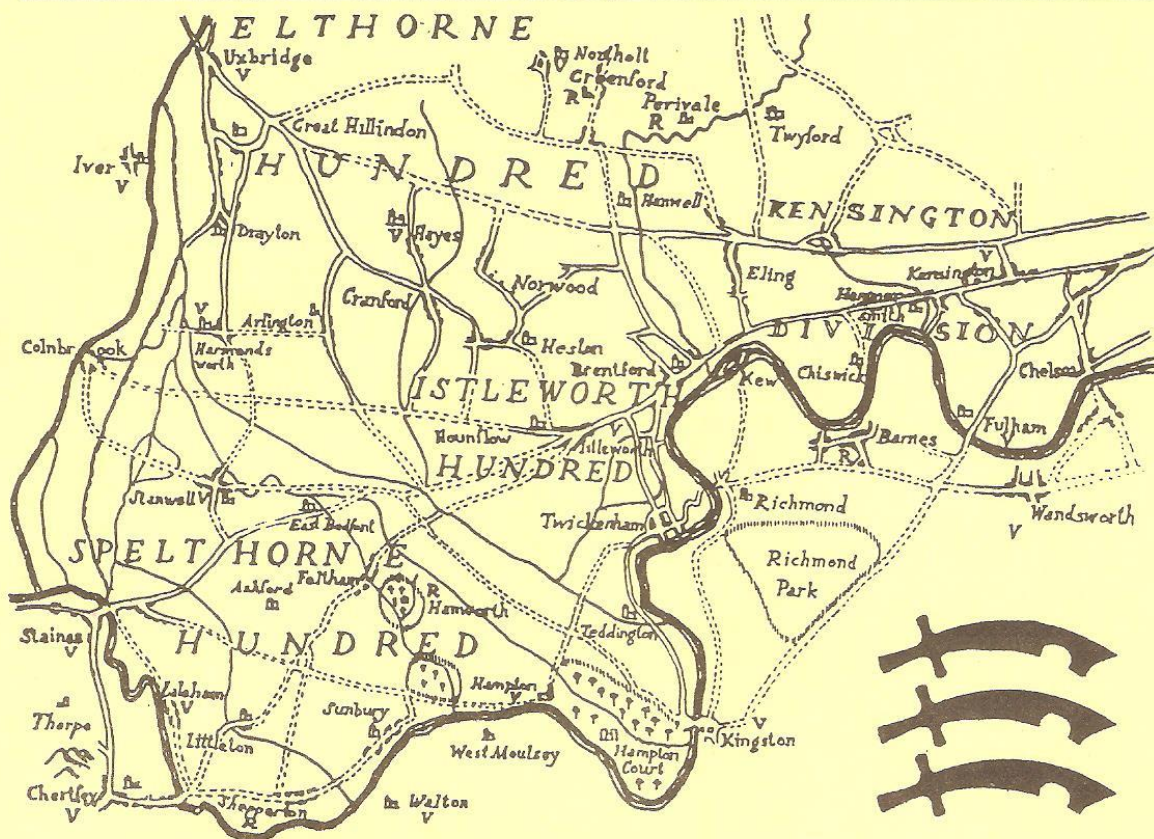


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MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Janet Huckle

Well I'm back from my holiday in Scotland, back to work, and back to the chores of everyday life. But I was able to visit the village where some of my ancestors lived. Reels of photographs, a local museum visit and handful of tourist information handouts and I have returned with a greater understanding of my ancestors' way of life. Most Scottish towns have a Tourist information Office, and the staff were so helpful, it made my visit really pleasant and absorbing. I can't say that my husband is any more interested in my hobby, but he is quite a dab hand at spotting the right name on tombstone, and not bad when it comes to a bit of transcription. For his part of our holiday we walked, climbed hills and visited nature reserves. Apparently I got an extra Brownie point for spotting a great skua!

I have been wondering what I could, or should, write for the Journal this time. I have had a number of letters from people overseas and it has made me wonder if they find us, in the UK, helpful. It is our hope that the Journal is an aid to those not familiar with our country. Although the distances on a map may appear small compared with those of, say Australia, we do not find it any easier to travel from town to town. At our meetings we have folders which contain information about towns and their Record Offices and we recommend that enquiries are made before a visit to one of these offices. There are sometimes closures, for various reasons, as well as limited places in some. We are a member of The Federation of Family History Societies and the journal of this organisation (*Family History News and Digest*) lists all member Societies and their contact member. Enquiries to anyone should contain postage if you want to be sure of an answer. As I have mentioned before, we do have overseas members attending our meetings and we are very pleased to know that they have managed to fit us into their itinerary.

In early October, Wendy, Yvonne and I attended a Federation seminar on Monumental Inscriptions and War Memorials in York, which was very interesting and informative. The coordinator of The National Inventory of War Memorials, Catherine Moriarty, is really committed to collecting almost any information concerning the war dead of all wars. The Inventory has already been used as a resource for a series of programmes Men with Splendid Hearts which was screened on BBC 2 in November- We, as a Society, should be involved in this project. It takes little or no time or energy. If you are aware of a memorial, in a shop, factory, school, etc., please note it. We should soon (perhaps at the November meeting) have a record of which memorials have already been entered. This information will also be in the next issue of the Journal.

On 1st October we began work on our computerised index of Vic Gale's Marriage Index (see page 5). On 24th October I am going solo to Oxford for the conference on Computers in Family History, but I'm bound to meet someone I know ! And on 14th November I shall be at the West Surrey Open Day. If you're at any of these venues do please introduce yourself. Finally, don't forget that the census rooms are open on Saturdays, on an experimental basis until the end of the year. If not enough people attend, then the experiment will be abandoned. If it is well supported then it is possible that other archive centres might open on Saturdays as well.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Yvonne Woodbridge

I hope you all had some success with your research and will be able to sort out your papers during the winter months. It is the usual problem, you collect information and find yourself smothered with paper. This winter, I plan to sort out my research and file it neatly away, if I can find the time!

Anyone interested in Twickenham '92? If so, you may be interested to know that the residents are trying to establish a Twickszenharn Museum in the stables of Orleans House. To join the Friends of Twickenharn Museum, send £3.00 to Eira Jessel, The Old Courthouse, Hampton Court, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 QBW.

I see Halherfs Family Heritage is drumming up custom again. I have received an offer for the World Book of Woodbridges, all for £19.95. It will tell me what the name means and illustrate a unique heraldic blazon granted to an early Woodbridge. This information is easy to discover in the local library. For me, the only useful item in the book is a worldwide register of families with the same name. The unwary may consider this the perfect Christmas present for a family historian, but in my view it is not worth £20!

Many of the beginners that attend our meetings would like to know the procedures when visiting London record offices, so the committee hope to arrange to take members for their first visit. As the PRO have opened the census rooms on Saturdays, and are considering making other changes to suit the public in their other offices, we may be able to arrange to take members who live out of London or who work there. Watch this space.

Among the services provided by volunteer members of our Society is the St Catharine's House courier service offered by Pam Morgan. This service, and the help and advice given by Pam has helped many other members in their researches. In addition, over the last 18 months, it has raised over £150 for the Society.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Stanmore and Harrow Historical Society

On Saturday, February 27th 1993, a local history day will be held at the Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip, on the theme *Jubilees and Celebrations*.

The Return of Owners of Land 1873

Microfiche of the above are available through the West Surrey FHS, for the counties of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cornwall, Northamptonshire, Somerset, Suffolk, Warwickshire, Wiltshire and Yorkshire (West Riding). These comprise alphabetical listings of landowners, with their addresses, and the extent and value of their property. The returns for Surrey and for Middlesex, (both excluding the Metropolis) are available in book form. For details and prices, please write to Mrs Rosemary Cleaver, 17 Lane End Drive, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey GU21 2QQ.

Holy Trinity, Brompton Road – Burials

The London and North Middlesex Family History Society are currently undertaking to index the burial records of Holy Trinity, Brompton Road, from 1829 onwards. If you can help with copying and checking, please contact the project coordinator, Mrs Doreen Willcocks, 27 Manor Road, Barnet, Herts. Parts of the registers which have been completed (1829-1845) have been incorporated into the Wilcocks Index of MIs and burials, which includes entries from parishes in Chelsea, Fulham and Kensington. For full details of coverage and fees, please contact Mrs Willcocks.

Census Rooms at the PRO

Another reminder that the Census Search Rooms at the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane are currently open with full service all day on Saturdays. This was originally planned as a trial period until December, to be reviewed according to demand. By late September, attendances were reaching 306 or more, after a fairly slow start earlier in the summer. Remember, if you want the service to continue, make sure you use it now !

The Parish Registers of West Middlesex – Update

SHEPPERTON, St Nicholas. Pre-20th century registers are now at the GLRO. In addition, Valerie Brooking, archivist for St Nicholas PCC, and Chairman of Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society, has entered the following onto a computer, from copies of the original registers: C 1813-1922, M 1813-1919, B 1813-1905. This is part of a continuing project to input all register entries up to 1950. Mrs Brooking has indicated that she is willing to accept enquiries relating to the parish records of St Nicholas, on receipt of a SAE.

Mrs V. Brooking, 30 Lindsay Drive, Shepperton, Middlesex TW17 8JU

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following meetings have been planned for 1993:

January 21st	<i>West Middlesex Churches</i> - a talk by Pam Clarke
February 18th	<i>To Be Announced</i>
March 18th	<i>Coastguards</i> - a talk by Eileen Stage

The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow (just off the High Street), and start at 7.30 pm.

MARRIAGE INDEX COMPUTER PROJECT

The latest meeting of the Computer Group at Montague Hall, on October 1st, saw the launch of the first project: to computerise the West Middlesex Marriage Index, compiled by Vic Gale and his helpers, and now containing around 50,000 marriages. The project will involve transcribing details of these marriages, and after checking, combining the results in a single database. It will assist in the searching for a marriage, and, in particular, in entering further records; the need for hand typing and sorting of slips will be avoided. A preliminary meeting of the Computer Group in August allowed members to input a few records, and was helpful in identifying any potential problems with the planned approach. Since then, a great deal of work has been put in by Margaret and William Comben, in planning the project, preparing a set of guidance notes for transcribers, and in developing a program which allows transcribers to check the results of their own work, by ensuring that they are in the correct format. Janet Haggar has now taken on the task of coordinating the project, and distributing diskettes and batches for inputting. The index will be transcribed twice, with the computer being used to compare the two copies, in order to correct any errors.

If you have access to a computer with a word processor or text editor program, and would like to participate in this project, your help would be greatly appreciated. Input can be accepted from both PC-compatibles, and Amstrad PCWs. (If you have a different type of machine, and wish to help, please contact William Comben who will be able to advise.) Transcription is from typed sheets, so that there is no requirement to decipher difficult handwriting! If you would like details of the project, please contact Janet Haggar, (*9 Mandeville Road, Stepperton, Middlesex TW17 0AL*), Margaret or William Comben, or Richard Chapman. It is a big job so the more helpers we have, the better!

