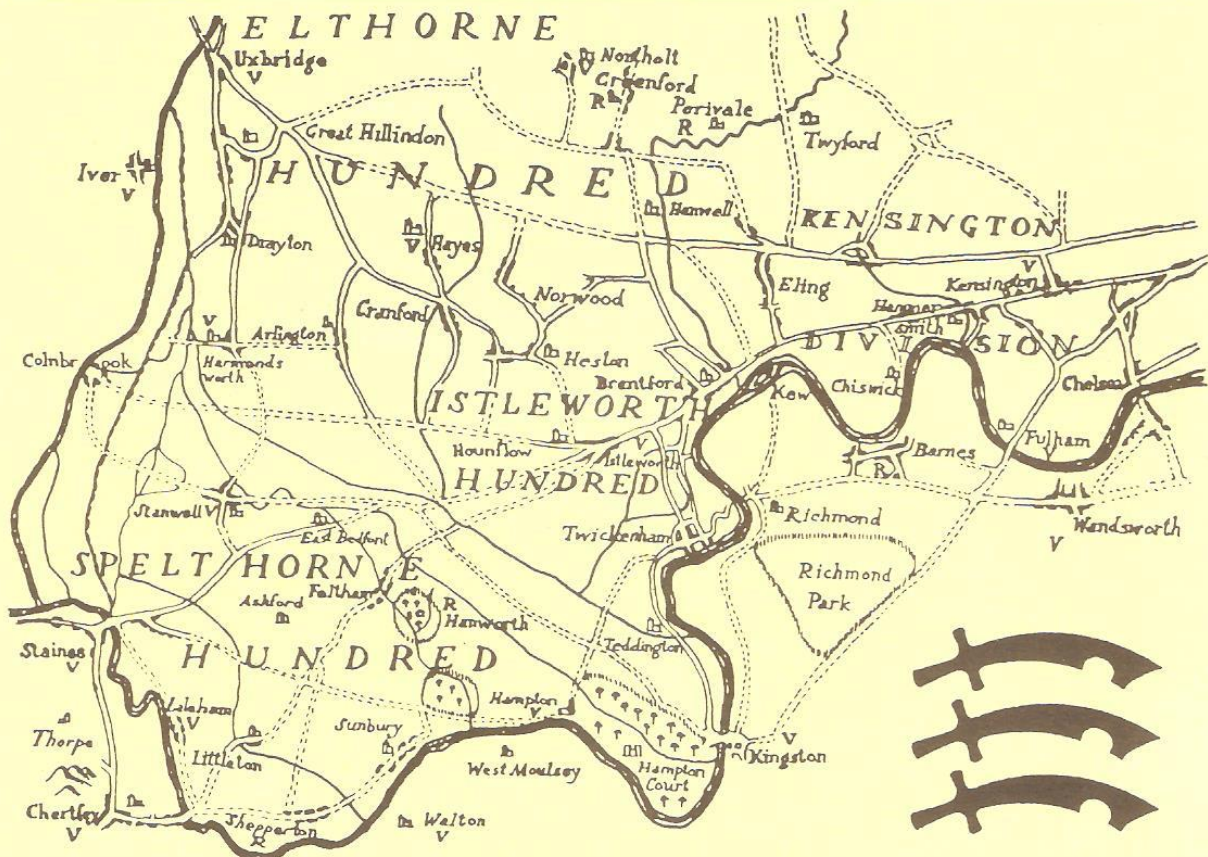


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Our second Open Day at Staines has now come and gone. All the stall holders that I spoke to enjoyed themselves, and judging by the contented hum in the hall on the day, so did our visitors. It was worth attending for the food! – Wendy and her helpers did a grand job, as of course did everyone who helped in any way. But a special thank you is due to Janet Huckle, who, without any fuss, organised the whole event. A local paper gave us a good spread, mentioning the 'West Middlesex travelling archive', which on the Saturday morning when I tumbled out of bed at 6 a.m., I thought was me!

The Open Day saw the last appearance of our bookstall; no-one has come forward to take it over, so it will not be at our monthly meetings until volunteers can be found to run it. On behalf of the Society I would like to thank Margaret and William Comben for all the hard work they have put in to make the bookstall such a success. It is sad to see it close.

I was very sad to hear that Mary Beamson had died. She did a great deal of research, especially around Feltham, and was a keen member of the Bedfont Research Group. When she moved to Suffolk to live with her daughter, most of the local societies, including our own, had to find someone to organise the tea! A great loss for local history research.

Robert Chandler, at the age of 80, has decided that it is time for someone else to take over the postal service for the census and MI microfiche. Fortunately Maureen Harris has kindly agreed to take over the task (see page 32). Thank you Robert, (also our Treasurer for a few years) for all your good work for the Society. I hope I am as fit as you in my eighth decade!

Next year we plan to celebrate the 50th anniversary of VE Day by holding a 'street party'. If anyone can remember the food provided in 1945, please let me know. Although I attended one, I cannot recall the food. I think it was the usual party fare of those days; sandwiches, jelly trifle and little cakes. All I can remember is decorating the front of the house red, white and blue, the excitement of it all, and dancing the 'hokey cokey'. If you have any stories about your VE memories, I would be delighted to receive them. They can be read out at the party or if you put them on tape, they can be played.

The AGM is in December, and I will be able to give up my role as acting Chairman. The Secretary usually consults the Chairman, so I have had a difficult time, talking to myself! The poor committee members have been bullied into taking turns to chair the monthly meetings, and I would like to thank all of them for their support during the year. Where would the Society be without them?

As this piece will appear in the December issue of the Journal, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

NEWS ROUNDUP

PRO News

The Progress Report on the new Public Record Office (Kew) missed the last issue of this Journal, but a summary is given here. The new building will be for the storage of documents, office accommodation, a conference suite and a conservation studio. The existing building will be refurbished between September 1994 and April 1995, and documents will be rearranged in order to accommodate large documents from Chancery Lane. Of course during this time these documents will be unavailable. It may be necessary to change the arrangements for consulting large documents; further details will be published later. 'When the new building is completed, hopefully in September 1995. work will begin on the existing building in October and continue for about a year. At the same time documents will be moved to Kew from Chancery Lane and Hayes. All this will cause disruption to services and documents will be unavailable for certain periods. When all is finished we are promised the following. All document reading services and staff will be on one site. The new PRO will accommodate over 600 readers. Reading room hours are to be extended. There will be access to PRO library. The restaurant will be expanded and open for longer, there will be a new museum, and an enlarged shop, with a wider range of products. It sounds very nice, but will readers have to pay an entrance fee? The census rooms will remain in London but as yet there has been no decision taken on where they will be.

There are still some teething problems with the new entry system, as readers often need help as their ticket bar codes fail to register on the terminals and some of the turnstiles are difficult to operate, but the staff say that matters are improving.

The Readers Service Department has prepared an index to the military memoranda held behind the Reference Desk at Kew. Copies of this index can be found alongside the Current Guide in the Reading Rooms.

Computers in Genealogy and Family History

Essex SFH and the Society of Genealogists are to hold a one—day conference on this subject on Saturday 25th March 1995, at Christ Church, New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex. A full programme of talks, demonstrations and workshops *for IBM PC compatible computers* has been arranged. For details, please send a S.A.E. to Roger Brian (ESFH), 15 St James Park, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 2JG.

Reading Family History Centre

The Reading Family History Centre's second Open Day, noted in the September issue of this Journal, has been postponed until Saturday 7th October 1995.

West London Local History Conference

The next West London Local History Conference is on 25th March 1995, and it will again be held at Montague Hall, Hounslow. The theme is to be Made in West London, and topics being considered are The Great West Road, Pear's Soap, Brewers, and Cadbury Hall, Lyons.

A Village Under Threat: Postscript

Following Antonia Davis' article in the June issue of this Journal, I was contacted by one of our members, Mr Peter Lee, who, in August this year, corresponded with the BAA, expressing concern over the possibility of the demolition of Harmondsworth church and village. The following extract is from the reply he received from the Group Technical Director, BAA.

'In May of this year, BAA plc formally asked the Government to rule out the option for a new runway at Heathrow and to concentrate on a policy of making effective use of the existing runways. BAA chief executive. Sir John Egan. has stated that "I have made it quite clear to the local community that BAA has no plans or proposals for an additional runway at Heathrow. The environmental impact of that proposal would be such that we do not believe that permission could be granted under the existing planning system, The Government must now move swiftly to put local residents' minds at rest by ruling out this option".'

Spelthorne Museum

Members of the Society are helping to catalogue the historical material held by this Museum, which re-opened in September, having been closed for two years. The material is mostly of interest to local history, but is of an incredible variety. It includes occasional items of family information, sometimes a family tree. As it is a very small museum, material of interest to family or local historians would have to be asked for in advance of a visit. Once an inventory/catalogue is available, details will appear in this Journal. The Museum is housed in the old fire station, next to the Old Town Hall in Staines Market Square.

Janet Huckle

WEST MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY JOURNAL INDEX

An index to this journal, covering 1978 to 1993, is now available.

Compiled by Janet Huckle, the new index includes references to articles, cross-referenced under the subject headings of Lists, Maps, Names, Places and Topic.

A5 booklet, 56 pages

Obtain your copy from Mrs Janet Huckle, 5 Florence Gardens, Staines, Middlesex TW18 1HG. Price £2.25. P&P, add £0.60 (Europe), or £1.10 rest of world (air), or £0.50 rest of world (surface). Payment in Sterling only, to West Middlesex FHS.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following meetings have been planned for 1995:

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| 19th January | <i>Boats and Boaters</i> - a talk by Avril Lansdell |
| 16th February | <i>Members' Evening</i> |
| 16th March | <i>Queen Victoria's England</i> - a talk by Dennis Edwards |

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 February | <i>Members' Evening</i> |
| 6th April | <i>To be arranged</i> |

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

Project Co-ordinator's Report

Projects continue, thanks to those who have responded to requests for help. Work on projects is part of the brief of Family History Societies, with particular reference to the terms of the granting of charitable status.

The Index to our Society Journals is now complete, covering the period from the Society's creation in 1978 up to and including the year 1993. The Index is for sale and should prove useful to those researching in our area. Subsequent journals will be indexed annually: the 1994 index will appear in the next issue.

The computerisation of the West Middlesex Marriage Index is complete as far as the original transcription that was available. There are gaps in the original transcription and we need people to transcribe those missed references. Yvonne and Eileen are working on the registers for St Pauls, Hammersmith. Originally a Chapel of Ease, and then a part of Fulham, the records of the parish churches of Hammersmith and Fulham have become intermixed in various ways. This has resulted in muddled entries and so the work is taking time but is being carefully double-checked. Wendy and myself are transcribing the records of St Mary Magdalene, Littleton. The collection of War Memorial records continues apace, particularly as the result of a very inviting display of photographs at our Open Day by our War Memorials Co-ordinator, Ted Dunstall. The Computer Group is considering a new project and would appreciate both ideas and help. There are some small projects which could be done by one individual; do get in touch if you want to become involved.

Janet Huckle

1881 CENSUS INDEXES

The Society has received a letter from Stephen Young, the Production Co-ordinator for the Census Project in which he expressed his appreciation to the Society and particularly to the members who contributed to the transcribing of the 1881 Census.

The Society completed the transcribing of 435 batches of work, (over 13,000 pages from the Enumerators' Books). More than 90 members made a contribution to this work, some working with us throughout the three and a half years it took to complete the work assigned. We both made many new friends, especially with members who, due to distance or other reasons, cannot attend our meetings. We certainly enjoyed our relationship with members to whom we issued work and who returned it at our regular meetings.

