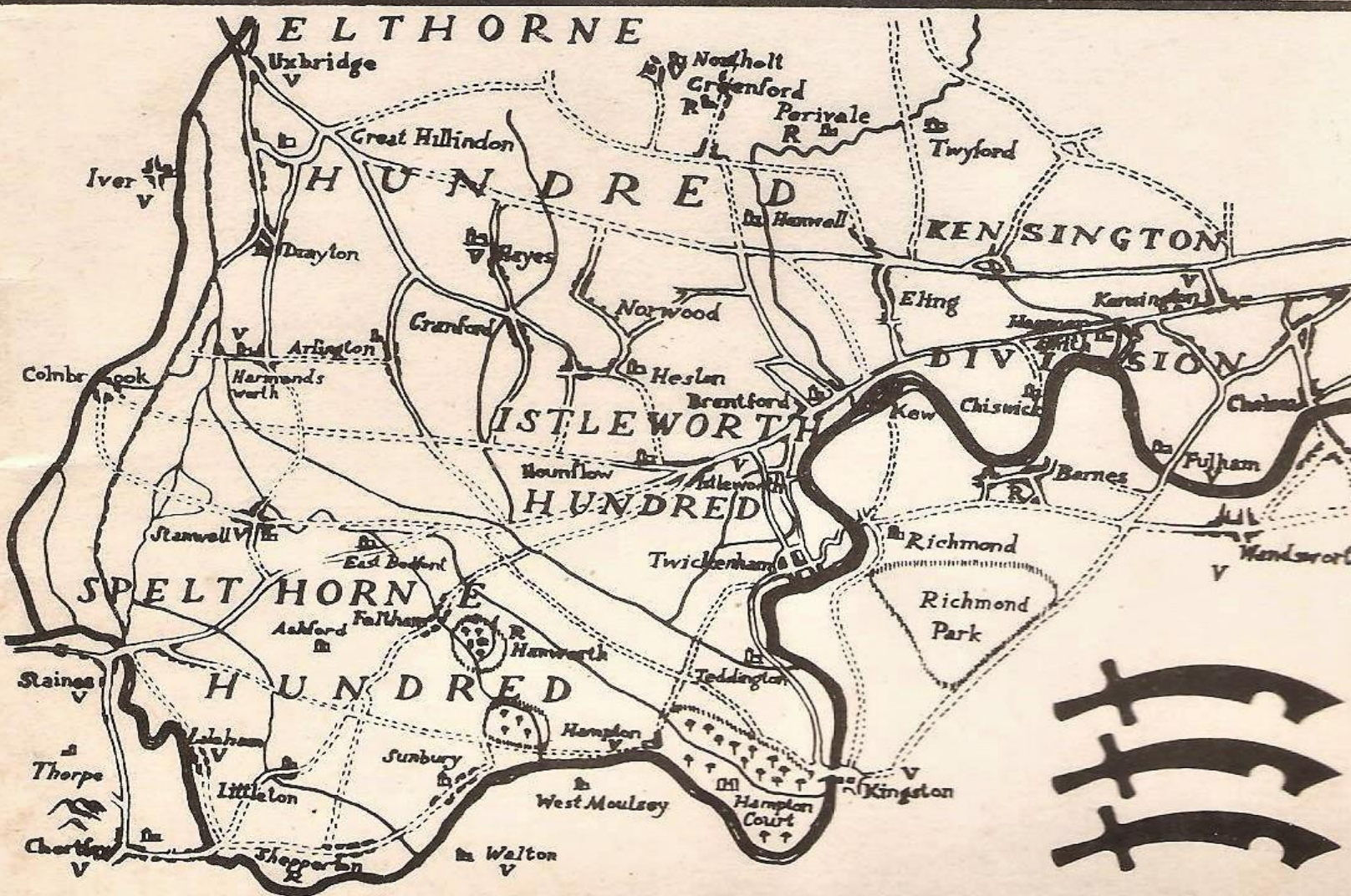


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The Society's Area of Interest

Parishes which are the particular concern of the Society:

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LETTER FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Please forgive the brevity (or heave a sigh of relief) this time, as I have been involved in some rather hectic technological problem solving at work and in the joint London Conference and have simply run out of time, so much for putting the copy deadline two weeks early.

After nearly a year in office, I feel the “new” committee has settled down and that meetings are running fairly happily and involving more of our members. Julia tells me the coffee and tea consumption has increased and I trust this indicates higher attendance rather than tense nervous headaches. Please go on telling us what you do and don’t like – that’s what we’re here to deal with. We are still looking for someone to arrange visits - anyone with time and a telephone.

My next main task is to get moving on project co-ordination. After the projects evening next week, we should all know more about what’s going on. I am hoping to get together with East and West Surrey co-ordinators to check on overlaps and omissions. Then we should be in a position to have information available and updated on meeting noticeboards, so that you know where help would be welcome or advice sought.

Keep the suggestions coming and thank you for your support.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
WEST MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
will be held at MONTAGUE HALL, MONTAGUE ROAD, HOUNSLOW
at 8.00 pm on Friday, 9th December 1988

Reports will be presented by the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, you will be asked to approve the Accounts for the year 1987-88 and appoint auditors for the coming year. Members who wish to bring forward any matters or propose nominations for the committee for the following year, should write to the Secretary before November 21st.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The financial year of the Society ended on September 30th. If you have not already paid for the coming year, could you please forward the amount due to our Treasurer, full details of subscription rates are given inside the front cover.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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| November | 11 | “Ask the Experts”
A panel of expert genealogists, chaired by Ken Cox, will take questions from the floor in an hour of lively discussion and enlightenment. |
| December | 9 | Annual General Meeting
The A.G.M. will be followed by a short talk called “Kings and Queens and things”. A look at the Royal Family tree since 1485, illustrated with slides. |
| January | 13 | Member’s Evening - “Ways of Keeping Records”
For this evening Members are invited to bring along examples of the way they have recorded their family history. Perhaps some members will give a short discourse on how they have put it all together. |
| February | 10 | to be arranged |
| March | 10 | Valerie Payne “Bell Ringing”
Mrs. Valerie Payne holds the post of Honourary Librarian to the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Bellringers. The Headquarters are at St. Giles in the Fields, London. |
| April | 14 | L. Lawson Edwards “The Society of Genealogists”
The Speaker is the Librarian at the Society of Genealogists and will talk on the Society and its unique Library. |

The meetings are held at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow, (just off Hounslow High Street) commencing at 7.30 pm on the second Friday of every month.

JOAN CHAMBERLAIN

We were sorry to hear of the death, in September, of one of our founder members, Joan Chamberlain M.B.E. She had been ill with cancer for the last two years but had still managed to attend some of our meetings. She faced the future with great dignity.

Many of us will remember the excitement a few years ago when she became a Freeman of the City of London. She will be very sadly missed by those of us who had the privilege to have shared her friendship.

(Wendy Mott)

1989 CONFERENCES

CLEVELAND FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

plus

A.G.M. and COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF F.H.S.'s

This will be held at Collingwood College, Durham University on Friday 31st March to Sunday 2nd April 1989. The cost is £70 for the full weekend including the Elizabethan Banquet or you may attend on a daily basis.

The Saturday speakers are:

Mrs. Lucy Walker of Speciality tours on "The land of the Prince Bishops" followed by Mr. Julian Litton of the Victorian and Albert Museum on "Royal Funerals 1450-1750".

Saturday afternoon sees the A.G.M. and Council Meeting of the Federation. At the same time, you can visit the Oriental Museum, (formerly the Gulbenkian Museum) on the campus; be transported to Durham City to wander at will or have a conducted tour by Speciality Tours (courtesy of Mrs. Lucy Walker - our first speaker).

On Saturday evening you are invited to an Elizabethan Banquet at the Magnificent Lumley Castle which dates back to the 9th century. Unfortunately, numbers are limited so please book early.

On Sunday the first speaker will be Miss Pat Raine, A.R.C.A., on changes in costume through the 19th century with relevance to dating old photographs. The second speaker is still to be confirmed.

Booking forms are available from:

Mrs. C. McLee, 3 The Green, Kirklevington, YARM, Cleveland TS23 1DS.

PLEASE enclose a large SAE

SOCIETY of GENEALOGISTS - WEEKEND CONFERENCE

at Nottingham University 21st - 23rd April 1989

Full fee: (residential) : £68 | (non residential) : £38

Programme and application form available in October from the Society at:
14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA

BEDFORDSHIRE ONE DAY CONFERENCE

The Bedfordshire F.H.S. will be running another of their very successful one-day conferences at Houghton Conquest on 6 May 1989. We think this is one of the best day conferences going, the speakers have always been good and the lunch superb, all for £6.50 each. The Subject – "Photographs in Family History"

Details available from January 1st from:

Mrs. Dolman, 20 Blackwood Crescent, Blue Bridge, Milton Keynes, MK13 0LP

FAMILY HISTORY TYPES

The following appeared in the “Queensland Family Historian” and is being reproduced with their permission, with some amendments. If for “Libraries” one reads also “Record Offices”, then the article applies to many we meet in this country also.

(1) The Instant Genealogy Expert:

After one book, one meeting, or one class, these people know all there is to know about genealogical research. When they visit the library, they are eager to show the librarians how to do their jobs. They refuse all suggestions, no matter how much time or money could be saved. These people are living examples of the cliché: A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

(2) The Lost and Spacey Users:

For this group, every day is a new one. Library assistants find themselves explaining the most basic genealogical information and planning basic research strategy for these people, only to begin all over again the next time they call, which wastes everyone’s time. This group doesn’t listen and when they do, it makes little impression.

(3) The Easy Riders:

These people do not bother about research. They arrive at the library expecting to find their personal genealogy waiting for them in some file. When they hear the sad truth, they innocently request that the library assistants do the research and let them know when it is ready.

(4) The Free Riders:

Although willing to do research work, these users expect every service to be free. They are never willing to pay another researcher to do anything, because they believe that the Public Library/Record Office/Family History Society will do the same service for nothing.

(5) The Creative Writers:

These brave people have no fear when it comes to information. No matter what the book or the parish register indicates, they rewrite history to conform with their own fondest hopes for their family’s origins. Their ancestor is the one the parson missed out when filling in his registers, or the one picked out of the IGI regardless of where in the country the event took place.

(6) The Adam and Eve Syndrome:

People with this fixation believe they are related to some famous or infamous person no matter what information to the contrary presents itself. They proudly proclaim their ancestry back to Robin Hood, King Arthur or any other character bearing the right name spotted in an historical work. This is not difficult for them to do, since they believe every story they have heard about their family, and/or every word they have ever read that can be used to enhance their family legend, regardless of the source of the information.

(7) The Whiter than Snow Syndrome:

This is almost the opposite of the Adam and Eve Syndrome. These people are convinced they have perfect ancestors. They have no trouble ignoring any evidence to the contrary. These may be less well-known than previous categories because they give up when so much evidence conflicts with the idealised images they have of their ancestors. Their favourite research tool, is the article written by their ancestor about himself, a paid advertisement for posterity. This group usually create their official version of the family history and then abandons all other research altogether.

(8) The Expectations Researchers:

These trusting people have complete faith in their library. They actually believe that everything they need is available at that address. They have no understanding of library or record office budgets, and when gently reminded of the situation are heard to remark, "Do you mean you don't have this".

(9) The Christopher Columbus Complex:

This affliction is one of the "Great Expectations", they expect library assistants to know everything and to discover all sorts of information for them. Changes of name due to time, spelling variations, mis-pronunciations or poor memories, are not accepted as reasons they may not be able to find places important to their families. This also spills over to not recognising their surnames spelt differently from the "norm" they have established.

