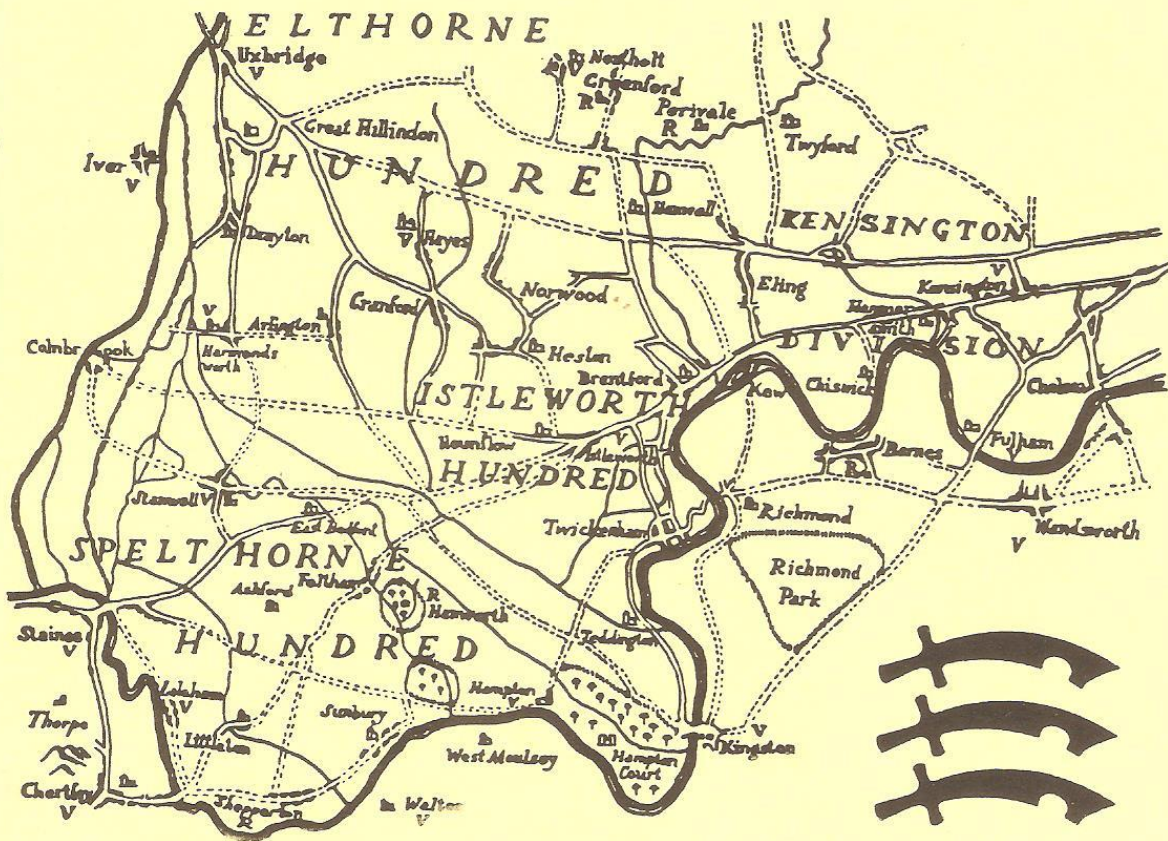


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MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Janet Huckle

It is more difficult than usual to start this message to members. There is no doubt that the death of our dear friend Glyn Morgan has touched the hearts of many people, world wide, who met or knew of him. We are missing him but find consolation in our memories of being with him and, of course, his wife Pam. We feel sad but also feel joy in having known Glyn.

As we have only one venue, our meetings are well attended and very lively. There never seems to be enough time to do everything that has been planned. I look forward to our members' evenings, because then we have a real chance to meet and talk to more people. We now have a light-weight fiche viewer, which Peter Roe has offered to store and to bring to meetings. This means that Mavis Sibley is able to bring along the Society's fiche for members to consult. Storage of our resources is always a problem but somehow or other some delightful person manages to find a corner of their home and so ease the burden on others. More storage space is still needed.

We have been represented at yet more Open Days - Kent Family History Society at Maidstone, Westminster and Central Middlesex at Rayners Lane and Oxford Family History Society at Kidlington. Our own Open Day will be held on 24th September 1994 at St Peter's Church, Staines. Mark it well in your diary. I am ready to receive all offers of help - many hands make light work.

Have you seen the book - *The Villages of Harrnondsworth*? It is quite fascinating. Congratulations to the Publications Committee for such a valuable contribution to the preservation of historical knowledge. I wonder what will be their next venture. Would you like to offer your help in some way'?

I am sure that we will have our usual good turnout on Thursday 16th December, to our A.G.M. and Christmas Party. I hope that you will be able to join us. If not, may I take this opportunity to wish a very Happy Christmas.

At the Record Office

The following exchange, reported in Family News and Digest (September 199) was overheard in a County Record Office. Total time of the visit - under a minute.

Visitors: We want to trace our family tree. Do you have any records on computer?

Archivist: Well, we have an awful lot of records here, but I'm afraid that they are not on computer.

Visitors: We don't have much time, so if they are not on computer we will have to be moving on. .

My main occupation since moving house has been decorating. The computer is still packed away so that dealing with the Society's correspondence is a reminder of times past, as the 'steam' typewriter has been brought out of retirement. All my replies are liberally spread with Tippex! The other problem is finding reference books; but hopefully everything will be sorted out by the end of November.

I managed to get down from the ladder to delve into the Federation's 'Bumper Bundle'; it is full of information which will keep me occupied for some time. I hope you have completed the British Isles Genealogical Register as it should have been returned by November 1st.

The Federation has produced a leaflet *A Code of Practice for Family Historians*, which is mainly directed towards overseas researchers. It explains that UK societies do not normally have their own libraries or headquarters where they can carry out research; they have to travel to record offices to answer queries. It is suggested that UK societies should make it clear to would-be enquirers what research they are prepared to carry out. As secretary I am not prepared to undertake detailed research, otherwise I would never cope with WMFHS business, my own family history, and general living! But I am happy to give general advice, as well as information on the history of parishes in our area.

At the request of some of our members, I agreed to arrange introductory trips to record offices. There were two visits to the Census Rooms, but only one member turned up to each of them. In fact there were more helpers there than beginners. Still, we were able to do some of our own work. In future if anyone wants someone to introduce them to a London record office, please let me know and I will see what can be arranged.

The other day I was setting out the benefits of belonging to the local family history society, even if it does not cover one's own interests, and came to the conclusion that my last reason was the best of all . . . you make a lot of good friends. As this piece will appear in the December issue, may I wish you a Happy Christmas and successful research in 1994!

December Meeting

Don't forget - at our next meeting at Montague Hall, on December 16th, Mary Brown will be giving a talk on the subject *Christmas Day in the Workhouse*. This will be followed by the A.Cr.M. of the Society, including reports of the Chairman and Treasurer, and elections to the committee. The evening will be rounded off in the traditional way with a drink and some seasonal refreshments. Do come along!

NEWS ROUNDUP

Dorset FHS

This society will be holding their first symposium on Saturday 23rd April 1994 at Ashdown School, Canlord Heath, Poole, Dorset. For details, please contact Mrs Clist, 311 Hubert Avenue, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset EH12 4HT.

East Surrey FHS

East Surrey FHS is planning its first Open Day (to incorporate the A.G-M.)," for Saturday 26th March 1994, to be held at Woldingham Convent School, Marden Park, Woldingham, Surrey. Our own society has already accepted an invitation to take part in this event. For further details, please write to Mrs J. Dungate, 6 Birch Way, Warlingham, Surrey CR6 9DA.

London and North Middlesex FHS

The London and North Middlesex society invite you to attend a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Giles Cnpplegate at 12.00 for 12.30 pm. on Thursday 16th December, and alter the Service to stay and enjoy mince pies and wine, for a donation of £1.00.

Berkshire FHS - Catholic FHS

These societies invite you to attend a joint one-day conference entitled *You have got more Catholic Ancestors than you think*, to be held on Saturday 16th April 1994 at Presentation College, Southcote Lane, Reading, Berkshire. For further information, please contact Robert Houseman, The Corner House, Shaw Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 6JX.

Quaker FHS

A new society for those researching Quaker ancestry has been formed, and has asked that its existence be brought to the attention of members. The annual subscription is £8.00, and should be sent to Dr Margaret Bennett, 486 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, London E10 7DU. Correspondence, and material for the magazine, should be directed to Michael (Sandy, 3 Church Crescent, Whetstone, London N20 0JR.

West London Local History Conference

The date of the 1994 conference, entitled *Evergreen: The Perks Spaces of West London*, and mentioned in the last issue of this journal, has been changed. It will now be held on Saturday 19th March, and not 26th March, as previously planned.

Society of Genealogists

Forthcoming lectures at the Society include:

11th December 1993 Survival of the fittest: health risks and our Victorian ancestors - *Nigel Underwood*

11th January 1994	Basic guide to Royal Navy research and records of Airmen - <i>Marjorie Moore</i>
18th January 1994	Surname searching in the Society's library - <i>Susan Gibbons</i>
19th January 1994	Legal records for genealogists (At PRO, Chancery Lane)
22th January 1994	Swings and Roundabouta Culture and traditions of travelling showpeople from 1889 to the present clay - <i>Vanessa Toulmin</i>
25th January 1994	Basic guide to researching merchant seamen - <i>Marjorie Moore</i>
1st February 1994	Researching county sources in the Society's library - <i>Paul Blake</i>

Contact the Society for further information and times. Please note also that the Society's library is closed for stocktaking from 7th to 14th February 1994.

Society of Genealogists: Family History Fair 1994

The 1994 SoG Family History Fair is being planned to run over two days, Saturday and Sunday May 7th and 8th 1994, and will take place at the Royal Horticultural Society New Hall and Conference Centre, Westminster. Day tickets bought in advance will cost £3.58 from the Society of Genealogists, but please note that they will not be available until February 1994. Further details of this event will be given in the next issue of this journal.

