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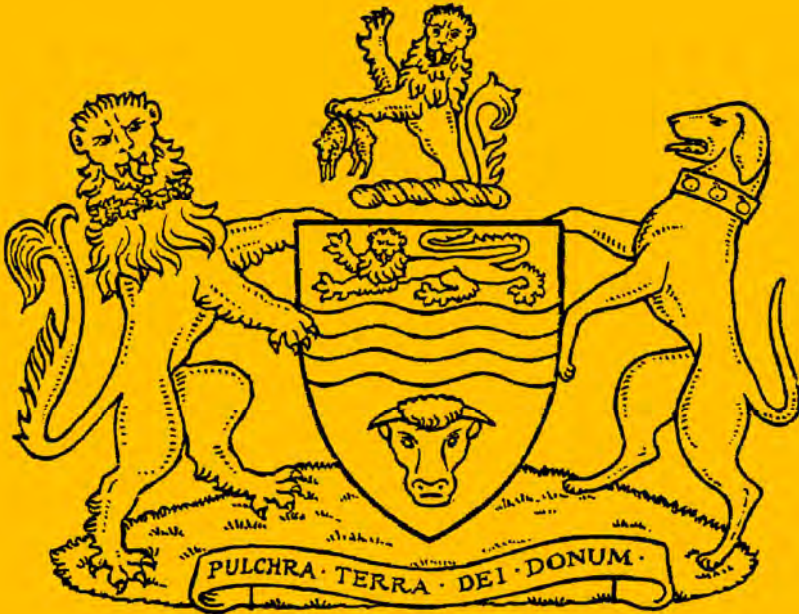
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Editor's Report

Here we are again, where does the time go! It seems to be only a short time ago I was compiling the July journal and here we are in October.

I don't actually need to make a plea for more articles, but why break a habit of a lifetime. I have one or two left over from this journal, but I always need more articles or Help Wanted pieces for future editions.

You may have noticed my plea for help hosting the Zoom meetings. We now have had a welcome volunteer to do this, however need to purchase a separate Zoom licence for this, this has now been approved.

My next plea for help from members of the society concerns Exchange Journals and the website. As you may have realised, there are many more societies who have opted for digital copies to be exchanged or alternatively, stopping exchanging journals completely. Luckily the second option is rare.

What I require is a member who is registered on the website and would be willing to be the designated person to receive the journal PDF's from other societies and upload them to the website. See below.

It is a very simple process and training can be given by myself over Zoom.

Wanted: A member who could be the contact for receiving the exchange journals from other societies and upload them to the page on the site.

About an hours work every 3-4 months.

They are also very interesting to read!

Phil Bufton

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Vice Chairman's Report

As I write this report the sun is shining but the north wind means that it is cold, and autumn is very near! One of our committee members, based in Scotland, has already seen snow and freezing lochs. So, time to get out the family history and restart researching.

A problem with the checking of the transcribed Parish Baptism Registers means a long delay to the data being published – so not this Christmas. However, the transcription of an original old burial register for Hereford cemetery is about to be released. This covers early burials in the old burial grounds at the cemetery, from 1894 to 1921.

Several events are happening here in the near future including a Herefordshire Family History Day at the Town Hall, the West Midlands Family History show at Malvern and a week of local history events from local societies around the county. More details as they are received.

A full program of talks has now been finalised for the coming year so read our 'Herefordiensis' journal for details.

Finally, I would like to thank our newest committee member, Kate Smedley, for volunteering to become the joint host on our ZOOM events. Kate will cover when Phil is not available to open our monthly meetings.

May I wish all our society members a Merry Christmas and a good New Year.

Alan Charles

**Acting chairman
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HELP WANTED with the GRAINGERS

When I wrote my account of the 1794 bankruptcies of my 3xgreat-grandmother Joyce GRAINGER and her son James (published in Herefordiensis in July and October 2011) I suggested that the principal cause was that Joyce's husband John and her father-in-law Samuel had overcommitted themselves by borrowing money to acquire land, mills and other property, charging the repayments against the income from their business, Castle Mills. John died less than two years after his father, and James, who inherited Castle Mills, found it impossible to keep the business afloat while servicing the loans charged against its income by his father and grandfather.

In HARC (ref. P6/2) there is a list of these properties which I have reproduced below. I realise that the buildings will have long since disappeared (and perhaps the meadows and gardens will have been built over) but I hope that if members can recognise the names of ancestors amongst the tenants / occupiers that will give us some idea of their precise locations. Most of them are in and around the parish of St. Owen. The title maps have not been particularly helpful.

Tenement lately occupied by John JONES situate in a Court near St Owen's Street
Tenement lately in the occupation of Edward BUILT

Tenement and Garden situate in the Green Lane and now in the several holding of Elizabeth MERRICK and Miles COYLE and my Leasehold Meadow called Brampton Meadow lying Opposite the said Tenement

My three Freehold Tenements with the Garden to the same belonging now in the possession of John BEAVAN Mary MAYOS and John PRITCHARD

My Freehold Tenement and the Garden and Stable to the same belon[g]ing and also the large Garden adjoining situate in Saint Owen Street which I lately bought from John DAVIES

Tenement and Garden without Saint Owen's Gate now in the possession of Philip LANE and Ralph WIGLEY.

piece or Parcel of Meadow Land lying near to ...[Castle] Mills called the Croft with the Barn [and] Buildings belonging and which I hold by Lease under the Custos and Vicars of the Cathedral

my Freehold Coppice or piece of Woodground known by the name of BARROLS [BARRELLS?] Coppice in the Township of Grafton in the parish of Saint Martins. (It may or not be relevant that in 1793 James married Martha BARRELL in Pershore, Worcestershire, in the same church where his father John had married Joyce HYATT thirty years before.)

