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Chesterfield and District Family
History Society



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Who's Who?

- Neil WilsonChair
- Liz YouleVice Chair and (Learning with Liz)
- David WheatcroftTreasurer / Membership
- Denise Dunstan.....Secretary and Surname Interest coordinator
- Dena FanshaweEvents coordinator, E newsletter, Web Manager.
- Julia WraggMinutes Secretary, Librarian and Ass' Events Coordinator
- Mary BullasMagazine Co Editor
- Lyn McNairMagazine Co Editor/Ass Events Coordinator & Charity
Champion.
- Terry CockingPrinting
- Dena MountainRaffle Organiser
- Keith Fanshawe.....Committee
- Ken SandersonCommittee
- Margaret Linacre..... Assistant Membership
- Pam KempMeeting refreshments
- Cathy Sims.....Meeting refreshments

And many thanks to those none committee members who turn up to help set up the room and stay to help putting things away. Many thanks for those Raffle prizes donations too.

Meet the new co-editors

Mary & Lyn

Mary Bullas



I am a new member of the Chesterfield Family History Society only joining in 2018 after much urging from my cousin in law Dena Fanshawe. Dena knew I had an interest in genealogy and that I had been researching my family history for several years.

I didn't join earlier as my work commitments involved varying shift patterns each week and I felt I wouldn't be able to attend many of the meetings and events. I retired from my job as a Staff Nurse at the end of May 2018 after completing 40 years' service. Now in my retirement I am hoping to be able to devote a little more time to my family history research and I am sure that I will learn a lot from my fellow members.

Lyn McNair

I have been researching Family History for over 15 years, but have only recently joined the society. I have only just begun researching in earnest since my early retirement in July 2018. Before I retired, I worked for the charity Derbyshire Carers Association (which coincidentally is our elected charity for 2019). My role was to support unpaid carers in the community with emotional support, advice referrals, carer assessments and grant applications.



I am enjoying working with Mary on the magazine and hope you all like what we produce. I am also an assistant events co-ordinator as well as 'Charity Champion'. I hope to promote our chosen charity this year and look forward to doing a short introduction about Derbyshire Carers Association and how it supports those who are caring for family members, friends or neighbours who could not otherwise manage without that support.

Cover Picture

Richard Kirk - Chesterfield Town Crier

Liz Youle has very kindly allowed us to use her original image of her 3 x G/Grandfather, Richard Kirk, on our cover this quarter. She has requested that this image should not be copied without acknowledgment as she owns the original.



- He was baptised at the Crooked Spire on 10 May 1795. The third child of,
- Richard KIRK and Elizabeth OATES. His grandfather was the Beadle.
- He married Anne ROPER on 28 Nov 1814 at the Crooked Spire.
- They had only 4 children. When he married he was a Framework Knitter and Stockinger. 9th Feb 1837 - Council meeting awarded him 5/- for helping to arrest a deserter named Saunders.
- 23 Feb 1837 (Watch Committee Notes) - Appointed constable and nightwatchman for Borough of Chesterfield, i.e. he became a member of Borough Police Force.
- November 1840 appointed Town Crier by the Borough Council who provided him with a suit of clothes consisting of a blue coat with a scarlet collar, a blue waistcoat, trousers, a hat with a girdle and a pair of shoes to be provided annually. He would be expected to be smartly turned out and a credit to the new Borough Council since the appointing of the Town Crier had been taken from the Parish Church Vestry because the position had fallen into disrepute. On the 1841 census he says he's the Bellman but think this is the forerunner of the title "Town Crier"
- In 1841 he rang his bell to summon a meeting of Chartists and was fined for doing this.
- Sept 1856 Richard Kirk unfit for duty as a watchman so given a fortnight's notice.
- He retired from the Chesterfield Borough Police and was given £5 since he had been a "good servant" for 26 years...Derbyshire Times, Saturday, 7th May 1864 P2C1
- April 1866 - Retired from Town Crier position probably due to ill health...died just over 12 months later on 10 Jun 1867 and was buried in the Crooked Spire close to the font. Most of his life he lived at White Horse Yard, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. His wife lived on until 26 Dec 1872 and died at the house of her daughter, Rosina, in Brunswick Street, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

You may well find out more about him from newspapers.

Did you know?

That DNA stands for 'DeoxyRibonuCleic acid - Added the capitals to help with pronunciation!

