

WRITES 75,000-WORD HISTORY OF THORPE HAMLET

A NORWICH man who has an insatiable interest in local history has just set the seal on one part of his researches.

Mr. Geoffrey Goreham, of Dussindale, Kett's Hill, Norwich, has received from the binders his monumental work of the history of Thorpe Hamlet, a task which took most of his spare time for four years.

It is a detailed survey of the district from the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods to the present day, with particular emphasis on industrial and residential development during the 19th and 20th centuries.

82 pictures

Containing 75,000 words, all typed by himself, 63 maps, plans and drawings and 82 photographs, this task, begun more or less as an exercise, involved correspondence with over 50 firms and individuals to obtain necessary data.

Not since Blomefield and Kirkpatrick has the Norwich area been so minutely examined and recorded.

Mr. Goreham hopes that the Norwich Public Library will accept his book for the Reference Library.

A frequent contributor to this company's newspapers—over 100 of his articles have appeared—Mr. Goreham may be thought by many to be a hoary septuagenarian.

But he is 34, married with four children.

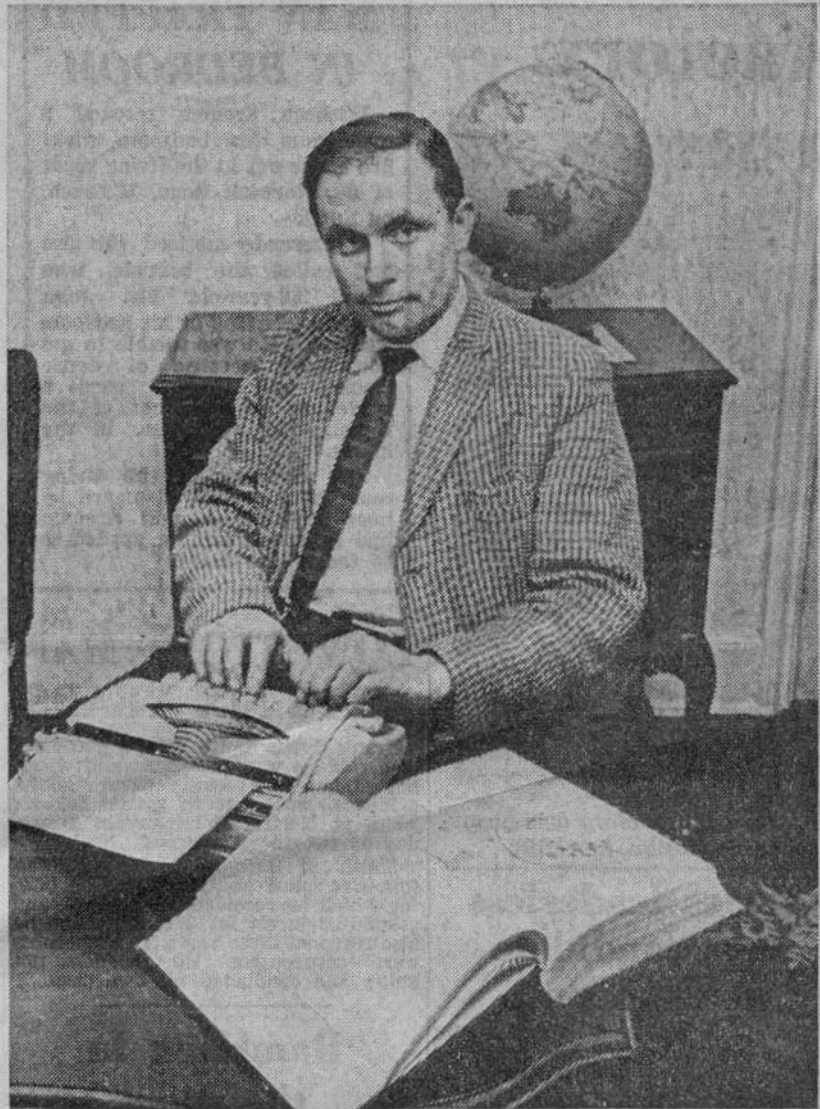
Museum post

Born at Thorpe Hamlet, he was educated locally and joined the R.S.P.C.A. and was appointed inspector at Newark.

After serving for five years, he returned to Norwich in 1957, taking up a post with Norwich veterinary surgeons.

He joined the Museums staff in 1959 and was appointed attendant at the St. Peter Hungate Museum.

His single-minded dedication to the task of recording the city's history



Mr. Geoffrey Goreham and the bound volume of his manuscript, giving the history of Thorpe Hamlet.

has led him to make a comprehensive photographic survey of many buildings demolished in recent years.

In 1961 he wrote a "History of Parks and Open Spaces of Norwich." The department was so impressed by it that copies were made and distributed to each city councillor.