Family History Beginner's Pack

The Society of Genealogists has recently compiled a beginner's pack, available at £1.50, or £2.00 including p&p, from the Society at 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA. The pack includes i. a copy of *First Steps in Family History*, by As'. Camp, ii. a copy of *Using the Library of the Society of Genealogists*, iii. a recent back-issue of *Genealogists' Magazine*, and iv. current details of the Society, lecture program, publications list and subscription details.

The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies

The following are among the courses being offered by the institute in 1994:

15th January	Practical of Documents
9th February	Pedigree Construction
11th - 13th March	Non-Conformity

All courses are held at the institute, and details are available from The Registrar, IHGS, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA.

Liverpool Roman Catholic and Church of England Stray Indexes

Please note that the address for enquiries concerning this index is now: Eileen Crook and Ken Turner, 60 Leafield Road, Hunts Cross, Liverpool L25 0PZ.

PRO News

A chair lift has now been installed at Chancery Lane, which allows access to the ground floor. If advance notice is given, the PRO can make available census microfilms, wills and other probate records, which are normally consulted in the basement or on the first floor. Wheelchair users who would like to use this facility should write to Readers' Services Dept, Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1LR, or telephone 081-876-3444 ext. 2281. Parking space can be made available if booked in advance. Facilities for wheelchair users are better at Kew and access to Chancery Lane documents can be made available there.

Work continues on the construction of the extension at Kew; it will eventually have room to store new accruals of records up to 2010, as well as all records now held at Chancery Lane. Car parking space will remain limited until late 1995, so readers are advised to travel by public transport. The whole project should be completed by December 1996. The air conditioning refurbishment continues. If you plan to visit Kew, you are advised to ring on 081-876-3444 ext. 2486 where a recorded message will give you the latest information.

Back Journals for Sale

The table below lists the issues of the West Middlesex Family History Society Journal for which back copies are available.

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4	2	December	1983	7	6	November	1989
4	3	April	1984	8	1	March	1990
5	1	December	1984	8	2	June	1990
5	2	April	1985	8	3	September	1990
5	3	August	1985	8	4	December	1990
5	4	December	1985	9	1	March	1991
6	2	August	1986	9	2	June	1991
7	1	April	1988	9	3	September	1991
7	4	March	1989				

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Send your order, with a cheque, (STERLING only) to Miss Valerie Walker, 32 Cunnington Street, Chiswick, London W4 5EN.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following meetings have been planned;

20th January 1994 *Isleworth* - a talk by Mary Brown

The meetings are normally 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. In addition, the computer group will be meeting on the first Thursday of alternate months, beginning at 7.30 p.m. on February 3rd.

GLYN MORGAN

We are sorry to record the death of Glyn Morgan, in August, after a few months illness. Glyn was always an active member of our society, becoming secretary only a short time after he, and his wife Pam, joined. He was gently pushed into this by Pam who felt he needed something to do in his retirement. The letters which Glyn wrote to our members as secretary were a model for every family history secretary, being both helpful and friendly. Probably 'helpful and friendly' is how we will remember him.

In 1988 he was our representative at *The Lure of London* a joint conference of the Middlesex and London Societies. For a short time in 1990, in the absence of a chairman, Glyn took on the responsibility for this post as well.

Glyn and Pam's holidays in the Antipodes tended increasingly to become lecture tours, so I am sure many of our far-flung members will share in our sense of loss. Many overseas members were also entertained by Glyn and Pam when they came to England. As recently as September 1992, at short notice, and not in the best of health, he gave a very humorous talk on *Errors I have Made*.

Glyn will be sadly missed by his many friends and our heartfelt sympathy goes to Pam and their sons with their families.

Yvonne Woodbridge and Wendy Mott

Members who wish to make a charitable donation in the memory of Glyn are invited to contribute to Marie Curie Cancer Care (28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QG), who were so caring and supportive during his last days.

LBS Family History Centre

In 1994, the PRO at Chancery Lane will become the temporary home for the LDS Family History Centre, for about a year, while the Exhibition Road premises undergo building work.

One of the first projects started by the West Middlesex Family History Society was the recording and indexing of the memorial inscriptions for the parishes within its area of interest. We have now decided to publish these records on microfiche. Six churchyards are included in the first batch to be published. These are

St Nicholas, Shepperton	St Mary the Virgin, Bedfont
St Mary Magdalene, Littleton	All Saints, Isleworth
St Mary the Virgin, Bedfont	All Saints, Laleham

Each fiche contains 6 short introduction with a brief note on the respective church, a map of the churchyard, indicating the positions of the various tombstones, then a complete listing of all the memorial inscriptions found in the church and churchyard, together with a surname index.

A typical entry from St Mary Magdalene, Littleton, is

A18 A Headstone
Helen Martha Honnor/ died Feby 25th 1871/ aged 51 years/ also Louisa Honnor/ died April 22nd 1895/ aged 76 years/ "Because I live ye shall live also".

A18 locates the headstone in the graveyard, while the '/' denotes a new line on the inscription.

All the churchyards were recorded by Wendy Mott and a team from the West Middlesex FHS. The paper copy from which the microfiche were produced was prepared by Wendy Mott.

An order form is included in the centre of this journal; alternatively the fiche are available from the Bookstall at our meetings.

Current Projects

If you can help with any of the current projects being carried out by the Society, please contact the relevant co-ordinator, as listed below.

1881 Census Transcription: Les and Jill Munson, 41 Trotsworth Avenue, Virginia Water, Surrey GU25 4AN

Marriage Index Computer Project: Janet Hagger, 9 Mandeviile Close, Shepperton, Middlesex TW17 0AL

National Inventory of War Memorials: Ted Dunstali, 43 Elers Road, Ealing, London W13 9QB .

No, nothing to do with the British and Foreign Bible Society, but an entirely different organisation. ‘The Society for Promoting the Royal British or Lancastrian System for the Education of the Poor’ was formed in 1808, to carry forward the enterprises of Joseph Lancaster, who had founded a school and then a teacher training institution in Borough Road, Southwark. The name was changed to the British and Foreign School Society in 1814 and throughout the 19th century it set up many schools (known as ‘British Schools’), all over the country, and teacher training colleges based on non-sectarian Christian principles. It established and sent staff to schools overseas, particularly in Africa and the Caribbean. The Society no longer owns any schools or training colleges but has widely diversified into many educational fields.

If you have an ancestor who was a teacher they may well have been trained at one of the Society’s teacher training colleges at Borough Road, Southwark, Stockwell College, Saffron Walden College or Darlington College. What a wonderful addition to your family history information if you were able to find and copy the original application form, together with a supporting recommendation from the local vicar or headmaster. Often, the application form includes a personal hand-written letter from the applicant, pleading to be accepted.

So where can you find this gold-mine of archival information? At the B.F.S.S. Archives Centre, West London Institute of Higher Education, Lancaster House, Borough Road, Isleworth (081-568-8741). The centre is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 pm. Admission is free. Photocopying facilities are available at a small charge. Postal enquiries should, of course, be accompanied by the usual S.A.E.

They have, among a very large variety of records, literally thousands of those applications, with material dating back to the very earliest years of the Society. Much material after 1897 was lost due to World War II damage, but enough remains to make this centre worth a visit at least. The following is a selection of the documents and records available:

- Minute Books of the Society 1808-1834 (some gaps);
- Correspondence of the Secretaries of the Society 1814-1897;
- Overseas Correspondence 1814-1897;
- Schools Records (mainly 1830-1897). These include many letters concerning teacher appointments, grants of money and equipment, and advice to local committees. There are many returns from schools, and early minute and log books for Saffron Walden British Schools;
- Nineteenth century records of the Society’s Colleges, mainly since 1860;
- Twentieth century records of the Society’s Colleges until closure or amalgamation;

Applications from men and women to the Borough Road Normal Institution 1813-1859;
Student Registers and other official "records of student progress";
Prints and photographs of the Societgfs Schools and Colleges;
College Year Group photographs. Student photographs;
Annual Reports of the B.F.S.S. from 1814-date;
Student Magazines for the Colleges, including the *B's Hum* 1889-1963.

Notes on a talk given by the Archivist at Borough Road, Mr Bryon Seagrove, appeared in the September 1993 issue of this journal.

Network 11 Tape Library

Our recordings for July and September are as follows;

The Name Game - Meryl Catty

Local Military Records - Ian Beckett

The tapes may be hired at the cost of £1.25, including postage and packing, for 14 days. Please make cheques payable to WMFHS. Please give your name, address and telephone number, and your FHS and membership number (UK members only) to West Middlesex FHS Tape Library, 18A Gordon Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 3EH

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From a Perivale Burial Register, 1746/7

Samuel Verrep, Farmer: He was set upon by 2 footpads on Sat^y night last abt 7 of y^e clock near Castle-bar hill & on making some resistance was shot by one of y^m thro' y^e body of which wound He languished till Monday morn^g & then expired. B^d in Woolen as y^e aff^t recvd.

Noted by Mary King

In the second half of the 19th century Whitton Park was the only mansion in Whiiton in private hands. The owner was Colonel Murray, a most benevolent squire, who opened the grounds of his house for fêtes at Whitsun and during the summer. This extract from the *Richmond and Twickenham Times* for August Sth 1874 records the events of one of these fetes, for the 16th South-West Middlesex Rifle Volunteers, from which regiment Colonel Murray derived his title.

‘At Whitton Park on Monday it was the annual Volunteers Fete, with such a gathering of bright dresses and happy faces as is seldom seen, everybody seemed to be dressed in his or her best, and all were fully to enjoy themselves. There was no cause for dissatisfaction on account of the weather, for soon after noon the sky cleared and for the remainder of the day the sun shone most brilliantly. It is not surprising therefore that when such fine weather was added to the attractive programme the committee had provided and the fact of the day being observed as a general holiday that there was an unusual large attendance at the Fete, and all were as ‘merry as the day is long‘.

