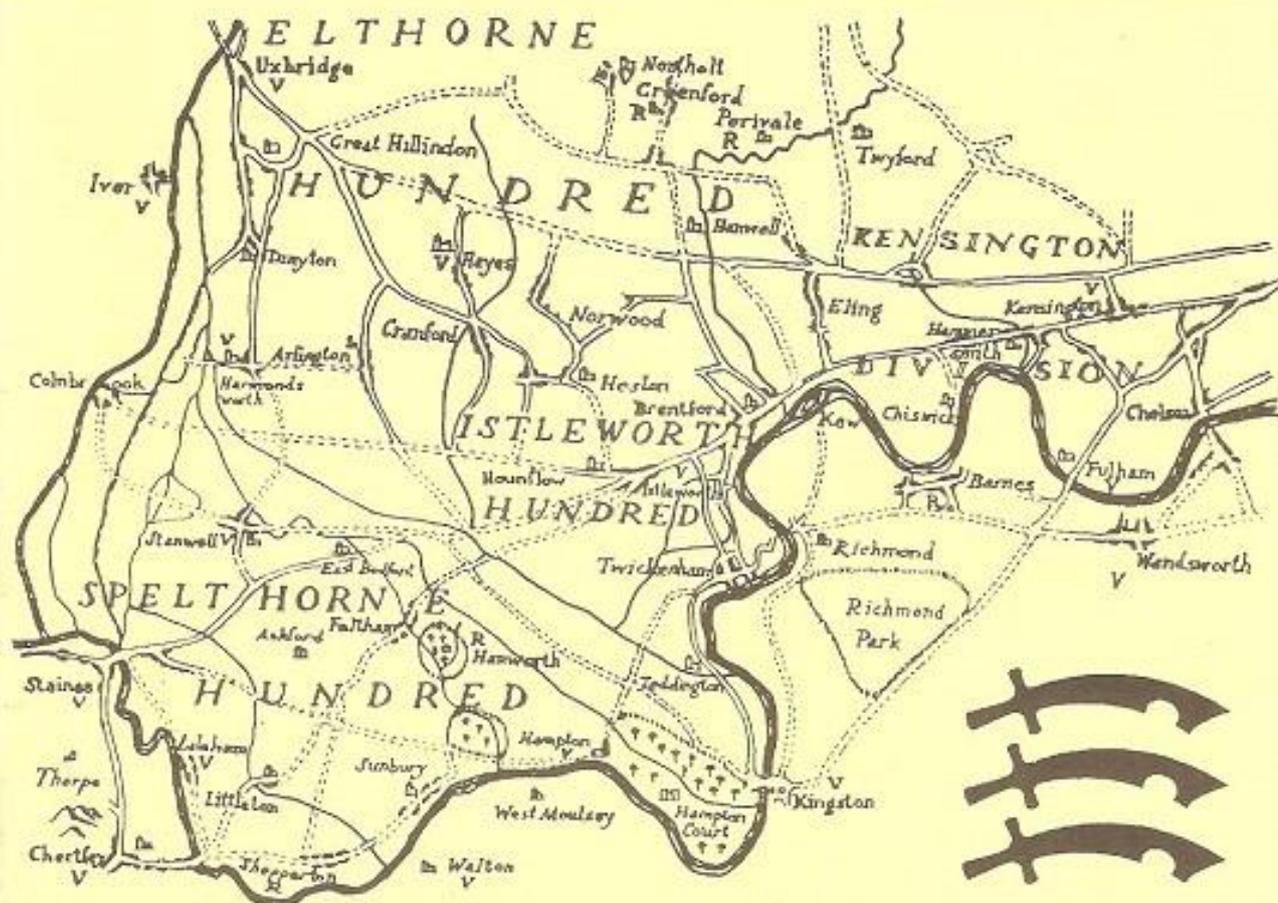


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As I write these notes Easter lies ahead. When you read them Easter will have come and gone and so will the Society of Genealogists Annual Family History Fair on 2nd and 3rd May. This is probably the most prestigious meeting for Family History Societies. We shall set up our stall as we have done for many years, along with well over 30 other Societies, and even more Traders and other stall holders. A little too late to encourage you to come along, but not too late to bring to your attention another event where we will have a stall: it is **the Middlesex County Show**, which is held on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June at the Showground, Uxbridge, and is one of the largest County shows in the South of England. The ground can be reached by car via the A40, and free buses will run all day from Uxbridge Underground Station. The Local and Family History Marquee is only one of the many at the show. There are enough attractions, including several show rings, to interest a family all day.

In March we ran a bookstall at the West London Local History Conference in our usual venue of Montague Hall. Again, this seems to be an annual event for us. There are more Fairs and Family History Societies' Open Days during the year at which we would wish to have a stall as these are good opportunities to advertise ourselves and recruit new members, as well as sell our publications. However, we need volunteers either to run or to help run the stalls and/or carry the books and display materials in their car. If you live in a County adjacent to Middlesex and wish to take part, let me or the Secretary know.

I am reminded that this year the Society will be 20 years old; we ought to plan for a 21st birthday celebration next year: any suggestions? Many of the Founder Members are still with us and several play an active part in the Society. Much of the reference material that we have today was collected and collated by the earlier members. The Membership Secretary, Peter Roe, reports a slow but continuous rise in membership over recent years; of course for various reasons we lose some members every year but fortunately we recruit new members almost every week. Good news for the Society, but more work for Peter.

As you know, the Society is directed by an Executive Committee elected every year at the AGM. Apart from attending regular Policy Meetings, almost all of the Committee members, in addition to the Officers, carry out essential tasks to keep the Society running, frequently spending many hours working at home. I must here include the many members whose names appear inside the covers of the Journal and who supply the various services for members. Between us we try to meet the wishes of the members in regard to the way the Society is run, but it is not possible for us to know the views of members who are unable to attend our monthly meetings. If you have a suggestion or point to make do please write to us or better still send a letter to the Editor, and other members can then express their views. I fortunately have this spot in the Journal to give my views and I shall be back with more from my viewpoint in the next Journal.

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

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The following meetings have been planned:

- 18 June                    *Feltham*  
Peter Watson - a local historian who has extensive material on Feltham
- 16 July                    *Hospital Records for Family Historians - Admissions, Nurses Records, etc.*  
Janet Foster
- 20 August                *Members' Evening - the Societgfs indexes wm be avoiiable*  
*A History of Letter Boxes*  
John Smith
- 15 October               *Chiswick*  
Norman Radley - a tour guide with a Wide knowledge of the Chiswick area
- 19 November            *Hammersmith & Fulham: A History, touching on some of the people who lived there - Martin Bros Potteries, William Morris*  
Anne Wheeldon of Hammersmith and Fulham Archives and Local History Centre.
- 17 December            Annual General Meeting

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

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## Certificate Courier Service

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As the cost of certificates purchased at the Family Records Centre went up on 1 April 1998, the new charges for this Service are as follows:

£8.00 per certificate if the FULL reference is supplied. Please quote all the details given in the index (i.e. name, year, quarter, district, volume and page).

£9.00 per certificate includes a three-year search of the indices (i.e. 12 volumes). A refund of £6.50 will be given if this is unsuccessful but please supply as much background information as possible, for example, expected area, expected age if looking for a death, etc.

Unwanted certificates, and copies of certificates which are still wanted, are always welcome. These are put on our database, which is growing with your help.

When applying, please quote your membership number and make your cheque payable to me (NOT WMFHS). All payments must be in Sterling. SAEs appreciated.

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

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## NEWS ROUNDUP

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### **Buckingham FHS**

The Buckinghamshire FHS will be holding its Open Day 1998 on Saturday 25 July 1998, 10 am to 4 pm, at Aylesbury Grammar School, Walton Road, Aylesbury (south east of town between A413 and A41). Many attractions for Bucks researchers will include the full Bucks FHS library and other services, Bucks County Records and Local Studies Service, Bucks FHS Computer Group demonstrations, Society of Genealogists, guest societies, commercial suppliers, and family history advice. Free admission and free car parking at the school. Light refreshments.

The Marlow Society will be holding a Local and Family History Fair on Saturday 22 August 1998 at the Shelley Theatre, Court Gardens Leisure Centre, Marlow, Bucks. The event has attracted Local History groups from the area and Family History Societies such as the Buckinghamshire. The County Records and Local Studies department and the Archaeological Society will also be in attendance. The theatre is close to the river and the picturesque town of Marlow. For further details send SAE to LOFAMFA, The Sheiling, Gossmore Lane, Marlow, Bucks SL7 1QF.

The **Wills Search ROOM** (Principal Registry of the Family Division, post 1857) at Somerset House is moving to First Avenue House, High Holborn in May 1998. The Probate indexes will also be available on microfiche at the Family Records Centre.