The production of indexes continues at a rapid pace. However as Middlesex was one of the most densely populated counties, its microfiche indexes will be among the last to be published, probably late in 1995. Since the list of indexes which we now hold was published in September, we have acquired indexes for the following counties - Caernarvon, Denbigh, Northampton, Warwickshire and Worcestershire. On order and likely to be available when this Journal is published are indexes for the counties of Glamorgan, Monmouth, Radnor, Anglesey, Merioneth, Montgomery and Brecon. Now being completed and expected to become available shortly are the indexes for Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. We endeavour to have all the indexes available at every monthly meeting. In addition, for a fee of £1.00 plus a S.A.E. (not less than 9" x 4") any one county can be searched for any one surname. The fee will cover the supply of up to four photocopies of the entries found. (NB. 1 photocopy can print up to 100 persons with the given surname).

Jill and Les Munson, 41 Trotsworth Avenue, Virginia Water, Surrey GU25 4AN

Computer Group Update

Until mid—1994, the Computer Group was sustained by Margaret and Bill Comben, and latterly Wendy Mott, who put together and presented a full program of meetings and talks. With the changing commitments of these, and other volunteers in the group, it was felt that the tasks involved in running the Computer Group could be more evenly shared by establishing a more business-like organisation. Accordingly on 7th June a small band of volunteers held a meeting to decide how this was to be done. The main decision was that from the volunteer group should be formed the West Middlesex FHS Computer Group Steering Committee, or Computer Group Committee, for short. It was agreed

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It was a tempting enough morsel for any local history buff: the vicar had unknowingly dangled the bait under my nose when, all those years ago, he wrote in the margin of St Dunstons (Feltham) Marriage Register - 'Drown'd in the North fleet'. The words appeared again on the next page, along with an asterisk marking a marriage in each case. However, juicy titbits like these have a habit of giving one indigestion, if consumed all at once, so I left it dangling, after making a note of it 'for future research'.

Then a few weeks ago I found a similar reference in Lodge Bros. Funeral Accounts Books - 'This child's parents died on the *Northfleet* Emmigrant Ship'. This was too much! I had to know more. So, armed with copies of *The Times*, and the *Middlesex Chronicle* for January and February 1873 (the only references I need give for this article), I submit the following brief account of the disaster, its local interest, and a full passenger list, indicating survivors.

On Friday 17th January 1873, the emigrant ship *Northfleet* (951 tons, built 1853) left East India Docks, bound for Hobart Town, Tasmania. On board was her full complement - of passengers, 342, of crew, 33, and of cargo, 450 tons of iron rail. The ship was chartered by the Edwin Clark Panchard Company (Victoria St, S.W.) who was contractor for the Tasmanian Main Line Railway. It is thought that the recruitment of emigrants was undertaken by the Clerkenwell Emigration Society (Chairman, Rev. Stylernan Herring), and consisted of mainly single men, or young families from south-west Middlesex - especially Uxbridge, but also Hounslow, Feltham, and Bedfont - who had paid around £7 per head, and were going to work for the railway.

Chief Officer Knowles had been hastily appointed Captain for the trip, and had exercised his prerogative in bringing aboard his wife of just one month, only minutes before setting sail for the open sea. However, the company was soon to encounter several days of terrible storms, until the Captain was forced to drop anchor under North Foreland, where she remained until Tuesday 21st. In a letter addressed to the owners on Monday, he stated that 'the surgeon's hands are very full in attending upon the female passengers . . . being presumably in a weakened state from sea-sickness.

On Tuesday, the weather having moderated slightly, the *Northfleet* weighed anchor and sailed down channel, passing Deal - 'all well'. On Wednesday at sunset, she came to anchor two miles off Dungeness. What is made very clear by all observers of the scene, was that at that point the situation was normal; her lights were blazing, the crew on watch duty had taken up their positions, and the passengers had turned in for the night. They were even comforted by the lights of the Coastguard Station, almost opposite them. Who could have imagined that the scene, only an hour later, would be so tragically different; the

ship sunk to the bottom, the majority of passengers drowned inside it, and the pitifully few survivors fighting for life amid the wreckage.

The collision was caused by the *Murillo*, and according to the chief engineer of that ship, this is what happened. The *Murillo*, having landed her Channel Pilot at Dover on Tuesday 22nd, stood out for the open sea, at full speed. At about 10 p.m. the chief engineer received orders to go at half-speed, and about 10.30 this was reduced further. Suddenly he received orders to stop, then reverse his engines, which he did instantly; next moment he felt a collision, which was confirmed when he rushed on deck, seeing the brilliant light of a large ship at anchor. His instructions, upon returning to the engine-room, were to put on 'easy speed', which orders the chief engineer carried out, but he felt the *Murillo* ought to have stood by the other ship until they had seen whether they had done any damage or not.

This was confirmed by second engineer William Goodove of Wandsworth, who was off duty at the moment of impact, but upon rushing to the deck, saw the awful scene and heard the screams of men, women and children on the stricken ship, crying 'Don't leave us!', 'Send boats!', and the like. He shouted back to them 'We will not leave you', but unbelievably, the *Murillo* continued its reverse thrust until she was clear, then, despite some of the crew's protests, the Captain ordered that the ship continue its journey to Portland, not communicating with the shore until reaching Cadiz on the 30th.

However slowly the *Murillo* was said to have been sailing at the moment of impact, she made a clean breach of the *Northfleet*'s timbers beneath the water-line, the noise of which is described by the survivors to have been 'like the concussion of a very powerful cannon', waking almost all the passengers sleeping below. Captain Knowles, acting with calmness, promptitude and decision from first to last, immediately ordered rockets to be sent up and other signals of distress to be made; he directed the boats to be launched, and gave orders that the safety of the women and children be first secured.

However, having launched the long-boat, some of the crew were disposed to securing their own safety; upon which the captain drew a revolver and threatened to shoot the first man to set foot in the boat. Knowles had cause to discharge a bullet into a crewman's leg, when he refused to obey the order, but such was the state of mind of these men, that this incident did not deter them from their cowardly (if understandable) behaviour. No other boats were successfully launched, and the *Northfleet* went down in about three-quarters of an hour after she was struck, the Captain remaining at his post till she sank.

Amazingly, the Coastguard Station did not respond to the distress signal, but three other vessels did; the steam tug *City of London* succeeded in picking up the occupants of the long-boat and others in the water, totalling 34 persons saved; the lugger *Mary* also rendered good assistance, picking up 30 passengers;

and the *Princess* stationed at Dover, rescued a further 21, including 10 from the rigging, which was still clear of the water after the ship had sunk.

My analysis of the survivors (see passenger list on page 10 below) is that, of the 72 passengers identified as having survived, 65 were men travelling alone; 3 were men who had lost their families; 1 was an 11-year-old girl who had lost her family; and a complete family of man, wife and baby were saved. The Times correspondent gives his own analysis as

of officers and crew	33	10 survived
of males over 12 years	248	71 survived
of females over 12 years	41	2 survived
of children, 2-12 years	34	1 survived
of infants under 2 years	19	1 survived
Total Company	375	85 survived

The ‘Dungeness Collision’ as it became known, was quickly acknowledged to be one of the greatest disasters at sea in peacetime; Queen Victoria sent messages of sympathy to those who had lost their loved ones, and the government set up a public relief fund for the same, which realised £6,900 only 3 weeks after the disaster. Initial payments ranged between £1,000 for the Captains widow, to £3 for non-dependent relatives, to pay towards mourning expenses. Money continued to arrive from the public and from businesses across the nation.

The matter of recovering bodies was, in those early days of diving apparatus, a very dangerous one, and, encumbered by inclement weather, the operation was delayed until late March. The outcome of the recovery was not, to my knowledge, reported in the press, but it was reported that more than a dozen bodies washed ashore up to three weeks after the fateful night, had been identified and interred at Caple-le-Ferne churchyard near Dover, where a suitable memorial would be erected.

As a direct result of this collision the committee of inquiry made a number of recommendations to the Board of Trade, which were to ensure that new safety procedures would be made statutory in the future; namely, that distress signals be clearly identifiable from those of summoning a pilot, celebrating a safe journey, or greeting a fellow captain in the same fleet; that all ships be required to carry a new invention designed to enable passengers to lower themselves easily into the water in a boat, with the aid only of a hammer and pin; and that a code of rules to this effect be established for use in all vessels, with penalties for their contravention.

The passenger list at the end of this article shows, after Surname and Forenames of each male adult, all those of his family travelling with him - wife (W), son (S), daughter (D), boy (B), girl (G), child (C), baby (BA), as the original list describes them, with the age of child if known (e.g. G7, S16). The unusual entry next to

Gwillian Arthur, was his 14-year-old nephew (N), Henry Balls. The fourth column merely shows those who endured, and I would point out that in all but one case, the sole survivor was the adult male - only in the Taplin family did daughter Harriet Maria survive, whilst her mother, father, twin sister, 11, and an elder sister, 13, perished. The family came from Holloway. Only the Sturgeon family was saved intact; John, Lucy and their baby.

Of some other families I can give a little information - the first (and largest) family on the list, James Abbey or Abley were from Hounslow; so also were the Rathe or Raffle family, George Smith and wife, and George Dann and wife. From Bedfont came Thomas Harmes. All those known to come from Hounslow. Bedfont and Feltham perished.

As my primary interest is in Feltham families, I have been able to research the background of those families who hailed from there; those of Jackson, Frederick; Littlewood, George; and Norkett, William. The Jacksons and the Littlewoods were families linked by marriage; the two wives. Elizabeth Littlewood, and Eliza Jackson were sisters, the daughters of William and Elizabeth Palmer. This family was well established in Feltham (since 1803); the Littlewoods had moved to Feltham from Hanworth, and the Jacksons from Whitton. The families all lived in the Bedfont Lane, that connects Feltham High Street to that of Bedfont. For William and Elizabeth Palmer, the loss of their two daughters and grand-daughter in one terrible tragedy must have seemed like the final blow, as they had, only months before, seen their grandson, then their own 16-year-old son William, buried in St Dunstons Churchyard.

I would be interested to hear from anyone wanting to learn more about these Feltham families, and also anyone who has more information about the other families, especially descendants of the survivors.

