



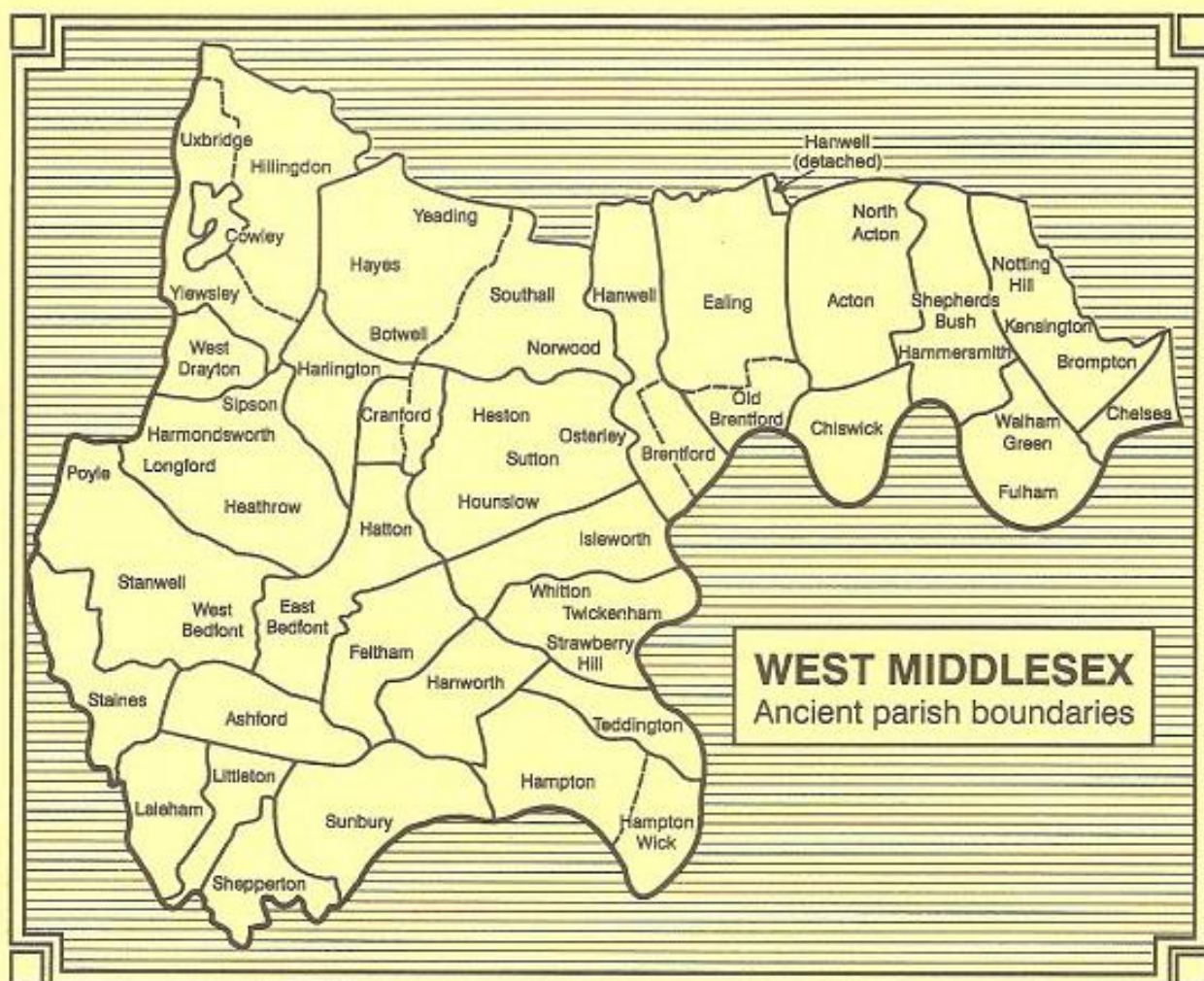
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Since my last newsletter, the Society has set up stalls at the Middlesex County Show and at the Buckinghamshire Family History Society's Open Day. The Middlesex Show was disappointing for us. The show itself was not so extensive as in previous years, and the attendance was well down on last year. Whilst many visitors stopped at our table and found an interest in our display, we did not sell many of the publications we had on offer. In view of the high cost of our pitch, the Committee will have to consider whether or not attendance next year is a good proposition. Mavis Burton reported that the Buckinghamshire FHS Open Day was enjoyable and we did a good trade in publications.

At our July meeting we heard a very interesting and informative talk on Paupers, Pensioners and Privates: Charity and the Army by Major Brian Oldham. His talk was much appreciated by the members present, and we look forward to inviting him again in the Future.