### **Guildhall Library**

As from 4 April 1998 there are fewer staff on duty at Guildhall Library on a Saturday, which means complex or extended enquiries cannot be dealt with and the amount of material able to be produced from storage is limited; therefore it is advisable to visit on a weekday if you need a fair amount of staff time for an enquiry. It is possible to check this out before a visit by telephoning the Printed Books Section on 0171 332 1868/1870 or the Manuscripts Section on 0171 332 1863/1862. The Library will also be closing on all bank holiday Saturdays and any Saturdays which immediately precede or follow the Christmas and New Year holidays. A list of closures will be produced as early as possible each year.

### **Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies**

Some up-and-coming courses include:

*Wills and Probate*, 20 June;

*Kent Sources*, 12 September;

*Census Returns for Family Historians*, 10 October;

*Non-Conformity (Residential)*, 13-15 November.

For application/details of courses apply to *the Registrar at 79-82 Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA, tel: 01227-768664, fax: 01227-765617.*

## News from the PRO

The Births, Marriages and Deaths indexes for England and Wales are now available on microfiche in the Microfilm Reading Room at PRO Kew. Duplicates are at the Family Records Centre.

The first Open Day at PRO Kew will take place on Saturday 19 September 1998 as part of the London Wide Open Weekend scheme. Visitors will be able to go all over the PRO including places not normally open to the public. Tours and other activities will be organised for the day.

PRO Conference *In the Sticks* dealing with the impact of national events on local life through the centuries, and including the latest research on tax lists, probate and surnames, takes place Saturday 27 June 1998. Tickets £20 (concessions £15) including buffet lunch, tea and coffee.

The price of certificates ordered by post from the **Family Records Centre** has been reduced from 1 April 1998 from £12 to £9 if the index reference number is provided, but remains at £12 if it is not.

**The London Metropolitan Archives** Family History Research Service, for people who are unable to do their research there in person, is now up and running and has proved so popular that there is at present a five to six week wait. The fee is £9 (plus VAT if you live in the UK or other EU country) per half-hour search: short searches only can be carried out, in response to a specific enquiry, and only in archives that are normally accessible to the public. For more details contact the LMA on 0171-332-3320.

Following the retirement at the end of last year of its Director, Anthony Camp, the **Society of Genealogists** has announced the appointment of its new Director, Robert I.N. Gordon, a former solicitor.

There is now a **South Fulham Family History Society**. For those interested in the area, their address is: *3A Imperial Studios, Imperial Road, London SW6 2AG*.

Member Corinne Dell informs us of the **Fal Family History Group** in Cornwall, which meets bi-monthly at Threemilestone, near Truro. They have a small library, tapes and videos to borrow and produce a quarterly Newsletter. For further details contact *Mrs CF. Dell, 57 Huntersfield, South Tehidy, Camborne, Cornwall TR14 0HW*.

### Spotted in the Phillimore Marriages Index:

2 June 1616, Northolt: Affable Bucket m. Eliz. Bonde

12 November 1598, West Drayton: Richard Amuckehole m. Jane Davies

19 May 1700, West Drayton: Wm. Barton m. Roady Trout

### From Lambert's Family Almanack (price one penny) Local Events of 1898

February 11: Murder of Miss Camp on a train near Hounslow.

Anyone's unfortunate ancestor?

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## PEABODY BUILDINGS, LAWRENCE STREET, CHELSEA

*Lesley Bairstow*

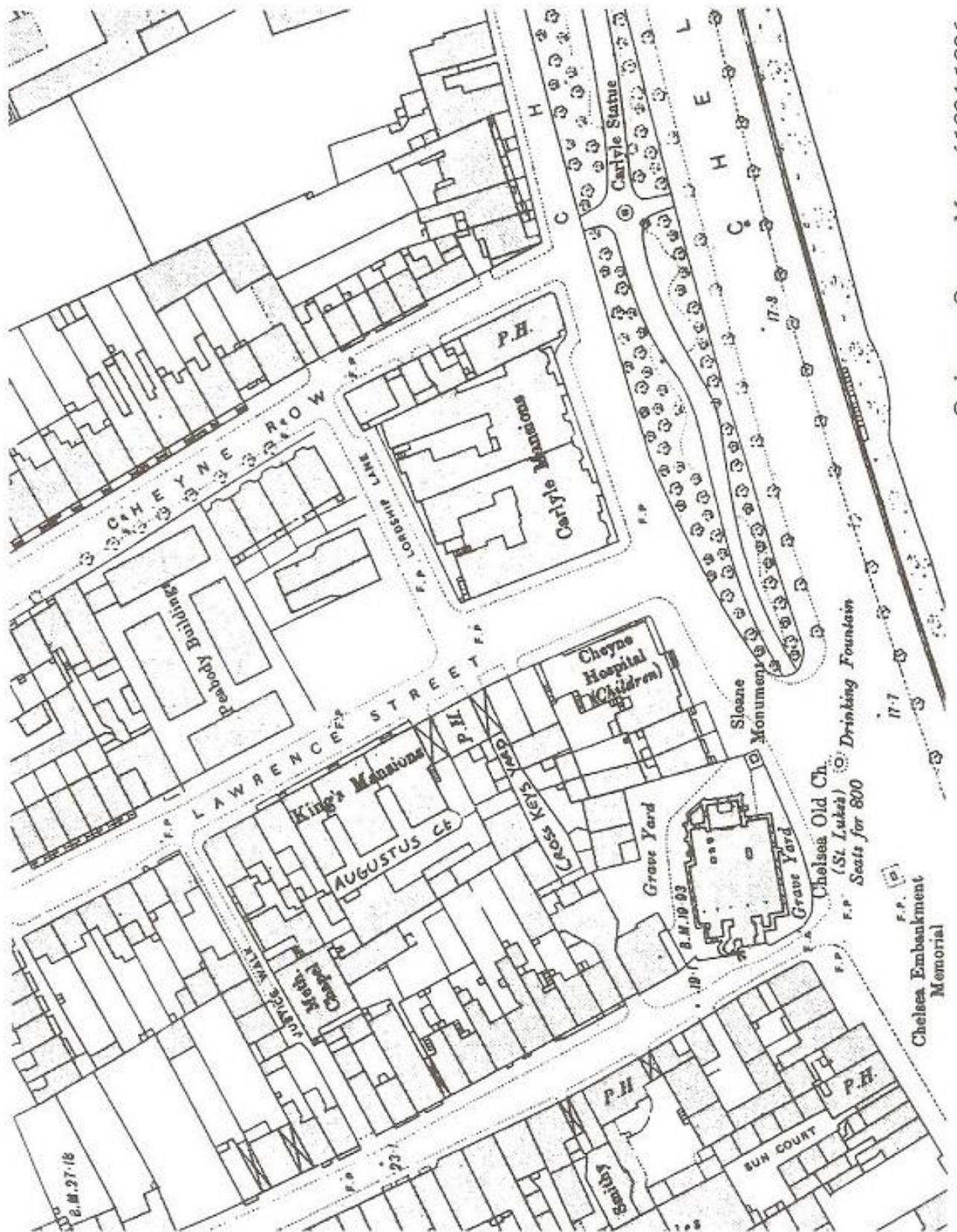
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Every June, over the past few years, the Chelsea Society has organised a series of guided walks, plus other events, to celebrate the Chelsea Festival. One warm summer evening, during a particular Festival week, our little party stood in Cheyne Row listening intently to the tour guide, as he described the charming Queen Anne architecture of the houses in the Row. Opposite, and to our right, was Thomas Carlyle's house, in which he lived from 1834-1881 (we would later adjourn to that house, where we were invited to look around, and take wine in the tranquil walled garden). As I stood on the pavement, thinking about the privileged lives of those who had lived in such spacious surroundings, I became aware of the long plain wall behind us. Beyond this brick wall were Peabody Buildings, not of any importance in the scheme of Chelsea history - the flats had housed no poet, writer or famous artist - but they were the homes of some of our artisan ancestors who sweated and laboured to exist. Indeed, Carlyle wrote that the outlook from his house directly across the street was mainly into trees and a long, low depressing wall, above which rose the back of a many-windowed model dwelling-house. He added that it was surely one of the "least inspiring prospects in all London".



