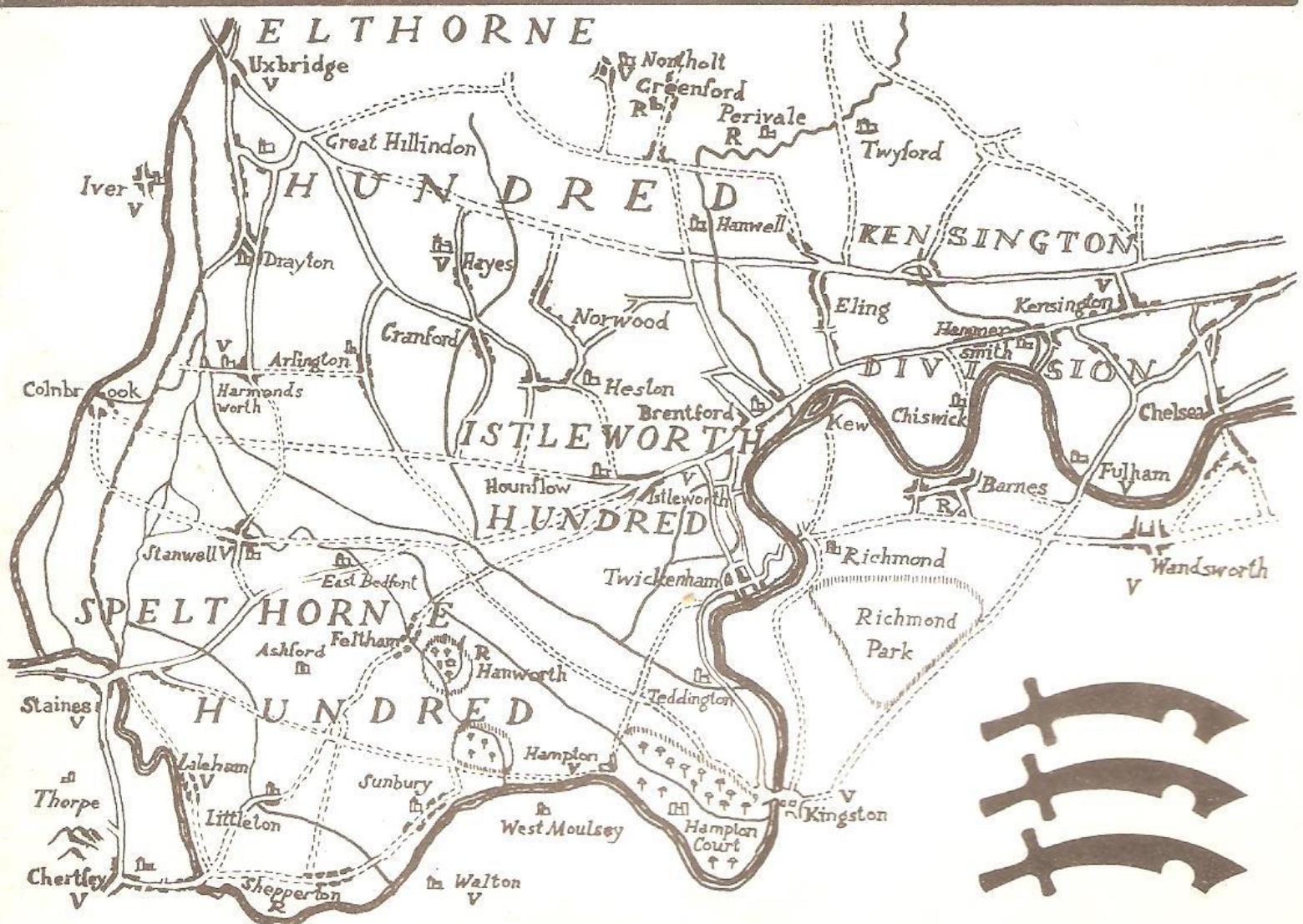


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### The Society's Area of Interest

Parishes which are the particular concern of the Society:

Acton, Ashford, East Bedfont, Chelsea, Chiswick, Cowley, Cranford, West Drayton, Ealing, Feltham, Fulham, Greenford, Hampton, Hanwell with Brentford, Hanworth, Harlington, Harmondsworth, Hayes with Norwood, Hammersmith, Heston with Hounslow, Hillingdon with Uxbridge, Isleworth, Kensington, Laleham, Littleton, Perivale, Shepperton, Staines, Stanwell, Sunbury, Teddington and Twickenham.

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## News & Events

### DICTIONARY OF OCCUPATIONS

The Liverpool Family History Society is compiling a composite list of occupations for the use of family and local historians. They would appreciate receiving details of occupations you may find mentioned in records, giving the occupational title, likely meaning, date, and also place as a guide to regional differences. Contributions should be sent to the compiler:

**Mrs. Joyce Culling, 11 Lisburn Lane, Liverpool, L13 9AE**

### FIRST BRITISH FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

The Federation of Family History Societies is presenting its first conference at the Bedford College of Higher Education from 28 March to 1 April 1980. The Federation's AGM will take place during the weekend, but there will also be a full programme of lectures, seminars, social events and visits, and a special children's programme. Booking details are available from:

**Mr. G. Lenton, 35 Tiverton Road, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK40 3DL**

### RESEARCH TEAM

In order to deal with requests for help, particularly from distant members, we should like to form a small research team of people able to make specific searches in indexes at places like St. Catherine's House and Somerset House. If you could volunteer to do this from time to time, please contact the membership secretary, **Rhona Ward**.

### GREATER LONDON RECORD OFFICE

The Middlesex Records search room at Queen Anne's Gate Buildings closed permanently on 29 June. The records are being amalgamated with the Greater London records at County Hall, and during the re-organisation the search room there has also been closed since the end of August. It will re-open on 2 January 1980. Because a large part of the combined collection is to be stored in an out-repository, it will be necessary to make an appointment and order documents for production three days beforehand.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To our committee member, Chris Watts, who was elected to the Executive Committee of the Society of Genealogists at its annual general meeting in June.



### NEW MEETING PLACE FOR THE SOCIETY

The final meeting of 1979 on 14 December, at which members of the committee will recount some of their research reminiscences and problem-solving experiences, will also be the last in Hounslow Manor School. Starting in 1980, meetings will be held in the Old Town Hall, Treaty Road, Hounslow. This is opposite Hounslow Library, off Hounslow High Street, not far from our present meeting place. There is car parking adjacent, and the new venue should allow some light refreshments to be available. Meetings will be on the usual second Friday of the month (except in June) at 7.30pm as follows:

11 January 1980	David Hawkings on Quarter Sessions Rolls
8 February 1980	to be announced
8 March 1980	Problems & Queries evening
11 April 1980	to be announced
10 May 1980	to be announced
20 June 1980	Wine & Cheese Party

### KELLYS DIRECTORIES LIBRARY

I am grateful to Mrs. Buckman for the information that Kelly's have a library of their local directories and other publications at Tudor House, 26 Upper Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, Middlesex. This may be consulted for a small charge on Mondays to Fridays: 9.00am to 5.00pm, although there are plans for the library to move eventually to East Grinstead.

### LETTER COLLECTION IN SUFFOLK

Mr. and Mrs. Zouch report a recent acquisition by Suffolk Record Office. This is a collection of eighteenth-century letter books, covering correspondence from a number of different families in various parts of the country, which is currently being indexed. The kind of illuminating gossip to be gleaned from such a source is illustrated by the following abstract from the index.

