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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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This year we did manage to hold an Annual General Meeting and we had a very pleasant day at Swynnerton. We met in the Church Hall and it was gratifying to see all the improvements that had been carried out since we bought it.

Not too many attended but there were sufficient to get the necessary business done and we were very well looked after by Mr & Mrs Curd, one of the Churchwardens and his wife who served us the most lovely refreshments.

After the meeting we were entertained by our President with a slide show on 'Game Parks in Africa'.

At the Council Meeting which was held in the morning, there was very much to discuss, the principal subject being the future progress of the Society.

Amongst other ideas, it was suggested that this Journal should, in future, contain more of the doings of the Society and of the members and not quite so much of the past. I will try to strike a balance between the two but, of course, I am dependent on YOU for contributions. Please, therefore, let me know what you get up to!

For a start, I have included the minutes of the AGM and the accounts so that everyone will know what is going on - this has not been done before.

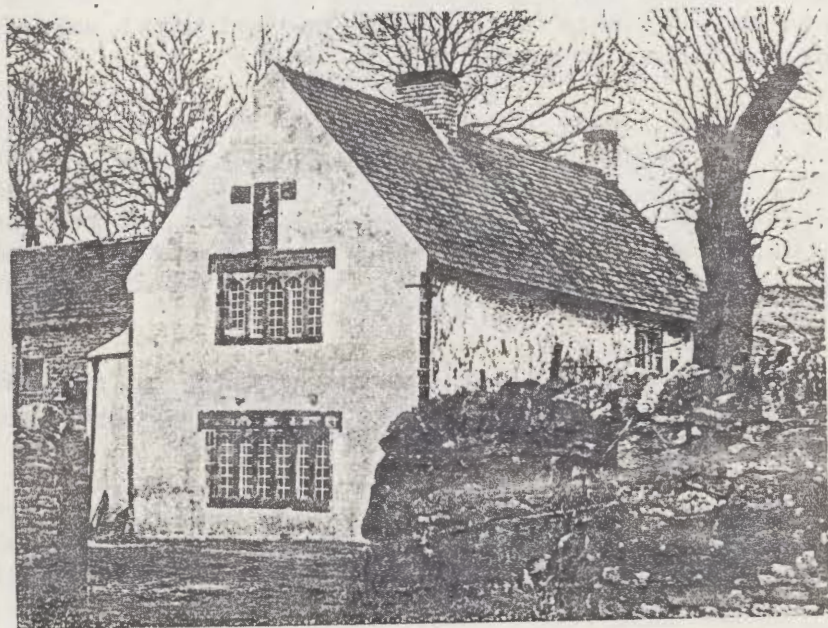
One thing our Journal lacks (and which most other organisations have) is a Letters Page. The letter can be about anything to do with the family - what you or your family are or have done in the past, as I have mentioned above: your ideas for what the Society might do or should be doing: your criticisms of what it is doing; even your comments on the contents of the Journal would be welcomed!

I can write the historical pieces and select the 'odd items' from my collection of Family Records which so many of you say you enjoy so much but I cannot feature what you are doing unless you tell me.

('Derbyshire Life' - undated)

IN BRADWELL DALE, there still stands as part of a farmhouse, the gable of a Tudor building known as Hazelbadge Hall. In the apex of the gable are the arms, crest and lettering placed there proudly by Henry Vernon in 1549 when he took his bride (one of the Swynnerton family) to take up residence there. Part of this stone which was carved in high relief shows the quartered arms of the Vernon frett and the Swynnerton cross fleury but this is now badly weathered. This manor came into the hands of the Vernon family from the Strelleys when it was purchased by Sir Richard Vernon (of the Haddon Hall family) in 1421.

*Hazelbadge Hall is now a farm — the only remains of the ancient structure is the mullioned windowed gable with its shield and heraldry*



Henry Vernon of Sudbury, Derbyshire was the son of Sir John Vernon. He married Margaret Swynnerton, the daughter and co-heir of Humphrey Swynnerton of Swynnerton and Hilton the last direct male representative of the ancient family. She married as her second husband, George Winter and died in 1586/7.

*Topographical Description of, Sharehill, co. Stafford,*

MR. URBAN, *Burbach, May 3.*  
As Local Antiquities have been frequently admitted into your amusing Repository, I shall make no apology for sending you the following notes from personal observation in 1784.