‘The Fete commenced at two o’clock, at which hour the visitors began to arrive in large numbers from the whole of the surrounding district. The ground had been well prepared for the festivities it is far from unattractive at any time, with the many coloured flags and other means of decoration employed on this occasion, it presented a most picturesque appearance. Good stages had been provided for the concerts and the band, and excellent arrangements had been made for the comfort of the visitors. A shooting gallery attracted not a few, and skittles and other means of amusement were provided for those who take delight in such sports. The concerts were rather above the usual standard of excellence for the vulgarity which so often characterises the performance of those who are engaged to sing at fetes was not so noticeable as at other tetes which have been held in the neighbourhood in the present summer. Mr John Colman presided at the pianoforte with considerable skill, for his solos were carefully performed. Mr E.G. Hart fairly delighted the audience with his burlesque on various itinerant musicians, and his songs were very well received. The sisters, Lindon, proved themselva to be most charming duettists.

‘At the conclusion of the stage performances there was a msh for tea, and a roaring trade was done by Messrs Waters and Wilson of Hounslow, who were caterers for all that what was required for the inner man. Immediately afterwards the dancing commenced, under such favourable circumstances that few could resist the temptation to join in it. The band of the volunteers was all that could be desired; the ground had been carefully prepared and enclosed and there was an abundance of lair partners as the most fastidious could wish. No wonder,

then, that all who could dance, and indeed, some who could not, joined in heartily in the dance and kept at it with a vigour which was perfectly astonishing. On they went, never seeming to tire of whirling round and round the enclosure.

‘Some, who did not seem to care about the dancing, engaged in kiss-in-the-ring, and the bright uniforms of the soldiers and volunteers, who with their proverbial fondness for the fair sex, joined the n'ng, soon attracted many of the ladies. Other amused themselves at the shooting gallery; riding those patient beasts, the donkeys; sitting for photographs; or shying at Aunt Sally. The man in charge of the latter means of amusement was evidently intent upon doing a good stroke of business, for his cries could be heard far and near. A number of foot races which were open to all in uniform were carried out with considerable success.

‘At dusk the ground was very prettily illuminated. Coloured lamps were gracefully testooned round the dancing enclosure, and the occasional burning of red and blue tere gave the scene a most pleasing and fairy-like appearance. A better ground for courtship or flirtation could not be desired, for the trees which line the park rendered the borders of the ground a most attractive walk, and many a young couple were seen arm in arm and sometimes with their arms most tenderly" entwined round one another's waists.

‘These engagements so engrossed the attention of the company that few left the grounds until the familiar notes of the National Anthem warned them that eleven o'clock had arrived and the grounds must be cleared. The visitors then departed and the moon having arisen, the lovers were able to see their ladies home by the pale light.’

MIs UPDATE

Wendy Mott

I'm afraid this title is a bit of a misnomer, as I have organised very little recording this year. Somehow other events have taken priority, such as taking our roadshow to other societies' Open Days.

I have regretfully come to the conclusion that I can no longer raise the necessary energy and enthusiasm to front this very important task. Is there anyone out there who would be prepared to take over from me? There is a merry band of helpers with a fair amount of expertise willing to help. Two of them, Tony Humm and Janet Dite, have been beavering away in Heston Churchyard this summer in an effort to finish the checking. This is a project I intend to see through to the finish, but I shan't take on any more.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have given so freely of their time over the last few years. Every time I successfully answer a query from a member I am made aware of how useful MIs are.

Enquiries should have begun long before the death of my grandfather, but the subject was taboo in his household. It was not until Gordon Austin Miller died, in 1986, in Croydon, Surrey, that my mother felt able to investigate the history of her mother's family; hence the commencement of my search for our Swiss ancestry.

Maria Annie Fasnacht was born in 1891 at Wimbledon, daughter of John Fasnacht and Sentina Buckland. She married my grandfather as a widow, (of Edward Breese), in 1920 at Croydon, herself dying in 1926, of tuberculosis, mum being only four years of age at the time. Family rumour has it that John spoke eight languages, yet his occupation given upon Maria's birth certificate is 'waiter'. However the year previous his son Frederick John had been born and sure enough, in this case, John's occupation was given as 'Interpreter'.

My initial enquiries of the 1891 census proved negative; Hartfield Crescent didn't exist according to the PRO index. Fortunately the omission was quickly spotted and the relevant entry was soon winging my way. It bore surprises, for it read

Charles Fasnacht	32	Enterpreter / Domestic Servant	Switzerland
Selina do.	27	-	Harmingsworth, Middx

plus three children.

So who is this Charles? Further investigation proved Charles to be John, Selina to be Sentina, and perusal of the census columns leads one to believe that the house was unoccupied when the enurnerator called. One feature of the census return still puzzles me though, that being the inscription '04/2' in the female age column, next to Charles' given age. Does anyone have any clues?

Logic dictates that one search now for the maniage of the couple. Here my problems commenced. St Catherine's House records, 1879-1894, yielded nothing. Nothing under Consular marriages. Nothing at the Eglise Suisse in London, I wrote to the incumbent at Harmondsworth, without success. Later investigations revealed Sentina as probably being the daughter of a gypsy family. Does this offer any explanation? In any event, the marriage still eludes me.

The finding of John's date of death, purely by chance, opened up a real hive of conundrums and uncertainties. I chanced upon it whilst idling excess time at the local Family History Centre, having extracted all entries upon the Swiss section of the IGI. In their Family Registry Section I found an enquiry from a Peter Wendes of Havant, (whom I have been unable to locate). Jean Fasnacht, male, born 1858/ 59, Switzerland, died 1942, London.

I applied for the death certificate, which was only partly revealing. John had died in a nursing home (St Mary Abbots), apparently without any relative in attendance. He had been laid to rest by an E.J. Bennett, of 99 Gresham St, who 'caused the body to be buried'.

The tone of the entry smacked of procedure, businesslike in its manner. I consulted Yellow Pages and there, under Solicitors, found MW. Cornish and Co., 99 Gresham St. Had he left his affairs in the hands of solicitors? Was there a will?

Off went the letter, and soon came the reply; 'We are sorry to inform you we have only been resident at these premises since December 1991, however, [how grateful I am for howevers], the building is known as the Swiss Bank Building as it was previously occupied by the Swiss Bank.'

Back to Yellow Pages again. After what seemed an eternal wait, yet wasn't, the reply arrived. 'Yes they were the occupants in 1942. E.J. Bennett was an employee of theirs at the time.' investigations were proceeding; I was to await further communication.

Some weeks later I became the possessor of two envelopes, both of which had laid in a dormant account at the bank since 1944. One envelope contained an original assurance policy, taken out by my great-grandfather in 1894 and yet to be surrendered. The Peterborough branch of that particular society is currently investigating this. The other envelope contained correspondence concerning John's affairs and an inventory of items found at the Grosvenor House Hotel. These were only minor personal items, but all were either gold or pearl in content. Now, John is described as a hotel messenger (aged 83 years!) upon his death certificate. He died at a nursing home, his address being given as 304a Fulham Road. So why are, amongst other things, eight pearl studs, six tie pins and a gold purse (alone valued at £18, this in 1943) to be found at a hotel in London, and what type of messenger would possess such items?

My letter to the hotel still awaits a response. it occurs to me that, as my mother intimated from her recollections, John was not exactly poor. This consideration in itself then raises another question. What, if affluence abounded, led John to marry the daughter of a carpenter, as noble a trade as that may be, and also led him to take on the occupations of waiter and messenger. it is almost as if some double identity was being maintained - or am I speculating too wildly?

I temper the previous, seemingly pompous, statement with information I derived from the Index of Naturalisation and Denization. Here it lists two Fasnachts arriving in England during the mid-to-late 19th century. One is a surveyor, the other a teacher of modern languages, later to become author of French and German texts. Both individuals originate from the Murten/Muntelier region of Fribourg, Switzerland. Could my John have a similar origin? Off went the letter, with IRCs, and back came the reply 'I am sorry to inform you . . . '.

One final episode to the tale so far. Whilst I sat perusing the material received in the envelopes, looking for new leads, my daughter sat alongside me, picked up one of the envelopes and blithely commented 'Have you found his will, Dad?' Unnoticed by us all, a faded, eradicated set of four large letters, underneath the inscription re J. Fasnacht, deceased. W I I L. I have since sought grants of probate, again Without success. If a will did exist, why wasn't the assurance policy surrendered? The questions go on and on.

The prime question of all will, it seems, remain unanswered. Why did my grandfather disassociate himself from his in-laws. Was it the suggestion, after the death of my grandmother Maria, that they should raise the children, which offended him, even caused a family feud, his own parents living nearby. Is there something I have yet to discover with regard to my great-grandfather, John Fasnacht's, past. Or does the problem lay with Sentina, the scourge of Tankerton Terrace, Croydon, once seen appearing over the hill in a rage and, upon the pacific intervention of granddads brother, Harold, setting about him with her broolly. Is it because of a fire-brand mother-in-law I now flounder whilst attempting to unravel the past. The joys of family history!

HELP!

This service is free to members of WMFHS - please quote your membership number in correspondence - and is intended for use by members seeking help with specific problems in their research. in order to ensure that your appeal is published correctly, and is clear to other readers, try to make entries clear and concise, give all personal and place names in **BLOCK CAPITALS**, and all dates in full. Entries from non-members can be accepted, at a rate of £3.00 for up to ten lines. Payments must be in Sterling only; cheques payable to WMFHS.

