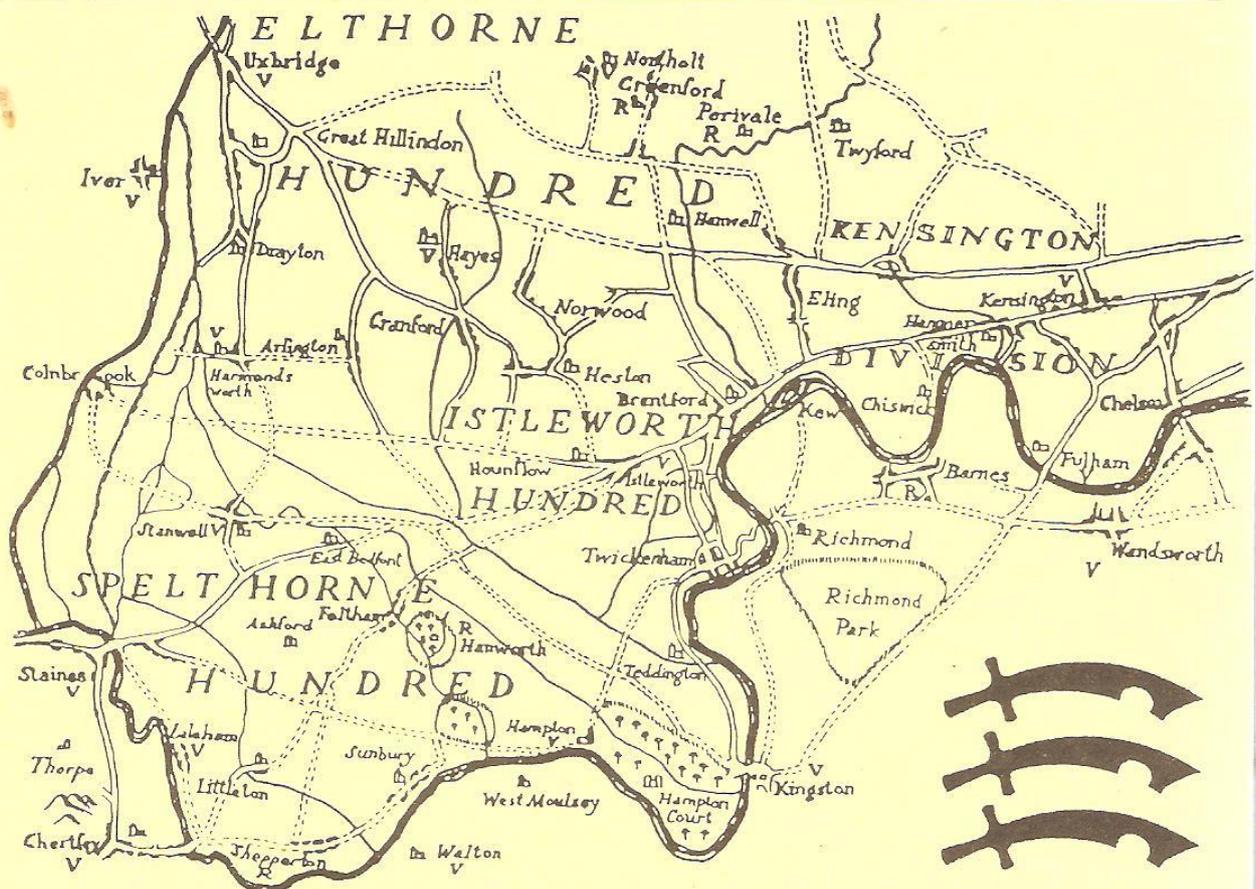


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In the last journal I gave a list of my duties as Secretary. Although my copy of 'Notes of Guidance for Society Secretaries' had been mislaid, it has just turned up. My list was not much different from the book, so I must be doing the job properly! However, we are still looking for someone to replace me next year.

At the December meeting, after the serious business of the AGM, those present were regaled by stories from members of Christmases they would rather forget. This was followed by some delicious food and wine, donated by some of the members; our thanks to them all.

One of our members, Margaret Dyson, has kindly donated a copy of 'The History of Hanwell Parish Church' to our library. Her reminiscences of her childhood were fascinating. She married at St Mary's on 28 February 1970, and the rector was F. Secombe, brother of the famous Harry. Unfortunately there was an England v. Wales rugby match at Twickenham that day, and as he was a rugby fanatic, he sent someone else to officiate at the wedding! She remembers the Brent Lodge Park was known as 'Bunny Park' by the local children. She goes on to say: 'As children we used to listen to the bands play on the bandstand near the entrance to the church; catch tadpoles at the bottom of the hill behind the church; play hide-and-seek in 'Dick Turpin Cave' (I believe this was an air-raid shelter!); duck from being hit by golf balls on the small golf course. In fact, I cannot think of a more unspoilt area of West London. I hope the locals appreciate what they've got!'

Wendy Mott and I attended an Open Meeting by the PRO on the new accommodation for the census and births, marriages and deaths indexes. Myddleton Place is within easy walking distance of the GLRO and SoG. The nearest tube station is Angel, while the nearest rail station is Kings Cross. There is to be more space and facilities, especially for the disabled. On the lower ground floor will be lockers, cloakrooms and a refreshment area and café for 100 people. On the ground floor will be the BMD indexes, with 30% more space than the present site at St Catherine's House. There will also be on-line access to Scottish GRO registers (for a fee). The first floor is to house the census microfilms, with seating for 300- they hope to replace the old microfilm readers and chairs. The PRO will open on Saturdays, and plans late evenings on Tuesday and Thursday; the ONS (former St Catherine's House staff) was still considering opening hours when this journal was finalised (late January). Both departments will open at 9.00 a.m., although readers can arrive at 8.30, to deposit their belongings and have a cuppa. There are no plans for an admission charge yet. The census is to open on 10 March, while ONS will move its indexes over Easter and open on 1 April. See pages 8 and 9 for further information and a map showing how to get there.

One of our corporate members, the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc., has kindly sent us a complimentary copy of its '1841 Census Street Index: Metropolitan London, Middlesex and Metropolitan London, Surrey'. It is a good clear fiche which covers lanes, streets, institutions, Workhouses, hospitals, almshouses, police-stations, schools and tenement buildings. The three fiche cost \$A20.00, plus \$A2.00 p&p. Please order from the Institute at PO Box 339, Blackburn, Victoria 3130, Australia.

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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

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The following meetings have been planned:

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| 20 March | <i>Food and Cookery Through the Ages</i><br>A talk by Lilian Gibbens.  |
| 17 April | <i>Members' Evening</i><br>Chris Hem will give a short talk about an adopted ancestor, Thomas Hearne, the antiquary. |
| 15 May   | <i>The Days of Horse Traffic</i><br>A talk by Robert Barltrop.   |
| 19 June  | <i>Fire Insurance Records</i><br>A talk by David Hawkings.   |

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

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## **NEWS ROUNDUP**

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### **Glassmakers and Allied Trades Index 1600-1900**

Do you have glassmakers in your family tree? The index includes all trades connected with the blowing of glass together with all trades which enhance glass. This includes stained glass artists and cutters and engravers of glass, plus any person working in a glass rnanufactory. The whole of the United Kingdom is covered in the index, plus a small number from others parts of the world. There is no charge for any data extracted. All I ask is that a stamped addressed envelope or 2 IRCs be enclosed with each enquiry. If you are able to submit any details of your own glass ancestors I would be grateful. This will enable me to assist other researchers in the future and possibly link you to them.

*Brian J.M. Hardyman, 42 Hansom Place, York YO3 7FQ*

### **Eighth British Family History Conference**

The Eighth British Family History Conference *Faith, Hope and Charity*, will be held at Askham Bryan College, York, from Wednesday 3 to Sunday 7

September 1997. Details are available from The Joint Conference Organisers (c/o Pauline Litton and Pauline Saul), c/o 2 Florence Road, Harrogate. North Yorkshire HG2 0LD.

### **Hammersmith and Fulham: Local History Open Day**

There will be a Local History Open Day at Hammersmith and Fulham Archives and Local History Centre, The Lilla Huset, 191 Talgarth Road, London W6 8BJ, on Saturday 17 May 1997, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event, which is free of charge, will include: tours of the Centre; talks on local and family history subjects; displays of old photographs and documents relating to Hammersmith and Fulham; a local historical walk; a local history quiz; demonstrations of document conservation. Local history and family history societies will have tables at the event to sell their publications. Ring 0181-741-5159 for further details. The nearest tube station is Hammersmith (Piccadilly, District and Hammersmith and City lines). Please note that there is no parking at the Lilla Huset.

### **Kent FHS**

This society is to hold an Open Day at St George's Centre, Chatham, on Saturday 20 September 1997. The doors open from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

### **Wiltshire FHS**

This society is planning to celebrate twenty years of family history in Swindon on Saturday 21 June, at Croft Sports Centre, Marlborough Lane, Swindon. The doors open from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

### **Buckinghamshire FHS**

This society is hosting an Open Day on Saturday 26 July at Aylesbury Grammar School, Walton Road, Aylesbury.

### **Yorkshire Family History Fair**

This event is to be held on Saturday 28 June 1997 at Knavesmire Stand, York Racecourse, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. All the usual stalls and facilities be available. Free parking. Admission £1.50. Details may be obtained from Mr A. Sampson, 1 Oxbang Close, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 4ND.

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**NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE** will be back in the June issue of this journal.

### **Committee Meetings**

Among the matters agreed during discussions at recent committee meetings as the following:

- A survey seeking members' views on the content of Society meetings is to be produced and distributed.
- Vic Rosewarne is to act as co-ordinator for indexing work on the recently-purchased 1891 census fiche.
- The strays index is to be transferred to the custody of Wendy Mott.

### **A New Service for Overseas Members**

Even though most of you can never make it to the monthly meetings, please don't think that you are forgotten. Just because your great-grandparents sailed away to make their fortune in a distant land, it doesn't mean that you are not still part of the family. We are only too aware of the extra problems faced by our overseas members who are trying to do their research in this country from many miles away.

