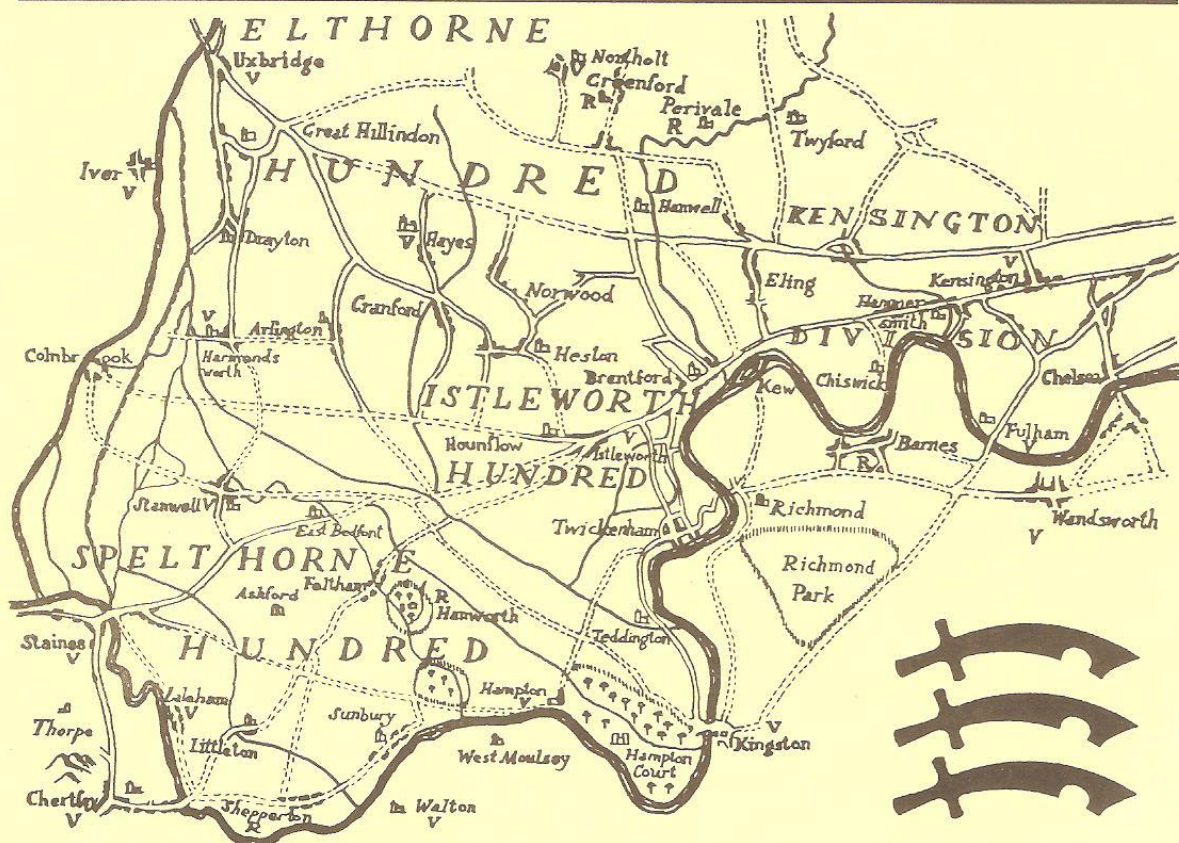


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My final message as chairman. What shall I do with my time?

I have enjoyed my term as chairman. I have always found family historians so friendly. By just belonging to our society I have met many people who have, I am sure, become lifelong friends. Many have been so supportive during my chairmanship and I intend to do what I can to support our executive committee.

Mavis Sibley, Julia Powney and Valerie Walker have also retired from the executive committee. Mavis has been a committee member, on and off, for a number of years, but she and her husband Ken will continue to look after our library. Julia has worked hard to stock our bookstall with a wide range of useful and informative material and Margaret Comben has now agreed to take over this important task. Valerie has been our treasurer since 1989 and has worked hard in a difficult and very demanding job. The work will now be taken over by Richard Knight. I extend my thanks to these three, and to the rest of the executive committee, for the time and energy they so willingly give for the benefit of our society. In particular, I thank our secretary, Yvonne Woodbridge, who has worked so hard and in doing so, has had to put up with my forgetfulness and my funny ways! Also, my thanks go to those who remain on the committee and best wishes to the new committee for the coming years.

I am going to continue with the role of projects co-ordinator. I think that this means that I am supposed to know about any work carried out in the name of the society, whether it is done by individuals or by a group. It is always a good idea to make enquiries before embarking on a piece of research, in case someone else has started it, done it or would like help. Everyone reading this journal should be aware of the projects that we have on hand at the moment, and everyone should also be prepared to do something to support one of them:

- 1881 census transcription in conjunction with the Mormon Church
- Marriage index computer input
- War memorials project in conjunction with the Imperial War Museum

There are also numerous individuals beavering away on a piece of research which has taken their interest. We have a publications sub-committee, which is always interested in looking at material which may be suitable for publication. We do need someone to organise the transcription of churchyards - you organise, we help. If you have any ideas for possible projects please let me know; we need to plan for the future.

Well that's a plug for my new role as projects co-ordinator. In the mean time, after advice from our computer experts, I intend to start indexing our journals, starting with Volume 1 No. 1, Winter 1978. It contains an edited version of

John Rayment's address given at the Inaugural Meeting of our society on 19th July 1978. I consider that it gives essential guidance to all family history societies. I have used the full text as a framework for my task as chairman. I particularly like this thought, 'So here we are, a body of people whose pleasure it is to expose in public our obsession with our ancestors. We need to communicate.' Do please share your research and help the society to help others.

Thank you for your support during a memorable six years on the executive committee, first as programme secretary and finally as chairman.

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

*Yvonne Woodbridge*

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I hope that you had a good Christmas and sorted out all your records.

This year promises to be a busy one for me. As you can see elsewhere in the Journal, Janet Huckle has finished her six-year term on the committee. As chairman she co-ordinated the work of the society and we had many a long chat on policy and problems; I shall miss her. No-one has volunteered to take her place, and so, as happened in 1990, the Secretary will have to 'hold the fort' until someone plucks up courage to take on the job. This means that I will chair the executive committee meetings and lean heavily on my fellow committee members. One of the jobs they will undertake is to take it in turns to introduce our monthly meetings. A good training for a chairman!

Our book - *The Villages of Hormondsworth* ~ is selling well. The publication sub-committee is pleased and plans to produce some guides to sources for research in our area. If you have information on sources on the parishes that interest you, or if you are willing to help us, please let me know.

The committee welcomes three new members, Peter Roe, Joan Scrivener and Peter Watson. Janet Hagger is our new programme secretary, so if you know of any good speakers, please let her know. Janet Huckle is still our projects co-ordinator, so if you wish to transcribe a parish register or index something, she needs to know, as we do not want to duplicate work. Juliana Powney has passed the bookstall over to Margaret Comben. We owe her a big thank you for keeping such a good stock of books for us to choose from; I know Margaret will keep up the good work. Although Mavis Sibley is no longer on the committee she will remain as librarian and, with the support of her husband Ken, will continue to transport all the books and journals back and forth from West Drayton. Les and Jill Munson have kindly offered to take charge of the 1881 census fiche (*see page 7 - Ed.*). On behalf of you all, I will say THANK YOU to all our volunteers. Perhaps you could offer to help in some way?

Good hunting in 1994!

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## **NEWS ROUNDUP**

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### **British Rail Sorting Project**

Following an agreement between the Federation and British Rail, a project is now under way to sort and abstract information from staff record cards of men and women who began their employment on the railways before 1923. Boxes of the record cards have arrived at the PRO, and groups of three or four people are needed to start to get them into some sort of order. Anyone living in the London area who might be able to help with this project is invited to write to Susan Lumas, 7 Mount Pleasant Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 3JZ, or to telephone the PRO on 081-87634-44 extn 2245.

### **West London Local History Conference**

The West London Local History Conference will be held at Montague Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, March 19th, from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. The theme will be 'West London's Open Spaces', and the subjects covered will include Battles of Wandsworth Common, Wormwood Scrubs, Twickenham's rugby ground, and a walker's view of West London. Tickets may be obtained by sending a SAE and '£4.50 to Yvonne Woodbridge, 92 Nelson Road, Whitton, Middlesex TW2 7AY.

### **Lincoln Local Studies Library**

The Local Studies Collection at Lincoln has moved to Lincoln Castle, Lincoln LN1 3AA, and is open Mon-Fri 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.; 1.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m., Saturday 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. it is essential that readers have a library user's pass; these are available free from the Area Administrative Officer (Passes), Lincoln Area HQ, Central Library, Free School Lane, Lincoln LN2 1EZ.

### **PRO Video**

In association with the PRO, Cable Crouch Productions Ltd has produced a video entitled 'Handling & Preserving Family Records', available at £14.50 plus £1.15 p&p. (For orders outside the UK, £17.50 plus £3.00 p&p.) The address to write to is Greatness Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN14 5BQ.

### **Staines LDS Family History Centre**

The Staines Family History Centre, 41 Kingston Road, Staines (0784462627), is open on Tuesdays 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. and Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 1.30 pm. We have received the following information concerning the holdings of the centre: St Catherine's registers of BMD 1837-1900 for England and Wales; IGI 1992 edition; access to filmed parish records for most of England and the world; access to all census films 1841-1881; name research sources; some Irish general registers for BMD; parochial registers for Scotland; locality catalogue for most of world; textbooks on family history. In addition, they hope to add 1891 census; the remainder of Irish BMD registers; and a general index for Scottish BMD.

### **Isle of Wight FHS**

The Isle of Wight FHS will be holding a one day conference on Saturday 14th May 1994, at Melville Hall Hotel, Sandown, I.o.W. The program includes talks on 'Writing up a family history', 'Get digging - alternative sources for family history' and 'Out relief assistance to paupers under the old poor law in the IW'. For full details, and a booking form, please contact Mrs Hilary Lloyd, Rose Cottage, Burnt House Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 2PW.

### **Census on Saturday**

Saturday opening of the Census Rooms at the PRO, Chancery Lane, is under threat, as the numbers attending are not regarded as sufficient to continue the service. It took sometime to persuade the authorities to open on Saturdays, but now it looks as if they will close this year. 'Use it or lose it' is the message here.