DOE / FRAMPTON

Emily FRAMPTON married Henry Nunn DOE at the Soho Chapel, Strand on 26th August 1866. They had seven children; Henry, Emily, Frederick, Charles, Ada, Alfred and Herbert. In 1891 they lived in Ladbroke Grove Road, Kensington. Henry Nunn DOE was of Suffolk ancestry, a corn dealer, and he conducted his business from 115 Woanington Road, near his home. Has anybody come across any of the children? Any information on Emily (born circa 1842) would be invaluable. Her birth does not appear to have been registered, although on the 1891 census she gives her birthplace as Kensington. Her father, Roger Charles FRAMPTON, is an equal mystery. He was a witness at Emily and Henry's marriage, his occupation being foreman at a stone-yard, but despite extensive searching I cannot discover any details about him. Any information on any of the above would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Gloria Reid, 27 Arundel Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 1DL

GRIMSON / FLOOKS / MINTER

My 3xgt-grandfather Edmund GRIMSON married Mary Ann FLOOKS on 23rd May 1802 at St Martin in the Fields. Their first born, Edmund GRIMSON, married Harriet MINTER, also at St Martins, on 27th November 1826. In 1826 Edmund GRIMSON had a grocers and cheesemongers shop in High Street, Fulham. The son Edmund and two brothers, Samuel and William, were all tailors and Samuel, a master tailor, had. a shop in the High Street. I wish to find out more about the FLOOKS's, MINTERs and GRIMSONs. I have been unable to trace Edmund's birth, parentage etc., or how he obtained the business. Similarly for the other families. Any information gratefully received.

Eric White, 4 Bayliss Road, Kardinya, WA 6163, Australia

KRUGER / FERGUSON

William Charles Frederick KRUGER married Janet FERGUSON at Lambeth, April 1886. Four children were born, William 1887, Magdalene 1889, Dudley 1891 and Dorothy 1894. The family had settled in Fulham by 1894. Both parents died in the Fulham area, in 1924 and 1938 respectively. Any information regarding the descendants of the four children would be very welcome.

Hugh Lewis, 38 Rushfield Road, Liss, Hunts GU33 7LP

LOVEGROVE

Thomas LOVEGROVE lived with his wife Elizabeth at the Magpies pub, Bath Road, Sipson, in 1871. Does any member know of the Magpies or where I could find information regarding its tenants at this time?

Mrs B.M. Butler, The Scar, Lea Bailey Hill, Nr Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 7LG

SMITH / FRANKLIN

My gt-grandfather was Henry SMITH, born 11th May 1850 in Chelsea North West Registration District. His parents were Henry SMITH, a carpenter, and Julia FRANKLIN. They were living at the time at 17 Regent Street, Chelsea. A search of the 1851 Census drew a blank, and I have not traced their marriage or births.

Richard Smlth, Tigh an lasgair, Street of Kincardine, Boat of Garten, Inverness-shire PH24 3BY.

The GRO index of marriages for June 1885 records the marriage of Heinrich Ernest Goring and Fanny Tiefnbrunn, in the Strand RD. He was in fact a Dr Heinnch Ernst Goring, then aged 56, and this his second marriage, to a simple peasant girl Franziska Tielenbrunn, over 20 years his junior. They would have five children, one of whom, Hermann, was born in Bavaria on 12th January 1893, and died by his own hand at Nuremberg, 15th October 1946.

Noted by Peter Guyver

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 Ravendale 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.

Please note that this list supersedes all those published in earlier journals.

	Price/£	P&P/£	Total/£
1842 - The Tithes (Acton Farms and Farming I)	1.50	0.40	1.90
The Common Fields (Acton Farms and Farming II)	1.50	0.40	1.90
A New Landscape (Acton Farms and Farming III)	1.50	0.40	1.90
Soapsud Island (Acton Laundries)	3.00	0.50	3.50
The Building of Bedford Park (Acton)	4.00	0.60	4.60
The charities of St Mary's Acton	1.50	0.40	1.90
Directory of Acton Laundries	4.00	0.50	4.50
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
Street Names of Barnes, Mortlake and East Sheen	0.90	0.75	1.65
Highways and Byways of Barnes	8.55	0.75	9.35
Bedfont - An Outline History	2.00	0.50	2.50
An Edwardian childhood in Bedford Park	3.50	0.50	4.00
Brentford and Chiswick As It Was	3.20	0.55	3.75
Brentford As It Was	3.60	0.55	4.15
Sarah Trimmer of Brentford and Her Children	4.50	0.55	5.05
The Battle of Brentford	5.00	1.00	6.00
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

Thomeycroft (Shipbuilding and Motor Works in Chiswick)	2.00	0.40	2.40
Chiswick Library (100 years of service to the community)	2.50	0.75	3.25
Life and Work in Old Chiswick	4.00	0.75	4.75
Glimpses of Chiswick Place in History (by William P. Roe)	9.00	2.00	11.00
Chiswick (by Warwick Droper)	12.00	2.00	14.00
The West Drayton Enclosure	2.00	0.50	2.50
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	3.50	0.50	4.00
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
The Dangerous Years (Life in Ealing, Acton and Southall in the Second World War)	3.75	0.75	4.50
Eastcote: From Village to Suburb	4.50	0.75	5.25
Growth of East Sheen in the Victorian Era	0.95	0.50	1.45
Feltham and its Library (Past and Present)	1.00	0.35	1.35
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 Bridge	5.00	1.00	6.00
The Place which is called Fulanham (Fulham from Roman times to 1939)	4.50	0.75	5.25
Medicine in the Parish of Fulham from the 14th Century. Fulham Hospital 1884-1959	5.00	1.00	6.00
Hammersmith Bridge	3.95	0.75	4.70
Popes Corner - Roman Catholic Institutions in Hammersmith and Fulham	2.25	0.50	2.75
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
Hammersmith Riverside (Personalities and Places)	4.00	0.65	4.65
St Georges Church, Hanworth	0.60	0.45	1.05
Gregory King's Harefield; an English village in the 1690s	4.90	0.75	5.65
Life and work in a Middlesex village; oral history of Harefield	4.50	0.75	5.25
The Villages of Harmondsworth	3.50	0.50	4.00
Before and After Domesday: a chronology of Harmondsworth, West Drayton and Yiewsley	1.20	0.30	1.50
A Concise History of Hayes	3.50	0.75	4.25
History of Heathrow	3.90	0.55	4.45

Looking Back On Hounslow High Street and District	3.60	0.55	4.15
The Story of Ickenham	4.50	0.75	5.25
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	3.60	0.55	4.15
Isleworth	0.50	0.40	0.90
Ladybirds on the Wall (Growing Up in West Kensington 1920-1940)	4.00	0.50	4.50
The Story of Kew	4.95	0.50	5.45
St Margarets: A Bankers House and its Contents in 1817	3.00	0.65	3.65
Alleyways of Mortlake	4.95	0.80	5.75
Going to the Parish – Mortlake and the Church of St Mary	6.55	0.75	7.35
On Q – The Q Theatre (by Kenneth Barrow)	10.00	2.00	12.00
Ravenscourt	3.50	0.50	4.00
The goodliest place in Middlesex: a history of the ancient parish of Ruislip from the Domesday Book to Modern Times	8.50	1.00	9.50
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
Shepherds Bush – The Dickens Connection	3.95	0.55	4.50
Property Owners of Shepperton in 1839	1.00	0.40	1.40
Shepperton Story	6.00	0.75	6.75
History of Spring Grove	1.40	0.45	1.85
Staines in the Records Vol. I	5.00	1.00	6.00
Staines in the Records Vol. II	5.00	1.00	6.00
The Fire Service of Staines and Ashford (Middx)	2.00	0.50	2.50
Stamford Brook (an affectionate portrait)	4.99	0.75	5.74
Stand and deliver! Highwaymen in West Middlesex	4.50	0.75	5.25
Stanwell My Village	4.95	0.75	5.70
A Stitch in Time (Clothes in West London)	2.50	0.50	3.00
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
Sunbury: Echoes of the past Vol 1	2.50	0.50	3.00
Sunbury: Echoes of the past Vol. 2	2.50	0.50	3.00
Property Owners and Tenants of Sunbury in 1848	2.50	0.50	3.00
Uxbridge At War – 1939-1945	1.80	0.50	2.30
Uxbridge: A Concise History	4.50	0.75	5.25
Recollections of Uxbridge	1.95	0.75	2.70

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS 1993

Richard Chapman

Full members of the Society will find included with this issue of the Journal a copy of the Directory of Members' Interests 1993, on microfiche. This is the third such directory to have been produced by the Society, and the last one was produced in 1991. It has been compiled from information returned on the forms that were distributed with the March 1993 issue of this journal, and includes" over 2,800 interests, submitted by 255 members before the deadline of 31st May. The need for such a cut-off date inevitably means that there are new members who have joined in the last few months, who have missed the opportunity to have their interests included. However, all new members are invited upon joining to advertise their surname interests in the regular column in this journal, and it is hoped that they have taken/will take advantage of this.

The 1993 edition of the directory is the first to have been produced in microfiche format. It is hoped that the wide availability of microfiche readers at record offices, libraries and family history society meetings will not make this change an inconvenient one. The advantages in this format from the point of view of the Society are the very substantial savings in production of fiche compared to booklets, and in the costs of distribution. Furthermore, the storage requirements for copies for future new members is greatly reduced, and indeed, preparation of further copies from the master copy of the fiche is a simpler matter. than reprinting a booklet.

The directory is in two parts, and the layout is similar to that used in the Surname interests section of this journal. Part I lists the surnames in alphabetical order. Each name is followed by the period of research, the parish or area of interest, together with the Chapman county code. Finally, the membership number of the individual submitting the interest is given. The name and address corresponding to each membership number are given in Part II. The membership list in Part II includes all members of the Society at the time of the deadline for submission of entries to the directory (excluding those who indicated that they wished. their details to be omitted.

I hope that the 1993 directory allows some fruitful contacts to be made between members who share an interest. Please do not forget to include a SAE (or IRCs, if appropriate) with any enquiry, and if you are the recipient of any enquiry, please try to respond promptly, even if you are unable to offer any help.

Family Tree Magazine

Watch out for the January issue of FTM - West Middlesex FHS will be the subject of the Guest Society feature.

