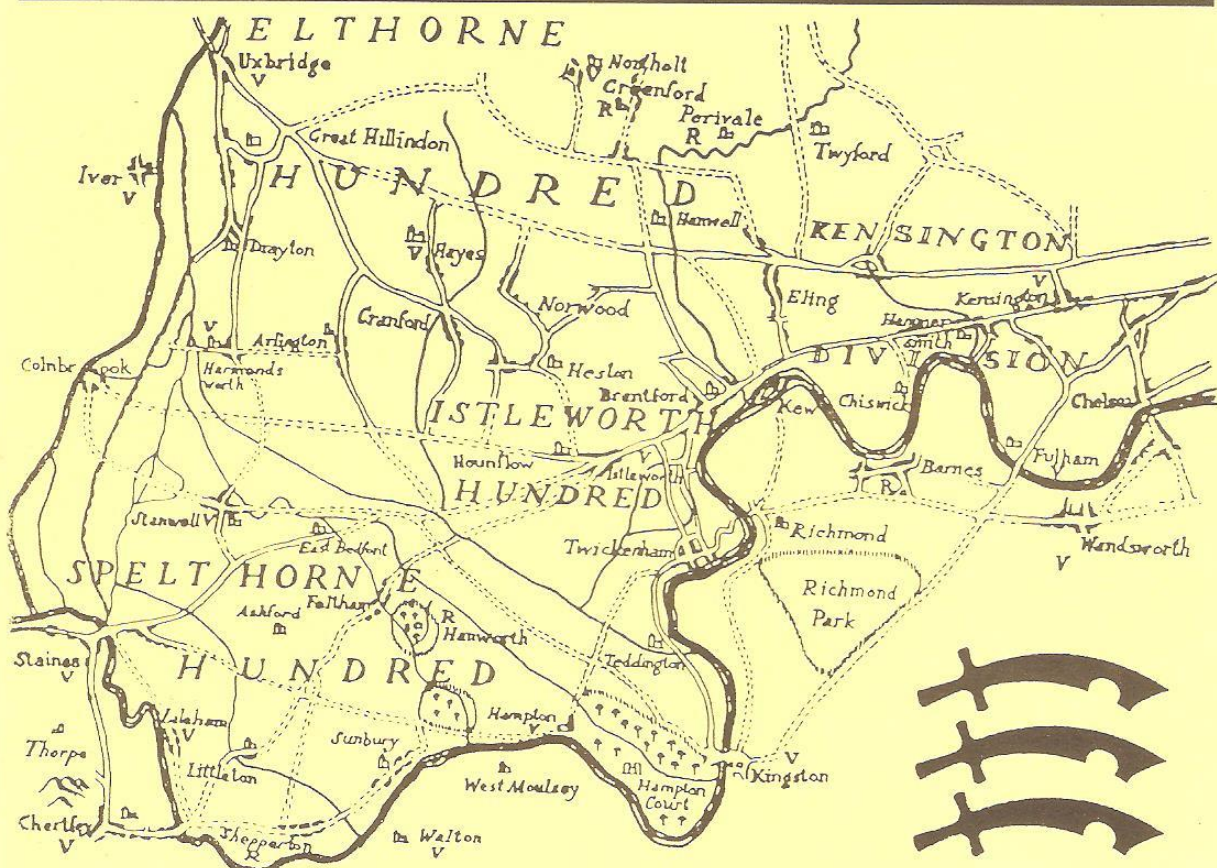


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It seems rather strange to be sending you all Christmas greetings in October. Still, it reminds me that presents and cards will have to be thought of soon! Where does the time go to?

Janet Huckle and Wendy Mott attended the Buckinghamshire FHS and Kent FHS Open Days. They give up their precious Saturdays to perform a valuable public relations service for the Society and to raise funds by selling books. Wendy Mott, Eileen Startin and myself went to the Berkshire FHS conference, which also incorporated the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) council meeting. There was a choice between two lectures for each session. While the others went on outings, I attended the Council meetings, where the various official reports were read. If you want a short break, why not try one of these conferences? - I can certainly recommend it.

In another part of this journal you will find a description of the FFHS 21st anniversary celebrations. Our two winners of the ballot thought I should go and both offered to pay towards a ticket. It is nice to be wanted, so on the off-chance I sent for a ticket (which I paid for), and so accompanied our winners to the celebrations. We had a great - if tiring - day!

Please make a note in your diary for 1996 that the SoG Family History Fair will take place on 5th-6th May at the same venue as this year. I expect that we will have a stall there, once again; more news of this will appear in the next journal.

My overworked postman brings me all sorts of mail and I became very excited about one item advertising for sale a Biography Database 1680-1830. It contains local directories, book subscription lists, births, deaths and marriages from the Gentleman's Magazine, etc. I soon realised that we could not purchase one, but thought SoG might - until I saw the price! Each CD costs £1,500 or all five can be purchased for £7,500!

When the London societies were formed, the FFHS divided the region according to the census registration districts, which resulted in some parishes being divided between two groups. This was the case for Greenford and Perivale, split between the Westminster and Central Middlesex FHS and ourselves. This inhibits either society in transcribing local records. Both committees have agreed that these two parishes will be wholly 'owned' by Westminster and Central Middlesex FHS. We will pass on the entries covering these parishes from our West Middlesex Marriage Index. We will also be sure to purchase copies of any transcriptions made in these areas, so that any of our members with an interest in Greenford and Perivale need not despair.

I have been sent an unwanted death certificate for a Henry Howard, dairyman of Hammersmith, who died on 18 January 1870. It is yours for a SAE.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following meetings have been planned:

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| 18 January | <i>Parish Records</i>
A talk by Vic Rosewarne. |
| 15 February | <i>Members' Evening: Projects Past and Present</i> |
| 21 March | <i>Researching Military Ancestors</i>
A talk by Dr Peter Boyden, Head of Archives at the National Army Museum. |

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

There will also be a *Research Evening* on 1 February at 7.30 p.m., at the same venue, where many of the Society's records will be available for consultation.

Message from your Treasurer

A big thank you to everyone who has paid their subscription for 1995~96. it is very reassuring to know that we start the year with money in the bank. A further thank you to those who have signed Deeds of Covenant. It is an easy way for UK taxpayers to boost our income (over £200 this year) at no cost to themselves.

Don't know your membership number? Rush back to the bin where you threw your journal wrapper. Your membership number is on you name and address label.

As an amateur observer of human nature (a nosey-parker, in other words), I was fascinated by some people's reluctance to call me Ms Sprott. if we lived in Germany you would have no hesitation in calling me Frau - the grey hairs and wrinkles telling you that I am clearly over 30 and entitled to be known as mistress of my own home.

Because I run my business from home. there is always a bit of a rush to sort the post in the morning. Post from members is put on one side to be dealt with in the evening. Envelopes not marked WMFHS thus got opened first thing - but were then put into the evening pile. You didn't jump the queue, simply caused me a little irritation.

Please don't be upset if any of the above adverse criticisms applies to you. I am well known for being dogmatic and fond of argument. Also, my birth in the Chinese year of the pig sets me down as a mischief maker. You have been warned!

Muriel Sprott

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1995: NOTICE OF AGENDA

The Annual General Meeting of the West Middlesex Family History Society will be held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 21 December 1995, at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the minutes of 1994 AGM
3. To receive and approve the audited accounts for the year ending 30 September 1995
4. Appointment of two auditors
5. Report by the Chairman
6. Elections of Officers and Committee for year 1996.
7. Any other business

Elections

Peter Watson is standing down from the committee. The following existing members of the committee having served three or more years offer themselves for re-election:

Richard Chapman	Janet Hagger	Yvonne Woodbridge
Antonia Davis	Carol Sweetland	

The following members will continue to serve, but do not need to be reelected as they have served less than three years in one continuous spell on the committee:

Jim Devine	David Neller	Joan Scrivener
Leslie Munson	Peter Roe	Muriel Sprott

Directory of Members' Interests 1995

Enclosed with this issue you will find a microfiche copy of the Directory of Members' interests 1995, compiled from information supplied on forms distributed with the March 1995 issue of this journal.

For members who may prefer their copy of the directory as a booklet, a limited number of copies have been produced in this format. These may be obtained by writing to Richard Chapman, at the address given inside the front cover of this issue. The price is £1.50 plus p&p (UK 29p, Overseas surface mail 4813, Europe Airmail 58p, US/Canada Airmail £1.01, Australia/New Zealand Airmail £1.13). Please make your cheque (in Sterling only) payable to West Middlesex Family History Society, and quote your membership number with your order...

Please note that supplies of the booklets are strictly limited; to be sure of receiving your copy, please send your order as soon as possible.

NEWS ROUNDUP

East Surrey FHS

The FFHS conference *Families at War!* will be hosted by the East Surrey FHS on 12th-14th April 1996 at the Froebel Institute College, Roehampton. Details may be obtained from Mrs J. Dungate, 6 Birch Way, Warlingham, Surrey CR6 9DA. The closing date for registration is 19th January 1996.

Carols at St Giles, Cripplegate

The London and North Middlesex FHS invites you to attend its annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols which will take place at St Giles Cripplegate in the Barbican complex on Thursday 14th December at 12 noon for 12.30 p.m. As usual the collection will be in aid of the charity Crisis and festive refreshments will be available after the service.

