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Do you have ancestors from modern day Oxfordshire?

Do you live in Oxfordshire and have an interest in genealogy?

We have resources for everyone researching genealogy in Oxfordshire.

This document contains:

- Details of what the society does and the services it can provide
- A sample scan image of one of the many Oxfordshire Parish Registers and part of the OFHS transcription of the same parish
- Sample from a MI Transcription CD showing the details contained
- Maps showing the parishes of the county of Oxfordshire C1900 and the parishes of the city of Oxford
- Guide to some useful resources for researching our Oxfordshire ancestry.
- For clarity website addresses have been collated onto the last page of this document.

About the Society

Its objectives are:

1. to advance education in family history and genealogy primarily within the post-1974 county of Oxfordshire
2. to collect, index, co-ordinate, publish and make accessible in the interests of family history and genealogy any relevant document or records relating to the county
3. to promote the preservation of such documents or records
4. to encourage the study of family history and genealogy
5. to assist educationally by lectures or otherwise in record research
6. to co-operate with family history and other societies with similar interests.

The Society is a member of the Family History Federation (FHF) and the Oxfordshire Local History Association (OLHA)



St Mary's Church, Balscote - photograph by: Kevin Poile



Three generations of a Shutford Family- from the collection of Kevin Poile

What We Do

Parish Register Transcriptions

Parish registers of Oxfordshire have been transcribed, and are currently being extended by volunteers at home from scans of the parish registers.

Scans of Parish Registers

Along with the transcription project we have in conjunction with the Oxfordshire History Centre had the parish registers that are deposited at the OHC scanned. They have then been licensed to Ancestry so that they can be searched and viewed online.

Oxfordshire Wills

OFHS have a website containing transcripts (and translations) of wills and related documents, indexed by all the names listed in them. If you have transcripts of any Oxfordshire wills you would be willing to contribute we would be delighted to hear from you.

If you want help with a transcription we can offer to do this too. There is no charge for this, but we ask that you allow us to add the document to our on-line collection.

Surname & DNA Projects

OFHS has a project examining the surnames recorded in Oxfordshire parish registers from 1538 onwards, currently estimated at up to 20,000 key variants. The team is also using many other early recorded sources to build a comprehensive database of Oxfordshire surnames. The aim is to trace their whereabouts in different parishes over time, their origins, hotspots, DNA connections and many other facets of Oxfordshire surnames.

Those who have a good recorded family history in Oxfordshire or who manage a one-name study would be welcome to contact the team with a brief description and their contact details, so that when their surname is analysed they may be able to participate in submitting content for that name. All significant contributors will be acknowledged.

We also run a DNA project that is hosted on FamilyTreeDNA. We are keen to have more males who have Oxfordshire ancestry before 1880 on their pure male (father's father's father's....) line to come forward and have a Y-37 or even better a Y-111 or Big Y DNA test.

Monumental Inscriptions Mapping & Transcription

With the help of volunteers OFHS produces Monumental Inscription Transcripts, on fully interactive CD-ROMs complete with plans, index and photographs of every grave. If you would like to get involved and maybe set up a team to record your local cemetery please contact us.

Copies of the Monumental Inscriptions CDs can be purchased from the Society.

Search Services

For a small fee we will search our indexes and provide full details of what we find. The fee charged depends on how much data we supply. We do offer two main types of search:

1. An individual event e.g. Baptism, Marriage or Burial of a named individual.
2. All entries relating to a specific surname - we suggest that for the more common surnames that you ask for a quote first. This can be refined to specific surname and first name.



Bodleian library, Oxford - Photograph by: Kevin Poile

Meetings

We hold regular meetings where we have either a guest speaker or a member of OFHS talk about a topic of interest. Currently these meetings are being held via Zoom and only open to members. For full details of the upcoming meetings see the event page on our website. Write-ups and some recordings of previous meetings can be found in the Members' area of the website.

