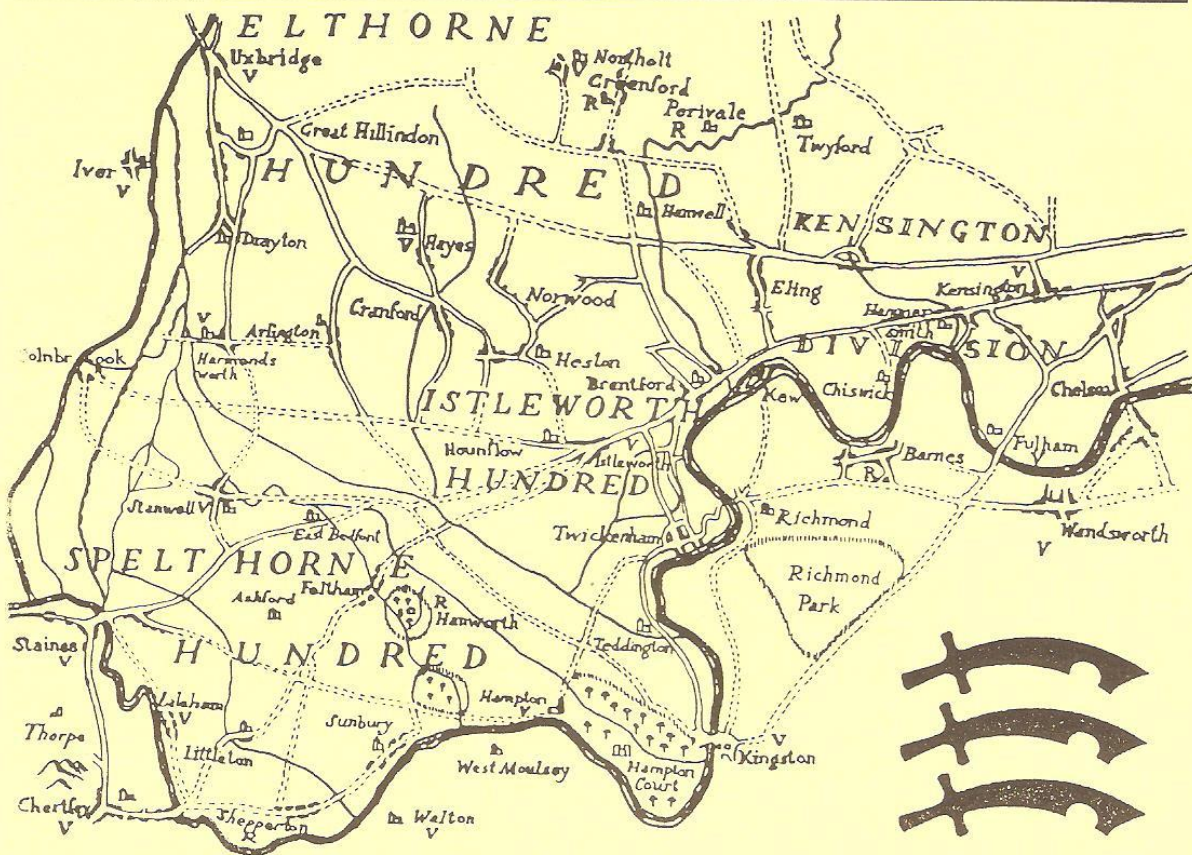


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Welcome to our new chairman, Les Munson. It will be pleasant to discuss society policy with him.

I have felt quite guilty over the last few months as I have been doing my own family history. Someone in Australia, who corresponded with me ten years ago, wrote to say that he thought my great-grandmother was the illegitimate child of his ancestress: I believe him. This is a reminder that I should check through my old correspondence to see whether there is new information to send on.

To mark the occasion of its 21st anniversary, the Federation of Family History Societies is hosting a late afternoon cocktail party in the Cholmondeley Room of the House of Lords, followed by a tour of the House, on Friday 22nd September. Each society has been offered a ticket costing £15. The Committee have decided to buy the ticket and hold a ballot for it. Members who have undertaken work for the Society are invited to join in the ballot. If you are one of our valued volunteers and would like to try for the ticket, please send your name to me and let me know of your work. The ballot will be held at one of our monthly meetings; two names will be drawn, one as a reserve.

When we were at the West Surrey FHS Open Day, a man asked whether we would like a couple of photographs of the Welcome Mission, The Mount, Hanworth that he had bought. There are three photographs on one, portraits of a man and woman who may be Mr and Mrs Gurr, who lived at Ebenezer, Vicarage Road, Sunbury, and a group of 'Young Life Campaigners in the Hall'. The other is the Welcome Mission display of their 'Harvest Home' September 20th-22nd 1931. The originals have been donated to Hounslow Library. We have some photocopies, which I will send to anyone with an interest in them, for the price of a stamp and any memories about it.

Good hunting in 1995!

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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, plus p&p, add £0.30 (Europe), or £0.60 (rest of world).

Payment in Sterling only, please, to West Middlesex Family History Society.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Society of Genealogists: Family History Fair 1995

The 1995 SoG Family History Fair will take place over Saturday and Sunday May 6th and 7th 1995, at the Royal Horticultural Society New Hall and Conference Centre, Westminster. Day tickets bought in advance cost £3.00 and are available now from the Family History Fair Co-ordinator, Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA. Tickets bought at the door will cost £4.00. West Middlesex FHS has arranged a stand for both days; if you are visiting, do drop by and say hello!

Yvonne Woodbridge has indicated that she is willing to order tickets on behalf of members on a cash with order basis. Please contact her at our Hounslow meeting, or at the address given inside the front cover of this journal (SAE please). Orders should reach her by April 7th.

Westminster City Archives and Local History Collections

The archives offices at Marylebone and Victoria have now moved. The new address is City of Westminster Archives Centre, 10 St Ann's Street, London SW1P 2XR. Tel. 0171-798-2180. Opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m.-7.00 p.m., Saturday 9.30 a.m.-5.00 p.m.

London Topographical Society

This is a publishing society, concentrating on books and sheet material illustrating the history, growth and topography of London. In addition to the principal publication, London Topographical Record, a wide range of books and facsimile editions of maps are available, covering the London area. General enquiries, including membership details, should be made to the Hon. Secretary, Mr P. Frazer, 36 Old Deer Park Gardens, Richmond, Surrey TW9 2TL.

Friend of the County of Middlesex

The Friends of the County of Middlesex exists to promote, protect and preserve the identity, heritage and history of the County of Middlesex; to pursue, using all appropriate means, the official recognition of the continued existence of the County of Middlesex, and for it to be given equal status and treatment with that of other counties. For details of the Friends, and their activities, please write to them at PO Box 102, Feltham, Middlesex TW13 6SF.

Family Documents

Beryl Bromley a member of BMSGH has written to say that when going through her father's papers she found a number of documents which he found in the attic above premises in Mott Street, Birmingham. They span the period 1758 to 1895, and relate primarily to persons of the name STEEDMAN. They include a conveyance (ANDERSON to STEIDMANS, 1758, Perth), a will (William CRAWFORD, Berwick on Tweed, n.d.), and several certificates for

STEEDMAN, at addresses around London. If you think you have a connection with these people, please write to Mrs B. Bromley, 7 The Hawthornes, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 5JG for further details.

Norwich Records

The situation at the record office in Norwich, following the fire last year, is not yet back to normal. If you intend to visit, please telephone 01603-761349 before travelling.

Shropshire Records

Shropshire Record Office will be closed until 17th April, and the Local Studies Library will be closed 13 March to 17th April. The combined service will be operating from new premises thereafter. Please telephone 01743255350 to confirm opening arrangements if you are planning a visit.

Parochial Fees: Changes

The Church Commissioners' Table of Parochial Fees includes revised fees, as follows:

Searching baptismal or burial registers (including the provision of one copy of any entry therein)

for up to one hour	£11
for each subsequent hour or part of an hour	£9

Each additional copy of a baptism or burial	£11
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Inside Doubt

How often have you heard other people in record offices say something like 'That's not my ancestor, mine always spelt their name . . .' I wonder what they would make of the following in Harmondsworth parish registers.

Baptisms

1767 Sep. 20 Mary of Rachel & Charles Sneller labourer
1770 May 6 Charles of Rachel & Charles Kneller labourer

Burial

1815 Apr. 11 Rachel Neller aged 76

Most people would probably accept that Kneller and Neller were the same but what about Sneller? All is made clear when you say Charles Neller out loud. So if you have an elusive ancestor and the surname began with a vowel, or a consonant that could have taken on another letter at the beginning, perhaps you should rethink your research. Which reminds me I have a missing Richard Ashman, who could be registered as Dashman, Sashman and so on . . . Happy hunting!

Wendy Mott

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following meetings have been planned

16th March	<i>Victorian London</i> – a talk by Dennis Edwards
20th April	<i>See following item</i>
18th May	<i>VE Celebrations: A Street Party</i> - including film of Hounslow during wartime

The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow, and start at 7.30 p.m.

An opportunity not to be missed

The subject of the talk at our April meeting will be an Australian one. Many will, I know, immediately think that they have no genealogical interests in Australia or ancestors that went there, as far as they know. If you are tempted to stay away for those reasons, then think again! On all our family trees there will be brothers and sisters of our direct ancestors who just disappeared, apparently without trace. Certainly some may have gone to neighbouring parishes or counties, others overseas to the various parts of the British Empire. One of the places that very many of these people went was to Australia.

The prospect of trying to locate such an ancestor is daunting; just where should one look? A number of the early Australian state birth, marriage and death records are now available on CD-ROM (copies hopefully soon at the SoG). These can readily, and very quickly, be searched by computer in a way that is not possible with printed material - for example to locate the births of all children for whom the mother's maiden name is known. This provides an easily usable way of locating many of our stray ancestors.

Once a stray brother, for instance, has been located then Australian records may yield information about him (e.g. parentage on a death certificate) which is not available about your direct ancestor from British records. I will leave the rest for you to hear about in April.