(10) The Pests:

This type of researcher believes that he or she is the official oral historian for his/her family, and that all that valuable information should be shared with everyone else in the library or surroundings. Other library users, closing times, your own precious research time, mean nothing to this group as they carry on. Although laryngitis provides a temporary relief, the accepted theory is that only amnesia provides a cure for the serious cases.

A NOTE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

A remark made by one of our overseas members made the committee realise that many people believe that we have our own library where we can consult records for you. Unfortunately, this is not so. The only resources we have are the indexes publicised at the back of the journal. These are mainly, members pet projects, which have involved years of research. Any other information which you may require involves a visit to the appropriate record office. As many of us work full time, and the majority of record offices are not open on Saturdays, fitting this in is difficult. So, our apologies, that we cannot always be as helpful to you as we might wish.

NOTES AND NEWS

1881 CENSUS PROJECT

The British Genealogical Records Users Committee (an informal grouping of societies associated with family history) announce their intention of making the 1881 census the object of a national indexing project. It was decided to concentrate on the 1881 Census as so much work had been done on the 1851 Census.

The Genealogical Society of Utah (L.D.S.), will lend microfilm or photocopies of the 1881 returns. They will also provide forms onto which these may be transcribed, and after checking the completed transcriptions will be transferred to a computer database by the L.D.S. or other volunteers.

The resulting data will then be made available on microfiche, both as a full transcript of the returns and as an index. Initially the index will be arranged by county and then by surname and given name: similar to that used on the IGI.

We hope there will be volunteers willing to help in the transcription, checking and organisation. Workers will be able to carry out work on their areas of interest not just where they live. Anyone is welcome to join in and help create a very important finding aid to the most popular record in the world.

For further details send a SAE to the National Co-ordinator:

Mr. Richard Sowter, 2 Hill House Road, Downend, Bristol BS16 5RR

MIDDLESEX PRISONERS AT SHORNCLIFFE BARRACKS, KENT

Maureen Criddle, the editor of the Folkstone & District F.H.S. Journal, has spotted a convict station in the 1851 census at Shorncliffe Camp near Folkstone. As well as the Governor Hudson and his family from Westminster, there are 15 prisoners who were from Middlesex. They were:

<i>Charles Ault, St. Pauls Shadwell;</i>	<i>Benjamin Barnett, Whitechapel;</i>	<i>James Cotter, St. Lukes;</i>
<i>James Chitty, St. John's;</i>	<i>George Edeker, Chelsea;</i>	<i>Thomas Hunt, Spitalfields;</i>
<i>Edward Hunt, Poplar;</i>	<i>Thomas Jackson, London;</i>	<i>Benjamin Lintott, London;</i>
<i>Henry Mallett, St. Pancras;</i>	<i>Edward Nightingale, London;</i>	<i>John Williams, London;</i>
<i>John Williams, Shoreditch;</i>	<i>Robert Whitehead, Shoreditch;</i>	<i>Charles Williams, Chancery Lane</i>

As well as hoping these names might be of help to someone, Mrs. Criddle would like to hear from anyone who could shed light as to why those Middlesex prisoners were at Shorncliffe at that time.

Her address is: **22 Church Road, Cheriton, Kent CT20 3LQ**

1953 KELLY'S DIRECTORY FOR KENSINGTON

Mrs. W. Burr has a copy of Kelly's 1953 Directory for Kensington (covering Brompton, Knightsbridge and Notting Hill areas). She would be pleased to look up names on request if an SAE is enclosed.

Write to: **17 Doggett Street, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. LU7 7BW**

FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

This new organisation came into being at the recent conference held at the Temple in London. Their leaflet reads: "The scheme is designed to help readers gain more from their visits to Kew and Chancery Lane. Friendship will offer an opportunity to meet readers from many backgrounds and disciplines who use the Public Record Office. It will offer privileged access to relevant historical exhibitions, a newsletter, excursions, regular lectures and social events."

There is a range of annual subscriptions from £7 for O.A.P., £10 for individual, and £17 for family membership. Further particulars from the above at:

Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1LR

LARKMAN INDEX

This rare surname originated in Norfolk in the 16th century but has now spread round the English-speaking world. There now exists a LARKMAN INDEX containing over 2,000 entries and information is free to anyone interested. Please write (with an SAE) to:

Frank Randall, 69 First Avenue, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 1PH

CITY OF LONDON CENSUS INDEX

The North Middlesex F.H.S. have produced an Index to the area of London within the Walls, covering piece numbers HO 107 1528-1532. The index is available on a set of microfiche at a cost of £4.50 (not including postage) from:

Mrs. A. Prudames, 2 Canonbury Cottages, Churchbury Lane, Enfield, Middlesex EN1 3LR

READER'S TICKETS AT RECORDS OFFICES

The need for improved security in Record Offices to ensure the safety of documents stored there, has become a matter of concern. The Association of County Archivists has therefore introduced a Reader's Ticket valid in 19 County Record Offices, these are: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cleveland, Cornwall, Cumbria, Essex, Gwent, Hampshire, Hereford and Worcestershire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Norfolk, Nottinghamshire, Suffolk, East Sussex & Wiltshire. Other Offices may join in the future. Tickets issued in any of the participating Offices will be valid in all the others.

The Reader is required to fill in a registration form, which must be backed up by some means of identification that shows the name and address of the applicant, ie driving license. Failure to show identification will result in admission being refused. The Ticket, once issued is valid for 4 years. In some Offices the ticket must be surrendered by the reader when taking a document, it is returned when the document is. Two other Counties, at least, operate their own system, Staffordshire and Lincolnshire. Both require identification, and, in the case of Staffordshire, a Reference.

(From Family History News & Digest, September 1988)

HOUNSLOW LIBRARY

Hounslow Library is now in its new purpose-built home in the Treaty Centre, Hounslow High Street. On September 24th a party from this society were given a guided tour of the new building before it opened on September 28th. We were most impressed with both the size of the new premises, dwarfing the old building in Treaty Road and with the facilities provided. A nice touch was provided by the old ceiling window from Treaty Road being incorporated in the new library, over the Local History section. It was this part of the library that drew most attention from the family historian. It has its own part of the library with plenty of room and facilities for the reader. There are two microfilm/microfiche reader/printers, which will be useful. It holds the main local collections for the Borough of Hounslow, although the material for Brentford is still at that Library, Feltham Library also retains its own collection.

HOLY TRINITY MINORIES MARRIAGES 1676-1683

The Havering Branch of the East of London F.H.S. has transcribed and published on micro-fiche, the above marriages. There are 6331 entries all told representing about 900 marriages a year. As the Minories were one of the main London centres of Clandestine Marriages in the second half of the 17th century, there are a large number of entries from all over London and the Home counties. The ten parishes appearing most frequently are:

St. Dunstan Stepney, St. Giles Cripplegate, St. Mary Whitechapel, St. Paul Shadwell, St. Olave Southwark, Deptford, St. Sepulchres, St. Botolph Aldgate, St. Botolph Bishopgate, and St. Mary Magdalen Bermondsey.

The details are on two fiche costing £2 inc. p & p, available from:
Mr. A. Benton, 46 Waldegrave Gardens, Upminster, Essex RM14 1UX

WOOLWICH CENSUS INDEX

Members of the Woolwich and District F.H.S. have surname indexed the 1851 Census for Woolwich - PRO piece numbers HO 107 1588 & 1589. It covers some 30,000 + people living in the area, many of whom worked in the dockyard and came from many distant counties. A list of ten folio numbers for a specific surname will be supplied in return for a £1 donation to the Woolwich and District F.H.S. plus SAE. Write to: Mrs. E.R. Reynolds, 54 Parkhill Road, Bexley, Kent DA5 1HY.

1987 IGI

This is now available for England. There is a copy at the Society of Genealogists and it is, of course, at all L.D.S. Libraries. There is an approximate increase of 10 to 20 percent in entries for each county. We will have a complete review in our next journal of the increased coverage by county.

(Compiled by Glyn Morgan and Vic Rosewarne)

GRANDFATHER GEORGE

PRISCILLA M. SIBLEY
(née WORLEY)

Yesterday afternoon, sensing the approach of a brass-polishing mood, I lined up my collection on the table overlooking the valley, and began on the candlesticks. Clear Spring light soon sprang from each of their familiar chased curves and hollows, and though my efforts brought forth no all-powered genie, the old ritual of rubbing, as it very often did, brought forth visions of those whose care of these identical household treasures had preceded mine in years long gone. Let them tell the story of Grandfather George Worley for me.

See, reflected in miniature in the older of the two pairs of candlesticks, with their oblong Georgian bases and reddish lustre, is a farmhouse in the Chilterns, so well hidden away down winding, narrow leafy tracks as to have earned itself the name of Mousehole Farm. Ancient as the surrounding hills themselves it appears, although extra rooms have been added here and there over many periods to accommodate changing needs and ambitions of past generations of yeoman farmers. Indoors, in the light thrown by the smouldering summer logs on the open hearth, we may just make out a long low room whose hidden corners are already dusky with approaching twilight, and on the wide oak shelf over the pothooks, magically, the very candlesticks now in my hand, though in their youth. A wedding gift perhaps, to the young man of the house and his wife? The homemade tallow candles in their unworn sconces are almost burnt out, having spent themselves last night in lighting Grandfather George's own Grandfather into the world. Soon, before another night is here, they must be renewed from the store in the candlebark near the ceiling, and rekindled at the great open hearth; one to give light to all who may come or go, one to be carried carefully upstairs to watch over the new member of the family, William and his mother, throughout this night of 26th August 1794.

The farmhouse scene changes, for the young William just born had an immense longing to see the world beyond Mousehole Farm. The hour is 10pm on 6th September 1821 and the village of Shoreham in Kent is mostly in darkness but for the soft candle light shining from upper and lower windows of a small cottage where the baby in scene One now awaits the birth of his own third child. Two young sons, William jnr. and Edward, sleep peacefully in the tiny bedroom next to that in which their father, with Lucy, their mother, and the village midwife, look for the first time upon the face of little John Caleb; all are circled in the light held by one of my taller candlesticks.

It is almost twilight. Two weary horses drawing a young family in a laden farm cart are being urged the last few paces towards a cluster of wooden cottages, a few yards from the rutted road which has wound its way through all the villages between London and Oxford for longer than any history book can tell. Relief and thankfulness are written clearly on William's face as he draws the cart up before a particular cottage and hastens his family indoors, out of the biting wind. Baby John Caleb sleeps, warm and rosy, in a wicker basket whose blanketed base conceals the few

family treasures, candlesticks included; safe here surely, from the eyes of any highwayman haunting the desolate gorsy stretch of Hillingdon Heath, now safely crossed on this late afternoon just before Christmas 1821. A few moments work with the tinder box, and again the candlesticks are on duty, ready for the kindling of the first fire in the new home.

Two years after that winter, on 3rd November 1823, another son, Samuel was born in the cottage on the Heath “at 7 at night”. Three daughters, Lucy, Amelia and Thirsa, followed between 1826 and 1832. As their father had foreseen, work to support a family of seven abounded close at hand, and not only on farms. The Middlesex clay was beginning to yield, in addition to plentiful crops of fruit, vegetables, and good hard wheat, stack upon stack of good, hard, “stock” bricks, mostly born off by the conveniently close canal to help quell the insatiable appetite of London, for new buildings, only a dozen miles away. Some, however, stayed and gradually began replacing old timber clad cottages set along the main highway, where the stage-coach ran. The note of the long horn sounded by the guard at the back, his blunderbus at the ready, told the young John Caleb, at work in the vegetable garden, and his mother in the kitchen, that his father and brothers would soon be returning from their work of laying out the fine new bricks in good straight rows - to last for ever, they boasted. But John Caleb dreamed of driving the stage-coach himself in a few years time; from the bottom of his heart, he envied both the driver heading for the far-off Oxford and Bath, and the guard, with that magnificent horn. Meanwhile, the inroads into the heath grew longer and more numerous - with discomfiture to the highwaymen. Cottages began to be built to prepared plans, with iron ranges replacing open hearths, and William, on those candlelit evenings after work, when the mood for prophesy was upon him, would describe his vision of the day when every home in the land would be connected to a supply of clean water, a main drainage system, and a source of power, hardly dreamed of. In the meantime, the tall iron pump on the parish boundary, rainwater barrels under the eaves, and the candlesticks must suffice.

