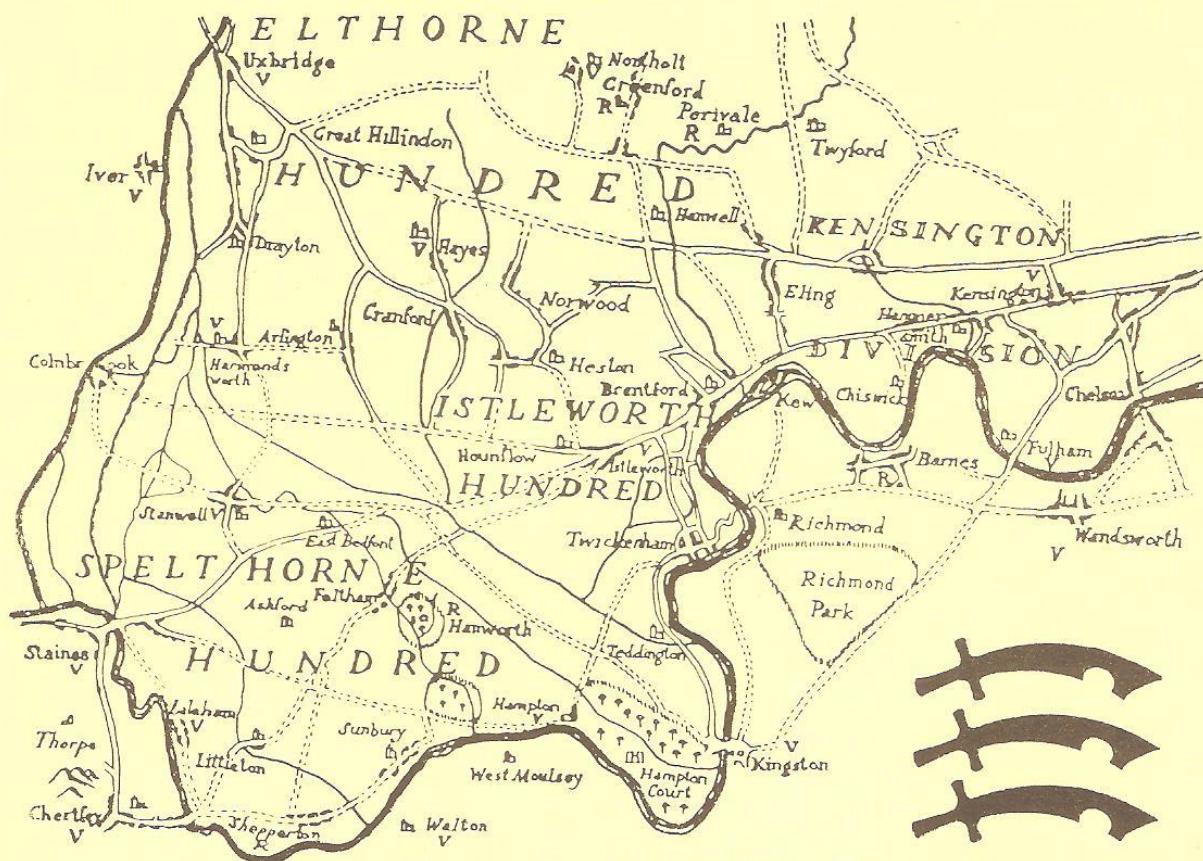


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Some there are who have left a name behind them to be commemorated in story, There are others who are unremembered; they are dead and it is as though they had never existed. Ecclesiasticus (Apocrypha) 44 w. 8 -9

- perhaps this is why we take up family history: to show that our ancestors existed.

Following a visit by Andrea Cameron to speak at one of our meetings last year the Society agreed to sponsor the repair of one of the books in the Thomas Layton Collection, held by the London Borough of Hounslow. The book chosen for repair was *The Genealogists Guide to Printed Pedigrees 1879* by George W. Marshall. A bookplate inscribed with our name has been placed in the book, If you Wish to see it when you visit Hounslow library, please ask for it (at the local studies enquiry desk) by title and the Layton number 6268.

I had a phone call recently from a Brian Bethell. From a second-hand book shop he has bought a copy of *History of the 6th Division of the London Regiment t. (The Queen 's)*. On the flyleaf is written 'Private John George CRADOCK No: 682732 Born 26 May 1895, Ealing. Killed in action 31 October 1917'. There is also a photograph, on the reverse of which is pencilled 'Craddock, Greystock Farm, Hangers Hill, Ealing'. He believes this was someones cherished possession that was thrown out when they died. If you are interested in this family, please Write to Brian at Prestwick, Royston Road, Buntingford, Herts. SG9 9RT.

The Great West Road has just celebrated its 70th anniversary. By the time you read this, Hounslow Leisure Services will have published a book on its development, and we hope to include a review in a future issue of this journal. This might make an interesting present for anyone who worked on the Great West Road.

**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, plus p&p, £0.30 (UK) or £0.60 (Europe). Payment in Sterling only, please, to West Middlesex Family History Society.

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

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The following meetings have been planned

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| 15th June   | <i>In the High Court of Justice</i><br>Chris Watts will be presenting a guide to the records of the Chancery Division of the High Court, using an example, from his own family researches, of a case concerning a contested will. |
| 20th July   | <i>Dickens' London</i><br>Peter Powell will be speaking on the subject of Charles Dickens and his connections in the Metropolis.  |
| 17th August | <i>Members' Evening</i><br>All the usual features. plus the continuation of the Elephant Game from January's meeting.   |

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

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## NEWS ROUNDUP

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### **Greater London Record Office: Open Day**

The GLRO has invited those of us who wish to discover the wealth of material held there to attend an Open Day. The session will last between 1 1/2 and 2 hours, during which time the staff will introduce you to the workings of the office and to some of the sources that it holds. There will be time to ask questions and see the Search Room in action. The date arranged for the West Middlesex FHS is Tuesday 19 September, at 6.00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Yvonne Woodbridge, as there are only a limited number of places available.

### **On The Trail . . .**

The Kensington and Chelsea Community History Group are on the trail of anyone who lived or who had family in the North Kensington area of London. The KCCHG works with the older residents of North Kensington recording their memories of the past for a future generation and are currently working with schools on developing a history of the local area. They would very much like to hear from anyone who lives in North Kensington or who used to live there and would like to come along to a meeting and share their memories with others. If you are interested, Please contact either Shaaron Whetlor or Liz Bartlett at the Kensington and Chelsea Community History Group, 1 Thorpe Close, London W10 5XL, or call 0181 -9655 -0921.

### **Berkshire FHS**

A weekend conference, entitled 'Victorian Virtues, Vices and Virtuosity' will be held on the 8 -10 September 1995 at the University of Reading. A full program of speakers has been arranged. The full conference fee (including banquet) is £156; part attendance is available. For details, please send a SAE to Mrs J. Wells, 15 Wellington Close, Shaw, Newbury, Berks. RG13 2HG. This conference will also incorporate the Council Meeting of the FFHS.

### **Buckinghamshire FHS**

This society will be holding an Open Day from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Saturday 15 July 1995 at the United Reformed Church, High Street, Olney.

### **Society of Genealogists: Lectures and Courses**

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

27th June (noon)	<i>What to do with your completed research — Susan Gibbons</i>
16th August (noon)	<i>A half a million names: a look at the records of the Great Western Railway - Frank Hardy</i>
26th September (noon)	<i>Women in family history - Audrey Brown</i>

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

24th June	<i>Eighteenth -century records</i>
8th July	<i>Poor Law Old and New</i>
22nd July	<i>Migrants</i>
17th September	<i>Seventeenth -Century Records</i>

Fees for each course are £15 per day for members, £20 for non -members. For full details, send a SAE to the Society at 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC 1M 7BA.

### **PRO News**

The PRO has acknowledged that readers do not like photocopies produced on yellow paper and so has decided to return to white. To make the work of the security staff easier there will be a limit of ten sheets of personal notes that readers will be allowed to take into the reading rooms; all document wallets and folders are to be left in lockers. These arrangements will be for a trial period. A number of other improvements in response to readers' requests have been or will soon be implemented. These include the extension of ordering times by 30 minutes to 4.00 p.m. and improved information and reprographics services. Soon there will be a new information desk for first -time readers at the PRO.

After 1996 when the lease on the Chancery Lane premises expires, the PRO has confirmed that it will continue to provide facilities for consulting census returns in Central London. It has also promised there will be no charge for access to their records for the next three years.

A lecture entitled 'How the PRO works' will be given by Anne Crawford at the PRO, Kew at 12 noon on 5 July 1995; admission free.

### **Society of Genealogists 11th Biennial Day Conference**

The theme for this conference, to be held on Saturday 4 November, is "Birth and death: the two great certainties'. The venue will be the New Horticultural Hall of the Royal Horticultural Society, London, and tickets are £24 for members, £26 for non -members. Contact the Society for further details.

### **Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England**

The Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England has moved to 55 Blandford Street, London W1H 3AF. To arrange a visit to the search room, call 0171 -2088200. It is a fascinating place, holding as it does photographs, drawings and plans of buildings and houses in the Greater London area. So whether you are a family or local historian it is worth looking at their holdings. The National Monuments Record Centre HQ which contains material for the rest of the country is at Kemble Drive, Swindon SN2 2GZ.