Richard Chapman

POSTAL BOOK SERVICE

Jim Devine

The following list has been compiled from the publications of local history societies in and around the West Middlesex area. It is intended as a service for the particular benefit of members of our Society living overseas and elsewhere in this country, who might not know of these books or be able to obtain them. It is not claimed to be an exhaustive list by any means, and will continually be added to, amended and updated. It is hoped that our members living within the West Middlesex area will make their own arrangements to obtain copies, if required. Sources of supply can be obtained from Jim Devine.

Orders, with cheque in sterling please, to include postage and packing, and made out to West Middlesex FHS, should be sent to: *Jim Devine, 35 Ravensdale Road, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex TW16 6PJ (Tel. 0932-784397)*. Unfortunately, due to the high cost of postage, will overseas members please double all the postal charges shown.

	Price	P/P	Total
Acton As It Was	3.95	0.60	4.55
Acton 1484-1984	1.00	0.40	1.40
Acton Schools 1817-1965	1.00	0.40	1.40
1842 - The Tithes (Acton Farms and Farming I)	1.00	0.40	1.40
The Common Fields (Acton Farms and Farming II)	1.00	0.40	1.40
A New Landscape (Acton Farms and Farming III)	1.00	0.40	1.40
Acton Inns and Pubs	2.00	0.50	2.50
Soapsud Island (Acton Laundries)	2.00	0.50	2.50
The Rectors of Acton	2.00	0.50	2.50
The Building of Bedford Park (Acton)	4.00	0.60	4.60
The Brickfields of Acton	3.50	0.50	4.00
A History of Ashford (Middx) 1066-1940	4.25	0.60	4.85
Barnes and Mortlake Remembered	4.20	0.80	5.00
Barnes and Mortlake As It Was	3.60	0.80	4.40
Early Working Class Education in Barnes	0.95	0.50	1.45
Glimpses of Barnes, Mortlake and East Sheen	1.25	0.75	2.00
Market Gardens of Barnes and Mortlake	2.90	0.80	3.70
Street Names of Barnes, Mortlake and East Sheen	0.90	0.75	1.65
Bedfont - An Outline History	2.00	0.50	2.50
Old Photographs of Bedfont, Feltham and Hanworth	3.95	0.55	4.50
Brentford and Chiswick As It Was	3.20	0.55	3.75
Brentford As It Was	3.20	0.55	3.75
Sarah Trimmer of Brentford and Her Children	4.50	0.55	5.05
The Life and Works of Sarah Trimmer	0.50	0.35	0.85
West London Nursery Gardens: The Nursery Gardens of Chelsea, Fulham, Hammersmith and Kensington	4.50	0.55	5.05

Chiswick As It Was	3.60	0.55	4.15
Chiswick	12.00	1.45	13.45
Ealing As It Was	4.40	0.60	5.00
Ealing in the 1930s and '40s	3.95	0.60	4.55
Environs of Ealing in Old Photographs	3.95	0.60	4.55
The Story of Ealing Common	2.50	0.50	3.00
The Grover Family of Ealing	0.35	0.35	0.70
Scenes of 18th Century Ealing	0.50	0.35	0.85
A Perambulation at Ealing	1.25	0.60	1.85
Eastcote: From Village to Suburb	3.50	0.75	4.25
Growth of East Sheen in the Victorian Era	0.95	0.50	1.45
Bygone Feltham	2.75	0.50	3.25
Fulham In The Second World War	3.50	0.60	4.10
Street Names of Fulham and Hammersmith	1.00	0.40	1.40
Memories of a London Childhood (In North End Road, Fulham)	2.00	0.50	2.50
Fulham As It Was	3.20	0.55	3.75
Hammersmith and Fulham Through 1500 Years	3.00	0.55	3.55
A History of Hammersmith	4.50	0.55	5.05
Paupers' Paradise. Poor Relief in Hammersmith 1899-1907	1.00	0.40	1.40
St Georges Church, Hanworth	0.60	0.45	1.05
A Concise History of Hayes	3.50	0.75	4.25
History of Heathrow	3.90	0.55	4.45
Hounslow As It Was	3.00	0.55	3.55
Looking Back On Hounslow High Street and District	3.40	0.55	3.95
The Story of Ickenham	3.50	0.75	4.25
Sixtieth Anniversary of the Royal British Legion: Isleworth Branch (includes Rolls of Honour)	0.50	0.45	0.95
Isleworth Blue School	2.75	0.50	3.25
Isleworth As It Was	2.90	0.55	3.45
The Middlesex Village Book	5.95	0.75	6.70
Alleyways of Mortlake	4.95	0.80	5.75
Shepherds Bush Markets and Traders	2.00	0.50	2.50
Around the Bush: A History of Shepherds Bush from the 18th century to date	2.00	0.50	2.50
Around the Bush: The War Years 1914-18 and 1939-45	2.25	0.55	2.80
Ada Matthews: Recollections of life in Shepherds Bush	1.00	0.35	1.35
Shepherds Bush - The Dickens Connection	3.95	0.55	4.50
Property Owners of Shepperton in 1839	1.00	0.40	1.40
Sunbury and Shepperton Then and Now	4.50	0.60	5.10
A History of Sunbury Pubs	2.50	0.55	3.05
History of Sunbury-on-Thames	2.75	0.55	3.30
St Margarets: A Bankers House and its Contents in 1817	3.00	0.65	3.65
Uxbridge At War - 1939-1945	1.80	0.50	2.30
Uxbridge: A Concise History	3.50	0.75	4.25
Recollections of Uxbridge	1.95	0.75	2.70

In the September Journal I mentioned that we had decided to link u with P Network 11 Tape Library, and to produce tapes of our meetings I am happy to say that we have now produced the following tapes which were recorded at the March, May, July and October meetings:

<i>One Name Study (Waddel, Weddell, Dowdell, Odell, Woodhall, Udall, Wahull, Gwydel)</i>	Freda Bingley
<i>In Search of Golden Thompson</i>	Norman Holding
<i>Curious Last Requests</i>	Julian Litten
<i>Family History Can be Fun</i>	Jim Golland

These tapes may be hired, at the cost of £1.25 including postage and packing, for 14 days. Please make all cheques payable to West Middlesex FHS. Please give name, address and telephone number, and your FHS and membership number (UK MEMBERS ONLY). Send your requests to West Middlesex FHS, Tape Library, 18A Gordon Road, Asbford, Middlesex TW15 3EU . I hope this will be useful to out of town members and I would welcome your comments.

The following list of tapes can be hired from the Woolwich and District FHS. Charges and details are as above, except that payments should be made to Woolwich and District FHS, and requests sent to Woolwich and District FHS Tape Library, 129 Yorkland Avenue, Welling, Kent DA16 2LQ. .

<i>Background Reading to Family History</i>	Michael Gandy
<i>Bexley, Its History and Records</i>	Malcolm Barr-Hamilton
<i>Poll and Rate Books and Electoral Rolls (Their Limitations)</i>	Barbara Ludlow
<i>Registration</i>	June Lewis
<i>School Records</i>	Ron Cox
<i>Members' Questions and Answers Meeting</i>	
<i>Trade Union Records</i>	David Webb
<i>The Woolwich Arsenal</i>	Jack Vaughn
<i>Getting the best from the Census</i>	June Biggs
<i>Fun with family trees</i>	Terry Moyle
<i>Woolwich Arsenal Part 2</i>	Jack Vaughn
<i>Woolwich and Plumstead, Then and Now</i>	William Tyler
<i>Computers in Family History</i>	Eric Probert
<i>Erith High Street</i>	Ken Chamberlain
<i>Beginners Please, PCW and PC</i>	Jeanne Bunting
<i>One Name Studies on Computer</i>	Don Francis

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS UPDATE

Wendy Mott (nee Ashman)

First of all I should like to express my sincere thanks to those members who have turned out to help this year, especially as the weather on many of the Saturdays was far from pleasant. Having said that, we could still do with a lot more volunteers, especially from the younger members. Those of us who have been recording for many years are finding 'getting up' from the stones increasingly difficult.

We have finished recording at Isleworth and hopefully the whole project should be completed early in the New Year. It was a very difficult churchyard to work on as so many of the stones were buried several inches under the surface, and you could only make out their positions when the weather was dry. It took up to half an hour to reach some of them as we didn't want to damage the face of the stone. I don't know how long they have been buried, although my guess would be when the church was rebuilt in the 1950s, but some of them were in pristine condition. A pity that we had to cover them up, perhaps never to be seen again. A few of the stones had, unfortunately, been buried upside down and there was no way of righting them. We cursed the perpetrators who presumably felt that no one would be interested in these people who had died so long ago.

We were also unable to record several of the tombs, as the ivy covering them had become so well established that the branches were several inches thick. It would have taken several hours and special cutting equipment to clear. However the major stones were recorded in 1795 and again in 1840. These will be included with our transcription as will the recordings carried out by the Green School several years ago. Many of the stones they recorded have since disappeared to make way for a car park.

We also spent three or four Saturdays in Heston Churchyard checking our recordings of many years ago. Although the churchyard is now closed there have been many interments in existing graves in the intervening years, adding to the inscriptions. A few stones have been renewed and, as is the fashion, less information has been given, but we have recorded both versions. I am ashamed to say that we have had to make quite a few corrections to our earlier work. I know that some of you are murrnuring that all the stones should be checked as you go, but Heston covers over nine acres! It was felt at the time, that with only about ten of us turning up each time, we would never get anywhere if we did check. Obviously a bad decision, but we are now doing our best to rectify it.