### **Family History Courses at Aberystwyth**

The Ninth Family History in Wales Course will be held from 13th-20th August 1994 at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. Other courses being offered at UWA are *Beginning Your Family History in England and Wales (31st July- 7th August)*; *Conformity and Dissent: Records of Church and Chapel in Wales (9th-11th September)*; *Sources for Family History in Wales 1660- 1830: their use and interpretation (16th—18th September)*. For full details, write to The Course Directors (FH), The Conference Office, University of Wales, Penbryn, Penglais, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 3BY.

### **Family History Courses**

The following courses will be held during 1994. For details, please write to Don Steel, Brooking, Jarvis Lane, East Brent, Highbridge, Somerset TA9 4HS.

25th-27th March	<i>Discovering Your Family History</i> , at Westham House Adult College, Barford, Warwick.
18th-20th March	<i>Family History Stage 2 (Poor Law, Manorial and other local records; Reading 16th/17th Century handwriting)</i> , at Hawkwood College, Stroud, Glos.
23rd-30th July	<i>Beginners Stage 2</i> , at Nottingham University
11th-15th July	<i>Beginners Stage 2</i> , at University College, London
22nd-26th August	<i>Beginners Stage 2</i> , Westham Adult Coliege, Barford, Warwick

### **Scottish OPR Addenda Indexes**

The Family History Department of the LDS has produced a three-fiche set of Aaidenda Indexes, for use with the 1990 edition of the Indexes to the Old Parochial Registers of Scotland. They are available through LDS Family History Centres. and at the Office of the Registrar General for Scotiand. The fiche contain 31,000 birth and marriage entries not included in the 1990 OPR indexes.

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

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The following meetings have been planned:

17th March 1994	<i>Monuments in West Middlesex Churches</i> - a talk by Pat Clarke
21st April 1994	<i>Reflections on Family History</i> - a set of short talks by some familiar faces, on aspects of their own researches
19th May 1994	<i>Teddington</i> - a talk by David Neller
16th June 1994	<i>Three Hundred Years of Mud and Crime</i> - a talk by Ron Cox on the work of the Surveyors of the Highway and of the Parish Constables
21st July 1994	<i>The Victorian Sailor</i> - a talk by Mike Fountain

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 p.m.

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### Postal Book Service

Please note the following amendments and additions to the list published in the December 1993 journal. Refer to that item for details of how to obtain these books.

<i>Changes</i>	Price/£	P&P/£	Total/£
A Concise History of Hayes	4.50	0.75	5.25
The History of Heathrow	4.50	0.55	5.05
Bedfont – An Outline History			<i>Out of Print</i>
<i>Additions</i>	Price/£	P&P/£	Total/£
Industrial History of Spelthorne	4.35	0.50	4.85
Twickenham As It Was	4.50	0.50	5.00
York House, Twickenham	4.50	0.50	5.00
Alexander Pope's Twickenham (18th C views)	4.95	0.50	5.45
Hampton in the 19th Century	3.50	0.50	4.00
Protestant Nonconformity in Twickenham, Whitton, Teddington and the Hamptons	2.00	0.35	2.35
Cambridge Park, Twickenham and its owners 1616-1835	2.50	0.40	2.90
The Houses and Gardens of Twickenham Park 1227-1805	1.00	0.30	1.30

### News from the Greater London Record Office

There is going to be a facelift at the GLRO during 1994. It begins in January and should be completed by April. Hence the retrieval of documents might be a little slower than normal.



For over three years now members and others have been helping to transcribe the enumerators' books for the 1881 census. Nationally the project has been under way for an even longer time, but now 1st May 1994 has been set for the completion and return to the National Centre of all outstanding work.

For our part, in order to allow for checking and the resolution of queries, we have given ourselves a target date of 1st April 1994. We should be grateful if transcribers would return all outstanding work to us, completed or not, by this date. After we have sent the transcriptions back to the Centre there remains a lot of work to be done by others, not least of which is the task of entering all the data onto the computer.

For many of us it will be an impatient wait for the issue of the Middlesex indexes. However, indexes for fourteen counties have already been compiled, together with one for the Royal Navy. These counties are Anglesey, Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Denbighshire, Devon, Flintshire, Guernsey, Huntingdonshire, Isle of Man, Jersey, Merionethshire, Radnorshire, Rutland and Somerset.

By the time these notes are read, the counties of Carmarthenshire, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire and Montgomeryshire will almost certainly have been compiled. Next to become available are likely to be Wiltshire, Hertfordshire, Herefordshire, Oxfordshire and Warwickshire, and perhaps the first Scottish county of Kincardineshire. All transcriptions have been completed for Shropshire, Cardiganshire, Suffolk, Pembrokeshire, Northamptonshire and Staffordshire and data input onto computer is well advanced.

It is perhaps appropriate at this time to remind members that under the original agreement made between the PRO and the various organisations transcribing the census, the indexes can only be purchased by certain approved bodies (including family history societies). Our society has already purchased indexes for Cambridgeshire and Cornwall, and others have been ordered.

It is intended to make the indexes available to all members. For this purpose we shall endeavour to have the microfiche indexes, together with readers, available at all our regular meetings. At the time of writing the format for supplying extracts from the indexes to the larger number of members, who are not able to attend our meetings, has not yet been decided. A small charge is likely to be made since photocopying and postage will be involved. In the meantime, if members who wish us to search the indexes of Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, or Devon, Somerset and Huntingdonshire when received, send us details of their requirements, together with a stamped addressed envelope, we will reply to them as soon as we are given the go ahead.

*Address: 41 Trotsworth Avenue, Virginia Water, Surrey GU25 4AN*

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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*Thanks to Sue Gascoyne for the following comments (extracted from her letter, with permission), relating to the Directory of Members' Interests 1993, which was distributed with the last issue of this Journal. If you have any comments to make on this, or any other topic of general interest, please write.*

With great anticipation I awaited the December issue of the WMFHS journal, and the directory of members' interests, and whilst I was not disappointed by the journal, imagine my dismay on finding that I would not be able to access the directory of members' interests except for perhaps two or three times in a year.

Speaking for myself, I would prefer a booklet, if only for the reason that because I work unsociable hours, I am unable to access a fiche reader except for holiday times, and therefore at such times I have a considerable list of things I wish to attend to and so I would not have sufficient time to read the fiche in its entirety. Apart from that, when one is working at home with correspondence on one's own family, or in reading the journals of other societies, sometimes it occurs that a particular name has cropped up before, and a quick glance through a directory means that you are perhaps able to help someone in their research, by pointing them in a different direction. I would imagine that there are others like me who do not have ready access to a fiche reader, and who also prefer the availability of the printed page.

Whilst I can appreciate the saving to the society in costs of printing, storage etc., would it not be possible to enquire of members which medium they would prefer - i.e. fiche, booklet, or whatever, and even indeed if they would be prepared to pay for the luxury of the printed page. I would add that I would be prepared to pay a little extra for the luxury of having this directory as a booklet on my shelf of reference works.

I have to say that as a member of several family history societies, and therefore a recipient of several journals, that of the WMFHS ranks among the better, and is a nicely presented 'read', with very informative articles; so carry on the good work. But please, please, could not the members have a choice in the format of our directory of members' interests?

*Sue Gascoyne*

The Editor replies:

I take your points about some of the less convenient aspects of fiche as opposed to a booklet format. I have yet to hear views from other members, either for or against the fiche format, so that it is difficult to gauge the overall feelings of the membership on the matter. As I said in the December journal, the main driving forces acting towards the use of fiche are the much lower costs (between ¼

and 1/3 those of a booldet), and ease of producing extra copies at a later date. The change was agreed by the executive committee early in 1993, and was announced in the March issue of the Journal, in the item accompanying the original entry form. I did not receive any communications from members at that stage in protest against (or, for that matter, in support of) the proposed change.  
*Richard Chapman*

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## **POSTAL BOOK SERVICE**

*Jim Devine*

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It is just about two years ago now that our chairman, Janet Huckle, made the suggestion at one of our regular monthly meetings that she perceived a need for a postal book service, whereby out-of-town and international members could be informed about and supplied with focal history books covering our area. We who live locally take such books for granted, as we can obtain them fairly easily from our local libraries and history societies. Unfortunately, our members who live much further afield, both within the UK and overseas, are not so lucky, and often are completely unaware that such books are available.

As I have always had an interest in books - my wife says I should have opened up a book shop when I retired, as I have so many at home - I volunteered my services to investigate the possibility of such a scheme.

It took some months of writing and phoning to set up, but it is now operating successfully, with the books on offer being obtained from nineteen different sources. Among of the problems I encounter is the difficulty in keeping up with the publications as they are continually going out of print, and that when re-printed are always at a higher price. Nevertheless, those who have ordered books, only to be told that they were out of print or that the price was higher than published in the Journal, have accepted the fact very peaceably.

Just in passing, you may be interested to know that I am now corresponding with my long lost relatives in Australia thanks to one of my book orders - but that is another story.

In addition to supplying our own members I have also supplied books to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the Greater London Record Office, and the Bishopsgate institute. By the end of November, by which time I had been operating for just one year, I had despatched books to the value of over £540. So Janet, your perception was right, there is a need for this service out there.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Please note that the Society has a new treasurer, Richard Knight; please direct all future correspondence regarding subscriptions/renewals to him, at the address given inside the front cover of this issue.

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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The following are the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of West Middlesex Family History Society, held at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow on 16th December 1993.

*Yvonne Woodbridge, Secretary*

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Wendy Mott.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM of 17th December 1992**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 17th December 1992 were approved, and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

### **3. Approval of the Audited Accounts**

The Treasurer asked the members to amend the 1991/2 total income shown in the accounts to £7018.98 (This correction has been incorporated into the statement shown on page 12 below - Ed). At 30th September 1993, the membership was 543. As interest rates are down they can no longer be relied upon as a important source of income, although money transferred to the Charities Deposit Account gives a better return. Covenants provide a good source of income and the Treasurer thanked members who had subscribed to them. Malcolm Hailwood rose to explain how they worked. Any member who paid tax would sign the form before renewing their subscription. He suggested that a reminder be placed in the September issue of the Journal. The Treasurer reported that the bookstall and fiche sales were excellent and a considerable sum was received from the St Catherine's House courier service. The postal book service was profitable. On the expenditure side, there was a decrease in FFHS subscriptions and insurance as there was a credit brought forward from 1991/2. The 1881 census project costs were the postage to and from Les and Jill Munson. A portable fiche reader and an accounting package for the new Treasurer had been purchased. The Treasurer thanked Malcolm Hailwood for his advice during her term of office, she also thanked Roger Minot. She then paid tribute to Janet Huckle, the retiring Chairman, and her colleagues on the committee. By a show of hands the meeting indicated its unanimous approval of the accounts.