### **Family History Club 1994 Directory: Latest News**

A letter from the Head of Public Relations of Mid Glamorgan County Council to the Family Tree Magazine may interest those of you who ordered a copy of the 'Family History Club 1994 Directory' from the Family History Club of Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan. It reports that the local trading standards department is advising subscribers who wish to claim a refund for non -delivery of this publication, that they should consider suing the Family History Club for breach of contract, using the small claims procedure of the County Court. This would involve a small fee of approximately £7.50 which can be added to the total cost of the claim.

The department is willing to assist individuals by helping them to draft an initial letter to the company, and to discuss the preparation of any subsequent documents in support of their claims. Those seeking further advice or information may contact Mrs Julie Lipscombe at the trading standards consumer advice centre at 45 Dean Street, Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan CF44 7BN or telephone 01685871097.

### **Gunnersbury Park Museum**

An exhibition focusing on the subject of the notorious highwaymen of Hounslow Heath is now open at Gunnersbury Park Museum. The exhibition, running for two years from the end of 1994, includes examples of carriages dating back to the early 1800s.

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### **WMFHS Raffle**

The monthly raffle has been running for a year now, and I should like to thank members for their support. More than £160 has been paid in to the Treasurer to help with our ever -increasing costs. A special thank you to all those members who have donated prizes.

*Jill Munson*

## **Computer Group News**

Although there were not many members at the last meeting of the computer section of the society on 6th April, a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all just 'picking each other's brains' on various matters. Peter Roe had us laughing over his Xmas and Easter cake stories (complete with legless fluffy chicken), but did return to more computer based anecdotes relating to his recent purchase of a new computer. Chris Watts was foremost in answering our more technical queries and advising upon and explaining such things as memory sizes, prices and the advantages of purchasing a computerised note book, the newest but not the cheapest way of making notes at record offices and similar venues. One query answered was about the availability or otherwise of electricity for lap -tops at places such as libraries, SoG, PRO, etc., and whether any fee is charged.

The Computer Group meets at Montague Hall, Hounslow. The next meetings will be held on 1st June and 3rd August, both at 7.30 pm. All Society members are welcome, whether computer users or not.

*Mavis Burton*

## **Marriage Index Update**

Due to his own work load, William Comben has had to relinquish the computerisation of our marriage index. We do, of course, extend our most grateful thanks to William for the time and expertise he has brought to the project from its commencement in 1992. Janet Huckle is taking over the task and can be contacted on 01784 -451639. Mavis Burton has taken over the distribution of material for inputting. Our thanks to Janet Hagger who has done this job, also from the beginning. There are three tasks waiting for helpers so that the project can go forward towards completion:

- the transcription of the remaining marriage records;
- the inputting of these transcriptions onto computer;
- the checking of the resulting printouts.

The marriage index was the brain child of Vic Gale, a founder member of the Society. He has decided that he would like to pass the enquiry side over to someone else. As the information will be on Janet's computer, she is taking on the task of answering enquiries. We must also thank Vic for the work that he has done over the years, amassing over 50,000 marriage references.

The following records need to be checked and/or transcribed. Many are held at the GLRO, some with the respective incumbent, and one at Westminster Library. Please contact Janet Huckle if you can help in any way.

Acton (1813 -1837); Ashford (1835 -1837); Chelsea (1692 -1696, 1704 -1751, 1753 -1829, 1831 -1837); Cranford (1835 -1837); Greenford (1813 -1837); Heston (1819 -1837); Kensington Holy Trinity (1829 -1837); Knightsbridge (1658 -1752). *Janet Huckle*



Just 200 years ago, on 10th April 1795, a meeting took place at the sign of the Magpies in the parish of Harmondsworth. Present were ‘the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor and Principal Inhabitants of the Parishes of Harmondsworth and Harlington’. The country was engaged in the Revolutionary Wars against France and the meeting had been called ‘In Obedience to an Order of General Sessions dated the [blank] day of March 1795 to take into consideration the most speedy and effectual means of raising One Man Appointed by the said General Sessions to be raised by the Said Parishes for the Service of the Navy In Pursuance of an Act Intituled an Act for raising a Certain Number of Men in the several Counties in England for the Service of His Majesty’s Navy.’

One wonders whether the lesser mortals in the two parishes were fully aware of the meeting, why it had been called and that the fate of one of their number might depend on what was decided. Unfortunately the Harmondsworth Vestry Minute Book, which is the source of this information, sheds no light on this.

The Minutes record that it was ‘Resolved that this Meeting is to treat with any Person whom the Regulating Officer Appointed for this purpose shall deem such an able bodied Man as is fit to serve His Majesty and is free from Rupture and every other distemper or bodily Weakness or infirmity which May Render him Unfit to perform his duty in the Navy Or who in the Opinion of such Officer Shall not appear to be under the Age of 16 Or above the Age of 45 Nor any person being an Articled Clerk or Apprentice nor Persons serving under Articles in the Coal trade Until the Expiration of the said Articles, Unless with the Consent of the Master, Nor any Person Inlisted in any of His Majestys Forces, Wether Military or Marine Or who has deserted therefrom, or who is already Entered in His Majestys Navy, Nor any Poor Man Not being a Seafaring Man who has more than two Children born in Wedlock.’

It was further resolved ‘to give twenty Guineas and a Crown to any Man that shall be approved off by the Regulating Officer and that Thomas Eales of the Parish of Hurst in the County of Berks Offered himself and was Engaged to serve for the Said Parishes, On Condition of being Approved off and Received One Shilling as Earnest’.

So there were no aspiring Hearts of Oak amongst the men of Harmondsworth and Hariington; they chickened out and found someone from the next county to fulfil their quota. However just in case Thomas Eales failed to put in an appearance or was rejected by the Regulating Officer, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the two parishes were ‘impower’d to Engage Any Other Person and Upon those terms they think most Adviseable’.

Happily Thomas stood by his part of the bargain and was accepted by the Regulating Officer, for his recruitment was quite costly in terms of both time and money. It involved much coming and going, including five journeys to Brentford - £1.5.0., five to Uxbridge - 12/6d, the expenses of a Mr James Hole which included a trip to Hurst - 10/6d, a journey to Uxbridge with two men - 6/Od, taking Eales to Brentford and eventually to London - £1.1.0 and coach hire to and in London - 8/Od. It seems that the parish officers had publicised this opportunity to see the world, for there is an item 'Paid for printing bills 7/6d'; it was also apparently necessary to grease the odd palm on the way to this solution to the problem for there is another 'Present to the Justice 5/0d'.

Eales' bounty was settled in part by the purchase of clothes for him costing £3.16; he was given cash in London of £3,186 but the balance of £14 appears not to have been paid to him directly but remitted, perhaps to his family, at a cost of 7/6d. The crown was 'Paid to drink the King's health' - sounds like some send-off party! The total cost including the bounty amounted to £30.02 and at a later meeting on 24th June 1795 it was agreed to split this between the two parishes; Harmondsworth £20 and Harlington £10.

One is left with the question what happened to Thomas Eales in his service for King, Country and the good people of Harmondsworth and Harlington. It would be nice to know whether he was present at any of the great sea battles fought by Lord Nelsons fleet; unfortunately, without knowing the name of one of the ships in which he served it is unlikely that we shall ever find out.

[The Harmondsworth Vestry Minute Book covering the period 1789 -1816 is held by the Chairman and Curator of the West Drayton and District LHS whom the writer would like to thank for making it available for his inspection.]

### **West Middlesex Folk in Morden Poor Law Records**

East Surrey FHS has produced a microfiche index to the Poor Law Records of Morden 1750 -1834. Among these, the following may be of direct interest to members researching West Middlesex families. An explanation of the Morden records shown below can be obtained both by a detailed examination of the fiche (available from East Surrey FHS) and by reference to Surrey Record Office.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Ref</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Other information</i>
CLEMENTS, John	176	23.11.1833	To Heston (MDX)	
CLEMENTS, Sarah	176	23.11.1833	To Heston (MDX)	w. of John
CLEVERLY, Mary	233	30.1.1821	To Heston (MDX)	mother of
	234	20.3.1821	To Heston (MDX)	female bastard
CLEVERLY, [female]	234	30.1.1821	To Heston (MDX)	d. of Mary, born 20.2.1821
DAVIDSON, John	227	27.7.1833	To Hampton Wick	
HITCHMAN, Mary	178	17.3.1835	To Hayes (MDX)	singlewoman
HIXON, John, dec'd	225	26.3.1832	To Hayes (MDX)	husband of Sarah
HIXON, Sarah	241	26.2.1826	To Hayes (MDX)	receipt
HIXON, Sarah	225	26.3.1832	To Lambeth (SRY)	widow of John

*Noted by David Neller*

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## OLD EXCHANGE JOURNALS

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Regular users of the library at our monthly meetings will be well aware of the enormous benefit of having exchange journals from other family history societies available for consultation and loan.

Such is the range of exchange journals that we receive both from England and abroad, members will appreciate that it is not possible for the library volunteers either to store or to bring to meetings the ever -increasing volume of journals. In the past this has resulted in the sale of some of the older journals to make room for the new editions. However, as many of these old journals contain articles and accounts of research which are still of interest many years after their publication, it was thought that a better use could be found for these journals which would benefit our members.