Somerset and Dorset FHS

Somerset and Dorset FHS will be celebrating its 21st anniversary next year. The first event is to be *Old Fashioned Fashion*, a costume extravaganza and old fashioned cream tea at Merley Community Centre, near Wimborne, on Saturday 23rd March 1996, from 2.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. Details and tickets can be obtained from John Boys, 21 Moor Road, Broadstone, Dorset BH18 8BA.

Bedfordshire FHS

This society will hold its 13th Annual Conference, entitled *Dear Diary* on 11th May 1996 at Houghton Conquest Village Hall. The cost is £10 per person, which includes a three course lunch, tea and coffee. Details (from 1st January) from Kath Gerrard, 34 Jubilee Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU2 0EA.

Oriental and India Office Collections

The Oriental and India Office Collections propose to hold family history days for members of the public. There will be talks on various collections of interest to family historians and guided tours of the Reading Room. The staff anticipate that they can accommodate twenty people at each session, at the cost of £20 per head. If you are interested, please write to Tim Thomas, Reader Services, Oriental and India Office Collections, 197 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NG.

National Maritime Museum

The National Maritime Museum at Greenwich wish to remind you that they have an excellent library and a great deal of information on the men who sailed the seas and the vessels they sailed in, in the form of documents, prints, plans and models of the ships. Please call 0181-8584422 for an appointment.

Life Lines

Chameleon Television Ltd. is developing a series entitled *Life Lines*, to be 'an exploration of the world of family history and genealogy, with an emphasis on individual stories which have emerged from people delving into their ancestry.'

In their letter they have asked 'We would like to appeal to your members for their individual stories - what have they uncovered and how? We are looking for the unusual and unexpected whether the story relates to ancient ancestors or to more recent history. It is then our intention to feature the most interesting stories in the series (only with the permission of the person concerned)' At this stage, they are seeking only an outline of each story, and ask that details be sent to The Lifelines Production Office, The Magistretti Building, Harcourt Place, Leeds, Yorkshire LS1 4RB, or faxed to 0113-243-1267. Alternatively, call them on 0113-242-9531.

PRO News

Upgrading of the air conditioning system continues at Kew and although this takes place during weekends and in the evenings, it could have some effect on the service to readers. The security rules have also been tightened up. Only ten sheets of loose paper are allowed into the reading rooms (certificates or other similar documents are included in this quota). However paper which is bound, glued or securely stapled together is allowed in any reasonable quantity. These new rules have enabled the production of photocopies to return to plain instead of yellow paper. Readers no longer have to sign in at Kew as the computer system linked to the barriers now does it automatically. Further guidance on 'dos and don'ts' in the reading rooms is given in the 'Domesday Code' available from the shops at Kew and Chancery Lane.

Two help desks have recently been opened at Kew, to help readers who are lost or confused. The reading rooms have also been renamed. The new names are unromantic, but more informative: the Langdale Room becomes the Document Reading Room; Romilly Room becomes the Microfilm Reading Room; Reference Room becomes Research Enquiries; Reprographic Orders becomes Document Copying.

The PRO is now on the Internet. At present the PRO provides information on its services and as technology develops and resources become available to give more detailed information on its holdings, perhaps this will include the Current Guide and class lists. You can find the PRO pages on the World Wide Web at <http://www.open.gov.uk/pro/prohomehtm>.

The Rolls Chapel microfilm reading room at Chancery Lane is open on Saturdays from 9.30 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. Sources available include PCC wills and administrations 1383-1858, death duty registers 1796-1858 and indexes 1796-1903, non-conformist registers (class RG 4) and certain classes of state papers. Note that a PRO reader's ticket is required. As with the census rooms. this facility has been made available on a 'use it or lose it' basis.

Return of Owners of Land, 1873

New microfiche editions of these records are now available for the counties of Bedfordshire (2135, £1.50), Cambridgeshire (6150, £2.00), Devon (9740,

£2.00), Dorset (3250, £1.50), Hertfordshire (2620, £1.50), Lancashire (11950, £2.50), Lincolnshire (15985, £3.00), Kent, excl. Metropolis (7330, £2.00), Nottinghamshire (4290, £1.75), Wales excl. Monmouth (19310, £3.50), Worcestershire (5450, £1.75) and Yorkshire, East Riding (4350, £1.75). The number of names, and prices are indicated in parentheses. The latter include UK postage; for overseas surface mail please add 25p per three items, or £1.00 per three items for airmail. Send your order to Mrs R. Cleaver, 17 Lane End Drive, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey GU21 2QQ.

St Catherine's House Courier Service

Pam Morgan has decided after nine years to discontinue this service. She has given excellent service to the Society, for besides the courier service she also supported her husband (the late Glyn Morgan) during his time as secretary. Although she makes only a small profit from the courier service it has made a useful contribution to the Society's funds. Thank you, Pam, for all of your hard work and We hope you will now have time to make progress with your own researches!

We need a volunteer to carry on the good work in running a courier service. Our members, especially those from overseas, have found this very useful. You do not need to visit St Catherine's very often - just wait until you have a few requests to deal with. There will be some letters to write, but Pam says she has made lots of friends. Of course she is willing to give you the benefit of her experience. Please let me know if you could help.

Yvonne Woodbridge

Postal Book Service: Update

See page 8 for details of this service and the July 1995 issue of this journal for a full title listing. Recent changes to that list are indicated below:

	Price/£	P&P/£	Total/£
<i>Amendments</i>			
Barnes and Mortlake Remembered	4.20	0.70	4.90
Barnes and Mortlake As It Was	4.60	0.70	5.30
Brentford and Chiswick As It Was	4.80	0.70	5.50
Hounslow As It Was	4.80	0.70	5.50
Looking Back On Hounslow High Street and District	4.80	0.70	5.50
<i>Additions</i>			
Life and Work in Old Chiswick	4.00	0.50	4.50
The History of the Great West Road	7.50	1.00	8.50
Life in Fulham – Old Fulham in Pictures	2.50	0.50	3.00
The Instant Past – Old Hammersmith in Pictures	2.50	0.50	3.00

It was the luck of the draw and it proved to be worthwhile. The 21st anniversary party of the FFHS was an occasion for old friends to meet and renew acquaintances and for new links to be made. There were opportunities for tours during the day around SOG, the Cabinet War rooms and Apsley House, before the main reception in the evening - a very tiring day for those people who opted for all the tours!

A room had been booked at Central Hall as a base for the day so that old friends could arrange to meet and there was also a display of photographs and the prize winning entries from the Threads competition. (What a range of interpretations of the theme - not an enviable job for the judges!) While at the Hall all guests were given a commemorative booklet and spoon to mark the occasion. Then it was across the road to the House of Lords and a queue to pass through the security check. (We did wonder what we could do for the half hour between leaving the Central Hall and the start of the reception.) There followed a tour of the Houses of Parliament in groups, when we were lucky to have an exceptionally good guide. A display had also been set out of some of the documents from the House of Lords library.

On the terrace the wine flowed and the noise level rose appreciably. As someone remarked (was it Wendy?) it is easy to talk to other family historians because they have an interest in common to discuss and you don't see eyes glazing over, as can happen when talking to those without 'the bug'. After speeches and the cutting of the birthday cake people started to drift away, chatting animatedly as they wove their way to the nearby Underground. The end of a very pleasant day.

Perhaps there will be another celebration to mark the quarter century in four years time? But for now, it is back to the typewriter to complete another batch of the Hammersmith burial records...

Postal Book Service

This service is intended to assist members of our society living overseas and elsewhere in this country, by making available the many books relating to the West Middlesex area produced by local authors and societies, which might be difficult to obtain further afield. The list of titles is published annually in this journal (the last being June 1995). For further information or orders, please contact *Jim Devine, 35 Ravendale Road, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex TW16 6PJ (Tel. 01932-784397)*. It is hoped that our members living within the West Middlesex area will make their own arrangements to obtain copies, if required. Sources of supply can be obtained from Jim Devine.

THE FAMILY HISTORIAN'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

Annie Weare

1. Begin the study of the history of thy family with thyself, conducting the search from thine own generation back unto the utmost generation that thou canst find in the written or any other record. Believing thyself to be descended from an eminent personage is not an abomination in the sight of The Great Family Historian, but seeking to prove thou art so by researching from a past generation unto thyself is an abomination for thus is the path to diverse highways upon which many seek to tread. Verily, the highways are narrow and not all may fit thereon. Begin therefore with thyself and thine own highways will open up before thee, uncluttered with the seekers after another's fame, but with open vistas of what is truly thine own.

2. Seek ye not a particular spelling, for thy name is thine own no matter how it appears when set before the eyes. With our tongues we may utter a difference, and make it so henceforth. Yet the origin has not changed. Know the four cornerstones from whence surnames derive - patronymic, occupational, nicknames and locational - and understand that thy surname may have many faces in the great sea of names.

3. Trust not wholly the writings of men. When thou hast come down to earth after finding an ancestor in an index, consult always the original record (or microfilmed/microfiched copy thereof). Even so, combine all the writings about thine ancestors and be not literal in interpreting them. The pathway is not always straight, and averaging and common sense are useful weapons in the arsenal of truth.

4. Read as much as thine eyes can behold and which thy brain can comprehend, and listen also, for such are the paths to understanding.

5. Thank daily all who have made easier the task at hand, from the highest to the lowest, from the first to the last. Be he William the Conqueror who entrusted to us the first great census, or be she thy neighbour transferring names engraven in stone to a list which all can see.