Helpdesks

Normally we run a series of helpdesks in various libraries around the country. These are currently on hold but we hope to resume them when allowed. In the meantime we do have a dedicated help desk service available either by email or phone.

Email: help@ofhs.uk

Tel: 01865 358151

Preserving Records

We liaise with the staff of the Oxfordshire History Centre to determine which of the records and images they hold would benefit from being scanned and/or transcribed.

Fairs

When circumstances allow we attend various family history fairs around the country and online.

On the first Saturday of October we hold our own fair.



One of our advisors at our own fair - photograph by: Kevin Poile



Our stall at the Family Tree Live event 2019 - photograph by: Kevin Poile

Membership

You don't need to live in Oxfordshire – or even in the UK – to be a member. Many of the membership benefits can be enjoyed from anywhere in the world.

If you live in Oxfordshire but don't have Oxfordshire ancestors you will still benefit from membership since the advice service can still offer aid to help with your research and the majority of the talks cover generic subjects.

The membership year runs from 1 January. However, for any new member joining on or after 1 October the membership fee will include the following year, i.e. up to 15 months. On joining you will receive a welcome pack which includes a copy of the latest Journal.

Benefits of Membership:

- Receive 3 copies a year of the OFHS journal '*Oxfordshire Family Historian*' which is full of a wide range of articles relating to the work of The Society and the interests of its members.
- Have access to the Members' Area of the OFHS web-site which contains exclusive content, including:
 - ◆ Fully indexed back copies of the journal.
 - ◆ Details of previous talks either in the form of write ups or lately recordings of some of the talks that have taken place over Zoom.
- Opportunities to take part in Society activities and to further family history research and document preservation through various projects, including transcription and indexing of registers and other documents, monumental inscription surveys, DNA research, surname research and scanning projects.
- The ability to share their research with other members by submitting articles for publication in the Society's Journal.
- Free admission to all the Society's meetings. Details of meetings can be found on the website. For meetings held on Zoom the registration details are sent to members via e-mail around 10 days before the meeting.

Sample of a Scanned Parish Register and the corresponding OFHS Transcription

This sample scan has been taken from the Baptism Register for St Barnabas, Oxford for the year 1869.


The original registers are held by the Oxfordshire History Centre. The scans have been licensed to Ancestry so that they can be searched and viewed online.

The transcript on the subsequent pages is an extract from the OFHS transcript of the same register and can be purchased via our on-line shop.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>St Barnabas Oxford</u> in the County of <u>Oxford</u> in the year One thousand eight hundred and <u>Sixty nine</u>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1869 Oct 24 born Aug 12 No. 1	Emily Lucy	George Henry Georgia	Akers	43 Cardigan St.	Compositor	M. H. Noel
1869 Oct 24 born Sept 21 No. 2	Percy William	Robert & Elizabeth	Simmons	Albert Terrace	Tailor	M. H. Noel
1869 Oct 24 born Jan 1 No. 3	Walter Henry Joseph	Isaac & Mary Miller	Afford	Cardigan St.	Coke Dealer	M. H. Noel
1869 Oct 24 born Sept 2 No. 4	Kate Mary Ann	William & Mary Ann	Livers	34 Nelson St.	Lamp lighter	M. H. Noel
1869 Oct 24 born Jan 29 No. 5	Ada Martha	George & Jane	Blake	31 Victor St.	Bookbinder Finisher	M. H. Noel
1869 Oct 27 31 st born Sept 27 17 th No. 6	Fredrick James	Daniel & Eliza	Burgess	1 Wellington St.	Coach painter	C. H. Moore
1869 Oct 27 31 st born Sept 27 9 th No. 7	Thomas	Jane	Hamilton	Albert St.		C. H. Moore
1869 Oct 27 31 st born Sept 27 1. 1864 No. 8	Rosetta Jane	Arthur & Jane	Hamilton	Friars Wharf	Tailor	C. H. Moore

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Each Parish Register transcript has a page giving details of the dates covered by the transcript, a picture of the church, the transcripts themselves and surname indexes.