As one who purchased a large number of these old journals, I can certainly testify to their value as a tool for research. Not only was I able to find articles of general interest in almost every one of them, but in a very early edition of Root and Branch, published by the West Surrey FHS, I was even able to discover an early reference to my family name and, despite a twenty year gap, was able to track down the family of the author and obtain a copy of the source material which had been quoted.

I have therefore offered my services as an Old Exchange Journals librarian. From 1st April I shall look after all WMFHS exchange journals more than ten years old, as well as any unwanted family history and local history journals donated by members. Members who have difficulty in obtaining copies of articles in old family history journals can now contact me and, for a fee of 50p, I will try my best to supply by post articles of up to two pages as A4 photocopies, with a charge of 10p for each further page, if specific references can be quoted of the Journal and edition, and the name of the article required. A limited search of one journal for a period of up to three years can also be requested, also for a fee of 50p (payable whether the article is located or not).

Members with family history journals they no longer require can deposit them marked for my attention at the library during monthly meetings. Members with large stock of unwanted family history journals which they would like to be used for the benefit of other members in this way can contact me directly if they live in London, Middlesex or Surrey. I will then arrange for their collection.

I hope that members will make use of this new service provided by the Society, and that they will contact me with any suggestions or criticism that will help to improve it further.

*David Neller, Old Exchange Journals, WMFHS, 8 Elleray Road, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 0HG*

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## WEST LONDON LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

*Yvonne Woodbridge*

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*Made In West London* was the theme of the 15th West London Local History Conference held at Montague Hall on 25 March.

The speaker from the London of Museum spoke of the general growth of London and how the industries spread out to the countryside. Then James Marshall from Hounslow Local Studies gave an interesting talk on the factories of the Great West Road. It was sad to hear of the number that have closed or moved further out and of the splendid 1930s buildings that were demolished and replaced by glass boxes. Patrick Loobey of Wandsworth Local History Society, who recently gave us an entertaining talk on post cards, spoke of the industries of the area. It was amusing to hear of the early aircraft built under the railway arches. My ears pricked up when places where my parents worked were mentioned; it is surprising what you can find out at these conferences.

The break for lunch enabled the audience to look at the displays and stalls, after which Andrea Cameron told the story of Pears Transparent Soap. It was fascinating to learn that one of the directors, Thomas Barrett, was the father of advertising - he showed the Americans how to do it. Pears soap was sold to an Indian company and is now made in India. 'The Pride of Lyons' by Peter Bird, formerly of J. Lyons and Co., brought back memories of beans on toast, bangers and mash and eat as much salad as you can to us 'oldies'. Apparently they only made a farthing profit on their meals. It is not surprising that the company has disappeared (except for their tea) as they diversified into so many areas. They even produced the first commercial computer, which they built and sold to other businesses. After the tea interval, the last speaker was Doris Yarde, who besides being vice -chairman of Hounslow Local History Society is the archivist of Fuller, Smith and Turner. She spoke of the families that ran the brewery and some of us bought the book recently published on the subject.

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### **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 - if 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.

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## CHARLES DICKENS AND HIS LOCAL CONNECTIONS

*Douglas Rust*

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### **Introduction**

In her excellent book, *The Invisible Woman*, Claire Tomalin describes, amongst other things, Dickens' frequent visits to Slough to see his friend the actress Ellen (Nelly) Ternan (the invisible woman of the title). On these occasions he travelled by train, either from Paddington (GWR) or the train from Waterloo to Datchet (SR) and a walk across the fields. At an earlier period, too, evidence exists that he was a frequent visitor to the Cooper family at Sipson House. He is known to have journeyed by road, and for a short time kept his coach at Harlington, whilst he was away on the continent.

### **Sipson House and the Cooper family**

Sipson House stands on the eastern side of Sipson Road near its junction with the Bath Road. It was extensively reconstructed and renamed 'Sipson Court' for office development in 1982; the middle part of the building is a replica of Sipson House but of the original building only the front facade remains.



*Sipson House in 1969*

An extract from a diary of Richard Weekley of Perry Oaks Farm, Heathrow (a magnificent Elizabethan farmhouse wantonly demolished in 1948 to make way for the airport) says:

'April 9th 1832 - gave Mr Cooper possession of Sipson House and Orchards, Mother's house Weekley's mother was Mary, daughter of William Wild, a

Sipson horse doctor. The Wilds were a very important farming family in the district until the 1970s, farming extensively here for more than 300 years.

John Cooper may have already been farming here at Heathrow as the Harmondsworth Inclosure Award of 1819 says that he purchased 'waste land' at Heathrow in 1806 whilst living at Dartmouth Street, Westminster. The purchase was of some 30 acres next to Heathrow House in Cain's Lane.

Amongst the children of John Cooper and his wife Frances was a boy named John Cartwright who was born in 1814 and was christened at St Margarets, Westminster. As described below, he was later to marry Mary Ann Mitton - the original for Dickens' *Little Dorrit*. Other children were Frances, who died in 1840 and is buried in Harmondsworth, Mary, born in 1818, and Louisa, born at Westminster in 1811. A fourth child, Elizabeth, presents a problem as the 1841 census records her age as 31<sup>1</sup>, whereas, ten years later, the 1851 census records her age as 32. The following children were all born at Sipson: Jane (1820), Margaret (1824), William (1828), Ellen (1830), Henry (1833), and Isabella (1836). Four more children were born to John and Frances Cooper whilst at Sipson, but all died in infancy. A total of 15 children altogether. These last four children are buried at Harmondsworth with their parents (John d. 1850 and Frances d. 1861).

### **The Mitton Family**

It is not clear how Dickens became acquainted with the Coopers, but as a schoolboy he was friendly with a boy called Thomas Mitton, whose father, also Thomas, was a publican in Somers Town. They were neighbours in the Polygon building in Clarendon Square. Later, during his 18 months employment with a firm of attorneys in Holborn, Dickens was to share rooms with Thomas jnr. If the 1841 census records are correct Thomas was younger than Dickens (1812 - 1870), being born in 1816. Mitton was later to become Dickens' lawyer and had previously helped him in his literary work by correcting his manuscripts. Dickens was later to use Thomas Mitton as the model of John Wemmick in *Great Expectations*, published in 1861. As a result of their friendship Dickens frequently visited the Mitton family home at Sunbury where they had a strawberry farm. It was there that Dickens' friendship with Mitton's sister Mary Ann developed, although he had known her from her Polygon days.

Mary Ann Mitton was born at Hatton Garden. On the 1841 census, her age is recorded as 20 years, but this appears to be inaccurate, as other evidence suggests that she was born in 1813. A newspaper obituary published in April 1913 says that she died 'within 7 months of her 100th birthday, which would have been November 27th.' That would mean that she was born in 1813 some 8 years earlier than is implied by the 1841 census (see *also Mary Ann in later life*, below).

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<sup>1</sup>The age on the 1841 census (HO 107/655/9 f37p30) is clearly out of sequence with the rest of the family, and unlikely given the ages of John and Frances; a mis-recorded 21 is perhaps more likely.

A few years later the family moved to Johnson Street, Clarendon Square in a house directly opposite the Dickens family. There began Mary Ann's acquaintance with 'My Charles', as she so often referred to him. In her memoirs, she recalls how Dickens and she would often visit Cecil Rhodes' grandfather in Hampstead Road where a 'grumpy old man' would serve them with milk and how after church they would walk to the 'New St Pancras church' for the purpose of staring at and taking off a pompous beadle who strutted about the precincts. Dickens was a prankster; Mary Ann recalled that once he met a procession of sedate school girls from a boarding school, headed by a severe-looking principal, and seeing an apple seller close by, purchased her entire stock and slyly slipped two apples into the hands of the girls, which horrified the principal when she discovered her select pupils munching apples in the street.

On another occasion, when staying with the family at Sunbury, Dickens dressed as a tramp and called at the door for work as a farm labourer. Mary Ann's father fell for the ruse and although unable to offer him work agreed to supply him with straw for a bed in the barn for a night's sleep.

It was before her marriage to John Cartwright Cooper that Dickens, who was fond of giving nicknames to people, called her his 'Little Dorrit'. When asked in an interview in February 1903 why that name, Mary Ann Cooper said 'I cannot really say, I only recollect that somehow I was always 'Dorrit' with Charles'. One day, whilst staying at the farm in Sunbury, Dickens said to Mary Ann 'The next book I write, I shall put you in it and I shall call it LITTLE DORRIT' Thus the next book was named; it was first published in 1857.

### **The Mittons at Doghurst, Sipson**

It is not certain when the Mittons moved from Sunbury; it seems that the family were living at Feltham for a short while, but it is not clear how long they were there. The 1841 census shows them living close to the Coopers at Sipson House. The census does not identify exactly where, but it is possible to infer that it was in a large early 19th century house known as 'Doghurst', which stood in its own large grounds immediately adjoining the grounds of Sipson House. This house was demolished in 1920 and replaced with a modern house of the same name. Most of the grounds were used for housing developments, including those in Doghurst Avenue.