28 February 1773                      Letter from Lev. Wycliff to Mary: advises Mary to keep to her friends such as Miss Watson &c; Mrs. Gream is the only daughter of a vicar who had six children and a fortune of £800, and by sacrificing her person to an old, distempered, battered beau, or rather debauché, she got £400 per annum; with a superficial understanding, is thought a clever woman, but Lev. thinks her a coquet; Mr. Z takes his sister's part.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BRITISH NEWSPAPERS

The Library Association is undertaking the production of a new paper bibliography. This will be produced in pamphlet form on a county basis, listing all files of newspapers published in the county and showing the repositories where they are held, both inside and outside the area. Enquiries about the scheme can be addressed to the general editor of the Bibliography of British Newspapers:

**Mr. C. A. Toase, Merton Borough Libraries, Merton Cottage, Church Path, Merton Park, London SW19 3HH**

## A FAMILY HISTORY EXHIBITION

Members may be interested to note in their diaries a Family History Exhibition which is to be mounted by the West Surrey Family History Society at Chertsey Museum (Windsor Street, Chertsey, Surrey) from Tuesday 26 February to Saturday 16 March 1980. It is proposed to display descent charts of all types; a series of the various documents which go to evidence an individual's descent; family relics and heirlooms belonging to members of the Society; an exhibition of published research aids (handbooks, parish maps, record cards etc); and so on. It promises to be an Exhibition worth a visit. (Tues & Thurs: 2-5pm; Wed, Fri & Sat: 10am-1pm, 2-5pm).

## UNWANTED CERTIFICATES PROJECT

Mrs. M. Johnson of the Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry has taken over running the Unwanted Certificates Project. The idea is that if someone is disappointed by a certificate from St. Catherine's House which is of no interest, they can forward it to the project, with their name and address on the back. If it subsequently proves to be of use to someone else, they can send a donation to the original owner. An index of certificates presently on file is being prepared and will be available at minimum charge. If Mrs. Johnson cannot help with an enquiry, she will note the name in case a certificate turns up later. Certificates or enquiries should be sent to her at:

**Mrs. Johnson, 63 Brook Lane, Olton, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 7EJ**

## LONDON DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

On the initiative of the North Middlesex Family History Society, several societies in the Greater London area are planning to produce a joint Directory of Members' Interests in 1980. Final details are not yet settled, but our society hopes to participate in the project. This would mean that members' surname interests, as well as being included in our own register, would be submitted for inclusion in the new directory



## From Your Chairman

At the end of our first year, we have achieved our goal in launching our Society “off the ground.” Our monthly meetings have been well attended and we have been fortunate in having nine visiting speakers. Behind the scenes your committee has met many times planning and co-ordinating. Special thanks must go to your membership secretary, Rhona Ward, for all her efforts in dealing with the mountains of correspondence received. Chris Watts too, has spent endless hours in organising the Chiswick graveyard project and plans to publish this work during the winter. Bob Cook has been the driving force behind the high standard of our magazine, but without your continued support in supplying articles he cannot continue. To Rhona, Chris, and Bob, and to all the other committee members my sincere thanks for giving up so much of their valuable time to tackle the hundred and one jobs which needed attention.

I must not forget our band of selfless members who helped with the Chiswick project. We all benefit so much from the work of past genealogists (many of them amateurs) and to record and index the enormous amount of material still outstanding is a way of making our own mark of thanks.

Although we find ourselves at present in a happy financial situation, we must recruit many more members if we wish to thrive. At present our membership stands at eighty-five and many of these have not yet renewed their subscription. It is surprising in such a highly populated area that our numbers remain so low; we must all endeavour to spread the word of our Society. We plan to publish four magazines each year but we need more income.

Our meeting place in Hounslow Manor School has proved somewhat unsatisfactory, particularly during the cold winter months. We are therefore moving to Hounslow Town Hall from January 1980 onwards, and hope to develop our meetings more into social occasions. We will have the use of a small kitchen and plan to break half-way through the evening and serve coffee, tea and biscuits. This we hope will give more opportunity for members to meet each other and discuss their research problems.

At our second meeting there was unanimous agreement to the suggestion that we hold a wine and cheese party. This has not been forgotten, and we plan to hold our first social evening next spring. It is hoped, too, that visits to various libraries and archives will be organised; the first will probably be to the Newspaper Library at Colindale.

*I wish you all good luck with your future researches.*



# Note Taking and Record Keeping

*An edited record of the talk by V. E. Gale on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1979*

Most of our genealogical activities are devoted to one of five desired ends. We are either seeking our total ancestry, our pedigree, or we are looking for a one-line family tree, a drop line chart going back generation by generation. Or perhaps we are trying to do the same thing showing all the collaterals, although the more one does that, the more complicated the chart becomes. Then there is the ultimate end, writing up one's family history. The fifth activity some of us are looking at is one name studies. I am not going to spend any time on that because I don't know much about it and I am not sure it is really genealogy, which is going back in all time from the known to the unknown. It is progressive.

It is surprising that there have been so many text books written about where to find records and how to use them, and yet none of them have told us much about what we ought to be writing down. The Society of Genealogists has produced a leaflet on "Note Taking and Keeping for Genealogists." And there is a book with a whole chapter on the subject, although I don't suppose one in a hundred of us has seen it. It was published by Pitman in the 1930s and I am not sure who the author, Pope, was really writing for! But his "Filing Systems - their principles and application for modern publishing requirements" has about twelve pages on how to file genealogical material.

In our research we are really taking transcripts. If we are only taking notes, we are abbreviating, and are potentially in trouble. It is important to record the facts as the original documents give them. It is a good idea if you can to take your notes on standard size paper, for ease of filing later. Photocopy if you can, because then you have an exact copy of the original. Never abbreviate names. You may understand your own abbreviations but one day your records may go to someone else who will be in a quandary. Record any omissions in the text. If you just leave a gap, you may not know later whether that was because you could not read it or because it was not there, so do distinguish in your transcription. You can always put an asterisk and make a note at the side. As far as punctuation and capitalisation go, you must decide, when transcribing a will for example, whether to copy exactly - all lower case and no punctuation - or to try to make it more intelligible. I think it is sensible to capitalise, but when it comes to inserting punctuation and paragraphing, one is on more dubious ground. If you do have to re-copy notes - and after all sometimes you may see a gravestone and have only a cigarette packet to write on - it is a good idea to keep your original so that you can check what you wrote at the time.

Record what you were searching for, and what you would not have recorded even if it was there; for example, whether you have recorded all Gale entries in a parish register, or only entries for John or William Gale. Record the limitations of your



search. You should also note any gaps in the original, such as missing years in a parish register. But it is sometimes easy to miss a gap if a record has no chronological sequence. A couple of pages missing from a census record may be overlooked, so you ought to keep an eye on page numbers. Do also record the exact source of the reference, in case you want to check it again; not just "PRO Census" but the piece number and page number as well.

I think it is very important to keep notes for different surnames on separate sheets of paper. Once you have a jumble of different names, you have got to recopy them to sort them into family groups. File by surname, rather than putting all wills or all parish register references together. Use loose leaf files so that things can be added and re-arranged.



For the most part my records are in a jumble, and I have no right to be advising you at all. But I have devised a system for keeping some of them which may be useful. There is nothing very original in my system, although there was very little in print about how to keep records when I started it. More recently there has been the Society of Genealogists leaflet "Family Records and their Layout." and Patrick Palgrave-

Moore's book "How to Record Your Family Tree" which is very useful.

There are various printed forms produced for pedigree charts. The sort of information recorded is simply basic dates and places, and I would not reckon to put my sources on this type of chart. You can buy all sorts of pedigree charts today, such as that produced by the Genealogical Society of Utah, or even a portrait pedigree, but I don't suppose many of us would have photographs going back so far. I went as far as to buy something from the Royal Horticultural Society the other day called Our Family Tree - rather elaborate and complicated.