*Lawrence Street, Peabody Buildings. Monmouth House is to the left.*

*Photo: L. Bairstow*



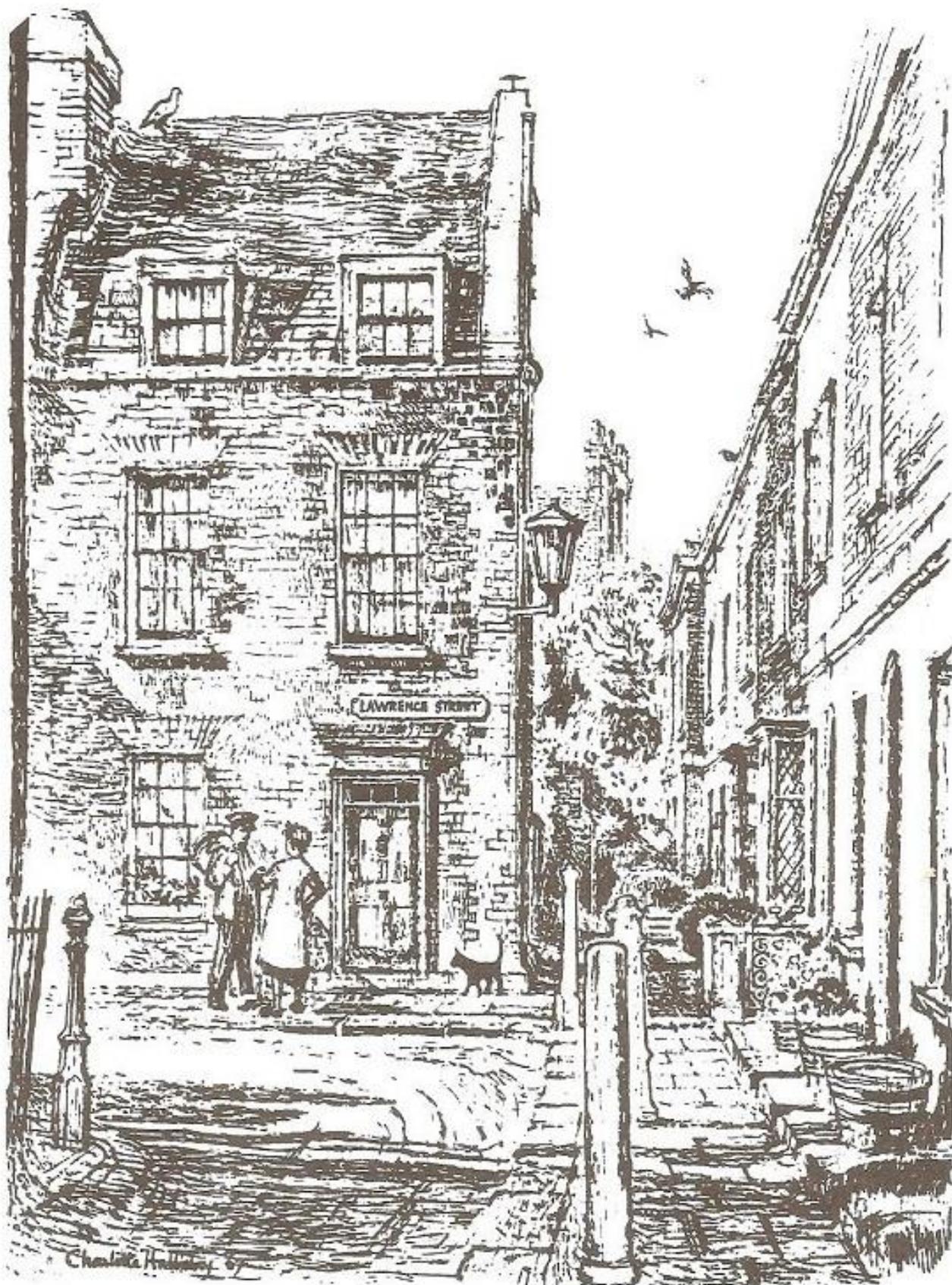
Ordnance Survey Map of 1894-1896

Certainly, in Lawrence Street Peabody Buildings look out of place. It is an almost startling sight to come across; a small and perfect set of Victorian industrial dwellings tucked away amongst the neat, trim and expensive Chelsea terraces. They were built in 1870, put up by George Peabody, an American banker and millionaire, who came to England in 1837 and donated half a million pounds to a Trust to improve the conditions of the London poor. The first flats had no running water and no plaster on the walls, and the rents were too high for a large section of the poorest working classes. Rigid rules of cleanliness, orderliness and thrift, with no “home work” excluded the very people, such as costers, who had been displaced by the new buildings. All children had to be vaccinated and called in by seven o’clock each evening. No washing was to be taken in, and all this was enforced by a strict superintendant. Even today, there is a notice reminding tenants that they must not hang washing on the balconies.

Who were the first tenants of the 1870s? According to the census they were of the very respectable working class, i.e., mason, whitesmith, cabman, bootmaker, painter, wine cooper, engineer, and a small number of labourers. The women were nurses and seamstresses. There were very few washerwomen, who obviously did not work at home because of the rules. Lawrence Street itself housed many more labourers and laundresses among the other occupations, such as shoemaker and fishmonger, and several river workers - lightermen and watermen - who were probably employed on the Thames, only yards away at the bottom of the street. The families in Peabody seemed better off because there were many families with no occupation listed for the wives. One of the few laundresses was a widow, **Caroline HERBERT**, aged 48, who may have had to do this work to support her family of two sons, an unmarried daughter, and a married daughter with a child.

The occupations in Lawrence Street itself were more unusual. There was **George DREWITT**, who was a “boat rower”, a travelling tinker, and a dog’s meat dealer. Then there was **Ann AUSTEN** who “keeps a donkey for hire” - she would definitely not have qualified for a place in Peabody Buildings! Across the road, and behind the Cross Keys public house (marked on the 18944896 map), was Cross Keys Yard, where there lived several watermen and “a labourer on the water”. Interestingly, nearly everyone in the four houses in the Yard was born in Chelsea. At number three there lived 40 people - almost all labourers, watermen, servants, costermongers, and charwomen. This seems an incredibly crowded house, but the sizes of these houses are unknown - they have long gone.

Ten years later in the 1880s Lawrence Street still had three watermen, although the Thames had been properly embanked and enhanced with a wide, new road for some years, and all the old wharves, docks and warehouses had been swept away in the development. Other occupations were carpenter, dustman, groom, gardener and labourers. In contrast, Peabody Buildings now had a waiter, lamplighter, painter, office boy, coachman and blindmaker. There was a butler’s wife and a lady teacher



*Lawrence Street in 1967 by Charlotte Halliday.  
View of the north end from Upper Cheyne Row.*

of music. These people lived in small neat flats compared with the veritable beehives of Lawrence Street. At number 23 Lawrence Street was a lodging house which sheltered 38 male lodgers, mostly labourers, with others such as hawker, cook, army pensioner, and bootmaker amongst them. The inmates ranged from a 17 year-old labourer - **John WELCH** from Chelsea - to **Henry CLARK**, aged 80, a labourer from Sheerness. This building was part of old Monmouth House, which dated back to the early eighteenth century, and today it still looks very much like it did then.

Overcrowding was obvious from a look at number eight, where there were three families totalling 24 people, one of whom was my own great-grandfather's brother, **William DUNNING**. William was a builder's labourer from Westminster, who had a wife and six children in the house. Number eight is no longer there: King's Mansions were built on the site almost next to The Cross Keys. (I was approached by the landlord of King's Mansions, who had noticed me taking photographs of the street. He was most intrigued to learn about Cross Keys Yard. He never knew it had existed.) Number 11 Lawrence Street, however, had an impressive eight households - 36 people altogether.

At Peabody Buildings, Caroline Herbert, the laundress, was now unable to work, and may have been supported by her son **Frederick**, 23, a labourer. Watermen and lightermen still lived in Lordship Lane and Augustus Court. Lordship Lane was formerly Lordship Yard, and here, many years before, were Manor Barns where were the stocks, the whipping post, the ducking stool, and the cage (a primitive lock-up) for the public correction of evil-doers. For Lawrence Street, named after the Lawrence family who bought the old Manor House in the sixteenth century, is very close to the ancient Chelsea Old Church and may be regarded, historically, as the heart of the parish.

Towards the end of the century, Peabody Buildings continued to house respectable workers, such as cab drivers, a smith, baker, and carpet fitter, although in the area there were three disreputable pubs - the Cross Keys, the Prince of Wales (on the corner of Justice Place) and the Lord Palmerston (on the corner of Upper Cheyne Row), and a gang of toughs who hung around them, called the "Lawrence Street 'erbs". By now, though, certain occupations reflected changes that had taken place in society. In the Buildings were GPO postmen and sorters, a telegraph messenger, a gas lamplighter, and **George BRADSHAW**, who worked for the Army and Navy store in Victoria Street.

Lawrence Street, even then, retained a waterman and a lighterman amongst the more usual groom, grocer, coal porter and farrier, plus many labourers. The lodging house now encompassed two houses - nos. 23 and 24 - and was called a Model Lodging House. Now there were 100 men, mostly single, but with some widowers. They were carpenters, postmen, bricklayers, a mason, a crossing sweeper, dock labourers, a clerk, a hawker, amongst others.

Lordship Lane and Cross Keys Yard had many labourers and very few river workers, but in Peabody Buildings there was **Benjamin TAYLOR**, a boat builder from Stepney.

Chelsea had greatly changed over these three decades. The riverside, from the Royal Hospital to Cremorne Gardens, was no longer busy with boats loading and unloading at the various docks, landing stages and river steps. The water ferries had gone. The muddle of warehouses, inns and rickety old dwelling houses, right on the water's edge, had gone. Now there was an impressive sweep of granite wall adorned with ornate cast iron lamps, and a wide road, which my grandfather, **George CHISNALL**, a young labourer from Hadleigh in Suffolk, had helped to build. The King's Road, which at the time that Carlyle took up residence in Cheyne Row was still the King's private road to Hampton Court and is but a few minutes' walk north of Lawrence Street, had become more the centre of Chelsea life. As it still is to this day.