The age of steam travel was just dawning on the 10th March 1842, when John Caleb, not quite 20, married Jane Graham, aged 17, “by banns” at Hillingdon Church, and took her to live, not at one of the very newest cottages, but to another, quite substantial brick cottage hidden away down a narrow secret track, in much the same fashion as Mousehole Farm, though bearing the less imaginative name of “Rose Cottage”, Pistill’s Lane, Hayes. It was still standing there, its ditch boundary part of the parish boundary itself after the second world war, by which time the green track had been absorbed in concrete, and is known today as “Hewen’s Road”. Here, three sons were born to John & Jane, William 1844, John 1845 and on 2nd July 1849, my own Grandfather George.

There is about boundaries, however humble, the stuff of history, for they are frontiers on a small scale. It has always seemed significant that Grandfather George was born on a boundary, for during the greater part of his long life his care was to champion their cause against those who sought to plough out and close the ancient rights of

way. His chief antagonist was Lord Hillingdon, whose passion for preserving every kind of game is legendary. The whole district north of the Oxford Road from and including what is now the Royal Air force, Uxbridge, through to the Yeading Brook, swarmed with it. Farmers renting his land were obliged to tolerate the situation, and were, moreover, expected to fence in all rides and footpaths which might facilitate the escape of the unfortunate birds in their panic before the guns of great shooting parties. Even if nothing else remained to remember him by, it was Grandfather's destiny to be the "Right-of-Way Pioneer" of Charville, a certain constantly obstructed ancient track winding off & away, to the north.

For his steadfast organised opposition to such closures, he is remembered to this day by certain men of Middlesex. By me, his firstborn grandchild, for much else, chiefly his appetite for life itself, which he savoured with an enthusiasm which was infectious. Never do I remember him bemoaning fate, or regretting the passing of outworn ideas and methods. For him, each day that dawned held something new and exciting, for might it not bring the materialisation of wonders, long only faintly envisaged? From his father, John Caleb, he inherited the yearning to travel, and, by hard, honest work over a number of years the opportunity to fulfil such dreams, in addition to those absorbed from certain books and lessons. As a boy, he had attended school in a pair of cottages in Wood End Green Road, Hayes End. Immediately opposite the Long Pond, and in the course of an early exploration, he had tumbled into the cottage cess-pit, to be rescued in the nick of time. Passing years saw him setting off, east and west by stage coach and early steam train, mostly to coastal towns, where he would hire himself out as a deck-hand with herring-fishing fleets on the North Sea. From port to port around the whole British Isles he went, and to the Channel Islands many times. In later life he was to take his own son, my father, having also proved iron hardy at sea in the roughest weather.

Unlike John Caleb, the bonds of matrimony did not claim young George until he was 37. I can only surmise that during one of the expeditions he found himself in or near the port of Lymington, where the golden-haired Mary Ann Trimmer, just 20, captured his heart. They were married early in 1886 at her own parish church at Alton in Hampshire, and came home to Hillingdon Heath, to live in a cottage known as "Tea Pot Hall", in Heath Road. Why the name? Again, I can only guess, possibly because of its proximity to the Carpenter's Arms Public House, and perhaps by Grandfather himself, who loved words and their nuances.

The time had come to put down roots. With aid and encouragement from John Caleb, Grandfather set about putting into practice, plans for his own ideal home by buying a small field of fertile land on the boundary of what was known as Gregory's Park at the end of one of the small roads, Charles Street, opposite Heath Road. There he built a row of four cottages to his dream plans, each with a brass tap of pure water within doors, and a privy without, (though not now too far without!) - piped into a main drain, and gas provided for, if not installed. A first-born son, my father, Albert George, was born on 20th January 1887, in Tea Pot Hall, and was little older when

the family took up residence at 33 Charles Street, in the last and most roomy of the new cottages, with its large end plot, set with sturdy young fruit trees. It was there that I, 31 years later, also a baby in arms, was brought after my birth, and there it is that my earliest memories are centred.

Beautiful to me are the two pairs of candlesticks in their setting against whitewashed bricks and the small black iron coal range, red with heat, in the back kitchen. A good-sized homely place, with scrubbed table and Windsor chairs, where Grandmother concocts all manner of good things to eat, each in its own season. The brass tap above a shallow cane stone sink tinkles into the bowl with its wooden handle. The soft rain water barrel under the eaves of the geranium filled lean-to, which shelters the angle of the back kitchen with the main living room, is still prized above mains water for the complexion and gentle laundry.

“Did you cook all day before you knew Grandad?” I once asked Grandmother, as she folded puff pastry. “No, my dear”, she replied, “I was a milkmaid”, which thought delighted me then, as now, as I imagined her talking with poor Tess I was glad she was simply Mary Ann. Every Sunday morning in the early 20’s father would take me with him to visit his parents, - as I grew older on the cross-bar of his bicycle, to be greeted by a gentle kiss from Grandmother and a teasing, whiskery one from Grandad. By then, he was in his 70’s, ruddy, of stocky build and moderate height, his once fair hair now a tonsure, providing, as he put it, blue eyes twinkling, “A good skating rink for flies”. Around the table in the larger kitchen/living room sat my relations, including Aunts and Uncles, sipping home made wine from tall stemmed glasses, accompanied by Grandmother’s special fruit cake from its large round dish and cover on the dresser & talking nineteen to the dozen. After my piece of cake, though no wine, I was allowed to explore, outdoors in fine weather, indoors in foul, moving swiftly past the stuffed fox in his glass case in the dark corner below the stairs, lit only by his glittering eyes and sharp teeth. The solemn Victorian parlour was little used except at Christmas, the air within sweet and thick and quiet, like clotting cream. Upon a lace cloth on a little bamboo table behind the fern and aspidistra pots in the window reposed the family photograph album, and huge Bible with its brass clasp and pictures of the Creation. A gramophone with its great horn and little dog, exactly like Grandfather’s own Gyp, occupied another corner, with music stand, band music and cornet case. Upstairs were three bedrooms, those at the back looking into the interlacing boughs of fruitful Codlin and Blenheim apple trees, that at the front, obliquely into great Middlesex elms.

Donning of Fireman’s uniform left no time for window gazing, for those were the days of “all hands to the pumps”, though, on occasion, in process of changing from well worn gardening gear to second best suit, for a meeting of the Parish Council perhaps, or into Bandsman’s uniform, a swaying of the greenery would reveal the presence aloft of a certain slim young lad - maybe ten ... Bernard Miles - in an early role - Jim Hawkins in the rigging of the “Hispanola” with Treasure Island in view.

Outside I went, to the corner between high fence and deep dark park ditch, here was the pigsty, a dry, clean little house and a stable for pony and trap, all now deserted. Long runs of low covered sheds housed builders scaffolding, ladders, and all manner of bricks and tiles, screened by loganberries, great clumps of rhubarb, and a fine Morello cherry tree. It was largely their produce which gave such rich colour and flavour to the wine at present flowing. Another storage place was shrouded in roses, and here, apples for cooking and dessert, lay on slatted shelves, ready for use or maturing, from early to late in the season. All year round their fragrance hung in the air. Raspberry canes were interplanted thickly with daffodils, surrounded by tile edged gravel pathways running around house and end greenhouse, which, benefitting from the heat of the bigger kitchen, gave good things in return, cucumbers, tomatoes, and large black grapes, never failing.

At the height of summer, the front garden was Grandfather's pride and joy, breathtaking in its riot of colour and scent, his patriotism evident in great swathes of red, white and blue alyssum, lobelias & geraniums covering every inch of ground like a Union Jack, while overflowing window boxes and standard roses, velvety dark red, and snow white continued the theme at eye and nose level.

My polishing session is almost done. How many times, I ask myself, have I performed the task? How many more times are left? Who can say?

I remember the first time, a pinafore over my navy Bishopshalt tunic, rubbing away in the freshly whitewashed kitchen, and being warned "Don't lean up against the wall", by Grandfather ere he finished off the contents of the pail, by limewashing the boles of the apple trees against moth ... was that the year I went on what proved to be the last of the Charville forays? - The year when young Bernard Miles and his friends formed the vanguard of the attack, and with father, uncle and a regular array of older men, - faggoting hooks and sickles recently sharpened, heard Grandfather George, grown old, though no less fiery for justice to be seen to be done again, spur them on with an Agincourt speech from the back of a farm cart, as I sat delighting in the discovery of a bed of white violets under a Charville hedge. It was probably somewhat earlier, I think, celebrating his 80th birthday in 1929 that Grandfather had decided to make his last attack.

He had made his way south on 2nd July to Croydon Airport and there, hired an aviator and pristine small plane with open cockpit. Instruction having been taken and given, his bald head well protected with a flying helmet and goggles, he lost no time in identifying with the element air, enjoying the experience with all and more of the relish of his first trip on a stage coach, 63 years earlier. Thus, was fulfilled the oldest of his desires, to fly.... the pilot, proving a kindred spirit, swooped and looped with a will over the whole and more of his Lordship's domain ending up with a birds-eye review of the beloved boundaries and landmarks of home crowned by the red, white and blue of the front garden ... A day to remember, to begin yet another plan and another decade.

After that, the last expedition; George's hitherto sturdy health, began to show signs of a crack here and there and father therefore decided to move from Hayes End back to his birthplace and one of the "new" cottages on the "Heath". An early wireless set, cover to cover perusal of the "Gazette" continued to keep Grandfather informed and sharp as to how the world was going on without him to keep an eye upon it; to ginger up the "Coal and Blanket" charities; go fishing on the "cut" or river with his cronies, Joey Mann perhaps, or son William; spend an evening at the Club, music hall, or concerts of the local Brass and Silver bands, with father, who had brought to fruition the family love of music as a soldier bandsman in the eighth Middlesex Regt. throughout the Great War. Both sons had joined up at the outbreak and been at once posted to France, where William had later been captured, taken to Germany, escaped and been recaptured. Both had returned home, though shadows of their former selves. Over such events, long gone, recently gone, his thoughts had hovered, reviewing, reassembling, soaring ever higher, seeking fresh horizons---

One sunny August Day in 1935, four coal black horses with nodding dark plumes drew up before the open door and late summer garden of 4 Park Cottage, waited awhile until the measured tread from parlour to hearse was accomplished, turned and walked on. Oh, so slowly as I recall. In the traditional way, only his sons and the men he had been proud to call friends accompanied Grandfather George part of the way on his summer departure for the final adventure. But Grandmother sat within, silent and still and white as the nearby candles in their well-worn polished sconces; quite alone, although surrounded by a host of women; family and neighbours setting out the last of the cake and wine....

(Sadly, Mrs. Sibley died shortly after completing this article. She was not a member of this Society, but originally sent the story of "Grandfather George" to Philip Sherwood, the editor of the Hayes and Harlington Local History Journal. As it contained more family history than local history it seemed more suitable for our Journal. I only wish we could all write our family history with such feeling for the past. - Editor)

MEMBER'S INTEREST BOOKLET

All members of the Society should now have received their copy of the 1988 Directory of Member's Interests. If anyone has not yet received theirs, please contact the Editor, either by phone or letter to the address shown inside the front cover.

ODD BURIALS

Jottings from the Sexton's book, St. Ives, Hunts.