We have recently been made aware of a particular problem that is faced by you during your researches. When it comes to making payments for the membership fee, publications or other services, the high costs charged by banks (etc.) to convert currency and provide money orders can be quite prohibitive. The situation can arise where several small payments need to be made and each one requires this high charge.

To help overcome this problem, our overseas members are invited to make one bulk payment in advance to the Membership Secretary. This payment will then be added to your membership account. Thereafter any service that you require of the Society can be charged against this account. All your payments are recorded and a copy of your membership account can be provided on request. It will then be sent to you with your next journal. We hope that this service will be of help to you in your research.

At the present time, many of our overseas members pay their membership fees well in advance. Incidentally it was these members, who having paid in advance in good faith, had the underpayment caused by the last membership fee rise written off!

We are always pleased to hear from you and all your ideas and suggestions are very welcome. Similarly, our Editor is always looking at his incoming mail, eagerly awaiting your article for inclusion in the Journal. We never seem to hear about your successes, or the problems you have had. The Journal is the place where you can tell us what you have discovered and how we could have made things easier for you.

*Membership Secretary*

### **Job Opportunities**

As has been mentioned in recent issues of this journal, the Society will be in the position of needing a new Secretary and a new Editor at the end of this year. It is essential that we find replacements to occupy these posts. Furthermore, in order to ensure a smooth hand-over of responsibilities, it would be useful if potential replacements have served on the Committee for a time alongside the present post-holders. With this in mind, if you might be interested in either of these posts, do make yourself known to one of the current committee.

*Richard Chapman*

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## OPEN DAY 1997

*Janet Hagger*

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We are holding our Open Day on Saturday 27 September 1997 at St Peter's Church Hall in Staines (see opposite). I attended my first open day with the Society in 1994 and had a most enjoyable day. When asked by Peter Roe, organiser of our '97 event, I was only too pleased to offer to help. We are hoping for a very informative day with other family history and local history societies joining us, as well as book stalls, postcards and research material. We will have the 1881 census for the whole of England and Wales, plus many of our local indexes, available for viewing. It will be a day for us to welcome old, new and out-of-town members that are able to visit.

We will be needing lots of volunteers to assist us with all sorts of jobs to make the day a success. It is great fun getting to know many new friends. Peter Roe will be the organiser for the day- so please do offer to lend a hand and help make this a very enjoyable open day for 1997!

West Middlesex Family History Society

**OPEN DAY**

Saturday 27th September 1997

9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

at

St Peter's Church Hall,

Laleham Road, Staines, Middlesex

Indexes - Book Stall - Library

Family History - Local History

Guest Societies

All Welcome  
Admission Free

Light Refreshments  
All Day

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## **Family Records Move**

As most readers will be aware by now, the Office for National Statistics (ONS), whose current St Catherine's House is one of the most heavily used research facilities in London, and the Public Record Office's (PRO) Census Rooms are to join forces in a new building which will house a shared public search facility. The two departments will operate from Myddleton Place, Myddleton Street, Islington EC1 (see map opposite).

ONS provides access to indexes of registers of births, marriages and deaths from 1837 and copies of entries from the registers in the form of certificates. The PRO provides access to microfilm of census returns from 1841 to 1891 and to related records, including death duty registers, and PCC wills and admns before 1858 and some registers of births, marriages and deaths.

Thousands of people use the search rooms at ONS and PRO every day, and many of them visit both, often on the same day. Users include family historians, academics, journalists and members of the legal profession. The benefits of having both services under one roof are enormous. Time wasted in travelling between buildings will be eliminated, speed of access to information will increase and staff will be able to extend their range of knowledge and thus be able to offer better advice. In addition, Myddleton Place will provide better facilities for readers with special needs than can be provided in the existing buildings.

Within Myddleton Place, the two departments will retain separate search rooms but facilities for all users will include an Information Point, shop, refreshment facilities, exhibition space and lecture room<sup>§</sup>.

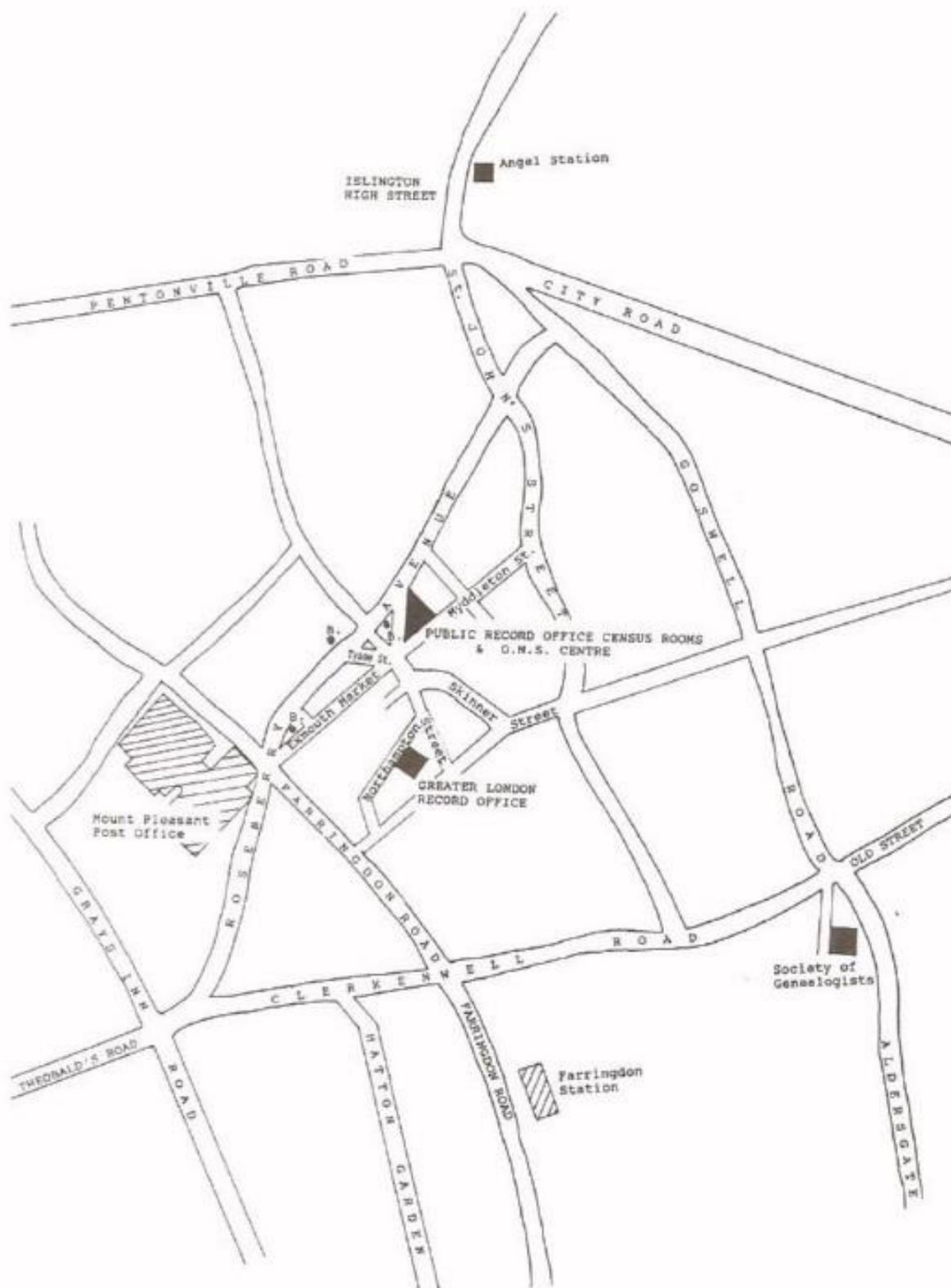
In a joint statement, Dr Tim Holt, Registrar General for England and Wales and Director of the Office for National Statistics, and Sarah Tyacke, Keeper of Public Records for the Government, said; 'This is an excellent opportunity for both of us to improve our service to the public in the approach to the new millennium. The new shared facilities will provide specialist and modern accommodation better able to service the needs of our customers.'

Microfilm of the census, probate records, death duty records and non-conformist registers will relocate to Myddleton Place from 10 March 1997. Note that the Microfilm Reading Room and Shop at Chancery Lane will close on 8 March while the move takes place. The Office for National Statistics will relocate its Public Search Room from St Catherine's House to the same address over the Easter weekend, opening at the new site on Tuesday 1 April 1997.

For further information on the Family Records Centre contact; ONS 0171-396-2149, PRO 0181-8768444 extn. 2288.

*[Compiled from information supplied by the PRO.]*

§ For more details of the layout of the new premises, see the January 1997 issue of *Family Tree Magazine*. Ed.



**Map showing the location of the new Family Records Centre**  
**(Key. B. = Bus stop)**  
*Drawn by Vic Rosewarne*

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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The following are the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of West Middlesex Family History Society, held at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow on 19 December 1996.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Marjorie Stevens, Vic and Jean Gale, Eileen Stage.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM of 21 December 1995**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 21 December 1995 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 Spratt, made the following report on the progress of the Society during 1996.

Although this is only my second report as your Treasurer, I'm already racking my brains for something to say. Copies of the accounts are circulating, so I certainly don't intend to read out details. I will just pick out a couple of points - firstly, Janet Huckle's journal index booklet is now completely sold out. We all hope that this time next year I'll be able to say the same about the members' interests booklet. Secondly, our publication 'The Villages of Harmondsworth' is no longer shown as a separate item; all remaining stocks have been transferred to the bookstall.

