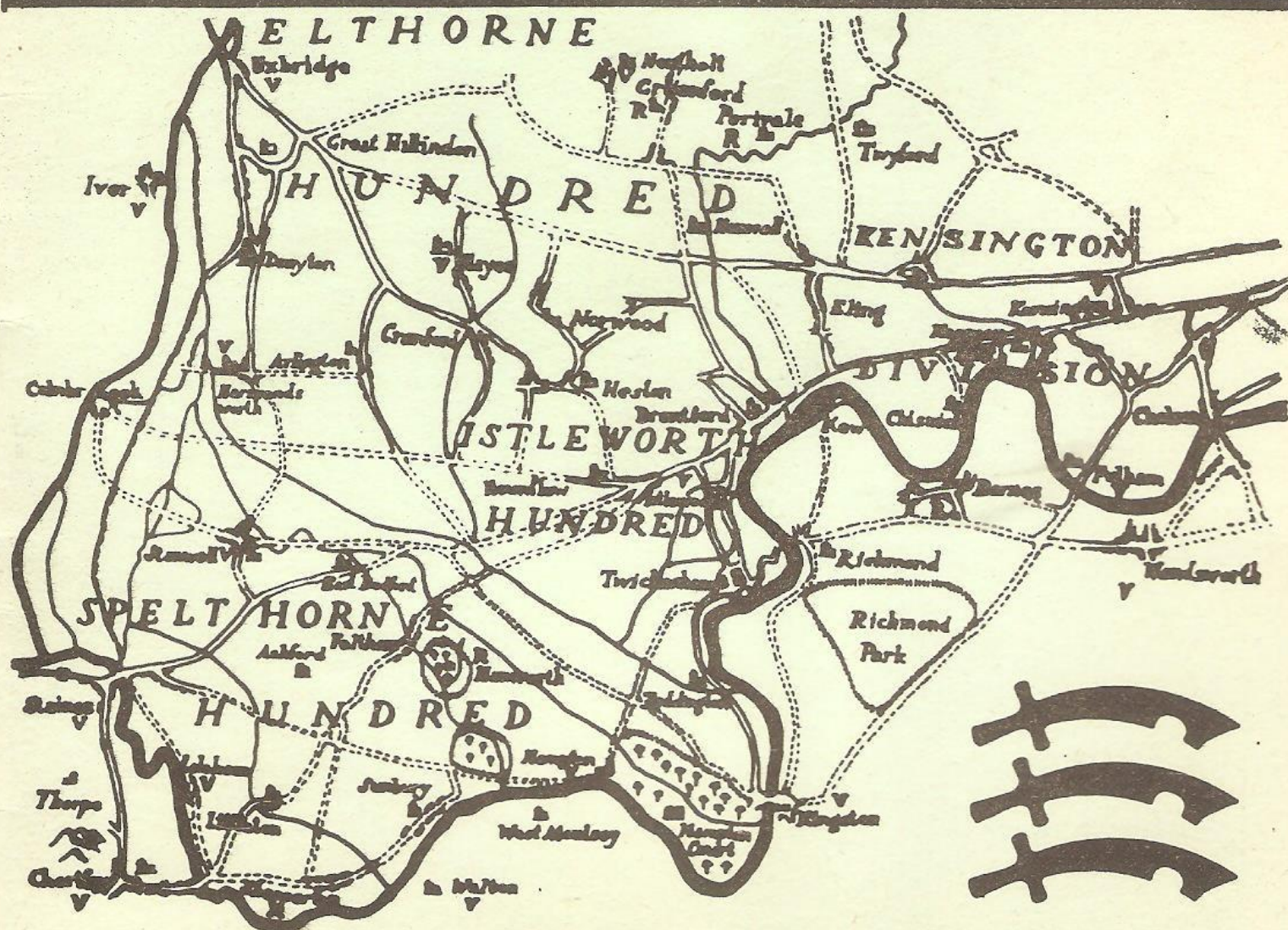


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The Society's Area of Interest

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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Annual General Meeting

This meeting was held in November. The Chairman's Report is printed on the next page followed by our Statement of Accounts. The accounts were approved by the meeting together with a vote of thanks to Wendy Mott for her efforts in keeping our finances in order. The Auditors, John Elkin and Leslie Zouch were also thanked for their work, and then re-elected for the coming year. Having read the Chairman's Report you will agree that there is little more to be said about the activities of the past year. The Committee was then elected as follows:

Sandra Featherstone,
Wendy Mott,
Yvonne Woodbridge,
David Hawings,

Pat Kelvin,
Mavis Sibley,
Julia Zouch,
Tony Humm,

Mabel Morton
Eileen Stage
John Elkin
Paul Thatcher

Chairman: Pat Kelvin
Treasurer: Wendy Mott
Secretary: Mabel Morton

You will note two changes - we welcome Eileen Stage, returning to the Committee after a years Sabbatical, and also welcome Paul Thatcher, a newcomer to our team. The biggest change is of course Pat Kelvin taking up the reins from Chris Watts, who resigned from our Committee after being appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Society of Genealogists. At the end of the AGM, a Vote of Thanks was passed unanimously. Chris has been a stimulating Chairman and in the past year has achieved much. We welcome Pat Kelvin to the Chair, and feel sure that her contribution to the Society will at least equal her predecessors.

Change of Venue

For some time now, we have been talking about moving to new premises as our present meeting place is due to be demolished. It all depends upon the handing over to the Council of MONTAGUE HALL, which is in Montague Road (where else!). This is just a short step from the Town Hall, cross the High Street, down past the Parish Church and the new hall is opposite the Police Station. We were advised recently that we would be moving in January, but there seems to be an element of doubt about this now. It is probable that we shall receive enough notice of the change to enable us to advise members attending our meetings in good time. In any event we shall place a notice upon the door of the Town Hall - with a map.



From your Chairman

This year has been one in which our Society has continued to flourish. The net membership has risen from 230, at the start of the year, to 279 now. The resulting administrative load has been willingly borne by Connie Zouch, to whom we are most grateful. Our meetings are well attended, with never less than 60 and sometimes up to 100 members there. This is a tribute to the excellent programme of speakers, which Sandra Featherstone has organised for us.

A number of new ventures have been started during the year. The Bookstall, organised by Tony Humm, has been very successful. The Mormon International Genealogical Index (I.G.I) has been purchased, and is now available for members to search at Mavis Sibley's house. A courier service, for those with research queries at St. Catherine's House etc., has been organised, but has not had many takers yet.

The research programme is proceeding apace, with Wendy Mott and Yvonne Woodbridge organising the MI transcriptions. A small team, organised by Ken Cox, are working hard at transcribing the 1851 Census for our area. Individuals are also undertaking transcription of Parish Registers. Our gratitude goes out to all these helpers, with a plea for more assistance - if you can write, type or sort, then we can use your help!

As always, our Journal has appeared regularly, thanks to the efforts of Sam Morton. He is leaving the Committee this year, but will still continue to be our Editor, we hope for some while yet. Remember though, he can only maintain a high standard for our Journal if you provide him with the raw material.

Our plans for the future includes the production of a Directory of Members' Interests (due early 1984) and a One Day Conference (in October 1984). So, there is plenty to look forward to next year.

No AGM report would be complete without extending our thanks to all of the Committee and our other Officers. Every one of them has been an active contributor to the success of our Society during the past year and this has made my task as Chairman easier and more enjoyable.



West Middx. Family History Society. Statement of Account for year ended 30th Sept. 1983

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	<u>1982/3</u>	<u>1981/2</u>		<u>1982/3</u>	<u>1981/2</u>
Subscriptions	1133.00	(946.00)	Journal production costs	556.00	(418.00)
Sale of Publications	469.24	(92.78)	Purchase of I.G.I.	462.42	-
Donations to I.G.I.	253.00	-	Stationery, post, copying etc.	391.95	(266.30)
Interest on Deposit Account	47.49	(17.01)	Purchase of publications	340.58	-
Profit on Cheese & wine	40.22	-	Hire of accommodation	130.01	(84.87)
Profit in refreshments	38.00	(40.00)	Purchase of I.G.I. envelopes	37.80	-
Income from Elephant Games	32.00	-	Purchase of library books	22.50	-
Air mail postage	26.00	-	F.F.H.S. Subs & Insurance	21.00	(21.00)
Refund -Chiswick Conference	15.63	(10.35)	Bank charges	18.69	(1.65)
Donations for research	7.40	(13.00)	Guest speakers expenses	17.00	(35.00)
			Purchase of microfiche viewer	10.00	(5.00)
			Gift voucher	5.00	-
			Refreshments(committee meetings)	2.00	(2.00)
			Expenses Editors Conference	-	(14.60)
			Purchase of Elephant game	-	(15.00)
			Subs. Hounslow Council for Arts	-	(3.00)
	<u>2061.98</u>	<u>(1119.14)</u>		<u>2014.95</u>	<u>(866.42)</u>
			Surplus Income for year	47.03	
	<u>2061.98</u>			<u>2061.98</u>	

Balance Sheet 30th September 1983

<u>ASSETS</u>			<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Cash at Bank;					
Current Account	236.53)-(579.04)	Subscriptions paid in advance	376.00	(131.35)
Deposit Account	704.22		Expenditure outstanding	70.03	
Publications at cost	126.00			446.03	(131.35)
I.G.I. at cost	462.42				
Viewers at cost	15.00	(10.00)	Excess of Assets	1098.14	(457.69)
	<u>1544.17</u>	<u>(589.04)</u>		<u>1544.17</u>	<u>(589.04)</u>

We have examined this statement of accounts and balance sheet and certify them to be, to the best of our belief, in accordance with the books and vouchers of the Society.

