

Notes by Barry and Linda Oliver on proof reading and editing

Whilst working on the proof-reading of the originals and the reformatting of the electronic text as it was at the time, various aspects of the original text were addressed and updated. This was primarily to "consolidate" the text and make it as consistent as possible.

Examples of how text was changed are listed below. A full list is contained in a separate spreadsheet.

1. Where obvious, county abbreviations (e.g Lancs, Lincs) have been expanded to Lancashire, Lincolnshire etc.
Where counties bear the same names as towns, ie Hereford, Hertford etc, these have also had "shire" added.
Other counties, ie Norfolk, Suffolk, Somerset have been left as input.
2. Abbreviations such as Rev., Rt. Rev., Hon., Rt. Hon. & Bart. we have left, but "tidied up" to reflect the formats shown.
3. We have tried to "standardise" on dates. Where dates given refer to birth or death, we have tried to enclose these in brackets (), but where the date just refers to an event during the lifetime of the subject, we have left them without brackets.
4. We have removed text "No other details given". This text occurs where the named person seems to be of a general area - ie. "of Surrey".
5. Where French words have been used in the text, we have tried to replicate the correct accents. There are a lot of these words that have been "anglicised" in some of the original text, ie fitché / fitchy. There are some entries that refer to Greek text. These have been entered as near as possible to the original, using the Greek font available.
6. Entries from in the "addenda" section have been inserted into the main text as appropriate. These entries are identified by having the name underlined.
7. We have moved entries to where it is now commonly felt that they should go. Hyphenated names are "filed" under the first part of the name, rather than the second (as in most cases in the originals). There are a few "odd" entries where names have changed over the years. For the most part we have left these under the OLDEST name.
8. Where we have added text, we have done so in { }. For example (under Barclay), the original said just "2nd of Urie" - we have added the text "{Laird}". We have, where necessary, added our own comments within these brackets.
9. Place-name spellings, such as Oxsted, Ashstead, Pirford, have been corrected to the modern version. Also, in an attempt to preserve the convention that place-names outside Surrey have the County attached, where counties are obviously missing, they have been added, but in {}.

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10. The "M" section, with all the Mc, Mac entries has been "ordered" as though all entries start MAC, regardless of the actual way in which the names are spelt.

11. It is recommended that ANY entry referring to a "major" publication, ie Burke's, is checked in the latest version of that publication. For example, because the latest version of Burke's Peerage used was 105 (1970), there will be, quite logically, a lot of information contained in the subsequent versions of BP in 1978 and 1999 that is not in this document. At one point, we did consider trying to use these later versions to update this document, but that would have been a very time-consuming task.

There are a number of "singular" references which have been left as written, but we also found a number of repeated references for which we have generated the following abbreviations. There was no indication in the manuscript for these, we have used various research tools to generate them.

BBE	Not found yet - could it be a confusion with BEB? "BEB" seems to only occur twice in the complete text - Janssen and Lade.
EXH	This would appear to refer to text generated by C R Huddleston. Various referred to in the text as "ex-Inf C R Huddleston" or similar.
EXS Richmond"	Referred to in the text as "Ex. Inf Miss Rosemary Sealey of Richmond"
FD nnnn dated volumes of	We have assumed that these are references to the individually Fox-Davies' Armorial Families (see terms used by Field above).
FMG	First appears under LEE post LEE-MAINWARING. We do not know what this reference is, and we have not found any other reference to it.
Her. And Gen.	Abbreviated to HG.
Manning and Bray	Abbreviated to MB.
OBA Papworth 1977.	Ordinary of British Armorial. First Published 1874, revised Reference made to Papworth and OBA in the text. Title found in Heraldry textbook.
SVyyyy with this, in brackets.	We have replaced the text "at the Surrey Visitation (+the year)" with this, in brackets.
Top. And Gen.	Abbreviated to TG.

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In addition, a number of "reference" lists have been compiled:-

Memorials	Showing where memorial texts have been taken from
Sources	Listing which periodicals / collections have supplied text.
	These cover
	Surrey Archaeological Collection (SAC)
	The Herald and Genealogist (HG)
	The Topographer and Genealogist (TG)

This was initially done so that, if any further work was required, we would know where to start!

Once the complete document had been checked (April 2012), we realised that references for the SAC had only been done as far as Volume 33. Looking at these publications, it became obvious that the main set of references for Coats of Arms had been within Volumes 25 -33 as a specific set of entries.

At this point, we did look at the possibility of updating the original text with any later references within the SAC publications. We discovered that, starting from Volume 48, a series of articles entitled "Coat of Arms in Surrey Churches" were published. However, by Volume 61, only 5 "parts" of this sequence had been published and the sequence had only reached Beddington. This appears to have been the last in the series of these articles. Whether the original manuscripts for this series still exists within the SAC is unknown.