In the past, members have asked why we need to produce a surplus of income over expenditure. Because we have some reserves, it would not cause us too much harm if we did overspend now and then, though clearly we couldn't go on drawing on reserves for ever. I suppose that you might perceive the ideal as just matching income with expenditure. If you've ever managed that with your domestic finances, you'll know just how difficult it is. So we are left with the third possibility, which is to achieve a surplus for the year. This has enabled us to buy additional research materials and equipment for the benefit of you, our members. It also enables me, as treasurer, to recommend that there be no increase in our subscriptions for the coming year. However, please be assured that we as a committee are as frugal with WMFHS expenditure as we are with our own, so we'll continue to keep a very careful eye on costs and demands for money.

As usual, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Society either by running postal services for our members, or by using those services. With the good news that our financial state is very healthy, I'd like to thank you for your attention. If you have any questions I'll be only too pleased to try and answer them. Thank you.

Richard Knight questioned a date appearing on the accounts as made available at the meeting. This was amended with the Eipp1'OV<:11 of the Treasurer, and the accounts were then approved by the meeting, *nem. con.* (see overleaf).

#### **4. Appointment of Auditors**

Roger Minot and Wendy Mott indicated that they were willing to serve as auditors for the forthcoming year. The meeting approved their appointment, *nem. con.*

#### **5. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, Les Munson, made the following report on the progress of the Society during 1996.

It hardly seems a year since I made the last annual report, but this is mainly due to events in my own personal life which took a large slice out of my year.

The Society's year was markedly uneventful. Although the officers, committee members and the indispensable regular helpers were able to maintain most of the services the Society provides for members, a dearth of volunteers meant that we were unable to expand these services, and for the same reason we were unable to undertake new project work. There are still many church registers to be recorded and work has stopped on recording churchyard memorials, as we no longer have a MI co-ordinator.

Your Society set up its stall at the West Surrey FHS and the Buckinghamshire FHS Open Days, at the West London Local History Conference, the SOG Fair and the Hounslow Local History Exhibition. For the first time, a marquee at the Middlesex County Show at Uxbridge was devoted to local history and we accepted an invitation to take part. The show takes place over two days, Saturday and Sunday, and with hundreds of stalls and two show rings; members will find this annual event a wonderful day out.

Our own Open Day for 1997 will be on Saturday 27 September and Peter Roe, co-ordinator of this event, needs volunteers in order to make the day a success.

Those members who use the 1881 census will already know that we have now purchased the complete index for England and Wales; indeed, it is available in the hall tonight, and reference to it is available by post for all members. A set of fiche comprising the census returns for West Middlesex for 1891 has been purchased more recently by the Society. These are available in the hall tonight and at every meeting, but of course there is no index as with the 1881 census. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with indexing, and for this purpose, we can supply a fiche reader for volunteers to use at home.

Thanks primarily to the generosity of a member, we are now the owners of the court rolls for the manor of Harmondsworth for 1717-28. They are in Latin, but another member has kindly undertaken to translate them. An index will then be made and the originals will be deposited at the GLRO. The fact that little

**West Middlesex Family History Society: Year to 30 September 1996**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**

	<u>1996</u>		<u>1995</u>
<b>MEMBERS' SERVICES</b>			
Subscriptions	5118		3750
Bank interest	322		300
Tax refund on covenants	297		217
Advertisements in journal	32		18
Sale of back journals	25		47
	<u>5794</u>		<u>4332</u>
Journal production and delivery	2981	3045	
Hire of meeting hall	681	693	
Speakers	152	187	
Members' interests fiche	194	-	
Computer group expenses	-	20	
	<u>4008</u>		<u>3945</u>
	1786		387
Bookstall sales (incl. West Middx. Publ.)	748	499	
Less: cost of sales	<u>627</u>	<u>383</u>	
	121		116
Fiche and census books sold	809	774	
Less: cost of sales	<u>379</u>	<u>444</u>	
	430		330
Sale of journal index	43	174	
Less: cost of sales	<u>23</u>	<u>123</u>	
	20		51
Postal book sales	337	324	
Less: cost of sales	<u>284</u>	<u>189</u>	
	53		135
Members' Interests booklet	143	-	
Less: cost of sales	<u>105</u>	-	
	38		-
Open Days - income	586	589	
Less: associated costs	<u>500</u>	<u>430</u>	
	86		159
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Donations, incl. tax refund	349		19
St Catherine's House Courier Service	283		208
Refreshments	45		30
Raffles	224		85
West Middlesex Marriage Index Searches	134		103
1881 Census Index Searches	143		89
Other income (Big R etc.)	29		143
	<u>3741</u>		<u>1855</u>
<b>OVERHEAD EXPENSES</b>			
FFHS subscription and insurance	292	275	
Membership of other societies	12	11	
Research expenditure	25	37	
Postage, telephone, stationery	340	375	
Library purchases	100	36	
Miscellaneous expenses including publicity	254	43	
Depreciation	<u>536</u>	<u>461</u>	
	1559		1238
Surplus for the year	<u>2182</u>		<u>617</u>

**West Middlesex Family History Society  
Balance Sheet at 30 September 1996**

FIXED ASSETS	<i>Cost or Value at 30.9.94</i>	<i>Dep'n</i>	<i>Value at 30.9.96</i>	<i>Value at 30.9.95</i>
1881 census index	936	330	606	381
Film and fiche viewers	234	128	106	117
Kodak slide projector	315	86	229	255
Projector stand	1	-	1	1
1988 IGI fiche	75	43	32	42
Times Divorce Index	11	6	5	6
Boxes and display shelves	31	18	13	17
Computer and software	1009	583	426	568
Accounting software	90	89	1	51
Virus checking software	89	24	65	72
Heavy duty printer	95	41	54	72
Banner for open days	65	13	52	58
Harmondsworth manor rolls	348	34	314	-
	<u>3229</u>	<u>1395</u>	<u>1904</u>	<u>1640</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks: Bookstall		1123		893
Members' Ints. Booklet		153		-
Journal index		-		23
Fiche		46		59
Postal book service		39		48
Polylopes		22		30
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>9806</u>		<u>7863</u>
			11189	8916
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Subscriptions in advance		2166		1811
Deposits held		<u>18</u>		<u>18</u>
			<u>2184</u>	<u>1829</u>
			<u>10909</u>	<u>8727</u>
ACCUMULATED FUND				
Balance brought forward			8727	8110
Surplus for the year			<u>2182</u>	<u>617</u>
			<u>10909</u>	<u>8727</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.

R. Minot  
Hon. Auditor

G. Mott  
Hon. Auditor

M. Sprott  
Hon. Treasurer

progress has been made on this project is due entirely to my own indisposition.

Acting on a suggestion by an overseas member, we have instituted a credit system whereby a single deposit, perhaps added to their annual subscription, may be made by an overseas member and debited to pay for any of the Society's chargeable services, thus saving them the disproportionate cost of currency exchange.

This society, together with neighbouring societies, met with the aim of forming a group to discuss matters of mutual interest. This group will meet annually and we intend to maintain a membership.

Over the years we have accumulated an ever increasing amount of equipment. Whilst, at this moment, it is stored in the homes of various members, we would prefer to have a central store. The committee would be pleased to hear from anyone who has or knows of a suitable store place.

After the meeting on 6 February 1997, we shall discontinue the research evenings, since the attendances have not justified the expense, or the extra load on officers and members who bring the equipment and reference material to the meetings.

Finally, since the AGM fails at this season of the year, may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

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

Carol Sweetland has served for six years on the committee and is therefore standing down.

Richard Chapman, Antonia Davis, Janet Hagger and Yvonne Woodbridge offered themselves for re-election, having served for three or more years. Jim Devine, David Neller, Joan Scrivener, Les Munson, Peter Roe and Muriel Sprott did not need to be re-elected, having served less than three years in one continuous spell on the committee. Nominations were made for vacant posts as follows:

Mavis Burton	Prop: Wendy Mott	Sec: Mavis Sibley
Chris Hem	Prop: Yvonne Woodbridge	Sec; Yvonne Masson

The elections were carried out en bloc, and the appointment of all the candidates was approved by the meeting.

## **7. Any Other Business**

Peter Hocking pointed out the value to the Society of members who are UK taxpayers taking out covenanted subscriptions, a point strongly endorsed by the Treasurer. Yvonne Masson questioned whether or not the Society's auditors are required to have appropriate professional qualifications. The Chairman confirmed that for a society of our size, the Charity Commissioners have indicated that there was no such requirement. A question was raised over a

recent item in the Society journal relating to a studio complex development near Uxbridge. The author, Toni Davis, made a brief response to this, but the Chairman suggested that an extended discussion in this forum was not appropriate.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

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## **CERTIFICATE COURIER SERVICE**

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St Catherine's House is very central but the new Central London Reading Room in Myddleton Place will not be so easy to get to, so I'm afraid I won't be popping up there when I just have a couple of certificates to order. However, I will still go regularly if I have several to order.

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.

If providing the reference from searching the microfiche of the index, please ensure you provide me with the correct quarter. I gather it is often difficult to tell when the next quarter begins but it does save me having to get down several books when I check the reference you supply. Many thanks.

When applying, please quote your membership number and make your cheque payable to me (not WMFHS); all payments must be in Sterling. There is a refund of £6.00 if a three year search is unsuccessful.

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

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## **WEST MIDDLESEX WAR MEMORIALS**

There is now a substantial body of name-list material for most war memorials recorded in West Middlesex. It consists of public, churches', schools' and firms' memorials, etc. for WW I and WW II 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. When making an enquiry on an individual, please include any information you may have on the village or town where you might expect to find his name mentioned.

For all enquiries, please send a SAE to Ted Dunstall, 43 Elers Road, Ealing, London W13 9QB.

At one of the Open Days that we attended, a set of Middlesex Sessions volumes were purchased for the Society and subsequently deposited in our library. They cover the reigns of Edward VI to James I. If you are lucky enough to have traced your family back that far, you may find a mention of an ancestor in one of these volumes. By the 19th century, the records were in a dreadful state, stored in damp conditions and decayed, mildewed and dirty. In the 1880s they were sorted, cleaned, put into chronological order, labelled and catalogued.

