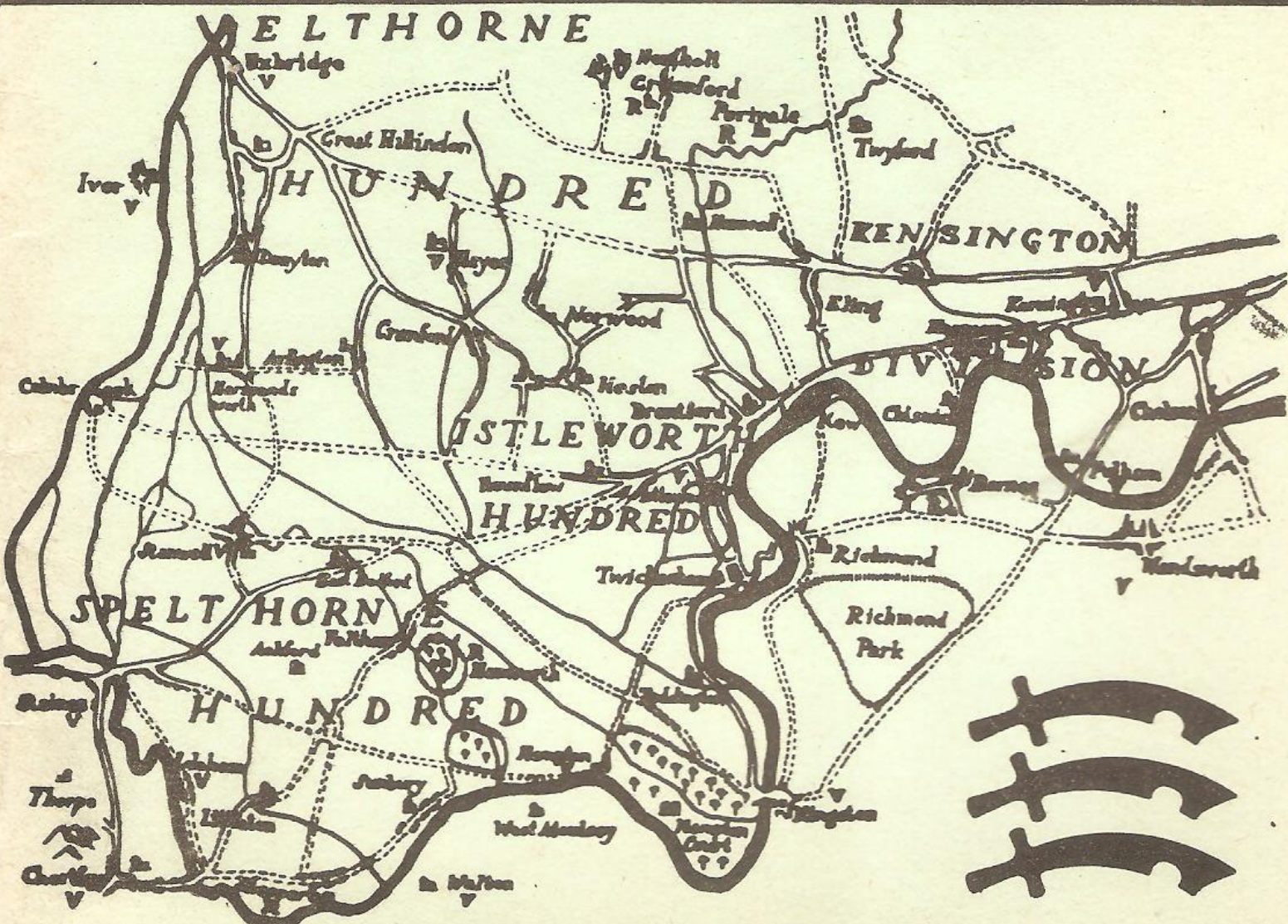


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The Society's Area of Interest

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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From your Chairman

I should like to take the opportunity of these articles to discuss some of the questions which we, your Committee, consider in planning how we can best serve the needs of the Society. We are of course, concerned with the “nuts and bolts,” like arranging speakers, advertising the meetings, watching the financial position and so on. But we are also concerned with less tangible matters: for example, the proper balance between the needs of the beginner and the expert; the contribution the society should be making to research; our relationships to other Societies, both within the field of Family History and in the wider but related field of Local History. These are the sorts of questions I would like to put before you in these articles, and I shall take the liberty, as your Chairman, of expressing my own views and drawing on my own experience.

This time I shall take the beginner/expert balance as my theme. When I first thought about joining a Family History Society, I was hesitant about how I would fit into what I assumed would be a gathering of high-powered and experienced genealogists. I was reassured, on my first evening, to discover that many of the other members were beginners like myself. Yet I didn't only want to meet other beginners: I had joined for advice and help. I wanted to learn about new kinds of records, new places to search, new approaches - new to me, that is, but “old hat” to many long-standing members of the Society.

I have now become one of those long-standing members, and can now claim a far wider knowledge of sources than I could when I joined, much of it learned from other members of our Society. And because I am no longer a beginner myself, I can say with some detachment that I strongly believe our Society exists first and foremost to help its new recruits. One of the refreshing things about the Committee, on which I have sat through two changes of members and Chairmen, is that all its members have been agreed on this point.

In order to help our beginners we must, of course, provide talks on subjects new to them, including specialist subjects. But we must also remember - Committee and membership at large - that at every meeting there will be those who have not yet seen a parish register or a will and don't know where to find them.

My aim in writing this is to urge beginners (whether new members or not) to speak up: not to let us get away with using jargon you don't understand; not to be afraid to ask “obvious questions.” There was a time when none of us knew where St. Catherine's House was; or what was meant by “slipping” and “M.I.s.” It is only too easy for old hands to drop into jargon. Indeed, it is almost one of the pleasures of belonging to a Society that it has a private language. But our aim in the West Middlesex Family History Society should surely be to bring as many new members as possible into that charmed circle.

Beginners - Please let us know how we can make you feel at home.

P. Kelvin

For your Diary

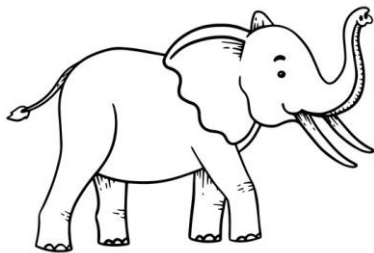


Monthly Meetings:

April	13	“The Spelthorne Hundred”	Vernon Gosling
May	11	“Family at War”	An Open Evening
June	8	“Criminal Ancestors” (how to find them)	David Hawkings
July	13	“The Resources at the Guildhall Library”	Richard Harvey
August	10	“The Elephant Hunt”	
September	14	The Society of Genealogists and their new home, L. W. Lawson-Edwards	
October	12	To be arranged	
November	9	Annual General Meeting, with Cheese & Wine to follow	
December	14	To be arranged	

The meeting in May will be open to the general public and the theme will be based upon the impact of war upon the family. Pictures, documents, any record in fact of your family in these times of upheaval are needed to build our picture.

The “Elephant Hunt” is an exercise in Family History and can be very helpful to newcomers - and has even taught some of our “experts” a thing or two. Not to be taken too seriously, it should be an entertaining evening!



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Our Meetings

TWO SPEAKERS FROM THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

At the December and January meetings of the Society we had the pleasure of hearing widely different talks about genealogical material in the Public Record Office.

In December, Dr. Edward Higgs, Librarian at Kew, gave us a broad overview of the P.R.O.'s holdings in both repositories. After a brief history of the Office and an explanation of its classificatory system, he took us through the main areas of genealogical interest. Any member who had ever felt diffident about rubbing shoulders with distinguished scholars in the Reading Rooms would have been encouraged to hear that the majority of readers there are now family historians.

Dr. Higgs made us see the records from the standpoint of their creators - the government officials who had to collect information about the individuals in whom we are interested. He reminded us how essential it is, both in locating and interpreting the record, to understand why it was made and kept.

In January, Dr. Daphne Gifford, now retired from the P.R.O., but with experience in many of its departments, concentrated on transportation records. Under the title "They Went to Australia" she traced the progress of the convicts from their arrest, trial and conviction, through the prisons or hulks to the transporting fleet, on their journey and to their arrival in Australia. Dr. Gifford gave us copious class-references to the available records, and illustrated their use with the story of a West Country couple whose adventures were worthy of a picaresque novel (and had, as we later learned, actually been turned into one!)