Good news for those kind members who help set up and put away the microfiche viewers at every meeting. The Committee has already purchased some lightweight viewers and the ancient, heavy ones are being disposed of. In due course we hope to replace all of the present viewers.

Up until the time of writing we have not had many days of true summer weather, but whilst I am sitting in the garden writing these lines I notice how dry the soil is. Many of you will no doubt have had your summer holidays which I hope you enjoyed; for those members who still have a holiday to come, may I wish you better weather than we have been having.

From: Allegations for Marriage Licences, Bishop of London's Registry 1611-1828, Vol. II (copy at Hounslow Library)

July 16, 1661

Robert Shafto, Esq., of Grays Inn, 27, Bachelor and Mrs. Katherine Widdington, Spinster, about 20, of Chancery Lane (consent of father Sir Thomas Widdington, Kt) at St Giles in the Fields or Chapel of Kentish Town.

So Bobby Shafto did come back and marry she?

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following talks have been arranged:

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| 17 August | London: the Metropolitan Nightmare
<i>Paul Blake</i> |
| 24 September | Thomas Cook and Son
<i>Patricia Waldock</i> |
| 19 October | History of London and its water supply
<i>Derek Gooding</i> |
| 16 November | Did he really commit murder?
<i>Ian Waller</i> |
| 21 December | Christmas Party and Members' Evening |

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

NEWS ROUNDUP

Oxfordshire Family History Society Research Centre

A new facility has been opened by the Oxfordshire FHS for the benefit of genealogists and family historians. The society's Research Centre is now up and running, with visitors able to utilise the society's extensive range of research tools, including:

- Parish Register and Monumental Inscription transcripts
- Pedigree charts and birth briefs
- International Genealogical Index (IGI)
- Reference Books
- Society search services
- Exchange journals
- Society's lending library (members only)

Due to lack of volunteers to staff the centre, it is currently only open around three days per month. Use of the centre is free to members, £1 per day non-members. The venue is easily reached by public transport, and there is plenty of free parking. Those intending to visit should write for full details, opening times etc. (enclosing SAE) to:

*Oxfordshire Family History Society, The Holford Centre, School Lane,
Stanton St John, Oxford OX33 1ET*

Public Record Office

The new Education and Visitor Centre is now open, featuring an exhibition of some of the Nations historic documents such as Domesday Book, Henry VIII's seal, a telegram sent from the Titanic, the Dam Busters' logbook and a letter from Jack the Ripper. The exhibition explores themes such as Crime and Punishment, Famous Names and War and Defence. Opening times are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am*5pm; Tuesday 10am-7pm; Thursday 9am-7pm; Saturday 9.30am-5pm. Last admissions 15 minutes before closing. Admission free.

Diary Dates 2000

Thursday 7 September: The Blitz Begins. Evening lecture at the PRO in conjunction with Imperial War Museum to mark the 60th anniversary of the Blitz. 6.30pm. £5.

Friday 8 September: Striking back with weapons and words. Document Workshop at the PRO presented by Mark Dunton of the PRO, using contemporary records to examine details of Combined Operations Raids and the Propaganda War 1940-2. 1pm. Admission free.

Saturday 23 September: PRO Open Day: Victorian Times (in association with London Open House). Costumed interpreters, music and food workshops, guest lecture and exhibition all designed to bring the Victorian period to life. Plus behind-the-scenes tours and talks.

Tuesday to Saturday 25-29 September: PRO Victorian Times Week: Maid in Britain. A series of evening performances with words and music about the rise and fall of the Victorian domestic servant, with material taken from diaries, newspapers and magazines, poems and music hall songs. 7.30-9.15pm (15 minute interval). £7.50

Saturday 23 September to Friday 20 October: Victorian Times Exhibition at the PRO, exploring the personalities and events of Victorian Britain: from the Great Exhibition to the coming of the railways, and from the Industrial Revolution to Queen Victoria. The exhibition, based around a typical Victorian street scene will include costumes and original treasures from the PRO collections. Open 10am-5pm, Mondays to Saturdays. Admission free.

Saturday 21 October: Oxfordshire Family History Open Day, 10am-4pm, Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxford (A4260, five miles north of Oxford City Centre). All usual stalls plus OFHS library and research

material and Oxfordshire Archives personnel. Light refreshments.
Admission free. Free parking. Any enquiries: Tony Chalkly, tel: 01993-850685, e-mail tonychalkly@compuserve.com

Saturday 4 November: West Surrey Family History Society Open Day-cum-Family History Fair, Woking Leisure Centre, Kingfield Road, Woking, Surrey. Details from: Mrs S. McQuire, Deer Dell, Botany Hill, The Sands, Farnham, Surrey GU10 1LZ (please enclose SAE). Will include WMFHS stall.