FAMILY HISTORY: SKILL OR SERENDEPITY? *Douglas Barnes*

After more than a dozen years of family history most of the lines I have tracked backwards in time have sooner or later dried up, with little hope of further progress, so that my attention must now turn towards filling in more of the details of how more recent ancestors lived. Yet even the most intractable dead-end may eventually allow passage into the further past. At one time, for example, I despaired even of finding out about the origins of my maternal grandmothers parents, even though I have a photograph of them in old age, looking plump and contented against an overgrown pnyet hedge. (My great-grandfather had been a gardener at a large house; perhaps he found that hedge-clipping at home was too much of a busman's retirement.) I shall tell the tale of the frustrations and eventual success in finding where they came from.

I knew that my grandmother had been the eldest of a large family, and had been brought up in Hampton Hill (or New Hampton), Middlesex, which in the seventies and eighties of the last century had been changing from a semi-rural area of large houses and market gardens to a burgeoning suburb, mainly because the railway line from Waterloo made it possible to live there and commute to better paid work in London. Her father, the gardener, was called Thomas Willis. That was almost all my mother ever said about her Willis grandparents, though she told me more about her aunts, their younger children. I had vaguely assumed that they were local people, living for generations in Hampton and nearby parishes, but how wrong I was! First I looked for them in the 1871 census in Hampton (the 1881 was not then available) but they were not there, even though I went through the whole of Hampton and Teddington and some areas round about; they must have come from somewhere else, and done so even in my grandmother's lifetime.

My grandmother, I found from a family 'Birthday Book', had been born in January 1868, so I found her in the St Catherine's House index, and ordered a copy of her birth certificate. I found to my surprise that she had been born in Coleridge Buildings in Highgate, which proved, when I consulted an old map in the Middlesex Records Office, to be in Archway Road. (I was interested to read recently that Archway Road, built in 1812, was originally intended to include a tunnel, but the tunnel collapsed - apparently with some loss of liie - so the builders decided to make do with the bridge and deep cutting that we know.) Her parents were identified as Thomas Willis, working as a bricklayer's labourer, and Sarah, born Pounds. So I had a new name to play with.

Could it be that the Pounds and Willis families lived in Highgate? I looked next for Thomas and his young family in the 1871 census for Highgate and Hornsey but they were not at Coleridge Buildings, nor in the streets round about. St perhaps after all they were only temporary residents in the area. If I could find

their marriage, this might have taken place where they came from. (You will notice that I was still assuming that they would have come from the same village, or thereabouts. I was to learn that such assumptions are rash and unhelpful to the family historian.) So I returned to the St Catherine's House indexes to look for the marriage. I found a Sarah Pounds who married in the Pancras area in April-June 1867, but there was no Thomas Willis for the same place and date. At this point, I made a major error. I decided that since this must be the wrong Sarah Pounds, I would not waste the price of a useless certificate.

During a visit to the Middlesex Records I looked unsuccessfully for the Willis-Pounds marriage in several parish registers, including Highgate, St Pancras Old Church, and All Saints. Some time later I had another idea. The family birthday book was far from reliable about dates, but it did include an entry for 'T.C. Willis' giving a date in 1846. This would be about right, since it would have made him 22 years old in 1858 when my grandmother was born, although the entry might refer to some other relative, since I didn't know anything about Thomas having a second name (nor do I now!). I looked again in the St Catherine's index, this time for births in the four quarters of 1846, only to find that ten boys called Thomas Willis had been born in that year. The more likely ones had been registered in Luton, i-tendon, Arnersham and Reading, but - as I was beginning to realise - he might have been born in any part of the country. The list didn't seem very helpful, since to obtain all of the certificates would be somewhat extravagant.

In 1982 the 1881 census became available and made it possible to look for the family in Hampton Hill. Some years before, my mother had given me a description of where her grandparents lived: you went along the road beside the railway, it turned to the right and then immediately to the left without crossing the railway, and there was the house. I looked at a modern map, and Eastbank Road seemed the most likely one. A visit to London gave me the opportunity to look at the census and there the Willis family was, at 3.5 Eastbank Road, New Hampton.

Thomas Willis	34	Gardener	b. Hertford
Sarah do.	35		do.
Margaret do.	13	Scholar	Middlesex
Martha do.	10	do.	Bedford
Eliza L. do.	9	do.	Berks
Matilda do.	6		Middx
Alice M. do.	4		do.
Sarah do.	1		do.

I already knew that Margaret, my grandmother, had been born in Highgate, so the omission of the place name didn't seem as ominous as it should have done, 'out it was interesting to see that both Thomas and Sarah had been born in Hertford (they had not!). It appeared that in his search for work Thomas had

moved about a good deal, from Hertford to Highgate, to Bedford, to somewhere unspecified in Berkshire, arriving in Middlesex - no doubt for his job as gardener in Hampton - some seven or eight years earlier, perhaps in 1874. So I determined to find Thomas as a child in Hertford and its neighbouring villages. (Readers will recognise what a very considerable investment of time that involved.) But I should have seen that the enumerator did not mean the town; he had not bothered to record places but only counties of birth. (I did not harbour kindly thoughts about his inefficiency.) I had met another dead end. 'Bedford' would no doubt be as uninformative as 'Hartford' had been.

Years passed, as they say in novels. Since I live in Yorkshire I do not often have the opportunity to pursue my ancestors, all of whom lived in the counties round London. While I was making exciting progress with other lines, I became convinced that I was never going to learn any more about the Willis family. However, one day, turning the pages of the file in which I record what I find, I looked again at the 1881 entry quoted above and realised that it might be possible to find whereabouts in Bedfordshire the family was living at the time of the 1871 census by obtaining the birth certificate for my grandmother's sister Martha, who had been born the year before. The index told me that Martha Ann Willis had been registered in April-June 1870 in the Luton area, and I immediately remembered that one of the Thomas Willis births had been registered in Luton. This discovery, the result of idle browsing over the materials rather than rational planning, provided the way ahead I had ceased even to hope for.

Martha Anne birth certificate amazed me. She had been born in April 1870 in Whipsnade, Beds. (I thought I knew about Whipsnade, though dais was probably before the coming of the Zoo.) The 1871 census for Whipsnade told me still more - the breakthrough had come.

Thomas Willis	24	ag. lab.	b. 13. Herts, Kensworth
Sarah do.	25		Berks, Hamsted [sic]
Margaret M.	3		Middx, Hornsey
Martha A.	1		Beds, Whipsnade

So Thomas came from a village in Hertfordshire, and Sarah from one in Berkshire, neither of them known to me. I have no way of finding out how they came to meet, though it seems probable that they had both gone to Highgate or Hornsey to work, Thomas as a builders labourer, and Sarah perhaps as a servant. A map quickly showed that Kensworth is the next village to Whipsnade, so Thomas had returned to the places of his childhood. (At that time Kensworth parish was part of Hertfordshire, though somewhat isolated from the rest of the county.) At first I thought I recognised 'Harnsted' as Hampstead Norris, which I knew because some of my father's ancestors had lived there, but it soon turned out to refer to a west Berkshire village called Hampstead Marshall. Again turned to a modern map, only to find that the next village was Kintbury. M

mother had repeatedly talked about Kintbury, where my grandmother had worked as a schoolteacher at the turn of the century. Was that how she came to go there, because it was where her mother came from?

The rest of this tale need not be told in detail. The 1851 census for Kenswozth gave me Thomas at four years of age, living with his parents Joseph and Jane and seven brothers and sisters, most of whom were engaged in straw plaiting for Luton's lucrative straw hat trade. (It is said that a child skilled in plaiting could earn more than a farm labourer.) By the 1861 census Thomas was working as a horse-keeper. From there I went to the parish register, which opened up two or three more generations, but then came another dead-end. Of course, deadends are of the nature of family history. As I had learnt, when they can be penetrated it is often by serendipity as by planning.

Later I solved the puzzle of Thomas and Sarah's missing marriage record. Thomas' name appears in the index as Thomas Willesi I should have known always to look for variant spellings of names. 5 .

From *Punch*, 20th April 1861:



THE CENSUS.

Head of the Family (filling up the paper). "Well, Miss Primrose, as a visitor, I must put your age in! What shall we say?"

Miss P. "Oh, it's best to be straightforward. The same as dear Flora. Twenty last birthday!"

Richard Chapman

BOOKSHELF

The Villages of Harmondsworth - Philip Sherwood (Ed.)

The villages concerned are those of Harmondsworth, Longford, Heathrow and Sipson, which together make up the parish of Harmondsworth. This is an anthology of works by various authors and is therefore a selective history concerning individual items rather than a comprehensive history of the area.

The various sections of the book deal with the early history of Harmondsworth, the Great Barn, the church, non-conformity in the parish, and the main road of the area - the Bath Road.

There is also a section on the personal reminiscences of David Wild, a market gardener of Heathrow who was dispossessed in 1944 to make way for Heathrow Airport.

The individual sections of the book appear to have been written by people who not only know the area but love it, and in this group of people I must also include the editor, Philip Sherwood, who already has a number of books on this area of West Middlesex to his credit.

I would like to have seen a few more illustrations, but on the whole I think that this is a very good first book from our new publications committee.

60 pp, with 7 illustrations and 2 maps. Published by West Middlesex Family History Society, 1993.

Carol Sweetland

Shepperton Story - Valerie Brooking

A history and description of Shepperton and Littleton organised and written on a topic basis including a general history and much information on the river and railway, roads, churches, old houses, agriculture, personalities and organisations and including two lists of Rectors of Shepperton and Littleton from the thirteenth century. An excellent background book to flesh out your family history story if your ancestors came from these places.

76 pp, with map, sketches and 24 photographs.

Jim Devine

Feltham and its Library

Most of this small book details the history of the Feltham area from the earliest known beginnings to the present day. It deals with the Manor, the churches, railway development, population, schools, some houses, inns and industry. Very good value for a modest price.

20 pp, with 6 photographs, map and bibliography.