Programme

Spring/Summer 2019

March (6th) Meeting

'The British Empire: Finding out about your ancestors in British India' with Edgar Holroyd-Doveton

April (3rd) Meeting

'The Inspector Hopkinson Discovery' with Ian Morgan

May (1st) Meeting To be arranged



Chesterfield & District Family History Society's

Annual Family History Fair

At the PROACT Stadium

Saturday the 18th of May 2019

9:45 - 3:45

Speakers:

11.30 am Trials Tribulation and Transport - Linda Jackson

1.45 pm 'Mary Queen of Scots' In Derbyshire and South Yorkshire - David Templeman

June (5th) Meeting To be arranged

July (3rd) Meeting 'Mayhem on the Midland - An accident, a suicide and a murder' with Judith & Chris Rouse.

Member Notice

Are you member of another society who may like a table at our event on Saturday May 18th?

For more details

Please contact Dena Fanshawe
cadfhs.eventscoordinator@gmail.com
or Tel 01246 851954

Co Editors' Bit

Happy New Year! Ok, so it is March, but this is the first member's magazine of 2019 and our first edition as the new co-editors!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Lynne Earland for her hard work and dedication as the magazine's editor for the last 3 years. She will prove a hard act to follow!

We have made some changes to the magazine that we hope you will enjoy. The first thing you will have noticed is the new name, 'In-spire-ation'. This was a suggestion from Dena Fanshawe, our events secretary and we thought it was an excellent title!

We will be introducing some new features and we'd love to get some feedback from you to see what you like / don't like, what improvements or changes you would like to see and any new ideas that you might have.

This is **YOUR** magazine and it is important that members have a say in what goes in (or out of) it. We need articles, case studies, information etc, from our members so please contact us to submit your contributions.

We will introduce ourselves in a little more depth on page 6 and we will be continuing this as a series of profiles for each of our committee members. Also we look 'Behind The Scenes' in the form of brief introductions to the hidden heroes of CADFHS and what they do?

This and much more in our first edition, so get yourself a cuppa, relax and enjoy!

Lyn & Mary Co-editors

Welcome New Members!

To add (or change) your surnames to our Members Surname Interests please visit:

<https://membermojo.co.uk/cadfhs>

and download a Surname Interest Form to complete.

Once completed please email to membership_assistant@cadfhs.org OR post to:

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Member no. 1150 Paul Gaunt

Member no. 1151 Jean Peters

Member no. 1152 Chris Cooke

Member no. 1153 Gloria Watts

Member no. 1154 Patricia Bullas

If you would like to get in touch with another member please send your request to Margaret Linacre at membership_assistant@cadfhs.org who will forward your request to the member you would like to contact.

Note from the Chair January 2019

Neil Wilson - February 2019

The editors asked me to write a 'Note from The Chair' for the magazine as the previous chairs have done. My first thought was 'Panic – I'm the chair Help!!!' So, my views of being a chair is to affiliate the meetings, whether the monthly or committees.

My style of being chair will be will to reinforce that I don't run the society, you the members do. Therefore, if you have any ideas for the society to progress forward, to assist others with their research, a name of a speaker, please drop me an email chair@cadfhs.org

So, what are we the committee currently doing for you the members?

- First, we will try to provide a varied programme of speakers.
- Provide information via the website, although this is work in progress, already has been and always will be.
- Organise the annual event, which over the years as grown and grown.
- Run the society as the constitution states.
- We have a number of projects being discussed within the committee, so watch out for announcements in the newsletters.
- If you have any ideas for projects, speakers or anything for furthering the society, please let me know.

And with your help, we will make it grow. I think we all have a vision what we want from any society we belong to, the committee will change, but I think these words on the website sums us up:

CADFHS aims to be one of the country's leading and most forward thinking 'Family History Societies'. Providing a strong base to enable our members to develop and grow as 'Family History' researchers. We aim to foster a positive experience and environment, through creative and innovative, and related services for our members.

Meet the committee

Neil Wilson: Chair

A new year brings a new committee! If you have read the monthly newsletters or seen the 'About' section of our website <https://www.cadfhs.org/2018-2019-committeeyou>) will be familiar with the profiles of our new (and not so new) committee members. But just in case you haven't, here is an introduction from Neil Wilson, our Chair. "I was brought up in Clay Cross and left in 1974 to pursue a career in the Royal Air Force. After 22 years, I left and joined a Nottingham firm of solicitors and I now deal with health and safety plus their security.

I became a member of the society and joined the committee became the web master role, until a few years ago when due to personal reasons I left the committee. I'm now back in the right frame of mind to pick up family history and attend meetings again, hoping that the knowledge that I have will help to steer the society forward."