Wednesday 15 November: Family Records Centre Open Evening, to be held in the Refreshments Area, 5.30-7.30pm. Opportunity to question staff about resources.

Closure dates for the FRC for late 2000:

Saturday 26 August to Monday 28 August inclusive

Monday 4 December to Saturday 9 December inclusive

Saturday 23 December to Wednesday 27 December inclusive

Saturday 30 December to Monday 1 January 2001 inclusive

Family History courses

At Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA e-mail: ihgs@ihgs.ac.uk

Introducing Genealogy. A course of 28 tutored evening sessions, leading to nationally recognised qualifications, for those who wish to study basic genealogical sources. Mondays 7-9pm commencing 25 September 2000, to be held at the London School of Economics, Portugal Street, London WC2. £155.

Practical Genealogy. A course of 30 tutored evening sessions, leading to nationally recognised qualifications, for those who have already attended a course which covered basic genealogical sources. Monday 7-9pm commencing 25 September 2000, to be held at the London School of Economics, Portugal Street, London WC2. £165.

Also available: Family History Home Study Course. Full details available from the Registrar.

WMFHS Noticeboard

Could any member who currently has a Society fiche viewer and has not already registered this fact with Sue Willard, who has undertaken to make a list of Society property, please do so as soon as possible, either in person at a Society meeting, or write to her at: 11 Broad Walk, Heston, Middx TW5 9AA.

Geoffrey FROGLEY of South Australia has sent the Society details of research he has carried out on **FROGLEY** families of Hounslow and Chiswick. This has been deposited in the Society's library.

The Society has recently acquired photocopies of two parish magazines from St Martins Church Ruislip for April and May 1900. Would anyone like to have copies of these or like to index them for us? If so, please contact the Secretary, Mavis Burton (address inside front cover of the journal).

The Society has been sent two photos taken in Hastings cemetery of the gravestone of **Margaret CORNFIELD** of Strawberry Hill. These can be passed on to anyone with proven connections. Please contact the Secretary.

The Society has been donated a 43-page hand-written 'labour of love' of all the **CHURCH** entries from the 1881 census in the Middlesex area. Anyone interested in this should contact the Secretary.

The Society has received a very interesting Indenture document from 1901 concerning property in West End Road, Southall, and in particular nos. 3, 7, 11 and 15. Among the names mentioned are **Maud Elizabeth BEADLE, A.S. RUSHTON, Charles Thomas ABBOTT** and many more. There is also a conveyance document relating to the same properties dated 31st May 1913. A beautiful parchment document of 1895 titled 'Deed of Partition' refers to property in North Road, Church Path and Shrubbery Road, Southall and the names **Charles Thomas ABBOTT, Stephen Walter ABBOTT** and his wife **Elizabeth Stoneman ABBOTT** and to a private Asylum for Lunatics, a **Doctor John Burdett STEWARD, George TENNANT** and **Charles Louis NEAVE**, among others. The Secretary is looking for someone with interest in any of these names to read, index and possibly write a small item for the journal on their findings. Anyone who is willing to take on this small project, please contact the Secretary.

Many thanks to all those who have donated the above items.

Overheard at the Family Records Centre:

"Perhaps mother was right after all and he was born in Ireland"

"I'm happy now! I've found my grandparents!"

"Always supposing, of course, he was her natural father."

HARD TIMES FOR THE HAMMERSMITH HOUSEPAINTERS

Pat Manning

Samuel, Albert George and Arthur RIDLER were born in 1854, 1859 and 1860 in Chelsea, London, where their father Handy RIDLER (my great grandfather) had an upholstery business. By 1871, while their elder brother, Henry Winstone, was following his father as a carriage maker and upholsterer, Samuel at 16 was a grocery assistant and Albert George at 12 was an errand boy. Their elder sister was probably in service as there were six younger children to feed and provide for down to 7-month-old Susan. The family had moved from Chelsea to Notting Hill and had started on a downhill spiral.

Ten years later in 1881 Samuel was an unmarried house painter and his brother Arthur, also still living at home, was described as a decorator. Arthur eventually died aged 49, unmarried as far as I know, from chronic lead poisoning, 13 August.1909. The coroner's inquest described the cause of death as accidental uraemic disease of the kidneys.