The General Sessions of Peace had to meet at least four times a year. The Court of the Kings Bench was held in Middlesex so the JPs of the county only had to meet twice a year, usually in the first week after Michaelmas and the first week after the close of Easter. Serious crimes were passed by the General Sessions to Justice Hall in the Old Bailey.

I decided to browse through the first volume of the Old Series, which spans the years 3 Edward VI to end of the reign of Elizabeth 5, and pick out all the references to West Middlesex parishes. There were many, and from among the more interesting, some were selected for inclusion in the Journal. In the examples below, the first date denotes the day of the offence, the last, the date of the Sessions. The initials are GDR (Gaol Delivery Roll), GSPR (General Session of Peace Roll). The original records may now be found at the Greater London Record Office.

Nothing much has changed in criminal exploits over the years, but there were a few offences which are unknown today. One of the most common of these was not attending church. All the offenders' names and parishes are quoted. Here is an example:

'18 March 23 [1581] Elizabeth - True Bill that (whereas it is enacted by a certain statute or parliament of 23 Elizabeth, that every person over sixteen years of age, who should refrain from attending at church, chapel or some usual place of common prayer, against the tenor of a certain statute of the first year of her Majesty's reign For Uniformity of Common Prayer, and should be lawfully convicted thereof, should forfeit for each month, after the end of the said session of parliament, in which he or she should so refrain, the sum of twenty pounds of lawful money} Elizabeth Cordell, wife of John Cordell of Fulham co. Midd. esq., and dwelling in the said parish, from the 18th March 23 Eliz. to 1st Oct. then next following refrained from attending divine service at the church of Fulham, and went to no other church, chapel or usual place of Common Prayer. GSPR Michaelmas 23 Eliz.'

Another unusual case (in modern eyes) is that of consorting with Egyptians or gypsies. The punishment was death. It was better to be a vagrant, as here the

punishment was to be branded on the ear and whipped, but in both types of crimes, if a 'creditable' person was willing to take the culprit for a year and promised to bring them back the following year or provide proof of their death, the sentence was not passed. The dark side was that the culprit became a slave, and if the master was harsh, punishment may have been preferred. Once the year was complete, the slave was freed but return to vagrancy or to the gypsies would bring a sentence of two years' service. The third time was unlucky, the original sentence was carried out! Here is an example of each case:

'20 January, 43 [1599/1600] Elizabeth- True Bill that, at Hamersmithe in the parish of Fulham co. Midd. on the said day, Joan Morgan late of London spinster, and Anne Simpson also late of London spinster were seen and found in the society of vagabonds commonly called Egyptians, and call themselves Egyptians, and thus have done feloniously for the space of one month after the said day at Hamersmithe aforesaid, and elsewhere in the same county. Joan Morgan put herself 'Guilty' and pleaded her pregnancy; but on being found 'Not Pregnant' by a jury of matrons, she was sentenced to be hung. Putting herself 'Guilty,' Ann Simpson pleaded her pregnancy and was reprieved, it being found by a jury of matrons that she was pregnant.' GDR 16 Feb 43 Eliz.'

'6 October: 32 [1590] Elizabeth- True Bill against Margaret Baxfeilde, Elizabeth Tatam, Christofer Bede, Thomas Thompson, Joan Parker, Amie Powell, Jenkin Evans, David Pryce, John Harris, Nicholas Malley, Nicholas Sherley, Rowland Williams, Lewis Stones, Richard Hasted, Henry Bisshoppe, Siderak Ellys, Joan Warde, John Hickes, John Jackson, William Harrison alias Glasier, Evan Davies, John Phillippes, John Horseley, Robert Cooford, Edward Asheberrie, John Bowman, Edward Carre, Faith Grene, Sara Dobson, Agnes Marten, Joan Monninge, Argenta Robertes, Anne Catesbye, Elizabeth Foster, Joan Andrewes, Alice Parson, for being vagabonds on the said 6th of October at Acton co. Midd. and in divers other parts of the said county, over fourteen years of age, strong in body and fit for labour, but masterless and having no means of livelihood, in contempt of the Lady the Queen, and against the form of the statute in this case provided: With sentence, that each of the said vagabonds should be severely flogged and burnt on the right ear (*graviter flagelletur et cremetur in dextra auricula*) according to form of the statute.- Similar True Bill with conviction and the same sentence, against William Robinson, Adam Smythe, Thomas Bowe, Thomas Cowper, John Dudley, Helen Beeche and Helen Wilson, for being vagabonds &c. on 15 October 32 Eliz. at Fulham co. Midd. and in divers other parts of the said county. At the foot of the bill a memorandum that Richard Grove of Bromeley co. Midd. milner took Adam Smythe into his service for an entire year, and bound himself in a sum of ten pounds, to keep the same Adam as his servant for a year, and at the end of the term to produce him at Session of the Peace, or then and there to produce good proof of his death.' ... 'Similar True Bill with the same sentence, against Timothy Garland, for bring

vagabonds &c. on 3 Oct. 32 Eliz., at Fulham co. Midd. and in divers other parts of the said county.’

Another crime was wearing the livery of the gentry. Presumably besides pretending to be the servant of a great lord or the local gentry, goods could be obtained without payment.

‘- April, 14 [1571/72] Elizabeth- True Bill that, in consideration of service to be rendered to Sir Thomas Gresham knt., Richard George of Heston co. Midd. baker received on 20 February 14 Eliz. of the said Sir Thomas a livery cote, which the said Richard George used through the space of two months next following at Heston and elsewhere in the said county, ‘whereas the same Richard George is not nor ever has been the familiar servant of officer of the said Sir Thomas Gresham knt., nor a scholar learned and instructed in either of the laws (nec in lege vna seu altra eruditus aut instructus).- With similar true Bills, on the same parchment against (1) Robert Gridyom alias Gridyron of Westminster yoman, for taking and wearing the livery of Sir Robert Constable knt.; (2) William Burton of Hackeney yoman for taking and wearing the livery of Robert, earl of Leicester; (3) John Nichollson of Hackeney yoman, for taking and wearing the livery of the same Earl, (4) Henry Warley of Hackeney yoman, for taking and wearing the livery of Sir Ralph Sadler; (5) George Lynnett of Hackeney yoman for taking and wearing the livery of John Dudlaxe gentleman; (6) Geoffrey Rochebell of Hampton co. Midd. yoman, for taking and wearing the livery of Sir Thomas Gresham knt.; (8) John Bridges of Brayeforde co. Midd. yoman, who without being a domestic servant of Sir Francis Knolles lmt. or a literate learned in either law, was retained in Sir Francis’s service by an agreement made between them on 20 February 14 Elizabeth since which time the said Thomas Adams at Brayneforde and elsewhere has worn the said Sir Francis Knolles’s livery.’ GSPR, Easter 14 Eliz.

This raises the question of why did Sir Thomas retain John Bridges’ services and what was the agreement between them.

Another cause for prosecution was witchcraft, for example:

’1 November 18 [1573] Elizabeth- True Bill that, at Laleham co. Midd. on the said day, Helen Berirnan spinster, otherwise stiled Helen wife of Henry Beryman of the said parish husbandrnan, practised witchcraftes, inchantements, charmes and sorceries on four calves worth thirty shillings. of the goods and chattels of Lionel Dockett at Laleham, so that she killed the same calves. Putting herself ‘Not Guilty’ she was acquitted.’ GSPR Easter 19 Eliz.’

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*continued from opposite.* about the MITCHELLS and where records for Hammersmith orphanage may be? All letters answered.

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## HELP!

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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.

### **HORWOOD**

HORWOOD, Hairdressers, last known in Latimer Road. W11 and North End Road, W14, in 1919 (proprietors Henry Wm. and Herbert Wm. HORWOOD) and 134 Hampstead Road, London NW in 1915 (proprietors Samuel and Arthur HORWOOD). Slogan: 'Put Your Hair in Horwood's Care'.

*Mrs Margaret Dyson, Braeside, Whitehough, Chinley, High Peak, Derbyshire SK23 6EJ*

### **OVER / WINCHCOMB**

John French OVER, born 17 November 1816, Stanwell, married (?) Charlotte WINCHCOME. They had three children. John French OVER (II) was born 6 February 1850 at Staines; Ellen Elizabeth OVER, born 19 August, baptised 7 November 1852 at Stanwell, while living at Staines (the next entry is Sarah Elizabeth WINCHCOMB, daughter of John and Martha, also living in Staines); Geo. Alfred OVER, born 31 October 1855, The Hythe, Egham, Surrey. I cannot find the marriage in Stanwell or Staines. If anybody has any information on OVER I would be very grateful to hear. Perhaps I could do reciprocal research in the Derbyshire area?.

*Mrs S. Rickard, 16 Wendover Close, Mickleover, Derby DE3 5TD*

### **MITCHELL / ATKINSON / FAGG**

Seeking any connection with MITCHELL family living at 3 Ashley Cottages, Fenelon Place (oft Warwick Road) in 1871. Joseph (head, carpenter), born Newport Pagnell, BKM, c. 1834; Mary (wife), nee ATKINSON, born Frampton, LIN, 1836; Charles (son), born 1860; Clara (daughter), born 1862, John (son), born 1864; Herbert (son), born 1867; children born at Kirton, LIN. 1881 census for the address shows only Charles, living with his grandmother Sarah ATKINSON (aged 74). Charles married Eliza FAGG in 1881 at St Barnabas, Kensington. In 1909 they were living at 353 Portobello Road with children Annie Elizabeth Clara, Fred and Arthur. Annie Elizabeth Clara, general servant, gave birth to an illegitimate daughter, Bertha Emily MITCHELL, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in 1909 and shortly Bertha was placed in St Mary's Catholic Orphanage for Girls, 41-45 Brook Green Road. Hammersmith and Annie emigrated to Australia. The orphanage closed in 1921 and the children transferred to a convent in Minehead, SOM. Does anyone have any information

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## THE DIARY OF H.H. CRAWLEY 1893-4

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This diary was recently found in the Society of Genealogists by Margaret Garrod, one of our society members. This has now been fully transcribed and it will be indexed shortly. It details the visits and other duties of the Rev. H.H. Crawley whilst acting as Curate to the Revd Richard Tahourdin, the Vicar of St Marys, Twickenham. The diary covers May 1893 to May 1894, and records many hundreds of visits in the central Twickenham area. as well as baptisms, marriages and funerals, church business and other information.