Liz Youle



Dena Fanshawe



Julia Wragg



Dena Mountain



Ken Sanderson



David Wheatcroft



Terry Cocking



Keith Fanshawe



Mary Bullas



Lyn McNair

VISION / MISSION STATEMENT

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What you will find at our 2019 Annual Event, May 18th

Our 2019 annual fair is a mixture of Family History, Local History & Regional Family Histories. A place where you can get help with your research.

Also 'Heritage Societies' such as museums and historical places are part of our exhibition too.

"Cultural heritage", places and activities that represent the stories and people of the past and present."

Military History, and Heritage. Genealogists, Help Desks, Books, Maps, and CDS and Complimentary talks.

This year's theme is Punishment by Transportation

2019 Show Case Event

our own 'Who Do You Think You Are!'

Chesterfield & District Family History Society

**Our Very Own
Who Do You Think You Are
Show Case Event**

**PROACT F.C. Stadium
1866 Sheffield Rd
Whittington Moor
Chesterfield S41 8NZ**

**18th May 2019
9:45am till
3:45pm**

**Family & Local History and
Heritage Fair with Crafts**

**Genealogists
& Help Desks**

**Local & Regional
Family History
Societies**

**2019's theme
Punishment by
TRANSPORTATION**

**Free
Speakers
11:30 & 1:45**

**Accompanied
Children
Under 16
Free**

**Local History
Military History
and
Heritage
Societies**

**History Displays
Derbyshire Records Office
Local Studies**

**Admission
£2.00**

**Saturday the 18th of May 2019
9:45 am till 3:45pm
PROACT Stadium
Chesterfield S41 8NZ**

**On Site
Refreshments
Free Parking**

Open from 9:45 am until 3:45 pm

Breakfast refreshments available: Bacon Sandwiches Tea, Coffee etc.

December Christmas Meeting: The Christmas Truce: True or False? With Dena Fanshawe and Neil Wilson

Dena Fanshawe, our Events Organiser and Neil, our Chairman launched our Christmas meeting with a short presentation on the famous Christmas Truce of 1914. Dena presented her evidence that supported the view that the infamous football match between the British and German forces actually took place under an agreed truce.



However, it would seem that agreed truces were an established condition between opposing forces throughout military history. These temporary truces enabled the troops to collect their dead and wounded from the battle field and get medical help to those who needed it. The Christmas Truce may have been such an agreement that had nothing to do with the season at all!

Letters from soldiers to their families were presented that seemed to back up the belief that troops from both sides called off hostilities in order to swap rations, tobacco and even photographs and to have a 'kick about' in at least one place on Christmas Day 1914. This wasn't a general truce though and it would appear that officers were not in favour of these truces as they believed it affected morale!

Neil presented some evidence that the informal game of footy between British and German troops never actually happened. He cited one veteran who in 1968 admitted to making the whole story up!!



After the presentation members tucked in to the excellent buffet that was made up of generous contributions from members.

Raffle tickets were drawn and prizes won before Christmas Quiz created by Terry Cocking.
An enjoyable way to end 2018 for CADFHS!



January Meeting

The Ashover Poet: Leonard Wheatcroft

When I started my genealogy journey, I like everyone else who does this, hope there will be someone notable that we might discover. Well up to now as I research the Wheatcroft line I have discovered two notable characters, one who has a village pub named after him and the other the last man to be judiciary hung and beheaded by an axe in this country.

The Wheatcroft line was the easiest to research of all the other surnames involved in my family simply because they have always stayed local.



David Wheatcroft

Going back from Chesterfield to Brampton to Old Brampton (Hemming Green) to Ashover and North Wingfield as far back as back to 1580 and beyond, back in fact to the reign of Elizabeth the first 1558-1603 and possibly before that.

I don't intend to spend much time on the mechanics of genealogy firstly because it will bore anyone not interested in the subject and secondly for those who are active in the subject it's like teaching someone to suck eggs and most of them have more experience in it than me anyway. Needless to say, I went back on the direct line as far I could to John Wheatcroft born 1580 and before then his wife's father's name was William Daine but I have no dates for him. I then started reversing back and researching the lines of siblings particularly those who kept the name of Wheatcroft which were mainly the males.