The Mittons had been at Doghurst since at least 1838. A letter from Dickens, dated September 1841, acknowledged some fruit from them. It must be assumed that Thomas Mitton snr. had retired by now as the 1841 census records him as a person of independent means. He was 67 and his wife Mary was stated as being aged 65. Thomas jnr. had moved with them to Sipson and was recorded on the census as a solicitor. Mary Ann, his sister, was also recorded there as being of independent means. By 1842 Thomas jnr. was practising as a solicitor, as well as a market gardener, at Isleworth and it was in the July of that year his father died. Apparently he was living with his son at the time. His mother must

still have been alive then, as Dickens wrote to Thomas jnr., sending condolences to 'your mother and sister'.

With their move to Doghurst the Mittons were now next door neighbours of the Coopers in Sipson House. One may assume that, as both Cooper and Mitton snr. were horticulturists, it would be only a matter of time before a friendship between the families sprang up, or perhaps Mitton moved there because of an existing friendship. No doubt Dickens would have been a visitor to the Mittons at Doghurst. Soon a courtship would be blossoming between Mary Ann Mitton and John Cartwright Cooper, a 'girl next door' romance.

Dickens' friendship with the Mittons would soon lead to an introduction to the Cooper family and it is thought that Dickens also stayed with the Coopers at Sipson House subsequently. Dickens' link with Sipson is told in a story which was recorded in a diary kept by John Cooper the elder. It appears that Dickens was staying at Sipson House and whilst he and Cooper were out walking near the house, they met a shepherd with a flock of sheep which the shepherd was trying to get through the gate with the help of his dog. Dickens suggested to the shepherd that it would be impossible for the sheep to get through whereupon the shepherd calmly replied 'They'll manage to scrooge their way through somehow'. Dickens grasped the word and used it for the surname of his main character in his next book *A Christmas Carol*. Another possibility is the fact that the name of the field with the sheep was 'Scroogeall'. The name of the field in which they stood is still perpetuated by 'Scroogeall Cottages', a pair of cottages which stand in Sipson Road opposite its junction with Sipson Way. Although now re-numbered 499 -501 Sipson Road, their original name can still be seen on a plaque on the front wall of one of the cottages.

According to the 1851 census the Coopers were at that time living at Sipson House, although John Cooper snr. had died the year before. John Cooper jnr., married by now, is recorded in the same census but at Harlington. The 1851 census for Harmondsworth parish gives no mention of the Mitton family at Sipson and the 1861 census gives no mention of the Cooper family. There is no record of any Mittons being buried at Harmondsworth, but many of the Cooper family are buried there, the last being Frances Cooper who died in November 1861 at the age of 69.

### **Mary Ann (Little Dorrit) and John Cartwright Cooper**

Mary Ann Mitton and John Cartwright Cooper were eventually married at St James, Westminster during the autumn of 1843. At the time of their marriage it appears that they were living at Bury Street, Westminster. It is not known when they moved to Harlington although, as already mentioned, they were there in 1851. Their house was 'Harlington Villa' in Hatton Road, which is believed to be the house later known as 'The Cedars'. This house, which was demolished to make way for the airport in 1947, stood back from the road and it also had a coachman's house known as 'The Limes'. The outbuildings of 'The Cedars' are



reputed to have housed Dickens' coach which was used for the wedding in 1847 of John's sister Mary Ann Cooper and Thomas Wild of Sipson.



*The Cedars, Hatton Road, Harlington in 1944*

From 1873 Thomas and Mary lived at 'The Lilacs' in Harlington and from there their unmarried daughter Kate Wild, in an undated letter (now in the possession of Mr S. Heyward, her great -nephew), wrote:

'My mother's eldest brother, John Cartwright Cooper, married Mary Ann Mitton (Little Dorrit), my uncle was a strawberry grower. Charles Dickens was articled to Mr Mitton (a lawyer) and used to visit his house (at Sunbury) and called my aunt 'Little Dorrit' and told her that one day he would write a book and call it after her. My aunt used to go up to Covent Garden market with the fruit, when sold, to bring back the money.

'In the year 1847 my uncle had the care of Mr Dickens' carriage as he was away on the continent and my uncle and aunt came to my mother's wedding in Mr Dickens' carriage.

'My aunt was very fond of dress and jewellery, she once had cufflinks with little silver bells and as she went to church the vicar requested that she should not wear the bells as they were distracting. My aunt was once travelling on a bus when she noticed a gentleman next to her with a beautiful diamond ring on, after he got off she found her purse was missing but the ring was left in her pocket.

'For a time Mr Mitton lived at Doghurst, Sipson and Mr Dickens would sometimes walk from London to Sipson to breakfast.

'Kate Wild'

### **Mary Ann in later life**

It is not clear for how long John and Mary Ann lived in Hatton Road. They were living there on census night in 1851 when John was recorded as a market gardener. By 1861 they had moved to Southgate, living in a lodge of Mayfield school. They then moved to a house on The Chase and later to a cottage purposely built for them in Avenue Road which they named 'Passiflora Villa'. There they sold cultivated fruit, especially strawberries, which were sold at Covent Garden market. Mary Ann consequently became known locally as Mrs Strawberry Cooper. Towards the end of her life she moved to 6 Chelmsford Road, still in Southgate, although a letter dated 26 March 1903 is headed 1 Fern Lodge, Southgate. When she died she was living in the High Street, having been a widow for nearly 25 years. Mary Ann's life was not at all like the character Dickens portrayed her, as she lived a reasonably comfortable life. Once she was thrown from a horse and dragged for three -quarters of a mile and towards the end of her life she lived alone in Southgate. She suffered badly from rheumatism and became rather deaf. Her room contained a portrait of the writer himself and her bed was once owned by Dickens. It also held a sampler with the words 'Mary Ann Mitton, aged 9, February 1824'<sup>1</sup> (now in the possession of Mr Heyward). At the age of 90 she took part in a tableau -vivant and at 98 she opened a bazaar for the poor boys of Islington. She died in April 1913, just before her hundredth birthday. Her death is registered in Edmonton. The value of her estate at death was a little under £200 and amongst her bequests were two pictures of 'Strawberries' for 'Thomas Wild of Sipson' (1848 -1932). It would be nice to know if the family still has them.

### **Thomas Mitten**

The 1851 census records Dickens' friend and Mary Ann's brother, Thomas Mitton, as living at North Lodge, Lampton Road, Hounslow, where he had been practising since 1845; in fact he was using both North and South Lodge and was to remain there for the rest of his life. He was then 35 years old, still unmarried, with a housekeeper, Elizabeth Cooper<sup>2</sup>. In 1844 -46 he was practising as Mitton and Nealer, in 1846 -1850 as Mitton, Scott and Edwards, but after that time he appeared to be on his own again. It was about this time that Dickens stopped using Mitton's professional services for their relationship had turned a little sour.

Tragedy struck during the summer of 1878 when his wife Elizabeth (the former housekeeper, it seems) drowned herself in a pond in Osterley Park. Her age was given as about 62 and a verdict of suicide was pronounced. A strange situation was to follow. Mitton had appointed a William Cooper of Rochester (no known relation) to be sole executor of his will. When he arrived at the house he saw a dying man (Thomas Mitton). He later recalled that he found the house 'in a state of great gloom and horror, a woman who had been Mitton's housekeeper.

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<sup>1</sup> Perhaps the age here is that on beginning the sampler, before her tenth birthday in November 1823?

<sup>2</sup> Not John Cartwright Cooper's sister, Elizabeth, who appears on the census at Sipson, as we have seen.

having committed suicide in a pond in the garden'. Had he been told the truth one wonders? But the sad irony of the story is that when Cooper, taken aback as to his own share of the legacy (£1500), asked Mitton if he had any relations of his own, Mitton replied 'I have a sister but I hate her to that degree that if I thought she would ever benefit any money after my death I believe I should come back and take it away from her.' One wonders whether Mary Ann was ever aware of her brother's feelings towards her. That same year, in October, he died and was buried at Heston Church.

### **Dickens at Slough**

Dickens' link with the district continued up to at least 1867. We find a Charles Tringham (possibly a pseudonym for Charles Dickens) renting a cottage in 1865 in Slough. For some years he had been friendly with a theatrical family called Ternan whom he probably met during the 1850s when appearing in an amateur play with them. We certainly know that he appeared in two productions at Manchester in August 1857; *The Frozen Deep*, a play by his friend Wilkie Collins and another play called *Uncle John*. Both the plays show Wilkie Collins and Charles Dickens playing major roles but we also find Maria and Nelly Ternan together with their mother Fanny playing other parts. It was Nelly with whom Dickens became infatuated.

Dickens was of course still married at the time and any relationship outside marriage then and for such a respectable person like Dickens would have been frowned upon.

It has been said that Nelly became Dickens' mistress, and to avoid public opprobrium he rented a cottage in the quiet rural village of Slough in 1866. Dickens had a choice of travel and he used it wisely. Apart from using Datchet and Slough stations he often used Windsor, just one station on from Datchet.

Why he chose Slough is not clear but Dickens for a while was editor of Bentley's periodical journal *Miscellany* and Richard Bentley was his first publisher. It so happened that Richard Bentley lived at Slough, possibly in the same area as the present house called *The Mere*, built by Bentley's son George in 1887 - It appears that Dickens rented two cottages in Slough, one called *Elizabeth Cottage* which stood in the High Street and another on Bentley's estate in Church Street.