The most important type of chart, I think, is the type showing basic information and references for an individual, such as the one I have drawn up (illustrated on page 64). This shows vital dates, wills, occupations, and addresses, with a column for evidence to indicate the original documents, which can be listed at the bottom. This gives a good basis for writing up afterwards. I think pedigree charts are most useful as a guideline for showing which surnames come into them, and can refer

Name	Reference
_____ Born _____ at _____ Registered by _____	Evidence
Died _____ at _____ Registered by _____	
Will dated _____ Proved on _____ at _____	
<u>OTHER REFERENCES</u> (Occupation, Residences, &c)	
Married _____ at _____ to _____ _____ (Witnesses _____)	
Born _____ at _____ (see Sheet _____)	
Died _____ at _____ Registered by _____	
Will dated _____ Proved on _____ at _____	
<u>CHILDREN</u>	
<u>EVIDENCES</u>	
1	
2	
3	
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7	

to separate family trees showing collaterals. But it all depends on what your purposes are.

None of us can finish with just this sort of record. There will be all sorts of other bits and pieces to collect – certificates, photographs of people, and of the houses where they lived, etc. You may need a scrap book for newspaper cuttings, a large papers file, or pamphlet boxes. The important thing with all of these is to keep a proper index of them all, and cross reference it into your main charts.

In your pedigree charts you must stick to proven facts, but in your family history, when you come to write it up, your opinions have a valid place. This really ought to be what you are all aiming at. You ought to be trying to write up your ancestors and set them in their historical context. It is possible to do this with a fairly limited knowledge of social history. It is a very useful exercise to try writing up an ancestor. Instead of just having a list of dates, you will have created a brief biography of a person.

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## Editorial

Although the time of the society's first Annual General Meeting is approaching, this is only the third issue of the journal. However, I hope that the society's finances will permit quarterly production of the journal in future. This will also need a steady flow of contributions. I should like to thank those who have already written for the journal, and urge others to do so.

Why not follow Vic Gale's suggestion (above) and "write up an ancestor" for publication? In this issue we continue some established themes, but are also breaking new ground in trying a photographic reproduction.

I hope this will not turn out as a blurred half-page!



# ***Records from Quarter Sessions***

by D. T. Hawkings

One of the most interesting sources of documents, revealing information on all classes of people throughout the last four or five hundred years, is the material found amongst the Quarter Sessions Records.

Each county held “sessions” every three months before justices, when all manner of legal proceedings were conducted. Such documents included:

1. Settlement certificates
2. Removal orders
3. Bastardy documents
4. Highway and bridge building and maintenance
5. Licenses for alehouses, non-conformist meeting places, licenses to act etc.
6. Appointments of constables and other officers
7. Lists of jurors, usually giving their trade and place of residence
8. Records of misdemeanours and felonies including indictments, depositions by the accused, witnesses and constables, justice decrees, fines, calendars of prisoners etc.

Perhaps the most useful of all these, are the depositions. These, giving all manner of detailed information about offences - often very descriptive, throw much light on the way of life of people of the period. The myth that the “ordinary working man” did not wander far from his place of birth is totally disproved by these documents. It was not unusual for a defendant or witness to refer in evidence to a place twenty miles away and often there is information which links people much farther distant.

Quarter Session material is usually housed in the County Record Office and its order of preservation varies from place to place. In Somerset for example, session rolls themselves have been preserved in their original form, whilst there are separate files for indictments, fines, recognizances, etc. Berkshire has separated many of the removal and settlement documents into separate bundles. Regrettably the greatest problem, as usual, for the family historian is knowing exactly where to look for information on his family. Generally, there is no quick solution and it means ploughing through mountains of parchments and papers in the hope that something might turn up. But if it does it will be well worth the effort.

In my own family I have, simply by persistence, discovered one man who gave evidence against a poacher in 1796. The same man in 1804 was committed to trial for stealing a sheep, and transported. Another, a young woman, was apprehended for breaking and entering, and another served two weeks in gaol for stealing a bundle of wood. Perhaps the most unlikely discovery of all was that my ancestor Robert Hawkings (nephew of the transported “victim”), when giving evidence of the theft of some elm posts in 1819, was described as “parish constable”. His

signature at the end of his deposition compares closely with that at his marriage in the parish register.

The following is typical of the detailed information found in session rolls, and links a Somerset family with Highgate, Middlesex. The outcome of this trial is most surprising; for Robert Clarke who by his own admission was guilty of theft, was acquitted.

SOMERSET QUARTER SESSION ROLLS - Spring Sessions held at Wells, 23 March 1835: 10 January 1835 - Depositions of Witnesses against Robert Clarke for felony.

Somerset to wit. Depositions of witnesses against Robert Clarke on a charge of Felony taken before me the undersigned, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said County, the tenth day of January in the Year of Our Lord 1835.

Mary Fernee of Highgate in the County of Middlesex, spinster, on her oath saith, "I packed a rush basket with provisions and other articles for my Uncle Charles Mullins who lives at Horsington in Somersetshire and directed the basket to him to be left at the White Horse Inn, Wincanton, until called for, and it was sent off by coach on Tuesday the thirtieth of December last. I wrote a letter to my uncle to fetch the basket; the basket contained £2-2-6 in money, a leg of mutton, 4 fowls, 2 cakes of soap, ¼ lb of tea, a piece of pork, 5 shirts, 1 flannel shirt and 1 cotton gown. The gown now produced is the gown which I put into the basket and the soap I believe to be the same."

Sworn in the presence of the prisoner before me:

(signed) Mary Fernee

(signed) Paul Leir

Said Charles Mullins of Horsington in the said County of Somerset, labourer, on his oath saith, "On Wednesday the thirty-first of December last I came to Wincanton and received the basket. I put the basket into a cart and rode to Horsington in the cart with it and at Horsington, about 5 o'clock I left the basket in the cart opposite the Half Moon public house. In the course of half an hour after I went to the cart to take my basket but it was not there."

Sworn in the presence of the prisoner before me:

The mark of X Charles Mullins

(signed) Paul Leir

James Godfrey of Horsington aforesaid, mason, on his oath saith, "I was at the Half Moon at Horsington, when Mullins enquired about his basket, and remained there until 10 o'clock when I went with three other persons and searched the orchards and gardens near to the Inn but could not find the

basket. I then went to a stall near the Half Moon and there found the prisoner laid down on some straw. I charged him with stealing the basket, he, with an oath, said he knew nothing about it; after some time, he acknowledged that he did take it and begged me not to tell as it would transport him. I asked him where the basket was and he told me at John Stacey's, but on my observing that they were gone to bed, he than said it was under a hay rick in Whites Barton. He proposed to bring it to my house which he did. I saw the prisoner take from the basket a leg of mutton, 4 fowls, a piece of pickled pork, 2 pieces of soap, a gown and a small cloth or towell. We fried some of the mutton and boiled the remainder and burnt the basket."