Poets Corner, Ashover

As I went back I came to my seven times Great Grandfather Samuel Wheatcroft who was born in the village of Ashover in 1644, he was one of nine children to Leonardus and Agnes Wheatcroft. (Harrison)

One of Leonardus and Alice's children, and Samuel's brother, is the first of my notable ancestors namely Leonard Wheatcroft which makes him my 8 times great uncle. Leonard Wheatcroft was born in 1627 in Ashover. Leonard was a prolific writer. performance poet, tailor, song writer, gardener, parish clerk, school master, landlord of the Hands and Shears in Ashover and a yeoman (which meant that he owned a small stretch of land). He wrote his own biography, later finished by his son Titus, it was not a diary in the usual sense, but narrative written in his after years that records events from his earlier life in a detailed form and is regarded as a good social history record of life in the 17th century.

Leonard was Parish Clerk from 1650 till his death in 1706, with a gap between 1663 and 1689, after his death the position was taken over by his son Titus who held the position till his own death in 1762.

As Parish and Church Clerk he was responsible for recording Births, Christenings, Deaths and Burials his handwriting was so fancy it would put all of us to shame.

The works of Leonard and his son are not widely known but it is said if they had been then they could be as important as Samuel Pepes's diary by giving a personal account and an insight of life in a particular period of time in rural England. It would also make Ashover a more important landmark in the county and country than it already is.

Leonard was married to Elizabeth Hawley of Winster on the 20th of May 1657 and they lived in the now called Wheatcroft Cottage just around the corner of the "Old Poets Corner" the pub in Ashover that is named after him. Leonard and Elizabeth in turn had nine children. He records each birth with the day and time of



Ashover All Saints

the birth but perhaps strangely also recorded their star signs (apart from 2 of them which where blanks were left).

Leonard has works held in the Derbyshire Record Office and the National Archives, he is described in the Oxford Dictionary National Biography as an exceptionally prolific writer. In his autobiography Leonard said nothing about his education but we believe he was taught to read and write in the village school or possibly by the rector (I would guess it was the latter as when you see his hand writing you would guess that was learnt by a one to one relationship, he tells of learning the trade of Tailor from his father and passing on his skills to his younger brothers when his father died.

Apart from his aforementioned skills he tells of his time as a planter of orchards, a tuner of virginals, a bell ringer and building a cairn at Fabrick Rock, a local landmark.

His youth was interrupted by the English Civil War (known as the Commonwealth period) and he reports that "he did run up and down the country to save himself from becoming "a soulger" but in the end he was obliged to take up arms and served for eight or nine years probably in the Militia. As Ashover was a royalist village we can assume that Leonard served the King although in order to survive it appears he changed sides quite easily when the parliamentarians ruled as it said that pardons were given to anyone who was not high ranking on the Kings side. It seems that he also flipped sides again when the Charles the Second was returned to the throne.

In his autobiography he also talks about his loves and courtships and the father of his first love, Francis Smith of Higham who did not approve of him and bolted the door in his face.

He goes into great detail how he courted and finally married Elizabeth Hawley of Winster. The wedding celebrations lasted eleven days including a wedding feast for 200 guests, however it should be pointed out that in those days the guests were expected to bring their own food or contribute towards it.

In his early married life he had many money problems and was imprisoned three times for debt. He was in such financial troubles that he went to live in Bolsover for a while and farmed his three children out to relatives and friends.



*Possibly Leonard Wheatcroft's Stone Coffin
at Ashover Church.*

With the help of his mother in law he was able to become solvent and successful again and as a yeoman was allowed to vote in the election of 1670 having to cast his vote at Derby.

Leonard Wheatcroft died on January 1st 1706 in Ashover and was buried in the stone coffin in the All saints Churchyard.....

- Genes reunited have an excellent community forum page where other **members** will help each other with research problems and share advice on where things might be found (www.genesreunited.co.uk)
- Update your tree after each discovery. This will help you to see at a glance where your next research step should be.
- Try to locate more than one source to corroborate information you have already found.
- Searching for family who emigrated to America via New York? www.libertyellisfoundation.org has a searchable database for all arrivals between 1892 -1924 which is free of charge.



Readers.....
If you have any useful tips that you would like to share let us know! Either email us or just stop and have a chat with us at one of the monthly meetings!

- Looking for information in newspaper articles? The National Newspaper Archives is an invaluable source and is at Chesterfield library. Once you have registered with the library you can access unlimited credits on the N.N.A. website whilst on the premises!

Time for a break!

