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Well, Easter has arrived and the Editor is bullying me for my piece for the summer issue of the Journal. I can only hope that when this lands on your doormat the weather will be warmer.

The Society continues to flourish, although there are very few members volunteering to undertake projects. It is mostly the members who are able to attend our meetings and enjoy all the facilities denied to 'out-of-town' and overseas members, who the committee hope will help with projects. Unfortunately everyone is so busy these days and the enthusiasts begin to lose heart at the volume of work expected from them. We few are not so happy these days!

I received an invitation to attend an exhibition mounted by the Hillingdon Local Heritage Service entitled *From Mammoth to Metrolond*. The venue is Randall's New Store, 202-206 High Street, Uxbridge. There are many interesting photographs and I was intrigued by the 'then and now' display board. The 'now' pictures were mounted on small doors with the 'then' pictures behind. There were also artefacts; a small milk hand cart and a case containing items from a flint knife to a Victorian hat pin. This gives an idea of the amount of material in store. The Mayor, Councillor Michael Craxton, hopes space can be found for a museum in the new development. Mr Randall has kindly loaned the space for at least twelve months, which will allow the exhibition to be changed through the year.

One of our members, Jack Hearne, thinks the book he has just written might be of interest to other members. It is *Wheelwrights to Wickets - A Story of the Cricketing Hearnese*, with a foreword by E.W. Swanton. Thirteen members of the family played first class cricket for 'Old Tom' in 1857 to JW's last game in 1936. Six played Test cricket for England and South Africa. The book covers early village cricket, with wheelwrights and with transport by horse and cart, as well as the great Test arenas of England and Australia. West Middlesex figures prominently, particularly Harefield, Uxbridge, Hillingdon, Harlington and Ealing. The book has 172 pages, with over sixty illustrations and a family tree. It can be obtained for £13.95 from Boundary Books, Southlands, Sandy Lane, Goostrey, Cheshire CW4 8NT.

One of our members, Valda Hudson, has been asked by Staines Adult Education Institute to hold some more family history courses at the Oast House, Staines. The first classes, under the title *Introduction to Family History* are suitable for beginners and those in the early stages of research. They will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on each of the Saturdays 8 June, 5 October and 12 October. To enrol, call the Oast House on 01784-457153.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following meetings have been planned:

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| 20 June | Gruel and Suet Dumplings
A talk by Ian Waller |
| 18 July | Funerals and Death
A talk by Lillian Gibbens |
| 15 August | <i>Members' Evening</i>
A set of short talks on aspects of family history by members; Yvonne Masson, Carol Sweetland and Peter Roe |
| 19 September | <i>Commonwealth War Graves Commission</i>
A talk with accompanying film by Beverley Webb of CWGC. |

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 *Research Evenings* on 6 June and 1 August 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

British Isles Genealogical Register 1997

With this issue of the Journal you should find an entry form for the 1997 edition of the British Isles Genealogical Register (BIG R). This project is being organised by the Federation of Family History Societies, and will comprise a list of names in the British Isles being researched by family historians, distributed on microfiche in county sections, from mid-1997. Although our Society has decided not to produce the London/Middlesex section itself, full details of how to obtain BIG R 1997 from elsewhere will be published in this Journal when they become available.

Middlesex County Show

Hillingdon FHS will be hosting a family and local history fair at this show, which will take place on 22-23 June 1996 at Park Road, Uxbridge. Many other societies, including ourselves, will have stalls at this event. For further details, including tickets, contact Gill May at 20 Moreland Drive, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 8BB (01753-885602).

London and North Middlesex FHS

Please note that the contact address for this society is, until further notice, The Hon. Secretary, c/ o 1d Uplands Park Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 7PS.

West Surrey FHS

This Society will be hosting an Open Day on 26 October 1996 at The Methodist Church Hall, Brewery Road, Woking, Surrey from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. A full range of research aids and indexes will be available, together with an extensive bookstall and stands from other local and family history societies (including ourselves).

Buckinghamshire FHS

This Society will be holding an Open Day on 20 July 1996 at Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Road, Bourne End, Bucks, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Many research aids and indexes for Buckinghamshire will be available, together with stalls from other family history societies (including West Middlesex FHS).

Post Office Archives

Members are reminded of the large body of public records relating to the history and personnel of the postal service that are preserved at the Post Office Archives and Records Services, Freeling House, Mount Pleasant Complex, Phoenix Place Entrance, London EC 1A 1BB. The opening hours are 9.00 a.m. to 4.15 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays. Telephone 0171- 239-2570. (See also Family History News and Digest, 10(3), 126-128, April 1996 for further information.)

Hampshire Genealogical Society

This society will be holding an Open Day on 21 September 1996, at Colden Common Community Hall, St Vigor Way, Colden Common, Nr. Winchester, Hants, from 10.00 am. to 4.00 p.m. A full range of research aids and indexes will be available and other local and family history societies will be attending.

English Genealogical Congress 1996

The seventh congress will be held under the title of *Time Gentlemen Please* on 22-27 July 1996 at the University of Durham. For details, send a large SAE to EGC 1996, c/ o Miss S. Colwell, Congress Organiser, Woodland View, Polstead Hill, Polstead, Colchester, Essex CO6 5AH.

Doncaster and District FHS I FFHS Conference

On 30 August to 1 September 1996, Doncaster and District FHS will be hosting a conference entitled *A Taste of Yorkshire*, at High Melton College, Doncaster. A full program of speakers has been planned, as well as the banquet and several excursions. This conference will coincide with the Council Meeting of the FFHS. For details, please write to Mrs J.E. Grundy, 33 Beech Road, Wath-upon-Deerne, Rotherham S63 7AN.

WW I Prisoners

Mr Greg Martin of 17 Balrnoral Crescent, West Molesey, Surrey KT8 1QA has written to say that he holds details of First World War civilian prisoners of the Turks, and on receipt of a SAE, is prepared to search for a given surname, for no charge.

War Graves in France and Belgium

Mr Brian Thomas has written to say that he makes regular visits to the graves and memorial sites relating to the Great War in Belgium and Northern France, and is prepared to obtain photographs of graves and memorials for those unable to visit in person. For further details, please send a SAE or IRC to 8 Russell Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 2BH.

Greater London Record Office

The GLRO now has extended opening hours. They are now Mon., Wed, Fri. 9.30 am. to 4.45 p.m., Tues., Thurs. 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

West Middlesex References in Mortlake Poor Law Records

With reference to the items that have appeared on this subject in the last three issues of this journal, readers may wish to contact the East Surrey FHS. The secretary is Mrs B. Lippett, 4 Constance Road, Croydon, Surrey CRO 2RS.