When he was 22 Albert George married Mary Ann HAMMOND 27 March 1881 at St Clements, Kensington. His bride was very pregnant because their eldest son, Arthur Albert, was born two months later on the second of June, at the address of his grandparents, 1 St John's Place. Arthur Albert was followed just over a year later, on 9 August 1882, by Julia May. Two more girls were born, Susan Caroline 12 September 1884 and Jessie Amelia 7 February 1886, and I thought that was the end of the family.

I was looking for the date of my Uncle Ernie's emigration to Canada when I found three more boys born to Albert and Mary Ann: Frank Edward 27 April 1891, Samuel George 29 January 1893 and Henry Wilson (sic this should have been Winstone) 21 July 1895, all born in Fulham in the subdistrict of St Paul Hammersmith. I discovered them because they were all deserted by their parents and taken into care by the Hammersmith Board of Guardians. Their sister Susan was the first one to be taken in on 27 April 1899 and was put into service with a Mrs TAYLOR at 60 Wood Lane in February 1901 when nearly 17. She must have been undernourished because she was thought to be only 15.

Frank and Samuel went into care in July and September of 1899 when aged 8 and 6, although again they were thought to be two or three years younger. Frank was educated until he was 16, when he emigrated to Canada, 23 April

1907, two years after his cousin, Ernest Oswald. Henry was six when he was found abandoned by the Receiving House, Parsons Green, Fulham. Both he and Samuel trained on the ship "*Exmouth*" before transfer to the Merchant Navy. When he was 16 Samuel joined *SS Capella*, a British ship of 2,070 tons, and left Barry, Wales, the next day for Pernambuco, Brazil, via Madeira, arriving April 25th. On June 2nd they returned to Liverpool via Las Palmas. (Movement of shipping can be found in the Lloyd's Register of Shipping at the Guildhall Library.) Henry joined the Royal Mail and Pacific Line in Liverpool on 26 March 1913 when 17 years old.

In March 1998 Merchant Navy records became available at the PRO Kew and I was fortunate to find Samuel George and possibly Henry there. The Register consists of four card indexes on microfiche. BT 350 contains the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen: Register of Seamen, Special Index, Alphabetical Series (CR 10) 1918-211 This special index was created by an order under the 1918 Defence of the Realm Act and, as well as including similar information as the CR1 cards covering 1921-1941, bears a photograph of the seaman.

Samuel George Ridler, 370095, is stated to be British with a British father, from London, an AB with discharge number 574851. From April 1919 until October 1921 he was one of the crew of the *Darro*. His date of birth was given as 4 May 1895, which was the year of birth attributed to him by the Hammersmith Board of Guardians. Henry Wilson is possibly Harry Ridler, 313167, with the rating 2 Master. His ships were the *Patricia*, from October 1918 to March 1920, followed by the *Tannenburg* until February 1921, and then the *San Teodora*. He may not have known that his other name was Wilson and in any case it should have been WinStOn¶l His date of birth was given as 11 May 1898 in London of a British father; the Board of Guardians had assessed it as 1897 and so he is likely to be our Henry. His discharge number was 735954. In neither case was Next of Kin filled in and so it seems that neither was married in 1921, when well into their twenties.

The eldest brother Arthur Albert married Ellen Elizabeth RAISEY at the Brentford Register Office, Acton. His bride was only 19 and he falsified his age as 27, although he was really 31. He was killed in action in France 15 June 1916, Private 1st Class in the Middlesex Regiment. His daughter, Violet Elizabeth, was born in Brentford in 1914 and she married a widower, John McKay PATTISON, on Boxing Day 1935. Their son Richard was born in 1937, and his son Stephen in 1963.

U. K. No. of Identity Certificate: *2/21/95*

M.N.S. Region: Regional No.

Surname: *Ridler*

Christian Name: *Samuel George*

Rating: *AB* R.N.R. No.

No. and Grade of B/T Certificate:

Date and Place of Birth: *4 May 1895 London*

Nationality: *Brit* Father: *Brit*

Height: Colour Hair: Eyes:

Tattoo Marks:


Dis. A No. *54485/* N.H. Insurance No.

