

## OBITUARY

### BRIAN ERNEST HARRIS

Dr. Brian Harris, Editor of the Victoria History of Cheshire, and a member of the Council of this Society since 1974, died on February 10, 1988 after a long illness. He was 49. Dr. Harris, a graduate of Nottingham University, where he also took an M.A. and a Ph.D., came to Chester as a lecturer at Chester College in 1969 and was appointed Editor of the Cheshire *V.C.H.* in 1972. His main work was, naturally, the History, three volumes of which appeared under his editorship; there were, however, numerous other publications, most notably a guide to the city of Chester and an edition of the Great Roll of the Pipe for the fourth year of the reign of Henry III. His many articles included 'King John and the Sheriffs' Farms', which appeared in volume 79 of the *English Historical Review*, lxxix, and, together with Dr. Dorothy Clayton, 'Criminal Procedure in Cheshire in the mid 15th Century', published in volume 128 of the *Transactions* of this society.

Brian was most generous with his time and expertise to all interested in local history in the area and was active in many local historical societies besides the Historic Society. A zealous and engaging lecturer and an assiduous member, and past chairman, of the Local History Committee of the Cheshire Community Council, he became a popular and familiar figure to many who would not otherwise have encountered him in his offices in Chester and Liverpool. His warm interest and encouragement will be sadly missed by all in any way engaged in Cheshire history.

Brian is survived by a wife and three daughters.

Alan Thacker