6. Give thanks also for all record repositories, from The Great Repository in the Mountain of the Salt Lake to the village library, for in them is ease of access. May they and their contents be protected from winds of change seeking their destruction. May the gentle zephyrs of continuity and progression envelope them instead.

7. As soon as thine interest in thy forebears has been kindled, thou shalt seek out the kin that thou knowest who are of an earlier generation but who have not yet gone before, and thou shalt enquire of them softly the days and years of all

the kin they can recall. If they have more than memory, appreciate all they can offer, whether photograph, official document, or personal writings, for such is the stuff of which thy history is made. Tany not in this task, for memories die with those consigned to the grave.

8. Honour the privacy of others. in thy haste to extract and reconstruct, be thou mindful of emotions and their powers. Time may heal, but wounds can re-open and cause much pain.

9. Honour the generations to come by the telling of thine own history, for those not yet here cannot travel the road upon which thou hast travelled if thou entrust all thy findings only to thine own memory. And be thou accurate also. Though not all are blest to weave the story of their families into a tale; even so, by the setting down of the generations and their years will thine ancestors find their own voices.

10. Enjoy thine ancestors.

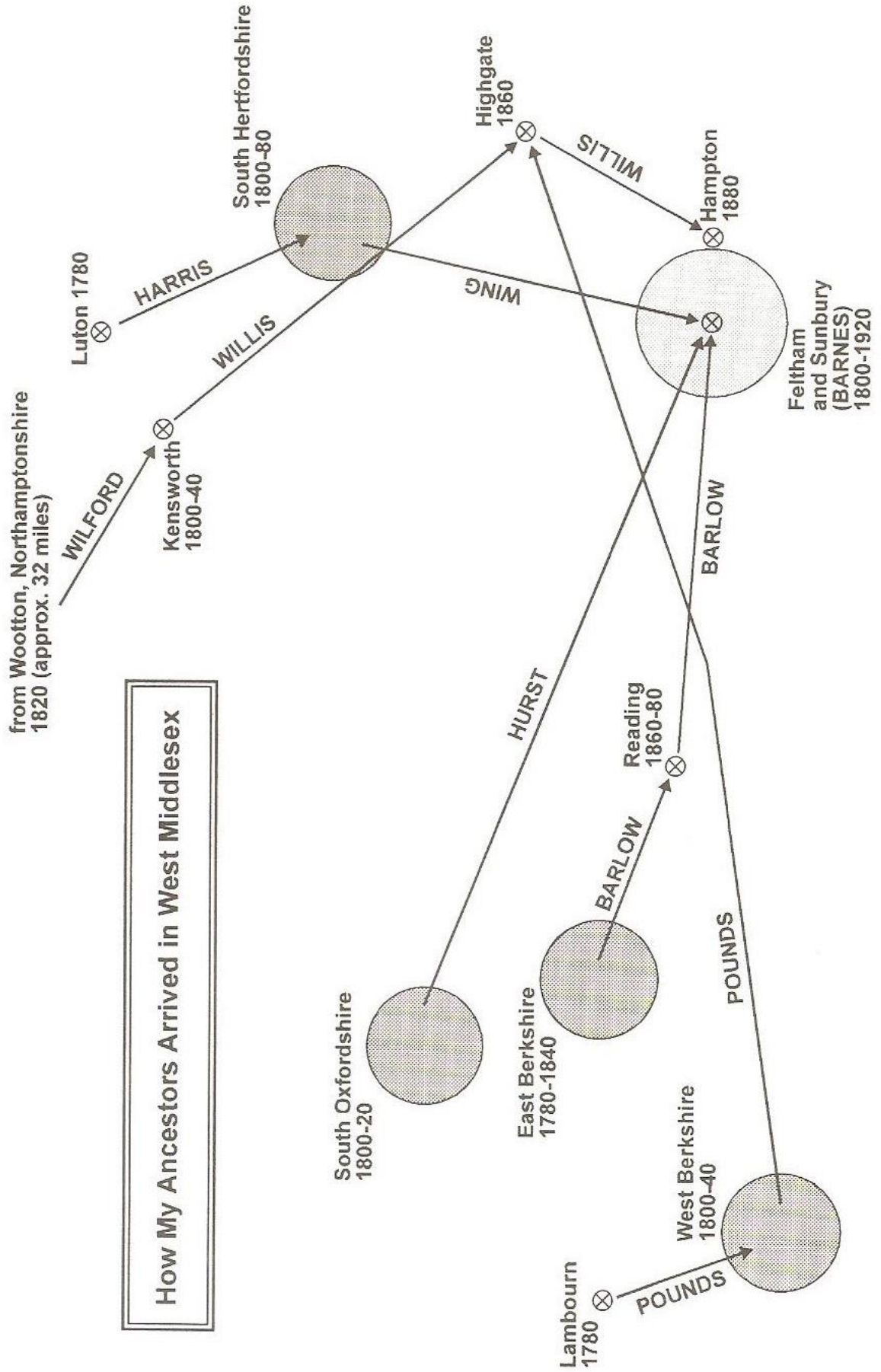
HOW MY ANCESTORS CAME TO WEST MIDDLESEX

Douglas Barnes

For some years I have believed that my ancestors came from an arc of chalk uplands surrounding London to the west, the north-west and the north, at a distance of perhaps forty miles, in Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Bedtordshire and Herttordshire. I decided to test the truth of this my mapping their origins. As can be seen from the map opposite, the pattern I discovered was far more irregular: the places varied from thirty to sixty miles from London, and there was a broad gap in Buckinghamshire and part of Bedfordshire. The addition of an historical dimension to the map by recording approximately when each ancestor or family moved in towards West Middlesex has also shown irregularities. I write in the hope that this way of representing family history will be of use to others: I wonder whether other members would be able to show similar patterns.

My parents were both brought up in Sunbury, and the part of my ancestry that bears my own surname, Barnes, has been in West Middlesex since at least 1800 - in Isleworth, Feltham, East Bedfont, and Sunbury. Many of them worked as gardeners or rented smallholdings and took produce to Covent Garden. What I have mapped is the progress of those who moved to the area, as individuals or as families, and intermarried with my Barnes predecessors.

The first attempt to show my origins graphically made it clear that it would be clumsy to represent all the moves from village to village that happened almost every generation in former centuries. I therefore decided i. to cluster villages and ii. to iimit the time scale. The tour main clusters are represented in the diagram as four circles with shading. (West Middlesex also appears as a more



lightly shaded circle.) The clusters are:

West Berkshire	Kintbury, Hamstead Marshall
East Berkshire	Aldworth, Streatley, Ashampstead, Upper Basildon
South Oxfordshire	Berrick Salome, Warborough, Newington
South Hertfordshire	Shenley, Aldenham, Ridge, South Mimms, Park Street

My purpose was to show the pattern of movement over time and, as it seemed that the crucial period was the nineteenth century, the map represents movements from 1780 to 1920 in a series of twenty year periods. (In most areas I have material from much earlier but to show these movements it would be necessary to map each area separately on a larger scale.) The choice of twenty years is arbitrary: a longer unit of time might prove more useful for other purposes.

The movement of families and individuals is shown as arrows which represent the origin and destination, the distance travelled, and the date of the move, (In the original draft of the map the arrows were colour-coded to show the date.) I have also found it useful to write against the arrow the surname of the person(s) moving. The approximate date when the move took place is written against the place of origin, that is, near the beginning of the arrow not its point. Some families stayed in the same area for more than twenty years, so that, for example, my Wing ancestors lived in the villages of South Hertfordshire from 1800 to 1880. The arrow that begins at 'South Hertfordshire 1800-80' shows that one ancestor (my maternal grandfather, Ernest James Wing) moved from Shenley to Sunbury between 1880 and 1900.

Omissions and simplifications proved necessary to prevent the map becoming so cluttered as to be meaningless. For example, my Willis/Pounds great-grandparents met and married in Highgate, when he was working as a builders labourer and she (Sarah Pounds) as a servant. They spent many years moving from place to place in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and even Berlshire until they settled in Hampton Hill, where Thomas Willis at last found permanent work as a gardener. To record all the movements of this family would clutter the map intolerably. My Barnes ancestors also married wives from nearby places in Middlesex - Lufflum from Isleworth and Withall from East Bedfont - and these could not be represented on a scale that would also show the longer movements, so they were omitted. I have already referred to my grandfather Ernest Wing who moved from Hertfordshire to Sunbury. On the way he and his family spent three years at Kintbury in West Berkshire, where Sarah Pounds, his wife's mother, had been born. The Pounds family perhaps helped my grandmother to find a post there as a school teacher. for her husband, the son of a farmer who had earlier been a stud groom, seemed unable to find work. I would have liked to include all these moves as testimony to the added mobility that the railway system gave to ordinary working people, but it did not seem possible without spoiling the map.

Why was there all this movement during the nineteenth century? I think that the answer has to mention poverty, the railways, and the pull of the wealth of London. The livelihood of many peasants was threatened when the enclosures of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century deprived them of access to common lands. I believe that those living on the chalk uplands were particularly vulnerable as the new owners turned to sheep rearing on a large scale, since that required fewer labourers. One of my Pounds ancestors was a shepherd in West Berkshire; in 1824 he was a 'pauper' - that is, he was unemployed - and was returned with his young family to Lambourn where he had been born, though later he acquired residence qualifications in Kintbury. The high infant mortality of my Harris forebears in the Luton area at the end of the eighteenth century gives a tragic picture of extreme poverty. (Whenever I look at my notes on those burial registers I think that I'm lucky to be here at all.)