Sharehill, or Shafhill, is a village in the county of Stafford, belonging to the deanry of Penkridge, about two miles distant from Cannock. At the North and South entrance to this place are seen two square intrenchments, the area of the largest about one rood; they are generally supposed to have been Roman encampments, which their proximity to the Watling-street road seems to favour. I cannot, however, join in this opinion, being rather inclined to believe they are the remains of the site of two principal mansions anciently moated round; for at some little distance I observed a large and venerable farm-house, having a moat surrounding it partly filled with water to this day. I mention this as a caution not to think every ditch, hillock, or mound, one meets with, Roman or Saxon vestigia. I visited the church, the body whereof was rebuilt about 40 years ago; only the tower, which is of a very old date, is yet standing. Few of the monuments were preserved from the old church: I shall take notice of one, which, from the singularity of the figures and situation, deserves attention.

There are two figures finely executed in alabaster, with colours and gilt borders, of a man and woman; the man in armour, with a chain pendant from the neck, having at the end the cross of Malthe; the woman in a rich and elegant attire, her head not reclined on a cushion, as is the other, but purposely designed thus by the sculptor: for what reason it is hard to guess, unless we suppose that her husband being engaged in the crusades, or some distant and long service, he meant to express her uneasiness thereat, and her restless life. It is a divine command, "let no man put asunder those whom God hath joined." This is good in life, but no way obligatory after death. In short, these two figures, after being conjoined on one stone for perhaps three or four hundred years, were obliged to be sawed asunder, and separated; he lying in the recess of a north window, and she in one on the south, opposite. The Incurious, or the Humourist, who seldom investigate these matters with the true spirit of an Antiquary, would be apt to conclude, that the sculptor designed it prophetically, and that she now raises her head to look for her partner.

An intelligent gentleman in the neighbourhood informed me, these figures were taken from a monument erected for one of the family name of Swinnerton.

The two figures were, in fact, of Humphrey Swynnerton of Swynnerton and Hilton, the last direct heir-male of the family and his wife, Cassandra, daughter of Sir John Giffard of Chillington. He was certainly not a Crusader, much too late. He was Member of Parliament for Stafford in 1554 and he it was who built Sharehill Church. They were parted in death as she was buried at Swynnerton in 1570.

COMPUTERS and FAMILY RECORDS.

There is a fast growing number of Family Historians who are using their home (and office!) computers to help them with their genealogical records. They are particularly suited for storage and easy retrieval of data and for indexing. Our new member ROY TALBOT tells me that his business is computers in general and software in particular in which he has been engaged for the last 20 years.

He says that he is very willing to offer his experience to the society and its members if anyone is interested in putting their family data on their computer and will do his best to reply to any enquiries you care to send him at [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

He also said that he was trying to decipher the 4th gravestone at Adbaston the other day (the Editor's 4 x gt-grandfather, incidentally) which is very badly worn and it occurred to him that if any of our family were blind, their sensitive fingers would probably be able to read it much more easily than we could. An interesting thought.

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BIRMINGHAM CITY BATTALIONS BOOK OF HONOUR

1919

This is a most interesting book and contains Rolls of Honour supplied by firms in the City. It is not only of those who died but of all men who joined up. The front section of the book has lists of each Battalion and a photograph.

Under 'POWELL & HAMNER Ltd.' there is SWINNERTON, E. but no regiment is given.

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In the present disorder of our world, to preserve  
is to create. (George Duhamel)

CORRECTION CORNER

Tean and the Phillips Family - Volume 6 No.5 June 1985

Unfortunately, a printing error resulted in a few lines being lost from the bottom of page 44. Colonel Jeremy Swynnerton's eagle eye spotted this - no one else has commented!

It should have read:-

"The poor child was brought into court and the record states that 'it was manifest that she was under age by her aspect'. Perhaps a brief period of peace was accorded to her by her marriage to Sir Humphrey de Peshale but he died while she was still a minor whereupon Sir John de Ipstones abducted her away ..." etc.

Tribute to C.F.M.S. - Volume 5 No.7 Dec 1983

Our President has pointed out that I made some typing errors in my spelling of African names. in Tom Swinnerton's article. We must have our archives correct and, of course, every issue of this Journal is an addition to the Family Archives so, for the record, they are:-

Para 3 line 1 Shimyamca should be SHINYANGA

Para 4 at end Nagama should be NAGANA

P.129 line 4 Toli should be TULI

Not a typing error but a correction of fact - p.129 para 4 - the crash took place at SINGIDA not Mbyra.

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You will find it very good practice always to  
verify your references Sir!  
(Martin Joseph Routh)

## THE SWINNERTONS of OSWESTRY

This branch of the Family, the first descendant of which (as I reported in our last issue) has just joined the Society, is particularly interesting because in the first place, there was a very large family group in and around the town in the 1700s who appear to to have just died out and secondly because the family of the only member of our family to have become Lord Mayor of London (Sir John Swinnerton in 1612) also came from there.