### **SOURCES**

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MAP - Ordnance Survey 1894-1896. London Sheet X20.

All sources from Chelsea Library Local Studies.

The illustration of Lawrence Street, 1967, is used with kind permission of the artist, Charlotte Halliday.

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### **A Marriage of Convenience?**

In Chiswick church lies Frances Cromwell, Oliver Cromwell's youngest daughter. When she was a young, unmarried woman her father got wind that his Chaplain, Jeremiah White, was paying her court, with her consent. Cromwell arranged to surprise them together in her apartment. On entering, he saw White on his knees kissing Frances' hand. "What is the meaning of this posture before my daughter?" cried Cromwell.

Quick-wittedly, White replied that he had been courting Frances' lady-in-waiting, who was also in the room, for some time without success and was asking her mistress to intercede on his behalf. Equally quick-wittedly, Cromwell turned to the lady-in-waiting and said "What is the meaning of this? He is my friend, and I expect you to treat him as such".

She replied that if Mr White intended her that honour, she would not oppose him, whereupon Cromwell immediately sent for a priest, who married the couple. The marriage lasted 50 years.

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## **THE MARRIAGE INDEX – its history and how it may help you with your research**

*Janet Huckle*

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The West Middlesex Family History Society was founded in 1978 (there are still founder members who belong to the Society and join us at our meetings), a time when the hobby of family history research was beginning to expand. For many years indexes had been prepared with the object of making information more readily available, and to this day indexes are still being produced. An added bonus is that if a detailed Index is available, original registers need not be used and can be conserved.

Our Marriage Index was established using transcriptions, much of which were originally gathered by Cliff Webb, then a member of West Surrey Family History Society. Before this there was no society for Middlesex, but once ours was established, Vic Gale took on the task of establishing the Marriage Index and was able to use the work which Cliff Webb had started. Vic's home was taken over by shoeboxes and file drawers containing slips and many large files containing typed up copies of the slips. This work was carried out by various people, particularly member Valerie Payne. Vic organised the transcription, checking and typing of the entries as well as answering enquiries. I wonder if he realised just what a mammoth, time-consuming task he had taken on.

There were already Pallott and Boyd's Indexes but they did not cover Middlesex comprehensively. Using sources which were most readily available, probably the period 1813-37 was the first to be substantially covered. Originally the entries were recorded on slips with only the two parties, the date and the place recorded. A slip was headed up for the Bride and another for the Groom, and our newly-formed Society helped with this project: the people involved were listed in early WMFHS journals. Extraction slowed down as the remaining work involved access to non-deposited and uncopied registers.

A lady called Miss Dean, a member of Sussex FHS, compiled several thousand slips for the marriages appearing in the Gentleman's Magazine between 1731 and 1768. If you have ever had the chance to look at one of these volumes you will have some idea of the nature of the work involved. Miss Dean then sorted these into Counties and sent them to the various Family History Societies. There were 1421 entries for Middlesex. At first Cliff Webb's aim was to gather marriages for the whole of the ancient County of Middlesex, but with the formation of three Middlesex Societies, the project has mostly been limited to our own 'area of interest'.

With the advent of the computer age the Society started a Computer Group. This lasted only about 18 months but in that time the content of the Index was inputted and put into a database. Many more registers had been deposited and the work of transcription grew. Thanks to the IT expertise of William Comben and the monitoring and transcription work by Janet Hagger the number of entries reached a staggering

60,000. Due to pressure of work William was unable to continue the IT side and so in 1995 I took over. I also took on transcription, monitoring and answering enquiries. I could not have done it without the support of Vic, William and Richard Chapman. The Index now contains over 65,500 entries and I have answered over 50 enquiries so far this year. This might not seem very many but it does take time to do a search and to answer the letter. You may wonder why the Index has not been published in book form or on microfiche: some of the records which are included were transcribed with special permission from the Incumbent on condition that they were to be part of the Index but not published. It is therefore in the best interests of the Society to retain ownership of the results of the project.

To get the best out of an enquiry, you need to read the last page of this Journal on how to access the Index. There is no need to send family charts or a lot of background information. A search is made across all dates and parishes in the Index. However, with a common surname it is best to give a date range, for example c1799 Ealing. Possible matches in adjacent parishes will be considered and selected. Always write the surname in capital letters. Alternatively a search can be made using an 'advanced pattern match' - this is particularly useful for an unusual name like QUINION (which appeared in the Help Wanted section of the June 1997 Journal). A match was entered on QUIN and the names QUIN/QUINION/QUINTON/QUINTAN were all selected by the computer, thus identifying possible name variants, whether due to parish clerk, transcription or computer input error; always consider alternative spellings. Marriage Index reports are on A4 size paper, so please send a reasonably-sized SAE.

I do enjoy looking after the Index, and feel that it is time that its potential as a research tool was recognised. Several letters a week arrive from all over the world, and the other day there was a phone call at 9.30 am from Belgium. I wrote down the enquiry and suggested a return phone call at lunchtime, when I read out the entries which seemed to match. I heard later that "the information supplied was very valuable". I get excited when I am sure that I have found an exact match. Sometimes I hear that it was what was wanted, but there's only a 3% "thank you" rate, so I rarely know how successful the Index is. I have permission from Mrs Forman of Reading to use her enquiry as an example in this article. She wrote for the following marriages: Charles OWEN = Sarah REED c1810; George REED/ READ/REID = Mary ? c1772. I found both marriages and wrote "Aren't you the lucky one? - I think. If so, I can imagine all those lights and bells like they activate on television, going mad." I had a nice letter back - ". . . so you are quite right - bells are ringing and lights are flashing, and there is much elation."

This surely demonstrates the benefits that can come from making an enquiry to any appropriate Index - I recommend that you make full use of our Indexes. Take a look at the back page of this Journal; "Indexes Held by Members". When consulting a Strays Index, remember that Strays record any "event taking place away from a person's normal (or original) abode" - but only records which have been sent in. If you have

you have ever used an Index, do be prepared to repay the time and energy of the people who created it: if you notice an event in another County - a baptism, marriage, death, burial, Census return, settlement etc., which states that a person came from Middlesex - record as much detail as possible and send it to our Strays Coordinator Mrs Mott (address on page 36). Are you helping the Society's project to index the 1891 Census for our area? And the Marriage index still needs some transcription done - **Cranford St Dunstons 1835-1837, Gentleman's Magazine 1768-1837 and Holy Trinity Knightsbridge 1658-1840.**

If you would like to help and would like to know more, please contact: *Janet Huckle, 19 Rectory Green, Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 8AN.*

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## NETWORK TAPE LIBRARY

Last year we recorded six talks, listed below:

*The Days of Horse Traffic* Robert Barltrop  
*Fire Insurance Records* David Hawkins  
*Seeing It Through Their Eyes* Michael Gandy  
*The Poor Law and the Parish* Peter Park  
*Chelsea* John Neal  
*Irish Records* Bill Davis

If you missed any of the talks or are an out-of-town member, you can hire any tape at £1.60 including p&p for 14 days. Please make all cheques payable to *West Middlesex FHS*. Give your name, address and telephone number and your FHS and Membership number (UK members only).

Send your requests to: *West Middlesex Tape Library, 18A Gordon Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 3EU.*

We also have the video "*Bygone West Middlesex*", a unique collection of film covering Pinner, Harrow, Uxbridge, Hayes and Hounslow. This can be hired at our meetings for £1.00.

A full list of tapes is now available, published by the North West Kent FHS at a cost of 20p + SAE from the above address.



Mary Mason first started recording our talks in December 1992 and now has an extensive library of tapes for hire.

I recently became interested in knowing more about Muster Rolls and remembered that these were mentioned many moons ago in a talk by Norman Holding called "In Search of Golden Thompson". He was, in fact, giving the talk again in Upminster early in January but I was unable to go to the East of London meeting.

I checked through my back numbers of the Journal and read the write-up on the talk, and then put in my request to Mary to hire the tape. This arrived by return of post and I thoroughly enjoyed hearing the talk again. Not only were the slides described so that I didn't feel I missed actually being in the hall, but the "atmosphere" was there too!

It is when you get into a new line of research and are perhaps thinking "I wish I had taken notes at that meeting" or "What a shame I missed that", that the Tape Library comes into its own.

*Valerie Walker*

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## **DEEDS OF COVENANT - FURTHER NOTES**

Concerned members have brought to my notice the fact that Deeds of Covenant (D of C) require a little more explanation. Although these Deeds are an excellent way for us as a Society to boost our income, there are a few points which are causing confusion.

If you do not pay UK tax, then please don't enter into a D of C. Equally, if you only pay tax at 20% the Inland Revenue can, and in some cases do, ask you to pay extra tax if you have entered into a D of C. As it isn't the Society's intention to cause you any loss, if this happens to you, please tell me and I'll remove you from our list of Covenanters.

So: you are a basic-rate taxpayer and you are happy for the Society to receive a little of the tax you have paid. There are now two tasks which only have to be performed once. Firstly, complete the form published alongside the subscription renewal in the September journal each year. Secondly, I will send you a partly-completed form R185 (Cov) for you to complete and return to me (I supply an SAE).