John Elkins
Leslie Zouch

John Elkins

Leslie Zouch

For your Diary



Monthly Meetings:

January	13	“They went to Australia” (Convict Records)	Dr. Gifford Formerly of PRO
February	10	“Family Heirlooms”	An members Evening
March	9	“A Beginner with the I.G.I.”	Sam Morton
April	13	“The Spelthorne Hundred”	Vernon Gosling
May	11	“The Family at War”	An Open Evening

NOTES:

For the February meeting, members are asked to bring along mementoes or souvenirs of their family's past. You might wish to say a few words about your souvenir or one of the Committee will speak for you. This can be a very interesting evening, and helps to put some flesh on the bones of family history.

The meeting in May, will be held as part of the Hounslow Festival of the Arts, and will be open to the general public. Pictures, documents, souvenirs of your family, with reference to their life or service during any period of hostilities will be needed for this evening.

ONE DAY CONFERENCE - Saturday OCTOBER 13, 1984

The Theme of the Conference will be “From Ag. Lab. to London Commuter” and we hope to be able to show some of the changes which have taken place in the lives of our forbears in our part of Middlesex. Guest Speakers will be:

Anthony Camp, Director of the Society of Genealogists
Geraldine Beech, Assistant Keeper, Map Department, PRO
Mr. R. Cashmere, Twickenham Local History Society

In addition, we hope to take the “trees of some of our members”, and expand them to demonstrate the records we can use in tracing our ancestors. We also hope to be able to offer a limited accommodation service to some of our “out of town members”. (For this reason, we have fixed the date to follow the usual monthly meeting). More details in the next Journal, booking forms, when available, will be sent on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

Conferences 1984

We have enough here to satisfy the most avid conference-goer. Name and address of the contact is given, don't forget the Stamped Addressed Envelope!

The Federation of Family History Societies have their usual two weekend events. The first is to be held in Canterbury from April 13 to 15. Hosted jointly by Kent FHS and the Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies, the theme will be "The Genealogical Land Bridge". Details from:

Mrs. Teresa Cronin, "Lycette", Yorkletts, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 3AD

Then in the autumn, **Norfolk & Norwich Genealogical Society** host the conference which is to be held in the University of East Anglia. The theme is to be "Communications and Mobility", details from:

Mrs. Linda Donald, The Hyde, Main Road, Fleggburgh, Norfolk, NR29 3AG

Our society is usually well represented at the weekend events, so if you have not attended a conference before, why not come along? You will not be lonely. There is always much of interest, well-stocked bookshops, plenty of opportunity to gossip and talk shop with kindred souls, and if you have an interest in either Kent or East Anglia, it is a splendid opportunity for background information.

If you are unable to spare the time for a weekend, what about a **One Day Conference**? Apart from our own (of which more is elsewhere) there will be at least two within easy reach of us next year.

Bedfordshire FHS are organising a Day Conference on Military Ancestry on May 12th at Lidlington, Beds. Chaired by Lt. Col. Ian Swinnerton, President of the Federation, two of the speakers will be Chris Watts, and Norman Holdings (Author of World War 1 Army ancestry). If you want to delve into service records and the like - this is the one for you. Details:

C.J. Westgrave, 17 Lombard Street, Lidlington, Beds., MK43 0RP

North West Kent FHS present the other Day Conference, at Sidcup, the theme will be "Town & Country - The Missing Links". Sadly, it is to be on May 12th also. The speakers will be - Pat Kelvin, Michael Gandy and John Rayment. Should be an equally interesting day. Details from:

Mrs. Gill Valentine, 157 Kent House Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 1JZ

HUGUENOT HERITAGE 1685-1985

Not so much a conference, as a series of events in 1985 to commemorate the tercentenary of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The Museum of London is to mount a special exhibition in connection with this, and we will have more about the celebrations in a later journal. If you would like to be placed on the Huguenot Heritage mailing list or have any enquiries to make, please write to:

Huguenot Heritage, c/o Huguenot Society of London, 510 Knatchbull Road, London, SE5 9QY

Library News

As there are now well over 800 books and magazines in our library, it has been decided that journals and periodicals available for perusal at meetings and for loan, will, from January next, be restricted to those dating from 1981 onwards. All pre-1981 publications will be made available upon request.

The I.G.I.

Viewing arrangements are now working quite smoothly, the conditions under which it is available were published in our last journal. Mavis' address appears on the back page of the journal, briefly, if you want to use the IGI. phone for an appointment. We can also offer a limited search facility to our "out of town members," a search for one name in one county can be made as time is available for a fee of 50p. We are unable to offer print-out facilities and we should point out that all monies received for the use of the IGI will be used to meet the cost to Mavis of providing the facilities, any surplus will help meet costs of the IGI.

Two More BOOKS from the Federation

Marriage Indexes - How to find them
How to use them
How to compile them

In short, all you need to know about marriage indexes. This is the fourth edition of this excellent booklet, and it is an updating of earlier issues. It contains much useful information on the compilation of an index, which is of course useful, but to many of us the book can save much time in that never-ending quest for information as to the whereabouts of the indexes and extent of the coverage.

Quarter Sessions Records - (Second Edition)

Records of quarter sessions are the oldest of all our archive, they contain much of interest to the family historian, but for many reasons, they are rather difficult to read, because of physical size - large rolls of stiff and grubby parchment - many are in Latin, or even worse in clerical hand, but if you can overcome these trifles, there is a wealth of information to be found. This book is a valuable catalogue of just what is where in the County Record Offices. Compiling such an index must be a mammoth task, and we owe much to Jeremy Gibson for his work on this and many similar books. Both these books are priced at £1 and are good value for the money. Our library should have the latest copies of all Federation books reviewed in the Journal, but for the price, most should be on your own bookshelf.



Our Meetings

Palaeography

Alf Ison

September 9th

Mr. Ison gave a fascinating lecture on “A Secretary Hand” as used in old manuscripts. It is very difficult to do justice to this type of lecture in a written report, but thanks to some very lucid illustrations on the blackboard and an “overhead projector,” we were able to make a fair stab at reading some photostat copies of wills and indentures for ourselves by the end of the evening.

We learnt for example that in the early days, when the writer’s tools were vellum or parchment and a quill pen (the best quills come from the tail feathers of a gander - if you can catch him!) it was only possible to make “down strokes” and any writing was the individual work of the author, there was no standard alphabet to copy. To be able to understand and decipher early writing requires a great deal of patient detective work and a large amount of luck. When you have succeeded, you will feel that the effort was worth it. Mr. Ison has published a beautifully illustrated ABC rather like a child’s picture book and it makes palaeography seem like “child’s play.”

Mabel Morton

Using the Census

Michael Gandy

October 14th

Michael Gandy explained, clearly and entertainingly, just what family historians might expect to find in the 1841-1881 censuses. He raised our hopes with descriptions of some lists of names from earlier censuses, but he emphasised that very few of these had survived!

Most importantly, he brought to life the actual process of census-taking, thus making clear the many possible sources of error, human and bureaucratic. Perhaps the most vital equipment for interpreting the census is a lively imagination, and Michael helped us vividly and with humour, to envisage the doorstep confrontations between enumerators and their subjects. He illustrated the pitfalls of an over-simple interpretation of the date from his own and his wife’s families, well displayed on “posters” drawn by his wife.

We are traditionally told to find the address of the family we are interested in, before looking for them in the census, Michael went further and advised us to consult contemporary maps of the areas we proposed to search. He displayed some mouth-watering sheets of Stanford’s Maps of London (available from the Guildhall Library, and of course Stanford’s themselves in Long Acre). Wisely, he did not attempt to lead us through the jungle of the Portugal Street finding aids, recognising that “learning by doing” is the only recipe for success. (My own struggle with those “indexes to indexes” has been eased since I realised that the PRO has colour-coded some of the critical numbers). Altogether, Michael gave us a good evening - useful both for newcomers and “old census hands”. Perhaps we can persuade him to come back again and talk about “Short Cuts for Genealogists” for which he had been advertised on this occasion.

