

The Bookworm

Norfolk Books: A Recent Donation to the Brian O'Regan Memorial Library

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The Brian O'Regan Library thrives on donations. As you know, the foundation of our book collection was the donation of books by both Brian O'Regan and Jack Moody. These books have all been catalogued and shelved and are waiting for you to use them. Over 1300 books, 134 journals and 30 CDROMs are available for research in our library. They cover a wide range of subjects—genealogy handbooks, history, atlases and maps, transcriptions of parish records, lists of immigrants, census records, directories and more. A recent donation is a series dealing with the county of Norfolk in England. The books were prepared and published under the auspices of the Norfolk and Norwich Genealogical Society.

Norfolk Pedigrees: Part Four and **Norfolk Pedigrees: Part Five**. Everyone would be delighted to find a pedigree already prepared and you might find yours in one of these two books. They are a selection of pedigrees drawn from all walks of life and contributed by members of the Norfolk and Norwich Genealogy Society.

Rosary Cemetery: Monumental Inscriptions 1819-1986 and Burials 1821-1837. Rosary Cemetery was the first private cemetery in England and was established on the outskirts of Norwich in 1819. Burial records from 1821 to 1837 and monumental inscriptions from 1819 to 1986 have been transcribed and indexed.

The Parish Registers of Diss 1551-1837. This transcription of the 19 parish registers of the town of Diss, on the southern borders of the county of Norfolk, is considered to be the largest work of this nature ever undertaken in Norfolk. It is estimated that there are over 30,000 entries of baptisms, marriages and burials.

Norwich Archdeaconry Marriage Licence Bonds 1813-1837 and **Norfolk Archdeaconry Marriage Licence Bonds 1813-1837**. Most marriages took place after the calling of banns but a small number were by licence. Licences were issued if the parties to the marriage lived in different ecclesiastical districts or if one or both were under 21. Indexes of names, of places and of occupations are included. Norwich Archdeaconry includes the major towns of King's Lynn and Yarmouth as well as Norwich. Norfolk Archdeaconry covers the rest of the county.

Norfolk and Norwich Hearth Tax Assessment: Lady Day 1666. The Hearth Tax was granted to the Crown in 1662 as a source of perpetual revenue. It may be of use in locating an ancestor or in assessing his wealth. Coverage is not complete.

An Index to Norwich City Officers 1453-1835. Some men held a variety of offices in the City of Norwich. Thomas Abbott is the first entry in the index. He held the office of constable in 1462, councillor from 1463 to 1465, chamberlain's council 1465, 1468 to 1471, and sword-bearer in 1480.

The East Norfolk Poll and Register 1835. In 1835 the right to vote depended on the ownership of property and on its value. The names of the electors (with their places of abode) are arranged under the parish in which the property, which conferred the Elective Right, was situated.

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