### **4. Appointment of Auditors**

The Chairman announced that there had been a misunderstanding, and that Malcolm Hailwood was willing to act as auditor for another year, to assist the new Treasurer. Jim Devine proposed and Mr Lee seconded Malcolm Hailwood and Roger Minot for re-election as auditors for another year. This was agreed unanimously.

## 5. Chairman's Report

Janet said that the Society had had a busy year. The ongoing projects of the 1881 census transcription and the transfer of the marriage index took a lot of the time of a small nucleus of conscientious workers. This year saw the production of our first publication - *The Villages of Harmondsworth*. We have been represented at numerous Open Days, which have provided good opportunities to advertise the Society. We shall be the guest society in the January issue of *the Family Tree Magazine*. This sort of publicity attracts new members.

An important aid to research is an index, and this is always a result of someone's time and energy. Anyone who uses an index should be aware that it is a guide to an original source. It should be emphasised that all members should in some way be 'putting something back'. The Chairman said that the executive committee works hard to ensure the smooth running of the Society, and that they need the help and support of members. She asked that they try to respond to requests for assistance. She repeated her final words from the last AGM 'The ethos and survival of any family history society depends on the work of many people: your Society needs you'.

The Secretary asked the approval of the meeting for Janet Huckle to chair the rest of the meeting, as there were no nominations for chairman. This was agreed.

## 6. Election of Officers and Members of the Committee

Janet Huckle and Mavis Sibley were standing down, as they had served the maximum period of six years, as specified in the constitution. Juliana Powney and Valerie Walker were not seeking reelection. Richard Chapman, Toni Davis, Janet Hagger, Richard Knight and Yvonne Woodbridge had not served for three years, and so did not need to be re-elected.

The following existing members of the committee have served for three years or more, and offered themselves for re-election: Diana Bradley, Mary Brown and Carol Sweetland. Their re-election was proposed by Janet Hagger and seconded by Janet Huckle. They were all re-elected unanimously.

The following nominations for the committee had been received:

	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Secunder</i>
Peter Roe	Yvonne Woodbridge	Richard Chapman
Peter Watson	Eileen Startin	Mary Mason
Joan Scrivener	Wendy Mott	Mavis Sibley

They were voted for en-bloc and elected unanimously.

In a similar manner the following were proposed by Valerie Walker and seconded by Diana Bradley as officers of the committee:

## WEST MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

<i>Income</i>	1992/1993	1991/1992
1990/1 Subscriptions	–	17.00
1991/2 Subscriptions	34.00	2021.30
1992/93 Subscriptions	1719.00	1571.00
1993/93 Subscriptions	1553.50	–
1994+ Subscriptions	40.00	–
Interest on COIF Charities Deposit Account	200.90	206.08
Interest on Barclays Higher Rate Deposit Account	58.18	215.35
Reiund of tax on covenanted subscriptions	220.08	216.92
Bookstall sales	1659.70	1678.27
1851 Census Index Book Sales	107.70	104.75
1851 Census Index and Monumental Inscription Fiche Sales	983.05	615.95
Donations, research income, West Middx Marriage Index	67.72	63.21
St Catherine's House Courier Scheme	178.50	155.10
Journal advertising, inserts and refund from Post Office	105.63	9.00
Refreshments	22.00	41.60
Sale of back Journals	35.85	36.65
Hire of tapes of speakers	11.25	1.25
Postal Books profit after purchases and postage	41.83	–
Miscellaneous other income including raffles	214.20	65.55
	<u>7253.09</u>	<u>7018.98</u>

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1993

### Assets

Bank Balance	2112.08	2376.24
Charity Deposit Account (COIF) balance	3864.70	2163.80
Petty Cash	21.30	18.48
Bookstall Float	20.00	20.00
Postal Book Float	37.33	–
Bookstall stock	775.16	782.78
Census Index Books Volumes 1 and 2 at cost	74.60	177.00
Census Index Microfiche and M.I. fiche	224.73	242.54
Refreshment stock	–	10.00
Film and Fiche viewers at cost (less 25 %)	50.55	67.40
Projector stand written down	1.00	1.00
Polylope stock for journal mailing (2000)	66.00	141.90
1988 IGI Microfiche (less 25%)	74.67	99.56
Times Divorce Index (less 25%)	10.54	14.06
Boxes for Library/Bookstall and Display Shelves (less 25%)	30.59	40.79
Computer and relevant software (less 25%)	1009.02	1345.36
Fiche viewer and accounting software (less 10%)	248.53	–
	<u>8620.80</u>	<u>7500.91</u>

We have compared the above Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Society and Certify that they are in accordance thereof.

M.J.F. Hailwood, R.J. Minot (Hon. Auditors)

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1993

<i>Expenditure</i>	1992/1993	1991/1992
Hire of Montague Hall for general, computer & cttee mtgs	383.05	356.74
FFHS Subscriptions and insurance	156.35	171.31
Stand fees for SOG & Harmondsworth Fairs, & Local Hist Conf	55.25	8.75
Membership of Cumbria and Hampshire Societies	11.50	11.50
County of Middlesex Trust Membership	10.00	5.00
Subscription to Hounslow Council for the Arts	—	5.00
Bookstall purchases	1087.03	1574.56
1851 Census Index and Monumental Inscription fiche costs	377.79	242.88
Research expenditure: 1881 census project	230.83	
Other	30.00	307.52
Journal Production costs	1827.80	1934.35
Journal Postal and label costs	649.81	773.24
Library Purchases	83.55	126.51
Guest Speaker expenses	182.50	178.00
Tapes and other expenses for recording speakers	—	17.38
Advertisement re fiche in Family Tree Magazine	52.80	38.07
Committee postage and telephone expenses	133.75	94.21
Stationery, copying and sundry expenses	211.17	160.17
Publication Committee expenses	13.43	—
Purchase of fiche reader and accounting software	276.15	—
Depreciation: Film and fiche viewers	16.85	22.46
Boxes for Library/Bookstall	10.20	13.60
Times Divorce Index	3.51	4.69
1988 IGI Microfiche	24.89	33.19
Computer and relevant software	336.34	149.49
Fiche viewer and accounting software	27.62	—
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1060.92	790.36
	<u>7253.09</u>	<u>7018.98</u>

### *Liabilities*

Subscriptions paid in advance	1593.50	1571.00
Deposits	20.96	26.96

Excess of Assets over Liabilities

7006.34	5902.95
<u>8620.80</u>	<u>7500.91</u>

V.J. Walker (Hon. Treasurer)

Chairman: No nominations had been received. It was hoped that the post would be filled from the committee.

Secretary: Yvonne Woodbridge

Treasurer: Richard Knight.

They were elected unanimously. Ted Dunstall proposed that Janet Huckle remain temporarily as chairman. It was explained that she had completed her six year term on the committee, the maximum allowed according to the constitution of the Society.

### **7. Any Other Business**

Juliana Powney paid tribute to Janet Huckle, on behalf of the committee, for her work and enthusiasm, for going to Open Days, which brought new members and boosted the sales of the bookstall, and as the 'front man' for the Society.

Chris Watts spoke on behalf of the Society of Genealogists to thank the Society for the indexes and transcriptions donated to them. He called for an appreciation from the floor for the committee, and pointed out that societies do not run themselves.

The meeting was closed at 8.30 p.m.

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### **Back Journals for Sale**

Please note that back issues of the Journal, as advertised in the December 1993 issue, are now available from Mrs Janet Huckle, 5 Florence Gardens, Staines, Middlesex TW18 IHG, and not from Valerie Walker, as previously indicated. An updated list of the issues that are available will appear in the next Journal.

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### **ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE COURIER SERVICE**

This service has restarted. 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 West Middlesex FHS - please quote your membership number with your request. Please make your cheques payable to Mrs Pam Morgan, 17 Croft Gardens, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 8EY.

**The Villages of Harmondsworth:** Have you bought your copy yet? if not, see the insert in the December journal, or ask at the Bookstall.



The following paragraphs reproduce a selection of extracts from a transcription of a police notebook which has come into my possession. The cover announces 'Reports &c P.C. 152 D. Clarke, Hounslow, December 1889', and it includes a variety of notes made in connection with the duties of Daniel Clarke, an officer in T division (Hammersmith) of the Metropolitan Police, around 1890. Many of the entries are not explicitly dated, but the accounts appear to run from 1889-1890. They give an interesting glimpse of the duties of a local police constable a century ago.

**Accident**

I beg to report a 6 P.M. 9th Inst Daniel Davis of 6 High Street Hounslow, was knocked down and run over by horse and cart belonging to Charles Hawkins 2 Fairview Cottages Hounslow and driven by Arthur Dearlove 6 Albert Cottages Kingsley Road Hounslow. I conveyed him in H.C. No. 368 Badge 3467 to Cottage Hospital where he was seen by Doctor Ball Surgeon of High Street, who stated that he was suffering from a broken leg and was detained. No blame attached to driver the boy having run from behind another vehicle into Hawkins before the driver was possible to pull up. Friends informed by me who paid cab fare 1/- Witnessed by Henry Douglas 1 Kingsley Road and James Stone 68 High Street Hounslow.

Not witnessed by Police. D. Clarke P.C. 152

**Boiler bursted**

I beg to report at 6.30 A.M. 6th Inst the boiler of Steam roller driven by Charles Smyth of Lion and Lamb Road Hounslow and in the employ of Messieurs Mowlem & Co of Millbank Street, Westminster, whilst working at High Street Hounslow, exploded killing the driver instantaneous.

Great confusion was caused by a large and excited crowd on the scene.

Assisted by P.C.s 468 8: 419 I diverted traffic through Douglas and Hanworth Roads and sent to the Police Station.

Inspector Palmer with several P.C.s attended also James Collis Foreman to the Local Board and James Collins Manager to Messieurs Mowlem & Co who cleared the wreckage.

The remains were found on a piece of waste ground at the corner of Victoria Street a distance of 40 yards. I conveyed the remains to the Isleworth Mortuary on ambulance where it awaits an inquest.