Name and Address of Next of Kin:

(32281) Wt. 20167-23. 180m. 8/18. Av. P. (509)
 (32308) Wt. 39950-17. 184m. 1/19. Av. P. (1187)


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132025 - 7 19
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*The entry for Samuel George Ridler
 in the Register of Seamen, Special Index.*

Q11-10 No. of Identity Certificate: 513167
 M.N.S. Region: S.W. Regional No: 834061
 Surname: *Ridler*
 Christian Name: *Harry*
 Rating: *2* Master R.N.I. No.
 No. and Grade of B/T Certificate
 Date and Place of Birth: *11 May 1898 London Eng.*
 Nationality: *Brit* Father: *Brit*
 Height: Colour Hair: Eyes:
 Tattoo Marks:
 Dis. A No. *73595H* N.H. Insurance No.
 Name and Address of Next of Kin:
 (5221) Wt: 20167-23 100m. 8/18. Av. P. (503)

<i>102625</i>	<i>10.18</i>	 <p>513167</p>	<i>Jannenberg</i>	<i>6.20</i>
<i>115327</i>	<i>2.19</i>		<i>134701</i>	<i>9.20</i>
<i>132040</i>	<i>7.19</i>		<i>136641</i>	<i>11.20</i>
<i>137796</i>	<i>10.19</i>		<i>141870</i>	<i>12.20</i>
<i>135267</i>	<i>11.19</i>		<i>143881</i>	<i>2.21</i>
<i>136350</i>	<i>2.20</i>		<i>San Tadora</i>	<i>4.21</i>
<i>134702</i>	<i>3.20</i>			
<i>Paluca</i>	<i>5.20</i>			

The entry for Harry Ridler
in the Register of Seamen, Special Index.

Arthur's sister Julia married at St Saviour's church, Hammersmith, 1 June 1902. Her husband, James GRAY, 21, was a carman. On their marriage certificate both fathers are said to be deceased, although I have not found Albert George Ridler's death registered.

However the story does not end here as there were five boys born to Mary Ann and Albert in Fulham and I have mentioned only four. Saddest of all, little Frederick was born 11 January 1898 in Wormwood Scrubs Prison. Soon afterwards Mary Ann and Frederick were in the Workhouse and Albert was summoned before a relief committee on 10 February 1898. He was given time to provide for his family but failed to reappear on 25th March, and so a warrant for his arrest for neglect was issued. He had given his address as 2 Mill Cottages, Acton, which was that of his brother Edward. Perhaps he disappeared and so his daughter Julia assumed him dead when she married in 1902, or maybe she had disowned him!

Mary Ann certainly kept in touch with her children as her address, 52 Brackenbury Road, was supplied with her son Henry's records when he joined the Merchant Navy. From the address on Frank Edward's birth certificate, 72 Cathnor Road, Hammersmith, I found the 1891 census entry and another daughter, Blanch, born in the summer of 1889. The family of parents and five children were living in two rooms in a house shared with two other families (RG12/40, 151a, p36). I should love to know if good fortune ever came the way of this family struggling at the turn of the last century.

CERTIFICATE COURIER SERVICE

The charge for this service is: £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). I do check the reference you have supplied and appreciate that sometimes the page numbers are difficult to read from fiche: they are sometimes difficult to read in the original!

Unwanted certificates and/or 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 (nor WMFHS) ; all payments must be in *Sterling*. SAEs appreciated.

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

900 years of our Parish - Parish of St Matthew, Ashford, Middx

Hatred Pursued Beyond the Grave, *by J. Cox*

Cuff Research Centre, Kinsman. (4 volumes)

Bundaberg Gen. Association Inc. (Family Ties)

From Baker to Baronet, *by P. Manning*

Guildford Freemen's Books 1655- 1 933

Hammersmith and Fulham Archives Leaflet

Jowers Births Registered in England & Wales 1837-1992, *by J.E. Jowers*

Jowers Wills & Administrations at the Probate Registries of England & Wales 1858-1992, *by J.E. Jowers*

Isleworth The Second Selection, *by M. & K. Brown*

PRO Naval Records for Genealogists, *by N.A.M. Rodger*

East Family History Society Newsletter. Spring 1999

The Policing of Hampton 8: Teddington from the 18005, *by C.E. Goddard and R. McAdam*

The Stationmaster's Return, *by P Wright*

St Michael's, Thorpe-le-Soken Churchyard Handbook

Family Tree Magazine 1990-94

Briefs 8r Collections 1670-1728. From Parish Records of St Mary Magdalen, Littleton, Middlesex

An Index of London Schools and Their Records, *by C. Webb*

My Ancestors Were Freemen of the City of London, *by V.E. Aldous*

The Registers, Monuments & Other Miscellaneous Records of St Margarets Church, Old Catton, Norfolk

Frogley Families from Berkshire, England

HELP!

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

CORSO

My grandmother's sister married GUISEPPE/JOSEPH CORSO whose family arrived from Italy about 1880. The parents were tea merchants and their first address was a ghetto of Italians in VINE STREET, LONDON. By the late 1800s they lived at about 17-19 STAINES ROAD, TWICKENHAM, where they had a music shop and barber's business in addition to having a dance band. Later they had a cycle shop in HOUNSLOW. Does anyone have any memories of the Corsos or any illustration of these premises? Expenses will be reimbursed.