Jim Devine

Sunbury Echoes of the Past: Vols 1 and 2 - Kenneth Y. Heselton

Volume 1 has histories of Hawks House, Sunbury Mills and the Metropolitan Water Board Light Railway, together with a very interesting chapter on Household Effects 1673 - 1724 which lists in detail some of the 'goods and chattels and cartel' of a few late residents of Sunbury.

Volume 2 includes histories of the Huguenots of Sunbury, Sunbury Fire Service, Sunbury Court plus two short chapters on Sunbury Hearth Returns and an extract from the will of Walter Richardson, Vicar of Sunbury, 1502.

60 pp, with map.

Jim Devine

The Oxford Guide to Family History -- David Hey

This is so much more than a 'How to do it' guide, although almost half of the book is a detailed guide to the records.

There are sections dealing with the origins, historical and geographical, of family names; the mobility of the population (why are they never where you expect them to be?); and the family and its place in society (did anyone ever move up the ladder?).

The author uses examples from his own research to represent the points he is making, and these along with the excellent illustrations make it an immensely readable book. This book helps you to become more of a Family Historian and less of a Family Statistician.

256 pp, illustrated. Published by Oxford University Press, 1993, price £19.95

Carol Sweetland

Medicine in the Parish of Fulham from the Fourteenth Century - Fulham Hospital 1884-1959 - Arthur Lewis Wyman

As the author says in his introduction 'Fulham Hospital no longer exists . . . in 1959 it became part of the Charing Cross Hospital Group . . . and the old building was gradually demolished'. But this book is much more than a history of Fulham Hospital (or Poor Law Infirmary) during the 75 years of its existence. It is a very well researched treatise on the subject of medicine, its introduction, benefits and effects on the people of Fulham from the Middle Ages to date.

160 pp, with illustrations, index and bibliography.

Jim Devine

The Story of Ickenham - Morris W. Hughes

The author was born in 1905 and spent most of his life in the village of Ickenham and has seen many changes as the original hamlet of 300 people became a populous suburb of London. No great events have taken place there and the rhythm of this small farming community barely altered. Therefore, this history is not a chronological narrative but instead focuses on various topics and

covers them from earliest to recent times. For that reason the descriptions of subjects and events could well apply to a much wider readership than those with forebears in Ickenham. It is written in a friendly and informative way by a man who obviously knows and loves his subject. The book is well printed on excellent paper, illustrated with many photographs and the index contains lots of names.

95 pp, with index and bibliography.

Jim Devine

A History of Hammersmith - P.D. Whitting (Ed.)

This history is based upon that of Thomas Faulkner, originally published in 1839, but updated and now edited by Philip Whitting. This is a scholarly work with the results of much dedicated research between its covers. It covers the period from the sixteenth century to the late 1960s when Hammersmith and Fulham were amalgamated into one London Borough of Hammersmith. The index alone is 17 pages and includes a great many names of people associated with the area.

273 pp, 8 photographs and index.

Jim Devine

Practice makes Perfect? - A Workbook of Genealogical Exercises

This is a genealogical workbook compiled by members of the Education Subcommittee of the Federation of Family History Societies. It is just the book to keep a dedicated family historian quiet over Christmas. It is in four sections: i. sets of questions with multiple choice answers, ii. questions requiring short answers, iii. data packs for compiling pedigree exercises, and iv. the answers. It is quite shattering to find how little you know . . . - perhaps I should join an absolute beginner class.

Published by the Education Sub-Committee of the Federation of Family History Societies, and available through the FFHS.

Bookworm

BRIEF NOTES ON OTHER RECENT TITLES

My Ancestors were English Presbyterians/Unitarians: how can I find out more about them? - Alan Ruston

An introduction to the history and records of the denomination from the 17th century to the present day. It describes the sources available for identifying forebears and their activities, and gives details of the major libraries of particular importance, as well as local holdings around Britain. A bibliography and list of useful periodicals is also included.

264 pp. Published by the Society of Genealogists, 1993. £3.00 (£4.00 including p&p).

National index of Parish Registers, Volume 9 Part 4: Essex - Anthony Wilcox

The latest addition to this important series, dealing with original parish and chapel registers, transcripts, copies and MIs. Includes an introduction to Essex and its archives, and a bibliography.

264 pp. Published by the Society of Genealogists, 1993. £13.50 (£16.06 including p&p).

Poor Law Union Records 1. South-East England and East Anglia - Jeremy Gibson, Colin Rogers and Cliff Webb

The latest set of volumes in the invaluable 'Gibson Guides' series, these list the records of the Unions created under the New Poor Law of 1834, until their abolition in 1930. Both locally and nationally-held records are listed for each Union, within each county, and are subdivided into those likely to give names of paupers, and those of a more administrative character, where names are more likely to be those of staff. The books include an introduction to the Old and New Poor Law, a guide to the general types of records that exist, and a useful bibliography.

Other volumes in the set are: 2. The Midlands and Northern England (JG, CR), 3. South~West England, The Marches and Wales (JG, CR), 4. Gazetteer of England and Wales (JG) .

72 pp. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1993. £4.55

an introduction to . . . Using Newspapers and Periodicals - Colin R. Chapman

32 pp. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1993.

an introduction to . . . Heading Old Title Deeds - Julian Cornwall

40 pp. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1993

an introduction to . . . Affection Defying the Power of Death: Wills, Probate and Death Duty Records - Jane Cox

44 pp. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1993

Land and Window Tax Assessments - Jeremy Gibson, Mervyn Medlycott and Dennis Mills

52 pp. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1993. £3.05

Buckinghamshire: A Genealogical Bibliography

60 pp. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1993. £5.50

Genealogy Computer Packages - David Hawgood

48 pp. Published by David Hawgood, 1993, and distributed by Family Tree Magazine. £3.00

Further details on these and other new titles will appear in the March journal.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Name Game - Meryl Catty

At our July meeting we were treated to a very amusing and informative talk on the origin of both Christian names and surnames Mrs Catty told us that throughout most of our history one name was sufficient - the population was small and static. The problem of identification only arose when the population grew and became more mobile, leading to a need for additional identity tags, such as 'William the Carpenter'. The process was a long drawn-out one; at first only the eldest son passed on his surname to the next generation and it was only in the latter part of the 12th century that surnames started to be used for everybody, and as late as the 19th century in Wales.

Surnames fell into categories. Patronymics and matronymics used versions of a parents first name, eg. Simon son of Ann became Simon Anson. Pet names could lead, for instance, to Megson (Margarefs son) or Nelson (Ellen's son — or this could also be Neilson); even rhyming pet names could lead to surnames, e.g. Hick, Dick (Richard) became Hicks, Higgs, Dixon.

Topographical surnames derived from actual place names or local topographical features: Hill, Churchill, Underwood, Townsend, etc. If a man moved to another village or town he could be called after the last place he lived in, e.g. John of Leicester. An important family might take the name of the place they resided in.

Foundlings were usually taken to the local parish church for baptism and were given a Christian name and surname which reflected where they had been found, and perhaps the saint whose feast day came nearest to when they were baptised, e.g. Ann Lothbury, or the street where they were found, e.g. Henrietta Street.

Occupational names tended to reflect the trades which were in existence at the time the surnames were formed, e.g. Smith, Potter, Bowman, Coward (Cowherd), Lorirner, (spur maker), Chapman, (seller of cheap merchandise), Chandler, (candle maker). Those with the names Vicars or Parsons were unlikely to be descendants of priests because of celibacy - they were probably a cieryrnaifs servants, or perhaps resembled him.

Names could be based on physical appearance, e.g. fair-haired: Whitehead, Snow, Blunt (from the French 'blond'); dark-haired: Black, Raven; red-haired; Redhead, Russell; strong: Armstrong; large: Grant ('Grands'); small: Litde, Pettit; brave: Hardy, Doughty; scared: Craven; bowieged: Cruikshank; or other aspects of character, e.g. a miser could be Pennytather (he fathered, or took care of, his money).

The various distortions our surnames have undergone down the centuries is probably due to our ancestors being illiterate, whatever their station in life. Even

amongst those who could read and write, spelling was not considered important. A priest wrote down what he thought he heard, which may have been further distorted by dialect, and it was up to him how the name was spelled. To illustrate this, Mrs Catty organised a very amusing game of Chinese Whispers - she whispered a surname to a member of the audience sitting at one end of a row, who then passed what he thought he heard to the next person. The name was passed on for three or four rows, then Mrs Catty asked the last person to receive the name to say it aloud. It was completely different from the original name. We tried this several times with different names with similar results. This made it very clear just what the parish priest was up against. And he did not always spell a parishioner's name the same way in succeeding entries in the register - one family's name could be spelled several different ways by the same parson.

Most Christian names are post-Conquest. The Anglo-Saxons had made up names just for their own children which meant something e.g. Egbert: sword-bright, Godwin; good friend, Alefrith: elf's strength. Some names have survived from this period, e.g. Edith, Elfreda. Because first names were individual, the Anglo-Saxons did not use surnames. The Normans brought new names, which were adopted by the Anglo-Saxon population, introducing the custom of naming children after friends, royalty etc.: Matilda, Maud, Roger, Henry, Richard. From this period and for a long time afterwards there was not much originality in Christian names - at one stage amongst 44% of the population there were only four different Christian names.

Biblical Christian names only gained popularity after the 12th century - mostly saints, apostles and evangelists- Biblical names were also made popular in the Middle Ages by local pageants, and names like Angel and King could also be nicknames of people who habitually played these parts in the pageants. Saints' names went out of favour for a time when Henry VIII broke with Rome.

The Puritans also tended to make up names, such as Muchmercy, Fearnot. Praisegod and Tribulation. Some of these names which reflect spiritual qualities survive: Prudence, Constance, perhaps even Ernest. The Non-Conformists often chose the less-known Biblical names, especially from the Old Testament, such as Kezia, Leah, Hepzibah. In the 16th century, classical names became popular, such as Julius, and in the 18th century there was a tendency to latinise names, particularly girls' names, e.g. Maria, Olivia, Cecilia, Isabella. Pre-Conquest names made a comeback, such as Edgar and Edwin. Having more than one Christian name was not common until the late 18th century, except in upper class families (Mary Ann was considered to be one name).