Bert Pemberton Membership No 1838 email: pembie2@hotmail.com

Thomas Knill. Mayor of Hereford 1806/7

Thomas KNILL was the 4th son of Francis KNILL (1701-1790) and Elizabeth CASWELL, and was born at Humber in 1745. He was a cousin to my 3 x gt. Grandfather, also named Thomas. In 1770 he married Ann PRICE of St Peters in the city of Hereford, a lady some 25 or 26 years older than himself. There were no children of this marriage as she was around 53 years of age when they married. They lived in St Owen St, Hereford, Thomas was a painter and glazier by trade, and he seems to have been a very wealthy man judging by the bequests in his will. Thomas was a member of the Common council and was Mayor of Hereford in 1806/7. In the Hereford Journal of Wednesday 28th January 1807, there appeared a report of the death of Mrs Knill.

“On Friday afternoon a most melancholy accident occurred in this city. As Mrs Knill wife of T. Knill Esq, Mayor was sitting by the fire, in a momentary absence of her niece, who she had sent upstairs for a handkerchief, a coal fell upon her clothes and set them ablaze. The unfortunate lady had the presence of mind sufficient to ring the bell, which brought her niece and servant maid to her assistance, who with most praiseworthy resolution extinguished the flames. But unhappily, from the fright and effects of the accident the lady was so much injured that she lingered till the Saturday morning bearing her acute sufferings with the greatest resignation when she expired. She was 90 years of age, and retained all her faculties till the last and notwithstanding the advanced period of her life was extremely serene and cheerful in disposition and will long be regretted by an extensive circle of friends.

After the unfortunate accident to his wife, Thomas continued to reside at his house in St Owen St, Hereford until he died in 1823 aged 88. His house and the two properties adjoining he left to his niece Mary Knill, presumably the same niece who attended poor Mrs Knill, and who was still living with him at the time of his death. Mary also inherited all his household goods, plate, linen, china etc and two hundred pounds, to be paid out of the money arising from the sale of his real estate in Risbury in the parish of Humber.

There were also legacies of two and three hundred pounds each to his several married sisters, his will stated “to be paid to them severally for their sole and separate use independent of either of their husbands.” There were legacies of one and two hundred pounds to his various nephews and nieces, with the exception of Thomas Knill, formerly of Holme Lacy who only got five pounds. I believe this Thomas fathered a couple of children out of wedlock, so that was probably the reason. I think he was a much respected man by both his family and the community at large. His wife had died in tragic circumstances during his term of office as Mayor, which must have been a great shock and sorrow to him, and I believe he must have given up Public Office after that tragic incident.

Monica Beavan. Membership No. 123 monbea420@gmail.com

Donated Kington Family History

One day during the summer of 2024, I received an email into my account from Graham SIMPSON, a local person who had previously lived in Eardisland and had been involved in the Eardisland Oral History project. He had a small bundle of paperwork which he would like to hand over to the Herefordshire Family History Society (HFHS). The papers related to the KINGTON Family name, who lived in Eardisland, Herefordshire, with a link to the nearby parish of Monkland, Herefordshire

The paperwork has now been scanned and added to the Members Area of the Herefordshire FHS site.

Below is an image of James and Mary Ann Kington and on the facing page their burial cards and an image of Grove House, Monkland..



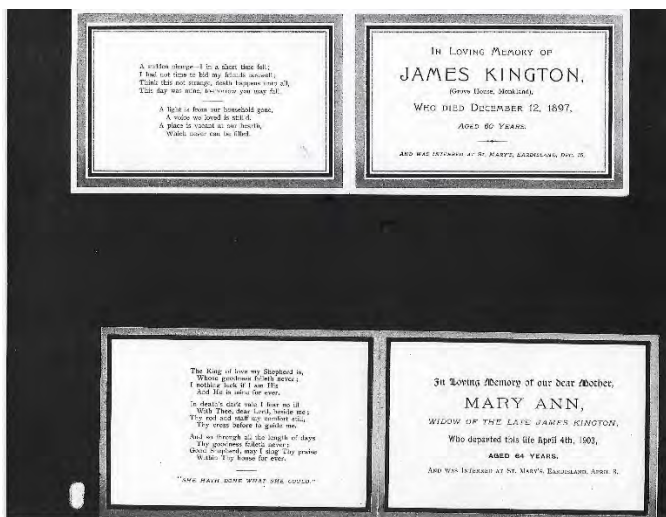
James & MARY ANN HUGHES KINGTON

*Bernija Great-grandfather and
great-grandmother.*



Edward THOMAS - MARY KINGTON MORAHAN

Bernija Grand father - grandmother



Burial Cards of James and Mary Ann KINGTON



Grove House, Monkland, mentioned on the Burial Cards.

The Whitecross Chronicles No: 10



On my walks I have been attracted by the picturesque almshouses at the corner of Whitehorse Street and Chandos Street known as the 'Foresters Almshouses'. I wondered who these 'Foresters' were. Founded in 1834 the Ancient Order of Foresters, now known simply as the Foresters Friendly Society, is a national organisation. Originally the members sought to assist each other 'as they walked through the forests of life' particularly when the family breadwinner fell ill and the family needed support. So members paid a few pence each week into a common fund which supported sick pay and funeral grants.

There is a central half-timbered gable with a coat of arms on the building designed by Robinson and built in 1887 (according to the plaque on the front) to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the founding. These eight houses for 'the elderly and needy' are single storey and had a living room with fireplace, bedroom, scullery with W.C. off it, a larder, and an inside coal store. This accommodation was on the cusp of innovation for Victorians and provided a comfort that perhaps the residents had not previously been accustomed to.