Both talks, in their different ways, emphasised the riches that await us at the P.R.O. The Office is now far more active than at one time, in catering for the needs of its "majority of readers" as is evidenced by its recent publication, **"Tracing Your Ancestors at the Public Record Office."** Armed with that, and encouraged by these speakers, many more of our members will be taking advantage of those treasure houses on our doorstep.

P. KELVIN

"FAMILY HEIRLOOM" - February 10.

For this meeting, members were asked to bring along family souvenirs, heirlooms, or mementoes of the past, and we were all delighted with the response! Members were arranged into four groups, and were encouraged to move around during the evening. There was such a wealth of material it is doubtful there was time to see it all, the entire evening was a hum of cheerful chatter as members offered and discussed their heirlooms. A highly successful evening with Thanks to all contributors.

Odds & Ends

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE - CHANCERY LANE

Restoration and reconstruction work on this building is now taking place, and it is expected the work will take at least three years to complete. All electrical wiring is to be replaced, the roof is in urgent need of repair, and a ventilation system is to be installed in the Round Room. In addition, the whole place is to be re-decorated. The nature and extent of the work involved means there will be some disruption to the service provided - certain classes of records will be unavailable for limited periods, restricted seating from time to time, temporary reductions in the general level of service and noise. It is hoped to keep any disruption to the minimum. Readers are advised to check in advance before making plans to visit Chancery Lane. Enquiry Desk phone numbers:

Chancery Lane: 01-405-0741 extension 277 or 298
Kew: 01-876-3444 extension 401

During 1984 the Reading Rooms throughout the Public Record Office will be closed on the following days:

Easter: 20-23 April
(No document produced after 12 noon on Maundy Thursday 19 April)
May Day Holiday: 7 May
Spring Holiday: 25-28 May *(Includes the Friday before the Spring Bank Holiday)*
Late Summer Holiday: 27 August
Stocktaking: 1-12 October
Christmas: 24- 26 December

UXBRIDGE LIBRARY

Work has now begun on the next stage of the Uxbridge Town Centre which includes a new Central Library. The building work means inevitably that some services will be disrupted. The end result will be worth waiting for, and meanwhile, it might be worth giving them a call (Uxbridge 50600) to enquire as to the present position.

SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

The library at Harrington Gardens will close on Saturday July 7th, and will re-open at: 14 Charterhouse Buildings, London EC1M 7BA on Wednesday August 1st. (This new home is quite close to the GLRO, The Museum of London & the Barbican)

WEST MIDDLESEX FOR THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

Could you help to introduce our area to other Family Historians? There must be many members who have their own favourite book or article which has helped to bring West Middlesex alive for them and their family.

Our new booklet on sources for family history in West Middlesex will include a list of these "special sources" - if you write and tell the EDITOR of the Journal about your favourites. Please do. Just think how much you have gained from them, and how much more you could learn from other people's precious finds!

We have to set a deadline for this, so please write straightaway or at least before May 15th. If you want to nominate several books, so much the better for all of us. Thank you for your help in reading this paragraph - and DON'T FORGET TO WRITE!

Harriet Blair-Fish

Not a Disease but a Bug

Valerie Walker

Some while ago a friend in New Zealand told me of her attempts to trace her ancestors in this country and, in a weak moment, I offered my assistance. However, I then went off to New York and so it was quite a while later that I did get round to visiting St. Catherine's House on her behalf. Her surname is SHIRLEY and in the mid-1970's she engaged a well-known firm of genealogists to confirm a marriage and birth around 1840. They reported back that there were no such entries even though she gave them the date of birth and mentioned that the entries might be under Shurley, Sherley, or even Sharley. Imagine my amazement on my first visit to St. Catherine's House to find both entries in the name of Sharley, and so I ordered the certificates. Since then, "we" have found other ancestors of hers and one of them fought in the Māori Wars, and so this started the "bug".

The next incentive was when my aunt in Southport mentioned that she was going to pass on to me the Walker Family Bible which she had found when my Great-Aunt died in Cannock, together with a few other papers. I duly collected these, and since then, she has produced more, so I now have a wonderful collection of papers - wills, birth certificates, death certificates, funeral cards, scholastic records, etc. However, back to the Bible which had only four names therein and my aunt felt that all the family dates should be inserted. My searches have shown that it isn't really the Walker Family Bible as it belonged to Susannah Taylor who had written in the dates of her own and her parents' births, and later Charles Walker's (incorrect) date. Charles was her second husband, her first - William Penney - having died in 1848. Susannah and Charles had no children, so apart from inserting the dates of their deaths, it is complete.

During the 1800's the Walker family were bobbin-makers and later owned bobbin mills at Force Forge, south of Hawkshead in the Lake District. Colton and Satterthwaite are the family churches although some marriages and baptisms have occurred at Hawkshead, Kendal and Ambleside. I have been able to trace the family back because Colton is one of the registers which has been printed, and I have been helped by the family documents and copies of Wills from Lancashire Record Office.

I did have one mystery - a copy taken on 23 August 1878 of a baptismal entry of 16 September 1813 at the Chapelry of Ambleside for William Nicholas, child of William and Margaret Walker, (trade) bobbin-maker. The details on the I.G.I were the same, yet I found on the Census that there appeared to be two people - William and Nicholas - and I also found two separate tombstones in Satterthwaite Cemetery. A visit to Kendal Record Office for the original register provided the answer: a very small ampersand (&) between the two names which was missed by the I.G.I and also the copier back in 1878! (it is possible that the I.G.I. was taken from the copy - Ed). **Motto** - always go back to the original if at all possible!

Last year when buying postcards in the village shop in Satterthwaite, I mentioned that my family came from the area, and I met some people who knew some of the family well - they had died within the last ten years aged about 90. The friendly couple who look after the church took me up there and showed me the original registers and told me about the elderly brother and sister they had known, who had lived at the family house at Force Forge.

Another co-incidence, on one of my journeys to New York, I sat next to.... Yes - a Mr. & Mrs. Walker from Independence, Ohio, who mentioned their interest in Genealogy, and their belief that his branch of the Walker family came from Oxford, Preston, or Cambridge! He did mention that his grandmother's maiden name was Huntington, and I was able to prove for him that Preston was the right one. At one time I even thought we might be related, but that didn't work out.....

FAMILY HISTORY IN HESTON CHURCH YARD

Sacred to the memory of
Georgiana Mary Gordon DAY,
widow of Capt. James DAY, 37th MNI
and daughter of
General Samuel Barnard SMITH, 10th. Bengal Cavalry
Born March 12 1835, died Jan 19th 1907

Auguste Louise BEROUD
decede le 1er Janvier 1922

In ever loving memory of our dear mother
Linda BEROUD, wife of A. C. BEROUD
and daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Gordon DAY
died March 1st 1933

Angela BEROUD, Principal of Wyndham School, 1925-1952
died December 13 1952.

And some STRAYS:

Henry SUMPTON of Teddington, who died May 7th 1896, aged 45 years – also...

Mrs. Hannah WOODWARD of Wandsworth, Surrey who died December 1st 1806, aged 73 years.

In loving memory of George DAVIES Esq. of Bath Road Hounslow, and late of Martletivity House, Pembrokeshire, who died June 30th 1889, aged 75 years.

William CROOKES, late of Sheffield, died 3rd Sept 1912

Amelia Ann COOK of West Newton, Norfolk, died 5 January 1922

The Ecclesiastical Census

Vic & Jean Gale

In 1851, apparently not satisfied with taking the first “major” Census, (which we all know about!) the Home Office also took a Census of all places of worship in the country. It sought details from all denominations - from C of E and R.C. to the most obscure independent sects - the address or location of the meeting place (sometimes these were simply rooms in private houses) the date of its erection (this seemed to be an attempt to ascertain the date of foundation of the place as a religious meeting place) and an indication of the size of the congregation.

The census is at the P.R.O. at Kew under reference HO 129 and is arranged county by county, by the Poor Law Unions. We have recently been making a detailed examination of the Dorset entries and found some quite extraordinary entries - we imagine they are typical of the whole country.