April 5 1829: Buried Mr. Elkin's Finger upon his wife's mother.

January 7 1831: Buried Francis Lewis's boys legs that was smashed by Mr. John Mann's machine. Buried at the foot of Jas. Lewis child at the south side of the church.

Wendy Mott

HELP!!!

OVERELL

Frank OVERELL, born circa 1868, place and parents not known. Married Mary Elizabeth MORLEY circa 1890. Two known children were Albert and Edith. Frank OVERELL was a trooper in the Horse Guards in 1893 but he is known to have died shortly after this time. His wife remarried an Officer Hawkins and eventually moved to Luton, Bedfordshire. Either Frank or Mary had a sister/Aunt Kate. Frank's son lived and married in Fulham in 1916. Any help or information will be much appreciated:

Mrs. Wendy Burr, 7 Doggett Street, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. LU7 7BW

RECIPROCAL RESEARCH OFFERS

HELP WANTED AT READING RECORD OFFICE

Can any member do research on my behalf at Reading Record Office for Reciprocal research at the Society of Genealogists?

Contact: Sarah Minney, 30 Belmont Road, Twickenham, TW2 5DA

AUSTRALIA - MIDDLESEX

I would be willing to undertake research in South Australian records, in return for research undertaken in Middlesex. I have access to Cemetery Transcriptions, Birth, Marriage and Death indexes 1842-1915, Shipping Records etc. I have limited access to records of other States. Contact:

Darren Jones, c/o Area School, Pt. Broughton, South Australia, Australia 5522.

HELP OFFERED

BOWERMAN

Bev BOWERMAN, has an almost complete list of BOWERMAN entries from St. Catherine's House.

Indexes 1837-1910 Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Also details of Census Returns, Parish Registers etc. mostly Middlesex, London and Oxfordshire at present. She is willing to answer enquiries - Please send all relevant details with a reasonably sized stamped addressed envelope or 2 IRCs to:

Bev Bowerman, 33 St. Ursula Road, Southall, Middlesex UB1 2TH

This section is open to any member of the society who wish to put in a plea for help when their line of research has become a dead end. It is also open for offers of assistance, like one name indexes. For non members of the Society a fee of £1 is required for each help wanted entry.

SOCIETY NOTICES

HOUSE GROUPS

The Executive Committee would like to know the feelings of members living at the outer fringes of our area, for example, around Staines, in the Northolt/Ruislip area, the Kensington/Chelsea or in any other place where a number of members find it difficult to get to Hounslow regularly; who would like some local meetings to be able to talk to other members, and increase their knowledge about family history research. Such meetings could be geared to suit the needs of the people in the locality, and might be just beginner's tutorial sessions, or might provide help in a more advanced way.

The committee cannot do everything, but would be very supportive of any such ventures, so if any one living in districts where a group of members would like to meet from time to time, and can offer the hospitality of his or her home, for a small meeting, then do please write to the Secretary, or even send a letter on the subject to be published in our Journal.

It is always possible that such a meeting could grow into another regular meeting at a public hall in your area. Some of our neighbouring family history societies have up to four different monthly meetings in various public halls in their patch, and all of these started modestly from small meetings in members homes.

ELIZABETH SIMPSON AWARD

In the past this award has been given to the Family History Journal making the best contribution towards family history. It has been of considerable value in encouraging societies and their Editors to think about all aspects of the production and content of their journals. It has become clear, however, that the format for the Award which has been in operation until now, is seen by many to favour the larger societies. It has now been decided by the Executive Committee of the FFHS that encouragement should be shifted away from the journals themselves to the individual contributors within the member societies.

From 1989 the award will be presented to the best article appearing in an F.F.H.S. journal during 1988. This new criterion will, it is hoped, encourage more and better articles to appear in family history journals. The Committee of this society will discuss which articles we should enter for the award from those that will have appeared during 1988. The authors of such articles will be asked their permission first.

Make a note now for 1989; if you have an article or are thinking about writing one, the Editor is always pleased to give guidance on what we require for the journal. Perhaps you'll win next years award!

PROJECTS UPDATE

1851 CENSUS

You will find with this journal an order form for the four census indexes just produced on microfiche. These four indexes cover the two parts of Paddington, St. Mary (HO 107 1466) and St. John (HO 107 1467); the second part of the Brentford Registration District: covering Heston, Isleworth and Twickenham parishes (HO 107 1698); with the Hampton and Teddington part of the Kingston District (HO 107 1604 part).

The two Paddington census returns were transcribed under a Y.T.S. scheme run by Westminster Library. North Middlesex F.H.S. checked these transcripts and handed them to us for publication. The other two pieces were transcribed by Sam Morton and Vic Rosewarne. These transcripts were then thoroughly checked by Pam Morgan, against the original enumerator's books in the P.R.O.

The list below is of the Registration Districts in the West Middlesex F.H.S. area of interest, showing the division of each district for the 1851 Census. The P.R.O. piece numbers for each division are given with the progress of the indexing project.

Kensington Registration district:	Piece Number	Progress
St. Mary Paddington	HO 107 1466	Published
St. John Paddington	HO 107 1467	Published
Kensington Town	HO 107 1468	Transcribed
Brompton & St. Peter Hammersmith	HO 107 1469	Being Transcribed
St. Paul Hammersmith	HO 107 1470	Being Transcribed
Fulham	HO 107 1471	Transcribed
Chelsea Registration District:		
Chelsea South	HO 107 1472	Being Transcribed
Chelsea North West	HO 107 1473	Being Transcribed
Chelsea North East	HO 107 1474	
Staines Registration District	HO 107 1696	Published
Uxbridge Registration District	HO 107 1697	Being Transcribed
Brentford Registration District		
Isleworth & Twickenham	HO 107 1698	Published
Acton, Brentford & Chiswick	HO 107 1699	Published
Kingston Registration District		
Hampton & Teddington	HO 107 1604 (part)	Published

As you can see from the above, we are proceeding rapidly with the remaining work. Mainly this is due to our Treasurer, Robert Chandler, who has obtained for the Society two Microfilm viewers at low cost. We now have five people transcribing the films at home. If there are any more members who would like to help, either by transcribing or checking the work, this can be done at home in your own time.

Please contact either: Robert Chandler or Vic Rosewarne at one of our meetings.

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

WENDY MOTT (née ASHMAN)

I hope that by the time you read this we will have added Littleton Church to our list of Recorded M.I.s. This project is being led by Janet Huckle. This is Janet's first time "in charge" but I hope not her last. We have no shortage of volunteers for recording but it is very difficult to find someone prepared to take on the leadership. This involves contacting the Vicar, making a plan of the churchyard, organising volunteers and finally arranging the typing and checking of the inscriptions. This final part can take a long while. In fact, Heston and Chiswick, both very large churchyards, stretched over several years.

We now hold M.I.s for Acton (basic information only), Ashford, Chiswick, Cranford, Ealing, Feltham, Fulham (recorded 100 years ago), Hampton, Hayes, Heston, Hillingdon, Hounslow (United Reformed Church), Norwood Green, Perivale, Staines, Teddington, Twickenham and Uxbridge.

(See the back page for details of the index to Memorial Inscriptions in the West Middlesex area.)

On a personal level I strayed to record a churchyard in Kent this year. My mother lived in Sturry, and taking a break from nursing her through her last illness, I took a walk into Fordwich and fell in love with the church. I resolved there and then to record the M.I.s with the approval of the vicar and Kent F.H.S. I was helped with the recording by my good friends Connie and Les Zouch. Being a small village, (still about 300 people) I have had the time to check all the M.I.s with the Burial Register. It is amazing how many people appear to have been buried days or even a month before they died. One poor soul was recorded as buried a year before she died. This was definitely a slip in the register. In future I shall treat all sources with suspicion.

SETTLEMENT INDEX

CONNIE ZOUCHE

The following are additions to the Settlement Index held by Connie Zouch.

New Brentford:

Poor Apprentices Indentures	1768 - 1899
Removal Orders	1807 - 1829

Fulham:

Poor Apprentices Indentures	1666 - 1707
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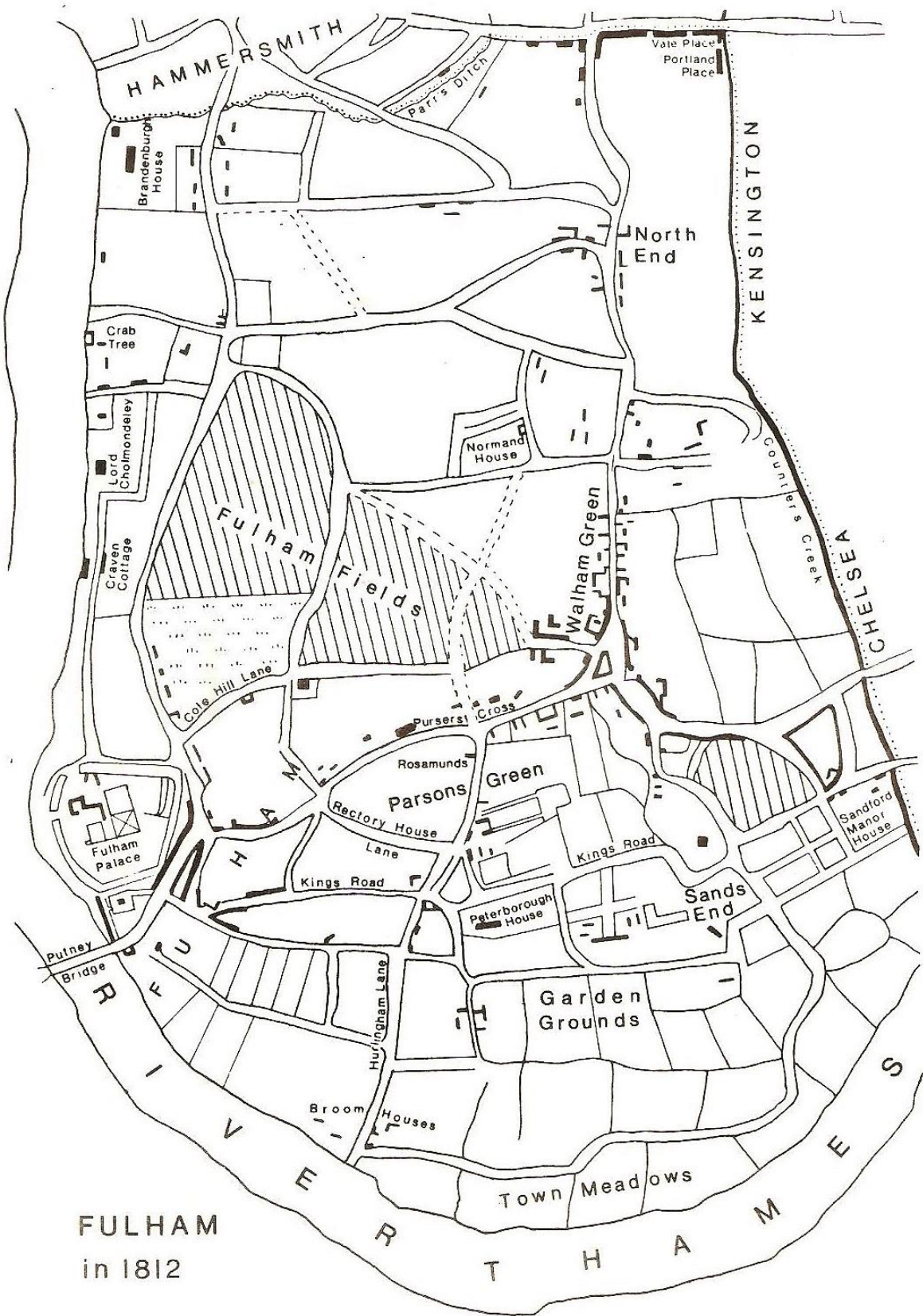
Chelsea:

Examinations – Settlement and Bastardy	1733 - 1749
Removals	1758 - 1778
Examinations and Removals	1831 - 1837
Examinations – Settlement and Bastardy	1834 - 1838

Ealing:

Examinations and Removals	1845 – 1846
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More to come from new deposit



FULHAM
in 1812

FULHAM

ROBERT COOK

This ancient Middlesex Parish lies on the Thames about 4 miles west of London, to the south of Hammersmith, with which it had been united since 1965 in the London Borough firstly known as Hammersmith but subsequently re-named as Hammersmith and Fulham. Its population history falls into the following stages.

