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As you know, as a society we have been without a chairman since the beginning of the year. Consequently other members of the executive committee are sharing the duties associated with the chairman. Since taking over the role of editor I have been fortunate in being able to rely on an introductory message for each issue of the Journal from Janet, our former chairman. Space has therefore appeared at the front of the Journal. Coincidentally as space has disappeared from the rear, due to a large influx of new members. Hence I have relocated my 'slot' here. for the moment.

As transcription of the 1881 census draws to an end. and the publication of the microfiche indexes gathers momentum. we must thank Les and Jill Manson for continuing their involvement with the project by taking over the task of accepting postal enquiries on these indexes, as the Society purchases them. See page 10 for details of this new service.

The Marriage Index Computer Project continues apace. In the next issue I hope to have more details of the tremendous progress that has been made with the transcription. In the meantime, there is plenty more to do, so if you would like to take part please contact Janet Hagger (address inside front cover).

In the next issue we should also have information concerning the availability of the Middlesex section of the British Isles Genealogical Register (Big R), as this project is now nearing completion. This FFHS project received almost a quarter of a million surname interests, so it seems to have lived up to its nickname.

We have received many new members in the last few months, due in part to our featuring as the Guest Society in the January issue of Family Tree Magazine. If you are among that number, welcome! I hope that you will benefit from your membership of the Society, and will find some way in which you can contribute to its development.

Finally, thank you to those of you who have written on the subject of microfiche, in connection with the 1993 Members' Interests Directory. Whether or not it constituted a representative sample of the membership, the voting was around 3:1 against fiche. All these letters will be passed on to the organiser when the time comes to plan the next edition of the directory.

From the 1881 Census

Isleworth Parish, Brentford RD. (RG 11/1338/fol. 107, p. 51)

2 Malvern Villas Jackson Walter Head 38 Master Painter employing 4 men
Do. Helen Wife 39 Sleeping Partner

(followed by three children . . .)

Noted by Les and Jill Munson . . .

This is the beginning of the season for Open Days. We recently took our displays and books to one organised by the East Surrey FHS, held at Woldingham Convent School. Janet Huckle, Wendy Mott and I had an enjoyable time answering queries on Middlesex and meeting some of our out-of-town members. And we managed to sell some books as well! We also had a table at the West London Local History Conference (see page 9). Our next visit is to Poole, with Dorset FHS. Then we shall be at the SoG Family History Fair; it should not be so crowded this year, as the event is spread over two days.

My postbag contains many queries from our friends overseas, trying to find their ancestors in London/Middlesex. They must be surprised to find there are three other societies covering the area! Britain looks so small on the map compared with their large expanses of land, but they must remember we have always been over-populated. Of course it might seem more sensible to have one Society for the county, but I would hate to be on the co-ordinating committee!

I had a letter from a Mrs Mayger, who has purchased a bundle of documents relating to Essex. Among these, two leases and two assignments refer to Old Oak Lane, Acton. The names mentioned are BAILEY, SQUIRE, WIGGINS and BAKER. She wanted to know whether any of our members were interested in buying them. In the interest of local historians, I bought them and will deposit them in the appropriate record office, if no member can prove a relationship. I plan to transcribe them and give copies to the appropriate record office. Family historians often collect local history items on the parish where their ancestors lived. If you have any documents, do remember that the local historians would like to see them too, so why not offer copies to the relevant record office?

Helen Wang, Curator of Far Eastern Coins at the British Museum, has written to ask if any member has information on Miss F.M.G. Lorimer, who was working on the collections of antiquities from Chinese Turkestan brought back to London by Sir Aurel Stein earlier this century, or on the house where she lived for a time, 21 Cliveden Place, Sloane Square. Please let me know if you can help.

By the time that this Journal reaches you, the holiday season will be with us, and where do family historians go to then? Back to the place where their ancestors were born, or to the nearest record office! So good luck in your searches.

Is anyone researching NEWMAN? We have received a letter from Mr MD. Newman, 63 Northumberland Way, Erith, Kent DA8 3NT, who writes that a Tony Newman in Canada runs a Newman Name Society. There are about 100 members in England, Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand. If you are interested, he will be happy to pass your details to the UK rep.

† Some food for debate, perhaps? Ed. .

NEWS ROUNDUP

Berkshire FHS

The Berkshire society is holding a symposium on the subject *Law and Order*, on Saturday 2nd July 1994. The program includes talks from David Hawkings on criminal ancestors, and Richard Ratcliffe on quarter sessions records. The venue is The Holt School, Wokingham, and details may be obtained from Mr Phil Chamberlain, 24 Ullswater Close, Thatcham, Berkshire RG13 4UJ. Many other societies will be taking part in the symposium, including our own.

Looking ahead somewhat, the Berkshire society is also hosting the FFHS conference, *Victorian Virtues and Vices*, on 8th-10th September 1995, at Reading University. For details, contact Joyce Wells, 15 Wellington Close, Shaw, Newbury, Berkshire RG13 2HG.

Isle of Wight FHS

A reminder that The Cherry Stones Conference, the 7th British Family History Conference, hosted by the IOW FHS and the FFHS, will take place from 31st March to 4th April 1995 at Shanklin, IoW. For further details, contact Mrs Janet Few, 12 Ranelagh Road, Lake, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 8NX.

Orton FHS

The society is a member of the FFHS, with a quarterly journal. Anything connected with the Orton family is being sought. Enquiries welcomed from anyone researching this name: contact Peter Orton, 22 Rue des Pommiers, 92140 Claramari, Paris, France. For membership details please write (SAE please) to Derek Beck, Membership Secretary OFHS, 25a Longwood Ave, Bingley, West Yorks. BD16 2RX.

Northamptonshire FHS

The society is holding a one-day conference on Saturday 8th October 1994, entitled *Dying to find your ancestors*. It will take place in Kettering, Northants; tickets cost £9.50, and are available from Mrs J .S. Presland, 35 Lodge Road, Rushden, Northants. NN10 9HA.

FFHS North West Group

The North West Group of the Federation of Family History Societies is holding a Family History Fair on Saturday 1st October 1994, at Stockport Town Hall. For details and tickets (£1.00), contact Mr E.W. Gullick, 4 Lawrence Avenue, Simonstone, Burnley, Lancs. BB12 7HX.

British Records Association

The 62nd Annual Conference will be held at King's College, London, on 1st-2nd December 1994, and will focus on *Military Archives: Education and Heritage*. For full details, please write to the British Records Association, 18 Padbury Court, London E2 7EH.

LDS Family History Centre

The information given in the last issue of this Journal is incorrect. The Centre at Staines is not open on Tuesday, but opens from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., on both Wednesday and Thursday.

Cheshire FHS

A conference entitled *Not in front of the servants* will take place on 16th-18th September 1994 at Chester College, as part of the society's 25th anniversary celebrations. For details, please contact Mrs D. Brown, 7 Westway, Heswall, Wirral, Merseyside L60 SPJ.

Society of Genealogists

Among the lectures scheduled to take place at the Society in the forthcoming months are:

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| 5th July (noon) | <i>Researching immigrants in the Society's library - Paul Blake</i> |
| 19th July (noon) | <i>Apprenticeship sources in the Society's library - Paul Blake</i> |
| 14th September (6.00 p.m.) | <i>Eighteenth-century records of the Crown side of the Court of King's Bench - Ruth Paley</i> |

Lectures due to take place at the PRO in Chancery Lane are:

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| 22nd June (noon) | <i>Tudor Taxation Records - Richard Hoyle</i> |
| 12th July (noon) | <i>Legal records for genealogists - Nigel Taylor</i> |

Admission to all these lectures is free.

The Society is also running a series of study days during the summer:

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| 25th June | <i>Inhabitants of London</i> |
| 2nd July | <i>Your Family Album</i> |
| 10th September | <i>Exploring the Census</i> |
| 17th September | <i>Seventeenth-Century Records</i> |

Fees for each course are £20 for members, £25 for non-members. For full details, contact the Society at 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA.

PRO News

As regular visitors to the PRO will know, a new document ordering system came into service in March. As a result, existing readers' tickets are being replaced with new ones, compatible with the new system. The tickets are available at both Kew and Chancery Lane (not required for the Census Rooms), but please bring some form of identification. The new system is designed to improve safekeeping of documents, monitor usage and attendance and improve delivery times. It is also intended to extend the deadline for ordering documents from 3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m., once the new system has become established. .

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION AND THE COUNTY RECORD OFFICES

The following extract is taken from the report of Richard Ratcliffe, former Chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies, published in Family History News and Digest, 9 (3), April 1994.

During 1993 and early 1994 the Local Government Commission has been undertaking its review of Local Government in England. The FFHS has urged member societies and individual family historians to make representations to the Commissioners and Members of Parliament to retain all current County Record Offices and ensure that their services of preserving conserving, and ensuring public accessibility to the archives of every county are maintained. The first reports have recommended the abolition of some 'new' counties formed in 1974 and the replacement of traditional shire county councils by smaller unitary authorities. I have not seen any recommendation, so far, that statutorily requires the proposed unitary authorities to maintain the current County Record Offices. I have written both as Chairman of the FFHS Executive Committee and as a private individual to the Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, to my local Member of Parliament and to the Commissioner for Essex, urging that the retention of the current County Record Offices is made a statutory obligation on the new authorities. If you haven't written to the Minister of State, or your MP or your Commissioner, on this matter do so today, as time for making representations is rapidly running out.

The addresses to write to are:

The Minister of State, Department of the Environment, Caxton House,
Tothill Street, London SW1H 9NF

The Local Government Commission for England, Dolphyn Court, 10/11
Great Turnstile, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC1V 7JU.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

The following meetings have been planned:

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| 16th June | <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 | The Victorian Sailor - a talk by Mike Fountain |
| 18th August | <i>Members' Evening</i> |
| 15th September | <i>Under-used Records</i> - a talk by Peter Bennet |

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.