Address: 22 Bedfont Road, Feltham, Middlesex TW11 0HG

Passengers aboard the Northfleet, 22nd January 1873

SURNAME	FORENAMES	OTHERS	R	SURNAME	FORENAMES	OTHERS	R
ABBLEY	James	W, S, S, D, D, D		BRAND	Arthur		
ABBOTT	George			BRAND	Fred'k S		
AERY	James			BROWN	Daniel		
ALEXANDER	William			BROWN	John		1
ATTRYDEN?	George			BROWN	John		
BAKER	Charles			BROWN	William		1
BANKS	William			BUNTING	George		
BANNISTER	Alfred		1	BURTON	Frederick		
BARCLAY	Edward	W, BA		BUTTERFIELD	George	W	1
BARRY	John		1	CANTY	James		1
BATCHELOR	Walter		1	CAREY	Joseph		
BATES	Henry			CARR	John		
BEADLE	William			CATHRINE	Emile		
BECKENHAM	William		1	CHANDLER	Timothy		
BEDFORD	George	W, BA		CHAPMAN	William		
BEVERAGE	John		1	CHIVERS	George		1
BIDDIS	Thomas			CHIVERS	John	D, D	
BIRD	William			CLARK	George		1
BIRDFOOT	Joseph			CLARK	Robt Geo		
BRADFORD	Emanuel			CLARK	Walter		

SURNAME	FORENAMES	OTHERS	R	SURNAME	FORENAMES	OTHERS	R
CLAYTON	John			HOPGOOD	William		
COLE	George			HORANEIL?	Charles	W, B, B	
COLE	Thomas			HOWARD	Frederick		
COLE	William		1	HUGGETT	Elijah		1
COLLINS	James			HURSEL?	William	W	
CONDON	M.	W, G3		JACKSON	Frederick	W, D	
CONROY	John/Jas?		1	JACKSON	Henry		
COOPER	Edwin	W, C		JACKSON	William		1
COOPER	William		1	JARVIS	William		
COPPIN	Saunders			JEWELL	Henry		1
CORFIELD	John			KELLY	John		
CORNHILL	William			KITNEY	Edward		1
COURTNEY	George	W		KNOTT	Benjamin	W, G7	
COVENTRY	Henry			LACEY	John		
COX	George			LARKINS	Alfred		
CRAWFORD	Andrew			LEE	Henry/J?		1
CROWLEY	Dennis		1	LEE	Thomas		
CUMMINS	Caleb		1	LINE	Jos/Thos?		1
DANBY	Albert			LITTLEWOOD	George	W	
DANN	George	W		LOVELOCK	Amos		1
DAREMAN	James		1	LUMBUSS	William		
DARNWELL	Frederick		1	LYNCH	John		1
DARWELL	Joseph			MARTIN	Joseph		
DAVIES	William		1	MASON	George		1
DAVIES	William		1	MAUL	William		
DAY	William			MAYNARD	James		
DELMAR	John		1	MAYROSEN	William		1
DIXON	John	W, C, BA	1	McCARTHY	Dennis		1
DOLDING?	John			McLACHLAN	John		1
DUDENEY?	James		1	MEDLEY	James/F?		1
EASTER	John	W		MEGGS	Thomas		
FAHAN	Thomas		1	MILES	Frederick		
FARRANT/ TARRANT	Jonathan		1	M'KEW	Walter		
FITCH	William			MUNDAY	George		
FLEET	George			MURPHY	Dennis		1
FLEET	John			NEVILLE	James	S, S	
FORSTER	James		1	NEWBURY	John		
FOWLER	William		1	NEWBY	Robert		1
GARRARD	Edward A		1	NORKETT	William	W, BA	
GAUNT	John	W		NORMAN	William		
GEORGE	William			NYE	William		
GODDARD	George			OAKLEY	Thomas		
GOLDING	George	W, C, C		O'LEARY	John		1
GOLDING	James			PAMPLIN	John		
GOODCHILD	E			PARISH	Edward		
GOODRIDGE	William	W, C, C		PARKER	David		
GRAY	George			PARSON	William		
GRAY	John		1	PEARSE	Enock	W, C, C	
GREEN	Thomas?		1	PENFOLD	Thomas	W, BA	
GREEN	William			PENNY	George		
GUIN?	William			PEPPETT	Alfred		
GUNN	John	W, D		PERTON?	Henry		
GWILLIAN	Arthur	N14 (BALLS HY)		PHILLIPS	Hy Wm		
HADLEY	John		1	POINEY?	Charles	W, C, C	
HALES	George	W, C, C		PRESTON	G M/J M?		1
HARDING	James		1	QUIN	John		
HARMES	Thomas			RATHE?	Henry	W, C, C	
HARRIS	Alfred			RAWLINS	Francis		
HART	William			RAYNOR	A F	W, B, B	
HATTAWAY	Thomas			READER	Thomas		
HAWKINS	Henry			REED	Edward		
HAWKINS	Samuel		1	REVILLE	Wm Thos	W, D, D	
HAYDEN	John			REYNARD	Thomas		
HEATH	George			REYNOLDS	George		
HERBERT	William			RICHARDSON	Thomas		
HILLS?	Charles	W, C, C		RICHARD/SON?	George/J?		1
HOLLAND	Charles			ROBERTS	John		

SURNAME	FORENAMES	OTHERS	R	SURNAME	FORENAMES	OTHERS	R
ROBINS	William			TAPSON	Edward	S16	1
ROGERS	Joseph			TAPSON	George		
ROLFE	Charles		1	TASK?	William		
ROWLEY	Henry			TAYLOR	Richard		1
SALMON	Charles			TOUGH	Edwin	W, G6	
SEWELL	Charles			TURNER	John		
SHARP	Joseph		1	TURNER	Thomas		1
SHEPPARD	David		1	TURNER	Thomas		
SHERRIN	William	W, B3		TURNER	William		1
SIMS	David			WALLIS	E		
SIMS	David	S		WALLIS	George		
SIMS	William	W, G, G, G, BA		WALTOS?	John		
SLACK	William			WARD	George		
SMITH	George	W		WARD	Isaac	W	
SMITH	George Hy		1	WARD	Samuel		
SMITH	James		1	WARD	William		
SMITH	James			WARD	William		
SMITH	Jas Peter			WARREN	Alfred	W	
SMITH	Robert		1	WEBB	George		
SMITH	Sidney	W, S14		WEBB	Thomas	W, B, B, BA	
SMITH	William			WEBSTER	William		
STAMMERS	George		1	WEEKS	William		
STANDEN	Samuel			WELLBELOVE	John		
START	John		1	WELLS	Thomas		
STEPHENS	James			WHITBURN	Charles		
STONE	James			WHITE	Henry		
STONE	John			WHITE	John		
STONE	Stephen			WHITE	Reuben		1
STURGEON	John	W, BA	3	WILLIAMS	Thomas		
SWELLING	John			WILSON	John		
SWIFT	James		1	WILTSHIRE	George R	W	
TAPLIN	George		1	WOODFORD	John		1
TAPLIN	John	W, D, D, D	1	WOODS	George		
TAPSEL	George		1	WOODS	William	W, D, D	
				YOUNG	Richard		

Being 342 passengers in total, and 72 rescued ('R' in the table above).

(continued from page 6) that the Computer Group Committee would be headed by a co-ordinator, and would be responsible only for the day-to-day running of the Group. All major decisions, in particular any involving money, would be referred to the Executive Committee of the Society for approval.

The following people agreed to serve on the Computer Group Committee: Peter Roe (Co-ordinator), Mavis Burton, Janet Hagger, Janet Huckle, and Wendy Mott. in addition, Bill Comben, Richard Chapman and Yvonne Woodbridge agreed to act as non-serving advisors to the Committee, as required. These matters were approved by the Executive Committee at a meeting in July.

All those who attend meetings of the Computer Group are reminded that we are always looking for new ideas for our meetings and projects. In particular we would like projects that can also involve those members who do not have the use of a computer or word processor. I am sure that such members would be very interested to see how their records could be kept if they could see and use other members' machines at meetings. Please tell the Programme Secretary if you know of a speaker who would be suitable.

Peter Roe

Open Day 1994 is over, in a way. The results of the Open Day cannot be measured. We have new members. We sold things. We had a lot of interested visitors. One result is certain, more people know that we exist and what we do.

Once again the venue proved to be ideal. Despite limited parking, over 200 visitors managed to find a place, find us and have an enjoyable and informative day. Visitors came from distant places such as Somerset and Lincolnshire and found the visit really worthwhile - ‘. . . what a jolly good day we had . . . the Society should be proud of the success of such a day . . .’ A lot of the people helping get no reward for the effort which is of benefit, not to themselves, but to others. A friend of mine came with her Mum and Dad; she enthused over the friendliness, enthusiasm and helpfulness of those giving help and advice.

Our invited stall holders were either family or local historians. They too were delighted with the public response to our allied hobbies. We have invitations to their events and they hope that we will be holding another event of our own again soon to which they will be invited.

The event was successful because of the time and energy of our volunteers. Some had never been to an Open Day before and were rather apprehensive. Some had arranged to come for a while but stayed all day. Others, actually fighting off colds, still managed to come and ‘to do their bit’, whether it was helping with fiche viewing, book sales, help and advice, reception, Marriage Index, parish records, furniture moving, refreshments - thank you everyone.

Janet Huckle

‘Obnoxious Force’

On 4th September 1830, a petition was raised among certain ratepayers of Ealing against the formation of a police force. It was signed by 230 rate payers, giving also their rateable values. In it they state 1) that the establishment of a police force is a ‘direct violation of Our Glorious Constitution as established in 1688’ as an Act (of 1829) creates new offences punishable by conviction before two magistrates contrary to the Magna Carta, and that ‘it is a tyrannic system of espionage subversive of the liberties of Englishmen . . .’ 2) that it is ‘peculiarly oppressive’ to Ealing ‘For as much as for the last twenty years the average amount of loss by robberies has not exceeded £100 p.a. and the establishment of the police force will not cost the parishioners less than £880 p.a.’ The ratepayers therefore appointed a committee to instruct George Byng and Joseph Hume to wait upon Sir Robert Peel to prevail upon him to Withdraw this ‘Obnoxious Force’. If you want to check to see if one of your ancestors added his signature to the above petition, the papers are in GLRO Acc/2.

Yvonne Woodbridge

DID YOUR ANCESTORS HELP TO BUILD ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL?

Wendy Mott

Amongst the parish records for the village of Littleton are many lists of inhabitants donating money to worthy causes. These probably constitute an early census of the village. The following is an example:

'Anno Domini 1678. Littleton Com. Middx. September ye 22th 1678. The names of those who were contributors towards the rebuilding of the cathedral church of St. Pauls.

Mr. Thomas Wood	05..00..00
Mr. Gilbert Lambell	00..05..00
Samuell Thurkittle Rector	01..00..00
Mr. Thomas Townley	00..02..06
Mr. Edmond Singer	00..02..00
Mr. Robert Singer	00..01..00
Lewis Prothero	00..02..06
John Denton	00..01..00
Widow Guilbee	00..00..02
Elizabeth "	00..00..06
Margaret }Taylor	00..00..06
Thomas }	00..00..06
Ann Baker	00..00..04
Tho: Rowsell	00..00..04
Tho: Farmer	00..00..06
Richard Singer	00..00..06
Widow Singer	00..00..06
Edward Dowset	00..00..06
Arthur Byrd	00..00..06
Will. Singer	00..00..06
Edward Stephens	00..00..06
Tho: Purser	00..00..04
Richard Swayn	00..00..04
John Miles	<u>00..00..06</u>
Sum. Tot.	<u>07..01..00</u>

Samuell Thurkettle Rector
Richard Singer Churchwarden

re money in Acton Church to my Lord Bishop of London ye 25th of
1678.'

This item was originally intended for the Computer Group Newsletter, but I hope that the facility it describes might be of wider interest.

The world of computers is often regarded as being baffling and impenetrable, not least because of the widespread use of none-too-obvious abbreviations and acronyms. Perhaps so, but I wonder whether PCC, SQG, GRD, BMD, CMB, CRO, PRO, FHS, VCH, PCY, otp, dsp, and (SRO a selection from the realm of family history, are so very different. Be that as it may, there is one obvious omission from the above list of TLAs, namely IGI (formerly CFI!). Whatever its limitations, and with whatever caution it pays to use this particular index, especially the 1992 edition, the international Genealogical index remains an extremely useful and accessible tool, and all of us must have consulted it at some time or other, in the course of our researches.