OXFORD

St. Barnabas

PARISH REGISTER

TRANSCRIPTS

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Originally transcribed by Mrs. E Mason and typed by Mrs Ross and Mrs Mason. Poor copy was rekeyed by Barbara Busby.

Transcript digitised, checked and original omissions inserted by James Honoré, Barbara Busby and Bill Seary

Baptisms Volume 8 photographed at the church by Alan Simpson, and transcribed by Bill Seary.

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Oxfordshire History Centre Shelf Numbers	
PAR197/1/R2/1	Baptisms 1869 to 1876
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St. Barnabas Church, Oxford

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Baptisms 1869 to 1976

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Forenames</i>	<i>Parents</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1869	24 Oct	AKERS	Emily Lucy	George Henry & Georgina	Compositer	12 Aug1869	43 Cardigan Street	
1869	24 Oct	SIMMONS	Percy William	Robert & Elizabeth	Tailor	21 Sep1869	Albert Terrace	
1869	24 Oct	AFFORD	Walter Henry Joseph	Isaac & Mary Miller	Coke Dealer	1 Jan1869	Cardigan Street	
1869	24 Oct	RIVERS	Kate	William & Mary Ann	Lamplighter	2 Sep1869	34 Nelson Street	
1869	24 Oct	BLAKE	Ada Martha	George & Jane	Bookbinders Finisher	29 Jan1869	31 Victor Street	
1869	24 Oct	BURGESS	Frederick James	Daniel & Eliza	Coach Painter	17 Sep1869	1 Wellington Street	
1869	31 Oct	HAMILTON	Thomas	Jane		9 Sep1869	Albert Street	
1869	31 Oct	HAMILTON	Rosetta Jane	Arthur & Jane	Tailor	1 Sep1864	Friars Wharf	
1869	14 Nov	PEAT	John	John & Matilda	Compositor	26 Dec1861	4 St Barnabas Street	
1869	14 Nov	GREEN	Ralph	William & Maria	Smith	13 Aug1869	47 Wellington Street	
1869	14 Nov	TOMBS	Christopher	Thomas & Susan	Bricklayer	24 Jan1869	22 Jericho Gardens	
1869	20 Nov	BLAKE	George Thomas Ford	George & Sophia	Bookbinders Finisher	31 May1842	31 Victor Street	
1869	20 Nov	WILLIAMS	Mary	Thomas & Phoebe	Musician	4 Nov1854	84 Cardigan Street	
1869	20 Nov	WOODIN	Eleanor Samuels	Thomas Baron & Martha	Guard N W R	10 Dec1857	36 Cardigan Street	
1869	30 Nov	PAYNE	Richard George	Elizabeth		8 Jan1869	68 Cardigan Street	
1869	1 Dec	McCRACKEN	Horace	Edward & Elizabeth	Stone Mason	7 Nov1865	Canal Street	
1869	1 Dec	McCRACKEN	Mary Eliza	Edward & Elizabeth	Stone Mason	30 Oct1866	Canal Street	
1869	1 Dec	McCRACKEN	Horace	Edward & Elizabeth	Stone Mason	6 Feb1869	Canal Street	
1869	3 Dec	WILLIS	Henry	Jeremiah & Charlotte	Sergeant	25 Jun1868	42 Cardigan Street	
1869	5 Dec	PUMFREY	Benjamin Charles Watkins	Benjamin & Mary Ann	Grocer's Assistant	27 Oct1869	20 Nelson Street	
1869	13 Dec	ROBERTS	William	Thomas & Ann	Smith	22 May1869	47 Nelson Street	
1869	16 Dec	MILLER	Ellen Margaret	William & Agnes	Compositor	18 Dec1868	34 Union Street	
1869	20 Dec	CRAPPER	Alice Ann	James & Martha Ann	Ink Maker	15 May1869	17 Union Street	
1869	21 Dec	SAUNDERS	Emma Crake	Thomas & Elizabeth	Coach Builder	26 Apr1845	Canal Street	
1869	21 Dec	SAUNDERS	Mary Crake	Thomas & Elizabeth	Coach Builder	4 Nov1848	Canal Street	
1869	25 Dec	EAST	Albert Joseph Thomas	John & Martha	Railway Police	17 Nov1869	40 Nelson Street	
1869	25 Dec	SPINDLER	Henry Thomas William	Samuel & Sophia	Coal Man	7 Nov1869	32 Nelson Street	
1869	25 Dec	LONG	Alfred Thomas	Henry & Martha	Shoemaker	15 Nov1869	54 Cardigan Street	
1869	26 Dec	SAMMONS	Annie	Charles & Emma	Servant	19 Mar1869	26 Wellington Street	