It is one of the areas on which we decided at the AGM to concentrate our research and so, as a start, here is all we know at present.

According to the National Index of Parish Registers, the registers of the church of St.Oswald, Oswestry commence in 1558. This was 20 years after Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's Vicar-General, ordered all Parish Priests to keep a record of all baptisms, marriages and burials in 1538. Bishop's Transcripts (the copies of the entries in the registers for each quarter sent to the Bishop) exist from 1662 to 1812.

The registers, themselves, were copied and printed by the Shropshire Parish Register Society (now defunct) in 4 volumes in the early part of this century and it is from these printed volumes that our extract of all Swinnerton entries has been taken and for which the index was used. The original registers have not been checked, neither have the BT's nor the printed volumes in detail to see if any were missed from the index. This must be our first task. The original registers are now in the Shropshire Record Office.

According to the National Index of PRs, the marriages were extracted from the printed volumes by Percival Boyd for his great marriage index from 1551 to 1812 but as this is 7 years before the same publication says the registers start, there is obviously a discrepancy here which we must sort out.

There are entries for baptisms and marriages in the Mormon International Index which appear to date between 1615 and 1834 and I assume, at this stage, that it was the original registers that were filmed for the index.

There was also a Baptist Church (Salop Rd) founded in 1806, the whereabouts of whose registers is not currently known: an Independent (Congregational) Chapel (Pont Chapel) founded in 1822 for which registers exist from 1829 - 1836 and another Congregational Chapel (Old Chapel now Christchurch) founded about 1651, whose registers date from 1779-1837 for births and christenings but only from 1813 for burials and which were copied and printed by the same society from 1780-1811.

In addition, there a Primitive Methodist Chapel (registers from 1830-37): a Zion Welsh Chapel (Calvinist Methodist) founded in 1813 (registers from 1821-37): another Calvinist Methodist (Carneddau) Chapel founded 1797 (registers 1813-37) and a Wesleyan Chapel (Severn Valley Mission) for which there are registers from 1812-36.

None of these have yet been examined and knowing the predeliction of a number of branches of the family to Non-Conformism, we may well find some of them there.

The first Swinnerton entry we have found is a burial in 1614, there are then 11 further, apparently unconnected entries for various baptisms, marriages and burials and we then read of the marriage of Thomas Swinnerton and Sarah Jones on the 2nd of May, 1687. From then on, throughout the 1700s and into the 1800s, there are some 130 entries, most of which are for descendants of Thomas and Sarah making up a large family tree but with a very high incidence of infant mortality.

The last entry directly relating to this family appears to be in 1829.

The register is interesting in that it includes copies of the wills of benefactors of the church and amongst these are the wills of 'John Swynnerton Esq., Citizen and Merchant Taylor of London' 1608 (the original is at the Public Record Office, London) and of his son, 'Sir John Swynnerton, Knight, Alderman of London' 1616 (original also at the PRO).

Ex Regr'o Curie Prerogative Cant extract

Memorandu' that one or about the eighteenth daie of October in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand Sixe hundred and eight and in the yeares of the Raigne of our Sou'aigne Lord Kinge James of England Franncce and Ireland the sixth and of Scotland the twoe and fortieth John Swynnerton Esquire late Citizen and M'chant taylor of London deceased in the tyme of his sicknes whereof he died and about five daies before his death beinge asked by his sonne Sir John Swynnerton Knight Citizen and Alderman of London whether he would perfect a former draught of a Will which in his former sicknes he had caused to be drawen w'h some blanks he the said John Swynnerton the father answered thervnto noe, sayinge further theis words followings or the licke in effect vizt I ame out of debt and what I have I leaue vnto yo<sup>r</sup> mother and you I knowe you will doe things better then I would haue you onlie theis poore seruants that haue taken paines with mee I pray you consider well namelie Peirce Williams and John Baldwyne and twoe maids for Peirce he is your Kinsman consider hime well wherevnto the said Sir John Swynnerton answered his said father that he was minded soe to doe And for Peirce he would giue hime ten pownds Annuittie soe longe as he lived as the said Mr. Swynnerton his father did form'lie intend to hime To the which the said Mr. Swynnerton said he should then doe well. Then the said Sr John Swynnerton asked the said Mr. Swynnerton his father what other matter he would haue done : and he answered nothinge. but that those thirtie poore which he gaue relief vnto weekelie in the Towne of Oswestrie where he was borne the same might be continued to the worlds end. And for all other matters hee said vnto his said

sonne he knewe his mynde and lefte it to hime to doe what was fittinge Theis things aboue written weare spoken and said the said Mr Swynnerton Esquier then beinge in good and p'fect memorie in the p'sence and hearinge of vs p' me. Pearce Williams the marke of Marie Swynnerton widdow the lat wief of the said Mr. John Swynnerton p' me John Balden