Hopefully next year we can finish and publish at last, although if anything our numbers are less than they were before. A few of us are prepared to

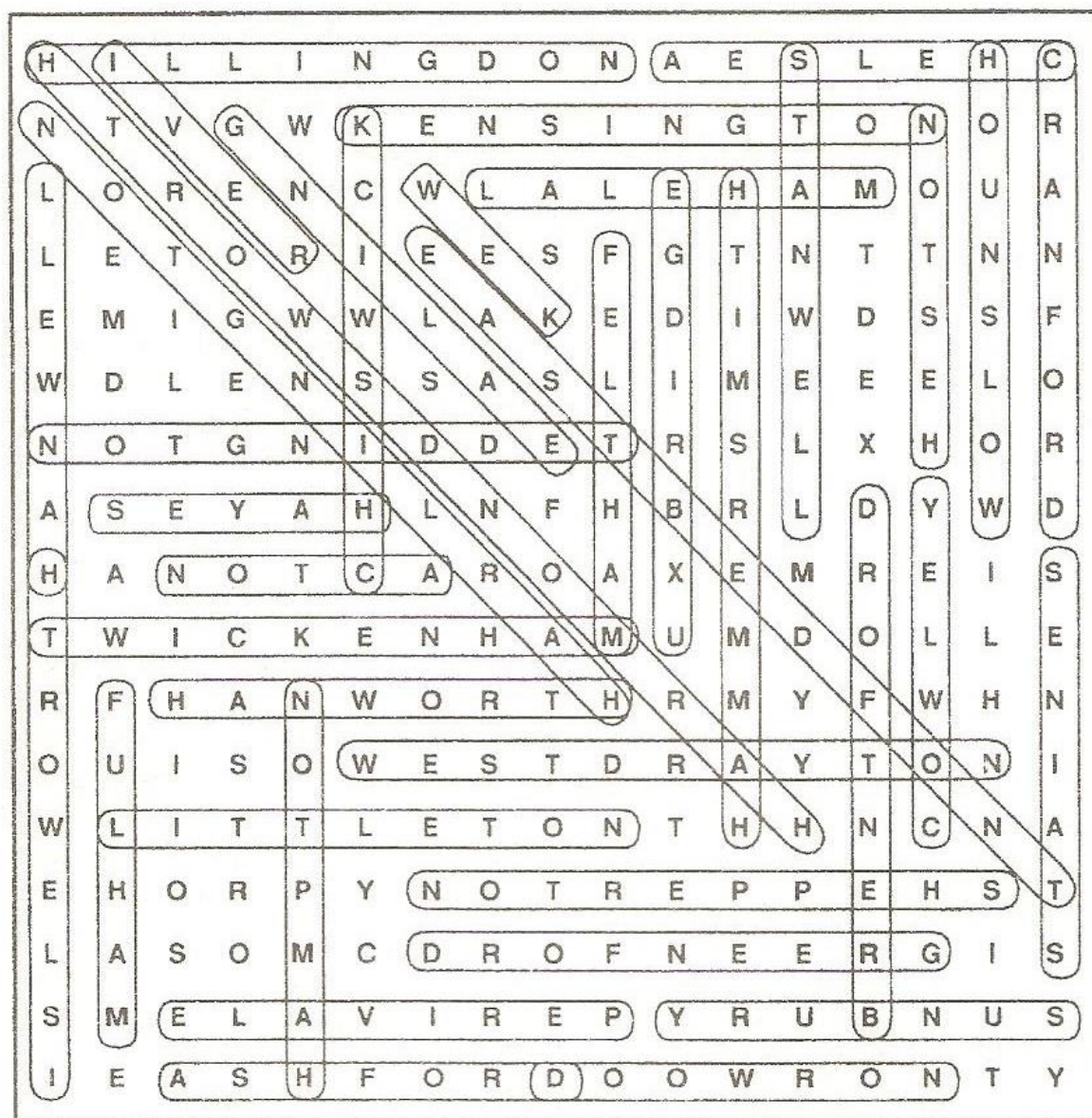
brave the colder weather coming up and continue checking. One consolation is that the weeds should die back soon. In places it is really treacherous, as you can't see animal holes or subsidence for the undergrowth.

I hope this last remark won't prevent you from offering your services next year. Hope to see you then.

WORDSEARCH (SOLUTION)

Chris Hern

The solution to the wordsearch puzzle that appeared on page 13 of the September issue of the Journal is given below. The two out-of-county parishes included were Kew and Iver, and the 33 unused letters spell out, in order (left to right, top to bottom) WEST MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY.



Five years ago I had made good progress in tracing my Taylor ancestors, using certificates, census returns, parish registers and MIs. The tree shows a number of Taylors living in Brentford from the 1840s, including my great-grandfather, George Taylor (born 1847), who ran a bakery on the High Street until earlier this century. I knew George had brothers and sisters from the census returns, but they were just names and dates:-

Mary Ann	born 1841, Brentford
Henry	born 1844, Brentford died 1899, buried S Ealing Cemetery
Joseph Thomas	born 1846, Brentford
George	born 1847, Brentford
Maria	born 1849, Brentford died 1933, buried S Ealing Cemetery
Charles	born 1856, Brentford

When I started researching the Taylors there were no Taylor relatives to help me, and I relied upon my mother's memories of what her mother-in-law (Florence Maria Taylor, born 1879, Brentford, daughter of George Taylor) used to say. Family reminiscences were limited: there was purportedly an uncle of my grandmother, who lived in a house with pineapples on the gate (Syon House, my mother thought). He was the wealthy man in the family, remembered for his generous wedding gift of two blue and white dinner services to my grandmother, when she married Henry Adolphus Dunn at St Paals, Brentford in 1905.

After looking at Syon House and its residents I concluded this was not our ancestral home, and the 'family legend' was shelved!

A year or so after joining the WMFHS I thought I would try following up my elusive gt-gt-uncle, and wrote a piece mentioning the pineapple—gated house for the 'Help !' column. I didn't hold out much hope: I had only the surname Taylor, no definite dates, no address (except Brentford, and the pineapples ...), no occupation, no marital status. Perhaps readers saw the 'help sought' and thought 'not a hope !'.

Shortly after the piece appeared, I received a letter from Mrs Brenda Stone, who shared an interest in Taylors. Her letter included a note given to her some years previously, which immediately grabbed my attention. It was taken from the scrapbooks of newspaper cuttings at Hounslow Library (indexed on cards), and the piece was from a 1926 edition of the *Heston, Hounslow and Isleworth Citizen*. The two items in this piece of most value to me were:

‘Mr Wilmott’s [market garden is now] in the hands of Messrs .I.T. Taylor, Ltd.’

‘When pineapples were a profitable crop, before foreign importations killed the industry, they were raised largely by John Wilmott, and to this day, “Pine House”, now the residence of Mr Chas. Taylor, near Busch Corner, commemorates this industry.’

Brenda hoped that this reference would prove fruitful! She very kindly visited Hounslow Library, and there found another cutting which resolved the Syon House connection. This piece appeared in the Heston and Isleworth School’s Local History Society, 1958, and concerned the origins of the Marlborough Schools in Brentford:

‘Pine House was originally built for the steward of the Syon Hill Estate, but later on became the home of a market gardener named John Wilmot.’

It all fitted the family legend, and Joseph Thomas Taylor and his younger brother Charles Taylor, uncles to my grandmother, seemed good possibilities for the J.T. and Chas. mentioned in the first cutting.

Another helpful member, Mr Arthur Powell, to whom I wrote concerning the Taylors, took the trouble to visit Pine House, and described its appearance, down to a surviving stone pineapple on one of the gateposts!

After this breakthrough, filling in information about the lives of LT. Taylor and his brother Charles was relatively straightforward, and my visits to Chiswick and Hounslow Libraries uncovered a wealth of information in trade directories, the census returns (both libraries hold the 1391 census for their area), newspapers, photographs (three of the Taylors were councillors in the late 19th and early 20th centuries), and old Ordnance Survey maps for the area (the 1894 25” to the mile edition is beautifully detailed).

I am still working through the information gathered, several months later, but thought it was time to write up a piece describing how, with a little luck and some excellent help from the members of the society, it was possible to take little more than a memoir and turn it into colourful piece of family history.

Finally, I now know that the Taylors, with the exception of J.T., who remained a bachelor, produced numbers of children, and there must be several third or fourth cousins perhaps living in the area around Brentford today. I would be delighted if you got in touch and hopefully I can help you?

Address: 38 Ashfield Road, Leicester LE2 1LA

In 1833 a terrible murder took place at 17 Wellesley Street, Chelsea. This street runs north from Kings Road to the perimeter of St Lukes churchyard, and was named in honour of Gerald Valerian Wellesley, Rector of Chelsea from 1805, and brother of the Duke of Wellington. It is now called Chelsea Manor Street (*see map overleaf*).

On Thursday, May 2nd, Miss Catherine Elms, a teacher who ran a school in Smith Street, was found on the floor surrounded by blood. Her cap and tippet were off and the room was in disarray.

An inquest was held at the Wellesley Arms, a public house nearby, and the jury viewed the body at the house. The case, reported by *Bells Weekly Messenger*, was tangled. The witnesses acted shiftily, and the police work appeared primitive, as we might expect of those days. The evidence did not amount to much, or rather, could not be constructively used in the way that forensic scientists would today. So, short of credible witnesses or a confession, it seemed merely a matter of opinion.

The Saturday following the murder, Constable Charles Hughes was called to the house by a Mr Cole and a Mr Dorking, as they were worried that the house had been shut up since the Thursday, with no sign of the lady. The constable found the place ransacked, with goods, papers and books scattered about. The surgeon, Mr Gaskell, found the poor woman had large wounds to the face and head. Her throat had been badly cut, which he thought could have been done by a weapon such as a sabre.

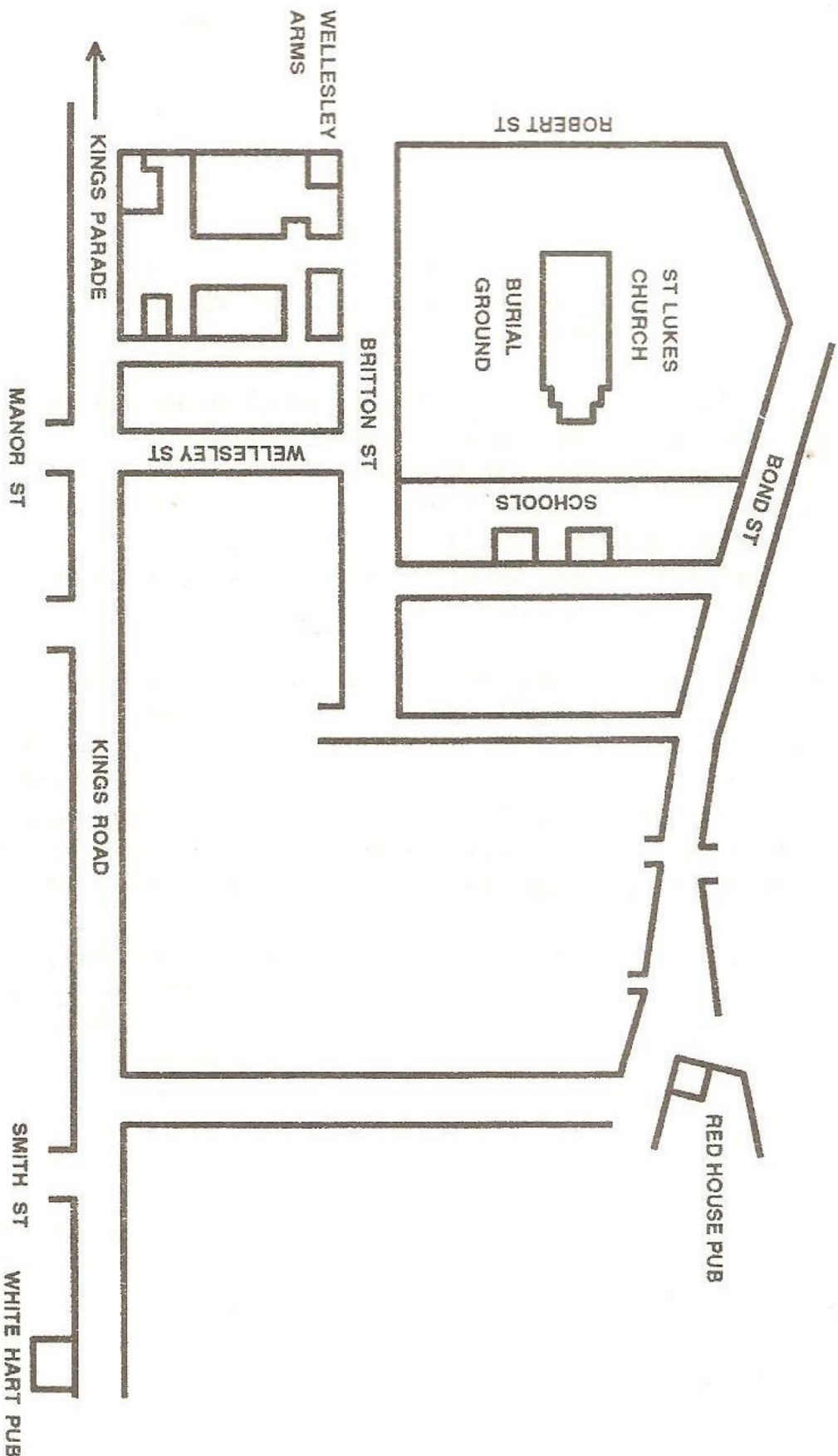
There were several people implicated. One, a Mrs Mortimer, lodged at the house. She claimed that she had not been there for three weeks, having been at her father's house in Battersea, although she last saw Miss Elms on the Wednesday morning. Mrs Mortimer seemed strangely reluctant to talk to the police about her husband, but it turned out that they were not married; indeed he had a legal wife elsewhere. He did know Miss Elms and claimed to be on good terms, but never slept at the house.