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<i>Surname</i>	<i>Forenames</i>	<i>Year</i>			
-	Anthony Philip	1952	AKERS	Frederick George	1871
			AKERS	Ida Harriett	1872
			AKERS	Mabel Olive	1900
ABBOTT	Dora Beatrice	1900	ALDER	Denise Anne	1959
ACKLING	Prudence Priscilla	1873	ALDER	Henry George Stanley	1884
ACOTT	Edgar George	1911	ALDER	Ivy Doris Susie	1920
ACOTT	Mary Isabel	1884	ALDRICH	Amy Gayford	1883
ADAMS	Bessie Ann	1891	ALDRIDGE	Amy Agnes	1882
ADAMS	Caroline Elizabeth	1883	ALDRIDGE	Caroline May	1885
ADAMS	Charles Harold Noel	1900	ALDRIDGE	Dorothy	1891
ADAMS	Diana Joy	1937	ALDRIDGE	Eleanor Blanche	1893
ADAMS	Dorothea Mary	1898	ALDRIDGE	Emma	1870

Samples from a Monumental Inscription CD

Each CD is standalone and the contents are based on HTML so open in your browser.


Each CD Consists of an opening screen with links to a section giving brief details of the history of the Church, an index of surnames, a overall plan of the Church and associated graveyard, if necessary more detailed plans showing the location of each recorded monument and then details of each monument with a text description of the monument, a transcription of the text and one or more pictures of the monument. The images below are taken from the MI CD for St Mary’s, Chalgrove.

To see what an actual CD looks like we have made the one covering St Peter-le-Bailey, Oxford available free to view at:
<http://monuments.oxfordshirefhs.org.uk/opb/menu.htm>

Monumental Inscriptions
at
The Parish Church of St Mary, Chalgrove, Oxfordshire

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The Parish Church of St Mary, Chalgrove, Oxfordshire

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This will be positioned automatically, to include the point where you clicked