Then there are two important tasks which need annual attention for as long as you continue to be a member of WMFHS. The first of these is to pay your subscription each year - a D of C is neither a standing order nor a direct debit, simply an authority for us to claim an additional sum from the Revenue.

The second task is to enter the total amount paid under Ds of C in your tax return. Tick the "YES" box in answer to Question 15 and enter the total sums paid for subscriptions under D of C in box 15.9: if you are an individual member with a Deed for the benefit of WMFHS only, enter "S" in box 15.9.

If you calculate your own tax, or check your tax liability using the green "Tax Calculation Guide", you will find references to Ds of C at boxes W17 and W48.

I hope this answers any questions you may have had. If not, please drop me a line (enclosing SAE) at the address inside the front cover.

*Muriel Spratt*

## HAMMERSMITH BURIAL RECORDS

At last the transcribing and indexing of the burial records for Hammersmith is complete - or at least as complete as it is possible to be. Some 19,000 entries have been noted between 1664 and 1837; however, there are some gaps in the records.

If a search of this index is successful, there are a few other related records at the Hammersmith and Fulham Archives (*The Lilla Huset, 191 Talgarth Road, London W6 8BJ, tel: 0181-741-5159*) that it might be worth looking at to see what there may be for the date in question. In the list of material available for the Parish there are some details of burial costs, names of undertakers and positions of the graves. You could just possibly be lucky and get some extra information on your ancestor!

Some families seem to have remained in the area for a lengthy period of time, while for others there may only be one reference. From looking at the records it is possible to determine some general social factors: for example, there were some years when a number of people died within a short space of time in the workhouse, and occasions when several people of the same surname, possibly the same family, were buried within a day or two of each other. As yet no analysis has been made of the records.

Thanks must go to Yvonne Woodbridge for coordinating the project.

For those who are unable to search the index at the Archives, a service is now in operation to do this for you. Please see inside back cover of this issue for details.

*Margaret Garrod*

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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 WWI and WWII and earlier wars where they exist, although it is not complete yet.

Name enquiries, and any knowledge of war memorials you may know about but we don't will be welcomed.

When making an enquiry about 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*.

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## TUDOR MIDDLESEX

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John Norden, the Elizabethan surveyor, map-maker and professional tourist, said of the Middlesex of those days: “Of the Means most usual of how the people of Middlesex do live . . . I observe this of the meaner”: (those living by the Thames) “live either by the sculler or by fishing, all of which live well and plentifully, and in decent and honest sort relieve their families”.

Inland there were prosperous farms which “commonly are so furnished with kine that the wife twice or thrice a week conveyeth to London milk, butter, cheese, apples, pears, frumenty, hens, chickens, eggs, bacon and a thousand other country drugs, which good housewives can frame and find to get a penny. And this yieldeth them a large comfort and relief”.

The best corn grew at Heston: “a most fertile place of wheat, yet not so much to be commended for the quantity as for the quality, for the wheat is most pure, accounted the purest in many shires. And therefore Queen Elizabeth hath the most part of her provision from that place for manchet for her Highness own diet, as is reported”.

However, a poem of the time suggests that Middlesex farmers had different practices from the rest of the country:

First rye and then barley the champion says  
or wheat before barley be champion ways  
But drink (i.e. barley) before bread-corn with Middlesex men  
Then lay on more compost and fallow again

### Extracts from:

Norden: *The Chorography of Norfolk* (ed C.M. Hood), p.57

Norden: *Speculum Britcinniae: Description of Micldlesex and Hertfordshire* (ed. 1723), p.25.

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### Surnames

It has been suggested (*Daily Mail* Letters Page, September 1997) that the origin of one sort of surname, that which describes a person’s characteristics, might have been in the gangs of men employed to build local lords’ castles {and possibly also cathedrals and monasteries) after the Norman Conquest. Men were recruited from other villages and the “foreman” of the works, or paymaster, had to be able to distinguish between a number of men of the same Christian name. The obvious way to do this was by their physical characteristics, e.g. if one Torn was a tall, gangling fellow he became Tom Longshanks; a second Tom, perhaps bow-legged and knock-kneed, gained the name Cruikshanks [crooked legs) and a third, if “vertically challenged” became Tom Curtois (curt hose = short stockings = shorty).

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## PREVIOUS MEETING

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On March 19 Joyce Hoad talked to us entertainingly about taxation records, which date back to the 1300's, and the kind of information which can be gained from them. Using an overhead projector she showed us numerous examples of the records of the many different taxes which were devised over the centuries to raise money for various enterprises.

Mrs Hoad told us where we could expect, or not, to find names in the records - some of the best information is gained when our ancestors tried to avoid paying tax - there was widespread evasion of some taxes, e.g. the Hearth Tax, 1662-1669. We were given dates when various taxes were collected and the class number which covers these records at PRO Kew, and were advised to check first to see if a record has been printed and published, as quite a number of them have been.

One important tip from the Family History point of view is that, as between 1695 and 1706 there was a tax on births, marriages and deaths, when this tax was abolished there was a rush of late baptisms.

Another important point was that heavy taxation could produce a knock-on effect down the population from the wealthy to the poor, which could explain why sometimes our ancestors were put out of business or lost their jobs.

The American Declaration of Independence (the War of Independence having been caused initially by a tax) had a considerable effect on tradesmen in this country who had exported goods to America; some of our ancestors moved or even emigrated due to effects such as these. The Audit Office assembled records of people loyal to the Crown who had sustained losses in America and had returned to England. The tax on shops of 1780-89 also caused tradesmen to go out of business.

Mrs Hoad also advised us to use the Death Duty registers, 1796-1903, which can yield information not given in Wills.

This talk certainly demonstrated that taxation records can reveal a surprising amount of new information not available in other records.

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In his Will, the 18th Century poet and writer Alexander Pope, who lived by the river at Twickenham, asked to be carried to his grave (in Twickenham church) by six of the poorest men of Twickenham, each to be given a suit of grey cloth as mourning. One wonders if his wishes were carried out.

It all began with a bundle of press cuttings! On the death of my Father-in-law we inherited a box full of bits and pieces. There was the clock inscribed "To Mother from her boys, September 15th 1925", presented to my husband's grandmother, **Sarah PURR nee DUNCAN** by her four sons on the date that would have been her Silver Wedding had she not been widowed 14 years before. There was a photograph of Sarah with the four boys, **Alf, Don, Tom, and Len**. There were photographs of Sarah and her husband **Alfred PURR**, always known as "Dick", and a letter to them from Sarah's mother posted on the evening of their Wedding Day, after the bride and groom had left for Hastings. There was also the reply written the following day from Sarah, who had obviously received the letter the same evening it was written. I wonder how many daughters today write to their mother on the first day of their honeymoon? There was an envelope full of photographs of my parents-in-law, **Don and Lily PURR** in the early days of their marriage, together with the "boys" and their wives.

In a separate bundle were items relating to my Mother-in-law's family: a Victorian photo album full of solemn faced men and women and small children, sadly none of whom was named; an autograph album belonging to Mother-in-law, dating from her schooldays and youth and full of delightful sketches - and this bundle of press cuttings. They were small, about 2" by 3", and full of closely packed print which on closer examination proved to be reports of cricket matches, all featuring my husband's maternal Grandfather **Frank HOOD**. No surprise here as we knew he was an excellent cricketer, and this was borne out by the high batting scores and excellent bowling feats here described each week. The shock came with the realisation that the team Frank was playing for was Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Gloucestershire. What was Frank doing in Gloucestershire?

Frank Hood was born in 1868 at 2 St. Catherine's Road, Kensington. We believe this road now to be somewhere under the arches of the M41. Frank Henry was registered as Henry Frank but as his mother was illiterate she would not have known of the Registrar's error. He was the eldest child of **George HOOD**, a labourer who originally hailed from Devizes, travelled to Winchester where he married **Lucy DYER** in 1863, and thence on to Kensington, where no doubt there was plenty of work as the building of the new housing in the Royal Borough slowly inched its way northwards.

We have yet to find the family in 1871 and 1881, but in 1891 George and Lucy were living in Silchester Yard in North Kensington, together with two younger sons, **Walter**, born in 1879 and **Edward**, born in 1883; no doubt there had been other children in between. In 1893 Frank married **Kate JAGO**, just over the border in Hammersmith. Kate was the daughter of **John JAGO** and **Kate OLIVER**, both

born in Bodmin but married in Holborn, and no doubt also lured to Kensington by the wealth of work being offered to a master carpenter such as John, as we find him there from 1871 onwards.