Pat Kelvin

West Middlesex 1851

Harriet Blair-Fish

On the night of Sunday March 30th 1851, our “patch” contained just over 208,000 human beings, according to the article on page 110 of the April issue of our Journal. Without boring anyone with statistics, it is worth looking more closely at the overall figures before turning to the details of individuals. There are several points which I feel might be of interest both to people preparing to index the census, and to those who are already searching “our patch” for their own relations. Other people would be able to add to this list, I am sure.

How does this number relate to the present-day population?

Very roughly, the population has gone up five-fold. By a strange coincidence, Hounslow London Borough has been this size for the past twenty years. Both coincidence, Ealing London Borough and Hillingdon London Borough are larger. Kensington & Chelsea, and Hammersmith & Fulham used to be larger back in 1961, but are now both below 150,000.

Where did they all live?

Kensington & Chelsea	100,000 approx.) Reported as “London”
Hammersmith & Fulham	30,000 approx.) Reported as “London”
Brentford	9,000 approx.) Reported as “South Midlands”
Hounslow	3,500 approx.) which description referred to
Uxbridge	3,200 approx.) the remainder of the area except
Staines	2,500 approx.) for Hampton & Teddington,
Along the River, Canals) both in Kingston R.D., which
Roads, Railways, and in) was “South East”
old Hamlets and Villages	60,000 approx.)

Individual parishes varied immensely in size. from Perivale with 32, Ashford 497, and Northolt 614, to Twickenham, Hayes, Chiswick and Hillingdon (without Uxbridge) which were all more than 6,000.

Why are Enumeration Districts the shape they are?

This is best explained in the contemporary instructions issued by the Census Office in London in December 1850 (see next page). Some people may have wondered why Hounslow Town is split between two separate sets of Enumerators Books, and the reason is to be found in these instructions. The parishes of Heston and Isleworth met along Hounslow High Street, but “a part of one parish is not to be added to a part of another parish” and so Hounslow was split. However, the local registrar was also asked to estimate the size of any towns over 2,000 and he very probably used his idea of the boundary of Hounslow Town when drawing up his enumeration districts on either side of the boundary. The four such towns reported for West Middlesex are listed above; all except Hounslow were centres of Registration Districts.

How do Census Districts relate to Registration Districts?

A Superintendent Registrar was the Marriage Registrar for a whole Registration District and supervised the Census for that same District. Within each District there were usually a number of Sub-Registration Districts each with its own Registrar for Births and Deaths living locally within the Sub-District. Those local Registrars were responsible for the administration of the census, but little information was published at this level. Birthplace and occupation statistics are for whole districts only.

1851 Census Chiswick

The Hounslow London Borough evening class at Chiswick School has been looking at Enumerators Books for the sub-district of Chiswick (Enumeration Districts a-h) during the session 1982/3.

Source material is a photocopy of the photocopy in the possession of Chiswick Library. The “original” photocopy is from the actual books in the PRO, not microfilm.

Little actual transcription has been done. For parts of Enumeration Districts g-h (Chiswick New Town) a sheet was made out for each household, giving all surnames plus ages, occupations, and places of birth. The enumerator for (h) wrote carelessly and names had to be cross-checked with the rate books. I think I am correct in saying that James Wisdom (the tutor) made an index card for each such household. Analysis then proceeded on the basis of occupations, birthplaces, age cohorts, sex.

The microfilms in Chiswick Library are more extensive than Jeremy Gibson suggests. Film 2 is Chiswick/Acton/Hanwell/Greenford and Film 1 is Brentford /Ealing/Chiswick. There is a modern reader with print-out facility (15p/sheet)

Source:

Appendix to the Report which prefaces Population Tables 1, vol 1 (Numbers of Inhabitants, Southern England) 1852, Kensington & Chelsea Reference Library. **Note:** Population Tables II, vol's I & II (ages, Civil Conditions, Occupations and Birthplaces) 1854 is not available at Kensington & Chelsea. It would be useful to discover whether there are copies of this anywhere in our area, either for the whole country or as part of a composite set for London or South Midlands (e.g. at the back of what appears to be solely a “Numbers of Inhabitants” for a division of the country. The reports were published as part-works to enable binding on this basis if required)

FORMATION OF ENUMERATION DISTRICTS:

In order to divide his District in the most convenient manner, the Registrar must bear in mind that the population of Parishes or Townships, Ecclesiastical Districts, and Parliamentary or Incorporate Boroughs, is hereafter to be separately obtained from the Enumerators' Returns, and that therefore it is of the utmost consequence that Enumeration Districts should be so constructed as to correspond as far as possible with the boundaries of such Divisions.

With this view, the Registrar must first of all consider the number of Parishes within his District, or the number of townships, where, as in some counties, Townships correspond with Parishes in regard to purposes of rating and relief of the poor.

If each of such Parishes or Townships is not of too great extent or population to allow an able-bodied and active man to visit every house, and enumerate its inhabitants, within the compass of one day, the Registrar must make each of such Parishes one separate Enumeration District. Where, however, Parishes are so small or thinly populated, that two or more together, and lying near to each other, do not form more than can be enumerated by one person, such two or more should be united into one District. But a part of one Parish is not to be added to a part of another Parish.

If a Parish is too large or too populous to be enumerated by one person, the Registrar must form that Parish into two or more distinct Enumeration Districts, and,

in subdividing such a Parish, the Registrar, if possible, shall so arrange his plan that each Enumeration District might either be wholly made up of some, one, or more of any smaller divisions, or be wholly included in these divisions.

Where an extensive Parish (as in Cities or large Towns) is divided into several Registrars' Districts, the Enumeration Districts should correspond with Wards or other Municipal Subdivisions, or Ecclesiastical Districts. Where none such exist the Registrar must divide his District in the manner which appears to him most convenient for enumeration.

Where a Parish extends into two Registrars' Districts, each Registrar must form a separate Enumeration District of that part of the Parish which is within his District.

Where a connected assemblage of houses, such as a Village or small Town, is wholly included within the limits of one Parish, it is desirable, in case of the Subdivision of the Parish into two or more Enumeration Districts, that such Village, &c., should, in a like manner, be wholly included within the limits of one Enumeration District.

If any Parish has locally situated within its boundaries a detached part of any other Parish, such detached part must, for the purpose of enumeration, be treated as a part of the Parish in which it is locally situate.

The Registrar must exercise his own judgment as to the amount of work which can be accomplished by one person in the course of one day, having regard to the number of houses to be visited, the extent of ground to be traversed in order to visit each, and the number of inhabitants to be enumerated. As some guide to the formation of an opinion on these points, it may be assumed that when a Parish contains more than 200 houses, or when the Enumerator would have to travel more than 15 miles, it would be advisable to subdivide, as equally as possible, such Parish into two or more Enumeration Districts, rather than assign the whole to one person.

In estimating the number of houses to be visited, the Registrar must not include any Public Institution having a resident Master, Matron, or Keeper; such as a Gaol, Prison, Penitentiary, House of Correction, Workhouse, Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, Barrack, College, or Public School founded by Royal Charter or Act of Parliament. Such Institutions will be separately enumerated by the Master or Keeper.

QUALIFICATIONS OF ENUMERATORS

The Enumerator, in order to fulfil his duties properly, must be a person of intelligence and activity; he must read and write well, and have some knowledge of arithmetic, he must not be infirm, nor of such weak health as may render him unable to undergo the requisite exertion; he should not be younger than eighteen years of age, nor older than sixty-five, he must be temperate, orderly and respectable, and be such a person as is likely to conduct himself with strict propriety, and to deserve the good will of the inhabitants of his District. He should also be well acquainted with the District in which he will be required to act; and it will be an additional recommendation if his occupations have been in any degree of a similar kind.

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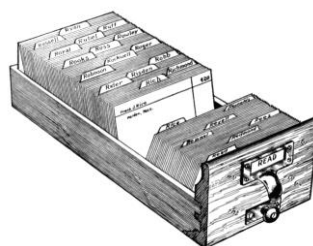
The 1851 Census Index

At the moment of writing, we have completed the slipping of one reel - thanks to a concentrated effort by our librarian Mavis Sibley, a second reel is almost finished, and work is under way on a third. Before we go very much further with slipping, we must make a start on the next phase. The information which has been put on slips, must now be sorted into alphabetical order, and typed in what we may call "fair copy" ready for the printer. We shall most likely keep the Parish format within the limits of the PRO "piece number". We have been able to photocopy one reel (HO107-1696) and that piece contains no less than thirteen Parishes on the western edge of our area, all of which makes the task of sorting the slips quite simple as each Parish is quite a small unit. Just what happens when we reach Chelsea which is spread over three reels, none of us has really decided. Our present need is for an army of typists willing to take the slips away and put the details into "print-ready copy". Not too difficult - just a reasonable amount of care, and a willingness to see the job through to the end. Offers of help will be greatly appreciated by Ken Cox, or the Editor.