Not all C of E incumbents seemed to know much about their churches, had any idea of the date of its foundation, and in quite a number of cases did not know of its dedication, saying, for example “St. Peter or St. Paul” or “no-one can now recall”.

There seemed to have been a marked dislike of making the return at all - perhaps less so in the non-conformist orders, and some incumbents were quite obstructive:

“This information is given by the Registrar from the best authority he can reach - the Rector refusing to give information on the number of attendants.”

(From TARRANT GUNVILLE)

Most of them seemed very defensive about the size of their congregation - they all seemed to have endeavoured to maximise them (even to the extent of altering their first entries) or by explanation in footnotes to indicate that they were at present artificially low, because of the influenza epidemic or adverse weather conditions or seven days a week demands of the harvesting situation.

And then there were the vicars with special grievances:

From STURMINSTER NEWTON - stitched to the return (there were no staples or paper clips in those days!): “In giving the above information Mr. Lane Fox begs the Secretary of State will take notice that the whole sum Mr. Lane Fox sacrificed in the service of the Church, including three schools, Infant’s, Girls and Boys School amounts to nearly £40.000. 0s. 0d., and that upon his taking possession of the living 12 years ago, after serving the church 15 years for nothing, he was compelled to mortgage the living for the sum of \$2.000. 0s. 0d. in order to pay off some remaining debts. Believing the Church and State to be one, Mr. Lane Fox is able to say at this most interesting period of our Church History that he has sacrificed his whole fortune in the Service of the Crown and His Country.”

How’s that for a tale? - we wonder if the then Secretary of State took any more notice than the present one would do. There were plenty of examples like that - it was all very interesting.

I am indebted to Vic Gale who spotted the following in a recent
“Financial Times” - Ed

It seems Eighteenth century parish registers were just as keen on publishing
“human interest” stories as any of today’s “popular” newspapers.

**An Essex University researcher came across this one in Yorkshire, dated
June 1 1787:**

“Anecdote - When the Rev. John Clark, late master of Charter-House in Hull was
curate at St. Trinity, there, four couples were married by him at the same time, and
the following circumstances attended each, viz.

“With regard to the first couple:

The bridegroom had forgotten to bring a ring, in consequence of which he was
obliged to borrow one –

The bride of the second had lost the finger upon which the ring is commonly put.

A man shaking the iron gates leading into the choir, said aloud that the third bride
already had a husband –

And with regard to the fourth:

One of the bridesmaids begged the person, for God’s sake to be quick, as the bride
was in labour.”



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Records at Risk?

Eric Whittleton

My mother was born in Middlesex where I too was born, went to school and commenced work. My own children were also born in the County. As a founder member of the Central Middlesex Family History Society, it is hard for me therefore to divorce myself from the County as a whole. I am always eager to learn of activities of the other two Middlesex Societies, North and West and, read their journals from cover to cover.

Certainly, it is sensible to restrict our local research, our projects and meetings, to a limited part of the old County, but many problems have to be approached on a wider basis. The Editor of your Journal has agreed therefore that a column may be available to the other Middlesex Societies where a topic of interest to all can be discussed.

This is most opportune at a time when our historical records may be at risk. In the Government White Paper on the break-up of the Greater London Council, little attention seems to have been given to the fate of the Greater London Records. "Special provisions will be made", we are told.

This implies a cavalier approach to a matter of vital concern to us, as the Greater London Record Office now houses the records of the Old Middlesex County, and, in its new premises in Northampton Road, is one of the major archive repositories in the country. And what of the knowledge and expertise of the archivists? How will they be considered in the "new order"? To break up these records would be folly indeed and I feel that all family historians in Middlesex should watch the position with concern, and make this concern as widely known as possible.



The "Hardy" Apprentice

J.M. Latter

THIS INDENTURE witnesseth that EMMA LILLIAN HAWKINS the daughter of EBER HAWKINS of Lurgashall in the county of Sussex (of the age of sixteen years on her last birthday) of her own free will and with the consent and approbation hereby testified of her said Father doth put herself apprentice to RICHARD HARDY of no. 79 High Street, Guildford, in the county of Surrey, Draper, to learn the trade and business of a draper and with the said Richard Hardy after the manner of an apprentice to serve from the fifteenth day of October last until the fifteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine, during which term the said apprentice shall faithfully serve her said Master and do his lawful commands. She shall do no damage to the goods of her said Master, nor suffer it to be done by others without forthwith acquainting her Master thereof; She shall not waste the goods of her said Master nor lend them unlawfully to any; She shall neither buy nor sell without license of her said Master; She shall not frequent Inns, Taverns, Alehouses or Playhouses nor absent herself from her said Master's service unlawfully, nor marry or become engaged to be married during the said period. But in all things as a faithful apprentice she shall behave herself towards her said Master and all his during the said term in consideration whereof and of the sum of twenty pounds to the said Richard Hardy paid on the execution of these presents by the said Eber Hawkins (the receipt whereof the said Richard Hardy doth hereby acknowledge) He, the said Richard Hardy doth take the said Emma Lillian Hawkins as his apprentice and doth hereby for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, covenant and agree with the said Eber Hawkins and also with the said Emma Lillian Hawkins that the said Richard Hardy in the trade or business of a draper which he now used, by the best means that he will during the said term find and provide unto, and for the said apprentice proper and sufficient meat and lodging and that the said apprentice will attend regularly the same place of worship as her said Master and for the true performance of all and every of the aforesaid covenants and agreements, each of the said parties bindeth himself unto the other by these presents.

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties of these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals this day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Eber Hawkins
Rich, Hardy
Emma Lillian Hawkins

Witness the day. Nov. 15 1897

A.E. Bennett

Hounslow - Its development as a Town

By Andrea Cameron - Librarian i/c Local Studies

(London Borough of Hounslow)

When writing about Hounslow's history, it is first essential to decide whether one is talking about the London Borough of Hounslow or the town of Hounslow. For the purpose of this article, I will define Hounslow as the town and the surrounding villages of Heston, Isleworth, and Cranford. The area known from 1932 until 1965 as "The Borough of Heston and Isleworth".

Hounslow town's history is further complicated by the fact that until 1856 there was no ecclesiastical or civil parish for Hounslow. The Parish of Holy Trinity, Hounslow, came into being in that year. Prior to that, Hounslow was divided between the parishes of St. Leonard's Heston and All Saints, Isleworth. The boundary between the two parishes stretched east from Baber Bridge along the centre of the Staines Road and Hounslow High Street; then ran south of the London Road as far as the Post Office at Isleworth, where it turned northwards to Osterley and then eastwards to the Grand Junction Canal. Therefore, unless one knows whether an address was north or south of that line, a search has to be made in both parishes.

As far as we know, there was no prehistoric settlement at Hounslow. The present Staines Road, High Street, and London Road follows the line of the Roman Road from London to Silchester. The Romans established settlements at Brentford and Staines, and linked the two by the road, which went through the forest or Warren of Staines. At the time of the Domesday Survey of 1086, when William the Conqueror had the country divided into areas of administration known as "hundreds", this area was called the "Hundred of Honeslaw" and covered Isleworth, Whitton, Twickenham, Hounslow and Heston. This earliest spelling of Hounslow, is thought to come from two Anglo-Saxon words, Hundes and law. Hundes meaning hounds, and law being a hill or rising ground.

The first reference to a town at Hounslow appears in 1215 after the signing of the Magna Carta, when Robert Fitz-Walter, leader of the Barons wrote to his supporters that there would be tournament near London in Staines Wood and at the town of Hounslow. This settlement was at the eastern end of the High Street, near the junction with the Hanworth Road. An area known today as "The Broadway".

During this period, at the western end of the High Street, the friars of Holy Trinity, from Paris, established their first home in England. This was the building of the Priory of Holy Trinity on the site of the present Holy Trinity Church. Hounslow town came into being to serve the travellers on the main road from London to the west country. The Priory provided accommodation for the travellers as did the many inns that established themselves along either side of the High Street over the next six hundred years. The main source of employment for the people of

Hounslow was that of serving the travellers. Many blacksmith's forges and stables were to be found either at the rear of the inns or as independent establishments along the High Street.

