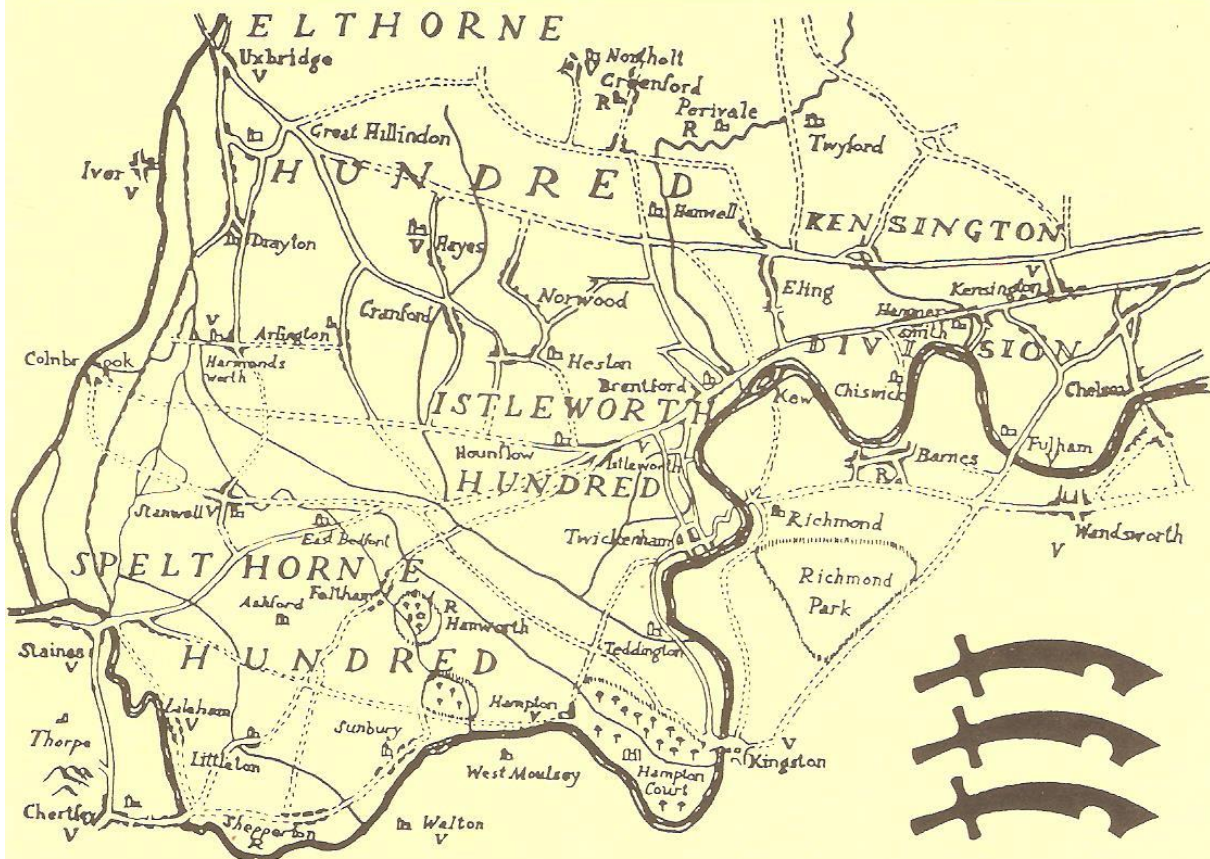


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The Society continues to flourish; since our article appeared in *Family Tree Magazine* we have welcomed a lot of new members. The computer group is well established and our monthly meetings are well attended. Your committee are beavering away on your behalf and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that some of them have served their full term, under the rules of our constitution, so we will be looking for replacements from the end of the year. We are a friendly bunch, even if we look slightly harassed at the meetings. Please come and have a word; we would be delighted to explain the work of the committee. Or perhaps you would like to attend a committee meeting; we have already invited Les Munson, with a view to his joining us next year.

The LDS Church has asked whether this Society would like to take part in their new project to microfilm military records at the PRO. This will involve a long term commitment to go to the PRO, Chancery Lane, every fortnight to assist in smoothing out the records and removing non-genealogical material before filming. It sounds most interesting, especially if you have military ancestors. If you are interested, please see Janet Huckle at one of our meetings, or write to her at 5 Florence Gardens, Staines, Middlesex TW18 1HG.

Margaret Comben has to give up the running of the Society Bookstall, owing to her work commitments, so we are looking for a member or members to manage it. As there is a large stock of books, someone with storage space is needed. This is difficult to find in most homes, and it may be possible to share out the book stock between several members, as long as they are brought in to each meeting. If you are interested, please get in touch with me to discuss it.

I see that many societies are selling their respective sections of the Big R, so you may be wondering what has happened to ours. At present we are discussing it with the other Middlesex and London family history societies, as we hope to publish the fiche for our area jointly. Publication should take place some time in the autumn; more news will appear in the next journal.

Found - eighty years on

Janet Huckle, Yvonne Woodbridge Wendy Mott and myself visited the One—Day Conference at Poole some weeks ago, and whilst I was looking around at some of the stalls, Janet and Wendy were sorting through some postcards for sale to see if there were any for churches in our area. On purchasing a number, Wendy noticed a Mr Mitchell's name on one; she passed it to me asking whether it would be of use to one of our members of the same name. Reading it I realised that the card was from my husbands grandfather to his brother-in-law (also a Mitchell)! The date was 1913 - where has it been for the last 81 years?

Mavis Sibley

NEWS ROUNDUP

Longitudinal Study of Residential Histories

With reference to the item on the above project, which appeared on page 30 of the March issue of this Journal, Dr Turnbull of Lancaster University has written to say that by early May, she had received indications of interest from over 1300 family historians, and almost 5000 completed forms. She asks that we include the following message, in relation to this project.

‘We would still like to hear from any members who have not yet responded to our request for assistance. We are happy to receive requests for Data Collection Forms until the end of 1994. If you have received our forms but have not returned them we are still interested and will be accepting completed forms until at least the end of January 1995.’

Queensland Heritage Project

Did your ancestors travel to the Colonies? And was that colony Queensland? If so, the State Library of Queensland, Australia is interested in any documents, letters, diaries or photographs you may have relating to the history of Queensland. For further information, please contact Ms Sara Joynes, Queensland Heritage Retrieval Project, Australian High Commission, Australia House, Strand, London WC2B 4LA.

Cornwall FHS

This Society is holding its AGM as part of a Weekend Conference on 11-13th November 1994, at the Barrowfield Hotel, Newquay. Speakers include Michael Gandy and Colin Chapman, and the organisers promise Cornish style hospitality and entertainment. For details, please contact Bill Grose, Trevilder, The Butts, St Newlyn East, Newquay, Cornwall TR8 5LZ.

Reading Family History Centre

Reading Family History Centre is holding a second Open Day on Saturday 1st October, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., at Reading Chapel, 280 The Meadway, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire. Entrance is free, and lunches can be ordered. For details, please write to Mrs Marian Fielding, 5 Ragdale, Burgfield Common, Reading RG7 8NG.

Hayes WW I Records

A representative of the Mormon Church has contacted our society with a request for help. The Church is in the process of filming World War 1 soldiers' documents at Hayes. The Church needs people who are able to help on a regular basis, such as 'one afternoon once a fortnight' for a lengthy period. The work is non-specialist, and involves the preparation of documents for filming. Initially our society has been asked but because of the volume of material, no doubt other organisations will be interested in helping too. This is an incredibly important

project, the results of which will afford much information for the family historian. If you are interested, please contact Janet Huckle on 0784- 451639.