Sworn in the presence of the prisoner before me:

(signed) James Godfrey

(signed) Paul Leir

Mary Godfrey on her oath saith, "I am the wife of James Godfrey the last witness. In the night of Wednesday, the thirty-first of December last between 11 and 12 o'clock my husband came home, went upstairs, and in a few minutes afterwards came down stairs again and went out into an outhouse adjoining our dwelling-house with a candle; he shortly came back into the house with Robert Clarke. Clarke was carrying a basket. I saw Clarke take out of the basket, 2 pieces of soap, 4 fowls, a piece of pork, a gown and a coarse cloth. I went into the pantry for a few minutes and on my return, I saw the basket burning on the fire. I didn't see to whom the basket was directed. My husband appeared to be in liquor. I saw a leg of mutton on the table. Clarke cut off a piece and fried it and he and my husband partook of it. Clarke came to our house again the following evening and took away a fowl with him. The gown now produced by Charles Mullins is the same that Clarke took from the basket in our house and the soap also. It was a rush basket".

Sworn in the presence of the prisoner before me:

(signed) Mary Godfrey

(signed) Paul Leir

The prisoner Robert Clarke saith, "Godfrey told me where to go after the basket and carry it to his house".

Before (signed) Paul Leir, (signed) Robert Clarke

**Robert Clarke - acquitted; discharged by proclamation.**

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## Members' Interests

The following list shows additions and corrections to the main list appearing in Vol. I, No. 2. There were, unfortunately, two errors in that list - the name and address of member B2, whose surname interests were included under that reference, were omitted; and the surname interests referenced H9 should have referred to member K2. For clarity the full entries are repeated below, together with those of new members.

A6	ASH, Herbert John 4 Valeside Durham, DH1 4RF	ASH/ASHE HORTON PICKERDEN	London; any London; any London; any
A7	ALLIES, P. S. C. 6 Goodman Park Slough, Berkshire, SL2 5NN	ALLIES	Isleworth, Stanwell
B2*	BUCKMAN, Mrs. K. 23 Bucklands Road, Teddington, Middlesex	BUCKMAN COTTON	Cheltenham, Glos; Woking, Surrey; any Essex; Kent
C8	CASLING, Roger A. H. 35 Andover Road, Twickenham, Middlesex	CASLING SCOULDING	Bristol; E Anglia Bristol; E Anglia
E5	EWART, Mrs. S. M. 31 Viscount Road, Stanwell, Middlesex TW19 7RD	BATE BURRIDGE COX FEY GREEN LEE	Walsall Wood, Staffs Hampstead Portsmouth, Hants Crediton, Devon Walsall Wood, Staffs North London
E4	EDWARDS, Thomas Frederick 14 Duncombe Court, Thames Side, Staines, Middlesex TW18 2HE	EDWARDS	Hounslow, W. Middlesex
F2	FAULKNER, H. C. 1 Francis Road, Horndean, Portsmouth P08 0HZ	FAULKNER SMITH	Hammersmith Hammersmith
F3	FRASER, Mrs. Pamela J. 48 Ryeland Close, Yiewsley, West Drayton, Middlesex UB7 8AU	ROUNDING PAYNE SMITH YOUNG DUNKLEY SMITH FORD GIDDINGS SHARPE	Cricklewood, Hendon Cricklewood, Hendon Gillingham, Kent Gillingham, Kent Harlestone, Northants Harlestone, Northants Seal, Sevenoaks, Weald, Kent Kings Cliff, Northants Alwalton, Hunts. Kings Cliff, Northants Alwalton, Hunts
F3	GOODWIN, Juliet 50 West Drayton Park Avenue, West Drayton, Middlesex, UB7 8AU	BRAY BELSEY DIGHT	Harefield, Ruislip East Kent any

G9	GLOVER, Mrs. Brenda Kay 54 Summerwood Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 7QD	TUSTAIN Banbury, Oxon GLOVER Richmond, Surrey ELLIS Richmond, Surrey FREEMAN Richmond, Surrey
G10	GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF UTAH Acquisitions 50 East North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84150 USA	
H9*	HIGGINS, Mrs. F. M. 34 Kinross Drive, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex	POLWIN any COLENZO any
K2*	KEMPSTER, Miss Helen 28 Dorchester Road, Weybridge, Surrey	BLOSS Lavenham, Suffolk BOOTH Stockport, Cheshire BROOKS Mortlake, Surrey COLLINS Mortlake, Surrey CREAKLE Suffolk CROCKETT Glen Esk, Aberdeen DEPLITCH Stockport, Cheshire; Manchester DOVE Bethworth, Surrey; E London GARDINER Ipswich, Suffolk GRIMWOOD Rattlesden, Suffolk HIGGINS Ireland; Stockport, Cheshire JACKSON Gloucester, Glos; Hitcham, Suffolk JENNINGS Suffolk KEMPSTER Chesham, Bucks; Grand Union Canal area KERR Aberdeen; E London LEASK Glen Esk, Aberdeen LIFFORD Bethworth, Surrey; East London LIMMER Hartest, Suffolk MATTHEW Bethworth, Surrey; E. London SERGEANT Hartest, Suffolk SIVERS Isleworth; Grand Union Canal area SMITH Fettercairn, Kincardine TURNER Buckland, Surrey; E. London WRIGHT Aberdeen
L3	LANE, Eileen 61 Perth Avenue, Yeading, Hayes, Middlesex, UB4 9LW	LEGGETT Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk LANE Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
M5 M6	MORTON, S. A. & Mrs. M. T. 32 Burlington Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7 4LY	BELLAMY E.Londn to 1830; Notts post 1830 MORTON Notts to 1830; S. E. London post 1850 GOODWIN Notts. MORRIS Notts.



P4	PEARSON, Mrs. Caroline H. 28 Sipson Close, West Drayton, Middlesex	CARTER any HOLMES any RUSSELL any SMITH any
R3	ROWE, Paula Mary 26 Clifton Road, Greenford, Middlesex	SMITH Yorkshire
R4	RATCLIFFE, Mrs. Joyce M. 98 Valley Drive, Withdean, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 5FF	DEVONSHIRE W. Middlesex; Bucks; any BOVINGDON Middlesex; Bucks STONESTREET Bucks; any
S8	SMITH, June 47 Shakespeare Road, Hanwell, London W7 1LU	TOULL any FREETH any
S9	STYAN, K. G. 8 Brampton Gardens, Walton on Thames, Surrey	STYAN Yorks WINTERBURN Yorks SOABROOK Suffolk BRIGGS Great Marlow, Bucks BARWAY Great Marlow, Bucks PIGGOTT Great Marlow, Bucks GREEN Great Marlow, Bucks CARTOR Easington, Glos BOUNDS Andover, Hants
S10	SHARP, Mrs. M. J. 16 Cuckoo Lane, Hanwell, London W7 3EY	PRING Fulham SAMPHER Chiswick FARRINGTON Chiswick
T2 T3	THOMSON, George A. & Mrs. Elizabeth F. 27 Haverfield Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey	HOPKIN Notts; Salop FRANCIS Montgomery MELVILLE Scotland
T4	TUCKER, Kathleen Joan 19 Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 1PQ	TUCKER South Hams, Devon MITCHELMORE South Hams, Devon POWELL Sussex QUELCH Berks; Bucks
U2	UXBRIDGE LIBRARY Mary Pearce, Librarian Hillingdon Borough Library, 22 High Street, Uxbridge, Middlesex	
W8	WEBB, G. A. 4a Foxglove Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN23 8BX	WEBB Hanworth
W9	WINCH, Miss Helena Grace 62 Woodlands Avenue, Eastcote, Ruislip, Middlesex, HA4 9RJ	WINCH Ickenham ANDERSON Ickenham BALL Ickenham DELL Wiggington, Herts WILMOTT Great Bedwyn, Wilts

## Out of Area "Strays" Index

Set out below is a second list of marriages and burials of Middlesex and London folk which took place away from locations where they might have been expected. As before, the list is an abbreviation of the Slip Index in my possession and shows only the name of the "stray", his or her "home" area, the nature of the event ("m" for marriage, "bur" for burial) and its date. The full entry will be provided for anyone interested in return for a stamped addressed envelope and two additional stamps. Enquiries to:

**V. E. Gale, 55 Liberty Lane, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey, KT15 1NQ**

Members and others finding stray entries of inhabitants of our area in their own researches are earnestly invited to send them to me for inclusion in the index.