Maxwell Fraser, in her *History of Slough*, suggests that Charles Dickens lived at *Elizabeth Cottage* whilst the Ternan family lived at Church Street. She also goes on to say that Dickens paid his rent to a Charles Tringham; however Claire Tornalin in her book *The Invisible Woman* says that a Mr John Tringham and later a Charles Tringham paid rates on two cottages in the High Street. Over the next four years or so Claire Tomalin goes on to say that the names 'Turnan, Turnham and Tringham' all crop up in rate books, even a Francis Turnham and a Thomas Turnham.

It seems that some of the residents at Slough were aware of Dickens' presence in spite of his disguise. Written evidence from his diary shows his walks in and around Slough and Eton and even notes the fact that sometimes Nelly accompanied him. He also gave readings in a 'Hall in the High Street'. Whether this was the fore-runner of the Leopold Institute, which was not built until 1887 and demolished 75 years later, we will not know, but it must have been obvious to the 'literate' people of Slough that Dickens was living locally even if only occasionally.

His diary entry of 6th June 1867 mentions 'at Slough', but it seems that Dickens and Nelly Ternan left Slough for good shortly after, as he was writing from Peckham, south east London on the 26th of that month.

Elizabeth Cottage was later lived in by Caroline Herschel, the sister of the great astronomer William, and was finally destroyed by fire in May 1889.

Dickens died in 1870 and was buried in Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey. Nelly Ternan died some 40 years later in 1914 and was buried at Southsea. No trace of Dickens is now to be found locally. Even the Windmill Hotel in Slough where once he stayed was destroyed by fire in 1882. The same year also saw a new railway station built at Slough. It is doubtful whether Dickens would recognise any part of the district he knew in his day; the present noise and bustle over the whole area would have been inconceivable to him. But at least we still have his wonderful literary works.

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### **BAILEY/BAYLEY**

Walter and wife Ann BAILEY had six children baptised at Woking, SRY, from 1740 -59. A note in the baptism register for second child John (1743) states 'parents of Twickenham, Middlesex'. A son William (not baptised at Woking) is buried in Woking in 1767. No sign of the marriage of Walter and Ann in Twickenham marriages. Could the son William have been baptised in Twickenham, and has anyone come across the marriage of a Walter BAILEY to an Ann anywhere in Middlesex in the 1730s?

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### **BARTLETT**

I am trying to trace what happened to my grandmother Dorothy Caroline BARTLETT, born 1874(7), a member of the theatrical profession in the 1890s - 1900s. She was the daughter of Henry Tuppen BARTLETT, born 1839, a carpenter/builder, who married Elizabeth LITTLEJOHN in Chelsea in 1871. Dorothy married Robert George MUGFORD (stage name George Montford) in 1898, but they parted in 1906 and I know nothing of Dorothy Caroline from that time. If any member can help in any way with information on the BARTLETT family (Chelsea, Brixton, Burgess Hill areas) I would be most grateful.

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### **LONG/WEATHERHEAD**

Seeking information on elusive great grandparents. Great grandmother Marian LONG born c. 1854, possibly daughter of George LONG and Ann WINCH, married William Henry WEATHERHEAD c. 1875. Daughter Marian Anne WEATHERHEAD born 31 May 1878 Mile End Old Town, married Frank Eaglesfield CHASEMORE 4 August 1899, and had two sons Thomas Philip Gordon and Frank Eaglesfield. Marian Anne died 6 October 1920 at 56 Barons Court Road, Fulham, where her mother lived. Marian WEATHERHEAD survived until mid -1940s, when she lived at 23 The Green, Twickenham with T.P -G. CHASEMORE. William Henry WEATHERHEAD probably died earlier, and Marian possibly remarried, but second surname unknown.

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## **Drown'd in the Northfleet: Postscript**

Members may have noticed that Peter Watson's article *Drown'd in the Northfleet* (WMFHS Journal, 12(4), Dec. 1994) was mentioned in Anthony Camp's column in the March issue of *Family Tree Magazine*. This prompted a letter from a Miss Frances Marsh, whose Great -great Aunt Emily (aged 12 at the time of the Northfleet disaster) had written a poem, which has been passed down the family, tucked inside a family bible. With her permission, the poem is reproduced here.

### **Wreck of the Northfleet**

1

Out in the ocean not far from our coast  
A vessel] and most of her brave crew were lost,  
No one to help them, no hand to save,  
Greedily gulphed by the merciless wave  
The 'Northfleet' and 400 souls were all bound  
To Australia, but sadly their efforts were crown'd,  
The Schooner Murillo, in the darkness of night  
Ran into her broadsides then sailed out of sight.

No one to help them no one to save  
Their cries for assistance were lost on the wave  
Helpless they sank, no aid could be found  
May god have mercy on those who were drowned

2

Their brave Captain Knowles stood staunch on the deck  
Revolver in hand, kept those poor souls in check  
Who maddened with fright lost all self command  
At the thought of their death being so near at hand  
'Save the women and children first' then he cried  
As they lowered the boat down the doom'd vessells side  
His wife then in charge of two seamen he gave  
And begged they would try all they could her to save

No one to help them & ct

3

Our kind hearted Queen £200 gave  
To help those who were saved from a watery grave  
May heaven bless her and those who may be  
No lying lifeless down, down in file sea  
And may god reward Captain Knowles afterlife  
Watcho'er and protect his poor widowed wife  
And may Heavens vengeance be on those repaid  
Who caused the disaster and would not give aid

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## **THE NIGHT THEY BOMBED MY DAD'S GARAGE**

*Peter Roe*

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My father was born on Tuesday 20th December 1898 at 157 Euston Road, London and it was there that he was brought up and spent his childhood. His home was a house that was provided rent -free, for the caretaker of the undertakers' wholesalers warehouse that was situated next door. My grandfather, who worked at the warehouse, saw this as a way of increasing his wages by living rent free. So he volunteered to act as caretaker, as well as doing his job as warehouseman.

As children, the warehouse became the playground of my father and his brothers and sisters. They thought nothing of playing hide and seek in the dark basement among the racks of newly -made coffins. Likewise they were constantly in trouble from the polishers in the varnish room. As that workshop required a totally dust free atmosphere, children running in and out caused chaos. The children would also sometimes amuse themselves by stirring the vats of sulphuric acid in the engraving workshop with an odd piece of coffin moulding, until sent packing with a clip round the ear by one of the engravers. So much for health and safety regulations, all those years ago!

After attending the local schools as a boy, my father finally left when he reached the age of 14. Having always been interested in all things mechanical and having grown up in the early days of the motor car, it was natural that his first job was in a local engineering works. Here he learnt the basic skills and use of tools. Later he moved on to repair work, on the early cars and lorries of the day.

When my father reached his eighteenth birthday in December 1916, the First World War was raging and all young men of that age were told that England still expected every man to do his duty. At his army medical it was found that as a result of various childhood illnesses and indeed of an operation on his spine as a boy, he was not considered to be fit for active service. It was put quite plainly to him that he would not be 'lucky enough' to go and fight in France! I sometimes wonder if I would be here now, had his health been better at that time.

As a result of his engineering skills, my father was placed in the Army Service Corps, (before it had the prefix, Royal). He became part of a team that travelled round the factories in Southern England that were engaged in war work. His job was to help check the quality of the many motor vehicles that were being made for the Army. After his Army service, father had various jobs in the motor trade and began to hope that one day he would be able to start his own business.

In the late 1920s the family moved to 181 The Grove, Hammersmith. Father lived in the basement flat and started a motor cycle repair business in the garage at the side of the house. The business barely earned him a living and he was forced to seek work as a mechanic in the growing number of local garages.

In early 1939 he took the plunge and rented a small garage in Clifton Gardens, off the High Road in Chiswick, and started his own motor repair business. From the first the business thrived, until the outbreak of the Second World War. Petrol rationing and the ban on private motoring suddenly brought this early success to a halt.

Being now too old for conscription into the services, Father was soon compulsorily employed in various forms of war work at his premises in Chiswick. One of the jobs he was given to do was to fit London taxi cabs with a roof rack and a towing hook! The reason for this strange modification was that London taxis had to be available to act as small fire engines during air raids. Ladders were carried on the roof rack and a two wheeled fire pump was towed at the back. Up to four 'firemen', some trained, some not, could be carried inside the cab.

Apart from such work and the repair and maintenance of the authorised local commercial vehicles, he had other stranger tasks. I remember as a boy seeing enormous slabs of balsa wood that were delivered to the garage. Father had to spray paint these and then affix rope hand -holds. These were known as 'Carley Floats' and were in fact life rafts for the ships then suffering in the battles at sea. I now wonder how many sailors' lives they may have helped to save, during the war. The memory reminds me of the famous war time Daily Mirror newspaper cartoon, which showed a picture of a sailor lying on such a raft, with the caption, 'The price of petrol went up today'.

As the war progressed, the bombing became nightly worse. Among the major problems that had to be faced were the fires started by the large number incendiary bombs dropped by the enemy during air raids. To overcome this problem, the system of 'fire watching' was started. The idea was that groups of local citizens should be readily available to assist the local Air Raid Warden in fighting fires, or at least controlling them, until the hard pressed fire brigade could arrive. All men had to register at the local air raid post and fill in a form stating where in their building they would be sleeping and how they could be contacted by the Warden in times of need.