EPISCOPAL SEAT

Fulham was an early settlement, first mentioned in a charter of 691. It was chiefly notable for the seat of the Bishops of London, at Fulham Palace, who held the manor from the 9th century till 1948. But there may have been only a slight settlement around the hall of the manor in the medieval period, for although Domesday records 160 heads of household under Fuleham, this figure appears to include those owing service to the bishop throughout the entire manor which stretched as far as Ealing. All Saints church existed from at least the 13th century, and at first the parish included Hammersmith although it became a separate chapelry in 1631. The Parish registers, however, date only from 1675 and are now deposited in the Greater London Record Office (G.L.R.O.). Probate jurisdiction rested with the Commissary Court of London, whose records are in the G.L.R.O.

RURAL RETREAT INFLUENCED BY LONDON

By the 16th century there are references to the scattered settlements at Fulham Town, Walham Green, Parson's Green, Sands End and North End, with an estimated population of 600 in all, in 1633. Surrounding these were country houses of wealthy Londoners, and then farms, gardens and orchards all serving the London Market. Civil administration rested with Fulham Vestry 1601-1819, whose records are in Hammersmith and Fulham Archives.

The moated Fulham Palace was rebuilt in the early 1500's. Peterborough House, near what is now Peterborough Road, was erected for Charles Mordaunt, Earl of Peterborough. In the 17th century, Hollybush at Parson's Green became the seat of Childs the bankers. Crabtree Farm was leased by the Bishop to Sir Nicholas Crisp 1599-1666, who developed what became extensive brickfields on the brick earth. Nathaniel Dancer's High Elms nursery garden was founded 1625-26, followed by numerous others, many of them Scottish, including William Gray's Fulham Nursery at Hurlingham Field in 1700. Some industries were founded, including a Walloon tapestry manufactory, and John Dwight's Fulham pottery 1672-73.

In the 18th century the population doubled from an estimated 2,225 in 1724 to 4,428 in 1801, as the parish became more suburban, and communications improved with the building of Fulham Bridge in 1729. (Records of the Fulham Bridge Company are in Hammersmith and Fulham Archives). Rocque's survey of 1741 shows Fulham Town clustered between palace and bridge, with large houses at Parson's Green, market gardens, orchards and nurseries filling the central and southern parts, smaller and more straggling houses at Walham Green and North End, and more gardens and farms in the north. Hurlingham House was built in 1750, and the Grange enlarged, where Samuel Richardson wrote Pamela (1740) and Clarissa (1747). Later in the century came an

influx of schools, asylums, and other institutional residences. Walham Green increasingly became the commercial and administrative centre, where the Swan Brewery was established in 1769, and the Swan housed meetings of the petty sessions and the manorial court. (Court records at Hammersmith and Fulham Archives).

Population rose steadily to 15,539 in 1861, with increasing suburbanisation, more intensive market gardening, and a few new industries. The last included the establishment of a gas works at Sands End between King's Road and Chelsea Basin in 1824. This later became the Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, one of the largest gas producing plants in the country. The market gardens drew seasonal fruit pickers each year, including hundreds of women coming on foot from Wales and Shropshire.

Population growth led to the building of St. Mary's, North End, as a propriety chapel of ease to the parish church in 1814, but it did not become a separate parish until 1856. The only ecclesiastical district established before civil registration was the creation of a separate parish in 1835 for St. John's Church, Walham Green, which had been built in 1828. This church also had its own burial ground until 1853. All Saint's churchyard was also closed for burials, in 1863, when Fulham Cemetery was opened to the east of Fulham Palace Road and south of Lillie Road.

An analysis of the 1861 census by the Fulham Historical Society showed that of the heads of households in labouring occupations, only 25% were born in Fulham, and most of the remainder came from London, Middlesex, Surrey, Berkshire, and Ireland. The Irish colony dated from the 1830's, and was centred on Fulham Fields and Greyhound Lane, and had its own Roman Catholic church of St. Thomas, designed by Pugin, built in Rylston Road in 1847-49.

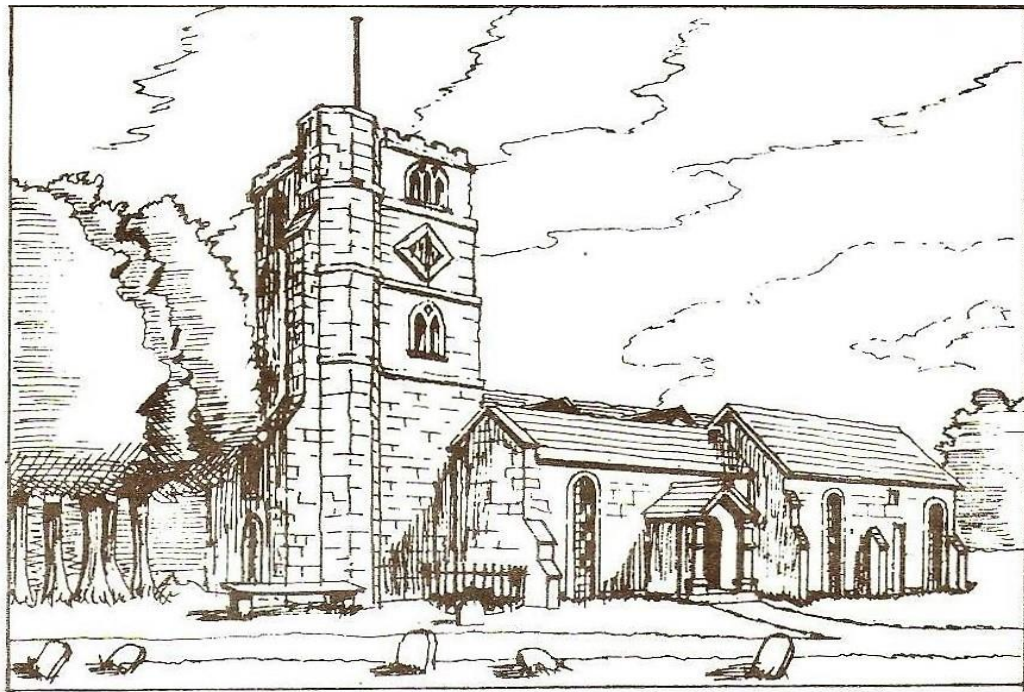
WESTERN SUBURB OF LONDON

In the second half of the 19th century, buildings overran the market gardens, and the parish filled up from the edges - the last western district of inner London to be developed. In the 1860's the large houses began to lose fashionable residents, and were converted to schools, or asylums, such as the London Female Preventative and Reformatory Institution, or were demolished.

In 1873 there were 629 acres of houses and grounds, but still 585 acres of nursery and market gardens, 122 acres of arable and pasture, and 35 acres of osier and brickfields. The great transformation began when Gibb & Flew started their building developments in 1876, with their works on the former Munster Farm. They were noted for their stucco ornamentation, differing from house to house and street to street, but all based on recognisable botanical foliage. The Peterborough estate was built over 1889-1905.

Fulham Select Vestry had become Fulham Board of Works 1855-1885, the Fulham Vestry from 1885-1900, when the civil parish became a Metropolitan Borough. The building of Fulham Town Hall in 1889-90 at Walham Green signalled the transfer of administrative weight from the riverside to Broadway. Improved communications

matched the new housing. Wandsworth Bridge opened in 1873. In 1974 West Kensington Station opened on the District Railway to Richmond, resulting in much



FULHAM PARISH CHURCH - KEN HUCKLE

speculative building around North End, which subsequently became known as West Kensington. Then in 1881 the Metropolitan District line to Putney opened, with a station at Walham Green (now Fulham Broadway), and in 1882-86 the old Fulham Bridge was replaced by Putney Bridge. Local newspapers were also founded, the West London Observer in 1855, and the Fulham Chronicle in 1888. (Files of both are in Fulham Library).

The remaining unbuilt spaces survived now as parks or places of entertainment. The administration of Bishop's Park, adjoining the palace, was assumed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in 1868. Fulham Football Club took over Craven Cottage grounds in 1896, followed by the builders - Mears Bros. establishing Chelsea Football Club at Stamford Bridge in 1905. The extensive grounds of Hurlingham House became the famous Hurlingham Polo Club 1905-1939. Queen's Club lawn tennis grounds rivalled Wimbledon, and Veitch & Sons Southfields Nursery was acquired by the borough as South Park in 1903. The 12 acres of Fulham Cemetery were full by 1909, and an out-burial ground for the borough was established that year at the 30 acre North Sheen Cemetery, Richmond Road, Richmond.

New employment included Kop's Brewery near Wandsworth Bridge in 1890, employing about 400. The District Railway's West Brompton traffic depot and offices employed about 15,000 railway workers in 1900, many in Farm Lane and Seagrave Road, followed by the London Omnibus Company establishing its office and garage in Farm Lane in 1904-05. The gas works employed a large number of

German immigrants, who established their own Lutheran church, known as Markus Church, in Kelvedon Road in 1911.

But new industry in Fulham was the result rather than the cause of population growth, and many residents worked elsewhere. Charles Booth in 1889 found Walham Green a respectable area with many shop assistants. Farm Lane and Cassidy Road were poorer, with costers, drivers, bus horse-keepers, vestry employees, and laundry workers. St. Oswald's Road, nearer the Earls Court exhibition centre, had brothels. St James's Moore Park was occupied by shopkeepers, railway servants and gas workers. West Kensington was a stronghold of non-conformity and of genteel terraces with commuters, servants and lodgers, schoolteachers, women working in fashionable west end dressmaking establishments and gas works clerks, such as in the Walham Green household described in H.G. Wells's *Tono Bungay*. The 1901 census showed large numbers employed in building and transport, with more building workers in the population, at 53 per thousand, than in any area in London.

INNER LONDON AREA

Population reached its peak at 157,938 in 1921 and subsequently declined to 111,791 in 1961. Because industry followed population there was little room for expansion. Much was transitory, and many successful firms moved elsewhere. Some have included Haigs Distillery 1847-1959, Limmer & Trinidad Lake Asphalt Co, and Macfarlane Lang & Co's Imperial Biscuit works from about 1900-1930. Fulham Power Station, founded in 1901, was expanded in 1936, employing some 750, and was the largest such municipal undertaking when nationalised in 1948. The Gas Light & Coke Company employed 2,000 when absorbed by the North Thames Gas Board in 1949. The Ministry of Defence occupied the 24 storey Empress State Building when it opened on the site of the old Empress Hall in 1962. International Computers employing about 1,000 moved to Bridge House 1961-63. The Fire Brigades Union moved its offices to Fulham in 1964, but has since moved further afield, and the Granville Theatre, founded by Dan Leno in 1898, became television studios in 1955.

Since then, inner London influences have spilled over more into Fulham, with the expansion of the central shopping, tourist, entertainments, and administrative area. The transitory population of Earls Court has extended into West Kensington. Fashionable shops of Chelsea have spread to Fulham Road, and an upgrading of Victorian housing has led some to see the area, although still mixed, as an archetypal home of the Yuppie.

