

Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies (HALS)

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Our purpose

Promoting access to archive and local studies library resources for the discovery and enjoyment of Hertfordshire's Heritage.

Preserving archives for future generations and acting as the 'corporate memory' for HCC.

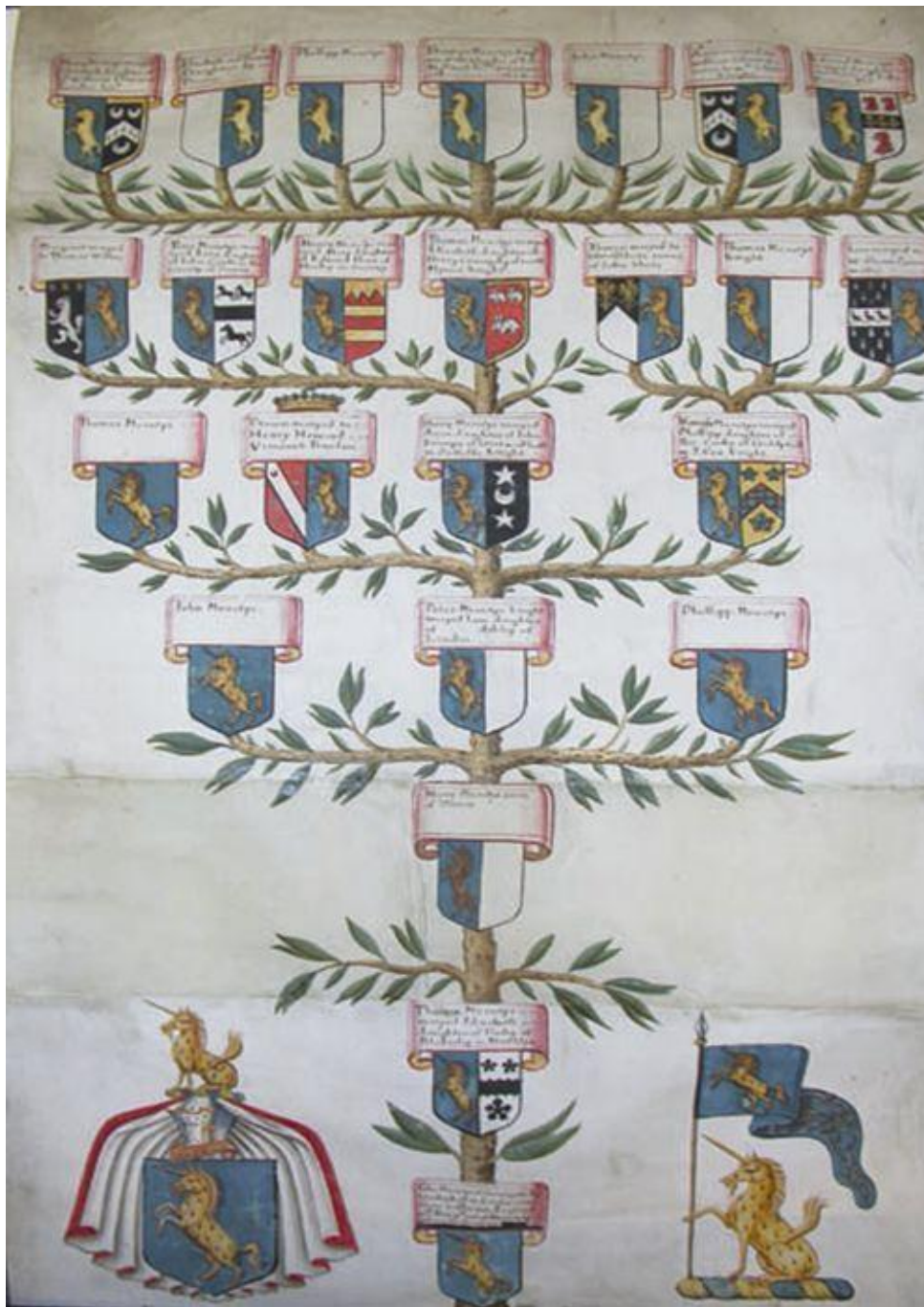
Recognised place of deposit for public records and Diocesan Record Office.

What do we do?