Of course, what I have illustrated is a series of social journeys as well as spatial ones. The Barlow family of East Berkshire (much pursued by family historians) were prosperous wheelwrights in the villages west of Reading until changing technology, including the railways, made wagons less necessary, so that my particular ancestors moved first to Reading to work on the railway and then to Sunbury to work 'in service'. Sunbury offered employment and modest comfort to all these people to whom I owe my existence. However it was the aftermath of the First World War that moved my parents from the village to find a teaching post elsewhere - another story, of course.

I should like to end with a plea for help. Although I have followed many of these lines back long before 1780, all attempts to trace the male line have been frustrated. Of Timothy Barnes, my 3xgreat-grandfather I have only two pieces of information, his marriage at Teddington (to Elizabeth Lufflum of Isleworth) in 1801 and the birth of his son William in Isleworth in 1802. A dozen years of searching have found nothing more, not his birth nor his death, not the birth of other children nor the fate of his wife. I have searched widely in Middlesex parishes and to some extent in Surrey, and begin to despair. The dreadful state of the Isleworth registers has not helped, of course. If anyone has come across Timothy I should be glad to know.

Address: 4 Harrowby Road, Leeds LS16 5HN

An Enumerator's Tale

The view of Mr Walter Abbott, enumerator for district number eight in the sub-district 'Part of Isleworth' in the Superintendent Registrar's District 'Isleworth' in 1871 is clear from a note made at the end of his enumeration (PRO reference RG IO/1313/fol. 43, p. 44). Under the word 'FINIS' in large letters, he wrote:

The first and last of W. Abbotts taking the Census of England and Wales unless the price goes up

Alpha & Omega

I had occasion to discuss with a friend the why and wherefore of researching one's family history. It is not until you involve others that you begin to realise how little you know about your family, and most of all about the system of researching family history. I feel sorry for the individual who receives requests from someone researching their family history, because invariably the facts are not correct or insufficient information is given. It was during the course of this discussion that I decided to put pen to paper and try to put forward the difficulties which arise when you involve someone else in doing some research for you. I am searching for Alfred Smith and the difficulties that have arisen during this search are unbelievable.

Being a novice at family history data gathering I made all the usual mistakes, so I decided I had to enlist the aid of a semi-professional (for the purpose of this article I will call this person Trakker). Researching the family from the present day back to great-grandfather was reasonably easy. The trouble began in trying to locate details of my great-great-grandfather; all I had was a name on a birth certificate of one of his children, dated 1842, which gave the father's name as Alfred Smith, and the mother's as Sarah Smith (formerly Peel). Not knowing where Alfred or Sarah were born, I turned to Trakker for help. With no information at all, Trakker tried to find the marriage for me, but having nothing to go on, I really was expecting too much. I had learned my first lesson in setting up a trace!

Taking the advice of Trakker I placed a request in *Family Tree Magazine* to see if any kind soul could help. This is where I learned my second lesson in research - that there are other agencies around who have time and their own copies of records to assist people in the dark like me! I soon received a letter from Achievements Ltd., Centre for Heraldic and Genealogical Research in Canterbury, who informed me that for a sum of money they would search their records for the Smith-Peel marriage. It seemed obvious to me that they had already searched, because I had the marriage details very quickly indeed. No wonder I could not find it. The marriage date was 23rd March 1837, which of course, as every experienced tree-hunter knows, is before the date when registers started to be kept. Everybody knows (ha-ha!) that registers did not start until July 1837! Well I do NOW!

You can see I had wasted Trakker's time and my money due to my inexperience. But I did get the information that I wanted; or did I?

Next I needed to find the Smith-Peel dates of birth and death. This should be easy, I thought, but no! Due to my inexperience again, I sent Trakker here, there and everywhere on a wild goose-chase that cost Trakker's time and my money. Thank heavens Trakker didn't have a minimum hourly rate.

The goose-chase consisted of carrying out research involving various addresses in London. These were 12 London Terrace, Bethnal Green; 4 Langton Street, Chelsea; 2 Upper Seymour Street, Somers Town; 34 Denmark Road, Kilburn; 10 Lanark Place, Padclington. It involved Trakker, at my request, in searching through census records, parish records and all the other usual documentation and books of records with which we all should be familiar. Anybody who has done this will know only too well how long it takes to research one address, let alone five! I know these two ancestors were associated with all the above addresses, because of family certificates of birth etc., but do you think Trakker could find any record of their having dwelt at any of them? Do I have to tell you?

Looking for footprints from the past is difficult, to say the least. For an experienced researchers like Trakker, it is even more difficult if they are not given sufficient information, because they are not able to link family names of which they are unaware.

There is a moral to this short story - read the books, listen to people that know how to look, and do not try to take advantage of the goodwill of your own Trakker. They may enjoy what they do, but too many blind alleys can blunt anybody's enthusiasm. As well as costing you your hardearned pennies. you could lose a valuable friend and researcher.

Perhaps somebody will help me find my Alfred Smith-Sarah Peel, or find a few footprints, please.

Cottage Folk

Oh! if only the place could tell its story. with the detail necessary to make us understand it, what a story it would be! A humble tale perhaps - a tale of little things and obscure lives and yet how fascinating! When we consider bygone ages we are apt to dwell only upon the histories of distinguished individuals and the records of great and startling occurrences. Yet those do not really make up the past. Notable men are rare, there be very few in any age who can lift their heads and voices high enough above the raving crowd for the world to see and hear them, and great events occur only from time to time. But behind these Titans existed the dim multitudes of the people - those whose qualities and characters really fashioned the nation for good or ill; our forefathers. whose instincts and strivings built up the empire we inherit, in whom lay the weight and influence which brought about the revolutions of our history and from whom were produced those strong characters that carried out their will, and with whose names we are still familiar. But of all these forgotten humble hordes there remains nothing but ourselves, who, by the mysterious descent of blood, continue their existence, and such poor memorials as are inscribed by some long-dead hand upon the imperishable stone.

From *A Farmers Year* (1899), H. Rider Haggard

Noted by Yvonne Masson

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 £3.90 for up to ten lines. Payments must be in sterling only, with cheques made payable to WMFHS.

BIGNELL/MECLOX

On his marriage certificate of 1879, Henry BIGNELL said that he was born in Richmond, Surrey and gave his parents as Henry BIGNELL and Martha IVIECLOX (sometimes MELOX or MELLOX). I have not had any luck finding them in Surrey. An elderly relative believes he was born in Hounslow. Any help in finding these people would be appreciated.

Mrs Rae Fell, 21 Etwell Street, East Victoria Park, Perth, Western Australia 6101, Australia

BOUDIER/POWELL

Information sought on Philippe BOUDIER, witness to the marriage of Anne BOUDIER and Charles POWELL on 7 June 1803, at St Mary Abbott, Kensington.

Mrs Yvonne Brick, 25 Abbey Close, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 7QX

BURROWS

In the 1881 census for Iver, Bucks. is William BURROWS, 39, with his wife Sarah Jane, 28 (née Ham, born Hayes), and four children William (born 1873). John Henry (born 1875), Edward James (born 1877) and George Charles (born 1881). Later children were Charlotte Helen (born 1884), Thomas Jesse Arthur (born 1886) and Alfred (born 1889). Possible identification of George Charles Burrows in a marriage to Daisy BARNES at Holy Trinity, Southall on 13 January 1902. Has anyone seen any of these people (particularly in 1891 census)? Any information would be gratefully received.

Mrs Astrid Hargreaves, Owls End, 52-56 Somerset Street, Abertillery, Gwent NP3 1DL

FLOOKS

Samuel FLOOKS died in 1813 aged 64 and was buried in Fulham. He was the landlord of the Peterborough Arms and was the Fulham beadle in. 1792. I would be most grateful for any further information on Samuel and his family.

Eric O. White, 4 Bayliss Road, Karclinya, Western Australia 6153, Australia

HENDERSON

Seeking ideas on how to learn more of a Canadian soldier, of surname HENDERSON, forenames unknown, born in the 18805, who served in the First

World War and was stationed for a time at Teddington/Bushy Park. Although he lost a leg, he survived the war and returned to Canada.

Mrs Tess Garland, 21 Ken Cooke Court, East Stockwell Street, Colchester, Essex CO1 1FF

PERRIS/STOREY

Seeking information on Sidney PERRIS. born 31 December 1882 at Lambeth. He married Belle STOREY on the 3 May 1903 at St Pauls Church, Hammersmith. They were living at that time at The Guinness Trust Buildings, Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith. Sidney was killed at the Battle of the Somme in 1916. If you are related to this couple you may be able to claim a pension from a trust fund.

Bob Perris, 22 Strathmore Close, Cnrterton. Oxon OX18 1FB

SECKER/COURTNEY

Can anyone supply any information regarding the Roebuck Inn, High Street. Chiswick. My greatgrandfather, Alfred Thomas SECKER, was the publican there at the time of the 1881 census. He lived there with his wife Louisa (nee COURTNEY) and their nine children. my grandfather Walter Burr SECKER being the fifth child. Does the pub still stand? Does anyone know of any photographs of the pub, especially around the early 1880s? Any knowledge of the other children or their descendants would also be most welcome.