This extract is one week in his diary and details his visits in Mary's Terrace, Katherine Road and Morpeth Cottages, all roads near Twickenham Railway station.  
*Vic Rosewarne*

[The diary has now been transferred to Twickenham Local Studies Collection. I am grateful to the Librarian for granting permission to reproduce these extracts. Call 0181-891-7271 for further details. Ed.]

### **Wednesday 11 October 1893-** Very wet afternoon

#### *Mary's Terrace*

1. Mr. & Mrs Medd. Mrs Medd asked me in- Talked about her sister in law in the Queen's Road.
2. Mr. & Mrs Oliver- Mr. Oliver spoke to me at the door- very civil but did not ask me in- a Sussex man & formerly in a gentleman's service near Hayward's Heath.
3. Mr. & Mrs Osborne. Mrs Osborne busy- did not ask me in.
4. Mr. & Mrs Wells- no response.
5. Mr. & Mrs Purkiss- Mrs Purkiss better ~ tells me she is a sister of Mrs Volier's- decent respectable folk.
6. Mrs Watts & her dau. Mrs Watts asked me in for the first time- they seem to be respectable, hardworking people.
7. Mr. 8: Mrs Anderson. Mrs Anderson asked me in for the first time » she is very deaf- shewed me her husband's school prizes.
8. Mr. & Mrs Abbott- Mrs Abbott asked me in- her eldest son has started work at Trinder's- a casual Lodger stole Abbott's; best suit last week.

### **Thursday 12 October**

#### *Mary's Terrace (cont.)*

9. Mr. & Mrs Townshend. Mrs Townshend came to the door- did not ask me in.
10. Mr. & Mrs Lee. Mrs Lee came to the door spoke to her about her girl- advised her to let her go out to service.
11. Mr. & Mrs Arthur Anderson. Have moved here from Caroline Cottages. Mrs Anderson asked me in- tells me her husband is fairly well again.
12. Mr. & Mrs Wood. Mrs Wood asked me in. Annie Cook, 9 years of age and

under her charge- sent home from school- a troublesome child I fear & Mrs Woods not very judicious.

13. Mr. & Mrs Scholar - Mrs Scholar came to the door - spoke to me about her eldest boy just now unemployed but hopes to pass his final Exam for the Civil Service shortly when he will get permanent employment.

14. Old Mrs Blizzard - Used to live in Redknap's Cottages - and Mr. & Mrs Stevens live here. Stevens one of the new policemen lately come - wife seems a decent young woman - they have one child, a boy.

15- Mr. & Miss Barr - Miss Barr very deaf - could not make any one hear.

16. Mr. & Mrs Benskin - Spoke to them both - Old Benskin better but still suffers from rheumatism.

#### *Burrow's Yard*

1. Mr. & Mrs Starmer - Sat with Mrs Starmer for some little time. She is a little better again - Two daughters at home.

2. Mrs Burgess - busy washing - asked after her dau-in-law who is expecting confinement.

4. Old Wytham, not at home.

#### **Friday 13 Oct.**

To see poor old Mr. Bishop after Litany he has been very badly - glad to see one. Walked to Kneller Hall with Vicar after lunch.

On return called through Morpeth Cottages

#### *Morpeth Cottages*

1. Mr. Simms 8: his two sons - the eldest aged 14, but looks older, weak in his head. I understand They wish to put him away.

2. Mr. & Mrs Goodwin - Mrs Goodwin asked me about the circular (Schools)

3. Mr. Young & his two daurs - one married her husband's name Cotterill - seem to be very respectable people - take the Par: Mag: from Miss Thrupp.

4. Mr. & Mrs Harris - not in.

5. Mrs Allistone - a widow lets lodgings a hardworking woman. Her mother a Mrs Alexander, Crown Crescent.

6. Mr. & Mrs Worley ) Called here & saw Mrs Hewett, a respectable young  
Mr. & Mrs Hewett ) woman

7. Mrs Weller

8. Mr. & Mrs Knight - Mrs K. asked me in spoke to her about her boy Alfred. Her two daus both in service - Florence at Mrs Grant's & Alice some where in Strawberry Hill.

#### **Monday 16 Oct.**

No visits - walked to Isleworth with the Vicar - crossed the river by Church Ferry & home by the new lock & weir and Richmond Bridge.

Church of England Temperance Society - General meeting.

## **Tuesday 17 Oct.**

### *Katherine Road*

16. Mr. & Mrs Goard. Mrs Goard at home - talked to her about her children. Elizabeth still at home told her the girl ought to go out to service.
14. Mr. & Mrs Marriott - Mrs Marriott came to the door - busy. She tells me they have lodgers Mrs Taylor, whose husband is in the Wandsworth Asylum & Mr. & Mrs Harwood - Mrs Harwood - a dau: of Mr. Knight the sanitary inspector by his first wife lately confined.
12. Mrs Wilson - a widow, not at home - Lodgers Mr. & Mrs Game, Mrs Games a respectable looking elderly woman came to the door.
10. Mr. & Mrs Willoughby - not in
8. Mr. & Mrs King - the daughter, blind in one eye came to the door - tells me her mother has been unwell thanked me for calling & would I come again.
6. Mr. Whitby - Mr. & Mrs Wells - Mrs Wells came to the door - have only just come in - have been living in Mary's Terrace & when I came here in the Richmond Road. Mr. Whitby, father of Mrs Wells comes from Hampton - has lately lost his wife.
26. Mr. & Mrs Walter P talk with Mr. Walter about his sons - Vicar came in while I was there.

Called at "Irvington" in the Strafford Road to enquire for Mr. Potter who has typhoid fever - saw a servant who says he is a little better.

Evensong (& address which I took) at 8 p.m. after Choir practice.

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## **ECTORAL REGISTERS AS A RESEARCH RESOURCE**

*Peter Lee*

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Chatting with my brother Fil recently we recalled that one day when we were young lads we were taken by our parents to Windsor Castle where an 'Uncle' took us to the stables to see the Windsor Grey horses and the State coaches which they drew. We both had the impression that Uncle lived in a cottage within the Castle precincts and had a free run of part of the Castle itself, but we had no recollection of ever meeting him again and no idea who he was. No obvious candidates presented themselves on the family trees which I had drawn up. My brother thought he was an Appleton - perhaps because great-grandfather Henry Appleton, who was born, bred and lived in Harmondsworth where he was a baker for many years, had kept a Coffee House in Windsor in 1891. I felt there had been an awful lot of water under the bridge between then and 1934 when we reckoned our visit had taken place and thought 'Uncle' might have been a Lee, partly because at least three members of the family had been in coach making trades at the end of the last Century including one who had been an apprentice in 1891.

The question vexed us and as there was no-one left alive to enlighten us I wrote to the Keeper of the Royal Archives at Windsor asking if they had any staff records for the period concerned that were open to public inspection, explaining my interest and mentioning the possibility that Uncle might have had the surname Lee. A prompt reply ducked the question of access to staff records but informed me that no-one called Lee had been employed at that time. I tried again asking if the name Appleton showed up. Again I got a negative response but in a most helpful letter the Deputy Registrar explained that not all servants living within the Castle were employees of the Royal Household; some were employed by the Crown Estates Office who held their records. The writer also suggested that I search the electoral registers for the years concerned - a source that had not occurred to me.

I arranged a visit to Berkshire Record Office and on arrival the archivist handed me first the 1934 register. There listed at No. 3 Red Buildings within the Castle precincts was one of Henry Appleton's daughters - my great-aunt Nancy Appleton; at the same address was a Thomas Edmund Clark. Had I stumbled on some family scandal which had been hidden from us lads, I wondered, for I remembered my great-aunt, who had died in 1938, as an unmarried lady. The 1933 register gave a hint of the answer for at the same address were listed Thomas Edmund Clark and Clara Elizabeth Clark and I recalled that Nancy's youngest sister had been named Clara Elizabeth. In 1935 No. 3 Red Buildings was not listed in the Register so Nancy and Thomas must have gone their separate ways by then.

A search at St Catherine's House brought me Clara Elizabeth's marriage and death certificates. In 1897 she had married Thomas Edmund Clark who was described as 'Groom to HM' resident in the Royal Mews at Windsor and whose father John was described as 'Late Coachman to HM' - 'HM' being, of course, Her Majesty Queen Victoria. Clara had died in June 1934. Evidently her elder sister had moved in to care for her on her sick bed and stayed after her death to look after her bereaved brother-in-law.

It was pleasing to at last identify great Uncle Thomas; the more so to find this, albeit rather remote, connection to two servants of Queen Victoria and two subsequent monarchs.

So do not overlook the electoral registers as a source for tracing lost relatives or identifying those unknown.

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### **Preparing for the Census**

Today or tomorrow every householder will be called upon to fill up the Census Schedule which has been left with him during the week. The householder's schedule is a simple but inquisitive document. It asks only eight questions, and the last will only in a very few cases require an answer.

in the first place it must be distinctly borne in mind that the questions must be answered and if false information is given the offending householder is liable to a penalty of Five Pounds. The schedule has the further peculiarity of being strictly private though providing the most useful public information. No householder or timid maiden lady need therefore fear 'putting pen to paper' and giving a full, true and particular account of himself or herself.