As an alternative to the work programs outlined above, we could save some time if it became possible to put the information into a computer storage system. A BBC "Micro" computer can be made available to us, complete with - so I understand - all the necessary bits that go with it. Is there, among our members, another three or four members with access to the basic unit, who are willing to use that equipment (and their time) to put the information on tape? Given that facility, we can take much of the slogging work out of the next phase of our indexing programme.

While on the subject, I was taken to task recently by one of our "out of town" members who wrote: "...a census index which does not record the place of birth is of very small use I appreciate that it is intended as a finding aid, but to those of us who have no idea when we will be able to visit Portugal Street next, to know that the entry is there, but that we can't find out what it is, must be the ultimate frustration." All of which is very true, but, when we considered the format of the Index, we had to consider also, the size of the job and the time it would take us to complete. A very small number of us have taken on a task which will be of much help to all family historians.

Time is of the essence as they say, and we hope to see this job through before becoming statistics in the Registrar General's books. When finished, it will be possible for our member to use our "Courier Service" to obtain the information required, which is surely a great improvement on the present position!



The First Year

T. J. Mitchell

I first became involved in Ancestry at the end of 1981 after noticing the disappearance from the map, of a certain London Street that I knew as a small child in the 1920's. My enquiry to the local authority brought such a detailed explanation and photocopies of maps "before and after", that my interest was further aroused by the wealth of information so easily obtained.

Occasionally I had considered the feasibility of seeking my ancestors, but felt the task would be too difficult, starting as it were from a point slightly less promising than that of an orphan. An only child, born in 1919, I had last heard of any relative in 1949, and quite literally possessed only my own birth certificate, and a few childhood memories. How then to start, from absolute Zero?

I recalled that an uncle had lived at one time in a certain seaside resort, and wondered if his only daughter whom I had last met in 1932, lived there. A letter in the local paper brought a phone call from her the same day - after 50 years! When I found that for most of this time she had lived elsewhere, and had only recently, by coincidence moved there, I could see that luck played a major part in this game. As I have never had any luck at anything else, I felt this might be my big chance - and so it has been for the whole year, from every likely and unlikely source of contact.

Time and distance precluded personal searches in the official records and all my enquiries so far, have been made by post. From that encouraging start at point Zero, one year and 200 letters (plus SAE's) later, I have gathered the following:

Two first cousins, eleven second cousins, and countless others further removed; more than forty photographs stretching back over three generations, twenty certificates and a dozen Census returns; maps, plans, and a mass of background material associated with the family. Once started, the problem has not been how to get information, but how to cope with it; and I have been amazed at the help and consideration I have received, generally from complete strangers.

At the end of this first year, I am back to 1810 main stem, fully documented, and to mid-century in all other branches. The year has been full of surprises and coincidences, and each item is worth a story on its own, but the revelation that one direct ancestor was a convict, was certainly the most startling.

A newly-found second cousin had mentioned the rumour of a transportation but had no dates, places, or even a first name. A search of the probable Parish register on microfilm at GLRO revealed a Mitchell with a most distinctive Christian name, which occurred in one of my uncles. The 1841 Census for the same parish gave the name again, this time with a wife and family, but none of them were in the parish in 1851. Following a hunch, the wife and family were found in the appropriate Union Workhouse at that date, but no husband. This gave some credibility to the Transportation theory, but how to pursue it? For Middlesex, any trial resulting in a transportation would almost certainly have been at the Old Bailey, and as the subject was still a free man in 1841, a search of the Newgate

Calendars from that date was indicated. Sure enough, he was found quite easily in June 1842, being sentenced to transportation for seven years for stealing two shillingworth of potatoes, and sent to the hulks!

This was the first actual confirmation of the convict ancestor and on the strength of this I wrote immediately to Sydney and Hobart, mentioning the distinctive forename.

From this point the information rolled in rapidly. The Old Bailey Sessions Papers gave a full report of the trial, without any pretensions of a defence, but did mention a former conviction, so he was not the starving innocent we had assumed! The H.O. 8 Hulks Records at Kew showed him on the Hulk "Fortitude" at Chatham, where he waited a year for shipment. The reply from Sydney gave the transporting vessel, the date of arrival in Hobart and the official completion of his sentence etc. The reply from Hobart supplied photocopies of his full record from the day of his landing, in surprising detail. Every identifiable feature was listed, down to moles, warts, and scars; each successive posting dated and signed; and his "promotion to Constable" and subsequent "demotion" clearly reported.

Even though the poor chap died of "DT's" in Hobart Hospital in 1850, he is still providing clues. The records also reveal two former convictions, and an earlier period of military service, which has given a good start to year two. Without even mentioning all the other branches being investigated, it can be seen that I am well satisfied with the first year's results from a starting point of Zero, and looking forward to further progress now that I am beginning to find out what it is all about.

Transcription of Conduct Report - Tasmanian State Archives

10,300	Mitchell, Shadrac	Tried C.C. Court 13th June 1842,	7 years
	Embk'd 21st June 1843	Arr'd 12th October 1843	
	Protestant	Can neither read nor write	
	Transported for Larceny	Goal Report, before Conv'd.	
		Hulk Report, Orderly	
	Stated this offence,	Stealing 1 ½ pecks Pts. Mr. John Parrott	
		Once for Railroad	3 months
		Once for Turnips	1 month

Married: Wife Louisa at F. in laws.

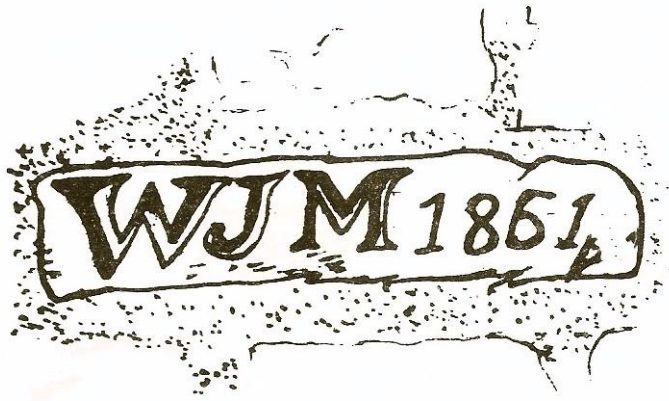
Trade, Labourer / Height 5'7" / age 36 / Compl. Fresh / Head Oval / Hair Dark Brown / Whiskers Dark Brown / Visage Oval / Forehead High Broad / Eyebrows Black / Eyes Black / Nose Medium / Mouth Medium / Chin Medium / Not Place Armondsworth (sic) Middlesex.

Remarks: 70th Regt. 7 years/ Mole under left Eye / Scar, Corner of Do / Slightly Pockmkd / Wart back of Neck / 2 small moles Right side of nose / Ruptured.

Offences & Sentences:

Released from 1st stage of Probn. 12th Jan 1845

6 Oct/45 Constable in Hobt. - Mitchell in not immediately informing the Constable at BW of a robbery & neglecting to take steps for the apprehension of the offenders. Two Mos. hard labour & reccm'd to be dismissed the Police.



A Personal M.I.

T.J.M

Did you hear the one about the man who carved his own M.I.? Not furtively down among the brambles, nettles and moss, but high up in public view, and still as clear as the day it was cut!

Grandfather was a poor village lad, who died in 1939, aged 97. The rigours of his early life did him no harm, for he still retained his own teeth, and could read without glasses up to the time of his death; when having outlived two wives and all his contemporaries, he was finally laid to rest in a London cemetery. Since the War, all headstones have been removed, the plots grassed over, and the nearest anyone now has to an inscription is a numbered tag in the ground.

But not Grandfather!

In his youth he had been a bricklayer, and at the age of nineteen had helped to repair a well-known Middlesex landmark. One day up on the scaffolding, he carved for himself - and posterity - the epitaph that would outlive all the others "W.J.M. 1861" not just a scratch, but in well formed lettering, with bold down strokes and complete with ceriphs, and moreover on a Tudor brick!

It can still be seen today, at Gate House, West Drayton, to the right of the small window on Church Road, about 12ft. above the pavement, it is the second brick in from the right, level with the bottom of the window glass.