Ken Seeker, 4 Leys Hill, Frome, Somerset BAH ZJZ

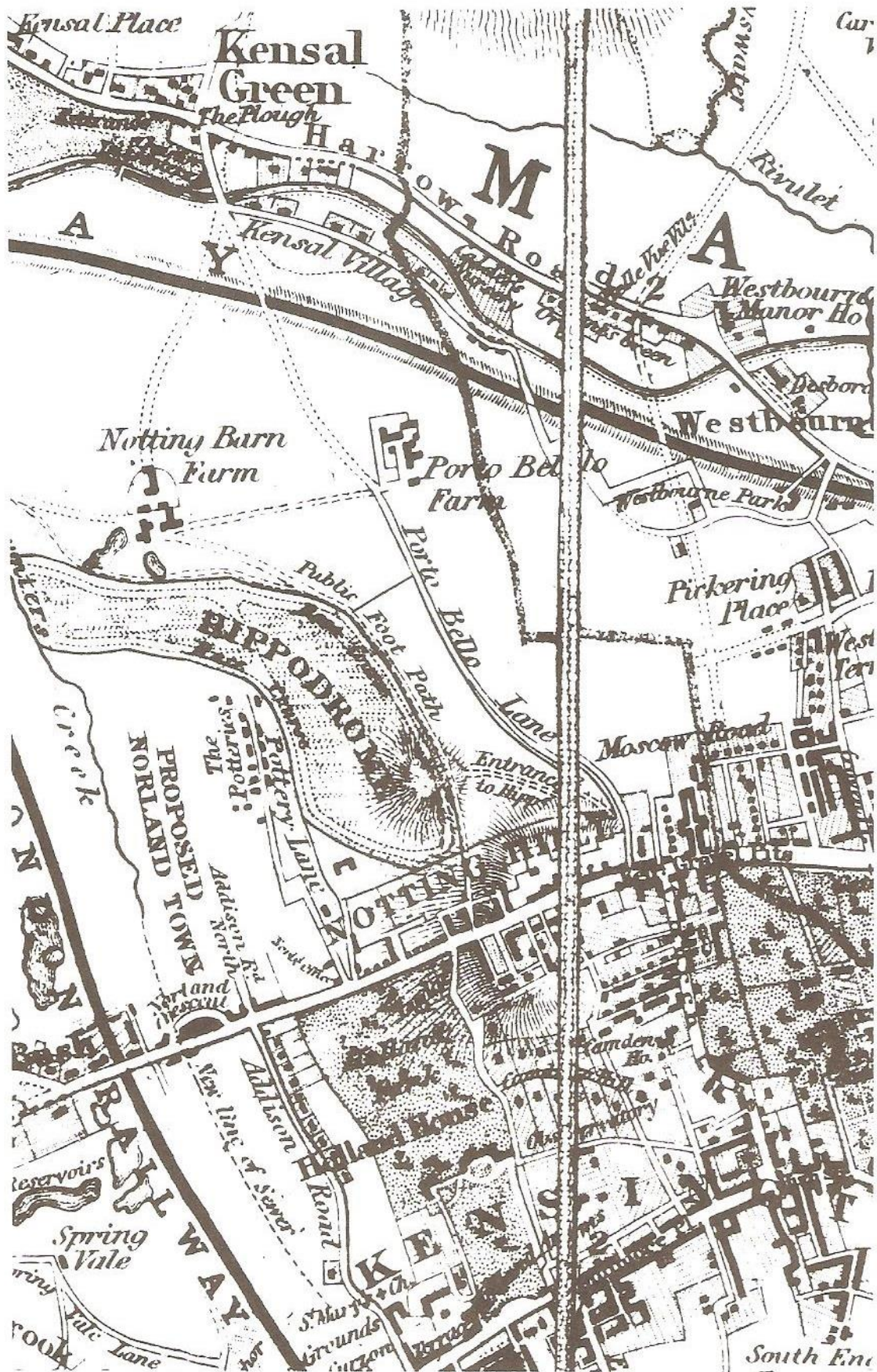
Help Offered

Mr B. Taylor has written to offer help to anyone with an interest in Rustington, West Sussex. He and his wife have been researching its history for over 25 years. He has also the parish registers 1568-1968 complete and indexed. also all the censuses, poor relief, rates. manorial records, wills. inventories, terriers etc., now all on computer. Mr Taylor does not wish to charge but a SAE must be enclosed with any request for information. His address is The Squirrels. 25 North Lane, Rustington, West Sussex BN1 3PL.

Mr Mike Hurley has an extensive database of references to the surname Hurley. and is willing to answer enquiries accompanied by a SAE. His address is 2 Butterleigh Drive, Tiverton, Devon EX16 4PN.

PRO Moves

The new PRO building at Kew is due to be completed and handed over to the office in December. while refurbishment work on the existing building will continue until September 1996. The move of records from Chancery Lane has begun, with Chancery Proceedings, classes C5 through C12 . The move of other classes will continue in the New Year, until the closure of the central London office in December 1996. If you are planning a visit. please telephone the PRO first to check on the latest situation.



Notting Hill in 1840

NOTTING HILL, JUST PASSING THROUGH?

Peter Gillard

I note from the index to this journal for 1978-1993 that there has been very little written about the area known as Notting Hill. As my paternal ancestors lived and worked in this area for more than forty years I felt that I should write a little on this subject.

An 1840 map of Kensington (opposite) shows Notting Hill to be basically a ribbon of dwellings along Notting Hill Road and High Street. Its main claim to fame seems to be the Hippodrome race course to the north, which had an entrance track running from the High Street. Beyond the race course were the farms of Notting Barn and Porto Bello, the Great Western Railway track and the village of Kensal Green. The railway was responsible for the movement of a great many people from the West Country, including my ancestors.

A map dated 1863 (overleaf) shows the area of Notting Hill completely transformed. Gone are the Hippodrome and the countryside; now there are roads, houses and shops. The whole of the Notting Hill area was transformed with the growing need for new dwellings as London was swelled by the tide of newcomers seeking to improve their lot.

This was the area that my 3xgreat-grandparents John and Mary Gillard finally settled in order to continue their business as self-employed tailors. They set up shop in Portland Road, Notting Hill in 1858, where the business continued until 1877. Mary ran the shop with her two remaining sons, William Henry and Robert, after John's death in 1869. On her death in 1875 William and Robert continued to trade at the same premises. In 1878/9 the Gillard brothers moved to Clarendon Road, Notting Hill. This arrangement however did not last long and by 1880 William and Robert were trading separately. William moved to Acton then Fulham. Robert traded at Shepherds Bush.

However this was not the end of this shopkeeping family of Notting Hill. Mary Croker, nee Gillard, the older sister of the two brothers, set up business as a baker at Clarendon Road, Notting Hill in 1871 after the death of her husband. Mary continued to trade here until 1900, when she retired from business.

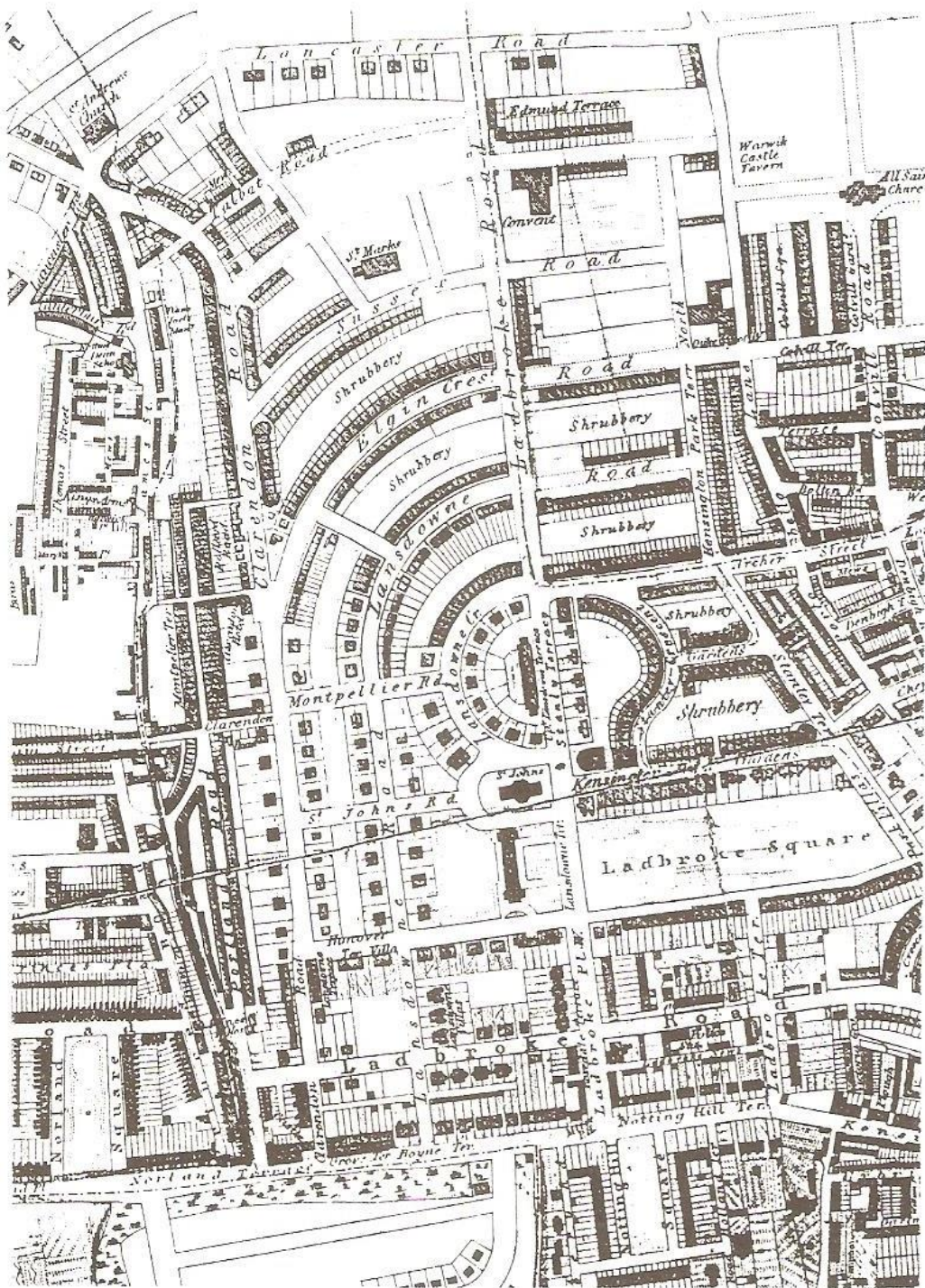
I believe that this article gives a flavour of this type of family group who plied their trade out of shops at this period. In effect 'new town' areas were being created around the capital and people 'up from the country' were trying to create a better life for themselves. They generally rented their business premises for short periods and lived above the shop. This left them free to move on again to start up elsewhere in other newly created shopping High Streets in and around London. I can only speculate on the reason for this local movement in that they were following the newly affluent suburb dwellers in order to improve their own income.