The Computer Group meets at Montague Hall, also at 7.30 p.m. Forthcoming meetings are:

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| 2nd June | <i>Using a Computer for Family History</i> - Jeanne Bunting |
| 4th August | <i>Pedigree</i> - Douglas Jopling |

All members are welcome to attend, whether or not they already use a computer.

West Middlesex Family History Society

OPEN DAY

Saturday, 24th September 1994
St Peter's Church Hall, Staines

If you have not already done so, make a note of this date in your diary! This is an important event in the year of our society please give it your support. Full details will appear in the next issue of this Journal, but if you would like further information now, please contact Mrs Janet Huckle, 5 Florence Gardens, Staines, Middlesex TW18 1HG (Tel. 0784-451639).

If you are prepared to help in some Way on the day, there are many jobs waiting to be assigned; please contact Janet as soon as possible.

Many of you may have read about our first publication - *The Villages of Harmondsworth* - that was published in September 1993, and may perhaps have bought a copy, but did you realise that these historic villages are now under threat of demolition?

The government has set up a Working group to look at the future capacity of airports and airspace. This is known as RUCATSE (Runway Capacity To Serve The South East). The four options considered were: i. a third runway at Heathrow, ii. a second runway at Gatwick, iii. a second runway at Stansted, iv. a longer runway at Luton. RUCATSE considered that the Heathrow option would have the worst effect in terms of noise impact and property demolition but it would be best in terms of benefits to passengers and the airlines.

The Heathrow option would involve the demolition of Harlington, Harmondsworth, Sipson and Longford and the creation of a runway and associated terminal buildings. About 3300 homes are under threat, also the Great Tithe Barn and St Mary's church at Harmondsworth, and St Peter and St Paul's church at Harlington, which has the most elaborately decorated Norman doorway in Middlesex. Schools and businesses would be demolished and the graveyards dug up and bodies re-buried - just think what distress this would cause the local population.

Yet despite all this destruction, the Heathrow option seems to be the most likely. I feel that I must urge everyone who cares about local history and our environment to write to their MP and the Department of Transport to protest about that they are trying to do here.

Every letter really does count - it need not be very long - but please write to;

Department of Transport, 2 Marsharn Street, London SW1P 9EP

[Your local MP], House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

You can find the name of your MP from your local library.

St Catherine's House Courier Service

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

£7.00 ~ if full details or reference is supplied,

£8.00 ~ to include a three year search (i.e. 12 volumes).

Both prices include postage, but could overseas members send payments in 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.

WEST LONDON LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

Yvonne Woodbridge

This year the ticket sales were slow and little interest was shown in West London's Open Spaces. But on the day everyone agreed that it was one of the best conferences they had attended.

We heard that London was fortunate as all the Royal Parks were open to the public and the Victorians had been keen to give 'lungs' to the overcrowded areas and stop the spread of epidemics. We also learnt how the commons were civilised for public recreation and how the 'Green Belt' was put into force in the 1930s. James Wisdom gave the history of Gunnersbury Park and the cost of its restoration and upkeep. Then we heard how Crane Park had left its explosive history behind and had been transformed into a nature reserve, where people can peacefully explore nature. Also described was the excitement of battles to stop parts of Wandsworth Common being built on.

After lunch we heard of Richmond Park, the largest enclosed park in Britain, and of the fight by the residents of Richmond against Princess Amelia, who refused them passage through the park. Wormwood Scrubs has an interesting history; I was amused to hear that, during the war, MI5 were housed in the prison. They left because they did not find it secure enough! After tea, Vic Rosewarne, one of our members, talked about Billy William's cabbage patch and rugby at Twickenham - very topical as England was playing Wales that day. The conference ended on an optimistic note. Margaret Sharp gave a walker's view and announced that gradually pieces of land were being returned, so walkers did not have to leave their route because it was not open to the public. All in all it was a most enjoyable day.

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.

	Price/£	P&P/£	Total/£
Acton As It Was (<i>Back in Print</i>)	4.80	0.70	5.50
Acton Schools 1817-1965 (<i>Back in Print</i>)	1.50	0.50	2.00
The Brickfields of Acton (<i>Back in Print</i>)	3.50	0.50	4.00
A Brief History of Acton	2.50	0.50	3.00
East Acton Village	2.50	0.50	3.00
The West Drayton Enclosures (incl. map) (<i>Back in Print</i>)	2.50	0.50	3.00
Poores of Acton - the story of a business	2.50	0.50	3.00
Brentford and Chiswick As It Was	3.60	0.70	4.30
Brentford As It Was	4.80	0.70	5.50
Chiswick As It Was	4.80	0.70	5.50

Our recent recordings are as follows;

The Villages of Harmondsworth - Philip Sherwood

Monuments inside Middlesex Churches - Pat Clarke

These NEW tapes may be hired, at the cost of £1.30, including postage and packing, for 14 days. Please make all cheques payable to *West Middlesex Family History Society*. Please give your name, address and telephone number, and your FHS and membership number (UK members only). Send your requests to: West Middlesex FHS Tape Library, 18A Gordon Road, Ashiord, Middlesex TW15 3EU.

The following are updates received from other societies in the Network 11 scheme. The rates and details required are as above, with cheques to be made payable to the appropriate society.

Woolwich and District FHS

The Heritage Index - Meryl Catty

Lewisham Local History Archives - Jean Waite

Coastguard Records - Eileen Stage

The Newspaper Library - Jill Allbrooke

Available from Woolwich and District FHS Tape Library, 129 Yorkland Avenue, Welling, Kent DA16 2LQ.

North West Kent FHS

Tramps and Traders - Jean Stirk

The Life of a Herald - Sedley Andrus

The Princess Alice or Great Thames Disaster - Barbara Ludslow

Buried at Nunhead - Jeff Hart and Ron Woolacott

Seuenoaks Nciuuu. The story of the Seuenoaks Railway Tunnel - Tessa Leeds

Survival of the Fittest Nigel Underwood

Edith Nesbit (Author) in S.E. London and Kent - Nicholas Reed

Available from North West Kent FHS Tape Library, 33 Orchard Way, Shirley, Croydon CR0 7NP.

1881 Census Indexes

The Society holds indexes for the following counties: Cambridge, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Flint, Hertford, Huntingdon, Oxford, Somerset and Wiltshire. For a fee of £1.00 plus an A4 SAE, any one county can be searched for any one surname. Fee will cover the supply of up to 4 photocopies of the entries found. (N.B. 1 photocopy can print up to 100 persons with the given surname). *Jill and Les Munson, 41 Trotsworth Avenue, Virginia Water, Surrey GU25 4AN*

My grandfather, James Benn, born on 17th October 1854 at Yiewsley, the son of John and Elizabeth (nee Odell) Benn, was always regarded as a bit of a 'character' to say the least.

As is usually the case with a man of some spirit, tales of his exploits were legion; the most outrageous story alleged that on a fine summer evening he could be seen taking a stroll to the 'Pear Tree' or 'Hambro Arms' with his wife on one arm and his mistress on the other!

Knowing that he lived in Dawley for many years it was not difficult to trace him in the 1881 census, where he is described as a gardener, born at West Drayton, aged 26, living at Dawley Field, 1 Barnes Cottages, Harlington, and married to Catherine.

Nothing very unusual about that you may say; however, further investigation revealed a second entry for James Benn and his family at the same address, where he is recorded as being a year younger. His son aged 7 is Harry on the first list and Henry on the second one.

The most likely explanation could be the fact that the Harlington/Hayes parish boundary ran through the row of the now demolished Barnes Cottages and they would have been the boundary of two enumeration areas. One enumerator could not add up and the other must have been a bit deaf. It does make one wonder what other errors have been set down in the past (and also the present).

There is another interesting item featuring No. 1 Barnes Cottages. Coincidentally some years later the house was occupied by my wife's grandfather, Charles Mansfield. He had come from Oxfordshire to be employed as an agricultural labourer by the de Salis family and she was born there. By that time James Benn had moved to Rigby Cottages at the southern end of Dawley Wall, where he had a dairy farm. His second wife, Harriett (nee Lee), was my grandmother who managed the small dairy shop.

National Inventory of War Memorials

Please do not forget that this is one of the projects in which the Society is involved, and on which your help would be appreciated. The inventory is to include all public memorials, as well as those in churches, libraries, hospitals, public utilities, private companies, schools, etc. Contributions are required from regions of interest to the Society (see back cover), especially from those towards the eastern end of this area. If you think that you may be able to help with this project, or perhaps you know of a memorial tucked away from public view, please contact Ted Dunstall at our Hounslow meeting, or on 081-567-6156.

DISSENTERS OF FELTHAM IN THE 19TH CENTURY

Peter Watson

Since their first appearance in Feltham, c. 1805, dissenters (or non-conformists) have never posed a serious threat to the established parish church. Various denominations of Christianity have come and gone in the past two centuries, but none has had the staying power of the Church of England.

Of prime importance to those researching church-going trends in the mid-nineteenth century is the Ecclesiastical Census of 1851 [1]. This reveals a lot about individual chapels in our towns and villages, and can also be used to produce a broad ratio between those going to the parish church, those attending 'chapel', and those not attending at all (using the stated number of parishioners produced by the population census of that year, 1851). Allowing for 'generous' attendance figures by the churchwardens or chapel elders taking part, the ratio is 2110:100:750 in actual numbers of villagers, or scaled down to 5:2:15, this means more than two-thirds of the parish did not regularly attend.

Of course, this exercise may not reveal the whole truth, but it does contradict what I was taught in school - that 'in Victorian times everyone was made to go to church on Sunday, and were punished if they didn't'. Perhaps the punishment was of a Divine nature, not a physical one!

