



News

We are very pleased to announce a partnership between the BMSGH and Warwickshire County Record Office(WCRO). WCRO are photographing old books and are making them available for sale as downloads in the BMSGH shop. The first batch of downloads are transcripts of Quarter Session books from 1625 to 1696, We provide a free index so you can check if your family name is listed in these records before buying. So if you are stuck with your research, maybe these records will help, see the special article from WCRO below and details of items for sale can be seen in the New Products section.

A date for your diary. The West Midlands Group of Family History Societies are holding a Family History Fair on Saturday 9th August 2014 at the Worcester Warriors Rugby Club, more info [here](#).

Special Offers

We are still offering **20%** off all BMSGH produced CD's and DVD's, this is on top of any existing discounts, special offer must end on 31st July 2014. To get **20%** off, enter coupon code **cdsale** by going to the shopping cart once you have finished shopping.

The following products are on special offer until further notice:-

DVMS2	St. Martin's in the Bull Ring Birmingham (actual images of the original parish registers), fully indexed, £75 , was £50, now £40 with cdsale coupon.
D104+D240	Buy both Worcestershire and Staffordshire Monumental Inscriptions CDs at a bulk discounted price, priced at £55 if bought separately, bulk price £50, but use cdsale coupon to buy both at only £40
D005	The National Burial Index, RRP £30 , our price £26
Fiche/census	All microfiche are available at heavily discounted prices while stocks last, parish register and Monumental transcripts, some census/others, 50+% off

Volunteers Wanted

We currently have volunteers all over the World who help with transcribing work for our many projects. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer to help with transcribing, please go to this [link](#) in the shop and register or get in touch via the contacts details at the end of this newsletter. All you need is a PC with an Internet connection, we will provide all the information required to get started.

Warwickshire County Record Office partnership

Warwickshire County Record Office is working in partnership with the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry to improve access to records and rare local history publications, many of which are only available for view at the Record Office in Warwick.

A digitisation project launched at Warwickshire County Record Office in November 2013 to provide paid employment for two adults with learning difficulties. The team have successfully captured over 30,000 pages of books and records. The first of these books will be available to the public to download from the BMSGH online shop very soon.

Our hope is that this will promote the unique collections of Warwickshire County Record Office to a new audience and also provide sufficient income to feed back into the service to preserve and make available the treasures in our care.

Amongst the books that have been chosen from our library are published sets of the earliest surviving justice of the peace records for Warwickshire. The Quarter Sessions Order Book, 1625 - 1637 is the first in a series of publications by Warwickshire County Council. Published in 1935 the series aimed to make primary sources more accessible for social historians.

The Order Books contain orders, proceedings and resolutions of the Quarter Sessions. These are often administrative in nature and were necessitated by the legislation of the Tudor Parliaments and Privy Council. Much of the business of the Order Books is taken up with the administration of poor relief by local overseers. The records therefore provide more information about those who may otherwise only be names in a register. A useful index to names and places is available for free for researchers to check to see if the volumes may be of interest to them.

The introduction to the first volume explains ‘The settlement of paupers and the efforts of parishes to avoid the settlement of any persons who might himself or whose children might become a charge upon the parish and questions concerning vagrancy are other fruitful sources of orders. The support of illegitimate children, efforts to make the father or his relatives responsible and the detention of the mother for a year in the house of correction all receive ample illustration.’

The Order Book also contains references to William Dugdale in the office of High Constable who seems to spend much of the five years of his office trying to leave it. There are also entries of Shakespearean interest which are picked out in the introduction to the volume.

Warwickshire County Record Office celebrated its 80th anniversary last year. The archive collections cover three miles of shelving and date back to the 12th century. In fact our oldest document, from the Warwick Castle collection is nearly 900 years old. It is a challenging task to care for, preserve and make our heritage accessible for future generations. I am pleased that thanks to the efforts of this partnership, the unique evidence of the county’s heritage can start to be made available in this new way. It is vital that we continue to improve the accessibility of these irreplaceable sources.

If you would like to visit the Record Office please see our website for details of our opening times and please remember the office is closed for the first full week of each month for staff to work on cataloguing our collections. Please see <http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/warwickshire-county-record-office/> for more details.