1891 was the first census to record the residents, and we can trace them in their previous accommodation in earlier ones. They might have been born outside the city but they had all worked in Hereford and ranged in ages from 69 to 5 months:

1. George Pinder (53) with his wife Ann (54) says he is 'living on a pension'. The previous census says he is a 'superannuated gaol warder' and in 1861 he was a 'railway porter'.
2. Charles G. Dowers (60) is a 'Bill Poster' and previously in 1861 and 1871 was a 'Gas fitter', while his wife Harriet (59), works as a 'laundress'.
3. Thomas G. Price (26) is a 'miller' but started (age 16) as an 'indoor farm servant' at Brierly. Now he is married to Mary (19) with a daughter Edith (8-12 mths) and so is probably looking for work in the city, which by the next census he has found as a 'Railway Carriers' Barman' and is living with his family in Whitehorse Street.

4. Frederick J. Hughes (29) is a 'brick layers labourer' and married to Mary (32) with a daughter Anne (5 mths). Aged 19 he had started work as a 'General labourer' and in the next two censuses he continued working in the building trade living in West Street.

5. John Jones (69) is a tailor and married to Jane (65) a 'dressmaker'. Blanche (24) who is a 'Dress and mantle maker' is a daughter of his first marriage and lives with them.

6. James Williams (63) is a gardener and lives with his wife Elizabeth (63) and two of their children; Rosa (21) a 'housemaid' and Amy (15) a 'milliners apprentice' and their daughter-in-law Mary (27) a 'dressmaker' lives with them too. It is hard to believe that this family of 5 shared one bedroom!

7. Elizabeth Pierce (58) a widow, is a 'laundress', as is her daughter Annie (27). Her daughter Ada (18) is a 'dressmaker' and they have a 14 year old boarder William, who does 'general work'.

8. Edith Linder (24) is a 'dressmaker' living with her sister Beatrice (19), 'a draper's assistant'.

I had always associated almshouses as being for the elderly so it was interesting to find younger people living here too. I have not found any more information about Elizabeth Pierce or Edith and Beatrice Linder who must have hit hard times to have found accommodation here. I like to think that these women living in the almshouses helped support the rest of this community. Elizabeth who is a laundress might have worked with Harriet Dowers who is close in age to her. There is also a group of 'dressmakers' who hopefully were able to get together and pass on hints. I wonder if the Linders helped with baby sitting? Thomas and Mary Price have a daughter Edith perhaps named after Edith Linder and Frederick and Mary Hughes's next baby is named Beatrice. Born in 1894 I wonder if she was named after Beatrice Linder?



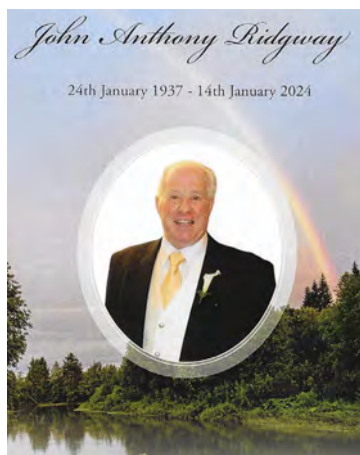
The Almshouses in 2024

Jean Thomson

A FEW WORDS ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE NATIONAL BURIAL INDEXING PROJECT GROUP

The last time I gave an update on the progress of the NBI project was in the summer of 2022, roughly 12 months after the date we reformed as a working group. During the three years since then you will have seen many references in the Newsletter and Herefordiensis to our work mainly concerned with the number of burials recorded and submitted to Find My Past via the National Federation for Family History Societies and my pleas for more people to join us!! In view of the substantial progress that has been made in the time the new group has been together I thought you would be interested to read what is happening in the group now.

I am very pleased to say my pleas for more volunteers were heard and from the original group of 14 in July 2021 we have grown to 21 team members. This increase is, however, tinged with great sadness, because during this year we lost two of our most stalwart and tenacious team members in Lesley Brimley who died in June and John Ridgway who died in January. Both Lesley and John were volunteers with the project for many years and greatly contributed to our success. According to her husband, Keith, Lesley really enjoyed the indexing and felt she was helping many people to research and unlock their own family history. She was dedicated, thorough and not deterred in the slightest by an illegible register she just kept persevering with it. Once a month John travelled across Hereford at the busiest time on a Friday evening, he moaned about the traffic but always came. He was delighted when he knew he no longer had to use paper and pencil but could work if he wanted with his laptop. This greatly pleased him and he concentrated on checking transcribed registers prior to going to the Federation. Again, he was dedicated to accuracy and determined and committed to doing a good job. Without Lesley and John, there is a big hole in our group. They are greatly missed.



Over the past three years the way we work as a group has changed a little, in that we still meet at HARC on the first Friday of every month at 5.00 pm for two hours. However, thanks to Rhys Griffiths, Senior Archivist, those volunteers who prefer to travel and work during the day rather than the evening can now reserve a table and a Register in the Search Room between Tuesday and Friday and transcribe or check at the best time to suit them. This change has helped many volunteers to stay with the project and I am grateful to Rhys for the flexibility both he and his team have shown our group. It is fact that without the help, guidance and patience of Rhys and his team we would find it extremely difficult to continue as a group.

So where are we now with the Project? Well, a large proportion of Parish Registers starting with the letter A to D are transcribed and checked and lodged with the Federation, as are most of the Registers for Hereford City such as St Nicholas.

The county towns such as Ledbury and Leominster etc are reasonably covered as are the parishes starting with the letters K and L. There is still a huge amount of work to be done, but as an old boss of mine always said “you need to eat the elephant in bites” and this is what we are doing. Sometimes there is a chewy bit and sometimes with luck the register is legible and quickly put to bed.