However, these returns give us a surprising amount of detail about individual worship places, which would otherwise be lost to us, especially in places like Feltham, where no records appear to have survived prior to 1861, of either of the two chapels which produced a return in 1851. Details, then, are as follows:

1. Ebenezer (Independent) Chapel, of Feltham in the Staines Union; built 1809, and used exclusively for worship and Sunday School - available space; 60 free sittings, 40 other sittings, 20 standings;
2. Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, of Feltham in the Sunbury District; built c. 1827, and used exclusively for worship and Sunday School - available space; 40 free sittings and 48 other sittings.

Each chapel is then expected to give an average number of attendants during the twelve months prior to Sunday 30th March 1851, and actual numbers attending on that date (separate figures for worship/ school, morning/ afternoon/ evening), with a remarks column at the end. All three returns (including the parish church) excuse their below-average congregation on census day as due to the weather, it being 'showery' and of a 'raining state'.

Having ascertained that no records exist in the various repositories, for either the Wesleyan or Independent (later Congregational) chapels, it then became necessary to try other sources. I asked myself: 'Who gave Feltham people the

idea to start a new church in the first place?’ I concluded that either a neighbouring chapel would have organised a ‘mission’ to Feltham, thus creating the interest; or perhaps a successful chapel would have attracted people from Feltham and other parishes to it. Either way, the records of nearby chapels, in the period just prior to their existence in Feltham, should show signs of attendance for worship.

This theory proved correct: at Staines Independent Chapel (according to the baptism register of 1785-1837 [2]) were baptised between 1797 and 1802, five children of ‘Samuel and Sarah Woodham of Feltham’. No other families or dates are mentioned relating to Feltham. The Woodhams then, must have been one of the founding families of congregationalism in the town.

Samuel Woodham was not a poor man; although he is first recorded as living in a rented cottage [3], by the 1820s he owned a prime piece of land (immediately to the north of the Vicarage), which then included the Woodhams^o house and garden, an orchard and brewery, and later owned houses either side. This land was later the site of the ‘White Lion’ public house for several decades, and today includes the garage and petrol station in St Dunstan’s Road in Old Feltham [4].

Across the road from Woodham’s land was a plot rented by Samuel, owned by William Shore, a Feltham farmer and landowner, whose daughter Mary Ann married into the Woodham family. This is almost certainly the plot upon which the Ebenezer Chapel was built in the early 1800s, as the Ordnance Survey map, 1st edition (1864) shows the chapel to be on the north side, behind some houses, and off the main road.

lthough Samuel Woodham was obviously deeply committed to the Independent cause in Feltham, others of his family weren’t, it seems, for poor Samuel was hardly cold in his grave, when his grandchildren were ‘converted’ to the Anglican faith, even though they had been baptised at the Ebenezer Chapel [5]! These were the children of Harriet Woodham, who in 1823 had married Thomas, son of Edward Layton, gentleman farmer of Feltham and staunch supporter of the Anglican cause! The Laytons were also neighbours of the Woodhams, and between them owned all the land inside the D-shaped curve that is St Dunstan’s Road [6]. Samuel’s eldest son, Samuel, appears to have abandoned his father’s beliefs too, as all his children (born between 1831 and 1856) were christened at the parish church.

The Ecclesiastical Census leaves us no clue as to which families were attending at the time - only that ‘.20 attended Morning Service, and 10 Sunday School; 18 attended Sunday School and 41 Evening Worship’ at that place. So Samuel’s pioneering efforts were not in vain! Interestingly, the address of the chapel was given as ‘Brewery, Feltham’!

The name of the deacon who returned the form is Walter Hume, who was not resident in Feltham, and this fact reminds us that non-conformist families were

prepared to travel some distance from home in order to worship in their own particular way.

This was true of the Wesleyans also, as we find in the register of Hammersmith Chapel the baptism of William, son of John and Charlotte Burrows of Feltham, in February 1836 [7]. This was a recent conversion, as their two older children were baptised at the parish church in Feltham in 1830 and 1833. Of the couple's two later children there is no record of baptism, so presumably this was carried out at the Feltham Wesleyan Chapel (the original one, situated at the High Street end of Bedfont Lane, then called Chapel Lane [8]). Apart from being a 'Ag. Lab.' in the 1841 census return, nothing more is known or read about the Burrows family in Feltham.

Returning to the 1851 Ecclesiastical Census, the Wesleyan return states that there was no service in the morning of that day, but 26 attended afternoon Sunday School, and 43 Evening Worship there. The return is signed by William West, the chapelwarden. The census for 1851 shows that West was born in Feltham (in 1787); also that he was a pauper, and the Anglican baptism registers show that he was last of a long line of Wests who had lived in Feltham since before 1712.

By the early 1860s there appears to have been a sharp decline in numbers attending the Congregational Chapel, and probably for that reason it was decided to have a 'clean sweep' and start afresh. The oldest surviving records of the chapel are dated 1861, and consist of i. minutes of church meetings, ii. minutes of committee meetings, and m. minutes of Sunday school teachers meetings [9]. A list of members was kept at the back of the church meetings book, and dates of joining commenced 1861, even though some were referred to at meetings as 'former member'.

These minute books give us a rare insight into the month by month trials and tribulations of a 'fledgling' chapel and its members which I can only touch upon briefly in this article, but which will be the subject of another at some future date. Our interest for the moment lies with those families mentioned therein.

Elder statesman, and 'former member' at the time of reorganisation, was William Head, 77 years old, a retired gardener (he died aged 91, and was buried on the same day as his wife!). He apparently had come to Feltham from Wraysbury in the 1820s. William Jacob and family, on the other hand, were quite 'well-to-do' and William held a position of authority in the district - that of Registrar of Births and Deaths (covering the parishes of Feltham, Hanworth, Ashford, Sunbury, Shepperton, Littleton and Laleham), also he was a census enumerator in later years.

The Jacobs had moved from neighbouring Hanworth in 1853, and had probably been members of the chapel since then; none of his six Feltham-born children was baptised at the parish church. His daughters as well as his sons were all

encouraged to earn a living, as we find a dressmaker, a governess, two teachers, a draper's cashier and a book-keeper amongst the girls, and an Inspector of Nuisances (1), a pianoforte tuner, and a clerk amongst the boys.

George and Jemima Giles were also former members who had helped transform the chapel at that time; he was a saddler in the High Street, and she a straw bonnet maker, who was prominent in the running of the Sunday School. The Sunday School seems to have been reorganised a few months before the other church activities, and ran independently of it for a year or two, as the school committee consisted of several folk who were not members of the chapel until later. William and Mary Ann Manders were one married couple who were involved in this way; Ebenezer and Ellen Gaywood were another, and Thomas and Ann Watson a third.

These three families formed the backbone of the Congregational Church over the next few decades, joined, in 1865, by Sidney Claydon, and in 1879 by Herbert Evans. A look at the 1881 census entries for these five men will give an indication of their different backgrounds; origins, occupations and status:

1. William Manders (1871), aged 58, coachman, born Wraysbury, Bucks, living near Bedfont Powder Mills with wife, no children;
2. Ebenezer Gaywood, aged 53, servant gardener, born Nettleswell, Essex, living in Longford Cottages behind High Street with wife and four children;
3. Thomas Watson, aged 55, plumber and painter employing six men, born Marylebone, living in Bedfont Lane with wife and son, Thomas junr, aged 27;
4. Sidney Claydon, aged 37, draper, born Birchanger, Essex, living above shop in High Street, unmarried;
5. Herbert Evans, aged 19, railway clerk, born Dudley, Worcs., living in Fern Grove off Station Parade, with his widowed mother, brother, sister and two lodgers.

These men each held key offices in the life and work of the chapel, eventually achieving the status of Deacon, with all but William Manders becoming Trustees in later life.

A new chapel was build c. 1865 and the old one was abandoned after classrooms had been completed at the new site, which was situated near the corner of High Street and Manor Lane. There is little doubt that the chapel was built and funded by the members, headed by Thomas Watson, sen. It was his son who, forty years later, built the second one at Victoria Road.

At this time Ministers came and went with considerable frequency, as the congregation could not afford the luxury of paying for a full-time one. By 1865 a Mr Udall was 'supplying the pulpit' on a regular basis, but he was not known as the Pastor. A year or two later, a Mr Sackett was acting pastor. but as he was

officially attached to Hanwell chapel, this was not satisfactory, until he and his wife moved to Feltham in 1871. For some reason Sackett resigned only eight months afterwards, and a Mr Merrington was recommended, on a trial basis. He too left the parish after less than one year, and a Mr Lloyd announced that he would be willing to take the pastorate 'for a guaranteed £30 per annum'. The generosity of Thomas Watson once again came to the rescue; as the church could afford only £20, Thomas put up the other £10 per annum for two years.

This did not seem to work out either, and after another abortive attempt, Richard E. Jones began, in 1874, a ministry which was to last six years. He resigned in 1880, after several efforts had been made to remove him; not by the congregation, but by the Trustees of the London Congregational Union, who had never approved of his credentials.

After a suitable trial period, Mr Charles Cullidge Keen was ordained Minister of Feltham and Surbury Congregational Chapels on 11th October 1882. This man, his wife Eliza and children Florence, Charles junr and Lilian moved to Fern Grove, Feltham from Tottenham, and stayed more than thirty years, until after Charles' death in 1911. Charles was well-liked by most of the chapel and the townspeople, and as a respected citizen in the community quickly rose to a position of authority, on the Vestry Board (overseers), National Schools Board, Burials Board, etc. He involved himself as much as possible with all 'wholesome' activities in Feltham as well as Sunbury, but unfortunately he 'fell foul' of the Trustees (Messrs Watson Junr, Gaywood Junr, Claydon and Evans) in the 1890s, who accused him of 'failing to increase the flock'. It is true to say, that although the population of Feltham had more than doubled between 1872 and 1902 (the dates of the surviving membership lists), the size of the congregation remained the same, at around 75 men and women.

