

FOREST OF DEAN TRANSCRIPTION PROJECT

Project progress to date

We have now completed photographing the 1812-1900+ registers of 43 Gloucestershire parishes and have placed everything out for transcription except for 7 registers which I have on fiche. At the last count there were only 41 registers left to complete, and I am hoping that most of these will be done by the end of July. We have also started on both the Non-Conformist and pre-1812 registers and have quite a lot of imagery in stock.

As a number of researchers have expressed an interest in the border parishes we decided to make this our next priority and I am greatly indebted to May Brace for her efforts in getting us access to the Herefordshire records. I had written to the Record Office some weeks ago, but despite a reminder had not received a reply. May rang them up and found that they were happy to produce the original registers for us to photograph, transcribe and publish on the website, provided we could show them that we had the consent of the incumbent Ministers. May then wrote around, got the necessary permissions and found that the Ministers were really quite enthusiastic about the project. Four of us then visited the Record Office in mid-May and photographed a total of 30 registers for the period 1812-1900+.

Our most urgent need now is for more transcribers. After 18 months I am finding that many of the existing volunteers either need a break or are moving on to other things, so if you have some time to spare and would like to participate please let us know.

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