Each month we are able to send off to Find My Past via the Federation new entries As you have read in other publications, this provides our society with an income and gives more opportunities to a wide audience looking to research their roots. So, it is an ongoing win, win situation.

In the July 2024 Herefordiensis, Alan Charles, the Acting Chairman of our society reported that in the twelve months to July 2024, 92 registers had been transcribed and checked with over 31,774 entries being submitted to Find My Past. At the time of going to print this now stands at 105 registers and 54,706 burials since taking over. The total number since the project started back in 1999 with Alec Whitfield is 149,546.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the team members who work on the project, Phil Bufton who corresponds with the Federation and keeps me on track and also Rhys Griffiths and his team from HARC without whom we couldn't meet or work on the Registers.

If you would like more information or have questions about the project which transcribes pre 1813 Herefordshire Parish Burial Records then please email:

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Linda Lloyd Membership No. 3038, NBI Co-ordinator

Help Wanted

William EDWARDS was born in 1781 and his son William Edwards was born in 1817.

I am researching my family's history and they appear to have been in service to a farmer who resided at Paytoe Hall, Paytoe Lane, Leintwardine in 1841.

The farmers name was William Edwards senior (**born 1781**) and his family were residing at this house in the 1841 census attached. Their son William Edwards born in 1817 was baptised at St Mary Magdalene church, Leintwardine on 7th May 1817 and was married there to Ann Brook(s) on 28th May 1840.

Any information you could give me about this father and son would be very much appreciated. Specifically if William Edwards Senior born in 1781 was originally from Leintwardine, or if not, where he moved there from and when?

Many thanks for your assistance

George Beale Member Number 2945

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Township of Paytoe

PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
	Occupied or Habited	Uninhabited		Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts.
Paytoe	1		William Smith	25		Farmer	yes	
			Elizabeth D.		20		no	
			Charles Price	30		Solicitor	no	
			Ann D.		25		yes	
			William Tilly	18		Butcher	no	
			Andrew Galloway	20		Green	no	
			Catherine Price		60	Housemaid	yes	
			Caroline Jones		16	Independent	no	
			Margaret Ellis		20	Servant	no	
			Richard Francis		30	Servant	no	
			Richard Gapp		65	Labourer	yes	
			Mary D.		56		yes	
			Mary D.		22		yes	
		George D.		20		yes		
		James Gapp		30	Labourer	yes		
		Caroline Gapp		22		yes		
		William Broun		60	Labourer	no		

NBI Volunteers

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE FOR 2024 ?

Are you interested in family and local history?

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

Can you spare 2 hours per month to visit HARC in Hereford to work on original parish registers and bishops transcripts, transcribing and checking the documents?

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

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

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

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



Our group re-formed after Covid and we have been very successful in forwarding to the National Federation of Family History Society 34,608 records since July 2021. We meet every month at HARC, in Rotherwas, Hereford, on the first Friday at 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm.

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

linda_lloyd@btinternet.com

My Great-great-grandmother Elizabeth Powell was one of Hereford's Laundresses in the 1870s.



Hanging out the laundry circa 1810 as illustrated in W. H. Pyne's "Microcosm".

My Great-great-grandmother Elizabeth POWELL née KEENE was born in 1829 in Northamptonshire, but by 1841 was with her family in Weobley, Herefordshire. Elizabeth married my Great-great-grandfather William Powell at All Saints, Hereford on August 30th, 1849. Until that point, William had been a small farmer and hallier (haulier) at Wormsley. However, after that, presumably because the money was better, he started working for his competition, the railway. William was recorded as being one of Hereford's pig dealers before died on December 30th, 1881.

<i>William Powell</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>Pig Dealer</i>
<i>Elizabeth Do</i>	<i>wife</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>Laundress</i>
<i>Annie Do</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Do</i>
<i>Richard Do</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Blacksmith</i>
<i>Charles Do</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Cutler</i>
<i>Stephen Do</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Shop Boy</i>

Extract from the 1881 Census showing Elizabeth and Annie as Laundresses. Richard, as shown, was my Great-grandfather "Dick" Powell. Both Charles (Cutler) and Stephen (Shop Boy) worked for the Townsend family. Annie later married Thomas Townsend.

Looking at the Census return for 1881 it shows that Elizabeth, along with her daughter Annie, were Laundresses working from the family home at number 6, Barton Road, St. Nicholas, Hereford. No doubt the money that Elizabeth made supplemented William's income. However, she must have been enterprising for soon after William died at the end of 1881, she took on the tenancy of 79 Eign Street from the TOWNSEND family, from where she started her Coffee Tavern. Elizabeth died at Eign Street on September 23rd, 1901. Run by Elizabeth's son, Charles, the business remained within our Powell family as a Restaurant until the First World War.

Consulting **Littlebury's Directory and Gazetteer of Herefordshire, 1876-7**, on page 317 under the 'Hereford Trades Directory' it lists, shown following, seventeen Laundresses in Hereford including Powell Mrs. E., The Barton, Broomy Hill.

Laundresses.

Bishop Mrs. E., The Barton, Broomy hl.
Brooks Mrs. Elizabeth, 5 Richmond st.
Daish Mrs. C., Tupsley
Dutton Mrs. J., 17 Guildford street
Humphreys Mrs. Sarah, 35 Eign street
Jarvis Mrs. Frances, 57 St. Martin street
Jenner M. A., Portfield, Bath street
Philpott Mrs. Jane, Ledbury road
Pickard Mrs. Ann, 16 Guildford street
Powell Mrs. E., The Barton, Broomy hl.
Rumsey Mrs. Mary, 14 Whitefriars st.
Ruston Mrs. Susan, 65 St. Martin street
Smith Ann, Cotterell st., White Cross rd.
Smith Mrs. Ellen, 21 New town
South Mrs. Caroline, 32 Widemarsh st.
Warren Mrs. Harriet, 28 Cornwall st.
Williams Mrs. Sophia, 26 Scudamore st.