Fo. 383. Decimo nono die mensis Januarij Anno Dn'i juxta cursu' et computaconem Ecclie Anglicane millimo sexcentesimo octavo Emanauit Commissio Dno Johi Swynnerton militi filio n'rali et legitimo dicti def' administrand bona iura et credita eius-dem Def iuxta tenore' et effectu' testamenti sive vltime voluntatis predicti defuncti eo quod nullu' in eodem omnino iominaverit executorem de bene etc. Jurat Maria Swynnerton relic'a d'ci defuncti ex certis causis &c oneri Administraconis bonoru' eiusdem defuncti expresse renu'ciau'.

Concordat cum Regro predicto f'ta collacone p'me Rob'tum Erswell notarium puplicu'.

Fo. 385. Ex Regr'o Curie Prerogative Cant extract

In testamento sive vltime voluntate Johannis Swynnarto' militis nuper vnus Aldermanoru' Civitatis London Defuncti geren' dat septimo die mensis Septembris Anno dni millesimo sexcentesimo decimo sexto penes Regru' Huius Curie Prerogative Cant remanen Inter alia in eodem continetur vt sequitur (vix<sup>t</sup>.)

To my maide servants namlie to Elizabeth Owin my Antient servant I giue and bequeath her fiftie pownds in money towards her advancement in maraige to be paid her within one yeare after my decease And to the rest of my maid servants I giue them fiftie shillings apeece besides their wages To the towne of Oswestrie where my father was borne accordinge to his will and bequest I giue so much out of my lands and rents there in the County of Salop for euer as will paie yearely fyve pownds fower shillings to buy twoe shillings in bread a wicke for the relief of the poore there in that order as it hath been vsed to be distributed. And for the iust p'formance thereof I bind my said lands there for

# THE ESSEX CONNECTION

JOHN SWINNERTON Esq of Oswestry  
[probably a gt.grandson of HUMPHREY de SWYNNERTON  
of Swynnerton and ANNA SWYNNERTON heiress of  
Swynnerton of Hilton]  
Merchant Taylor of London  
occurs 1588/9  
bur.24Oct1608 St Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury  
(JS.83)

= Mary Fawnte  
of St.Margaret, Lothbury, London  
[License to marry there 29Jul1563]  
b. Lexden, Essex  
bur.14Jan1612



(Sir) JOHN SWINNERTON  
b.  
of Stanway Hall, Essex  
Sheriff of London 1602  
Lord Mayor of London 1612  
bur.10Dec1616  
St.Mary, Aldermanbury  
(JS.84)

= Thomasine Buckfold, dau of Richard Buckfold, Girdler of London  
1Apr1586 at St.Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury  
b.  
bur.29Aug1650 Aldermanbury

= (2) John Minn  
4Feb1618/19  
St.James, Clerkenwell

Arms given by Robert Swinnerton  
of Stanway Hall, Essex  
in the Visitation of 1633

Swynnerton of Swynnerton  
quartermaster  
Swynnerton of Hilton

son  
bur.  
50Oct  
1587  
  
JOHN  
SWINNERTON  
bp.7Nov1588  
bur.16Dec1588  
Aldermanbury  
(JS.503)

MARY(MS.52)  
bp.1Feb1589/90  
Aldermanbury  
=  
(Sir)John Miller  
10Jun1611  
Aldermanbury  
b. c.1589  
son of Sir Robert  
Miller of Calne,  
Dorset

HENRY  
SWINNERTON  
bp.21Nov1591  
Aldermanbury  
d.s.p.18Dec1617  
(HS.21)  
=  
Mary de  
la Maire  
= (2)  
Sir Francis Crane  
Chancellor of the  
Order of the Garter

RICHARD  
SWINNERTON  
bp.13Nov1594  
Aldermanbury  
(Living 1622/2)  
d.s.p.  
(RS.19)  
? non compos  
Mentis

CICELY(CS.11)  
bp.5Feb1596/7  
Aldermanbury  
=  
Pym

THOMASYN(TS.200)  
bp.12Jan1598  
=  
THOMAS  
SWINNERTON  
bp.26Jan1600  
Killed at  
Naseby  
14Jun1645  
(TS.38)

= Joane  
Symond  
dau of  
Thomas Symond  
of London  
=  
ANNE  
(AS.237)  
bp.4Jun1604  
Aldermanbury  
=  
John Bolles  
of Osberton  
Notts.

ROBERT  
SWINNERTON  
bp.21Feb1602  
Aldermanbury  
bur.31Jan1651  
(RS.20) d.s.p.