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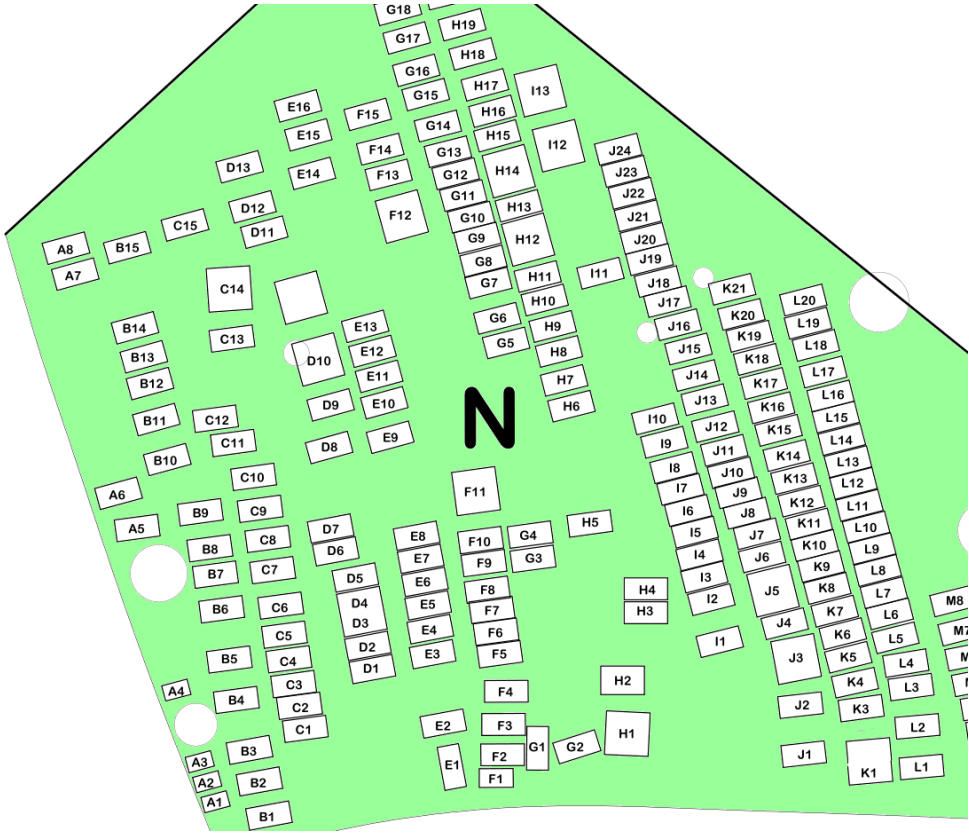
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Surname	Forenames	Died	Aged	Ref.
ADAMS	Edward	2012	78	EE1
ADAMS	Shirley Rose	2013	76	EE2
ADEANE	Ann	1821	77	C25
ADEANE	James	1770		M5
ADEANE	John			C25
ADEANE	John	1688		M5
ADEANE	John	1750		M5
ADEANE	Mary	1743		M5
ADEANE	Mr			M12
ADEANE	Robert	1705	20	M9
ADEANE	Simon Whorwood	1719	67	M9
ADEANE	Simon Whorwood	1747		M5
ADEANE	Simon Whorwood	1760		M5
ADEANE	Susannah	1717	64	M9
ADEANE	Whorwood			C25
ADEANE	Whorwood	1740		M5
AITCHISON	Neal Wilfred	2002	45	T22
AITCHISON	Wendy Myra	2004	45	T22
ANDREWS	Lindsey Samantha	1990	5	NA4
ANDREWS	Michael John	2006	56	EC14
ANGELL-MANNING	James Christopher			ED11
ANSTEAD	Clare Ann	2006	33	T38
ARCHER	Greta Louise	1997	28	TO3
ARNOLD	Wayne	2001	25	EB12
ATKINS	Ellen	1912	70	NO2
ATKINS	George	1907	75	NO1
ATKINS	Joe	WW1		M18
ATKINS	Mark	1849	60	WN5
AUGER	John	1893	63	WN15
AUGER	Sarah	1904	82	WN15
AUSTIN	Adam Jock	2003	80	EC4
AYRES	Jasmine Marie	2003	0	EC3
BAILEY	Charles William	2001	58	NC8
BAILEY	Heather Joy	1979	39	NC8
BAILEY	James Edward	1928		NE9
BAILEY	Jean	2005	74	T36
BAILEY	Sidney Fred	2007	87	EC17
BAKER	James	1959	58	NL2

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Coped stone on plinth.

East side.

In memory of
Henry Richard second beloved son of
Thomas W. and Ann HATT
who died April 21. 1870 aged 15 years
Sleeping in Jesus

West side.