Gate House is now a Grade 2 Listed Building, and in his photograph, Grandfather has an enigmatic smile.

An Australian Tree

Diane Smith

On a recent visit to Australia, I met Shirley who would be an inspiration to any aspiring Family Historian. She started her “tree” nine years ago, and these days she does nothing else! Every day is spent in a record office, a churchyard, or capturing some old relative’s memories on a tape-recorder. She wanted to prove that she and her family were descended from first fleeters, which is the name given to the first English settlers who had been transported as convicts in 1788. This is a very essential part of any Australian Family Tree. Shirley has now proved that she was descended from those first settlers and she has joined the Society of First Fleeters, (I’m not sure of the exact title) and proudly wears their badge.

Shirley is engaged at the moment in tracing every descendant of every line. Quite a mammoth task. She has many large spiral bound sketch pads which have each line of the family on a double page. She still has a lot of work to do. Eventually she wants to have a muster of all the living relations and ask them to make a donation so that she can publish the whole history and give them all a copy.

Where is my part in all this you may ask? Well, in a book by John Cobley “Crimes of First Fleeters”, Shirley found the two forebears that started her family in Australia - William Eggleton (alias Bones) and his wife Mary Dickenson. Their crimes are listed and the references to court and jail records. So, armed with the photostats supplied by Shirley, I went to the Surrey Record Office and asked to see the relevant literature. In one of the files, I came across the witnesses’ accounts of Mary’s crime (she stole eleven waistcoats) dated 1786. I held the actual piece of paper in my hand, which for a novice in the Family History Game, was very exciting.

Shirley thinks that Mary committed her crime to be with Willian, because although they went to Australia in separate ships, they were married two days after the ships landed.

So, if you come across any Eggleton’s before 1786, I would be pleased to pass the details on to Shirley, who has given me the encouragement and inspiration to continue with my “Family Tree”



In the Journal of December 1982, the editor asked if any of our members had a direct link with the past, - no doubt with West Middlesex in mind. The following might be of interest since my link is with Ashford and the family is LE PIPRE who supported St. Matthews Church in several ways.

Gabriel Le Pipre, when I first encountered him was married at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea to Elizabeth Clerke on June 12th 1776. Some 29 years previously his father had married an Elizabeth Clarke at St. George Hanover Square. The family was of Huguenot origin.

At the time of his marriage Gabriel junior was employed as one of the judges' six clerks in the Court of the Kings Bench, on the crown side. As far as I know, he had been engaged in that service for three years. The first child born to Gabriel and Elizabeth was Ann Elizabeth, baptised at St. Luke, Chelsea in 1779, as was the second daughter Elizabeth, born in 1781.

Between 1781 and 1784 the family is found in residence at Ashford, Middlesex as the third daughter, recorded at St. Matthew, Ashford, is another Elizabeth. For a long time, I believed that the first Elizabeth had died, - but that was not so, recently I learned from fellow member Mrs. Mason (leader of the M.I. team at St. Matthew - Ed) that the second Elizabeth should have read Delicia, which is very much a Le Pipre name of the early 1700's. Then in 1786 Charlotte was baptised at St. Matthew, and in 1789 Gabriel and Elizabeth were blessed with another daughter - their fifth - who was baptised Jane at St Matthew. Jane lived only fourteen years and in 1803 was buried in the church yard beside her sister Sarah, who had died only nine months after her baptism in 1792. The seventh daughter was born in 1798, she too was baptised at St. Matthew and given the names Susanna Mary, after the widow of Gabriel's cousin who by that time was in control of her late husband's estate.

It must have been a great relief all round when in 1801, the son and heir was born, and was duly baptised Peter at St. Matthew's Church, Ashford. Peter carried a well-worn Le Pipre name being called after his father's late cousin, the Revd. Peter Le Pipre, the husband of the above-mentioned Mrs. Susanna Le Pipre.

Gabriel appears in the Land Tax Assessment Records under Ashford in Spelthorne Hundred in 1798: Gabriel Le Pipre, Esq. (proprietor) and bracketed with D. Warrens and King. Also, for the same year he appears in Stanwell in Spelthorne Hundred as proprietor with Thos. Spurling as occupier. From 1796-1804, Gabriel Le Pipre signed the Vestry meeting records in his own hand, he donated £15 towards the building of a new church, and is listed as having a pew for his family.

In 1812, Susanna Le Pipre - the aforementioned widow died, leaving Gabriel as executor of her estate and a major beneficiary, with another estate in Cambridge which was to be sold and the proceeds divided between Gabriel's children. At this time, it was revealed that Charlotte was now Mrs. Bertrand - the only married daughter. She had been married in Christ Church, Southwark. In 1816 Delicia

died and was buried at St. Matthew, being recorded as of Hounslow. So far there has been no indication that any of the three remaining daughters married. I have hoped that one of the daughters might have found themselves a husband by the name of Barrow. The London Directory does show a family of that name - Richard Barrow M.D., living in Hounslow during 1805-07, maybe longer. So far there is no reference as to where Gabriel's son Peter was educated - he seems not to have entered either Oxford or Cambridge where his namesake had taken his M.A. prior to his Ordination at Ely.

The Law List of 1822 contains for the last time Gabriel's position at the Court of the Kings Bench, after what seems likely to have been a career of nearly 50 years. The 1824 Triennial Almanac has an entry of Peter Le Pipe in the same position formerly held by his father. This is the first mention I have of Peter as an adult - or for that matter since his baptism at St. Matthew. His address is then given as Hammersmith and The Temple and continues until 1838, where he is listed amongst County Attorneys as being of Hammersmith and Coroner of the Court of the Queens Bench Prison and Rules at the Crown Office, Temple.

The Rate Books reveal that Peter was then living at Brandenburg Place, and later on, in the 1841 census as being of Lewis Place, Fulham. The census revealed also, that he had a wife, Esther Le Pipe, another adult member of the household named Ann Le Pipe (possibly his eldest sister, still unmarried, whose age was given as 40 years, when, in fact she would have been 62), Horatio 9 years, Emily 4 years, and Susan 3 years. There is no mention of Francis - listed in the IGI as being born to Peter and Esther.

The dates of Service of both Gabriel and Peter have been confirmed by the British Library. Peter is last recorded in the Law List of 1844 and does not appear in the 1851 census as still living in either Hammersmith or Fulham. The baptisms of Francis, Horatio James and Emily all took place at St. Andrew, Holborn, the venue of many Le Pipe baptisms. As yet I have not found the baptism of Susan. Then I learned that in 1854, Horatio James Le Pipe married in Isleworth, a local girl Sarah Blyth, he gave his address as Folkestone and described his father and himself as "gentlemen".

There is no mention again of Horatio in Folkestone, but Emily is recorded in the local Directory as being a Boarding House Keeper. None of them appear on the local census at any time. Peter appeared once only in 1859 in the local Directory. Gabriel's death has not been found so far and his will remains unrevealed.

So, I am hoping there may still be some of Horatio's descendants living in West Middlesex.

I am indebted to the Vicar of St. Matthew, Ashford, Mrs. Mary Mason and Mr. Arthur Powell for their kind assistance with local and parish information.

Vaocluse. N.S.W.
Australia
April 1983

Copy of a letter written by Isaac Le Pipre-BARROW - Although not really relevant to the story, it might be of interest to census takers, and the name would explain why Mrs. Ramsay-Sharp has hopes of a Le Pipre-Barrow marriage.

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Audit Office,
26th November 1881

To:
The Hon. F.S. Dobson.

Dear Sir,

At the end of December next, I retire from the above Department, having served 24 years therein. I propose residing near Darnum in South Gippsland where a home has been in course of formation for some years. And as I wish to have something to do in my retirement, I address you to ask, whether I could fill the post of J.P. There is no one in the locality that I am aware of who would or could undertake the duty owing to the inaccessibility of the country and the great difficulty of travelling. My family resident there have often felt the absence of such a functionary and no doubt others have as well. As I am willing to perform the duties, my doing so would be a convenience to the people there about.

I am a Colonist since 1838 and before the public service have always done my share in furthering the common interest of the Community.

In 1842-3, I took the Census in Yass and Murrumbidgee districts when no one else could be found to do it - the Border Police not being available for the duty as they were prisoners (of the bushrangers) - the population of that immense region numbering under 1,000. The Blacks were troublesome at the time and the work was done at some personal risk. Since then, I have acted as Clerk of Petty Sessions. My desire is to occupy my leisure and make myself useful in my generation. Having been so long in the public service I have been neutral in politics but always voting for peace and progress.

In offering my services I am actuated by my desire of doing something in return for the small pension which will be allowed to me. This explanation I trust, will be accepted as my excuse in troubling you.