Abbreviations from the worlds of computing and of family history meet head-on in the IGI on CD-ROM. CD here means a compact disk, very similar to those used for recorded music, and ROM denotes read-only memory. In other words, a computer can read information from the compact disk, but not write new information on to it. The IGI in this computer-readable format has been existence for some years, but is now more readily accessible in this country, through the Family History Centres of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A few months ago, I went along to the Family History Centre in Staines, to examine the IGI in this form.

The arrangement for looking at the IGI is a standard IBM compatible PC, with a small unit on top, just like a large floppy disk drive, into which the CD, in its holder, is put. The whole world of the IGI (March 1993 CD edition) is available, and fills thirty compact disks, with entries for the UK occupying the first nine. Staff at the Centre are very helpful at getting visitors started with the program, which is, in fact, only part of a suite entitled FamilySearch. Other data sources available are Ancestral File, US Social Security Death Index, Military index and Family History Library Catalog. If you know your way around a standard IBM keyboard, you should have few problems in getting under way; in any event the on-screen information and directions (including on-line help) are good. Selecting the IGI leads to a prompt for entering a search, which in turn leads to the choice of an individual, marriage or parent search. This distinction between the individual and marriage indexes is one significant difference from the microfiche version of the IGI. Choosing one of these types then leads to a form requesting the search details. For an individual, these are given name(s), surname and date. Some information must be given here, but not all the spaces need be filled in, e.g. you can simply enter a surname only, to retrieve all entries for that surname (and IGI-style variants). Another key-press starts the search, and you will be

prompted to load the appropriate CD into the drive. A moment or two later, the results of your search will appear on the screen. In the case of an individual search, the information presented includes name, type of event, date, county, and father/mother. Further information can be examined for any entry by highlighting it using the arrow keys, and pressing return. This pops up a box with details of the place, county, the source of the entry, and LDS ordinance information. My own initial searches, under both individuals and marriages, were simply to extract all entries of a particular surname. For example, entering Chapman as a surname, and no other details, and following this procedure, I was soon looking at a screen-full of Chapmans (.. to Abraham, perhaps). One particularly valuable aspect of the CD form of the IGI is the fact that it combines entries from the whole of the UK, rather than splitting by county. With an uncommon name, this is very useful, since one can 'sweep' the entire country very quickly. In the case of Chapman, many thousands of entries are returned from Such a Scan, and thus it is helpful to use the means available to further limit the search. To find this, follow the instructions as if to carry out another search, leave the details as you entered them before, and press F10 for Filter. The filtering options are exact spelling, locality, and year range. These are fairly straightforward to use, as on-screen instructions help you through the process. The result is a modified list, e.g. of Chapman individual events in NFK, SFK, CAM, HRT and ESS before 1750 (you need to put a start date - 1000 is OK!).

When you have found the entries that you want, there may be too many to write down, and it is therefore very helpful to be able to take away a copy of the information. There is a facility to select some or all of the thirteen entries that are on the screen at any time, and copy them into what is referred to as a holding file. You may then move down a page, and select some more, and so on. The holding file can contain a maximum of 200 entries (the program tells you when you have reached this!). You must then print the information to the attached printer, or copy it to a floppy disk (bring or buy unused formatted 3.5" or 5.25" disks). You may opt for all the available information, perhaps omitting the LDS ordinance data, and again, follow the instructions to transfer the data to the printer or disk. In writing to disk, you may select either GEDCOM format (v.2.0 or 2.1), or ASCII text. Both are readable, but GEDCOM allows the information to be imported directly into a number of family history programs, such as PAF and Pedigree. I used GEDCOM to extract all entries of two fairly uncommon surnames of interest to me for the whole country. This generated over 1 Mb of data, and took about 45 minutes to transfer, for both individuals and marriages. The restriction to batches of 200 entries would make very large scale extractions rather tedious to do, but it makes sense in such cases to make good use of the filtering facilities to restrict the number chosen. Once you have transferred or printed the contents of the holding file, do not forget to empty it (according to instructions), before continuing, otherwise you may end up saving the same information twice over!

I Was able to read in the contents of the several GEDCOM tiles created using Pedigree (v. 243b.; In doing so I encountered a couple of small problems, but thankfully these were not too difficult to sort out. One was that Pedigree objected to the < and > characters that appeared in some date fields, and the second was a date given on the IGI as 31 April. To fix these, I edited the GEDCOM file using the editor that is part of MSDOS (50+), altering the offending fields. The files were then able to be read without errors, and the data can be sorted, searched and printed using the facilities of Pedigree. All in all it was a very productive evening.

If you wish to visit the Staines Family History Centre, in order to use the computer and access the IGI on CD-ROM, you should make an appointment: telephone 0784-462627. Allow plenty of time, and do not expect to get an enormous amount done: an hour soon disappears, particularly when you are getting used to the system.

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, with cheques made payable to WMFHS.

COOK / HUTCHINS

Seeking help re birth of Elizabeth Beckingham Martha Jane COOK, born 1858/9, daughter of John Henry COOK. She married aged 18 in 1876 at St James the Great, Bethnal Green, to Benjamin HUTCHINS. Son George William, born 1884 at Isleworth Police Station, daughter Elizabeth Selina Mary Jane born at Linden Gardens, Kensington, 1889. Benjamin dropped dead in the police yard at Kensington in 1888 and Elizabeth died 1907, matron at Bow Street Police Station‘ All certificates in my possession carry the lengthy name but no trace of her can be found at St Catherine's, police records at Kew, or Somerset House; and all known addresses are between census dates.

Mrs H. Wilson, 67 Cadogan Gardens, South Woodford, London E18 1LY

DARLING

Francis William DARLING born 19 November 1858 at Chapmans Row, Twickenham, to Joseph Henry DARLING and Caroline (nee HANN). Sisters Anne Minnie and Alice Sarah Sophie and brothers Herbert Henry Joseph and Sidney William James. Shown in the 1891 census as a boot clicker at Avenue Cottages, Holly Road. The death of a retired boot clicker of the same name was recorded in Shoreditch in July 1936 by a daughter A.M. BURKERT. The

certificate bears the comment 'otherwise John SHARP'. In the Shoreditch electoral register for Pritchards Road in 1936 his wife is shown as Mary DARLING. Why was he known as John SHARP? When, where and to whom was he married? Any help would be appreciated.

Ms Margaret Garrod, 54 Potters Lane, New Barnet, Herts EN5 5BQ

FRAMPTON

Has any fellow member experience of delving into the 'stony' problem of tracing stone-yard employees in the Notting-Hill and Kensal areas of London in the mid- nineteenth century? In 1850 Charles Dickens referred to the area as 'the Potteries', the clay soil being suitable for bricks, drainpipes and domestic pottery. I need to trace Roger Charles FRAMPTON, who was a foreman in a stone-yard in 1866. I have been unable to locate his death certificate, or any census details. Were any apprentice schemes for stonemasons in operation which might show Roger in their ranks? Any suggestions very welcome.

Mrs G. D. Reid, 37 Arundel Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 1DL

MANDERS/MAUNDERS

James John MANDERS/MAUNDERS was born 5th February 1883 to William MAUNDERS and Mary Elizabeth (nee Ginger) at Broomhill Hall, Stanwell. Where and what is Broomhill Hall? Any information regarding this family would be appreciated.

Judy Cole, 40 Frelands Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 2ND

OUTHWAITE/LOVELL

Family details of Elizabeth Ann OUTHWAITE required. The 1851 census return for 126 Bunhill Row, Finsbury shows her aged 38, wife of John Brewer LOVELL, carpenter, with place of birth Chelsea. In February 1861 she registered the death of her mother Sarah OUTHWAITE, aged 76, of 32 Penton Place, Pentonville, widow of James, a builder. Any details of OUTHWAITE family in Chelsea required, i.e. marriage of Sarah and James, and any census address. (Her maiden name is recorded as CUTHWAITE on birth certificate of her son Francis Allen LOVELL).

Mr Neil Marsh, 25 Bryanston Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 1EN

STEVENS/STEPHENS

When my daughter-in-law's grandfather, Frederick Arthur STEVENS was born on 4th November 1883 his address was given as Steven's Brickfield, Southall. We are curious to find out whether the brickfield was connected with his family or whether it is just a coincidence that the name is the same. Can anyone tell us anything about the brickfield? Frederick's father was a James STEVENS, but apparently there is a Henry STEPHENS, brickmaker, entered in a 1882 directory under Southall, but that is as much as we know at the moment.

Mrs Pat Hase, 15 Stanhope Road, Weston-super-Mare, B823 4LP

A few years ago I was given the diaries of a WW I New Zealand nurse, Louisa Higginson, to read. They covered four and a half years, and through researching the Higginson history I came to the conclusion that Louisa's story should be written and it has since been suggested I write a short article for this journal.

Louisa Higginson was a NZ nurse (1884-1978), who was trained in the first class 1907-1910 at the Waikato District Hospital. When war was declared in 1914 she was a Matron of a small country hospital at Wairoa in the Hawkes Bay district. She applied to the Government for nursing service with the troops, but was told that no nurses were being sent. She promptly booked her passage to England on the *Corinthic*, leaving Wellington on the 26th February 1915. Soon after this fifty NZ nurses were finally sent to Egypt, reaching there in June.

On arriving in England Louisa joined the British Red Cross and was sent to Malta, among a party of nurses, leaving on the 8th May 1915 from Liverpool Street station. On arrival in Malta it was found that nothing had been prepared to receive these ladies and all were allocated to a private home. Louisa and Mary Collins, the friend who had come over from NZ with her, stayed with Commander and Mrs Broadbent. In time the Technical School at Hamrun was taken over for a hospital, which was prepared to receive the wounded from Gallipoli. There was a shortage of medical instruments, so Louisa and Mary went into town and bought knitting needles to use as probes. Living 'Down Under' the NZers were well used to improvising. The nurses' quarters were at the Floriana Barracks about three miles from the hospital and with trams running frequently, they were able to get to and from the hospital comfortably.

While in Malta and in the time off duty they were able to have, they did a lot of sight-seeing, had picnics, and went swimming. They also played tennis, when a kind resident, Mr Mortimer, offered his tennis courts for them to play on and supplied lemonade after their games. They had to make their own uniforms, visited NZ wounded and other nurses they knew, also going out to NZ hospital ships when they were in port. On the 6th October 1915 the staff were told that the Military were to take over the hospital on 7th November, and that they had to decide to stay or return to England. But the Military decided to keep on only the six Canadian nurses, and in the end it was decided that Louisa and Mary were to go to Alexandria, Egypt. With them were going Mary Broderick and Alice German, also trained nurses. Nurse Hyatt decided to go too, but had to pay her own fare. These nurses left Malta on the 10th November 1915 on the *SS Lotus*, arriving at Alexandria three days later.

