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Biography

- Educated: Chichester High School
- Hertford College, Oxford B.A. (History)
- Kings College, London. Ph.D.
- Fellow of the Royal Historical Society
- Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Research in the Arts and Social Sciences, University of Birmingham

Research

I am currently editing for publication by the Dugdale Society, 'Minutes and Accounts of the Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation, 1599-1609'.

Other activities

- General Editor of the Publications of the Dugdale Society, from 2001
- Editor of Warwickshire History, from 1970

Publications

- The Gregorys of Stivichall in the Sixteenth Century, 1972
- Stratford-upon-Avon as it Was, 1979
- Stratford-upon-Avon: a history of its streets and buildings, 1988, revised 2007
- Captain James Saunders of Stratford-upon-Avon: a local antiquary, 1990
- Charters of the Redvers Family and the earldom of Devon, 1994
- Shakespeare in the Stratford Records, 1994

Contributions

- Anglo-Norman Studies, Equilibrium, Midland History, Notes and Queries, Oral History, Persuasions, Shakespeare Quarterly, Shakespeare Survey, Transactions of the Birmingham and Warwickshire Archaeological Society, and Warwickshire History, including;
- 'Baldwin de Redvers: some aspects of a baronial career in the reign of King Stephen', Anglo-Norman Studies, 1996
- 'Stratford's fires of 1594 and 1595 revisited', Midland History, 2000
- "'Was William Shakespeare William Shakeshafte?" revisited', Shakespeare Quarterly, 2002
- 'John Shakespeare's spiritual testament; a re-appraisal', Shakespeare Survey, 2003
- 'John Shakespeare: a papist or just penniless?', Shakespeare Quarterly, 2005
- 'The early Reformation Experience in a Warwickshire market town: Stratford-upon-Avon, 1530-1580', Midland History, 2007
- Contributor to and general editor of:
- The History of an English Borough: Stratford-upon-Avon, 1196-1996, 1997
- Compton Verney: a history of the House and its Owners, 2000
- Stoneleigh Abbey: The House, Its Owners, Its Lands, 2004