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Useful Addresses:

Hammersmith & Fulham Archives, Shepherds Bush Library,
7 Uxbridge Road, London W12 8LJ (Tel: 01-743 0910)

Fulham Local History Collection, Fulham Library, 598 Fulham Road, London SW6
5NX (Tel: 01-748 3020 ext. 3875)

Greater London Record Office, 40 Northampton Road, London EC1R 0AB
(Tel: 01-633 6851)

1897

This year was remembered as the year of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. It was a different celebration to the Golden Jubilee of 1887, when many of the crowned heads of Europe had attended, most of whom were related to the Queen. 1897 was a gathering of her other, larger, family. The visitors were not Princes and Kings but Colonial Premiers, come to give thanks with their Queen Empress. 1897 was a sumptuous celebration of the Empire.

The main event was in London on Jubilee Day, Tuesday 22 June, which the Queen had specially authorised as a Bank Holiday. A vast procession wound itself through London with contingents from all parts of the Commonwealth. witnessed, no doubt, by many of our forebears. My own Grandmother, as a girl of 8 was taken to see the procession, though she better remembered the funeral of the old Queen 4 years later.

The Troops that marched through London on Jubilee Day were encamped on Hounslow Heath. A sight that drew many visitors in the days before the procession. On Jubilee Day the troops marched up to London via Hounslow High Street. The Street was specially decorated, as were many other roads in the area.

"The loyalty of the town was fully set forth on Jubilee Day, and the exceptions to the rule were those who had no decorations not as we had been led to suspect those who had them. Of course, the line of route taken by the troops was more profuse in its adornment, but there was scarcely a house or street either near to or remote from the main roads or railways, but that shewed various signs that the inhabitants were fully alive to the all-important day, and were rejoicing in their own way that their Queen was celebrating her wonderful Jubilee. The strings of banners and flags suspended across the road formed a veritable canopy of colour for the troops, and every house little and big in the town was a real credit to the owners."

(Middlesex Chronicle June 26, 1897)

For those who could not be in London there were local celebrations in every town and village in the Country and throughout the Empire. Parties were held in every village for children, paid for from specially raised Jubilee funds. The surplus from one such fund, for Whitton, was £4, the money remaining was used to buy coal and coke for the poor that winter.

Less memorable was this report from The Times of August 9 1897 (Reprinted Aug. 9 1988), concerning the River Brent which flows through the centre of the West Middlesex area. When the Grand Junction Canal was built in the late 18th century it used the headwaters of the Brent for its water supply. It left the Brent with no source of water except that which came from local sewers.

A Pestilential River

“Our columns have testified for some times past to the pestilential condition of what by a strange piece of geographical irony is called the River Brent. The Brent, of course, was once a River, but for more than a hundred years it has been nothing but a geographical survival, a water course without water except as such as has been derived from riparian sewage. In plain English, what was once a river has now become an open sewer ,.... a festering ditch alike loathsome and dangerous. Its loathsomeness to the senses is attested by the fact that not long ago the service at Hanwell church had to be suspended on account of the stench; its danger to the public health is proved by the statement of the Rector of Hanwell that “within the last few weeks a curious mistake was made by an analyst to whom two samples of. Brent water had been submitted and who took one to be of the samples for crude sewage”.

Reading this, with the condition of the North Sea recently exposed, one is lead to wonder if anything changes for the better.

(The quotation from the Times was sent by Mrs. P. Day of Langley, Berkshire. I thought this piece, with a local account of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, would be of interest.)

Editor

ST. CATHERINE’S HOUSE COURIER SERVICE

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ODD ENTRY

Fordwich, Kent: Parish Registers.

“Alexander Hart (Serjeant to the town) aged 84 years was buried Aug. 27th 1740. He left liveing at his death 2 children of his own; 21 Grandchildren; and 13 Great Grandchildrens - Children: in all 30 branches sprange from that One old Root”.

Wendy Mott

PAST MEETINGS

June

“Nurse Children 1540 – 1750”

Gillian Clarke

This talk was subtitled “London’s First Evacuees”. It was about the almost undocumented fact that thousands of children were sent out at a very young age to wet and dry nurses in the country parishes around London. Almost the only way these children are remembered is in the burial registers of the parishes in which they were nursed. All social groups sent their children away, it is not known how the nurses were chosen or why the children were sent away.

The speaker had done a survey of many of the burial registers, 8,000 examples were found with almost every parish within forty miles of London represented and parishes up to sixty miles away used. It was a large cottage industry, with the poorer people in London using nearby parishes ie. Putney and Hornsey, whilst the richer went further out, ie. Tottenham and Chesham. The number out at nurse increased from 1540 to 1690, when the tax on burials may have caused many children to be unrecorded. The survey was continued up to 1750, after which time the data was confused by the practice of Foundling Hospitals sending out children to nurse.

The talk gave an insight into the way many of our ancestors may have spent their early years far away from their family. The speaker is to be congratulated on her work in discovering and tracing the many children who went out to nurse.

V.A.R.

July 8 - The 10th Anniversary Party

Thanks to David Hawkings, many helpers, and all of you, I think this can be regarded as an unqualified success.

Julia Zouch, with a willing team of helpers, and many delicious contributions produced a really super spread for us and Therese Caudell had baked and decorated the magnificent centre piece - a Family Tree Cake!

Mike Markwick, one of our “barmen” managed to find enough time to take some excellent photographs of people, very obviously, enjoying themselves. The only person who possibly didn’t was the caretaker as it proved difficult to get you all to go home when time was up.

Many new friends were made and old acquaintances renewed, and it was suggested that 11th, 12th, 13th, etc. anniversary parties would be very welcome. I think perhaps, we shall have to be satisfied, for the time being, with members evenings, but I look forward to toasting the W.M.F.H.S. once again with you in 1998.

Thank you all for making it such a memorable occasion.

Gill Pickup

August 13th Help and be Helped Evening

Did you ask for, offer or give help? Many did, which made this another successful meeting. Our most experienced members were ready to answer questions on notes and record keeping, early records, record offices, military records, Wills, regional genealogy, professions, the Society of Genealogists, census indexing, I.G.I., poor law and settlements and a one name study.

Several people helped beginners and an “are you stuck” table was ably manned.

Several potential new members were present and, hopefully, they have joined us. There were also visitors from abroad, one of whom had a very lucky break. Browsing at the Library stall, she came across a Queensland journal with a picture of some long-lost family on the front and a detailed article inside. She was about to return to Australia but has promised us an article for the journal, telling the full story, in the near future.
G.P.

September “Andrew Pears and his Transparent Soap” Andrea Cameron

This talk was the story of a family over nearly two hundred years and their involvement with the manufacture of soap. It was given by Andrea Cameron, the Local Studies Librarian and Archivist for Hounslow. The story started in Cornwall with a young man named Andrew Pears, whose family were farmers in St. Ewe. Andrew, though, trained as a barber and came to London to make his fortune. Setting up shop in Soho he noticed the poor condition of people’s skin, even the wealthy who could afford the best soap. He thought he could do better and endeavoured to produce his own soap, in this he succeeded. He manufactured the best soap of the time, 1789, with the added feature that it was transparent, therefore it must be pure. The original Andrew Pears was a cautious business man and never fully exploited his product.

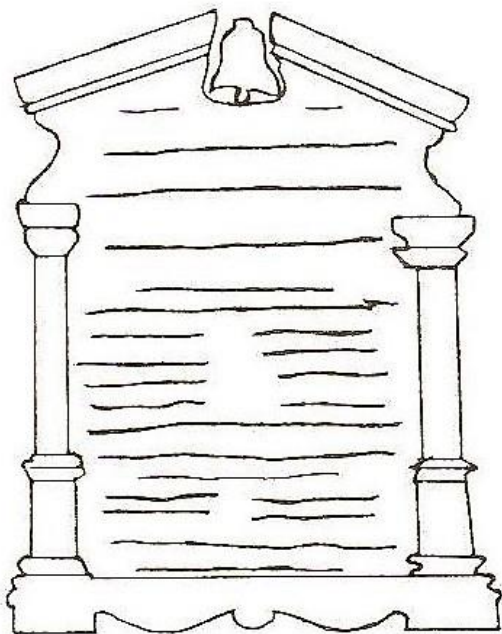
It was the move to Isleworth, in 1862, to a purpose-built factory and the entry into the business of Thomas J. Barrett at about the same time which changed the business. Barrett revolutionised the sale of the soap by his advertising methods, getting endorsements from famous people like Lily Langtry. His most famous advertisement was the use of the painting “Bubbles” by Sir John Millais. He was the father of modern advertising. While Thomas J. Barrett was selling the product, Andrew Pears, the great grandson of the founder, was running the business in Isleworth. He was a progressive employer, introducing a shorter working week, even a holiday with pay for Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee - unheard of for the time. He was also active in local charities and local affairs; it can be said Isleworth benefited from his factory. The Factory closed in 1962 a hundred years after opening, and production moved to Unilevers factories at Port Talbot.

The evening ended with a series of slides showing the factory and the house built by the Pears family, now part of Hounslow Borough College, but at one time used as Spring Grove School. A most enjoyable evening, illuminating in being both family history and local history at the same time.
V.A.R.

GENEALOGY THROUGH CAMPANOLOGY

VALERIE M. PAYNE

Unless you are a church bellringer or involved in the maintenance of a church you may not be aware of the existence of peal boards. Normally made of wood, in a variety of sizes, they adorn the belfry walls of most of our ancient parish churches. You may be able to trace your long-lost ancestors through peal boards which contain dates on which peals were rung together with the names of the participating ringers; they usually also name the Incumbents and Churchwardens at that time.



PEAL BOARD

There is a totally new and unique index, quite separate from state and ecclesiastical records, which contains this information plus inscriptions on bells which are generally inaccessible to the public. This could indicate the parish where the search may be started or resumed. As this index only covers the old county of Middlesex and the City of London it is appropriate that it will be ready for the tenth Anniversary of the founding of the Middlesex Family History Societies. Please note that due to the element of danger connected with the art of bellringing it is important that researchers do not go climbing among the bells in order to obtain information inscribed on them without being accompanied by the Tower Captain or qualified engineer; these duties require special insurance.

At the time of writing this article, numerous names are waiting to be claimed and provide a stepping stone to a census. In the meantime, successful research is taking place in discovering addresses, localities and activities of some bellringers (particularly for the end of the last century) which will enhance and enrich the index, supplying valuable information to the enquirer and being of interest to the family historian.

I have been most fortunate in having been granted access to manuscripts in private collections which give details of peal boards and inscriptions on bells in those churches which were devastated in the Second World War. The composition of this Peal Board Index has been possible only with the help and co-operation, generously given, of the Tower Captains and Bellringers who have supported this project.

Details from this Index may be obtained from the Middlesex County Association & London Diocesan Guild of Bellringers for a charge of £1 per surname, the proceeds will go into the Bellringers Restoration Fund (a registered charity) operated by the Association. The object of this fund is to finance necessary work on rings of bells in

parishes in the Association's area. Such work could include the recasting of a bell or a major rehangng programme. This would ease the burden on parish finances. The enquirer may be assured that their remittance will be used to help the continuance of our heritage.

For all orders for information please send a cheque or postal order made payable to M.C.A. & L.D.G. accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope. Overseas enquirers are requested to kindly send payment either by cheques in sterling drawn on a London Bank, or by International Money order together with two International Reply Coupons to:

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LOCAL RECORDS at the G.L.R.O.