The nurses were sent to stay at the Grand Hotel, where they met other nurses they knew, some of whom had been on the torpedoed *Marquette*, when ten others had drowned. Louisa and Mary were sent to the Egyptian Government

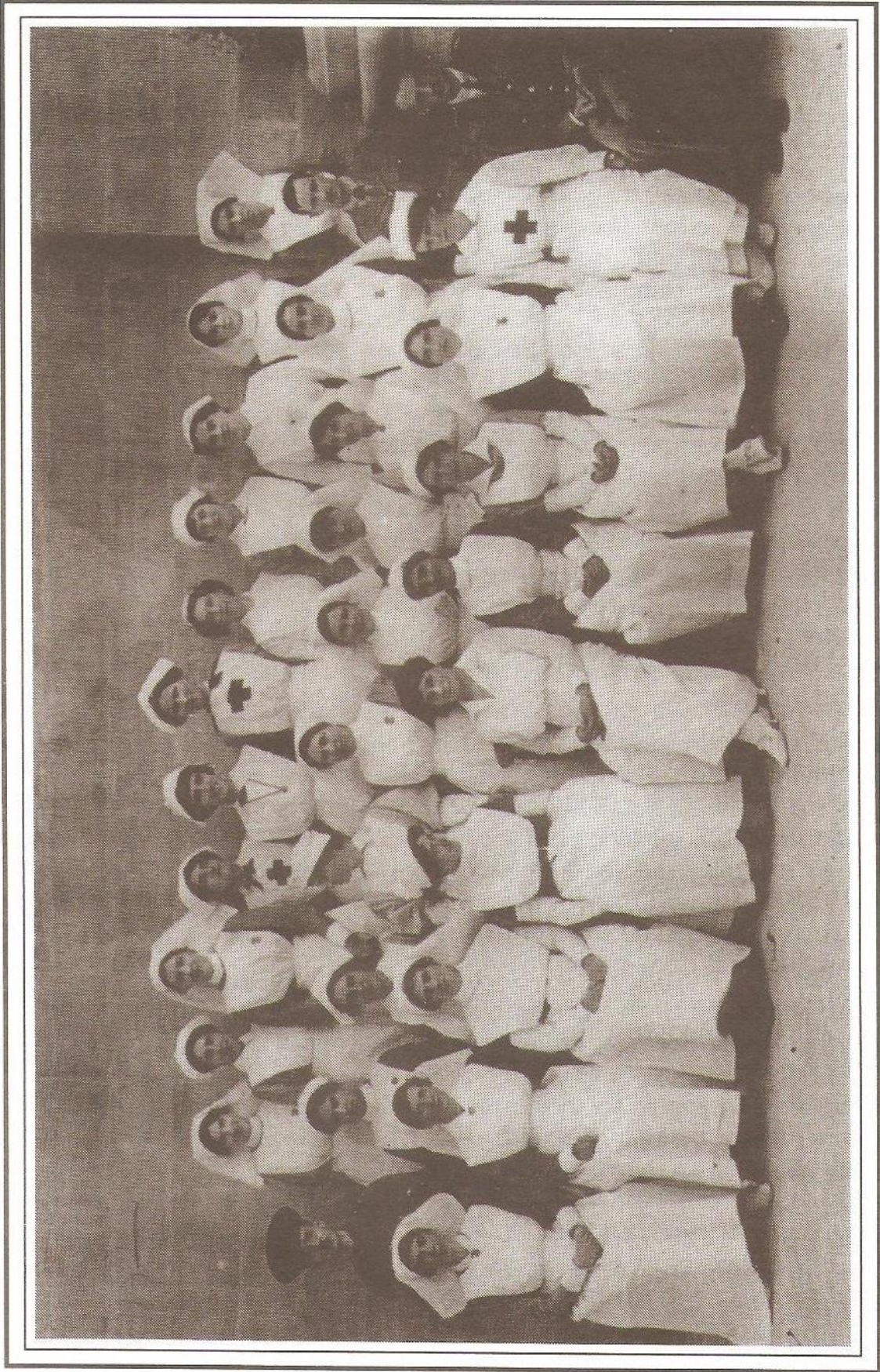
Hospital to work and on the 18th November Mary was sent to the convalescent hospital for Officers at Saba Pasha, run by the Red Cross. On the 22nd November Louisa was to go to Montazah No. 7 convalescent hospital. This was in the old Khedive's Palace lent by H.H. Sultan Hussein. There, 12 miles from Alexandria, were 600 acres of large pine woods, orchards and gardens running down to the Mediterranean. In their off-duty time they did much as they had in Malta; picnics, swimming, tennis, lots of walking, going to Alex to the Nouzha Gardens, sight-seeing and visiting nurses they knew at other hospitals. Soon after, Mary joined Louisa at Montazah.

Tea was something they never did without; wherever and whatever they did, it was always that cup of tea to be had first. Louisa met up with her brothers when they arrived and was always able to see them off when they embarked for other places. Concert parties were there to entertain the troops and races were another day's outing for them. At one stage the trenches were only nine miles away from the hospital, so guards were on duty day and night and coast guards were patrolling too, with suspicions of submarines in the area. Mail from home arrived fairly regularly and mail from her brothers, wherever they were fighting, was always looked for, if nothing arrived she would go to the Post Office to see if they had any news.

At the end of September 1916 Louisa and Mary had decided to return to England, as the climate was draining their energy and both had been ill. On the 30th they boarded the hospital ship *Gloucester Castle* where they found thirty other sisters and VADs. Matron asked them all to stay on the starboard side, but eighty doctors decided they liked that side of the ship too. At Malta another fifty sisters joined the ship, but there was no shore leave granted. Games were played on board, quoits being a favourite. When passing Gibraltar the hospital ship *Brittanica* passed by, on the way to Malta with British Red Cross nurses. Among them was Vera Brittain, who wrote several books about her experiences.

The *Gloucester Castle* arrived at Southampton on the 12th October 1916 and Louisa and Mary caught the 3 p.m. train to London. Finding accommodation was not easy, but when satisfied, and having had dinner, they went to the Savoy Theatre to see 'Professors Love Story'. The Queen Mary Hostel was where they stayed in London and was a godsend to overseas nurses. The British Red Cross sent them to Great Malvern, where a Miss Hollins invited war nurses to stay when they needed a rest. They enjoyed their stay there, walking and sight-seeing every day.

Louisa and Mary decided to resign from the British Red Cross and join the QAIMNS/R, for which they were not popular with Miss Beecher, Matron-in-Chief at the War Office. However they were sent to Napsbury Hospital near St Albans. This had been a mental hospital and was now a military hospital for wounded servicemen. They were trying to transfer to the NZANS or to a NZ hospital but this the War Office refused to allow.



Hamrun Nursing Staff: Taken in 1915 by Grand Studios, Malta

Louisa Higginson, 2nd row, 2nd from right; Mary Collins, 1st row, 3rd from right; Alice German , 1st row, 2nd from left; Matron (centre), Mrs Keighley (?); Doctors, Drs Alexander, Perry and/or Capt. Griffiths.

On a day off duty Louisa went to visit an aunt, Rose Casson, her mother's sister, who was living at Streatham Hill, and another day visited a cousin, Mrs Pumfrett. She also visited the Stafford-Fox family, relatives in Leicestershire, and met cousins Polly, Lilly, and Annie Higginson. The Higginson family had lived in Leire, Ashby Parva and surrounding areas for many years. Louisa's grandparents, father and siblings were living in Corley Hall, Corley prior to emigrating to NZ in 1864, so she was very interested in seeing all she could.

From Napsbury Hospital they went to King George's Military Hospital in Stamford Street, Waterloo. They were very pleased to have nursed here, as only special cases were sent and specialists visited and operated. They were there for three months, before being told of a transfer to a country hospital; it was thought that London and the King George Hospital did not agree with them. Both had been ill and had a spell in Queen Alexandra's Hospital for nurses. They were not told that they were going to the POW hospital at Belmont, Surrey until it was too late to pull out. Louisa was disgusted, as she states in her diary that she had not paid her own fare and travelled 16,000 miles to nurse Huns and felt disgusted and ashamed. However she got busy and did her duty nursing the Germans, no more no less. She found that the Matron was a NZer, Miss Fairchild, and it was here that both Louisa and Mary received their stripes. During all these years nursing sisters and medical staff were changing regularly and they would sometimes hear that someone they had worked with had been killed, or of more hospital ships sunk and sisters drowned. They were at Belmont from June 1917 to December 1918, when they were ordered to a hospital ship the *Grantully Castle*.

The hospital ship was taking sick and wounded and repatriated POWs from Le Havre to Southampton. Louisa was Matron on this ship and told of some terrible conditions and treatment the POWs received in one camp, men dying at the rate of 200 a week. While working on this ship, Louisa was disappointed that she could not go to the wedding of her brother Nick to Alice Ethel Cable, on 29th January 1919. But she did manage to go and meet Ethel's family in Norfolk. On the 27th February 1919 the Gran tally Castle was handed back to the owners for passenger services once again.

On the 3rd March 1919 they joined the *Carisbrooke Castle* at Avonmouth, sailing on the 4th for South Africa, with sick and wounded soldiers being taken home. The ship was rolling badly in the big seas and Louisa and Mary were very sea-sick. Sports were started for those able to take part. The first port of call was Sierra Leone, where the ship coaled. Cape Town was reached on 24th March, where they had a wonderful time, leaving on the 26th. They called at Durban, Dar-es-Salaam and Zanzibar, reaching Mombasa and Kilundini on 19th April. Cape Guardatui was passed on the 24th and then they were in the Red Sea and the lights of Aden could be seen. It was terribly hot at this time, with patients very ill and passengers and crew suffering from malaria and the heat. Suez was

reached on the 30th April and on the 1st May they went through the Canal, where there was a lot of shipping activity. Louisa saw Kantara Camp and finally Port Said was reached. They docked at Alexandria on the 3rd May where they were given shore leave — and at once went to Groppis for tea. They found it was not safe out after dark although the rising (against British rule) was about settled.

They met Mrs Broadbent who took them out to Montazah; their colleagues Major Campbell, and sisters Aukitt, Parkes and Evans were still there. The Military were taking over the hospital to use as rest camp for the Army of Occupation. Mrs Broadbent was in charge of a station where there were 600 refugees waiting to return to Russia and Palestine.

On the 9th May 1919 Malta was passed and on the 16th May they arrived off the Royal Victoria Hospital on Southampton Water. Louisa and Mary were on leave the next day, and so went to London and stayed with friends. They were to join the ship Ormonde on the 14-th June for their return to NZ. In the time left they saw everyone they knew to say good-bye, did shopping and had business to attend to, with a quick trip to Edinburgh. They arrived home on NZ soil on the 25th August 1919.

There were nineteen British and six Canadian nurses with Louisa and Mary, the two New Zealanders, working together at Hamrun Hospital, Malta. Their names and addresses below are all taken from Louisa's autograph book.

New Zealand nurses

Mary Collins, Ross, Westland

Louisa Higginson of Waikato

British nurses

Irene S Bald, Summerhill, Camberley

Doris M Baldwin, The Hall, Thornton le Dale, Yorks

Mabel Bell, Harrow on the Hill

Mabel Broderick, 17 The Close, Norwich

M Finch, 61 Paddington Street, London W

Alice German, Walthamstow, London

Gertrude Goldsmith, 31 Kent Road, Gravesend, Kent

Daisy Hyatt, 9 Farringdon Road, London EC

Eleanor Littleton, 59 Warwick Square, London

Sylvia J Nicoll, Winchester

M C Olive, Kirland, Bodmin, Cornwall

G F Panter-Downes, Kilkenny, Ireland

Ethel Perry, 11 Queens Terrace, Glasgow

Millicent Saunders, 21 Picardv Road, Belvedere

Olive Smith, 5 Blytheswood Square, Glasgow

A Madge Taylor, Arima, Melvinside, Glasgow

Frances A Todd, Wayside, St Andrews, Fife
R M Vidler, Irwin, Welwyn, Herts
Helen Viaslo, 29 Porchester Terrace, Hyde Park, London W

Canadian nurses

Mary V Adams, c/- Merchants Bank, Hanover, Ontario
Lizzie A Aikman, Winnipeg
Effie Bolster, 2112 Rose Street, Regina, Saskatchewan
Lilian Dixon, 348 E Cannon Street, Hamilton, Ontario
Ina J Grenville, Thorold, Ontario
Cecelia Jacobs, Smithville, Ontario

My thanks must go to Valerie Walker of this Society for her encouragement, help and photographs of Malta. Mail has been flowing constantly across the world. This article is taken from Louisa's diaries. I have written a book of her life, to be published when an interested publisher is found.