As businesswomen, there may be little doubt that Hereford's laundresses provided a great service to the people of Hereford who could afford them. Reading through the newspapers of the time, some of the County's larger houses and institutions employed their own laundresses as part of their staff. This included, from the Hereford Times of July 28, 1877:

Hereford General Infirmary WANTED a HEAD LAUNDRESS. For particulars apply to the Matron. On a lesser scale, the following where a Laundress was seeking employment was in the Hereford Times of January 13th, 1877:

Wanted by an experienced Laundress, a Gentleman's Family Washing, where a cottage would be found or moderately rented. Can be highly recommended. It is likely that the independent Hereford ladies including Elizabeth Powell, as listed, provided laundry services to regular clients, some of which may have been virtually under contract. The following advertisement for a laundress is from the Hereford Times of July 28th, 1877:

LAUNDRESS.—WANTED, a Person, in the Country preferred, to take the Washing from a large family and house — Apply Laundress, care of Messrs. Bosley and Marchant, Grocers High Town, Hereford.

To clarify, the above states: *Laundress. Wanted, a Person, in the Country preferred, to take the Washing from a large family and house — Apply Laundress, care of Messrs. Bosley and Marchant, Grocers High Town, Hereford.* I wonder what qualifies as *in the Country*.

Presumably this was to have clean air to avoid sooty chimney smoke blemishes. Would Elizabeth at Broomy Hill be sufficiently rural ?

Out of associated interest, the role of a laundress, was a target for the advertisers of the time. Again, featuring regularly in the Hereford Times were advertisements for "*Glenfield Starch*", emphasising that the product was used by the Queen's laundress. Below is from the Hereford Times of July 21st, 1877:

**UN X L'D.
THE GLENFIELD STARCH.
THE QUEEN'S LAUNDRESS USES NO OTHER.**

Who exactly the laundresses clients were, and what their service rates were is hard to tell. However, as stated, for the more successful of these ladies to be included in the Hereford Directory indicates a fair degree of business enterprise and success.



Elizabeth Powell as a young woman.

Bob Powell
HFHS Membership No 3325

Researching the Memorial

Staunton on Wye war memorial was erected to commemorate the Fallen of the First World War. When the war began there were about 125 families living in Staunton, many of whom were related. By 1916 at least seventy young men were serving – nearly all those eligible in the parish - and by the end of the war seventeen had died.



In April 1919 the parishioners met to discuss the erection of a memorial to those they had lost. A committee was formed and began to look for a suitable site. This proved difficult but eventually the Rector, Mr Ellwood, offered them a corner of his glebe land at the junction of the Hereford – Hay road with the lane running up to the church, and the memorial was finally erected with a plaque naming 14 of those who died. At the end of the Second World War another four names needed to be added.

Annual Remembrance Day services are still held at the memorial, but the growing number, size and speed of vehicles on the A438 has made it increasingly dangerous for those attending. A project is underway to move the memorial into the centre of the village. As part of the project I am helping to research the lives and families of the men named on the memorial. Some of them are comparatively straightforward but others are proving more challenging.

The first man I researched from the WW1 list was Private Reginald Charles BAKER who died on 2 February 1916 aged 22. Reginald came from a family of blacksmiths long established on the Garnons estate. His grandfather Samuel Harkwell Baker was baptised at Byford on 3 March 1833, one of four children of Samuel and Mary Ann Baker. The family lived at Byford Boat (now the Old Forge), a riverside inn which took its name from the ferry that ran from there across the river until Bridge Sollars Bridge was built in 1896. In the 1841 census Samuel senior described himself as a publican but the tithe map show that he was also occupying the blacksmith's shop next to Byford church. He died in his early forties in 1843 but his wife kept on running the inn and Samuel Harkwell and his brother William took on the blacksmith work as soon as they were old enough. By 1861 the family had moved to Mansell Gamage, with Mary Ann running a shop and her sons still working as blacksmiths. In May 1862 Samuel married Ann Wootton, whose father Moses was the local cooper, and they had a son who they named Charles Arkell (I suppose that's how they pronounced it) baptised in Mansell Gamage church on October 30th 1864 . Five years later Samuel's mother died and they took her back to lie next to her husband in Byford churchyard. Samuel had no real ties to Mansell and when the opportunity was offered he moved to the smithy in the larger village of Staunton on Wye, which was situated on the main road and offered better commercial possibilities. By the time Charles Arkell was 16 he was working in the smithy with his father and when his father died in 1886 (the Bakers didn't seem to make old bones) he took it over.

The following year he married Annie Watkins, and in 1893 their second son Reginald was born.

Like his older brother Frank he was born at the blacksmith's shop on the main road between Hanmore Cross and the Rabbit Bury but his mother died of tuberculosis a month after his birth. His father was married again in January 1900 to a girl called Emily Jane Watkins with whom he had two daughters, Gertrude Annie (1900) and Edith Lucy (1902) and a son Cyril Arkell (1904). I haven't found any connection between Emily and the many Watkins families in Staunton (they married in Cheltenham, she was born in Radnorshire and her father came from Much Birch) so perhaps it's just a coincidence that she had the same surname as his first wife. Charles's eldest son Frank died in 1904 aged just 15 and perhaps this second loss made Charles decide to break with his life in Staunton because a few years later he and his family emigrated to start a new life farming in Oregon. Reginald was already at work and making a life for himself in Staunton so he stayed at home and by 1911 he was living at New House Farm where he had a good job working as a waggoner for Thomas Jones.

