



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Conference



Saturday 28 September 2024
at Delapre Abbey, Northampton NN4 8AW

9.00am - 4.30pm

Tickets: £35.00 including lunch

SPEAKER INFORMATION

SARAH BRIDGES is the Archives and Heritage Service Strategic Manager at Northamptonshire Archives. She is responsible for looking after the fantastic collections in the archives along with the Historic Environment Record and Portable Antiquities Scheme.

This talk will highlight a range of resources at the Archives to offer an insight into how people lived, worked and played during this period. Amongst topics to be covered are police and crime records, rate books, electoral registers, records created by councils, hospitals and other authorities and a look at records showing the local impact of the two World Wars. Whether you are researching family history, house history or the history of your area, there will be something for everyone.

DAVE ANNAL has over forty years' experience as a family historian. A former Principal History Specialist at the National Archives, Dave has written a number of bestselling family history books and is a regular contributor to Family Tree Magazine. He is senior researcher at Lifelines Research. He is a popular lecturer and is well-known on the family history circuit and has spoken at Rootstech, Family Tree Live and other major family history events. Website: www.lifelinesresearch.co.uk Twitter: @dave_lifelines

The twin forces of society and the law had a huge impact on the lives of our illegitimate ancestors. This talk will begin by examining the language of illegitimacy and considering some of the terms used to describe those born to unmarried parents. It will then explore the ways in which the lies and half-truths that they told in an attempt to cover up their 'spurious' origins can, in turn, have an impact on our ability to trace their lives. Finally, it will look at how we can learn to spot the tell-tale signs that suggest that the information supplied by our 'baseborn' ancestors may be less-than reliable.

DR JANET FEW is an experienced family history researcher, writer and tutor. Janet is currently President of the Family History Federation, Chairman of Devon FHS and member of the Guild of One Name Studies. She teaches family and local history classes and is a tutor for Pharos Teaching & Tutoring Ltd who offer a range of online genealogical courses.

Ancestors on the Margin is a new talk and the presentation looks at those who may have found themselves on the margins of society and the sources that we can use to trace their stories. The examples used will vary but may include the sick, prostitutes, those accused of crimes, those in asylums, the illegitimate and those who were stigmatised by society.

DR COLIN CHAPMAN is a Life Vice-President of the Family History Federation and a Vice-President and the Society of Genealogists. He is the founder/co-founder of six county-based family history societies, President of three (including Northamptonshire) and Patron of another. He is a Fellow of the University of Northampton. Colin originated the three-letter Chapman County Code which is now an International Standard. He lectures widely in the UK and overseas.

Church Courts judged and recorded inappropriate behaviour of parishioners and clergy, issued marriage licences and proved wills. Procedures and witnesses' statements are revealing. This talk will cover examples of these and show how useful they can be for your family history research.

Delapre Abbey is situated to the south of Northampton town centre on the A508.

Please see www.delapreabbey.org for more information.

Should you need an overnight stay, there are Premier Inns, Travelodges and other hotels close by.

PROGRAMME

- 9.00am **Registration (tea/coffee available)**
- 9.25am **Welcome & Introduction**
- 9.30am **Mid Victorian to Mid 20th Century Resources
at Northamptonshire Archives**
Sarah Bridges, Archives & Heritage Services Strategic Manager
- 10.30am ***Refreshment break***
- 11.00am **Lying Bastards: Exploring the Impact of Illegitimacy
on Family History Research**
Dave Annal
- 12.15pm ***Buffet Lunch***
- 1.20pm **Address by Dr Colin Chapman, President NFHS**
- 1.25pm **Delapre Abbey as the County Record Office 1958-1991**
- 1.30pm **Ancestors on the Margins**
Dr Janet Few
- 2.30 pm ***Refreshment Break***
- 3.00pm **Sex, Sin & Probate:
Church Courts and their Records**
Dr Colin Chapman
- 4.15pm ***Close***

*Staff from Northamptonshire Archives will be in attendance
throughout the day and we shall also have our bookstall
and other research information available.*

Booking Form

Please complete and return with payment to:

Angela Malin, 17 Swyncombe Green, Hartwell, Northants NN7 2JA

I wish to book _____ tickets for the NFHS Conference

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (£35.00 per person)

payable to Northamptonshire Family History Society

(you can also pay by BACS to: 20-45-77 a/c: 40147184 but please scan/
photograph this form and email to: info@northants-fhs.org)

Name(s) (to appear on name badge)

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please detail any special dietary or access requirements:

Admission will be by pre-paid booking only.

Closing date Wednesday 12 September 2024. No refunds after this date.

Directions and other details will be sent/emailed to you nearer the time