Corrections I apologise for the errors that appeared in the report of the Society accounts on pages 10 and 11 of the March 1996 issue of this journal. The correct printing is shown on the next two pages. *Richard Chapman*

West Middlesex Family History Society: Year to 30 September 1995

Income and Expenditure Account

MEMBERS' SERVICES

Subscriptions		3750.00	
Bank interest		300.33	
Tax refund on covenants		217.23	
Advertisements in journal		18.00	
Sale of back journals		46.28	
		<u>4331.84</u>	
Journal production and delivery	3045.33		
Hire of meeting hall	692.50		
Speakers	187.40		
Computer group expenses	20.00	(3945.23)	386.61
		<u>446.13</u>	
Bookstall sales			
Less: cost of sales		<u>(358.53)</u>	87.60
		774.71	
Fiche and census books sold			
Less: cost of sales		<u>(444.69)</u>	330.02
		173.75	
Sale of journal index			
Less: cost of sales		<u>(122.87)</u>	50.88
		324.48	
Postal book sales			
Less: cost of sales		<u>(189.00)</u>	135.48
		52.60	
West Middlesex Publications sales			
Less: cost of sales		<u>(24.36)</u>	28.24
		588.90	
Open Days income			
Less: cost of sales		<u>(430.20)</u>	158.70
OTHER INCOME			
Donations			19.24
St Catherine's House Courier Service			208.00
Refreshments			30.00
Raffles			85.00
West Middlesex Marriage Index Searches			102.89
1881 Census Index Searches			89.50
Other income			143.30
			<u>1855.46</u>
OVERHEAD EXPENSES			
FFHS subscription and insurance		274.86	
Membership of other societies		11.00	
Research expenditure		37.23	
Postage, telephone, stationery		375.38	
Library purchases		36.40	
Miscellaneous expenses including publicity		42.85	
Depreciation		461.07	
		<u>461.07</u>	(1238.79)
Surplus for the year			<u>£616.67</u>

West Middlesex Family History Society

Balance Sheet at 30 September 1995

FIXED ASSETS	<i>Cost, or Value at 30.9.94</i>	<i>Total Deprec'n</i>	<i>Value at 30.9.95</i>
1881 census index	508.38	127.38	381.00
Film and fiche viewers	209.17	92.17	117.00
Kodak slide projector	314.98	59.98	255.00
Projector stand	1.00	-	1.00
1988 IGI fiche	74.67	32.67	42.00
Times Divorce Index	10.54	4.54	6.00
Boxes and display shelves	30.59	13.59	17.00
Computer and software	1009.02	441.02	568.00
Accounting software	89.91	38.91	51.00
Virus checking software	89.00	17.00	72.00
Heavy duty printer	95.18	23.18	72.00
Banner for open days	65.00	7.00	58.00
	<u>2497.44</u>	<u>857.44</u>	<u>1640.00</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks: Bookstall		574.50	
WMFHS publication		318.04	
Journal index		22.60	
Fiche		59.00	
Postal book service		48.36	
Polylopes		30.45	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>7862.85</u>	8915.80
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Subscriptions in advance		1810.50	
Deposits held		<u>18.00</u>	<u>(1828.50)</u>
ACCUMULATED FUND			
Balance brought forward		8110.63	<u>£8727.30</u>
Add: Surplus of income		<u>616.67</u>	<u>£8727.30</u>

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

Programme Secretary

The Executive Committee decided it would be an idea to introduce ourselves to you by way of writing a few words about ourselves and the jobs we do for you.

Have you ever wondered who arranges your programme of meetings, speakers, members' evenings, and the odd party such as V.E. Day? - I do. I have to think about the subjects we want to hear, or that we have not covered for a while. I try to get a good balance - sometimes not always possible owing to schedules of speakers. Our members' evenings also have to be taken into consideration. The speakers are very busy people, often going to many other societies. We have also to consider their travelling times, fees etc.; there is no point booking someone from 100 miles away! Speakers are recommended to me by other members and we also have a very useful booklet to use, compiled by the Federation of Family History Societies.

I have my own ideas about our meetings program, and receive suggestions from members of the committee; how about letting me know your ideas and suggestions? It is always interesting to know whether there are any subjects on which you feel you would enjoy a talk, or you would like to learn more about - if you have any ideas please let me know.

I thoroughly enjoy helping the Society; since joining the WMFHS new doors have been opened and I enjoy meeting new and old friends I have made. We always need new faces and new ideas for the Society. Why don't you help us to help you to enjoy your society and the social evenings we arrange? After all, without your help and commitment we really wouldn't have much of a society.

Committee Meetings

Among the actions decided upon during discussions at recent committee meetings are the following:

- not to change the date of the AGM, despite concerns over its proximity to Christmas;
- Richard Chapman will represent the Society at the FFHS Council Meeting and AGM at Roehampton in April;
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Salt Lake City is now to receive complimentary copies of our journal;
- research evenings are to continue, but usage of fiche readers is to be controlled to ensure that all those attending are allowed reasonable access;
- new committee members, as trustees of the Society, are to be reminded of their liabilities in the event of a financial failure of the Society.

THE SIXTEENTH WEST LONDON LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

Antonia Davis

On Saturday 23 March the West London Local History Conference celebrated the centenary of the first public showing of moving pictures in Britain. This proved to be a very popular topic. The hall was packed and tickets were sold out nearly three weeks before the event. I nearly didn't make it myself, as I forgot to buy an advance ticket, but Mavis Sibley came to my rescue with a spare one. I have always been an old movie fan; my favourites are Hitchcock's British thrillers and the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rodgers musicals. My own film career as a walk-on or extra started in *Spare the Rod* starring Max Bygraves and a very young Richard O'Sullivan. The location shots were all filmed in West London, mostly around Ladbroke Grove and Paddington. The playground scenes were filmed in Corona School playground at Ravenscourt Park Avenue, W6, where I was a pupil.

The conference was opened by Dr David Reeder, who told us what delights were to come. He then introduced the first speaker, Colin Sorensen, who is curator of the forthcoming exhibition *London on Film* at the Museum of London. He gave a fascinating talk, illustrated with slides, on the history of the studios. Colin started his talk by explaining why so many studios made their home in West London. He said that it was mainly due to the London climate and geography. At the turn of the century London suffered badly from smog; it was so bad that in studios such as Islington which was set up in an old carpet warehouse at Poole Street in 1919, they were unable to film on location for about three months of the year due to poor visibility.

As London started expanding westwards to the cleaner air of suburbia and public transport pushed its way west too, it began to make sense to put the studios in West London. Some people talk about Elstree studios at Borehamwood as being the British Hollywood, but Colin insists that whole of West London should be known in this way because of the large number of studios which stretched in an arc from Welwyn right across the whole of West London and down to Shepperton.

To protect the British film industry from being swamped by American imported films, the 1927 British Cinematograph Film Act was passed, stating that distributors must show a quota of up to 30% British films. This Act was a shot in the arm for the British film industry and the 1930s became the boom years in movie-making. Although many films made during this period were of poor quality and became known as 'quota quickies', there were also some outstanding movies produced by Alexander Korda, Victor Saville and, of course, Alfred Hitchcock. The Americans didn't want to be left out, so they started acquiring studio premises in Britain to make pictures here. RKO was based at Ealing studios

for a while. To provide the vast amount of electric power that was needed they built their own power station, using huge marine engines placed on a layer of rubber to prevent the noise of the vibration from ruining the soundtrack.

We took a short break for coffee and then Keith Waterhouse, the chairman of Fulham and Hammersmith Historical Society, showed us slides of local cinemas. He told us some amusing stories about their history, including the saga of Montague Pike, an early entrepreneur who had a circuit of about twenty cinemas but went bankrupt after being charged for manslaughter in 1915. Apparently he was worried about the danger of the highly combustible nitrate film that he was shipping to France and asked one of his employees to seal it in zinc containers for safety. Unfortunately the man thought it was a good idea to weld the lids onto the canisters, resulting in a fatal explosion.

Next Jocelyn Lukins of the Shepherds Bush Local History Society gave a talk about Lime Grove Studios, Shepherds Bush 1915-1991. She showed us lots of film clips on slides; these prompted sighs from the ladies in the audience when pin-ups like Stewart Grainger and James Mason appeared on the screen.

With the growth of the film industry in West London a vast pool of industrial labour was created using local skills - painters, chippies, sparks. Maybe some of your ancestors were employed by the studios? These craftsmen were able to create the Scottish moors, complete with sixty-two sheep, for Hitchcock's 1935 version of *The 39 Steps* or Piccadilly Circus, including a fullsize Eros, for the film *Britannia of Billingsgate* - all inside the cramped studios of Lime Grove at Shepherds Bush!