Reginald enlisted at Kington Fair in 1915 and served in the 3rd/1st battalion of the Herefordshire Regiment which was formed that year as a depot/training unit. They moved from Hereford to Abergavenny and by September 1915 were stationed at Oswestry. Towards the end of January 1916 Reginald came home to

Staunton on deferred Christmas leave and went round visiting his relatives. A report of his death in the Kington Times says that while he was at his uncle's house in Hereford he complained of feeling unwell and went back to Louvain Cottage in Staunton where he was lodging. He was put to bed and died there on 2nd February; his death certificate stated that he was suffering from tubercular meningitis and exhaustion. He was buried in Staunton churchyard next to his mother and his brother Frank.

For an example of a more challenging search I can offer you Rifleman Percy Reginald WILCOX who died at Ypres in 1917 aged 20. The census records show him living in Staunton with his aunt Ann Jenkins, a retired laundress, in 1911 he was 14 and she was 78 which seems rather old to have a nephew that age. His birth certificate says that he was born in Staunton on Wye, the son of Elizabeth Wilcox, a domestic servant (no father's name given), and the baptism entry calls him Percy Reginald Wilcox but leaves the parents names blank with a note "the mother of this child refused to come to register it consequently the omission of the names." Presumably Ann Jenkins had taken charge and she wasn't telling. My suspicious mind suggests that Percy's daddy may well have been called Wilcox but Elizabeth wasn't married to him. But if so was her name Jenkins or what? I can see that this one will run and run so if anyone has a stray Wilcox (or Jenkins) who might fit the bill I will be delighted to hear from them!



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Herefordshire FHS - Renewal of Membership options

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

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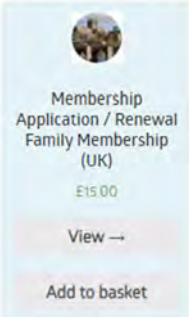
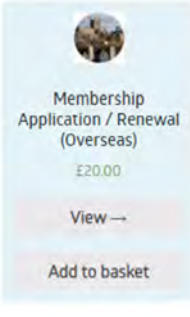
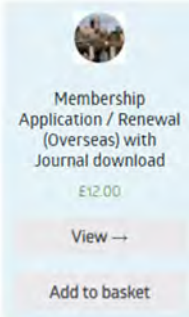
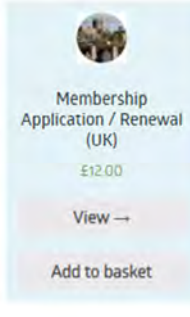
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Births, Marriages & Deaths - 1922

Items from the Hereford Journal with corrections from other sources.

Alan Charles.

16 June 1922. - **DEATH.**

Ward, Elizabeth at 109 Ross Road, Hereford. Aged 60 years.

JORDAN, Kate Isabell at Richmond Place, Edgar Street, Hereford. Aged 21.

PARRY, Alice at 75 Cotterell Street, Hereford. Aged 60 years.

17 June 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At Salem Baptist Chapel, Romford of Joseph MOSS of Romford to Laura PEARCE of Snodhill Court, Peterchurch.

At Baptist Chapel, Ross of William Herbert FOOTITT (Widower) to Eleanor S BARNARD (Widow).

18 June 1922. - **DEATH.**

COTTERELL, William at General Hospital. Aged 83 years.

DAY, Henry of 74 Bath Street, Hereford. Aged 60 years.

JONES, Elizabeth Innocence at Wyatt Road, Withington. Aged 67 years.

MEMORIAM.

DAW, George in 1917 died in action in France. Aged ...

19 June 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At Coxall Baptist Church of J O EVANS of Bucknell to Florence Annie SMITH of The Stores, Bucknell.

At the Baptist Church, Hereford of William Harold VAUGHAN of Dinmore to Sarah Ellen REES of 12 Bryngwyn Terrace, Hereford.

DEATH.

JONES, Clara at Monmouth. Aged 39 years.

MILLICHAMP, Alfred of Fairfield Cottage, Kingsland. Aged 56 years.

20 June 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At St Paul's Church, Tupsley of Henry S ALLFREY (Major) of Staplehill, Wellsbourne to Vera HAZELHURST of Broadlands, Hereford. (Photo 1/7/1922).

DEATH.

MORRIS, William of Hospital Farm, Monkhide, Yarkhill. Farmer. Sudden death. Aged 66 years.

Coroner Verdict- Cerebral Haemorrhage during epileptic seizure.

CANTLE, George at Red Coat (Coningsby) Hospital, Hereford. Aged 62 years.

MASON, Mary Miss at Vine Cottage, Kingsland. Postmistress at Yarpole. Aged 74 years.

21 June 1922. - **MARRIAGE**

At St Peter's Church, Hereford of Albert KITCHING of Hull to Rhoda M JAY of Commercial Road, Hereford. (Photo 1/7/1922).

DEATH.

HAMAR, Miss, of the Bungalow, Richards Castle. Aged 53 years.

ADDIS, Sarah Ann of Ledgemore. Aged 60 years.

22 June 1922. - **DEATH.**

COCKCROFT, James at 4 Harley Place, Hereford. Librarian of Hereford Municipal Library. Aged 58 years.

26 June 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At Holy Trinity Church, Hereford of Phillip Henry BROOKES of Chester to Katie COLLINS of 85 Cotterell Street, Hereford.

At Holy Trinity Church, Hereford of Jesse MARTIN of Cardiff to Annie Mabel COLLINS of 85 Cotterell Street, Hereford.