The first question which the paper asks is the name and surname, the second as to head of family and the relation of each person to the head. it may be noted here that the head of the family may be either paterfamilias surrounded by his wife, offspring, servants and dependants or the solitary old maid with her attendant or the solitary lodger in his lone apartment. No misapprehension can possibly arise on this point as the enumerators have been busy nearly all the week distributing the schedules to those entitled to fill them up. The third question asked by the inquisitive paper is whether that of celibacy, wedlock or widowhood. There can be little difficulty and as little delicacy in answering this question and the same more applies to the fourth question, namely, sex. One might almost think that unnecessary, except for the purpose of enumeration. To some the fifth question - that of age - is the most inquisitorial, and the one most attempts are made to evade, and the most foolish mis-statements applied. The sixth question is the rank, profession or occupation, and the seventh the place of birth; if in England the County, if in Scotland, Ireland, India or the Colonies, the County or the Colony. The last column only relates to the deaf, dumb, blind, idiots and lunatics. There is nothing therefore in the schedule which anyone with ordinary capacity need have the slightest difficulty in filling up, and yet a volume could be written on the extraordinary blunders committed in the returns of former years. A maiden lady for example, who intended to tell the Registrar Agent that she was only fifty one years of age, wrote down 501.

We may specially impress upon our readers the necessity of filling up the schedules and having them ready for the collectors on Monday morning next, the large number they have to collect leaving them very little time for each call. The value of the returns when completed can hardly be overestimated. In such districts as Kensington, Hammersmith, Fulham, Chiswick, Acton and Ealing where buildings are being run up in such large numbers, the increase in population must be enormous during the last decade. Unless the population is pretty accurately gauged, the health statistics may prove very misleading. Any doubt on these points will now be set at rest.

Extracted from the West London Observer, Kensington, Hammersmith and Fulham Guardian, Saturday 2 April 1881, by Shirley McLaughlin.

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The concluding part of the article that appeared in West Middlesex FHS Journal, 14(4), 21-25, December 1996.

### **Errors in transcribing the enumeration books**

Having seen how errors can occur in making up the enumeration books, there are also errors in transcribing. Mainly this is due to the poor handwriting of some enumerators. I recently compared two different transcripts of a local census return, covering 10,000 names. Many of the examples below were found then.

### **Capital Letters**

The initial letter of a name can easily be misinterpreted. There are wide variation in styles of writing, some wrote their capital letters in a very florid way, with many flourishes and twirls, others more like modern letters. One enumerator wrote his 'H' with a curl at the end that could make the letter look like 'Ho'.

The problem often occurs with initial letters where the incorrectly transcribed surname is actually a known surname.

For example;           Farrant and Tarrant  
                              Lawyer and Sawyer  
                              Barratt and Parratt

Commonly mistaken transcribed capitals:

C and G                Gatfield as Catfield  
                              Gathercole as Cathercole

F and T                Where the enumerator used the same form except the F had a cross stroke, which was sometimes missing. Example:  
                              Finney and Tinney

F and H                Example; Fallt and Hallt

S and L                With some enumerators these two letters were almost identical, close comparison with the letters used in Christian names usually helps. Example: Lockley and Sockley

R, B, P                (P especially when followed by an 'r')  
                              Again some enumerators used a very similar form for these letters. Examples:   Plymouth as Rymouth  
  Brotherton as Rrotherton  
  Rosewarne as Bosewarne

H for Sl, St or Fl    Some enumerators had a very florid writing, with a number of curls. Initially I transcribed one name as Howell only on

	checking to find it was Stowell. Also I found Stone transcribed as Hone.
Fr and K	Frellond or Kellond
H and R	Humble transcribed as Rumble
E and C	In some handwriting 'E' was like a 'C', except the 'E' had a loop in the middle; where this was almost nonexistent it could be mistaken for a 'C'.
I and J	These were often the same letter, only the rest of the name would give the actual letter.
M and H	Maycock transcribed as Haycock
M and W	With some enumerators their 'M' looked like another's 'W'. I have actually found one enumerator who wrote the same surname, some beginning with 'W' and others with 'M'.
N and V	In one census return the enumerator wrote Nickerstaff in the census description page but Vickerstaff in the actual census.
N and W	Neaves transcribed as Weaves
V and P	Parker and Varker
S and T	Silbury and Tilbury

With the letters 'Q' 'Y' and 'Z'; they occur so rarely, and are very seldom the initial letter of Christian names, that it may be difficult to spot them when they do.

### **Medial Letters**

The name Chamberlain can appear to end - len, lin, line - easy to see as they are near each other in the index, but where the medial letter is at the beginning a more wide ranging search is necessary.

The vowels 'e' and 'i' can easily be misread for each other in census returns, where enumerators 'e's did not have a loop and there was no dot over the 'i', or the dot was misplaced to appear over a later letter. In one household the head was clearly Shilton and his wife also clearly Shelton, both of which are common surnames. Also Wells or Wills, Wellington or Willington, Mullins or Mullens.

Similarly 'a' and 'o', where the only difference was where how the letter ended. There was the husband who was Callam and his wife Cottam, the medial 'a' and 'o' are clearly right.

Also 'a' and 'u'; where the writer didn't complete the top loop of the 'a', it can be very difficult to determine which letter is meant.

Barton and Burton

Wetherall as Wetherull

Coulbank and Coalbank both variants occurred in the same family.

Words containing a combination of the letters 'u', 'm' and 'n' pose particular problems. It may be obvious from the preceding or following letters what is the most likely reading: i.e. Clinton is not going to be Clmton, or Buckingham, Buckuighin. But in some cases it is almost impossible to determine the spelling. Are Curmming and Remmingen right?

Ellams as Ellains

James as Jaines

Dentin as Deutin

Pantling as Pautling

In some writing 'I' and 't' appear the same except the 't' has a cross stroke. On occasions the cross on the 't' was missed out. The example already given where the husband was clearly 'Callam' and his wife 'Cottam' (with the t's crossed).

Date or Dale?

Gillings or Gittings?

Hatton, Hallon or Halton? Butler or Butter?

A medial 'e' and 'c' can be difficult to distinguish.

Steploe as Steploc

Scears as Seears

Horscraft or Horseraft

Also a 'b' and 'le' mistaken for each other. In one case Chalkby and Chalkley occurred in the same family; some appear as one some as another. Other cases are Ashley and Ashby, Summersley and Summersby.

A long 's' or 'ss' can be mistaken for a 'f' or 'ff'. The following errors were found in one transcript.

Ruffle or Russle?

Russell or Ruffill?

Rufsell - Russell

Each handwriting poses its own problems; occasional errors found include:

Grout transcribed as Grant

Hains transcribed Harris; some looked like it, others were definitely Hains

Nooke or Norke? also Cooke or Corke?

Burchill, Branchett or Burchett?

Timlock, Timlook or Tirnlack?

Boarrell, Bramell or Borwell?

Byon, Byor - when Bryon was correct

Roahe or Roche?

Impey as Irupey

Itave or Have?

Pairing or Parry?

Crolton or Crofton?

Gobby or Golby?

Herbert or Hubert?

Coalter or Coelter?

Duddey or Dudley?

Aropital or Arspital?

Snazle or Swazle?

Vippard or Vipprud

Killick or Killich

Jow or I'on?

Clack - should be Clark?

Webb or Welb?

Boyce or Boyer?

### **Name Endings**

Often the enumerator's writing tailed off, especially at the end of long surnames, leaving the transcriber to decipher a squiggle. Or the writer may finish with a flourish which may or may not be a letter. Especially difficult are names ending 'an', 'en', 'in', 'on', 'er', 'or', 'eel', 'ie', 'ue', 'ier'. e.g

Goochren or Goochier?

Collier found transcribed as Collin

A final 'l' can be shorter than a 'l' in the middle of a word and a final 'el' can be bigger. Thus Hall and Hale are often indistinguishable. It is also difficult to determine whether a name ends in an 's' or 'e'.

### **Age**

The problem with transcribing the age column is that when the census was checked a black line was put through the age. Where the line is thin and the writing large this hardly obscures the numbers. But in some books the line is quite thick and the numbers small; here much of the number is covered over or can appear to be another number. In extreme cases the age cannot be read at all. In the case of a child less than a year old the indication of month, week, or day may be missing in the enumeration book, thus giving an age out, by perhaps 18 years.

Conclusion In this, and the article in the last journal, I have tried to show how errors can occur in census indexes. In perhaps 90 to 95 per cent of cases the details have been transcribed and indexed accurately or with errors that do not displace the person indexed very far from where would be expected. It may though require a far more widerranging search to find those missing ancestors. In my search for Rosewarnes, all names beginning with 'Ros' were tried, then all names beginning with 'R', finally names beginning with 'Bos' and 'Pos' were tried. It may though be possible that the name is so altered as to be unidentifiable as Rosewarne. I would not have identified Rosecarum as Rosewarn had I not known a Rosewarn family were living at the address in 1881.

Each surname has its own variations, both the obvious and the not so. Work out what possible spelling variations there may be, and also how its pronunciation may have led to an incorrect spelling. I hope some of the examples given above will help your search.

Remember all census indexes are guides to finding your ancestors and not a definitive source. Always check the references you have found against the films of the original enumeration books. This is especially important for finding the place of birth.

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## BOOKSHELF

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### **Computer Genealogy Update - David Hawgood**

'What is available now, and what do you recommend?' This latest book from the well-known expert on computers in genealogy addresses this frequently asked question about genealogy packages, with an up-to-date survey of what is currently available. Many programs are for PCs running DOS or Windows, but several other platforms are given attention, including Apple Macintosh, Amstrad PCW, Amiga, Atari and others. Brief summary information and comment is provided on each package, together with references to reviews, the supplier's details, and an indication of prices. Email addresses and Internet site details are also included, where they exist.'

With the increasing access to indexes on CD-ROM, such as the IGI, Scottish DPRs and Australian Pioneer indexes, space is given to utility programs that are available to convert GEDCOM and text files that may be obtained from such sources, for use in other programs. A section is also devoted to such CD-ROM sources. Among the other sections covered are programs for heraldry, indexing aid transcription, and calendars.

There are plans to update the book in future years, to keep pace with the new developments.