At the same time as the town was forming, the Warren of Staines was disafforested, and gradually cleared to form Hounslow Heath, an area of 4293 acres, between Hounslow and Staines. This heath was frequented in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries by highwaymen and footpads who made a living by depriving travellers of their money and valuables. Various mills were to be found on the heath, which provided employment. These included windmills, flour mills, a brazil (brass) mill and gunpowder mills. The East Bedfont Gunpowder Mills by Baber Bridge, were there from the late 17th century until 1926, and took over the site of the Hounslow Sword Mill, which flourished from c1629-1672.

Around Hounslow Heath were many farms, with those in and around Heston being noted for the high quality of their corn crops. In the nineteenth century many of these turned to market gardening and orchards to provide London with an ever-increasing supply of fruit and vegetables. Manure deposited on the roads by the horse traffic provided a ready supply of natural fertilizer. Isleworth in the late 18th and early 19th centuries was noted for its orchards.

The churches of St. Leonard's, Heston and All Saints, Isleworth, were established by the late 14th century, and both towers survive from that date, although Isleworth church was rebuilt in 1705, altered in 1866 and gutted by fire in 1943. Heston church was rebuilt in 1866. Both parishes have registers and records dating from the 16th century. The registers for All Saints, Isleworth survive from 1566. After the fire in 1943 they were deposited in Hounslow Library where they still remain. The fire and water damage has been repaired but some pages are not legible. The registers, from the mid to late 19th century to date remain with the church. Registers for St. Leonard's, Heston, commence in 1560 and have been deposited with the Greater London Record Office.

After the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1538 only the chapel of Holy Trinity Priory survived. Hounslow Manor House was built out of the priory stone and the chapel became the chapel-at-ease to St. Leonard's Church, but was used principally as a private chapel to Hounslow Manor House. One volume of registers for the period 1708-1740 survive. The first Holy Trinity Church was built in 1828, and was licenced for baptisms, marriages and burials in 1836 when the Chapelry of Holy Trinity, Hounslow came into being. These registers have been deposited with the Greater London Record Office.

Isleworth maintained a place of worship for Catholics from the early 18th century, and registers from the early 19th century are with the incumbent. Copies are maintained by the Catholic Record Society for the period 1746-1835. Early non-conformist chapels in Hounslow, were an Independent Chapel in Slip Lane, whose baptismal register for 1827-1836 is in the Public Record Office. The Independent

Chapel in Hanworth Road, built in 1835 and now a United Reformed Church retains its registers, as does the Independent Chapel in Twickenham Road, Isleworth, built in 1849. The Methodist Church in Bell Road, Hounslow opened in 1879, and I think still retains its registers. A Society of Friends Meeting House was built in Isleworth in 1785, again they are thought to retain their registers.

After the London and South Western Railway line from Waterloo to Hounslow opened in 1850 there was a tremendous building development throughout the area leading to the building of more Anglican Churches and the creation of new parishes. St. John the Baptist, Isleworth in 1856; St. Mary, Spring Grove 1856; St. Paul, Bath Road 1873-74; St. Stephen, Hounslow 1875-76 and All Souls, St. Margaret, Twickenham 1896-97. All of these churches retain their registers.

The population of Hounslow is difficult to assess because any figures quoted are for Heston and Isleworth Parishes. The earliest quoted figure is that for 1650, which states that Hounslow contained 120 houses, most of them inns and beer houses. The first population figure quoted for Hounslow is that of 1871 which gives it as 8233. The Census Returns for all parishes within the borough for the years 1841-1881 are on microfilm at Hounslow Library. Again, unless an address is known, a search has to be made through both Heston and Isleworth Parishes.

The Rate Books show the increase in population over the centuries. Isleworth Parish Rate Books have survived from 1656 and are kept at the library. Heston Parishes Rate Books are not so complete. Sample books are available for the 1860s, 1870s, 1880s, and 1890s. There is then a gap until 1914, when again sample years are available up to 1965. The earlier volumes are at Hounslow Library, and the later volumes are in store at Chiswick Library.

The Underground railway in the form of the District Line, came to Hounslow Town (now the site of Hounslow bus garage) in 1883, and Hounslow Barracks (now Hounslow West) in 1884. This led to further housing developments to the north of the High Street. Local directories show this development at its various stages. The earliest directories being those of Pigot & Co. for the 1820s and 1830s showing the area as separate small rural communities. The Kelly's Directories of Middlesex, sample years from 1852-1937 show the growth of the area, whilst the Thomason Directories for 1912-1928 provide a street-by-street guide to the developments. These are all available at Hounslow Library.

From 1859 the Middlesex Chronicle has recorded the changing face of the neighbourhood. Complete files of the early years have not survived, but a microfilm record is available from 1870 onwards. This has been indexed and the index is maintained for each weekly issue.

Heston, Hounslow, and Isleworth were first united for purposes of local government administration in the formation of the Heston & Isleworth Local Board in 1875. This became Urban District Council in 1894 and a Borough Council in 1932. In each instance Hounslow was the geographical and

administrative centre for each body. It was not until the formation of the London Borough of Hounslow in 1965 that Hounslow appeared as the name of an authority. The Minutes and records for all these authorities are maintained by the library.

The population of the town in 1965, when the Greater London Boroughs came into being, was approximately 50,000, and is probably about that figure today. The face of Hounslow has changed considerably since 1965 and is still changing. Next year should see the commencement of the town centre redevelopment, and this will certainly alter the western end of the High Street beyond recognition. This article has attempted to take a cursory look at Hounslow's development since the 15th century, and also indicate the range of records available in Hounslow Public Library. A complete guide to the Local History Collections is to be found in "Guide to London Local History Resources: The London Borough of Hounslow". Priced at 50p, this booklet is on sale at all the Borough's public libraries.



The Broadway, Hounslow c.1910

Services to Members

This section of the Journal is given over to a list of Library Holdings, details of the various Indexes operated by certain of our members, and, as a preliminary, we repeat the terms of our:

Courier Service

For those of our members living out of town, who require one or two certificates from St. Catherines House, and can give the main details with some confidence, we are willing to obtain the certificate for them at a nominal charge.

The information we require is: all relevant names and area (parish or registration district) and the year, cost for that will be £6.50. = £5 for the certificate and £1.50 travel, we will search an additional 4 years for 50p. a year making a total charge of £8.50.

The facility is provided by certain of our members working in town who are willing to devote their lunch-hour for the purpose. If you require a longer search, this can be arranged and a fee will be negotiated. Full details were given in the April 1983 issue of the Journal. Applications should be made to the Editor (address on back page)

I.G.I. Print-Out

The I.G.I. is now in regular demand, and thanks to the willing help of one of our members we can offer a print-out service. Details:

We must have the County, Surname, Christian Names, and date period; in other words, if you are seeking the marriage of A to B in Blank-shire in or around 1800, we can most probably locate that in one page of the fiche, and the charge will be 20p for the print-out plus postage.

If on the other hand, you are asking for details of all persons named John Smith in Wessex, you should contact Mrs. Sibley (address on back page) who will advise you as to the number of sheets required. These two facilities are offered only to members of the Society, and in all cases, payment must be made in advance.

**Your Committee, is always anxious to receive "feed-back" from the membership. Are there any other facilities we can offer to aid your research? Have you any suggestions for speakers or subjects for our meetings?*

INDEXES

Printed below are details of various indexes operated by members of the Society. Enquiries to the address given and MUST be accompanied by an S.A.E. in addition to the fee, which is used to meet the inevitable costs incurred in compiling these lists. Overseas enquiries should enclose at least two International Reply Coupons and payment should be made in Sterling.

