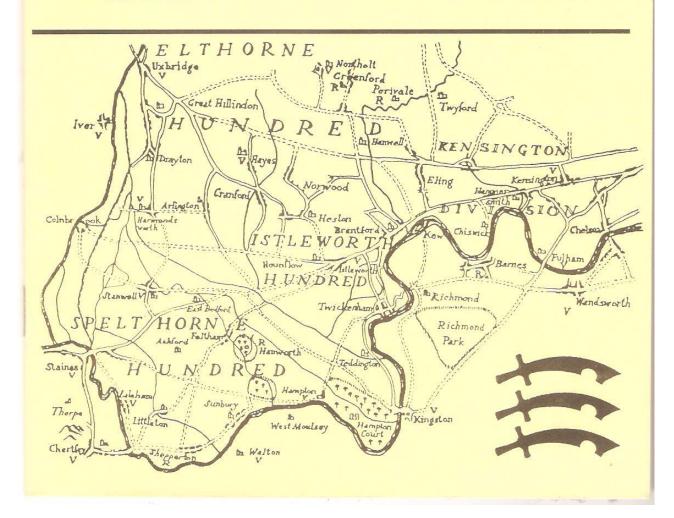
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

I am writing this on New Year's Day, having just recovered from 'flu, which lovingly kept company with me over Christmas. I have a backlog of WMFHS correspondence to clear in the next few days and a committee meeting to prepare for, so at present I view 1996 through grey-tinted spectacles!

I enjoyed Royston Smith's article *Frustrated Researcher* in the last issue, especially poor Tracker's trials with a beginner. As secretary I receive many requests from non-members to trace their family tree. I never undertake research, otherwise permanent research would be my life, but as you know I am always willing to offer advice. It is very off-putting to receive several pages of a family history, with no specific query or family tree. To encourage someone to help you, begin with a definite request, give all the information you already have on that specific subject and include a copy of the relevant family tree.

I am always delighted to receive general queries from members, as I often acquire some interesting knowledge. A member wrote about entertaining the troops in World War I, of which I knew nothing. Now I know that Lena Ashwell was allowed by the War Office to organise COI'lC€I'lI parties in 1915. But this members great-aunt (a member of the Windmill Company) had fled from Europe in September 1915. No, not the Windmill Theatre That Never Closed - it opened its doors in 1931. But there had been family talk that she danced with Anna Pavlova, who happened to have been in Europe at the beginning of the War. Now our member is busily looking for a biography on the ballerina. She also had ancestors working at Derry and Toms. Having tnecl for their records at the GLRO without success, she tried Kensington Library, who said that the records were with the House of Fraser, the present owners of a number of big stores. Where are their archives kept? University of Glasgow!

THE LONDON POLLBOOK 1768

Thousands of names! Is your ancestor one of them? Price: £14.50.

Forthcoming pollbooks (for publication on receipt of 100 orders):

Middlesex 1705; Westminster 1774; 1818; 1841.

Prices not yet set, but c.£10-20.

Also available: Suffolk 1710 £14.25; 1790, £14.50; both together £28.00 S.A. & M.J. Raymond, 6 Russet Avenue, Exeter EX1 3QB HAYMONDS ORIGINAL POLLBOOKS.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following meetings have been planned:

18 April	The Times Divorce Index A talk by Annie Weare.
16 May	Members' Evening: Questions and Answers
20 June	Gruel and Suet Dumplings A talk by lan Waller.
18 July	Funerals and Death A talk by Lillian Gibbens.

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

There will also be *Research Evenings* on 4 April and 6 June at 7.30 p.m., at the same venue, when many of the Society's records will be available for consultation.

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS 1995

Members who submitted their surname interests for inclusion in the Directory last year were asked to indicate their preference between microfiche and booklet format. Those who preferred a booklet were asked whether they would be likely to purchase such a booklet if one were to be produced, and the maximum price that they would find acceptable. Well over 100 members responded to these questions. Accordingly a corresponding number of booklets were produced, and their availability was advertised in the December 1995 journal. for sale at little more than cost, and well below almost all the price figures mentioned in the responses. To date, however, the take-up of this offer has been very disappointing.

If you did express an interest in a booklet, note that the society's funds have now been committed on your behalf, in anticipation of your purchase - please send in your order now.

You can obtain your copy 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 48p, 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.

NEWS ROUNDUP

West London Local History Conference

The West London Local History Conference will be held on Saturday 23 March 1996, on the subject 100 Years of Cinema in West London. Topics to be included are Lime Grove Bioscope, Projectionist, and London on Film. Tickets are available in advance for £5.00 from Yvonne Woodbridge, but hurry as they sell like hot cakes!

Middlesex County Show

Hillingdon FHS is organising a family and local history stand at the Middlesex County Show at lixbridge on the weekend of 22-23 June 1996. We have agreed to participate. but this is still in the planning stages. If you would like further details on our involvement. please contact Janet Hagger (address inside the front cover of this journal).

Office of National Statistics

The Federation of Family History Societies has received a letter from the Government confirming that the Central Statistical Office (CSO) and the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys (OPCS) are to merge to form a 'next steps' agency called the Office of National Statistics. This will take place on 1 April 1996. and plans are in hand to bring the three London offices into a single headquarters. It is promised that there will be 'no adverse effect on the services currently provided'.

House of Lords Record Office

The office provides an archive service for both Houses of Parliament. Amongst other things they have plans of canals, roads, railways and other public works relating to private bills from 1794. Amongst the comparatively few records of direct genealogical interest are the protestation returns of 1642 and certain papist returns. Please write or telephone for an appointment. The Search Room is open from Monday to Friday from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Although it remains open during lunch time, no documents are produced between 1.00 p.m. and 2.15 p.m. Although the staff are not able to undertake research, they are pleased to provide advice on their records. For further information, write to The Clerk of the Records, Record Office, House of Lords, London SW 1A OPW, or telephone 0171-2198074.

BT Archives

BT Archives have written to say that they are unable to undertake research on behalf of the public, but that customers are welcome to conduct their own research in person and the archives team will continue to provide assistance. An appointment is essential to reserve a space in their central London searchroom. Current opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9.30 to 4.30 p.m. Please ring 0171-8212-1002 for an appointment.

Dorset FHS

Dorset FHS is to hold an open day at Ashdown School, Canford Heath, Poole on Saturday 20 April 1996 from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. The day will include a research room and there will be stalls from many visiting societies. Light refreshments will be available, and admission is free.

FFHS and Sussex Family History Group

An advance notice, this one! The AGM of the Federation of Family History Societies will take place with the 25th Anniversary Conference of the Sussex Family History Group, entitled *Sussex by the Sea*, on 4-6 April 1997 at Bishop Otter College, Chichester. For further details please send a SAE to Mrs Doreen Hayes, 31 Poulters Lane, Worthing, West Sussex BN14 7SS.

Family History in Wales

The eleventh Family History in Wales course will be held 3-10 August 1996 at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, and a second stages course on *People, Places and Pedigrees*, on 6-10 September 1996. For further details of these courses, please write to The Course Directors (FH), Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Wales, 10-11 Laura Place, Aberystwyth SY23 2AU.

Norfolk Record Office

The office re-opened in October last year, following a period of closure after the fire of 1994. It is now at Gildengate House, Anglia Square, Upper Green Lane, Norwich NR3 1AX, telephone 01603-761349. Searchroom hours are 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon on Saturday.

1881 Census Indexes

The Society now has all the published county indexes for England and Wales. As I write this in December, there are six counties still to be completed and the details of their expected arrival are as follows:

Yorkshire and Surrey
Durham
December 1995
January 1996
Kent
March 1996
Middlesex
June 1996
Lancashire
July 1996

These dates are when the GSU expects to deliver the indexes to the FFHS, but it will be about a month later before we receive our copies. The indexes have proved to be a very valuable aid to so many members in trying to locate those elusive ancestors, and the cost of purchasing them would seem to have been a worthwhile expenditure. A small raffle is held at our monthly meetings and the profits help to offset the cost of the indexes. I should like to take this opportunity to thank those members who regularly buy tickets as well as those who have donated some of the prizes.