1. When looking at a Parish register what name is often abbreviated to Jas?

2. Name the famous place that most immigrant to America passed through?

3. What sort of illness would some referred to as a lock patient be suffering from?

4. What does I.G.I. stand for?

5. In what year did Parish records commence in England and Wales?

6. According to the original Census Act, Censuses were to be held when?

7. What was the most common occupation for men in early Victorian census?

8. What was the occupation of a Lavender?

9. Between 1754 and 1837, all marriages had to take place in a Church of England except for Jews and?

10. What was a Contagious Parish?

See page.15...for answers

Members Notice -Would you like to have a display at our Family History Showcase Event on May the 18th

If you would like to display your Family History Story / Work at our Event on Saturday May 18th 2019
Contact Dena Fanshawe email: cadfhs.eventscordinator@gmail.com Tel:01246 851954

Behind The Scenes

Pam Kemp

Pam has been a member of CADFHS for 22 years! She joined in February 1996 after attending one of the meetings with a friend. Very soon after becoming a member she became a member of the committee.

She remembers that Terry Cocking and Keith Feltham were among the original members at that time. Pam used to deliver the magazines all over Chesterfield by hand back then; thank goodness for email!

Before her retirement Pam ran a successful and popular playgroup in Boythorpe. When she began to take her youngest daughter to this playgroup she was asked if she would like the opportunity to run it. So, in 1974, Pam took up the post and remained until her retirement in 1996.

Since her retirement and joining CADFHS the same year Pam has faithfully poured out tea and coffee at our refreshments table after the monthly meetings.

During that time she has seen the venues move a number of times but she has always attended the meetings and fulfilled her volunteer roles with CADFHS loyally.

Pam has been married to her husband Bill for 61 years!; they have 3 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild! Pam enjoys spending time with the family as well as providing her vital role in being a steadfast volunteer in various roles for us!

On meeting nights Pam is invariably one of the 'first to arrive, last to leave'!

When I asked Pam what she enjoyed about providing the refreshments every month she told me that she loves meeting people and chatting to the members; facilitating the refreshments table was an excellent way of doing that for her.

So, the next time you go to get your cuppa after the meeting and you haven't already, say 'hello' to Pam. She would love to chat!



Quiz Answers

1. James
2. Ellis Island
3. Syphilis
4. International Genealogical Index
5. 1538
6. Every decade starting 1840
7. Agricultural Labourer
8. Washed other peoples clothes
9. Quakers
10. A neighbouring (bordering) Parish

Dastardly Deeds.....

Murder in Middle Handley



In April 1873 Benjamin Hudson brutally murdered his wife Elizabeth (known locally as Eliza) in a field in the village of Middle Handley near Staveley .

Benjamin and Eliza were cousins and had always been close. Benjamin however developed an obsessive jealousy over time and would follow her around becoming angry if he saw Eliza talking in a friendly manner with any other young men in the village. Even so Eliza did manage to have relationships with other men in the village and at one time even lived with two men having a child with each of them. She also had a child with Benjamin before they were married. The marriage was not a happy one and within three months Benjamin had deserted her forcing her take refuge in the Workhouse along with their child. Benjamin did re-appear to liberate them just in time to avoid proceedings being brought against him. However, three months later he was brought before the magistrate and bound over to keep the peace for three months having attacked his wife. Unfortunately, he failed to keep his temper and was jailed for three months. When released having been bound over to keep the peace, this time for six months he did manage not to cause her any serious harm although he continued to threaten her and pull her about. But as soon as the six months was up the attacks started again.

Eliza tired of all the abuse decided to take up a post in Sheffield in order to escape him.

Unfortunately, just before she was due to start her job Benjamin visited her and persuaded her to come back to him, promising to change his ways. But having won her back he soon reverted to type and eventually having been hit so hard that she needed medical attention Eliza left him. Benjamin was called before the magistrate and ordered to pay her 5 shillings per week from his wages as a collier, which other than 1 shilling on the first week he never paid.

ON THE 24TH OF April Eliza was returning from work between 8 and 9 in the evening via Bowman's Lane. She was followed by her husband who attacked with a hedge stake. He then dragged her body under the hedge and went to his relatives telling them that he had broken her skull and had come to say goodbye as he intended to hang himself.

After a hearing at Chesterfield he was committed to trial at Derby Assizes.

1873 Extract from the EDINBURGH EVENING NEWS 16TH OF July

The attack was so violent that her skull was broken, her teeth knocked out and a portion of her head was entirely cut away and battered into the earth. The prisoner showed no regret on arrest, and when questioned he said "Well I ended the job".

The hedge stake was broken by the violence of the attack and bore evidence of the savagery of the attack. Sentenced to death.