Stills from these movies, plus lots of film history, photos and trivia can be enjoyed in Jocelyn's book about Lime Grove called *The Fantasy Factory*, which can be purchased from the Shepherds Bush Local History Society[§]. I was able to get my copy signed by the author during the lunch break that followed this interesting talk. I have a soft spot for Lime Grove myself, as I appeared in my first television production there when I was 12 years old. It was a dramatisation of *The Marie Celeste* in which I played the captain's daughter and of course we all mysteriously disappeared during the course of the play.

After lunch, members of the audience spoke about their own memories of visits to the cinema. Tales of children falling down the gaps in the seats, cinemas known as flea pits and of Saturday morning pictures, when parents were able to get a break from their little monsters, whilst the noise in the cinema with all those kids running about shouting was deafening. My own local was the Savoy at East Acton, which sadly has just been demolished.

§ *The Fantasy Factory - Lime Grove Studios, London 1915-1991*, by Jocelyn Lukins. Published by Verita Books with Shepherds Bush Local History Society. 250 pp, 150 photographs. ISBN 9 510 2888 X

Val Bott of the National Fairground Museum spoke next about the bioscope shows at travelling fairs. This was really the birth of moving pictures as we now know it. The slides gave us an insight into what the beautifully decorated frontpieces of the travelling picture show looked like. This ornate decoration later became fashionable in cinema architecture and led on to the luxurious picture palaces that were built in the 1920s and 1930s.

After tea, the last speaker was Derek Gooding from the Hounslow and District Historical Society, who talked about the trials and tribulations of being a cinema projectionist. He explained the difficulties involved in changing reels whilst ensuring that the audience never catches sight of a blank screen.

Dr Reeder then rounded off the entertainment with some amusing closing remarks and the West London Local History Conference, which was a resounding success, came to an end for another year. We eagerly look forward to next year's event, but it will have to be good if it is to surpass this year's conference!

HAMMERSMITH BURIAL RECORDS

Yvonne Woodbridge and Margaret Garrod

Members of the Society are currently transcribing and indexing the burial records for St Paul's, Hammersmith. So far some 13,250 entries have been noted between 1723 and 1837. St Paul's, Hammersmith was a chapel of ease, built to save the local gentry a walk to Fulham parish church. This meant that all the entries had to be copied into the 'great book' at Fulham. We are transcribing the original registers at the Hammersmith and Fulham Archives and Local History Centre, which are then checked against the microfilm of All Saints', Fulham parish registers.' It is interesting to note the discrepancies. The Fulham incumbent standardised all the surnames, which is a shame as it is more fun to see how the name developed over the years. He also had a nasty habit of changing the sex of the deceased! We usually accept the word of the Hammersmith incumbent - after all, he was there. Sometimes there are extra Hammersmith burials in the Fulham registers and some of them are left out. This shows that events entered in parish registers can be unreliable.

In the course of transcribing and indexing, a number of interesting entries have been noted; one can only imagine the human stories behind them. Some give just a name and a date, some with an age or with parentage given and others with a little more information, some obvious and some obscure. A few families seem to have had association with Hammersmith for most of this period. Here are some of the entries we have noted.

Deaths of unknown persons

- 29 May 1739 A man was found dead in Mr Siddat's orchard with a piece of rope about his neck supposed to have hanged himself there being another piece tied to the Apple Tree over him.
- 14 Jan 1742 A child from Grovese's they will not tell the name only Tom, a fisherman.
- 21 Dec 1747 A child from the Cage.
- 5 Feb 1747/8 A man from the Cage drowned at Stamford Brook.

The Cage was a watch house in Hammersmith, a parish lock-up for petty malefactors and vagrants.

Unusual names

- 23 Dec 1742 Waybery Quinton, wife of Dunton
- 20 Jul 1778 Anna Maria Elizabeth Rosetta Dupark Le Francissina
- 20 Jul 1796 Etienne Medard Lasseuze 44 Rector of Rebourseaux in the Diocese of Jesus in the Province of Champaign France died the 17th day of the Present Month. *Why was he in England?*

Unpaid debt

- 6 Aug 1739 Seagrove Mary daughter of John Hinton buried in the Chapel he promised to pay the fees but never paid it.

Violent deaths

- 27 May 1736 John Tolton, Bricklayer. Hanged at Tyburn. For what crime?
- 16 Aug 1742 Tho Hopper killed by his master Tho Smee.
- 17 Feb 1752 James Bailey, killed.
- 31 Aug 1738 Mrs Holmes. Carried away. *What does this mean?*
- 6 Jul 1724 Margaret Harvey A poor woman. *Did she have a family or was she alone in the world? Had she fallen on hard times and was supported by the parish? At least she had a name; a number were buried as unknown men. What brought them to the area and left them to be anonymous?*

However some did achieve a long life, e.g.

- 1 Sep 1776 Sarah Sekins 104
9 Dec 1779 Martha Cove 105
28 Apr 1785 Sarah Sandall 100

At some periods most of the burials were for infants and at others there was a spate of deaths in the workhouse. On completion of the transcribing it would be interesting to look more carefully at the patterns of death. g

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 nonmembers 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.

BAGSHAW / PLANT

My grandmother, Florence BAGSHAW, born 24 February 1874, and her sister Catherine Mary BAGSHAW, born 11 January 1872, have the following address on their birth certificates; Cowley Road, Hillingdon. Their parents were Weston Charles BAGSHAW and his wife Harriet, nee PLANT. Any information would be welcome.

Judith Weston, 9 Clifton Drive, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 6JW

DYMOCK / CASTLE

Desperately seeking the death of Mary DYMOCK/DIMMOCK nee CASTLE who died some time between 1861 and 1871 census. Last known address (1861) 2 Portland Street, Fulham. I am also interested in hearing from other descendants of the DYMOCK family, originally from Brentford/Ealing area, circa 1790. Particularly interested in offspring of the marriage of William DYMOCK and Ann WHEELER (a widow), married 1788, Ealing.

Robyn Hukin, 7 Jade Street, Armaalale, Western Australia 6112, Australia

KIEFER

Any information, however small or irrelevant it may seem, would be appreciated on the KZEFER/KEIFER family that lived at various addresses in Notting Hill and Shepherds Bush, including Lancaster Road, Norland Gardens and Tavistock Crescent from approximately the mid-1800s to mid-1900s. Associated family names are BEST, CURRINGTON, HONEYWOOD and RUTTER.

Miss KL. Martyn, 3 Well Street, Tywarclreath, Par, Cornwall PL24 2QH

TILBURY / FRANCES / RUTHERFORD

Information sought on the following family connections. Thomas TILBURY, wife Ann and children Mary Ann, Flora, Edmund (born 1854), Thomas and Robert appear in I-lammersmith in the 1861 census. Edmund married Eliza FRANCES (born 1849) in 1873. He died aged 24; his wife two years later in 1878, at which time she was living at 6 Anns Road, I-lammersmith. Their son Edmund was looked after by his grandparents, before joining the Exmouth training ship for orphaned boys. Thomas' son Robert later married Lydia RUTHERFORD (c. 1881), and lived at several local addresses.

Mrs I.A. Pawling, 2 Delme Drive, Wallington, Fareharn, Hunts PO16 8SQ

For nearly two years I had been dithering about getting a computer to help me record my research. I went to one of the WMFHS computer meetings where everyone was most welcoming and enthusiastic, but still I dithered. I visited some WMFHS members in Bridgwater and Frank demonstrated his 'toy', but he was so adept with his mouse and so fast, that still I dithered. I went looking with a friend to see what was available; she bought something and yes, I still dithered! My excuse was that I wasn't really sure what I needed or wanted and ...

Then early this year I saw an Amstrad in a charity shop window - the monitor and keyboard, programs on hard-disk, some programs on floppies and a large instruction book - for £80 and I bought it! While I had used computers at work, having a full backup computer department had made me lazy and I realised how little I knew once I got it home. The book was to all intents and purposes useless as I could not, and still rarely can, find the right instruction!

