

INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARY CONTENTS HELD AT NOTTINGHAM ROAD

So much information is now available on-line that members may wonder why we continue to need space for a library. We find it a valuable tool in helping members with their enquiries and a source of information which is not all available on the web. There are three main collections.

The first is our data collection, which has our own census index and our memorial inscriptions, some collected over thirty years ago, which are gradually going on line. We find that our census index may contain information which is more accurate than that on-line and we have progressed many 'dead-end' researches for enquirers. A new list of the memorial inscriptions will be published when the current revision of our holdings is completed. Meanwhile please enquire at the library in person, or by email or telephone.

The second collection is our local history section. This is listed by place and contains local publications, many now out of print, and a range of miscellaneous information which adds to the picture of the life your ancestors lived there. Following our move we no longer hold data for neighbouring counties, with the exception of the published series of transcripts from the Nottinghamshire Society.

The third collection is of family trees and histories lodged by members. Very little of this is published material and some of it predates computer use. You may be fortunate in finding someone else who has started down the same family line as you and can supplement your findings or provide a clue for further research.

We also hold a large collection of wills. Amongst these is a collection indexed on our web site where you may search for testators and beneficiaries. In 2024 we were given a collection of over 1,200 wills; these are indexed by testator on our web site. Ask for an estimate if you would like a full transcript of any of these wills. The library is open to be consulted as advertised. Members who cannot come to Derby may use our research services to investigate material in which they are interested and to secure scans or photocopies. The small charge for these services is considerably cheaper than the cost of making the journey and enables us to keep the library and research services operating.

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Certificates of Birth, Death, and Marriage	Library Contents 3
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Data collection: Memorial inscriptions, cemetery records and census indices:	enquire at the library

MF = Micro-fiche or film. We still hold a few items in these formats.