32 pp. Published by the author, 1997. ISBN 0 948151 14 5 £2.65

### **Recommended Reading**

A title recommended by Jim Devine is *Who's Buried Where In England* by Douglas Greenwood, published by Constable, 1994, ISBN 0 09 474040 2. This includes an interesting mix of information on all sorts of well-known and notorious people including royalty, statesmen, churchmen, scientists, authors, actors and many other classes. It is full of interesting snippets of information about them, not only where they are buried, but occasionally the circumstances of their death. For example, Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1928 to 1942, was buried in St Stephen's Chapel in Canterbury Cathedral, having died of a heart attack while running to catch a train. Michael Faraday (1791-1867) the scientist, is buried in Highgate 'Old' Cemetery. Of him Gladstone is reputed to have asked 'Of what use would electricity be?', to which Faraday replied, 'One day you will be able to tax it sir'. Lewis Carroll (Charles Dodgson, 1832-1898) is buried in Guildford Cemetery.

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### **PRO Opening Hours**

From 9 April, the opening hours of the Reading Rooms at the PRO, Kew, will be Mon. Wed, Fri. 09.30-17.00, Tues. 10.00-19.00, Thurs. 09.30-19.00. In addition, from 5 July, the rooms will be open on Saturdays, 09.30-17.00.

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## SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS ON MICROFICHE

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### 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) Two fiche. A complete index to the surnames, Christian names and ages for the Staines RD which covered the parishes of Ashford, Cranford, East Bedfont, Feltham, Hanworth, Harlington, Harmondsworth, Laleham, Littleton, Shepperton, Stanwell, Staines and Sunbury.	2.35	3.00

All prices above include postage. Please indicate the number of each that you require, and send your order with your name, address and payment, (Sterling only, cheques made out to West Middlesex Family History Society), to: Mrs M.M. Harris, Westerwood, Gough's Lane, Warfield, Berkshire RG12 2JR

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## NEW MEMBERS

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

- B171 Mrs M.L. Bishop, 2636 Morley Trail N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2M 4G5, Canada  
B175 Mrs P. Burns, 85 Ruby Street, Denton, Manchester M34 2BZ  
B178 Mr S.P. Baker, 23 Westminster Drive, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7LS  
B179 Mr H.N. and Mrs S.M. Britnell, 4 Hamilton Drive, Sunningdale, Ascot, Berks. SL5 9PP  
C145 Mrs C.A. Camfield, 25 Crawley Road, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 4DS  
C146 Mr B. Chalk, Dial Cottage, Firbank Lane, St Johns, Woking, Surrey GU21 1QS  
D80 Mrs M. Doubleday, 120 Falconwood Avenue, Welling, Kent DA16 2SW  
F63 Mr T.W. Ford, 6215 Wellband Drive, Regina, Saskatchewan S4X 4A1, Canada  
G92 Mr R.E. Glasgow, 2 Millards, Kicks Hill, Middlezoy, Nr. Bridgewater, Somerset TA7 0NU  
G93 Mr N.R. Grimmett, Burwells Orchard Annex, West Hoe, Bishops Waltham, Southampton, Hants SO32 1DT  
H147 Mrs L.C. How, The Laurels, South Brewham, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0LE  
H148 Mr E.J. Harris, 36 Morningside, Crosby, Liverpool L23 0UW  
J42 Mr R. Johnson, Willowmead, Welsh Street, Chepstow, Monmouthshire NP6 5LS  
K37 R.A. Kavalchuk, 1574 Oliver Road, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6C2, Canada  
K38 Ms J. Knight, 63 First Avenue, London SW14 8SP  
M122 Mrs M.A. Main, 2744 Chalice Road N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2L 1C8, Canada  
M128 Ms L.A. McGuire, 13 Sycamore Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 2NT  
P79 Mr A.G.F. and Mrs A.M. Porter, 4 Sundown Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 1EW  
P85 Miss B. Peacock, 2 Aldersgrove, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0AB  
R63 Mrs S. Rickard, 16 Wendover Close, Mickleover, Derby DE3 5TD  
R66 Mr P. Robins, Forge House, Forge Yard, The Street, Great Snoring, Fakenham, Norfolk NR21 0JT  
R68 Miss M.E. Roads, 24 Willow Road, South Ealing, London W5 4PD  
S150 Mrs S.J. Saville, 280 West Parade, Lincoln LN1 1NB  
T45 Mrs V.E. Thomas, 120 Sutton Lea, Burnham Market, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE31 8EU  
Y5 Mrs B. Young, 39 Howards Road, Wokingham, Berks. RG40 2BX

Please note the following changes of address:

- D67 Mrs J. Day, 23 Penrose Court, Grovehill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 6PN  
F47 Mrs M. Faint, 12 Midhurst Drive, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex BN12 5BD  
G70 Miss H. Grimwood, 9 Delta Street, Roslyn, Dunedin, New Zealand  
G86 Mrs T.J. Gess, 29 Grampian Road, Little Sandhurst, Camberley, Berkshire GU47 8NQ  
H32 Mrs J. Huckle, 19 Rectory Green, Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 8AN  
L14 Mr D.J. Limpus, Meadowside, 42 Honey Park Road, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6EG  
W67 Mrs Annie Weare, Unit 6, 97 Anzac Terrace, Bassendean, 6054 W.A., Australia

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## SURNAME INTERESTS

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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
ALLEN	bef 1950	Fulham	MDX	D80
	19 C	Londonderry	LDY	D80
	bef 1920	Shanghai, China		M122
BAKER	19 C	Cranford area	MDX	B178
BARKER	16-17 C	Chiswick	MDX	B178
BARNETT	bef 1870	Sunbury	MDX	B179
BARTLETT	18 C	Bridport	DOR	C146
	bef 1820	Fawley area	HAM	M122
BEAVEN	aft 1850	All	MDX	B171
	aft 1950	Worthing	SSX	B171
BISHOP	18-20 C	All	LEI	B171
BLUNDEN	18-19 C	North Waltham	HAM	K37
BOBY	19 C	Southern England	ALL	S150
BOUNDS	19-20 C	All	MDX	B171
	18-19 C	Birmingham area	WAR	B171
BOWLES	1814-86	Maldon	ESS	K37
	c 1846	Colchester	ESS	K37
	1873-1923	Hounslow area	MDX	K37
BRITNELL	bef 1900	Bedfont area	MDX	B179
BROWN	bef 1890	Bedfont area	MDX	B179
BROWNE	19 C	Mile End	MDX	C146
BUCK	bef 1750	All	MDX	C146
BULLEN	aft 1900	Ealing area	MDX	B171
CAIN	aft 1900	West Middlesex	MDX	J42
CAMFIELD	All	All	ALL	C145
CHALK	19 C	Putney	SRV	C146
CHAMBERLAIN(E)	19 C	Twickenham	MDX	G92
CHAMBERS	19 C	Isleworth	MDX	M122
	1875-1910	Sunbury	MDX	M122
	bef 1870	Shoreditch	MDX	M122
CHATER	18-20 C	All	MDX	B171
	18-19 C	Birmingham area	WAR	B171
CLARK	bef 1860	Chelmsford	ESS	K38
COLLIS	1750-1850	Hampton	MDX	P85
COULEY	18-19 C	Wellington	SAL	F63
CROUCHER	19 C	Hammersmith	MDX	C146
CUBITT	19 C	Chelsea, Fulham	MDX	C146
	1800-50	Colkirk	NFK	C146
	17 C	Horningtoft	NFK	C146
CULEY	18-19 C	Wellington	SAL	F63

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
DAVIS	bef 1930	Fulham	MDX	D80
DENNIS	aft 1900	Ealing area	MDX	B171
DUNN	19 C	Kensington	MDX	F63
FAGG	19 C	Plumstead	KEN	R66
	19 C	Kensington	MDX	R66
FOAL	18-19 C	Marylebone	MDX	F63
FORD	aft 1850	Kensington	MDX	F63
	bef 1850	Reading	BRK	F63
FOSTER	1816-92	Popham	HAM	K37
	c 1880	Basingstoke	HAM	K37
FROST	18-19 C	Wellington	SAL	F63
GAYLER	1815-70	Sunbury	MDX	M122
	bef 1870	Shoreditch	MDX	M122
GAYLOR	1815-70	Sunbury	MDX	M122
	bef 1870	Shoreditch	MDX	M122
GELDARD	1872-1946	Darlington	DUR	K37
GEORGE	aft 1900	Ealing area	MDX	B171
	aft 1950	Brighton	ESS	B171
GILL	1750-1810	Egham	SRY	P85
GLASCOW	19 C	Lambeth	SRY	G92
GREGORY	1830-90	Whitechapel area	MDX	B179
GRIFFIN	19 C	Hammersmith	MDX	C146
GRIMMETT	1800-1900	Leeds	YKS	G93
HAMMOND	18 C	Colkirk	NFK	C146
HARRIS	bef 1894	Fulham	MDX	H148
HEWETT	1850-80	Sunbury	MDX	M122
HEWITT	1850-80	Sunbury	MDX	M122
HIRT	bef 1821	Fawley	HAM	M122
HIST	bef 1821	Fawley	HAM	M122
HOGG	18 C	Whitechapel	MDX	C146
HOLE	18-19 C	Kensington area	MDX	F63
HURLEY	19 C	Chelsea area	MDX	D80
	19 C	Bantry	COR	D80
	19 C	Liverpool	LAN	D80
JACKSON	c 1793	Stanwell, Staines	MDX	R63
	c 1800	Wraysbury	SRY	R63
JANE	19-20 C	Fulham	MDX	C146
KEENE	1800-60	Hampton area	MDX	M128
	bef 1800	Guilford area	SRY	M128
KNECHT	19 C	Winterthur, Switzerland		K38
KNIGHTS	aft 1877	Chiswick area	MDX	T45
LAMBERT	19 C	Lincoln area	LIN	S150
LARNER	1800-1900	Wokingham area	BRK	M128
LINDOW	18-19 C	All	MDX	B171
LOCK	19 C	Whitchurch	DOR	C146
LUSH	All	Twickenham	MDX	B175
LUTCHFORD	18-19 C	Sevenoaks	KEN	K37
MAIN	1872-1920	Shanghai, China		M122
MALLON	19 C	London	MDX	D80
	19 C	Liverpool	LAN	D80