DON'T HESITATE TO FOLLOW UP EVERY LEAD THERE MIGHT BE

Valerie Walker

This is an explanation as to how Lois Wilson in New Zealand and I found a connection in a diary written during WW I. In the 1991 WMFHS Members' Surname Interests Directory we both included 'German' - my mother's maiden name, and for Lois, her granddaughters father's family. We corresponded on and off and I have since found her German family in the Upminster census.

In late September 1993 Lois wrote that she was writing the life story of a member of her husband's family (Louisa Higginson) who had kept diaries during the 41/2 years that she had been a nurse during WW I. 'One name might interest you, the diary only mentions the surname German but the autograph book gives signatures and addresses and so the nurse is Alice German of Walthamstow, London, England . . . I will be very interested to hear if Alice is one of yours.'

She was and is and since then, as Lois says, mail has been flowing back and forth. We already had a photograph of my great aunt Alice, taken in Egypt for Christmas 1917, so a copy of this and known background information was sent to Lois. We knew Alice had lived in the USA and qualified there, but we had not known for whom she had nursed in WW I, or that she had been to Malta. This was of special interest, as we knew that her uncle, Thomas Jenkin, a dentist, lived on Malta with his family and I have followed up on this side of the family. Lois then sent the photograph reproduced on page 21, the names and addresses from the autograph book, together with some verse written by Alice at Hamrun Military Hospital - the diary covering Malta and Egypt came later. Lois had previously been in touch with the British Red Cross Society (BRCS) and they now hold a copy of the diary in their archive.

So to my enquiries here. First I made a visit to the PRO at Kew where with help from Gilly Hughes (a member of this Society), I was introduced to someone who told me of the fiche covering medals awarded to nurses. This also told me that Alice had been with the Women's Emergency Corps, France, from December 1914 to April 1915 and that she had received the Victory Medal, the 1914-15 Star and the British War Medal; I also looked up Louisa and Mary's records for Lois. A book on medals provided further interesting information and I also looked up the BRCS and O St J J General List - Roll of Individuals entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army orders; in WO 329/2932 I found details of the 1914-15 list. I then realised that I actually had Alice's 1914-15 Star.

I went to the BRCS in Wonnersh and when given details from Alice German's record cards, found that she had been mentioned in despatches by General Allenby on 3rd April 1918. On a further visit to Kew I found the corresponding announcement in the *London Gazette*.

The BRCS record card also stated that Alice had been with Soeurs Blues Lourdes from 3rd December 1914 until April 1915, her stay in Malta, on to Alexandria (as described in Louisa's diary) and in Giza until August 1918. She spent the remainder of the war at Oaklands Red Cross Hospital, the Grange Annexe, Clevedon, resigning on 14th November 1918. I was also able to read the Joint Committee Report 1914-1919 of the British Red Cross Society which gave background information.

In May I went to Malta and found Hamrun Military Hospital now being used by the Department of Welfare. I had been built in 1908 as 'Istituto Tecnico Vincenzo Bugeia' but I could not see the plaque as it is under the mat in the entrance! Louisa had written to a friend in New Zealand in 1915 of 'the large airy wards with their light painted walls and beautiful tiled floors, one would think it had been specially built for the purpose it is being used for'. Photographs were taken and copies sent to Lois of the places visited by the nurses in 1915.

My research is continuing as Alice was at the New Jersey Training School 1909-1911 and Bellevue, New York, September 1912-1918, and I have yet to visit Clevedon, but none of this would have been known if I had not written in the first place. I am most grateful to Lois for everything.

Missing from the Library

It has been noted that the following fiche are missing from our library:

1851 census index - St James, Westminster RD. HO 107/1483-1485

1851 census index - St George, Hanover Square RD. HO 107/1475-1478

Would members please check their own personal collections for the above and return them, if found, so that other people may consult them.

Mavis Sibley, Librarian

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

300 Years of Mud and Crime - Ron Cox

For our June talk Dr Ron Cox spoke about two of the most important, but unpopular, parish officers, the surveyor of the highways and the parish constable. From the reign of Elizabeth onwards, these were two of the officers elected each year by the Vestry to perform certain duties.

In the Middle Ages, responsibility for the roads lay with the holders of adjoining land (enforced by the manorial courts), and some roads were made or repaired as an act of charity by guilds or religious houses or bequests from individuals. By the middle of the 16th century the roads were in a very bad condition. In 1555 the Government intervened with the first Highways Act. Each parish was now responsible for the upkeep of local roads. Each year the parish constable and churchwardens assembled the Vestry to elect two surveyors. Their duties were to view the highways every four months; perhaps ten to twelve miles of road for a typical parish, and after each inspection to report to the Justices on their condition. They then had to carry out any work the Justices ordered, and were to make sure that roads, ditches and drains were kept clear from obstruction. Under the Act, every parishioner who occupied land which was ploughed or under pasture, and every parishioner who otherwise had a plough or team of horses had to provide on four (later six) days a year a cart with oxen or horses, plus necessary tools and two able men to work on the roads. Other householders were personally to give the same number of days, or send substitutes. Local practice varied considerably; in many places it became usual to fine defaulters, and this was regarded as a tax to be paid rather than a penalty. This arrangement suited all parties; finance was ready to hand to employ more skilled, and perhaps more willing, labour. The surveyors was an unpopular office, because work could only be done in good weather during the milder months of the year; a nuisance if he was a farmer. There was also the difficulty of making the conscripts do the work. There were other weaknesses too. The surveyor had no engineering skills; the six days tended to be regarded as a holiday as they were a change from people's usual activities; farmers tended to send their less able men and their most broken-down cart. Furthermore, the labour force available had little to do with the length of road to be repaired.

In 1832 the Justices relinquished control to the Vestries, in the 15,000 highway parishes. In 1835 statute labour was abolished and in many cases also the post of surveyor: a general highway rate was imposed. Control later passed to Highways Boards (1862), and then the new County Councils (1894).

Few surveyors records remain, but Dr Cox gave us several examples of items from the surveyors reports for the village of Beddington in Surrey, giving wages paid and repairs carried out.

The parish constable is the most ancient of parochial positions. He was appointed by the manorial court and sworn in by a Justice at the Court Leet or Quarter Sessions. He had the power of arrest - offenders were sometimes detained in his own house, or in the stocks or cage. An officer by Common Law, his powers were limited only by local custom. Constables were part-time, often unwilling, unpaid volunteers, trying at the same time to earn a living. The constable had to see that every man was ready to bear arms in the defence of the realm. His responsibilities also included prevention of injury, homicide, robbery and riots. He had to see that watches were kept from sunset to sunrise. If a robber fled from or into the parish, he had to summon all the inhabitants to a hue and cry to pursue him. He was also responsible for the parish contribution of men and money to the militia, especially during the Napoleonic Wars. He was responsible for the collection of national subsidies, for reporting on building work in the parish for rating purposes, also for reporting papists or sectarians, for controlling riotous assemblies, and for the presentation of parishioners who failed to attend church. He had to maintain the stocks, whipping post, pillory, ducking stool and cage. He was also responsible for beer and alehouses, as well as gaming and disorderly houses, vagrants, unlicensed hawkers, drunkards, and for supervising local beacons, aiding the surveyor in viewing the roads, and representing the parish in any appeal against government taxes. In reality, the constables did very little, and frequently their report to the Quarter Sessions read 'Omnia Bene' - all is well.

With the growth of the towns, this inefficient system could not cope. In 1829 the Metropolitan Police was formed (*see also page 13, Ed*), and was fully established by 1839; in rural areas, the old system continued.

Yvonne Masson

What's in a Name?

The following item is part of a notice from a solicitor concerning the administration of the estate of an intestate, reported in the *Teddington and Hampton Times*, 22nd July 1988. A genealogist of the future may have some cause to be confused!

'Susan Macdonald Jackson otherwise known as (o.k.a.) Susan Jackson o.k.a. Susan Macdonald o.k.a. Susan Macdonald-Jackson o.k.a. Susan Scott o.k.a. Joan Jackson o.k.a. Joan Watson o.k.a. Sarah Macdonald o.k.a. Alice Susan Jackson, Janet Jackson o.k.a. Janet Susan Jackson o.k.a. Agnes Janet Jackson o.k.a. Sarah Scott deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925 that any persons having a claim against or interest in the Estate of Susan Macdonald~ Jackson o.k.a. Susan Jackson . .

Noted by David Neller

BOOKSHELF

There are a number of interesting new books and several revised editions of established titles from the Federation and the Society of Genealogists.

Victuallers' Licences: Records for Family and Local Historians - Jeremy Gibson and Judith Hunter

Readers may remember that Judith Hunter spoke on this subject at our Hounslow meeting last year. In this latest addition to the 'Gibson Guides', which has arisen from her thesis work for the University of Reading, she has provided an excellent and comprehensive introduction to the history of, and legislation concerning, the selling of intoxicating liquor, from the Act of 1552 through to the present day. This is followed by a summary of extant records, categorised by county, for England, Wales and Scotland. These include material in both local and national depositories, and span the sixteenth through to the twentieth centuries. A useful glossary of terms is also included. (RGC)

56 pp. Published by the FFHS, 1994. ISBN 1 872094 66 X £2.50

Company and Business Records for Family Historians - Eric D. Probert

This book describes how to find out about companies and locating the surviving records. It lists the major repositories and useful addresses and phone numbers, and there are many illustrated examples of records. The print is large and clear - excellent for the short sighted amongst us. (YW)

80 pp. Published by the FFHS, 1994. ISBN 1 872094 92 9

An Introduction to Church Registers - Lilian Gibbens

All you ever wanted to know about church registers and how to locate them. with illustrations of pages from various types of registers. (YW)

44 pp. Published by the FFHS, 1994. ISBN 1 872094 79 1

Greater London Cemeteries and Crematoria - Cliff Webb

This is a revised edition of Patricia Wolfston's title of the early 1980s, giving details of the names, locations and records of the many cemeteries and crematoria in the metropolitan area.

40 pp. Published by the SoG. ISBN 0 946789 68 1 £2.80

Computers in Genealogy Beginners' Handbook

A collection of sixteen articles by well-known authors, reprinted from Computers in Genealogy, and covering a wide range of topics from 'Computers for the Terrified Family Historian' to 'GEDCOM Transfer Standard'. This is a very useful compilation, particularly for anyone starting out with computers.

68 pp. Published by the SoG. ISBN 0 946789 87 8

NEW EDITIONS

My Ancestors were Manorial Tenants - Peter B. Park

Second edition. 68 pp. Published by the SoG. ISBN 0 946789 61 4 £3.60

Current Publications by Member Societies

This, together with the following booklet, gives a summary of the publications of family history societies within the FFHS, and they are the place to look to find whether a local society has published an index to or transcript of important records for 'your' area.

Eighth edition. 84 pp. Published by the FFHS. ISBN 1 872094 86 4

Current Publications on Microfiche by Member Societies

Third edition. 78 pp. Published by the FFHS. ISBN 1 872094 87 2

Census Returns 1841-1891 in Microform. A directory to local holdings in Great Britain; Channel Islands; Isle of Man - Jeremy Gibson and Elizabeth Hampson.