He was hanged on the 4th of August 1873 in the confines of Derby jail. This was the first private execution to take place there.

Mary Bullas

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Case Study

Eliza's Story - by Mary Bullas

I first came across Great Aunt Eliza whilst researching my father's paternal family tree. My Great Grandmothers maiden name was Mary Tidy. Her father James was a much-travelled Cornish stone mason. James eventually settled in Worksop with his second wife Ann and three of his daughters, Eliza, Elizabeth and Mary. Having researched Great Grandmother Mary's history I decided to try and find out what had become of her sisters.

James Tidy -Ann Chick

Eliza

Elizabeth

Mary

This is Eliza's story

Eliza was born in St Martin, Jersey, Channel Islands on the 28th of July 1860. At the time of her birth there were many major building schemes in progress such as the Esplanade and the harbour development. Many English and Irish workers came to Jersey attracted by the work and it likely that her father James was amongst them.

Sometime during the following ten years the family left Jersey and in 1871 according to census

James's wife Ann is resident in Plymouth, Devon, father, James is listed as boarding in Worksop Notts presumably looking for work. New Malt kilns were being built around the town. In 1875, the Sheffield brewer Thomas Berry opened the gas-fired Station Kilns by the Railway and in 1876 John Preston built new maltings in Eastgate beside the railway. By 1881 Ann and the family are back with their father now settled in Worksop. Mary is living with her parents aged 10 at No 14 Westgate.

(TRANSLATION)
EXTRACT FROM THE REGISTER OF B
Of the Parish of St. Martin, in the Island of Jersey
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Birth in the Parish of St. Martin, in the Island of Jersey

No.	Day and Place of Birth.	Christian Names, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Age or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description and Residence of Informant.
1	28th July 1860	Eliza	Female	James Tidy	Ann Chick	Mason	St. Martin, Jersey Angeline de Giffa

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct Translation of an Entry in the Register of Births in the Parish of St. Martin
Witness my hand, this 28th day of April 1881
Lambert

Elizabeth now 17 is resident and in

service at 86 Bridge Street, the Lion Hotel. But where was Eliza? Eventually after much

searching I discovered a birth on New Year's Eve 1880 in Nottingham Union Workhouse. A son Richard Francis Tidy was born to Eliza Tidy, his father is not named on the birth certificate. Eliza's stay in the Workhouse thankfully was a short one and by the time the 1881 census was taken she is living in Forest Road Nottingham employed as a nurse maid. It took a while to find her as her name was misspelled as Lidy. Forest Street is in fairly close proximity to the Workhouse which was located on York Street, both are in the Parish of St Mary.

Also, in the 1881 census I found a "Nurse Child" James F Tidy "age 3 months living in Bridge Street, Worksop. Although I have no documentation (children were often fostered informally), I believe this to be Eliza's son. His Grandparents James and Ann lived just around the corner on Westgate he is the right age and everything else seems to fit. Eliza appears to have kept in touch with her son and her family in Worksop. Perhaps her parents living in such proximity kept a discreet eye on their grandson? Mary and Eliza were in touch and the 1891 census Richard Francis aged 10 is living with his Aunt Mary who was now married to my Great grandfather George Carter.

They have two small children of their own, Elizabeth 3 and John Robert 2. Also resident with them is Eliza and Mary's mother. Ann now a widow, James having died on the 10th of November 1886. His death certificate gives Bronchitis and Asthma as cause of death and his age is 73.

On the 9th of September 1888 Eliza married Charles Motley a labourer in an Iron Works and they moved to Brightside in Sheffield a working class Industrial area. The standard workman's cottage consisted of a cellar, a living room on the ground floor, a chamber on the second floor and often an attic. The living room was the focus of all the daily activity of the family, it served as kitchen, washroom, dining room and bathroom.

The south side of Westgate had a continuous frontage of large buildings. Behind these were large areas of land given over to large scale industrial use. Small rows of terraced houses were mixed in amongst these and two Public Houses.

By 1901 the census shows the couple had a daughter, Eliza (named after her mother) she is 6 months old. Happily mother and son have finally been reunited Richard Francis now 20 is back living with his mother and Stepfather.

Eliza and Charles went on to have another daughter Edith Mary, and remained in Sheffield for the rest of their lives. Eliza died in June 1933 at the age of 73 preceding her husband Charles who died in 1942 at the age of 79.

