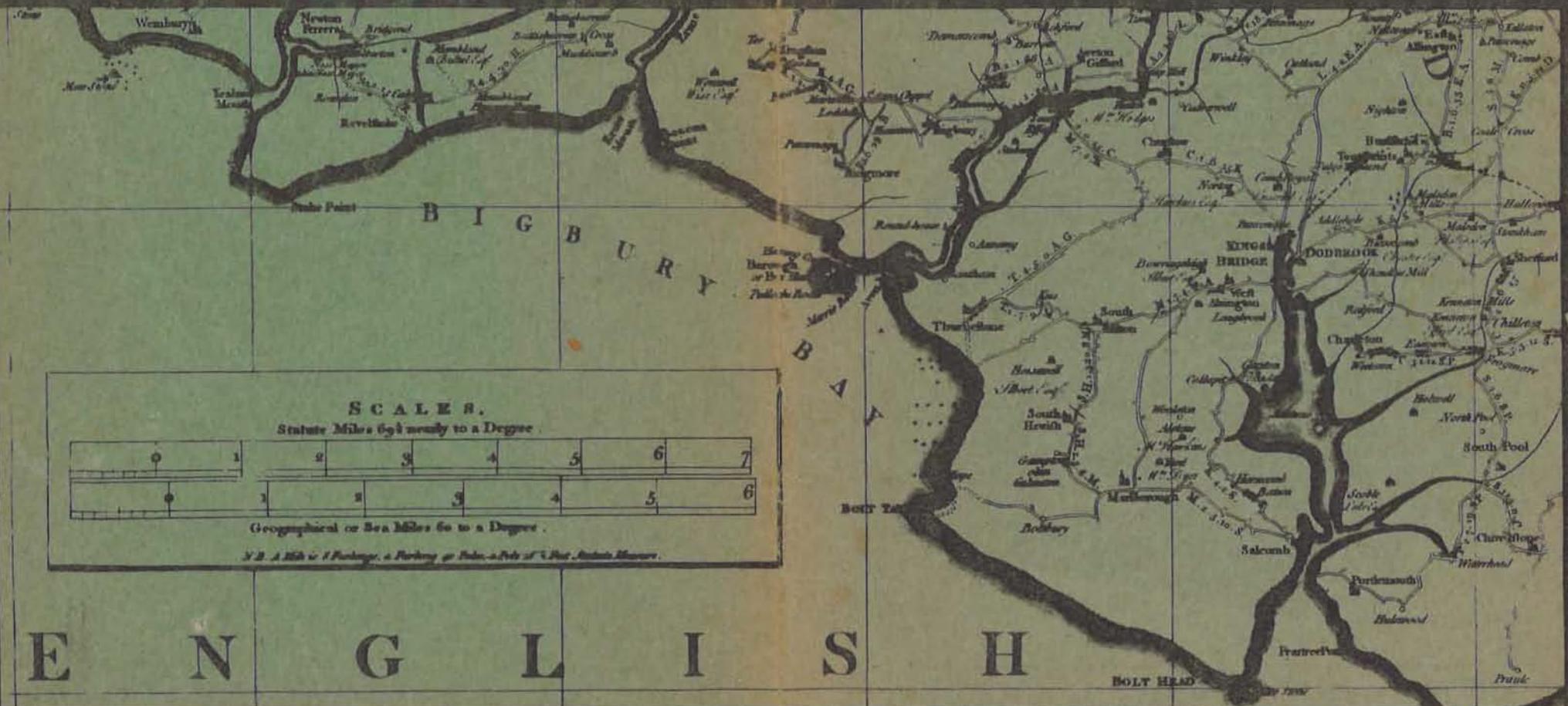


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The Standing Conference for Devon History, whose purpose should be apparent from the contents of this magazine, came into existence after two meetings held in December 1969 and May 1970. The first, held at County Hall and attended by about sixty people from all parts of the county, agreed to the appointment of a Working Party to consider the formation of the Conference. The Working Party, under the Chairmanship of Dr Joyce Youings, reported back to the second meeting in May, held at the University, and attended by one hundred and twenty people, as a result of which the Standing Conference came formally into existence. The initial work of calling the two meetings was done by the Community Council of Devon at the suggestion of the Standing Conference for Local History after consultation with interested persons in the county.

All correspondence relating to subscriptions, membership, personal local history interests and offers of work or assistance should be sent to The Secretary Standing Conference for Devon History, C/O the Community Council of Devon, County Hall Exeter EX2 4QD.

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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

I welcome the recent formation of a Standing Conference for Devon History, though there are several other societies and organisations involved in local history in Devon, notably the Devonshire Association and the Devon and Cornwall Record Society, not to mention several societies with a more limited range geographically, it was clear - as so many other counties have found - that there was certainly room for a permanent organisation aimed primarily at giving advice to local historians, and to helping them in various ways.

Local history can often be a lonely occupation, especially if one is engaged in writing the history of a particular parish or village. There is often no one else for miles around with a kindred interest, and most of the existing societies have not the permanent staff to cope with queries about sources, or problems, or methods. I have long felt, though, that local historians do not make half enough use of their libraries, especially the reference libraries, and this should be their first line of advance. I speak feelingly about this, as I frequently get letters asking for advice and help which ought to have gone in the first place to the local library. It is quite impossible in any event for one man to cope with correspondence on this scale, or to know all the answers. I hope, therefore, that the setting-up of a Standing Conference for Devon History will result in local historians using existing facilities more freely, and also in their meeting others with similar interests and comparing views about their problems about sources and such-like.

Perhaps I should say, before ending this brief welcome to the new Conference, that there is no need for local historians to assume that the only kind of local history is compiling and writing the history of one particular place. There are many interesting fields that get away from this parochial attitude (valuable though parish histories are, and always have been) - and some of these I touched upon in my inaugural address last May. Some of these can be explored by a single individual, others call for a small group of kindred spirits. One project that has always interested me - though it was too big for one man to tackle - was the compilation of a Dictionary of Local Biography, brief summaries of the lives and careers of men and women of note, born or spending their working lives in the county of Devon, or on a smaller scale in the cities of Exeter or Plymouth. Everyone knows that great standard work of reference, the Dictionary of National Biography, but it necessarily omits thousands of worthies who were important in their own provincial spheres. A dictionary of these local worthies would be an invaluable work of reference for future generations, but it would have to be a co-operative effort, along lines carefully agreed beforehand.

Another major project would be a study of Devon surnames. There are said to be about a hundred thousand different surnames in this country, some common to all parts, others more or less peculiar to one county and even to one small part of it. Again this might have to be a group effort along lines laid down beforehand, and it would have to be selective. It would not be very

informative, for example, to list all the Smiths and Joneses found in say the modern telephone directory or White's directory of 1850; but there are hundreds of names with a more localised significance and a map, or maps, showing their distribution in say 1850 or in 1970 would produce some fascinating results. Electoral registers are the fullest source, of course, for modern surnames, but are perhaps too voluminous; the telephone directory is more selective and yet probably a perfectly good sample to work on.