The speakers, on Thursday 20th April 1995, will be Heather Garnsey and Martyn Killion. Heather is Executive Officer of the national Society of Australian Genealogists (the nearest equivalent here being Anthony Camp of SoG). Martyn is an archivist at the Archives Office of New South Wales. Both are experienced speakers and very knowledgeable in genealogical sources and techniques.

The talk promises to be excellent and informative, and I shall not miss it (unless I am sent to Australia on business!) - make sure that you come along; you won't be disappointed.

Christopher T. Watts

Our recent recordings are as follows:

Teddington - David Neller

300 Years of Mud and Crime - Ron Cox

The Victorian Sailor - Mike Fountain

Wandsworth and Fulham in Picture Postcards - Pat Loobey

These NEW tapes may be hired, at the cost of £1.60, including p&p, for 14 days. Please make all cheques payable to *West Middlesex FHS*. Please give your name, address and telephone number, and your FHS and membership number (UK members only). Send your requests to: West Middlesex FHS Tape Library, 18A Gordon Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 3EU.

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

Woolwich and District FHS

Census Records - Simon Fowler

Local Military Records - Ian Beckett

Records of the Guildhall Library - Richard Harvey

Irish Ancestry: Problems and Cures - Bill Davis

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

North West Kent FHS

A One Name Study - David Culley

The Seaman's World in the 17th and 18th C Royal Navy - Chris Ware

Some Diving Families of Kent - John Bevan

'Flogging Joe': A Man with a Mission - John Douch

Linen Linings and Brass Fittings: The Victorian Funeral - Julian Litten

The Press and the March of History - David Linton

Victorian Life from Old Photographs - John Vigar

Skeletons in the Cupboard - Audrey Gillett

The New Edition of the IGI - WA. Neale

Robert Peel to PC Neal - John Neal

The Case of Marianne Farningham - Shirley Black

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

Computer Group Meeting

The Computer Group meets at Montague Hall, Hounslow, on alternate months. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th April, at 7.30 p.m. Ali Society members are welcome, whether computer users or not.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following are the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of West Middlesex Family History Society, held at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow on 15th December 1994.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from David Neller, Pam Morgan, Margaret and William Comben.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM of 16th December 1993

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 16th December 1993 were approved, and signed by the acting Chairman. There were no matters arising.

3. Treasurer's Report and Approval of the Audited Accounts

Overall the Society had a financially successful year with membership peaking at 612 members, but a critical appraisal of the balance sheet reveals weaknesses in the Society's finances which, if allowed to continue, would lead to difficulties. The basic cost of running the Society exceeded subscription income by £1900 whilst the total sales exceeded the cost of goods by £2200. This means that the basic running of the Society is being heavily subsidised by the 'trading activities, a state of affairs which cannot prudently be allowed to continue. The journal costs £4.50 per member per year, leaving only £1.50 per member for all other purposes. The bookstall (which is by far the biggest source of sales income) has been largely inoperative for the first three months of 1994-95 and assuming that it gets back to normal in January the loss of income will still be at least £600. It is anticipated that about £1000 will need to be drawn from reserves (COIF deposit a/c) by 30th September 1995 to meet the basic expenses of running the Society. To remedy this shortfall and make the Society less dependent on trading activities an increase of £2 on the annual subscription is recommended from 1st October 1995.

Questions from the floor regarding the increase in subscriptions were deferred until later in the proceedings when the matter would be formally presented for approval.

4. Appointment of Auditors

Malcolm Hailwood and Roger Minot were proposed by Valerie Walker and seconded by Richard Knight, and their appointment was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

5. Acting Chairman's Report

The secretary, Yvonne Woodbridge, has also been acting chairman this year and she gave a brief review of the year. We had a stall at the SoG Fair, and were represented at many open days of other societies during the year. The highlight

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<i>Income</i>	1993/1994	1992/1993
1991/92 subscriptions	-	34.00
1992/93 subscriptions	10.00	1719.00
1993/94 subscriptions	2307.14	1553.50
1994/95 subscriptions	500.00	20.00
1995+ subscriptions	13.00	20.00
Interest on Barclays Business Premium Account	36.96	58.18
Interest on COIF Charities Deposit Account	191.41	200.90
Tax refund on covenanted subscriptions	211.24	220.08
Donations	40.05	45.47
Bookstall sales	2065.36	1659.70
1851 Census Index Book Sales	138.70	107.70
1851 Census Index and Monumental Inscription Fiche Sales	1005.23	983.05
St Catherine's House Courier Scheme	139.25	178.50
Journal advertisements	73.80	43.80
Refund from Post Office	-	61.83
Refreshments	90.35	22.00
Raffles	122.57	255.48
Sale of back journals	49.67	35.85
Sale of journal index	15.75	-
Hire of tapes of speakers	20.15	11.25
West Middlesex Marriage Index	46.31	22.25
Postal Book Service sales	668.56	634.10
West Middlesex Publications sales	1039.25	-
Research Income	7.00	-
1881 Census Index searches	22.04	-
Misc. other income (including sales of postcards)	71.41	-
	<u>8885.20</u>	<u>7886.64</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1994

<i>Assets</i>		
Bank Balance	1456.75	2112.08
Charity Deposit Account (COIF) balance	3556.11	3864.70
Cash in Hand (Petty Cash)	390.08	21.30
Bookstall float	20.00	20.00
Postal Book float	100.00	37.33
Open Day float	20.00	-
Bookstall stock	494.24	775.16
WMFHS publication	342.40	-
Journal index (at cost)	146.97	-
Census Index Books Volumes 1 and 2 (at cost)	25.50	74.60
Census Index Microfiche and MI fiche	202.99	224.73
1988 Census Microfiche (at cost) (1381)	254.41	-
Film and fiche viewers (less 25 %)	156.88	209.17
Kodak slide projector (less 10%)	283.48	-
Projector stand, written down	1.00	1.00
Envelope stock for journal mailing (at cost)	42.86	66.00
1988 IGI Microfiche (less 25%)	56.00	74.67
Times Divorce Index (less 25%)	7.91	10.54
Boxes for Library and Bookstall Display Shelves (less 25%)	22.94	30.59
Computer and relevant software (less 25%)	756.77	1009.02
Accounting Software (less 25%)	67.43	89.91
Virus checking software (less 25%)	80.10	-
Heavy duty line printer <second hand> (at cost)	95.18	-
Banner for Open Days (at cost)	65.00	-
	<u>8645.00</u>	<u>8620.80</u>

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

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

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1994

<i>Expenditure</i>	1993/1994	1992/1993
Hire of Montague Hall for meetings	602.50	383.05
FFHS subscriptions and insurance	213.90	156.35
Stand fees: SoG Fair	100.00	26.25
Other fairs and conferences	-	29.00
Hire of St Peter's Church Hall for WMFHS Open Day	110.25	25.00
Membership of Cumbria and Hampshire Societies	10.50	11.50
Membership of County of Middlesex Trust	10.00	10.00
Bookstall purchases	1183.25	1062.03
1851 Census Index and Monumental Inscription fiche costs	573.32	430.59
Research expenditure	159.04	260.83
Photocopying	23.79	-
West Middlesex Publication Costs	940.00	-
Publication Sub-Committee Expenses	-	13.43
Journal Production costs	2177.80	1827.80
Journal Index Production costs	161.50	-
Journal Postage costs (including labels)	734.08	649.81
Library Purchases	41.11	83.55
Speakers' Fees and Expenses	189.40	182.50
Committee postage and telephone expenses	205.42	133.75
Stationery	227.10	104.95
Postal Book Service Costs	649.49	592.27
Other Committee Expenses	10.63	18.12
Expenses of recording speakers	5.27	41.28
Technical spares	42.88	-
Computer Group expenses	34.84	-
Miscellaneous expenses (including banner and publicity)	238.03	91.54
Optical equipment	314.98	176.25
Computers, software and printers	184.18	99.90
Purchase of 1881 Census Microfiche	254.41	-
Depreciation: Film and fiche viewers	52.29	34.48
Kodak slide projector	31.50	-
1988 IGI microfiche	18.67	24.89
Times Divorce Index	2.63	3.51
Boxes for Library and Bookstall Display Shelves	7.65	10.20
Computer and relevant software	252.25	336.34
Accounting software	22.48	9.99
Virus checking software	8.90	-
Excess of Income over Expenditure	(908.84)	1057.48
	<u>8885.20</u>	<u>7886.64</u>
 <i>Liabilities</i>		
Subscriptions paid in advance	513.00	1593.50
Deposits	21.37	20.96

Excess of Assets over Liabilities	<u>8110.63</u>	<u>7006.34</u>
	<u>8645.00</u>	<u>8620.80</u>

R.A. Knight (Hon. Treasurer)

of our year was, of course, our own Open Day. It was again a very successful day due to the hard work done by those who organised the event and those who spent the day running the various stalls. The Secretary thanked everyone for the help and support she had received during the year.

6. Election of Officers and Members of the Committee for 1994/95

Mary Brown and Diana Bradley were standing down from the committee as they had completed the allowed six years service. Jane Alessandrini and Richard Knight were not seeking re-election. Richard Chapman, Antonia Davis, Carol Sweetland and Yvonne Woodbridge offered themselves for re-election and were accepted unanimously. Les Munson, Muriel Sprott, Jim Devine and David Neller were elected to the committee. Les Munson was voted in as chairman and Muriel Sprott as treasurer, both unanimously.

Wendy Mott proposed a vote of thanks to Yvonne Woodbridge for having done the two difficult jobs of chairman and secretary so well during the year.

7. Subscriptions

Motion: ‘The committee recommend that the following new fees be adopted from 1st October 1995

Ordinary Members	£8.00;
Family Members	£10.50;
Overseas Members	£9.00.

There followed a discussion on the increase during which there was an amendment from the floor: ‘that overseas membership be £9.00 per year, or three years for £24.00’. This was intended to help overseas members by defraying some of the cost in sending their subscriptions in sterling to the UK. The amendment was agreed with one vote against. The primary motion on the raising of subscriptions generally was then voted on, and carried with 39 votes in favour, and 7 against.

8. Holding of Society Property

Motion: ‘That Clause 11 of the Constitution be amended to read “The Executive Committee may appoint not less than six persons (and not more than twenty persons) to hold property held by or in trust for the Society.”