- Specialist centre for researching Hertfordshire's history, attracting visitors nationally and internationally
- Expert advice, research and copying services
- Online information, services and resources
- Learning activities, events, exhibitions
- Cataloguing, conservation and preservation activities

Collections

- Archive documents from 1060 to present day
- Books, illustrations, maps, photographs
- Records of HCC & predecessor authorities e.g. Quarter Sessions
- Church of England parish records, family & estate, organisation & society records...
- Varied formats & media: rolls, volumes, paper, parchment, microfilm, digital



Meautys family
pedigree, 1624

Henry VIII, 1545



Singeing the King of Spain's beard, George Clifford (1558-1605)



Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies (HALS)

- County Record Office established 1895
- Local Studies Library 1974
- Merged 1997 as HALS
- 8,834 visitors (2012/13)
- 160 learning events, total attendance 4,680 (2012/13)
- 31,596 enquiries (2012/13)
- 8,000 archive collections
- 30,000 books
- 40,000 images
- 114 newspaper titles
- 16,590 items produced (2012/13)
- 11 strongrooms
- wider Heritage Services (local studies collections in libraries & Museums Development)

Learning and Access

- Informal learning & skills development
- Talks & tours
- Study days & courses
- School & group visits
- Events & activities
- Exhibitions and displays
- Online resources

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On the Beat

3 August 2013



Find your Past

2 July 2013

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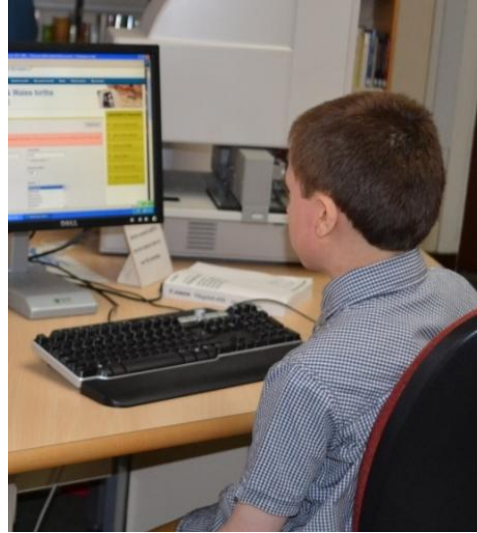


Celebrating volunteers



Opportunities to get involved

- As individuals & as communities
- HALS Volunteers
- Work experience
- Student mentoring
- Making Memories volunteers
- Community Archives
- Partnership projects



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Making Memories community archive websites for the people of Hertfordshire



Herts Memories network

- Set up initially with 2 year HLF funding 2009-11 (£50,000 grant)
- Now provides a community archive network for Herts
- Gateway site – Herts Memories www.hertsmemories.org.uk
- ‘New communities’ (8)
- Volunteer groups, new skills
- Localism in action
- Potential for expansion





Herts Memories

History, memories and photos of Hertfordshire



Go

History, memories and photos about the county of Hertfordshire

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Welcome!

Welcome to Herts Memories, where you can share and enjoy photos, memories and historical research on Hertfordshire. If this is your first visit to the site, take time to browse and see what's new.

This website has been developed by people like you. You only need to register to [contribute](#), so have a go - it's easy! Perhaps you would like to volunteer - we are always happy to welcome new editors.

The latest pages from this site



Walking the Beat: WWI Policing in Herts

First in the HALS lecture series. Tuesday September 3



St. Mary's Church Bells

Hitchin's Historic Bells

[More new pages...](#)

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Editor's choice



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Find out about the 2012 legacy in Hertfordshire and add your own memories



This month at HALS
Find out what's going on!



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Out of Sight, Out of Mind?



History, memories and photos about the former mental hospitals in St Albans

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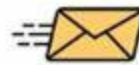
Welcome to the *Out of Sight, Out of Mind?* project in St Albans. This is a record of the former mental hospitals in the area including, Hill End, Napsbury, Cell Barnes, Harperbury, Leavesden and Shenley. We are looking for contributions from anyone who has recollections of any of these hospitals.

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First visit?



Would you like to join us?



Herts and Minds 2011



Online & digital resources

- Personalised services
- Channel shift
- Used by 'remote' & onsite customers
- Services, information and digital collections
- Interactive communication channels

HALS Digital offer

- Find my Past (parish registers)
- Origins (will indexes)
- Hertfordshire Names Online indexes
- Heritage shop, copying & research services
- CALMVIEW archive catalogue; image gallery
- Tithe map CDs
- Herts Memories