On person 4s/- silver 6½ bronze 1 knife 1 latch key, 1 silver watch which had stopped at 6.30. Smiths address at present unknown. Street cleared and traffic

resumed its normal course at 11 AM. Witnessed by Henry White Li Fair Field and William Farley 6 Wellington Road Hounslow.

Not witnessed by Police

Daniel Clarke P.C. 152

### **Accident**

T Division

Hounslow Station

March 3rd 1890

I beg to report at 6.15 P.M. a collision occurred between cab No 661 and driven by Henry Smith badge No 568 and a brewers dray, belonging to William Farnell & Co Brewery Isleworth which was delivering beer at the Eagle Tavern Bell Raod Hounslow.

The driver Smith attempting to pass between dray and an omnibus of the London General Omnibus Company No 468 which was coming in the opposite direction and there not being sufficient room it ran into the dray knocking hindwheel off and breaking spring of cab.

The fare James Jones The Firs Feltharn Middx was thrown against the glass panels cutting his face and hands. I conveyed him in a H.C. No 459 to the cottage Hospital where he was seen by Dr Sydney who dressed his wounds and he was able to proceed on his journey. Assisted by PCs 47 & 82 I diverted through Grove & Hanworth Roads and it resumed its ordinary course at 7 PM. The driver of bus pulling up immediately prevented further damage and it was able to proceed on its journey.

No expense incurred by Police. Witnessed by William Eldridge Palmers Cottage Grove Road Hounslow and by me.

Daniel Clarke

### **Suicide July 30th 1890**

I beg to report that at 7 AM. 3rd Inst P.C. 127 Peter Mitchell was informed by William Freeman 7 Middlesborough Cottages Albany Road Brenford, that a man had cut his throat at No. 50 High Street Hounslow. P.C. at once proceeded to the house and found George Higgins a bootmaker, age 63, a bachelor of the above address sitting on the seat of the W.C. at the bottom of the garden with his throat cut bleeding profusely and a large table knife lying by his side stained with blood and which the P.C. took possession of. Dr. Ball of High Street Hounslow was called by Henry Poulton a neighbour who promptly attended and rendered aid and afterwards ordered his removal to the Cottage Hospital Hounslow where he was taken by the P.C. on the ambulance and admitted. He now lies in a critical state from loss of blood and at present no hope are entertained of his recovery. Higgins is a powerful man and the sister at the

hospital asks that a PC. may remain at the hospital for the present as she fears he may tear off the bandages if so he would probably die at once from loss of blood. I have sent a P.C. in plain clothes to remain at the hospital at present. No expenses incurred by Police.

Daniel Clarke PC. 152

(A separate note records 'Higgins expired on 6th and an inquest was held on the body by J. Diplock Esqr on the 7th Inst and a verdict of temporary insanity returned')

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## **HELP!**

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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 nonmembers can be accepted, at a rate of £3.00 for up to ten lines. Payments must be in Sterling only; cheques payable to WMFHS.

## **BEAVAN**

George Adolphus BEAVAN [born around 1863, died 1918) married Margaret ABBOTT or RABBITT (born 1881 near Dublin) around 1895-1905. They lived for much of their lives at 112 The Grove, Hammersmith. George worked at Battersea power station and Margaret was a midwife. George was married twice and had two children by his first marriage (James and Maud), and eight by his second (Percy, Alf, George, Harry, Lily, Adelaide, Margaret and Alice). Most moved far away from London and some changed their name to BEVAN. George Adolphus is believed to have come from 'Up North' where his family owned silk mills. Any information on this family would be welcome as I have been unable to trace any of the events in the St Catherine's House indexes.

*Mrs G. Bevan, 8 Townsend Close, Bruton, Somerset BAJ10 0HD*

## **BUTLER**

I am interested in making contact with relations of Sgt Patrick Frederick BUTLER, born 1922 (parents BUTLER and CHIDWICK, married Hammersmith, 1918). He was killed in action during World War II, and is buried in Denmark. He was an Air Gunner with the 75 (NZ) RAF Squadron, and was 21 on 24th December 1943. The Danes are searching for his relatives/descendants to attend a memorial service on the Island of Taasinge on the 50th Anniversary on St George's Day 1994. A special stone is to be laid where the Stirling Bomber crashed and all the seven lads were killed. Can anyone help?

*Mrs Daphne Neech, 58 Cathwaite, Paston, Peterborough, Cambs PE4 7BE*

### **SARING**

I am looking for information on this Chiswick family in the period prior to 1678, when Chiswick parish registers begin. Richard SARING was a gardener living in Chiswick Town from at least 1657. He may have had sons Richard (at Old Brentford), John (London, Westminster) and William (also Chiswick, at Sluts Hole). The Saring family had connections by marriage with several other local families: HOW, WHALE (17th C); BURT, ROPER, MUNN, POCOCK, SHATE, EARLAM (18th C). Richard seems to have been a respected member of the community, serving frequently in vestry offices and appearing in homage at Sutton Court Manor, but I have been unable to find details of his property or conveyances of land. Any information on the Sarings, Sutton Court or Chiswick in the 17th C, or on any of the families above, will be greatly appreciated.

*Theresa Heskins, 54 Talbot Street, Winson Green, Birmingham B18 5DG*

### **SMITH / BIGGS**

I am trying to trace the baptism of Anthony John SMITH (tailor), son of John Smith (coachmaker), born 1823-27 in Southwark, Battersea or Woolwich, who married Caroline BIGGS on 21st August 1847 at Holy Trinity, Brompton. I would also like to find out where he lived in Chelsea at the time of the 1841 census. Can anyone help?

*Mr A.F. Aprile-Smith, 56 Seymour Road, Hacleigh, Benfleet, Essex SS7 2HL*

### **THURBIN**

I am looking for any instance of the surname THURBIN, particularly the birth of Joseph THURBIN, around 1822. The name may be spelt differently, and the areas that are most likely to bring results are Harmondsworth, Ruislip and Uxbridge. Thank you in anticipation for your help in this matter. I am desperate!

*Mr W. G. Thurbin, S Crowland, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 8RP*

### **WEBB / ANDREWS / LANDER**

My great-grandfather, John WEBB, born 1810 in Bristol, came to the Kensal / Paddington / Hammersmith area around 1854 with his wife Mary Ann, formerly ANDREWS. My grandfather, George Henry, was their youngest child, born 1851 in St Paul's, Bristol. Other children were Mary Ann 1831, John, Elizabeth, William, Emma, Joseph, and Sarah 1847. I cannot find cousins, or an address for them until 1875, when my grandfather married Lydia King LANDER at Willesden parish church. Can you help please?

*John Webb, 10 Fairway, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN1 7 6PY*

### **CRONDACE ROAD, HAMMEHSMITH**

Would anyone be prepared to take a photograph of Crondace Road, Hammersmith. I am willing to buy the film, and also to do exchange research in Sheffield or Rotherham. Please let me know if you are willing to help.

*Mrs H.C. Kuzmos, 104 Pitt Street, Holmes, Nr Rotherham, S. Yorkshire S61 2PB 18*

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## **‘AS FAR AS LAWFULLY I MAY . . .’**

The Protestation Returns Of 1641

Richard Chapman

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It was not long ago that some additional notes included in a parish register transcript at the Essex Record Office introduced me to the possibility of examining the Protestation Returns of 1641 as a source, for the area of that county of particular interest to me. As I had not encountered these documents before, I was prompted to find out a little of the background to their creation. These notes are intended to outline what I have been able to learn, and to suggest out how valuable they can be for anyone researching a family name in the period immediately prior to the Civil War.

### **Background**

The Protestation Returns provide extensive lists of the names of males over the age of eighteen years, and were drawn up throughout the country in late February and early March 1641. Later sections of these notes will give an example of the content and format of the returns, and details of where the surviving copies are likely to be found, but first it will be useful to put the creation of these documents into some historical context. It was several months earlier, at the beginning of May 1641, that the idea of a general protestation was first proposed, and the sequence of events leading to the compilation of the documents that we now use is closely connected with some of the important events and personalities of this turbulent - and fascinating - period in English history.

The first proposal for a protestation was made in the House of Commons on Monday, 3rd May 1641, some six months into the first session of what we now know as the ‘Long Parliament’. At this time, Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, had been under trial for treason, and was being held prisoner in the Tower. The Act of Attainder that was shortly to lead to his execution was under debate in Parliament. Charles I had given his assent to a scheme whereby the garrison of the Tower were to be replaced by men loyal to him. As details of this emerged, and rumours of an ‘Army Plot’ became rife, they created an atmosphere of alarm and suspicion in many quarters. This was particularly true amongst a number of influential members of the Commons, notably John Pym, and it was largely as a result of his concerns that he, with a Commons committee, drew up ‘a Declaration of unanimous Consent and Resolution of this House, for the Defence of the Religion established, of the Kings Person, and the Liberty of the Subject’ [1a]. In the debate, Pym voiced the depths of his concerns:

‘I am persuaded that there was some great design in hand by the papists to subvert and overthrow this kingdom . . . and though the king be of a tender conscience, yet we ought to be careful that he have good counsellors about

him and to let him understand that he is bound to maintain the laws and that we take care for the maintaining of the word of God' [2a]

By the end of the day, the wording of the Protestation had been drawn up and agreed upon, and it had been resolved that it be taken by all members of the House. This was done, and a conference was requested with the representatives of the House of Lords. The support for the Protestation in the Commons was such that on the following day, it was ordered that a Bill be prepared, concerning the taking of the Protestation taken by the Commons, by all the population [1b]. On the same day, representation was made to the Lords, and those present undertook the Protestation [3a]. From the beginning, however, the enthusiasm for the Protestation in the Upper House was markedly less than that in the Commons.

Recognising the propaganda potential in the Protestation, Pym and his allies were encouraged to secure an order to print the text, together with its preamble and an indication of the enthusiasm that it had been afforded in Westminster, for distribution to the shires and boroughs. Announcing that they had 'thought good to joyn our selves in a declaration of our united affections, and resolutions, and to make this ensuing Protestation' [4], the preamble to the published declaration expressed concern at the danger of 'the Ruine of the true reformed Religion', and of 'endeavours to subvert the fundamentall Lawes of England, and Ireland, and to introduce the exercise of an Arbitrary and tyrannical! government, by most pernicious and wicked counsells, practises, plots, and conspiracies'. There are records of voluntary subscription to the Protestation in parts of the country during the summer of 1641 in response to this publication [2b], but the numbers of those who subscribed were small. Nonetheless, it certainly served to put the Protestation into the public domain, a point which was to be important later in the year.

