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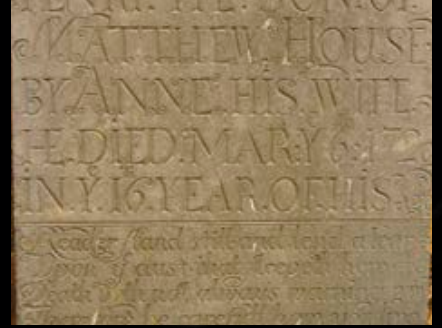
Aptly described as 'the greatest publishing project in English local history', the Victoria County History (VCH) was established in 1899 to publish the history of every village, town and county within England in a series of 'big red books'. In Leicestershire a general volume on the county was published in 1907. Further work was delayed until after the Second World War, and between 1954 and 1964

two more general volumes were published (II and III), together with a volume on Leicester (IV) and the first of six planned volumes on the county's parishes (V Gartree Hundred).

The VCH has a long established reputation for accuracy and scholarship, which is maintained by its central editorial staff at the Institute of Historical Research within the University of London. Around

250 red volumes have been published, and sold internationally and many are available free on www.british-history.ac.uk. The volumes are consulted as authoritative works of reference by professional historians, local historians, archaeologists, family historians and others interested in the history of their village or town. Text which has been written but not yet published in book form is made available online.





How you can help

You can now help with this exciting project. For an annual donation of £20 (minimum, although please consider adding more if you can afford it) you can become a Friend of Leicestershire Victoria County History Trust, and receive an annual newsletter and invitations to events. You may prefer to join our 200 Club (see website for details).

Please also consider remembering the Trust in your will.

The future

Only one of the six planned topographical volumes on Leicestershire has been published: Gartree Hundred (south and east of Leicester). This leaves about 300 villages to be investigated as well as towns such as Hinckley, Loughborough, Lutterworth and Melton Mowbray. Local people will be invited to help research the histories of their communities, with the guidance and support of a professional historian.

Draft parish histories will initially appear on our web site. Subsequently they will be published in a red book, and individual paperbacks may also be published if resources allow. Some of the material will also be made available as educational packs for local schools.

The work produced by the VCH is valued highly by local people. It helps to develop local pride and a sense of belonging to the parish and to the county.





In addition, VCH staff always seek to promote local history through societies and schools, and encourage local people to participate in the work. The VCH aims to be inclusive, to make the past available to everyone.

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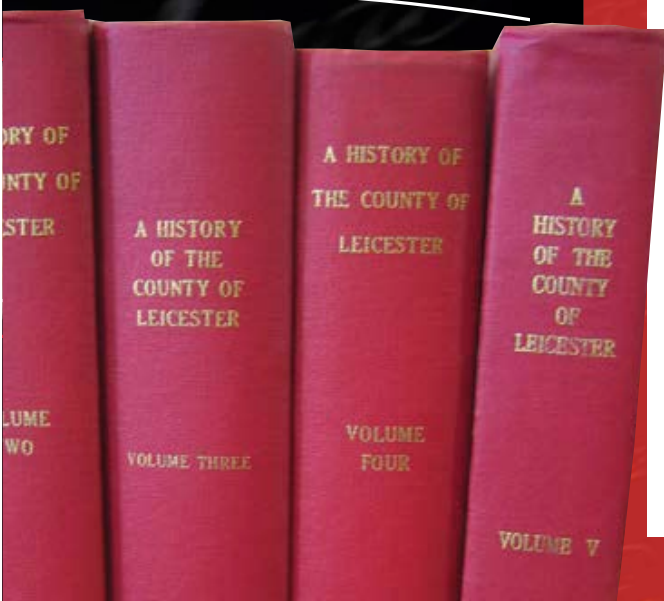
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