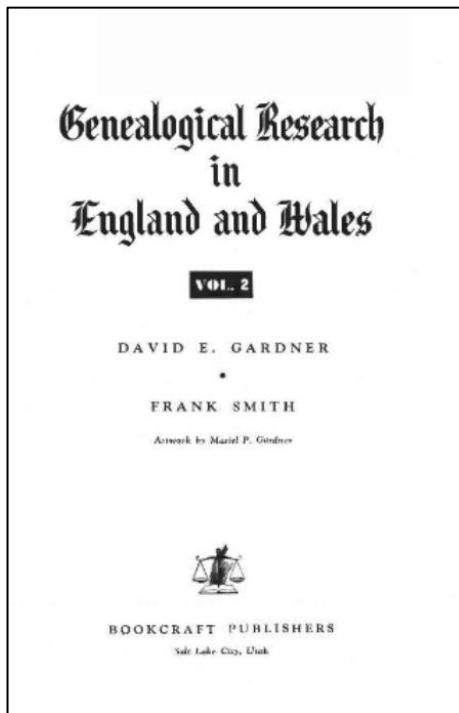


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THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY			HISTORICAL EVENTS
Historical	Religious, Social, Economical	Record Keeping	
1509 HENRY THE EIGHTH (1509-1547)	c.1510 Early years of the English Renaissance or New Learning.		
1512 War with France.			
1513 Battles of the Spurs and of Flodden Field.			
1520 Field of the Cloth of Gold.	c.1521 Early years of the English Reformation.		
1522 War with France.	1523 Tyndale's English version of the Bible secretly distributed.		
1534/5 Henry VIII assumed the title of Supreme Head of the Church of England.	1534 English renunciation of Papal supremacy.	1536 First attempts to initiate the keeping of parish registers fail.	
1536-1538 Rebellions in the northern counties against the suppression of the monasteries.	1535-1538 Suppression of first the lesser and then the greater monasteries.	1538 Parish registers ordered to be kept and successfully initiated. ¹	
1544 War with France.			
1547 EDWARD THE SIXTH (1547-1553)	c.1550 Walloon Protestants arrive as refugees from the Low Countries. ²	1547 The injunction to keep parish registers reiterated.	
1553 QUEEN MARY (1553-1558)	1553-1558 Protestants persecuted and many burnt at the stake.	1553 Many parish ministers replaced by those favoring the Queen.	
1557 War with France, loss of Calais.		1558 Injunction re-enforcing the keeping of parish registers.	
1558 ELIZABETH THE FIRST (1558-1603)	1559 Reorganization of the Church of England settled moderately.		
1560 War with Scotland.	1560 Calvinism the national religion of Scotland.		
1562 African slave trade commenced.	1563 Papal recusants heavily fined for non-attendance at Church. The Test Act excluded Roman Catholics from governmental office.	1567 Earliest date in the French Protestant and Walloon registers. ³	

1. See Vol. 1 Chapter 10 "The Parish Registers."
2. See S. Minet, "Huguenot Records" *The Genealogist's Magazine*. (London, March 1956) commencing at page 149.
3. French Protestant Chapel at Southampton, Hampshire.

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