Despite the population movements of the past hundred years or so most families still show a remarkably limited range of distribution. The railways are supposed to have caused us all to move round more freely, but this will be found not to be generally true. For example, my own family came into Devon in 1585 at Axmouth, from just over the Dorset border, and a glance at the modern telephone directory shows that we are still heavily concentrated in the country between Axmouth and Exeter - a very limited distribution after nearly four hundred years. The unusual Devonshire surname of Chugg, found in north Devon as far back as the early 14th century, is still heavily concentrated in a few North Devon parishes according to the telephone directory. A survey of the distribution of a hundred or so surnames - preferably more - with maps showing their geographical distribution, would make a good book, probably raising as many problems as it solved, however.

These are merely two examples of the kind of work that could be done by small groups of local historians anxious to get away from the old-fashioned and rather stereotyped parish histories. There is still plenty of room for more of these. After all, few parishes have a good history even now; but there is an infinite variety of other work to be done, and the Standing Conference for Devon History can help enormously in these tasks.

EDITORIAL

The first number of a new magazine requires some sort of explanation. Simply, it is that Local History is a subject of perennial and abiding interest in this County, not only to those who are Devonians and proud of it, but also to those many who come here and wish to put down roots in some way. It is a subject that is much studied and taught and written about at many different levels, and yet, despite this, it is not well served. It is the aim of this magazine to further the study of Local History in the County in every possible way.

The problem of providing for Local History in this County is partly a matter of size. Unavoidably, in a County as big as Devon, communication is difficult. Geography is a hindrance and North Devon is consciously a very different place to South Devon, as is Exeter to Plymouth and Hartland to Honiton. Yet historically and administratively these are, or have been, one; the records relating to their past being largely confined to the County town. Exeter also is the centre for most County organisations that might help the local historian; but Hartland is fifty miles from Exeter and it is remarkably easy to live in the remoter parts of the County and know little of what is available and of use to the potential historian. One function of this magazine will be to describe the contents of Museums and Libraries and Record Offices, so that the fullest use of them may be made.

Size and distance also make for isolation. Just as it is easy to be unaware of potential resources, so it is easy to be unaware that there are people with similar interests and organisations with sympathetic aims in this particular field. This is a gap that it is hoped to fill by compiling a list of all work that is going on in Local History and a list of all meetings lectures and outings, that might tempt the local historian.

These functions are simply informative, but the needs of the local historian are wider than that. Interest in the history of a place can be thwarted by ignorance of how to begin to study it, or even by an unwillingness to believe that material relating to the history of what may seem an insignificant place, exists anywhere at all. The truth is more likely to be, of course, that the material exists in overwhelming amounts that have hardly seen the light of day. All that is needed is an enquiring mind to discover fascinating aspects of the past of village, farm or hamlet or whatever it may be. Ignorance of sources will be less possible, if this magazine enables the contents of Libraries and Record Offices to become better known. There are also, of course, books and periodicals on the writing of local History to be studied. But none of these relate to Devon specifically and an attempt to indicate how to begin to write a Local History in Devon would seem to be profitable. That there is a need, seems to be clear from the number of queries and requests for guidance that already find their way to Libraries and Record Offices and anyone else remotely connected with this field.

It would also be of help to be able to find out, without too much leafing through indexes, what has already been written. To complete a Bibliography of Devon History will be a formidable but worthwhile task that this magazine may undertake.

It is the more formidable because of the size of the County both in the physical and the historical sense. Until perhaps the nineteenth century, Devon was very much in the main stream of English History - there is not much in English History that does not find representation or reflection here. But there are gaps in the history of Devon that need filling and much work still to be done. Some of it requires the time that only professionals have, but the remaining part is of great value and it is hoped that in due course this magazine will be able to indicate work to be done and that people will be found to do it.

To conclude, it seems desirable to explain the origins of this magazine. It is the first offspring of the Standing Conference on Devon History, a body that came into existence this year after two meetings attended by many from all parts of Devon. The object of the Standing Conference, identical of that of the magazine, is to promote the study of Local History in the County. To that end it intends to hold day Conferences in different towns in Devon on aspects of Devonshire History, at regular intervals. Membership of the Conference and subscription to this magazine can be obtained at one and the same time by filling in the subscription form provided. All are welcome!

DEVON'S FIRST LOCAL HISTORIANS

Joyce Youngs

During the closing decades of the reign of Elizabeth I there were alive in Devon three men who in their own but not entirely separate ways laid some of the foundations of the county's written history. The carvers, as authors, of John Hooker of Exeter, Thomas Westcote of West Raddon in the parish of Shobrooke and Tristram Risdon of Winscot in St. Giles, near Torrington, fit very neatly into the half century which separated the defeat of the Spanish Armada from the English Civil War.

By far the most remarkable was Hooker. An Exonian by birth, brought up as an orphan in Cornwall, lawyer, member of parliament, a very able local government officer and administrator, he was not only a very acute observer of the parliamentary scene at Westminster, a man who, through his professional connections with eminent politicians, knew a great deal about contemporary affairs and the national economy, but he was also a scholar. How he found time to study, and, what is more, to write so copiously about the condition and the history of his native city and county can only command our admiration and respect. To him we owe the good order, the survival, and to a very large extent the compilation of the archives of the city whose Chamberlain he was during the entire Elizabethan period. Westcote and Risdon, his younger contemporaries, though the former at least had spent an adventurous youth, were country gentlemen of leisure, very largely observers, and that only of the provincial scene, mere scholars rather than men of affairs, and both only too happy it would seem, to lean wherever possible on other men's labours.

Hooker's writings on the history of Exeter, still a rich storehouse of information and by no means all of it yet in print, fill several large volumes in the city archives. Much of it takes the medieval form of annals for which he had no local works of reference but the city records, his own boyhood memories, and the recollections of his elders. For the county at large he compiled in his latter years (he died in 1601, aged about 75) his 'Synopsis Chorographical' of which two copies survive, in his own hand, one at Exeter and the other, better known but lacking some of the more valuable detail, in the British Museum (Harl. 5827). Part only of the latter is in print (Devonshire Association Transactions, XLVII, 1915). By far the most valuable part of this very substantial treatise is Hooker's description of the physical features, the natural and human resources, and the economy of the county. Of the Exeter trade in woollen cloth, for instance, he tells us that some 20 - 25 packs a week were sold, at prices ranging from £20 to £30 a pack, information which, covering both sales for the home and foreign market, is unlikely ever to be derived from any official source. Lest his readers should doubt what he says about the availability of local sources of supply he not only points out that every local farmer, 'as he hathe cattails, oxen, horses and kyne, so according to that rate he hathe also sheepe, which although they be not seene in greate flockes as they be in the open [i.e. unenclosed] countries yet in