MIDDLESEX MARRIAGE INDEX

Marriages prior to 1837, - updated frequently, 25 pence plus SAE to:

Mr. Vic Gale, 53 Liberty Lane, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey KT15 1NQ

WEST MIDDLESEX STRAYS

Any event taking place away from a person's usual abode. 25 pence plus SAE:

Mrs. S. Featherstone, 8 Glebe Road, Staines, Middlesex TW18 1BX

CHISWICK CENSUS 1801

Head of Household plus number of males & females - SAE only:

Mrs. R. Ward, 29 Ernest Gardens, Chiswick, London W4

NEW BRENTFORD CENSUS 1810

Head of Household plus number of Males & Females - SAE only:

Mrs. C. Zouch, 8 Sixth Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 2ES

NEW BRENTFORD St. Lawrence Parish Registers

Baptisms, Marriages and Burials; 1618-1720/1 - 50 pence plus SAE:

Mrs. C. Zouch, 8 Sixth Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 2ES

WEST MIDDLESEX SETTLEMENT RECORDS

Hammersmith, Uxbridge, Staines, (3000 slips), - 50 pence plus SAE:

Mrs. C. Zouch, 8 Sixth Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 2ES

HAYES St. Mary's Parish Registers

Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1557-1840 – 50 pence plus SAE:

Mrs. M. Sibley, 13 Blossom Way, West Drayton, Middlesex UB7 9HF

ISLEWORTH All Saints Parish Registers

Marriages 1754-1837, Baptisms/Burials 1808-1852

Settlement Examinations 1772-1801 and 1813-30 - £1.00 plus SAE to:

Mr. A. Powell, 71 Whitestile Road, Brentford, Middlesex

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

Norwood Green, Cranford, Chiswick, Heston, Hayes

(Indexing incomplete – some delay in replying)

Mrs. W. Mott, 24 Addison Avenue, Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 4AP

ISLINGTON MIDDLESEX - SETTLEMENT EXAMINATIONS

From GLRO papers, 1758-1830 (10,000 names) - £1.00 plus SAE to:

Dr. P. Kelvin, 14 Addison Grove, Chiswick, London, W4 1ER

COASTGUARD INDEX

Records of coastguards, ancillary staff, families

50 pence plus SAE to:

Mrs. E. Stage, 150 Fulwell Park Avenue, Twickenham, Middlesex

NOTE: If many entries are found for a particular name, in any of these indexes an estimated cost will be sent.

Library Holdings

Since the Society was formed, we have tried to build up a library of the more useful books, and the following is a list of the holdings.

FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES JOURNALS

We have exchange arrangements with most of the English societies, it would be easier to list those not in the library. If the journal you need is not stocked, we will try to make an exchange, although we will always recommend that you join that society if you have much interest there. We have a number of Australian journals also.

Newsletters

International Society for British Genealogy & Family History
Post Office Headquarters Genealogical Society
Heraldry Society, English Catholic Ancestor

One Name Societies

Filby Association, Martin FH Society, Palgrave Society, Tugwell FHS, Walcot FHS.

Directories of Members Interests

Birmingham & Midland, Cambridgeshire, Devon, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire, Doncaster, Sheffield & District, Somerset & Dorset, East Surrey, South Australia, Queensland, British Columbia, New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Federation of Family History Societies Publications

All publications by the Federation are held in the library, the earlier editions may be borrowed, the most recent (listed elsewhere) are kept in shelf-binders and are only available for reference

Government Publications

Historical Manuscripts, Transport, British National Archives, Home Office, Land Registry, Miscellaneous List, Central Office of Information, Population Censuses and Surveys, Royal Commissions 1937/78

Public Record Office Publications

Probate Records, leaflet no. 4
Royal Irish Constabulary 30
Death Duty Registers 34
Valuation Office Records 36 (ref: 1910 Finance Act)
Tracing your Ancestors in the PRO, (Cox & Padfield)

Record Office Leaflets

Derbyshire - Family History, Suffolk, Archive News
Gloucestershire - Charges for search room facilities
Essex - Update of facilities

Library Collections

Hampshire County Library

Portsmouth Central Library - lists of Maps and Plans/ Newspapers, Journals, Directories & Files/ Local History & Naval Collections/ Portsmouth Papers series

Hillingdon L.B. - Handlist of Local History Materials at Uxbridge

Kensington & Chelsea L.B. - Genealogy - special collection at Central Library Kensington - Guide to Local Studies Collection

Richmond L.B. - Reference Library Bulletin

Lambeth L.B. - The Surrey Collection

City of Westminster Archives & Local History Dept, Guide to London, Local History Resources

Hounslow L.B. - Guide to London, Local History Resources

Office of Population Censuses & Surveys Library, Bibliographies & Reading lists

Directories & Guides

London & Middlesex Genealogical Directory - 1980

Guide to the Middlesex Sessions Records - 1549-1889

Society of Genealogists - Register & Directory - 1966

Genealogical Research Directory - 1983

Library of Australian History

Church Histories

Parish Church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Hanborough, Oxon

Parish Church Perivale, Middlesex

St. Peter's London Docks - the First Hundred Years

St. Dunstan, Cranford - History of the Parish & Church

"Discovering" series of books

Local History / Surnames-Origins & Meanings / Your Family Tree / Epitaphs

Antique Maps / London Railway Stations / English Customs & Tradition

Family History

Compiling your Family History (N. Drew, Soc. of Australian Genealogists)

Making a Pedigree (John Unett)

Introducing Family History

Local History - Middlesex

Hayes & Harlington Local History Society Journal

Middlesex Bibliography - Arthur H Hall

Borough of Twickenham Local History Society Newsletter

Middlesex County Council - Jubilee Celebration Book

A Yiewsley Benefactor - A. H. Cox

Removal Orders from Uxbridge Parish - P. J. McCabe

Notes on Emigrants from Middlesex 1774-5 - P. J. McCabe

The Kings England - Middlesex - Arthur Mee

Local History - Other than Middlesex

The History of Myddle, Local Historian's Encyclopedia,

Walton-on-Thames & Weybridge - Dictionary of Local History

English Villages in Pictures

The Common Stream - Rowland Parker

Lancashire - Westmoreland Highway - Jessica Lofthouse

The Southern Marches - Massingham

Darnum - A History of the School & District, 1881-1981

(Donated by Mrs. Ramsay-Sharp of Vacluse, New South Wales)

Miscellaneous

Teaching Family History (Journal of Assn of Teachers of Family History)
Debrett Ancestry Research & Travel
A Glossary for Local Population Studies
Microfilm catalogue of British Government Serial Publications 1922-77
Genealogical Society of Utah – Leaflets
List of Members of Assn. of Genealogists & Record Agents
Who's Famous in your Family (Reader's Digest)
What our Grandmothers Knew (Reader's Digest)
Mr. Pepys Navy - L A Wilcox
An Illustrated History of Transport - Anthony Ridley
Land where our Fathers Died - Marion Starkey
Oxford Dictionary of English Christian Names – Withycombe
The Bettsworth Book - George Bourne - Talks with a Surrey Peasant
Lavengro - George Borrow
Town Government in the 16th Century – J. H. Thomas
Boswells London Journal – 1762-1763
World War One Army Ancestry - Norman Holding
Australian Post Codes – Leaflet
Chelsea Reach - Tom Pocock
Catholics In England - 1559-1829, A Social History – M. D. R. Leys
England: A Social & Economic History IV, 1485-1600 - Niemeyer & Wragge
The Golden City - London Between the Fires 1661-1941 – B. Ash
An Englishman's Home -J. H. B. Peel
History of Everyday Things in England, 1733-1851 - M & C Quennell
This England, Part II, Tudor & Stuart Periods – I. Tenan
An Economic & Social History of Britain, 1066-1939 – H. J. Flynn

Reference Section - (Not for Loan)

Index to Wills proved in P.C.C. 1750-1800, A-Bh, Bi-Ce
P.R.O. Leaflets, Vols 1/2/3, and Prerogative Court of Canterbury
Bartholomew's Gazetteer of Britain, 1st Edition
Monumental Inscriptions: St. Peter's, Westcliffe, St. Lawrence, Brentford,
St. Margaret of Antioch & St. Margaret-at-Cliffe, Kent
Extracts from Rockwood Cemetery (Sydney)
Parish Registers of St. Lawrence, New Brentford 1618-1721
Parish Registers of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, (Marriages 1676-1775)
Genealogists Consolidated Guide to Parish Registers, Inner London
Federation Publications: Marriage Indexes, 4th Edition
Census Returns on Microfilm (1841-1881) 4th Edition
Quarter Sessions Records for Family Historians, Land Tax Assessments
Bishops Transcripts & Marriage Licences, 2nd. Edition
A Simplified Guide to Probate Jurisdictions - Where to look for Wills - 2nd. Edition
Record Offices: How to find them - 2nd. Edition,
Census Indexes & Indexing, Record Office Report
Marriage Licences: Abstracts & Indexes in the Library of the Society of Genealogists

General Register Office Publications

Information on the issue of Birth, Marriage & Death certificates
Personal searches at the G.R.O.