The proceedings of the House of Commons on May 6th included the first and second readings of a bill for 'An Act for the Security of the true Religion; the Safety and Honour of his Majesty's Person; the just Rights of the Subject; and the better Discovery and Punishment of Popish Recusants, which included the proposal that the Protestation be taken throughout the kingdom [1c]. The most contentious part of the bill was the religious clause, concerning 'the true reformed Protestant religion, expressed in the doctrine of the Church of England' [1d; see also page 23 below], and this was the focus of discussion in the Commons on May 12th (the day on which Strafford was executed). Concern on this aspect of the wording of the Protestation was also voiced outside Parliament, in pamphlets such as *The Protestation Protested* [5], by the radical clergyman, Henry Burton.

A committee dealing with the bill sat throughout May and June. On 19th July, it was given its third reading in the Commons [1e], and sent up to the Lords the same day. The first reading in the House of Lords was on 24th July [3b], but on

the 29th, following the second reading, and discussion in committee, the bill was rejected [3c]. The Commons leaders were angered by this rejection, and as part of their response, impeached thirteen bishops in the Upper House, whom they blamed to the failure of the bill. In addition, the Commons voted that anyone not taking the Protestation was unfit to hold office in Church or State.

The poor relationship between the two Houses was further strained by the decision of the Commons to print details of the Protestation, and of their resolution that it should be generally taken. In a meeting between representatives of the two Houses on August 2nd, Denzil Hollis, of the Commons, expressed the view 'that whosoever was well affected in religion and to the good of the commonwealth, would make this Protestation; and, on the other side, who would not make it, was not well-affected' [6]. The Lords were satisfied by Hollis' speech, but nonetheless, for the moment, the matter of the general undertaking of the Protestation throughout the kingdom remained unresolved.

It was not until the crisis provoked by the famous events of January 4th 1641, when the King came to Parliament in an attempt to arrest five members of the Commons (Pym and Hollis among them), and one peer, that the idea of a general subscription to the Protestation returned to prominence. On January 20th, the Speaker of the Commons, William Lenthall, in a letter to the County Sheriffs, ordered that the Protestation be taken by all adult males, over the age of eighteen. The letter directed that the Sheriff and Justices of the Peace in the shires meet to take the Protestation, and that they in turn were to call together the minister, constables, churchwardens and overseers of the poor for their respective areas, and tender the Protestation to them. The parish officers would then 'call together the Inhabitants of their several parishes, both l-lousholders and others, being of Eighteen Years of Age and upwards' [If]. During the latter part of January and early February, printed copies of the Protestation reached the constituencies. The typical procedure was that the parishioners would take the Protestation at the direction of the minister, following Sunday service. Most the returns date from February or early March (Parliament had set a deadline of March 12th), and the orders of Parliament were, in most cases, carried out faithfully. The numbers refusing to take the Protestation were, not surprisingly, higher in more Catholic areas such as Lancashire, but there were instances of opposition even from the conformist clergy [2c].

**Location** The extent to which copies of the returns have survived varies considerably for different areas of the country. For some counties, there is nothing, while for others the coverage is very good. The main depository for the Protestation Returns is the House of Lords Record Office, London SW1A 0PW (Tel. 071-219-3074), which is open 9.30-5.00 Monday-Friday. Before visiting, it is necessary to make an appointment *at least 24 hours in advance*, in order to request the documents that you wish to view. It is enough simply to specify the

county and hundred in which you are interested, for the documents to be produced. On arrival at Westminster, go to the Chancellor's Gate, and thence to the Pass Office, to collect a security pass (identification required). You will then be conducted to the Record Office.

To establish whether the returns have survived for your area of interest, the most important source of reference is the catalogue included in the Fifth Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts [7]. Brief details are also given in Bond's guide to the records of Parliament [8]. Another useful reference is the article by Lawson Edwards [9], which lists printed copies and other transcripts of original returns (up to 1977). Some record societies, local history societies and family history societies have also published transcripts for their areas; for example the North Middlesex FHS has produced a fiche for the surviving returns in the Ossulstone Hundred of Middlesex [10]. Finally, copies for some areas exist among parish records (in some cases these are the only copies), and details of these returns may therefore be found at the relevant county record office.

### **Content**

The Protestation Returns are, of course, essentially name lists of adult males, but their precise format varies somewhat with area, according to the inclination of the parish officers concerned. In many cases the name list is preceded by a simple statement to the effect that there follow 'the names of such persons within which have taken the Protestation Some returns have actual signatures or marks of the individuals themselves, although in many cases, the name list is in a single hand. Also included are the names of those who refused to take the Protestation. One of the more individual features among the returns for our local area is found in the one for Twickenham, where the names are arranged alphabetically - by Christian name.

We are fortunate in that the survival of the Protestation Returns for West Middlesex is near complete. The House of Lords Record Office holds the following returns for the hundreds covering West Middlesex, and it can be seen that the coverage is very good; the main gaps are for the parishes towards the eastern end of our area. In many cases, the returns themselves bear no date; those which do are indicated in the lists below.

Elthorne Hundred: Certificates of Justices of the Peace, and of the parish officers of West Drayton, Harmondsworth, Northolt, Ickenham, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Harefield, Cowley, Ruislip and Harlington (6 Feb.); New Brentford (20 Feb.); Cowley; Cranford (20 Feb.); West Drayton (23 Feb.); Greenford Magna (1 Mar); Greenford Parva, alias Perivale (20 Feb.); Hanwell (20 Feb.); Harefield (28 Feb.); Harlington; Harmondsworth (27 Feb); Heese, alias Hayes (23 Feb.); Hillingdon (23 Feb.); Ickenham (23 Feb); Northall (27 Feb.); Norwood; Ruislip; Uxbridge (23 Feb.).

*Isleworth Hundred:* Heston; Hounslow; Isleworth; Twickenham (27 Feb.)



*Spelthorne Hundred*: Ashford; Bedfont (20 Feb); Feltham; Hampton (20, 24, 26 and 27 Feb); Hanworth (27 Feb); Laleham; Littleton; Shepperton; Staines; Stanwell (23 Feb); Sunbury; Teddington (23 Feb); Parish officers for Stanwell, Hampton, Ashford, Laleham, Hanworth, Bedfont, Teddington, Littleton, Sunbury, Feltham, Shepperton and Staines (15 Feb).

For Chelsea and Ealing, two of the parishes for which the returns have not survived, a possible alternative source for the same period is provided by the collections for distressed Protestants in Ireland, which can be found at the PRO (SP28/193). See [11] for further details on this source.

The example shown below is a transcript of the return for Sunbury, in the Spelthorne Hundred of Middlesex. This includes the full wording of the Protestation as issued by Parliament, as well as the names of those who undertook the oath, and details of the parish officers who oversaw the proceedings. The number of names that appear, even for this small village beside the Thames, is enough to indicate how useful these records can be.

I, A. B. doe in the pr[e]sence of Almighty god, promise, vow, and protest, to maintaine and defend as farr as lawfully I may, w[i]th my life, power and estate, the true Reformed protestant Religion, expressed in the Doctrine of the church of England against all Popery and popish Innovations within this Realme, contrary to the same doctrine, and accordinge to the dutie of my Allegiance, His maiesties Royall Person, Honour and Estate; As allsoe the Power and Priviledges of Parliaments, the lawfull Rights and Liberties of the subiect and every person that maketh this protestatio[n], in whatsoever he shall doe in the lawfull pursuance of the same. And to my power, and as far as lawfully I may, I will oppose and by all good waies and means indeavour to bringe to condigne punishment, all such as shall either by Force, Practise, Councels, Plots, Conspiracies or otherwise doe any thinge to the contrary of any thinge in this present Protestation contained. And further that I shall in all iust and Honourable waies indeavour to preserve the union and Peace beetween the three kingdomes of England, Scotland, and Ireland, And neither for hope, fear, nor other respect, shall relinquish this Promise, vow and Protestation.

Wee whose names are hereto subscribed have willingly condescended to this Protestation,

Caren Rawly	Humfry Cooper	Raph Piper
Robert Quarles	Robert Reddinge Sen	Water Child
Baptist Keyme	Edward Piper	Daniel Buckland Jun
Willyam Keyme	John Thurband	Richard Johnson
Hugh Bishop	Thomas Page	James Lake
Thomas Roberts	Robert Reddinge Jun	Edward Bucknell Sen
Thomas Austin	Thomas Davers	Robert Taylor
John Warpanter	Daniel Buckland Sen	Willyam Styles
Francis Earewin	Willyam Blanch	Thomas Child
Thomas Osborne	John Lane	Richard Freeman
Henry Seagood Sen	Richard Turner	Edward Hooker

John Layton	Henry Sadler	Richard Seagood
Arthur Child	Thomas Hayward	Miles Bucknell
Raph Osborne	George Blundell	Willyam Ride
	Willyam Seagood	Nicolas Brockwell
	Richard Hatchet	John Clarke
Henry Beckensfeild	John Till	Miles Fitswater
Willyam Crane	Thomas Lee	John Fitswater Sen
Thomas Trowe Sen	Thomas Ballinger	John Fitswater Jun
Willyam Pett	Thomas Meese	Edward Cooper
Willyam Jackson	John Lee	John Evans
Andrew Hunt	Willyam Fitswater	Richard Dawton
John Gander	Edward Bucknell Jun	Willyam Grove
Francis Wells	Richard Layton	John Attwell
John Blythman	Richard Woodyer	John Hatt
James Gander	Henry Seagood Jun	Richard Reddinge
Willyam Osborne	John Osborne	
James Bedient	Robert Lancaster	Marke Sadlington
Willyam Downes	Thomas Trowe Jun	vicar of Sunburie
George Fitswater	Mathew Stimson	Robert Yowell Curate
Thomas Marlow	Willyam Bucknell	there is none in our
James Thurband	Willyam Betcham	paris[h] that [duis?] refus
John Marlow	Henry Pavin	to se[t] ther handes to it
John Freland	John Dawton	Jeram Knap
Thomas Spickernell	Thomas Randall	Richard Runniger
Willyam Jones	Willyam Hill	Cherch wardens
John Horrell	Edward Bredridge	John Ham[mott?]
Willyam Lee	Arthur Lake	Charles [..]kland
Nicolas Runwell	John Hudson	[.o..etters]* for the p
Richard Asher	Roger Blunt	

\* Collectors, presumably.