An amendment from the floor was proposed, suggesting that the upper limit be twenty five, to allow for any increase in property owned by the Society in future. This, and the amended primary motion, were passed unanimously.

9. Any Other Business

Ted Dunstall proposed that advance notice of the agenda for the AGM be published in the December issue of the Journal. This was passed unanimously.

Malcolm Hailwood proposed a vote of thanks to the committee.

The meeting was closed at 8.50 p.m.

Carol Sweetland

There was an unusual and dangerous industry in West Middlesex from the 17th century onwards - the manufacture of gunpowder. Hounslow Heath was a perfect location, being an isolated area, which could also provide wood for making charcoal and the Rivers Crane and Northumberland for the power to drive the wheels. It is believed that the first mills were at East Bedfont by the Baber Bridge, dating from the 17th century. A second site by the River Crane was established in 1766. The two are usually referred to collectively as the Hounslow Mills, but they were not under control of the same owners until 1826, when Curtis and Harvey took over them both.

As long ago as 1609, Sir Michael Stanhope, Lord of the Manor of East Bedfont, is recorded as having protested against the King's order for the erection of gunpowder mills and workmen's houses on his manor. Also in the Brentford Petty Sessions held on 26th October 1675 there is a recognizance for one John Davis of Bedfont to appear and answer for threatening 'to throw a squid to blow up a powder mill'. For this he was fined £40.

The mills are beside Baber Bridge and there are extensive ruins still to be seen. Because of the threat of explosions the buildings where the various processes took place were of light construction, with wooden roofs and canvas walls on brick foundations. They were isolated from one another by clumps of trees and mounds of earth.

The Hounslow Mills were situated in Crane Park. The Mill Head Tower, built about 1828, remains today and is now the headquarters of the Crane Park Island Local Nature Reserve. It has been known locally as the Shot Tower for many years, although it is unlikely that lead shot was ever made there. It was probably built as a watchtower, as it used to have a belfry on top, and the bell was rung at any sign of danger. There are a few mill stones still to be seen in the park.

The ingredients for gunpowder are saltpetre, charcoal and sulphur. These materials were ground, then mixed together or 'incorporated'. The powder was made into 'cakes' and then broken down into small grains, which were glazed, dried and put into barrels. From the moment that the ingredients were mixed together, there was a possibility of an explosion.

The powder was carried by horse-drawn carts and later by motor vans to Isleworth's Berry and Edwards wharf in Church Street, near the mill river outlet. When powder was transported by water, strict precautions were taken. No-one was allowed to walk over a bridge whilst the barges passed underneath, in case grit fell on to the deck. In 1761 Isleworth vestry complained about powder spilt on the roads. Then in 1772 they took note of a George III Act which directed that no-one was allowed to carry more than 500 lb by water. Any amounts above

this could be seized by the informer for his use, for a shilling per pound over the prescribed weight. The Vestry empowered one James Ellis to watch and observe when the carts passed through and if they violated the Act, to apply to a Justice of the Peace. For this duty he was to be paid 6/- a week for six months and have a reward of six guineas on each legal conviction. There are no records to show whether he made any profits from this. For more than a century, the powder was carried from the mill to the wharf, but no accidents were recorded. However, early in 1780 a fire broke out at the wharf and the inhabitants fled as there were powder barges alongside. Fortunately the tide was full and the lightermen were able to get them away from their moorings in Syon Reach, despite the flying sparks. The danger to property was realised and a meeting was held. It was decided that better fire appliances were needed: the first mention of a fire engine was in 1822.

There were numerous explosions and on occasions windows were blown out from houses in the surrounding parishes. The explosions were reported to have been heard as far away as Gloucestershire. Reports can be found in local papers as well as 'The Times'. It was not until the passing of the Explosives Act in 1875 that the Home Secretary had the power to license factories, set up inspections of premises and hold enquiries into accidents caused by explosions. Eventually accidents decreased.

In 1865 a cartridge factory was established at North Feltham near the Hounslow works by Curtis and Harvey. It was the excellence of the Hounslow powders that Curtis and Harvey's TS No. 6 was taken as the standard powder for the Boxer Henry cartridge. The powder RFG (rifle firing gunpowder) was subsequently developed. The cartridge factory was closed about 1924 as it could not compete with the larger unit at Ely Bros, Edmonton.

Many local people worked at the mills. The Hounslow mills were the biggest employers in the area and quite often son followed father into the job. It was dangerous, the work hard and the pay poor. The workers were under the constant threat of explosions. Safety measures were lax, especially in the early days. There is a report of an incident in 1813 when a man carried 12 lb of gunpowder into a public house and put it on a table where men were smoking. It exploded and several people were hurt.

The working week was from Monday to Saturday, 6.30 a.m. - to 5.00 p.m. A gun was fired at 6.00 a.m. as a signal that work was shortly to begin. If a worker was five minutes late, he was kept outside the gates for at least quarter of an hour and his pay stopped. The workers were searched outside the gate for pipes and matches, but the men hid them under stones and ditches along the roadside. Each had his own hiding place, but unfortunately the local children took great delight in mixing them up. The men then had to don protective clothing of 'lasting' a curious leathery material, with bone buttons and no pockets. Instead

of shoes, and to prevent sparks from nails and studs, there were outdoor slippers with copper nails and indoor ones with wooden pegs. Beards were frowned upon, in case grit got into them. Tools too were made of a non-sparking material. Although in the mixing houses the air was full of dust, the other houses (as the different buildings were known) had to be kept free from it. In the dusting houses it was dangerous to roll barrels along the floor which was covered in leather for safety's sake. Horses inside the complex had to wear copper instead of iron shoes.

Women were paid 10/- per week for filling canisters with powder and packing them into boxes- Most of the work in the various shops was piece work. The workers were paid on Saturday, from a pigeon hole in the main office. The money was given out in little round tins with the employee's name and shop stamped on it. When the contents were removed the tins were thrown into a basket close by.

An old worker remembered that the men looked forward to their half-hour lunch break when old George Reynolds brought the beer in his pony and cart. He also remembered that on the left side of the factory was an old lane called Powder Mill Lane. There was only one house occupied by the manager, Mr Knight. A small bungalow was let out to one of the foremen and in another small cottage on the extreme left resided the foreman of the box shop.

The workers never knew when there would be an explosion, and sometimes people were killed. The flimsy buildings were blown up and pieces of copper machinery scattered far afield. As soon as a bang was heard, the women would rush to the gate to see whether their men were all right. Doctors and nurses also rushed there. Before the First World War four local doctors used to race there and the first to arrive after the explosion would receive a prize of £5. During the war sentries guarded the boundary fences. Sometimes the Fineans would pay a visit and threaten to blow the place up.

Production costs were high at Hounslow due to the old plant, the lay-out and the transport costs. The factory was modernised but eventually it was closed down in 1926. Bedfont mills and the cartridge factory were closed down about 1924. After the war, in 1919, Curtis and Harvey was merged into Explosives Trade Ltd, which became the Nobel industries in 1922. Eventually the company was one of the big four which formed ICI Ltd. in 1928.

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Dorothy Ann Millwood

*On the occasion of her wedding to Percy Randall
22nd September 1908*

In 1896 two Victorian schoolgirls from Hammersmith High for Girls used to walk across the bridge over the Thames, returning to their home in Castelnau. The elder was tall, well-built and beautiful, with abundant dark wavy hair. Her younger sister was shorter and slimmer, and looked rather cross. She knew that as soon as they got to the bridge a dark, slight young man would appear, having escaped from the engineering shop at Gwynne's, on the Middlesex side, where he was apprenticed. He was the devoted slave of Dorothy, the elder girl. Winifred, the younger sister, knew she would have to dally with them, as their mother expected them to arrive together. So she had to wait while her sister and her admirer made paper boats and dropped them in the river to see whose emerged first beneath the bridge on the other side. Winifred never forgot this and complained about it to me, Dorothy's daughter, at least twenty-five years later. The young couple waited at least eight years before they became engaged and were married at St Mary's Church, Barnes in 1908.

Although we still possess a beautifully bound red leather copy of 'Tom Brown's Schooldays' that was a prize presented to Dorothy for arithmetic, I do not think that she was much of a scholar. She wrote an elegant copper-plate hand and did exquisite needlework, but does not seem to have distinguished herself in her other studies. Her father wanted her to go to the Royal School of Art Needlework, then in Kensington Gore, but her more practical mother decided this would not provide her with a good living and took her daughter to see Frederick Gorringe, the owner of a large and superior department store near Victoria Station. Her good looks and ladylike deportment gained her a post immediately and in 1900 she went to live there. The community of girls shared dormitory accommodation in the attics and a dining room in the basement. All the big shops had living-in assistants. Mother was lucky because she lived near enough to go home for the weekends. Her fiance used to meet her at lunchtime on Saturday, escort her home to Barnes and take her back on Sunday evening. I know they went to church together on Sunday morning and at one time they both taught in the Sunday school of Holy Trinity Church, Barnes.

One of my mother's early memories was that of watching Queen Victoria's coffin being carried on a gun carriage past the shop on its way from Victoria to Paddington for the funeral at Windsor. This was in 1901.

She seems to have enjoyed life in the shop. She started in the haberdashery department where they also sold gloves. She had lovely hands and was proud of the fact that it was said she was a perfect size seven and any gloves ordered for one of the larger aristocratic ladies were fitted on her! Quite soon she was trained as a buyer and had a very good position when she left to be married.

It was some years before I heard stories of her life in business, as Father's four sisters lived at home and were ashamed of having a sister-in-law 'in trade', so her employment was never mentioned. These aunts of mine were distinctly dowdy; they had their mother's cast-off dresses 'turned' for them to wear. Two did manage to escape later. The eldest, a brilliant linguist, got a post as an English and French governess to a family in one of the mini-Prussian courts and another had a wealthy godmother who paid her fees to become a Norland nurse. The other two were unpaid drudges at home until their mother died. Mother was sorry for them and looked down on their shabby clothes and lack of freedom. They did not consider her good enough for their brother. I remember some of this antipathy lasting until I was a schoolgirl, but times changed and they later became good friends.