BOWRY, Mary (Wapping) bur 1715  
BOX, Philip (Holborn) m 1727  
BRIDAN, Elizabeth (Stepney) bur 1723  
CANCELLOR, John Henry (Grays Inn) m 1829  
CHAMPION, Sir George (Westminster) bur 1754  
CHESTER, William (St Giles in the Fields) bur 1735  
COCKET, Anna (St Katherine by the Tower) m 1631  
CRAYFORD, William (Stepney) m 1720  
DALBIAC, James (Norton Falgate, Mx) m 1746  
DAVIS, Thomas (Whitechapel) m 1660  
DOHERTY, Michael (St George Hanover Sq) m 1829  
EDWARDS, Elizabeth (Clerkenwell) m 1698  
ESAU, Elizabeth (Wapping) bur 1737  
EXELL, Henry (Hackney) m 1708  
FREEMAN, Philip (Holborn) m 1718  
GADD, Richard (Whitechapel) m 1752  
GALE, Hannah (St Botolph without Aldgate) bur 1752  
GARDNER, John (Holborn) m 1668  
GOLDWORTHY, Martha (Fulham) m 1727  
HARBIDGE, Anne (Holborn) m 1696  
HAWGOOD, Thomas (St Martin in the Fields) m 1670

HELLINGWORTH, Elizabeth (Bloomsbury) m 1829  
HINTON, Bridget (Westminster) bur 1735  
HINTON, John (St Giles in the Fields) bur 1732  
HORNE, Mary (Bishopsgate) m 1711  
HOYLE, Anne (Soho) bur 1726  
HOYLE, William (Soho) bur 1722  
HULETT, William (Stepney) m 1638  
JOB, John (Westminster) m 1736  
JONES, George (Stepney) m 1717  
KEART, Richard (St Botolph without Aldgate) m 1720  
KING, Esther (Christchurch, Mx) bur 1731  
KIRK, James (Wapping) m 1727  
LANGLY, Elizabeth (Westminster) m 1724  
LILLIE, Charles (St Clement Danes) m 1736  
LYTHALL, David (Hackney) bur 1733  
MANLOVE, Elizabeth (St Margaret Pattens, London) m 1736  
MARSH, Helena (Whitechapel) m 1660  
MILLER, Ann (St Mary le Strand) m 1749  
MITCHEL, Elizabeth (St Botolph without Aldgate) m 1720  
MORGAN, Thomas John (Kensington) m 1829  
MYTTON, Rebecca (Shoreditch) m 1734  
NEVEL, Anne (Charing Cross) bur 1720  
PARKHURST, Elizabeth (Westminster) m 1686  
PERRY, Peter (Stepney) m 1704  
POPE, Ann (St George, Mx) m 1750  
PRIME, Joseph (Hackney) m 1829  
REYNOLDS, Mary (Westminster) m 1737  
RIDDING, John (St George Hanover Sq) m 1739  
RIGSBY, William (Stepney) m 1668  
ROODE, Francis (St Martin Orgars) m 1705  
SESSTON, Sarah (Westminster) m 1736  
SMITH, Charles (Marylebone) m 1829  
SNODHAM, Sarah (Westminster) m 1639  
SOLTHAU, Anne (Chiswick) bur 1829  
SPOONER, John Baker (Marylebone) m 1829  
SYMPSON, Michael (Whitechapel) m 1693  
TURNER, Sophia (Holborn) bur 1748  
WADE, William (Ratcliffe, Mx) m 1716  
WALKER, Nathan (Whitechapel) bur 1726  
WARNER, Susannah (St Sepulchre, London) m 1722  
WFBBE, Thomas (Westminster) m 1737  
WHITE, Hannah (Seething, London) m 1735

# Research Report

## V. E. Gale



The Society of Genealogists' Summer Project 1979 was the transcription of memorials in the church and churchyard at Saint Nicholas, Chiswick. It is gratifying to be able to report that members of our Society have supported this project wholeheartedly throughout, and every other Saturday a band of enthusiasts, numbering up to twenty, has turned out to work under the direction of Chris Watts (mostly), David Hawkings and myself.

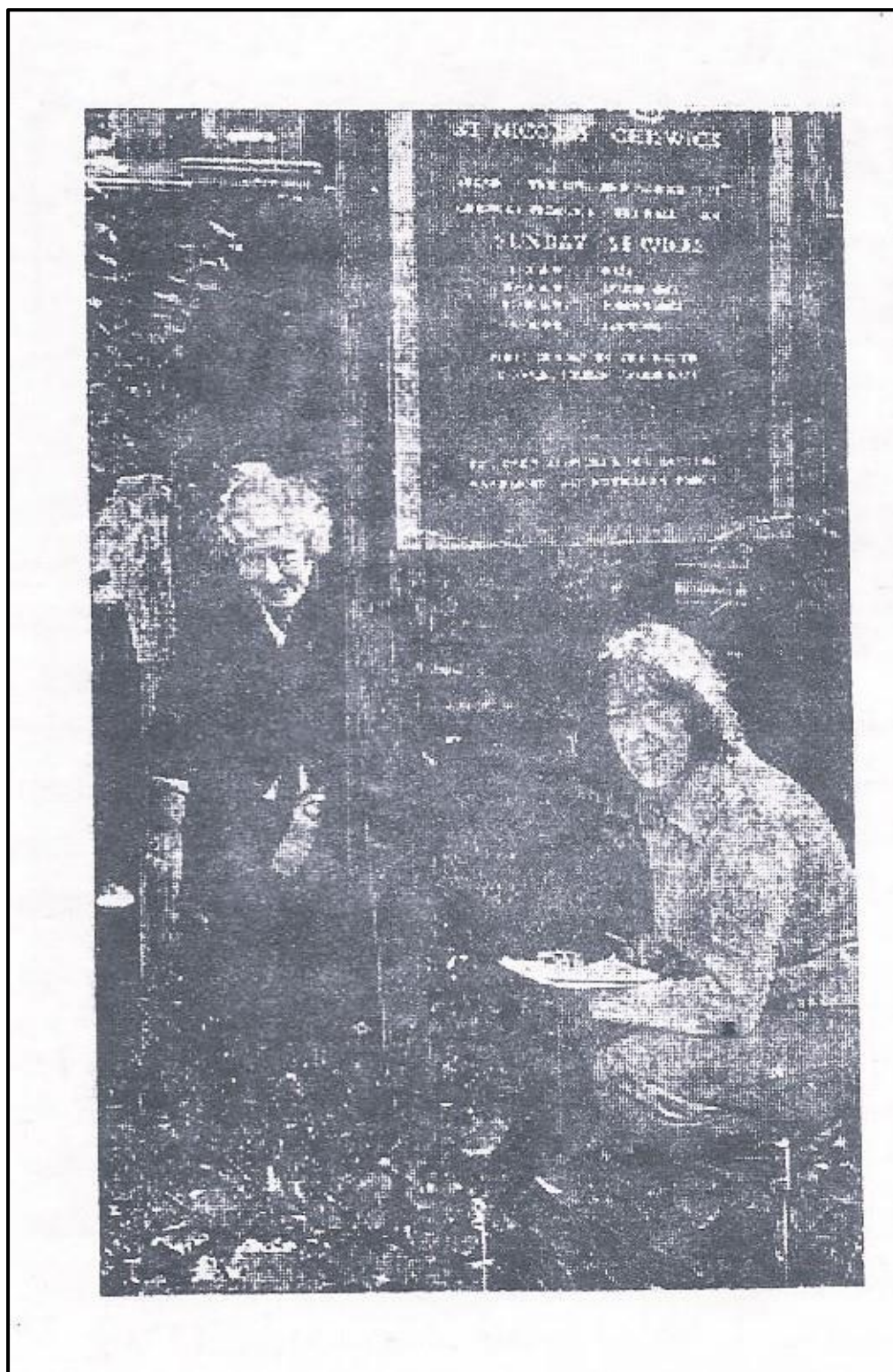
The churchyard is a vast one and the stones the usual mixture of easy and difficult to read (mainly the latter!) so that our season of nine Saturdays has not completed the task and more will be needed next year. Nevertheless, we have recorded - in full - some 1,000 stones and checked (and corrected) the entries recorded in Faulkner's "History & Antiquities of Brentford, Ealing and Chiswick".