### Related Sources

There are a number of other similar types of record which may be found for the period shortly after that of the Protestation of 1641. The collection for distressed Irish Protestants has already been mentioned [11]. Among the records akin to the Protestation Returns that I have encountered recently in my researches in Essex are the two described below; the CRO for 'your' county will doubtless be able to advise on survivals.

On June 6th 1643, John Pym reported to the Commons on what was to become known as 'Waller's Plot' of May, involving communications between the King and those loyal to him in Westminster and the City. The revelation that Charles was involved in such secret dealings, at a time when he was offering to negotiate with Parliament, incensed the Commons and Lords, and it was quickly agreed 'That all who are true hearted and Lovers of their Country, should binde

themselves each to other in a sacred Vow and Covenant' [lg]. It was also agreed the covenant should be taken throughout the kingdom. The Lords present in the Upper House took the covenant on June 9th [3d], and a copy of the text was published under the title 'A Sacred Vow and Covenant Taken by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament: Upon the discovery of the late horrid and Treacherous Designe, for the destruction of this Parliament, and the Kingdom' [12]. On June 17th, it was resolved that the Oath was to be taken on Sunday June 25th 'in London, Westminster, suburbs and places adjacent' [1h], and it was also announced that a public thanksgiving was to take place on July 13th, at which time the Oath and Covenant shall be tendered to every man in the kingdom. The essence of the Oath is made clear from part of the text 'I doe in my Conscience beleieve, That the Forces raised by the two Houses of Parliament are raised and continued for their just Defence, and for the Defence of the true Protestant Religion, and Liberties of the Subject against the Forces raised by the King...' [1i].

Another related source which survives for some areas is connected with the Solemn League and Covenant. This was an agreement between Parliament and Scotland, agreeing to preserve the Church of Scotland, and reform the Churches of England and Ireland along Presbyterian lines, in return for military support from Scotland against the Royalist cause. This covenant was sworn by members of the Commons in St Margaret's, Westminster, on 25th September [1j], and by the Lords in mid-October [3e]. In a proclamation of November 16th 1643 [13], it was announced that the details be printed and published, and read in all churches. It was not until February 5th, that the Parliamentary leaders saw fit to issue an ordinance that the covenant be taken by every Englishman over the age of eighteen [1k].

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## A Proposal

*The following is a letter in which Richard Hopkins Leach (1794-1851), proposes marriage to Isabella McLean. The couple were married in 1820.*

In haste I take a liberty which however bold it may appear to me in cooler deliberation, I cannot persuade myself but that you will forgive the intrusion. It is the taking the advantage of a pen to express what time or opportunity would not allow between this and your departure, I tremble as I write and scarce know what to say. Perhaps this step which I have taken to deliver myself from suspense will be a cause of displeasure to you. I fear it will, I blame myself already, but . . . . . but I cannot refrain . . . . . Oh Isa . oh how can I put the question . . . I know I fear your answer to this my imprudent inquiry Have you considered me as a friend only or have your thoughts concerted a higher place It cannot be that I have merited it, and I am conscious you know how undeserving I am of that happiness. But I confess to you that I have been so far beyond myself as to cherish distant hopes. It rests with you to heighten or debase them in your smiles or frowns . . . . . I feel I have gone to far in this but I considered it but justice to have your lea[*lines missing, torn out*] I know your gentleness [*lines missing, torn out*] could refuse a wish of hers however disagreeable it might be, you have it in your power now to refuse my offer, but do not let it go to far, first and only retain me if not a brother what a brother ought to be, your friend for life.

and most sincerely yours  
Rd Hopkins Leach

P.S. Let me have the answer to this note by hand or word. I shall seek an opportunity of seeing you this evening, adieu  
*Contributed by Ric Leach, transcribed from the original in his possession.*

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## BOOKSHELF

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### **Hatred Pursued Beyond the Grave - Jane Cox**

Well known as one of the original authors of *Tracing Your Ancestors in the Public Record Office*, and, more recently, of a guide for newcomers to the PRO, Jane Cox has produced a marvellous book, based around the records of the London Church courts at Doctors' Commons.

An introductory chapter sets the scene, introducing the history of the ecclesiastical courts, and their role prior to 1858. The accumulated paperwork of the centuries of proceedings in the courts contain, as later chapters amply demonstrate, 'the everyday lives and concerns of all sorts and conditions of people, not, as one might imagine, just men of wealth and status.'

The main part of the book comprises three chapters: *At the Court of Marriage*, *At the Court of Scolds*, and *At the Court of Death*. The first of these describes the role of the London Consistory Court in matrimonial disputes, and is illustrated by the case of domestic violence in the family of a cousin of Samuel Pepys, and of a celebrated 'society' divorce case of the eighteenth century. The second describes examples of cases involving neighbours engaged in slander actions, taken from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. These offer a wonderful insight into the life and language of the times, and it is fascinating to imagine the courts recording, in their matter-of-fact way, the abuse thrown to and fro between the disputants. The final chapter is concerned with probate suits in the Prerogative Court, and recalls cases of neglected and abused children, of 'gold-diggers and good-time girls', of cruel fathers and unloving mothers. All rather sorry tales perhaps, but as observations on English social history they are truly fascinating.

Finally, rather than end on too sad a note, Mrs Cox adds some lighter anecdotes to conclude the book, including a joke about the Bishop of Durham from the notebook of Mad Mrs Morice, a lady who left seventeen wills!

140 pp, illustrated, with full bibliography. Published by H.M.S.O., £9.95.

*Richard Chapman*

### **Genealogy Computer Packages - David Hawgood**

This concise book, written by a leading authority on the use of computers for family history in the UK, covers more than the title would lead one to expect. It starts with a brief description of computers and computing, then makes suggestions about the types of computer suitable for genealogy. Generous mention is made of other reference sources.

David Hawgood has reviewed over two hundred genealogy packages, presenting his findings 'gazetteer' fashion, each entry having a telegraphic description giving details of the facilities provided, the computer required, the source,

distributor and/or publisher, and the price. In many cases a review is also mentioned. He also includes a brief outline of what can be expected from a genealogy package, together with illustrations, the type of printer required, and output records such as family charts, descendant charts, family trees in both vertical (drop-line charts) and horizontal formats, and pedigrees.

A glossary is included, giving a brief description of computing terms, ranging from the basic to the sophisticated, plus a short list of 'add-ons' which provide additional facilities for several genealogy packages. The book is rounded off with a list of publishers, authors and dealers, followed by a classification of packages by computer type. There are more packages for IBM-compatible personal computers (using DOS) than for all other machines put together; there are only eight packages using Windows™.

David Hawgood is to be congratulated on condensing so much information into so small a space. This book can be recommended to everyone using a computer for family history, beginners and established historians alike.

Published by David Hawgood and distributed by Family Tree Magazine.

*Richard Knight*

### **Gordon Road Estate - Mary Mason**

This book was written as a result of the interest of Mary Mason, a member of our society, in the history of her house in Gordon Road. It gradually expanded to include parts of Stanwell Road, London Road, Gordon Road and Seaton Drive and became the history of the Estate. The Barkers are the main family represented but the residents who lived on the estate are listed. There are reminiscences of Elise Edwards, David Spreadbury and Frances Reed, which give a flavour of pre-war days. Even if you have no interest in the area, it is a good read and shows what family historians can do when they take an interest in their locality. There are some charming line drawings.

36 pp, with 6 maps, 6 photographs and a name index. £2.50, plus 50p p&p. obtainable from the author at 18a Gordon Road, Ashford, Middx TW15 3EU

*Bookworm*

### **Stamford Brook: An Affectionate Portrait - Reginald Coleman and Shirley Seaton**

The joint authors invite the reader to look at a small area of London on the border of Chiswick and Hammersmith and to show that there were matters of historical interest worth recording. Much recording was done in the paintings of the Pissarro family who lived the area. One oil painting being sold in 1990 for close on a million pounds!

As Shirley Seaton says in her introduction 'this is not a comprehensive history - it is more of a scrap book of times past with perhaps a few serendipities'. nevertheless there is an enormous amount of facts and information between the

covers. It doesn't have an index but this shortcoming is partially overcome by printing all names in the text in bold letters so that they stand out on the pages - and there are a lot of names. It does include a bibliography.

64 pp, with 48 illustrations and 5 maps. £4.99, plus 50p p&p from the Postal Book Service.

*Jim Devine*

**The Place which is called Fulham: A History of Fulham from Roman Times to 1939 - Leslie Hasker**

The story of Fulham arranged in a chronological order starting with what is known of Fulham when England was part of the Roman Empire and then proceeding down the centuries culminating at the outbreak of World War II.

As the author was Borough Librarian it is full of factual information gleaned from many years of painstaking research. Because it is chronological, one can turn to the years in which one is interested and read of the developments during those years only, or read the whole splendid panoramic history of the area.

220 pp, with 12 photographs and index. £4.50, plus 75p p&p from the Postal Book Service.

*Jim Devine*

**Before and after Domesday (A Chronology of Harmondsworth, West Drayton and Yiewsley) - M.M. Swatton**

This little book, published in 1986, was prepared to mark the 900th anniversary of the Domesday Book and lists, side by side, from the year AD. 43 to 1986 all events through those years which have occurred in the title areas. To put them into context and to indicate outside happenings which might have influenced local events, some major national events are also listed alongside the local ones. A great deal of useful, well—researched information, for a very low price.

52 pp, with map. £1.20, plus 30p p&p from the Postal Book Service.

*Jim Devine*

**The Pauper's Paradise (Poor relief in Hammersmith 1899-190?) - Anne Connelly**

The Pauper's Paradise of the title was, in fact, the workhouse and infirmary (now Hammersmith Hospital) built by the Hammersmith Board of Guardians in the early 1900s, and which effectively caused their bankruptcy. The story of this remarkable building described at one time as 'baronial' and 'a structure which in many of its details was equal to if not superior to any nobleman's mansion in the land', and the political manoeuvring which preceded its construction, followed by a storm of criticism, is well told in this book.

28 pp, with index and list of sources. £1.00, plus 40p p&p from the Postal Book Service.