I was lucky enough to have some very good friends who checked it out for me and gave me a family history program. I am even hoping for a printer from another source; again much help and advice from good friends. I started inputting and apart from a silly mistake (I shall keep quiet about the details!), I have been going great guns and making sure I copy disks regularly. I am longing to see it all in print.

What I have found is that my previous way of keeping records isn't enough. I have had to get more organised. The program asks me for certain details and whilst I might know what my ancestor died of; I need to have his date and place of death as well as when and where he was buried. I haven't necessarily kept this information together so there has been much scrabbling through files, notebooks and photographs, and whilst I knew that many of the Walker family were bobbin turners, I started to check on details and found that one was a bobbin master and another a bobbin manufacturer. I am trying to say that having a computer does instil good discipline which has been lacking.

I also haven't written up some of the census information obtained two years ago when I didn't know as much (does one ever know much more about family history?) as I do now and I need to recheck. I hadn't bothered that I wasn't sure about John's father and mother but now I need to know. And so it goes on.

Perhaps this is a warning tale to anyone contemplating a similar addition to the family. I should add that I am now delighted with my purchase and that there is still a lot of inputting to be done as well as a lot of prior preparation. I know my machine is old, slow and far from the current high-tech - no thought of the Internet for me - but hopefully I'll be able to keep up with it.

When you come across a hoard of family photographs you are not likely to come across them in the bath, so while you may shout “Eureka!” there is no need to run dripping down the street.

Your first inclination no doubt will be to look at them by hurriedly spreading them all over the nearest table. Should you stumble across such a collection, remember that patience will not only be a virtue but will enable you to extract even more information than you would at first believe possible. A few moments care may save problems later and actually help your researches into family history. The order in which the photographs are bundled may well assume importance later. By all means look at them but ensure the order is maintained. Even better, as you examine them mark them lightly on the reverse in pencil, so that you can re-establish the order and their proximity one to another.

Old photographs will mark quite well with pencil, but always lay them face down on a clean hard surface using only the minimum pressure and a soft pencil, otherwise you may well mark the front more permanently than the reverse. New plasticised photographs will not mark easily with pencil and I suggest that you use a ‘pencil’ type marker shown as being suitable for paper, glass, plastic and metal. I have one made by Stabilo. Take care as the marks made by these are not as easily removed as normal pencil.

Do not use either ink or ball point. The latter often stays wet and can transfer to the front of the next photo. Some types of marker pen may seem appropriate but without expert knowledge of what is in the ink you may find that after many years these could well soak through from reverse to front. They may also prove impossible to remove when further knowledge means a change to the note you have added. We all know how information changes as we continue our researches and it is for this reason that I suggest that the marking on the photo is kept to the minimum and that information is written on a list. That is not to say that when a positive identification is made you should not add the information to the reverse.

My treasure trove of photographs and other items were saved for the family by Dorothy Paine, granddaughter of Eliza Ming, nee Harris, who died about twenty years ago. Many photos were not marked but I did know that they were mainly of the Ming and Harris families and their descendants (see tree on page 16). At the time I obtained possession of them I did not know very much about who was who, but there were several senior members of the family alive at the time. I felt that the relationship of one photograph to another might be important although I could not be sure that someone may not have already disturbed the order in which they were originally kept.



B8 Family Group: Known (from B25) to include George Paine, second from right at rear, and Vera Eliza Ming, holding the baby.



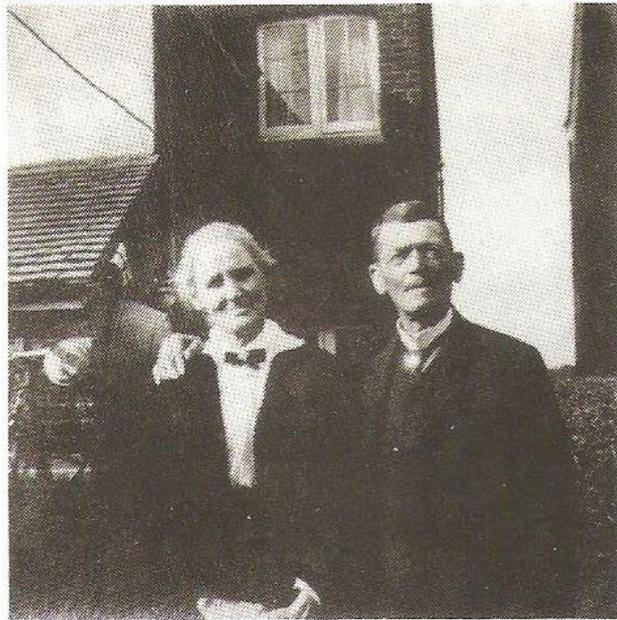
B18 Family Group: Annotated 'Vera 14, Bob 21, Will 17, Ted 19, Edith 11, Mother 46, Birtee 9½, Jimmie 5½, Dad, George 6½'. No age is shown for 'Dad'.



B21 Young lady: Photo by M. Whittle, Lockinge, Wantage. Annotated 'Georges Hannah'.



B25 Family Group: Known to be Eliza Ming, née Harris, George Paine, Vera Eliza Paine, née Ming and Dorothy Paine.



B38 Lady and Gentleman: Dated 1920 on back.



B42/11 Soldier and Bride: Annotated 'George Harris son' sic).

Photograph B15



Photograph B12

An example of the work that has been possible in identifying the photographs and setting me more puzzles can be seen from the following. From my list I have chosen six that seem to be connected and which may throw light on the only brother of Eliza that so far has not been followed for at least one generation:

Comparison of B8 and B18 shows a distinct resemblance between the younger persons. The mother in B18 bears a striking resemblance to 'Georges Hannah' in B21. B42/11 shows 'George Harris Son' in uniform and although the original has deteriorated to such an extent that identification or comparison with other photos is not possible, it does prove that the families were in touch in the period 1914-1918. This is further reinforced by the fact that B38 is dated 1920 and shows the two persons described as 'Mother 46' and 'Dad' in B18.

The problem then is to decide whether the George Harris mentioned is the brother of Eliza or another George Harris. Currently I believe that the odds are very much in favour of the assumption that this was Eliza's brother. What is now needed is to trace the marriage of George and find whether he did marry Hannah. It would then seem fairly simple to check the births to find a succession of Harris children that would fit the pattern of ages shown above. I suspect that they lived in the Home Counties. I know that the Paine family lived in North London for many years until George and Vera went to Thaxted, where Vera died shortly before the War and George soon after. It seems likely that there was a Paine family connection with that place.

Other photographs in the collection have been examined and with the aid of Michael Pritchard's *Directory of London Photographers* some provisional dates have been allocated. B15 and B12 were together in one envelope. As the envelope was marked 'Patients Property - Paine Dorothy - Ward G4 17.12.1973' it is not an unreasonable assumption that the envelope had been used when the house was cleared to put a loose bundle of old photos in. B12 was marked 'Mr. and Mrs. Turpin' and was taken by 'ER. Kingsbury, 45 St. George's Place, Opp The Church Knightsbridge'. The *Directory of London Photographers* indicates that Edward R. Kingsbury was active at this address from 1871-1875, which fits in well with my knowledge that Mrs Turpin died on 21 Jan 1891. B15 was marked 'Father Sister Jane Turner' and was taken at 'Messrs Cotton & Co. 36 Westbourne Grove Bayswater'.

Examination of the *Directory of London Photographers* indicates that Cotton in various guises was active in Westbourne Grove, c. 1865. The fact that B12 mentions Mr and Mrs Turpin leads me to believe that 'Father' on B15 probably does mean Father. The alternative is that it could have been meant to read 'Fathers', leaving one to wonder whether the unnamed male was Mr Turner, husband of 'Sister', or Mr (John) Harris. I hope that my grounds for believing the latter are strong enough as this provided the earliest photograph of one of my ancestors. I wonder if readers will agree?

