



# Why become a Friend of the Society?

**B**ecome a Friend of the Society of Genealogists and help to ensure that its unique facilities can be enjoyed by generations to come - perhaps even your own descendants?

The Society has been successfully helping people to research their family history for over 100 years. Now the centenary celebrations are over, attention is focused on investing in the necessary updates and improvements to ensure that the Society flourishes well into its bicentenary.

One of the Society's aims is to index, digitise and upload on to the internet all of its unique records and family history documents. This will protect them from damage, ensuring they are preserved for the family historians of the future. It will also enable the Society's members to access a digital image of the record or document they are interested in from the comfort of their own home. This is particularly useful for members who are unable to make it into the Society as often as they would like.

As well as records and documents being made available online, the Society plans to make more educational material available too. For example, its 200+ courses and lectures. This will ensure that no one misses out on the chance to start or further their family history research.

## Why does the SoG need Friends?

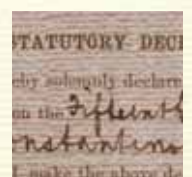
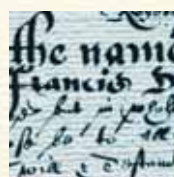
Modernising and improving the service offered by the Society of Genealogists is crucial but also very costly and this is why it is looking for support from its Friends.

Crucial updates and improvements like digitisation, indexing, transcribing, new book collections, bindings, etc., are dependent on donations, legacies and grants which means that they are often delayed or curtailed completely due to lack of funds.

As a Friend, you will be helping to secure the future of the Society of Genealogists so that it can continue to promote, encourage and foster the study and knowledge of genealogy.

The privileges of becoming a Friend of the Society are additional to those already enjoyed as a member. Information on the different levels of subscription are described opposite.

The Society is a very cost effective charity that relies heavily on its 100+ volunteers. This means that your donation will go that extra bit further; and don't forget that if you are a UK tax payer, the Society can claim Gift Aid on all donations received.



## PLATINUM Friend for LIFE of the Society of Genealogists

(£5,000 - Friendship for life.)

- Library plaque in your honour.
- Recognition in the 'Genealogists' Magazine'.
- Platinum event with Trustees and senior staff.
- One full day of dedicated help from an expert Genealogist including lunch at a local restaurant.
- Free first year SoG membership for one person which will include a special induction and tour from one of our experts.
- Free one year subscription to Your Family History magazine.
- Free Society publication of your choice.
- Friends-only days.
- Dedicated Friends lecture.
- Platinum Friend certificate, badge and card for members.

## GOLD Friend of the Society of Genealogists

(£1,000 p.a.)

- Recognition in the 'Genealogists' Magazine'.
- Expert advice from our genealogists.
- Annual Gold event.
- Free six months subscription to Your Family History magazine.
- Free Society publication of your choice.
- Friends-only days.
- Dedicated Friends lecture.
- Gold Friend certificate, badge and card for members.

## SILVER Friend of the Society of Genealogists

(£500 p.a.)

- Annual Silver event.
- Free Society publication of your choice.
- Friends-only days.
- Dedicated Friends lecture.
- Silver Friend certificate, badge and card for members.

## BRONZE Friend of the Society of Genealogists

(£100 p.a.)

- Free Society publication of your choice.
- Dedicated Friends lecture.
- Bronze Friend certificate, badge and card for members.

## Friend of the Society of Genealogists

(Any donation up to £100 p.a.)

- Friend certificate.



# Donation & Gift Aid declaration form

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**Platinum £5000**   
**Silver £500 p.a.**

**Gold £1000 p.a.**   
**Bronze £100 p.a.**

**Friend**  (please tick)  
Please enter  
donation amount: £ .....

Please complete the form overleaf for regular annual/monthly payment options. The Friends initiative is in addition to membership.

## Gift Aid declaration

**Please treat** (Please tick the appropriate box)

- The enclosed monthly/annual gift as a Gift Aid donation; OR  
 All gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations; OR  
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**If you pay income tax at the higher rate**, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

## Method (please tick):

Cheque (payable to the Society of Genealogists)  Cash  Credit/Debit Card

## If donating by credit/debit card:

Please debit my Visa / Mastercard / Switch / Maestro (delete as appropriate)

Card No.:

Expiry date:

Valid from/start date:

Issue No. (Switch):

Cardholder Name: .....

Cardholder Signature: .....

Date: ..... Daytime Tel (in case of query): .....

Please return mandate to: **Society of Genealogists**, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA.

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For monthly payment options, please complete the **regular donation standing order mandate**.

# Regular donation standing order mandate & Gift Aid declaration

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## Standing Order

Account in the name of: .....

Your bank's name and address: .....

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Account Number:

Account Sort Code:

Please pay to: **Society of Genealogists**

Branch: **HSBC**, 74 Goswell Road, Clerkenwell, London EC1V 7DA.

Account Number: 51069624

Sort Code: 40-02-17

The sum of £ ..... on the ..... day of: ..... Year: .....

and annually  monthly  (please tick) thereafter on the same date until further notice.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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The Society of Genealogists is a registered educational charity which relies on the generosity and support of its members, volunteers and others to continue its work. As well as funding from the Friends of the Society initiative, a large part of members' donations come in the form of gifts in wills.

Legacies play a vital part in the Society's funding and we are eternally grateful to those who are passionate about genealogy and remember the Society in their wills. Those who do so, are helping to ensure that the Society's work and services can be improved and extended beyond their lifetime for future generations to discover and enjoy.

For more information on leaving a legacy to the Society of Genealogists, please email: [fundraiser@sog.org.uk](mailto:fundraiser@sog.org.uk) or write to us at the address below.



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