Jill Munson

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Yvonne Woodbridge

The Executive Committee has agreed that members should be better informed of decisions made on their behalf. It was decided that the committee members should write a few lines on what they do, and on recent committee decisions. As usual, the secretary is the first 'fall guy'.

Pam Morgan has bowed out as our St Catherine's House Courier and Valerie Walker has volunteered to take her place. Malcolm Hailwood, another stalwart of the Society who has been an auditor for years and who paid for our first IGI index has retired to the North. He will be sorely missed. We declined to make a donation towards the grant of a coat of arms to the FFHS as we thought it was unnecessary, as they were well known by their present logo. We also decided not to participate in the national burial index project. There are two reasons for this. We cannot find enough volunteers for our own projects and are {oath to begin another, and many of the incumbents of our churches do not want their parish registers published. There are plans for another Big R; we have decided to send the forms out to our members but not to sell the fiche-Our neighbouring societies will be selling these so you will be able to order from them. Details will be given nearer the time. Joan Scrivener has been appointed Organiser of Volunteers. This grand title means that at our meetings she will be looking for helpers for various events. Our biggest decision last vear was to transfer Penvale and Greenford to Westminster and Central Middlesex FHS.

NETWORK 11 TAPE LIBRARY

Mary Mason

The following talks have been recorded by our society:

Boats and Boaters - Avril Lansdell Australian Records - Heather Garnsey and Martyn Killion

Tapes may be hired, at a cost of £1.60, including p&p, for 14 days. Please make all cheques payable to West Middlesex FHS. Enclose your name, address, society and membership number (UK members only) and send to West Middlesex FHS Tape Library, 18A Gordon Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 3EU.

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

Woolwich and District FHS

London The Metropolitan Nightmare - Paul Blake The Selon Indexes - Peter Shilharn Using Settlement Records in Kent – Miss G. Rickard Merchant Seamen and Their Records – Norman Holding

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

North West Kent FHS

This list includes titles originally recorded by the East of London FHS (labelled (E)), but all are obtained from the North West Kent Society.

Immigrants in Kent - David Killingray

History of Cinema in NW Kent and SE London - Tony Moss

In Search of Ancestry – Meryl Catty

School Records and Your Ancestors - Richard Moore

Hung, Drawn and Quartered - Joyce Hoad

Late Victorian Sailor - Michael Fountain

Note Taking for Record Keeping - David Cufley

The 1913 Royal Visit to Woolwich - Anthony Robin

Criminal Ancestors in England and Wales - David Hawkings

Historic Chatham Dockyard - Richard Holdsworth

Family History for Beginners – Judith Kinnison-Bourke

Tower Hamlets Archives (E) – Jerome Farrell

India Office Records (E) – Tim Thomas

Spitalfields Homeworkers (E) – Diane Atkinson

The London and its Archives (The London Hospital) (E)— Clare Daunton

The Huguenots in Spitalfields (E) – David Webb

The Last Untapped Source (Vault Burials 1500-1800) (E) – Julian Litten

Up Before the Bench (E) - Richard Samway

Early Childhood in the Georgian and Victorian Eras (E) – Elizabeth Murdoch

Working Children in Victorian and Edwardian Times (E) – Mark Watson

Apprentices and Guilds (E) - Geoffrey Swinfield

Essex Record Office (E) - Janet Smith

The First 50 Years of Civil Registration (E) – Norman Stephens

Up The Roman (A Bow Childhood) (E) - Violet Short

Your Very Own Rogues and Vagabonds (E) - Eve McLaughlin

Hoxton and Shoreditch (E) – Jean Wait

Surname Distribution (E) - Jeff Burnard

Salt Lake City 1992 (E) - Marjorie Ridout

Barking: Church and People (E) - Herbert Hope Lockwood

The Ideal Family Historian (E) – Meryl Catty

The 1881 Census Project - Susan Lumas

Railway Staff Records in England and Wales - David Hawkings

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following are the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of West Middlesex Family History Society, held at Montague Hall, Montague Road, I-lounslow on 21st December 1995.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Wendy Mott, Richard Knight, Juliana Powney, Valerie Walker, David Neller and Edna Taylor.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM of 15th December 1994

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 15th December 1994 were approved, and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

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

The Treasurer, Muriel Sprott, presented the audited accounts for approval (see pages 10 and 11 below). in her report, the Treasurer explained that the change in format of the accounts since 1994 meant that it was almost impossible to show the previous year's figures alongside.

She reported that she had enjoyed her first year as treasurer. Membership at 30 September 1995 had been 591, and the present number of renewals was approaching 500, in spite of the increase in subscription. Once again, income from covenants had been a useful addition to society funds and several members had signed new covenant forms. Thanks were due to all those concerned.

Important purchases during the year had been the additions to the 1881 census index - a valuable asset to the society.

The Treasurer expressed her thanks to all those who run the income-generating activities and to those who use the services. Using the services is a great compliment to the person doing the work, telling them that their work is valued. She also thanked the Editor for his work on the journal, noting that it is the public face of the society and for many members the only contact they have with us. Finally, she thanked the committee and auditors for their help and support.

4. Appointment of Auditors

It was noted with regret that after a long period of service as auditor, Malcolm I-lailwood has resigned, in advance of a move away from the area. Roger Minot will continue to serve. Gavin Mott was nominated for the vacant post by Jill Munson, seconded by Roger Minot. The two appointments were approved by the meeting, *nem. con*.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Les Munson, made the following report on the progress of the Society during 1995.

I am happy to report that your Society has had a successful, if unexciting year. In addition to holding regular monthly meetings throughout the year, at many of which we had a guest speaker, we were able to start additional evenings devoted to research, at which members were able to consult some of the records and references held by the Society. We intend to hold further research evenings if sufficient members show an interest, and will endeavour to have available as many of our records as possible. The next research evening is on Thursday 1st February.

Our research evenings replace the computer evenings which sadly have come to a halt, due to various problems, not least the difficulty of transporting computers (other than lap-tops) to the meetings. The group of computer enthusiasts has not disappeared and its members are able and willing to add to the very extensive West Middlesex Marriage Index already on computer. They do however need help from 'non-computer' members, to transcribe parish registers prior to entering marriages on the computer. If you feel that you can assist in any way with this or any of our other project work, please contact Janet Huckle, our Projects Co-ordinator. She will be delighted to offer you a choice of work. We have many ongoing and potential projects needing your help, and each one completed enhances the records and enriches the Society.

During the year we set up our stall at the SoG Family History Fair and at the West London Local History Conference. We had representatives at the Wiltshire, Buckinghamshire and Kent Family History Society Open Days, and we were represented at the FFHS Council Meeting at Reading.

After discussions with the Westminster and Central Middlesex Society, we agreed that they should include the whole of Greenford and Perivale within their boundary. We have undertaken to obtain and make available to members all records or indexes which Westminster and Central Middlesex FHS may publish for these places.