One person did see Miss Elms that fateful night. The wife of the landlord of the Wellesley Arms said that the lady had been into the pub that evening to fetch beer. The pub servant, James Hunt, claimed to have seen two men hanging about the street at that time. One was tall, dressed in a shabby greatcoat, the other was shorter, wearing a jacket with pearl buttons.

They were later joined by another man, and all three appeared to be walking around the area all evening. The policeman on duty, Constable Lyons,

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LOCALITY OF WELLESLEY STREET, CHELSEA IN 1833



also saw them. They told him that they were waiting to speak to someone living in the corner house. The constable knew that an excise man lived there, and presumed these rnen were informers.

Another witness, James Withers, testified that he saw three men in The Red House public house that evening. They were Ricketts, Roberts and Chandler. According to Constable Hughes (the policeman first called to Miss Elms house), Ricketts, a man called Wheeler, and another unknown man, were seen in Wellesley Street that night.

A cousin of Miss Elms, Mr Dagnall, was called. He last saw her 18 months before, although he had lived with her 13 or 14 years previously. He claimed that they had got on well. The fact that he had been at home on that Thursday night was confirmed by his step-daughter. However, Dagnall's character was called into disrepute, by two further witnesses. The first, Ann Busby, aged 18, had been told by Miss Elms about a cousin who had been abusive and quarrelled at her home in Kings Parade, Kings Road, some 13 or 14 years ago. The last time Miss Busby saw Dagnall he had said something like 'I will be revenged'. The second witness, Mr Dowland, was a resident at the White Hart public house in Kings Road. He saw a man acting suspiciously in the pub on Monday night. During a conversation about the murder, this chap grew agitated, and tried to conceal his face beneath his hat. Dowland recognised Dagnall as this man. Dagnall denied everything they said: he had not been in the pub, and had not seen Ann Busby.

The murder weapon caused much confusion. On the Saturday following the murder, a sword was found behind some drawers in Mrs Mortimer's room. It had recently been sharpened and had some stains on the blade which could have been rust or blood. How maddening that the police could not find out which! Another sword was found in the kitchen, used as a poker, and a knotted holly stick. These things were found to be innocuous in themselves however, as Miss Elms was said to have owned a short sword of her father's and the stick was used to hang clothes on a line.

An acquaintance of the deceased, Miss Eliza Stutt, had last seen her on April 22nd. Miss Elms had lost her door key and was frightened to go home. Why ? Miss Elms was not a young woman. (It states in the report that she had grey hair.) Maybe Eliza lived far from Wellesley Street, but we know that Miss Elms did go out at night, to the pub for instance. Or could it have been something to do with the sword behind the chest of drawers '?'

The three men were called and cleared themselves, and the jury subsequently returned a verdict of 'wilful murder against some person or persons unknown'.

Some-days later the case took an interesting turn, when a man. walked into the police station in Tothill Street, Westminster to give himself up. On arrest he had only one halfpenny "and an old knife in his possession. This man, John Sharpe, was brought to the bar on 20th May, charged with being one of the persons who murdered Miss Elms. He said he entered the house at 8 o'clock that night with some others, intending to rob the place. His companion had struck the lady when she refused to hand over the key to her drawer, and had cut her throat with a kitchen knife. However he refused to name the men. During these proceedings he was very distressed and cried. Clearly, his mind was disturbed, he said that he hoped to hang, as anything was better than the mental state he was in. Then his common law wife appeared and stated that he had been very brutal, and mixed with the worst sort of characters. Outside the court, the police had great trouble controlling a large crowd that hoped to see the prisoner taken to Clerkenwell Prison.

Sharpe's lodgings were searched and an old drab coat found there. it closely resembled the coat worn by one of the men whom the pot-boy had seen hanging around on the night of the murder. Then on May 27th, Sharpe retracted his confession. He said the reason was 'jealousy', but the magistrate found this strange, and no wonder. Perhaps poor Sharpe was insane, for he then confessed to murdering three of his own children, who had died, and to a robbery he had not done! Despite the accuracy of his description of the Wellesley Street kitchen he claimed never to have been there, and had made it all up from newspaper reports. Witnesses, called to prove whether he had been in his own house that evening, differed in their accounts. In fact Sharpe ended up arguing with his 'wife' Rosanne Hailwood, and was rebuked by the court for doing this to his own witness.

When confronted with the knife found in the kitchen grate, he denied all knowledge of it, but his accuracy in describing the layout of the house impressed the court. He also knew about an incident that night, when a drunk fell against the front door of Miss Elms' house. This was all in the newspapers, however, so anyone could have known.

On June 10th, the magistrate found no firm evidence, though much suspicion. John was ordered to find bail against appearing in court to answer charges of violence to his wife. He refused and was locked up.

Did John Sharpe do it ? Was he mentally disturbed or did he crack up under the bad circumstances of his quarrelsome home, and the death his children ? There are no more reports of him that I can find, after these hearings. On the other hand, why were those men wandering around that night ? Did Anne Busby and Dowland hold grudges against Dagnall, the cousin, or just overactive imaginations ?

The landlord of all the houses in Wellesley Street found it better to change the name of the street to Upper Manor Street. He replaced the floorboards and repainted number 17, and even changed all the house numbers. Then he offered the house to a policeman - rent free. Today, none of the old buildings survives; there are pre-war flats on both sides of the road.

Who did kill Miss Catherine Elms ?

Does Anybody Recognise These ?

I have in my possession a collection of photographs of a family named STARKEY who settled in Star City, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. The photographs are dated from 1917 to 1925 and have an amazing amount of detail written on the back of each one. The earliest one is of Arthur Starkey in uniform at military convalescent home after being injured during active service in France in the First World War. Then there are pictures of Arthur, his wife Myrtle, daughter Faith and baby boy. Also his father Walter Starkey, who owned a farm and a store in Star City and a cousin Polly who came out from Brighton about 1920. There are also views of Star City and Arthur's house which he built himself.

These photographs were found during a house clearance in Uxbridge and seem to have been sent to Arthur's mother in England. I would love to pass these photos on to anyone descended from Arthur Starkey, as they are a unique record of life in Star City in the early 1920s.

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Can You Help '?

Despite the recent association of our Society with the Network 11 Tape Library scheme (*see page 8*), I feel it is still important to include summary reports of our monthly meetings at Hounslow in the Journal. Indeed, since the tape library does not extend overseas, such reports are the single link of our overseas members to our main meetings here in West Middlesex. If you are a (more or less) regular attendee at Montague Hall, and would be prepared occasionally to contribute a meeting report, I would be very pleased to hear from you. This would help to provide a more varied set of impressions of our Society's activities, and would be helpful in covering occasions when I cannot attend. When the meeting is recorded, it is possible to borrow a tape, and so the need to take pages of notes during the evening is avoided. If you can help, please let me know. Thanks.

Richard Chapman

Feltham Index

Peter Watson is compiling a collection of material relating to Feltham and its people, including PR3 (1634-1837), an index to the 1841 census, and other name lists. He would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in the project, and he is also willing to answer queries, on receipt of a SAE.

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MID 19TH CENTURY HARLINGTON FROM PUBLIC RECORDS

Philip Sherwood

The following article has previously appeared in the journal of the Hayes and Harrington Local History Society

The Harlington Tithe Apportionment of 1839, an original copy of which is in the Greater London Record Office, is a particularly valuable document as it records all the householders, the land use, and the field names of the parish. The origin of the Apportionment was an Act of 1836 which converted all lay and ecclesiastical tithes throughout the country into rent charges based on the average value of grain produced for the seven years before commutation. From then onwards the charges were to vary in amount from year to year according to the average of the previous seven years.

To decide what the rents should be the Tithe Commissioners prepared assessments of each parish, except where the tithes had already been commuted by previous legislation. The apportionment map for Harlington is drawn on a scale of 18 inches to the mile and each parcel of land is numbered and every building depicted; the schedule which accompanies the map gives the owner and occupier of the land and buildings, the name of the field, whether the land was arable, meadowland, orchard, etc. and the amount of tithe to be paid by each person. The apportionment was drawn up by Matthew Stent, a farmer of Cranford, and by Charles Newman, a land surveyor of Harlington.

The area of the parish is given as 1416 acres, 3 roods and 33 poles, all of which was subject to tithes and brought in a total income of £700, which was payable to the Rector, the Rev. Edward Davison. This was a high income by the standards of the day and, as the Rector also had the Rectory and grounds of 3 acres rent free and 4 acres of Globe land, the post of Rector was well worth having. The gentleman in question did not live in the parish and left its day-to-day running in the hands of the curate, the Rev. Leeds Comyns Booth; he thus derived a considerable income from doing nothing apart from appointing and paying the curate. Perhaps not surprisingly a large number of the villagers were Baptists.

Of the total land in the parish, 868 acres, 2 roods and 28 poles were cultivated as arable land (47%) of which 34 acres were market gardening land; 356 acres and 6 poles was meadow or pasture land (25%); 184 acres and 31 poles were taken up by cottage gardens and orchards (13%) and 6 acres, 3 roods and 8 poles were covered with water, most of which (4 acres, 3 roods and 26 poles) was due to the Grand Junction Canal. In view of the importance of fruit growing and market gardening later in the century the

low proportion of land occupied by orchards (the figure of 13% included all the gardens to cottages and houses as well as orchard land) and by market gardens is very striking. In the latter instance the fact that market gardens had to pay an additional annual tithe rent of 8 shillings per acre was probably an inhibiting factor.