As Clifton Gardens was then a street of small Victorian villas, most people opted to sleep fully clothed when on duty, in the downstairs front room of their house. I remember the great amusement that was caused by one of these stalwart citizens answering the question 'How may you be contacted by the Warden' with the reply, 'Bash on front winder'. Is it any wonder that with such advanced technology, our eventual victory was anything other than certain!

From now on Father, who had registered for this duty, slept as required, on a camp bed in the garage surrounded by buckets of water and sand, together with his trusty stirrup pump, ready to face the worst that the enemy could do. This duty he was expected to carry out on alternate nights until further notice, It was



purely by chance that on the night of 18 -19th February 1944 Father was off duty and was able to return to our home at Twickenham, where the bombing was less severe.

The next day, Saturday 19th, Father went to work as usual. When he had not returned home at his normal time, the family began to worry. It was some hours later that he arrived home, tired and dirty, with the news that the garage had been all but destroyed. At 1.15 that morning, what was estimated to have been a 1000 kg bomb landed at the junction of Chiswick High Road and Dukes Avenue, in front of the Times Furnishing Company. One end of this large building was totally flattened and a large crater was made in the road.

As well as the shops and other buildings in the immediate vicinity being badly damaged, all gas, water and electricity mains were broken and all the telephone and trolley bus wires were cut. The gas main, which had caught fire, burnt until it was extinguished at 5.50 later the same morning. It was recorded that damage was caused to buildings up to a radius of 150 yards from the bomb site. The blast had also crossed the High Road and funnelled down Clifton Gardens. Father's garage had taken the full force and being a rather flimsy structure, it had been very badly damaged.

The red brick Catholic Church, which still stands on the opposite corner of Dukes Avenue, also took the full force of the blast. Surprisingly the main structure of the building was little damaged but of course the roof and all the windows, doors and internal fittings were totally wrecked. In spite of this and in the tradition of the time, services were held as usual the next day, Sunday 20th, with the worshippers standing in the church amid the destruction and wreckage.

When Father had first arrived on the scene he was told to salvage what he could as soon as possible, so that the remains of the garage could be pulled down and the wreckage removed. The next day I went to the garage with my father to give what help I could. Being a boy at this time, it was all a great adventure to me. The police let us through the cordons they had created round the area and meeting up with some friends of Father's we started work.

The building was a tottering shambles. Inside, tools were scattered everywhere, machines were smashed and every tin of oil in the garage had been punctured by fragments of concrete in the blast. Oil was running all over the floor. All the cars that customers had parked in the garage for the duration of the war were now damaged beyond repair. Ominously the camp bed, on which my father slept when on fire watch duty, was now flattened beneath a mound of rubble.

I listened to the half whispered stories of the adults and policemen regarding the casualties and where the bodies had been found. The final casualty list was three killed, nine wounded and taken to hospital, with four people having minor injuries. The regular use of air raid shelters by the local people had kept the casualties to a minimum.

The mystery of a car, found parked in Clifton Gardens with the engine running, was later solved. It was said that the driver had parked the car during the night, left the engine running, and walked with his girl friend to the corner of the High Road to take her home and say good night. Soon after this, the bomb landed. Grimly it was rumoured that his remains were later found in several different places around the area.

The first house on the left in Clifton Gardens, just passed the garage, was also badly damaged. It was owned by a family called Jackson. They were well known locally and were devout Quakers. Mr Jackson was a local builder and in this air raid he suffered not only from his house being damaged. That same night, his builders yard nearby, together with his small van, were totally destroyed by another bomb dropped at the same time, no doubt by the same aircraft. His local bank branch, being on the corner of the High Road, was also wrecked and closed for business. In spite of these problems, Mr and Mrs Jackson, true to their Quaker principles, thought of others first. They not only invited my father into the remains of their house and insisted that he share their dinner, but they also, over the next few days, provided tea and hot food to anyone who needed it, all from their meagre rations.

In time, all that could be salvaged from the garage was brought home to Twickenham, or distributed around the workshops of Father's friends. The remains of the building was pulled down and the wreckage removed, leaving yet another empty bomb site in London. The crater in Chiswick High Road was eventually filled in, once the pipes and cables had been repaired. All this time traffic had been unable to use the High Road; it was not until the 27th February that single line traffic was made possible. Normal two way traffic was not restored until over a month later, on 30th March.

After the war, Father had an architect draw up plans for a grand new building and he applied for planning permission to rebuild his garage. His application was promptly rejected on the grounds that the whole area was soon to be redeveloped and that this piece of land was required for another proposed new building. In actual fact it was to be many years later before this redevelopment took place. The eventual redevelopment of the area, when it finally occurred, meant that all the old houses in Clifton Gardens were swept away. Most of the area was then covered in new buildings.

Visiting the site recently, I found that what was once the Times Furnishing Company had now been demolished and a new building was in the first stages of construction on the site. On the other side of the High Road, what little remained of Clifton Gardens now only went as far as the rear of the High Road buildings; there it now forms a T-junction with the new Dolman Road. It was still possible to see, on the left hand side, where the garage had once stood. Indeed the old entrance to the garage, paved with granite sets, still exists, crossing the footpath.

Visiting Chiswick Library today (which is situated in Dukes Avenue and is only a stones throw away from where the bomb landed) it is possible to read in the Air Raid Warden's diary the details of this and the other bomb incidents that occurred in Chiswick throughout the war.

Looking at a modern street map now, Clifton Gardens is no longer considered to be worth a mention, even though it still has a street name sign at the beginning of its short length. As for the site of Father's garage, part of the plot, where it once stood, now houses an electrical substation transformer. The rest is used as a car park. The site has never been built on, since the day it was cleared just over 51 years ago!

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### **Views on the Lottery - 200 Years Ago**

The following set of extracts are some opinions offered by a columnist in *The Times*, Thursday 12th April 1792, on the subject of 'State Lotteries'.

'[The Lottery] which upholds the spirit of gaming in a nation, and occasions a general depravity or morals, by corrupting and vitiating the minds of the mass of the people, who, allured by the false hope of becoming speedily rich, and the example exhibited by some who have occasionally become so, are seduced from honest industry, to turn adventurers; to lose a great deal of money as well as time, in watching the fate of their adventures.'

... servants and people in the middle and lower ranks of life carry the produce of their labours and industry to the Lottery Offices, instead of expending it in the necessaries and conveniences of life. The crowds that frequent Lottery Offices a short time before, and during the time of drawing, demonstrate the justness of this complaint. Girls with tattered gowns and cloaks, often without a shift under them; boys without coats, men, women, and children, with palid, half-famished countenances, may be seen in many of them every evening, to use the vulgar but expressive language "flinging away good money after bad".'

'Multitudes of those unfortunate persons who have been transported to Botany Bay or who have suffered capital punishments, were some way or other connected with the Lottery, and have ascribed the origin of all their misery to that source. A system of gaming, which is the vice and disgrace of the present age, when brought down to the lower ranks, must produce all the crimes that are charged to it. It wants no facts to prove it.'

... a Lottery is the greatest evil that can persecute the poor. To continue and support it is to encourage theft, robbery and murder; and therefore it is to be hoped that a virtuous Administration, who have nothing in view but the good of their country, who have completely restored the credit of the nation and raised it to a pitch of prosperity and glory unexampled in any former period of our history, will take this subject once more into their most serious consideration.'

*Noted by Richard Chapman*

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## SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS ON MICROFICHE

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### Indexes to Monumental Inscriptions

The following indexes to monumental inscriptions for churchyards in the West Middlesex area are available.

	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

### Surname Indexes to the 1851 Census

	UK/£	Overseas/£
Paddington (HO 107/1466-1467) Two fiche.	2.35	3.00
Kensington, Brompton, Hammersmith and Fulham (HO 107/1468-1471) Four fiche. These, together with the two for Paddington (above) cover the whole of the Kensington RD.	4.35	5.20
Chelsea (HO 107/1472-1474) Three fiche. 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)) Three fiche. 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) Two fiche. 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.	2.35	3.00
Staines (HO 107/1696) ( <i>Booklet</i> ) <i>Booklet</i> format. Includes the parishes of Ashford, Cranford, East Bedfont, Feltham, Hanworth, Harlington, Harmondsworth, Laleham, Littleton, Shepperton, Stanwell, Staines and Sunbury.	2.00	3.00

All prices listed above include postage charges. 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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## BOOKSHELF

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### **An introduction to Civil Registration - Tom Wood**

A comprehensive guide to the subject of civil registration in England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. It includes full details of the background to civil registration, the information that can be obtained, and where and how to access it. Appendices give contact addresses and telephone numbers for many libraries holding copies of the GRO indexes for England and Wales and details of LDS family history centres throughout the UK.

56 pp. Published by the FFHS, 1994. ISBN 1 872094 84 8 £2.50

### **An introduction to Using Computers for Genealogy - David Hawgood**

A clear and intelligible introduction to the use of computers in family history, covering subjects such as equipment and programs (PC -compatible only); word-processors; specialist genealogy packages; spreadsheets; databases; the IGI on CD-ROM. It also includes a bibliography and contact list of program suppliers.