We have been blessed with particularly good weather on our outings and have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, apart from having the satisfaction of knowing that we were making a permanent record of a fast-disappearing archive. We shall, as I have said, need to spend a few more Saturdays next year to complete the older part of the Chiswick Cemetery and I hope that with the experience we have gained, we shall also, in the 1980 season, be able to embark on a programme of transcribing some other, smaller churchyards in and around our home base at Hounslow.

Our indexing effort over the past few months has followed the pattern indicated in the last issue of the journal, namely continuing to assist in building up indexes maintained by the West Surrey Society, who had started on Middlesex records even before our own Society was founded. Our indexing enthusiasts have worked on the Middlesex Marriage Index, City of London burials, Poor Law Records, the Bishop of London Marriage Allegations, as well as Surrey and Irish records when there was no Middlesex material available.

The transcripts from which some of this work was done, Hornsey Marriages 1654-1837, Norwood Marriages 1654-1837, and short runs from thirty-four other Middlesex parishes, have been given to the Society and have been deposited in the library.

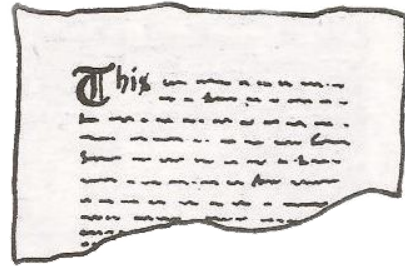
*Pictured (below) are Mrs. Ivy Basley and her daughter Pamela, at work on the summer project in Chiswick churchyard. (Photo by courtesy of the Brentford & Chiswick Times, 29 September 1979)*



# **Sources**

## **Poll Books**

by Robert Cook



Poll books were made possible by the fact that a system of voting which was basically a medieval one survived until 1872. This required each voter to declare to the returning officer the name of the person for whom he voted. The system may have suited a small medieval gathering of local notables, not all of whom may have been literate. But eventually, in the late nineteenth century - it gave way to the secret ballot in the face of the administrative problem of coping with mass electorates, and/or public demands to get rid of the undue influence to which the system exposed voters.

Poll books actually owe their existence to the requirement laid upon returning officers in 1696 to make public their record of the poll, for the purpose of resolving disputed elections. The returning officer's manuscript record was often published more widely, although there was no legal obligation for this. It is reckoned that such records have survived for upwards of one third of all elections from 1696 to 1872. Publication was thus a matter for private initiative. In some small boroughs with few electors a list printed in a local newspaper sufficed. Elsewhere they were produced in booklet form, often by newspaper publishers, or perhaps by the victorious candidates for presentation to their supporters.

Apart from satisfying public interest, poll books could be put to many uses. They formed a ready-made canvas list when the next election came round. They were also the basis of more questionable practices, such as exclusive trading and boycotting shopkeepers with unsound voting habits. And to the genealogist today, as to the political historian, they still have their uses.

The information they can provide varies, but is something of a cross between a census and a directory. They may give names, residence, details of qualifying property for the franchise and occupations, as well as the intriguing light cast on people's political opinions. They can also be a guide, in county constituencies, in tracing an individual's movements within a county.

But even for the places where poll books survive, the information is available only for a fairly small and generally socially exclusive group, because of the restrictive nature of the franchise. Throughout the period of poll books the franchise was

complicated and was restricted to adult men, and before 1829 only to Protestants, and varied from place to place. But it rested largely on the ownership or occupation of property, or in some boroughs on membership of the municipal corporation. After 1832 electoral registers were drawn up annually by the authorities for the purpose of listing electors addresses and qualifications for the franchise, and these form a linked source for the genealogist, although they tell nothing of how people voted.

Until the Reform Act of 1832 the county of Middlesex, in common with other counties, formed a single constituency returning two members, and the franchise was vested in freeholders of real property worth 40 shillings or more, per year. The single polling place for the entire county was at Brentford. The only boroughs in the county which were separately represented were London, with four members, and Westminster, with two. In the former, the franchise was confined to liverymen, of whom there were about 12,000 in 1831. In Westminster the so-called "scot and lot" franchise was much wider and gave the vote to every male householder paying rates, perhaps some 17,000 in 1831.

But the 40-shilling freehold franchise in the county constituency meant that the number who actually voted in any poll never reached 6,000 out of a total population which grew to 1.3 million in 1831. This illustrates one of the limitations of poll books as a genealogical source, at least in outside boroughs with wider electorates. Another disadvantage is that poll books could only exist where an election was contested, and in the eighteenth century this was in many places the exception rather than the rule, since political interest groups often attempted to settle their differences off the hustings in order to avoid the expense of a contest.

There were 29 general elections from the beginning of the eighteenth century until the Reform Act of 1832, but in Middlesex there were contests in only 13 of these, and in five by-elections. Of these the Guildhall Library has surviving poll books for only six:

May 1705,	January 1714/15,
March 1768,	December 1768,
April 1769,	July 1802,

and a partial one for March 1820.

Freeholder's Name.	Where Freeholder lives.	Where Freehold is situated.	The Nature of Freehold.	Occupier's Name.	Mainwaring	Byng	Burden	Pages of Cheque Bk.	Pages of ori- ginal Poll
Starkie, Nicholas	Walham green	Walham green	house	self				502	
Swain, John	Borough, Southwark	Fullham	house and land	Tyson Chapman				503	
Thorndon, Henry	Battersea rise, Surry	share of Fulham bridge	house and land	Lake			462		
Thomas, David	Spring gardens	Kew bridge	share in Kew bridge	self			526		
Virgo, Wm	Langley, Bucks	Parsons green	house	Webb			463		
Warwick, Wm	Knightsbridge	Fulham	houses	Bridges			461		
Warren, James	Little Newport street	Parsons green	house and land	W. Stubbs			464		
Williams, Joseph	Walham green	Fulham	house	James Price			480		
Wynch, John	do	do	do	John Peale			486		
Watson, Joseph	Little Titchfield str.	Parsonsgreen, Fulham	land	Mr Crabb			497		
White, Wm	Mary-le-bone	Fulham	house	self			525		
Wright, George	Duke street, Man- chester square	do	land	Richard Menx			526		
Young, George	Wood street, Totten- ham-court road	Parsons green, Ful- ham	do	Richard Worsley			479		

Sworn.