THOMAS  
SWINNERTON  
bp.24Dec1620  
d.s.p.  
(TS.103)

JOHN  
SWINNERTON  
bp.17Jun1626  
d.s.p. on his  
way back from  
India 1654/5  
(JS.115)

? = Anne

THOMASINE(TS.39)  
bp.5Jan1623/4  
St.Bards the Less  
bur.13Apr1697  
Newnham, Herts  
=  
(1) Sir William Dyer (2) John Hopwood  
1650 8Aug1683

? the John Swinnerton,  
Gentleman of Grays Inn,  
whose wife Anne was ravished  
by Sir Edward Moseley in April  
1647 at 6 o'clock.  
An account of the trial is in  
the British Museum

Sir Peter Swinnerton Dyer  
b. 2Aug1927. 16th Bart.

(Stanway Hall is now Colchester Zoo)

the paiment of the same And doe heereby limit and apoynt power to distreine for non payment and for the remainder of the rent or p' fitts of the lands (that Charitable vse beinge first dischargd) I geue it to my sonne Henry Swynnerton and to his heires males for ever And for lack of heires males in hime to my sonne Thomas Swynnerton And to the heires males of his body lawfullie begotten &c

Probatu fuit testamentu suprascriptu' vna cu' codicillo apud London coram venerabili viro Dn'o Johanne Benet milite et Legu' Dcore Curie Prerogative Cant magr'o custode sive comissario ltime constituto decimo tertio die mensis Decembris Anno dni millimo sexcentesimo decimo sexto Juramento dn'e Thomasine Swynnerton rel'te et Henrici Swynnerton filij n'ralis et l'time dc'i defuncti de bene et fideliter administrando &c ad Scta Evangelia vigore Comissionis in ea parte als emanat Jurat

Concordat cum Regr'o	} Robt'u Erswell Notariu' publicu'
predc'o facta collacon'e	
p' me	

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There is clear evidence here that John Senior came from Oswestry in his reference to 'The Towne of Oswestrie where he was borne'.

A license for him to marry Mary Fawnte was granted on the 29th of July 1562 in London (see Tree) and he was buried, according to the Reverend Charles Swynner-ton, at St.Mary's, Aldermanbury, London on the 24th of October, 1608 - 'Mr John Swinnerton, the father of Sir John Swinnerton, Knt & Alderman'.

Unfortunately, neither his marriage license or the burial entry give his age so, at the moment, we have no idea when he was born.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Swinnerton Society held at Swynnerton on the 21st September 1985.

The members were welcomed by the Secretary, Lt.Col I.S.Swynnerton who presented apologies from Col.J.C.A.Swynnerton, T.F.Swynnerton and Mr and Mrs J.W.Swynnerton.

The President, Sir Roger Swynnerton, was invited to take the chair.

1. The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held at Swynnerton on the 24th September 1983 were confirmed and signed.
2. Matters arising - none.
3. Financial report and accounts for the years ending 30th June 1984 and 30th June 1985.

The principal auditor Mr.J.R.Swynnerton, being present, was invited to review and present the accounts. He commented that 1984 had again seen an excess of income over expenditure as in 1983 and that it had been a record year for subscriptions. This was due no doubt, to the large number of new members resulting from the highly successful Gathering in 1983. In 1985, the subscriptions were down and, due to the heavy investments in society ties and binders for the journal, the accounts showed a slight loss. The ties were now selling well and sales of these and binders would increase at the next Gathering.

It was proposed by The Reverend Edward Swinnerton and seconded by Mr J.E.Swynnerton that the accounts be adopted and this was approved by the meeting.

#### 4. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary said that the Society now had 214 members - 146 UK: 32 USA; 16 Canada; 9 Australia; 3 South Africa and 8 others. Sadly, of the 212 paying members, 25 had not renewed their subscription for 1985 even after a final reminder with the last Journal and therefore we must expect to lose most of these.

Lack of time on his part due to heavy business and other commitments, had again meant that progress in research had again been very slow during the year but that a considerable step forward had been made with the typing up of our records. He had prepared all his hand-written transcripts of extracts from Parish Registers for typing and these were now very nearly all done and he showed the resulting fat file - a very valuable addition to our archives.

He said that things were now easing off a little and he hoped to see considerable progress made in the coming year. He identified the 4 main areas to be researched - the origins of the Gloucestershire, Yorkshire, Oswestry and Potteries branches. With the exception of the latter, these were all in the 16th Century and required skilled and specialist knowledge to carry out the searches.

He reported that, to date, there had been no response to the appeal for a Society photographer or solicitor.

