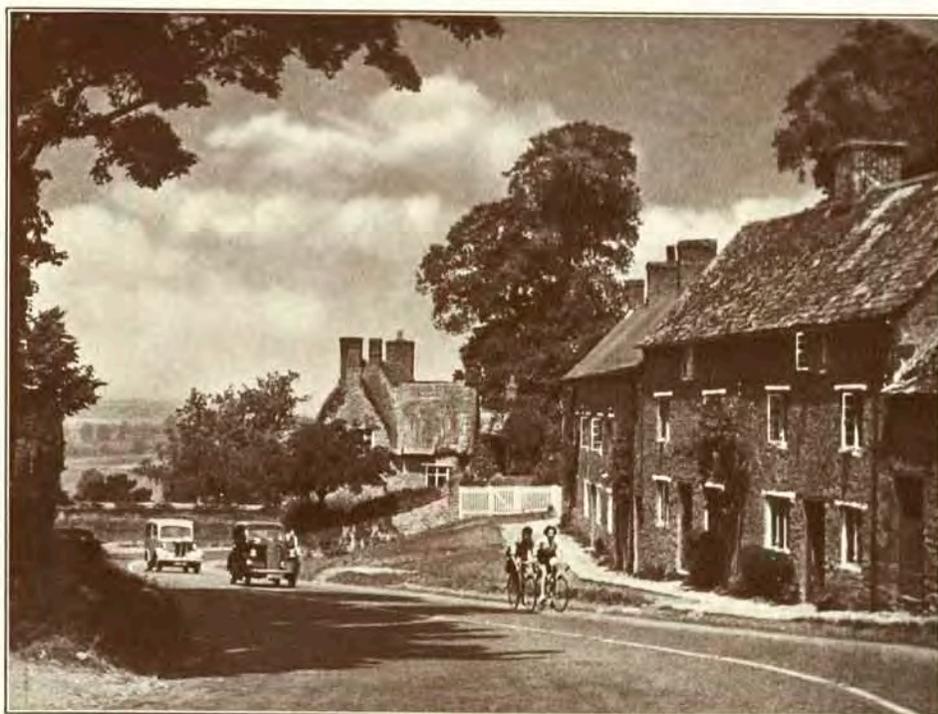


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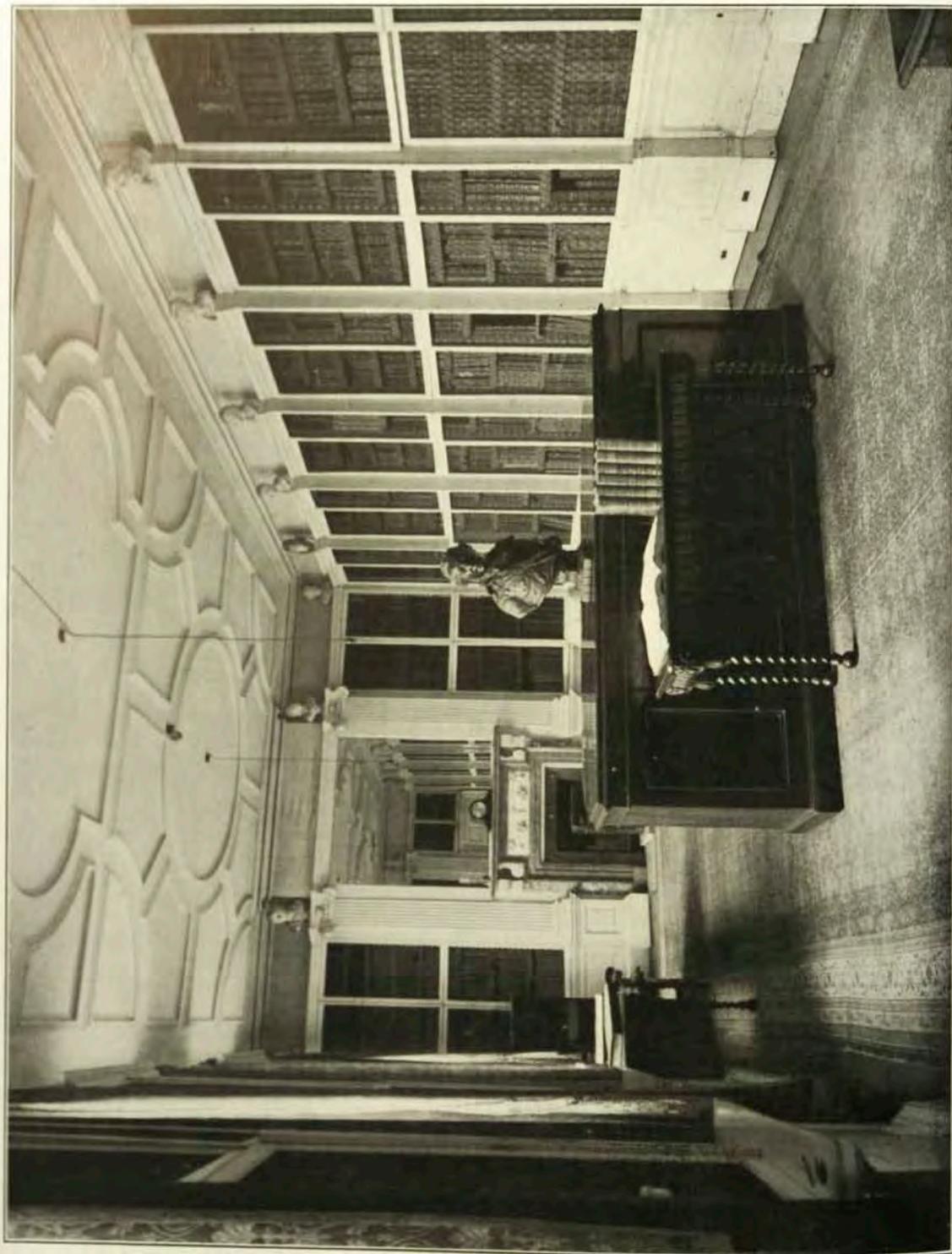


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The Society was founded in December, 1920, with the objects of preserving historical records relating to Northamptonshire, and of publishing from time to time transcripts of documents of both local and general interest, with Introductions by competent authorities.