Membership throughout the year remained well above 500. The Membership Secretary Peter Roe reports that, as in previous years, late renewals are still being received, and this year's membership is already near the 500 mark. Although perhaps 150 of our members are from time to time able to attend our meetings, listen to the speakers, borrow books and use the references etc. that are available, the large majority of members for many reasons are unable to do so. For these members therefore, the Society's journal is their only iink, and the articles and information therein are their primary source of information. For this reason I particularly wish to use this occasion to thank our editor Richard Chapman for providing a journal of such a consistently high standard. For him to continue doing so it is essential that you the members provide the material for him to publish. I am sure many members must have interesting or amusing stories or useful information they could share with others. Please put

West Middlesex Family History Society: Year to 30 September 1995

Income and Expenditure Account

MEMBERS' SERVICES Subscriptions Bank interest Tax refund on covenants Advertisements in journal Sale of back journals		3750.00 300.33 217.23 18.00 46.28	
Journal production and delivery Hire of meeting hall Speakers Computer group expenses	3045.33 692.50 187.40 20.00	(3945.23)	386.61
Bookstall sales Less: cost of sales		446.13 (358.33)	87.60
Fiche and census books sold Less: cost of sales		774.71 (444.69)	330.02
Sale of journal index Less: cost of sales		173.75 (122.87)	50.88
Postal book sales Less: cost of sales		324.48 (189.00)	135.48
West Middlesex Publications sales Less: cost of sales		52.60 (24.36)	28.24
Open Days income Less: cost of sales		588.90 (430.20)	158.70
OTHER INCOME Donations St Catherine's House Courier Service Refreshments Raffles West Middlesex Marriage Index Searches 1881 Census Index Searches Other income			19.24 208.00 30.00 85.00 102.89 89.50 143.30
OVERHEAD EXPENSES FFHS subscription and insurance Membership of other societies Research expenditure Postage, telephone, stationery Library purchases Miscellaneous expenses including publicity Depreciation Surplus for the year		274.86 11.00 37.23 375.38 36.40 42.85 461.07	1177.73 (1238.79) £616.67

West Middlesex Family History Society Balance Sheet at 30 September 1995

1881 census index Film and fiche viewers Kodak slide projector Projector stand 1988 IGI fiche Times Divorce Index Boxes and display shelves Computer and software Accounting software Virus checking software Heavy duty printer Banner for open days	Cost, or Value at 30.9.94 508.38 209.17 314.98 1.00 74.67 10.54 30.59 1009.02 89.91 89.00 95.18 65.00 2497.44	Total Deprec'n 127.38 92.17 59.98 - 32.67 4.54 13.59 441.02 38.91 17.00 23.18 7.00 0	Value at 30.9.95 381.00 117.00 255.00 1.00 42.00 6.00 17.00 568.00 51.00 72.00 72.00 58.00 857.44.00
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks: Bookstall WMFHS publication Journal index Fiche Postal book service Polylopes Cash at bank and in hand		574.50 318.04 22.60 59.00 48.36 30.45 7862.85	8915.80
CURRENT LIABILITIES Subscriptions in advance Deposits held		1810.50 18.00	(1828.50)
ACCUMULATED FUND Balance brought forward Add: Surplus of income		8110.63 616.67	£8727.30 £8727.30

We have compared the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers of the Society and confirm that they are in accordance therewith.

M.J.F. Hailwood Hon. Auditor R.J. Minot Hon. Auditor M.J. Sprott Hon. Treasurer it on paper and send to Richard; he is constantly in need of material to prepare a balanced journal. Photographs and illustrations can now be reproduced, and if you doubt your journalistic skilis, Richard will be happy to discuss your contribution before publishing, and to carry out editing where necessary.

At the same time as thanking, on your behalf, the Executive Committee members for their work, and the time they have given to keep the Society running during the year, I wish also to express the same appreciation to all those members, not on the Committee, who nevertheless work continuously on our behalf. I refer to those members who run the stalls we have at each meeting, and those members who you may never have met, and who are listed at the back of the journal, who hold the indexes, records and registers and who supply information by post, particularly to those members I mentioned earlier who rely solely on a postal link with the Society.

I wish you all good fortune during the coming year in your hunt for that elusive ancestor who simply refused to leave his name on any of the records you have so far consulted.

6. Election of Officers and Members of the Committee for 1995/96

Peter Watson had resigned from the committee, but no nominations had been received for the vacant position. Richard Chapman, Antonia Davis, Janet Hagger, Carol Sweetland and Yvonne Woodbridge offered themselves for reelection, having served for three or more years. Jim Devine, David Nelier, Joan Scrivener, Les Munson, Peter Roe and Muriel Sprott did not need to be reelected, having served less than three years in one continuous spell on the committee. The elections were carried out en bloc, and all candidates approved by the meeting.

7. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.30 p.m.

Postal Book Service

This service is intended to assist members of our society living overseas and eisewhere 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 Deuine, 35 Rouendale 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.

An updated list of publications available will appear in the next issue of this journal.

LEONARD DAVIES, VICAR OF HARMONDSWORTH

Douglas Rust

This article first appeared in the parish magazine of the Church of St Mary, Harmondsworth.

All vicars are expected to sing; or at least they were before the introduction of the new Alternative Service Book. Harmondsworth many years ago was extremely lucky as it had a vicar who was a member of the Chapel Royai, that ancient institution that then, as now, has some of the finest and highest quality singing to be found anywhere in the country. The Chapel Royal is a choir in the service of the reigning monarch and is called upon for regular services at the chapel of St James' Palace in London; they officiate at royal weddings and other state functions. Today the choir consists of a body of clergy (priests in ordinary), choirmen (gentlemen) and boys (children). The history of the Chapel goes back as far as 1100. We know that it accompanied King John to York in 1200; again we find them singing at Bayeux in 1418 to celebrate Henry V's victory at Agincourt. Later monarchs also accorded them their patronage.

Henry VIII was a great supporter of the Chapel and during his reign the staff there rose to seventy-nine persons. In 1520 he even took them as part of his retinue to the famous display in France, The Field of the Cloth of Goid. During the reign of Edward VI, the Chapel had risen to one hundred and fourteen members.

Elizabeth I, whilst noted for her interest in the arts and music, was not prepared to spend any more on the Chapel than she felt necessary. It was during her reign in 1581 that we find an admission of one Leonard Davies to the choir. Davies was already in Holy Orders, being Subdean at Hereford. The first entry in the 'Cheque Book' (a form of register at the Chapel), says he was appointed as a 'gospeller', or singer of the gospel during Divine Service. He must have been very good at his job as the 'Cheque Book' records Davies in Juiy 1592 as 'one of her Majesties Chaplens in the sayd Chappell'. The following year on October 10th, he was sworn in as Subdean of the Chapel; an eminent position, as he was soon to officiate at Hampton Court. It was about this time that William Byrd, who was living locally at Harlington, was organist at the Chapel, succeeding Thomas Tallis in 1585. Byrd left Harlington about 1593.

The following year on the 28th March, Richard Culver, the vicar of Harmondsworth, was killed in a brawl. Elizabeth, being unhappy about the circumstances in which he died, sequestrated the living, which was in the ownership of Lady Paget. It had been given to William Lord Paget by Elizabeth's father, Henry VIII, and she appointed one of her favourite clerks, Leonard Davies, to the church of St Mary.

Leonard Davies was born in 1551 and we know very little about him, but his appointment to the incumbency of St Mary on the 28th September 1594 was a great benefit to the church. He still had to perform his duties at the Chapel Royal, but he was fortunate in later having a curate, John Eglington, who was appointed in 1610 to relieve him of some of his local pastoral work.

Some two years after his Harmondsworth appointment the Gentlemen of the Chapel Royal petitioned Queen Elizabeth for a pay-rise. They asked for a 'yearly increase of our livynges'; unfortunately their pleas fell on deaf ears and they had to wait until James I came to the throne in 1603, when their request was granted. By then the Chapel consisted of the Subdean (Davies), six chaplains, twenty three gentlemen, a clerk of the 'checke' (an accountant, one assumes), a Master of the Children, the Organist and four 'Officers of the Vestrie'. The King now agreed to increase their stipends, from his 'Royall bountye'. The gentlemen were to receive £40 per annum, the children, 10d. Whether this was per annum or per service it is not made clear. The 'Sergeant of the Vestrie' earned £10 per annum. Other members were to receive similar awards.