Sixth edition. 56 pp. Published by the FFHS. ISBN 1 872094 88 0 £2.50

Militia Lists and Musters 1757-1876 - Jeremy Gibson and Mervyn Medlycott

Third edition. 48 pp. Published by the FFHS. ISBN 1 872094 82 1 £2.50

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 prices and details of how to order these books.

The West Drayton Enclosures

This must be the best bargain in the whole of the local history list of books we handle. In photocopies A4 format it consists of transcriptions from documents relating to the enclosure of land in the parish of West Drayton, under the Act of 1824. These include 51 statements of claims, a list of the 273 enclosure awards, an index of names and a well-produced, almost A2 size map of the district with all the enclosures carefully numbered. Altogether a very useful piece of research.

28 pp.

Soapsud Island - T. and A. Harper-Smith

This book is one of a number produced by the author and his wife covering many aspects of Acton life and industry, all produced by photocopying.

Soapsud Island is a history of Acton laundries from about the mid-nineteenth century, and after several sections on the beginnings, reasons, development and the work of a hand laundry deals with the difficulties during two world wars and afterwards when mechanisation was introduced. The second half of the book lists some nineteen laundries with a potted history of each. A very comprehensive source list is given on the last three pages.

48 pp., illustrated with sketches, drawings and prints.

The Dangerous Years - Dennis Upton

Although the sub-title of this short book is 'Life in Ealing, Acton and Southall in the Second World War 1939-1945', some of its contents such as the issue of gas-masks, setting up of the ARP, Rescue Services and the Observer Corps, The Home Guard and the Anti-Aircraft defences are of a more general nature concerning the war years and those immediately prior to them, and therefore of interest to a much wider audience.

A most interesting book produced from the results of a great deal of detailed research, which includes some personal recollections of residents.

38 pp., 8 photographs.

Uxbridge at War 1939-1945 - K.R. Pearce

Similar in content to the previous book, but this time about Uxbridge and its environs. This book too has much information of a more general nature concerning war-time conditions and restrictions.

28 pp., 8 photographs.

Discharged In New Zealand - Hugh and Lyn Hughes

At various times between 1840 and 1870 fourteen Regiments of Foot served and fought in New Zealand in the Maori Wars, and over 3600 of the soldiers who served took their discharge in New Zealand, rather than return home to the United Kingdom. Hugh and Lyn Hughes of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists have compiled a book listing 3661 soldiers who did just that.

The information was extracted from records and newspapers of the time and is a mine of all sorts of useful facts and figures, such as dates of enlistment and discharge, where available, place of birth, trade on enlistment, and the ships on which they were transported to and from New Zealand. The list of ships alone has a total of 106 names. In some cases there are short histories of the regiments' movements and actions.

I have been in correspondence for long time with a lady relative in New Zealand in the course of researching my wife's family connections there, and due to some help I have been able to give her, she sent a copy of the above book for the use of the WMFHS. This will be kept in the reference library. This lady, who is a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, has also offered to help any member of our society who would like research done in Auckland, as long as (s)he is not in a hurry since, until the end of 1994, she is working full time. She says 'I have easy access to the birth, death and marriage fiche for New Zealand up to 1920 as we have them at our Papatoetoe Group'. Her name and address for anyone who is interested is Mrs Jeanette Brant, 41 Regent Street, Papatoetoe 1701, New Zealand.

Jim Devine .

On Sunday 2nd October Janet Hagger (Programme Secretary) and myself (Publicity Officer) attended the Society of Genealogists Open Day for Society Officers, as delegates for our Society. Almost forty societies were represented, from places as far afield as Manchester, Birmingham, Glamorgan and Kent.

The welcome address was given by Michael Gandy, chairman of the Executive Committee, who is a very entertaining speaker and soon had us all relaxed and laughing at his witty comments. Next came Anthony Camp, director of the Society, who gave us a very detailed talk about the history of genealogy and how the Society of Genealogists came to be formed. We were then introduced to some of the Society's committee members, who each talked about the functions and objectives of the various sections. Michael Gandy spoke about the work of the executive committee who make most of the major decisions; Stephen Hale talked about the general purposes committee who see to the day-to-day running of the society. Michael Gandy stood in for Lilian Gibbens and talked about the library and its records. Peter Park spoke about publications, of which the society has many to offer, and Marjorie Moore's subject was lectures. Neville Taylor concluded the morning's entertainment with a brief talk on computers.

After lunch we resumed our seats and were greeted by the familiar face of Chris Watts, who spoke about the Society's other activities and facilities. This was followed by an Open Forum discussion, which was our turn to say what we thought. The Society did face some criticism over the Family History Fair fiasco of 1993, and some complained about the high price of stands at this year's improved venue. We were amazed to learn that the hire of the hall had cost £15,000! Some of the societies from the North of England pointed out that there is life north of Watford and suggested that a cheaper venue might be found outside London, but the logistics of moving equipment and staff far from the SoG could prove difficult and costly. I complained that *Genealogists' Magazine* was out of touch with most of us, and asked whether it really need to be so highbrow all the time? Also the print is so small that it is hard on the eyes. The response was that they did not want to copy *Family Tree Magazine*, and they felt that they had a unique role to play, providing specialist information that was not covered by any other magazine. They are going to change the format slightly and will try to improve the appearance of the typeface.

We were all encouraged to help the SoG as much as possible, as they need many more volunteers to ensure the smooth running of the Society. Michael Gandy summed up and we all had tea and a chat with friends from other societies, before leaving for home. We had a very enjoyable day and learnt a good deal about the SoG and the hard working people who donate so much of their time, so that we can make the most of our research when we visit there.

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.

	UK/£	Overseas/£
St Nicholas, Shepperton	2.35	3.00
St Mary, Magdalene, Littleton	1.35	1.75
St Mary the Virgin, Bedfont	1.35	1.75
St Mary the Virgin, Harmondsworth	2.35	3.00
All Saints, Isleworth	2.35	3.00
All Saints, Laleham	2.35	3.00
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.

	UK/£	Overseas/£
PADDINGTON (HO 107/1466-1467) Set of two microfiche.	2.35	3.00
KENSINGTON, BROMPTON, HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM (HO 107/1468-1471) Set of four microfiche. These fiche, together with the two for Paddington (above) cover the whole of the Kensington RD.	4.35	5.20
CHELSEA (HO 107/1472-1474) Set of three microfiche. Covers the parish of St Luke, Chelsea.	3.35	4.00
BRENTFORD REGISTRATION DISTRICT (HO 107/1698-1699) WITH HAMPTON SUB-DISTRICT (HO 107/1604 (part)) Set of three microfiche. Includes the parishes of Heston, Isleworth, Twickenham, Hampton, Teddington, Acton, Brentford, Ealing, Hanwell, Greenford, Perivale and Chiswick.	2.85	3.50

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
<i>Booklet</i> format. Includes the parishes of Ashford, Cranford, East Bedford, Feltham, Hanworth, Harlington, Harmondsworth, Laleham, Littleton, Shepperton, Stanwell, Staines and Sunbury.		

Please indicate the number of each that you require, and send your name address and order, together with appropriate payment, in **STERLING ONLY** (cheques made out to West Middlesex Family History Society), to:

Mrs M. M. Harris, Westerwood, Gough's Lane, Warfield, Berkshire RG12 2JR

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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.

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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 below.

- A44 Mr and Mrs S.J. Andrews, 65 Metcalf Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 1HB
A45 Miss F. Angliss, 36 Brookville Avenue, Queen's Park, London NW6 6TG
B156 Dr J.S.G. Biggs, 5 Wooton Way, Cambridge CB3 9LX
C122 Mrs J. Carmichael, 38 Foxearth Road, Selsdon, South Croydon, Surrey CR2 8EE
C123 Miss K.S. Cox, 12 Stourton Avenue, Hanworth, Feltham, Middlesex TW13 6LG
F54 Mrs L.M. Ferguson, 33 The Avenue, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex TW16 5HY
F55 Mrs J. A. Forbes-Smith, 147 Aimsford Drive, Harrogate HG2 8EE
H119 Mrs D.M. Healy, 39 Longdown, Fleet, Hampshire GU13 9UY
H120 Mrs P.H. Hase, 15 Stanhope Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 4LP
H121 Mrs M.O. Hughes, 103 Timber Lane, Meopham, Kent DA13 0SN
K33 Mrs M.A. Kendall, 40 Harewood Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 5HL
M90 Mr N. Marsh, 25 Bryanston Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 1EN
M103 Mr N.G. McCrea, Street Farm, Ashen, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 8JN
M104 Mrs P. McDonnell, 57 St Blaize Road, Romsey, Hants SO51 7JY
P73 Mrs S. Prince, 40 Manston Road, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 0RH
R58 Mr and Mrs B.D Rose, 14 Addiscombe Road, Crowthorne, Berks RG11 7JY
S118 Mrs C.L. Steele, 10 Wren Close, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6BW
S121 Mrs J. Spriggs, 779 Leahey St, Pembroke, Ontario K8A 1B5, Canada
S123 Mr M.A. Sussmes, 70 Burnham Gardens, Morland Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 6NP
S124 Miss M.A. Salmon, The Hertfordshire Cheshire Home, St John's Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 9DD
W114 Mr J.D. Whiting, 75 Constance Road, Whitton, Twickenham, Middx TW2 7HX

Please note the following changes of address:

- B132 Mr A. Begernie, Shears Hill, Upperfields, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 1LE
D65 Mr A. Dipper, 15 Allard Crescent, Bushey Heath, Herts WD2 1LE
F23 Mr J.S. Fowler, Leyreen, 55 Fontmell Park, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 2NP
H108 Mrs T.A. Heskins, 20 Parkhill Road, Smethwick, West Midlands B67 6AS
L14 Mr D.J. Limpus, Calm Waters Lodge, 21 Vision Hill Road, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6ED
P66 Mr D.G. Porter, Willowfold, Fir Tree Lane, West Chiltington, West Sussex RH20 2RA
T27 Mr R.H. Turner, 15 Aldwick Crescent, Findon Valley, Worthing, West Sussex BN14 0AR

BRITISH ISLES GENEALOGICAL REGISTER

The London/Middlesex section of the BIG R, is now available on four microfiche.

You can obtain a copy for £2.00, plus 25p p&p (overseas airmail 60p, surface 48p) by writing to Yvonne Woodbridge, 92 Nelson Road, Whitton, Middlesex TW2 5RW.

NOTE: All the London/Middlesex Societies are selling *the same set* of fiche.

SURNAME INTERESTS

The following lists give surname interests for the new members listed in the previous section. The format should be self-explanatory. Note that the Chapman County Codes are used for entries in the 'Counties' column, with the addition of 'ALL' indicating that all counties are of interest. Remember that if you write to another researcher, you should include a SAE if a reply is expected.

