

Banbury is a fascinating town, with architectural links with the past still surviving (despite our deplorable tendency to pull down crosses, castle, church and cakeshop). I am proud and fortunate in having someone in every generation from my mother back born there (at least until Tudor times) – not many of you will share this luck, but I hope the publications of the Banbury Historical Society and our town’s historians will help some of you to establish some generations there.

Abbreviations/Locations

BHS: Banbury Historical Society (see inside front cover).

BM: Banbury Museum, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury OX16 2PQ, tel. 01295 672626. Web: www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/banburymuseum

BRS: British Record Society.

C&CH: Cake & Cockhorse (see inside front cover).

CBS: The Centre for Banburyshire Studies: Banbury Central Library, Marlborough Road, Banbury, tel. 01295 262282. No web-site/Email facilities for enquiries (researchers should send written requests/Emails to staff at the Centre for Oxfordshire Studies, Westgate, Oxford: cos@oxfordshire.gov.uk. Opening: Mon. 9-12; Tues., Thurs. 9-12, 2-5; Wed., Fri. 9-12, 2-7; Sat. 9-4.30.

COS: Centre for Oxfordshire Studies, Central Library, Oxford OX1 1DJ, tel. 01865 815749. Opening hours: Mon., Fri., Sat. 9.15-5.00; Tue., Thurs. 9.15-7.00. Web: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cos; email as above.

FRC: Family Records Centre, 1 Myddelton Street, London EC1R 1UW, tel. 020 8392 5300. Web: www.familyrecords.gov.uk/frc/

JOJ: Jackson's Oxford Journal.

OFH: Oxfordshire Family Historian (journal of the O.F.H.S.)

OFHS: Oxfordshire Family History Society:

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ORS: Oxfordshire Record Society, c/o Bodleian Library, Oxford.

PDPR: Principal Registry of the Probate Division, Probate Dept., 151 Avenue House, 45-49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP, tel. 020-7947 6939.

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