In all probability Davies was seriously ill by June 1620, as this is the last mention of his involvement with the Chapel. The following year he was using a substitute at services and on the 9th of February 1622 he made his will. 1-le died on the 9th November 1623, aged 72, having been vicar at Harmondsworth for nearly thirty years. He was buried in the chancel of St Mary's, according to his wish. So important a person he must have been at the Chapel that the sum of £5.0.10 was granted by the Chapel to enable the singers to attend the funeral; the money to be spent on 'choches' (coaches) and boat hire from Westminster to Harmondsworth. It would be interesting to know how they made the journey, possibly boat to Staines and coaches from there. To have a royal choir singing at Harmondsworth must have been an exceptional experience.

In his will, Leonard Davies left half of his estate to his son John. Legacies went to his daughters, Issabell and Elizabeth; each were to receive a 'peece of gold of two and twentie shillings in token of my love and a guilte spoone'. He also gave 'forty shillings on poor householders, 6s. 8d. to the four most aged and poor widows', and 12d. to each godchild. His servants received 6s. 8d. as well as their wages. His bearers - 'six poor men' - at the funeral were to receive 12d. and 'foure shillings to pay for theire dinners'; even the Parish Clerk was left 3s. 4d. as well as the usual burying fee. John Ball, his son-in-law, was to be given 'all my bookes which are in lattine' and 10s. for preaching at the funeral. The curate, John Eglington, received 6s. 8d. for his services at the funeral. The bellringers were even thought of - 10s. for their dinner, provided they ring 'certain peales before and after my body is interred'. Joan, his wife was given the residue of his estate and a request in the will asked that she should spend the rest of her days with one of the children.

He left a note saying that he had provided and paid for 'many things in our

parish church'. These items, he goes on to say, were written 'in the end of the Register booke'. Two items mentioned are his 'surplisse and large Communion Booke', so that Divine Service might be 'the most decently and reverently performed'. Sadly this register is no longer in the church.

His grave is no longer visible, but during the early eighteenth and quite possibly well into the nineteenth century it displayed a brass depicting a figure of a man in a clerical gown of the day, out of whose mouth proceeded the words 'Soius Christus, Sola Salus', and below 'Magister Leonardus Davies'. It continued by saying that he had served the Chapei Royal as Subdean for thirty years and had been a faithful pastor of the church for twenty nine years; that the memory of his piety, integrity and purpose remained; and that after a long illness he died on November 9th 1623, aged 72. Sadly the brass no longer exists; it is reputed to have been stolen by workmen during the 1863-4 church restoration.

It is good to know that the present day choir of St Mary still sing above his grave, although he would probably not recognise the service of today.

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[Editor's Note: See also The Old Cheque-Book, or Book of Remembrance of the Chapel Royal, from 1561 to 1744, Edward F. Rimbault, Camden Society (1872), at Guildhall Library and elsewhere.]



GRANDMA'S DIED AGAIN and THE LADY AT NUMBER 17

Peter Roe

Thankfully the dust has settled once again. The busiest time of the year for the Membership Secretary and the Treasurer is over. The renewal date of 1 October 1995, coupled with the rise in membership fees, was closely followed by the rush to distribute the December journal to those that had promptly renewed and to those that had recently joined the Society. If ALL the previous year's members had done the same, our jobs would have been so much easier.

The membership renewal form was placed in the September journal and was available for use a month before the renewal date. This seemed to be quite successful and the majority of our members used it to renew their membership promptly, thus ensuring their place on the December journal mailing list.

It may be of interest to members to understand how the December journal is distributed. Very soon after the membership renewal date, the Editor requires to know how many members we have. This enables him to have the correct number of journals printed. The journal is printed in time for the November meeting and is made available for collection by members in person. After that, the membership list has to be constantly updated, so that by the end of November it can be used to print the mailing address labels. Then, after the journals have been packed, labelled and stamped, they are taken to the nearest post office for despatch, hopefully to reach your house in early December. So you can see, prompt renewal makes our life much easier.

Of course as soon as Christmas is over the Editor will be on the phone again to find out how many journals are required for March. The late renewals will still then be trickling in. Some will have the sad news of the passing of a society member, or of one of their relatives, but most will have one of the usual, 'I lost the form', 'The dog ate it', 'I thought I had, but I can't have done', 'I think my 3x great-grandad's ghost stole the form to try to join the Society', etc.

It all reminds me of when I was in the army, many years ago. If a soldier wanted a weekend pass, it was standard practice to go to the Company office and give the excuse that 'Grandma had died' and that you were required at home for the funeral. As may be well known, the average Sergeant Major is pretty shrewd. If this excuse was used too often, it was usually met with the loud response, 'WHAT! your Grandma, died AGAIN! You HORRIBLE man, go away.'

So what about the lady at number 17?

Well, as is clearly shown on the inside of the front cover of the Journal, I live at house number 171. At the end of last November, I had a phone call from the lady at number 17. She told me that she had recently received lots of letters

from total strangers, together with cheques, asking that she renewed their membership of the West Middlesex Family History Society. If they were for me, would I come and collect them please?

Not only had all these letters been wrongly addressed, most had the wrong membership fee included as well. I always thought accuracy in reading and transcribing was the basis of our hobby. No wonder some people have trouble tracing their ancestors!

HELP!

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

BENFORD

My great-grandfather, James BENFORD, is buried in Southall Cemetery, Havelock Road, grave no. 74 sub-sec DA sec D. I-le died on 16th July 1925 aged 83 which would make him born around 1841/2. There is no entry for James' birth at St Cathen'ne's for this period. I am hoping that his MI has his birth date inscribed on it. If any member is passing Havelock Road could they possibly have a look for his birth date for me? This would be very much appreciated.

Karen Martyn, 2 Eastfield Way, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4HS

LEMMON / STEEL

Seeking Lydia LEMMON, born 1832 in Norwich to Isaac and Ann. She had an illegitimate son Samuel Arthur Jesse in December 1850, but is absent from the 1851 census in Norwich. Jesse remained with grandmother Ann until after his marriage. The death certificate of Ann in 1877 indicates daugher Lydia, present at death, at Hampton Court, MDX. Jesse and family are believed to have moved to Hampton Court, but no trace found yet. Any information on these individuals or their descendants would be gratefully received.

Dennis Thompson, 2 Savery Close, West Earlham, Norwich, Norfolk NR5 8NJ

RIDGE / MARSHALL

I shall be extremely grateful for any information on John William RIDGE who manied Aice (or Ellis) MARSHALL 19 May 1791 at St George, Hanover Square, whilst a clerk, living in Ealing and aged 23. He died in Paddington in 1829. I have been unable to find a baptism or a will.

Mrs T.A. O'Brien, 286 Southbourne Grove, Westcliff, Essex SSO 0AF

ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE COURIER SCHEME

One day last December I met Pam Morgan in St Catherine's and she suggested I should volunteer. Somehow this is what happened - I volunteered! As members will know, the courier scheme enables you to obtain certificates at a much cheaper rate than applying by post to St Catherine's, and any surplus funds go to the Society. The charges will remain the same (until another price rise from St Catherine's);

£7.50 - if the reference is supplied. Please quote all the details given in the index (i.e. name, year, quarter, district, volume and page);

£8.50 - includes a three year search of the indexes (i.e. 12 volumes). Any background information you have to assist me, such as name variations, etc., would be appreciated.

It is possible to ask for a check to be made if you have some positive information and it is best to restrict this to one item only, as otherwise the end result might be an official £3.00 refund and no certificate. Don't forget that central registration started on 1 July 1837 but it is believed that initially as many as 10% of births were not registered, so don't be surprised if some of your ancestors don't seem to have been born. It was not until 1875 that registration became compulsory.