I did hear some stories of highlights of her life at Gorringes. Every summer the store was closed for one Saturday and the owner (known affectionately as F.G. by his staff) would hire a fleet of horse-drawn waggonettes and take all his employees to his garden near Guildford for a superb picnic.

There was no possibility of a couple marrying until they had a home and no girl could stay at work once she was married. It was not until 1908 that my father, having qualified as an engineer and operative brewer, got a job at a brewery in Pentonville with a staff flat in Caledonian Road. Mother bought a Frister and Rossman sewing machine for £2 (it is still in working order) and set to, with her mother's help, to make her wedding dress and trousseau. Most of her linen came from Maple's and the furniture from both family homes, with a few choice pieces from the famous Caledonian Market held in that street. Fortunately there were a number of generous relatives who gave them silver, china and glass.

One of the conditions of the job was that Mother was required to provide lunch every week-day for the two brothers who owned the brewery, who came up daily from Surrey. She had never done much cooking and there were some anxious moments when she and her little maid of fourteen struggled, with the aid of Mrs Beeton, to produce an acceptable meal.

St Catherine's House Courier Service

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

£7.50 full details or reference is supplied,

£8.50 - 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 £6.00 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.

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS 1995

At a meeting in January, the Executive Committee approved a proposal to compile and distribute a fifth edition of the West Middlesex Family History Society Directory of Members' Interests, as a means of promoting the exchange of family history information among members.

Information for inclusion in the 1995 directory may be submitted using the yellow form provided for this purpose in the centre of this issue of the journal. The final product will be distributed to full members of the Society with the December 1995 issue. The layout of the directory will be the same as the 1993 edition - a simple *surname-period-area* scheme, as is used regularly in the Journal for the interests of new members.

Content

The directory will include a full listing of the entire membership, with addresses; it will not be limited to those who have submitted interests. If you do not wish to register any surname interests, but do not object to your name and address being listed, you need not return the form. *If, however, you do not wish to have your name and address listed at all, you must indicate this in a letter directed to the address on the form, by the specified deadline.*

Members who have recently joined the Society should take note that the surname interests to be recorded in the 1995 directory will be based exclusively on the information returned on the forms provided with this issue. Interests submitted by members when they join the Society are published on a once-only basis. Hence, if you wish your interests to be included in the 1995 directory, you must complete the enclosed form and return it.

Format

Concerns were raised by some members following the distribution of the 1993 directory in microfiche format, and indicating a preference for a booklet. The 1993 directory, in paper form, would have covered around 70 pages (compare a typical journal with 40), and together with postage charges, the total cost would have been around five times that of the fiche format. The Society is not in a position to fund the production and distribution of a directory in paper form, and the approval by the Executive Committee referred to above is based on an estimate of costs made for a microfiche publication. Members are reminded that many public libraries and record offices have fiche readers which they will allow members to use to read, if not print, their own fiche.

However, in an attempt to accommodate those unhappy with a microfiche directory, the entry form includes some questions aimed at gauging the level of interest in a booklet. If it becomes clear that sufficient numbers would be interested in purchasing a copy of the directory in a booklet form to make a

print run viable, then this option will be made available by means of an advertisement in the September 1995 issue of this journal.

Completed forms should be sent to

Richard Chapman, 15 Willerton Lodge, Bridgewater Road, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0ED.

TO BE CERTAIN OF HAVING YOUR INTERESTS INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY, YOU SHOULD RETURN YOUR FORM TO THIS ADDRESS BY 31ST MAY 1995 AT THE LATEST.

Before attempting to fill out the form, please read the instructions below very carefully, and follow them as closely as possible. If there should remain any points about which you are uncertain, or which require further explanation, please use the space provided on the reverse of the form.

Filling in the form

These instructions have been compiled to help you to fill in the form in such a way as to assist in the efficient and accurate compilation of the directory. Please read them carefully.

General

- Complete ALL parts of the form in BLOCK CAPITALS.
- Include your membership number where indicated; if you receive your journal by post, you will be able to find it on the address label.
- The form contains space for a maximum of fifteen surname interests to be entered. Do not attempt to enter any more; additional ones will be disregarded.
- For each surname interest that you wish to register, complete all four sections (Surname- Period-Area-County). Each line should be complete and self contained; do not use ditto marks on the form. Incomplete entries will not be included in the directory.
- If you are interested in all occurrences of a surname, you may enter 'ALL' or 'ANY' in any of the second, third, or fourth columns of the form.

Surname

- Surname interests should normally be a single name; it is assumed that a member using the directory will check for likely spelling variants him/herself. If necessary, however, a single spelling variant may be included in the surname column.
- Enter only a surname in the first column; do not include details on particular individuals.

Period

- Indicate the period for which you are interested in the surname in the specified area. This should be in one of the following formats:
1820-90; circa 1740; before 1800; after 1812; 19 C; 17-18 C
Do not abbreviate the words further, or use alternatives.

Area

- Enter one town or parish only. If you are interested in a wider area, you may indicate this by, for example, 'Kensington area'.

County

- Enter one English, Welsh, Scottish or Irish county, using standard county codes if possible. Overseas interests should be noted in full.

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.

CAMPBELL/CARTHY

Seeking information on Duncan William CAMPBELL, born c. 1831 London, arrived Australia c. 1852. His parents were George William CAMPBELL, customs officer, and Ellen CARTHY. Can anyone help?

Mrs E.M. Malone, 2'98 Sylvania Road, Gymea 2227, NSW, Australia

FISHERMAN'S PLACE, CHISWICK

I am having trouble locating Malcolm Cottages listed on a birth certificate of 1873 and a death certificate of 1872. The family lived in Fisherman's Place throughout this period, but I cannot find Fisherman's Place on the 1871 OS map of Chiswick. Has anybody any ideas?

Peter Jennings, Fairacre, Murcott, Malrnesbury, Wilts SN16 9EX

GOUGH/SNELLING

Caroline Whiteway GOUGH (born c. 1820, where?) married James Thomas SNEILING 7 January 1839 at St Margaret, Westminster. Caroline was baptised 20 January 1837 at St Giles, Cripplegate; her parents were William and Amelia GOUGH. At her marriage, Caroline lived at 7 Goodman's Green, Westminster; both her father and husband were soldiers. James Thomas SNEILING was a musician in 2nd Life Guards, stationed at Knightsbridge Barracks. No record on IGI for birth of William, or marriage of William and Amelia. Any information on these individuals would be very much appreciated. (Reciprocal research at Nottingham Archives offered.)

Mrs P.J. Alsop, 74 Brandish Crescent, Clifton, Nottingham NG11 9JX

MASON/CLIFTON/MOSS

My grandmother Edith was born MASON 25 May 1870, but brought up and married as CLIFTON. Identification of George MASON, her father, carpenter, welcomed. Edith was born to Harriet CLIFTON, nee MOSS at 59 Hood St, Chelsea, with two half-brothers living. Harriet and three children are at 49 Walton St, Chelsea on 1871 census. Surnamed CLIFTON and living 13 Broxholme St, Fulham 1881 census, with dressmaker mother Harriet in home elder half-brother, his young family, and cousin Harriet WEBB whose mother was CLIFTON from Stanton Harcourt. All postage reimbursed.

Heather Grimwood, 29 Tindalls Bay Road, Whangaparaoa 1463, New Zealand

OLD CONTEMPTABLES/HARKINGTON

Seeking whereabouts of any records of East Acton branch of The Old Contemptables Association. My grandfather Edward John HARRINGTON was the branch standard bearer at the time of his death in 1935. As no records exist for his military service, I am hoping these records may be stored somewhere.

Mrs Pauline McDonnell, 57 St Blaize Road, Ramsey, Hants SO51 7JY

PETERS

Seeking any information on surname PETERS from 17th-18th C. In particular George PETERS, father of Annie Emily PETERS (born 1840). Annie Emily married George HARMAN on 22 October 1862 at Kensington.

Jean McCulloch-Harman, 55 Lammermuir Crescent, Dunbar, East Lothian EH42 1DW

ROWLINSON/REYNOLDS

Seeking information on Alfred Woodcock ROWLINSON, born c. 1830, London; parents unknown. He married Elizabeth Jane REYNOLDS, a nurse, in 1856 at Melbourne, Australia. Elizabeth Jane (baptised 17 February 1827, Padstow, CON), was daughter of William REYNOLDS and Elizabeth Wilcock BREWER. Alfred Woodcock ROWLINSON was a waiter (Customs Dept.) in Melbourne in 1860, but later shot himself while due to return to England to stand trial as an accessory to a slave-dealer.

Mrs E.M. Malone, 298 Sylvania Road, Gymea 2227, NSW, Australia

SMITH

Daniel SMITH, born 1816, London, was convicted of theft at Westminster Sessions in 1831, and transported on Hercules 4, arriving Sydney, Australia in October 1832. He was an ivory turner by trade. Although he denied knowledge of his parents at his trial, they are believed to be William and Mary SHEPHERD of Battersea. How to prove this? At times Daniel was known as Shepparton SMITH, or Shepherdson SMITH. His father believed to be a London jeweller. He is also believed to have had a stepfather named SMITH. Can anyone help me to prove the real identity of Daniel?

Mrs E.M. Malone, 298 Sylvania Road, Gymea 2227, NSW, Australia

SNELLING/ATLEE/CHASE

Seeking other children of Henry SNELLING (born 1788, Ospringe, KEN) at Elizabeth ATLEE, married 27 January 1808 at St John, Wapping. Known children Albion Richard (Isleworth 1815), Susannah Jane (Isleworth 1818), James Thomas (Windsor 1820), Thomas (Chelsea 1822) and Ellen Taylor (Windsor 1824). Elizabeth died at Windsor, 22 September 1835. Henry married Sarah CHASE at St Mary, Islington on 13 July 1836. Only known child Ernest (Windsor 1838). Henry served in 15th Hussars and Royal Horse Guards between 1800 and 1843; he died in 1848 at Pimlico. Any information on these individuals would be much appreciated. (Reciprocal research offered.)