Frank and Kate settled down to married life and soon moved to a newly-built flat in Nascot Street in Hammersmith, not far from the future site of the White City Stadium. Frank worked as a Groundsman in charge of the vast playing fields known as St. Quintin's Ground in North Kensington. This area was adjacent to the present St. Charles Hospital, known in those days as the Marylebone Infirmary, and was large enough to contain several cricket pitches; all that remains now are a few tennis courts and some formal gardens. Kate had three daughters, **Dorothy**, born in 1896, **Kate Lucy**, always known as Midge, born in 1897 and **Lilian**, my mother-in-law, born in 1898. A son, **Leonard**, was born in 1902 but he sadly died in 1907. Frank lived in Nascot Street until his death there in 1919 at the early age of 50. Thus as far as the family were concerned, Grandfather was born and worked in Kensington, married, then lived and died in Hammersmith. Again the question - what was he doing in Moreton-in-the Marsh? We hoped to find out.

Our first step was a phone call to the Information Office of Gloucester County Council to discover the name of the local newspaper which covered Moreton-in-the-Marsh, as none of the press cuttings gave any indication as to their origin. My husband then telephoned the *Cotswold Standard* and asked for the Sports Correspondent, hoping he would be able to tell us the name of the current Chairman of the Cricket Club. Bill Charlton was extremely helpful and offered to write a story about our search in his "Nostalgia Column", a weekly spot covering stories relating to Moreton's past. He also gave us the Chairman's name we were seeking. A phone call to him elicited the promise to bring up the matter at the forthcoming AGM to see whether any members had any knowledge of Frank Hood, a somewhat optimistic chance after 100 years, but family historians are nothing if not optimistic! Sadly there was no response. It looked as though our optimism was misplaced.

The next stage in the story is one of those complete strokes of luck for which family history seems to be renowned. In the 19th Century my father's family were firmly located in the western part of Nottinghamshire and when my Family Interests were published in the Nottinghamshire Family History Journal I received a considerable correspondence. One letter was particularly helpful, the writer including a family tree tracing the family of one of my 2 x Gt. Grandmothers right back to the 16th Century. On writing to thank him I realised that he lived in Moreton-in-the-Marsh, and I added, almost as an aside, that we were seeking information about Frank Hood's season with the Moreton-in-the-Marsh Cricket Team. I received a phone call from my correspondent who told us that a close friend was a keen local historian, was particularly interested in the local cricket team and had access to its archives. He would ask his help.

Imagine our jubilation when back came the whole story! In the 19th Century the ground at Moreton-in-the Marsh was of some importance (it was used for County matches until W.G. Grace complained about the quality of the teas!) and the Club Minutes of 5th March, 1890, tell us that:

*It was proposed. . . that the Club advertise for a Groundsman, one who can bowl to be preferred. Wages at rate of 25/- a week to be offered . . . to meet this extra expense . . . a Bowler Fund (to) be opened.*

The Minutes of 14th March, 1890, relate that:

*The applications for the post of groundsman were considered and the choice fell on Frank Hood of Kensington. Mr. Arthur Houghton (was asked) to interview him and*



*Frank Hood*

then to engage Frank Hood if the interview was satisfactory. It was proposed . . . that the groundsman should be on duty till 8 o'clock on Monday and Wednesday, other days till 6 o'clock.

The appointment of Frank Hood was obviously successful and at the end of the season an analysis appeared in the local paper, the Moreton Free Press, which included the following:

For the first time the club has engaged a well-qualified groundsman (Hood), who at the same time is a very fair exponent of the game of cricket. He has given entire satisfaction in his management of the ground, and by his coaching and playing has contributed not a little to make the season the success it has been. In recognition of his score of 50 v. Bourton Vale and of his performing the hat trick against Stow a small present was given him at the conclusion of the season.

How we wish we knew what that "small present" was! Frank was invited to continue in this position the following year but he declined; by this time he was courting Kate and no doubt wished to remain in London.

So now we know why Frank was in Gloucestershire. How he came to be "well-qualified" we don't know as there was no formal apprenticeship system for groundsmen in those days. There is a family legend that just before he died he was offered the job of Groundsman at Lords, but declined; this as yet we have been unable to verify. Apart from photographs the only memento we have of Frank and Kate Hood are a silver salver and silver teapot which bear the inscription

**Presented by the Clubs playing  
on the St. Quintin Ground  
to Mrs. HOOD  
as a mark of their appreciation  
and their esteem  
July 1st 1909**

No doubt W.G. Grace would have approved of Kate Hood's teas.



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## THE EIGHTEENTH WEST LONDON LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

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This year's conference, entitled **Liquid History - The Thames in West London**, took place on Saturday 21 March at the Montague Hall, Hounslow. The opening talk was given by Mike Webber, who is responsible for coordinating work on the Thames Archaeological Survey, which has the task of recording archaeology on the foreshore of the tidal Thames. He showed us slides of the many archaeological features which have been discovered since the Survey began only three years ago, dating from prehistoric times to industrial sites of the Nineteenth and early Twentieth Century, not only in the West London area but further downstream on the City of London foreshore and beyond, as far as Erith, Kent and Rainham, Essex. He explained the importance of placing these features on the Greater London Sites and Monuments Record so that they will be taken into account when future development affecting the foreshore is being planned.

James Wisdom, of the Brentford and Chiswick Local History Society, followed with "Making a Living from the River", which complemented the previous talk. He made an especial plea for more cooperation between local history societies with regard to gaps in our knowledge of life on the river, e.g. the techniques employed by the professional fisherman whose activities were often depicted in paintings of the river, some of which were used to illustrate the talk. He spoke of the physical effort and skill involved in moving sometimes very large boats loaded with cargo up and downriver, and the close relationship between the watermen's families and the riverside villages.

After lunch several members of the conference's coordinating committee gave readings from a varied selection of writings on the Thames throughout its history from prehistoric times to World War II, and this was followed by an innovation for the conference: the showing of a cine film taken in 1964 of the fitting out at Chiswick and sailing downriver of a spritsail Thames barge owned by Jocelyn Lukins, with a live commentary by the film-maker himself, David McGregor. The various preparations for the voyage were expertly explained by Mr McGregor and scenes of the barge under full sail made a stirring sight.

After tea we were given a talk on rowing by rowing journalist Chris Dodd who had stepped in at short notice and had come straight from covering the Head of the River Race which took place on the same day as the Conference. He explained why the Upper Thames became a world centre for rowing and gave an outline of the history of the sport from a time when the watermen used to race against each other for bets and for recreation, to the formation of National and International Rowing Clubs, and of famous events like the Boat Race and Henley Regatta.

The final talk of the day was by Alison Taylor of the Thames Explorer Trust who

herself lives on a houseboat on the Thames. She spoke of the Trust's work in educating people, especially children, about the river and making them aware of issues like pollution and conservation: she told of how the developers of the Millenium Dome at Greenwich had been persuaded not to drive in steel piles around the site but instead to plant reed beds and establish walkways so that visitors can enjoy the site's river frontage. She also spoke of the need for strategic planning concerning the river and reiterated the message which came across from this conference as a whole, i.e. the need for constant vigilance in order to preserve the river for future generations.

The new Coordinating Committee chair, Valerie Bott, who took over from Marv Harper after last year's conference, with the help of the rest of the Committee produced a successful and entertaining conference.

Y.M.

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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.

### **ALLEN / DUNN**

I am seeking information about my father, William Thomas ALLEN born in BRIGHTON, 17 November 1884, parents Frederick William ALLEN and Harriet Amelia ALLEN nee TRIGWELL. William, a Widower, married my mother Anna Maria nee DUNN on 14 June 1928. I do not have any details as to his first wife - no name, age, where they married or where/when she died. William is shown on the 1891 census as living in BRIGHTON aged 7. Nothing is then known of him until 1915, the first record of him living at 74 Nether-wood Road, HAMMERSMITH. He served in the First World War with the Gloucestershire Regiment and then the Somerset Light Infantry until 1921 and then returned to 74 Netherwood Road. He was a Barber by trade and worked in Frank's Gent's Hairdressers, also in Netherwood Road, until 1936 when the family moved to PERIVALE. Any help on filling these gaps would be greatly appreciated.

*Robert E.B. Allen, 2 Tove Lane, Towcester, Northants NN12 6YG*

### **DRAPER / HIRST DRAPER / GOODGAME**

Edward Charles DRAPER married Ella HIRST, FULHAM, MIDDLESEX 1896. First child, Clara - other descendants? Richard DRAPER, born 1844, HALSTEAD, ESSEX, married Harriet GOODGAME - living FULHAM 1871, KENSINGTON

1881 - two children Louise and Richard - descendants?  
*John Draper, 26 Ridgeview Road, Whetstone N20 0HJ*

### **STANNETT**

I am hoping that someone researching the MIDDLESEX area may have come across my missing STANNETT family. I know from the Posse Comitatus that William STANNETT was in either WOOBURN or BURNHAM in BUCKS in 1798: one is father and one son. I have been trying to trace a marriage for the son William who was baptised in Burnham in 1778. I believe he may have moved into Middlesex as his son Elijah was born circa 1816 and gives his place of birth as follows: 1851 census EALING, Middlesex; 1861 census HILLINGDON, Middlesex; 1871 census UXBRIDGE, Middlesex; 1881 census GIBRALTAR, Middlesex. William was back in the Burnham area when he died in 1843 and Elijah was back in Burnham in 1889 for the birth of his daughter. If anyone can help find William and Elijah I would be grateful.