Yours etc.,
signed: I, LE P. Barrow

To finish the tale of the Le Pipre family in Ashford, the two M.I.s below, were sent to me by Mrs. Heath, another of the team working at St. Matthew.

In Memory of SARAH the Daughter of/ GABRIEL and ELISABETH LUPIPRE of this parish who/ Departed this life the Seventeenth/ Day of January in the year of our / Lord Christ 1793/ Aged 9 Months

Also adjoining are deposited/ The remains of JANE LUPIPRE/ Sister of the above SARAH who/ Departed this life May 21st 1803/ Aged 14 years/ Resurgam

Richard Bethell

Our last Journal contained copies of two prints which had come into my hands, thinking they were originals and one at least, being quite important as the brass from which it was copied was subsequently destroyed. It now appears that the prints are copies of illustrations and so, not so important. Miss Andrea Cameron, Librarian i/c Local Studies, Hounslow Library Services, wrote to tell me that the print of Margaret Daley is most certainly a copy of one which appeared in "The History of Syon Monastery," by James Aungier, published in 1840. There is also in the Local History Collection, an original drawing of the brass, signed and dated 1788.

I said in the journal that we knew nothing of Richard Bethell, but once again, the information came from Miss Cameron. He was Vicar of the Parish of Shorwell in the Isle of Wight from 1478 until 1518 when he died. His brass is on the chancel floor on the north side of the altar steps. This brass is listed (as is Margaret Daly) in a Catalogue of Rubbings of Brasses and Incised Slabs in the Victoria and Albert Museum. I have since visited the museum and taken a good look at the rubbing, and it really is a very nice piece of work.

Unfortunately, a copy was not available, I must visit Shorwell and take my own rubbing.

I am most grateful to Miss Cameron for her interest and help, and would also thank Arthur Powell for his information about a Bethell family in Isleworth and Mrs. Stevens for information on "R Bethell Esq", afterwards Lord Westbury who later became Lord Chancellor.

The 'MARY ROSE' Trust

Under the auspices of the Trust, some members of the Hampshire Genealogical Society have undertaken to gather information about the personnel of Henry VIII's navy - their social backgrounds, terms of service, etc. and possibly even some names. One hitherto unknown name has already been thrown up by research - from the Buckinghamshire Visitations, "John Reade, died on board Mary Rose".

It would be greatly appreciated if you would bring this project to the attention of your members, and ask if anyone engaged in searching 16th century documents, visitations and/or pedigrees would please pass on any relevant information they might uncover to me:

Mrs. E. Edwards, 21 Lodge Avenue, East Cosham, Portsmouth, Hants., PO6 2JR

There was never any tradition of wealth or scandal in my mother's family. My grandfather married at 56 years old and died when I was very young- We knew that he had run away to sea as a young lad to escape the proverbial wicked stepmother. The first time he was refused as being too small. He returned later wearing several pairs of socks and scraped in at 5feet nought and a quarter. I have yet to find his birth but luckily, we had his parents wedding certificate, - married in the Tower of London no less. As children we found it greatly amusing that one of the witnesses Fanny Eliza Grist signed with her mark. Poor Fanny Eliza, I wonder what happened to her.

Over the years I have picked up odd bits here and there. Great grandfather was a labourer and joined the Grenadier Guards in 1836 at 18 years old for a bounty of £2.10.0. Great-Great-grandfather, a tailor, was born in St. Ives but moved to Oundle as a young married man. Did all the generations quarrel with their families and move on?

This year I decided to trace the family properly. First to the Record Office where amongst the M.I.s were family graves dating back to 1766. Then there were wills galore. Great-Great-Great-grandfather's will showed that he had owned land in Oundle as well as at St. Ives which is why his son was living there. His grave showed that he had been parish clerk for 20 years. Then onto St. Ives to examine the Parish Registers with a very helpful verger. In the course of the conversation I mentioned my parish clerk ancestor, and the verger informed me that every year a Belgian Baron came to research this line. He also presented me with photos of "our graves" taken by the Baron.

I wrote to the Baron and he sent me the family tree, as he knew it, descending from Great-Great-Grandfather's sister Elizabeth. Much to my astonishment it was full of Barons, Counts and Countesses, and my fourth cousin actually married into the Swedish Royal Family.

I recently spent a day at the Society of Genealogists with "my Baron," comparing notes, and he tells me that the success of this line is reputed to have started with Elizabeth (who was married) bearing the illegitimate son of one of our more famous Royals. There is, of course, no proof of this, but, it is a lot more fun to muse upon than generations of Ag Labs!

P.S. Next time you see me, don't forget to doff your cap



HELP!!!

HENSON Thomas, born c1768, Hayes, Mddx, and William, born c1791, Hayes. Our member, is looking for further information about these two - father & son perhaps? In his letter, Mr. Henson says: "I have searched the Vicars rough book of 1760, as the parish records or Bishop's transcripts apparently do not exist for that period. Any comments or help would be much appreciated.
Mr. F.A. Henson, 19 Penrith Way, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7JZ

ROSEWELL Thomas, described in the various censuses as Water-Bailiff and/or Fisherman - are there any local records of these occupations? Did they need licences? Our new member is searching for news of Thomas. He has a marriage certificate of Thomas Rosewell to Elizabeth Willer at Shepperton in 1838. Elizabeth is apparently "of this parish". Has anyone come across the name?
Basil Warrington, 8 Spruce Avenue, Ormesby St. Margaret, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR29 3RY

HOWLEY (Sarah) Emily, given address at the time of her marriage was Waterloo Road, London and could have been born around the 1830s - but where? This is another puzzle occupying the time of our member Basil Warrington - address above

YATES George, born c1816 in Chelsea, he married Mary Ann YOELL in 1833 at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, but the marriage register has no other details. Our member Eileen Humphrey would like some more information about these two. So far, she has been unable to find much to date, having searched most of the usual channels. Having moved recently from Guildford, her opportunities for detailed searching is somewhat limited.
Eileen Humphrey, 1 Rock Villas, Rock, Nr. Wadebridge, North Cornwall. PL27 6LE

APPLETON Eleanor, a widow aged about 55 was not at home on the night of the census of 1881. Her two children, George age 12 and Jenny (Jane?) aged 9 were staying at 107 Portabello Road (with relatives) on the night in question. She had friends in the road and it is more than likely that she lived there herself. She died 1892 in Kensington Infirmary and is buried in a pauper grave in Kensal Green Cemetery. Would be glad of any help or information on this.
Mrs. Jean Crisfield, 25 Baberton-Mains-Bank, Edinburgh, EH14 3ED

SEABURY Fanny, she died in December 1892 in childbirth. Our member is trying to find her final resting place, so far with little success. He has tried most of the local cemeteries, but really needs to find an M.I. Has anyone come across the name in this connection? Most cemetery registers only list the "owner" of the plot and this can be of little help at times. Is there any answer to this sort of query? Or is it just a case of luck that someone might remember the name? As a long shot, he could try the local undertakers of the period to see if they might have any information.
Mr. R.P.Seabury, 6 Mimosa Road, Hayes, Mddx, UB4 9EQ

COMBER Joseph & **HODGES** Mary Ann - A marriage is presumed to have taken place possibly in London sometime around 1875. All delightfully vague, but maybe the names will strike a chord somewhere.

WOODNEY Christopher, born c1827 possibly London, has anyone seen this surname after the 1800's anywhere?

HICKS Charles, born c1830 England. Father John Charles was married and had one child. Convicted of Larceny December 1848 and transported from Clerkenwell to West Australia in 1851. Any information or connections please.

ELLIOT(T) Ann, born in Glamorgan as Ann Spencer, she married John Sadler Miles and her son Charles was born in Glamorgan in 1847. Widowed, she married Elliot(t) in London, and died in London c1903 at the age of 84. A son from that second union was living in New Cross, S.E. London in 1905 (did he inform the Registrar of the death?). Charles Miles went to New Zealand in 1876, and any help or suggestions on this would be much appreciated.

These last four entries come from New Zealand, via the Auckland Group of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, which is a member of our Society, and Mrs. Sutton is willing to act as coordinator for the group, so, any comments, suggestions, and/or offers of help to her please.

Auckland Group of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, c/o Mrs. Margaret Sutton,
89 Gribblehirst Road, Auckland 3, New Zealand

From time to time, I receive letters from members who have used this page for their problems and they tell me of their success. Information sometimes comes from the most unlikely source, but it is always most welcome and the Society is grateful to those folk who take the time and trouble to read this page and offer suggestions. The service is free to members, and there is a nominal charge of £1 per item to non-members of our Society. So, if you are "stuck" somewhere, send in the details and we will see what we can do for you. As a general rule we will only place queries for information up to the turn of the century, people born in the early 1900's may still be living and they still have a right to their privacy.