He again appealed for members to send in photographs for the society's collection and to keep scanning their local newspapers for Swinnerton items. In the discussion that ensued the President said that we had now accumulated considerable funds for research and he hoped that these could be used to employ professional researchers to speed up progress in the main areas identified.

The special Gathering next year to celebrate the 900th Anniversary of Domesday Book and consequently the first mention of our name was discussed and the Secretary promised to give an adequate introduction in the Journal with an account of the historical background. He would investigate the possibility of getting a speaker from the PRO for the Gathering.

As it was to be such an important Gathering, he expressed some concern as to whether we could accommodate everyone in the village hall in view of the numbers who attended in 1983. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of having a marquee on the land at the rear of the Hall if the numbers proved to be excessive. It was agreed to have 2 speakers giving a short talk each as last time.

Some discussion then ensued as to the format of future AGMs not held in the year of a Gathering. The secretary said that it was quite impossible to put on the usual large exhibition every year and that in any case, he felt it would detract from the Gatherings. He felt that he had probably played down this year's AGM a little too much as only 7 members outside the members of Council had attended. He had deliberately not pushed people to attend as he felt they would expect an exhibition and entertainment. A very full discussion ensued from which it appeared that it was thought that there should be a meeting every year but that in alternate years it would be a business meeting only which, however, must be made attractive with a good speaker to encourage people to attend. Mrs Angela Swinnerton suggested that we give consideration to having a sit-down lunch with the AGM and a speaker afterwards as many other organisations did. This was thought to be an excellent idea and it was resolved to put it to the meeting next year.

#### 5. Election of Officers for 1985/6

The following were elected:-		Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Col.J.C.A.Swynnerton	Rev E.Swynnerton	J.R.Swynnerton
Secretary	Lt.Col I.S.Swynnerton	L.W.Swynnerton	Mrs.Doris Swinnerton
Treasurer	J.R.Swynnerton	Secretary	J.E.Swynnerton
Council	Rev E.Swynnerton	Secretary	J.R.Swynnerton
	J.W.Swynnerton		
	L.W.Swynnerton		
	J.E.Swynnerton		
	Mrs D.Cunningham		
Auditors	R.P.Swynnerton	Secretary	Rev.E.Swynnerton
	P.A.Swynnerton		

The President thanked the officers for all their work and, in particular, the secretary who he said had founded the society and still carried much of the load for its running.

6. The date for the next meeting was fixed as the 6th September 1986 at Swynnerton.

7. Any other business. J.E.Swynnerton showed a range of Staffordshire cut crystal glass commemorative pieces all with plain panels for engraving which he thought would be suitable for the special commemorative piece for the 900th Anniversary Gathering. 5 designs were selected and it was agreed that full details would appear in the next Journal.

There being no other business, the President closed the meeting at 4.15pm.

The meeting was then addressed by The Reverend Gerald Gardiner, Rector of Swynnerton who brought members up to date with the progress of repairs to the Church and Hall and who expressed his, and the Parish's, very grateful thanks for the support they received from the Family and Society.

The secretary voiced the thanks of those present for the lovely refreshments provided by the Churchwarden and his wife and the members were then entertained by the President who gave a slide lecture on 'Game Parks in Africa'.

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#### FAMILY NOTES

We welcome as a new member Mr Paul Andrew Swinnerton of [redacted] who is the eldest son of our member Mr Peter Swinnerton also of Irlam.

#### Change of Address

Mr David Brock to [redacted]

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#### MORE ABOUT THE GATHERING NEXT YEAR

Mr Joe Swinnerton writes:-

It occurs to me that some members may be in a position to give hospitality to overseas members during their stay over here and this could help some who may have some difficulty financing a trip using hotel accommodation.

Those who would like to entertain a Swinnerton cousin around the time of the Gathering next September, please contact me at:- [redacted] with brief details of how many they could host. This could afford a good opportunity to make new friendships and who knows - you may find you are entertaining a long lost relation!

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#### FINALLY

Some of our older members will no doubt remember the Primrose League well, today we would call them Young Liberals. Mrs Frith was the wife of Rector J.B.Frith who held the living of Swynnerton from 1920 to 1945.



SWYNNERTON HABITATION.

Hon. Secretary:  
MRS. FRITH.