27 June 1922. - **DEATH.**

JORDAN, Frederick Charles at 19 Clive Street, Hereford. Aged 26 years.

28 June 1922. - **BIRTH.**

TAYLOR, Betram & wife Winifred at Paardeberg Villas, Park Street, Hereford a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

At St Paul's Church, Hereford of Walter McNeil SHIMMIN of Southport to Ernestine Evelyn BOWERS of Brockington House, Hereford. (Photo 8/7/1922)

At How Caple Parish Church of John Edmund GORDON of Sussex to Janet Claude Lee LEE of How Caple Court.

DEATH.

PORTER, William Edwin of the Railway Inn, Hereford He died at the Crown Inn, Woolhope. Aged 61 years.

PREECE, Mary at 103 Park Street, Hereford. Aged 83 years.

29 June 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At Ilkley, Yorkshire of James HILLYARD of Dukes Farm, Grosmont to Kathleen G MAUFE of Ilkley.

30 July 1922. - **DEATH.**

FELTOE, Richard of Fair View, Church Road, Tupsley. Knocked down by a car. Aged 62 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

WILLIAMS, Albert at Longfield Buildings. Hereford. Aged 58 years.

1 July 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At All Saints' Church, Hereford of Albert Victor LUCAS of Epwarth House, Grove Road to Gertrude R HORROBIN of Elston, Pengrove, Hereford.
(Photo 15/7/1922)

2 July 1922. - **DEATH.**

JONES, Florence Elizabeth of Burnt House, Cholstrey. Aged 19 years.

3 July 1922. - **DEATH.**

GITTINGS, Henry John of 2 Glen Lea, Bath Street, Hereford. Aged 65 years.

4 July 1922. - **DEATH.**

DEEM, Fanny at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 34 years.

5 July 1922. - **BIRTH.**

SIMPSON, William & wife Annie at Lingen Avenue, Hereford a daughter.

6 July 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At the Priory Church, Leominster of Eustace J G PRICE of Brick House, Edwin Ralph to Gwladys Jennie EDWARDS of Widgeon Hill, Leominster.

DEATH.

PRICE, John at 28 Chandos Street, Hereford. Aged 76 years.

7 July 1922. - **DEATH.**

STEELE, William at Levane, Bodenham Road, Hereford. Aged 73 years.

8 July 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At St John's Church, Ivington of John William SQUIRES of Burghill to Emily GRIFFITHS of Cross House, Ivington.

10 July 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At the Roman Catholic Church, Hereford of Albert WEAVER of Rose Villa, Foley Street to Rose LYONS of Blackfriar Street, Hereford. (Photo 22/7/1922).

12 July 1922. - **DEATH.**

HUGHES, William of Cublington, Madley. Aged 75 years.

12 July 1922. - **DEATH.**

DUNN, Thomas at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 68 years.

PUGH, David William at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 67 years.

13 July 1922. - **DEATH.**

EDWARDS, Geoffrey Wilson of Hereford. Son of Augustus C EDWARDS, drapers of Hereford. Died in a motorcycle accident. Aged 21 years.

Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

BRYAN, William Henry of 24 Ryeland Street, Hereford. Aged 55 years.

14 July 1922. - **DEATH.**

PERKINS, Alice at General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 54 years.

16 July 1922. - **DEATH.**

WILLIAMS, Eliza Birt at 1 Ryelands Street, Hereford. Aged 80 years.

17 July 1922. - **DEATH.**

HODGES, Thomas William of 144 Lichfield Street, Walsall. Late of Commercial Road, Hereford. Aged 57 years.

18 July 1922. - **MARRIAGE.**

At Huntington Church of Frank WHITTLE of Canella, Ealing to Dora Ellen WATNEY of 19 Whitecross Road, Hereford.

At Bromyard Parish Church of Henry Ewart NEWBOLD of Bromyard to Phyllis SIRRELL.

19 July 1922. - **DEATH.**

DAVENPORT, Herbert of Brighton Villas, Colwall. Aged 38 years.

DEATH.

WILCOX, Henry of Ledbury. Body found in a pool. Aged 78 years.

24 July 1922.

MARRIAGE.

At Eignbrook Congregational Church of George THOMPSON of Swansea to Gladys Edith FAULKNER of 51 Chandos Street, Hereford. (Photo 12.8.1922).

27 July 1922.

MARRIAGE.

At All Saints, Hereford of Cecil L DILLON of Hereford to Ethel M BAXTER of Glenthorne House, St Owen Street, Hereford. (Photo. 19.8.1922)

To be continued...

William Benjamin Plevy - A Marginalised Child. ?

Hanging from a nail in my back kitchen in south west Wales, is a small pitchfork (called a pike in Herefordshire) with the initials of Ellen PLEVY carved into the handle. Ellen, my great grandmother, came to mind when I read the book review in the April 2024 HFHS journal, as it is a guide to help trace marginalised and illegitimate ancestors.

In 1868, twenty seven year old Ellen, unmarried, had a baby boy. His birth certificate reads: ‘ William Benjamin Plevy, son of Ellen Plevy, of Shirlheath Kingsland –a base child.’

Baby William was brought up by his mother who continued to live with her parents, Benjamin Samuel Plevy and Bridget Plevy, on their parents’ small farm in Herefordshire. In 1873 when he was four years old, his grandmother Bridget died aged 73, followed by the death of his grandfather Benjamin in 1879, aged 84, when William was ten.