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
MASTERMAN	18-19 C	Castleford area	YKS	F63
McCURDY	18-19 C	Cambuslang	LKS	K37
MITCHELL	18 C	Hampton	MDX	P85
	18 C	Newport Pagnell	BKM	R66
	19 C	Kirton	LIN	R66
	19 C	Kensington	MDX	R66
	18-19 C	Broughton	OXF	F63
	19 C	Borstall	KEN	S150
MORBEY	18-19 C	Broughton	OXF	F63
MORGAN	19 C	Borstall	KEN	S150
MUNDAY	19 C	Hammersmith	MDX	C146
NORRIS	18-19 C	Tingewick area	BKM	F63
OSMAN	19 C	Brentford area	MDX	G92
OSTRIDGE	19 C	Kensington	MDX	R66
OVER	bef 1800	Stanwell	MDX	R63
	All	Staines	MDX	R63
	1800-1900	Hammersmith	MDX	G93
PARIS	1800-1900	Hammersmith	MDX	G93
PEDEN	19 C	Chelsea	MDX	J42
PENN	19 C	Staines area	MDX	H147
PERRIDGE	18-19 C	Brentford area	MDX	H147
PETCH	aft 1870	Halifax area	YKS	K38
	bef 1870	Pickering area	YKS	K38
	aft 1800	Odiham area	HAM	P79
PORTER	aft 1800	Odiham area	HAM	P79
POTTER	19 C	Hammersmith, Fulham	MDX	C146
PRATTEN	bef 1800	All	ALL	H147
RANCE	1800-1900	Wokingham	BRK	M128
RANDALL	1820-90	Acton Green	MDX	R68
RAPLEY	1750-1900	City of London	LND	P79
	1750-1900	Islington area	MDX	P79
	1800-1900	Forest Gate	ESS	G93
READ	1800-1900	Forest Gate	ESS	G93
ROADS	1820-90	Isleworth area	MDX	R68
RUSSELL	All	Twickenham	MDX	B175
SANDERSON	bef 1830	All	NTT	H147
SANGSTER	18-19 C	Chiswick area	MDX	H147
SAVILLE	19 C	Bardfield Saling	ESS	S150
SELBY	bef 1860	Kensington	MDX	K38
SHERRINGHAM	bef 1894	Fulham	MDX	H148
SHRIMPTON	18 C	Hammersmith	MDX	C146
SKELTON	19 C	Notting Hill	MDX	S150
SPRING	18-19 C	Kensington area	MDX	F63
STEPHENS	1760-1830	Fawley area	HAM	M122
STEVENS	1760-1830	Fawley area	HAM	M122
STOCKEN	19 C	Basford area	NTT	M128
THATCHER	19 C	Kensington	MDX	R66
THOMAS	1750-1900	Haworth	YKS	P79
	1600-1850	Wadsworth area	YKS	P79
	1750-1875	Midgley area	YKS	P79
	1750-1875	Hathershelf, Sowerby area	YKS	P79
	bef 1841	Brentford area	MDX	T45
	18-19 C	Ilkston	DBY	F63
TILSON	18-19 C	Ilkston	DBY	F63
TOMLINSON	1860-1900	Ormskirk	LAN	M122
WALLINEER	All	All	ALL	B179

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
WALLNER	1740-1800	Rotherhithe	SRY	B179
WALSH	18-19 C	Castleford area	YKS	F63
WATTS	19 C	Kensington	MDX	S150
	19 C	Medway	KEN	S150
	19 C	Woolwich	KEN	S150
WHITE-BEAVEN	1860-1900	Brentford area	MDX	B171
WILKINSON	18-20 C	All	LEI	B171
	19 C	Aldershot barracks	HAM	S150
WILLIAMS	c 1840	Bermondsey	SRY	B179
WINCHCOMB	c 1850	Staines	MDX	R63
WINCHCOME	c 1850	Staines	MDX	R63
WITHERS	bef 1828	Fawley	HAM	M122
	All	All	MDX	M122
WOOLER	1830-1950	Chiswick	MDX	K38
	bef 1830	Hampstead	MDX	K38
WYATT	bef 1820	Fawley	HAM	M122
WYLIE	c 1810	Heavitree	DEV	K37
	c 1790	All	ALL	K37

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**Reminder** New members are reminded that the content of each issue of this journal is finalised several weeks before it is ready for distribution. If you have recently submitted your interests form, it may not necessarily appear in the next journal that you receive - please be patient.

*Richard Chapman*

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

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A belated Happy New Year to you all! As I write this, in late January, the holiday season seems a long time ago, but I hope not so long that those family history New Year resolutions have been forgotten - to check out that source, to write those letters, to sort out those notes, to help with that project work, to write up that long-intended article for the Journal ...

My usual thanks go to those who have helped to fill this issue, particularly Vic and Yvonne, for their important contributions at the eleventh hour. But please don't leave all the work to just a few contributors - see what you can do! I would obviously like to include a piece on the new census/BMD search rooms in the next issue - if you are one of the early visitors, why not write a piece on your impressions; beginner or 'old hand', it doesn't matter. Likewise if you are among those attending the 'at home' at the Greater London Record Office in March; you can pass on what you learn to other members who cannot attend.

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### Journal Deadline

Contributions for the June issue should reach the Editor by 4 April.

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## INDEXES HELD BY MEMBERS

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These indexes are intended as aids to research in the West Middlesex area. For members of the Society fees are as stated (please quote membership number); for non-members they are twice what is indicated below, except where specified. Please note that all enquirers must include a SAE (or IRC). Unless stated otherwise, cheques should be made payable to the holder of the index, **not** the WMFHS.

**West Middlesex Marriage Index** contains only marriages taking place before civil registration (1837): about 65,500 entries, mainly from West Middlesex.

Rates as follows:

A List indicating coverage - SAE plus a second class stamp.

A search for one specific marriage – SAE plus 50p (non-members £1)

Up to 20 entries of one surname – SAE plus £1 (non-members £2)

Cheques should be made payable to WMFHS, in Sterling only. Name variants required need to be listed by the enquirer. Give name(s), approximate date and parish or area if known. Include your membership number.

*Mrs J.M. Huckle, 19 Rectory Green, Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 8AN*

**West Middlesex Strays** People from or born in our area found in another area. Enquiries £1.00.

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

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

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

**1881 Census Indexes** For fee of £1.00 plus SAE (at least 9"x4") any one county searched for any one surname. Fee will cover the supply of up to four photocopies of the entries found. Cheques payable to Mrs Margaret Harnden.

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

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

*Mrs R. Ward, 29 Ernest Gardens, Chiswick, London W4*

**West Middlesex Settlement Records** New Brentford, Uxbridge, Staines, Ealing, Feltham, Friern Barnet, Fulham, Hammersmith, Hanwell, Chelsea. Enquiries £1.00.

*Miss J. Zouch, 132 Larch Crescent, Yeading, Hayes, Middlesex*

**Divorce Index** An index to divorces reported in *The Times* 1785-1910. Indexed by surname of principal parties, surname of co-respondent(s), and alias(es). Enquiries members free (SAE or IRC and please quote membership no); non-members: £1.50 (UK), A\$4, NZ\$5, inc. postage. Also available on fiche at £8.00 (UK), A\$22, NZ\$26, inc. airmail postage worldwide.

*Mrs. Annie Weare, PO Box 3021, Bassendean 6054, Western Australia.*

**New Brentford St Lawrence Registers** Baptisms, marriages and burials 1617-1720/21. Enquiries £1.00

*Miss J. Zouch, 132 Larch Crescent, Yeading, Hayes, Middlesex.*

**Hayes St Mary's Parish Registers** Baptisms, marriages, burials 1557-1840. Enquiries £1 per surname.

**Hillingdon Parish Registers** Baptisms 1559-1909, marriages 1559-1910, burials 1559-1948 (churchyard) and 1867-1903 (cemetery). Enquiries £1.

**Harlington Parish Registers** Baptisms, marriages, burials 1540-1850. Enquiries £1.00. *Mr P. Sherwood, 5 Victoria Lane, Harlington, Middlesex UB3 5EW*

**Isleworth All Saints Parish Registers** Baptisms 1808-1854, marriages 1754-1895, burials 1813-1879. Poor Law Examinations 1777-1801, 1813-1830. Enquiries £1.00, or \$5 US/Canada.

*Mr A. Powell, 71 Whiteside Road, Brentford, Middlesex*

**Chiswick Marriages** Around 800 marriages October 1678- December 1800. Enquiries, giving approximate date, £100.

*Mr A. Powell, 71 Whiteside Road, Brentford, Middlesex*

**Harmondsworth Parish Registers** Baptisms, marriages and burials 1670-1837. Enquiries £1.00, or 3 IRCs per name.

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

**Teddington Index** A growing database of material relating to Teddington and its inhabitants. Enquiries free to WMFHS members, on receipt of a SAE. Additional sources welcome.

*Mr D. Neller, 8 Elleray Road, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 0HG*

**Coastguard Index** All enquiries £5.00 per name.

*Mrs E. Stage, 150 Fulwell Park Avenue, Twickenham, Middlesex*

## **West Middlesex Family History Society**

### **Area of Interest**

Acton, Ashford, East Bedfont, Chelsea, Chiswick, Cowley, Cranford, West Drayton, Ealing with Old Brentford, Feltham, Fulham, Hampton, Hanwell with New Brentford, Hanworth, Harlington, Harmondsworth, Hayes with Norwood, Hammersmith, Heston, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Isleworth, Kensington, Laleham, Littleton, Shepperton, Staines, Stanwell, Sunbury, Teddington, Twickenham and Uxbridge.

If undelivered, return to: West Middlesex FHS, c/o P. Roe, 171 Fernside Avenue,  
Feltham, Middlesex TW13 7BQ