Indexes and catalogues



Conservation

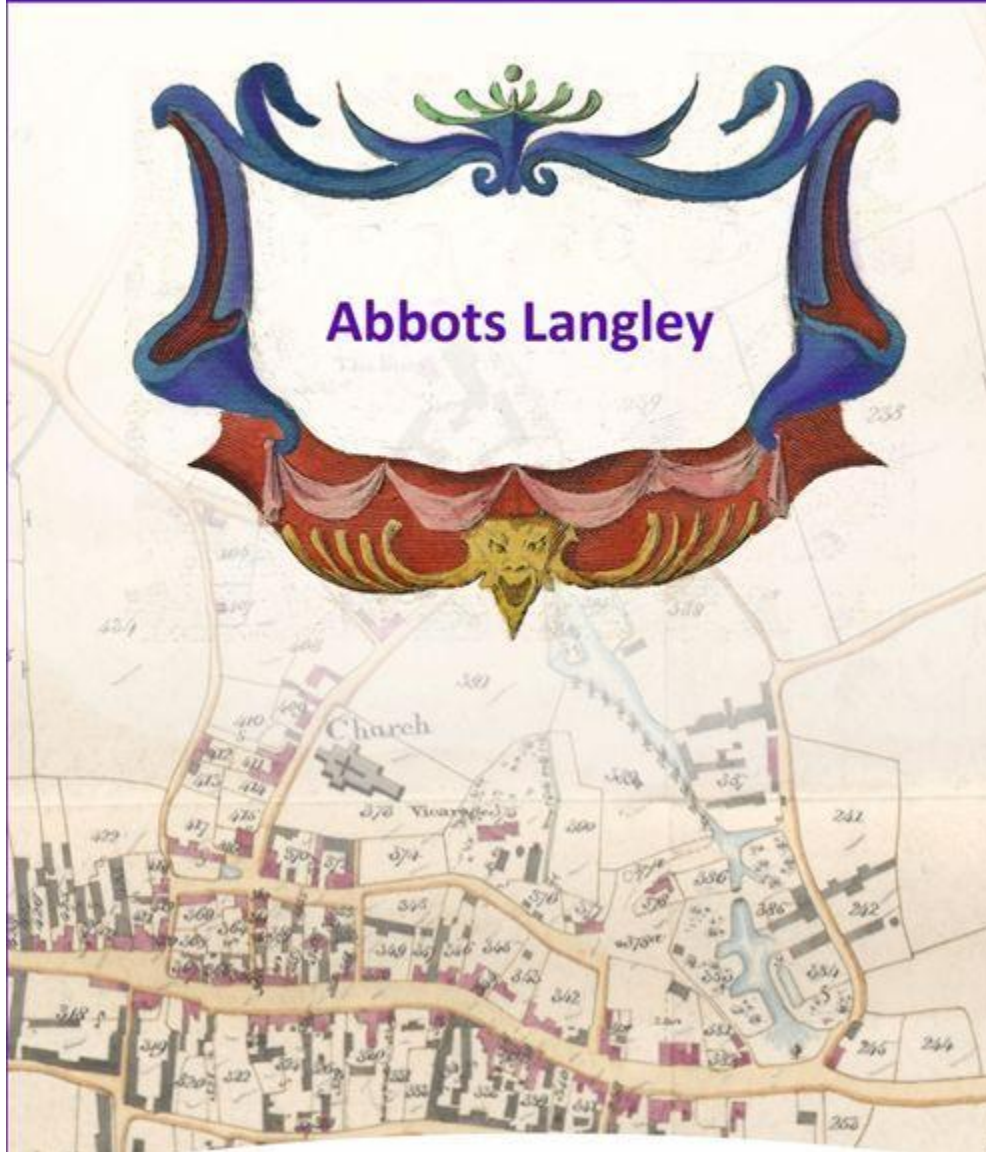
- Storage, environment & security to meet PD 5454: 2012
- Cleaning
- Repackaging
- Repair
- Project: Bishop Stortford Police Records



Conservation Studio



Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies
Tithe Map Series

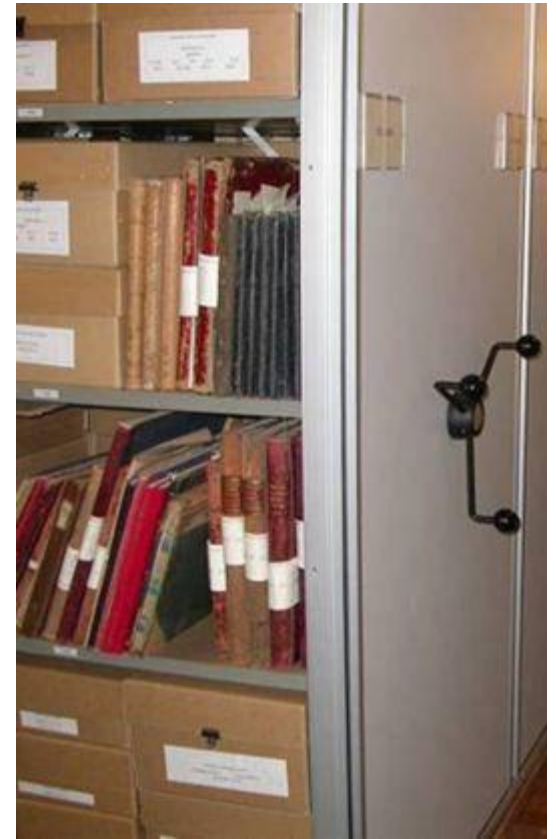


Digitisation

- Improved copying services
- Protection of fragile originals
- Material available for the first time
- Supports wider access & learning

Challenges

- Digitisation and online access
- Born digital records
- Electronic & physical storage
- Sustainability





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