[david.whitehead.hafod@care4free.net](mailto:david.whitehead.hafod@care4free.net).**

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 surrounding Herefordshire**

**Midland Ancestor (formerly BMSGH)** (West Midland Group Member)

Sec: Mrs Jackie Cotterill, 5 Sanderling Court, Kidderminster, DY10 4TS  
<https://midland-ancestors.uk/>

**Gloucestershire FHS**

Sec: Trish Gage, Family History Center, Clarence Row, Alvin Street, Gloucester. GL1 3AH. [Secretary@gfhs.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@gfhs.org.uk)  
[www.gfhs.org.uk](http://www.gfhs.org.uk)

**Gwent FHS**

Sec: Mrs N. Thomas, 11, Rosser Street, Waunfelin, Pontypool. NP4 6EA  
[www.gwentfhs.info](http://www.gwentfhs.info)

**Montgomeryshire GS**

Sec: Mrs Monica Woosnam, 24 Dysart Terrace, Canal Road, Newtown, Powys, SY16 2JL  
<http://www.montgomeryshiregs.org.uk/>

**Powys FHS**

[www.powysfhs.org.uk](http://www.powysfhs.org.uk)

Meetings held at Brecon BRE, Llanddewi Ystradenny RAD and Abermule MGY  
Contact: [philbufton@hotmail.com](mailto:philbufton@hotmail.com)

**Shropshire FHS** (West Midland Group member)

Sec: Mr Dave Morris, 48 Oakley Street, Bellevue, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY3 7JY  
Email: [secretary@sfhs.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sfhs.org.uk)  
[www.sfhs.org.uk](http://www.sfhs.org.uk)

**Malvern Family History Society** (West Midland Group member)

Sec: Mrs Jean Evans  
[secretary@mfhs.org.uk](mailto: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/](http://www.mfhs.org.uk/)

**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](http://www.familyhistoryfederation.com)

See [www.fhswales.org.uk/](http://www.fhswales.org.uk/) for information on societies in Wales

## **Correspondence**

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

### **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:

**NBI Co-ordinator - Linda Lloyd      [linda\\_lloyd@btinternet.com](mailto:linda_lloyd@btinternet.com)**

## **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](http://www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk)**

## **Herefordshire Registrars Indexes**

The Herefordshire FHS has now had permission to publish all 3 of the Registrars indexes compiled by members of the society from the registers held by the Herefordshire Registrars of Births, Marriages & Deaths.

Births : 1837 - 1920 £15

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

Marriages: 1837 - 1957 £25

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

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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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