52 pp. Published by the FFHS, 1994. ISBN 1 872094 90 2 £2.50

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104 pp. Published by the FFHS, 1995. ISBN 1 86006 002 1 £8.40

### **Lincolnshire - A Genealogical Bibliography - Stuart A. Raymond**

108 pp. Published by the FFHS, 1995. ISBN 1 86006 001 3 £7.50

Two new titles in the valuable and rapidly expanding series of county bibliographies by Stuart Raymond. Cheshire and Lancashire will be the next ones to appear.

### **Basic facts about Heraldry for Family Historians - Iain Swinnerton**

A short introduction to the basic principles of heraldry, the terms used, and how it can provide information to the family historian.

16 pp. Published by the FFHS, 1995. ISBN 1 86006 000 5

### **Beginning your Family History - George Pelling**

The sixth edition of this useful guide, which first appeared back in 1980. Completed only months before the sad death of George Pelling in March this year, it remains one of the best introductory books for family history.

Sixth edition. 88 pp. Published by the FFHS, 1995. ISBN 1 86006 004 8

### **The Family Historians' Enquire Within - Pauline Saul**

The latest edition of this very useful reference. It is, as the introduction claims 'a very practical reference book - its aim is to point you in the right direction in which to find help in connection with your research.'

Fifth edition. 288 pp. Published by the FFHS, 1995. ISBN 1 872094 83 X

### **My Ancestor were Baptists - Geoffrey R. Breed**

A revised and updated third edition of this guide to sources of information on Baptist ancestors. It includes a survey and history of the background of the Baptist movement, as well as lists of material held at the PRO, SoG. and the central libraries of the Baptist Church.

Third edition. 104 pp. Published by the Society of Genealogists, 1995.  
ISBN 0 946789 84 3 £4.99

### **General Register Office One -Name Lists in the Library of the Society of Genealogists**

This is a list of the one -name studies which have been extracted from the indexes at the General Register Office, showing the periods covered and their location in the Library. About 200 surnames are listed.

16 pp. Published by the Society of Genealogists, 1995.  
ISBN 0 946789 89 4 £1.65

### **My ancestor was in the British Army: how can I find out more about him? - Christopher T. and Michael J. Watts**

A new edition of this standard work, first published in 1992, together with a short addendum.

Second edition. Published by the Society of Genealogists, 1995.  
ISBN 0 946789 47 9 £5.50

### **Halfpenny Green - Postcards from Barnes and Mortlake**

This latest venture by the Barnes and Mortlake History Society is a very nicely produced book, mainly of picture postcards of Sheen, Mortlake and Barnes. The title is derived from the cost and colour of the stamp necessary to send a postcard during the period from which these pictures were taken.

There are 181 pictures, all with captions, and in most instances the quality of the reproduction is remarkable in its clarity. Some of the detail revealed on many of the photographs is as good as the day the pictures were taken by the old, unwieldy tripod cameras used at the turn of the century. In A5 format with the majority of the postcards being printed two to a page, it is made more interesting by the occasional postcard -sized advertisements. It is very good value and will be of great interest to all who have ancestors from this area of south - west London.

Available to out -of -area members through the Postal Book Service: see the insert in this journal.

*Jim Devine*

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### **Directory of Members' Interests 1995**

Have you sent in your form yet? If not, please hurry; the deadline is 31st May.

**Ancestral Research**

J.F. Mitchell History 1942 -1945 (Donated)  
Irish FHS - Directory of Parish Registers Indexed, in Ireland  
Pigot and Co. Directory - Essex, Herts. and Middlesex 1839. Facsimile edition  
Pigot and Co. Directory - London and its suburbs 1839. Facsimile edition  
Irish Roots Magazine. No. 4 1992  
FFHS Unpublished Personal Name Indexes in Record Offices and Libraries (2nd edn.) - J.S.W. Gibson  
Staines Parish Registers 1644 -1694.  
Berkshire FHS 1851 Census - Vol. 4:2 Fyfield, Cumnor and Sutton Courtney  
Buckinghamshire - A Genealogical Bibliography - S. Raymond  
My Ancestors were English Presbyterians/Unitarians - A. Ruston  
FFHS Using Newspapers and Periodicals - C.R. Chapman  
FFHS Wills, Probate and Death Duty Records - J. Cox  
FFHS Reading Old Title Deeds - J. Cornwall  
FFHS Land and Window Tax Assessments - J.S.W. Gibson, M. Medlycott and D. Mills  
Berkshire FHS - 1851 Census - Vol. 3 Shrivenham, Faringdon and Buckland  
Genealogy Computer Packages - D. Hawgood  
Register of One-Name Studies 1992. 9th edition  
Family Tree Magazine 1986 Year Book  
Index to Wills proved in the PCC 1750 -1800, Vol. 6 Si-Z. Ed. Anthony J. Camp  
Genealogical Research Directory, National and International, 1994  
London and Middlesex - A Genealogical Bibliography - S.A. Raymond  
FFHS Marriage, Census and other Indexes for Family Historians (5th edn.) Eds. J.S.W. Gibson and E. Hampson  
FFHS Probate Jurisdictions: Where to look for Wills (4th edn.) - J .S.W. Gibson  
Irregular Marriage in London before 1754 - T. Benton  
My Ancestors Moved in England or Wales - A.J. Camp  
Dates and Calendars for the Genealogist - C. Webb  
FFHS Occupations A preliminary list - J. Culling  
Londoners' Occupations - A genealogical guide - S.A. Raymond  
FFHS Practice Makes Perfect - A genealogical workbook  
Extracts from Assize Rolls of Huntingdonshire in the 17th C. - C.F. Tebbutt  
'The Unfortunate Infants' an account of the Bermondsey Poor Law Institution for Children at the Old Church House, Merton 1820-1845  
Somerset Archive and Record Service - Summary List of Anglican Parish and Nonconformist Registers  
Post Office London Directory 1846 - Facsimile edition  
Burial Register of All Saints, Isleworth 1556 -1879

## **Local History**

Domesday Book: Surrey

Stanwell My Village - B. Wilkins

The Almshouses of London - C. Berridge (Donated)

Hammersmith Riverside - Personalities and Places (Donated)

River Thames Guide Book (Donated)

Clapham\; an historical tour - E.E.F. Smith, F.S.A. (Donated)

An historical walk through Clerkenwell. (Donated)

A Brief History of Streatham - G. Gower (Donated)

The Retreats of Epping Forest - G. Ward

Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge and Epping Forest Museum (Donated)

Dulwich Village - B. Green (Donated)

Central Croydon: Living History, Local Guide No. 1. 2nd edition

## **Others**

Phoenix Morris Dancers 1993. 'We still do it for fun'.

Guinness Book of Names - L. Dunkling

Handbook of Dates for Students of English History. Ed. C.R. Cheney

The London Goldsmiths 1200-1800 - Sir A. Heal, F.S.A.

## **Fiche**

Class list 1891 Census - PRO

1851 Census Index - St Martin in the Fields Registration District

1851 Census Index - Westminster Registration District

1851 Census Index - St James, Westminster Registration District

1851 Census Index - St George, Hanover Square Registration District

Suffolk FHS - 1994 Handbook, Lists of Membership and their Interests

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## **Complications in Stanwell**

The path of true love has never been smooth; witness the problems of this couple, shown in the banns book of the parish of Stanwell.

'John Smith, bachelor and Sarah Ann Marsh, spinster, both of this parish. Banns read 29 Aug, 5 Sep, 12 Sep 1852.'

On the opposite page to this entry is the following note:

'Banns forbidden by George Munday, who produced a certificate of the woman Marsh's marriage with himself at Clewer[?] church. At the same time by reference to the register it appeared that Mundy [sic] had been previously married to a woman of the name of Doe who it was asserted was still alive and who there was very good reason to believe was certainly alive at the time of Munday's said marriage. As however no convincing proof was [...] of the existence of the woman Doe the publication of the banns was not proceeded with.'

*Noted by Carol Sweetland*



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## NEW MEMBERS

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

- A42 Mr and Mrs P.C. Andrews, 38 Gade Avenue, Watford, Herts WD1 7LG  
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R60 Mr J. Reeves, Hazel Cottage, Vention Lane, Lydbrook, Glos. GL17 9RL  
W121 Mrs C. Widdowson, 8 Berberis Green, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR31 8LQ  
W122 Mrs D.I. Willis, 3 Essex Road, Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 0AB  
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- H65 Mr and Mrs Harris, Westerwood, Goughs Lane, Warfield, Berks RG12 2JR  
T31 Mrs R. Thompson, 8b Nevill Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 5SA

### Are these yours?

FLEXMAN; MARRIAGE; ROLFE; WITCHER; MATTEHEWS; FIELDER;  
FERGUSON; HAMMOND

If this set of surname interests is yours, please write to tell me who you are. I have received a form for the 1995 Directory of Members' Interests with these names, but no name, address or membership number!