Mrs P.J. Alsop, 74 Brandish Crescent, Clifton, Nottingham N611 9JX

VINE/GRAINGER

Seeking information re birth, marriage and death of Henry or William Henry VINE. He was married to Emily GRAINGER (born approx. 1847, Croydon), and their son Montague Henry VINE was born 29 August 1888 at 11 Chippenham Mews, London W9. Emily is listed as a widow in 1891 census, living with her son at 2a Barnsdale Road, London W9. Any information would be gratefully appreciated.

Mr Geoff Vine, 32 Bryant Close, Nettlestead, Kent ME18 5EX

Help Offered

Mr Ron Harris has written to offer members access to his files containing the names of some 170,000 people who lived in Ruislip, Eastcote, Northwood, Ickenham and Harefield areas, prior to 1930, with surnames from Aaron to Zippenfield. Family trees are available in many cases. If you think he can help you, please send him a SAE, at 51 Mount Park Road, Eastcote, Middlesex HA5 2JS.

St George's Boys' School, Brentford

The Society has acquired a copy of a memorial card dated New Year's Day 1915, for St George's Boys' School, Brentford. It lists the names, ranks and sections of the army of former pupils 'who have loyally responded to the call of King and Country'. Surnames included are: Allnutt, Batten, Blake, Bradford, Bridges, Butcher, Carey, Champion, Chick, Clayton, Cloves, Cole, Collett, Coomber, Cooper, Cotton, Dawes, Dorey, Faulkner, Fleming, Gardener, Glover, Goddard, Gomm, Greenslade, Halsey, Hancox, Harris, Hawkes, Heath, Higgins, Hillier, Hooper, Hubbard, Huggett, Hunt, Hyde, Jackson, Johnson, Knock, Lewis, McCormack, Macnamara, Marshall, Mattocks, Miller, Mirams, Mumford, Nash, Newman, Newton, Nutt, Parkinson, Paxton, Pearce, Perkins, Poole, Prince, Richards, Robinson, Rogers, Sansom, Sayers, Scott, Smith, Sturgess, Taylor, Teale, Thomas, Treeves, Weatherley, Weedon, West, Woodford, Woods, Young.

This copy may now be referred to in the Society's library. My thanks go to Mrs Sue Gordon who unearthed the card, and Mrs Enid Biddle for drawing my attention to this item.

Richard Chapman

Drown'd in the Northfleet

I would like to thank all those members who wrote with details of possible ancestors *Drown'd in the Northfleet* (WMFHS Journal, 12(4), Dec. 1994). I am afraid that I have no details other than those pertaining to Feltham families, but I am glad that the article was so well received.

Peter Watson

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
The Family, Occupation and Social Stratification

This is the title of a major research project that we are carrying out with funding from the Economic and Social Research Council. Its aim is to use information on family histories to help understand much more about the nature of the social order - and the ways in which people and families moved about or stayed put in it - in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The variety of sayings concerned with this issue indicate its enduring interest. 'A self-made man' or 'rags-to-riches' suggest dramatic upward movement, 'clogs to clogs in three generations' that moving up in the social world is only temporary as far as the family is concerned. On the other hand, 'born with a silver spoon in your mouth' or 'following in father's footsteps' suggest that a stable position in the social order may have been relatively common. Family historians all have their own examples of different patterns, but it is difficult to know how typical these were.

'Every individual of each class is constantly striving to raise himself in the social scale': a familiar sounding sentiment today, but actually expressed by Lord Palmerston in 1850. Very little is known about the reality, throughout society as a whole, behind such a belief. On examination, even the question of what constitutes a rise in the social scale is more complex than it first appears. (it is one that we hope to tackle in an innovative way through an analysis of marriage patterns - one way in which we intend to put more emphasis on the role of women than has usually been the case.) Family histories provide an extremely rich source of information for looking at these issues, but they have been largely neglected until now. It would be prohibitively expensive to try to collect such data on a large scale independently. We are therefore appealing to family historians (those who are members of family history societies in England and Wales) to share the information that they have. In return, we shall do all we can to publicise our results and to feed them back in a digestible form.

Our aim is to collect a representative set of experiences, which means that we are as much interested in ordinary families as in cases of a dramatic rise or fall in fortunes. If you would like to help us by providing information for the project, please write (no stamp is necessary) with your name and address to

Family History Project
FREEPOST CB 957
Cambridge CB2 3BR

(Tel. 01223-334529 (24-hour}); Fax 01223-334550; E-mail kp10@cam.ac.uk)

We will send a set of forms for all your direct ancestors back five generations (i.e. great-great grandparents). We don't necessarily expect everyone to have located all of their ancestors back that far, but we would prefer to hear from those who have located the majority of those earlier than their grandparents. Each form asks for any information that you may have collected on an ancestor's occupation, from a variety of sources, as well as some other fairly standard information. A reply-paid envelope will be included.

Overseas members: Unfortunately, we do not at present have sufficient funds to pay overseas postage, However, we are considering a future study of the effects of migration, and would be happy for overseas members to contact us to register their interest - but please use a stamp.

Dr Ken Prandy

Dr Wendy Bottero

In family history we are all familiar with the problem the mis-spelling of surnames can cause. With Christian names this is not usually so, as most are fairly common, and only the rarer ones would cause spelling difficulties. But there can be other problems with Christian names. Either the wrong ones may be used, or a person with two or more Christian names may use only one - not necessarily the first name - or he might reverse the names at various times.

As an example, Henry and Jane (nee Mannell) Rosewarne had eleven children baptised at Phillack, Cornwall between 1825 and 1846, roughly every two years, with a gap from William Henry in 1827 to Thomas, 1832. The census, however, lists a son, John Rosewarne, born circa 1830 at Phillack, neatly fitting in the gap. A check in the parish registers reveals that there was a boy John, son of John and Jane Rosewarne, baptised in 1830. As there are no other children of the John and Jane baptised in Phillack or any other nearby parish, and no marriage within twenty years of a John and Jane, it appears the father was wrongly entered in the parish register, and that the John, son of John and Jane should be son of Henry and Jane Rosewarne.

A similar mistake occurs in the parish register of Kenwyn where there are three children of William and Bridget (nee Verrant) Rosewarne registered, while the census gives a fourth child, Henry, born circa 1824. Again, a check in the register reveals a Henry, son of Henry and Bridget Rosewarne, baptised 1824. As there are no other Bridgets recorded as wives of Rosewarne from 1600 to 1900 it is almost certain that Henry was the son of William and Bridget. Again the wrong Christian name of the father has been entered.

In the records for Robinson Lane Independent Chapel, Sunderland between 1783 and 1798 are the baptisms of six children of Edward Rosewarne. For five of the children the mother is given as Catherine, whom Edward married in 1782. For the fifth child, Eleanor, the mother is given as Isabella. This is certainly a mistake for Catherine. Isabella was the name of an elder sister of Eleanor.

The wrong Christian name can also be recorded in the census. The following are taken from the census returns covering 1841 to 1881 for my great-great-grandfather in Diss, Norfolk.

Year	Name	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
1841	Daniel Cattermole	35	Brewer's Labourer	
1851	Daniel Cattermole	45	Brewer's Labourer	Roydon, Norfolk
1861	Charles Cattermole	54	Malster	Roydon, Norfolk
1871	David Cattermole	65	Labourer	Roydon, Norfolk
1881	Daniel Cattermole	75	Malster Unemployed	Roydon, Norfolk

From the presence of his wife and various children it can be proved that these entries do indeed refer to the same Daniel Cattermole, born at Roydon in 1805. How his name came to be recorded as David in 1861 and Charles in 1871 remains a mystery.

In 1871 Samuel George Bitmead and his wife Rose Amelia have a daughter Caroline listed in the census aged 2, while in 1881 there is a daughter Elizabeth aged 11. There would have been no place for a daughter Caroline between the birth of Rose Amelia, the eldest child in October 1867, Elizabeth born May 1869 and Samuel born December 1870. It thus appears as if Elizabeth was Caroline in 1871.

In census returns the form of the Christian names often differs from that given in parish registers or on birth certificates. Thomas Rosewarne married Emily Greaves in 1851, but on the 1861 census she is listed as Amelia, reverting to Emily in 1871. Esther Ann Rosewarne was baptised in 1840 but appears on the census as Hesther Ann. Similarly an Ellen appears as Hellen; Eleanor as Ellen; Nancy was a familiar form of Ann; Sarah as Sally, Hannah as Annie, and Lilly for Elizabeth.

Children were often christened or registered with what we would regard as shortened forms, e.g. Bessie, Betty, Kitty, Fanny, Tom, Fred, Harry, Bella; though they may have used the full name later in life. Names given in death certificates are especially suspect as the informant of the death may not have known the actual form of the deceased's name.

Other records can contain wrong Christian names. One example relates to John Rosewarne of Belper, Derbyshire and later of Birmingham, who had two brushes with the law in his career. The first was when he was arrested for stealing a lump of his neighbour's coal at Belper in 1849. The Calendar of Assize in Derby Library reports that a Joseph Rosewarne was tried for this crime, and all the newspaper reports of the trial give the defendant as Joseph Rosewarne. However the assize records at the Public Record Office and a pre-trial newspaper report give his correct name of John. Some years later, in 1857, he was brought before the Warwickshire County Court as an insolvent debtor. The index to the London Gazette for 1857 has a George Rosewarne in the list of insolvent debtors for this year. A check of the court action in the London Gazette itself shows that it was John Rosewarne, late of Belper, now of Birmingham who was the person involved. Again a wrongly recorded Christian name could have resulted in a piece of family history being missed.

The death certificate of Alice Rosewarne, widow of Frederick Walter Rosewarne, who died at Epsom, Surrey in 1911, on which the informant was her son, gives her husband's name as Charles. How could a son wrongly identify his father!

Often a Christian name can be given in different forms at different times. Henry and Jennifer Rosewarne had seven children baptised between 1781 and 1795.

For five of these the correct Christian names are given, but for two, Jennifer is given as Jane. I have found other occurrences of Jennifers called Jane in Cornish parish registers.

Where a person was given two or more Christian names they may not have used the first name, reversed the names or dropped one or other. George Samuel Bitmead was variously known as Samuel George, or just Samuel Bitrhead. Charles Lewis Rosewarne of Gwinear is listed in the census returns as Lewis Rosewarne.