In giving information on dwellings the surveyors made a distinction between cottages and the larger houses standing in their own grounds. Their figures show that there were 125 dwellings described as cottages and 48 described as houses, making a total of 173. Very few buildings now remain from this period. The only cottages are Victoria Cottages in Victoria Lane, then known as White Hart Lane; larger houses still surviving include the Dower House, Elder Farm and the houses next to the old Baptist Church. Public buildings include the White Hart, the Pheasant, the Crown (the Red Lion was built in the 1840s), the old Baptist Church and, of course, the Parish Church, which is by far the oldest building in Harlington.

Apart from giving the names of the householders, the apportionment gives no indication of the total population or of their occupations. For this we must turn to the Census returns for 1841 and 1851. Of the two the latter is by far the most informative since it records the occupation, age and place of birth of each inhabitant. The population in 1851 was 872, and there was a total of 187 dwellings in the parish. The purely agricultural nature of the parish as revealed by the Tithe Survey is reflected in the occupations of the inhabitants as given in the 1851 Census return. These include:

Agricultural labourers	100	Farmers and market gardeners	19
Gardeners	7	Servants	16
Hay dealers and jockeys	7	Blacksmiths	3
Wheelwrights	3	Plumbers	2
Carpenters	2	Sawyer	1
Bricklayers	2	Shoemakers	7
Shopkeepers	7	Tailors	4
Dressmakers	3	Victuallers, Innkeepers etc.	6
Schoolteachers	4	Policemen	2

The Census return shows that the Curate was still responsible for the spiritual welfare of the parishioners who were members of the Church of England, as the Rector still preferred to draw the income and leave the work to others. There had been a change of curate since 1839, the new curate being the Rev. Richard William Spithead Arnold Alderson; his second and third Christian names were derived from the fact that he was born on the ship Wfiliam at anchor near Spithead.

The Census return of 1851 would have been still more useful if it provided

evidence for the position of houses in the village. It should have done so but the enumerator (Charles Newman, the land surveyor, who also helped to draw up the Tithe Apportionment) ignored the instructions given him and did not identify the houses. All that can be established is that he started at Dawley in the north of the parish and worked his way down to the Bath Road. A knowledge of where some of the people lived can be obtained by comparing the Census return with the Tithe Apportionment and by relating tradesmen with the buildings in which they worked e.g. blacksmith in the forge, Curate in the Rectory etc., but this would not be necessary if he had done as he was told.

We can obtain some amusing and interesting details of the lives of the people mentioned in the surveys from a newspaper that was circulated in the 1840s. This paper seems little better than a scandal sheet and the contents suggest that the laws of libel at that time were almost non-existent. The paper had two fictitious correspondents – Bo-Peep and Paul Pry. These were probably one person hiding behind two pseudonyms; we do not know who they were but if the villagers had found out, the culprit would have met a sticky end.

For example, in one excerpt we find Bo-Peep advising Charles Newman, the tithe surveyor and census enumerator, ‘to leave off hitching and scratching himself all over as it looks beastly in a schoolroom - before females. Some of the juveniles have remarked on it to their parents.’ Similarly we learn of his son, ‘There is no harm in Mr Charles Newman, Junior, frequenting the White Hart of an evening, but he should leave off spouting until he has studied pronunciation’ and later we read ‘Bo-Peep wishes to know why Mr Charles Newman Jun. feels so exasperated at being honoured with our notice. If he fancies himself such a nice young man he should be above saying "D---- their ----- eyes, I'll knock their heads off !" High words there, Charley, "Full of sound and fury, signifying - nothing?"’ The Curate is advised ‘to confine himself a little more to his religious duties instead of listening to every idle prattler. If the reverend gent curbed his irritable temper he would be better respected, as it ill befits his station’. The Baptist Minister fares no better as we hear that ‘There is no harm in Parson George thumping his bible and advocating Tee-totalism, but what is that he is always sipping - medicine or brandy.’

The publicans do not escape comment. For example, "We cannot perceive how the landlord of the Crown, in the Bath Road, can allow so many suitors after his daughters without previously enquiring into their characters - for instance, little Wood, the tailor, who is one of the principal actors here. Surely Miss Edwards cannot be aware that this gallant stitch-louse is a wholesale deceiver of the fair sex.’ Also, ‘There is no harm in Mr and Mrs Walker, of the White Hart, having a few words now and then, but he should not call her by such low-bred names. The old adage is ably borne out - "May and December never can agree". Ah Mirabile !’ Mr Walker clearly preferred

other female company as later we read ‘We advise Mrs ‘Walker of the White Hart Inn to look sharp after her husband and prohibit his taking so many young girls out for a ride in the cart when going to market. Such conduct is highly reprehensible, and unbecoming a married man.’

Other tradesmen were also singled out for comment. Thus, ‘Paul Pry thinks it would be more to the credit of tailor Philp, if he paid the good old dame at home proper respect, instead of treading on every pretty girl’s heels to attract their notice. We commend certain of them for the contempt with which they treat him. Remember, Master Cabbage, the tidy drubbing you received for kissing the servant maid a few years back.’ Other members of the Philp family also received attention, ‘Bo-Peep wishes to know if John Philp, the Baker’s intentions be honourable towards Miss Hunt. We very much question it and recommend the dainty lady to pay less frequent visits to the bakehouse of an evening’ and ‘Why does Shadrach Philp, the sporting butcher, keep a Jerusalem pony ? Surely it would be more prudent for him to sell such an "hannimal" or keep some one to clean it. He should feed his ass better and pay less attention to Betsy Lovett.’

One of the other butchers is given even harsher treatment, for example, ‘Bo-Peep wishes to know why Hughes, the butcher, does not keep his shop more clean and decent. Its present state is a disgrace to the whole country and reflects great discredit on Mrs H.’

The newspaper which printed the comments published similar scurrilous remarks about people in other parts of the district. These also appeared under the names of Paul Pry and Bo-Peep and, as it would not have been possible for one person to know such intimate details of the affairs of each village, the paper must have had a correspondent in each community. Thus the comments relating to the inhabitants of Hayes, although equally libellous, are written in a rather different style to those for Harlington.

The villagers must have dearly wished to find out who was responsible; there were not many people in the village at that time who could have been, particularly as half of them would have been unable to read or write. The use of Latin phrases and quotations from Shakespeare shows that the writer was fairly well educated. He, or she, was able to spare the time to pry into the affairs of other people and, lastly, we can rule out anybody who receives mention in the paper. This leaves us with very few suspects and the most likely culprit is a school teacher. Whether or not he or she was eventually discovered we shall probably never know, but reading the remarks after a passage of 150 years brings the villagers of the 1840s to life in a manner which prosaic accounts in tithe surveys and census returns can never do.

My grandparents lived around the corner from each other in the north of Hammersmith, near Wormwood Scrubbs, when they first met in the 1890s: the Stephensons in Latimer Road, and the Grants in Snarsgate Street. The Grants had had a hard life with the early death of the father of the family leaving a wife and four young children. Caroline, the eldest daughter, had the task of picking up and delivering the mending that her mother did for the Stephenson laundry, in addition to her job as a packer. It was there that she met young Alfred Stephenson, the second to youngest child of George Stephenson and Rhoda Williams, who ran a moderately successful laundry in Latimer Road. As one of nine children, and living on premises of the laundry, Alfred was always in the stables with the horses to get away from the noise and hustle of the workplace. It was Alfred's job to look after the horses and to help with the delivery of the laundry. It was while waiting for his load to be ready that he got to know the daughter of one of his father's employees as she returned the mending that her mother had done. Alfred used to walk Caroline home or give her a ride in the horse and cart.

The Stephenson laundry had very humble beginnings in Agar Town in the parish of St Pancras in 1850. Alfred's grandfather, George Stephenson senior, who was born around 1808 in the Clerkenwell area, married Eleanor Graham at St Mary-le-Strand in 1829, and began married life in the not-so-salubrious area of Agar Town. This slum area consisted of six or seven thousand inhabitants living in little lanes of two storied tenements. The streets had no paving or lighting and open drains added to the smells coming from the adjoining canal into which various industries such as the knackers yard, bone boiling, manure making and soap manufacturing spewed their effluent. It was little wonder that nobody really objected when Agar Town was demolished in 1866 to make way for St Pancras Station.

In 1841 we find George and Ellen living in Bayharn Street in a house with five other families. His occupation at this time was labourer but by 1846, when George junior was born, our family had a new address and a new occupation. George was now a scourer. In the 1851 census we see the beginning of four decades of George Stephenson, laundryman, as the family was now living at numbers 1 and 2 Salisbury Street, Agar Town with one servant (which became two by 1861). In the intervening years Ellen lost at least three children in infancy. It was not a healthy place to live.

With the demise of Agar Town the family moved their laundry to a part of Acton where I believe there were so many other laundries that the place became known as Soapsud island. George junior had by now married and

was an engineer at Wormwood House, Wormwood Scrubbs, which was yet another laundry, possibly the forerunner of the laundry in Latimer Road. George Stephenson senior died in 1869, and by 1871 George junior, his wife Rhoda, their two children and Ellen were running the Grove House laundry in Bollo Bridge Road, Acton. A second generation laundryman was born !

The Latimer Road Civil Service laundry at number 316 was run by a James Rutter in 1879 according to the Post Office Directory, but in 1880 George Stephenson was at number 316 and James Rutter was at North Pole. In the 1881 census the family was living at number 318 with mother Ellen at number 316. There is some confusion as to what happened to the laundry from this time. The Post Office Directories show William Hatton Blue Manufacturers gradually taking over larger premises with joint occupancy with the Stephensons at number 316 in 1890, but sole ownership in 1891. However, the 1891 census has our family complete with widowed mother, widowed daughter, granddaughter and a servant as well as seven children living at home at number 316.

Family legend has it that George junior was a bit of a drinker and gambler, and ended up in serious debt. This would explain the gradual decline of the laundry until, when my grandparents married in 1907 after an extra long engagement, George's occupation was now a coachbuilder, the same as my grandfather Alfred. Caroline never forgave Alfred's father for this delay in their wedding plans, the demise of the laundry, and in consequence her mother's job and the family livelihood ! Because of this rift in the family I have no knowledge of the many Stephenson descendants other than my own line but believe they remained in the Hammersmith/East Acton area in the early part of this century. If anyone has any connections with this family or knowledge of the 19th century laundry business I would love to hear from you.

I have always been intrigued by two aspects of this story; on the one hand there is an almost classic case of poor man who makes good only to have the fruits of his toil wasted by the next generation who may have inherited the wealth too easily. The other aspect that I find hard to imagine is how a laundry of any size could have operated in the days before electricity and the conveniences of modern living ! My mind boggles at the thought of all those steamy coppers, giant mangles and flat irons going non-stop ! I will happily continue with my automatic washing machine, tumble dryer and steam iron.

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If you have an interesting tale to tell about an occupation of one of your West Middlesex ancestors, why not put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and send in an article ?