*Richard Chapman*

### 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 SRW.

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

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## SURNAME INTERESTS

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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
AXTEN	19 C	Heston area	MDX	A42
BAKER	19 C	Hounslow area	MDX	A42
	19 C	Shoreditch	MDX	J39
BALL	19 C	All	MDX	P75
BARKER	1750-1880	Windsor area	BRK	M111
BARNES	All	Southall	MDX	H129
BARR	18-19 C	Marylebone	MDX	W122
	18 C	All	ESS	W122
BASSETT	bef 1900	St Germans	CON	M111
BATEMAN	1820-50	Kings Langley	HRT	M112
BEAN	c 1800	Harrow	MDX	W122
BEER	1600-1850	Torrington area	DEV	M111
BENNETT	1895-1915	Ponders End	MDX	M112
BERRY	c 1800	Camberwell	SRY	W122
BICKHAM	19 C	Dawlish	DEV	P77
	19 C	Bethnal Green	MDX	P77
	1860-70	Paris, France		P77
BLACKBURN	1900-33	Turnham Green	MDX	M112
BLAKE	aft 1812	Chelsea area	MDX	W121
BOUNDY	1750-1810	All	DEV	G84
BOWRING	c 1800	Maiden Newton	DOR	G84
BROWN	1820-50	Kilrea	LDY	M112
BUDGE	1800-30	Crewkerne	SOM	G84
	bef 1900	St Germans	CON	M111
BURROWS	All	Iver	BKM	H129
	All	Bucks-Middlesex border	BKM	H129
	All	Uxbridge	MDX	H129
CAMPION	18 C	St Bartholomew the Great	LND	P77
CARR	1750-1850	Newbury	BRK	M111
CARVELL	19 C	Shoreditch	MDX	J39
CHENERY	1820-90	Felixstowe	SFK	W127
CLARK	c 1800	Chelsea	MDX	W122
	18 C	Broxted	ESS	W122
COLEMAN	All	Mildenhall	WIL	P75
COOPER	1750-1850	Barking	ESS	M111
COTTERELL	1900	Heston	MDX	H128
CROOK	19 C	Harmondsworth area	MDX	A42
DAVEY	19 C	Chelsea area	MDX	W121
DIX	17-18 C	All	BDF	P75
DUDDY	19 C	Clerkenwell	MDX	P77

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Member</b>
DYER	19 C	Winchester	HAM	P75
EDWARDS	1880-1900	Heston	MDX	H128
	19 C	Hackney	MDX	J39
EPPS	bef 1876	Forrest Hill	KEN	L57
EVANS	1850-76	All	CGN	M112
FARRALL	c 1845	Westminster	MDX	G84
	1850-60	Southwark	SRY	G84
FARRANCE	19 C	Lambeth	SRY	G84
FARRANT	19 C	All	MDX	J39
FINNEY	18 C	St Bartholomew the Great	LND	P77
FISHER	bef 1885	Kensington area	MDX	L57
GARDNER	c 1800	Chelsea	MDX	W122
GILTRAP	19 C	All	ALL	J39
GRANT	1830-60	Cheltenham	GLS	M112
GREEN	1800-30	Kensington area	MDX	G84
	1870-90	Battersea	SRY	G84
GREENSMITH	All	Greasley	NTT	P75
GREENWOOD	1750-1850	Poplar area	MDX	M111
GREGORY	All	Mildenhall	WIL	P75
GRISCOLL	1850-80	Southwark	SRY	G84
GROOM	1800-30	Kensington area	MDX	G84
HALE	19 C	Teddington area	MDX	W127
HAWKINS	19 C	Cardiff area	GLA	W127
HAYDEN	1900	Hounslow	MDX	H128
HERIOT	19 C	Westminster	MDX	P77
HILL	1750-1850	Havant	HAM	M111
HOOD	19 C	Winchester area	HAM	P75
	19 C	West Drayton	MDX	P77
HOOKWAY	17-18 C	Landcross area	DEV	W127
HOWARD	1820-90	Virginia Water	SRY	W127
HUNT	1800-30	Whippingham	IOW	M112
JAGO	19 C	Bodmin	CON	P75
JARVIS	c 1800	Sudbury	SFK	W122
JOHNSTON	1900-60	Hounslow	MDX	H128
	1875-1900	Camden area	MDX	H128
JONES	aft 1812	Chelsea area	MDX	W121
KNIGHTS	bef 1909	Kensington area	MDX	L57
LANGFORD	aft 1812	All	MDX	P75
LASCELLES	1890-1920	Turnham Green	MDX	M112
	1870-1900	Croydon	SRY	M112
LEE	1750-1880	Havant	HAM	M111
LEWIS	1600-1850	Williton area	SOM	M111
MALONE	1810-30	Bermondsey	SRY	G84
MANSER	18 C	Westminster	MDX	P77
MARTIN	1750-1900	Kensington	MDX	M111
	1820-50	Southwark area	SRY	M111
	19 C	St James, Clerkenwell	MDX	P75
McCREADY	1860-90	Kilrea	LDY	M112
McDONALD	bef 1860	Marylebone area	MDX	W122
MINTER	18 C	All	HRT	R60

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Member</b>
NEW	1810-40	Chilton	WIL	M112
NICOLLS	aft 1812	Winchester area	HAM	P75
NORTH	c 1800	Camberwell	SRY	W122
OLIVER	19 C	Bodmin	CON	P75
OWEN	1800-1900	All	ALL	O18
PEARCE	18 C	Stockland	DEV	G84
PERCY	1750-1850	Romford	ESS	M111
PHILLIPS	1830-60	Hemel Hempstead	HRT	M112
PHIPPS	c 1800	Harrow	MDX	W122
PIDGEON	18 C	Bridport	DOR	G84
PONTING	19 C	Little Missenden	BKM	B71
POXTON	All	All	NTT	P75
RATFORD	aft 1800	Chippenham	CAM	P75
REES	aft 1812	All	MDX	W121
REEVES	18 C	All	HAM	R60
RICHARDS	1850-80	Newcastle Emlyn	CMN	M112
RICHARDSON	1750-1850	Marylebone	MDX	M111
RIDGWELL	18 C	The Easters	ESS	W122
RILEY	c 1840	All	DOR	G84
SEWELL	c 1800	Camberwell	SRY	W122
SHAILES	19 C	Hampton Wick area	MDX	W127
SMITH	bef 1850	Shoreditch	MDX	J39
	aft 1812	Chelsea area	MDX	W121
SOUTER	c 1800	Lambeth	SRY	W122
SPAIN	19 C	Hackney	MDX	J39
STARKWATERER	All	All	ALL	R60
STARKWEATHER	All	All	ALL	R60
STEGGALL	All	Stowmarket area	SFK	P75
STEPHENS	aft 1812	All	MDX	W121
STORER	18 C	Westminster	MDX	P77
STRATTEN	18 C	East London	MDX	R60
SUTTON	bef 1883	Kensington area	MDX	L57
TISDALE	18 C	East London	MDX	R60
TISDLE	bef 1850	Shoreditch	MDX	J39
TOMLINSON	All	Hucknall	NTT	P75
TURNER	All	Stowmarket area	SFK	P75
TYERS	All	All	NTT	P75
USHER	19 C	Southwark	SRY	P77
WARING	1810-40	Withington	GLS	M112
WATSON	19 C	West Drayton	MDX	P77
	19 C	Westminster	MDX	P77
WAYMARK	All	All	ALL	J39
WELLS	1830-40	All	DOR	G84
	1830-60	Cheltenham	GLS	M112
WILLIAMS	19 C	West Drayton	MDX	P77
WILLS	1700-1850	Taunton area	SOM	M111
WOOLFOOT	All	All	ALL	P75
YOUNG	19 C	Clerkenwell	MDX	P77
YUILL	c 1800	Southwark	SRY	W122

By the time that you receive this issue, the deadline for receipt of forms for the Directory of Members' Interests 1995 will be imminent. As I write this, I have received forms from a slightly lower proportion of the membership compared to the 1993 edition - if you would like your interests included, do please send me the form as soon as you can. Members who have only recently joined the society should re-read the notes on pages 17-18 of the March 1995 issue of this journal, noting in particular that only information provided on the yellow forms included in that issue will be used in the 1995 directory. Thanks to all of you who have already sent in your forms, and for taking the time to respond to the questionnaire on publication format. There will be more news on this subject in the September issue.

While browsing through the latest batch of publications from the federation (or, rather, the Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd, as I should say now) a line in the latest edition of *How to tackle your family history* caught my eye. Under the section entitled *Presenting Your Results*, I found the statement; 'If you have joined a local family history society then it would be in order to publish your findings as articles in the society's magazine.' Could this perhaps be interpreted in two different ways...?

Finally, as always, my thanks go to all who have contributed to this issue.

**Journal Deadline**

Contributions for the September issue should reach the Editor by 7th July.

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## INDEXES HELD BY MEMBERS

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**West Middlesex Marriage Index** Almost 50,000 marriages from more than 40 parishes mainly West Middlesex, but some others. Specific marriage searches, £0.50; general surname searches £1.00. For more common surnames, up to about 25 entries will be sent with an assessment of cost for all entries. Brides index is searched only if particularly requested. Lists indicating coverage, £0.15. Please note that this index contains *only* marriages which took place *before 1837*.

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**Monumental Inscriptions:** Acton, Ashford, Cranford, Chiswick, Ealing, Feltham, Fulham (recorded 100 years ago), Hampton, Harlington, Hayes, Heston, Hillingdon, Hounslow (United Reformed), Norwood Green, Perivale, Staines, Teddington, Twickenham and Uxbridge. Enquiries: free for members, £1.00 for non -members.

*Mrs Wendy Mott, 24 Addison Avenue, Hounslow TW3 4AP*

**1881 Census Indexes** See page 5 of this Journal for details.

**Chiswick Census 1801** Head of household plus numbers of males and females; additional information in some cases.

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