As Jane Turner died on 24 December 1881, that narrows the 'window' to sixteen years, but it seems that the balance of probabilities is that the photo was taken during the early period rather than the latter part.

John Harris was almost certainly alive in 1867. Family comments that I recollect being made many years ago (but not written down) lead me to believe that both John and Jane (nee Herrick) lived into this century, being separated to live with other members of the family just before they died. I suspect the places of death to have been in or to the north of London, such as Hertfordshire or Buckinghamshire. I have not had the opportunity to follow this up and would welcome further information from descendants of the Harris family of Teddington.

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RECIPROCAL RESEARCH IS A GOOD THING

Valerie Walker and Frank Gregory

A short tale of how members of the Society can help each other through reciprocal research.

We - Gillian and Frank Gregory and I - started this back in June 1993 when I saw their surname on the list of members and as I was hunting for Gregorys in Somerset, I hoped they might be connected. Sadly no, but we have become friends through reciprocal research. They came up from Bndgwater for the WMFHS Open Day in September 1994 when at last we met. Last summer I went to stay with them after I had visited Taunton Record Office and I was able to see some of their family papers and also inspect Franks 'toy'. This is his computer and he is very knowledgeable how to get the best out of it. Gillian is the quieter partner but a great ferreter, and her great find for me was a marriage in Wells Cathedral that I had been seeking for 'my' John Gregory of Charlton Adam.

I have been able to help them London sources and I think we have found that three heads are often better than one. So why don't you follow up that possible connection - you never know how it might help and where it will lead. VW

The WMFHS magazine came through the door; it was opened very quickly. We were new members and were our interests within? is anybody researching our families? Yes, it was all there, plus a letter from the treasurer Valerie Walker, saying that she was looking for the Gregorys of Charlton Adam in Somerset, and were we related to the same family? This was the start of many letters and a great deal of information passing to and fro.

One of the frustrating things that everybody must have come up with is the state of some of the old parish records. On a number of occasions we have been to a

County Record Office confident that we would find exactly what Valerie wanted, and thinking that this would square the books in some way, only to be disappointed that the records are illegible. I suppose that you are compensated if you find something when you least expect it.

Since this friendship began I have bought a computer. I knew just a little about computers and I had learnt a little about typing as a clerk doing my National Service. So, with the aid of a very simple word processor package that I got with the computer, it was not long before everything started to come together. After a lot of modifications I can now put a family tree of up to nine generations on one sheet of A4 paper. Our parents have one sheet each and four pieces of A4 cover our families. At times Gillian thinks she is a computer widow!

Because Valerie and some other very kind folk helped us, I decided that as I could not help each of them I would offer my services and do some inputting of marriages for the WMFHS and in that way help others. I thought that this would be a problem for me and my lack of knowledge, but found it quite easy after my first attempt.

Being out of town members presents a number of problems. In the main it is not coming into contact with like minded people: who do you ask? what is indexed? what is the best way of solving this problem? Every record office it seems to be different to the last. To be quite honest you probably have got it right; having lived here for over thirty years we probably are 'country bumpkins'. Having somebody like Valerie really is a bonus to us. FG

THE VALUE OF DIRECTORIES

Peter Gillard

During my searches for those elusive ancestors I early on discovered just how valuable an aid the commercial section of Kelly's directories can be to family historians and how it can help to complete our knowledge of family movement.

Most libraries have some copies of Kelly's in the local history section for their own area, whether in the book form or on fiche or microfilm. I prefer to use books as I find it to be quicker when searching. The only problem is that complete sets for consecutive years are not generally available. So there is a measure of luck. The British Library and Kelly's themselves have complete sets. Kelly's however are not prepared to allow the public to search their holdings.

My own ancestors ran small family businesses, but they were always included in the directories. I can trace their movement by this one source alone from 1839 to 1899, with a few missing years where I have not as yet found copies of the directories. To date I have not found entries in the 20th century and I do not have the answer to this question. Were small businesses excluded from this time? Perhaps someone can enlighten me.

The search has lead me from Exeter in Devon to Tower Hamlets, Notting Hill, Acton and Shepherds Bush in London. This search has also lead me to visit many of the libraries in London including the Guildhall, Westminster, Kensington, Acton, the Hammersmith and Fulham Archives and the Society of Genealogists. I have to say that the library staff are very tolerant of my often fumbling searches. The following is a record of the information found so far from this method of researching. I hope it will encourage others to make use of this valuable tool.

Kelly's Devon and Cornwall Directories

1839 Gillard and Pullen (Tailors) 18 South Street, Exeter

London Post Office Directories

1852, 53, 54, 55 John Gillard (Tailor) 25 King Street, Tower Hill
 1856 Not listed
 1857 Not available
 1858, 59, 61, 62, John Gillard (Tailor) 6 Portland Terrace, Portland
 63, 64, 66, 67 Road, Notting Hill
 1860, 65 Not available.
 1868, 69, 70 John Gillard (Tailor) 131 Portland Road, Notting Hill (*N.B. John died in September 1869*)
 1871, 72, 73, 74, (Mrs) Mary Gillard (Tailoress) 131 Portland Road,
 75, 76, 77 Notting Hill (*N.B. Mary died in December 1875*)
 1878, 79 Gillard Brothers (Tailors) 123 Clarendon Road, Notting Hill
 1880, 81 Robert Gillard (Tailor) 123 Clarendon Road, Notting Hill

Kelly's West Kensington

1889-90, 90-91 No entries found
 1891-2 Not available
 1892-3 Robert Gillard (Tailor) 116 Goldhawk Road
 1894-5, 95-6, 96-7 Robert Gillard (Tailor) 50 Goldhawk Road

Kelly's Kensington and West Fulham

1897-8, 98-9 Robert Gillard (Tailor) 50 Goldhawk Road

Kelly's Ealing, Acton and Gunnersbury

1880 Wm Gillard (Tailor) Hy. Church Road, Acton W.
 1884 Wm Henry Gillard (Tailor) 13 High Street, Acton
 1887-8 Wm Gillard (Tailor) Hy. 18 The Parade
 1888-9 Wm Gillard (Tailor) High Street, Acton
 1889-90 No more entries

Kelly's Post Office Directories

1891, 92, 98 Mary Croker (Baker) 110 Clarendon Road, Notting Hill

Mary Croker, my great-great-aunt ran her bakery from about 1871 to 1900 but so far I have not checked other years for this proof.

BUSINESS SUCCESS IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

Patrick Cain

In about 1907, on his retirement at the age of 64, my grandfather, James Cain, decided to move from Ealing out to Harlington. I still seek information to explain his choice of location. I am inclined though, for reasons that will become apparent, to believe there had previously been a family connection with this particular part of West Middlesex. Somewhat surprisingly for a man of his age, he brought with him to Harlington a young, large and still increasing family of children. In 1892, whilst still working in the family dairy business of Castle Hill Dairies, Ealing, he met and married my grandmother. It was his second marriage and she was a girl in her mid-twenties. The house they moved into in Harlington was situated in Dawley Road. It was named Werrington, presumably because that is the name of the village where his young wife was born and raised. Their neighbours at Werrington, Dawley Road, Harlington were apparently called Rose. This name happens also to be his mother's maiden name.

My father, Cecil, was four years old at the time of the move. He therefore spent his entire youth in Harlington. He attended the local National School and he also sang in Harlington church choir. There are family stories of the exploits and adventures of the children, often taking place in meadows at the back of the house. At some point in those early flying days, before the First World War, an aeroplane landed in the field; the pilot was a woman. The plane, unable to take off from the field, had to be dismantled and removed using a horse and cart.