*Jim Devine*

**THE LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF RESIDENTIAL HISTORIES**  
**A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESIDENTIAL HISTORIES OF**  
**INDIVIDUALS**

We are currently undertaking research on where people lived during their lifetime, and are concentrating particularly on the residential histories of individuals, rather than on the analysis of aggregate census statistics. Although some individual-level data can be gained from sources such as diaries and autobiographies, these are relatively scarce and often unrepresentative. **However, there are thousands of family historians around the country who have information about the residential histories of their own family members, often going back to the eighteenth century or earlier. We are particularly keen to utilize this rich source of information in our research.**

Your Family History Society has kindly allowed us to place this note in your magazine as a way in which we might make contact with family historians. **IF YOU HAVE TRACED YOUR FAMILY HISTORY, AND HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY LIVED AND WHY THEY MOVED IN THE EIGHTEENTH, NINETEENTH OR EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY, WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE YOU TO CONTACT US.** It would also be very helpful to know how many people you have a residential history for. Once we have received this information, we will send you a form on which you can record the residential details in a standard format. We will also enclose a stamped/addressed envelope for your reply. **We must emphasize that we are interested in the residential histories of people of all ages, from all walks of life, and including those who moved very little or not at all.**

We must emphasize that any information that you do provide will be used only for the purposes of academic research, and that, where appropriate, confidentiality will be strictly maintained in future publications. The project will be completed in 1996 and, in addition to other publications, we will be happy to write a short piece for your magazine so that you will know something about the outcome of the research. **This should help you to discover how your family's residential history related to the experience of others.** The research project is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council.

You will realise that the success of the research depends entirely on a good response from family historians. We hope to build up a large data-base of information on residential histories, but this will only be possible with your co-operation.

**IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE PROJECT IN ANY WAY PLEASE CONTACT JEAN TURNBULL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT THE ADDRESS GIVEN BELOW. FOLLOWING A LETTER OR TELEPHONE CALL SHE WILL SEND YOU A STANDARD FORM ON WHICH DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTIAL HISTORIES CAN BE ENTERED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US.**

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## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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### **The Work of a Local Studies Librarian - Andrea Cameron**

At our November meeting, Andrea Cameron gave us an insight into her work as Local Studies Librarian for Hounslow, and brought along a sample of the items in her care.

The first library to be created in what is now the London Borough of Hounslow was that at Brentford, in 1884. This was followed by Chiswick in 1890, and Hounslow itself in 1905; Feltham Library was created in the 1930s as a County, rather than a local authority library. When Middlesex County Council ceased to exist in 1966, the existing records for Hounslow were not released from the Middlesex Record Office (then at Westminster), but the transfer took place soon after the Greater London Record Office opened, and now there are three main collections, at Chiswick, at Hounslow, and a smaller collection of more recent material at Feltham. In all, the collections comprise over 25,000 items.

Books, of course, form an important part of the collections, and relate to houses, lands, personalities or events which have some connection with the area. The library has also participated in the re-publication of some long out of print titles, such as H.E. Bates' *And So Make a City Here*. There are also plans to re-issue Maxwell's Highwaymen's Heath this year, when the copyright on the original expires. As well as published books, the collections include some original manuscripts of local authors. One book of particular interest, which Miss Cameron brought to the meeting was an 1806 Book of Common Prayer, marked 'Bulstrode Chapel'. This was once in Hounslow chapel, predecessor of the present Holy Trinity Church, and which stood in the grounds of the manor house (hence 'Bulstrode', the family name of the lords of the manor in the 18th and early 19th century). The book was purchased by the Vicar of Heston in 1820, and subsequently presented to Hounslow for the church.

Among the other important classes of item in the collections are photographs. These date from the 1850s, although the period 1900-1940 is that which is best represented. Postcards too are important. A number of prints, dating from the 18th century, as well as paintings of most parts of the Borough, and mainly from the last century, form valuable parts of the collections. Purchases of such items can become very expensive, (all the more so with such famous names as Turner and Hogarth being associated with the area), and joint purchases have been made with Gunnersbury Museum. External funds from agencies such as the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the National Arts Council have also been sought. As an example, a portrait of James Clitheroe of Boston Manor was purchased in 1992 for £21,000, with support from such external funds. Part of Miss Cameron's task as local studies librarian is to keep aware of the availability of items for possible purchase, and this involves liaising with auction houses. She spoke of

the need to ensure two representatives of the library attend auctions, to ensure that the temptations to buy do not exceed the budgets available! In many cases, even when the funds of private collectors outstrip those of available to the library, auction houses are helpful in allowing the library to make good reproductions, for the collection.

Among the items that she brought to the meeting, Miss Cameron pointed out some 18th century residents' badges from the Isleworth almshouses - made in silver! Another item, which has been donated to the collection, was an invitation to the coronation of William IV for Colonel Clitheroe of Boston Manor, written by the King himself.

Among the other classes of items in the library's collections are maps, which are well represented, and date back to 1635. Newspapers too, are an important local source, and the library holds almost complete series of all those covering the area. Each week, the editions of the local newspapers are indexed, for the benefit of present, and future, readers. The library also has a collection of films, and in 1989, following a suggestion made at one of our WMFHS meetings. scenes from the local area during World War II were transferred from film and released for sale in video format. More recently, a video, with commentary, has been produced from films of the local events relating to the coronation of Elizabeth II in 1953.

The library holds some parish documents and transcripts, including the registers of All Saints, Isleworth, and the overseers' and churchwardens' accounts for Bedfont. Several of these transcripts are the work of members of our society. Council meeting and committee minutes, school log books, local census returns, 1992 edition of the IGI, and records of Heston and Hanworth airports (prior to 1946) were among the other sources described.

Finally, Miss Cameron spoke of the Thomas Leyton Museum collection. This gentleman, who lived in Brentford in the last century, left his large collection of books, maps and prints to the people of Brentford upon his death in 1911. Managed by trustees, and moved several times, the collection is now in Hounslow Library, and is the focus of a scheme to repair and restore the books. many of which have suffered damage over the years. Such restoration work, and for so large a collection, is expensive, and sponsorship is being sought from local companies and organisations.

*Richard Chapman*

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### **Federation of Family History Societies**

The Federation is seeking to appoint a part-time (50 hours/month) finance officer, reporting to the elected treasurer. If you are interested in obtaining further details of this post, please contact Yvonne Woodbridge at our monthly meeting, or at the address given inside the front cover of this journal.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

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*Richard Chapman*

A large crop of surname interests from our new members has ousted me from my usual spot on page 39. However, although one of the main messages remains all too familiar - more copy needed! My Christmas and New Year postbags were, sad to say, rather deficient in respect of contributions for this Journal. Examination of the authorship of items in this issue will point out the small number of contributors, in proportion to the size of our Society - do please consider what you could do to help, inform, educate or entertain your fellow members through the pages of the Journal.

On the subject of family history society journals in general, some members may not be aware of the Digest section of the FFHS publication, Family History News and Digest. This includes references and short abstracts of articles that have appeared in the journals of societies belonging to the Federation. The articles are categorised by subject, with cross references if appropriate, and can be very valuable in picking out useful items in the publications of societies to which you do not belong, but which can be accessed through society libraries, under the journal exchange scheme. The categorisation of the articles is by general subject or record type (e.g. census, education, land records, nonconformity), and by location (English counties, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and individual overseas countries). FHN&D is available from the bookstall, or direct from the Federation.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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The Society welcomes all new members. The list below includes those from whom surname interest forms had been received at the time this issue of the Journal was prepared. The interests themselves follow on pages 35-39.

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B148 Mrs R. Burgess, 65 Ham Close, Holt, Trowbridge, Wilts BA14 6PY  
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E26 Mrs W.J. Edwards, The Oaks, Lyndhurst Road, Landford, Salisbury, Wilts SP5 2AF  
G72 Mr M. Griffiths, 43 Woodlands Avenue, Woodley, Berkshire RG5 3HN  
G74 Mrs B. Goldup, Wildways, Beech Avenue, Effingham, Leatherhead, Surrey KT24 5PJ  
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## SURNAME INTERESTS

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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
AL(L)SOP	c 1935	Haringey area	MDX	A40
ALSOP	18-19 C	York area	YKS	A40
	19 C	Sheffield area	YKS	A40
ASHBY	All	All	SRY	B148
ATLEE	19 C	London area	MDX	A40
	bef 1750	Harmondsworth	MDX	B143
AULD	c 1800	Lanark	LKS	B143
BAILEY	bef 1900	Godalming	SRY	E26
BAKER	aft 1700	Staines area	MDX	C112
BALL	1790-1840	Hounslow, Isleworth	MDX	G72
BARBER	c 1800	Connor	ANT	B143
BARRATT	All	Northolt	MDX	K28
BASLEY	19 C	Brentford, Isleworth	MDX	B145
BATTEN	c 1770	Harmondsworth area	MDX	B143
BEAUCHAMP	19 C	Brentford, Isleworth	MDX	B145
BECK	c 1850	All	MDX	P70
BELSHAM	19-20 C	Kensington area	MDX	B148
BELTON	c 1800	Hammersmith	MDX	B147
BENNETT	19 C	Old Brentford	MDX	B147
BLAKE	bef 1855	Chelsea area	MDX	O15
BLUMSDEN	All	All	ALL	P69
BOUGHTON	bef 1900	Limehouse	MDX	E26
BOYES	18-19 C	Horseheath area	CAM	B146
BRAND	19-20 C	All	PER	B146
BRIDEL	19 C	Isle of Wight	HAM	B145
BUCKTHORNE	19-20 C	Addlestone area	SRY	B146
CADEL	c 1800	Faringdon	BRK	P70
CARTER	bef 1900	Bermondsey	SRY	E26
CASTLEMAN	18 C	Tidworth area	HAM	B147
CHASE	19 C	London area	MDX	A40
CHILDS	bef 1900	Melbury Osmund	DOR	E26
CHIPPERFIELD	All	All	BRK	P69
CLEMENT	1870	Westminster, London	MDX	S114
COLLINS	19 C	Beck Hill	SSX	B147
	1890	Southwark	SRY	S114
COOPER	19 C	Egham area	SRY	B146
COOTER	18-19 C	Davington	KEN	B147