multitude they be more and greater'. And for further proof, 'some probabilitie (bysides experience) dothe so appere, for comenly there be fewe parishes whose tythe wolls be not worthe xx nobles by the yere and some £20 or more. And in some places worthe £100 or better, which I could name were it not for offendinge of the owners of the sayed benefices'. Modern historians, labouring under no such inhibitions, could hardly have a more useful pointer to historical source material. He describes in some detail not only the extensive planting of orchards but the new methods of grafting and pruning, both of boughs and roots, whereby 'they do make greate store of syder which the nearer the sayes [seas] the more profitable they be for shipping, whose owners do buy greate store for beverage'. The effect on the county's economy of the provisioning of the navy and of merchant shipping is a subject about which we still know little more than Hooker can tell us. Hooker's outlook as an historian was, of course, typically Elizabethan in his emphasis on the primitive, brutish life of past ages compared with the 'marvellous metamorphosis' lately achieved, not least by the extensive use of all kinds of artificial fertilisers of the soil about which, though a townsman, he knew, or had learnt, a great deal. His local pride led him to declare that 'this little corner of this land can live better of itself without the rest of the land than all the residue can live without it', a somewhat narrow view of regional economy perhaps, but indicating a mind which could range further, both in time and space, than the weekly markets, of which, he tells us, there were no less than 38 in the whole county.

Thomas Westcote's 'View of Devonshire in 1630' lacks something of the acumen of Hooker's writings, but, following much the same lines, enlarges upon the subject matter. Many manuscript copies exist, each varying slightly from the rest, but not the author's original script. From one of the copies an edition was published in 1845, in modern spelling and with additions and corrections both by John Prince, the 18th century antiquary, and by the editors, Dr. George Oliver and Mr. Pitman Jones. Westcote, who was born in 1567 and died about 1640, had also had recourse to archives, but these were mostly private deeds and charters and many of those which he had copied out in extenso his editors saw fit to replace with more reliable versions. His great aim was to establish, with extensive resort to classical authors, the superiority of Devon over less fortunate counties, a sentiment by no means foreign to Hooker. As so many have noticed, a great deal of what he says would appear to be taken, verbatim, from Hooker. The two men were obviously acquainted but Westcote complains at his lack of success in gaining access to the older man, 'whose collections', he wrote, 'imprisoned under a sure guard, if I could have set at liberty, would have saved me much labour'. With particular reference to the city of Exeter he excuses his own shortcomings and adds that 'the laborious Mr. Hooker forewent me long since and, his steps little apparent, he only chalked the way'. 'Having all assistance that either clergy or laity could yield him, and himself an officer of the city', Hooker, had he lived longer, wrote Westcote, would no doubt have done better than he himself who had had to endure 'the cross currents of slighting, the storms of neglect, the rocks of

opposition (wanting all his assistance) ...' One has, however, only to pick a place at random to gauge the apparent extent of Westcote's debt to Hooker. Of Barnstaple Hooker wrote, '... a very ancient town and first builded by king Athelstan and may be equal with some cities for it is the chief emporium of that country and most inhabited with merchants whose chiefest trade in time of peace was with Spain and so long as that trade and intercourse did hold their wealth was the greater ... It is a clean and sweet towne, very well paved...' Westcote's contribution was as follows:

'... a very ancient borough ... It is one of the eyes of the country and the northern emporium, and may, without offence, be compared with some cities, having liberties and privileges equalling some of them. The inhabitants trade into foreign countries, especially, in regard of the situation, to Spain and the islands. The streets are somewhat low, yet well paved and thereby clean and sweet in all weathers ...' More fundamental, however, is the similarity between the two authors' analysis of Devonshire society and its basic divisions into gentlemen, merchants and husbandmen. Both characterize the tinner by referring to his, no doubt well known, habit of drinking out of his spade or shovel. As an historian Westcote was interested almost exclusively in genealogy and the descent of landed property, but he has some interesting historical details of the Combe Martin silver mines and although very uncertain of his dates, he knew about the short-lived Council of the West (of 1539-40) and indicated, with some shrewdness, that Devon had little desire for home rule.

Westcote's topographical excursions were limited to a literary peregrination of the main rivers of the county and their tributaries. By comparison the efforts of his younger contemporary, Tristram Risdon (c. 1580- c. 1640), were more comprehensive. His 'chorographical description or survey of the county of Devon with the city and county of Exeter', as is well known, exists in several manuscript, though not original, copies and was shamelessly hacked about and printed in several 18th century editions before being published in full, at Plymouth, in 1811. How much of the latter is really Risdon's work and how much was altered or added by the printer and editor will only emerge when all the various versions have been collated. Risdon's general description of the county is brief, running to only 14 of the 352 pages of the 1811 edition, and it contains many echoes of both Hooker and Westcote, although debts to the latter may well be the greater. His comments on Devon's roads repeat those of Hooker virtually verbatim. But he did cover the county from Thorncombe on the Dorset border right over and around to Countisbury on the Somerset border, and his antiquarian references are at times quite extensive. But his interests were mainly genealogical and he drew freely, as he himself acknowledged, on the work of another contemporary, Sir William Pole of Shute (1561 - 1635) whose 'Collections towards a description of the county of Devon,' published in 1791, though invaluable for the history of landowning in the county, found no place for tanners and cider orchards.

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Are we, in spite of Westcote's implied denials, to write off both him and Risdon as copyists or is it just possible that all three, including Hooker, had a common source? Up to a point they no doubt all relied very largely on soliciting information - Westcote himself makes this clear in his apologia - from friends and acquaintances; and no doubt the regular gatherings of the county in Exeter for the Assizes provided all three with most of their sources of supply. The current interest in pedigrees will have ensured that every gentleman could repeat his family's history by heart to any inquirer. But this still does not explain the echoed words and phrases. Nor is it clear how either Westcote or Risdon obtained, if indeed they did, access to Hooker's manuscripts which he certainly kept in his possession until his death and bequeathed to 'an eminent person', probably Sir Walter Raleigh, from whom one copy at least passed to Judge Doddridge. Possibly very careful textual study of all available manuscripts will one day yield an answer. Meanwhile each author has something peculiarly his own to offer and each provides, in his own way, a very readable account of Elizabethan and early Stuart Devon.

TASKS FOR DEVON HISTORIANS

W. E. Minchinton

One purpose of the foundation of the Standing Conference for Devon History is to encourage research both by individuals and by groups. We plan to build up a register of work in progress on Devon history in order that people interested in particular topics can be put in touch, if they so desire, with fellow workers. Such a list would also help to avoid duplication of effort and would serve to highlight gaps in the discussion of the history of Devonshire. The Standing Conference hopes also that it may be able to encourage group projects. Would any members who are interested in any of the topics discussed below, kindly let the Secretary know? When there is a reasonable interest in a particular topic we will then arrange for a convenor to call the group together in order that they can plan their future activities.

1. DEVON BIOGRAPHIES

To compile for Devon the local equivalent of the 'Dictionary of National Biography'. Such an undertaking ought to include the bishops of Exeter, the Lords Lieutenant of the county, the county MPs, prominent artists and writers, soldiers and sailors, business men and landowners. To be of greatest use some agreement would need to be reached so that entries could be in a common form.