The Reference Checking System
Summary of Registers & Records in the Custody of the Registrar General
Postal applications for Certificates of events which occurred in Scotland, Northern
Ireland, and the Irish Republic
Brief Notes for Visitors

Heraldry

The Heraldry Society (Coat of Arms) - 1950 - 1965 (some dates missing)

An Unusual Christian Name

V.A. Rosewarne

The choice of Christian names before the seventeenth century was mostly those of Anglo-Saxon or French origin like William, Edward, Mary and Elizabeth. The rise of literacy and the printing of the “King James Bible” in 1611, led to the use of names of biblical characters. Names like Rachel, Esther, Zacharias and Jonah for example became popular - some still are. In my own family I have found a rare use of such a biblical name.

When I obtained the certificate giving details of my Gt. Gt. Grandmother, I was somewhat surprised by her name Asenath. A check in the Oxford Dictionary of Christian Names gave it as biblical with occasional use in the 17th and 18th centuries. In the book of Genesis, Asenath was the wife of Joseph, the Governor of Egypt, and the daughter of Potipherah, a high priest of On. The name probably means “of, or belonging to the God Neith”.

The story as given in Genesis is that the Pharaoh gave Asenath as a wife to Joseph, after his interpretation of Pharaoh’s dreams about the seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Asenath bore Joseph two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. These bare details of her parentage, marriage and children are all that is mentioned of her in the Bible, but Jewish writers later embellished the story to explain how Joseph could marry a pagan Egyptian. In their version of events, Pharaoh arranged a match between Asenath the daughter of Pentephres of Heliopolis, and Joseph, Governor of Egypt. She initially rejects him, and Joseph cannot marry her as she worships idols. They meet however, and on Joseph’s blessing Asenath, she retires to her room in sackcloth and ashes. There she stayed for eight days, until after much prayer, Joseph appears to her in the form of an angel, telling her to give up all idols. This she does, and is then accepted by God as a fit person to marry Joseph.

This story appears in a book called “The story of Asenath” or “The Book of the Confessions of Asenath.”

The latter-day Asenath was born at Bolehill near Wirksworth in Derbyshire on St. Valentines Day, 1830, the first child of William and Mary Street. At her baptism her name is recorded as Asena, but in all succeeding documents the name is spelt Asenath. She grew up in Wirksworth and worked as a straw bonnet maker before her marriage. Asenath married Walter Rosewarne in Wirksworth Church in May

1851. Walter was living in London at the time, running an office of his father's printing business. It was here that the young married couple came to live, and their first child - a girl, Frances, was born in 1852. Shortly after her birth, the London office closed and thereafter Walter acted as a traveller in the Family Business.

Asenath bore two more children, Frederick Walter - my great grandfather in 1853, and Mary Ellen in 1856. Two years after the birth of his younger daughter, Walter died at his father's house in Handsworth, near Birmingham. Asenath then went back to Wirksworth, with the children to live with her parents. According to the Directory entries for the town, she joined her mother in a millinery business, as in 1857 the entry reads: Mary Street, Milliner and Dressmaker and by 1860 it reads: Street & Rosewarne, Milliners

Asenath survived her husband by only three years, she died in September 1861, aged thirty-one. The three children were then brought up by the two sets of grandparents, although Frances, the eldest, died in 1866.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Members are asked to note the following changes:

H30	Mr. J.E. Hogan	82 Swanage Waye, Hayes, Middlesex, UB4 0NZ
L12	Mr. J.E. Love	The Dutch House, Horsham Road, South Holmwood, Near Dorking, Surrey, RH5 4NF
W28	Mr. A. Woolford	64 Winfield Crescent, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, K7K 6G4



The Problem with Gt. Gt. Grandfather F.R. Poynter

I knew that he was born on 30th April 1784. He was christened Andrew Hugh POYNTER at St. James, Clerkenwell, son of Charles Poynter and he had a twin sister Sarah.

He became a stockbroker in partnership with his cousin Charles SHAW and had offices in Princes Street and later at No. 1, Angle Court, Throgmorton Street, in the city of London. As far as I know he did not marry, but he had an illegitimate son named after himself, Andrew Hugh, born on 14th January 1825 whom he acknowledged in his Will as his heir. He made this Will only a fortnight before his death at an address in Brookly Street, Islington.

The problem arose when searching the register of St. James, Pentonville, to find his death recorded on 6th February 1837 at the age of 5 years. It did indicate that the burial was in a vault. If this age was correct, he should have found a place in the Guinness Book of Records. In an endeavour to check this entry, I traced the Bishops Transcript, which only confirmed this anomaly. It appeared therefore that we had an insoluble mystery on our hands which would leave us in doubt forever.

However, this was not to be. My wife read an article in the Daily Telegraph by "Peterborough" that said that St. James, Pentonville, which had not been in use for some years, was to be demolished and the space developed as offices. I phoned him expressing my interest in this matter and he very kindly put me in touch with the Church Commissioners who dealt with the necessary formalities. They promised to keep me advised of developments and to inform me if any remains were found. It appeared that part of the Crypt had been used as an Air Raid Shelter, and consequently some coffins had been moved and sealed away behind brick walls.

We were allowed to visit the Crypt while the work of clearing the remains was proceeding. This was done with great care and full details of findings were being recorded. A coffin was found for Andrew, and a lead plaque measuring some 16" x 12" was removed and handed to me. This solved the problem as the plaque gave the age at death as 51 years.

Which goes to show that you cannot take for granted all that you read in parish registers.

At the same time, I received a similar plaque for one Miss Ann Poynter who died in 1829 aged 62 years. Obviously a relative, but I have yet to find where she fits in.

I was rather surprised to learn that no other enquiries had been received from the descendants of well over a hundred occupants of the vaults. Perhaps I may be forgiven for saying that while I may not have cast-iron proof, I do at least, have cast-lead proof!

New Members

We welcome the following new members to our Society

B38	Mr & Mrs K. Baldwin	11	Augusta Close, Grimshy, South Humberside.
B39	Doug Blackwell	30	Pear Tree Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 1PW
B40	Mrs Jean Buxton	29	Lawn Avenue, West Drayton, Middlesex.
B41	D. Benstead	23	Ullathorne Road, Streatham, London, SW16
B42	Miss M. V. Bonney	25	Keeler Close, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 4NL.
B43	William Brueton	175	Staines Road, Laleham, Staines, MDX. TW18 2SD
C39	Mr. R. Clarke	81a	Kneller Road, Whitton, Middlesex.
C40	Mr P. J. Clarke	39	The Fairway, Alsager, Stoke on Trent, STS.ST7 2BD
C41	Mrs T.S. Caudwell	95	King Charles Road, Surbiton, Surrey.
C42	Mrs M.N. Chandler	2	Elm Road, Bedfont, Feltham, MDX. TW14 8EW
D20	Alan Dearman	9	Grove Court, Grove Road, Surbiton, Surrey.
D21	Mr K. & Mrs I. Dixon	37	West Drayton Park Avenue, West Drayton, MDX.
F12	Revd. Andrew T. Fraser	7	Marks Street, Colac, Victoria 3250, Australia.
G23	Mrs Ann Glaister	80	Sussex Avenue, Isleworth, Middlesex.
G24	Mrs Pamela Gulliver	57	Skeena Hill, Wandsworth, SW18.
G25	Mrs D. Gidlow	58	Towerscroft Ave, St.Leonards on Sea, E. SSX TN37 7JB
H39	Mr P. Humphris	20	Nordik Gardens, Hedge End, Southampton, SO3 4LQ.
H40	Mrs R. Hutchins	37	St. Christophers Close, Isleworth, MDX TW7 4NP.
H41	Frank T. Hankins		Southridge, R.R.2 Newmarket, Ontario, Canada, L3Y 4V9
H42	Peter Hardy	17	St Andrews Close, Shepperton, MDX TW17 8QJ.
J12	Mr M.V. Jordan	43	Feltham Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 1DQ.
J13	Mr J.S. Jackson	19	Oak Rd. Woolston, Southampton, HAM SO2 9BQ.
K14	Mrs Beryl Kirkham	15	Cedar Avenue, Spixworth, Norwich, NFK.
K15	Mrs P. Barrett Klove	1629	Taylor Ave, Fort Washington, Maryland, 20744 U.S.A.
L16	Dennis Lole	7	Henleaze Gardens, Bristol, B59 4HH.
M21	Mrs J. Morris	11a	Rosary Gardens, Ashford, Middlesex.
M22	Mr R. W. Mitchell	136	Gunnersbury Lane, Acton, London, W3 9BA.
M23	Mrs S. K. Minney		Flat 10, 30 Belmont Rd, Twickenham, MDX TW2 5DA
N4	Tom Newman	372	Stroude Road, Virginia Water, Surrey.
O6	W.L. & I.M.J. Oatley	20	Chatsworth Crescent, Hounslow, MDX TW3 2PB.
P29	Miss M.W. Power	32	Rosebank Raod, Hanwell, London, W7 2EN.
R17	V. A. Rosewarne	15	Ryecroft Avenue, Whitton, Twickenham, MDX.
S47	Miss H. I. Swinden	5/38	Sherbourne Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, B27 6EA.
S48	Kenneth Sorrie	34	Lynmouth Road, Perivale, Greenford, MDX.
S49	Mrs M. Schofield	10	Ruscombe Way, Feltham, Middlesex.
W31	Anne Woodward	33	Sidney Rd, St.Margarets, Twickenham, MDX.
W32	Mrs A. B. Webster	8	Southcrest Road, Redditch, Worcs, B98 7JQ.

