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## ***Welsh Legal History Society - NEW***

The Welsh Legal History Society was founded in 1999, its inaugural lecture being delivered by Professor David Ibbetson in May of that year and the official launch being held at Cardiff in May 2000. Its first volume was published in 2001 and celebrated the foundation of the society by publishing the first collection of its proceedings. Six of the eight papers contained in the volume are based on lectures delivered to the Society by members at the three meetings held during the first fifteen months of the Society's existence. These include the inaugural lecture at Cardiff in May 1999.

The Society exists to spread knowledge of, and promote research into, the rich history of law in Wales. That history extends from a fascinating medieval indigenous legal system to the specific (sometimes surprising) application of law within Wales in more modern times.

They have published a series of works featuring scholarly editions, collections of essays, and monographs across a variety of periods and subjects. The work of lawyers and commentators with Welsh connections is also addressed by the Society. Its historical interests cover both the doctrinal history of the law and the contextual study of the law in the society in which it operates.

### **Featured title included:**

#### ***Welsh Legal History Society***

- Full text: 13v. Welsh Legal History Society, 2001-2013
- Indexed: 16v. Welsh Legal History Society, 2001-2016

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- Access to the *English Reports Full Reprint, 1220-1867 (Vols. 1-176, 1694-1867)*, which contains more than 100,000 English cases, several of which are still cited today!
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- Links to other online sources regarding early English history

The Selden Society was founded in 1887, largely by the efforts of Frederic William Maitland, to encourage the study and advance the knowledge of the history of English law. The only learned society and publisher devoted to English legal history, the Selden Society researches and publishes the history of the law, development of legal ideas, the legal profession, the courts, judges and lawyers, literature and legal records, and essentially everything that is characteristic of English common law and the legal system. The Selden Society publishes original source materials that have never been in print, making its publications a unique icon of legal research.

Founded in 1910, the Ames Foundation serves to continue the advancement of legal knowledge and aid in the improvement of law. The Foundation's primary focus has been on their publications program through which they publish important historical documents about English law.

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