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Member</b>
COTTRELL	18 C	Tidworth area	HAM	B147
COWARD	aft 1845	Lambeth	SRY	H108
CRAGIE	All	Limehouse	MDX	E26
DANCE	aft 1812	Hounslow area	MDX	H107
DAVIES	1750-1860	Shotwick	CHS	H109
	1700-1860	Hawarden	FLN	H109
DAWES	All	All	SSX	P69
DEANE	All	All	ALL	P69
DODD	1800-40	Horseheath	CAM	B146
	19 C	Staines area	MDX	B146
DUNN	aft 1900	Wimbledon	SRY	E26
EARLAM	1800	Chiswick area	MDX	H108
EWERS	18-19 C	All	STS	A40
FARRIES	All	Kensington	MDX	E25
FIRMAN	aft 1700	Lambeth area	SRY	C112
	aft 1700	Kennington area	SRY	C112
	aft 1700	Christchurch area	SRY	C112
FLANAGAN	All	Kensington	MDX	E25
FLETCHER	18-19 C	Staines area	MDX	B146
FORD	aft 1881	West Drayton	MDX	B148
	c 1845	Hove	SSX	B148
FOWLER	18-19 C	Kensington	MDX	G74
FOX	19-20 C	Islington area	MDX	B148
FRIER	All	All	MDX	K28
GILBERT	19-20 C	Willesden area	MDX	B148
GLASGOW	aft 1800	Ballymena	ANT	B143
GODLIMAN	19 C	Kensington area	MDX	O15
GOODENOUGH	18 C	All	WIL	B147
GRANT	1860-1930	Ealing area	MDX	H109
GREENAWAY	bef 1850	All	OXF	K28
GREENWOOD	19 C	Garton-on-the-Wolds	ERY	B145
	18-19 C	Halifax	WRY	B148
GRIFFITHS	All	Liverpool	LAN	E26
GROUT	c 1800	Cookham	BRK	P70
HALL	18-19 C	Chiswick	MDX	G74
HAND	bef 1900	Bermondsey	SRY	E26
HARDWICK	19 C	Apperknowle	DBY	A40
HARFIELD	bef 1900	Catherington	HAM	E26
HARMER	aft 1812	All	ALL	H107
HARRINGTON	1750-1900	Debden	ESS	K28
	1850-1900	Fulham	MDX	K28
HARRIS	bef 1835	Chelsea area	MDX	O15
HARRISON	19 C	Kensington area	MDX	O15
HAWKES	bef 1900	Farnham	SRY	E26
HAYES	1880-90	Holborn	MDX	H109
	1890-1900	Ealing	MDX	H109
	1900-20	Twickenham	MDX	H109
HESKINS	aft 1880	Bermondsey area	SRY	H108
	19 C	Islington area	MDX	H108
	19 C	Frome	SOM	H108

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
HESKINS	bef 1820	Horsley area	GLS	H108
HEWITT	bef 1859	Ulceby	LIN	B145
HEWLITT	19 C	Tonbridge area	KEN	H109
HIGGS	All	Oakley	BKM	K28
HODSON	aft 1700	Staines area	MDX	C112
	aft 1700	Lambeth area	SRY	C112
HOLLAND	bef 1900	Puddletown	DOR	E26
HORN(E)	1695	Thrapston, Islip	NTH	S114
HUGHES	19 C	Windsor Castle	BRK	A40
HUMPHREY	18-19 C	Kingston-upon-Thames	SRY	B146
HUNT	aft 1800	Harmondsworth	MDX	B143
	c 1800	Shilton	OXF	P70
HURLEY	19 C	Reading area	BRK	B146
ILES	18 C	Upavon	WIL	B147
JEMMETT	19 C	Egham area	SRY	B146
JENNINGS	aft 1800	Church	LAN	B143
JONES	aft 1700	Staines area	MDX	C112
JULYAN	1788	All	NTH	S114
JUPP	19 C	Brentford	MDX	B148
KEENE	All	All	ALL	P69
KING	18 C	Porton	WIL	B147
	19 C	Highbury	MDX	B148
	c 1845	Hove	SSX	B148
KLOPKE	1850-1900	Victoria, Australia		K28
LANDER	aft 1830	Kensall area	MDX	W105
LANGFORD	aft 1812	Feltham area	MDX	H107
LORD	1670-1830	Uley	GLS	H109
	19 C	Bath	GLS	H109
	1830-80	Holborn area	MDX	H109
	1870-1930	Staines area	MDX	H109
LOVEJOY	1800-1930	Egham area	SRY	H109
MADIN	1800-1900	Nottingham	NTT	H109
MALLET	18-19 C	Chiswick	MDX	G74
MANKTELOW	All	All	ALL	P69
MANNING	c 1800	Heston area	MDX	B147
MARDEN	18 C	Lynsted area	KEN	A40
MARRIOTT	18-19 C	Ashover	DBY	A40
	19-20 C	Chesterfield	DBY	A40
MARSHALL	c 1800	Staines	MDX	P70
McMICHAEL	c 1800	Glasgow	LKS	B143
MERRETT	aft 1750	Cam area	GLS	B143
MILBOURNE	1755	Thrapston	NTH	S114
MUNSON	aft 1812	Hounslow area	MDX	H107
NEEDHAM	18-19 C	Ashover	DBY	A40
NESBITH	1891	Fulham	MDX	S114
NICHOL(L)S	1750-1850	Hammersmith	MDX	G72
NICHOLAS	bef 1830	Newport	MON	O15
NICHOLSON	bef 1851	Bermondsey area	SRY	B148
NUTTALL	1870	Newington, Walworth	SRY	S114
PAGE	c 1800	Braintree	ESS	P70

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PAGGETT	1759	Thrapston	NTH	S114
PARTRIDGE	c 1750	Leigh-on-Sea	ESS	P70
PEARSON	1830-1920	Sunderland	DUR	K28
PERRIS	All	All	ALL	P69
PERRY	c 1800	Leigh-on-Sea	ESS	P70
PEWTRESS	c 1840	Cocking	SSX	B143
	1810-50	Camberwell	SRY	B143
PILL	All	All	ALL	P69
PINNEL	c 1766	Newton Tony	WIL	B147
PRATT	aft 1812	All	ALL	H107
PRICHARD	c 1800	Whitchurch	MON	B143
ROBB	19-20 C	All	PER	B146
ROBINSON	bef 1900	Garton-on-the-Wolds	ERY	B145
	1890-1993	Kingston-upon-Hull	ERY	B145
	c 1750	Leigh-on-Sea	ESS	P70
ROLLS	17-19 C	Bermondsey area	SRY	B148
ROWLES	18-19 C	Twickenham area	MDX	B146
	19 C	Staines	MDX	B146
	19 C	Egham area	SRY	B146
RUNDLE	bef 1856	Menheniot Liskeard	CON	B145
	1856-1993	Kingston-upon-Hull	ERY	B145
RUSSELL	aft 1880	Liverpool area	LAN	O15
	bef 1880	All	LET	O15
	bef 1880	All	KER	O15
RUTTER	1800-50	Norwood area	MDX	B147
SARING	All	All	LON	H108
	All	All	MDX	H108
SAVAGE	1840-1900	West Drayton	MDX	K28
	1850-1900	Fulham	MDX	K28
SEALEY	c 1800	Shrivenham	BRK	P70
SEARING	All	Chiswick area	MDX	H108
SERJEANT	1880-1900	Stoke Newington	MDX	H109
SHEPPARD	c 1760	Tidworth	HAM	B147
SHERGOLD	c 1800	Staines	MDX	P70
SHERIFF	1870	Newington, Walworth	SRY	S114
SIMPSON	1830-80	Islington area	MDX	W105
SMITH	1800-50	Portsea	HAM	W105
	1840-80	Bloomsbury	MDX	W105
SNEE	All	All	ALL	P69
SNELLING	18-19 C	Canterbury area	KEN	A40
	19-20 C	All	MDX	A40
SPARKES	All	Catherington	HAM	E26
	1840	Shoreditch	MDX	S114
	1851	Exeter	DEV	S114
SPENCER	18-19 C	Halifax	WRY	B148
STANLEY	c 1914	Sheerness	KEN	B148
STARBUCK	1800-50	Hammersmith	MDX	G72
STEDMAN	c 1833	Esher	SRY	B148
STEVENSON	c 1800	Stanwell	MDX	P70
	c 1800	Staines	MDX	P70



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STOCK	c 1700	Finchingfield	ESS	P70
STOKES	1870	Westminster, London	MDX	S114
STONEBRIDGE	aft 1800	Tempsford	BDF	B143
STOREY	All	All	ALL	P69
THOMPSETT	All	All	SSX	P69
TILLYER	c 1800	Harmondsworth	MDX	B143
TITHERLY	All	All	ALL	O15
TUCKINGTON	1790	Thrapston	NTH	S114
URQUHART	All	All	ALL	P69
WAGNER	aft 1700	Staines area	MDX	C112
WALVERN	aft 1812	All	ALL	H107
WARTERS	bef 1864	Stenigot area	LIN	B145
	1864-1993	Kingston-upon-Hull	ERY	B145
WATMORE	aft 1812	All	ALL	H107
WEBB	aft 1850	Kensington Town area	MDX	W105
WEBBER	bef 1871	South Molton area	DEV	B145
	1871-1993	Llangattock	BRE	B145
WELCH	19 C	Monken Hadley	MDX	B145
	All	Catherington	HAM	E26
WELLS	All	All	SSX	P69
WERNHAM	19 C	Holborn area	MDX	H109
WHEELER	bef 1850	Tring	HRT	K28
	1850-1900	Brill	BKM	K28
	All	All	ALL	P69
WHITE	aft 1900	Fulham	MDX	E26
	bef 1900	Milton	KEN	E26
	c 1850	Great Marlow	BKM	P70
WICKS	19 C	St Albans	HRT	B145
WILKES	All	All	ALL	P69
WILSON	18-19 C	Staines area	MDX	B146
WISBEY	c 1800	Clavering	ESS	B143
WITTE	1830-1920	Sunderland	DUR	K28
WOODS	1840-80	West Hackney area	MDX	W105
WOOTTON	19 C	St Giles in the Fields	MDX	H108
	aft 1888	Walworth	SRV	H108
YAXLEY	All	All	MDX	K28
YEATES	18 C	Porton	WIL	B147

Following our appearance in the Guest Society feature of the January issue of *Family Tree Magazine*, we have welcomed a good number of new members in recent weeks. If you have just joined, and returned your surname interests form, but your entries do not appear in the table above, please remember that the text of the Journal is finalised about six weeks before you receive it, and your form may have missed the deadline. Please be patient - and watch out for your names in the June issue.

*Richard Chapman*

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