and their Surname Interests

Abbott	17c	Fraisthorpe	Yks	C40	Horton	1900	Salisbury	Wil	M21
Baker	19c	Kensington	Mdx	J13	Howlett	19c	Fulham	Mdx	H41
Balfour	18/19c	Beverley	Yks	B43	Huckle	any	Bdf, Cam, Bkm,		H32
Bartram	19c	Essex		C40	Hunt	19c	Chelsea	Mdx	H41
Bassford	19c	W/Mdx area		C42	John	19c	S. Wales		G23
Bateman	18/19c	Brentford	Mdx	S47	Jordan	18c	Oxon		J12
Baylis(s)	any	Worcs		M23	Jules	c1875	Twickenham	Mdx	W32
Belford	18/19c	Beverley	Yks	B43	Lane	19c		Mdx	B42
Bell	1900	Hammersmith	Mdx	L16	Lawrence	19c	W/Mdx area		J13
Benham	19c	Reading	Brk	M21	Lilley	19c	Royston	Hrt	M23
Billet	any	Wraxall	Wil	C40	Mawby	19c	Keresley	War	M21
Black	19c	NW/London		H32	McDuell	19c	Bow/Hackney	Mdx	B29
Blackwell	any	Brentford	Mdx	B39	McEwan	19c	Wolverhampton		G23
Bolton	18/19c	Birmingham	Wks	S47	Meaney	19c	Waterford	Irl	P29
Bonney	19c	Cornwall		B42	Minney	19c	Thrapston	Nth	M23
Box	18/19c	W/Mdx area		G25	Mitchell	19c	Notting Hl	Mdx	C40
Brackley	19c	Richmond	Sry	M21	Napier	any	Herne	Ken	G24
Bradshaw	19c	Littleton	Wor	M23	Norman	19c	N/London	Mdx	C40
Bricknell	19c	St. Geo. London		F12	Parrott	19c		Mdx	B42
Brueton	19/20c	Birmingham	War	B43	Parsons	19c	Deptford	Ken	M23
Carr	18/19c	W/Mdx area		G25	Pendrey	18/19c	Colnbrook	Bkm	S49
Castree	19c	Wolverhampton		G23	Phipps	19c	Kidderminster		S47
Cattermole	19c	Diss	Nfk	R16	Plume	1875	Twickenham	Mdx	W32
Clamp	19c	Mdx, Sur, Ken		P29	Pollard	19c	E/London		B29
Clarke	17c	Box, Corsham	Wil	C40	Power	19c	Waterford	Irl	P29
Clinkard	18/19c	Oxf. Bkm		W32	Price-Westeman	19c	N. Wales		G23
Colbrand	any	Exeter/Devon		G24	Reynolds	19c	Hounslow	Mdx	B42
Colton	19c	any	Lin	B42	Rosewarne	any	Cornwall		R16
Cook	19c	Walthamstow	Ess	C40	Sharp	19c	any	Ken	B42
Crockett	19c	Camberwell	Sry	H32	Skinner	19c	Kensington	Mdx	C40
Dearman	19c	W/Mdx area		D20	Skinner	any	Chelsea	Mdx	F12
De-Witt	19c	Hants/Wilts		M21	Smith	19c	Bedfont	Mdx	B42
Dulson	19c	Cheshire		C40	Sorrie	any	any		S48
Evans	19c	E/London area		W32	Stanford	18/20c	Hull	Yks	B43
Farmer	19c	any		B42	Staniford	19c	N/london		C40
Farr	19c	Hanwell	Mdx	P29	Stanmore	19c	Didcot	Brk	B42
Fisk	19c	Yarmouth	Nfk	H32	Steel	18/19c	Bethnal Grn		W32
Fletcher	19c	Middle Barton		S47	Still	18/19c	Bethnal Grn		W32
Franklin	19c	Chelsea		F12	Swinden	18/19c	Ealing	Mdx	S47
Gadd	19c	Somerset		H40	Syms	any	Witheridge Dvn		G24
George	any	Harlington	Mdx	B39	Syrett	any	Bury St. Edmunds		G24
Greenaway	any	Pewsey	Wil	G24	Tassell	any	Sittingbourne		G24
Ham	any	Essex Oxon		C40	Thorp(e)	1840	W/Mdx area		H41
Hammond	19c	Camberwell	Sry	H32	Thor(r)ington	18/19c	W/Mdx area		G25
Hancock	19c	Edington	Wil	C40	Tickle	18/19c	Cheshire		S49
Hankins	18/19c	Mdx, Oxn		H41	Tiley	17/19c	Colerne	Wil	C40
Harding	19c	Reading	Brk	M21	Townsend	19c	Hounslow	Mdx	B42
Harper	18/19c	W/Mdx area		G25	Townsend	19c	Reading	Brk	M21
Harris	c1825	Southwark	Sry	W32	Turner	19c	Chelsea		H41
Hart	c1900	Twickenham	Mdx	W32	Walker	1900	Grays	Ess	H40
Hasledine	19c	Mdx/Ssx/Ham.		P29	Ward	19c	Chelsea	Mdx	J13
Hayden/Haydon	any	Kensington	Mdx	C40	Webber	19c	Greenwich	Ken	M23
Hazeldine	19c	Mdx/Ssx/Ham.		P29	Welbrun	19c		Yks	C40
Heast(e)man	18/19c	W/Mdx area		G25	Whenman	19c	Hounslow	Mdx	C41
Heath	18/19c	Uxbridge	Mdx	J13	Witt	19c	Ham/Wil		M21
Hill	19c	Hounslow	Mdx	B42	Young	19c	Mortlake	Sry	M21
Hill	19c	Somerset		H40	Bates	20c	London		C37
					Beckett	20c	London		C37

Middlesex Strays

A further list of Middlesex folk who have 'strayed' from their home county (for a detailed explanation see page 60 of our last Journal.)