SWYNNERTON RECTORY,

STONE, STAFFS.,

## THE SWINNERTON SOCIETY

## Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 30th June, 1984

1983	INCOME	1984	1983	EXPENDITURE	1984
£		£	£		£
346.00	Subscriptions	632.00		Subscription to Federation of Family History Societies and Guild of One Name Studies	17.00
22.00	Sale of books	89.25	12.00	Research	94.75
36.00	Sale of stick pins	33.00	47.00	Annual General Meeting	-
24.00	Sale of car badges	15.00	20.00	Printing of Journals, Directory and Membership Cards	373.07
-	Sale of pottery and proceeds of raffle	227.50	162.60	Postage, Photocopying and Stationery	291.32
351.46	Donations to Church Hall	80.00		Kneelers for Church	11.50
65.33	Donations to General Fund	167.78	177.06	Stick pins	121.90
354.65	Donations to Research Fund	434.50	-	Print wheels for typewriter	40.40
13.50	Building Society interest	34.81	15.18	Repair and repainting of Church	-
			55.00	Notice board	-
			11.00	Hire of room for Council Meeting	-
			112.50	Depreciation of typewriter	162.50
			10.00	Donation to Royal Literary Fund	-
			-	Donation to Church Hall	150.00
			1.80	Bank charges	-
			624.14		1262.44
			588.80	Excess of Income over Expenditure	451.40
<u>£1212.94</u>		<u>£1713.84</u>	<u>£1212.94</u>		<u>£1713.84</u>

## Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1984

1983	1984	1983	1984
£	£	£	£
Excess of income over expenditure:-		Fixed asset - typewriter	
207.46 At 1st July, 1983	796.26	450.00 Cost	550.00
588.80 Add: for the year to 30th June, 1984	451.40	(112.50) Less: accumulated depreciation	(275.00)
796.26 At 30th June, 1984	1247.66	337.50 Net book value at 30.6.84	275.00
		451.97 Building Society deposit account	986.78
260.00 Creditors	147.11	264.88 Balance at Bank	132.99
		1.91 Cash on hand	-
<u>£1056.26</u>	<u>£1394.77</u>	<u>£1056.26</u>	<u>£1394.77</u>

## Report of the Auditors

We have examined the above Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and find them to be in accordance with the records and vouchers submitted.

W.E. SWINNERTON  
Auditor

J.R. SWINNERTON  
Auditor

## THE SWINNERTON SOCIETY

## Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 30th June, 1985.

1984	INCOME	1985	1984	EXPENDITURE	1985
£		£	£		£
632.00	Subscriptions	532.00		Subscription to Federation of Family History Societies and Guild of One Name Studies	25.00
89.25	Sale of books	22.00	17.00	International Directory entry	7.50
-	Sale of binders	42.70	-	Research	60.65
33.00	Sale of stick pins	13.00	94.75	Database programmes for Swinnerton Society records	65.00
-	Sale of ties	229.00	-	Printing of Journal, Directory and Membership Cards	329.04
15.00	Sale of car badges	-	373.07	Postage, Photocopying and Stationery	185.36
227.50	Sale of pottery and proceeds of raffle	-	291.32	Kneelers for Church	5.75
80.00	Donations to Church Hall	84.50	11.50	Stick pins	-
167.78	Donations to General Fund	131.75	121.90	Ties	310.00
434.50	Donations to Research Fund	237.00	-	Print wheels for typewriter	-
34.81	Building Society interest	68.20	40.40	Binders	105.51
1713.84		1360.15	-	Depreciation of typewriter	137.50
-	Excess of expenditure over income	131.16	162.50	Donation to Church Hall	260.00
			150.00		1491.31
			1262.44		
			451.40	Excess of Income over Expenditure	-
<u>£1713.84</u>		<u>£1491.31</u>	<u>£1713.84</u>		<u>£1491.31</u>

## Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1985

1984	1985	1984	1985
£	£	£	£
Excess of income over expenditure:-		Fixed asset - typewriter	
796.26 At 1st July, 1984	1247.66	550.00 Cost	550.00
451.40 Less: for the year to 30th June, 1985	(131.16)	(275.00) Less: accumulated depreciation	(412.50)
1247.66 At 30th June, 1985	1116.50	275.00 Net book value at 30.6.85	137.50
147.11 Creditors	128.75	986.78 Building Society deposit account	1054.98
		132.99 Balance at Bank	50.80
		- Cash on hand	1.97
<u>£1394.77</u>	<u>£1245.25</u>	<u>£1394.77</u>	<u>£1245.25</u>

## Report of the Auditors

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THE FAMILY GATHERING 1986

The date for this will be SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, and will as on previous occasions, be held at SWYNNERTON, NEAR STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

This will be a very special meeting, for we shall be celebrating 900 years since our family name first appeared in William the Conqueror's DOMESDAY BOOK.

To mark this event in our family history, it is proposed to produce some special commemorative pieces in handcrafted Stafford Crystal Cut Glass. These will be engraved with the family name and emblem with appropriate words, and the dates 1086 to 1986. It will also be possible to have your own name engraved thereon.