In 1934 the collections of the Society were conveyed to a body of Trustees. To secure the continuity of the work, an Endowment Fund has been established, now amounting to nearly £2,000.

Lectures and Exhibitions are held from time to time to further the knowledge and study of local history.

The Society carries out certain duties with regard to local records on behalf of the County Council.

## THE RECORD ROOMS.

The Society's Rooms at Lampport Hall, Northampton, are open to students and members of the public on week-days from 10.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. and from 2.0 p.m. to 5.0 p.m., except on Saturdays, when the Rooms are closed at 1.0 p.m. Students desiring to do research should apply to the Hon. Secretary for a copy of the regulations of the Trustees.

There are omnibus and train services to Lampport from Northampton and Market Harborough. The "bus-stop (The Swan Inn) is three minutes walk from the Record Rooms. The Station is 15 minutes walk from the Record Rooms. Lampport is on the main road between Northampton and Market Harborough, and is nine miles distant from each. Comfortable accommodation can be had at the Swan Inn.

## MEMBERSHIP.

There are now 560 subscribers. We aim at a membership of a thousand. THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE SOCIETY is £1 1s. 6d., which entitles members to free copies of publications issued for the period in respect of which they have subscribed. A complete list of publications, with prices to members and non-members, will be found below on pages 46 to 51.

All communications should be addressed to the HON. SECRETARY, LAMPOR T HALL, NORTHAMPTON.

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## NOTES AND NEWS

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**NEW MEMBERS**—The Society is delighted to welcome the 75 new members who have joined in the last twelve months and who include the Law Library of Sydney, New South Wales (our first Australian member), five University Libraries in the U.S.A., and the Virginia Historical Society.

**RESEARCH STUDENTS**—As the contents of our collection become more widely known, the number of scholars visiting our research library increases. The opening of the Fitzwilliam Papers (so long inaccessible at Wentworth Woodhouse) at Sheffield Public Library, has attracted a steady stream of students, many of whom have come on to Lamport to work at the family papers deposited with the Society by Mr. T. W. Fitzwilliam of Milton in this County. Amongst these have been Professor T. W. Copeland of the University of Chicago, Professor Milton Smith of Hartford, Connecticut, Professor Gutteridge of the University of California, Professor Butterfield from Cambridge and Mr. H. V. F. Somerset from Oxford. Researchers on other subjects of social and economic history from the 16th to the 19th century have included Professor Gleason of Pomona College, Cal., U.S.A., Miss Mary Coate (Oxford), and Professor and Mrs. Spring (Johns Hopkins University, U.S.A.), and Dr. Smee of Bedford College, London.

**SOME RECENT ACCESSIONS.** The Dolben of Finedon collection, from Mr. Humphrey Paul; a fine series of Wellingborough manor court rolls from Messrs. Burnham Son and Lewin; parish records (civil) from Great Oxendon, Braybrooke, and Warkton; Nursing Association records from various sources; and a large consignment from Milton of Fitzwilliam Estate Records, and early newspapers. The Duke of Buccleuch has kindly allowed us to have photostated the estate accounts of Sir Edward Montagu of Boughton, temp. Henry VIII and Edward VI.

**PUBLICATIONS.** *The Printed Maps of Northamptonshire*, by H. Whitaker, was issued to members last March. The Hon. Secretary would be glad to hear of county maps not included in this volume. *Sir Christopher Hatton's Book of Seals*, magnificently produced and illustrated, will appear in 1950 as a joint publication of the Society and the Friends of Professor Sir Frank Stenton, and will be issued to members who subscribed in 1940 and 1941. Further particulars may be had from the Oxford University Press.

**VISIT TO ALTHORP.** The Annual Meeting was held at Northampton on May 7th, after which, by kind invitation of Lord Spencer, the members proceeded to Althorp. Lord Spencer gave a learned and most interesting address on the history of the House, illustrated by the family portraits, after which the Society wandered at will from room to room, greatly enjoying the opportunity of seeing this magnificent collection of artistic treasures under such ideal conditions. Truly, a memorable occasion.

## P R E F A C E

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On this, the issue of our second number, we send greetings from the Northamptonshire Record Society to all our readers at home and overseas.

Last spring a member of the Society offered a prize for the best photograph of a Northamptonshire scene, which was won by Mr. L. H. Clarke of Northampton with the view of Aynhoe which we reproduce on our front cover. Aynhoe, typical of much of our finest village architecture, lies across the main road from Banbury to Aylesbury, near the Oxfordshire border of the County. For centuries the home of the Cartwright family, the ancestors of the Brudenells of Deene and of Sir Emery Walker lived in this village, which also has associations with Magdalen College, Oxford.

Once again we have much pleasure in expressing our appreciation of the support we have received from local industry in the production of this journal, reminding us of the remark of the late Sir William Treloar, Lord Mayor of London :—

“ If you want to be healthy, wealthy and wise,  
Go to bed early and advertise.”

In the meantime, production in our staple and engineering trades is on the increase, the application of science to the practical problems of industry has been greatly intensified, there is full employment, and an all-out effort is being made to maintain a full export programme.

We trust that the contents of this number will be varied enough to suit all tastes, and will be found to have added something to the knowledge of our County's history.

*Lampport Hall.*

*October, 1949.*