7th British Family History Conference

From the Organisers of the 7th British Family History Conference:

‘The Cherry Stones Conference’ is to be co-hosted by the Isle of Wight FHS and the FFHS at Upper Chine School, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, from Friday 31st March to Tuesday 4th April 1995. The theme is based on the childhood rhyme, *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor, Rich Man, Poor Man, Beggar Man, Thief*. The programme consists of high calibre lectures, including nationally and internationally renowned speakers, as well as local experts. Space does not permit mention of them all, but just to whet your appetite: *They Removed My Poor Ancestors*, Colin Chapman; *Records of Naval Ratings*, Paul Blake; *Occupations in Towns, Butchers, Bakers, Candlestick Makers*, A.J. Camp; *The Records of J.P.s and the Quarter Sessions*, Iain Swinnerton.

The journey from Waterloo to Shanklin Station by train and catamaran takes just 2 hours 30 minutes. For those bringing a car the Wightlink ferries take about 35 minutes. Details of concessionary car ferry fares and cross-Soient travel information will be available. The closing date for booking residential places is 31st January 1995 and for non-residents is 28th February 1995.

Please send a 9" X 6" stamped addressed envelope for full details and booking form to Mrs J. Few, 12 Ranelagh Road, Lake, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8NX.

Parochial Fees

With effect from 1st January 1994, the Table of Parochial Fees, prepared by the Church Commissioners, is as follows:

Searching marriage registers before 1st July 1837	
for up to one hour	£9
for each subsequent hour or part of an hour	£7
Searching baptismal or burial registers (including the provision of one copy of any entry therein)	
for up to one hour	£9
for each subsequent hour or part of an hour	£7
Each additional copy of a baptism or burial	£9
Inspection of instrument of apportionment or agreement for exchange of land for tithes deposited under the Tithe Act 1836	£4
Furnishing copies of above [for every 72 words)	£4

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following meetings have been planned:

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| 15th September | <i>Under-used Records</i> - a talk by Peter Bennett |
| 20th October | <i>Hammersmith, Fulham, Chiswick and Chelsea</i> - a talk by Pat Loobey |
| 17th November | <i>Criminal Ancestors in England and Wales</i> - a talk by David Hawkings |
| 15th December | <i>Annual General Meeting</i> |

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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|--------------|---|
| 6th October | <i>Computers and a One-Name Study</i> - David Hawgood |
| 1st December | <i>Members' Evening and Christmas Party</i> |

All members are welcome to attend, whether computer users or not.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the West Middlesex Family History Society will be held on Thursday 15th December 1994, at 8.00 p.m. at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow. Reports will be presented by the Secretary and Treasurer. Members will be asked to approve the audited accounts for the year 1993-94 and elect auditors for the coming year. Elections will be held for Officers and Members of the Executive Committee for 1995. Members who wish to bring any matter forward at the AGM, or to propose nominations for the Committee, are asked to write to the Secretary at the address given below, by 15th November.

Miss Yvonne Woodbridge, 92 Nelson Road, Whitton, Middlesex TW2 7AY

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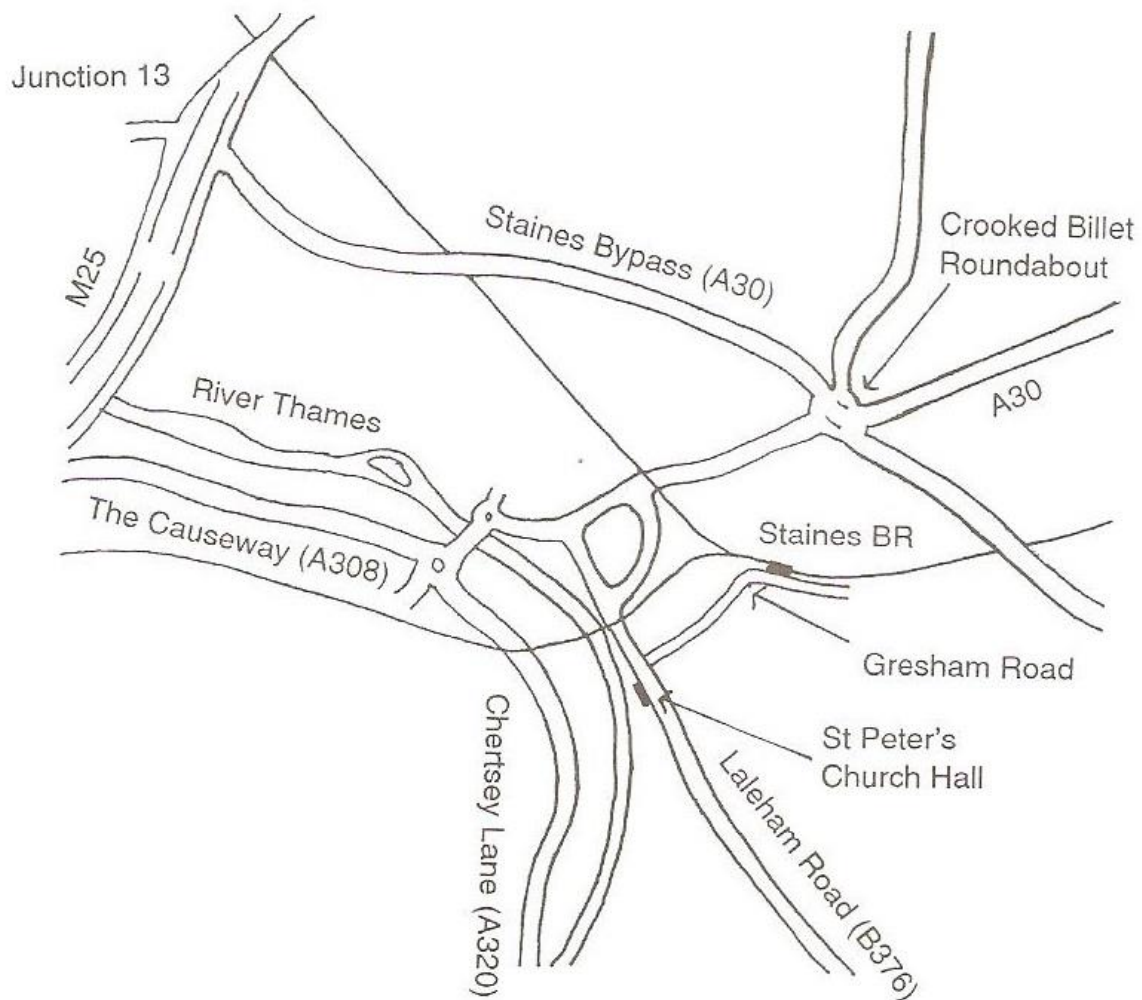
A membership renewal form is included with this issue of the Journal. Please help the Society by returning your subscriptions promptly. If you do not already covenant your subscription, please read the item on page 8; you may be able to significantly increase the value of your payment to the Society, at no extra cost to yourself.

West Middlesex Family History Society

OPEN DAY

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

Do come along and support the WMFHS Open Day. We shall have all the indexes and research material from the library. There will be experts on hand with advice, the bookstall, and stalls from visiting societies and organisations. These will include Westminster and Central Middlesex, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hillingdon, West Surrey, and North West Kent family history societies, Hounsiow and Egham by Runnymede local history societies, Hammersmith and Fulham Archives, Bill Lloyd (books for family historians), Dave Grimmett (local war memorial specialist), Society of Genealogists display, and a display on the centenary of St Peter's Church. This is not a day to be missed!



Location

St Peter's Church Hall lies on the west side of Laleham Road, to the south of the centre of Staines, as indicated in the map opposite.

From the M25: Leave at junction 13, and follow the Staines Bypass (A30) to the Crooked Billet Roundabout. Take the left-hand slip road, and loop back to enter the centre of Staines. From here, continue through the one-way system, following directions indicated to Laleham.

From Staines BR: A short walk along Gresham Road leads directly to St Peter's.

For further information, or offers of help on the day, please contact Mrs Janet Huckle, 5 Florence Gardens, Staines, Middlesex TW18 1HG (Tel. 0784-451639).

Federation of Family History Societies: 21st Anniversary 1995

The following item arrived recently from the Federation of Family History Societies, announcing *Threads of Family History*.