The search for my great grandfather's birth certificate was complicated by the fact that he was registered as Frederick Rosewarne, but always referred to in later documents as Frederick Walter. More confusion arose when his son added a name and gave his father as Frederick Walter William on his marriage certificate of 1911.

A particular problem occurs in searching the IGI, which gives Christian names just as they are written in parish registers. Some lazy vicars or parish clerks gave abbreviations of Christian names Wm. for William, Jno. for John; Ric. or Rd. for Richard; Jos. for Joseph; and even Han. for Hannah. So thoroughly check for all shortened forms of Christian names when searching the IGI.

From the 16th to the early 18th century some registers were written up in Latin. The vicars then attempted to find Latin forms of names. Sometimes they just added 'us' to the name, e.g. Robertus and Richardus; in others the change was more drastic. William had numerous forms; these are some from Derbyshire parish registers:

Gulielmus, Gulielimus, Gulielmus, Willmus, Willimus, Willielmus, Willus.

Here is a selection of the Latin forms of Christian names which differ markedly from the English version (extracted from *The Local Historian's Encyclopedia* by John Richardson).

Alfred	- Alberegus / Elfredus	Lewis	- Aloysius
Charles	- Carolus	Lewis	- Ludovicus
Dennis	- Dionysius	Maud	- Matildas
Eleanor	- Aelianora	Noel	- Natalis
Giles	- Aegidius or Egidius	Ralph	- Radulfus
Harold	- Aruldus	Walter	- Galterus
Humphrey	- Omfreidus / Umfreidus	William	- Guillelmus
James	- Jacobus		/ Wilhelmus
Jane, Joan	- Johanna	Wilfred	- Villefredus
Jeremiah	- Hieremias		

Then sometimes the Latin form was itself abbreviated, e.g. Edrus for Edward; Johes from Johannes for John; Ricus for Richard. There should be a mark over

the abbreviated name, indicating that there are letters missing. However this is not usually transcribed.

For the child being baptised the name is given in the nominative form, while the parents' names were given in the genitive form. This means for the father's name the 'us' ending was replaced by 'i'; and for the mother an 'e' was added. In one case the vicar resorted to a mixture of Greek and Latin, giving Christopher as Xpoherus. Xp or Xp (chi rho) being the Greek shorthand for Christ. The use of Latin in English legal documents was abolished in 1737 and from this time on parish registers are almost always in English.

These examples show that care is needed when checking indexes, as the person being searched for may not be listed in the precise form being looked for.

Acknowledgement

I would like to express my thanks to Eileen Startin for her help on the Latin forms of Christian names.

PARADISE WALK – CHELSEA

The History of a Chelsea Street
1796-1994

This study of Paradise Walk covers almost 200 years of local and family history in this part of Chelsea, with a background of national and Chelsea history throughout. Well illustrated with maps, photographs and many drawings. There are personal recollections of former residents and numerous references (indexed) to family names. 88 pp.

Copies available from the author, Lesley Bairstow, 5 Chelsea Manor Court, Chelsea Manor Street, London SW3 SSA. £4.95 (plus 50p for p&p).

1881 Census Indexes

The number of county indexes held by the Society has now reached forty, with the recent addition of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Nottinghamshire and Westmorland. For a fee of £1.00 plus a SAE (not less than 9" x 4") any one county of those currently available can be searched for any one surname. The fee will cover the supply of up to four photocopies of the entries found. (One copy can print up to 100 persons with the given surname.)

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

Price Rise at St Catherine's House

By the time that you read this, the price of GRO certificates for births, marriages and deaths will have risen by 50p to £6.00.

I am compiling on computer an alphabetical index of all the soldiers who served in the British Army 1914-1918. This also includes the Flying Corps up to April 1918. The information held on the index has been collected from a large variety of sources including war graves and memorials, regimental histories, medal rolls and diaries, local and national newspapers and also a large amount of material that has been given or loaned to me by soldier's families and other researchers. Although obviously the index is far from complete as yet, I have some coverage of all regiments and virtually complete coverage of some of them. However, it is still more likely that I will be able to find details of a soldier who was killed than one who survived. I intend to continue until I have as complete a coverage as is possible for all regiments.

The information that can be obtained from the index varies from a basic name, serial number and regiment to a full biography, depending on the source. In the case of soldiers that were killed, the date and place of death and the place of burial can usually be given. Where there is no known grave the war memorial where the soldier's name is mentioned is given.

It is possible to search for a WW I soldier with only his name. However, unless the name is very unusual, more information is of course helpful. All or any of the following details make the search very much easier:

- did the soldier survive the War?
- an approximate date of birth;
- the area of the country from which the soldier came;
- parents' or wife's names.

Where I cannot trace a soldier immediately, I will inform you of this and keep the details on file. This file is checked regularly, so that as soon as any information on the soldier is found, you will be informed. There is no additional charge for this. I make a charge of E3 for searching for one soldier, plus £1 for each additional soldier. Where a one—name search for a particular surname is required I charge a basic E3 search fee plus E1 for each example of the surname found. A SAE is also a great help.

I am always happy to receive details of soldiers to include in the index, please give as much information as is known.

Mrs G. Bevan, 8 Townsend Close, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0HD

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Writing in? If you are writing to the Society on matters concerning your membership, or subscriptions, please note that we have a new Treasurer and a new Membership Secretary. Their addresses can be found inside the front cover.

Examples from the index: some men of West Middlesex who died in Flanders and are buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

Private W. ADAMS, No. 9723, 2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. Died 26 Sep 1917, aged 19. Son of Mr A.J. Adams of 93 Claybrook Road, Fulham.

Rifleman William J.V. APPLEYARD, No. 373775, D Company, Post Office Rifles. Died of wounds 8 Jun 1917, aged 19. Son of John William and Caroline Appleyard of 40 Wandsworth Bridge Road, Fulham.

Corporal Charlie James BARNES, No. 21050, 10th Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment. Died 28 Jul 1918, aged 31. Husband of Mary Barnes of 9 Nightingale Road, Hanwell.

Private Harry BARTON, No.11084, 8fl1 Battalion, The Queen's. Died 16 Feb 1916, aged 19. Son of Frank Albert and Annie Barton of 12 Carlyle Road, Ealing.

Private T.G. BRICKNELL, No. M2-O79924, Mechanical Transport, Royal Army Service Corps, attd. 2nd Motor Ambulance Convoy. Killed in action 16 Sep 1918, aged 24. Husband of Mrs T.G. Bricknell of 14 Adeney Road, Fulham.

Sapper John CHALKER, No. 276997, 233rd Field Company, Royal Engineers. Killed in action 11 Aug 1918, aged 42. Husband of J .M. Chalker of 36 Elm Grove, Hammersmith.

Private A.R. CHURCHILL, No. 8517, 13th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Died of wounds 15 Nov 1915, aged 19. Son of Mr and Mrs H. Churchill of 63 Bedford Road, West Ealing.

Private George C. DICKENS, No. 50941, 18th Battalion, Manchester Regiment. Died of wounds 31 Jul 1917, aged 23. Husband of Agnes Dickens of The White Cottage, Bushey Park Gardens, Teddington.

Rifleman AP. GEORGE, No. 322899, 6th Battalion, London Regiment (Rifles). Died of wounds 21 Feb 1917, aged 29. Husband of Mrs George of '72 Bramber Road, Fulham.

Corporal Arthur J. HAMMOND, No. 5227, 13flr Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Died of wounds 26 Jan 1916, aged 19. Son of Mr E.J. and Mrs AM. Hammond of 60 Green Lane, Sunbury.

Gunner Robert H. HARRISON, No. 52730, 4th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Died 13 Aug 1916, aged 27. Husband of Mary Ann Harrison of 88 Warwick Road, Kensington.

Sergeant-Major F.G. JACQUEST, No. 19879, 14th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. Died 17 Aug 1917, aged 35. Son of Thomas H. and Martha Jacquest of 181 Northfield Ave, Ealing.

Lance Corporal William J. JOHNSON, No. 20155, 5th Battalion, King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Died 22 Jan 1916, aged 34. Son of Robert and Sarah Johnson of 114 Strand-on-the-Green, Chiswick.

Rifleman S. KING, No. 591365, London Irish Rifles. Died 11 Feb 1917, aged 19. Son of Thomas and Laura King of 3 Munroe Terrace, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea.

Major Gerald E.O.F. LAMBART, 1st Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers. Died of wounds 28 Mar 1916, aged 30. Son of Brig.-Gen. E. Lambart, C.B. and Geraldine Stirling Stuart of 18 Mulberry Walk, Chelsea.

Private Ernest E. MADDAMS, No. 42693, 32nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Died 12 Dec 1916, aged 19. Son of George Maddams of 12 Lentaine Grove, West Kensington.

Private Harry H. NEWMAN, No. 64242, 2nd Battalion, The Queens Died 30 Oct 1917, aged 19. Son of Henry John and Caroline Newman of 20 Lots Road, King's Road, Chelsea.

Air Man II. Hubert PAYNE, No. 11459, 41st Squadron, Royal Flying Corps. Died 4 Jan 1917, aged 21. Son of James and Rosa Payne of 18 Park Road, Hounslow.

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PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Criminal Ancestors - David Hawkings

At our November meeting, one of our founding members, well known for his book *Bound for Australia*, came to talk on the subject of his most recent publication, *Criminal Ancestors*†.

He began with the suggestion that we probably all have a criminal ancestor or two somewhere in our family tree, waiting to be found and researched. He had found a number, and the main part of his talk focused on one individual, and the records in which he appears.

In order to first locate a criminal, Mr Hawkings directed our attention to the annual registers of those charged with criminal offences, beginning in 1805 (1791 for Middlesex), and held at the PRO (Kew). These are arranged by court sessions, but are not indexed by name. Calendars of prisoners held prior to trial provide details of who was brought to trial, and can give some clue to location. From 1800, these are printed, with a name index at the front of each volume. From the mid-19th century, post-trial calendars can give further information. Court proceedings (assizes, quarter sessions, borough sessions and later petty sessions), and jail records are also important sources.