Sam Collenette, Archives and Historic Environment Manager, Warwickshire County Record Office

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New products

We are continuing with our work to convert microfiche and books to digital format and we are pleased to announce the following additions to the shop since the last newsletter. We also have new books available (see the item description in the shop for more detail):-

➤ The following books are now available:-

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
B297	Stone St. Michael transcripts 1568-1632 (published by SPRS)	£6.50
	Books from the Family History Partnership	
V506	Putting Your Ancestors in Their Place - A guide to One Place Studies	£7.95
V507	Methodist Records for Family Historians	£4.95
V508	Bishops' Transcripts and Marriage Licences, Bonds and Allegations	£4.95
V509	Militia Lists and Musters 1767-1876 - Fifth edition	£4.95
ZFHP233	My Ancestor was a Woman at War - A guide to sources for family historians	£9.99
ZFHP236	My Ancestor was in the Royal Navy - A guide to sources for family historians	£12.99
	First World War on old picture postcard books	
YWW101	Patriotism in the First World War	£4.95
YWW102	Joining Up in First World War	£4.95
YWW103	A Tale of Two Soldiers	£4.95
YWW105	Faces of the First World War	£4.95
YWW106	Propaganda in the First World War	£4.95
	Eureka Partnership Books	
ZEUR361	Coventry Division Bastardy Cases 1880-1913	£4.00
ZEUR362	Gloucester Registration Authority - Volume One - Canal Boat Registrations 1879-1891	£3.50
ZEUR363	Gloucester Registration Authority - Volume Two - Canal Boat Registrations 1892-1952	£4.00

➤ The following are new maps from Alan Godfrey:-

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
ST72.03B	Smethwick 1913	£2.25
WK14.03	Ward End 1902	£2.25
WK14.07	Stechford 1902	£2.25
WK21.08	Coventry, North 1912	£2.25
WK21.16	Coventry, South 1912	£2.25
WK26.10	Kenilworth 1903	£2.25
WK33.10	Warwick (North) 1923	£2.25
WK33.14	Warwick (South) 1923	£2.25
WO22.14	Droitwich (North) 1901	£2.25
WO29.02	Droitwich (South) 1901	£2.25

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➤ The following Monumental Inscription transcripts are now available as downloads:-

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
I038D	BIRMINGHAM Acocks Green, St.Mary's	£3.00
I046D	BIRMINGHAM Edgbaston, St. Bartholomew.	£2.50
I057D	BIRMINGHAM Hockley, St. Pauls	£6.00
I068D	BIRMINGHAM Sheldon,St.Giles	£4.50
I900D	Milton-Leigh Memorial Church MIs - with clickable index	£2.00
I901D	Endon with Stanley-Tomkin URC MIs - with clickable index	£2.00
I902D	Whitmore MIs	£3.00
I903D	Shelton Ridgeway Methodist Church MIs - with clickable index	£2.00

➤ Warwickshire County Record Office downloads:-

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
WAR0001D	Warwickshire County Records-Volume 1-Quarter Sessions Order book Parts 1-3 Easter 1625 - Trinity 1637	£10.00
WAR0002D	Warwickshire County Records-Volume 2-Quarter Sessions Order book Michaelmas 1637 - Epiphany 1650	£10.00
WAR0003D	Warwickshire County Records-Volume 3-Quarter Sessions Order book Easter 1650 - Epiphany 1657	£10.00
WAR0004D	Warwickshire County Records-Volume 4-Quarter Sessions Order book Easter 1657 - Epiphany 1665	£10.00
WAR0005D	Warwickshire County Records-Volume 5-Quarter Sessions Order book Easter 1665 - Epiphany 1674	£10.00
WAR0006D	Warwickshire County Records-Volume 6-Quarter Sessions Indictment book Easter 1631 - Epiphany 1674	£10.00
WAR0007D	Warwickshire County Records-Volume 7-Quarter Sessions Easter 1674 - Easter 1682	£10.00
WAR0008D	Warwickshire County Records-Volume 8-Quarter Sessions Trinity 1682 - Epiphany 1690	£10.00
WAR0009D	Warwickshire County Records-Volume 9-Quarter Sessions Easter 1690 - Michaelmas 1696	£10.00

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➤ The following Parish register transcripts are now available as downloads:-

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
M026D	Hockley, St.George. Bap+Bur 1823-1837, Mar 1830-1837	£4.00
M044D	Milverton, St.James; Bapt.1742-1851 Mar.1744-1851 Banns 1794-195 & Bur.1742-1851	£5.00
M068D	Edgbaston St. Bartholomew PRs	£10.00
M091D	Wyken St. Mary Magdalen Coventry BMB 1600-1837	£5.00
M231D	Gnosall, St.Laurence. Baptisms & Burials 1572 - 1699 Marriages 1572 - 1785	£5.00
M246D	Madeley, All Saints.Pt.2. Bapts. & Burials 1776-1812 - with clickable index	£3.00
M254D	Ranton, All Saints. Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1655-1812	£2.50
M257D	Rushall: Bap.1660-1685, Mar. 1660-1734, Bur. 1660-1770 / Pelsall: Bap. & Bur. 1763-1812	£2.50
M260D	Seighford, St.Chad. Bapt. Marr. & Bur. 1561-1812	£3.50
M293D	Kingsley, St.Werburgh; Bapt. & Bur. 1561-1795, Mar. 1561-1754	£5.00
M298D	Stafford Castle Church, St.Mary; Bap. 1568-1812, Mar. 1567-1812, Bur.1573-1812	£4.50
M315D	Haughton, St.Giles; Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1570-1812	£3.00
M316D	Hints, St.Bartholomew; Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1558-1812	£2.50
M322D	Weeford, St.Bartholomew; Bap. Mar. & Bur. 1558-1812	£3.50
M328D	Blymhill, St.Mary; Bapt, Mar. & Bur. 1561-1812	£5.00
M453D	Pattingham, St.Chad, Part 2; Baptisms 1813-1874 - with clickable index	£3.50