At the Annual General Meeting last month, samples of several items were examined by those present and six different pieces were picked out as suitable for production. These cover a range of prices and should cater for most tastes, and consist of a Paper Weight, 1 pint Tankard, two designs of Goblets, a Chalice and a 2 handled Loving Cup.

The cost of these will be between £7 and £30, which will include the cost of producing the special design and artwork. A full descriptive leaflet with illustrations, prices and order form will be sent with the next number of the Journal.

MEANWHILE - ENTER THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY.

OVERSEAS MEMBERS - CONTACT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT NOW.

The 900th anniversary of DOMESDAY BOOK will be celebrated nationwide and worldwide and will be a milestone in the history of our own family. DO NOT MISS THE 1986 SWYNNERTON FAMILY GATHERING.

Joe Swynnerton

PRO.

Is there someone in your family who has not yet joined the Family Society - a sister, brother, Aunt, Uncle, cousin or in-law on the female side?

Why not give him/her an unexpected and worthwhile Christmas present - a Subscription to the Society for one, two or more years?. To receive our Journal each quarter with news about the family will last a whole year and each number received would be a reminder of the donor.

The subscription is now £3.50 per annum (Senior Citizens £2.00), so work out the number of years required and send a cheque to the Secretary, made out to the S. F. Society. The membership will commence from January 1986 and the December issue of this year will be sent as a bonus with a note sending greetings from you, or you can send your own card to be enclosed with it.

Many of our family who are not members of the Society are often unaware of the extent of our activities or of much of our history. This presents the opportunity to bring them into the circle, help to expand our membership and could possibly lead to information which will help to fill in some gaps in the family trees - particularly of descendants living at present. DON'T DELAY - ORDER NOW.

JES.

OTHER GIFT SUGGESTIONS

THE SOCIETY TIE - a most useful gift for a gentleman.

BINDERS FOR THE JOURNAL - help to keep the place tidy.

AN ORDER FORM FOR THESE IS ENCLOSED.

We still have a few of the Commemorative items which were produced by the Society a short time ago. These feature an engraving of St. Mary's Church, Swynnerton with the words 'produced for the Swinnerton Society' on the reverse side and the Family emblem also on the tankard and beaker. Each article is decorated with gold rim.

Items available:-

One pint Tankard	Price £4.00
Half pint China Beaker	£3.00
10" Plate or Plaque	£5.00
Round Ash Tray	£1.50
Tilley or dressing table Tray.	£1.50
Small Cream Jug	£1.50

The number remaining is limited and they will not be manufactured again. They proved very popular and can now be described as 'collector's pieces' and will increase in value over the years.

CAN BE SENT BY POST IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. Please add £3 for postage, plus 50p for each additional piece ordered.

SEND ORDER TO:-

Joe Swinnerton,

Should overseas members wish to order, the postage would have to be charged at cost. Should you wish to order and collect at the Gathering next September, please send order and it will be reserved.

## PUBLICATIONS OF THE SWINNERTON SOCIETY

### Swinnerton Family History (The Journal of the Society)

Vol.1 1974-75 (Indexed) (10 issues in Binder)  
Inc.postage - U.K. £2.50, airmail USA/CANADA \$8, AUSTRALIA/NZ £3.80

Vol.2 1975-77 (Indexed) (10 issues in Binder)  
Inc.postage - U.K. £2.50, airmail USA/CANADA \$8 AUSTRALIA/NZ £3.80

Vol.3 1977-79 (Indexed) (10 issues in Binder)  
Inc.postage - U.K. £2.50 airmail USA/CANADA \$10 AUSTRALIA/NZ £4.60

### Swynnerton & the Swynnertons (1971) by the Rev.B.T.Swinnerton

Inc.postage - U.K. £0.75, airmail USA/CANADA \$3, AUSTRALIA/NZ £1.25

### Swinnerton Family Trees Vol.1 (1974)

Inc.postage - U.K. £0.75, airmail USA/CANADA \$4, AUSTRALIA/NZ £1.50

### Reprints of the works by the Rev.Charles Swynnerton

No.1 Two Early Staffordshire Charters (1979)  
Inc.postage - U.K. £1.00, airmail USA/CANADA \$3, AUSTRALIA/NZ £1.35

No.2 Two Ancient Petitions from the Public Record Office (1979)  
Inc.postage - U.K. £1.00, airmail USA/CANADA \$3, AUSTRALIA/NZ £1.30

No.3 Introduction to "A History of the Family of Swynnerton" (1979)  
Inc.postage - U.K. £1.00, airmail USA/CANADA \$3, AUSTRALIA/NZ £1.45

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