Most of these list voters' names, addresses and qualifying freeholds, with their votes shown blocked in under the candidate's names in columnar fashion. Where there were two members, each voter could vote for two candidates, but sometimes "plumped" for one and did not use the other vote. Some of the poll books are in alphabetical order for the whole county; others, like that for 1802, are broken down by parish in which the freehold was situated and indexed. The definition of freehold was fairly broad so long as it was based even indirectly on a permanent interest in real property. This could cover, for example, an ecclesiastical benefice or, as in the illustration, a share in Kew Bridge.

This is not the place to go into the electoral history of Middlesex, although such episodes as the highly disputed series of eighteenth-century elections involving the candidature of John Wilkes are of great interest. The poll books of March 1768 and April 1769 relate to these. Generally speaking, the high property values in the urbanised part of the county brought the franchise within the reach of much smaller proprietors, often engaged in commercial or industrial pursuits, than were found in more rural counties, and introduced a more radical element into the Middlesex electorate.

The Reform Act of 1832 created new parliamentary boroughs returning their own members at Marylebone, Finsbury, and Tower Hamlets, but otherwise left the county constituency untouched. The franchise, however, was extended to various categories other than freeholders, chiefly to copyholders and leaseholders of property of more than a certain annual value. Afterwards, upwards of 10,000 electors could be found voting in some contests. But the growth of electorates, particularly in undivided county constituencies, made the compilation of poll books more difficult, and they served perhaps fewer purposes now that electoral registers were drawn up at public expense. Consequently, no poll books for Middlesex appear to survive for this period, although many of the annual electoral registers are to be found in various repositories.

The chief collections of poll books are probably those in the Guildhall Library, the Bodleian, the British Library, and the Society of Genealogists. The PRO has a fairly comprehensive collection of electoral registers for England and Wales for the early 1870s in the Census search room, although they have recently been removed from the public shelves.

### Further sources:

A handlist of poll books and registers of electors in Guildhall Library 1970

Catalogue of Directories and Poll Books in the Library of the Society of Genealogists, 1974

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John Cannon, Short Guides to Records <> Poll Books in History Vol. XLVII No. 160, June 1962, page 166 (guide to sources)

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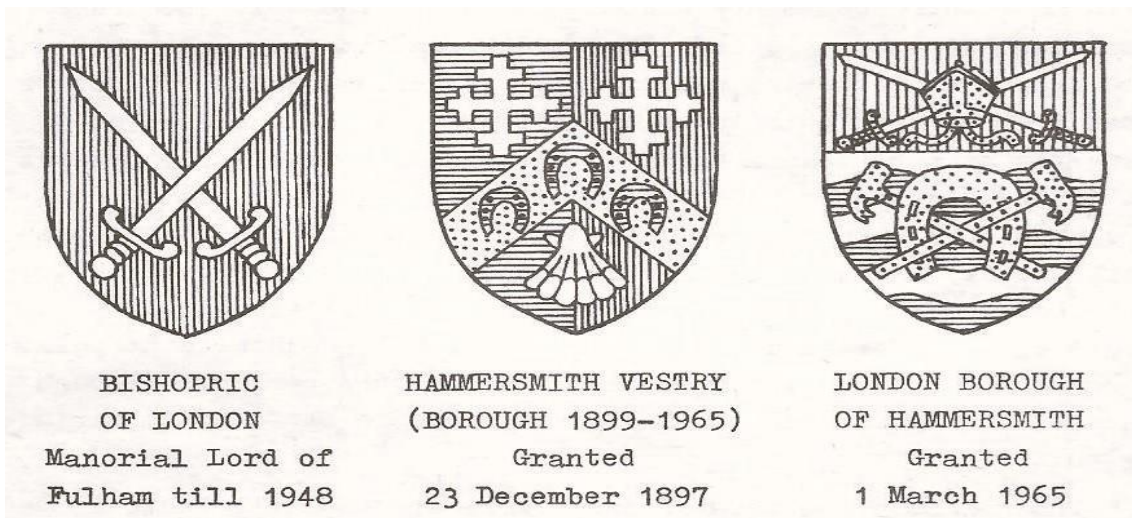
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A map of the Middlesex parliamentary constituencies is on page 84

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# ***Books and Library Notes***



The Society has formed the nucleus of a library. Books may be borrowed by members at meetings from the librarian, Sylvia Cox. Additions to the library will be made by purchase from time to time as funds permit, but for the time being the growth of the library will depend on donations from members. Any suitable items either new or second-hand will be gratefully received. The following publications are now available in the library.

**An Index to the Wills Proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1750-1800**  
(Society of Genealogists 1978)

Vol I A - Eh                      Vol II                      Bi - Ce

**St Mary Abbots Church Kensington, Parish Registers, Marriage Entries 1676-1775**  
ed. B. R. Curle (Kensington & Chelsea Library 1969)

**The Parish of Perivale - A Short History**

Rev Brian Copus

**A Glossary for Local Population Studies**

Leslie Bradley (Local Population Studies, 2nd ed. 1978)

**Journals received from the following societies:**

Bristol & Avon FHS	Cambridgeshire FHS	Cumbria FHS
Gloucestershire FHS	North West Kent FHS	East of London FHS (Cockney Ancestor)
Lincolnshire Society for History & Archaeology - Family History section	Somerset & Dorset FHS (Greenwood Tree)	Norfolk FHS (Norfolk Ancestor)
Oxfordshire FHS	North Middlesex FHS	South Wales FHS
Suffolk FHS (Suffolk Roots)	West Surrey FHS (Root & Branch)	Tugwell FHS
Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies (Family History)	Association of Teachers of Family History (Teaching Family History)	Pellison's Researcher

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

The bibliography on the following pages lists some recent publications which have come to our attention which may be of interest to members. The editor would be grateful to be kept informed of any new publications which members may come across suitable for inclusion in future lists.

## RECENT BOOKS ON GENEALOGICAL SUBJECTS

- Census Returns 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871 on Microfilm** - A Directory to Local Holdings, J. S. W. Gibson (Gulliver Press & Federation of Family History Societies 1979) **75p**
- Notes on the Recording of Monumental Inscriptions**, John L. Rayment (2nd ed. Federation of Family History Societies 1978) **50p**
- Visitation Pedigrees and the Genealogist**, G. D. Squibb (Pinhorns, 2nd ed. revised 1978) from BCM Pinhorns, London WC1V 6XX, **£2.50**
- How to Record your Family Tree**, Patrick Palgrave-Moore (Elvery Dowers 1979) **£1.00**
- A Handbook of British Family History: A Guide to Methods and Sources**, editor: Noel Curren-Briggs (Family History Services, 45 Falcon Crescent, Flitwick, Beds, 1979) **£1.50 + 20p postage**
- The Second Supplement to Original Parish Registers in Record Offices and Libraries** (Local Population Studies in association with the Cambridge Group for the History of Population & Social Structure 1978) from Tawney House, Matlock, Derbyshire, **£2.00**
- In Search of Anglesey Ancestry**, Mrs. E. G. Roberts, 1978, from the author, 22 Gressingham Road, Liverpool L18 6JT **£1.85 + 25p**

## AND SOME RECENT LOCAL TITLES

- The Coming of Electricity to Twickenham**, A.C.B. Urwin (Twickenham Local History Society 1977) from the author, 59 Park House Gardens, Twickenham, Middlesex **40p**
- Twickenham in 1818 - The Year of Enclosure**, T.H.R. Cashmore **50p**  
(Twickenham Local History Society 1977) from A.C.B. Urwin, address as above,
- The Street Names of Acton, Middlesex**, R.N.G. Rowland (London Borough of Ealing Library Services, 2nd ed. 1978) from Ealing Central Library, Walpole Park, London W5 5EQ **65p post free**
- Street Names of Fulham & Hammersmith**, S.L. Velvick & E.J. Killson (Fulham & Hammersmith Historical Association 1977), c/o Fulham Library, 589 Fulham Road, London SW6, **70p**
- Domesday Book: Text & Translation, Vol II Middlesex**, Ed. John Morris (Phillimore 1976) **£1.50**
- Harefield 'At That Time of Day'** - life in a Middlesex village from 1800 to the 1930s, Ed. G.C. Tyack (Harefield WEA Local History Group 1978) from:  
Mrs. Evans, 4 Hall Drive, Harefield, Middlesex **£1.25 + 15p postage**
- St. Dunstan's Church, East Acton: A Centenary History 1879-1979**,  
R.N.G. Rowland (St Dunstan's East Acton PCC)