From the 19th century onwards, influences on the choice of Christian name became more varied. The Pre-Raphaelite influence and Scott's novels led to names like Arthur, Lancelot, Edith, Guy and Walter. Flower names also became popular - previously Rose had been short for Rosalind or Rosamund. The popularity of the Royal Family led to the use of their names.

In this century we have the influence of TV, the Cinema and popular music. What will the next decade bring? Will the 1960s revival lead again to Tracy, Sharon, Wayne and Dean? In France children are given names from an approved list. Here, although priests sometimes refuse a choice of name, mostly parents have been free to choose what names they wish.

Yvonne Masson

Local Military Records - Ian Beckett

At our meeting in September, Dr Ian Beckett gave an illustrated talk on the subject of local military records. He introduced us to his general theme; that of the many occasions in modern British history in which we have been under the fear of invasion by foreign forces. From the Armada of 1588, right through to fears of raids to disrupt the preparations for 13-Day in 1944, he instanced many occasions when Britain was subjected to fears of invasion.

While the traditional line of defence has always been the Royal Navy, there has been a general dislike of the notion of a large standing army for land-based defences, and so there has for much of recent history been a reliance on local auxiliary forces. These were to form the central locus of the evenings talk.

The first main group were the militia, or 'old constitutional force', the origins of which go back to Anglo-Saxon Wessex. In such times, all able-bodied men were obliged to serve in defence of the community, a practice that survived into the 12th century. The first militia statutes were enacted in 1557-8, and the forces existed for a considerable proportion of the years through until 1908. Indeed, the last of the legislation relating to the militia was only removed from the statute book in the 1950s. There has always been a degree of compulsion to serve, although the basis of the obligation has varied with the period, and perceived threat. Before 1757, the onus was on property owners to provide a certain number of men to serve, according to their respective wealth. After this time, however, the basis changed, and militia service became, in effect, a tax upon man-power, at a county level, and those between 18 and 35 could be required to contribute 3-4 years service. The selection was normally on the basis of a compulsory ballot - and was thus not popular, leading on several occasions to riots. By 1829 it was realised that this scheme was in need of revision, and after 1831 it was suspended. During the French invasion scare of 1852 it revived, but on the basis of voluntary service. The extent of the service required varied from at most 10 days per year in the Elizabethan period, up to 28 days continuous service in the 18th and 19th centuries. In wartime the militia could be called for permanent service, and the forces played important roles in a number of Britain's wars, but normally remained in Britain (although not in their own county).

The second group that Dr Beckett described were the volunteer forces, which date from the 1650s. Although they played a part in the Jacobite rebellions of 1715 and 1745, and the American War of Independence, the first legislation

was passed in the 1780s, and they were to be of greatest significance during the Napoleonic period. These forces comprised infantry, which disappeared after 1808, and were incorporated into the mainly voluntary local (cf. regular) militia, which itself did not survive beyond 1816. In addition, there was a mounted force, the yeomanry, which unlike the infantry, survived throughout the 19th century. This was composed mainly of farmers, and others “of sufficient wealth to provide horses. One instance of their activities was the sending of the Buckinghamshire Yeomanry to Hounslow in 1848, in connection with the Chartist riots. An invasion scare of 1859 revived the volunteers, in the form of the ‘Rifle Volunteers’, which remained for the rest of the century. During the South African wars, the imperial Yeomanry were created too, and this name was given to the combined forces from 1901. In 1908 the militia was abolished, and the Territorial Act of 1907 created the Territorial Force, which despite several changes of name, exists today as the Territorial Army. Dr Beckett pointed out that the legislation still exists by which to create new volunteer forces, and spoke of the Volunteer Training Corps of the First World War, and of the Local Defence Volunteers, later the Home Guard, in the Second.

The terms of service in the volunteer forces were originally fairly loose, and locally defined, but later, as funding and weapons became to be supplied from central government, they became more regulated. The organised training periods still exist, for example, in the summer camps of the TA. Besides their military function, these forces played an important part in the local political scene, especially during the Victorian period, and were essential to the prestige and profile of many towns. They have also been the butt of much popular anti-militarism, in cartoons, poetry, popular magazines, etc.

In the second part of his talk, Dr Beckett outlined the important sources for research relating to local military records. For the militia, the compulsory nature of the service clearly required records of those who were to serve, and indeed, from among whom they were to be chosen. For the Tudor period, the material occurs in PRO classes E36 and E101, and Calendars of State Papers (Domestic). The best information is provided for 1569, 73, 77 and 80, and counties varied in their efficiency in sending returns to the Privy Council. An earlier source, Wolsey’s military survey of 1522 can provide good detail, but sadly relatively few survive. There is less material for the Stuart although Civil War sources occur in class SP28. Only with the Restoration does a greater supply of documents survive, at least until the end of the reign of Charles II. The universal liability for service after 1757 (until 1831) provides a good supply of material, although mainly for 1782-1816. These include lists of all men, those exempted, those eligible to be balloted, those actually balloted, and substitutes. While on service, a man’s family were to be supported by the parish, and records of this may be found in Quarter Sessions material. Further sources will be the county lieutenancy collections. The Victorian period is less well covered (classes WO68, 96), the documents having been heavily ‘weeded’.

Although the operation of the volunteer forces created documents, in the form of bills and accounts, which should have been sent, along with other lists, to central government, the survival of these records is generally poor. Survival of material for the local militia is better, and there is much on the South African War, and the Imperial Yeomanry (WO128). In the modern period, a lot of material exists for the Home Guard, but at present it is inaccessible, being held by the Medal Office.

Stressing the potential value of these (probably undersutilised) sources, Dr Beckett concluded by recommending the two relevant 'Gibson Guides' on militia records, as well as that recently published by the PRO itself.

Richard Chapman

Crossword: Solution

The solution to the crossword on page 32 of the September issue of this journal is as follows:

Across. 7. Affidavit, 8. Sepia, 10. Tenement, 11. Estate, 12. Fyrd, 13. Forebear, 15. Bastard, 17. Student, 20. Postcard, 22. Acre, 25. Phoebe, 26. Peculiar, 27. Canal, 28. Reverting,

Down. 1 & 24. After Banns, 2. Livery, 3. Calendar, 4. Distaff, 5. Death Bed, 6. Distraint, 9. Heir, 14. Parochial, 16. Tithe Map, 18. Thatcher, 19. Adopted, 21. Aves, 23. Relate.

Gordon Road Estate

Local and Family History

This booklet traces the history of an area of Ashford, which includes Gordon Road, Seaton Drive, Stanweil Road and part of the London Road (A30). It includes reminiscences from local people, with photographs from family albums. Family names mentioned include Barker, Lintott, Sidwell and many more. Ownership of land is covered from 1841 to the present day.

Copies can be obtained from Mary Mason, 18a Gordon Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 3EU, at £2.50 (plus 50 p&p).

Furthermore . . .

When Leif Eriksson returned from his voyage to the New World, he found that his name had been dropped from the registry of his home town, and reported the omission to the district census taker.

"I'm terribly sorry," apologised the official, in great embarrassment, "I must have taken Leif off my census."

With thanks to Annie Weare

Brief details of recent accessions to our Society's library.

Ancestrai Research

Surname index to the 1871 London Census Returns - Shoreditch Registration District, Haggerstone W. Sub-District

Surname Index to the 1851 Census of Berkshire, Vol. 1:2 - Newbury

All Saints Church, Isieworth ~ Monumental Inscriptions

High Wycombe Baptisms Vol. 4, 1775-1812 - Bucks FHS

High Wycombe Baptisms Vol. 5, 1813-1837 - Bucks FHS

Genealogical Research Directory National and International 1993 - RA.

Johnson and MR. Sainty

Heraldry - T. Plowland-Entwistle (Donated)

Catholic Missions and Registers 1700-1890 - Vol. 1 London and The Home Counties, compiled by M. (Sandy

Our British Ancestors - Miles, Jervis, Thompson and Jamieson, by E.D. Lee (Donated)

Local History

A Child's War: The German Occupation of Guernsey as seen through young eyes - M. Bihet (Donated)

The Living Thames: The Restoration of a Great Tidal River - J. Doxat (Donated)

The Theatres of Richmond 1719-1899

Twickenham As It Was

An introduction to Broolwood Cemetery - J. Clarke, with M. Lucas and A. Stone

A History of Islewoith Grammar School - R. Hyatt

Others

Discovering Windmills - J.N.T. Vince (Donated)

Discovering Canals - L. Metcalfe and J. Vince (Donated)

Piers and Paddle Steamers in Camera

Crossing Your Bridges (Donated)

East Anglian Cottages - J Proctor (Donated)

Royal Pa-5, 'eantw and Festivals of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Donated)

The Old Inns of England - A.E. Richardson (Donated)

A Silver-Plated Spoon - John, Duke of Bedford (Donated)

A Chronicle of the Damned - M. Cheney

Tales from the Newgate Calendar - R. Heppenstal

Contemporary Medical Archives Centre - Wellcome institute for the History of Medicine (Donated)

Prisons Past, Prisons Future - HO. H.M. Prison Service

NEW MEMBERS

A recent change in the format of the membership application form for the Society has meant that the opportunity for new members to register surname interests is now separate from the application itself. Hence the listing below includes only those new members from whom surname interest registration forms had been received at the time this issue of the Journal was prepared.