In future we are going to take copies of all certificates requested under the Courier Scheme, not only in case the original gets lost in the post, but to start building up a database, so hopefully this may eventually become a service to members. We are also appealing for copies or the originals of any unwanted certificates which should be sent to me. Pam has already sent me one and I know I have one or two.

I will certainly do everything I can to help find the certificate you want and I will try to deal with your requests as speedily as possible. I am, however, human, so please bear with me. When applying, please quote your membership number and make your cheque payable to me (not WMFHS) and all payment must be in Sterling. There is a refund of £6.00 if a three year search is unsuccessful.

Miss Valerie J. Walker, 32 Cunnington Street, Chiswick, London W4 5EN

West Middlesex War Memorials – Enquiries

There is now a substantial body of name-list material for most war memorials recorded in West Micldlesex. It consists of public, churches, schools and firms memorials, etc. for WWI and WWII and earlier wars where they exist, although it is not complete yet. Name enquiries, and any knowledge on war memorials you may know about but we don't will be welcomed. Please send a SAE to Ted Dunstall, 43 Elers Road, Ealing, London W13 9QB.

THE MERCHANT OF FULHAM

Background

This is the story of my great—great-grandfather William Chasemore and his immediate family. He is variously described as a coal merchant, a timber merchant, and eventually as a gentleman, to which must be added 'a man of property'. He was probably one of the more successful businessmen in our family, having no doubt inherited his business acumen from a long line of prosperous Horsham butcher ancestors. These talents seem to have been replaced in later generations by more intellectual and aitistic, but less remunerative, abilities!

Origins

William was the grandson of John Chasemore, who was born in Horsham, Sussex, in about 1725, of a successful family of butchers and cattle dealers. He was the only one to opt for a different trade and became a carpenter. He also decided to try his luck elsewhere and moved to Fulham in the mid—18th century, by which time he had come into an inheritance from his father. He married Hannah Russon on 19 June 1752 at St George's Mayfair, and thus began a long line of Fulham Chasemores.

John and Hannah produced at least three boys and two girls, of whom the most important was Nathaniel, born in Fulham in 1758. John died in 1787, while Hannah and Nathaniel's siblings were all dead by 1802. Consequently Nathaniel eventually inherited all his father's freehold property and carpentry business in Fulham, and also some property in Horsham.

Nathaniel had expanded into building work by 1792, and was also evidently active in Fulham Vestry affairs. However the peak of his career probably came in 1801, when he was appointed as Clerk and Collector to the Fuiham Bridge Company, a post that he held until 1832. This appointment had followed a succession of unsatisfactory holders of the job, and it began over 80 years of Chasernore service to the company.

Nathaniel married Frances Corbett in 1781 at St Georges, Hanover Square. They had five boys and three girls, of whom the male survivors to adulthood were William, Charles and Henry.

Frances died in 1834 at the age of 73 and was buried at All Saints' Church, Fulham. As Clerk to the Bridge Company, Nathaniel was required to reside at the Toll House (later called Bridge House; see Figure 1). Here it was that he died on 3 November 1837 at the age of 79, as a result of falling down the stairs, which were no doubt very steep. By this time his son Henry had taken over as Clerk, so presumably Nathaniel was either visiting or living with him in his old age. He too was buried at All Saints'.

Nathaniel left a will that is unhelpful. It was prepared in 1833 and left everything to his wife Frances. However she predeceased him and under today's laws Nathaniel would presumably be deemed intestate. If this applied in 1837 the two executors, sons William and Henry, would have had to sell up all Nathaniel's estate and divide it between his children. This problem probably spelt the end of Fulham Chasemore ownership of Horsham property.



Figure 1: Bridge House c. 1878, with Holly House behind and immediately to the right. The tower of All Saints' Church can also be seen.

William, 1790-1365

William was born on 7 August 1790 in Fulham and was baptised at All Saints' Church on 5 September of that year. Little is known of his childhood except that from 1801 he would probably have lived with his parents at Bridge House. On 15 June 1814 William married Sophia Arabella Martha Sampson at Old Church, St Pancras, which was presumably Sophia's home parish, although we know nothing about her origins. No known children resulted from this marriage, but as we shall see William made up for lost time later in life! It seems likely from the evidence of the 1826-27 Pigot Directory that William began his business career as a coal merchant while his father was still active in the carpentry business. By the time of the 1839 Pigot Directory he was undertaking both, and had presumably taken over the timber business before

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his father's death in 1837. Evidence is given in *Fulham Bridge 1729-1886*, where it is quoted that in July 1835 William supplied the company with planking, coals, and gravel. A cosy arrangement with brother Henry placing the orders and using the coal at Bridge House! However by the time of the Maclure rating survey of 1853 it seems that William had abandoned the coal business, as only a timber yard is recorded.

On 28 May 1838, Sophia died at Fulham of dropsy at the age of 49 or 48, depending on whether one relies on the death certificate or the monumental inscription at All Saints' Church, where she was buried. The surgeon in attendance at her death was T.W. Wansbrough, William's brother-in-law, and husband of his sister Elizabeth.

On 5 September 1840 at All Souls' Church, St Marylebone, Middlesex, William married Amelia Simpson, daughter of John and Louisa Simpson, and born in Camden Town, Middlesex. Amelia was then aged 22 and William 50. Undeterred by this age gap William atoned for his late start and fathered a known family of four boys and two girls over the next thirteen years, of whom one boy, Charles Frederick, died in infancy. His family are depicted in the family tree in Figure 2 overleaf.

Figure 3 (page 23) is a map of Fulham Town in 1853; this is part of the famous Maclure's map on which the town rating was then based and which has been extremely useful in identifying Chasemore properties.

During his first marriage and the early part of his second marriage it is most probable that William lived in Back Lane, Fulham, which was later renamed Burlington Road, and which lies parallel to and to the east of Fulham High Street. In 1843 he built Holly House on part of the site of an earlier large house called Fulham House at Bridge Wharf, close to Bridge House, and resided there until 1854; most of his children were born here. Holly House can be identified on Figure 3 as Plot 1469, and is just discernible in the photograph in Figure 1.

Holly House was far from being the only property owned by William. The Maclure rating survey identifies 21 houses and cottages owned by him, mainly in Burlington Road, as well as his timber yard and saw pits on Hammersmith Road, a beer house also on Hammersmith Road, and land in Town Meadow.

The 1851 census names 117-127 and 129 Burlington Road as 'Chasernore's Cottages'; these had been reduced to nine in number by the 1861 census. From details in *Fulham Old and New*, it seems likely that some or all of these cottages were built by William or his father. A study of the census returns shows that William rented most of them out to labourers, gardeners and the like, many of whom had moved to Fulham from other parts of the British Isles.

