



## Press Release.

**TheGenealogist** adds to its growing collection of Parish Records with the release of those for Nuneaton & North Warwickshire.

- Released in partnership with the Nuneaton & North Warwickshire Family History Society there are **over 454,000 new fully searchable records of individuals**
- Allowing the researcher to discover **more than 300,000 people recorded within the baptisms** from this area in the heart of England
- Family historians can also discover the details of **over 90,000 individuals from marriages** and **nearly 60,000 people listed in the burials** of Nuneaton & North Warwickshire

**Nuneaton & North Warwickshire FHS** worked with **TheGenealogist** to publish their records online for the first time, making **454,525** individuals from baptism, marriage and burial records fully searchable.

*"The officers of Nuneaton & North Warwickshire Family History Society are delighted to be working with The Genealogist to bring their collection of baptism, marriage and burial transcriptions for north Warwickshire online..."* John Parton (Chairman)

With some of the surviving records reaching back into the 1700s this is an excellent resource for family historians to use for discovering Nuneaton & North Warwickshire ancestors.

The records are also available on TheGenealogist's Society website FHS-Online.co.uk where societies get 100% of the income.

*"This new initiative will provide for those researchers preferring online access, while allowing us to continue offering the data on CD. NNWFHS members have opportunity to take out an enhanced subscription which includes access to the data."* John Parton (Chairman)

This is an ongoing project with the society working on transcribing many more records.

*"We're delighted to welcome NNWFHS to both TheGenealogist and FHS-Online. This release adds to the growing collection of parish records on both websites. These partnerships help societies boost their funds whilst bringing their records to a much wider audience, through online publication."* Mark Bayley (Head of Online Development)

If your society is interested in publishing records online, please contact Mark Bayley on 01722 717002 or see [fhs-online.co.uk/about.php](http://fhs-online.co.uk/about.php)

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## Examples from Nuneaton & North Warwickshire Parish records

In these records can be found the famous novelist, poet, journalist and translator George Eliot, under her real name of Mary Anne Evans. She was born in Nuneaton and baptised at Chilvers Coton All Saints church in 1819 - she used the pen name of George Eliot in order to be taken more seriously as a writer.

For the settings of the stories, Mary drew on her Warwickshire childhood. Chilvers Coton became Shepperton. Shepperton Church is described in great detail in *The Sad Fortunes of the Reverend Amos Barton*, and is recognisably that of Chilvers Coton.



Also to be found in these records are members of her family that she used as inspiration for some of her characters. For example the record for her sister Christiana Evans, baptised in 1814, contains a relevant note by the society that reveals: *Sister of George Eliot. Christiana, 'Chrissie' as she was known to her family, was the original of: "Celia" in 'Middlemarch' & "Lucy Deane" in 'The Mill on the Floss'.*

If we search for Mary Anne's brother, Isaac Pearson Evans who was born in 1816, there is a note which tells us that he was the brother of George Eliot and that he was the basis of Tom Tulliver in "The Mill on the Floss".

Another person to be found in these records is a Henry Harper, born 1830, whose mother Anne has the note: *Anne Harper - daughter of Rev. Bernard Gilpin and Mrs Ebdell ("Mr Gilfil" and "Caterina") and was the son of "Mr Farquhar - the secondary squire of the parish" in "Scenes of Clerical Life" by George Eliot.*

Additionally there is Isabell Adolphine Gwyther born in 1834 and Edward James Wilson Gwyther born in 1837, who share a mention that reveals: *The Rev J Gwyther was Curate of Coton. He and his wife were the originals of "Amos & Milly Barton" in 'Scenes of Clerical Life' by George Eliot, "Milly Barton" was the mother of six young children.*

Using these records you would also be able to find the death in 1836 of Christiana Evans, the writer's mother.