In 1917 the family moved away from Harlington to my grandmothers birthplace. Might this move have been caused by increasing German aerial activity as well as an increasing use of Harlington and its neighbourhood for war material construction? Perhaps, however, fears of mortality by my grandfather had more to do with it. He was by now 74. His two eldest sons had been killed within a month of each other the year before during the fighting on the Somme. He may have felt that his wife and his still young family might soon need the support of her parents and her brothers.

The two boys, Tom and Harry, lost on the Somme in 1916, had before their enlistment both worked at the X Chair Factory in Hayes. The younger, Harry, had joined the Middlesex Regiment very early on in late 1914; he only became seventeen in December of that year. He was apparently very tall for his age and, I suppose, looked older than his years. Tom was the elder by two years. But he did not enlist in the Middlesex Regiment until almost a year later, during the summer of 1915. By this time Harry was already in France. At some stage, then or later, he had moved (or been transferred) to the Royal Fusiliers. A year later both boys became 'cannon fodder' during the fearsome Battle of the Somme. Harry, as part of the 11th Service Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, was the first to go, killed in

the last week of September during the attack on Thiepval. Tom was killed about ten days later. He was then serving in the 1/8th Middlesex Territorial Battalion. He died during the fighting in front of the Transloy Ridges.

Grandfather, before his retirement and move to Harlington in about 1906-7, had worked for most of his life in a dairy business established by his father sometime in the early 1860s. Great-grandfather Thomas was born in 1811, apparently in Ealing. He had steadily throughout his long life (he died in 1904) built up his dairy business which became known as Castle Hill Dairies, Ealing. After his death his sons, including my grandfather, carried on for a while, trading as Cain Brothers, but amalgamation with another local Ealing dairy firm soon followed. The business then became known as Cotchin, Cain and Skinner. Eventually, and inevitably, it became part of United Dairies.

Great-grandfather's early married life, and the birth of his eldest child, my grandfather, in 1843, happened in the Norwood Green/Southall area. But the family soon, apparently, moved to Ealing, and remained there for the rest of the 19th century. The milking herd, and presumably other parts of the dairy business, seem to have been located on pasture land at Castle Bar, North Ealing, using grazing land which sloped over Castle Bar and descended gently toward the Brent and Perivale. Some of this land by the river was known as Cain's field.

I have assumed that the dairy business, becoming as it did over the years such a success, must at some stage have benefited from an injection of capital. For instance in the early 1860s a local report describes how his whole dairy herd had to be destroyed because of foot and mouth disease. I doubt there was much in those days by way of compensation for such a crippling loss. I am therefore looking for information which might reveal clues as to his source of capital, without which his recovery and subsequent success could not have been achieved. Family possession of land can be one indication of wealth. But although I have some information of family land ownership in the Ealing area, it appears to be only very small scale. It does not make convincing evidence of a possible source of capital for Thomas' business endeavours.

However I have now found that out toward Harlington it is an entirely different matter. Here, in the site now obliterated by Heathrow Airport, was Cains Farm, situated about half-way along Cains Lane, mid-way between the hamlet of Heathrow and Bedfont to the south. Originally acquired through an Enclosure Act by his father, the son, Isaac Cane, continued farming here until about the early 1860s. I now wonder whether my grandfathers move to Harlington at his retirement may not have been entirely due to mere whim or chance. Without, so far, any confirmation I suggest there may well have been a family connection. It may even be that the sale of Cains Farm at Heathrow in the 1860s released money at a providential time and helped my great-grandfather restock his dairy herd, and re-establish his Ealing dairy business.

I now attempt to research Cains (Canes) who, in the 18th and early 19th century, seem to have clustered, in particular, around Colnbrook, Langley Marish and I-lillingdon. For instance, Isaac Cane, the original recipient of the 140 acre Enclosure Award that became Cains Farm, is described as a miller from Colnbrook. My preliminary research has also uncovered some information about other Canes (Cains) living in the villages straddling the West Middlesex and Buckinghamshire boundary. There is even some evidence indicating a more significant ownership of land in these parts. I am as well particularly interested in the general conditions in these parts during the late 18th century as well as throughout the 19th century. I welcome contact with anyone having information they wish to share.

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St Catherine's House Courier Scheme

I am pleased to report that requests for certificates have been coming in. I plan to go to St Catherine's House once a week whenever possible. Even though some of the certificates are dated the day after handing in the order, they are usually mailed within four working days.

A reminder - please tell me if you wish a check to be made. For example, you think you have the right child and know the name of the father. Then I can put a check on the back of the form giving the name of the father. if it is the wrong one, there is a £3 refund, but no certificate.

Members have kindly been sending me unwanted original certificates and copies of others. So this is an appeal for copies (originals or photocopies) of any certificates you have. We are currently considering how best to set up a database; the details will be reported in the Journal when they have been finalised. One suggestion has been to include the index reference and name/ membership number of the person who supplied the copy, in addition to the basic information on the certificate itself. You might like to include this on the back of any copies you send. You never know, it might help you find that elusive ancestor?

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

[The charges for the Courier Service are:

£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.

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.]

AMERRY CHASE or AT MY GRANDMOTHER'S KNEE

Beryl Metherell

It all began with my granny, Mary Ann Sceeny, nee Merry, who looked after me until I was nearly seven. She told me that she had been born 'within the sound of Bow Bells'; her father, John Merry, was Irish and had died when she was a young girl. She had been named after her mother Mary Ann (nee McMullen) who was Scottish. John Merry had been married before and had had a large family by his first wife.

I have searched for years - joined all sorts of societies - but to no great avail until relatively recently.

The only indisputable things I had acquired were a memorial card for great—granny Mary Ann Merry's burial in Harlington churchyard in 1934 and a birth certificate for her daughter, granny Mary Ann Merry. The latter showed that she had stretched the truth a bit - unless one really can hear Bow Bells on a very quiet day in Morden, Surrey!

During a visit to England three years ago, I met a Mr Merry who lived in Hayes and who turned out to be a nephew of my granny's. He supplied me with some extra details about his father and an uncle and I was able to obtain their birth certificates by using this information.

Last year I made contact with a Jim Merry in Australia. What a wonderful Contact that turned out to be! He is a great-grandson of my great-grandfather, by his first wife. Through Jim, I now know that great-granddad had only two children by his first wife, so the big family must have been those by my great-grandmother. There were eight, so that is quite large.

Recently I found the family in the 1891 census in Haggerstone, St Leonard's, Shoreditch and it was recorded that great-granddad was born in Whitechapel and great-granny in Dalston. Dalston? - I had been told she was Scottish!

The story has not yet ended. Perhaps the biggest surprise of all is to have found that great-granddad was buried in 1895 in the same grave in Harlington as was great-granny nearly forty years later. In between the two of them a Richard Farr was buried in 1900. This leaves me with another mystery, for while Richard Farr is related to me also, it appears to be only through my granddad John Sceeny, who met Mary Ann Merry after Richard was dead and buried.

While I had been pursuing the alleged birth of great-granny Mary Ann in Scotland, I had found a Mary Ann McMullen in Carlisle who virtually fitted the bill. Perhaps she does, as I now understand that there is a Dalston only a few miles from Carlisle as well!

SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS ON MICROFICHE

Monumental Inscriptions

The following transcriptions of monumental inscriptions for churchyards in the West Middlesex area are available.