The bad feeling turned to bitterness in the early years of the 20th century, and finally resulted in a split down the middle of the congregation, with one half forcing Pastor Keen's resignation, and the other half refusing to accept it! Eventually, in 1904, the trustees, backed by the L.C.U., assembled themselves at the newly-built Town Hall (now Magistrates Court), and set up temporary worship there whilst raising the funds to build a new chapel in Victoria Road, which opened in 1905. Pastor Keen and his supporters continued at the High Street chapel.

Members and Congregation in 1872 (surnames only)

Blackwell, Brambleby, Brown, Burnham, Butler, Campbell, Claydon, Cromwell, Eastman, Elliston, Evans, Farmer, Ford, Fryer, Gaywood, Gidy, Giles, Green, Harris, Hatto, Head, Hicks, Hillsdon, Horder, Hunt, Jacob, Keen, Kendall, King, Laver, Layton, Lomax, Manders, Marsh, Morris, Parker, Phipps, Poll, Purser, Rivers, Russell, Scuttle, Sturman, Tappin, Thynne, Townsend, Wadham, Wake, Walker, Watson, Weedon, Westbrook, Williamson

Members in 1902

Austin, Baker, Beale, Benfield, Berry, Burt, Clayden, Collingbourne, Collins, Cox, Davis, Dwight, Emmett, Evans, Frazer, Fryer, Gaywood, Ham, Harrison, Hasler, Holloway, Irving, Jacob, Keen, Major, Prouting, Robinson, Sheldrake, Smith, Stokes, Tabor, Taylor, Teddar, Tidbury, Trusler, Watson

Notes

1. Ecclesiastical Census, 1851; PRO, Kew.
2. Non-conformist Registers to 1837; PRO, Chancery Lane.
3. Land Tax Returns 1767-1828; Greater London Record Office
4. Enclosure award 1802 and map 1827; Hounslow Library Local Studies Dept.
5. St Dunstarfs Parish Registers 1634-1900; Greater London Record Office.
This entry states 'these 5 children having been baptised in early life by an independent minister at the chapel in this parish, were this day received gladly into our church by the Vicar, J. Morris'.
6. Enclosure Map, 1827; see 4. above.
7. See 2. above.
8. See 6. above.
9. Independent Chapel Minute Books 1861-1904; these records, with those of the Victoria Road Congregational (later, United Reformed) Church, 1905-1973, are held at the United Free Church, Hanworth Road, Feltham.

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BOWEN/BLIGHT

Elizabeth BOWEN was the daughter of James BOWEN, police constable, who died before 1885. She gave birth to an illegitimate son, John, in 1883, whilst living in Edenham Street, North Kensington, and married Henry BLIGHT from there in 1885. Henry died in 1905 at Cambridge Road, Hammersmith, and Elizabeth remarried in 1907 to James BALDWIN, of Nescornbe Cottages, Hammersmith. From marriage certificate information, Elizabeth was born 1856-7. GRO indexes show 32 possible entries for her birth in this period. Searches of the census returns for the areas of Kensington and Harnmersmith where the family are known to have lived have been unsuccessful. Any help in locating the family in 1891, so as to determine Elizabeth's birthplace, would be appreciated.

John Blight, 30 Broad Street, West End, Woking, Surrey GU24 9NL

BOWMAN/BROWN/CLARK

Seeking marriages of Adelaide BOWMAN (no positive birth identified as yet), who died 17th May 1914, aged 49, at St Georges Hospital, widow of John Henry CLARKE, stableman. Records of children, all born in Chelsea, are Nellie (1885, father Alfred BROWN, valet), Ada Florence (1887, father Alfred BROWN, Private East Kent Militia), and Maggie (1905, father Henry CLARKE, coachman (domestic)). Three further boys are said to have died in infancy, through being inoculated. Any help gratefully received.

Mrs Coral Mist, 2 Horewood Road, Easthampstead, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 7LY

CRAWLEY/SEARLE/DEAN

Ethel May CRAWLEY, single woman, of 14 Mund Street, Fulham, gave birth to a son William on Christmas Day 1913 at Fulham Infirmary. Unable to raise him herself, she 'gave' him to Arthur and Edith SEARLE, also of Mund Street. Eventually all contact was lost, and it is believed that she married someone by the name of DEAN. The electoral register for the early 1930s shows Ethel May DEAN at 39 Chelmsford Street, Fulham, and there is only one Ethel May CRAWLEY in the St Catherine's indexes, born 1890 in West Ham. So far I have been unable to check the indexes for marriages 1914-30. Any information would be gratefully appreciated.

Mrs Moira Giddings, 7 Heron Road, Flitwick, Bedford, MK45 1ND

FRINDLE/BOWLEY

Seeking the marriage of Emma FRINDLE and Luke BOWLEY, c. 1863, and the birth of Emma, c. 1831 in the Kensington or Notting Hill areas. They had four children: Thomas Charles, born 1864 at 4 Holmes Cotts., Latimer Road, Hammersmith; Amelia, born 1866 at Greens Row, Kensington; Eliza Elizabeth, born 1869 at 4 Holmes Cotts.; David, born 1872 in Netting Hill. In 1851 Emma appears as an unmarried servant, aged 19, at 11 Grove Terr., Kensington, birthplace Kensington. I have been unable to find Luke or Emma on the 1861 census, or their marriage at St Catherine's House. Luke's occupation is given as brick maker, and he may have been a Methodist preacher. Emma died in 1882 in Clapham, aged 51. The 1881 census traces Luke to Windsor, but searches in that area too have failed to find his marriage to Emma. Known surname variants are FRENDE and FRUIDLE.

Mrs M. Cooper, 19 Foxglove Close, Wyke, Gillirigham, Dorset SP8 4TW

HERBERT/BULL

My grandmother, born Elizabeth BULL, (bapt. 31 October 1841) at Shalfleet, IoW, appeared at 63 Monkton Street, Ryde, IoW as the mother of Arthur Lewis HERBERT, (bapt. 29 September 1873), father Richard HERBERT, cheesemonger. She then appeared at 8 Seagrave Road, Fulham as mother of Florence Annie HERBERT (20 September 1875), father Richard HERBERT, cheesemonger. On the 1881 census she appeared as Elizabeth HERBERT,

married, head of household, aged 38, born IoW at 6 Flask Lane, Westminster St Michael's with above Arthur Lewis (7), Florence Annie (4) and an older daughter Elinor (11) and a younger son Charles (2). Elinor is given as born in Paddington and Charles in Pimlico. Elizabeth HERBERT died at 3 Sutherland Place, Pimlico, 26th October 1892. I am trying to place Richard HERBERT. No marriage at St Catherines; no births for Elinor or Charles. Can anyone help please?

Alan Bean, Trecoose, St Martin, Helston, Cornwall TR12 6DF

MAY/NORTON

My father Sid Horace MAY married twice and I am trying to trace his first family. He married Constance Violet NORTON on 20 April 1903 in Lambeth. Their children were Ivy Violet, born 1903 in Lambeth, Lillian Beatrice (1905), Albert Raymond (1907), Daisy Millicent (1908), Margaret Phyllis (1911) and Bethy Marjorie (1914), all born in Fuiham. Constance died in Croydon, 1916. My father was in the Royal Flying Corps, then the R.A.F. from 1914-26. He married my mother in 1929 in Islington and had my sister Dorothy Alice and myself. He died at Poole 1946.

Mr S. May, UNECA Project, P.O. Box 60224, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

ROWLEY/BENNETT

Showman, circus proprietor and auctioneer, Charles Frederick ROWLEY, born c. 1860, emigrated to Australia 1908-11, died there 1934-6. Lived with wife Sara Maria, nee BENNETT, and three children, at Rose Cottage, Strand on the Green, Chiswick, 1891-97. C.F. ROWLEY believed to have been involved in show business, circus, and early cinema, the latter at Uxbridge. He toured with a Cowboy and Indian travelling show, under the name 'The Great Sequoi'. Photographs indicate that these tours included shows at Bolton and Leicester. Any information about C.F. ROWLEY would be greatly appreciated.

Lionel Kitchingman, The Croft, Station Road, Bleclington, Chipping Norton, Oxon OX7 6UR

SMITH/FRANKLIN

I have the birth certificate of my paternal gt-gt-grandfather Henry SMITH, born 11th May 1850 to Henry and Julia SMITH, formerly FRANKLIN, of 17 Regent Street, registration district Chelsea North West. Henry's occupation is given as carpenter. I have not found the marriage of Henry and Julia, nor their births, nor have I found them on the 1851 Census. Any information on this family would be greatly appreciated.

Richard Smith, Tigh an fasgair, Street of Kincardine, Boat of Gairten, Inverness-shire PH24 3BY

TAYLOR/BOSTON/GITTINS

I am interested in making contact with any descendants of the TAYLOR family of Fulham who moved from Kendal, Westmorland after 1883 to the Lillie Road area of Fulham. Richard and Emily TAYLOR were married in 1876 in Kirkby

Stephen. They had thirteen children, including Edith, Richard, Winifred, Albert, Essie, Hilda, and Olive. Hilda emigrated to Australia, Essie married [-] BOSTON and had a son William BOSTON, Winifred married Edward GITTINS in 1907 while living at 1 Mimosa Avenue and had two children, Frank and Peggie. If any of these names appear familiar, I would be glad to hear from you.

Mrs H. Dolton, 38 Tower Road, Twickenham, Middlesex TW1 4PE

TOMLINSON

My gt-gt-gt-grandfather John TOMLINSON was a monumental mason and sculptor, credited with several monuments in Middlesex including one at East Bedfont to Mrs Barry in 1800. If anyone has seen this or knows anything about it, I would be very pleased to hear from them. John was born c. 1773, the son of John TOMLINSON, another mason, and Mary. By about 1790 they were living in the Uxbridge area, as were several other members of the family. Two of them apparently had houses in London as well, but before this time I have found nothing definite. Any information would be gratefully received.