As for Richard Francis, he married Mary Wilks in 1905 and they had three children, John born in 1907, Frances Mary in 1910, James in 1915 and Charles Frederick born in 1920. Sadly James died in 1918 at the age of three. Richard died in 1936 only out living his mother by three years.

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'LEARNING WITH LIZ'

How to get around BMD

Liz Youle

FreeBMD – It's entirely free!!!

When starting your research I would recommend you start with FreeBMD.org.uk

What is it and how does it work? It is transcriptions done by intelligent researchers. As a result, I find it far more accurate than other sites. It is only for England and Wales.

The GRO started July 1837 when all Births, Marriages and Deaths were required to be recorded and the results submitted to the GRO.

BIRTHS – It was not compulsory to report them until 1874 so don't be surprised if early births are missing. In the 1860s records were of a very poor quality and many cannot be seen clearly. Until 1912 Middle names were included BUT between 1912 - 1965 only the middle initial was used so beware.

Transcriptions are complete to 1970. They are always looking for volunteers to transcribe!!

Not all children were given names at birth, so they were registered as Male or Female.

Still can't find a birth? Consider, was the child registered in the mother's maiden name? She may not be married, she might have “invented” a surname for the child. I have found ALL of these scenarios.

Registration Districts: “My mother was born in Chesterfield. I can't find her?” Why not? Just because someone was born in one town doesn't mean they were registered there.

Across the line you will find “Vol” and “Page”. You need these numbers to purchase a certificate.

Spectacles! At the end of each line you will see a pair of spectacles. Having found your ancestor, if you click on the specs, you are taken to another page. This allows you to see the original registration provided by the GRO. It also allows you to “Add a postem”. If everyone used this we would find our ancestors and cousins very quickly. I would recommend that you just put an email address there for people to contact you. Don't just give them the date of birth and parents, you will never hear from them again.

Adoption was not legalised until 1926. If a child was adopted after that date you will not find the birth registration.

LESS IS MORE: Leave out middle names. Use middle names instead of first names. Don't put district or county.

If you are looking for a birth after 1837 and can't find it, why don't you put a request on CADFHS face book page and let us see if we can help.

Next time I'll tell you about Marriages on FreeBMD so watch this space!

Old saying:

You choose your friends and your spouse, but your neighbors and your family tree are chosen for you.