Dr C.A. Snodgrass, 15 Moor Lane, Darras Hall, Ponteland, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE20 9AD

CREWS/CREWES

Seeking information about RICHARD CRETWS/CREWES, thought to have been in MIDDLESEX sometime between 1860 and 1880. He was born in CORNWALL (probably) in 1835 and married CLEMENEA COX in EXETER (near her home) in 1866. Their son ARTHUR EDWARD's birth certificate states he was born in a pub in TORQUAY in June 1871. Richard's trade was carpentry. By the 1881 census Clemenea was a widow and Arthur was boarding with Clemenea's uncle in TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON. The census gives Arthur's birthplace as MIDDLESEX, and although this is not correct it suggests Richard and his wife may have spent some time in Middlesex. As Richard is not in the 1861 and 1871 Cornwall censuses, has anybody come across him in the Middlesex census for those years? Any information gratefully received.

Mrs A.C. Chapman, Sunnyleas, Walkhampton Road, Horrbridge, Yelverton, Devon PL20 7SZ, e-mail ann@inspiration.co.uk

FORD

Information is sought regarding JAMES FORD and family, known to have been living in Red Lion Yard, NEW BRENTFORD about 1873' Any old photos showing the area would also be very welcome.

Mr S.J.W. Ford, 2 Park Road, Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex BN43 6PF e-mail stanfordt33@cwcom.net

GRAY

I am having great difficulty in tracing my grandmother. This photograph is a picture of her and I think her mother about the late 1890s. At the time my



grandmother was known as NELLIE GRAY. The earliest address I have for her is 4 CLIFDEN ROAD, BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX, where She registered the birth of her son ERNEST in November 1899. Before that she is a complete mystery. Do any members recognise the two ladies?

Colin Carter, Nene House, 8 Gardyn Croft, Thorpe Marriott, Norfolk NR8 6UZ

PIGRAM/CLARKE/GODDARD/RICHARDSON

Do the above names appear in your family, particularly in the EPSOM, HANWORTH, HOUNS LO'V, WANTAGE, GLOUCESTER and WILTSHIRE areas? I would be grateful for any information you could let me have.

*Kathy Blogg, 31 Dudley Road, Bedfont, Middlesex TW14 8EJ
Phone/Fax: (020) 8751-4661 e-mail kathyblogg@talk21.com*

TAYLOR/ATKINS/LITTLEPAGE

Has anyone found a birth in the Chelsea area of a boy born 8 April 1796, possible surnames include TAYLOR, ATKINS or LITTLEPAGE. However, if you have this date but for a different surname, please contact:

Mrs K Campbell, 4 Conyers Avenue, Birkdale, Southport PR8 4SZ

VICKERAGE/WESTCOTT

I am looking for the birth of my Great Grandfather GEORGE WILLIAM VICKERAGE. According to the 1881 census he was born in LONDON, but I am unable to find his birth registered. He was married to HARRIET WESTCOTT 12 October 1878 at St Brides Church, Fleet Street, London, father given as RICHARD whose occupation was Printer. George William's occupation was Copperplate Printer. George died 24 June 1928 aged 63 years. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Miss Sue Vickerage, 104 Norwich Road, East Dereham, Norfolk NR20 3AR

HELP OFFERED

Anyone researching FAST or ESTE is welcome to the East Family History Society annual reunion on Saturday 7 October at Christ Church Hall, Uxbridge (near station), Middlesex, 10am to mid-afternoon. Research material available. Admission free. (We are currently indexing the back numbers of the Society's journal for distribution to members). Full details from: *Miss E.J. Lines, 45 Windsor Road, London W5 3UP*, or phone evenings 1-6 October (020) 8567-1364.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am researching the history of the Middlesex Deeds Registry, which was established in 1709. Each deed was endorsed with an entry along the lines of "Memorial registered at twelve of the clock at Noon.." (dated) then signed John Smith "Reg" (or "Dep-Reg"), and I am attempting to obtain one copy deed signed by each of the Registrars or Deputy Registrars. Each official signed thousands of these Memorials during his term of office but surprisingly few deeds for Middlesex survive today.

Can any of your readers kindly inform me if they know where I might be able to purchase such deeds? I am particularly interested in 18th Century deeds.

Francis J. Vaughan

11 Hillside Gardens, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex HA3 9UW

I wasn't even looking for Great-Great-Uncle John when last at the Family Records Centre in London - but one metaphorical shot in the dark led to a literal one, and one of those gems of information you usually only yearn for.