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Whilst researching our family using both the census returns and various certificates that we have obtained, there have been recorded the trades of ‘waterman’ and ‘lighterman’. One family line in particular showed fathers and sons to have followed this trade, and as they lived on the Thames we thought we would follow this a little further. A visit to the Guildhall Library proved very interesting; we were able to see microfilm copies of the actual apprenticeship records for ‘The Worshipful Company of Watermen and Lightermen’. The records showed that both sons of interest to us, John A. and Henry Coates were apprenticed to their father Thomas. He in turn had been apprenticed with his brother John to his father William (this in the 1820s). William was apprenticed to a certain Arthur Cox who unfortunately died before the apprenticeship was finished, and we found that his widow Isabella gave her mark releasing William to his freedom. These records gave details of where the apprenticeship was given (Chelsea in this case), and even baptism details in some cases.

It is clear that the training was lengthy - seven or eight years arduous work - and when they had finished their apprenticeship they were given the freedom of the river, generally by the age of 24. Although we did not see any record of our families taking part, each year there was a rowing race for Thames watermen, the prize being the coveted ‘Doggett Coat and Badge’.

It appears that Thomas Doggett was an actor who had made his reputation playing low comedy, and he instituted the race in 1715 in honour of the first anniversary of the accession of the Hanoverian George I to the throne of England. The proclamation reads:

‘This being the day of his Majesty’s happy accession to the throne, there will be given by Mr Doggett an orange coloured livery with a badge representing “Liberty” to be rowed for by six watermen that are out of their time within the past year. They are to row from London Bridge to Chelsea. It will be continued annually on the same day forever.’

And indeed, so it has been, except that now the coat is red and not orange. Doggett was being neither entirely philanthropic nor indeed totally interested in sport. He was an actor not averse to a spot of publicity, and moreover he was joint manager of the Drury Lane Theatre.

As there were only three bridges across the Thames in the early 1800s, river traffic was copious. The Thames was then the highway of London, and like the taxi-drivers of today, the watermen were busily employed in transporting people up and down, and across the river. When more bridges were built many watermen changed to lightermen - the difference being that watermen carried passengers, while lightermen carried cargo (generally in barges).

It was around the 1870s that the records show some members changing their trade to lighterman, and some had moved further down the river by then, presumably to the dock areas. In all the visit to the Guildhall Library was very worthwhile, and I heartily recommend it. There are also other liveried company records available as well.

[Some useful references on this subject of this article are:

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HITTING THE BRICK WALL

Peter Roe

I think we have all had to say it at some time, when we have reached the end of a line of research and found ourselves faced with a blank. We have come to a point where it feels as though we have hit a brick wall. It does seem that some people in the past just appeared from nowhere, and that their early life was not recorded.

This is quite understandable when it happened years ago, when records were first kept. But who would expect to have this problem when they were looking for someone in Middlesex, in the 1950s? In my family I had an Uncle, who was just such a person. He will be the cause of a great deal of trouble to some family historian in the future, unless they get the chance of reading the family records that I have been keeping over the past years, or they wait until 2052 for the release of the 1951 census. When they do find the answer to the mystery, they will be in for quite a surprise and a whole new line of research will suddenly open before them. Sadly, they may get no further back, as the records they then require may have been destroyed.

Perhaps some time in the future, when one of my Uncle's descendants decides to try to trace their family tree, they may, like most of us, spend some time wondering about the origin of family names. In this particular case, the name being Conway, they might think about Conway Castle and wonder whether the family had come from Wales.

No doubt at first there will be no problems. The records of the family will be found at St Catherine's House and these will lead straight back to my cousin, Fay Conway. Then things will start to get difficult. When a record of the birth of Fay Conway is looked for, it will not be found. At this point the search will

Have to be made much wider before any more progress can be made. No doubt, in time, even with the birth of Fay Conway still not found, the names of her parents may be discovered. Having found that the names of my Aunt and Uncle were Dorothy and Marion Conway, looking for their marriage certificate will be the next step. Unfortunately once again there will be no record of the marriage at St Catherine's House. Any other later records that are searched, will always show that my aunt, Dorothy Conway, was indeed married to my uncle, Marion Conway, but no record of that marriage will ever be found.

If an attempt is made to bypass the marriage, by looking for the birth certificates of the couple, the same problem will arise. Once again there will be no record of the birth of Marion Conway. Further searches in other records will also draw a blank. Dorothy Conway, however, will be found. She will be shown as having been born at Euston Road, London, in 1914, under her maiden name of Dorothy Roe.

Perhaps the first clue to solving the mystery might come when some thought is given to my uncle's rather unusual name. The name Marion is not that usual for a man in this country and it might be thought that it had some foreign connection. Further searches would once again draw a blank. There would be no record of the birth of this Marion Conway anywhere overseas. Extending the search further, would only show that there was also no sign of any records of his parents.

Hopefully by now the penny might have dropped. Perhaps the foreign sounding name Marion and the British sounding name Conway do not match up. Bingo! Perhaps Marion was a foreigner who had changed his name.

It should not take very long now to discover that around 1950, after a very lengthy process, the man who had walked out of the Home Office a British citizen called Marion Conway had in fact walked in there some months before as a Polish ex-soldier named Marion Treckalski. Another search at St Catherine's House would then reveal that this was the name he had used when he married my aunt at Edgware, at the end of World War II. It was also the name that was entered on the birth certificate of my Cousin Fay.

I remember first meeting my new uncle, with the strange sounding name, at his and my aunt's wedding reception. He was a rather shy, but smart, young man in his thirties. He could speak very little English, but with an ever ready smile he could always make himself understood. Being a school boy at the time, I did not take a lot of notice of how and why a Polish soldier had married my aunt. It was only later that I could put the story together from what I was told.

His story was that when Poland was about to be invaded at the start of the war, he was called up into the army. Soon after, when his country was overrun, the Polish army fell apart and the country was in chaos. There was a very real threat that he and other young men would be forced to join the German army. One

alternative to this situation was that they could try to escape, by attempting to reach Russia. But as that country was not yet in the war and there was no love between Poland and Russia anyway, it was not thought that their welcome there would be very certain. So that idea was given up.

At the same time, it was still possible to leave Poland via neutral Sweden, the only stipulation for men being that they must be either under or over the age for military service. As a result, the youngest men went in for school boy haircuts and very clean shaves, while the older men sported beards and had their hair dyed grey. In this way, with the help of sympathetic Polish officials turning a blind eye, my uncle and many others escaped via Sweden, and after many months eventually found themselves in a strange, blacked-out, war-torn country called England.

My uncle told us how he and his group of friends arrived in this country by sea and then had a long slow train journey through the night to an unknown destination. It was with a twinkle in his eye that he said that because he and his companions did not know that in the war all sign posts and station names had been removed; they thought that all our railway stations had the same double-barrelled name. This was painted on two doors and every station - 'Ladies', 'Gentlemen'.

At the end of the war, when Poland was behind the Iron Curtain, my uncle could not return home. It was to be many years later when conditions improved that he made a visit and happily found the mother he had last seen nearly thirty years before.

My uncle continued to live and work in this country, until he sadly died a relatively young man. The notorious, high cholesterol, Polish diet was given as the cause. It was not unusual for him to have been seen spreading lots of salt and then butter on piles of chips, before he ate them.

If the search for the family history is continued into Poland, it will be found that a lot of their records were lost in the war, but being a strongly Catholic country, any church records that do exist could be very helpful.

So, if any of us are stuck and at a loss to know where to look next, we might think it is worth a closer look at the old photographs and pictures we have of our relatives. What we had always thought of as a British face, could well be hiding that of a foreigner.

Erratum

An error appeared in the microfiche publications order form that appeared in the December 1993 issue of the Journal. The postcode for Mr Chandler should read 'WR7 4LB', and not 'WR3 4LB' as it was printed.

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Richard Chapman

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60 pp. Published by the Society of Genealogists, 1993.

ISBN 946789 66 5 £3.50

My Ancestors moved in England and Wales - Anthony J. Camp

This is a new edition of the title *My Ancestor was or Migrant*, first published in 1987. It is full of ideas for tackling the problem of migration of an ancestor in the period before 1851; including very many possible reasons why his residence and movement might have been recorded. The book thus has a great deal to offer by way of ideas as to where to turn, for anyone 'stuck' with an ancestor who seems to have appeared 'from nowhere'.

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ISBN 0 946789 80 0 £4.60

an introduction to . . . Occupations: A Preliminary List - Joyce Culling

A reference guide to around a thousand names of trades and occupations from around the country, to help interpret some of the more unusual references that might be encountered in family history research. It includes a Latin word list, and a bibliography.

44 pp. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1994.

ISBN 1 872094 78 3 £2.50

London and Middlesex: a genealogical bibliography - Stuart A. Raymond

his valuable series of county guides has reached our own area with the publication of the London and Middlesex volume. As with other volumes in the series, it provides lists of published genealogical source material: registers, MIs, probate records, directories, official lists, ecclesiastical records, estate and family papers etc., etc. Also listed are many published pedigrees and family histories, as well as many useful articles from the journals of national and local societies.

128 pp. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies, 1994.

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Londoners' Occupations: a genealogical guide - Stuart A. Raymond

To complement the *Genealogical Bibliography* above, Stuart Raymond has also produced a reference guide to published material relating to particular occupations in the London area, covering the whole spectrum, from actors to zoo keepers.

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The fourth edition of this guide, which first appeared in 1980. Compiled from the latest information provided by the record offices and other repositories around the country, it provides full information on finding wills before 1858, as well as details on calendars and indexes that exist.

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'Listing those directories covering the county and parishes and small areas within the county and where copies may be located.'