HELP!

This service is free to members of WMFHS - please quote your membership number in correspondence. It is intended that this column be used by members seeking help with specific problems in their research, rather than for general advertising of their interests. In order to ensure that your appeal is published correctly, and is clear to other readers, please give all personal and place names in BLOCK CAPITALS, and all dates in full. Try to make entries clear and concise. Entries from non-members can be accepted, at a rate of £3.00 for a maximum of 10 lines of text. Payments in Sterling only, please, (cheques to West Middlesex Family History Society). Send a SAE/IRCs if an acknowledgement/receipt is required.

CONSTANT/ELLIS/MATHEWS/MASON

I am tracing the CONSTANT or ELLIS families, especially my father-in-law William Ernest CONSTANT born 18th July 1906 at Acton. He came to Australia around 1924 and his parents were Alfred and Sarah Ann, formerly ELLIS. A brother Thomas Alfred married Florence Rose MATHEWS. Both were killed in the bombing in 1944, along with their son Harold. They also had a son Victor who would have been 11 at that time. I can not find any trace of him. Possibly my father-in-law may have had a sister named Elizabeth. Also he could have used the name William Maxwell MASON as he used this in Australia. The families lived around the Acton area (Packington Road and Bollo Bridge Road). I would be grateful for any information on either family.

Marie Mason, Box 1361 Koondrock, Victoria, Australia

DEELEY/GOODCHILD

Samuel DILLOY/DEELEY married Elizabeth GOODCHILD on 24th December 1812 at East Bedfont. They subsequently had a number of children baptised at Heston. Any information on either party prior to their marriage will be welcomed.

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HUMPHRIS

Joseph Theophiius HUMPHRIS, butcher, born 23rd May 1810, died 6th February 1853, North Street, Paddington, butcher. Married Maria -?- before 20th June 1846. Marriage not found at St Catherine's House. Have you seen him on the 1841 or 1851 census? Any information would be gratefully received.

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JACOBS/HOPGOOD

Edward JACOBS married Eliza Susannah HOPGOOD on 7th January 1862 at 'St Stephen, Hammersmith. Marriage details show both as 21 years (but

Eliza was "baptised 7th November 1830 at" St James, Paddington). Edward shown as an artist, and his father Joseph JACOBS (deceased) as a jeweller. At the time of marriage, the HOPGOODs had a large nursery - Poplar Cottage - at Shepherds Bush, and Edward became joint owner. He has not been found on the 1861 census, nor on the 1871, since the premises were bought up in 1866, due to road development. No information on where they moved to. Can anyone tell me where Edward was born, and when, in order that I might find Joseph the Jeweller '?

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OSMINT/RENVIAL/SMITH/EBERS

Seeking information on gt-gt-grandfather Henry OSMINT from Beaminst-ter or Bedminster, cowkeeper in Kings Road, Chelsea mid 1850s, his other two 'wives' (no marriages found) Kate RENVIAL and Jessie SMITH and his natural children: John OSMINT born Somerset, circa 1836, William Henry OSMINT, born Kensington 1841, George OSMINT, born Chelsea 1857, Francis Osmint EBERS born Brompton, Kensington 1860. Also information on Frederick EBERS, husband of Sarah (nee FRY) who was mother of George OSMINT and Francis Osmint EBERS. Death registration never found: should be pre 1861. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

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RAWSON(ROSSON)

Seeking information about Thomas Morton RAWSON (ROSSON) born circa 1777, died 9th February 1844, Woburn, Beds. Thomas was a milkman and farmer in Spitalfields, Middlesex, and publican at Woburn. First marriage to Belinda; Ann Morton born 20th January 1805, Booth St, Stepney, bapt. 24-th February 1805, Christ Church, Spitalfields. Thomas' second marriage to Mary born circa 1793, buried 30th October 1882, Woburn, aged 89; Belinda Morton born 1812 Booth St.; Henry Morton born 1813 Samuel St; Charles Morton born 1816, Princes St; Sarah Morton born 1818, Princes St. The last two baptised at St Mary Whitechapel. Thomas and Mary had eight more children in Woburn. I am seeking the marriages of Thomas and Belinda, Thomas and Mary, also the death of Belinda. Any help or suggestions welcome.

Mrs L Wilson, 49G Carey Street, Hamilton, New Zealand

ROSSON

I have a photograph of a jewellers shop with an address on it of 14 Ch[...] Hill Road, S Croyden. On the shop is 'Watchmaker and Jeweller' W.G. ROSSON. A young man who we are told is our great-grandmothers brother William is standing at the door of the shop. Photograph could have been taken about the turn of the century. Can anyone shed any light on this shop please ?

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A SEARCH FOR GEOGE MAURICE SNELLING BUDGEN

Wendy Mott (nee Ashman)

Like most of you I have bemoaned the fact that many of my ancestors, who should have appeared in the early St Catherine's Registers, were never registered. I hope this article may cause you to think again and consider whether a fresh approach is needed.

My maternal great-grandfather was George Maurice Snelling Budgen. According to the certificate of his marriage to Hannah Gerrard in 1870, he was born around 1846, he was a fireman, and his father was John Budgen, porter. His death certificate confirmed the year of birth. However, I found no entry at St Catherine's House. I also searched in vain, from 1837 to 1850 for a Budgen-Snelling marriage.

A search in the 1871 census for the London address on his marriage certificate proved fruitless. My mother had given me the names of his children, so I searched for their births, looking for one near to a census date. Rose Maud was born in June 1871 in Blisset Street, Greenwich. In spite of searching the whole of the Greenwich census, twice, with special emphasis on references to Blisset Street, I could find no trace of the family. As far as I could see, the enumerator had covered only one side of the street (the wrong one, of course).

It was apparent from the St Catherine's Registers that Budgen was a comparatively rare name, occurring principally in Sussex, and West Kent, with a large contingent around East Grinstead. No luck with the IGI. So at various times I searched the 1851 census, in and around East Grinstead, looking for George Budgen, aged 5, son of John. When census indexes later became available, they confirmed his absence.

I kept an eye on all new genealogical books that were published, in the hope that one might cover fire brigade ancestry. I considered writing to Southwark fire station, where I was sure he had been stationed late in the century, but thought that they were probably fed up with getting letters from family history freaks like me, and refrained.

After twenty years of searching I was sure that my only hope of tracing him was to wait for the 1881 census index sometime in the future. Then last November I went to a one day conference held by the Society of Genealogists, where the theme was *All Dressed Up*. One of the lectures was on firemen. All very interesting to me, giving a brief history of the Brigade and describing the uniforms and conditions under which they worked. Then the lecturer dropped her bombshell: the Fire Brigade Museum at Southwark holds records on London firemen.

I had to wait a while for the information, because the records were being microfilmed, but it was worth it. George Budgen was born 13th November 1846 in the parish of Horney, North East Grinstead. He was 5'9" tall and joined the Brigade in 1866, having previously been in the Merchant Navy. Then a problem: there was no village called Horney in Sussex. However, after searching the Ordnance Survey maps I found a village of Horne to the west of East Grinstead over the border in Surrey. Again no George Budgen in the 1851 Census, but there was the following entry:

Martha Snelling	Head Widow	27	Dressmaker	Surrey, Burstow
Maurice Snelling	Son	4		Do., Horne
Annie Snelling	Daur	2		Do.,Do.

There were also many Budgen families. So a search at St Catherine's again for a Budgen-Snelling marriage after 1851. Success this time: Martha married John Budgen on January 27th 1853 at Crowhurst. So after all there had been a birth entry all the time for greatgrandad, only as Morice Snelling, born 13 November 1846, the son of Edward Snelling, butcher and Martha, nee Martingale. Jackpot !

I shall probably never find out why Maurice took the name George; it can't have been because he didn't like his own name, as h.e used it for his only son Maurice.

As a bonus, I collected the following misdemeanours from George's fire brigade records.

- 1884 Absent from his duty and in a public house while in charge of No. 12 Steamer at a fire also allowing the coachman to be absent at the same time, thereby leaving no one in charge of the steamer and horses. Cautioned.
- 1885 Under the influence of drink & quarrelling and fighting with No. 370 Fourth Class Fireman G. Frampton in the Engine Room. Suspended.
- 1886 Carelessness in taking in a call by telegraph from No. 2. Station thereby causing No. 16 Steamer to be sent to Museum Street, Bloomsbury in place of Warren Street, Fitzroy Square. Cautioned.
- 1894 Neglect of duty in allowing the water to be run out of the boiler of No. 149 Steamer on board the raft 'Bat' when proceeding to a Fire thereby causing the tubes to be severely damaged and the steamer disabled. Reprimanded.

In spite of these, and other lesser mishaps, George became, and remained, a First Class Fireman. He must have been a worry to his father-in-law, who was Engineer in charge of Stations and had an exemplary career.

BOOKSHELF

Lists of Londoners - Jeremy Gibson and Heather Creaton

Lists of Londoners is the product of a collaboration between the Federation of Family History Societies and the Centre for Metropolitan History, and developed from the realisation that there were unpublished indexes and lists of Londoners, generated during research, that could be made more widely available.

The guide encompasses the whole of the Greater London area - certainly the most complex area for family historians - and covers many aspects of London life. There is extensive information on census indexes, electoral registers, MIs and probate; on other subjects such as parochial records and taxation, readers are directed to existing detailed guides. The information held by local Borough Record Offices is well documented and a reminder that they are always worth visiting.

There are inevitably some omissions - including listings held in Hounslow Library, and the addresses of some of the holders of indexes are not given. No doubt these will be remedied in subsequent editions, and these will surely be needed as further work - avoiding duplication - is undertaken by societies and researchers.

Although not a complete A-Z of Londoners, this guide sets out the main thoroughfares, and introduces us to many byeways that are well worth exploring.

Chris Hern

40 pp. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1992. Price £2.50.

Computers for Family History. An Introduction - David Hawgood

The first edition of this Well known and popular guide appeared in 1985. This, the fourth edition, has been fully revised and updated, especially in describing and listing programs for genealogy, and machines on which to run them. It is written to explain the subject of the use of computers for filing, sorting, searching and presenting information from family history research, and assumes no prior knowledge of computers (headings include 'What is a computer?' and 'What is software?'). However there is also much to interest the family historian who has already begun to use a computer. Chapters cover the use of databases, word processors and spreadsheets for family history, as well as specialised genealogical packages (for which a useful set of contact addresses is given).

60 pp. 4th edition. Published by David Hawgood, 26 Cloister Road, Acton, London W3 0DE, 1992. Price £3.50

My Ancestor was in the British Army. How can I find out more about him ? - Michael J. Watts and Christopher T. Watts

Following on the success of the earlier 'My Ancestor was a Merchant Seaman...', this new title from the Watts brothers gives an excellent and very practical guide to making best use of the records of the British Army from 1660 to 1918. The first part of the book deals with Officers, but the bulk of the text, as is appropriate given the composition of the Army, describes records relating to 'other ranks'. That most crucial question 'What was his regiment ?' is addressed by considering several possible non-Army sources, and then by describing a variety of approaches using Army records at the PRO, if initial searches do not provide an answer. The main body of the text then gives details of the PRO sources: soldiers documents, muster books, description books, casualty and pension records, medals, deserters, courts martial, militia, and many others. Records relating to the British Army overseas are also included. The final section is devoted to the records of World War I. Useful appendixes give lists of campaigns for which medals have been awarded, and summaries of the important PRO sources, arranged by regiment.