ABELL Richard	London	mar.1687	LANE John	Fulham	Mar.1732
ADAMSON Mary	London	bur.1743	LASSETER William Wilder	Ealing	mar.1818
ALLEN Charles	London	mar.1721	LEEKE Ralph	London	mar.1711
APLETON George	Harlington	mar.1779	LEESE Clough	London	mar.1799
ASH Elizabeth	Twickenham	mar.1777	LINE Sarah	London	bap.1686
BAILY William	London	mar.1765	LUDGALL John	Staines	mar.1706
BARCLAY Thomas	London	bur.1784	LUKER Charles	Sunbury	mar.1819
BARON William	St.Mildred Ply.	mar.1711	LYTTLETON John Prendagest	Ludgate	ma.1822
BARTLETT Thomas	London	bur.1816	MACFARLANE Jas	Feltham	mar.1814
BAYLEY Margaret	London	dcd.1878	MARSH George	Marylebone	mar.1823
BAYLEY Richard	London	dcd.1790	MOORE John	London	bur.1830
BOLTON Samuel	London	mar.1700	MORGAN George	Regents Pk	mar.1827
BOONE James	Brentford	mar.1729	NAVERLIN Rob.S.	London	bur.1778
BROWN Henry	Aldgate	mar.1691	NEROT Mary	Westminster	mar.1819
CALCROFT Martha	London	bur.1826	NICHOLLS Thomas	London	mar.1787
CALDWELL Thomas	Hanwell	mar.1768	NORTH Mary	Kensington	mar.1759
CHAPMAN Martha Bell	London	bap.1820	NORTH Nathaniel G.	S/Newington	mar.1833
CLARK William Thomas	Aldgate	bap.1826	OXFORD Abigail	London	bap.1830
CLIFFARD William	Twickenham	mar.1683	PACE George	St.Sepulchre	mar.1725
COWDERY Henry	London	mar.1719	PARSONS William	Brompton	bur.1814
CRISP Ann	London	bap.1693	PEMBERTON Mary	London	bap.1823
DAVIES John	Twickenham	mar.1803	PERRY Thomas	Hampstead	mar.1729
DAVIES Mathew	Isleworth	mar.1754	PRICE Rob	London	bur.1611
DAVIS Thomas	Stanwell	mar.1824	PROSSEN John	London	bur.1823
DUNCAN John	London	bur.1744	ROSS Mary Ann	Kensington	mar.1837
EAST George	Marylebone	mar.1828	ROWE Henry Moores	Chiswick	mar.1829
EASTGATE Alexander	Ashford	mar.1827	SHEFFIELD George	London	mar.1699
ELMES Francis	Holborn	bur.1734	SHILBURNE Richard	London	bur.1773
FELIX Peter	Chelsea	mar.1824	SMITH Robert	London & StAlbans	m.1805
FOSTER John	London	mar.1683	SMITH William	St.Geo. Martyr	mar.1809
FOWLER Henry William	London	bap.1830	SPEAKMAN Martha	London	bur.1770
FROME Francis	Kensington	mar.1801	STROTHER Joseph	Kensington	mar.1815
GRAHAM John Morgan	Chelsea	mar.1817	SUCAR George	London	bur.1608
GRAHAME John	London	bur.1764	THATCHAR Thomas	Isleworth	mar.1682
GREATED Ann	London	bur.1833	THOMSON William	Westminster	mar.1815
GREEN William	Acton	mar.1782	TIMMIN James	London	bap.1833
GREY Eliza	London.	bur.1735	TOURNOR Frances	Laleham	bap.1793
GRUMMAND Daniel	London	mar.1768	TRINDER William	London	wil.1671
HADSWELL Sarah	London	bap.1817	TROUT James	London	bap.1819
HARMAN Jeremiah	London	bur.1781	TUCKY Edward	London	bur.1655
HARRIS Rob	Holborn	mar.1829	TURNER Frederick C.	London	bur.1833
HARWOOD John	Hammersmith	mar.1799	WAGHORN James	London	mar.1750
HEATH Richard	Knightsbridge	m.1787	WALKER Edward	St.Bride	mar.1720
HENDERSON George	Pancras	mar.1813	WALLIS Taverner	Hampstead	wil.1779
HERRING Henry	London	bur.1767	WATSON Thomas	London	mar.1713
HOUSE Elizabeth	Westminster	mar.1797	WATTS John	Westminster	wil.1786
HUDSON Stephen	London	bur.1598	WEEKLY Mathew	Ashford	mar.1786
JAMES William Montgomery	Chelsea	mar.1829	WHEATLEY Richard H.	London	bap.1814
JONES Robert	Kensington	mar.1824	WHITE Edward	London	bur.1612
KIELL Mary	Staines	mar.1783	WILLS Rebecca	Shoreditch	mar.1743
			WINNE Joseph	London	bur.1688
			WRIGHT Thain	Fulham	mar.1831

HELP !!!

ZOBANAKY: John, born c1812 possibly in Crete, died Sept.1880, in Denman St. London. Married Hannah WATTS of Ramsbury, Wilts., Son – Edward, born 1862, Chelsea, daughter Smayte, born 1865, Hungerford. Our John seems to have moved around somewhat, and had a variety of trades, and at one time is listed as a provision merchant in Rathbone Place, London. One would imagine a name such as that leaping out from every page where it occurs. Our member is experiencing great difficulty in tracing him - apart from the brief details given above. She would appreciate any help and undertakes to reply and refund any postage. Her address is:
Diana Pitcher, 11365 -137A Street, Surrey, B.C. Canada. V3R 3C8

DUDLEY, BULL, COYTE: All families with connections in our area, and Margaret Bell would be grateful for any information on them. Please contact:
Margaret Bell, 5 Swan Close, Chesham, Bucks

PEEK: Ellen, born 1858, Hampton, Middx., her father John was possibly a clerk, and in 1891 was living in Wandsworth. Trying to find further details of Ellen or her father. Although Hampton is in Middlesex, for Census purposes it is included in Kingston, and is not on our 1851 reels. Should this catch the eye of anyone searching the Hampton Census of 1861, Mrs. Bentley, a pensioner would be most grateful for any information. Mrs. Bentley, 39 Rivermead Road, Camberley, Surrey

BECKETT: Emily & Harry. These two were married at St. Pancras in 1903, two daughters are known - Constant Emily, born 1904, and Queenie Mary Nellie, born 1910. The girls were separated in 1913 when father apparently deserted the family. Queenie subsequently became Mrs. Bates and her daughter, now a member of our society is trying to trace her aunt and would very much appreciate any information or suggestions. Please write to: Mrs. E. Carter, 22 Lulworth Close, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 8TP

PABOR / PABON / PAPON: Our member writes: "The family have lived in England since 1950, our roots lie in the U.S.A. from 1800-1950. Before that they were in Switzerland and possibly were Huguenot refugees from France." At present Mr. Pabor is anxious to see copies of the Census for New York City for 1860-1910, and they are not available in London. It seems a long way to go for a glimpse of these documents and a professional search could prove rather expensive. Has anyone a suggestion for Mr. Pabor? He has a vast amount of material relating to American Archives and will gladly offer advice to anyone searching that vast land.
C. Pabor, 53 Pennine Way, Harlington Middlesex

This page is open to members experiencing difficulty in tracing any of their ancestors. No charge is made and the Editor is always pleased to hear of any successes. Non-members may also use this facility for a fee of £1. It is interesting to note that most of the enquiries are centred around the 19th century, despite the onset of civil registration - possibly because the state was only really interested in the basic statistics. Family historians in the next century will only need one piece of information - the National Health Number - issued of course at the registration of the birth of each child.

... and Finally

Members who were present at the January meeting of the Society, will remember that when asked by the Chairman as to the state of the next issue of the Journal, I told the meeting that it consisted of 28 blank pages. Now this was not wholly accurate, but it was nearly so. Certain pages (strays, members, diary, etc) generate themselves, but while one journal is in production, I am trying to plan the next and just at the moment my sources of articles have diminished. We need a regular supply of news, comments, and stories to keep this journal going, so put your thinking caps on and drop me a few lines..... please?

You will read elsewhere in this journal, a short piece by the Editor of Central Middlesex FHS. I have written a similar note for his journal, and it is our hope that this will develop into a regular exchange of comments and ideas. North Middlesex FHS has been invited to join in also. My own view of this is that it can only help our three societies and their membership. I suspect that some of our members are not really aware of the existence of the others except in a general way. Are we too parochial in our outlook? I seem to have forbears scattered throughout Central and North Middlesex (as well as East London) and it is most useful to have at least contacts with the other Societies in order to acquire detailed knowledge on resources of the areas.

As I write these lines, it seems that the ongoing saga of our meeting place is almost at an end. The latest date we have for the change of venue is April. As I said in the last journal, we don't even know what the place looks like yet – but - we live in hopes.

Another body on the move, is of course, the Society of Genealogists. It will be sad to leave that rather pleasant building in Harrington Gardens, (particularly for me as I work just around the corner!) but the new premises have much to offer, and the facilities will be much improved.

Another date mentioned elsewhere in the journal is that of our One Day Conference. Plans are going ahead, and it should be an interesting day. We hope that our “out of town” members will be able to visit us, and it would be pleasant if we could offer overnight accommodation. Have we any members able to offer this facility? The planning committee would be grateful for any offers.



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