In 1854 William made a dramatic change to his life. He let Holly House and took his young family off to Horsham, presumably as a retirement move as he

Figure 2. Marriages and children of William Chasemore

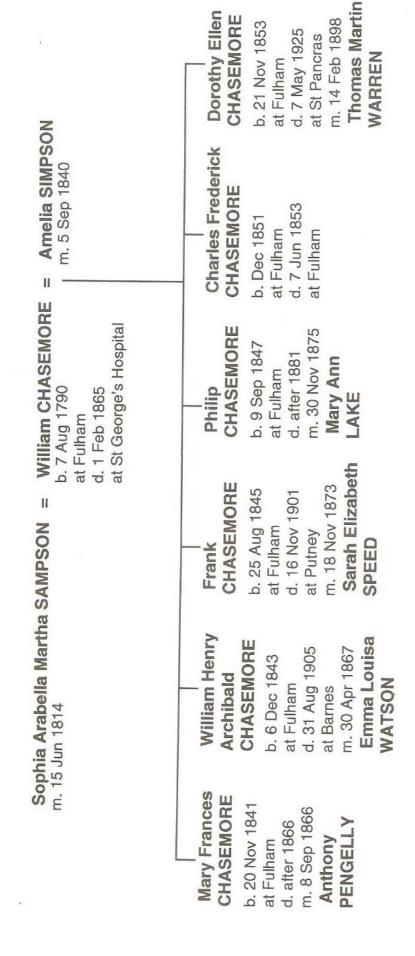
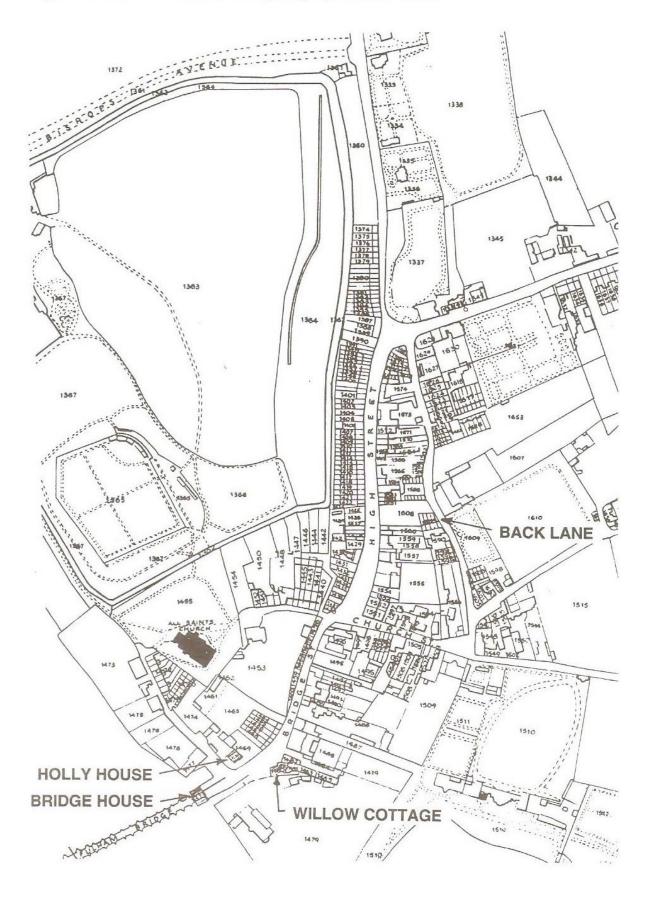


Figure 3: Maclure's 1853 Rating Map of Fulham Town



was now about 64 years old. In view of what we know about his ancestry it was perhaps not very surprising, and it is likely that he had previously visited Horsham in his capacity as an administrator of his father's estate, which included Horsham property.

An 1857 Horsham voting list revealed that William's family took up residence at Spencefs Farm, north of Horsham town on the Dorking Road; whether as owner or tenant is not known. It is possible that the property was owned by his cousin Philip Chasemore of Horsham. In the family records there is a complete inventory of fixtures in Spencer's Farm House that William sold to Philip on his departure in 1861; as it includes such items as a marble chimney piece, it does suggest that Philip was the owner but that William had fitted it out.

A speculation is that the children were taught by a certain Horsham schoolmaster named Sydney William Greensword who was to play an important role later in William's family. At the time of the 1851 census Sydney lived with his mother and sister in Horsharn but the census records that they all originated from Middlesex.

It is not known why William decided to return to Fulham in 1861 after some six years in his Horsham retreat. Possibly his business interests needed his attention or possibly brother Henry's health was poor (for he died later that year) and William wanted to ensure that the bridge management stayed in the family! Also the children now ranged in age from twenty to eight, so that it would be necessary to arrange for appointments or higher education for the older boys, and perhaps William felt that opportunities would be better closer to London.

Whatever the reason, the family was back in Fulham early in 1861 and living at 12 Munster Terrace, Fulham Road. No sooner had they returned than Henry died and William (now 71) was asked to take over the bridge duties for the rest of that year, and allowed to rent Bridge House at £25 per annurn. In January of the following year William was confirmed as Manager and Clerk subject to sureties of £1000 provided by Pilfold Medwin of Horsham, and George Caulfield of Knightsbridge.

Pilfold Medwin was a well-known Horsham solicitor who acted for the Horsham Chasemores over many years, as did his successors, and who also acted for William, no doubt as a result of an introduction by Philip Chasemore. From a research aspect Pilfold has been an admirable link between the two branches of the family!

William was quick to arrange his succession for he had his eldest son, Archibald, employed as check clerk from November 1862 at an annual salary of £50. Archibald seems to have taken up this appointment on or about his 21st birthday; he presumably continued to live in Bridge House with his parents and the rest of the family. This sensible arrangement prepared the way for William's death, which occurred on 1 February 1865, at St Georges Hospital,

Grosvenor Piace, due to an enlarged prostate. He was buried at All Saints' Church, Fulham.

William's will was among the first wills I obtained from Somerset House and it contained valuable clues to his links with Horsharn. Firstly the will had been drawn up and witnessed by Pilfold Medwin in 1864, and secondly his executors and trustees were named as 'his friends' George Caulfield of Knightsbridge and Sydney William Greensword, schoolmaster of Horsham. This information preceded all later knowledge of Williams connections with Horsham and certainly inspired me to look further!

The will left everything in trust to his wife Amelia and, after her death, the whole of the balance of the estate was to be divided equally between his five children, or his grandchildren if his children predeceased Amelia (none did as far as we know). Williams real estate was to be sold or let at the discretion of the trustees, who were given complete powers to manage and dispose of his properties. *Fulham Old and New* records that in 1877 Holly House, which in 1865 had had its name changed to Cambridge House, was sold by Williams trustees to a Mr Grant Macdonald. It has long disappeared as a result of extensive rebuilding in the area. No other sales of Williams property have so far been identified, nor do we know who the trustees were in 1877, Sydney Greensword certainly having died earlier.

There is an intriguing note in the *London Gazette* of 4 March 1896 that refers to a Chancery Division action of Chasemore u. Caulfield, 1866, C235. This might suggest that George Stanley Caulfield (his correct full name), one of Williams executors, was at odds with the beneficiaries of William's will. Who the particular Chasemore was has not yet been investigated; the most likely is of course Amelia.

More About Amelia

We cannot leave the story of William without saying more about my great-great-grandmother Amelia Harriet. When William died in 1865 she was still only 47 and wealthy to boot, so it is not surprising that she remarried. Perhaps it was more of a surprise to find that she married Sydney Greensword, her late husbands executor and trustee of his estate, whose first wife, Jane Howard, had died in 1856. Amelia married him on 1 October 1868 at St George's, Hanover Square and gave her address at the time as Mount Street, but this might just have been for the purposes of residential qualification.

After their marriage they lived at Horsham, where Sydney had an 'academy' until he died in 1870, at the age of 53. Amelia Greensword continued to live at Horsham, accompanied by her youngest daughter, Dorothy Ellen Chasemore. Later they moved to Ventnor, on the Isle of Wight, possibly because of Amelias health, where she died in 1895.

The Children of William and Amelia

The two key sons of William from the point of view of continuation of the Chasemore name were the eldest, William Henry Archibald, and the second son, Frank, born in 1845, and who was my great-grandfather.

Archibald was born at 20 minutes to 9 am on 6 December 1843 at his parents' house in Burlington Road, and would shortly afterwards have been moved to Holly House. The admirable precision of the record of this event comes from his birth certificate. As it was his father who was the informant, perhaps it gives us a clue about William's approach to life! Archibald was the last Clerk to the Fulham Bridge Company until its demise in 1881, and thereafter moved to Putney, where he developed as an artist of some note. He was also the author of a booklet on the history of the Fulham Bridge.