122 pp. Published by the Society of Genealogists, 1992. Price £4.95.

Suffolk. A Genealogical Bibliography - Stuart Raymond

The latest in a series of county bibliographies by Stuart Raymond (earlier ones including Cornwall, Dorset, Somerset, Gloucester and Bristol), which gives a useful listing of published sources likely to be of interest to family historians with connections in Suffolk. It is classified into sections, including history, journals and newspapers, directories, family histories and pedigrees, parish registers, MIs, probate records, official lists (tax, musters, poll books etc.), church records, education and migration. It is indexed by family name, by place, and by author.

92 pp. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1992. Price £6.00.

An Introduction to the Census Returns of England and Wales - Sue Lumas

This book provides a short guide to making use of the census returns for England and Wales, and is intended mainly for the newcomer to these sources, but includes some useful tips for the more experienced too. It sets out clearly how to go about finding where to look, using a microfilm reader, and finding the place on the film, and includes a glossary of the important terms encountered in using census records.

28 pp. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1992. Price £1.95.

Current Publications by Member Societies

A new edition of this guide, which includes details of the many and varied publications of national and local family history and genealogical societies from around the world. It lists all the publications of these societies (excluding microfiche; see below), and was compiled in the Spring of 1992.

88 pp. 7th edition. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1992. Price £4.50.

Current Publications on Microfiche by Member Societies

A new edition of the companion guide to the one above, which covers society publications on microfiche. This is an increasingly used form of publication, and there are a wide variety of transcripts and indexes which are available.

76 pp. 2nd edition. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1992. Price £4.50.

Forming a One-Name Group - Derek A. Patgrave

A new edition of this booklet, first published in 1977, which outlines some general principles for a one-name researcher to consider when planning to share his or her research with others with a similar interest, and proceed to the foundation of a One-Name Group.

20 pp. 4th edition. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1992. Price £1.50.

Accommodation Register

This guide contains lists and basic details of bed and breakfast accommodation, mainly in the UK, but including some from overseas, offered by family historians, to others with the same interest, who require accommodation in pursuit of their research.

24 pp. 6th edition. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1992. Price £1.95.

Rayment's Notes on Recording Monumental inscriptions - Revised by Penelope Pattinson

This revised edition of the established guide to the recording of monumental inscriptions was completed by Penelope Pattinson, following the death of John Rayment in November 1991. Included are sections on planning, surveying and plotting, recording, and typing/publishing.

40 pp. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1992. Price £2.00.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Curious Last Requests – Julian Litten

At our July Meeting, Julian Litten of the Victoria and Albert Museum gave a splendidly entertaining talk on a variety of unusual last requests that have been made by individuals over the last 300 years. During the course of the evening he showed many examples of curious and eccentric requests, made by people who might, in other respects, be regarded as quite conventional.

Among these was the story of Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832), and the directions in his will concerning the disposal of his body. He asked that his corpse be dissected by Dr Southwood Smith, anatomist, at a public lecture entitled *The Structures and Functions of the Human Frame*. Furthermore his skeleton was then to be used as the frame for an icon of himself, to be placed in a glass case at University College, London, an institution he had helped to found. The icon still exists, and though the head is of wax, Bentham's real head stands between the feet, in a separate case. One bizarre condition of Bentham's substantial endowment to University College is that his body be present at the general meetings, and so the icon has been brought out to stand quietly at these meetings ever since.

Other examples concerned fears of premature burial, such as Margaret Cozens, at Cuxton in Kent, who directed that her body be dressed in scarlet satin, and placed in an unsealed coffin behind a glass door and a curtain, within the church. This was duly done on her death in 1783, but late in the nineteenth century, it was felt that she was unlikely to appear, and the chamber was finally sealed up. Prompted by similar fears, Francis Douse, antiquarian, who died in 1834, directed Anthony Carlisle, surgeon, to sever his head, or extract his heart, before burial. Another case was that of Henry Trigg, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, who in 1724, fearing that his body might be later removed to a surgeon's dissecting room, directed that his body be laid in public view. And so it lay for nearly 200 years in a coffin mounted in the rafters of a barn to the rear of his house.

Among the many interesting examples described by Mr Litten was that of Henry Cooper, of Dyfed, whose amputated left leg was interred with due ceremony in 1756, although the rest of him was later to be buried in America. A still more curious request was that of a man whose first wife was embalmed and kept in a coffin in the marital bedroom, apparently without objection from his second wife. She, dying some two years later, was similarly treated, but his third wife was not so accommodating, and refused to share her bedroom with the remains of her two predecessors. Only then were they removed to the vault of the local church.

Further cases included the attempts of Martin van Butchell in 1775 to embalm his wife with turpentine and vermilion (although we were spared the full details !). The result was later to become one of the sights of London, and arrangements for viewing were announced in the Press. By 1857 it was in the collection of the Royal College of Surgeons, but a writer at the time was not impressed with its condition!

In the latter part of his talk, Mr Litten considered some of the elaborate arrangements that individuals have made concerning their funerals, and construction of monuments on their death. These varied from the case of Clement Speilman of Harboro, Norfolk, (d. 1672), who directed that his coffin be deposited upright in a monument within the church (so that he would not be trodden on, and that his escape on the Last Day would be guaranteed !), to the magnificence of the Ashton Memorial in Lancaster, the £87,000, 150 feet high mausoleum which took three years to build.

Richard Chapman

The Heston Hermit

The eccentric action of an elderly man who has assumed the role of Troglodyte is just now exciting the curiosity and interest of the villagers of Heston, says the 'Middlesex Chronicle'. He is named Ives, is a tall, gaunt individual about 60 years of age, and follows the vocation of a gardener. About a fortnight since it was discovered that he had taken up his abode in a large hole or pit, which he had himself excavated in one of the allotments held by him adjoining the Churchyard. This excavation, which is about seven feet square and of like depth, contains a chair bedstead, a camp kettle, an oil stove, and a few culinary requisites at the base. The Hermit, as he has come to be known in the place, rises early, prepares his breakfast on the border of his cave dwelling, and goes forth to his daily work either on his allotment or further afield. He returns late in the evening, cooks and partakes of supper and retires for the night, gaining ingress and egress to and from his strange habitation by means of a short ladder, and roofs himself in with a garden light. The glimmer of a small lamp through the glass weirdly indicates the hermit's resting place to the wondering passers by, and it is assumed, acts as a heater to the hole. Speculation is busy as to whether the ecclesiastical or local authorities will take any action in view of this novel infringement of regulations as to the construction of dwellings, and of the usual conditions which govern tenant right. The coming of the stranger has served as a Godsend to a certain class of parents in the place, for it is said that the most turbulent youngster will quail and submit when he hears the threat of the 'Bogie man' in his new guise of the 'Wildman of the Hole'.

(Extract from the Southall-Norwood Gazette, 9 June 1906)

Mavis Sibley

The following lists give brief details of recent additions to our society's library.

Journals

South Cheshire FHS
Gwalchmai Clan
Alberta FHS
London Ancestor

Local History

Bugle Annual 1989 & 1991 (Donated)
People of Hidden Sussex - W. Swinfen and D. Arscott (Donated)
A Brief History of Fulham Palace, London SW6 (Donated)
Mayhew's London, ed. P. Quennell (Donated)
Two Villages - The story of Morteheo and Woolacombe - R.F. Bidgood (Donated)
Kensington - W. Gaunt
The Goodliest Place in Middlesex - A history of the ancient parish of Ruislip from the Domesday Book to modern times - E.M. Bowlt

Ancestral Research

Berkshire FHS - 1851 census of Berkshire, Vol 4:1 Abingdon
FFHS - Survey of Projects, Part 2. Other Projects
FFHS - Occupational Sources for Genealogists - A Bibliography - S. Raymond
FFHS - Gloucestershire and Bristol - A Genealogical Bibliography - S. Raymond
FFHS - Quarter Sessions Records for Family Historians, A Select List, 3rd ed. - J. Gibson
FFHS - Marriage, Census and other Indexes for Family Historians, 4th ed. - J. Gibson and E. Hampson
FFHS - Local Census Listings 1522-1930, Holdings in the British Isles - J. Gibson and M. Medlycott
FFHS - Accommodation Register
East of London FHS - Index to Holy Trinity Minorities Marriages, Vol. 2: 24 June 1683 - 27 Jan 1686/7 (Fiche)
East Surrey FHS - 1851 Census Wandsworth RD - Wandsworth HO 107/1578 (Fiche)
East Surrey FHS - 1851 Census Wandsworth RD - Battersea HO 107/1577 (Fiche)
East Surrey FHS - 1851 Census Wandsworth RD - Tooting HO 107/1579 (Fiche)
East Surrey FHS - 1851 Census Kingston RD - Kingston - Town, Gaol, Workhouse HO 107/1603 (Fiche)

East Surrey FHS - 1851 Census Kingston RD - Ham, Hook, Malden, Norbiton and Surbiton HO 107/1603 (Fiche)
 East Surrey FHS - 1851 Census Kingston RD - Wimbledon HO 107/1603 (Fiche)
 East Surrey FHS - 1851 Census Reigate RD - Burstow, Charlwood, Horley, Leigh, Merstham and Nutfield HO 107/1599 (Fiche)
 Mitchell/Cobbin Family, donated by Mr T.J. Mitchell
 The Lock Family (donated)
 Wells Family Research Association (Wells Chronicles) (donated)
 Chelsea - All Souls Catholic Cemetery - Burials 1845-1858 (fiche)
 Kensal Green Cemetery - Catholic Section, Burials May 1858-June 1870 (Fiche)
 Kensal Green Cemetery - Catholic Section, Burials June 1870-Dec 1876 (Fiche)
 Kensal Green Cemetery - Catholic Section, MIs Plots 7220-9098 and 9-1/9-20 (Fiche)
 An introduction to Irish Research. Irish Ancestry: A Beginner's Guide - B. Davis
 More Sources of World War I Army Ancestry - N. Holding
 Criminal Ancestors - A Guide to Historical Criminal Records in England and Wales - D.T. Hawkings
 My Ancestors were Congregationalists in England and Wales, with a list of registers, compiled by D.J.H. Clifford
 A List of Parishes in Boyd's Marriage Index, Society of Genealogists
 Marriage Licences: Abstracts and Indexes in the Library of the Society of Genealogists
 Middlesex County Records - Reports 1902-1928
 Middlesex County Records - Old Series Vol. I 1549-1603
 Middlesex County Records - Old Series Vol. II 1603-1625
 Middlesex Sessions Records - New Series Vol. I 1612-1614
 Middlesex Sessions Records - New Series Vol. II 1614-1615
 Middlesex Sessions Records - New Series Vol. III 1615-1616
 Middlesex Sessions Records - New Series Vol. IV 1616-1618
 Middlesex Sessions Records Books - 1689-1709
 Manuscripts at Guildhall Library - Leaflet

Directory

Bentley's History, Guide and Alphabetical and Classified Directory of Stourbridge 1841 (donated)

Others

Victorian People - G. Avery
 War Boy, a Country Childhood - M. Foreman
 Dating Old Photographs - Robert Pols
 100 Years in Pictures - A Panorama of History in the Making, with text by D.C. Somervell
 The Penguin Dictionary of Surnames - B. Cottle (donated)

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Society:-

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S77 W P STOKES 4 Ludlow Road, Feltham, Middlesex TW13 7JF
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The surname interests listed in the following three pages include those of the new members above, and those recently received from:

- C95 Mrs V COOPER 7 Thirlmere Drive, Burnholme, York YO3 0LZ
W92 Mrs P WRIGHT 28 Layston Park, Royston, Herts SG8 9DS

SURNAME INTERESTS

The following 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 case the date will indicate a period, the place a general area. All the abbreviations for the counties are given according to the Chapman County Codes. In writing to contact another researcher please remember to include a SAE if a reply is expected.