Put down your pens, switch off your computers, and delegate your indexing; now for something different!

Prepare to participate in *Threads of Family History*, a special competition of textile craft to be exhibited by the FFHS during Autumn 1995 to celebrate its 21st Anniversary. The exhibition will attempt to show how family history can be creatively used in the many forms of needlework and other textile crafts.

Craftwork itself connects us with our ancestors. In every culture, both women and men take great pride in the production of distinctive decorated textiles. For this exhibition, participants will be asked to take the process beyond the merely decorative - integrating family history - to produce a unique heirloom for future generations.

Any type of textile craft is eligible - embroidery, applique, quilting, needlepoint, weaving, rug hooking and beadwork to name a few techniques. There's no need to be an expert craftsperson.

But before you begin your 'heirloom', write for the complete rules and an entry form - *on or after 1st October 1994*. Address your letters to Mrs Jill Valentine, 157 Kent House Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1JZ, enclosing a 9" x 4" self-addressed, stamped envelope or 2 IRCs.

There will be two classes of entry, individual and Collective (i.e. Society or Group) but please note: application is restricted to members of the Federations family history societies.

COVENANTS

Have you considered covenanting your subscription? If not, please read on...

This is an excellent way of paying your subscription and I believe that some members may not understand what is involved.

- It costs you *nothing more* than your subscription to covenant.
- You must be a UK taxpayer.
- The Inland Revenue form which requires completion is very simple, requiring your name, address, National Insurance number and your tax office reference. (This and your NI number are on your P60, tax return and Notice of Coding.)
- West Middlesex Family History Society is able to reclaim tax on the subscription that you have paid, as it is a Registered Charity.

For a subscription of £6.00, the WMFHS is able to obtain a further £2.00 from the Inland Revenue. This operates on the assumption that tax has already been paid at 25%. For other contribution rates the same proportion applies.

You need to sign a form to say that you agree to covenant for four years.- Your continued membership allows the Society to reclaim tax on your subscription. If you cease to be a member before four years are up then your covenant ceases. Details of your covenant are confidential between you, the Society and the Inland Revenue. Your employer will never know. Finally, note that a covenant is NOT a standing order!

Your annual subscription costs you the same whether covenanted or not, but the result of your covenanting your subscription is that the Inland Revenue gives money to the Society and thereby helps to keep the cost of the annual subscription down. Tell the Inland Revenue that you covenant your subscription to the WMFHS, and if you pay tax at the higher rate, the Inland Revenue will extend your 25% tax band. Surely this is in your own interest!

M.J. F. Hailwood (Hon. Auditor)

Census Puzzle

Found when transcribing the 1881 census for St Luke's, Holborn, Regents Canal Basin (RG 11/361 fol. 46, p. 29, abbreviated here)

Merrell	James	40	H	Boatman	Droitwich
	Harriet	40	W		Ditto
	James	15	S	On canal	Ditto
	???	13	S		Ditto

What did they put on the next census? Droitwich? A puzzle for someone.

Noted by Yvonne Woodbridge

Prompted by a recent purchase of the latest in the series of Readers' Guides from the PRO, I recently made what was only my second visit to what is perhaps one of the less well-known places in London for pursuing one's ancestors. Almost within the shadow of the spires of the old Public Record Office lies Quality Court, an unobtrusive turning at the north end of Chancery Lane.

In Quality House, on Quality Court, may be found the offices of The Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts (RCHM). The RCHM is a body, first appointed in 1869, with the aims of identifying and making known to researchers records in the private ownership of individuals or institutions. Among the most important of the Commission's works is the National Register of Archives, set up at the end of the Second World War. This consists of more than 35,000 unpublished lists and catalogues of manuscript collections, held in record offices, national and university libraries, museums, individuals, companies and institutions. It is a research resource of the first importance in almost any field of British history. However, the focus of the present article is a catalogue that only came under the jurisdiction of the RCHM in 1958, namely the Manorial Documents Register.

Manorial records can be of enormous value to us as family historians, and we are fortunate indeed that although they are documents generated by essentially individuals and private institutions, they are nonetheless subject to protection, according to statute. This has surely led to the preservation of many of these most invaluable documents.

It was the first Law of Property Act 1922 (12 & 13 Geo. 5, c.16), that abolished the centuries-old tradition of copyhold (or customary) tenure, by which land was held of the lord of a manor by copy of the manorial court roll. At the same time, the law ensured that all those individuals whose tenure of land was affected by the changes were to enjoy the statutory right of access to the original court rolls of the manor in question, in order that proof of title could be demonstrated. There was thus a need to ensure that these rolls, and other related records of the manor, were preserved, and the Law of Property (Amendment) Act 1924 (15 & 16 Geo. 5, c.5) directed that 'All manorial documents shall be under the charge and superintendence of the Master of the Rolls.' This set of amendments also directed the Master of the Rolls to establish that existing documents were properly preserved, whether in the charge of the lord of the manor, the PRO, or any other library or repository. Manorial documents were to include 'court rolls, surveys, maps, terriers, documents and books of every description relating to the boundaries, franchises, wastes, customs or courts of the manor', but exclude deeds and other evidences of title to the manor.

The Law of Property came into force on 1st January 1926. Under the directions of the amendments concerning manorial documents, Ernest Pollock, Master of the Rolls (soon to become Lord Hanworth) issued the Manorial Documents Rules 1926 (Statutory Rules and Orders 1925/1310). These rules directed that documents held by the lord of the manor be safely and properly preserved, with the Deputy-Keeper of the Public Records to advise on renovation where they are damaged or decayed, and that any change of ownership of the documents be reported to the Deputy-Keeper. It is worth noting firstly that it remains the case that the sale of the lordship of the manor does not necessarily convey any rights over related manorial documents, and secondly that such documents may be disposed, independently of any title to the lordship of the manor. Similar rules concerning the preservation of manorial documents applied to libraries, museums, etc. Such institutions were also forbidden to allow manorial documents to pass out of their custody, except by permission of the Master of the Rolls (this has never been given). On the matter of access, the Rules directed these institutions to give inspection of Court rolls to any person with a (legal) interest in land enfranchised by the 1922 Act, or earlier Copyhold Acts (1841, 1894), on payment of the appropriate fee. Furthermore, except with the consent of the lord of the manor, or the Master of the Rolls, the custodians of the documents were not to allow any other persons to inspect or make copies of any manorial documents.

As an important part of the implementation of his powers concerning manorial documents, the Master of the Rolls ordered that a Manorial Documents Register (MDR) be kept, recording the nature and location of all documents within the compass of the 1922 Act. The Register was maintained by the Public Record Office, on his behalf, until the Public Records Act of 1958. From 1959, when a revised set of rules were issued (Statutory Instruments 1959/ 1399, amended 1963/976, 1967/ 963), responsibility for the care and maintenance of the MDR passed to the RCHM. It was the MDR that was the subject of my visit to Quality House a few months ago.

Those who have used manorial documents in the pursuit of their family history researches (and I have progressed but a short way on this particular 'learning curve' myself), will be aware that, from the very nature of the manor as a institution, the records that exist for the manor (or more often manors), relevant to the focus of parish-based research, may be found in a variety of possible places. An increasing amount of material, it is true, has been deposited with the appropriate county record office, where, if constructively catalogued, is reasonably accessible. In contrast, for example, with parish records, which, if they survive, will normally be found at the appropriate county/diocesan record office, or at the church itself, the possible locations of manorial documents other than at the CRO are far more diverse. An example, cited by Ellis (see 'Useful Reading' below), is the case of the manor of Stratford-upon-Avon, of which the records may be found in the PRO, the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust Record

Office, Warwickshire CRO, the Centre for Kentish Studies at Maidstone, and the Folger Shakespeare Library, New York. The value of a central register of all known manorial documents (for England and Wales) is clearly great.