In loving memory of
Ann widow of the late Thomas White HATT
who died at Great Milton Jan. 4. 1891
aged 71 years




The Parish Church of St Mary, Chalgrove, Oxfordshire

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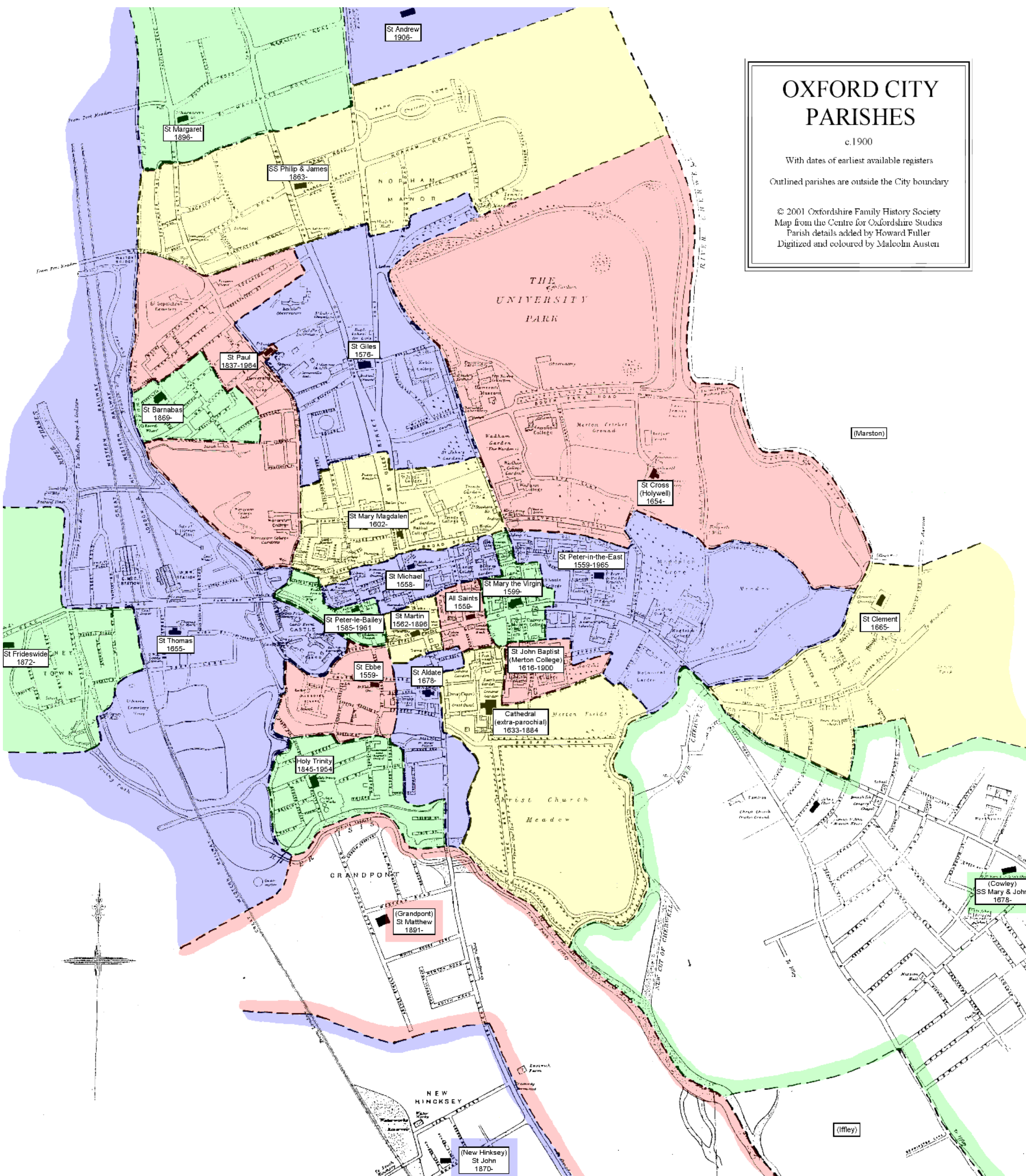


