

The Norwoods Of Leckhampton: Guidance Notes

As there are estimated to be around 16,000 descendants of the Norwoods who emigrated to America in the 17th century, I regret that we cannot normally give individual answers to queries regarding those who trace their origins back to the Leckhampton branch. That is not to say that we are not interested: there just aren't enough hours in the day and we are only a small organisation, nor are we experts on family history.

However, we are happy to suggest reading and research sources for those who wish to trace their ancestors, either from home or on a visit to England.

1. First, we presume you have already visited the Norwood website(s), to which there are links from ours ('Descendants of William Norwood'). There is a wealth of information there, and you may benefit from exchanging information with other family historians. Try also the links to the 'Gloucestershire Family History Society', 'The Gloucestershire Archives' and 'Gloucestershire Local History' (which in turn has links to other relevant organisations).
2. The best printed source is the monumental 3-volume History of the Norwoods by Mrs G Marion Norwood Callam:

The Norwoods I. An introduction to their history. A.E. Callam, Pub/Printer, Bushey Heath, Herts. 1963.

The Norwoods II. Heraldry and Brasses. A.E. Callam, Pub/Printer, Bushey Heath, Herts. 1965.

The Norwoods III. A Chronological History. GMNC, Pub. Printed by Gadds Printers, Ltd., Wenban Road, Worthing, BN11 1HZ. 1997 (no ISBN).

Volumes I and II are out of print, but Volume III, in 396 pages gives a comprehensive chronological history and should be essential reading for any Norwood. Only 400 copies were printed, but some may still be available from: Tony Hedges, 9 Chelsea Close, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN40 1SJ, UK.

UK orders: £12.50 with second class mail.

Overseas orders: You need to get a cheque or bank draft drawn on a British (London) bank in the amount of £16.50, which includes the cost of airmail. Make the cheque or bank draft payable to 'Hedges A R and

Norwood J F L (No 1251260)'. Please include your name and address with zip code.

3. Anyone visiting the UK, and particularly the Cheltenham area, should go to

Cheltenham Public Library, Clarence Street, Cheltenham, GL50 3JT. The Local History collection in the Reference Section (Tel: 01242 515636) has most of the published writings on the Norwoods Callam on *The Norwoods*, Vols I & II, Harrison (The Virginia Magazine, 1925), A Voyage to Virginia, Trye on Henry Norwood, Andrew and Brewin *Leckhampton through the Ages*, the various histories of the county, etc.

Gloucester Library (Gloucestershire Collection), Brunswick Road, Gloucester GL1 1HT. Tel: 01452 426979 also has some material. See articles on Leckhampton in *Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucester Archaeological Society* (the "B & G"), *Gloucestershire Notes and Queries*, e.g.

Norwood family i,61; ii,119, 212, 318; iii,120 v,193, 146

Richard (1553) -ii,187-8 (a Composition to avoid Knighthood) v,143

Gloucestershire Archives, Clarence Row, Alvin Street, Gloucester GL1 2TG, Tel: 01452 425295. For those with more time, this holds original primary source documents, including parish registers.

4. If you are in Leckhampton and wish to look at *Leckhampton Court*, bearing in mind that it is now occupied by a hospice run by the Sue Ryder Foundation, it might be prudent to inform the receptionist beforehand. The address is: Sue Ryder Care - Leckhampton Court Hospice, Church Road, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, Glos GL53 0QJ. Tel: 01242 230199. www.suerydercare.org

St Peter's Church, near the Court, has significant monuments and memorials to the Giffards, Norwoods and Tryes.

Further afield, *Madresfield Court*, near Malvern in Worcestershire, was the home of Elizabeth Lygon (wife of William Norwood) and *Coughton Court*, near Alcester in Warwickshire was Catherine Throckmorton's (wife of Henry Norwood). Both houses are well worth a visit in their own right.

I hope these notes are helpful. Of course, if *you* can give *us* some fresh information in return, we'd be interested to know.

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