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Jim Devine has provided the following notes, as part of his ongoing series of reviews of books obtainable through the postal book service. Please refer to WMFHS Journal, 11 (4), December 1993, page 17, for details of how to order these books. (Note that the postal book service is intended for use by members living out-of-area.)

Stand and Deliver - Brian Williams

In fiction the highwayman is a dashing, romantic figure, but what was he like in real life? This book tries to answer that question by focusing on the highwaymen who infested the roads to the west of London, Hounslow Heath being particularly notorious. Rogues like Jack Shrimpton and Hawke the Flying Highwayman. Why these robbers flourished for nearly two hundred years and then suddenly died out makes a colourful story. Most of the illustrations are from the *Newgate Calendar* and *Lives of the Highwaymen*, referred to in the short bibliography.

84 pp, A5 format, with 27 illustrations and map.

Recollections of Uxbridge 1830-1840 — Giles Hutson

This book is a portrait of an English country town, written about the year 1884, describing Uxbridge fifty years earlier. It has been edited and published by the great-grandson of the author. Its five chapters deal with such varied subjects as stage-coaches, fairs, drunkenness, the G.W.R., sanitation, agricultural riots, the Poor Law, and a number of others, all of which, being written in the style of the period adds a wealth of colour to the known history of Uxbridge.

61 pp, A5 format.

St Margarets, A Banker's House and its contents in 1817 - A.C.B. Urwin

The part of Twickenham known as St Margarets is founded on a house of that name from around 1920. This house and its associated grounds were previously known as Twickenham Park, and it is this house and contents which are the subject of this beautifully produced little book.

The documents relating to the sale of the house and contents in 1817 were found in perfect condition in 1986 on the Exeter Town Tip, and are now among the Local Collections in Twickenham Library.

Following an absorbing history of the house and the events which led to its eventual sale there is an interesting 'tour' around the estate and the house itself, followed by the priced sale catalogue of the contents. Furniture, furnishings (there are about fourteen rooms containing beds!), kitchen and servants' equipment down to the contents of the two wine cellars. It is this extensive list which will help family historians visualise a little better the living conditions of the well-to-do family in the early 19th century. There is a short but useful glossary.

45 pp, A5 format, 2 illustrations and 2 plans.

Hayes: A Concise History - Catherine Kelter

Hayes is usually thought of as a 20th century manufacturing centre, but that is not so, as the town has a history stretching back to Anglo-Saxon times. It was for centuries a farming community, but the arrival of the Grand Union Canal encouraged the growth of brickmaking in the area and within this century Hayes history has been closely bound up with the fortunes of great companies like E.M.I. and Fairey Aviation. Originally published in 1988, the book has been

brought up to date, and reprinted in 1992. It concludes with a bibliography and an excellent index, containing many names.

88 pp, A5 format, 30 illustrations and 2 maps.

Ladybirds on the Wall: Growing up in West Kensington 1920-1940 - Barbara Denny

An excellent description of family life between the wars in and around a flat in a mansion block, seen through the eyes of the author, who left school to become a correspondent for the Kensington News, and eventually its editor. Although the district on the borders of West Kensington and Fulham is fairly small, the events, personalities and way of life described were common to a much greater area and will undoubtedly strike a chord in the memory of all who read this fascinating little book.

60 pp, A5 format.

An Edwardian Childhood in Bedford Park - Sybil Pearce

The author, born in 1900, and drawing on her memory of her early childhood during the Edwardian era, describes her pastimes, her schooling and a great deal of domestic detail such as travelling in horse-drawn omnibuses, shopping and seaside holidays and in so doing bringing this period of her life brilliantly in focus for the reader.

40 pp, A5 format and 14 photographs.

Have you seen any briefs?

When looking through parish registers you will sometimes find a brief. A brief was a royal mandate for a deserving cause. It was addressed to the minister and churchwardens and was read out from the pulpit. A collection was taken at the church door. These can be of interest to local historians, as they can refer to events that do not appear in local history books. Some examples:

St Margaret's, Ormsby, Norfolk

'31 Mar 1678, collected to a briefe for the French Protestants five and twenty shillings and eightpence';

Isleworth vestry minutes on 'Mai j8th 1682'

'received then of Henry Keene & Joseph Walcot, churchwardens, the summe of twenty one pounds, ten shillings & seven pence collected upon the briefs for the French Protestants in the parish of Isleworth';

Frant, Kent, 29 Sept 1672

'6s 10d Those whose houses and goods were lost by fire in the parish of Heston, Middx:'.

I am interested in any briefs that cover West Middlesex parishes, so if you find any, please let me know (address inside front cover).

Yvonne Woodbridge

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Isleworth - Mary Brown

For our January 1994 talk Mary Brown led us on an interesting and informative ‘walk’ around Isleworth in the early 1900s, illustrated by slides taken mostly from picture postcards of Isleworth, which she has collected over the years and which depict, as she described it, a vanished lifestyle of Sunday School picnics, horse-drawn charabanc outings, Empire Day celebrations, street processions and garden parties on the lawns of the local big houses. When shown to elderly local residents, the pictures had stirred memories which Mrs Brown was able to pass on to us to accompany the scenes.

Of particular interest was the Mill, a large building which stood on the river—bank just upstream of the London Apprentice public house. We saw the mill building itself, barges being loaded with sacks of flour, and a group picture of women mill workers who did heavy work from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for 10s per week. The 110 feet high silo which stood nearby was a well-known landmark and was used as a shelter during World War One. We also saw Lion Wharf, still a free dock, after which the modern Lion Wharf Way is named. The Port of Isleworth used to have its own Customs Officer, one of whose number resigned complaining of overwork, showing what a busy port this was.

We saw local boys paddling in the river and the many tall buildings which once lined Church Street. South Street was a bustling High Street, lined on both sides with shops, and scenes in Linkfield Road included the hygienic bakers and the Red Lion public house with clientele posing outside; a tram stood outside the old Checkers Public house - the original one - in Twickenham Road. Other public houses were the Iron Bridge, adjacent to the famous Pears soap factory, and the Coach and Horses, London Road. Isleworth Station was formerly Spring Grove Station, and Spring Grove House was used for a time as a Queen Mary Army Auxiliary Corps hospital.

At St John’s Church were based the Pennies group, which collected for charity; another local activity was the once-thriving Isleworth Rowing Club: the girls’ team was especially successful, winning prizes both at home and overseas. There were scenes of Blue School and St John’s School pupils and the occupants of Mogden House posing outside their home - there is now a preservation order on this building. The several groups of almshouses in Isleworth were particularly well depicted.

Yvonne Masson

And finally. . .

A gentleman overheard at the cash desk at St Catherine’s House, index volume in hand, “This number on the spine; does it matter?” Ed.

NEW MEMBERS

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 31-39.

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Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ADAMS	19 C	All	MDX	K31
ALSOP	bef 1860	Pendleton	LAN	A41
ARCHER	bef 1820	Stanton	OXF	T37
ASHFORD	18-19 C	All	ALL	H106
AUGOTOSKI	19 C	Paddington area	MDX	D64
AUSTIN	bef 1878	Islington	MDX	S116
BARNES	1850-80	Bedfont	MDX	B153
BARNFIELD	All	Harmondsworth	MDX	B153
	All	Harlington	MDX	B153
	All	Bedfont	MDX	B153
BARRETT	1820	York	YKS	T37
	1870-1930	Kensington area	MDX	T37
BAYLEY	bef 1900	Lydd	KEN	B149
BEACH	19-20 C	Brentford, Isleworth	MDX	W109
BEACHAM	bef 1840	Bledington	GLS	T37

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
BEAN	17-18 C	Billinghay	LIN	B152
	19 C	Kensington area	MDX	B152
	aft 1800	King's Lynn area	NFK	B152
BEASLEY	c 1863	East Bedfont	MDX	B150
	19-20 C	Hounslow	MDX	B150
	All	Datchet	BKM	B150
BENNETT	bef 1900	Littlehampton	SSX	B149
	1840-65	Landrake area	CON	B151
	18-19 C	Mundford	NFK	H116
	1860-1938	Barnsley	YKS	K30
BERRY	18-19 C	Wrexham, Oswestry	DEN	W109
BICKHAM	bef 1850	Ashburton area	DEV	C113
BISHOP	1750-1825	Bridport	DOR	D66
BISNEY	All	All	HRT	B151
BLACKLOCK	All	Liverpool area	LAN	C114
BLACKMAN	1750	All	SSX	F50
BLIGHT	1885-1905	Kensington	MDX	B151
	1885-1905	Hammersmith	MDX	B151
BOSLEY	c 1850	Bristol	GLS	T37
BOWDEN	bef 1820	Chalfont area	BKM	F51
BOWEN	1855-85	Kensington	MDX	B151
BOWYER	All	Chelmsford area	ESS	C114
BOXALL	All	All	MDX	C115
BRANSGROVE	bef 1800	Hanwell area	MDX	F51
BREND	c 1910	Willesden	MDX	S116
BRIGHT	All	Chelmsford area	ESS	C114
BROWN	19 C	Alberbury	SAL	B142
BRUNSDEN	c 1850	Hounslow	MDX	G73
BUCK	1830-60	Newport area	ESS	B151
BURCHELL	bef 1900	Pulborough	SSX	B149
BURLEY	1820-90	Stoke Newington area	MDX	M95
BURN	1680-1750	Tranent	ELN	H111
	1740-1800	Dalkeith	MLN	H111
	1750-1900	Edinburgh	MLN	H111
BUROW	All	All	ALL	H106
BUTLER	1918	Hammersmith	MDX	N20
BUTT	bef 1860	Brompton	MDX	S116
	c 1879	Kentish Town	MDX	S116
BYFIELD	All	All	ALL	O17
CARNEY	19 C	All	ALL	H106
CARTER	bef 1840	Eastbourne	SSX	T38
CARVER	18-19 C	Deptford	KEN	D64
CASTLE	All	All	MDX	B150
CATTERALL	All	Liverpool area	LAN	C114
CHAMBERLAIN	All	Pershore area	WOR	C114
CHAMBERS	19 C	Isleworth	MDX	G73
CHANEY	18 C	All	OXF	D64
CHAPPLE	bef 1850	Shoreditch area	MDX	M96
CHARLES	c 1859	Fulham	MDX	T35
CHEESMAN	All	All	ALL	M92