The form of the MDR itself is of two separate card indexes, bound in small binders. The index is not available 'on the shelf', but appropriate sections can be brought out to your desk by the archivist on duty. The first section is a parish index, and this is likely to be your starting point unless you have already identified the name(s) of the manor(s) in which you are interested, perhaps from the CRO, or printed sources such as the Victoria County History series. The parish index is arranged under the pre-1974 counties, and is alphabetic by parish within each county. There may be one or more cards for the parish of interest, each bearing the name of a manor known to have included land within that parish. (Take care with parishes near county boundaries.) Making a note of the names of the manors allows you to refer to the second part of the MDR, the manor index. This is again arranged by county, and is alphabetic by manor within each county. The card for each manor contains brief details of the documents and their location. This normally includes the type (rental, court book, custumal, etc.), the date or date range, and where the location is a record office, the corresponding reference number may be given. There may be additional references to the original submission of information about the documents after the 1922 Act.

It is important to note that *the RCHM does not hold memorial documents*: the MDR is a finding aid for material held elsewhere. As noted earlier, an important aspect of the legislation was that access to the manorial documents was protected only for those with a legal interest in the former copyhold lands, and not personal researchers. This is clearly significant if one wishes to consult material remaining in private hands; the RCHM can advise on how to go about this.

In the particular parishes of interest to me on my visit to the Quality Court, one had a single manor listed, of the same name as the parish itself, while the other had five listed. In the latter case, however, it is likely that at least two of the (very similar) names refer to the same manor. Locations of material for these manors comprised three different CROs, the PRO, a Cambridge college, the British Museum, the Bodleian Library, and a large private manuscript collection (partly deposited at the CRO). I was already aware of most of the material in the CROs, but one particularly enjoyable outcome from this enquiry was a subsequent visit to Oxford, to spend a Saturday morning consulting a manuscript rental in the beautiful surroundings of the Duke Humphrey Library, the 15th century heart of the Bodleian (I even found my chap listed!).

The address of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts is Quality House, Quality Court, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HP (Tel. 071-242-1198). The offices are open Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., excluding

Bank Holidays. There are no readers' tickets, and there is no need to make an appointment.

Useful Reading

Ellis, M.: *Using Memorial Records*, Public Record Office and the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts (1994)

Harvey, P.D.A.: *Manorial Records*, British Record Association (1984)

Palgrave-Moore, P.: *How to Locate and Use Manorial Records*, Elvery Dowers (1985)

Park, P.B.: *My Ancestors were Manorial Tenants*, SQG (1990)

Travers, A.: *Manorial Documents*, *Genealogists' Magazine*, 21 1-9 (1983)

HANWORTH WAR MEMORIAL

Ted Dunstall

I have received a letter from Mr John Best of Tooting, regarding the Hanworth war memorial. Mr Best, a former resident of Hanworth and from a three-generation Hanworth family, has for some years been researching his family connections and in particular the names on the war memorial which lies at the corner of Main Street and Green Lane, originally to see whether seven names that appear on it were of cousins. He has also instigated, through the Royal British Legion, a restoration of the Hanworth memorial.

Becoming more interested and involved, he decided to research all the fifty-four names, to identify who they were, what regiment and service they served in, where they are buried or commemorated, and their next of kin and descendants.

Of the fifty—four names on the memorial, Mr Best has accounted for forty-nine, leaving five as yet unresolved. He has asked if the Society can help, and whether our members may have some information about these five. All were inhabitants of Hanworth, and information quoted from Mr Best's letter on these five, including the numbers of 'possibles' in the War Deaths Registers, is:

James COLLINS	79 in the Death Register, 4 in the Naval Register.
Henry GUYMER	1 in the Death Register; 11099 Guardsman in 2nd Battn Coldstream Guards (Not certain of Hanworth connections). Two Guymers in the telephone book.
Frank DAVIES	20 in the Deaths Register.
Henry RICE	4 in the Death Register, also on Ashford war memorial.
Arthur WEBB	33 in the Death Register, 5 in the Naval Register, also on Ashford war memorial.

Members with any information should contact Mr Best direct, at 139 Totterdown Street, Tooting, London SW17 8TE (081-767-0514).

HELP!

This service is free to members of WMFHS (please quote your membership number when writing). In order to ensure that your appeal is published correctly, and is clear to other readers, please make entries clear and concise, give all personal and place names in BLOCK CAPITALS, and all dates in full. Entries from non-members can be accepted, at a rate of £3.00 for up to ten lines. Payments must be in Sterling only; cheques made payable to WMFHS.

BROOKER/WHEELER

Michael BROOKER married Lucy, circa 1827. Children born to them and baptised at All Saints, Isleworth were William (baptised 1828), Jane (1829), Ann (1832), Henry (1833) and Mary (1836). William BROOKER married Maria WHEELER on 21 June 1852 at St Mary, Lambeth, at which time William was living at 27 Paradise Street, and Maria at 2 Norfolk Row. Witnesses were Samuel and Caroline BUTTON. William and Maria emigrated to Australia on 25 January 1857. Their children Anna Maria, Henry and Emily Jane were born in Victoria. Seeking deaths of Michael and Lucy, and descendants of the children.

Charles Robertson, PO Box 40, Bilbul, NSW 2680, Australia

HUNT and HARLINGTON/HARMONDSWORTH BAPTISTS

Information sought on the history of both congregations during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, including their members, founders, and the existence of records. In particular, can anyone provide details on John Atlee HUNT, born Harmondsworth 1796, and a founding member of Bloomsbury Baptist Chapel in 1849.

Alison Barber, 31 Sunnyside Road, Ealing, London W5 5HT

KIELLOR

John and Emily KIELLOR had four children registered as born in Church Street, Chiswick, between 1866 and 1870. The next child was born in 1873 in Liverpool Road, Islington. The family is recorded at neither address in the 1871 census: has anyone come across them? Any instances of KEILLAR/KEILLER/KEILLOR/KIELLAR/KIELLER or KIELLOR, wherever found, would be of interest.

Adrienne Kiellor-Edwards, Ringstrosse 40, 55278 Dexheim, Germany

NORMAN/WHEELER

John NORMAN married Jane circa 1800. Children baptised at St Mary, Ealing were Jane (1802), Hannah (1803), Thomas (1806), Maria (1810), John (1813) and William (1815). Jane NORMAN married Henry WHEELER on 27 September 1823 at St Mary, Hanwell. Their children were Henry (1824), Caroline (1826), Maria (1828), William (1830) and Jane (1832)- Seeking more information, traceback and descendants.

Charles Robertson, PO Box 40, Bilbul, NSW 2680, Australia

HARMES/NIXON

On the 1841 census at the *Windmill* public house, Turnham Green, appear James HARMES, 35, with his wife Susanah, 30, and children Emily Sarah, 9, James, 7, and Edward, 15 months. In 1851 he appears at the *Chaff Cutters' Arms*, Chiswick, a widower of 3 months, with children Emily Sarah, 18, Emma, 14, Edward, 12, George Briant, born 22 July 1841. James junior, 17, is found as a servant at the *Kings Arms*, 148 Ealing Grove, New Brentford. In 1852 at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick, Emily Sarah HARMES married George NIXON. Emily's father James is a witness to her marriage; that is the last record I have been able to trace of James HARMES, despite searches for his death or remarriage at the GRO. Any suggestions on my next move would be appreciated.

George NIXON and Emily Sarah moved to Staines and had children: Eliza (1853), Mary Ann (1855), Sarah (1858), Elizabeth (1860), George (1862) and Susan (1864). George NIXON died at the Union Workhouse, Stanwell, in 1898 and Emily Sarah died in Egham in 1918. Can anyone tell me if records from the Workhouse are still available, and if so where I would find them? Also where was the Workhouse located?

Mrs J. McIntosh, 22 Normanton Street, Glenfield, Auckland 10, New Zealand

SEENY/BIGGS

Richard SEENY married Mary DIX about 1760 in the Banbury, Oxon. area. Children born in that area were Mary (1761), Susannah (1763), Edward (1767) and William (1770). Edward came to Ruislip, and married Hannah BIGGS at St Giles, Ickenham in 1793. Any member with information on any member of these families will earn my undying gratitude.

