

Midland Ancestors Shop Newsletter – Spring 2019

News

Today is the first day of Spring here in the UK and the sun is out, the sky is blue, the birds are singing, but this is the UK so it will not last.

So, I thought I would celebrate with a huge Spring sale in our online shop, see the special offers section below for details on how to claim the offers, some items are **free**.

Lots has been happening since the last newsletter in December, here are some highlights.

- [Warwickshire County Record Office \(WCRO\) Parish Registers - Downloads](#) - We have now added all parishes to the shop, so you can purchase and browse the original images. We now have 60+ parishes transcribed and indexed or partially indexed. The images were originally scanned by the Latter Day Saints and we have found that they have missed hundreds of pages, we get these pages scanned and will add to the final versions of our downloads, any added pages will be highlighted in the item description. I plan to add missing pages to the shop as separate items by parish, probably next month, as far as I know, no one else has published these missing page images, this may help with that missing ancestor.
- [Birmingham maps c.1888 – Downloads](#) – One of our biggest sellers, very detailed maps, you can download an index from the shop item to determine which map covers the area you want. **On special offer.**

We plan to upgrade the shop software in the next 4-6 weeks, this will be a bug fix exercise, the shop will be off air for 6-8 hours while we update and test the new software, we will let you know when we will be doing this nearer the time.

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Special offers

All Special offers are available at the offer price until 31st May 2019 unless specified otherwise.

Please note that most of the offers below require you to add a coupon code to get the discount. Firstly, add all items you want to your shopping basket, then click on the black shopping basket icon top right of the screen and select View Cart. Click on “Use Coupon Code”, add the coupon code from the list below and click Apply Coupon, the discounts will then be added to your shopping basket and you can go to checkout. If you discover items have not been discounted, please let me know using the “Contact us” at the bottom of the screen and I will fix.

Hope you enjoy all these special offers:

- Get **20%** off maps, physical maps from Alan Godfrey and Cassini, downloads for Birmingham c1888 and WCRO Tithe maps - use coupon code map20 - [See offers here](#)
- Get **30%** off BMSGH/Midland Ancestors own CDs, use coupon code cd30 - [See offers here](#) – This is on top of existing offers so the Monumental Inscriptions Bulk buy special Offer is the cheapest it has ever been, do not miss this one, I doubt this offer will be repeated.
- Get **50%** off Midland Ancestors 2nd hand books, use coupon code usedma – Click on “Used items” on the blue bar at top of screen
- Get **20%** off WCRO Priory books 2nd hand books, use coupon code usedpriory – [See offers here](#)
- Get **100%** off Microfiche **yes Free microfiche**, you just pay postage, use coupon code fiche – Donations are always welcome - Only a few left now - Click on “Microfiche” under each County on the blue bar at top of screen to view what is available. You need a microfiche reader to view microfiche, many libraries have one.

Grab a bargain while stocks last.

My Family History - A ten generation family research record book with pedigree charts



Published by the Family History Partnership, A4, 80 pages, £9.99, **on offer at £8.50**, an ideal present to get someone new started on Family History research. Shop code V517

Stop press – [We now have version 2 available, this includes a check box for the 1939 Register – Shop code V517v2 - £9.99](#)

'My Family Record Book' is an efficient and attractive method of recording and displaying the result of family history research and a handy 'aide memoir' to carry around when researching. The product

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is in two main parts; a ten generation record book and a loose-leaf, two-sided ten generation pedigree chart, plus a system for recording re-marriages and new partnerships.

There have long been several five generation versions available, but the complaint has always been that 'they don't go back far enough'. Hopefully, this publication will resolve that problem. It allows the recording of 256 marriages, 512 ancestors plus offspring's, stretching back to the early 1700's and beyond. All individuals are allocated unique reference numbers to mate entries in the record book with those on the pedigree charts.

New products

See the "Latest" section on the shop homepage for all new items which have been added recently, new items are being added every week. Here is a list of items added in the past three months:

- Most of our CDs are now available as downloads, saves on postage, especially for our overseas customers. There is a bug in the shop software which restricts the size of downloads to 500MB, we are hoping the software upgrade will fix this and we can add all CDs as downloads later in the year
- [Dilhorne All Saints Parish Register Transcripts 1560-1812](#) – Available in Book or Download format
- [The Story of Areley Kings and World War 1, edited by Bill Woods](#)
- [My Family History - A ten generation family research record book with pedigree charts - version 2](#)
- [Hanbury St. Werburgh Parish Register Transcripts - Part 3 - 1813-1900](#) – Book and download - Parts 1 and 2 also available and also Parts 1-3 bulk buy as a download

Situations Vacant

We currently have volunteer vacancies available. If you can spare some time and are interested in any of the roles below or require further information, please get in touch. We also have lots of other roles available, if you have some spare time, please get in touch for a chat.

Contact: Steve Freeman, email steve.freeman@talk21.com, Tel: +44 (0) 1217455403

J003 Warwick County Record Office – Helpdesk

Midland Ancestors run a Family History Helpdesk at WCRO on a Wednesday and now also on a Thursday, we are there to help new family history researchers get started with family history. The helpdesk is open from 11:00 - 14:30 on a Wednesday and Thursday, so if you can spare one or more days a month to help out, please get in touch for more information.

Location: Warwick Record Office Requirements: Family History research experience

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J005 WCRO Transcribers – We urgently require more volunteers

In December 2016, the Midland Ancestors signed an agreement with WCRO to sell their Parish Registers in the Midland Ancestors shop, there are currently 2450+ sets of images from 230+ parishes, so an enormous amount of data.

We urgently need as many volunteers as possible to help transcribe these images, so we can produce indexed data. Volunteers will be provided with a copy of the parish register images and an excel spreadsheet, so they can transcribe names, dates, etc. onto the spreadsheet.

We will initially add the data to the shop without any indexes, so customers can buy a parish register volume, but once we have transcribed the images, we will update the shop item to include an index.

If you are interested in helping, please contact us, we can even let you choose which parish you would like to transcribe, where possible.

Location: Worldwide Requirements: Internet, Excel (we can provide Excel via a cloud service if required, ie for MAC users)

Contact: Kim Walker (Project Manager), email: littlealne@hotmail.com

Feedback

We would welcome your feedback on our shop newsletter, is it too long, too short, is there anything else you would like to know about the shop. Are there products you would like added to the shop?

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