*Mrs Sue Shults, 7 Tamarind Way, Earley, Reading, Berks RG6 5GR*

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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**

Paddington (HO 107/1466-1467) <i>Two fiche.</i>	2.35	3.00
Kensington, Brompton, Hammersmith and Fulham (HO 107/1468-1471) <i>Four fiche. These, together with the two for Paddington (above) cover the whole of the Kensington RD.</i>	4.35	5.20
Chelsea (HO 107/1472-1474) <i>Three fiche. Covers the parish of St Luke, Chelsea.</i>	3.35	4.00

	UK/£	Overseas/£
Brentford Registration District (HO 107/1698-1699 with Hampton Sub-District (HO 107/1604 (part)) <i>Three fiche. Includes the parishes of Heston, Isleworth, Twickenham, Hampton, Teddington, Acton, Brentford, Ealing, Hanwell, Greenford, Perivale and Chiswick.</i>	2.85	3.50
Uxbridge (HO 107/1697) <i>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.</i>	2.35	3.00
Staines (HO 107/1696) <i>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.</i>	2.35	3.00
<b>Indexes to the 1891 Census</b>		
Hampton (RG 12/616-618) <i>Set of two microfiche. Index of surnames, Christian names and ages for Hampton, Hampton Wick and Teddington, which comprise the Hampton sub-district of the Kingston registration district.</i>	2.35	3.00

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## BOOKSHELF

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### **The Genealogical Services Directory**, *compiled by Robert Blatchford & Geoffrey Heslop*

This is the second edition of this useful publication, essentially a directory of all UK record depositories which would be of use to family historians plus organisations both national and local which have grown up over the years to help with research, such as family history societies, researchers, and other published material such as books and regular periodicals - I was surprised how many family history magazines there now are. Articles on related subjects are included at the beginning of some sections. At an amazing £3.75, this must be an item for every family historian's personal reference library.

*GR Specialist Information Services, 33 Nursery Rd, Nether Poppleton, York YO2 6NN. ISSN 1368-9150; ISBN 0 9530297 1 9. £3. 75.*

**From Bedfordshire to Yorkshire** - a Guide to Family History Resources in Hillingdon Libraries, T. Britton. This is a useful round-up of holdings of particular interest to family historians in the libraries of the Borough of Hillingdon, many of which are actually in the local studies library at Uxbridge. In fact, the holdings are very comprehensive and cover other areas besides Middlesex, as well as much printed material on the great national collections and guides to family history sources.

*Available from: Mrs T. Britton, 39 Ickenham Road, Ruislip, Middx. HA4 7LBZ, tel: 018895 471825, price £9.00 + £1.50 p&p; cheques payable to Mrs M. T. Britton.*

### The Scrubs

A history of Wormwood Scrubs, produced by the Shepherds Bush Local History Society, with articles on various aspects of the history of the Scrubs area produced by members of the Society, including the Prison, early airship and aeroplane activities, use by the Volunteer Forces, Hamrnernsmith Hospital, local schools and more up-to-date facilities like the Linford Christie Stadium.

*40 pp, price £3.50 plus 25p p&p from: The Secretary, Shepherds Bush LHS, 22a Collingbourne Road W12 0JQ (or from WMFHS Postal Book Service).*

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

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Having got the first issue under the 'new management' successfully out of the way, I would like to point out that the superb styling and professional layout of the journal is the responsibility of Joan Scrivener, a member of the WMFHS Executive Committee, who also works for West 4 Printers, who produce the journal for us. I think you'll agree she does a great job.

Keep the journal in mind if you have reached a definitive stage in your researches, or have 'dug up' a particularly interesting bit of information about an ancestor. We would particularly like to see some more articles set in the Eastern end of our Area of Interest, now the Western suburbs of London - we have articles in this issue set in Chelsea and Kensington - how about one for Fulham, say, or Acton? **Deadline for the September issue: 3 July**

### **WANTED**

West Middlesex Family History Society  
is seeking

**A MICROFILM READER  
in reasonable condition**

Would anyone who can help please contact the Secretary  
Mavis Burton  
at 10 West Way, Heston, Middlesex TW5 0JF

In 1982 the Brentford & Chiswick Local History Society published a booklet by Christine Shaw giving an interesting account of The Rebuilding of Chiswick Vicarage 1657-8. The story itself is told in the first half of the 14 pages, and transcriptions of the accounts and extracts from the Vestry Minutes complete this bit of local history research. Many names are mentioned throughout, the surnames being:

Adshead	Griffith	Pryday, Priday
Andover	Gyford	Randall
Arnell, Arnoll	Hampton	Rayne
Baker	Harris	Rowe
Bevis	Harris Smith	Rowland
Blount	Hawksworth	Russell
Blunt	Hewes	Salter
Broad	Hodgkins	Sayers, Sayer
Budle	Holden	Seagood
Burnam	Holmes	Seares
Busby	Ivers	Shepherd, Shepheard
Cawdery, Caudery	Jackson	Shorter
Chornley	Johnson	Sirett
Chute	Jones	Skeet
Clark, Clarke, Cleark	Jufn	Smee
Cooke	Kendall	Smeeth, Smeath
Coornes	Leigh	Smith
Cornish	Lincolne	Squelch
Coxe	Lindowes	Stapnes, Steans, Steanes
Crisp	Lloyd	Symmer, Symer
Evans	Myles	Thomas
Feaks	Nicholas Boy	Thompson
Fisher	(also Nickholes boy)	Travell
Furnis, Furniss, Furnisse	Osaldstone	Warren
Gascoigne, Gascoyne	Osgood	Whittaker
Gimell Thelder (the elder?)	Packington	Wilson, Willson
Gomlton	Payne	Woolsey
Goodwin	Phipps	Worthley
Gould	Poynter	

The list covers all classes, from , from Goody Squelch who was paid a mere 1s. to clean the new place, to La; Chomley who contributed £6 'for the new building of the Vicaridg house in Cheswick'. The story runs from 1652 to 1662, when attempts were still being made to collect promised money. If any of the labourers, carpenters, sawyers, suppliers of bricks and wood, workers in lime, or contributors of money are likely to be yours, why not find out by purchasing this little book? It's only 75p from James Wisdom, 25 Huntington Road, Chiswick W4 STL; an A5 SAE would no doubt be appreciated.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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

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C149 Mr C.A. Chambers, 15 Erica Crescent, Heathmont, Victoria, Australia 3135  
C154 Mr L.N. Coppin, 3 Bursill Crescent, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 6EZ  
C151 Mr D.J. Corney, 27 Woodside Road, Plaistow, London E13 8RX  
D87 Mrs C.L. Dale, 18H Trenchard Street, Bristol BS1 5AN  
D86 Mr M.J. Day, 89 Third Cross Road, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 5DY  
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## SURNAME INTERESTS

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The table below gives surname interests for the new members listed on the previous page. The format should be self-explanatory. Note that the Chapman County Codes are used for entries in the 'Counties' column. 'ALL' indicates that any date and anywhere in a county is of interest. Remember to include a SAE with any enquiry if you expect to receive a reply.

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Member</b>
ALLEN	1900-50	Australia	All	A59
	1900-36	Hammersmith Area	MDX	A59
BAKER	1840s	Westminster	MDX	D86
BARKLE	Before 1850	Gwennap	CON	F68
BARNARD	1800+	Hackney Area	LND	B192
BARTLETT	1700-1830	Dallington	SSX	D86
BARWICK	Before 1750	All	All	B189
	1885-90	Kensington Area	MDX	B189
BASS	19C	Kew	SRY	F60
	Before 1900	Sarratt-Chorleywood- Rickmansworth	HRT	G94
BEDWELL	1800-1860	All	All	C155
BERRY	All	Fulham	MDX	H162
BLACKMAN	19C	All	SSX	L69
BLACKMORE	18-19C	Spitalfields	MDX	H162
BOCKING	1800+	Sudbury Area	SFK	B192
BOND	All	All	WIL	M140
	Before 1850	Fulham	MDX	F68
BOWER	1800+	Fulham Area	W.MDX	B192
	1850+	Stepney Area	LND	B192
BRAZIER	19C	Barrow	SAL	F60
BRECHT	Any	Any	UK	B192
BURTON	All	All	MDX	M140
BUSBY	1820-1890	Paddington	MDX	C155
BYNE	20C	Kensington Area	MDX	L72
CADZOW	All	All	LAN	C155
CANDERTON	19C	All	HAM	L69
	19C	All	MDX	L69
CANNONS	1890-1920	Battersea	SRY	L72
	1890-1920	Chelsea	MDX	L72
CASTLE	19C	Marylebone	MDX	D86