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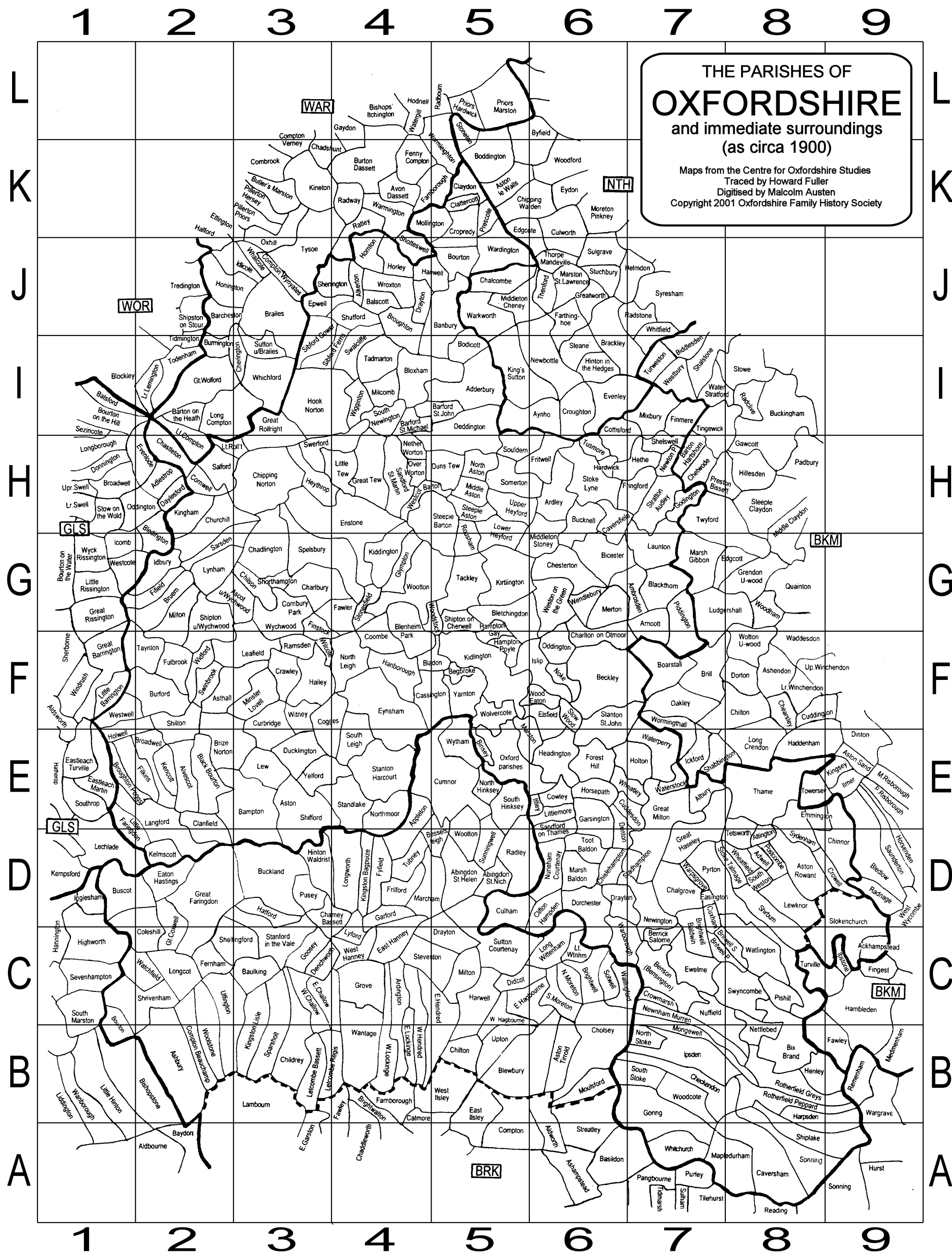
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OFHS Virtual Fair 2021 Handout

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On-line at <https://free.ofhs.org.uk> we have a digital copy of our handbook "Oxfordshire Parish Registers and Bishop's Transcripts". This will enable places to be located to their parish and parishes to be located on the map overleaf by their two character map square.



