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This final version of the index will, in due course, replace the draft version which is currently accessible from the Society's web site.

Introduction

When I was first approached to compile this, it was already many years after the first cumulative index to Volumes 1–20 had been made. By the time I had reached Volume 40, which should logically have constituted the next index, it seemed sensible to continue adding to this, rather than create two further discrete indexes. The potential of the World Wide Web to allow on-line searches of a comprehensive index was very tempting, and in 2003 an unpolished draft was put on the Society's website. In 2004 it was decided that this index should also appear in a print version, and as much final editing as was possible was done. Some users will notice that anomalies remain.

The character of the *Transactions* has, naturally, changed in the past three-quarters of a century. In the early volumes considerable space was devoted to the social functions of the Society, and to reports of a fairly ephemeral nature. These have not been indexed, and we have concentrated on the articles, archaeological reports (including minor finds), the book reviews and obituaries. To ensure that this index constitutes a real resource for research, it is perhaps more detailed than the average cumulation, and attempts to serve the archaeologist, the genealogist and the local historian equally.

For the archaeologist, not only are the major reports indexed in detail, but the finds are listed by period (chronologically), by find-spot, and by type – with the proviso that terminology and classification have changed, sometimes radically, over the years. As far as possible current terminology has been used, though some inconsistencies remain.

For the genealogist, every historical name has been included, with an approximate date, the place and, where known, an occupation or other descriptor. The form of surnames has, unsurprisingly, been problematical. In general they appear as given in the text; if variations occur, they are indexed under the most common modern form (there is a particular problem in Vol. 23 where the transcription of the Stathern Churchwardens' Accounts throws up every possible form, as the spelling is more often than not phonetic and no 'correct' version can be easily ascertained). Before about the mid-14th century, surnames were rarely 'fixed' and early medieval names are indexed by forename.

Not all people mentioned can be identified clearly. There are a number of cases where it seems very likely that two people of the same or very similar name are indeed one and the same person. However, it was decided that they should remain as separate entries. Likewise some of the prominent local families, such as the Beaumonts, the

Hastings and the Manners, have somewhat convoluted pedigrees, and it has not always been possible, from the context of the article, to establish exactly which member is referred to. The additional information (date and place, and sometimes relationship to others) is intended to aid the researcher.

For the local historian a good deal of detail has been given in the subheadings for each town, village, hamlet and parish, in order to be as specific as possible. Place names with two elements (beginning East, Great, Little, North, South, West etc.) have been indexed under the first element. Towns and villages in the former county of Rutland are identified as such. Lost place names are given in italics, and a few unidentifiable ones are given as they appear in the text (this arises most often in the late-17th century Nonconformity Returns).

The earliest volumes here, nos. 21–23, were published during the Second World War and appeared as part volumes, as many of the earliest volumes had done. The pages were numbered sequentially, however, and readers should be aware that this index does not differentiate between the parts. A list of each volume with its parts and dates appears below. The volume numbers are in bold (**43.57**, 59), illustrations are given in italics (*43.124*) and footnotes appear as **43.127n** or **43.128nn**.

The original index to volumes 1–20 has been included as an appendix to this volume for the sake of completeness. We considered the possibility of amalgamating it into this index, but it was apparent that the styles and coverage of the two indexes were too different to produce a satisfactory whole.

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