Mrs Beryl Metherell, 2918 Jenny Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77479-1613, USA

MERRY/McMULLIN

Mary Ann McMULLIN (baptised 24 December 1854, Christ Church, Carlisle, died 1934), daughter of James and Margaret was the (second?) wife of John MERRY, and bore him children: Joseph, William, James George (married Sarah HOLDFORD, died 1965, Harlington), George Steven (born 8 August 1879, Walthamstow, married Fanny HANCOCK, died 1959, Harlington), Frederick (died 1914/ 18, memorial at St Peter and St Paul, I-larlington), Sarah Rachael (born 21 April 1887, Bethnal Green, married John HAMMOND), Mary Ann (born 13 January 1885, Merton, Surrey, married John Thomas SCEENY, died 1972, Hillingdon) and Charles. In the 1930s, Mary Ann and sons Joseph and Charles lived at 3 Lime Grove, Hayes. Available census for the areas mentioned have been searched without success. Any reference to a member of this family, or that of the possible first marriage, would be greatly appreciated.

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The recording of war memorials goes on steadily; most public ones in our area of interest have now been described, recorded and the details passed on to the Imperial War Museum. As a result of this we now have a large register of names from these memorials, the total now exceeding 5400, and increasing. In addition, we shall have hopefully a pictorial record too, as I am endeavouring to get a photograph of each one, wherever possible; I would be grateful to obtain photos from members, more especially for those memorials not in general view.

It is these smaller memorials that we still need to know about - those that exist in churches, schools, hospitals, banks, offices, factory premises etc. There are about 200 churches of all denominations and not a few of the other institutions as well. Most of them will have a memorial - in West Middlesex; so there must be some in all the places where our members live... I would fervently ask all our members to pop round to their local neighbourhood church, school etc. and ask about possible memorials. Furthermore it would help tremendously if members can describe them in some detail, or provide a photograph; this will help a great deal to complete the forms as the project requires. This search has an imperative aspect to it also. It is likely that many of the memorials of this type may be vulnerable, even actually endangered, or sadly neglected or rotting away somewhere. So please see what you can do. Any information for Chelsea, Cowley, Cranford, Kensington, West Drayton and Uxbridge is still required.

A visit to the Hammersmith Local History and Archive Centre produced some interesting items, including a Roll of Honour produced by Peterborough School in I-Iammersmith [formerly in Fulham borough). During 1915 the school published in its journals the names of those former pupils and masters who were already serving or had fallen. Unusually it included photographs of each individual; clearly of considerable interest to descendants and researchers. It is not known if there were other journals for other years of World War I with similar reports. Also of interest was a Roll of Honour for Fulham for World War I, in a bound printed book containing a list of 1500 or so names, and an unusual record of civilian war deaths for World War II in Hammersmith, which did not make pleasant reading. This will not be required by the Imperial War Museum project as such, but the names will be added to our own register.

My thanks to current helpers: Jim Childs, Janet Huckle, Roger Minot, Wendy Mott, David Neller, Peter Roe, Peter Watson, Yvonne Woodbridge, Julia Zouch.

Obituary

It is with regret that we note the death on July 3rd of Mrs Beryl Barton-Taylor, of Kaitaia, New Zealand, a longstanding member of our Society, who had visited us at Hounslow on a number of occasions.

DID YOUR ANCESTOR WRITE FOR TOLSTOY? *Reg Mayhew*

The prospect of discovering personal items, such as diaries or letters, linked to our ancestors is an exciting one for family historians. The circumstances in which such items are preserved and later come to light are often extraordinary, as this story shows.

In the spring of 1861, Count Leon Tolstoy (yet to become famous as the author of *War and Peace*) spent sixteen days in London. He had a passionate interest in education and obtained permission to visit a number of schools during his stay. On the 12th of March he attended the Practising School attached to the College of St Mark, in the Fulham Road, Chelsea, and spoke to the boys of Class 3B, aged 10 to 14 years.

He asked them each to write him an essay on what they had done that day and on things of interest they had seen on their way to school. Tolstoy took the essays back to Russia with him and they only came to light again in 1976, when they were loaned by the Tolstoy Museum in the USSR to the British Library for an exhibition.

The children attending the school were mostly the sons of artisans, market gardeners, stable-keepers, small shopkeepers and tradesmen. They came from Hammersmith, Battersea, Wandsworth, Brornpton, Putney, Kensington, Parsons Green, Fulham North End, Notting Hill Gate and other districts.

The names (and ages where recorded) of the boys who wrote essays are listed below. Copies of the essays and some interesting social background can be found in a book entitled *Tolstoy in London* by Victor Lucas (published by Evans Brothers, London), to whom I am indebted for this article.

BENNETT (Henry)	LILLYWHITE (G.) (13 and 10 months)
BOORMAN (J.) (12)	MERCER (12 and 8 months)
BRODRICK (12)	MOFFREY (A)
BURROWS (M.H.)	ORPWOOD (W.) (13)
CHALKLEY (12)	PITTS (A.) (12)
DRANI (F.) (14 and 3 months)	RAYMOND (C.) (12 and 3 months)
GARRUD (William)	READ (George)
GLASSBROOK (J.) (12)	ROWLAND (H.) (12)
HALL (H.) (12)	STEVENS (Fredk.)
HENDERSON (Walter) (13)	TEUTEN (11)
IRISH (E.)	UPJOHN (George) (11)
JOHNSON (H.) (13)	WESTBROOK (A) (10 and 10 months)
KING (W.) (12)	

This story is about what can happen when you attend a family history society Open Day. For me it all began in the summer of 1991 when I began helping out on the bookstall at our society's meetings. It was, and still is, an enjoyable job and I was soon asked if I could help out on the bookstall at the Open Day.

A couple of months later I arrived home from work to find an envelope waiting for me bearing a Gloucestershire postmark. It was from a Frederick Butcher introducing himself to me as a fourth cousin. We were related to a common ancestor, James Bryant, of Brightlingsea, Essex, mariner, baptised 2nd November 1794. Not only did I write back straight away but I also invited him to the first WMFHS Open Day in September 1991.

Having volunteered to help out on the bookstall I didn't know what to expect. The first thing that struck me was that someone had been very busy organising the day, as it appeared to me to go like clockwork; helpers arrived, the stalls were set up in their correct positions, displays, equipment and supplies were brought in and set out, the doors opened and visitors started to arrive.

The sales on our bookstall were doing well and as soon as someone was ready to take over from me I was able to go and look around. There was the IGI to look at on microfiche, a stall selling postcards from which I was able to purchase cards of two churches I was interested in, a demonstration of the family history computer program, PAF, and just opposite our bookstall a stand from Oxfordshire FHS, one of the visiting societies. Having been a member of this society for some time, but due to distances never having attended any of their meetings, I was interested to find out that they too were having an Open Day.

Then back to the bookstall for another shift. All the time I was looking out for Frederick. He had written me an amusing letter: "What characteristics are common to the Bryant family? I'll make known to you the following points. As befits (and to some extent, identifies) Anglo-Saxon descent - blue eyes and fair complexions. Actually my eyes are recorded on my passport as 'bluish-grey', but my mother's, sister's, grandfather's and cousin's - not forgetting aunts and uncles, were all blue-true blue. Fair or light brown hair, as opposed to blonde. Height usually between 5'3"-5'6", although one of my uncles was about 5'11". We've all got 2 eyes, 2 ears (though mine are not what they were), a nose, 2 arms and 2 legs however, so if you look out for a shortish, plumpish, baldish chap with a beard, horn-rimmed glasses. walking with the aid of a walking stick - that might be me - then again, it might not!" Was that him over there browsing through our books? Yes, could be no, he just wanted to buy a pencil. Then, all of a sudden, "Hello, Margaret?", and there was Frederick. It was quite a relief to find that he was completely 'normal'. We had quite a lot to talk about over lunch and then it was back to the bookstall and off went Frederick to have a look

around. Soon it was time to pack up and Frederick gave us a hand before coming home with us for tea. It was the end of a lovely day and Frederick was doubly pleased as on the IGI he had found a marriage that he had been looking for.