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ALFORD	19-20c	Brentford/Ealing	MDX	C95
BACON	17-19c	-	ESS	B129
BARBER	All	Brentford/Isleworth	MDX	C99
BARTLETT	1860s	Paddington	MDX	C100
BASS	18c	Ramsgate	KEN	W94
BATCHELOR	17-18c	Norwich	NFK	W94
BEAVIS	18-19c	Twickenham/Staines	MDX	B128
BEECHEY	18-19c	Chelsea	MDX	B129
BEECHEY	18-19c	Stepney	MDX	B129
BELL	17-18c	Norwich	NFK	W94
BIRCH	1790+	-	BKM	R47
BISHOP	19c	Edmonton/Stoke Newington/Fulham	MDX	B127
BLOWMAN	Any	Any	Any	G67
BLUNDUN	-	All	MDX	J37
BODY	bef 1850	St Mewan	CON	B130
BOYLAND	18c+	Chelsea	MDX	B130
BROOKS	All	Chelsea	MDX	B129
BROOKS	All	Bermondsey	SRY	B129
BUTLER	1800-50	Ramsey	HUN	C100
BUTLER	19-20c	Brentford/Ealing	MDX	C95
BYRNES	19-20c	Chelsea/Fulham	MDX	B127
CARROLL	-	All	MDX	J37
CATLING	17-19c	-	ESS	B129
CHURCH	1800-40	Peterborough	NTH	C100
CLARK(E)	1800-50	Hurst	BRK	C100
CLARKE	All	Coventry	WAR	C99
COLBOURNE	18c	Shaftesbury	DOR	C101
COLBOURNE	19c	Rowlands Castle	HAM	C101
COLBOURNE	19-20c	Lancing	SSX	C101
COLLISS	-	All	MDX	J37
COLWELL	-	All	MDX	J37
CONNOR	-	All	MDX	J37
COOK	1800-50	Henley-on-Thames	OXF	C100
COOPER	19c	Thame	OXF	J35
CRACK (aka LILES)	1770-1840	Burwell	CAM	C100

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
DARRAD	18c	Swaffham Prior	CAM	C100
DAVEY	18c	Burwell	CAM	C100
DAY	-	All	MDX	J37
DIAPER	17-18c	-	ESS	B129
DIVE	17c	Faversham	KEN	W94
DREW	All	Loddiswell	DEV	B127
DUDLEY	18c	Sutton	SRY	W94
ELLIOTT	20c	Fulham	MDX	B127
ELLIOTT	All	Bedingfield	SFK	B127
FALLEN	-	All	MDX	J37
FALLON	-	All	MDX	J37
FILDES	19c	Ealing	MDX	R47
FITZPATRICK	-	All	MDX	J37
FRENCH	19c	Ealing	MDX	J35
FRENCH	18-19c	Acton	MDX	J35
FRIEND	18c	-	DOR	G67
FRISWELL	-	All	MDX	J37
FULLER	18c+	Burwell	CAM	C100
GALLOP	18c	-	DOR	G67
GIBSON	17-18c	Wanstead	ESS	W94
GIBSON	17c	Bapchild	KEN	W94
GIBSON	16-17c	Lt Bennington	LIN	W94
GODFREY	-	All	MDX	J37
GOODMAN	19c	London	LND	R47
GREEN	19c	Ealing	MDX	J35
GREEN	19c	Willesden	MDX	J35
GREEN	19-20c	Bermondsey/Southwark	SRY	B127
GREEN	20c	Croydon	SRY	B127
GROVES	18c	Staines	MDX	W94
HANDS	19-20c	St Pancras	MDX	J35
HANDS	20c	Ealing	MDX	J35
HARDING	19c	Ealing	MDX	R47
HARDING	18c	-	BKM	R47
HARVEY	18c	Sutton	SRY	W94
HARVEY	17-18c	Haveringland	NFK	W94
HEDGELEY	bef 1880	Woodham Ferrers	ESS	B130
HOLLINGSHEAD	19c	Hammersmith	MDX	C100
HOOPER	bef 1850	St Mewan	CON	B130
HOW(E)	18c	Burwell	CAM	C100
HURST	20c	London	LND	R47
INGERSON	18c	Ramsey	HUN	C100
JORDAN	-	All	MDX	J37
KEELEY	-	All	MDX	J37
LAVENDER	bef 1860	Uxbridge	MDX	G67
LEWIS	bef 1880	Woodham Ferrers	ESS	B130
LINTOTT	19c	Stedham	SSX	C101
MATTOCKS	19c	Tonbridge	KEN	C101
MILLERCHIP	All	Coventry	WAR	C99
MIXTER	17-18c	-	ESS	B129

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
MORGAN	19c	Tonbridge	KEN	C101
MUNFORD	17-18c	Haveringland	NFK	W94
NEIGHBOUR	All	Brentford/Isleworth	MDX	C99
NEWLING	All	-	CAM	C99
PAGE	19c	Fulham	MDX	C100
PALMER	1780-1830	Peterborough	NTH	C100
PEARCE	19c	-	BKM	R47
PILKINGTON	19-20c	Ealing	MDX	J35
PILKINGTON	19c	Thame	OXF	J35
PINNOCK	18-19c	Fawley	HAM	C101
PROUD	1750-1800	Ramsey	HUN	C100
PRUDEN	19c	Hammersmith	MDX	C100
PUDDLE	-	Heston	MDX	J37
QUELCH	18c	Westminster	MDX	W94
RAY	-	All	MDX	J37
RICKETTS	20c	London	LND	R47
ROBBINS	19c	Lancing	SSX	C101
ROBERTS	16/17c	Lt Bennington	LIN	W94
ROBINS	All	Brentford/Isleworth	MDX	C99
ROBINS	18-19c	Blandford	DOR	B129
ROFFEY	18c	Reigate	SRY	W94
RULTON	Any	Fulham	MDX	W93
SHAW	All	Stourbridge	WAR	C99
SILLWOOD	-	Sunbury	MDX	J37
SIMS	19c	Kensington/ Hammersmith	MDX	C100
SIVERS	19c	Uxbridge	MDX	C101
SIVERS	19c	Kensington	MDX	C101
SMEE	17-19c	-	ESS	B129
SMITH	-	All	MDX	J37
SPILLANE	Any	Kensington/Kilburn	MDX	W92
STEBEN	17-18c	-	ESS	B129
STOATE	18c	Gorran	CON	B130
STUDD	17-18c	-	ESS	B129
SWEETAPPLE	18c	-	DOR	G67
THOMAS	19c	Isleworth	MDX	R47
TILLEY	19c	Paddington	MDX	C101
TILLEY	20c	Willesden	MDX	C101
TRINDER	-	All	MDX	J37
VIANT	bef 1850	St Mewan	CON	B130
VINNER	-	Sunbury	MDX	J37
WATSON	1800-50	Fulham	MDX	C100
WILDAY	All	-	WAR	C99
WILLIAMS	18-19c	Honiton	DEV	B129
WILLIAMS	18-19c	Basingstoke	HAM	B129
WILLSHEAR	19c	Ealing	MDX	J35
WOODMAN	Any	Kensington/Kilburn	MDX	W92
WYATT	17-19c	-	ESS	B129

EDITOR'S NOTES

Richard Chapman

I have very much enjoyed putting this issue of the Journal together, all the more so since the time available has been somewhat longer than on the last occasion, now that the shift in publication date has been achieved. The latter should mean that you received this issue well before the the Christmas holidays are upon us. I hope that you have enjoyed reading the news and articles contributed by fellow members, as much as I have. As always, my thanks go to all contributors, including those whose material has yet to appear.

Earlier in the year I mentioned that contributions for the Journal might take a wide variety of forms, from a parish register 'one-liner', to an article stretching to several pages. I would particularly welcome material relating to trades or professions of West Middlesex folk, and on migration into and out of this area. If, perhaps, writing a lengthy article is not quite your forte, please keep an eye out for odd 'snippets,' (entries in parish records, newspaper items, epitaphs, unusual bequests etc.) which might be of interest to other members of the Society. In doing so, however, please remember that they should relate primarily to our area of interest (see inside back cover).

Please note that the deadline for contributions to the March issue of the Journal is 7th JANUARY 1993. This clearly follows closely after the Christmas/New Year period, so please give thought to sending in your material as early as possible.

And finally, I wish you all the very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, and hope that 1993 proves to be a successful one in your researches.

ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE COURIER SERVICE

Mrs Pam Morgan will order, collect and post certificates for members from St Catherine's House. The charges are:

£7.00 - if full details or reference is supplied

£8.00 - including a three year search (i.e. 12 volumes)

Both prices include postage, but could overseas members send sterling only. There is a refund of £5.50 if the search is unsuccessful. The service is only available to members of the West Middlesex FHS - please quote your membership number with your request. Please make cheques payable to Mrs Pam Morgan, 17 Croft Gardens, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 8EY

INDEXES HELD BY MEMBERS

These indexes are intended as aids to research in the West Middlesex area, and are open to all enquirers. For members of the Society the fees are as stated (please quote your membership number); for non-members they are double what is indicated below, except where specified. Note that these fees are quoted for single enquiries about a name; for full lists of names from an index, please ask the index holder for a quotation. Please note that in all cases, enquirers must include a SAE (or IRC).

West Middlesex Marriage Index

Almost 50,000 marriages from more than 40 parishes mainly West Middlesex, but some others. Specific marriage searches, £0.50; general surname searches £1.00. For more common surnames, up to about 25 entries will be sent with an assessment of cost for all entries. Brides index is searched only if particularly requested. Lists indicating coverage, £0.15. Please note that this index contains *only* marriages which took place *before 1837*.

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