

Project Team, Annual Report 2016 - 2017

During 2016 the project team have been transcribing and checking Parish records for Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, recording those records not yet transcribed from the earliest our researchers can find, some as far back as the 16th Century, up to 1837 and records post 1837 when Birth, Marriage, and Death registration became Law. We have recorded Baptisms up to 1920, Marriages to 1940 as a reasonable cut off point, and Burials as recent as our records allow in order to standardise the information on the CD's. My aim is to ensure that all the available information in each Parish is added to all future CD's to ensure that there are no gaps and these CD's will not need to be updated again, at least not in the near future. For some Parishes the result has been completion of a Parish record set for addition to existing CD's, and for others a complete new CD.

Ardley, Barnbrugh, Campsall, Hatfield, Hickleton, Kirk Sandal, Snaith, Thorne, and Warmsworth records have been updated and some previous transcribing checked and gaps in records or mistakes corrected. St James Church and St Mary's Church Wheatley have been produced as new CD's.

Transcribers have also started to transcribe school registers and Conisborough Morley Road Boys school, Hatfield Levels, Sykehouse School and Warmsworth St Peter Church of England school are in progress.

Philip Langford has begun to put Church information from paper files already collected by Society members into computer files to produce a CD.

Six new volunteers have come forward to help transcribe, we now have fifteen active transcribers/checkers.

Future work is to create a list of other records that are not featured on the Ancestry websites that people may be interested in. As the Parish and School records are completed new projects already identified can begin.

We will look at updating our website with the possibility of providing downloads as well as books/CD's for customers.

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