When we started our research neither Frederick nor I knew that our families originated from Brightlingsea. Frederick was born in Ramsgate and assumed his family had always lived in the area. My own grandfather, John Charles Bryant, was born in West Ham in 1884 and, being fatherless by 1890 and spending his childhood in a 'home', knew nothing of his family. So you can imagine my delight in meeting Frederick and being told stories and shown photographs and family papers of his branch of the Bryant family. We now work together in trying to get back beyond the John Bryant who was buried in Brightlingsea in 1798 and in the process have become good friends.

My great-grandfather was Benjamin Woodley born in 1851 and his mother, my great-great grandmother, was Harriet Scraggs baptised in 1823. The Woodleys and Scraggs/Scroggs came from Headington, Oxfordshire and my father can remember Benjamin talking about his mother and his aunt, Patience Scraggs (nee Woodley). As I was now in the mood for going to Open Days I knew Oxford's had to be next. So it was here that I came across the Oxfordshire Computerised Marriage and 1851 Census Indexes. For just £1 per surname, an Open Day special offer, I was able to get print outs of the names I was interested in; I was delighted with the result.

A year passed and then off to another Oxfordshire FHS Open Day. This time the event was held in Kidlington, and once again I joined the queue for the Computerised Marriage Index. "Any additions since last time for the name of Scroggs?" I asked. "Oh, Scroggs", said someone passing by, "it's a local name you know...have a look on the Kidlington Local History Stand...they've got that name shown on a chart." And, sure enough they did have. Through the usual methods I had worked back and was now looking for the birth of a William Scraggs around 1769. Could it be the William born in Kidlington in 1770? If it was, one of his ancestors, Royston Scroggs, lived not too far away. "Would you like his address?" Most definitely, "Yes". I wrote to him as soon as I got home.

Royston Scroggs has a pedigree of the Scroggs family going back to the early 1500s. He came across a book published in 1929 that gives details of the family being of Patmore Hall, Herts. and Chute Lodge, Wilts. There is a descendants chart associated with the book and in the bottom right hand corner a small tree showing Royston's branch of the family in Oxfordshire. Tantalisingly this branch is not connected to the main tree. Just recently Royston has copied me part of a book, *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, from the British Library, which relates to the Scroggs family. This was written in 1918 and he believes that it forms the basis of the later book. Now it's a case of working together to try and fit the 'branch to the tree'.

Now I hope you will be able to attend our Open Day on 24th September 1994; who knows what good things may happen to you. In the meantime I'm beginning to wonder if this time next year I will be writing another article on 'what can happen when you write an article'!

1881 Census Indexes

The Society holds indexes for the following counties; Bedford, Cambridge, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Channel Islands, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Flint, Gloucester, Hereford, Hertford, Huntingdon, Isle of Man, Oxford, Pembroke, Rutland, Shropshire, Somerset Suffolk, Wiltshire, plus Royal Navy and Miscellaneous. For a fee of £1.00 plus a SAE (not less than 9"x4"), any one county can be searched for any one surname. Fee will cover the supply of up to 4 photocopies of the entries found. (NB. 1 photocopy can print up to 100 persons with the given surname).

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WAR GRAVES OF WEST MIDDLESEX MEN IN DENMARK AND ICELAND

The following are extracts that relate to men from West Middlesex from the Denmark and Iceland section of War Graves of the British Commonwealth 1939-1945. They have been sent in by Mrs Daphne Neech, following her own searches for a West Middlesex airman killed in action in World War II (see WMFHS Journal, 12(1), March 1994, page 17).

Sgt Walter Edward BROWN 1389618 W/Op RAF (VR) 97 Sqn
16 February 1944 Age 24
Son of Walter Alfred and Mabel BROWN of Hanwell Middx
Grave 37 Faaborg New Cemetery, Funen

Sgt George William COLE 1382074 W/Op RAF (VR) 158 Sqn
20 April 1943 Age 35
Son of Maurice and Jessica COLE; husband of Doris Frances COLE of Twickenham Middx
Grave 13 Svino Churchyard Southern Zealand

AC1 Alfred James COPPING 932621 RAF (VR) 204 Sqn
26 April 1941 Age 20
Son of Isaac and Emily COPPING of Hanwell Middx
Row 37 Grave 9 - Near the Cross of Sacrifice

Reykjavik (Fossvogur) Cemetery Iceland
Sgt George Edward DYCKHOFF 1172812 A/G RAF NR) 166 Sqn
10 April Age 25
Son of Samuel James and Mary Ann DYCKHOFF of Hounslow Middx
Grave E 863 Faarvejlre Churchyard North Zealand

Sgt Cecil Thomas EVERITT 918270 Pilot RAF (V R) 9 Sqn
19 August 1941 Age 23
Son of Charles William and Rose EVERITT; husband of Edith L EVERITT of Ealing Middx
Grave A M 37.7 Tonder Cemetery Southern Jutland

Flt Sgt Reginald Spencer HANSON 520924 RAF
23rd July 1942 Age 30
Son of Bernard Osborne and Alice Emma Mary HANSON of Southall Middx
Row 42 Grave 6 Reykjavik (Fossvogur) Cemetery Iceland

Flying Officer Michael James HARWOOD 40824 Pilot DFC RAF 106 Sqn
26 August 1941 Age 21
Son of Wilfred James and Maud HARWOOD; husband of Joan Armstrong HARWOOD of Chiswick Middx

Allied Plot Grave 6 Frederickshavn Cemetery North East Jutland
Sgt Arthur Horace Lee 1375422 Pilot RAF (VR) 269 Sqn
30 April 1942 Age 27
Son of Frank Thomas and Ellen LEE; husband of May Florence Ethel LEE of Isleworth Middx
Row 41 Grave 20 Reykjavik (Fossvogur) Cemetery Iceland

Flying Officer James Edward MORGAN 182018 Pilot RAF (UR) 115 Sqn
27 August 1944 Age 29
Son of Ida Marion MORGAN of Hammersmith Middx
Grave E 863 Esbjerg (Fourfelt) Cemetery Jutland

Trooper Edwin Robert Charles VERIOD 547955 1st Royal Dragoons Royal Armoured Corps
12 June 1945 Age 36
Son of John William James and Ellen Nora VERIOD; husband of Rhoda Elizabeth VERIOD of Southall Middx

Row G Grave 313B Aarhus West Cemetery East Jutland
Sgt Alexander Felix WARNER 1318828 Air Bomber RAF (VR) 102 Sqri
21 April 1943 Age 20
Son of Charles Alexander and Gladys Eva WARNER of Whitton Middx
Grave 4 Nyborg New Cemetery (on road to Odense) Funen

Pilot Officer George Harold WILLIS 124109 A/G RAF (VR) 158 Sqn
20 April 1943 Age 26
Son of Robert Ernest and Margaret WILLIS (nee STEWART); husband of Betty WILLIS of Chelsea Middx
Grave 24 Svino Churchyard Southern Zealand

STORIES TOLD BY ANCIENT CHURCH RECORDS

Extracted by Mavis Sibley

The following extract is taken from the *West Middlesex Gazette*, 22nd June 1935.

STORIES TOLD BY ANCIENT CHURCH RECORDS

Churchwarden's accounts that have been preserved through the ages make mighty interesting reading to our curious modern eyes.

At a vestry meeting, held at Brentford in 1621, We read "The inhabitants have for some years been accustomed to have meetings at Whitsuntide in their church houses and other places, there in friendly manner to eat and drink together, and liberally to spend their monies to the end neighbourly society might be maintained; and also the common stock raised for the repairs of the church, maintaining of orphans, placing poor children in service, and defraying other charges."