The following records are among some recently deposited documents at the "Greater London Record Office" and are open for production. Connie Zouch

	Date	Call Number
Ealing		
Poor Rate Books	1827-1862	Acc2208/E/ 18 to 69
Overseers Parish Letter Book	1832-1834	Acc2208/E116
Parish Apprentices	1824-1828	Acc2208/E/124
Highway Rate Books	1846 & 1855 to 1875	Acc2208/E/ 150 to 175
District Rate Books	1863-1889	Acc2208/E/176 to 227
Brentford Union - Parish of Ealing		
Overseers Accounts	1924	Acc2208/E/232
Hanwell		
Poor Rate Books	1876-1893	Acc2208/H/ 1 to 37
Lighting Rate	1676-1885	Acc2208/H/ 38 to 56
Greenford		
Poor Rate Books	1902-1922	Acc2208/G/ 1 to 41
District Rate Books	1908-1922	Acc2208/G/ 42 to 69
Overseers Accounts	1884-1912	Acc2208/G/71
Valuation List	1907	Acc2208/G/72
Perivale		
Poor Rate Books	1889-1922	Acc2208/P/ 1 to 34
Valuation List	1907	Acc2208/P/ 35
Twyford		
Poor Rate Books	1900-1922	Acc2208/T/ 1 to 28
Valuation List	1907	Acc2208/T/ 29

TWO CONFERENCES

THE LURE OF LONDON - ONE DAY CONFERENCE

October 8th Friends Meeting House, Euston Road.

Impressions of a Steward

Arriving early to help, a somewhat harassed gentleman presented me with a large orange band proclaiming STEWARD - considered wearing it as a headband but settled for my arm, thus feeling rather like an escaped railroad worker. I hardly dared speak to our team at the front door of which Glyn at least was looking as if the worst experience of his life was about to happen.

Found myself stationed at the backdoor with the task of preventing any miscreants entering without registering. Soon after - my first culprit - a rather dapper gentleman who didn't look as if he'd be getting up to such things. He was duly challenged – “would you mind retracing your footsteps and entering at the front of the building where you need to register?” He looked somewhat startled, but before he could reply a body appeared at his right arm, withered me with a glance, and escorted him through the door - the wrong way. Can't win 'em all, I thought, and decided not to pursue them - probably just as well - it turned out to be Anthony Camp - the Director of the Society of Genealogists.

After that incident there was a steady stream of people leaving by my entrance, which I considered rather odd before the conference proper really got under way, until I realised it was also the exit to the Gents and Ladies.

As John Rayment headed to the platform; the building went quiet but suddenly another strayer with no badge tried to pass me. Fixing him with my gorgon look, I asked him if he'd registered - this time it turned out to be the caretaker so I decided it was time to give up and mounted to the overflow balcony.

No sooner did I arrive than there was a crash as someone unfortunately fell down the stairs. 15 minutes and several ambulance men later, we got underway. John Rayment as ever lightening the tension and introducing the first speaker John Landers, an anthropologist from University College, London, and the author of “Mortality and the Metropolis”.

With the approach of the coffee dash, I found myself shepherding some 500 people down an extremely narrow staircase to a basement restaurant. Amazingly there were no further mishaps and people soon returned safely to their seats in excellent humour thanks to the efficiency of the morning's proceedings. I bumped into Glyn again on my way back to my seat, this time looking almost human. It was at this point I recognised on stage the next speaker - Anthony Camp. There can't be many chairmen of Family History Societies who can claim to be unable to recognise the genealogist whose photo appears in Family Tree every month? The only excuse I have is that early morning never finds me at my best.

After Mr. Camp on “They came to London” followed by Jim Golland’s talk “Compelled to Weep” on London Apprentices, we were amazingly back on schedule and ready for lunch - about which the less said the better, unless, of course you brought your own. The bookstalls did a roaring trade and many old and new contacts were made at the Society stalls. Glyn was actually discovered sitting down and smiling - with good reason.

The afternoon brought two more excellent lecturers John Neal, late from the Metropolitan Police, on the “Changing Scene of Docklands” and Geoffrey Swinfield, Director of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies on “Finding London Records”. The raffle was also drawn, Mr. Swinfield unfortunately proving to be colourblind? - or perhaps it was the hall lighting. All was finally resolved and we settled down for the final questions and summing up. Miraculously, we again finished on time, and thanks to the excellent organisation, quality of the speakers and suitability of the venue, left tiredly for home.

It can’t have been much fun organising 11 different societies, with a postal strike to boot, and the organising committee are certainly to be congratulated. GP

The Conference took some 14 months to plan and involved the 11 family history societies in and around London. It was the largest Family History Conference ever held in Great Britain.

Over 650 people attended the event including exhibitors, and the total number of applications to attend reached a figure in excess of 720. In the last two weeks previous to the event, applications and cheques were being returned at the rate of 3 per day. Glyn Morgan

“VILLAGES WITHIN THE CITY”

Several members of this society attended the conference at Avery Hill College, Eltham on 9-11 September, hosted by North West Kent F.H.S. 350 people attended and we were told by John Rayment that it was the largest conference ever; it was well organised and the helpful stewards and organisers were easy to find by their flower buttonholes.

Unfortunately, we missed the opening address by Anthony Camp who, we understand gave as usual, a well informed and entertaining speech. According to my scribbled notes, the two lectures I most enjoyed were Robert Thorne’s “The March of Bricks and Mortar” which dealt with the spread of suburbia during Victorian times. We learnt of one little known source for the family historian and local historians, it is the magazine “The Builder” which contains many useful articles. The speaker has undertaken the enormous task of producing an index of the earlier issues. The other lecture was “A Fine and Private Place”. The speaker James Curl gave a lively view of the 19th century international cemeteries illustrated with delightful slides of tombstones and their resting places.

A friend who attended the lecture on Deptford was most impressed with the expertise of the speaker Carl Harrison on the records of this unappreciated but important town in Kent. On Saturday afternoon, the meetings of the Federation of Family History Societies and the Guild of One Name Studies were held. The rest of the conference had the choice of various social activities.

A number of us decided to stay on the campus and view the various exhibitions and bookstalls scattered over the complex. Other members of our society visited the village of Aylesford and had cream teas, much to the envy of the rest of us.

In the evening, the sherry reception was held out of doors as the weather was good. There was a splendid mix with members of other societies and I even met someone who could be a fourth cousin once removed. After dinner there was an entertainment of Victorian songs and ballads. Then there were the usual late-night gatherings. Our group discussed the forthcoming London Regions Family History Conference until the early hours.

The last event of the weekend was the reception held for the Societies which celebrated their tenth anniversary this year. The Birthday cake was cut by John Rayment, he was one of the people responsible for setting up the Middlesex Societies and who chaired the first meeting of this society. We were joined by 3 of the founder members of the West Middlesex society for this event.

We would like to thank our hosts, the North West Kent F.H.S. for a most enjoyable weekend. They had numerous difficulties to overcome including the fact that there was no lecture hall available, so they had to hire two marquees for the lectures. So besides being the largest conference, it was the first to be held under canvas, luckily it was a dry weekend.

Yvonne Woodbridge

HAMPTON FOOTBALL TEAM

Mrs. Rosemary Cleaver of the West Surrey F.H.S. has sent a copy of a photograph of St. James' Football Club, Hampton Hill, 1899-1900 which includes the following players:

W Shaw,	Rev. E S Philips, B.A.	Rev. C R Job, M.A.	S. Rudland
S Dobson	Mr. A E Basey (Hon Sec.)	A Smith J. Togg,	W. Grimes
P Lush	Rowland Moores (Hon. Treas.)	A. Boulnois,	A. Cox,
G. Mills,	A. Shorter (Captain)		

She also has a photograph of the team for 1902-3 which has the following players:

G Singleton (linesman);	A E Basey (Hon Sec.);	G Mills;	H Ives;	F H Storey;
H Jarvis (Asst. Sec.);	L Singleton;	W Dobson (Referee);	Rev. R Phillips;	
S A Rudland (Vice Capt.);	J Newton;	S E Dobson (Capt.)	W. Grimes (Treas);	
Rev. C R Job M.A. (President);	A Coe;	F. Jarvis		

Anyone interested in seeing the later picture is welcome to contact:

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The Market Gardeners of West Middlesex

Following my perennial attempts to make something grow in my back garden, I often wish I had inherited some of the skills of one of my forebears who worked as a gardener in a Hammersmith market garden during the 1840's.

From the early seventeenth century much of West Middlesex was given over to the cultivation of fruit and vegetables to supply London's growing demand for food. As the population of London increased so too did the prosperity of those areas where market gardens had been established.

In their heyday between the mid eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the market gardens employed large numbers of local and not so local people as gardeners, labourers, carriers etc.

Listed in this article are the market gardeners of West Middlesex, extracted from Pigot's Directory of 1840. There are many well known families shown, such as the Matyears of Fulham, and the analysis also shows, possibly, members of the same families with interests in other parts of the county.

Please note the location shown refers to the general area which may not necessarily be the actual town or village stated.

ADAMS	JAMES	F	CLARK	JAMES	H
ALLEN	CHARLES	B	CLARK	Wm. MINSHON	I
ASHLEY	LUCY	C	COCK	WILLIAM	C
AUSTIN	WILLIAM	S	COLEMAN	JOHN	HW
AYRES	WILLIAM	F	COLLEY	RICHARD	HH
BACCHUS	JAMES	H	COOMER	RICHARD	F
BAGLEY	GEORGE	F	COOPER	JOHN	HH
BAGLEY	WARWICK	HH	COX	ANN	I
BAGLEY	WILLIAM	F	CROMWELL	JOHN	S
BAGLEY	Wm. &		CROUCH	JOHN	F
	JOSHUA	F	CULVER	WILLIAM	F
BAGSTER	WILLIAM	A	DANCER	ALEXANDER	F
BALDWIN	JAMES	C	DANCER	FRANCIS	C
BARNHAM	JAMES	HW	DANCER	WILLIAM	C
BEACH	JAMES	HW	DAY	JOHN	H
BEACH	Mrs	I	DEAN	EDWARD	C
BENHAM	CHARLES	I	DEDMAN	THOMAS	H
BENHAM	JOSEPH	HW	DOBSON	GEORGE	H
BOWER	GEORGE	F	EDWARDS	ELIAS	HW
BROADBENT	SAMUEL	F	ELLIOT	CHARLES	C
BROWN	WILLIAM	H	FITCH	DANIEL,	F
BURNHAM	REBECCA	H		HENRY &	
BURSELL	RICHARD	B		WILLIAM	
BURSELL	THOMAS	B	FLINT	Mrs	I
BURSILL	JAMES	C	FROMOW	ANN	C
CHALK	SOLOMON	F	FULLER	THOMAS	F
CHANDLER	JOHN	F	GARDNER	GEORGE	I
CHAPMAN	CHARLES	I	GARDNER	GEORGE	S
CHAPMAN	JOHN	I	GARDNER	JOHN	I
CLARENCE	JOHN	F	GEARY	JAMES	T