Let me explain. My paternal 2 x Great Grandfather, Harry BARFOOT, was an early recruit to the Metropolitan Police Force, joining in September 1829 and rising to the rank of Inspector. He married Amersham-born Mary Ann AVIS in 1826 and they had at least two children in Buckinghamshire before moving to London. By 1847 Harry had fathered five sons and six daughters, including John (born c 1834).

The eldest son, Harry, became a slater. He lived in Kensington, moving to 74 Princes Road when he married Isabella sometime before April 1861. After his father's death his mother Mary Ann moved in and lived with them until she died in 1887.

I had found death dates for Mary Ann and Isabella, so consulted the national probate indexes in case either left a will but, although this search proved unsuccessful, something made me look further for any relevant Barfoot family members. Sure enough the 1874 index showed the death of a John BARFOOT, slater, late of Blagrove Road, Kensington - and, a year later, the passing of Administration from his wife, Ann, to his brother Henry, slater of Princes Road! My previous assumption had been that John - whom I'd found only on the 1841 census - had died in childhood, but here was proof of his survival.

The entry aroused my interest further, as it showed John's place of death as Grafton Street Police Station, Brighton, Sussex. Brighton is not far from my home in Worthing, so my husband and I set off to the town's local studies library, just on the off-chance of finding something further.

And there it was in black and white and gory detail - all I could have hoped for and more on the death of poor Great-Great-Uncle John. Three Brighton papers - the *Guardian*, *Gazette and Herald* - printed reports of a Coroner's inquest held at the Lion Inn, Grafton Street, on Tuesday 12th May 1874 on the body of 39-year-old John Barfoot, slater (or, according to one report, decorator) who had committed suicide by shooting himself twice in the mouth with a six-barrelled revolver!

Here I must sound a brief note of caution to other researchers approaching

contemporary newspapers as a source for the first time. Journalism hasn't changed much in the past 120 years or so, and reports last century were just as prone to inaccuracies as are those of today. I was lucky in having three to compare - it made it easy spotting similarities and differences. The essence of the story remained the same, but I cannot be certain which elements of each report are correct, as the original Coroner's report has not survived.

As far as I can ascertain, the facts are as follows:

John Barfoot left home about a fortnight before his death to "go into the City". He took £15-£20 with him, left on good terms with everyone, and had neither business nor family worries. He hadn't gone missing before, and nobody knew his whereabouts for the first few days of his absence. Just over a week before his suicide he arrived - with no luggage - in Brighton, and took lodgings at the Brighton Arms in Essex Street. He pawned a gold watch locally and - before killing himself - left the pawnbroker's receipt in the pub cellar, and deposited a note in the keyhole of the main door bequeathing the watch to the landlord, Frederick D 'ALTON.

John had spent the late evening of Sunday 10th May and early hours of the following morning wandering alone through the streets of Brighton. He had spoken to PC Charles SORRELL in St James Street, and also had a conversation with another police officer who suggested he should return to his lodgings. Both officers and a lamplighter, George METENS, with whom he had also spoken, said that he'd been "perfectly sober", although he was "walking about in a restless manner".

He went from St James Street to Grafton Street, and shortly after four o'clock on Monday 11th May, PC Henry HILL "heard the report of firearms outside the station". He ran outside and found John Barfoot, already dead, with George Metens who had heard the shot and arrived in time to see John fall to the ground.

The body was carried into the police station and Mr Morgan, surgeon of Upper Rock Gardens, was summoned. There were no "marks of external violence" on the body, but the doctor noted that the deceased's mouth was blackened, and deduced that the bullet had lodged itself in either the brain or vertebrae.

The jury returned a verdict of "suicide whilst in an unsound state of mind".

On one thing - John's drinking habits - the reports in the *Gazette* and *Herald* differed considerably. According to the former, the landlord of the Brighton

Arms described John's habits as "temperate, except on one occasion when he came home rather the worse for liquor ", and said that he had never seen him "beastly" intoxicated, "merry, that's all". It recorded that the inquest jury had heard from John's step-daughter's husband, Robert BANTING, that John had been a heavy drinker, but had never suffered the DTs. The *Herald* , however, said that "on one or two occasions he (John Barfoot) had appeared so strange that the landlord thought he must be suffering from delirium tremens". The truth is not easy to ascertain amid such a mass of contradictions!