	UK/£	Overseas/£
St Nicholas, Shepperton	2.35	3.00
St Mary, Magdalene, Littleton	1.35	1.75
St Mary the Virgin, Bedfont	1.35	1.75
St Mary the Virgin, Harmondsworth	2.35	3.00
All Saints, Isleworth	2.35	3.00
All Saints, Laleham	2.35	3.00
All six sets of fiche	9.50	11.00

Surname Indexes to the 1851 Census

	UK/£	Overseas/£
Paddington (HO 107/1466-1467) Two fiche.	2.35	3.00
Kensington, Brompton, Hammersmith and Fulham (HO 107/1468-1471) Four fiche. These, together with the two for Paddington (above) cover the whole of the Kensington RD.	4.35	5.20
Chelsea (HO 107/1472-1474) Three fiche. Covers the parish of St Luke, Chelsea.	3.35	4.00
Brentford Registration District (HO 107/1698-1699) with Hampton Sub-District (HO 107/1604 (part)) Three fiche. Includes the parishes of Heston, Isleworth, Twickenham, Hampton, Teddington, Acton, Brentford, Ealing, Hanwell, Greenford, Perivale and Chiswick.	2.85	3.50
Uxbridge (HO 107/1697) Two fiche. A complete index to the surnames, Christian names and ages for the Uxbridge RD which covered the parishes of Cowley, Hayes, Harefield, Hillingdon, Ickenham, Northolt, Norwood, Ruislip and Uxbridge.	2.35	3.00
Staines (HO 107/1696) (<i>Booklet</i>) <i>Booklet</i> format. Includes the parishes of Ashford, Cranford, East Bedfont, Feltham, Hanworth, Harlington, Harmondsworth, Laleham, Littleton, Shepperton, Stanwell, Staines and Sunbury.	2.00	3.00

All prices listed above include postage charges. Please indicate the number of each that you require, and send your name, address and order, together with appropriate payment, in sterling only, (cheques made out to West Middlesex Family History Society), to:

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BOOKSHELF

Latin for Local and Family Historians - Denis Stuart

This is an excellent new book, which complements his earlier work, *Manorial Records* (Phillimore, 1992), and now fills what has been a significant gap on my family history bookshelf. As the author points out, a knowledge of Latin is necessary for local history and genealogical research up to 1733; it is not just for mediaeval records that it is required. The first half of the book covers the essentials of Latin grammar, with plenty of examples (with answers!) for the reader to work through, many taken from original documents. A glossary and tables of declensions and conjugations are included, so that with respect to the exercises, the book is entirely self-contained. The second half covers the use of Latin in documents, with sections on ecclesiastical records, manorial records, charters and deeds, and abbreviation of Latin in these sources.

144 pp. Published by Phillimore and Co. Ltd, 1995. ISBN 0 85033 984 7 £13.95

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Internet for Genealogy - David Hawgood

A short, practical guide illustrating how family historians can benefit from the resources and facilities available on the Internet. It covers electronic messaging, conferences and newsgroups, the use of the World Wide Web, searching for others with common interests, and how to search for specific information. The book includes several examples, as well as details of what is involved in gaining access to the 'Net.

24 pp. Published by the author, 1996. ISBN 0 948151 12 9 £1.60

The surname detective: Investigating surname distribution in England, 1086-present day - Colin D. Rogers

A valuable guide from the writer well-known for his earlier publications, *The Family Tree Detective* (1985) and *Local Family History in England* (1991, with John H. Smith). Following a general introduction to the subject of surname distributions and how they can be researched, he considers in some detail the cases of 100 common surnames, each with illustrative maps. Whether your names are among these or not, there is likely to be much to interest any family historian in this book.

270 pp. Published by Manchester University Press. 1995. ISBN 0 7190 4048 5
£10.99

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Marriage, Census and other Indexes for Family Historians — Jeremy Gibson and Elizabeth Hampson

A new edition of this extremely useful guide, containing details of a wide range of indexes of enormous value to all who are undertaking family history research. 76 pp. Sixth edition. Published by FFHS (Publications) Ltd, 1996. ISBN 1 86006 027 7. £3.50

The Surnames of Wales - John and Sheila Rowlands

This book attempts to dispel many of the myths which surround the subject of surnames in Wales, by describing the development of surnames within the principality down to modern times. The text includes nearly forty maps of the incidence and distribution of names, derived from a major survey of more than 270,000 names found in Wales in the period 1813-37.

224 pp. Published by FFHS (Publications) Ltd, 1996. ISBN 1 86006 025 0 £9.95

There have been many other important family history titles published in recent months. Look out for the following:

The Oxford Companion to Local and Family History[§] - David Hey

528 pp. Published by Oxford University Press, 1996. ISBN 0 19 211688 6 £25

A Dictionary of English Surnames - P.H. Reaney, with additions and corrections by FLM. Wilson

A revised edition of this well-known work, now available in paperback for the first time.

Third edition. 572 pp. Published by Oxford University Press, 1995. ISBN 0 19 863146 4 £9.99

Other recent titles from the Federation of Family History Societies are (all published by FFHS (Publications) Ltd., 1996):

The Hearth Tax, Other Later Stuart Tax Lists and the Association Oath Rolls - Jeremy Gibson 80 pp. Second edition. ISBN 1 86006 018 8. £4.50

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[§] If any member has a copy of this book and would be prepared to contribute a paragraph or two of comment for Bookshelf, please let me know. Ed.

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 are listed in the following section.

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C140 Mr J.R. Carter, 25 Springfield, Wootton, Northampton NN4 6HB
C141 Mrs A. Colnet, 14 Little Thrift, Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent BR5 1NQ
E31 Mr D. Eldridge, 123 Hillview Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 7RZ
H137 Mrs R.A. Hukin, 7 Jade Street, Armadale, Western Australia 6112, Australia
H138 Mr F.G. Harris, Barfields, Barling Road, Barling Magna, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS3 0LX
K35 Miss L. Knightsbridge, 249 Sutherland Avenue, Welling, Kent DA16 2NJ
L60 Mr B.H. Lewis, 29 Chapel Fields, Harlow, Essex CM17 9EQ
L62 Miss M.R. Long, 99 Framfield Road, Hanwell, London W7 1NQ
L63 Mrs J. Llewellyn, 9 Jellalabad Court, The Mount, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3RZ
M120 Mr M. Murphy, 4 Dewstow Close, Caldicot, Gwent NP6 4JP
R64 Mr D.E. Ridout, 13 Athelstan Fold, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire PR2 3SS
S143 Mrs M.E. Smith, High Thicket, Eyhurst Spur, Eyhurst Close, Kingswood, Surrey KT20 6NS
W125 Mrs J. Wilson, 4 Chestnut Avenue, Stockton Lane, York YO3 0BR
W128 Mr W.L. Wild, Pound Farm, Thorrington, Colchester, Essex CO7 8EZ
W129 Mr A.C. Wager, Dove Cottage, Thorpe, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 2AW
W131 Mrs J.K. Wall, c/o Post Office, Mapleton, Queensland 4560, Australia

Please note the following changes of address:

- C81 Mrs L.A. Crouch, Cobwebs, Merrywood Copse, 65a Portsmouth Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 1JD
C110 Mrs J.B. Cole, 27 Conyers Close, Hersham, Surrey KT12 4NG
C132 Mrs P.M. Clarke, 45 Curlew Grove, Oakwood, Warrington, Cheshire WA3 6NX
G66 Mrs T.V. Garland, 8 Farrington Close, Hythe, Colchester CO1 2GW
R17 Mr V. Rosewarne, 8 Cranbrook Drive, Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 6HN

SURNAME INTERESTS

The table opposite gives surname interests for the new members listed above. The format should be self-explanatory. Note that the Chapman County Codes are used for entries in the 'Counties' column, with the addition of 'ALL' indicating that all counties are of interest. Remember to include a SAE with any enquiry if you expect to receive a reply.