In Benjamin’s handwritten Will he leaves property to his six daughters, three were married, and Ellen, the youngest was living at home. To each of them he left land and cottages. The final paragraph reads: ‘To Ellen Plevy a house and garden, orchard and meadow called Late Sais and a piece of land in Killbullick Hill for her life and then for her son William Benjamin Plevy. I give my daughter Ellen all my stock, crops, implements and household furniture.’ Below his signature, he’s added that three daughters are married and ‘their husbands shall have no claim to my gift’

Ellen spent the rest of her life in her inherited family home, Sayce Cottage at Shirlheath, Kingsland. (It is now modernised and extended and re-named ‘The Paddocks’. The original water pump still stands in the garden.)

A year before her father’s death, on 3rd April 1878, Ellen married Edward BROWN, also from Kingsland. She had been baptised on 4th April 1840, and existing records give her year of birth as 1840. Although she was 38 when she married Edward, her age on the Marriage Certificate is 27 and his is 28!

When they married, Edward moved into Sayce’s Cottage with Ellen and her ten year old son, to farm the land which she had inherited from her father. On 17th April 1879 Ellen and Edward had a baby girl, Edith Eleanor Brown, my grandmother. When she was born, William Benjamin, her half-brother, was eleven years old.

Edith Eleanor, aged 20, married John Thomas HOLLAND (26) in 1899 at Leominster Baptist Church. They had six children, four boys and two girls. Their younger daughter, Violet, born in 1909, was my mother.

Violet married John James DAVIES in 1934. He had inherited his parents' small farm at Stockingfield, Dilwyn, within a stone's throw of Violet's parents' small holding. Violet's father, my grandfather, died in 1946, and I grew up in almost daily contact with my grandmother.

Her half-brother William had inherited Sayce's Cottage according to their grandfather's Will. Ellen, their mother had died in 1923 aged 83 at Sayce's Cottage. Edward, their father, had then gone to live with his daughter, Edith Eleanor, until his death the following year.

Sayce's Cottage where her half-brother lived with his family, was only five miles from my grandmother's home in Dilwyn. I was brought up in a close-knit family, with cousins, uncles and aunts living near us or in nearby villages, but, amazingly, I had never heard of William Benjamin PLEVY.

It was only when I joined HFHS in 2002 that I first heard of his existence. When my name with family interests was published in the journal, I received a letter from the late Tricia HAYES, a member living in North Wales, saying that she thought we were related as Plevy and Holland were two of her family names as well. She also said that her grandmother, Edith Eleanor Plevy, daughter of William Plevy, had been named after her aunt, Edith Eleanor Holland – my grandmother! WOW!

Tricia produced a detailed family tree of her g grandmother Ellen's ancestors, and of her grandfather William's descendants. She knew all about my ancestry and I never had the heart to tell her that I hadn't known of William's existence, although he lived near us.

Tricia's research had disclosed that William had farmed Sayce Cottage after his parents' deaths. (His land included that on which the Battle of Mortimer's Cross was fought in 1461.)

William, aged 33, married Agnes ROBERTS, aged 25 at Leominster Priory Church in 1902. He worked on farms around Leominster including Stagbatch Farm which was owned by James Holland, the brother of Edith, his half-sister's husband. Tricia had been told that William attended a minor public school, Luc-ton School, near Kingsland, with John and James Holland, his future brothers-in-law.

William and Agnes had four children, Edith, Sydney, Kathleen and Alfred. Sadly, only a week after Alfie's birth in 1938, Agnes died aged only 37. Edie, the eldest child, aged 13 (Tricia's grandmother), kept house and looked after the younger children with help from relatives. Edie recalled baby Alfie being looked after by their Aunt Edith, William's half-sister, my grandmother, at her home for several weeks at a time.

Within two years of Agnes' death, William had employed a housekeeper, (Agnes)

Annie BARNETT. Five years later Annie and her employer married in Aymestry church. Alfie, who was two when she arrived, looked upon her as his mother. William was 25 years older than Annie and died in 1956. She survived him by nineteen years, living alone at Sayce's Cottage.

Eddie also remembered, as a child, going to her grandparents, Ellen and Edward, at Sayce's Cottage to play with her Holland cousins. My mother's elder brothers, Richard and Ernest, and her sister Charlotte, were born between 1899 and 1903 and Eddie was born in 1902 so they were about the same age.

Tricia remembered going to Sayce's Cottage aged seven with her grandmother Eddie and grandfather, Austin, to visit her grandfather William. This was in the early 1950s before his death.

While writing this, I've been asking myself how could I not have known of William Benjamin PLEVY. I still have no answer. My mother, who loved her family's history, made her home with us for her final years, but never mentioned him. He doesn't appear anywhere on any of the old documents, rent books, diaries, birth, marriage and death certificates, newspaper cuttings and funeral notices going back to the 1700s that I've inherited from her.

I've also inherited a warming pan which hangs at the foot of my staircase. It was somewhat surreal to be told by Tricia that her grandmother Eddie, William's daughter, had said that when Ellen and Edward's grandchildren stayed at Sayce's Cottage, Ellen filled it and rubbed it around the sheets so they could be tucked up in a warm bed. And that was 120 years ago!

It remains a mystery why my grandmother's half-brother, my mother's first cousin, William Benjamin Plevy, who lived only five miles away from us was never mentioned in our family.

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Herefordshire FHS Zoom Meetings Programme for 2024

Jean Renwick

18th October 2024

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20th November 2024

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The various churches that have existed in Britain since the 17th century, what they were and are, and the unique records they have left, very different from those of the Church of England.

There is no Zoom Meeting for December 2024, see you in 2025

All of the 2024 Zoom speakers are now publicised on the website, register and you will then receive the Newsletter.

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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 Registrar Indexes

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

Births : 1837 - 1923 £15

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

Marriages: 1837 - 1963 £25

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

Deaths: 1837 - 1973 £10

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

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

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