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ADDIS	bef 1900	Glangrwyney area	BRE	H121
	bef 1900	Abergavenny area	MON	H121
AMBRIDGE	19 C	Norwood area	MDX	W114
AMER	19 C	Nine Elms	SRY	M104
	1840-50	Windsor	BRK	M104
ANDREWS	1800-50	Bampton	OXF	A44
	1800-50	East Leach	GLS	A44
ANGLISS	1750-1900	All	ALL	A45
	1900-29	Kentish Town area	MDX	A45
	1800-50	Chelsea area	MDX	A45
APPLEBY	All	Stoke Newington	MDX	S118
ASKET	1750-1820	Shaftesbury	DOR	K33
BARTON	bef 1880	Tonbridge	KEN	F54
BEALE	18 C	Peterborough	NTH	K33
BERRY	18 C	Peterborough	NTH	K33
BEVENS	19 C	Bethnal Green	MDX	H121
BIGGS	bef 1850	Uxbridge area	MDX	B156
BIRCH	c 1830	All	BKM	M103
BLACKMAN	1800-60	Peterborough	NTH	K33
BLAGRAVE	1750-1815	Enfield	MDX	M103
BLIGHT	c 1891	Pancras	MDX	C123
	c 1897	Saltash	CON	C123
BOREHAM	18 C	Whepstead	SFK	M90
BROAD	c 1811	Kensington area	MDX	M103
BRUNNING	18-19 C	All	MDX	H119
BUCKMASTER	1800-70	Twickenham	MDX	K33
BUGG	19 C	Wincanton	SOM	K33
BURGOYNE	19 C	Hereford	HEF	H121
BURGWIN	18 C	Hentland area	HEF	H121
BYE	19 C	Bradfield	BRK	H120
CANE	19 C	All	SRY	M103
CHANDLER	All	All	MDX	S118
	1840-1920	Melksham	WIL	S118
CHITTY	18 C	Fulham	MDX	W114
CLIFTON	aft 1860	Shoreditch	MDX	C123
COCKING	c 1860	Keynsham	SOM	C123
COCKMAN	18-19 C	Ottery St Mary	DEV	H119
COOK	bef 1860	Ticknall	DBY	F54
	c 1825	All	DEV	M103
COOTE	1920-60	Holloway area	MDX	A45

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
COPSEY	18 C	Horringer	SFK	M90
COX	aft 1892	Edmonton	MDX	C123
	aft 1890	Cookham	BRK	C123
CRUMMY	aft 1890	Georgham	DEV	C123
CUDDON	18 C	All	SFK	C122
CUTT	1800-45	All	BKM	S123
CUTTER	17-18 C	All	SFK	C122
DAVIES	bef 1890	Abergavenny area	MON	H121
DEAR	18-19 C	Brentford	MDX	H119
	18-19 C	Uxbridge	MDX	H119
	19 C	Isleworth	MDX	H119
	18-19 C	Uxbridge	MDX	H119
DELLER	18-19 C	Enfield	MDX	H119
	19 C	Islington	MDX	H119
	19 C	Isleworth	MDX	H119
	19 C	Isleworth	MDX	H119
DENNIS	bef 1880	Moiria	LEI	F54
DEW	19 C	Dilton Marsh	WIL	H120
EYERS	All	All	DOR	S118
FARMER	19 C	Kensington	MDX	C122
	18 C	Newcastle	NBL	C122
FITZJOHN	All	Baldock	HRT	S124
FOX	bef 1840	Bermondsey	SRY	M90
FOY	1800-50	Aldershot	HAM	A45
FROOME	bef 1900	Kensington area	MDX	A44
FROOME-LEWIS	bef 1900	Kensington area	MDX	A44
GALE	c 1830	All	BKM	M103
GELDERD	All	All	ALL	S121
GENTRY	bef 1850	Fulham	MDX	W114
GIBBINS	19 C	Chelsea area	MDX	M104
GILBERT	19 C	Moor Critchel	DOR	H120
GITTINGS	bef 1880	Madley	HEF	H121
GOODMAN	bef 1860	Phillack	CON	S124
	aft 1860	Brentford area	MDX	S124
GOWERS	bef 1845	Great Waltham	ESS	M90
GREENOUGH	1900-20	Birkenhead	CHS	M90
GREGORY	19 C	Hillingdon area	MDX	W114
HAINES	1820-1900	Spitalfields	MDX	K33
HALLIDAY	18 C	Backworth	NBL	M90
HARGREAVES	bef 1930	Leicester area	LEI	H121
HARRINGTON	c 1880	Lewisham	KEN	M104
	19 C	All	COR	M104
HARVEY	aft 1900	Hounslow	MDX	R58
HASE	All	Weston-super-Mare	SOM	H120
HASKET	1750-1820	Shaftesbury	DOR	K33
HAZELL	bef 1850	Isleworth	MDX	R58
	aft 1850	Hammersmith	MDX	R58
HETHERINGTON	1820-1900	Birkenhead	CHS	M90
	bef 1820	Maryport	CUL	M90
HICKS	c 1840	Willian	HRT	S124
HILL	bef 1900	Cam	GLS	H120

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HODDING	c 1780	Salisbury	WIL	M103
HOLDEN	bef 1890	Rosliston	DBY	F54
HORNE	18 C	Salisbury	WIL	C122
	19 C	Guildford, Lambeth	SRY	C122
HORTON	bef 1890	Rosliston	DBY	F54
HOUGH	bef 1857	Ticknall	DBY	F54
HUGHES	bef 1920	Llanfihangell Pennant	MER	H121
ISAAC	19 C	Henley on Thames	OXF	H120
	19 C	Elstead	SRY	H120
JACKSON	18 C	Walthamstow	ESS	S124
	1770-1823	Kentish Town	MDX	S124
JAHN	19 C	Westminster	MDX	F55
JENNINGS	bef 1780	City	LND	S124
JOHNSON	1750-1800	Fulham	MDX	K33
	c 1818	Cambridge	CAM	M103
JONES	aft 1860	Hackney	MDX	C123
	aft 1860	Haggerston	MDX	C123
	aft 1860	Hoxton	MDX	C123
	aft 1860	Shoreditch	MDX	C123
	bef 1880	Measham	DBY	F54
KENDALL	18 C	Twickenham	MDX	K33
KING	19 C	St Giles	MDX	F55
LANE	All	All	MDX	S118
LEDGER	19 C	Southall area	MDX	H120
LEEDS	1850-1920	Kentish Town area	MDX	A45
LETTAU	All	Germany		S121
LEWIS	bef 1900	Kensington area	MDX	A44
	17-19 C	Bradinch	DEV	H119
LIPSCOMB	1800-10	Twickenham	MDX	K33
LONG	bef 1840	Bitton	GLS	H120
LOVELL	18 C	Shoreditch area	MDX	M90
MAIR	1775-1815	All	MDX	M103
MARSH	1800-75	Clerkenwell area	MDX	M90
	bef 1800	Chichester	SSX	M90
MARSHALL	bef 1750	Winscombe	SOM	H120
MASTERS	All	Liverpool area	LAN	S121
MEADS	19 C	Southall area	MDX	H120
MIDDLETON	18 C	Bottle	NBL	M90
MILLARD	18 C	Compton Bishop	SOM	H120
MOTT	bef 1889	Newhall	DBY	F54
MUNDEN	All	All	ALL	S121
MYRING	bef 1836	Kingsbury	WAR	S124
	1836-73	Etwall	DBY	S124
	1870-1945	Ealing area	MDX	S124
MYTTON	18 C	All	ALL	M103
NAYLOR	All	Brighouse area	WRY	S118
NEALE	19 C	Chelsea area	MDX	M104
NEWBERRY	c 1825	All	DEV	M103
ORD	c 1786	All	ALL	M103
OUTHWAITE	bef 1850	Chelsea area	MDX	M90

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PAINÉ	19 C	Hounslow area	MDX	F55
PALMER-LEWIS	c 1820	Cullompton	DEV	H119
PATRICK	bef 1860	Burghill area	HEF	H121
PATTEN	1760-1810	All	HAM	M103
PINNOCK	18 C	All	GLS	H120
POLLARD	c 1867	Clerkenwell	MDX	C123
	c 1897	Saltash	CON	C123
PRINCE	18-19 C	Chelsea area	MDX	P73
PRIOR	bef 1820	Fulham	MDX	W114
PUGH	bef 1890	Lullham, Madley	HEF	H121
RICHARDS	19 C	Paddington	MDX	K33
RICKETT	1800-50	All	WIL	A45
RIDGERS	18-19 C	Sandhurst	BRK	M104
ROSE	All	All	RUT	S118
RUSSELL	19 C	Fulham	MDX	W114
SALMON	18 C	Westminster area	MDX	S124
SCHNEEGANS	All	All	ALL	R58
SHEPHERD	1820-1900	Norbiton	SRY	K33
SHOPPEE	bef 1850	Uxbridge area	MDX	B156
SINGLETON	c 1750	Sampford Peverell	DEV	H119
SMITH	bef 1889	Ticknall	DBY	F54
SPRIGGS	All	Isleworth area	MDX	S121
	All	All	ALL	S121
STADDON	1600-1750	Colebrooke	DEV	H119
	aft 1840	Islington	MDX	H119
STEELE	All	All	LEI	S118
STEVENS	19 C	Southall area	MDX	H120
STOKER	1810-50	Bideford	DEV	K33
STONESTREET	19 C	Southall, Hayes	MDX	H120
STRUDWICK	bef 1860	Hammersmith	MDX	R58
	aft 1830	Isleworth	MDX	R58
SUSSEMS	1820-1910	All	MDX	S123
	aft 1900	All	KEN	S123
	bef 1845	All	NFK	S123
	bef 1845	All	SFK	S123
TAPPIN	19 C	Paddington area	MDX	H121
	bef 1920	Willesden area	MDX	H121
	bef 1920	Kensington area	MDX	H121
TAYLOR	c 1890	Hackney	MDX	C123
TICKNER	bef 1820	Fulham	MDX	W114
TOMLINSON	1830-50	Marylebone	MDX	A45
	1880-1900	Paddington	MDX	A45
	1900-40	Kentish Town area	MDX	A45
TURNER	All	Stoke Newington	MDX	S118
TYNE	bef 1850	Fulham	MDX	W114
VATER	All	All	DOR	S118
VEALS	c 1820	Cullompton	DEV	H119
WALKER	1800-50	Marylebone	MDX	K33
WALLIS	c 1783	Cambridge	CAM	M103
WELLS	1800-70	Paddington	MDX	K33

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WETHERALL	18 C	All	ALL	M103
WINYARD	bef 1836	Wangford area	SFK	S124
	1836-90	Boldon area	DUR	S124
	c 1880	Ealing area	MDX	S124
WOOD	bef 1820	Northampton	NTH	M90
WOODCOCK	19 C	Westminster	MDX	F55
WOODS	19 C	St Giles	MDX	F55
WRIGHT	bef 1850	Finsbury area	MDX	M90

EDITOR'S NOTES

Richard Chapman

I am glad to note that after last quarter's contraction, the Journal is back to its usual size, thanks to excellent and varied contributions from some of our members, as well as the sterling support of our regular writers. Thanks to all.

It does not seem three months since I was putting together the last issue, and perhaps one reason for this is that in between I have been preparing the printer's copy for the index to this Journal, compiled by Janet Huckle. This index spans the period from the very first Journal produced by the Society in Winter 1978, through to the end of Volume 11, the end of last year. The first issue, edited by Robert Cook, set the cover 'look' which has remained essentially unchanged. I also notice that in that first issue, a year's free membership was offered to anyone who could dream up a specific title for the Journal, other than *West Middlesex Family History Society Journal*, that was used to launch the publication. Evidently this was one free membership that was saved! You can purchase copies of the Index, available as an A5 booklet - see page 4 for details. An update for 1994 will be distributed with the March 1995 Journal.

As you can see on page 21, my appeal for illustrations to accompany articles has had some response, and we have been able to reproduce a photograph in the Journal for the first time. Good quality prints can be used in this way, and add much to the impact of an article. All prints received will, of course, be returned once the Journal has been produced.

Finally, may I wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

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