

Publications

The Society Publication Catalogue, issued with your New Members Pack, lists all the material offered for sale in photocopied or microfiche format, including Transcribed Indexed Parish Registers, Monumental Inscriptions and Census Indexes. The catalogue also lists the growing number of CDs available. The on-line catalogue on our website is regularly updated and new material available is advertised in our Journal.

Fairs

The Society regularly attends family history fairs in neighbouring counties to offer many of our facilities more widely. Members living outside Shropshire and unable to attend monthly meetings are of course particularly welcome to visit our stand on these occasions. Our website always carries details of where we plan to be in the coming months.

Journal

The Society publishes a quarterly Journal in March, June, September and December. All members receive a free copy by post, with no extra charge for mailing overseas.

Website

Our website www.sfhs.org.uk is regularly updated with news about our programme of talks and other forthcoming events. Our strays and members' interests indexes are there to consult, and membership forms, publications order forms and standing order mandates can be downloaded. Questions on a very active message board are regularly answered by expert members.

Visits

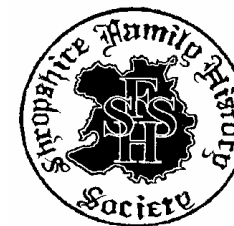
In order to assist members to do research at the National Archives the Society runs occasional coach trips from Shrewsbury to London picking up en route at points convenient to members. The timing generally allows for about five or six hours research at the Archives. Dates are advertised at meetings and in the Journal. There is also an annual summer evening outing in June to a place of interest in the county.

Transcribing & Indexing

In order to make historical information more readily available to researchers, members are encouraged to help in the transcription and indexing of Parish Registers, Census Returns, Monumental Inscriptions and other similar material like our contribution to the National Burials Index. Officers of the Society will always be glad to help and advise anyone, whether a member or not, who is interested in this very worthwhile part of our research.

Application

If you would like to join the Society, please fill in the attached application form, or download a copy from our website, and send it to the Honorary Membership Secretary at the address given.



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Please enrol me/us* as a member of the Shropshire Family History Society.

The Society's subscription year runs from 1st October to 30th September. Anyone joining between 1st April and 30th September may opt to pay for 18 months membership. There is no extra charge for mailing the Journal overseas.

I/We* enclose my/our* subscription, **Ordinary** for one person, **Family** for two at same address

For 12 months membership			For 18 months membership		
*	£9.00	Ordinary Membership	*	£12.50	Ordinary Membership
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We will assume that these details may be passed on to other researchers unless you tick the box below, in which case they will only be used by officials of the Society. PLEASE DO NOT PASS ON MY DETAILS []

Occupation _____

If you would like us to record your maiden name please enter it here _____

Where did you hear about the Society? _____

Which other Family History Societies do you belong to? _____

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* Delete as applicable.

Overseas applicants please note that if it is not possible to send a Sterling cheque drawn on a U.K. bank (or a Sterling postal order where available) we can accept dollar cheques made payable to "Shropshire FHS". Visit the Society web site at www.sfhs.org.uk for the conversion multiplier for Australia, Canada, New Zealand and United States dollars. For other currencies e-mail the Society.

Shropshire Family History Society

The Society was founded in 1979 to provide a meeting place in Shropshire for all those interested in Family History. The Society is now a Registered Charity with more than two thousand members from all round the world. Membership is open to anyone interested in family history and non-members are welcome to visit one of our meetings to become familiar with our activities.

Meetings

Monthly meetings are held in The Council Chamber, The Shirehall, Shrewsbury between 7 pm and 9.30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month, except July and August. There is ample free parking for visitors and public transport from the town centre runs past the front of the building.

The formal part of the meeting begins at 7.30 pm and generally includes a specialist speaker invited to talk on some aspect of family or local history. The remainder of the evening, both before and after the formal meeting, allows members to talk informally over coffee, to consult members of the Committee for help with any problems, and to take advantage of the various sales and research facilities available as follows:

Library

A growing collection of reference books belonging to the Society is available to members. Whilst it is not possible to bring all the books to meetings, members can request any particular book by contacting the Society Librarian.

Printed Parish Registers

The Society holds copies of all the parish registers of Shropshire available in book form. Fully indexed, these invaluable books are available at meetings and for loan between meetings.

Bookstalls

The Society runs two book stalls at meetings where members can purchase, often at a discount, reasonably priced books on family history research topics and general information about the county of Shropshire. Local Interest books can also be purchased by post and a full list of current titles can be found on our website.

Vouchers

The Society sells Vouchers which allow access to commercial web-sites e.g. 'Find My Past / 1911 Census' (£5 Vouchers) and '1901 Census OnLine.com' (limited number of £10 vouchers available while stocks last). They are particularly useful to Members who wish to use these sites without giving their Credit Card details. They are also available by post on receipt of an SAE.

Research aids

Although the Society still has available to members microfiche copies of the International Genealogical Index and the 1881 Census transcript and index, the emphasis is now very much on computerised sources. The Society's own databases and other resources are always available to consult at monthly meetings, and we have for sale various CDs, including our Shropshire Marriage, Burial and Quarter Sessions indexes. We also have mobile broadband internet access at meetings and fairs.

Exchange Journals

We participate in an exchange scheme with other family history societies so members may read, or borrow until the next meeting if they wish, the journals of many U.K. and Overseas groups.

Microfiche Readers

The Society owns a number of microfiche readers which Members may borrow between meetings for their own research purposes.