Illustrations

Page 18. From Benjamin Rees Davies, *London and its Environs* (1840)

Page 20. From Ernest Daw, *Map of the Parish of St Mary Abbots, Kensington* (1863)

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Notting Hill area in 1863

West Middlesex References In Mortlake Poor Law Records

(continued from WMFHS Journal, September 1995)

East Surrey FHS has produced a microfiche index to the Poor Law Records of Mortlake (Surrey) 1631~1834. Among the names recorded are the following, which may be of interest to members researching West Middlesex families. An explanation of the Mortlake records shown can be obtained both from the fiche (Record Publication Number 11 from East Surrey FHS) and by reference to Surrey Record Office. Key: R = resident, M = married, S = settlement

Name	Age	Ref	Date		Parish	Comments
DYER						
Elizabeth		201	7.12.1749	(S)	Twickenham	wife of Henry
Henry		201	7.12.1749	(S)	Twickenham	
Henry	2	201	7.12.1749	(S)	Twickenham	s. of Henry
Thomas	3y 6m	201	7.12.1749	(S)	Twickenham	s. of Henry
EAGLES						
Edward		37	23.12.1782	(R)	Chiswick	brewer
EDDS						
Anne	5	73	11.10.1725	(R)	Heston	d. of Richard
Elizabeth	7	73	11.10.1725	(R)	Heston	d. of Richard
Jane		73	11.10.1725	(R)	Heston	w. of Richard
John	2	73	11.10.1725	(R)	Heston	s. of Richard
Mary	9	73	11.10.1725	(R)	Heston	d. of Richard
Richard		73	11.10.1725	(R)	Heston	
FISHLOCK						
Thomas		352(1)	6.4.1809	(R)	Brentford	brother of Ann, married
GALE						
Ann		187	17.9.1833	(R)	Hammersmith	w. of William
Ellen	8m	187	17.9.1833	(R)	Hammersmith	d. of William
William		187	17.9.1833	(R)	Hammersmith	
HADLEY						
Thomas		40	9.12.1816	(R)	Brentford	bricklayer
HODGES						
Samuel		40	9.12.1816	(R)	Brentford	bricklayer
HOLDEN						
Charlotte		283	12.1.1822	(S)	Ealing	w. of William
Christiana	10m	283	12.1.1822	(S)	Ealing	d. of William
Nathaniel	2y	283	12.1.1822	(S)	Ealing	s. of William
William		283	12.1.1822	(S)	Ealing	
HOOKE						
Richard Snr		7	10.1.1664	(R)	Old Brentford	shipwright
Jeremiah		7	10.1.1664	(R)	Old Brentford	s. of Richard
HOUSE						
Elizabeth	2y	260	3.1.1801	(S)	Chiswick	d. of John
Grace		260	3.1.1801	(S)	Chiswick	w. of John
John		260	3.1.1801	(S)	Chiswick	
Peggy Herbert		219	5.7.1788	(S)	Chiswick	
LANGLEY						
Ann		78	29.11.1729	(R)	Isleworth	singlewoman
LUCAS						
Mary		345	4.7.1801	(M)	Hammersmith	w. of George
Sarah	3y	345	4.7.1801	(M)		d. of George

MANN						
John	4y	217	25.2.1786	(S)	Heston	s. of John
MARSDEN						
(?)		352	6.4.1809	(R)	Brentford	collarmaker
MILLING						
Abraham		300	4.6.1825	(S)	Isleworth	
Mary		300	4.6.1825	(S)	Isleworth	w. of Abraham
MORLEY						
Jane		185	20.12.1831	(R)	Chiswick	singlewoman
Jane	21	391	14.10.1834	(S)	Mortlake	1 illeg. child
MORRIS						
Mark Anthony		391	14.10.1834	(R)	Hayes	weekly pension
Nanny		173	22.5.1826	(R)	Hayes	wife of Mark
NEAL/E						
Agnes		123	25.1.1794	(R)	Isleworth	w. of Richard
Richard		123	25.1.1794	(R)	Isleworth	
NEILL						
Elizabeth		159	6.2.1809	(R)	Ealing	
NORRIS						
Ann	6	134	4.2.1800	(R)	Isleworth	d. of William
Sarah	3	134	4.2.1800	(R)	Isleworth	d. of William
William		129	12.5.1793	(R)	Isleworth	
Thomas	67	206	2.11.1778	(B)	Twickenham	
PAGE						
Thomas		6	19.10.1664	(R)	Ashford	yeoman
PEPPER						
Harriet		295	22.5.1824	(S)	Ealing	wife of John
James	1	295	22.5.1824	(S)	Ealing	s. of John
John		295	22.5.1824			
PERRYMAN						
Benjamin		342	4.8.1800	(R)	Hillingdon	labourer
Benjamin	8w	342	4.8.1800			s. of Benjamin
Eliza Ann	3	342	4.8.1800			d. of Benjamin
James	7	342	4.8.1800			s. of Benjamin
Mary		342	4.8.1800			w. of Benjamin
Mary	6	342	4.8.1800			d. of Benjamin
PRICE						
Mary		261(4)	8.12.1800	(M)	Ealing (9.1.1799)	m. James Sawyer
PULLEN						
Henry		314	31.1.1833	(S)	Ealing	
RAPER						
John		333	19.5.1766	(B)	Heston	
ROBERTS						
Eleanor		175	14.4.1826	(R)	Acton	w. of William
William		175	14.4.1826	(R)	Acton	
William Jnr.		374	7.12.1820			
ROSE						
Michael		40	9.12.1816	(R)	Brentford	bricklayer
Joseph		348	23.11.1816	(R)	Brentford	bricklayer
SMITH						
Thomas		359	19.8.1815	(R)	Chelsea	
William		362	4.10.1817	(S)	Harmondsworth	maltman + wife and five children

Noted by David Neller

(To be concluded in the March 1996 issue)

Introduction

This article forms the concluding part of a study of the hearth tax and its records. Part I summarised the legislative and administrative history of the tax, as well as some aspects of public reaction to it [1]. Here, attention is focused on the records associated with the imposition of the hearth tax that survive for the parishes of West Middlesex. The relationship between these records and the different stages in the history of the tax will be highlighted. It is hoped that together these notes will provide some useful background information on these sources for those using them in family and local history research.

Survival of the records

Anyone attempting to use hearth tax records, either at the Public Record Office (PRO), or at the appropriate county record office, will immediately notice that although the tax itself was levied for a period of twenty-seven years, (Michaelmas 1662 to Lady Day 1689) the records that survive do so from a much more limited period. In fact, with only rare exceptions, records survive only for the periods Michaelmas 1662 to Lady Day 1666, and Michaelmas 1669 to Lady Day 1674. The reason for this lies in the changes made in the administration of the tax during this period. The table below summarises these changes, discussed in more detail in Part I [1].

Michaelmas 1662 - Lady Day 1664 Sheriffs, high constables, constables
Michaelmas 1664 - Michaelmas 1665 Government receivers
Lady Day 1666 Collected in arrears by first farmers
Michaelmas 1666 - Lady Day 1669 First farm; private collectors
Michaelmas 1669 - Lady Day 1674 Government receivers
Michaelmas 1674 - Lady Day 1679 Second farm: private collectors
Michaelmas 1679 - Lady Day 1684 Third farm: private collectors
Michaelmas 1684 - Lady Day 1689 Salaried commissioners

Hence it is only for the periods during which the tax was administered directly by the government that records normally survive. For these periods, documents of assessment and collection of the tax, as well as material relating to exemptions and payments in arrears, were submitted to the Exchequer. These documents have, as a result, survived to the present day among the records of the Exchequer. The role of local parish officers in these periods has also led to the survival of material among parish archives, now to be found in local record offices. Under the farmers and commissioners, assessment and collection of the tax was more akin to a private business. While accounts were required to be returned to the Exchequer (and can now be found at the PRO in class E 360), the subsidiary documents containing names of tax-payers, which are of primary

interest here, were not. These would have been returnable to the farmers' or commissioners' Hearth Office for auditing purposes, but not forwarded with the final accounts.