2. MILESTONE SURVEY

Once an essential feature of the main road network, milestones are now disappearing from the Devon roadside scene. Many were removed during the war and not replaced and others are menaced by the road improvement programme. Other counties have managed to restore milestones and to reinstate them when they have had to be moved because of road widening. Mr. E. N. Masson-Phillips (Chestnut Cottage, Maudlin Road, Totnes) has been compiling a record of milestones in Devon and would welcome information about milestones and other roadside stones, particularly in the north and east of the county, together with photographs and drawings indicating measurements. The information which he would like about each milestone includes the following: a) MoT road number (where applicable); b) national grid map reference; c) note about situation, eg. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of ...; d) exact position, eg at roadside, built into wall &c; e) material (granite, iron &c); f) shape (rectangular, triangular &c); g) inscription copied exactly noting whether, for example, the lettering is raised, flat or incised.

3. DEVON DIRECTORIES

Information on directories published before 1856 is to be found in Jane E. Norton, 'Guide to the National and Provincial Directories of England and Wales published before 1856' (London: Royal Historical Society, 1950) but a list giving the whereabouts of such directories in Devon would be of use. It might well be that some directories may come to light which are not in Miss Norton's list, and the listing could with advantage be brought forward

to the present day. Any such list should give some indication of the contents of the directories concerned: whether, for example, they contain general information on topography &c, separate lists of professions, trades and private individuals, a street listing and so on.

4. INDEX TO DEVON NEWSPAPERS

It would greatly increase the usefulness of nineteenth century Devon newspapers and make their contents more easily accessible to historians of all sorts if their contents could be indexed. Some time ago a group at Hull, under the auspices of the Department of Adult Education, University of Hull, made an index to 'the more important local historical information' in the 'Hull Advertiser and Exchange Gazette' for the period from July 1794 to December 1825 under such headings as agriculture, amusements, antiquities, brewing and inns, fishing, libraries, mills, postal services, slavery, smuggling, water supply and weather.

5. WATER-MILL INDEX

For many centuries water-power was extremely important in Devon for corn-milling, cloth and paper-making, tanneries and other purposes. A large number of mills still survive, some of them continuing to work. The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings has begun a list of water-mills but this needs to be extended and amplified for Devon. A group of the North Devon Archaeological Society is compiling a list for that area, under the leadership of Mr. Thomas E. Spence (Newlands, Landkey Newland, near Barnstaple). This group is using a standard form which sets out the information required relating to the wheel, the buildings and machinery in a systematic manner. Information about mills in other parts of Devon (together with photographs and drawings) would be welcome. Copies of the standard form can be obtained from the Secretary.

6. TOMBSTONES

Tombstones provide information which may not be readily available elsewhere of three kinds, demographic, industrial and artistic. A record of the inscriptions would provide information about length of life, mortality, size of family &c. Then the tombstones sometimes also bear the engraver's name and a listing of such names would provide information about the gravestone industry. Thirdly, rubbings of the tombstone tracery would provide a record of skill and taste while a note of the poetic inscriptions would cast light on the literary skills and sensibility of the age in which they were made. Like the milestones, a tombstone record should contain information about size, shape, material, nature of lettering &c.

EXETER UNIVERSITY EXTRA MURAL DEPARTMENT

BAMPTON. Devon the sea and the land. Charles Hulland and Michael Bouquet. Ten lectures commencing 5th October 7.15 p.m. at the Secondary School.

BARNSTAPLE. The Neolithic and Bronze Age in Britain. Henrietta Miles. Ten lectures commencing 6th October 7.15 p.m. at the Chaddiford Lane Further Education Centre.

CHERITON FITZPAINE. Local History. R. R. Sellman. Ten lectures commencing 30th September 7.30 p.m. at the Primary School.

DAWLISH. The study of Local History. Robin Stanes. Six lectures commencing 20th October (fortnightly)

EXETER. Industrial Archaeology Methods and approach. Chairman. Professor Walter Minchinton. Six monthly meetings 29th September, 27th October 24th November 12th January 10th February 10th March 7.30 p.m. Gandy Street. British Prehistoric Archaeology, Mesolithic and Iron Age. Mrs. Henrietta Miles. Twenty lectures commencing 7th October at Gandy Street 7.30 p.m.

EXMOUTH. Exmouth History, part two. Robin Stanes. Twenty meetings commencing 30th September at the Exeter Road, Primary School. 7.30 p.m. Prehistory of Wessex. Mrs M. Fowler. Twenty lectures commencing 29th September at Rolle College at 7.15 p.m.

MANATON. Devonshire History. Robin Stanes. Ten lectures commencing 9th October (fortnightly) in the Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

SOUTH MOLTON. Folklore, with special reference to the West Country. Miss Theo Brown. Twenty lectures commencing 5th October at the South Molton Community College at 7.30 p.m.

PLYMOUTH (Swarthmore Settlement) An Introduction to British Archaeology. James Barber. Twenty lectures commencing 6th October at the Swarthmore Settlement, Mutley Plain at 7.30 p.m.

TIVERTON. Some aspects of Local History. Charles Hulland. Ten lectures commencing 2nd October at the East Devon Technical College at 7 p.m.

BROADHEMPSTON. Broadhempston History, pt. 3. Robin Stanes. Ten meetings commencing 16th October (fortnightly) at the Primary School at 7.30 p.m.

LYNTON. The Archaeology and Prehistory of the Lynton area. Charles Whybrow. One day School on 7th November 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. at the Lynton Primary School.

WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT. Industrial Archaeology. John Perkins. Twenty meetings commencing 6th October at 7.30 p.m. at 1 Portland Square, Plymouth. From Plymouth to Adventure. H. B. Jones. Twelve meetings commencing 1st October at 7.30 p.m. at 1 Portland Square, Plymouth.

Plymouth in History - Districts of the City. Crispin Gill. Commencing 2.30 p.m. Thursdays 5th November, 21st January, 25th March, 20th May in the YWCA lounge Lockyer Street, Plymouth.

Antiques, and some Westcountry Manor Houses of their times. E. Harris and J. Thorpe. Commencing 2.30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays 8th October, 3rd November, 10th December, 26th January, 25th February, 23rd March, 22nd April, 18th May at The Athenaeum, Derry's Cross, Plymouth.

WEST DEVON. Industrial Archaeology of the West Country. John Perkins. Ten weekly meetings commencing 13th January at Tavistock Community College at 7.30 p.m.

Dartmoor National Park and its Archaeology. C.E.B. Dixon. Ten weekly meetings commencing 22nd September at 7.30 p.m. at the Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy.

Walkhampton; an excursion into Local History. L. Govier. Sixteen weekly meetings commencing 2nd October at Lady Modifords Primary School, Walkhampton.

EXETER DISTRICT. Aspects of the History of Exeter. Mary Pepper. Twenty weekly meetings commencing 29th September at 7.30 p.m. at the University Building, Gandy Street, Exeter.