Taking the example of Thomas Hartnell, from his own researches, he explained how a calendar of prisoners for Somerset from 1875 gave details including name, age, and trade. In this case the verdict on the charge of ‘stealing and feloniously wounding’ was guilty, and earned a sentence of six years penal servitude. Such a sentence would normally be served at one of the London jails - in this case Pentonville. The records allowed his transfer from Taunton prison and the assizes to Pentonville to be followed. The identifying prison number assigned to him allowed his later transfer to Millbank, then Woking (‘as a lunatic’), then Broadmoor in 1881 to be traced. Records for the transfers are to be found in HO15 at Kew, since these were government institutions. At the end of his six years, Thomas was still considered insane, and came under the responsibility of the Somerset lunatic asylum at Wells. Local records provide much additional information concerning his condition, correspondence on his well-being, the costs of his confinement, etc. The usefulness of the national index of those held in county asylums in 1846 (in MH94/12 at Kew) was also pointed out.

With these and many further examples from a wide variety of cases described in the records of criminal ancestors, Mr Hawkings provided us with a very interesting evening, and ideas for future research options.

Richard Chapman

†*Criminal Ancestors: A Guide to Historical Records in England and Wales*, David T. Hawkings, Alan Sutton Publishing Ltd, 1992, xiv+458 pp, £25.00

SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS ON MICROFICHE

For full details of these publications, see WMFHS Journal, 12(4), December 1994, page 32. All prices listed below include postage charges.

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	UK/£	Overseas/£
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BOOKSHELF

Uxbridge Past: A Visual History - Carolynne Cotton

For several hundred years Uxbridge has been the most important town in West Middlesex and there is a wealth of good quality photographs recording its past appearance. It is therefore surprising that a book such as this has not appeared before, but it has been well worth waiting for. It modestly claims to be substantially based on the author's *Uxbridge - A Concise History*, published by Hillingdon Borough Libraries in 1983. But, whilst not decrying the previous book in any way, it is far superior; admittedly it is more expensive but the extra expense is well justified.

The cramped A5 size of the Library series has been replaced with a larger format which will still easily fit most bookcases. The standard of reproduction of the 185 illustrations is far superior to most books of this type, and the only possible criticism is that some of the photographs are rather small. The illustrations are accompanied by a continuous informative narrative rather than a series of photographs with captions, which adds to its attraction.

The photographs in the book do not set out to compare the old with the new and the author herself is very restrained in her criticism of the dreadful fate that has befallen Uxbridge in the last 30 years. A previous Director of Planning, on his retirement, claimed that one of his greatest achievements had been the redevelopment of Uxbridge - 'Bomber' Harris held similar views about Dresden. Undoubtedly the biggest vandals in Uxbridge are not the yobs in leather jackets who hang around the Station forecourt but yuppies sitting on leather upholstery in the Civic Centre.

It is customary for book reviewers to find errors to show how knowledgeable they are. I could only find one, where the author refers to the local fire service being taken over by the London Fire Brigade at the outbreak of war. In fact the London Fire Brigade did not assume responsibility in Uxbridge until 1965 - before that we went to blazes with the Middlesex Fire Brigade.

Published by Historical Publications Ltd, 1994. £13.95

Philip Sherwood

The Happiest Days . . . A History of Education in Twickenham. Part 1 - Helen McCutcheon Nelson and Brian Louis Pearce

Another interesting paper produced by the Twickenham Local History Society.

The first reference to schools in Twickenham is in the 17th century. As the village became more fashionable, wealthy people began to endow charity schools. In Victorian times more schools were open and the authors show how the various Education Acts affected the parish.

So if you had ancestors or grew up in Twickenham, this is a book for you. There are illustrations of Montpelier School, Orleans Road, Fortescue House School. My old school, Archdeacon Cambridge - sadly no more - is pictured on the cover. £3. 50

Bookworm

Paradise Walk - Chelsea: The History of a Chelsea Street 1796-1994 - Lesley Bairstow

The book covers an area near Cheyne Walk and Royal Hospital Road and concentrates on a narrow passageway called Paradise Walk. Its remarkably long history has been uncovered by the author.

This is truly a social history about ordinary people and their struggle to survive in a neighbourhood which is usually associated with the well-to-do, but was not always so.

The use of the census returns 1841 to 1891 in the first seven chapters provides detailed information of this working-class area. Good use has been made of original written material about Chelsea: the author has obviously read widely on the subject to give a fascinating picture of 18th and 19th century London. The names of several families who lived in the Walk are traced through the years, also the many occupations and trades; the whole is set in the context of historical events.

There is a comprehensive family names index, and many references throughout the book. All the source material is carefully listed, which makes the book a valuable guide to further reading, whether or not your interests lie in Chelsea.

The book concludes with memories of the Second World War and personal recollections of residents. Maps, drawings and photographs complete the tightly packed 88 pages. Good use has been made of Chelsea Local Studies Library. The book is well researched and full of useful information.

Published by the author. ISBN 0 9524547 0 X. 88 pp, 3 maps, 36 assorted illustrations, photographs and tables. A5 format. Family names index. Annotated. £4.95 (see also page 26).

Mary Mason

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2nd Lieutenant Arthur B. PERKS-MORRIS, 2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Died of wounds 14 Nov 1917, aged 19. Son of Capt. Arthur E. and Edythe Perks-Morris of 28 Callow Street, Chelsea.

Gunner Sidney RICHARDSON, No. 6891, 38th Trench Mortar Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Died of wounds 8 Feb 1916, aged 44. Son of Robert and Sarah Richardson of 46 Walham Avenue, Fulham.

Private S. Taylor, No. 15410, 4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Died 12 Jun 1916, aged 26. Son of Emma Taylor of 1 Vine Street Cottage, Vine Street, Uxbridge.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

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
ALDRIDGE	1800-1900	Chiswick	MDX	J38
ALFERD	c 1700	Acton	MDX	P74
ARGENT	aft 1880	Sydenham	KEN	L56
BARTON	19 C	Hammersmith area	MDX	E28
BATTEN	All	Stanwell	MDX	A46
	c 1800	Staines	MDX	A46
	aft 1890	Hanworth	MDX	A46
BAXTER	1840-50	Forehoe	NFK	L56
	1850-60	Fulham	MDX	L56
	1860-70	Greenwich	KEN	L56
BEATTIE	1750-1850	Montrose	ANS	M101
BEAUMONT	1720-29	Little Glemham area	SFK	M106
BEESON	1820-50	Sawbridgeworth	HRT	A46
	1851	Feltham	MDX	A46
	aft 1890	Hanworth	MDX	A46
BENGE	All	All	KEN	B163
BERRES	1640-49	Oxford area	OXF	M106
BERRILL	bef 1900	Chelsea area	MDX	B162
	bef 1930	Hackney area	MDX	B162
BERRIS	1920-29	Chelsea area	MDX	M106
	1860-69	Bethnal Green area	MDX	M106
	1870-80	Southwark area	SRY	M106
	1880-89	Battersea area	SRY	M106
BEST	18-19 C	Clerkenwell	MDX	C124
BIDDICK	1750-1850	All	CON	M101
BIGGS	bef 1874	Brentford area	MDX	S122
BINSTEAD	1860-69	Willesden area	MDX	M106
BISDICK	1750-1850	All	CON	M101
BLYTH	19 C	Norwich area	NFK	H123
BRADLEY	c 1815	Stepney area	MDX	S130
BRAND	18-19 C	Kensington	MDX	C124
BRAUGHTON	19 C	Chelsea area	MDX	M107
BREWER	1750-1850	St Minver	CON	M101
BROUGHTON	19 C	Chelsea area	MDX	M107
BROWN	All	Paddington area	MDX	M108
BUNDY	19 C	West Middlesex	MDX	C124
BURFORD	bef 1920	Hackney area	MDX	B162
BUTLER	All	Hammersmith	MDX	V6
	All	Upton	BRK	V6
BUTTLE	19 C	Norwich area	NFK	H123

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
CARR	18-19 C	St Marylebone area	MDX	E28
CARTER	bef 1900	Brentford area	MDX	S122
CARTHY	c 1800	London	MDX	M101
CAYGILL	1885-1924	Chiswick	MDX	C125
CHALLENGER	bef 1900	Liverpool	LAN	B162
CHAMBERS	1840-1900	Hammersmith	MDX	M99
CHASEMORE	bef 1837	Fulham	MDX	C125
	bef 1837	All	SSX	C125
	bef 1837	All	SRY	C125
	bef 1837	All	LND	C125
CHRISTIE	c 1794	Whitechapel	MDX	S130
CLARKE	All	Chelsea	MDX	M108
	All	Fulham	MDX	M108
CLIGGETT	aft 1812	Chelsea	MDX	M109
COLLYER	19 C	East Sheen	SRY	D71
	19 C	Hammersmith	MDX	D71
COOK	1730-39	Pangbourne area	BRK	M106
CORBETT	1800-70	Worcester	WOR	C125
	1857-90	Bermondsey	SRY	C125
CRAWLEY	1870-1915	Kennington	SRY	L56
	1800-70	Camberwell	SRY	L56
	1894-1920	Bromley	KEN	L56
CROKER	19 C	Hammersmith	MDX	G82
CULLEN	bef 1822	All	ALL	J38
DANN	bef 1896	Fulham area	MDX	S122
DAVIS	1830-1900	Bristol	GLS	W117
	aft 1887	Paddington area	MDX	S130
	c 1887	Chelsea area	MDX	S130
DELANEY	1800-70	Camberwell	SRY	L56
DEMPSEY	c 1849	Whitechapel area	MDX	S122
DICKMAN	bef 1879	Brentford area	MDX	S122
DIGBY	bef 1936	Hammersmith	MDX	M99
DOWSETT	19 C	Westminster	MDX	G82
DUKE	c 1880	Hatcham Park	SRY	B163
DYER	19 C	Lambeth	SRY	G82
EAGLESFIELD	bef 1900	Fulham	MDX	C125
EDWARDS	c 1815	Yarmouth	NFK	B163
	1916-30	Hammersmith	MDX	E28
FELTHAM	All	Portsmouth	HAM	M108
	All	All	IOW	M108
FORD	bef 1840	Bucklebury	BRK	W117
FOSSEY	1840-1940	Hammersmith	MDX	M99
FOSTER	bef 1870	Woodbridge area	SFK	E28
	1770-79	Sonning area	BRK	M106
FULCHER	19 C	Norwich area	NFK	H123
GATES	bef 1875	Fulham area	MDX	S130
GILLARD	All	All	ALL	G82
	aft 1860	Kensington area	MDX	G82
GOWING	18-19 C	Chelsea area	MDX	E28
GRANVILLE	All	All	ALL	S130