Frank becarne a surgeon dentist, initially practising at 55 Maddox Street, off Regent Street, and then in Putney and Horsham.

The youngest son, Philip, is my number one mystery man! He married Mary Ann Lake in 1875 but there are no records at St Catherine's House of the birth of any children or of the deaths of Philip and Mary. There is a family legend in certain quarters that Philip absconded to Australia with some of the proceeds from the winding up of the Fulham Bridge Company in 1881! Based on the company records related in *Fulham Bridge* this seems highly unlikely, but even if it were so there are now no known Chasemores in Australia who might be his descendants.

Mary Frances was Williams eldest daughter, who married in 1866, and about whom nothing further is known. Dorothy Ellen, having been a companion to her mother for many years, eventually married in 1898, and was possibly the last of William's children to die, in 1925.

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West Middlesex Strays

With thanks to Mrs Jane Lauder, who found the following entries in the parish registers for St Catherine, Bearwood (near Wokingharn, BRK):

19 March 1877 James Sibley, aged 32, bachelor, gentleman's servant of Chelsea Middlesex St Lukes, son of Robert Sibley, married Elizabeth Attwell, aged 25, spinster, of Bearwood, daughter of Thomas Attwell, labourer. Witnessed by Sarah Attwell and John Diance.

19 May 1877 John Diance, aged 27, bachelor, labourer of Staines Middlesex, son of William Diance farmer, married Jane Attwell, aged 24, spinster of Bearwood, daughter of Thomas Attwell, labourer. Witnessed by Sarah Attwell and John Goss[?].

9 June 1878 Baptism of Elizabeth Sibley, daughter of John and Jane Quance of Staines, labourer.

7 April 1894 Robert Quance, aged 32, bachelor, labourer of Staines Middlesex, son of William Quance, farmer, married Henrietta Attwell, aged 38, spinster, of Bearwood, daughter of Thomas Attwell, labourer. Witnessed by Joseph Sadler, Jane Quance and Elizabeth Quance.

25 November 1914 Burial of Robert Quance, Zetland, Gresham Road, Staines, aged 54.

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BOOKSHELF

Isleworth - Mary and Kevin Brown

This publisher has produced many books in this series. This one is compiled by one of our members, Mary, and her son Kevin. Many of us know her wide knowledge of Isleworth and her collection of postcards. This book contains over 220 photos, including some of the surrounding area, Osteriey, Spring Grove, Mogden, St Margarets, Worton and Wyke. The illustrations are of good quality and the captions helpful, especially as Mary, when possible, names the people portrayed. It will be a very useful book to anyone with interests in Isleworth. Copies can be obtained from the the authors. Please write to Mrs M. Brown, 12 Grainger Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 6PQ, with a cheque for £8.99 plus postage costs (£1 first class, 79p second class).

132 pp. Published by Chalford Publishing Co. Ltd., 1995. ISBN 0 7524 0346 X £8.99 Bookworm

Peace in Our Time? More WWII Memories of Backwell, Nailsea, Tickenham and Wraxall - Peter Wright

Why am I reviewing this? Partly because it is written by another of our members and partly because Chapter 2 deals with the memories of evacuees from the North Hammersmith Central Mixed School and Wornington Road LCC School. Their description of events before leaving home, the journey and their reception. The evacuees were Eileen Hanlon, Grace Golding, Joan Roberts, Stella Harbert, Ron Howcroft and Gladys Wood. The entries are either written by the people concerned or compiled from discussions. The book has a large format and print, but no page numbers or index. Copies can be obtained from the author at 5 The Perrings, Nailsea, Bristol BS19 2YD.

64 pp. Published by the author, 1995. ISBN 0 9516257 1 3 £3.50 *Bookworm*

Hammersmith and Shepherds Bush in Old Photographs - Jerome Farrell and Christine Bayliss

Published last autumn, this new book includes photographs from family albums, local collections and professional photographers, most of which have not been published before, and which illustrate the history of this area of West London. 64 pp. Published by Alan Sutton Publishing Ltd., 1995. ISBN 0 7509 0857 2 £7.99

Shepperton's Island Dwellers - Compiled by Valerie Brooking

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West Middiesex References In Mortlake Poor Law Records

(continued from WMFHS Journal, December 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 SPRATTLEY	Age	Ref	Date		Parish	Comments
Sarah SYMONDS		237	31.12.179	6 (S)	Hammersmith	w. of Edward
Elizabeth TAYLOR		334	11.3.1768	(B)	Sunbury	singlewoman
James Mary John Mary THOMPSON	44 40 (13) (11)	136 136 250 250	17.4.1800 17.4.1800 6.1.1798 6.1.1798		St Luke, Chelsea St Luke, Chelsea Hanwell Hanwell	s. of Thomas d. of Thomas
Elizabeth John Richard Thomas TIVEY	14 24 16	168 168 168 168	14.2.1820 14.2.1820 14.2.1820 14.2.1820	(R) (R)	Chiswick Chiswick Chiswick Chiswick	s. of Elizabeth s. of Elizabeth s. of Elizabeth
Ann Robert		239 239	29.1.1796 29.1.1796	(S)	Shiperton	w. of Robert
Sarah TURNER	5w	239	29.1.1796	(S)	Shiperton	d. of Ann
Edward	8	181	21.8.1827	(R)	New Brentford	bastard son of Sarah WILKES
WADE John WALTON		218	4.2.1786	(S)	Old Brentford	
Charles WAYT/E		143	24.3.1801	(R)	Hammersmith	
Stephen WEATE		137	7.5.1800	(R)	Ealing	
Elizabeth Elizabeth John Thomas William WICKES	2 10 2 4	157 157 153 153 153	2.8.1808 2.8.1808 3.12.1806 3.12.1806 3.12.1806	(R) (R)	Ealing Ealing	w. of Stephen d. of Stephen s. of Stephen s. of Stephen s. of Stephen
Mr WILLIAMS		217	25.2.1786	(R)	Hessin (Heston)	
Miss		138	7.7.1800	(R)	Hampton Court	legal wife (?) of Joseph SPILLER
WOOD Sarah WOODWARD		380	1.9.1827	(M)	Chelsea (1815)	w. of John
George John	2	290 290	27.12.1824 27.12.1824		Fulham	s. of Rebecca h. of Rebecca

Rebecca		290	27.12.1824 (S) Fulham	w. of John
YORK			107	W.	
James	12	104	10.1.1784 (F	R) Fulham	s. of Susanna
James decd.		104	10.1.1784 (F	R) Fulham	h. of Susanna
Susanna		104	10.1.1784 (F	R) Fulham	w. of James
Thomas	7	104	10.1.1784 (F	R) Fulham	s. of Susanna
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EDITOR'S NOTES

Richard Chapman

The process of compiling this issue of the journal has been somewhat unusual. By the deadline for receipt of copy (6 January), I had received one solitary article (and that last June, from a non-memberll, and it appeared that this issue would be little more than an extended news sheet of perhaps 28 pages. It was only due to the particularly helpful co-operation of Mr Frank Chasemore in bringing forward the preparation of his article, originally planned for the June issue, that something like the usual balance of material was achieved. Not only did he 'save the day' with regard to the journal, but I am sure you will agree that he did so by means of a very interesting article, relating to an area that is perhaps rather under-represented in these pages.

I hope that the story of William Chasemore might provide some inspiration, if that is what is needed, for a few more members to take up the opportunity to publish an account of some aspect of their West Middlesex family history. Articles on more general matters of sources and research methods are also welcome. To maintain the present journal requires an input of at least an article from one in every forty members, each year. This level is simply not being achieved (hence the lengthy custom-written items by the Editor recently). I would think it a shame if, when the time comes, I am unable to hand over to the next editor a journal in as healthy a state as it was when I took over from Vic Rosewarne. However, its fate is in your hands ...