MID DEVON DISTRICT. NEWTON ABBOT. Industrial Archaeology of the West Country. John Perkins. Twenty lectures commencing Thursday 1st October at 7.30 p.m. at Newton Abbot Grammar School.

SHALDON. Dartmoor. T. W. Smith. Ten lectures commencing 2nd October at 7 p.m. at Shaldon Primary School.

TEIGNMOUTH (for Teignmouth Townswomens Guild). Exploring Dartmoor. F. H. Starkey. Seven monthly meetings commencing 23rd September at 2.30 p.m. at St. James Parish Hall, Exeter Road.

Devon Archaeology. Mrs A. Styles. Ten fortnightly lectures commencing 6th October at West Lawn Secondary School at 7.30 p.m.

BOVEY TRACEY. Exploring Dartmoor. F. H. Starkey. Ten meetings commencing 28th September at Bovey Tracey Primary School.

DAWLISH. Dartmoor. T. W. Smith. Ten lectures commencing 5th October at 7.30 p.m. at the Carey Room, Congregational Church Hall.

ILSINGTON. Devon Archaeology. Mrs A. Styles. Ten fortnightly lectures commencing 16th October at 7.30 p.m. at Ilsington Primary School.

BRIXHAM. Aspects of South Western History. J. Perkins. Seven monthly lectures commencing 3rd September at 10.30 a.m. at the Court Hall.

PAIGNTON. Aspects of South Western History. John Perkins. Commencing 1st October at 2.30 p.m. at Forthfield Methodist Church, Cecil Road.

TORQUAY. Local History Studies. Robin Stanes. Ten fortnightly meetings commencing 3rd November at 7.30 p.m. at South Devon Technical College.

COMBE IN TEIGNHEAD. Local History Studies. Robin Stanes. Six weekly meetings commencing 8th September at 7 p.m. (omitting September 15th) at the old School Room.

NORTH DEVON, SOUTH MOLTON. North Devon's Maritime Past. Miss A. E. Grant. Five fortnightly meetings from 7 p.m. Wednesday 7th October at South Molton Community College.

BRATTON FLEMING. Devon Parish History. G. Ridge. Five weekly meetings from 7.30 p.m. Friday 2nd October.

TIVERTON. Dartmoor. T. W. Smith. Ten weekly meetings from 2.30 p.m. Wednesday 30th September at the Heathcote Hall.

MONKLEIGH. The Social History of a Devon Village. G. Ridge. Ten weekly meetings from 7.30 p.m. Thursday 1st October at Monkleigh C.P. School.

DEVONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

PAROCHIAL HISTORY SECTION at 7 The Close, Exeter at 2.15 p.m.

Monday 12th October. Widecombe in the Moor - a Parochial Jigsaw. Mrs I.M. Woods

Monday 9th November. Mediaeval Rural Settlement in Devon. Miss A. Hamlin.

Monday 14th December. Speaker from the Devon Record Office.

FOLKLORE SECTION at 7 The Close, Exeter at 2.15 p.m.

Monday 19th October. Worts and Wort cunning. Professor G. E. Trease.

EAST DEVON BRANCH at the Manor Pavilion, Sidmouth at 3 p.m.

Friday 15th January, 1971. Salcombe Regis. R. E. Wilson.

Friday 12th February, 1971. Sidmouth in the past. E. E. Whetton.

EXETER BRANCH at the University Building, Gandy Street, Exeter at 5.15 p.m.

Tuesday 20th October. Dean William Buckland 1684-1756. Patrick Boylan.

Tuesday 24th November. The History of Exeter Silversmiths. Dr. R. C. Blackie.

PLYMOUTH BRANCH. Wednesday 11th November. The South Devon Railway and Thomas Gill. G. H. Anthony at the Athenaeum Plymouth at 7.30 p.m.

AXE VALLEY BRANCH. All at 2.30 p.m. at Colyton Town Hall.

Tuesday 10th November. Historical Houses in the South West and their families. R. F. Delderfield.

Saturday 5th December. The History of Devon Farming. Robin Stanes.

Wednesday 3rd February. Roman settlement in East Devon. The 1969 Excavation at Honeyditches, Seaton. Henrietta Miles.

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY SECTION

Wednesday 11th November. As for the Plymouth Branch.

Saturday 14th November. Reports and discussions of members work.

SOUTH HAMS BRANCH

Friday 13th November. Mines and Mining in the South West. R. Welch, at the Manor House, Kingsbridge at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 16th January, 1971. Devon Folklore. Miss T. Brown at Charleton Village Hall at 3 p.m.

Saturday 13th February, 1971. Church Bells in Devon. Rev. J. Scott at Charleton Village Hall at 3 p.m.

EXMOUTH HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Friday 9th October. Monumental Brasses and their place in History. Father J. Pack.

Thursday 12th November. History from the air. Air Commodore Wright.

Thursday 11th February, 1971. Mediaeval Exmouth. Robin Bush

MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

This winter's work will consist of

1. The completion and publication of the History of Modbury.
2. Demographic Survey of Modbury.
3. Recording photographically and otherwise the buildings of Modbury.

For the time and place of meeting consult Secretary.

RAILWAY AND CANAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY Devon and Cornwall Group
Saturday 10th October. Field Trip to the Rolle Canal.
Saturday 14th November. Railway Bus Services of the South West. R.C. Anderson.
Saturday 13th March, 1971. James Green as Canal Engineer. Charles Hadfield.
Summer 1971 Field Trip to Haytor Tramroad.
Lectures at the Board Room, YMCA, Plymouth.
NB. New Secretary M. J. Messenger, Bank House, 150 High Street, Ilfracombe.

FRIENDS OF FAIRLINCH, The Masonic Hall, Budleigh Salterton at 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 15th October. Dartmoor. F. H. Starkey.
Tuesday 10th November. Woodbury. Miss E. M. Shears.

PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT FIELD CLUB, The Athenaeum, Plymouth.
Wednesday 17th February, 1971. Devon Great Consols Mine. D. Curry.

TOTNES MUSEUM SOCIETY
Monday 5th October. Devonshire Dialect Readings. Mrs D. Holwill.
Monday 2nd November. Morwellham. J. H. Butterfield.

THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
NORTH DEVON BRANCH
Thursday 24th September. North Devon Sailing ships of the 19th Century.
Miss A. Grant.
Wednesday 10th February, 1971. Mines of Exmoor. C. Thornton.
Thursday 11th March, 1971. The Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell. Professor
I. Roots.
All meetings at the Athenaeum, Barnstaple at 7.30 p.m. (Visitors 2/-)

EXETER BRANCH
Friday March 19th, 1971. English Market Towns. Professor A. M. Everitt at
the University Building, Gandy Street, Exeter at 8 p.m.

NORTH DEVON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Monday 9th November. Marine Archaeology in Great Britain. Lt. Cdr. Bax R.N.
at South Molton Community College at 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 10th February, 1971. The Mines of Exmoor. C. Thornton at the
Athenaeum, Barnstaple at 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 9th March, 1971. Archaeology and the Landscape; Bulcombe and
Congressbury 1966 - 1970. P. J. Fowler at Chaddiford Lane F.E. Centre.
New Address of Secretary Mrs Arkle, Treetops, Northdown Road, Bideford.