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
CHEESMAN	1800-1994	Medway	KEN	N20
CHESEMAN	16 C	Southall area	MDX	M92
CHIDWICK	1918	Hammersmith	MDX	N20
CHINERY	1740-1800	Eriswell area	SFK	B151
CHOPIN	All	All	ALL	C115
CHURCH	c 1757	Cookham	BRK	C117
CLARK	1820-1900	Fulham, Hammersmith	MDX	K29
	1820-1900	Kensington, Chelsea areas	MDX	K29
COACHWORTH	bef 1900	All	KEN	B149
COLGATE	bef 1820	Hadlow area	KEN	F51
COLLINS	c 1870	Cardiff	GLA	T37
COMMONS	bef 1841	St Agnes	CON	T37
COOKE	bef 1837	Theale	BRK	F49
COOT(E)S	1750-1825	St George in the East	MDX	D66
CORBOY	All	All	ALL	C115
CORDERY	1770-1835	Twickenham	MDX	H111
CORNFIELD	bef 1800	Northampton	NTH	C115
COSSINS	17 C	Weymouth	DOR	H116
COTTON	bef 1850	Dawlish	DEV	C113
COURTNEY	bef 1870	Waterloo	SRY	S119
COX	18-19 C	Chiswick area	MDX	H106
CRAMP	bef 1800	Little Chart area	KEN	M96
CRANE	1840-60	Hounslow	MDX	D66
CRAWFORD	19-20 C	Fulham	MDX	H116
CRAWLEY	19-20 C	Fulham area	MDX	G76
	18 C	Cork	COR	H116
CREAMER	bef 1850	Rathcormack	COR	M96
CULHAM	bef 1850	Youghal	COR	M96
DALE	18-19 C	Kelvedon	ESS	W109
DAVIES	bef 1800	Deptford area	KEN	M96
DAWSON	c 1850	Tottenham	MDX	W107
	c 1870	New Jersey, USA		W107
DEADMAN	c 1830	All	MDX	T35
DEAN	20 C	Fulham area	MDX	G76
DEARMAN	1800-55	Peterborough	NTH	D66
	1800-50	Cambridge	CAM	D66
DEESING	19-20 C	Swanley area	KEN	W109
DELVES	17 C	Frant	KEN	H116
DICKS	bef 1801	Wandsworth	SRY	F49
DOHERTY	1800-1994	Medway	KEN	N20
DOUGLASS	c 1857	All	SSX	T35
DOWSETT	bef 1880	Chapple area	ESS	C113
DRINKWATER	bef 1885	Hounslow	MDX	S116
	aft 1885	Willesden	MDX	S116
EASTER	19 C	Bermondsey area	SRY	G76
ELLWOOD	1820-90	Bow	MDX	H110
EMSON	c 1850	Tottenham	MDX	W107
FAH(E)Y	All	All	ALL	H106
FAIRBAIRN	All	Newcastle-upon-Tyne area	NBL	F53
FAIRBROTHER	All	Liverpool area	LAN	C114

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
FARR	All	Hanwell area	MDX	F51
FARRAL	1830	Bunbury	CHS	R55
FAULKNER	c 1805	Enstone	OXF	T37
FAY	All	All	ALL	H106
FITZ HARDY	All	All	ALL	C115
FITZWALTERS	bef 1850	Bethnal Green area	MDX	M96
FORD	bef 1850	St Pancras area	MDX	M96
FORNO	All	All	ALL	F49
FORRESTER	19 C	Bexley	KEN	T38
FOX	bef 1820	Saxthorpe area	NFK	F51
FRANCIS	1850	London	MDX	F50
	1750-1850	Faversham	KEN	F50
	1850	Abergavenny	MON	F50
FRANKLIN	bef 1840	Pentonville	MDX	A41
FRINDLE	1830-64	Kensington area	MDX	C117
FRISBY	1800-1994	Medway	KEN	N20
GADENNE	All	All	ALL	C115
GAMBLE	19-20 C	All	MDX	G73
GAPPER	All	All	ALL	F49
GARROD	bef 1900	Isleworth area	MDX	B149
GAYLER	18-19 C	All	MDX	G73
GEORGE	bef 1885	Paddington	MDX	C113
	bef 1801	Wincanton	SOM	F49
GIBBON	17-20 C	Llantrisant	GLA	G71
GIFFORD	19 C	Bristol	GLS	G76
GILBERT	1780-1850	Edinburgh	MLN	H111
GINGER	bef 1900	Chertsey	SRY	B149
GODDARD	c 1780	Yateley	HAM	C117
	18-19 C	Brentford	MDX	W109
	18-19 C	Mortlake	SRY	W109
GOLDING	All	Chiswick area	MDX	H106
	All	Kensington area	MDX	H106
GOOCH	c 1784	Great Easton	ESS	G77
	c 1860	Clerkenwell	MDX	G77
GOUGH	18-19 C	Buckingham area	BKM	T38
GOULD	bef 1902	Neasden	MDX	S116
	aft 1902	Perth, Australia		S116
GRAIGOOSE	bef 1700	Brockley	SFK	F49
GRANT	All	Chelsea	MDX	G73
GRANTHAM	bef 1900	Littlehampton	SSX	B149
GRAY	19 C	New Southgate area	MDX	G76
	18-19 C	Souhwark area	SRY	T38
GREATRIX	bef 1840	Norwood	MDX	T37
GREEN	19 C	Pool Quay	MON	B142
	c 1838	Chelsea	MDX	T35
GRIFFITHS	bef 1860	Eccles	LAN	A41
GROUT	c 1811	Enfield	MDX	G77
GUINEA	aft 1864	West Drayton	MDX	L51
GUNNER	c 1738	Windlesham	SRY	C117
GUNNETT	1800-50	Finsbury	KEN	D66

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GUNTON	1800-55	Peterborough	NTH	D66
	1800-50	Cambridge	CAM	D66
HAMMOND	c 1866	All	MDX	T35
HARDING	1775-1850	Greywell	HAM	D66
HARLING	19-20 C	Leiston	SFK	W109
HARRIS	c 1900	Hove	SSX	H110
HART	c 1738	Windlesham	SRY	C117
HATCHER	19 C	St Pancras	MDX	R55
HEATH	19 C	Hounslow	MDX	B142
HERBERT	19 C	Kensington area	MDX	B152
HEWETT	bef 1853	Lakenham	SFK	F49
HICKS	bef 1900	All	KEN	B149
HIGHAM	19 C	Hammersmith	MDX	W109
HOCKNEY	All	Scawby	LIN	H116
HOLDWAY- STANBROOK	c 1850	Wherwell	HAM	W107
HONNOR	18 C	Waddesdon	BKM	D64
HOUSE	c 1750	Reading	BRK	C117
HOWELL	1820-90	Shoreditch, Holborn	MDX	H110
	c 1871	Staines	MDX	H111
	1804-41	Ham	SRY	H111
	1790-1820	Bristol	GLS	H111
	bef 1870	Camberwell	SRY	C113
HOWLETT	18-19 C	Deptford	KEN	D64
HOYLE	All	Liverpool area	LAN	C114
HUDSON	bef 1910	Willesden	MDX	S116
HULL	18 C	All	MDX	G73
HUTCHINGS	All	Chelmsford area	ESS	C114
HUTCHINS	c 1871	Marylebone	MDX	T35
IBBOTSON	1750-1900	All	MDX	I6
	1750-1900	All	BKM	I6
IVEY	1860-1930	Kensington area	MDX	C113
JACKSON	19-20 C	Woolwich area	KEN	W109
JAKINS	1850	St Pancras	MDX	R55
JEWELL	1800-1900	Chelsea, Kensington area	MDX	K29
	1800-1900	Fulham, Hammersmith	MDX	K29
JOHNS	1685	Veryan	CON	R55
JOHNSON	18-19 C	Chelsea	MDX	G73
JONES	1820-1900	Kensington, Chelsea area	MDX	K29
	1820-1900	St Lukes area	MDX	K29
	1800-1930	Leeds area	YKS	K30
	1860	St Martins	SAL	R55
	All	Brentford area	MDX	C114
JOYCE/JOYES	All	Brentford area	MDX	C114
KEILLER	All	All	ALL	K32
KELLY	19 C	Hammersmith area	MDX	K31
KIELLOR	All	All	ALL	K32
KIGHT	All	Twickenham	MDX	B155
KING	1850	Hastings	SSX	F50
	1750	Glynde	SSX	F50
	1887	Kennington	SRY	R55