GOATER	THOMAS	F	PHILIP	BENJAMIN	
GOLDWIN	JOHN	B		BATTEN	HW
GOODENOUGH	FRANS.	I	PHILIP	RICHARD	
GOSWELL	WILLIAM	T		WICKLIFFE	HW
GREEN	PHILIP	H	POOLE	WILLIAM	I
GREEN	ROBERT	C	PICKLE	JOHN	T
GYETT	JOHN	H	PORTSMOUTH	GEORGE	I
HALL	GEORGE	B	POUPART	JAMES	F
HANCOCK	CORNELIUS	C	POWELL	WILLIAM	I
HARWOOD	ANN	F	PRATT	JOHN	I
HATCHMAN	WILLIAM	HW	PURROTT	THOMAS	I
HEMMETT	BENJAMIN	C	RANCE	HENRY	C
HODGES	ROBERT	H	RANCE	HENRY	E
HOWELL & PIPER		C	RAPER	JOHN	HW
HUMPHREY	JNO.	HW	RATTY	PAUL	F
HUNT	JOHN	HW	RICHARDSON	GEORGE	I
JACOBS	WILLIAM	I	RICHARDSON	JAMES	T
JEFFREYS	ABRAHAM	C	RICHARDSON	JOHN	T
JEFFREYS	HARRY	C	RICHENS	JAMES	I
JESSOP	JOSEPH	HW	ROLFE	THOMAS	HW
JONES	SAMUEL	B	ROBERTS	WILLIAM	H
JONES	WILLIAM	I	ROPER	JAMES	I
KENDALL	RICHARD	I	SALMON	FREDERICK	HW
KENDALL	WILLIAM	I	SALTER	JAMES	F
KNEVETT	CHARLES	C	SETH	JOHN	T
KNEVETT	HENRY	I	SMITH	RICHARD	T
KNEVETT	SAMUEL	E	SMITH	WILLIAM	C
KNEVETT	THOMAS	I	SMITH	Wm. GEORGE	T
LEE	EDWARD	H	STANBOROUGH	C.H.	I
LEONARD	EDWARD	SY	STANLEY	WILLIAM	F
LEWIS	LLEWLYN	I	STEEL	RICHARD	F
MALCOLM	ALLEN	B	STONELY	HENRY	T
MANN	EDWARD	I	STORY	JAMES	B
MANN	WILLIAM	I	STYLES	HENRY	F
MARTIN	HENRY	H	TATTERSALL	GEORGE	HW
MASTER	REUBEN	H	TAYLOR	MARY	F
MATYEAR	GEORGE Hy.	C	TIMS	THOMAS	F
MATYEAR	ROBERT	F	THOMPSON	JOHN	E
MATYEAR	WILLIAM	F	TRUMPER	ROBERT	I
MAY	JOHN	T	TURNER	WILLIAM	F
MCCOMBIE	GEORGE	HW	VAUGHAN	THOMAS	C
MCCOMBIE	JOSEPH	T	VAUGHAN	WILLIAM	B
MERCER	SAMUEL	C	VOLLER	THOMAS	SY
MEYERS	JUDY	B	WALLACE	HENRY	B
MILLS	WILLIAM	C	WARNER	HENRY	F
MILLWOOD	JAMES	H	WARREN	WILLIAM	I
MOORE	GEORGE COLTON	F	WELLS	HENRY	E
MULCOCK	THOMAS	E	WELLS	WILLIAM	H
NEWELL	THOMAS	B	WILCOX	FREDERICK	F
NEWMAN	MATTHEW	HW	WILLMER	JOHN	
NORPIS	JAMES	I		THOMAS	SY
PARRY	WALTER	F	WILMOT	JOHN	I
PEAKE	WILLIAM	T	YELDHAM	JOSEPH	F
PERRY	RICHARD	F			

A – Acton; B – Brentford; C – Chiswick; E – Ealing;
 F – Fulham; H – Hammersmith; HH – Harmondsworth; HW – Hounslow
 I – Isleworth; S – Staines SY – Sunbury; T- Twickenham

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Society

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Unfortunately the following address was omitted from our Member's Interests booklet.

H31	M.J.F. HAILWOOD	9 Penton Ave. Staines, Middlesex TW18 2NA
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AND THEIR SURNAME INTERESTS

BAILEY	18-19 c. Middlesex	M50	LANGHAM	19 cent. Wisbech	Cam F25
	18-19 c. Buckinghamshire	M50	LARKIN	18-19c. Isleworth	Mdx C62
BANTIN	1900's Acton	Mdx B78	LEDNER	19 cent. Canterbury	Ken L31
	1900's Faringdon	Ldn B78		19 cent. Dover	Ken L31
	1900's Oxfordshire	B78	LEVESQUE	any all	all V2
BARLEY	19 cent. Bedford	Bdf M55	LEWIS	18-19c. Hanwell	Mdx C62
BATEMAN	17-18 c. Middlesex	M50		18-19c. Isleworth	Mdx C62
	17-18 c. Buckinghamshire	M50		18-19c. Brentford	Mdx C62
BELCH	18-19 c. Middlesex	M50	LODGE	1850 Yeovil	Som G42
	18-19 c. Hertfordshire	M50	MacDONALD	19 cent.	
BRADBURY	19 cent. Winsford	Chs N9		Leamington Spa	War M55
BURDETT	20 cent. Hounslow	Mdx M55	McLEAN	any Carlisle	Cum M54
	19 cent. Bournemouth	Dor M55	MIDDLETON	20 cent.	
BUSSE	18 cent. Westminster	Lon C65		Hillingdon	Mdx B77
	18 cent. Medway	Ken C65		19 cent.	
BYE	18 cent. Stetchworth	Cam N9		Tottenham	Mdx B77
CALEY	19 cent. Stafford	Sts M55	MULLINS	19 cent. Chiswick	Mdx H71
CARPENTER	1800 Hammersmith	Mdx C65	NODEN	19 cent. Winsford	Chs N9
CAVENDISH	19 cent. Chiswick	Mdx H71		19 cent. Northwich	Chs N9
CLAY	19 cent. Leicestershire	C64	PESTELL	19 cent. Palling	Nfk F25
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CUBITT	19 cent. Old Newton &		POYNTON-KENCH		
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	18 cent. Worstead	Nfk C63	PREUS	20 cent. Surrey	B77
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FARROW	19 cent. Hammersmith	Mdx F25	SHANLEY	18-19 c. Chelsea	Mdx B79
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HACKETT	19 cent.	C64	WELLINGTON	20 cent.	
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	19 cent. Long Melford	Sfk C64	WHITELOCK	1850 Blackford	Som G42
JASPER	any East Ham	Lon M54	WILKINS	19 cent.	
JONES	19 cent. Middlesex	J25		Maidstone	Ken C64

These lists of members surname interests are given in a condensed form, so as to give as much information as possible in the minimum of space, and to make the search for a specific name relatively easy. In most cases the date will indicate a period, the place and a general area. All abbreviations for counties are given according to Chapman County Codes. The full listing of which is given in the Member's Surname Interests Directory just distributed to all members.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE FAMILY HISTORIAN ENQUIRE WITHIN-F.C. Markwell & Pauline Saul

This marvellous compendium of information about family history was a great book in its former edition of 140 pages and stapled format, but the new edition goes to 223 pages, is block bound and has much clearer type style. All those little odd queries you have always wanted the answer to from time to time, as you have worked through your research, are dealt with in this book. What are all those abbreviations and extra entries on the IGI? Where do I begin to look for Scottish, Welsh or Irish or special ancestors? What Livery Companies are there about and where are their records? What are Manor Court Rolls? These are only a few of the questions with which this book will provide guidance and a preliminary answer.

At £4.25 a copy, this book is marvellous value.

WAS YOUR GRANDFATHER A RAILWAYMAN? - Tom Richards

This booklet published in connection with the FFHS, lists all the archive sources where railway records are deposited. In its 40 pages, the author seems to have located the whereabouts of so many of the small insignificant railways that sprang up in the last century. For instance, if your ancestor worked for the Stockton and Darlington Railway, would you like a peep at the job applications for 1832 to 1837? - this booklet tells you these records are at the PRO. The records too are not confined to railways in this country, but embrace information about Australia, New Zealand, Canada, America and India.

Price £1.75 plus postage.

MCLAUGHLIN GUIDES

These modestly priced and well-known guides are beginning to appear in new and revised editions with greatly improved layout and type style. The three latest are:

Parish Registers, Laying Out a Pedigree, and Simple Latin for Family Historians.
Glyn Morgan

WHAT'S IN A NAME

MARSHALL

This name has grand connections. The highest ranks of the Army (Field Marshall) and Airforce (Marshall of the Royal Airforce) incorporate it. Also, the premier Earl, actually the Duke of Norfolk, is the Earl Marshall, responsible for organising all Royal Ceremonial occasions. In this form the word comes from the men who arranged the people at Royal feasts or in battle. The name also has a lowlier origin. A marshall was also someone who tended horse or treated their diseases. A kind of horse doctor or farrier.

THE EDITOR

We have had a busy year with our Tenth Anniversary party in July, see the report earlier in the journal. We have also published the second booklet containing member's surname interests and also four census indexes on micro-fiche, with more to follow. Then in October we had the London Region Family History Conference, a joint effort by the 11 Family History Societies around London.

At the Conference we had a very successful day with the bookstall, and hopefully recruited some new members. Though one lady went through all our books making notes on census records and Member's Interests, without buying any, and seemed grieved that the Twickenham Census was on microfiche and she could not see it. Perhaps she thought we should have brought a reader for her use.

The last Journal contained an article on the County of Middlesex and how the Friends of Middlesex are trying to keep the name of the County alive. Having delivered the proofs to the printer, I was driving home when I caught on the radio a programme about another opposition to the 1974 County Boundary Changes. There is also an East Yorkshire Action Group that campaigns against the Humberside County Council, which covers East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire. Thus, denying Yorkshire men their birth right. Revolutions have started for lesser causes.

There is also the example of the new county of Avon, where people still want to be in Somerset; and Cumbria, another artificial county, where the people of Barrow in Furness have little relation with the county capital of Carlisle. There was an interview with Russell Grant, the founder of the "Friends of Middlesex", in which he castigated the bureaucrats who found the old counties inconvenient and preferred to arrange things to suit themselves, rather than go by the ancient system.

There was an article in the Evening Standard of Monday 17 October, which reported the overcrowding at St. Catherine's House in London. Apparently 4,000 people now visit the rooms on a daily basis – "Elbowing each other aside, visitors scramble for space to open the indexes and steal each other's standing room if someone so much as goes to get another book." Sounds only too familiar. There is one solution. The Indexes are now available on Microfiche, all you need is someone to buy you a set for Christmas, only £7,460 for the complete indexes, back to 1837!

In this Journal I have introduced the practice of including married women's maiden names on their articles. If other married ladies would like to include their maiden name when writing for the Journal, I will be pleased to print it.

JOURNAL DEADLINE

Material for inclusion in the next journal must be with the Editor by February 1 for the March issue. Please keep up a good flow of articles, of any length, remember it is your journal, I am only the Editor.

INDEXES HELD BY MEMBERS

These indexes are to help with research in the West Middlesex area, they are open to all enquirers, for members of the Society the fees are as stated, could all correspondents please quote their membership number. Fees for non members of the society are double what is indicated below.

WEST MIDDLESEX MARRIAGE INDEX

This covers more than 40 parishes mainly in the West Middlesex area, but also some in other parts of Middlesex (39,000 entries). All marriages prior to 1837, enquiries for specific marriages 50p, general searches £1 per name, plus SAE in all cases to:
Mr. Vic Gale, 53 Liberty Lane, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey KT15 1NQ

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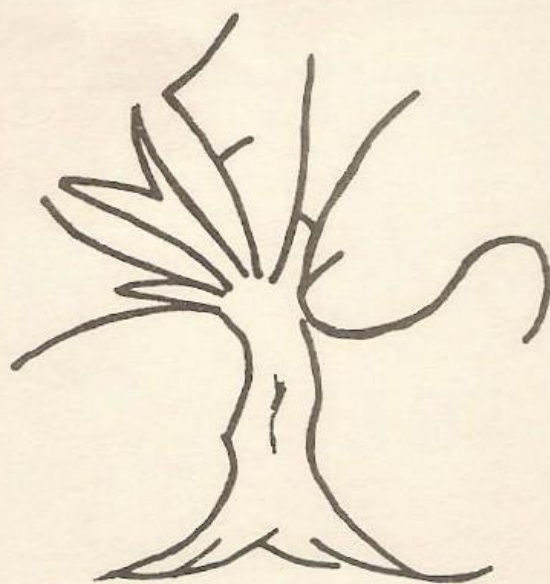
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