EUREKA

Vera Howell

In the April issue of the Journal, I advertised for information on the families of HAWKINS of Isleworth and DEELEY of Histon, Cambs.

A helpful reply came first from a member in Oxfordshire who had noted local instances of the Deeley name. In the same journal issue was a note that Mr. A. Powell had indexed Isleworth records. I wrote to Mr. Powell enquiring about my HAWKINS family and he replied with no fewer than 15 baptisms to this family and 3 burials. He had also noted the name Deeley in the burial records and he suggested that Histon Cambs, might really be Heston, Mddx. He then searched the Heston & Isleworth censuses for 1841 and 1851 and there at Heston, were my long sought Deeleys.

I have recently made use of Pallot's Index and thereby found a marriage I had been seeking for years. It took place at St. George the Martyr, Southwark, the registers are still with the incumbent and are not on the IGI. Similarly, another elusive marriage was supplied by Mr. Cliff Webb from his Surrey marriage index.

The moral to all this is - If there is an index - Use it!

Mince Pies Anyone?

An Eighteenth Century (c1740) recipe for Minced Pyes

1 lb. lean meat, boyled tender and chopped fine
2 lb. beef suet
2 lb. apples
½ lb. raisins of the sun, stoned, chopped fine
1 ½ lb. corrints
1 lb. sugar
1 whole nutmeg (grated) and equal weight of sage
1 civile orange } grate in ye rind, white and all, and squeeze juice
1 lemenon }
2-3 spoonfuls of best French Brandy or Sack

Mix all together, but do not add Brandy or Sack and orange juice until all is well mixed. The best meats are Neat's tongues, inside of loin of beef, tenderest part of leg of mutton, calves hearts, or young bullocks hearts.

Contributed by Julia Zouch



Strays Index

On the following page is a further list of “strays” - Middlesex folk who have been found recorded somewhere outside the area in which they live. This situation often occurs for example in a marriage, when the Groom, following a long tradition marries in the parish of his Bride. The Register will show his Parish of Residence, and he is therefore a stray. New members will be interested to learn there is a national index of strays, and that twice a year, all societies send details of all strays found locally to a central coordinator, who then sorts and distributes them to the area concerned.

Our Strays Coordinator is Sandra Featherstone, 8 Glebe Road, Staines, Middlesex TW18 1BX, who will supply what other details we may have on any of the names listed, in return for a SAE plus two extra postage stamps. Members who may find strays whilst engaged upon their own research are asked to send them to Sandra.

Middlesex Strays

ARROWSMITH William, London	bur.1765	LAPPER Richard, Hackney	mar.1804
ALLEN John, Hammersmith	bap.1836	LARANCE John, London	bur.1729
ALLIX Mary, (Mrs) St.Antholin	mar.1726	LEVERITT Isaac, London	bur.1726
ANDREWS John, London	bur.1763	LEWIS Sarah, St.Bartholomew	mar.1730
ANSELL Thomas, Fulham	mar.1830	LIGO Mary, London	bur.1726
BARNARD George, St.Pancras	bur.1832	LLOYD Ellis, Holborn	bur.1700
BARNARD Robert, Lambeth	bap.1802	LOCK Richard, Chelsea	mar.1802
BARRET Phillip, Hampstead	mar.1599	LOVEJOY John, Uxbridge	mar.1760
BARROW John E, Bayswater	bap.1830	MACDONALD David, Marylebone	mar.1833
BATES William, St.Martins	mar.1800	McGEE James, Hanover Sq.	mar.1825
BATHURST Ann, London	bap.1717/8	METCALFE George M, London	mar.1796
BATHURST Frances, London	bur.1721	MILLS Elizabeth, London	bur.1777
BAUGH Ann, London	bap.1623	MILLS John, Chiswick	mar.1758
BAUGHAN Henry, St.Pancras	mar.1847	NORBURY John, Whitechapel	mar.1829
CANDLIN Robert T, Limehouse	bur.1887	NORTON John R, Holborn	mar.1819
CARTER William, Long Acre	bur.1772	OSMOND John, London	bap.1679
CASTLE William, St.Martin/Fld	mar.1761	PAINTER Ezekiah, St.ClementDanemar	1703
CHALKLEY Edward, Stanmore	mar.1735	PHILLIPS James, London	bur.1795
CHAPNEL William, Clerkenwell	bap.1831	POPE Hester, Hillingdon	mar.1692
CHARLTON Colville, Acton	mar.1820	POWEL Thomas, London	bur.1709
COLLET Anne, Hammersmith	mar.1753	PRICE Benjamin, Hendon	mar.1758
COLLIER John, St.James Picc.	bap.1798	PRICE Robert, London	bur.1701
DAVIS Thomas, St.Paul Shadwell	mar.1751	RAUTHMEL John, St.Bartholomew	mar.1714
DAY Mary, St.Mary Axe	bur.1788	REID Archibald, Garlickhithe	mar.1815
DESMARETZ Claudius, St.Peter	mar.1726	ROCHESTER Eleanor B, WelbeckSt	bur.1825
DEVERELL Nilpah, Kensington	bur.1760	ROLFE Joseph, Hounslow	mar.1816
DICKESON Mary, London	bur.1702	ROSS Joanna A, Islington	mar.1809
DORMER Robert, Covent Gdn	bap.1668	SAMMONS John, St.Luke Mdx	mar.1796
ELGIE John, St.Mary Bothaw	mar.1755	SETREE William, Covent Gdn	bur.1780
ELLIS Mary L, Kensington	bap.1828	SHAW Robert Grant, Tottenham	mar.1824
ELLISON Richard, Teddington	mar.1830	SLOCOCK Benjamin, Westminster	mar.1819
FERGUSON Ursula, London	bur.1745	SMITH William, Middlesex	wil.1743/9
FISHER John, St.Faith	mar.1773	SPARROW Martha, ???	bap.1741/2
FORD Mary, St.Dunstan/West	mar.1735	STEVENS Sarah, Nottinghill	bur.1837
GIRLE John, St.Martin/Fld	wil.1761	STOCKER Mary, Westminster	mar.1828
GRANDIN John, Westminster	mar.1827	STROUD Samuel & John, London	bur.1692
GREATED Joseph, Holborn	bur.1818	SWIFT Margery, London	bur.1608
GREENHILL George, St.Johns Wd.	wil.1851	TARR Edward, London	bur.1593
HARRIOTT Tho.Geo. Twickenham	mar.1836	TAUNTON Richard, Holborn	bap.1822
HARVEY William, Chiswick	mar.1746	TAYLOR John, St.Pancras	mar.1801
HARWOOD Mary, Regents Park	bur.1850	TUSSY Simon, London	bur.1851
H(K)EART Richard, Aldersgate	mar.1720	TWYTCHELL Mary, London	bap.1596
HENMAN Martha, Harefield	mar.1752	UPFOULD Mary, Ealing	mar.1682
HOWARD Thomas, Uxbridge	bur.1789	VINCENT Richard, Chelsea	bur.1819
HUTTON Frances, St.Giles	bur.1715	WALKER Edmund, Westminster	bur.1713
JEFFERY Robert, St.ClementDanemar	1825	WARD Charlotte, Westminster	bap.1803
JOHNSON Edmund (Dr) London	mar.1734/5	WELCH John, Grays Inn	mar.1828
JOHNSON Sarah, Lady Dockers Hosp.	bur.1758	WHITING Thomas, Andrew in ye Wardrobe	bap.1655
KENNING William, Middlesex	wil.1709	WHITMORE John, London	bur.1773
KENT Lucy, Southall	mar.1682/3	WHORWOOD Dean, St.ClementDane	mar.1780
KILGOUN Luke, St.Mary Magdalen	mar.1754	WILLIAMS Solomon	mar.1714
KIRBY James, Connaught Square	bur.1830	WRIGHT Richard, London	bap.1676
KNOTT Alice, London	mar.1825		

New Members

We welcome the following new members to our Society.