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
GREENSWORD	1850-1900	Fulham	MDX	C125
GROVES	aft 1830	Bristol	GLS	W117
GUMMONS	1750-1850	All	CON	M101
GUTHRIE	bef 1902	All	ALL	J38
HALL	19 C	West Middlesex	MDX	C124
HAMLEY	19 C	Chelsea area	MDX	M107
	19 C	Taunton area	SOM	M107
HAMMOND	1880-89	Marylebone area	MDX	M106
	1670-79	Rendham area	SFK	M106
HARSANT	All	All	SFK	M108
	All	All	NFK	M108
HAYES	bef 1900	Rosscarbery	COR	W117
HEDGECOCK	All	All	ALL	S130
HEWITT	19 C	West London	MDX	H123
HIGHSTED	All	All	KEN	B163
HOCKING	1750-1850	All	CON	M101
HOGAN	1820-95	Kensington	MDX	H124
	1820-90	Chelsea	MDX	H124
HOLCOMB	All	All	SRY	D71
HOLD	bef 1888	All	ALL	J38
HOLMAN	17-18 C	Worth	SSX	D71
	1750-1850	All	CON	M101
HONEY	18-19 C	Kensington	MDX	C124
HOPKINS	1770-79	Sonning area	BRK	M106
HUGHES	19 C	Holborn area	MDX	H123
HULCOOP	1897-1905	Chiswick	MDX	M99
HUNT	18-19 C	St Dunstons, London	MDX	C124
HUTTON	18 C	St Margaret Pattens	MDX	C124
INNIS	aft 1730	Marylebone area	MDX	W117
IRISH	18-19 C	Portsmouth area	HAM	E28
JACK	1750	Montrose	ANS	M101
JAGO	1700-1800	All	CON	M101
JAMES	19-20 C	Kensington area	MDX	G82
JANES	19 C	Hythe	HAM	G82
JENKS	19 C	West London	MDX	H123
JENNINGS	1880-1929	Fulham	MDX	J38
	bef 1900	Chiswick	MDX	J38
JOHNSON	c 1853	Stepney area	MDX	S122
JOHNSTON	18-19 C	Edinburgh	MLN	G82
KENDALL	1750-1850	All	CON	M101
KEZIA	bef 1800	All	ALL	J38
KING	19 C	Lambeth	SRY	G82
KITSON	bef 1851	Hillingdon area	MDX	S122
KNIGHT	bef 1900	Kensington area	MDX	W117
KNIGHTS	c 1809	Martham	NFK	B163
	19 C	Norwich area	NFK	H123
LACK	19 C	West London	MDX	H123
LAIGHT	aft 1846	All	ALL	B163
LAMMIMAN	18-19 C	Kensington area	MDX	E28
LANSBURY	19 C	St Pancras	MDX	H123

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
LATHWELL	18-19 C	Chesham	BKM	E28
LEE	1800-60	Greenwich	KEN	L56
	1860-1900	Sydenham	KEN	L56
LIDDIARD	All	Hammersmith	MDX	V6
LOBJOIT	All	All	ALL	V6
LOFTUS	19 C	Birmingham	WAR	H123
LONG	19 C	All	MDX	C125
LOWMAN	bef 1850	Tilehurst	BRK	W117
LUFF	19 C	Abingdon	BRK	B162
MANNERS	19 C	St Pancras	MDX	H123
MARSH	18-19 C	Mildenhall	WIL	D71
MARTIN	aft 1780	Kensington	MDX	W117
	1740-49	Sonning area	BRK	M106
MASON	All	All	SFK	M108
	c 1700	Acton	MDX	P74
MAY	18 C	All	BRK	D71
MAYBEY	bef 1800	Uxbridge, West Mdx Militia	MDX	M109
MEARS	bef 1920	Hackney area	MDX	B162
MELLERSH	16-17 C	All	SRY	D71
MERRICKS	18-19 C	Edinburgh	MLN	G82
MILLS	All	Little Bedwyn	WIL	D71
	19 C	West London	MDX	H123
MONGER	19 C	East Acton	MDX	E28
MORROW	bef 1873	Scotland	ALL	J38
MORTON	18-19 C	Edinburgh	MLN	G82
NAYLOR	18-19 C	Kensington	MDX	C124
NEWBY	aft 1800	All	NFK	B163
	aft 1853	Clapham area	SRY	B163
	aft 1888	Hatcham Park	SRY	B163
	c 1898	Fulham	MDX	B163
	aft 1900	Hounslow	MDX	B163
NICHOLAS	19 C	West London	MDX	H123
NUNN	c 1863	Clapham	SRY	B163
O'CONNOR	aft 1850	Whitechapel	MDX	W117
PAGE	bef 1800	All	ALL	P74
PAGET	1800-70	Fulham	MDX	C125
PEARSON	1780-89	Caversham area	OXF	M106
PEPLOW	All	Camberwell area	SRY	S130
	All	Kensington area	MDX	S130
	All	Fulham area	MDX	S130
PEPPIATT	aft 1860	Kensington area	MDX	G82
PERRY	All	All	LND	B163
POOLEY	19 C	West London	MDX	H123
PORTER	19 C	Brompton area	MDX	E28
PULHAM	1830-40	Feltham	MDX	A46
PULLAM	1840-70	Hanworth	MDX	A46
PULLMAN	1836	Feltham	MDX	A46
READ	19 C	Holborn area	MDX	H123
REDDICK	All	All	SRY	D71
	All	All	MDX	D71

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
REVNELL	All	All	ALL	M108
REYNOLDS	1750-1850	Padstow	CON	M101
ROBERTS	19 C	Stepney	MDX	C124
	19 C	Stepney area	MDX	S130
ROWLINSON	c 1800	London	MDX	M101
	18-19 C	All	ALL	M101
SANDERS	bef 1848	Brentford	MDX	S122
SAWTELL	aft 1790	Bristol	GLS	W117
SCOTTEN	aft 1860	Kensington area	MDX	S128
SCOTTING	aft 1860	Kensington area	MDX	S128
SEAR	19-20 C	St Pancras area	MDX	E28
	18-19 C	Chesham area	BKM	E28
SEARLE	19 C	Brompton	MDX	C124
SEXTON	18 C	All	SRY	D71
SHANKSTER	All	All	ALL	S126
SHEEHAN	bef 1918	Brentford area	MDX	S122
SHORTER	bef 1823	Uxbridge area	MDX	S122
SIMMONS	aft 1790	Bristol	GLS	W117
SIMMS	18-19 C	Walton-on-Thames	SRY	D71
	18-19 C	All	MDX	D71
SIMPSON	bef 1850	Fulham	MDX	C125
SLATER	19 C	St Marylebone area	MDX	E28
SMALLWOOD	All	All	ALL	B163
SMITH	19 C	Isleworth	MDX	C124
SPACKMAN	bef 1908	All	ALL	J38
SPENCER	c 1873	Chelsea area	MDX	S130
	aft 1873	Kensington area	MDX	S130
STEPTOW	18 C	Bray area	BRK	C124
STIRLING	19 C	St Martin-in-the-Field	MDX	C124
STONE	1870-1941	Hammersmith	MDX	M99
SWADLING	All	All	ALL	D71
TAYLOR	bef 1936	Brentford area	MDX	S122
THAIRE	bef 1900	All	SSX	D71
THEOBALDS	All	Steeple Morden	HRT	B163
THOMAS	bef 1864	Hounslow area	MDX	S122
THOMPSON	19 C	Islington	MDX	G82
THORN	19-20 C	Hammersmith area	MDX	E28
TULL	c 1800	Winchester	HAM	P74
UMFREVILLE	All	All	ALL	M108
VEL	All	All	ALL	V6
VOOGHI	aft 1870	Kensington area	MDX	G82
VOYSEY	c 1800	London	LND	P74
WALKER	c 1790	City of London	LND	S130
	c 1841	Bethnal Green area	MDX	S130
WEARE	aft 1720	Bristol	GLS	W117
WEATHERHEAD	19 C	All	MDX	C125
WHISSTOCK	19 C	Woodbridge	SFK	B162
WHITE	All	Chelsea area	MDX	M108
WICKS	18-19 C	Soho	MDX	C124
WILDER	bef 1908	Fulham	MDX	J38

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
WILLIS	18-19 C	Wolley area	BRK	C124
WINTER	1870-1915	Kennington	SRY	L56
WISHART	1700	Montrose	ANS	M101
WOOD	19 C	Islington	MDX	G82
WRIGHT	c 1811	Brentford area	MDX	S122
	18-19 C	Newport	ESS	E28
	1850-59	Hammersmith area	MDX	M106

EDITOR'S NOTES

Richard Chapman

I am happy to note that it was quite a squeeze to fit all the necessary material into this issue of the Journal. Interesting articles from regular contributors, and new ones too, as well a lot of society 'news' information soon filled the pages. You should find included in the centre both an index to material in Vol. 12 (i.e. 1994) of the Journal and a form for the Directory of Members' Interests 1995. The index has been compiled by Peter Roe, in the same format as Janet Huckle's index to volumes 1 to 11, which was printed last September (see page 2). The members' interests form is described on page 17: please help me to get this project under way by sending it in as soon as you can.

Finally, I have received a note of farewell from our local members who has been a regular attendee at our meetings, and has also given talks there. Freda Bingley has written 'Interested in my family background and with, I thought, no local connections I really wondered what I was doing joining you. But I was wrong. New friends, help and interest from all. But as we are moving this is Good-bye and many many thanks and maybe I will meet you at one of the Family History Fairs. Good Luck to you all.'

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