It has been suggested that I indicate some more specific ideas for articles, but this would fill too rnuch space, and I should not want to mislead either by omission or by my own personal bias. As Les mentioned in his AGM address, I am very happy to discuss potential articles with aspiring authors - find me at a meeting, or drop me a line. In any case, remember that there will always be other people who are less experienced in research than yourself, as well as those who are more so. Hence we all have something to offer, and whether you write about your first steps in interviewing relatives, or the proceedings of the manorial court, you will be guaranteed an interested audience.

Journal Deadline

Contributions for the June issue should reach the Editor by 5 April 1996.

NEW MEMBERS

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

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Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ARMSTRONG	bef 1849	Lawshall	SFK	H135
BARNES	19 C	Heston area	MDX	S136
BEAVIS	bef 1874	Long Melford area	SFK	H135
BEGLEY	19 C	Isleworth	MDX	M116
	19 C	Chelsea	MDX	M116
BELTON	1850-99	Hammersmith	MDX	B147
BENNETT	19 C	Old Brentford	MDX	B147
BENTLEY	bef 1866	Dublin	DUB	H135
BOLTON	19 C	Harmondsworth	MDX	S136
BONSEY	17-18 C	Oakham	RUT	A49
BOOKMASTER	bef 1811	All	MDX	B147
BOXALL	18 C	All	WIL	B147
BUGBIRD	aft 1670	Hillingdon	MDX	K34
	aft 1711	Ruislip	MDX	K34
BURR	aft 1900	Hillingdon	MDX	K34
BYHAM	bef 1815	Acton area	SFK	H135
CASTLEMAN	18 C	All	WIL	B147
CHANDLER	1820-90	Kensington area	MDX	M114
CLARK(E)	bef 1860	High Wycombe, Slough area	BKM	C138
	aft 1850	Staines	MDX	C138
COATES	c 1800	All	SOM	E30
COGGINS	1820-90	Hendon	MDX	M114
COLLINS	19 C	All	KEN	B147
COOMBS	bef 1870	Hammersmith	MDX	H135
COOPER	19 C	All	MDX	E30
	19 C	All	LND	E30
	19 C	All	SRY	E30
	bef 1860	Reading area	BRK	E30
COOTER	18 C	All	KEN	B147
COSTLEY	All	All	ALL	F58
COTTRELL	18 C	All	HAM	B147
CURWEN	aft 1700	All	MDX	K34
DANGERFIELD	19 C	All	SRY	S136
DEARTH	19 C	Strand area	MDX	R62
DESMOND	All	Lambeth area	SRY	F58
	All	Chiswick area	MDX	F58
DUNTON	bef 1850	All	BKM	E30
DYCKHOFF	1780-1860	Isleworth	MDX	P81
ELMER	bef 1800	All	SFK	E30
ENOCH	1820-90	Ealing	MDX	M114

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
EUDEN	1850-1910	St Marylebone	MDX	C137
	All	All	ALL	C137
FERRIS	aft 1812	Hammersmith	MDX	F58
FISH	1820-90	Bishop's Stortford	HRT	M114
FLOWER	19 C	Kensington area	MDX	R62
FRENCH	aft 1762	Stanwell area	MDX	R63
FRY	aft 1887	Hounslow area	MDX	S136
GILES	aft 1812	Shoreditch	MDX	M114
GOMM	All	All	BKM	E30
001-11-1	All	All	MDX	E30
GOODENOUGH	18 C	All	WIL	B147
GRANT	1820-90	Whitechapel	MDX	M114
HAMBURGER	aft 1800	All	ALL	S136
HARDS	19 C	Henfield	SSX	128
HAYLER	aft 1860	Isleworth	MDX	K34
IIMILLIN	aft 1850	All	SRY	K34
	All	All	KEN	K34
	All	All /	SSX	K34
HEDGES	1820-90	Kensington area	MDX	M114
HICKS	19 C	Paddington	MDX	M114
HICKS	19 C	Heston	MDX	S136
HOOKER	1870	Brixton area	SRY	H135
	1840-70	Paddington area	MDX	H135
HUBBARD	18 C	All	WIL	B147
ILES KIBBLEWHITE	All	Chiswick area	MDX	F58
LABROW	18-19 C	City of London	LND	128
LADROW	18-20 C	London area	MDX	I28
LANDED	1820-90	Kensington area	MDX	M114
LANDER	19 C	Henfield	SSX	128
LELLIOT	bef 1898	Streatham area	SRY	H135
LYE		Crediton	DEV	B147
MANNING	c 1740		"MDX"	M114
MILLS	aft 1812	Islington	MDX	P81
MONEY	1770-1800	Isleworth area	MDX	I28
OGILVY	1749-1824	Holborn, Clerkenwell Broxbourne	HRT	I28
OLIED	1749-1824	Stanwell area	MDX	R63
OVER	aft 1780		MDX	R62
PARMENTER	19 C	Strand area	SFK	E30
PAXMAN	All	All	MDX	M114
PEARCE	1820-90	Hampstead		B147
PINNEL	18 C	All	WIL	
PLATT	aft 1740	All	MDX	K34
PURFIELD	1850-80	Isleworth, Twickenham	MDX	K34
	aft 1820	All	SSX	K34 K34
	aft 1820	All	KEN	
	aft 1820	All	SRY HAM	K34 K34
DATHI INICONI	aft 1820	All		M114
RAWLINSON	aft 1812	Islington	MDX SFK	E30
RAYMENT	bef 1845	West Suffolk	CAM	E30
DOAT	bef 1845	All	LND	S136
ROAT	19 C	London	LIND	3130

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ROAT	19-20 C	All	MDX	S136
	19-20 C	All	SRY	S136
ROBINSON	1820-90	Bethnal Green	MDX	M114
ROFFE	All	All	LND	E30
	All	All	SRY	E30
ROTHGEISER	19-20 C	All	MDX	S136
ROUSE	c 1833	Isleworth	MDX	S136
RUTTER	All	All	MDX	B147
SHEPPARD	18 C	All	WIL	B147
SIMKINS	1820-90	Hendon area	MDX	M114
SKATES	c 1837	Stanwell area	MDX	R63
SLADE	bef 1870	Hammersmith area	MDX	H135
STEED	19 C	Isleworth	MDX	M116
STYLES	1850-1910	Paddington	MDX	C137
SUMPTON	All	Heston area	MDX	S136
	All	Southwark area	SRY	S136
TEACHER	All	All	ALL	S136
TENSER	All	All	ALL	S136
TINDELL	aft 1812	Hammersmith	MDX	F58
TUNSTALL	1780-1860	Brentford	MDX	P81
TURNER	1800	St Martin in the Fields	MDX	A49
WATTS	1800	Byfleet	SRY	A49
WEATHERLEY	aft 1713	All	MDX	K34
WEBB	1812-79	Stanwell, London	MDX	128
	All	All	KEN	E30
WEIR	1866	Paddington	MDX	H135
WHITE	bef 1872	Paddington	MDX	H135
WHITTINGHAM	1880	Bishop Auckland	DUR	A49
WHITTINGTON	19 C	Brixton area	SRY	H135
WILBY	1811	Wortham	SFK	H135
WILLIAMS	All	All	KEN	E30
WILLIS	c 1840	Stanwell area	MDX	R63
WINCHCOME	c 1816	Stanwell area	MDX	R63
WRIGHT	bef 1800	West Suffolk	SFK	E30
	1885-1900	All	LND	E30
	1885-1900	All	SRY	E30
	1885-1900	All	KEN	E30
WYATT	bef 1850	Harmondsworth	MDX	C138
*****	bef 1850	Slough area	BKM	C138
YEATES	18 C	All	WIL	B147
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