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CHAMBERS	1800-60	Fulham	MDX	C149
	17-18C		NFK	C149
CHANDLER	All	All	WIL	M140
	1882-90	Hanwell Ealing	MDX	B190
CHANNON	1750-1890	All	DEV	C155
CLARK	Before 1890	Bristol Area	GLS	G94
	Before 1890	Bristol Area	SOM	G94
CLIFFORD	All	All	WIL	M140
CLIPSON	All	All	All	D86
COLLIER	1800+	Hackney Area	LND	B192
CONNO(E)R	Before 1900	London Area	KEN	G94
	Before 1900	London Area	SRY	G94
COOK	1800s	Notting Hill Area	MDX	H161
COOPER	1800s	Westminster Area	MDX	H161
COPPIN	After 1930	Ashford Area	MDX	C154
CORNEY	All	All	All	C151
COX	19C	Tavistock	DEV	F68
CRICK	1780-1840	Chiswick/Ealing	MDX	D85
CRITCHETT	19C	Stepney	MDX	H162
DAINTON	1800-1850	Bath	SOM	C155
DARVEL	Before 1800	Ruislip Area	MDX	K42
DAY	After 1865	Isleworth	MDX	H163
	1700-1830	Maidstone	KEN	D86
DICKENSON	1800s	Great Ponton Area	LIN	H161
	1750-1850	Westminster Area	MDX	H161
DRAPER	1855-1910	Fulham	MDX	D85
DUMBLETON	19C	Middleton Cheney	NTH	W141
EAGLES	Before 1600	Hillingdon Area	MDX	K42
EDWARDS	Before 1900	Bristol Area	GLS	G94
	Before 1900	Bristol Area	SOM	G94
ELEY	1840s	St. Pancras	MDX	D86
EMMS	19C	Basildon	BRK	H162
	19-20C	Fulham Area	MDX	H162
FARROW	1800+	Debenham Area	SFK	B192
FISHER	1800-1845	All	SOM	C155
	1800-1845	All	WIL	C155
FREWIN	19C	Westminster	MDX	D86
FROUD	1885-90	Kensington Area	LND	B189

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FURNELL	1870+	Acton	MDX	D87
GLADDING	1800-1870	Pimlico	MDX	D86
GLASSON	All	All	All	C151
GODDARD	1800-1850	Bath	SOM	C155
	1850-1900	Kensington	MDX	C155
GREEN	All	Thames Area	MDX	H162
GROVE	Before 1700	Ickenham Area	MDX	K42
GROVES	Before 1900	All	MDX	C154
HARRIS	Before 1850	Gwennap	CON	F68
	1780-1840	Hounslow	MDX	H162
HAWKINS	Before 1851	Chelsea	MDX	J47
	Before 1900	London Area	KEN	G94
	Before 1900	London Area	SRY	G94
HAWKYNS	Before 1600	Uxbridge Area	MDX	K42
HAYES	1850+	Islington Area	LND	B192
HEADY	1850-1900	Kensington	MDX	C155
HERRING	1770-1840	Altarnun	CON	C155
HILBERT	All	All	All	H162
HOGGETT	19C	Hackney	LND	C149
HUNT	Any	Debenham Area	SFK	B192
HYMAN	1800-Present	Stanwell Area	MDX	C154
	Before 1830	All	SOM	C154
IRELANDS	1750+		ESS	W141
	All	City	LND	W141
IVES	19C	Shoreditch	MDX	H162
JACKSON	Before 1930	Cardiff	GLA	F68
	Before 1850	London	MDX	F68
JEAL	19C	All	SRY	W141
JEFFERY	1800-1900	All	CON	C151
	1800-1900	All	SSX	C151
KEADY	1840-1880	South Shields	DUR	C155
KEDGE	19C	Ickenham	MDX	B190
	19-20C	Uxbridge	MDX	B190
KINDRED	1800s	Pimlico	MDX	H161
KING	1830-60	St. Pancras	MDX	D86
KNIGHT	Before 1900	All	MDX	C154
LAMBOURN	1890-1920	Battersea	SRY	L72

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LAMBOURN	1825-1920	East Ilsley	BRK	L72
LEONARD	19C	Piltown	KIK	L69
LEWIS	1877-1890	Harlington	MDX	H162
	1891-1970	Harmondsworth	MDX	H162
	1800-1877	Kennington	SRY	H162
LILLYWHITE	18C	South Bersted	SSX	D86
LONG	19C	Battersea	SRY	L72
	19C	Chelsea	MDX	L72
MACKEY	After 1800	Brentford	MDX	H163
MADDERN	All	All	All	C151
MADGWICK	18C	South Bersted	SSX	D86
MADRON	All	All	All	C151
MAPP	19C	Colwich	STS	F60
MARJORAM	1800+	Debenham Area	SFK	B192
MARSHALL	b.c.1890	Any	Any	F60
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MARSHALL	19-20C	Harefield	MDX	H162
MATTHEWS	18-20C	Chiswick	MDX	H162
MAYNARD	1700-1830	Marylebone	MDX	D86
MONEY	All	All	All	C154
MOSDALL	After 1840	Isleworth	MDX	H163
MUNSAUGH	Before 1600	Hillingdon Area	MDX	K42
OSMOND	19C	City of London	LND	F60
	1760-1870	Hurstborne Tarrant	HAM	F60
PEARS(C)E	Before 1900	Bristol Area	GLS	G94
	Before 1900	Bristol Area	SOM	G94
PERRIER	1800+	West Clandon Area	W.SRY	B192
PERRIN	19C	All	MDX	L69
PERYER	1800+	West Clandon Area	W.SRY	B192
PIERCE	1700-1830	Maidstone	KEN	D86
POOLEY	Before 1800	Northolt Area	MDX	K42
PRIOR	Before 1870	Longwood Area	HAM	G94
RAGGETT	Before 1845	Kensington Area	MDX	J47
RAY	1800s	Portsea/Portsmouth	HAM	H161
RICHARDSON	1790-1890	South Shields	DUR	C155
RILEY	19C	Norwood	SRY	F60
	Before 1840	Woodford	ESS	F60
ROBERTS	19C	Hammersmith	MDX	W143

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ROBINSON	1800s	Westminster Area	MDX	H161
ROGERS	1800-1900	Penwith	CON	C151
RUSH	Before 1900	Kensington Area	MDX	G94
	Any	Newmarket Area	SFK	G94
SALMON	19C	Hemel Hempstead	HRT	M141
	19C	Kensington	MDX	M141
	19C	Ontario	CAN	M141
	19C	Paddington	MDX	M141
	19C	Walthamstow	ESS	M141
SAUNDERS	1850+	Plaistow Area	LND	B192
SAVORY	After 1800	Isleworth	MDX	H163
SAYERS	1790-1880		SRY	C149
SEABOURN	1850+	Plaistow Area	LND	B192
SHEPHERD	Before 1800	Ruislip Area	MDX	K42
SHIRLIE	Before 1700	Northolt Area	MDX	K42
SHUTE	1880-1943	Acton	MDX	D87
SIMPSON	1800+	Newington	SRY	W141
SIZER	19C	All	CAM	L69
	19C	All	SFK	L69
SKEATS	Before 1830	City	LND	W141
	All	London	LND	W141
	1850+	Newington	SRY	W141
SMITHERS	19C	All	MDX	L69
SNELL	Before 1850	Fulham	MDX	F68
SOUL	Before 1800	Hillingdon Area	MDX	K42
SOUTHWOOD	19C	Eton & Slough	BKM	M141
	18C & 19C	Exeter	DEV	M141
	19C	Kensington	MDX	M141
	19C	Paddington	MDX	M141
SQUIRE	All	Plymtree	DEV	C155
SMERDON	19C	London	MDX	F60
SMITH	1800+	West Clandon Area	W.SRY	B192
SPANSWICK	18C	All	BRK	M141
	19C	All	MDX	M141
	19C	All	SRY	M141
	18C	Hungerford	BRK	M141
STEVENS	All	Harmondsworth Area	MDX	C154
	19C	Kensington	MDX	W141
	1830-60	St. Pancras	MDX	D86
STILES	1800s	Kensington Area	MDX	H161

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STROUDLEY	Before 1920	All	MDX	C154
SULLIVAN	1880-1900	Fulham	MDX	D85
SWATTON	All	All	WIL	M140
SWEATMAN	All	All	MDX	M140
SWEETMAN	All	All	MDX	M140
TALBOT	Before 1800	Ickenham Area	MDX	K42
THOMAS	Before 1850	Gwennap	CON	F68
TOOTHICKER	Before 1700	Northolt Area	MDX	K42
TUCK	All	All	MDX	M140
TURNER	Before 1700	Northolt Area	MDX	K42
UNDERDOWN	All	All	DEV	C155
VARNEY	1840-1881	Fulham	MDX	D85
WARREN	19C	Hammersmith	MDX	W143
WATTS	1850-1880	Wisbech	CAM	D85
WHITE	19C	Wandsworth	SRY	D86
WHYTE	Before 1930	Cardiff	GLA	F68
WIGGANS	Any	Any	Any	H162
WILES	19C	All	MDX	W143
WILLIS	Before 1800	Hillingdon Area	MDX	K42
WOODS	All	Heston	MDX	W144
WOOLFORD	All	All	WIL	M140
WYATT	1890+	Brixton/Camberwell	SRY	W141
YOUNG	Before 1840	Chenies Area	BKM	G94

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