A16 Frank Augur	56 Richmond Road, Staines, Mddx.
B34 Mrs R. W. Bagnall	1 Foxley Drive, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM23 2EB
B35 Mrs K. M. Brown	12 Grainger Road, Isleworth, Mddx. TW7 6PQ
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B37 Mr R. H. Butler	41 Collingwood Rd, Hillingdon Heath, Mddx. UB8 3EJ
C37 Mrs E. A. Carter	22 Lulworth Close, Farnborough, Hants.
C38 Mrs M. Calloway	20 Twyford Crescent, Acton, W3 9PP
D18 Mr. G. Dodds	124 Brompton Park, Brompton on Swale, Richmond, N. Yorks.
D19 Miss J. Dite	40 Berkely Waye, Heston, Hounslow, Mddx. TW5 9HL
G22 Mrs. J. Graham	254 Norwood Road, Norwood Green, Southall, Mddx.
H37 Mrs E. M. Humphrey	1 Rock Villas, Rock, Wadebridge, Cornwall, PL27 6LE
H38 S. T. Hopton	20 Lanata Walk, Hayes, Mddx. UB4 9PY
J10 H. J. Jordan	House C 1 Grassington Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN20 7BP
J11 Mrs E. Johnson	32 Chatsworth Crescent, Hounslow, Mddx.
K13 Miss M. E. King	131 Rusthall Avenue, London, W1 1BL
L15 Mr & Mrs T Lewis	31d Wolsey Road, Ashford, Mddx.
M21 Mrs J. Morris	11a Rosary Gardens, Ashford, Mddx.
P27 Charles & Marion Pabor	63 Pennine Way, Harlington, Mddx
P28 Mr P. J. Parsons	10 Precinct Road, Hayes, Mddx.
S44 Mr & Mrs Sherman	90 Longmead Road, Hayes, Mddx.
S45 Mrs E. E. Stretton	Pembroke Hotel, 17 Banks Street, Blackpool FY1 1RN
S46 Mrs O. Sherwin	53 William Souter Street, Takapuna Nth, Auckland 10, New Zealand.
S47 Miss H. I. Swinden	5/38 Sherbourne Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, B27 6EA
W29 T. A. Walden	4 Nurseries Road, Kidlington, Oxford, OX5 1AN
W30 P. G. Warrington	8 Spruce Avenue, Ormesby St. Margaret, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.
Y4 Eileen Yates	46 Hollywood Gardens, Hayes, Mddx
Y5 Miss E. B. Yool	55 Councillor Lane, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 2HX

Change of address

A15 Mr. J. P! Adams	36 Lake Avenue, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.
C1 Mr. R. Cook	105 Portland Road, London, W11 4LN
H30 Mr. J. Hogan	42 Parkfield Avenue, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Mddx.
S7 Mrs Senior	40 Royle Close, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks. SL9 0BB

* It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. A.E. Smith (S23), we extend our sympathy to his widow.

- and their Surname Interests

Armstrong	19c	Sunderland	H34	Jordan	19c	STS. S&W LND.	J10
Baldock	18c	Rye SSX	D19	Keat	19c	Cornwall	H37
Ball	19c	Atworth WIL	B35	Mawson	18-19c	Any	B34
Bateman	18-19c	W MDX area	S47	Mead(e)s	19c	W MDX area	D18
Beckett	1845	Westminster	J10	Meering	19c	Norfolk	J11
Bedford	any	SRV LDN city	E12	Millwood	19c	Hammersmith	B34
Bennett	18-19c	Burbage LEI	S46	Mitchell	any	E. SSX	S46
Bolton	18-19c	Birmingham	S47	Morris	19c	LND MDX	G21
Bowden	19c	Plymouth	G21	Nash	19c	LND	D19
Bowden-Stevens	19c	Jersey	G21	Nattrash	18-19c	Southwark SRY	S46
Bradbury	19c	MDX SRY	S45	Palmer	any	WAR WOR	E12
Bray	any	Northampton	K13	Phipps	19c	Kidderminster	S47
Brittain	19c	London	D19	Pinnock	19c	Southwark SRY	G22
Brown	19c	Ipswich SFK	B35	Purser	18-19c	Littleton MDX	S46
Butler	18c	London	B37	Putz	19c	Any	G21
Butler	1864	Fulham Dulwich	J10	Randall	19c	MDX ESS	B34
Chambers	18c	Sunderland	H34	Redshaw	19c	Bermondsey SRY	S46
Cock(s)	18-19c	SFK MDX	H37	Reed	18-19c	Maresfield SSX	H37
Collins	any	SFK SRY MDX	B37	Rich	19c	Tipton STS	S46
Cox	1890	Chelsea MDX	Y5	Rix	any	MDX SRY	E12
Curtis	18c	London	S46	Roberts	1800	Salford LAN	S45
Daniels	any	Norwich NFK	K13	Rosewell	19c	Shepperton MDX	W30
De Voisey	18-19c	France	D16	Scotcher	1840s	St. Pancras MDX	J10
Dewey	19c	Wiltshire	J11	Sherwin	18-19c	Leicester	S46
Dite	19c	London	D19	Skinner	18-19c	Gt. Barford BDF	H37
Down	19c	Morkton SOM	B35	Smart	19c	London	S46
Dwight	19c	any	D15	Soady	17-19c	Looe CON	H34
Earley	any	HAM MDX	E12	Spooner	18-19c	Ramsden ESS	H37
Flenley	18c	any	Y5	Stark	17-19c	Looe CON	H34
Fletcher	19c	Middle Barton	S47	Swinden	18-19c	W MDX area	S47
Gilbert	18-19c	Abbotsley HUN	H37	Tabb	19c	Cornwall	H37
Giles	19c	Bermondsey SRY	S46	Tait/Tate	18-19c	Bywell N/LND	H34
Gower	1840s	Westminster	J10	Tarron	1840s	Marylebone MDX	J10
Graham	19c	Sunderland	H34	Taylor	18-19c	Capel SRY	H37
Grove	1699	Littleton MDX	S46	Taylor	any	East Grinstead	S46
Hall	17-19c	Sunderland	H34	Thomson	any	London C & NW	E12
Hayes	18-19c	London	S46	Timberlake	19c	Heston MDX	D18
Hewitt	any	MDX WIL	E12	Walden	any	Northampton	K13
Hewlett	any	MDX WIL	E12	Walter	19c	Monkton Coombe WIL	B35
Hickman	19c	Tipton STS	S46	Watts	any	London C & NW	E12
Hincliffe	19c	Leicester	S46	Watts	any	Norwich NFK	K13
Hines	19c	Manchester	S45	White	19c	Bywell N/Lnd	H34
Hitchcock	1850	Holborn LND	E12	Willer	19c	Shepperton MDX	W30
Hopton	18-19c	GLS	H38	Wimpey	19c	Chiswick MDX	B34
Horne	18c	Chiswick	Y5	Wood	1840s	Westminster	J10
Howe	18-20c	Billericay ESS	H37	Wood	1840s	Australia	J10
Howley	19c	SE/London	W30	Worrall	any	WAR WOR	E12
Hull	19c	W/MDX	S45	Wright	1840s	N/LND	J10
Humphrey	18c	Worth SSX	H37	Yates	18-20c	Chelsea MDX	H37
Jane	19c	Plymouth DVN	G21	Yates	19c	N & E Lnd	J10
*Leveson-Gower	1840s	Australia	J10	Yovell	18-20c	Chelsea MDX	H37

... and Finally

It is now three years since I wrote my first page for the journal, I became Editor a matter of weeks before I was elected to the Committee. Having now served my term, I can sit back and watch - although as Chris said in his report I shall carry on as Editor and will no doubt be just as busy.

Our first venture in 1984 will be the publication of a catalogue of Members Interests. This is well on the way, Juliana Powney is doing magical things with a computer and I understand it will make its appearance early in the new year. It is expected that this booklet will be issued free to members, and will also be available to non-members at a price to be determined.

We also hope to produce next year, a compendium of information about our area - addresses of libraries etc., together with details of their holdings of genealogical content, with a potted history of the borough as well. Sounds ambitious but I think it can be produced in time for October and the One Day Conference. So, it would seem the entire Committee will be keeping busy.

Last year Mabel became Secretary, and as a result, the number of letters passing through our door has more than doubled. We have both been struck by the number of requests for help in research. One enterprising soul sent in a list of a family taken apparently from a Protestation Return in the 1600's and asked what else we could tell him about them. We sometimes wonder whether people write hoping to get their research done "on the cheap". At least two requests promising payment of expenses, have so far failed to honour the promise. The amount of money involved is immaterial, but I am concerned with the principle and it must inevitably mean that such requests will in future go without reply. I hasten to add that these two requests were not from our members, in point of fact, more than half of our letters are from non-members, which we try to answer in an effort to help with local knowledge. I sometimes wonder if our friends overseas really appreciate the fact that most of the British Societies are run entirely by volunteers who in many cases have to sacrifice some of their own research.

You will have seen on another page the details of our impending move to a new meeting place. It will be good to have that particular problem solved, although our knowledge of the new hall is scanty. We know it will seat up to 150, that there are refreshment facilities available and parking will present no problems. It will be sad to lose the old Town Hall, it was quite unsuitable for our meetings, the acoustics were dreadful, quite how the Mayor controlled the Council meetings I shall never understand but it was a link with the old Borough of Heston & Isleworth, and for that reason alone, many will regret the end.

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