➤ New CD from Coventry Family History Society:-

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
DV26	Coventry London Road, Civic Cemetery; Burial Registers 1847-1972; Version 3	£15.00

➤ New Church photographs:-

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
PST0075	Sedgley, All Saints – Download	£3.00
PST0075	Sedgley, All Saints – Unmounted photo	£4.00
PST0075	Sedgley, All Saints – Mounted photo	£5.00

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Next Few Months

The data team are continuing to make products available as downloads, the following are currently work in progress:-

➤ **Books/Microfiche/CDs conversions to downloads:-**

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>
B055	TRACING ANCESTORS IN NORTH STAFFS (New Edition)
M061	Stratford-Upon-Avon, Holy Trinity; Bap.1558-1651, Mar. 1558-1812, Bur.1558-1623
M172A	Worcestershire 1855; Billing's Directory & Gazetteer of;
M203D	Aldridge, St.Mary. Bap. Mar. & Bur. 1660-1771
M216D	Bloxwich; Bapts. 1721-1791, Bur.1733-1791
M218D	Brierley Hill; Baps & Bur. 1766-1800
M220D	Brierley Hill; Baps & Burs. 1800 -1812
M239D	Lapley, Bap. Mar. & Bur. 1538-1756
M259D	Sedgley, All Saints; Part 2. Marriages. 1781/1831
M277D	Wednesfield P.R. Baptism & Burials 1751/1837
M332D	Penn, St.Bartholomew, Pt.1; Bap.,Mar. & Bur. 1570-1754
M339D	Wolverhampton, St.Peter; Part 3. Mar. 1735 - 1776
M444D	Walsall, St.Matthew, Pt.1A; Bap. 1646-1678, Mar.1663-1754 & Bloxwich Bap. 1669-1675
M452D	Penkridge, St.Michael & All Angels, Pt.2; Bapts. & Bur. 1790-1837, Mar. 1735-1837
M458D	Cheadle, St.Giles; Bap. Mar & Bur. 1575-1657
M469D	Leek, St. Edward The Confessor, Part 2; Bap. & Mar. 1695-1698 & 1700-1730, Bur.1678-1707

➤ **CD's which will be made into downloads:-**

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>
CM087	Birmingham, St.Chad; Bap. Mar. & Bur. 1807-1837
D016	Aston Cantlow, St.John The Baptist; Bap. Mar. & Burials 1560-1851 plus Mis
D019	Coventry, Holy Trinity Bap. Mar. & Bur Plus MIs
D023	Stoneleigh, St. Mary the Virgin; Bap. 1633-1837, Banns 1754-1812, 1823-1837, Marriages 1633-1836, Bur. 1633-1841 + MIs
D101	Oldswinford Miscellany-Bap 1647-1819,Mar/Bur 1647-1813+Mis+Poor law
D102	Worcestershire Wills index
D103	Halesowen, St.John the Baptist; Baptisms & Burials 1717-1837, Marriages 1717-1837 + Witnesses 1754-1837
D245	Handsworth Miscellany
D501	They Came to New Zealand - Derek Griffis
D503	Notes to Help With Family History Research - Joyce Finnemore

➤ **Copies of original parish register images:-**

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>
R212D	Keele Mar 1852-1876, Bur 1813-1875, Banns 1823-1876
R213D	Kingstone Bap 1813-1873, Mar 1755-1837, Bur 1813-1876
R216D	Kinver BMB 1560-1649, 1653-1775, Bap+Bur 1776-1812

How to use Search

The search facility has changed since we upgraded the shop software in December 2013. To find an item, enter the search criteria in the search box at the top right of the screen and press enter/click on the magnifying glass symbol. You will then get a list of products that meet the search criteria, however, there could be more items available, if you click the “Search in product descriptions” button and click on search, more products could be displayed. If you get too many items returned, you can restrict the search by selecting a Category, eg Staffordshire or maps, etc.

You can now display results of your search either as a list or as a grid. You can select how many items to display per page and also select how to sort the items on the page, eg by Name(A-Z), Price(low>high), and more.

Feedback

We would welcome your feedback on our shop newsletter, is it too long, too short, is there anything else you would like to know about the shop. Are there products you would like adding to the shop?

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