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

**Exiles of Erin: Irish Migrants in Victorian London**, Lynn Hollen Lees (Manchester University Press 1979) **£11.50**

**Who are the Baptists?** - Their history in documents and illustrations with notes and transcripts, Faith Bowes (Baptist Historical Society 1978) from the Society: 4 Southampton Row, London, WC1B 4AB

**Medieval London Suburbs**, Kevin McDonnell (Philimore 1978) **£4.95**

**The Victorian Ironmonger**, Cecil A. Meadows (Shire Publications 1978) **60p**

**A Domesday of English Enclosure Acts & Awards**, ed. M. E. Turner, (Reading University Library 1978) **£30.00**

**National Statutes & the Local Community; Tithes and the Tithe Commutation Act 1856**, Eric J. Evans (Standing Conference for Local History 1978) from the Standing Conference, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU **£1.50**

**The Voice of the Past - Oral History**, Paul Thompson (Oxford University Press 1978) **£4.50 (£2.25 paperback)**

**Victorian School Logs**, E. W. Gadd (K. A. F. Brewin 1979) **£7.95**

**The Family, Sex, & Marriage in England 1500-1800**, Lawrence Stone (abridged ed. Penguin Books 1979) **£2.50**

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## ***Notes & Queries***



**BAILEY - SHEPHERD** Wanted - marriage of Hugh Shelley BAILEY and Martha SHEPHERD c. 1827 to 1837. Not in General Register Office index or Pallot's Index. Martha SHEPHERD was baptised 29 December 1813 in the parish of Fulham, Middlesex, daughter of William SHEPHERD, a baker of Fulham, and Elizabeth. Information please to:

**Anne Bayliss, 1 Thorn Road, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 1HG**

**FRUIDLE** Wanted - baptism of Emma FRUIDLE, born about 1854 in Kensington, Middlesex. She later married Luke BOWLEY and lived at 4 Holmes Cottages, Latymer Road, Hammersmith. Information please to:

**Mrs. M. Cooper, South Lodge, 55 Cross End, Wavendon, Bucks MK17 8AQ**

**TOWNSEND** Wanted - baptism of Ann TOWNSEND, daughter of Robert TOWNSEND, born about 1831/2 in Hillingdon, Middlesex. Information please to:

**Mrs. M. Cooper, address as in last entry.**

PARLIAMENTARY  
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The adjoining maps show the parliamentary constituencies in west Middlesex as they were at various periods before 1945.

Boundaries have been redrawn on several occasions since then.

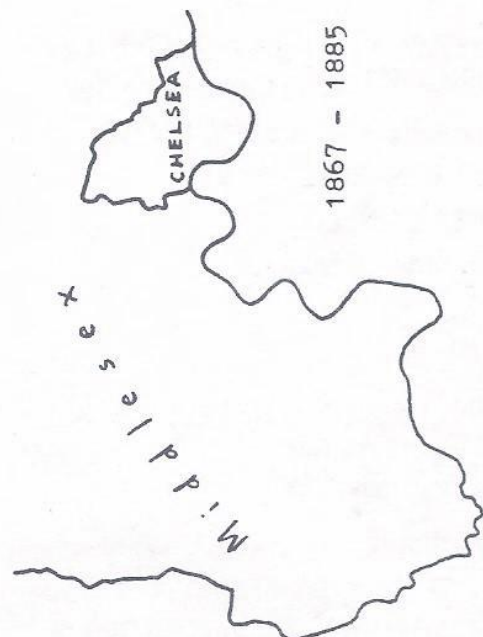
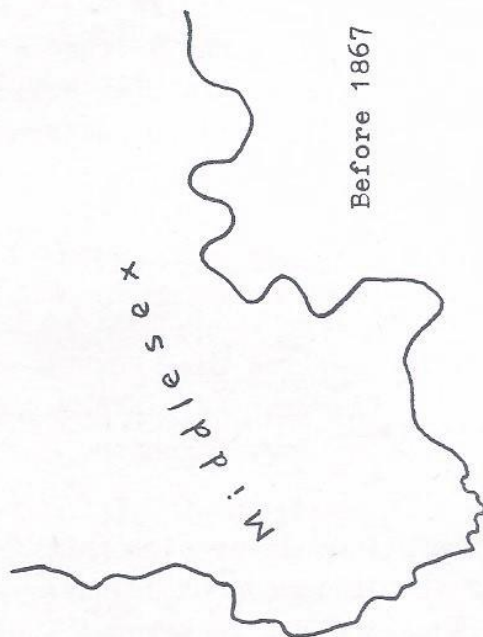
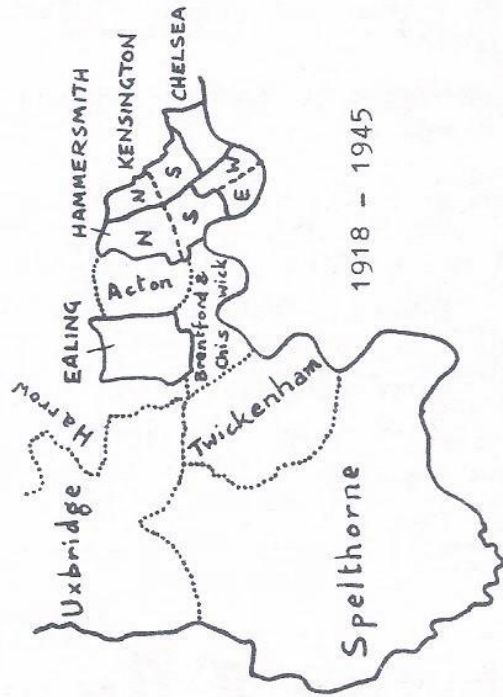
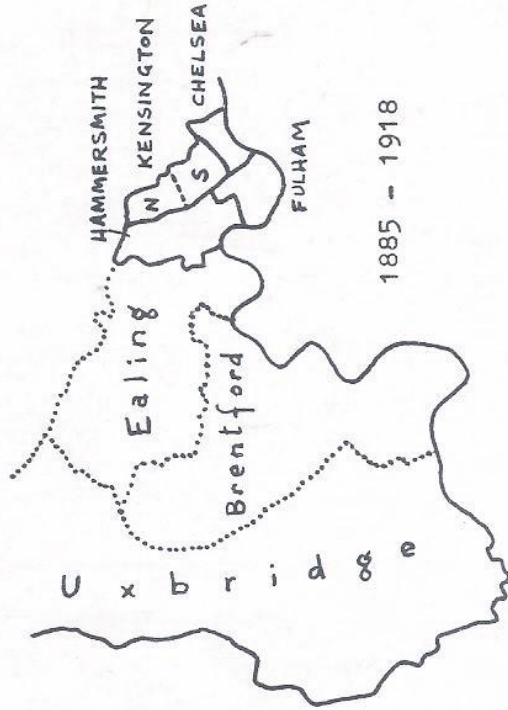
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