The sum of £22 2s. 9d. was raised in 1624 by the games of "pigeon holes, hocking, riffening," and by "victualling". Four years previously, eight~pence was paid for "six boules", six~pence for six "tynn tokens", and ls. 6d. for a "pair of pigeon holes". In 1623, £1 45. was received for the Maypole.

Other entries in the churchwarden's books at Brentford are: 1625, "for a coffin to draw infected corpses, 8s. 8d."; 1633, "given to a Knights son in Devonshire being out of meanes, 6d."; 1634, "paid to Robert Warden, the constable, which

he disbursed for conveying away the witches, 11s."; 1688, "for a thanksgiving for deliverance from popery, 1s."

"Buryall of Creeples"

Frequently in the accounts of the churchwardens of Chiswick, occurs the phrase "Our dinner when we went to take our oaths", and one occasion the Vicar added, in scandalised emotion, "Here they eat too much".

During the Plague of London, 1665-6, the churchwardens gave directions that all loose and stray cats and dogs found in the parish were to be destroyed.

Other charges paid by the parish were "for the buryall of creeples", for "Maimed soldiers", the "Tory Ministers", "plundered persons", and to the "Widow Stevens, in her distraction".

There were many rewards paid in the eighteenth century to the beadle of the parish for driving away poor women, who were likely to settle in the parish, and so add more to the charges of the parishioners. How did he drive them away, and whither did they go?

Chiswick Church contains the following inscription on the outside of the wall of the churchyard:

"This wall was made at ye charges of ye Right Honourable and trulie pious Lorde Francis Russell, Earle of Bedford, out of true zeale and care for ye keeping of this churchyard and ye wardrobe of Godd's Saints whose bodies lay therein buried there violating by swine and other prophanation. So witnesseth William Walker, V., A.D. 1623".

Ealing, Alias Yealing

Ealing vestry minutes for the year 1721 show that the name of the then village was not definitely settled, the heading being "Ealing, alias Yealing, alias Zealing, in the county of Middlesex".

In 1741, the entry records that the sum of 15 s. was paid to one William Barker, the "dog whipper", whose duty it was to see that the dogs which came to church with their masters did not become noisy or restless.

Among curious entries in the Ealing parish books are: "1689, pd. for Thomas Waltham being distracted, 5 s."; "1691, pd. charges for bleeding Thomas Waltham, and watching him in the cage, and carrying him to Bridewell, E1 13s." Evidently poor Thomas was subject to incipient madness, and because of this he was confined in the parish cage, which stood on the triangular piece of ground near the bend by the parish church, and doubtless he was much mocked.

Other interesting entries at various times are: "1683, February 18, paid Mr Bucknell, the chirugion, the first payment of the kind, £1 01s.; July 9, paid for

shroud and coffin for buryall of Widdy Hammond, £00 15s.; September 24 for releasing John Allen out of prison, by order of Vestry, E01 10s. 6d.; 1684,

March 10, paid for a robbery, by order of Vestry, £00 7s.; 1685, March 28, paid for a coat for the Bellman of Ealinge, £00 15s. 4d.; September, warning persons out of the parish, £00 1s.; paid expenses at the birth of the Prince of Wales, £00 08s. 6d.; 1695, paid for bed, bolster, coverlet, and blanket for Goody Grindy, 14s. 6d.; paid for washing and looking to her, 4s.; pd. three trusses of straw for her, 2s. "

The Parish Cage

In 1787, the churchwardens of Hanwell erected a parish cage as the following entry in their records shows:

"November 19, agreed to build a cage for the receipt of delinquents 10 feet square and that the Rector and Churchwardens do erect the same under their inspection. "

In the cage were placed those people whom the constable of the parish arrested before they could be taken before the magistrates, either in London or Brentford. The cage was built at the Uxbridge Road end of Half Acre Road.

One amusing item of Hanwell records is for the year 1790 and reads: "Mr Abbott reported that W----- P----- had a grown-up daughter at home, whom it was judged highly improper to permit to remain there in a state of idleness.

In 1675, the overseers of West Middlesex, who had to collect the rates and relieve the poor, divided the parishes thus: Upper side, Ealing Towne, number of ratepayers, 46; Drayton and Deane, 21; Haven and East Heath, 20; Apperton, Perivale and Hanwell, not stated; Lower side, New Braintford, 14; Gunnersbury, 2; Acton and Chiswick, 13; Little Ealing, 7; Old Brentford, 155.

What stories are behind some of these records, which now belong to the stories of forgotten Middlesex.

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BOOKSHELF

Introducing Manorial Records - Mary Ellis

PRO Readers' Guide No 6

This is the latest in the series of Readers' Guides that have been published by the Public Record Office. Earlier titles include *Never Been Here Before?* by Jane Cox, a useful beginner's guide to family history research at the PRO; *Making Use of the Census*, by Susan Lurnas; *Army Records for Family Historians*, by Simon Fowler; *Records of the Militia from 1757*, by Garth Thomas, and *Tudor Taxation Records*, by Richard Hoyle. Forthcoming titles worth looking out for cover maps, the R.A.F., and railway records, among others.

Using Memorial Records has been published in association with the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. The first three-quarters of the book present an introduction to manorial records, beginning with a summary covering the nature of the manor, its forms of tenure, and the means by which it was administered. Subsequent chapters describe the forms of manorial survey; how and why they were prepared, and how they can be used. This leads on to a discussion of manorial maps. The procedures and records of the manor courts are then described.

The second part of the book deals with practical matters of locating manorial documents, with particular reference to the manorial documents register, and to manorial documents held at the PRO. The latter includes details of the relevant class numbers, and of finding aids available at Chancery Lane and Kew.

Produced in A4 format on good quality paper, the text is generously laid out, in double-spaced lines. Although arguably unnecessary for the text, the large format does allow inclusion of several excellent black and white photographs of manorial maps, rentals, surveys and other manorial documents.

120 pp, with bibliography and index, illustrated.

Published by PRO Publications, 1994. ISBN 1 873162 12 X £6.95

Richard Chapman

Jim Devine has provided the following notes on a further selection of titles 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.

A History of Sunbury Pubs

This book consists of a map showing the location of seventeen public houses in Sunbury and a short history together with a sketch of each one. There is also a useful source list.

52 pp.

Life and Work in a Middlesex Village, Harefield 1880-1914 - Geoffrey Tyack

Hillingdon Borough Libraries publish a series of well-produced and modestly priced books covering the towns and villages of the borough. This book is one of that series which maintains the excellent standard I have come to expect from the range as a whole.

It is based on a series of tape recordings of some of the inhabitants, mostly working class people, and concentrates on their daily lives. The story is told through chapters on The Village, Domestic Life and Childhood, Work (Agriculture, Servants, Shops, Building etc.) and The Community, all of which are interspersed with the quoted memories from the recordings.

A fascinating book which deserves a wide readership as the comments on life apply, I am sure, to a much greater area than is covered by the book.

67 pp, A5 format, 20 illustrations and 2 maps.

Isleworth

Beginning with an extract from the Domesday Book which refers to Isthleworth, there follow two chapters written as walks in the area, one along the Duke of Northumberland's River and the other through old Isleworth. There are also chapters on Syon House and Park, and Silverhall Park.

Much of the history of the area is covered in these four chapters which include information on many of the historical properties.

32 pp, with 2 maps

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, with 14 photographs

Are These Yours?

HOLDER/LEWINGTON, KITCHENER/HEWS

Mrs Joan Watson has written to say that she has a copy of each of the following two marriage certificates, for St Luke's, Chelsea: Thomas HOLDER and Sarah LEWINGTON, and Thomas KITCHENER and Ann HEWS. If anyone is interested in them, please write to her at the address below. She is Willing to exchange information on WATSON and CHAPMAN in that area.

Mrs Joan Watson, Court Farm, Coombe, Buckfastleigh, Devon TQ11 0HT .

SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS ON MICROFICHE

Monumental Inscriptions

Microfiche editions of the following indexes to monumental inscriptions for churchyards in the West Middlesex area are available for sale. All prices quoted include postal charges; note that a significant discount is available to those ordering all six sets of fiche in a single order.