- C109 Mr R.S. Charlton, 39 Woodbrook Road, London SE2 0PE
C110 Mrs J.B. Cole, 40 Freelands Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 2ND
D61 Mr M. Draper, Coombe Corner, Church Lane, Awbridge, Hants SO51 0HN
D62 Mrs C.F. Dell, 57 Huntersfield, South Tehidy, Camborne, Cornwall TR14 0HW
F46 Mr A. Fisher, 2 Mill Close, Ore, Hastings TN35 5EY
F47 Mrs M.H. Faint, 45 Alexandra Avenue, South Harrow, Middlesex HA2 8PQ
F48 Mrs D.M. Farahar, 2 Mayfield Lane, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk IP5 7TZ
L50 Mr P.J. Lee, Landfall, Three Gates Lane, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 2ET
M88 Dr M. McManus, 110 Grove Road, Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 3PT
P67 Mr D. Payne and Family, 11 Russell Kerr Close, Chiswick, London W4 3HF
T33 Mr R.L. Trimble, 29 Constance Road, Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 7HT
W103 Mr P.H. Warren, 34 Highlea Avenue, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 9AH
W104 Mrs H.E. Workman, 16 Bickenhall Road, Marston Green, Birmingham B37 7EL

Please note the following changes of address:

- B127 Miss N. Byrnes, Top Flat, 40 Lansdowne Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 2BD
B130 Miss S.E. Boyland, District High School, Leinster, WA 6163, Australia
S111 Ms P.A. Shirt, 25 Church Street, Hampton, Middlesex TW12 2EB
T27 Mr R.H. Turner, 15 Aldwick Crescent, Findon Valley, Worthing, West Sussex BN14 0AR

The listings on the following pages also include additional interests from the following new member:

- B138 Mrs F. Bedford, 205 Staines Road, Laleham, Staines, Middlesex TW18 2RS

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 cases 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
AINGER	c 1800	Tendring area	ESS	W104
ALLSOP	bef 1920	Walsall area	STS	M88
AMOR	19 C	Hounslow, Brentford, Marylebone	MDX	D61
ANSELL	19 C	All	ALL	F48
APPLETON	18 C	Harmondsworth area	MDX	L50
ASHBY	19 C	Paddington, Marylebone, St Pancras, Westminster	MDX	P67
	19 C	Linton	KEN	P67
AUDLEY	All	Kidderminster area	WOR	M88
AWRE	bef 1800	All	GLS	T33
BARWICK	bef 1900	Fulham	MDX	D62
BAULKWELL	bef 1930	Birmingham area	STS	M88
BEDFORD	bef 1890	Henley-on-Thames	OXF	B138
BLAKE	18-19 C	Burbage	WIL	F48
BLEWCHAMP	1906-30	Hounslow	MDX	D62
BOUGHTON	19 C	All	MDX	T33
BRADBURY	19 C	Liverpool	LAN	W103
BRIDGENS	19 C	All	MDX	F47
BROWN	19 C	Paddington, Marylebone, St Pancras, Westminster	MDX	P67
BRYANT	18 C	All	SFK	F48
BURCHETT	19 C	All	MDX	T33
BUSHELL	bef 1800	Monkton	KEN	L50
CALLIS	All	All	ALL	T33
CARTER	1820-1900	Kensington area	MDX	C109
CHARLTON	bef 1910	Hornsey, Islington	MDX	B138
CHICK	bef 1890	Hornsey, Islington	MDX	B138
CLEMENTS	bef 1860	Henley-on-Thames	OXF	B138
CRAFT	bef 1880	Cheshunt	HRT	B138
DAVIS	19 C	Kingston-upon-Thames area	SRY	F48
DEAN	bef 1850	Henley-on-Thames	OXF	B138

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
DOWDEN	All	Bedfont, Stanwell	MDX	C110
DRAPER	19-20 C	Hounslow, Brentford, Marylebone	MDX	D61
DUCKERS	19 C	Liverpool	LAN	W103
ESSEX	19 C	Paddington, Marylebone, St Pancras, Westminster	MDX	P67
EVERITT	18 C	Stepney	MDX	W104
FAINT	1850-99	Chiswick area	MDX	F47
FARAHAR	aft 1880	All	ALL	F48
FIRMAN	18 C	Assington	SFK	W104
FISHER	18 C	Kensal New Town, Chelsea	MDX	F46
	bef 1820	Maplestead	SFK	W104
FOLLEY	19 C	Ipswich	SFK	W103
FORDHAM	19 C	Paddington, Marylebone, St Pancras, Westminster	MDX	P67
FRANKLIN	18 C	Chelsea	MDX	S115
	19 C	Chelsea	MDX	S115
	18-19 C	All	MDX	S115
GILKES	18 C	Kensington, Paddington	MDX	F46
GINGER	All	Bedfont, Stanwell	MDX	C110
GODFREY	18 C	Assington	SFK	W104
GOLDACRE	bef 1820	Tendring	ESS	W104
GREEN	c 1800	Cheshunt	HRT	B138
GRIFFIN	bef 1900	Fulham	MDX	D62
	aft 1905	Twickenham	MDX	D62
GROOMBRIDGE	19 C	Paddington, Marylebone, St Pancras, Westminster	MDX	P67
HALEY	19 C	Heston	MDX	D62
HAMMOND	18 C	Faversham	KEN	F48
HASKEW	bef 1870	Homsey, Islington	MDX	B138
HASTINGS	19 C	Isleworth	MDX	W104
HAWKINS	bef 1920	Birmingham area	WAR	M88
HAYTHORN	bef 1800	Malton	YKS	L50
HESTER	bef 1830	Harmondsworth area	MDX	L50
HEWES	bef 1860	Colchester area	ESS	W104
	aft 1850	Ipswich	SFK	W104
HOWARD	c 1813	Henley-on-Thames	OXF	B138
HUTCHBY	bef 1820	Plymouth	DEV	L50
JAGGER	19 C	Chelsea	MDX	F47
	19 C	Knightsbridge	MDX	F47
	19 C	Fulham	MDX	F47
	19 C	Kensington	MDX	F47
JENKS	All	Birmingham area	STS	M88

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JONES	bef 1920	Walsall area	STS	M88
JOWERS	18-19 C	All	ESS	W104
LACEY	aft 1850	Hounslow area	MDX	D62
	bef 1850	Hayes area	MDX	D62
LAMBERT	All	Tendring area	ESS	W104
LEE	bef 1800	Herne	KEN	L50
LEWIS	19 C	Hounslow, Brentford, Marylebone	MDX	D61
LOCK	1820-1900	Fulham area	MDX	C109
MANDERS	All	Bedfont, Stanwell	MDX	C110
	19 C	Paddington, Marylebone, St Pancras, Westminster	MDX	P67
MCMANUS	bef 1900	Dublin area	DUB	M88
NEW	aft 1850	Hillingdon	MDX	F48
	aft 1850	All	ALL	F48
NORMAN	18 C	Assington	SFK	W104
PAYNE	19 C	Paddington, Marylebone, St Pancras, Westminster	MDX	P67
PEACOCK	19 C	All	MDX	T33
PEARCE	1890-1920	Hounslow area	MDX	D62
PHELPS	bef 1800	All	GLS	T33
PIKE	bef 1850	Staines	MDX	W104
POWELL	bef 1930	Walsall area	STS	M88
PRIESTLEY	19 C	Liverpool	LAN	W103
	20 C	Hounslow	MDX	W103
ROBINSON	19 C	Heston area	MDX	W103
	18 C	Wantage	BRK	W103
ROGERS	bef 1850	Cheshunt	HRT	B138
ROUTLEDGE	19 C	Liverpool	LAN	W103
SANDERS	19 C	Staines	MDX	D62
	19-20 C	Buntingford area	HRT	F48
SHERIFF	bef 1930	Birmingham area	STS	M88
SILK	18 C	Thanet area	KEN	F48
SINDEN	19-20 C	Hounslow, Brentford, Marylebone	MDX	D61
SLOCOMB	19 C	London	MDX	W103
SMITH	19 C	Chelsea	MDX	S115
	18-19 C	All	MDX	S115
	18 C	Wix	ESS	W104
STOCKINGS	19 C	Earl Soham	SFK	W103
STRONG	1820-1900	Kensington area	MDX	C109
TRIMBLE	bef 1800	All	ALL	T33
TURNER	19 C	Ipswich	SFK	W103

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
WALTERS	bef 1930	Birmingham area	STS	M88
WARREN	19 C	Heston area	MDX	W103
WARRINGTON	19 C	Swavesey	CAM	F48
WEBB	aft 1850	Hounslow area	MDX	D62
	bef 1850	Hayes area	MDX	D62
	1830-90	Poplar area	MDX	F47
WELLS	bef 1850	Hoddesdon	HRT	B138
WILLIAMS	bef 1920	Walsall area	STS	M88
WORKMAN	All	All	WOR	W104

EDITOR'S NOTES

Richard Chapman

You will probably have noticed a slight change in the appearance of this edition of the Journal compared with the September issue. This is a result of an major change in the program that I use to prepare the copy for our printer. The Society Computer Group is probably the most appropriate place in which to discuss details of programs, and why the change has been made (my talk of last April is out of date already), but Suffice it to say that many aspects related to editing and laying out the text are now much easier. I have tried as far as possible to keep the overall style unaltered, but with such a change in technology, some differences are inevitable.

Publications of one form or another have been very much the theme of my activities in recent times, Preparation of The Villages of Harmondsworth kept me busy during August (even though Philip Sherwood had already done all the typing), and more recently, completion of the Directory of Members' Interests has been the priority. With both these completed, I turn to this issue of the Journal. There is much news here too, of new books from the FFHS and SoG, several of which are included in the Bookshelf section on page 21, and I hope to include news of more titles in the March issue. I am always on the lookout for book reviewers for the Journal - if you would like to help, please let me know.

As always, my thanks go to all the those who have submitted material for the Journal, both the 'regulars' and those who have for the first time taken the trouble to share their stories (views, news . . .) with us. Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and all good wishes for 1994.

JOURNAL DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt of contributions for the March issue of the Journal is 7th January 1994. This is obviously very soon after the holidays, so please let me have your material as soon as possible. Thanks.

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).

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