Types of Document

Probably the most important of the documents that survive are the assessments for the hearth tax. These were attempts to survey all those liable to pay, prepared at intervals throughout the lifetime of the hearth tax, and used as the basis for the subsequent collection of the half-yearly shilling per hearth.

Useful discussions of the mechanisms of assessment for the hearth tax are given in the authoritative Works of Meekings [2-4], as well as the article by Patten [5]. These authors distinguish four groups among the surviving assessments, relating to different periods of administration. Firstly, there were those of 1662 and Lady Day 1664, made under the Sheriffs administration, and carried out by local parish constables, and their equivalents. For 1664 it is often found that the list of names is an annotated copy of that for 1662, with notes of changes in occupation, and number of hearths. Comments such as 'damb'd up' are often found, and certify attempts to avoid payment of the tax. Secondly, the assessment of Michaelmas 1664, made by agents of the receivers appointed following the 1664 Act [6]. The third group comprises the assessment made by the farmers for Lady Day 1666, made as part of their contract on taking over from the receivers and not part of the farm proper. The final set includes the several assessments made during 1669/74, between the first and second farms. In practice it is the duplicates of the assessments that were forwarded to the Exchequer that are the most likely of the assessment documents to survive. An example is shown on page 26.

Written records relating to the collection of the hearth tax include local accounts of those charged with the collection, as well as the composite records for the hundred and county, that were forwarded to the Exchequer. These may also contain accounts of arrears in the payment of the tax. Being accounts of the tax collected, rather than that due, these accounts are likely to be less comprehensive as a record of the local community than the corresponding assessments.

The final group of documents that may be found relate to exemptions from the tax. The granting of exemption remained - even through the period of the farms - a responsibility of the local minister, churchwardens and overseers, subject to approval by the Justices of the Peace. Certificates granting exemption for named individuals may be found among the Exchequer papers: an example is given on page 27. Reference was made in Part I to the continuing disputes between the magistrates who granted exemptions proposed by the parish authorities, and the collectors of the hearth tax. In Middlesex, the alleged corruption on the part of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor, and consequent misguiding of the Justices led to action being taken in 1674 [7].

This was an order that directed churchwardens and overseers to make lists of those qualifying for exemption (under 1664 act), and to deliver these to an officer appointed by the farmers for the area, with a duplicate to the Clerk of the Peace. Two weeks were then to be allowed for the farmers to give reasons against any of the proposed exemptions.

The information included on the assessments varies significantly. Those for 1662 and Lady Day 1666 usually contain the names of only those liable for the tax. Those for 1664, however, following the requirements of the recent Act, also included those certified as exempt. Practice was more varied in the period 1669-74. The accuracy, too, of assessments varied. The sheriffs or receivers were at the mercy of the constables or sub-collectors as to the accuracy of the local assessments provided to them. More details on this subject for two counties may be found in [23]. It is worth noting that among those not liable to pay the hearth tax were both those certified as exempt, (for reason of having two or fewer hearths, in a house worth less than 20s per annum, with no other property exceeding this in value, and an annual income of less than E10) and paupers. Those in receipt of church or poor rate were automatically exempt from the tax' and are not normally named in assessments; although here, as elsewhere, recording practice varied.

Records for West Middlesex

The 'Gibson Guide' on the subject of hearth tax (as well as other later Stuart tax records and the association oath rolls) summarises the holdings of the PRO, and local record offices and libraries around the country [8]. Material at the PRO is currently held with other Exchequer records at Chancery Lane, in class E 179. Catalogues of this class have been published by the List and Index Society and these volumes that provide the means of locating individual piece numbers at Chancery Lane may also be found elsewhere. e.g. at the Society of Genealogists Library, and the Guildhall Library [9].

Surviving hearth tax records for parishes in the West Middlesex area may be found at the PRO (Chancery Lane) and the Greater London Record Office: full details may be found in references [8.9]. The following examples are intended to provide an indication of the form and content of a small Selection of these documents.

PRO piece number E 179/252/32 contains a collection of paper books. with details of the hearth tax assessment for London and Middlesex for Lady Day 1666, made by the first farmers. Bundle 38 contains the account for Isleworth. Elthorne and Spelthorne Hundreds, and Figure 1 overleaf shows part of the section covering Isleworth parish. The listing of householders is accompanied by a tally of numbers of hearths, and in some cases' additional annotation e.g. 'poore', 'new house' or 'emptie'.

Ashtord

Edm. Blunt	—	—	10
Edison Gibson	—	—	3
Wm & John Smith	—	—	4
Harland widd	—	—	2
Joskinth Grater	—	—	2
John McLeis	—	—	3
Thomson widd	—	—	1
			2 Empty
William Timberlark	—	—	3
Geo: Panting	—	—	2
John Gallifor	—	—	2
Lury Harzin widd	—	—	1
John Furnum	—	—	2
Richard Clyver	—	—	2
Jarison widd	—	—	2
Smith widd	—	—	2

Figure 1

The PRO material also includes a good number of exemption certificates for the period 1673-75, in piece number E 179/143/367. These are in good condition, and easy to read. An example, for thirteen individuals in Ashtord, is shown in Figure 2. Dated simply 'this 19th 1674', it is signed by the minister and churchwardens, and approved by the Justices of the Peace. It affirms that '... the persons here after named are very poore many of them receiving maintenance from the said parish and not any one of them pays any tax or duty to Church or poore ...'.

An example taken from a surviving constables return for the parish of Harmondsworth in Michaelmas 1663 is shown in Figure 3. This is from a number of such documents for Elthome Hundred, contained in E 179/253/17. The title is 'An account of all the Chimneys or f[ire] hearths in the plarlish of Harmondsworth in the county of Midd[le]s[ex] and the Sume they are assessed halfe yearly according to an act of Parliament to yt purpose'. The main list includes the names of householders' the number of hearthsi and the corresponding sum collected. Of particular interest in this return is the section

We the Minister Churchwardens & Overseers
 of the parish of ~~St. Andrew~~ of ~~St. Andrew~~ in the
 County of ~~Wiltshire~~ do hereby certify &
 declare unto his Majesty's Justices of the Peace
 for the said County that persons here
 after named are very poor many of them
 receiving maintenance from the said
 parish and not any one of them pays
 any tax or duty to the parish or poor rates
 & that they have any lands or tenements to the
 value of ten pounds either in their own
 possession or in the possession of any other
 in trust for them, without our hands this
 19th 1674

- John Baylett - 1
 - Jobt. Coomes - 1
 - Wm. Ligg - 2
 - Jobt. Stone - 1
 - Wm. Grov - 2
 - John Pool - 1
 - Wm. Dalt - 2
- 17

Also his Majesty's Justices of the Peace
 do hereby certify

Ralph Hawtry
 John Hawtry
 Wm. Rignee } Minister
 Ruth. Howard } Churchwarden

Figure 2

(shown) entitled 'A p[ar]ticular of the poore', listing such persons the number of hearths and amounts, but concluding 'All these aboveslailed p[er]sons being poore pay not'. The inclusion of this information was at the direction of the 1663 Act [10].

The material form of the PRO hearth tax documents varies considerably While some, such as the paper books for 1666 are convenient to use and fairly easy to read, some of the parchment rolls are in very poor condition; Gibson [8] gives further details.

Name	Hearths	Amount
John Day	1	0-00
Robt Pullen	2	0-00
Robt Jamon	4	0-04
Willm. Summe	1	0-00
John Grey	1	0-00
Surah. Lutt vid:	1	0-00
Willm. Tallow	1	0-00
Robt. Carby	1	0-00
Walter N...	1	4-00
Ralph. Tallow	1	0-00
Thomas. K...	2	0-02
Rich. Waller	2	0-02
Cherice. H. andl.	2	0-02
Henry. Jamon	1	0-00
Robt. Whitminton	1	0-00
Willm. Bignol	1	0-00
Henry. Doyle	2	0-02
Willm. Tallow	1	0-00
John. Putteridge	1	0-00
Willm. M...	1	0-00
Rich. T...	1	0-00

Figure 3

Finally, it is worth noting that a reader attempting to locate documents using the List and Index Society volumes [9] on the Long Room shelves at Chancery Lane should be aware of the relevant regnal years, since it is these that are used in the catalogues. For reference, Charles II ascended the throne on 30 January 1648/9, James II on 6 February 1684/5, and William and Mary on 13 February 1688/9. Thus the first collection in Michaelmas 1662 corresponds to regnal year 14 Chas II.

Material at the Greater London Record Office relating to the hearth tax for London and Middlesex is catalogued under reference MR/TH, and includes a good number of records for West Middlesex parishes. Much of this material is to be viewed on microfilm, or as Xerox copies, and is thus immediately accessible.

