



Family History Society of Cheshire

www.fhsc.org.uk

Reasons to Join

For new members and those thinking of joining:

- We have two well stocked research centres with computer access and volunteers to help you with your research
- Thirteen Groups spread around Cheshire. All have a regular varied programme of talks and research, and most offer one-to-one help in local libraries
- We also have a Computer Group which discusses the latest software, research techniques, best ways to tackle your research et cetera.
- Four times a year you receive a copy of our magazine, 'The Cheshire Ancestor'. Our Standard membership fee is £18, but for £5 less you can opt for the electronic Ancestor.
- You get to meet, make friends with and learn from other researchers. You can often get discounted rates to attend events etc.

However, our [interactive website](https://www.fhsc.org.uk/) offers a lot more at <https://www.fhsc.org.uk/>. Starting with the top line menu:

Events - All our groups are now advertising their programme of meetings and talks. Each group tries to make their programme as interesting and varied as possible.

Cheshire Ancestor – all editions from 2011 are available to download plus some family history stories written by our members. In addition, all editions of the Net That Serf sections of our Ancestor back to 2013

Links – approximately 300 websites we feel will be helpful in your research.

Gallery – a growing set of photos.

FHS Forum – a discussion forum for members to help each other who can often give tips and strategies for breaking down those Brickwalls.

Shop – the SHOP is now live, with about 30 items to download immediately. We already have a further 80 items to add over time. Lots of our products are available to pay and download immediately, but some larger items inevitably have to be sent by post.

Moving to the lower sub menu:

Groups – self explanatory leading to our individual group pages.

Research - leads to our Research Centres' pages – Mobberley has a sub menu linking to details of their holdings, similarly at Crewe. Both Centres have licences for Ancestry, Find My Past and The Genealogist.

The main section of our website which members should find interesting and helpful with your research is **My Membership**

Here you can change details of and or renew your membership and user details under **My Profile**. You can view all the details we hold about you and your membership and you can amend any by clicking on Edit my Profile, for instance your email address and password

My Surnames: here you can add all the surnames you are researching worldwide in the hopes of attracting others researching the same families. Add as many as you like.

Search Surnames: Here are around 1000 surnames being researched by members to contact.

Exchange Journals: we have reciprocal arrangements with nineteen other societies to make their journals available to our members. Including the Manchester Genealogist. Most going back to 2014

Research Resources: including Background Information for Researchers
Census indexes, computers, projects and transcriptions, Research Guides for beginners and a series of guides for the more experienced

Also, a couple of links outlining where you can get help with your research.

Many of our groups are getting into the habit of sending out regular newsletters and you can choose to add any of our groups to your profile by visiting individual group pages and clicking on the green add to my group's buttons. It is recommended that you chose to affiliate to one main group when you join, but you can follow as many other groups as you wish, particularly where you have ancestors.

Click on Membership now to view your options and how to join.

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