EXETER INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
Tuesday 22nd September. Members evening at University Buildings, Gandy Street,
Exeter at 7.30 p.m.

TORQUAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY, at the Museum, Torquay.
Tuesday 3rd November. South Devon Fisheries. John Horsley at 11 a.m.
Wednesday 4th November. Westcountry water mills: their industrial archaeology.
John Perkins at 2.45 p.m.
Monday 9th November. Devon Colonizers. The Misses Hamblin.
Tuesday 1st December. The development of the English Castle. E. T. Vacheil at
11 a.m.
Wednesday 2nd December. Medieval Rural Settlement in the S.W. - the post
Conquest period. Miss A. E. Hamlin at 2.45 p.m.

Tasks for Devon Historians

7. FAMILY PORTRAITS

For some years the national Standing Conference for Local History has encouraged the preservation of portraits and related pictures which owe their interest to their association with local families. The idea for a listing of family portraits came from Devon but so far very little has been done about it. In Lincolnshire a family portrait survey has been organised and a similar survey ought now to be undertaken in Devon. Copies of the report form can be obtained from the Secretary.

This list provides an indication of some of the projects which members of the Standing Conference for Devon History might undertake either on an individual or group basis. The Secretary would be glad to hear from anyone who would like to help with any of these projects. A future number of the DEVON HISTORIAN will report progress.

If any member has any suggestions for other co-operative tasks for Devon historians, perhaps he or she would let the Secretary know, giving some indication of the nature and scope of the project. Help for any such tasks could then be canvassed in future issues of our journal.

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETIES

What follows is a list of organisations and societies concerned in whole or in part with Local History. The compiler is well aware that the list may be both inaccurate and incomplete and would welcome additions and corrections. As a general rule the societies hold winter meetings and make visits in the summer. The educational organisations arrange courses mostly in the winter. Museum and Civic societies that do not hold meetings on Local History Subjects have not been included for reasons of space.

DEVON AND CORNWALL NOTES AND QUERIES. Secretary: N. A. Annett, Withy Close, Tiverton. Subscription 1 gn. Publishes a triannual magazine devoted to short notes and articles mainly concerned with Local History and genealogy. Current Volume 31 Part 6.

DEVON AND CORNWALL RECORD SOCIETY. Secretary: R. A. Erskine, 7 The Close, Exeter. Subscription 1 gn. Prints otherwise unpublished records relating to the two counties. Latest volume 15 (New Series) 'Churchwardens Accounts of Ashburton 1479-1580'. Free to members.

DEVON AND EXETER INSTITUTION. Secretary: Miss Lancaster, 7 The Close, Exeter. Owns and runs Library and Reading rooms.

DEVONSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Secretary: C. E. Hicks, 7 The Close, Exeter. Subscription 2 gns. Founded 1860. Holds annual meetings in June in different towns in the County when papers are read and excursions made. Publication: 'Transaction of the Devonshire Association'. Current volume 101. Contains a vast amount of local historical material of considerable value. Free to members. There are eleven branches in different parts of the County which hold meetings and make excursions some of which will be of interest to the Local Historian. Names and addresses of branch secretaries will be found under 'Forthcoming Events'. There are also six sections devoted to particular subjects, three of which are relevant here.

PAROCHIAL HISTORY SECTION. Secretary: Mrs. W. Woodham, Silverdene, Manstone Lane, Sidmouth. This meets on the first Monday of the month at 7 The Close, Exeter. Exclusively concerned with local history.

FOLK LORE SECTION. Secretary: Mrs. Anne Church, Cross Hill, Sampford Peverell, Tiverton. Meets four times a year at 7 The Close, Exeter.

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY SECTION. Secretary: R. M. L. Cook, 18 Margaret Park, Plymouth PL3 5RR. The newest offspring of the Devonshire Association.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Exeter Branch Secretary: D. G. O. Talbot, St. Lukes College, Exeter.
Torbay Branch Secretary: A. E. Hall, 15 Laurel Lane, Ringmore, Shaldon, Teignmouth.

Plymouth Branch Secretary: C. Woodman, 2 Home Park Avenue, Peverell, Plymouth.

North Devon Branch Secretary: S. A. Lloyd, 29 Daneshay, Northam, Bideford.
All these branches have occasional lectures on Local History.

ADULT EDUCATION CENTRES

There may be courses in Local History at Dartington's Devon Centre, at Beaford, and at Swarthmore Centre, Plymouth. Dartington generally devote the first week in July to this subject.

EXETER UNIVERSITY, EXTRA MURAL DEPARTMENT. Director: Prof. T. F. Daveney, Gandy Street, Exeter.
Tutor in the South Hams: R. Pim, Herondyke, West Charleton, Kingsbridge.

WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION. South Western District.
Secretary: A. Maddison, 1 Portland Square, Plymouth.
Local Organising Tutor: C. A. Tucker, 328 Totnes Road, Collaton, Paignton.
H. B. Williams, 5 Bourne Road, Kingskerswell.
J. Perkins, 1 Portland Square, Plymouth.

BRIXHAM MUSEUM AND HISTORY SOCIETY. Secretary: W. A. Saxton, Town Hall, Brixham.

DAWLISH MUSEUM SOCIETY, The Knowle, Dawlish.

DUNKESWELL ABBEY PRESERVATION FUND. Secretary: Miss G. M. Parker, Abbey Cottage, Dunkeswell Abbey, Honiton.
Concerned with the history of the Abbey as well as its preservation.
Publication 'A short history of Dunkeswell Abbey'

EXMOUTH HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Secretary: Mrs Anderson, 18 High View Gardens, Exmouth. Subscription £1. 10s.

EXMOOR SOCIETY. Secretary: Col. R. F. Parker, Nibbs, Washfield, Tiverton.
Publishes 'the Exmoor Review' and a Newsletter. Current issue No. 11.
Subscription 10/-

FRIENDS OF FAIRLINCH. (Budleigh Salterton Museum) Secretary: Mrs Evison, Fairlinch, Budleigh Salterton. Subscription 5/-

LUNDY FIELD SOCIETY. Secretary: A. F. Langham, 1 Furzefield Road, Reigate, Surrey. Subscription 30/-
Publishes annual Report and Articles.

MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY. Secretary: B. M. P. James, Old Farm, Shearlangstone, Modbury. Subscription £1

MORETONHAMPSTEAD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY. Secretary: Mrs Leadbetter, 1 Jubilee Cottages, Moretonhampstead.

NORTH DEVON ATHENAEUM. Secretary: G. A. Morris, The Square, Barnstaple.
Owns and runs the Library and Museum.

PERLYCROSS SOCIETY. Uffculme.
Interested in the works of R. D. Blackmore and the countryside around Uffculme.

OLD PLYMOUTH SOCIETY. Secretary: Stanley Goodman, 1 Alton Road, Plymouth. Subscription 5/-
Publishes booklets on Plymouth buildings.

PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT FIELD CLUB. Secretaries: Mr and Mrs R. R. Pymm, 31 Widey Lane, Crownhill, Plymouth. Subscription 8/-
Publication 'Exploring the countryside around Plymouth'

PLYMOUTH AND EXETER BRANCH of the Wesley Historical Society.
Secretary: Mrs John Lawson, Highfield, Exwick Road, Exeter.
Subscription 10/-
Publishes proceedings. Volume 2. No.4

PLYMOUTH BRANCH OF THE CANALS AND RAILWAYS SOCIETY.
Secretary: R. J. Taylor, 32 Honicknowle Lane, Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH ATHENAEUM AND INSTITUTION. Secretary: J. W. Dawe, Derry's Cross, Plymouth. Subscription £2. 12. 6.
Founded 1812. Publishes proceedings. Owns and runs Library and reading rooms, etc.

PLYMOUTH BARBICAN ASSOCIATION LTD. Offshoot of the Old Plymouth Society.
Owns and manages a number of old houses in Plymouth otherwise in danger of demolition.

PLYMOUTH MINERAL AND MINING CLUB. Secretary: O. Baker, The Central Library, Plymouth.

TEIGN NATURALISTS FIELD CLUB. Secretaries: Mr and Mrs Harrison, 35 Bishops Avenue, Bishopsteignton.
Founded 1858. Restricted membership. Despite its name, makes visits in the summer to places of historical interest. Proceedings published up to 1961.

TORQUAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY. Secretary: R. H. Rooke, The Museum, Torquay.
Founded 1844. Owns and runs Torquay Museum. 'Publication' 'Transactions of the Torquay Natural History Society.' Current volume 1968-69 XC Part 3.
Contain much local material of interest.

TOTNES MUSEUM SOCIETY. Secretaries: Miss P. Bell and Miss Robbins, The Museum, Fore Street, Totnes. Subscription 10/-

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

DEVON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Secretary: John Bosanko, Clystlands, Heavitree Road, Exeter. Subscription £1
Publishes proceedings. Current number No. 27, 1969. Founded 1929.

NORTH DEVON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Secretary: Mrs Arkle, Treetops, Normdown Road, Bideford.

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY

EXETER INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP. Secretary: Mrs Entwistle, 5 Elmgrove Road, Totnes. Subscription 10/-

DEVON TRACTION ENGINE SOCIETY. c/o Messrs. Murch and Sons, Umberleigh, North Devon.

TEACHING GROUPS

NORTH DEVON HISTORY TEACHING GROUP. Secretary: Mrs Hart, Edgehill College, Bideford.

SOUTH WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF HISTORY TEACHERS. Various local secretaries. Editor of magazine C. A. Spivey, Hele School, Exeter.

DEVON LIBRARIES

BARNSTAPLE, North Devon Athenaeum, The Square, Barnstaple. 'Phone: 2174.
Librarian: G. A. Morris. Open: Mon. to Sat., 10 am - 1 pm, 2 - 6 pm
(not Sat. aft.).

Books and manuscripts on local history, geography, geology, biology, classical literature, topography and travel.

BIDEFORD Library, Municipal Buildings, Bideford. 'Phone 2486.
Librarian: L. G. Firmin, ALA. Open: Mon. to Fri. 9.30 am. - 7 pm.
Sat. 9.30 am. - 1 pm.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, St. Mary's Abbey Library, Buckfast. 'Phone: 3301.
Librarian: Dom Gabriel Arnold, OSB, MA. Open: on application to the
librarian.

Special collections: Devon collection, Roman Catholic theology, monasticism.

DARTMOUTH, Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. 'Phone 2141, ext. 328.
Librarian: Graham White, FLA. Open: 24 hours a day during term time but
only staffed Mon. to Fri. 8.30 am - 5 pm; Sat. 8.30 - 11.30 am.
General stock specialising in science and naval history.

EXETER, Devon County Library, Barley House, Isleworth Road, St. Thomas,
Exeter EX4 1RQ. 'Phone: 74142. Librarian: Edward J. Coombe, FLA.
Reference and Local History Librarian: Mr K. Hunt, FLA. Open: Mon. to
Fri. 9 am - 5.30 pm; Sat. 9 - 12 am.

BRANCHES

APPLEDORE,
Working Man's Club,
The Quay.

ASHBURTON,
Old Grammar School

BARNSTAPLE,
The Square. 'Phone: 2813.

BOVEY TRACEY,
Abbey Road.

BRAUNTON,
Chaloner's Road.

BUCKFASTLEIGH,
Town Hall,
Bassell Road.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON,
Station Road. 'Phone: 3245.

CHAGFORD,
Jubilee Hall;

CHUDLEIGH,
11 Fore Street.

COLYTON,
High Street.

COMBE MARTIN,
Church Hall.

CREDITON,
37 High Street. 'Phone: 2578.

CULLOMPTON,
33 High Street.

DARTMOUTH,
Newcomen Road. 'Phone: 2502

DAWLISH,
2 Old Town Street. 'Phone: 2529.

EXMOUTH,
Exeter Road. 'Phone: 2677.

GREAT TORRINGTON,
The Square. 'Phone: 2107.

HOLSWORTHY,
North Road. 'Phone: 514.

HONITON,
Dowell Street. 'Phone: 2818.

ILFRACOMBE,
Brookfield Place. 'Phone: 2388.

IVYBRIDGE,
1 Exeter Road,

KINGSBRIDGE,
Town Hall. 'Phone: 2315.

KINGSKERSWELL,
1 Newton Road.

KINGSTEIGNTON,
Newton Road.

LYNTON,
Town Hall.

MORETONHAMPSTEAD,
Bowring Library,
Fore Street. 'Phone: 523.

NORTHAM,
Fore Street,
'Phone: Bideford 5111.

OKEHAMPTON,
Red Lion Yard,
Fore Street. 'Phone: 2805.

OTTERY ST. MARY,
Old Town Hall.

PRINCETOWN,
Clarmont House.

SALCOMBE,
Cliff House

SEATON,
Esplanade.

SIDMOUTH,
Blackmore Drive. 'Phone: 2192.

SOUTH MOLTON,
1 East Street. 'Phone: 2128.

SHALDON,
50a Fore Street.

STOKE FLEMING,
Parish Hall.

TAVISTOCK,
Bedford Street. 'Phone: 2218.

TEIGNMOUTH,
Dawlish Street. 'Phone: 4646.

TIVERTON,
War Memorial Library.
'Phone: 2937.

TOTNES,
4 The Plains. 'Phone: 2210.

Special collections: Devon collection (including microfilms, illustrations, Devon fiction), playsets, music (including sets), agriculture (including veterinary science and all Herd books), naval history, bibliography, philosophy, physics, American and English poetry and drama, Shakespeare, North American and Caribbean history, runs of 'Gentleman's Magazine', 'Illustrated London News' (1842); 'Naval Chronicle' (1799), Navy Records Society, Dorset and Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Societies Proceedings etc.