A good example is a set of enrolled parchment copies of the returns for Lady Day 1664 (MR/TH 6). This is useful in that it includes both those who are chargeable and those who are not. Thus the return for Twickenham includes lists of i. those chargeable, ii. those refusing to give a written account, m. those with empty houses, iv. those not chargeable. This particular set of documents was the subject of a study on several local parishes in 1664 by Urwin [11]. It is interesting to note that there was clearly considerable opposition to the tax in Twickenham, where of 122 occupiers liable for the tax, 56 are in the list of ‘such persons as refused to give an account under their hand in writing of their firehearths’. The detailed breakdown is 66 occupied, 56 occupied (refused), 20 empty, 76 exempt. giving 218 in total. The residents of Isleworth were more co-operative, with figures of 138 occupied, 0 occupied (refused), 51 empty, 138 exempt, giving 327 in total. The distribution of numbers of hearths within these two parishes is indicated in the table below. The figures for Isleworth include the rather exceptional case of the Earl of Northumberland, with 81 chargeable hearths!

Numbers of hearths	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	>12	Total
Twickenham	19	3	7	7	21	14	7	3	-	2	1	3	11	218
Isleworth	14	140	50	42	12	17	10	8	4	6	3	2	19	327

Other Sources

It is, of course, always worth checking for the existence of transcripts or indexes to hearth tax records. There are several counties for which there exist published indexes for one or more hearth tax period, and others for which record offices hold unpublished manuscript indexes [see 8 for details]. No such complete coverage has been made for London/Middlesex, but there have been studies of particular parishes or groups of parishes, including some for West Middlesex. The study by Urwin has been mentioned [11], but this is purely a statistical survey and contains the names only of the wealthier householders. A very useful paper covering Ealing, Greenford, Hanwell, Northolt and Perivale in the years 1664, 1666, 1672 and 1674 (with additional material for Ealing only) is that by Allison [12]. This includes names of all those mentioned in the returns, and charts the changes in property ownership, and numbers of hearths, over the ten year period. Where relevant, this is accompanied by appropriate cross—referencing with parish register details. A further interesting aspect of this study is that it includes an attempt to identify the locations of the properties, and the routes taken by the assessors, by comparison with a contemporary poor rate book. Other references for local parishes relate to Acton [13] and Staines [14].

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I have photographs and memorabilia of the following families. Anyone with information or an interest please lei me know. A. and S. Lock of Clump Cottage, Kingstone Road, Ashford, in early 1900s; William Nottriclge (born 1898) and Elsie, moved from Ashford to Australia in 1925 but returned in 1934; Sarah Croager, 18713 of Bayswater and Ashford.

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Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
AGOMBAR	19 C	All	MDX	B168
	All	All	ALL	B168
ALLSOP	1820-90	Chelsea	MDX	C135
	1820-90	Adelaide area, South Australia		C135
ANDERSON	bef 1860	South Shields area	DUR	S127
BARNETT	All	Harlington, Harmondsworth	MDX	T40
BAXTER	c 1840	Wangford area	SFK	R61
BELLWARD	bef 1880	Newington	SRY	S127
BENFORD	All	All	BRK	M113
	All	All	MDX	M113
BEST	19-20 C	All	MDX	M113
BICKHAM	18-19 C	Dawlish	DEV	P77
	18-19 C	France		P77
	18-19 C	London	MDX	P77
BIGNELL	bef 1860	Hounslow area	MDX	F57
BINGHAM	bef 1965	Birmingham	WAR	J40
BLACKMAN	1800	Battle	SSX	G85
BOSSWARD	c 1821	All	WOR	R61
BUSHNELL	19 C	Feltham, Staines	MDX	D72
CAMPION	18 C	St Bartholomew the Great	MDX	P77
CASTLE	19 C	Bayswater	MDX	D72
COCKMAN	18 C	Ickenham	MDX	E29
COLE	bef 1912	Halstead	ESS	J40
COOK(E)	1810	Lambeth	SRY	G85
CUMMINGS	bef 1860	South Shields area	DUR	S127
CURRINGTON	19-20 C	All	MDX	M113
DANCE	All	All	MDX	L59
DAVIES	All	All	MDX	B165
DEAN	1880	Kensington	MDX	G85
	1840	St Pancras	MDX	G85
	1800	Chislehurst	KEN	G85
DUDDY	18-19 C	Clerkenwell, St Bartholomew the Great	MDX	P77
EMERTON	18 C	Hillingdon	MDX	E29
EVANS	aft 1850	Tregaron area	CGN	J40
EXCELL	19 C	All	KEN	R61
FARMER	All	All	MDX	B165
FINNEY	18 C	St Bartholomew the Great	MDX	P77
GABELL	18 C	St Pancras	MDX	G85
	19 C	Lambeth	SRY	G85

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
GADD	c 1800	Fulham	MDX	G85
	1840	Westminster	MDX	G85
	1860-1950	Lambeth	SRY	G85
GARROD	c 1800	Lambeth	SRY	G85
GATER	aft 1812	Harlow	ESS	C135
GRAHAM	bef 1860	Walworth area	SRY	S127
GRAVINA	19 C	St Pancras	MDX	B168
	19 C	Messina, Italy		B168
HARDING	c 1862	Acton	MDX	B168
	c 1850	Poplar	MDX	B168
HARMER	bef 1880	Newington	SRY	S127
HAYLER	19 C	Tonbridge area	KEN	R61
HAYLOR	19 C	Tonbridge area	KEN	R61
HEADON	All	All	DEV	B165
HEDLEY	bef 1860	Newcastle upon Tyne	NBL	S127
HILLDMIT	18 C	Hackney	MDX	P77
HONEYWOOD	19 C	All	MDX	M113
HOOD	18-19 C	West Drayton	MDX	P77
HOOPER	19 C	All	MDX	M113
HOPE	19 C	All	MDX	M113
HOY	aft 1838	Poplar	MDX	B168
HUGHES	1820	Preston	KEN	G85
JONES	aft 1850	Tregaron area	CGN	J40
KIEFER	All	All	ALL	M113
KING	bef 1845	Walworth area	SRY	S127
LAWLEY	All	All	ALL	L59
LINDSAY	18-19 C	Westminster, St Anne Soho	MDX	P77
MALLET	1820-90	All	HRT	C135
MANSER	17-18 C	Stepney, Clerkenwell,	MDX	P77
		Westminster		
MARTYN	18-19 C	South West	DEV	M113
	19-20 C	Southall area	MDX	M113
	19-20 C	Guildford area	SRY	M113
MECLOX	bef 1860	All	ALL	F57
MIDDLETON	c 1857	Greenford area	MDX	B168
	c 1883	Acton Green	MDX	B168
	19 C	All	MDX	B168
MORRIS	aft 1850	Tregaron area	CGN	J40
	bef 1965	Birmingham	WAR	J40
	bef 1965	Cardiff	GLA	J40
MOSES	1810	Westminster	MDX	G85
OSGOOD	All	Isleworth	MDX	L59
PACKHAM	19 C	Goudhurst area	KEN	R61
PERCY	bef 1860	Gateshead	DUR	S127
REES	aft 1850	Tregaron area	CGN	J40
RICKETTS	c 1817	Pancras area	MDX	R61
ROOM	1820	Pimlico	MDX	G85
RUTTER	19-20 C	All	MDX	M113
SAMPSON	All	All	DEV	B165
SANKEY	bef 1860	Tynemouth area	NBL	S127

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
SCOTT	18-19 C	Dawlish	DEV	P77
	bef 1835	Walworth area	SRY	S127
SHARP	18-19 C	Stepney, Whitechapel	MDX	P77
	19 C	Acton Green	MDX	B168
SHRUBSALL	bef 1830	Newington area	SRY	S127
SIMPSON	18 C	Boston	LIN	B168
	18-19 C	St Pancras	MDX	B168
SIMS	19-20 C	All	HAM	M113
SIPPLE	All	All	MDX	L59
SPOFFORD	17-18 C	Kingston upon Hull area	YKS	S137
SPUFFARD	1860-1900	Harmondsworth area	MDX	S137
	1800-60	Chalfont St Giles area	BKM	S137
SPUFFORD	bef 1800	Toddington area	BDF	S137
STORER	18 C	Westminster	MDX	P77
STRAUGHAN	bef 1860	Gateshead	DUR	S127
TAYLOR	19 C	Staines	MDX	D72
THANE	bef 1860	Gateshead	DUR	S127
THOMAS	aft 1850	Tregaron area	CGN	J40
THRIFT	bef 1860	Tynemouth area	NBL	S127
TIDY	19 C	All	KEN	M113
TILLIER	All	All	ALL	T40
TILLYER	All	All	ALL	T40
TUCKER	18-19 C	Hunton area	KEN	R61
TUFFEY	All	Kensington area	MDX	L59
USHER	18 C	Southwark	SRY	P77
WATSON	19 C	West Drayton, Brentford, Chiswick, Islington, Westminster	MDX	P77
WICKENS	19 C	All	KEN	R61
WILKIN	bef 1860	Newcastle upon Tyne	NBL	S127
WILLIAMS	18-19 C	Uxbridge, West Drayton	MDX	P77
	18-19 C	Southwark	SRY	P77
WOODHATCH	19 C	All	SRY	M113
WOOLNOUGH	c 1840	Chediston area	SFK	R61
YELDHAM	1820-90	All	ESS	C135
YOUNG	18-19 C	Clerkenwell	MDX	P77

Editor's Notes

I am happy to say that there is little space left for me this time! Hence I offer only my usual thanks all those who have contributed towards this issue of the Journal, and my good wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas and a successful New Year!

Richard Chapman

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