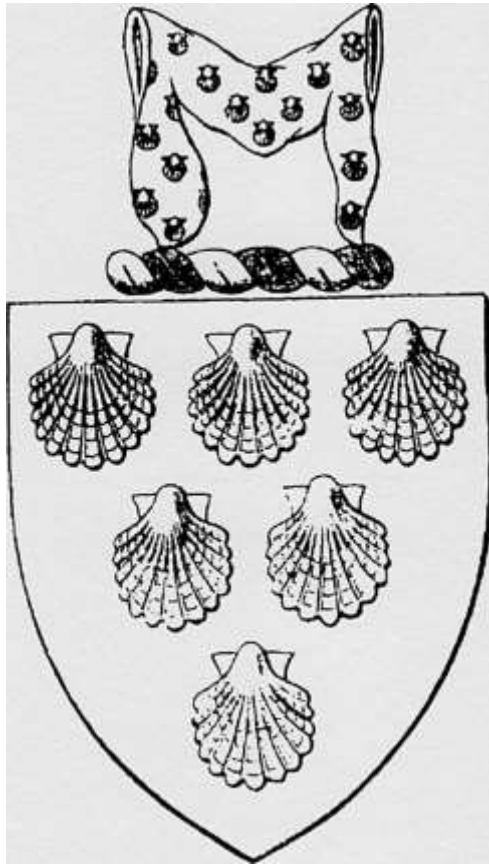


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The first two articles in this volume of local history work are something of a contrast - recollections of Sutton by a man of wealth, and an account of the poor from the bleak records. Next we see the 19th century by gaslight, and then how the 19th century extinguished a feudal relic. We stray over the border to Canwell, and back in time to the strange words of our Sutton forebears before being brought back with a bang to our present century with a vivid contemporary account of the air raids of the Second World War. Once again the articles show the variety of interests of members of the Group, and their ingenuity in seeking out the sources which can throw light on their investigations.

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