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All six sets of fiche	9.50	11.00

1851 Census Indexes

The Society has produced a series of indexes to the 1851 Census for its area of interest. The format of each index, and the PRO piece numbers covered, is indicated below. All are surname indexes, except for Uxbridge, as noted. Prices quoted all include postage charges.

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PADDINGTON (HO 107/1466-1467) Set of two microfiche.	2.35	3.00
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CHELSEA (HO 107/1472-1474) Set of three microfiche. Covers the parish of St Luke, Chelsea.	3.35	4.00
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UXBRIDGE (HO 107/1697) 2.35 3.00

Set of two microfiche. A complete index to the surnames, Christian names and ages for the Uxbridge RD which covered the parishes of Cowley, Hayes, Harefield, Hillingdon, Ickenham, Northolt, Norwood, Ruislip and Uxbridge.

STAINES (HO 107/1696) 2.00 3.00

Booklet format. Includes the parishes of Ashford, Cranford, East Bedfont, Feltham, Hanworth, Harlington, Harmondsworth, Laleham, Littleton, Shepperton, Stanwell, Staines and Sunbury.

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Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ADFIELD	bef 1760	All	SSX	B157
ALLAM	1850	Bethnal Green	MDX	E27
ALLUM	1850	Bethnal Green	MDX	E27
BASSILL	bef 1675	All	HRT	M97
BENN	All	Hillingdon area	MDX	M98
BENNETT	bef 1700	All	SSX	B157
BEST	18-19 C	Tadcaster area	YKS	G79
	1870-1900	Kingston	SRY	G79
	All	All	MDX	B157
BETT(E)RIDGE	aft 1650	Upperswell	GLS	E27
	aft 1650	Chipping Norton	OXF	E27
BIGGS	All	Ruislip area	MDX	M98
BILL	bef 1916	Wordsley	WOR	G79
BIRCH	1800-1994	Yiewsley area	MDX	M98
BISHOP	bef 1850	All	MDX	B157
BROWN	1820-80	Fulham area	MDX	W111
BUNYAN	All	All	BKM	M97
CLARK	1800-1994	Hayes area	MDX	M98
CLARKE	1780-1900	Ickenham area	MDX	M98
CLAYTON	18-20 C	Hillingdon area	MDX	M98
COLLINS	aft 1860	Hounslow	MDX	D69
	aft 1860	Kensington	MDX	D69
CRACKNALL	aft 1780	Enfield	MDX	E27
CRACKNELL	aft 1780	Enfield	MDX	E27
DARLING	aft 1823	Twickenham area	MDX	G79
	18 C	Staines area	MDX	G79
	c 1800	Henley	OXF	G79
DAVENPORT	c 1869	Battersea area	SRY	W110
	c 1857	Camberwell	SRY	W110
DAWE	1828-80	Kensington	MDX	D69
	1828-70	St Pancras	MDX	D69
	c 1840	Chelsea	MDX	D69
	1860-80	Hammersmith	MDX	D69
DAY	19 C	Risby	SFK	J37
	19-20 C	West Wickham	KEN	J37
DUMER	All	Hillingdon area	MDX	M98
DUMMER	All	Hillingdon area	MDX	M98
DYOS	All	All	ALL	D68
ELDRIDGE	18 C	Hadlow area	KEN	W110
ELLIS	19 C	Hounslow	MDX	W110

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ELLIS	c 1816	Whitton	MDX	W110
EMPNETS	All	All	SSX	B157
EVANS	bef 1840	All	BKM	B157
FARR	c 1800	Twickenham area	MDX	G79
	All	Hillingdon area	MDX	M98
FATHERS	All	All	SRY	B157
	All	All	SSX	B157
FURLONGER	bef 1800	Thursley area	SRY	G79
GARROD	bef 1830	St Pancras area	MDX	G79
GOWER	18-19 C	Bridgnorth area	WOR	G79
	1850	Stourbridge	SAL	G79
GOWING	19 C	Kensington	MDX	J37
GREEN	aft 1870	Clapham	SRY	E27
HALLAM	1850	Bethnal Green	MDX	E27
HALLUM	1850	Bethnal Green	MDX	E27
HANN	bef 1843	Sherbourne area	DOR	G79
HARMES	19 C	Chiswick area	MDX	M97
	1870-1994	Staines area	MDX	M97
HARVEY	19 C	Kensington	MDX	S120
HAYLER	All	All	MDX	B157
	All	All	SSX	B157
HEDGES	bef 1800	Blackheath	KEN	B157
HEMPNETS	All	All	SSX	B157
HOLLAND	19 C	Hounslow, Hanwell	MDX	W110
HUBBARD	c 1814	Brentford	MDX	W110
JAMES	19 C	Chelsea	MDX	J37
	19 C	St Johns Wood	MDX	J37
JONES	19 C	Brompton area	MDX	D67
	19 C	Paddington area	MDX	D67
KING	All	Ruislip area	MDX	M98
KIPPEN	1860	Stepney	MDX	E27
KNOWLES	1870-1900	Fulham	MDX	W111
LAMB	1875	Dulwich	SRY	E27
LAW	1850-59	Limehouse	MDX	E27
MATTENLY	All	Hillingdon area	MDX	M98
MATTINGLEY	All	Hillingdon area	MDX	M98
MAYLES	19 C	Kensington	MDX	J37
McQUILLIN	bef 1880	All	MOG	G79
MERRY	1850-1900	All	MDX	M98
METHERELL	All	All	ALL	M98
MILTON	bef 1825	All	MDX	B157
NIXON	aft 1812	Staines area	MDX	M97
ODELL	All	Cowley area	MDX	M98
OLLIVE	19 C	Beckenham	KEN	J37
ORR	1865-75	Birkenhead	CHS	G79
PENDRY	1870-1994	Staines area	MDX	M97
POCOCK	1810-70	Richmond	SRY	W110
	1840-70	Mortlake	SRY	W110
	c 1780	Hadlow	KEN	W110
PRENDERGAST	aft 1750	City of London	LND	D69

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
PRENDERGAST	aft 1750	London area	MDX	D69
PRENTICE	pre 1700	All	BDF	M97
RIMES	aft 1860	Radley area	BRK	M97
SCEENY	All	All	ALL	M98
SEENEY	All	All	ALL	M98
SEYMOUR	bef 1830	Wetherby area	YKS	G79
SHINNER	19 C	Chelsea	MDX	J37
SILLS	All	Choulesbury area	BKM	M98
STRACHAN	19 C	St Pancras	MDX	D67
	19 C	Torquay	DEV	D67
	19 C	Grays Inn Lane area	MDX	D67
	20 C	Lambeth area	SRY	D67
	All	Kensington area	MDX	D67
TAYLER	1900-94	Croydon	SRY	M97
TAYLOR	1900-94	Croydon	SRY	M97
THOMAS	bef 1800	All	SSX	B157
TILCOCK	bef 1700	All	BDF	M97
TRANTER	19 C	Fulham	MDX	S120
TROTMAN	All	London area	MDX	D69
TUCKWELL	bef 1850	All	BKM	B157
WALKER	1880	Nottingham	NTT	E27
	1860	Osgathorpe, Shepshed	LEI	E27
WEBB	1830-80	Fulham	MDX	W111
	1870-1900	Hammersmith	MDX	W111
WELLER	bef 1900	Southwark	SRY	W110
	1900-35	Fulham	MDX	W110
WOODLAND	19 C	Brompton area	MDX	D67
	19 C	Paddington area	MDX	D67
	19 C	Torquay	DEV	D67
	19 C	Bath	SOM	D67
	19 C	Taunton	SOM	D67
	All	Shoreditch area	SOM	D67
	All	Chelsea area	MDX	D67

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I am typing these words on my trusty PC, hastily assembled amid the piles of boxes of papers waiting to be unpacked following my recent house move. Please help ease the transition by directing any correspondence to my new address, given inside the front cover of this issue.

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