

The Norfolk Marriages Project

Originally, a member of the Norfolk Family History Society, Mr. Philip Hamlin set himself the task of compiling an index of Norfolk Marriages for the period 1801-1837 from the original Parish Registers and associated sources at the Norfolk Record Office. By the time he moved away from the area he had covered the 705 Norfolk parishes having relevant marriage records plus 25 Suffolk (border) parishes and his index consisted of scores of thousands of entries on slips of paper.

In 1997 Mr. Hamlin gave his approval for the NFHS to computerise his index. Equipment was provided and eventually a small team of volunteers in the Hampshire area, close to Mr. Hamlin's home, began copying his index slips into a computer spreadsheet format. The team spent the next 4 years transcribing to computer more than 100,000 marriage events, extending their remit to include the Norwich Marriages 1813-37 a transcript of which had been published in book form by the Society in 1982.

In June 2001 the team completed its task and the computer files (Excel format) were added to the resources of the Society's library. In view of the strong demand for the index to be made more widely available it was subsequently converted to PDF format and, in August 2002, published as a CD (version 1.0). A few CDs remain available, see Bookstall on NFHS website.

Subsequently in 2017 the data was converted into a suitable format and added to the society's Norfolk Online Record Search (NORS) Website.

We believe the index is complete for those Norfolk parishes which have marriage records for the relevant period, however, neither the Society nor the database makers provide any warranty in respect to either its accuracy or completeness.