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KINGSBURY	17-19 C	Aberdare	GLA	G71
KITCHINGMAN	All	All	ALL	K30
KITE	All	Twickenham	MDX	B155
KNAPMAN	bef 1850	Kingsteignton area	DEV	C113
KNIGHT	1820-90	Hampton area	MDX	P72
KNOTT	1700-1840	Epsom area	SRY	B151
KNOWLES	bef 1800	Charing area	KEN	M96
LAING	18-19 C	Newton area	MLN	H111
LANGSHAW	1820-90	All	MDX	M95
	1820-90	All	SRY	M95
LEACH	bef 1839	Little Chelsea	MDX	S116
LEGGATT	1770-1810	Yapton	SSX	D66
LESLIE	All	Benburb area	TYR	H111
	aft 1860	Dublin	DUB	H111
LESTER	1750-1850	Isleworth area	MDX	W108
	1750-1850	Mortlake area	SRY	W108
LINEY	19 C	Brompton	MDX	R55
LOADER	bef 1900	Ealing area	MDX	F51
LORAN	19 C	Ealing area	MDX	S119
LOTCHO	bef 1834	Shoreditch	MDX	F49
LOVEJOY	19 C	Henley area	OXF	D64
LOVERIDGE	aft 1900	All	OXF	L51
LOWE	19 C	Paddington area	MDX	B152
	bef 1800	Paddington area	MDX	B152
LUFF	1840	All	SSX	R55
LUKER	18-19 C	Overton	HAM	W109
LYDDAN	18-19 C	Bradninch area	DEV	W109
MACKENZIE	1894	West Hampstead	MDX	R55
MAHONEY	bef 1860	All	COR	M96
MARSDEN	bef 1860	Dewsbury	YKS	A41
MARTIN	19 C	New Southgate area	MDX	G76
MASKELL	c 1763	Windsor area	BRK	C117
MASON	c 1770	Windsor area	BRK	C117
McCORMICK	c 1750	Reading	BRK	C117
McGRATH	19 C	Waterford	WAT	T38
McNELLY	1820-90	All	MDX	M95
	1820-90	All	SRY	M95
MEADS	c 1753	Cookham area	BRK	C117
MECOY	18-19 C	Bermondsey	SRY	T38
MEDHURST	18-19 C	Deptford area	KEN	D64
MILES	bef 1800	Westwell area	KEN	M96
MILLER	bef 1800	Westwell area	KEN	M96
MITCHELL	All	Pershore area	WOR	C114
MOORE	bef 1850	St Pancras area	MDX	M96
MORRIS	1880-98	Llawhaden	PEM	B150
MUNDAY	bef 1900	Sydenham	OXF	B149
MURPHY	bef 1860	All	COR	M96
MUSGRAVE	c 1850	Sheffield area	YKS	C113
	c 1865	Lincoln area	LIN	C113
NAUNTON	19 C	Chelsea	MDX	R55

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NEILL	19 C	Waterford	WAT	T38
NUTH	All	All	MDX	B150
	All	All	BKM	B150
ODELL	bef 1844	Beckenham	KEN	A41
ODY	18-20 C	Iver area	BKM	O17
OLDMAN	bef 1860	Wisbech area	NFK	C113
OPIE	bef 1860	Stithians area	CON	C113
OPPY	bef 1860	Stithians area	CON	C113
OSBORNE	All	Pershore area	WOR	C114
PARKINS GRANT	bef 1847	All	ALL	F49
PATMER	c 1750	Great Easton	ESS	G77
PATRICK	1820	All	MDX	R55
PAYNE	1780-1840	Worth area	SSX	B151
PERRIN	1800-50	All	LON	P71
PHILCOX	1750	Lewes	SSX	F50
PITT	18-19 C	Shoreham area	SSX	D64
PONTON	bef 1826	Southwark	SRY	F49
PORTER	bef 1900	Staines	MDX	B149
POUCHER	1825-55	Lincoln area	LIN	C113
	1785-1825	All	MDX	C113
PRICE	1800-1900	Brecon, Saron	BRE	B150
PRINCE	bef 1860	Ealing	MDX	T38
PRISKE	bef 1860	Wendron area	CON	C113
PUDDIFOOT	19 C	Gerrards Cross area	BKM	L51
PULLEN	19 C	Twickenham	MDX	P71
PULLOM	1800	Southrop	GLS	T37
PURVIS	c 1878	Islington	MDX	S116
PYKE	1700-1825	Ogbourne St George	WIL	D66
QUAINTON	bef 1900	Emmington	OXF	B149
QUANT	18-19 C	Bradinch area	DEV	W109
QUINN	c 1843	Chelsea	MDX	T35
RAINBOW	All	Hanslope	BKM	F49
RALPH	19 C	Faversham area	KEN	P71
RATCLIFF	18-19 C	Shoreham area	SSX	D64
RAVELL	All	Dublin	DUB	H111
READE	1685	Horton	STS	R55
READING	19 C	Kensington area	MDX	G76
REED	1881	Twickenham	MDX	R55
RINGER	bef 1853	All	NFK	F49
RIVERS	bef 1900	Stanford-in-the-Vale	BRK	B149
ROAST	All	Chelmsford area	ESS	C114
ROBERTS	17 C	St Pancras	MDX	H116
ROCKELL	c 1850	Isleworth area	MDX	W108
RODEN	1884-1900	Salford	LAN	B150
	1800	Broseley	SAL	T37
ROLLINS	19-20 C	Brentford	MDX	W109
ROPER	19-20 C	Chatham area	KEN	F51
	bef 1820	Brandon	SFK	F51
ROWLEY	1850-1920	Chiswick area	MDX	K30
	1850-1920	Uxbridge area	MDX	K30

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ROWLEY	1850-1900	Bolton area	LAN	K30
	1850-1900	Leicester area	LEI	K30
	1800-1930	Birmingham area	WAR	K30
	1900-38	Australia		K30
RUNTZ	18 C	All	MDX	G73
SANDERS	18-19 C	Lambeth	SRY	W109
SAUNDERS	18-19 C	Heston, Hounslow	MDX	W109
SCOTT	c 1872	Fulham	MDX	T35
SEAGROTT	1800-1900	All	MDX	K29
SEARLE	19-20 C	Fulham area	MDX	G76
	19 C	Hampstead	MDX	G76
SECKER	aft 1900	Ealing area	MDX	S119
	bef 1900	Holborn area	MDX	S119
SHAW	bef 1860	Dewsbury	YKS	A41
	All	Brentford area	MDX	C114
SHAWCROSS	bef 1840	Didsbury	LAN	A41
SHERWOOD	All	All	KID	B142
SMALLBONE	bef 1880	Dulwich	SRY	A41
	bef 1920	Twickenham	MDX	A41
SMITH	19 C	Kensington area	MDX	D64
	aft 1870	Twickenham	MDX	P71
	1891	Chelsea	MDX	R55
	c 1828	All	MDX	T35
	bef 1835	Winchcombe	GLS	T37
SMOLLETT	bef 1860	Manchester area	LAN	A41
SNELLING	18 C	Brentford	MDX	F50
SOLEY	1820-1900	Datchet	BKM	B153
SPARGO	bef 1860	Wendron area	CON	C113
STANBROOK	All	St Marylebone	MDX	W107
	All	Isleworth	MDX	W107
	All	All	HAM	W107
STANTON	17 C	Stanton, Newport	SAL	B142
STEDMAN	19 C	All	ALL	K31
STEMP	bef 1769	Southwark	SRY	F49
STEVENS	All	Compton Martin area	SOM	H111
STILLMAN	1700-1850	St George in the East	MDX	D66
STOCKTON	1750	Bunbury	CHS	R55
STONESTREET	c 1805	Hillingdon area	MDX	C117
STOWE	18 C	All	SSX	D64
STRONG	c 1806	Bray	BRK	C117
SUTTERS	1800	London	MDX	F50
SUTTON	bef 1825	Kennington	SRY	A41
TALMAGE	bef 1840	Peckham	SRY	A41
TAPP	bef 1773	Wendlebury	OXF	F49
TAYLOR	bef 1860	Ealing	MDX	T38
TERRELL	pre 1800	Rotherhithe	SRY	W107
THORPE	1800-50	St Pancras	MDX	D66
TIDMAN	1775-1825	Chippenham	WIL	D66
TIERNEY	bef 1835	Donaghadee	DOW	P71
TILLIN	c 1727	Windsor area	BRK	C117

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TIMMONS	19 C	'EC 1' area	MDX	H106
	19 C	Chiswick area	MDX	H106
TINGEY	19 C	Kentish Town area	MDX	G76
TITCHENER	bef 1900	Stanford-in-the-Vale	BRK	B149
TOTHILL	1800-1994	All	ALL	N20
TOWERS	c 1860	Brompton	MDX	S116
	bef 1839	Little Chelsea	MDX	S116
TOWNSEND	c 1751	Eastleach	GLS	C117
	19 C	All	ALL	K31
TRAINER	c 1910	Willesden	MDX	S116
TRATT	All	North Petherton	SOM	W107
	pre 1850	All	MDX	W107
TREADAWAY	bef 1829	Shoreditch	MDX	F49
TUCKER	bef 1841	Northill	CON	T37
USHER	All	Twickenham	MDX	B155
WALKER	c 1850	Chelsea	MDX	T35
WALLICE	All	Liverpool area	LAN	C114
WALLIS	18 C	Chiswick	MDX	O17
WASELL	All	All	ALL	W107
WATKINS	1800-1900	Brecon	BRE	B150
WATTS	bef 1800	Marlborough	WIL	A41
	aft 1850	Kensington area	MDX	A41
	bef 1913	Chiswick	MDX	A41
WEAVING	19 C	Hounslow	MDX	B142
WEBB	1775-1825	Heston, Hounslow	MDX	D66
WELTON	bef 1870	Cork	COR	T37
WERRELL	c 1787	All	ALL	C117
WESTWOOD	18-19 C	All	MDX	G73
WHENMAN	All	Hillingdon area	MDX	O17
WHITING	19-20 C	Bermondsey area	SRV	G76
WHITTINGHAM	All	All	ALL	N20
WILKINS	bef 1800	Hathfield area	KEN	M96
WILLIAMS	19 C	Bristol	GLS	G76
	1750-1880	Walford by Ross	HEF	H111
	1850-75	Gloucester	GLS	H111
	18-19 C	Gresford Llay	DEN	W109
WILSON	bef 1885	Kensal Green	MDX	S116
WIN(D)SOR	All	Windsor area	BRK	C114
WINSLADE	1820-90	Hampton area	MDX	P72
WISE	pre 1750	St Marylebone	MDX	W107
	All	France		W107
	All	All	HAM	W107
WITCOMBE	1900-94	Acton	MDX	N20
	1800-1994	All	SOM	N20
WYATT	1820-80	Isleworth	MDX	B153

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