Visual

Instructions

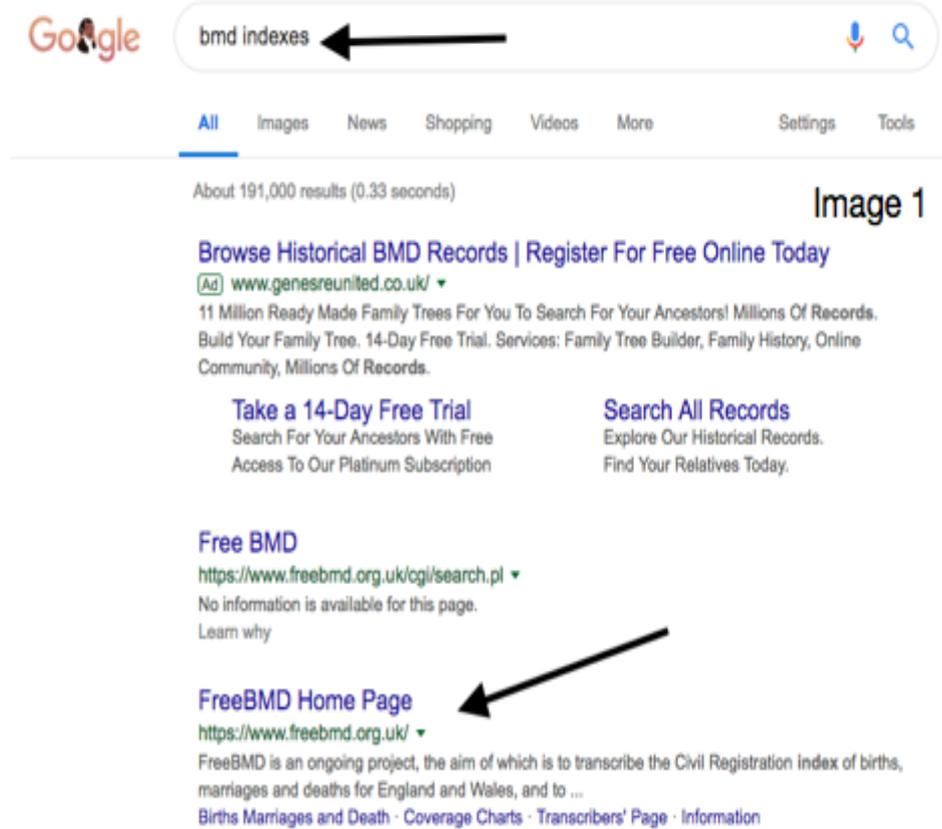


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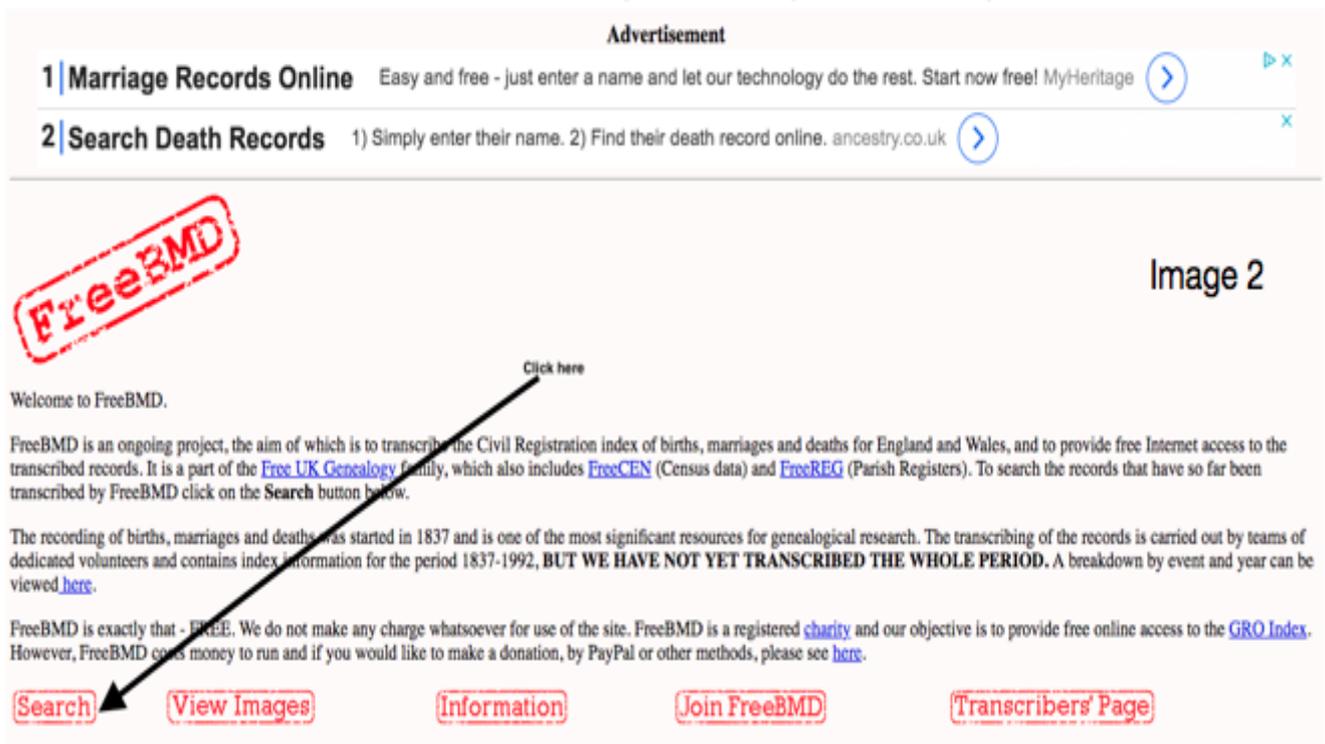


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These references are required to order certificates

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A CADFHS 'How to document?'

Guidance to:

Constructing your family history case study.

See Case study by Mary Bullas Page 18

Have you got a story to tell? How you broke down that brick wall.

Telling your story can help other members to research theirs.

A case study would be an account of someone or event that you have researched and when written down could help others through your own experience.

What is your story? What did you set out to do maybe?

May be events just unravelled by accident.

What methods of exploration did you use and what was the outcomes?

Showing your problems and solutions?

Brick walls.

Help wanted?

Help given?

Resources?

Problems that have not yet been resolved?

What lessons that you may have learned?

Where we meet.....



CADFHS meet at 7pm (talks start at 7.30pm) every first Wednesday of each month at Whittington Moor Methodist Church, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield S41 8NA

'The Old Scarsdale One Hundred Area'



The Area Chesterfield & District Family History Society Covers