EXETER Cathedral Library, Bishop's Palace, Exeter. 'Phone: 72894.
Librarian: Miss Jean Packer. Archivist: Mrs A. M. Erskine. Open: Mon.
to Fri. 2 - 5 pm.

Special collections: The 'Exeter Book' of Anglo-Saxon poems, Exeter Domesday book, medieval and early modern manuscripts and printed books including medical works.

EXETER City Library, Castle Street, Exeter EX4 3PQ. 'Phone: 73047.
Librarian: Mr N. S. E. Pugsley, FLA. Local Librarian: Mr G. J. Paley, ALA.
Open: Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. 10 am - 8 pm; Wed. 10 am - 6 pm; Sat. 9.30 am - 6 pm.

Special collections: West Country Library containing books, periodicals, maps and prints relating to Exeter, Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Somerset and the Channel Islands.

EXETER Devon and Exeter Institution, 7 The Close, Exeter. 'Phone: 74727.
Librarian: Miss J. Lancaster. Open: 9 am - 5 pm.
Special collections: local history and local newspapers, 1813 - 1900.

EXETER University Library, Prince of Wales Road, Exeter EX4 4PT.
'Phone: 77911, ext. 300. Librarian: Mr L. J. Lloyd, FRSL, FSA. Open: Mon. to Fri. 9 am - 10 pm in term time; 9 am - 5 pm in vacation; Sat. 9 - 12 am.
Special collections: Crediton and Totnes parish libraries, Doddridge collection (books and manuscripts), Constable map collection (16th and 17th century local).

NEWTON ABBOT Public Library, Bank Street, Newton Abbot. 'Phone: 5451.
Librarian: Mrs Lilian Ridler. Open: daily except Thurs. 9 am - 6 pm.
Special collections: local.

PLYMOUTH Public Library, Drake Circus, Plymouth PL4 8AL. 'Phone: 68000.
Librarian: Mr W. Best Harris, FLA. Local History Librarian: Mrs M. Beckford, ALA. Open: Mon. Tues. Thurs. Sat. 9.30 am - 6 pm; Wed. 9.30 am - 1 pm; Fri. 9.30 am - 8 pm; Reference, Local History and Naval History Libraries, weekdays 9 am - 9 pm.

BRANCHES

CROWNHILL,
Tavistock Road,
'Phone: 68000, ext. 5040

DEVONPORT,
Duke Street, 'Phone: 51405.

EFFORD,
Efford Lane. 'Phone: 73100.

ERNESETTLE,
Biggin Hill,
'Phone: 68000, ext. 6003.

HAM,
Ham House.
'Phone: 68000, ext. 6019.

LAIRA,
240 Old Laira Road.
'Phone: 65737.

NORTH PROSPECT,
Wolseley Road.
'Phone: 68000, ext. 4047.

PLYMPTON,
Harewood House, Ridgeway,
Plympton. 'Phone: 37867.

PLYMSTOCK,
Horn Cross Road,
Plymstock. 'Phone: 42736.

POUNDS HOUSE,
Peverell.
'Phone: 68000, ext. 4078.

Special collections: Local Plymouth, Devon and Cornwall, music and drama, Mount Wise naval history library, ornithology, travel and exploration, Holcenberg Foundation (judaism), Lawrence Ball Memorial Trust (religion, evangelism), 'Technical information service', archives: official corporation records and large private collections

TORQUAY, Torbay Public Library, Lymington Road, Torquay. 'Phone: 25211.
Librarian: Local librarian: Mr M. Dowdell, ALA.
Open: weekdays 10 am - 7 pm.

BRANCHES

BRIXHAM, PAIGNTON,
Market Street. 'Phone: 3870. Courtland Road. 'Phone: 57120.
Special collections: Devon and Cornwall Collection; Moyses Collection (linguistics and literature); hotels and catering section.

TOTNES Borough Museum, The Elizabethan House, 70 Fore Street, Totnes.
'Phone: 3452. Custodians: Miss Jean A. Bell, Mrs M. Wade. Open: Mon. to Sat. from April to Sept. 10.30 am - 1 pm, 2 - 5.30 pm. Admission: 6d (children 3d).
Local reference library.

Branches of the Devonshire Association. (Names and addresses of Secretaries)

Axe Valley. G. DuPontet, Hedgend Barton, Honiton.	✓
Bideford. Mrs. B. Jenkyn, Little Meadow, Limers Lane, Northam	✓
East Devon. R. W. Clarkson, Buckley House, Sidbury.	✓
Exeter. J. Fletcher, Oldway House, Newton St. Cyres, Exeter.	✓
Newton Abbot. J. E. Clarke, Vicarage Bench, Knowle Close, Ashburton.	✓
North Devon. Mrs. N. G. Whitlock, Stone Cottage, High Bickington, Umberleigh.	✓
Plymouth. Mrs. M. Beckford, 106 Wolseley Road, Swilly, Plymouth.	✓
South Hams. Miss B. Eccles, 10 Kingsley Road, Kingsbridge.	✓
Tavistock. E. V. Kingdon, The Leaze, Kilworthy Hill, Tavistock.	✓
Tiverton. Miss D. Physick, Barnscroft, Blundells Road, Tiverton.	✓
Torbay. Miss N. E. Collings, 4 Primley Park East, Paignton.	✓

LOCAL HISTORY COURSES LECTURES AND CONFERENCES 1970/71

Saturday, November 7th

'LOCAL HISTORY AND EMIGRATION' at the Scott Theatre, City Library
Drake Circus, Plymouth. Speaker Dr. John Rowe. (Organised by the
Standing Conference of Devon History. Enquiries to the Secretary).

Friday, December 18th - Sunday, December 20th

Weekend School in Mediaeval Archaeology.
Theme 'THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF MEDIAEVAL TOWNS'
David Hill, Southampton University 'Towns of the Burghal Hidage'
Derek Keene 'Winchester'
James Barber 'Plymouth'
M. Ponsford 'Bristol'
Henrietta Miles 'Smaller S.W. Towns' and 'Mediaeval Exeter'
Further Details from Exeter University Extra Mural Dept., Gandy Street,
Exeter

Monday, March 29th - Thursday, April 1st

EXETER FOLKLORE COLLOQUIUM (Exeter University History Dept.
in conjunction with the Folklore Society of London)
Theme 'OTHER WORLD JOURNEYS'
Further Details from Miss T. Brown, Exeter University History Dept.

RECENT EXETER UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS

Exeter and its Region edited by Frank Barlow, 1969. 50/-
The Maritime History of Devon by M. Oppenheim, 1968. 42/-
Tuckers Hall Exeter by Joyce Younga, 1968. 35/-
Industry, Trade and People in Exeter, 1688-1800 by W. G. Hoskins,
1968. 35/-
The South West and the Sea edited by H. E. S. Fisher, 1968. 7/6
The South West and the Land edited by M. A. Havinden, 1970. 7/6
Available from:
The Registry, University of Exeter, The Queen's Drive, Exeter EX4 4QJ

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