



BEDFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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THE SOCIETY

The Society was formed in 1977 to encourage the study of Family History, Genealogy and Heraldry, primarily within the County of Bedfordshire.

WHY JOIN A FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY?

Many family historians join both their local society and one or more societies in the areas where their ancestors lived. You can attend meetings and join in the activities of your local society. The society in the area where your ancestors lived can help you with your research in various ways and help you to contact others who are tracing the same family as you. If you are just starting out you will soon find it is not the case that all research can be done on the internet. It is better to learn how to do it properly and more enjoyable to work with others.

BENEFITS OF JOINING BEDFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

- A journal issued four times a year with interesting articles to help you with your research, provide information on Bedfordshire and keep you up to date with family history.
- A members' pack with useful information to get you started and to explain how we can help.
- Our popular meetings held once a month on a Friday evening at Mark Rutherford School, Wentworth Drive, Putnoe, BEDFORD with good quality speakers.
- A library with over 1,200 books, together with journals published by other societies, available for loan to members at meetings.
- A bookstall with over 350 publications on family history and Bedfordshire, available at meetings or by post.
- A microfiche collection available at meetings and for loan with a reader between meetings.
- Publications making Bedfordshire records more accessible to all.
- Opportunities to get the names you are researching into our journal, on our website and published in other forms to help you make contacts to help your research.
- An index search and printout service plus a research service for members.
- Visits to The National Archives and places of interest.
- An opportunity to help with recording memorial inscriptions or transcribing documents.



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APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

There are several types of membership, each running from 1st January to 31st December. Those joining during the year will receive back copies of the Journal for that year.

Individual Membership, which includes one copy per issue of the journal - £10.00

Family Membership for each additional person at the same address - £1.00

Overseas Membership (Surface Mail) - £10.00

Overseas Membership (Airmail) - £12.00

There is a mandatory one-off **joining fee of £2.00** to cover the cost of the Members' Pack. This should be included with the subscription for the first year of membership.

NOTES

1. Applicants for Membership after 1st November will be assumed to be joining for the succeeding year, (unless otherwise specified on membership application form) and will not therefore receive a Journal until the following March but will be welcome to attend the November and December meetings.
2. Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to "Bedfordshire Family History Society".
3. Payments of Overseas Subscriptions must be by STERLING cheque or money order. It is regretted that the disproportionate exchange rates for small amounts of other currencies make it impractical to accept payments in those currencies. Sterling cheques can be obtained as follows:

Australia and New Zealand

Most banks will provide sterling cheques. Some of the larger genealogical societies hold UK bank accounts and are willing to provide sterling cheques for their members.

Canada

Sterling cheques can be obtained from Accu-Rate, 2573 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K2B 7H7. Calls (613) 596-0612. Website www.accu-rate.ca. There is no additional charge for issuing the cheque.

United States of America

Sterling cheques (bank drafts) can be obtained from International Currency Express Inc, 427 North Camden Drive, Suite F, Beverley Hills, CA 90210. Calls (toll free) 888.278.6628. Website www.foreignmoney.com. The cost to a USA client should be sought when you call. Other businesses offer similar services.

Alternatively subscriptions can be made via credit or debit card payments using the internet sites www.genfair.com or www.parishchest.com. There is a small additional payment required to cover charges to us, but you save on currency conversion and postage. Links to these can be found on our website.

4. The Society's Bankers are: National Westminster Bank PLC, Bedford 81 High Street Branch, 81 High Street, Bedford, MK40 1NH. The sort code is 60-02-13. Account Number 08036888.
5. The Society is a Registered Charity No: 281677.
6. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

The Membership Secretary
Bedfordshire Family History Society,
PO Box 214
Bedford
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UK TAX PAYERS – PLEASE NOTE:

Gift Aid is a method of allowing charities to reclaim tax on membership subscriptions and, since the claim is for tax already paid by you and made directly from the Inland Revenue, it does not cost you anything except the time taken to fill in and return this form. You do have to be a UK taxpayer who pays tax equivalent to the amount that we will reclaim (currently just over 28p for every £1 you give to us).

GIFT AID DECLARATION

To: The Hon Treasurer
Bedfordshire Family History Society
Registered Charity No. 281677
PO Box 214
BEDFORD
MK42 9RX

I want the Society to reclaim tax on all Membership Subscriptions and any other specific donations made by me from the date of this declaration.

Signed :

Date :

Full Name :

Address :

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Membership Number (to be inserted by the Membership Secretary).....

Notes

1. In order for your donation to qualify under Gift Aid rules, you must pay an amount of UK Income or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax we reclaim on your donation (currently just over 28p for every £1 you give).
2. Remember to notify us if you cease to pay sufficient tax for your donation to qualify.
3. You can cancel this declaration for any reason at any time by notifying the Society.
4. You may receive more than one gift aid form from us, but you only need to complete a form once.