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ADAMS	19 C	Selborne area	HAM	L63
ARTHUR	18-19 C	All	SRY	L63
BALDWIN	1720-1830	Chipstead	SRY	W131
BANFIELD	19 C	All	MDX	E31
BECKLEY	bef 1920	London area	MDX	W131
BENFORD	bef 1750	Hagborne	BRK	C140
BENNING	1850-1900	Peckham, Dulwich	SRY	C141
BISEL(S)	bef 1750	Compton	BRK	C140
BOX	1800-1900	Bethnal Green	MDX	C141
BRANS	All	All	ALL	H137
BRANSGROVE	bef 1790	All	MDX	L62
	19 C	Chiswick	MDX	L62
BROOKS	1850-1900	Peckham, Dulwich	SRY	C141
CARTER	All	Heston	MDX	C140
CASTLE	c 1810	Fulham	MDX	H137
CHAPMAN	1840	Westminster	MDX	W131
CHENERY	1750-1900	Suffolk/Norfolk borders	SFK	C141
CHESHER	c 1854	Holborn area	MDX	R64
CHRISTEL	bef 1800	Kinnaird area	PER	M120
COCKING	1700-1900	Westminster	MDX	W131
	1700-1900	Windsor	BRK	W131
COLES	19 C	All	HAM	L63
COLNET	1750-1900	Kensington area	MDX	C141
	All	All	ALL	C141
COOK(E)	19 C	All	MDX	L63
COTTON	bef 1930	Isleworth, Brentford, Chiswick	MDX	C139
	bef 1930	All	MDX	C139
COX	bef 1750	Compton	BRK	C140
DALEY	c 1840	All	ALL	L60
DANGERFIELD	1800-95	Isleworth	MDX	W129
DAVEY	19 C	All	SRY	L63
DAVIS	1800-45	Isleworth	MDX	W129
DAY	aft 1650	Compton	BRK	C140
	bef 1650	All	BRK	C140
DILL	aft 1845	Bermondsey area	SRY	M120
	bef 1855	Templemartin	COR	M120
DIXON	bef 1820	St Giles	MDX	W131
DOLTON	1840-90	All	SRY	W131
	bef 1840	All	HAM	W131
DYMOCK	aft 1788	Brentford	MDX	H137
ECCLESHARE	All	Derby (city)	DBY	L62
EDWARDS	1860-90	Hammersmith	MDX	W131
	1840-60	St Giles	MDX	W131
ELDRIDGE	19 C	All	MDX	E31
EVELYN	1900-40	All	SFK	L63
FLINT	bef 1800	Bermondsey	SRY	S143
GALE	bef 1845	Chelsea area	MDX	S143
GALLIFENT	All	All	ALL	L60
GEALE	c 1854	Holborn area	MDX	R64
GILL	bef 1870	Clerkenwell area	MDX	M120

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
GILL	bef 1900	Holborn area	MDX	M120
	bef 1850	Westminster area	MDX	M120
	bef 1900	Shoreditch area	MDX	M120
	bef 1870	Soho area	MDX	M120
GLEESON	aft 1850	All	ALL	L60
GOODCHILD	18-19 C	Hambledon area	SRY	L63
GRACE	1860	Brentford area	MDX	L62
HALE	bef 1814	All	ALL	W131
HAMILTON	1867-85	Notting Hill area	MDX	W125
HANCOCK	18-19 C	Pembroke	PEM	L63
HARRIS	18-19 C	Twickenham	MDX	H138
HAWKINS	bef 1824	All	WIL	W131
HENDRICK	bef 1950	Isleworth	MDX	C139
	bef 1950	All	MDX	C139
HILL	19 C	All	MDX	L63
HILLS	c 1820	Chatham	KEN	H137
HITCHMAN	bef 1820	All	BRK	C140
HOLBROOK	1730-1850	Bishop's Cleeve	GLS	H137
HUDSON	19 C	Chelsea area	MDX	K35
HUMPHRIES	All	Wootton Bassett	WIL	C140
JACKSON	c 1820	Burton-on-Trent	STS	H137
JARVIS	bef 1775	All	BRK	C140
KELLEHER	bef 1905	Dublin	DUB	R64
	1890-1940	Todmorden	WRY	R64
KELLY	1870-1920	Southwark area	SRY	L63
KENDRICK	bef 1950	Isleworth	MDX	C139
	bef 1950	All	MDX	C139
KENNY	c 1900	London area	LND	R64
	c 1900	Dublin	DUB	R64
KING	aft 1890	All	ALL	L60
KNIGHTSBRIDGE	All	All	MDX	K35
LAMB	18-19 C	All	PEM	L63
LAMBERT-SMITH	bef 1940	Richmond	SRY	C139
	bef 1940	All	SRY	C139
LANDELS	bef 1830	West Ham	ESS	W128
LANE	1800-1900	Milton Keynes	BKM	C141
LAWLEY	1800-60	Brentford	MDX	W129
LEWIS	1830	Chelsea	MDX	W131
	bef 1900	Fulham	MDX	W131
LLEWELLYN	18-19 C	Pembroke	PEM	L63
LONG	1870	Brentford	MDX	L62
	1880	Isleworth	MDX	L62
LUCKHURST	bef 1730	All	KEN	S143
MAFFEY	aft 1800	London area	MDX	M120
	aft 1860	London area	SRY	M120
	bef 1830	Lockerley area	HAM	M120
McOMIE	aft 1800	St Pancras area	MDX	M120
	aft 1800	Leytonstone area	ESS	M120
MILLARD	bef 1820	All	PER	M120
	All	All	ALL	L60

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
MILLWOOD	All	All	ALL	L60
MINNS	19 C	All	ALL	E31
MORSE	19 C	Pembroke	PEM	L63
MURPHY	aft 1848	Bermondsey area	SRY	M120
PLATT	bef 1846	Saddleworth area	WRY	R64
PORCAS	bef 1845	Chelsea area	MDX	S143
	bef 1845	St Marylebone area	MDX	S143
PURDY	1800-1900	Shotesham, Framingham, Yelverton	NFK	C141
RIDOUT	bef 1852	Milton Abbas	DOR	R64
	c 1874	Barnes	SRY	R64
	1875-1930	Hammersmith area	MDX	R64
RILEY	18 C	Mavesyn Ridware	OXF	H137
ROSE	19 C	Brentford	MDX	L63
	19-20 C	Reigate area	SRY	L63
SAMBROOK	aft 1800	Chertsey	SRY	C140
SAUNDERS	1850	Bethnal Green	MDX	H137
SHEPPARD	c 1800	Ickenham	MDX	H137
SMITH	c 1800	Brightwell Baldwin	OXF	H137
SPRY	1870-1900	Southwark	SRY	C141
STEPHENSON	bef 1950	Isleworth	MDX	C139
	bef 1950	All	MDX	C139
STEVENSON	bef 1950	Isleworth	MDX	C139
	bef 1950	All	MDX	C139
SWADLING	c 1800	Brightwell Baldwin	OXF	H137
TALBOT	c 1800	Ickenham	MDX	H137
TOY	19 C	Greenwich	KEN	L62
TYLER	All	Hounslow, Isleworth	MDX	C140
VACHER	bef 1852	Milton Abbas	DOR	R64
WAGER	19 C	Brentford	MDX	W129
WARD	c 1790	Norwich	NFK	H137
WARNER	bef 1850	All	BKM	S143
WHEATE	1720-50	Banstead	SRY	W131
WHEELER	bef 1788	Ealing	MDX	H137

Editor's Notes My thanks go to those who responded in some way to the appeal that appeared in these notes in the last issue. *Please keep the material coming!* As I know all too well, the next journal is never very far away, and your articles and other contributions are needed throughout the year.

By the time that you receive this, the publication of the long-awaited London and Middlesex section of the 1881 Census Project will be imminent. Many people will be waiting to rediscover some ancestor lost in the metropolis at this time; if this includes you, I wish you luck. All around the country, but particularly in the London area, this great project will I am sure lead to the solution of problems of research that could not possibly have been tackled without it. Some of these stories will be worth retelling you know where to write.

RGC

All contributions for the September issue should reach me by 5 July 1996.

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