An interactive version of the above map, which gives details of the OFHS CD that contains the OFHS transcript of the Parish Registers, can be found at:

<http://searches.oxfordshirefhs.org.uk/pardata.html>

Useful Resources for helping with your Oxfordshire Family History

The following resources may help you with your specific research into Oxfordshire Ancestry:

- The OFHS website: <https://www.ofhs.uk>
- Joining the OFHS for details of how to join see: <https://www.ofhs.uk/about/join-us>
- Checking out what products the OFHS Society have for sale in their on-line shop: <https://www.ofhs.uk/shop/>
- Using the search services offered by OFHS for full details: <https://www.ofhs.uk/category/resources/ofhs-search-services>
- Contacting the OFHS Helpdesk - email help@ofhs.uk or telephone +44 (0)1865 358151. Make sure that you explain your query as clearly as possible and where appropriate list the role of the person you wish to contact.
- Check the wills that have already be transcribed on our wills website: <https://www.ofhs.uk/resources/wills-2>
- If eligible join the Oxfordshire DNA Project for full details see: <https://www.ofhs.uk/category/whats-on/projects/dna-surname-project>
- Look at the many Facebook groups that deal with Oxfordshire Family and Local History. The following list is just a sample of what is available:
 - ♦ Oxfordshire Family History Society: <https://www.facebook.com/oxfordshirefhs>
 - ♦ OxfordshireFamilyHistory: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OxfordshireFamilyHistory>
 - ♦ Banburyshire Genealogy & Ancestry (Local Family History): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BanburyshireFamilyHistory/>
 - ♦ Barford St Michael & Barford St John, Local & Family History: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/688294397937288>
 - ♦ Chipping Norton Then and Now: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/617384725094396>
 - ♦ Witney Family History: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WitneyFamilyHistory/>
- Subscribe to the free 'Oxfordshire, England, genealogy' Groups.io mailing list: <https://groups.io/g/Oxfordshire-England-genealogy>
- Check and add your Oxfordshire surname interest to the 'Oxfordshire Surname Interest List' (OXSIL): <https://www.oxsil.org.uk/>
- The Oxfordshire GENUKI pages: <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/OXF>
- Picture Oxon website which contains historic images of Oxfordshire and the Thames Valley from the 1850s to the present, including 300,000 catalogue records of images and 100,000 digital images: <https://pictureoxon.com/>
- Oxfordshire Heritage Search site. The Heritage Search is a catalogue of Oxfordshire's cultural and heritage resources. Use it to find a wide range of materials relating to Oxfordshire's past. The reference and contact information associated with each item allows you to find out more about items of interest: <https://apps2.oxfordshire.gov.uk/srvheritage/basicSearch>
- Scans of the parish registers up to 1915 for baptisms; 1930 for marriages and 1965 for burials are available on Ancestry see their pages for coverage details: <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/>. The card catalogue entries on ancestry are called (Ancestry Subscription required to follow the links):
 - ♦ [Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812](#)
 - ♦ [Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1915](#)
 - ♦ [Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1930](#)
 - ♦ [Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1965](#)
- Check the digital copy of our handbook 'Oxfordshire Parish Registers and Bishop's Transcripts' to find out about the coverage of Parish Registers: <https://free.ofhs.org.uk/prbt/contents>
- For other sites that may be of use check out the 'Useful Websites' section of the OFHS website: <https://www.ofhs.uk/resources/useful-websites> or try the older version 'Finding Your Ancestors on the Internet': <http://searches.oxfordshirefhs.org.uk/fyaoti.html>