Almost inevitably, however, my chance discoveries about Great-Great-Uncle John raise as many questions as they provide answers: why did John leave home in the first place? Where did he go in the week immediately following his disappearance? "Why did he eventually head for Brighton? Was there any significance about the watch in this respect — there were several Brighton watchmakers called Barfoot, but I have not found any link between them and "my" family. Was Robert Banting lying when he said there had been no business or personal problems? When and where did John get the gun with which he shot himself? Why did he want to kill himself at all?

There are no easy answers but I have no intention of giving up the search for clues! If anyone thinks they might be able to shed any light on any members of the Barfoot clan then please e-mail me on

didymice@goringl999.freemove.co.uk or ring me on 01903-241293.

BOOKSHELF

One Hundred Years of Shopping in the Old Borough of Twickenham
Compiled by the Borough of Twickenham Local History Society to mark the millennium year, this book looks at the way the High Streets of the towns and villages of the old Borough - Twickenham, Whitton, Teddington and the Hamptons - have developed and changed over the past one hundred years.

By its very title the book concentrates in the main on the retail shops, pubs, banks and other businesses which form the major part of high streets everywhere. Many of these have since, of course, been taken over by other businesses.

Sprinkled with twenty photographs this book will cause many a "I remember it like that" from anyone who lives or has lived in the areas covered. A book

to stir up memories if you have ever shopped in these High Streets.

Available from the WMF HS Postal Book Service, £4.00 plus 50p postage.

Church Street Twickenham by *Dr T.H.R. Cashmore*

This new publication from the Borough of Twickenham Local History Society is now included in our Postal Booklist. It was researched and compiled by the author. Up to the end of the 19th Century Church Street was the main thoroughfare and the hub of the village of Twickenham, and the book gives a good background to how people lived at that time. Dick Cashmore has incorporated a lot of information researched by Bob Mesley about his family who were prominent in the area, and also the reminiscences of Ted Morris who was born in 1910 and grew up in Church Street. It is a good read for anyone starting his or her own family history research.

Reviewed by P.J. Kershaw

ISBN 09033-4172-7

Nuts and Bolts: Family History Problem Solving through Family Reconstitution Techniques by *Andrew Todd*

The process of using records to identify all children born to a couple with their birthdates, marriage and death or burial, thus rebuilding family units, can solve major research problems and produce interesting social history background. User-friendly style with informative diagrams, document examples and advice.

Federation of Family History Societies Publication. ISBN 0-948781-14-9
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Shows how to put your family history on the World Wide Web and how to tell other users it is there. Practical advice on what is needed to create Web pages from packages, text and graphics charts and links to other Web pages.

FFHS Publication. ISBN 0-948151-18-8 1998 A5 UK £4.60 Overseas
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British Genealogical Books in Print, *Stuart A. Raymond*

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British Genealogical Microfiche, *Stuart A. Raymond*

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Helpful information, thousands of family history sources (plus indexes) such as parish registers, monumental inscriptions, wills, census, etc. have actually been published as books or on microfiche. These books are designed to assist in identifying what is currently available by listing material produced by hundreds of record and historical societies, commercial publishers, libraries and record offices, and individuals.

FFHS Publications available from Federation of Family History Societies Publications, 2-4 Killer Street, Ramsbottom, Bury, Lancs BL0 9BZ Prices include postage

London and Middlesex, a genealogical bibliography vol.1: genealogical sources, by *Stuart A. Raymond*

2nd edition 1998, 128pp £7.50

London and Middlesex, a genealogical bibliography, vol.2: family histories and pedigrees, by *Stuart A. Raymond*

2nd edition 1997, 64pp £5.00

The above two publications are available from the Society of Genealogists Bookshop, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA. Please add 20% of price for postage.

Some useful Web sites

Public Record Office - www.pro.gov.uk

Society of Genealogists - www.sog.org.uk

The Family Records Centre is on two sites, PRO and Office of National Statistics - www.ons.gov.uk

London Metropolitan Archives - www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/archives/lma

Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies - www.ihgs.ac.uk

British Library Newspaper Library - <http://www.bl.uk/collections/newspaper/>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission - www.cwgc.org

Guild of One-Name Studies - www.one.name.org

GENUKI - www.genuki.org.uk

Westminster City Archives Centre - www.westminster.gov.uk

Family Search On-Line – www.familysearch.org

Genealogy SiteFinder -

<http://www.genealogy.com/genealogy/links/index/html>

Familia: the UK & Ireland's guide to genealogical resources in public libraries - <http://www.earl.org.uk/familia/index/html>

SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS ON MICROFICHE

Monumental Inscriptions

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

	U.K.	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>Set of two microfiche.</i>	£2.35	£3.00
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Kensington, Brompton, Hammersmith & Fulham (HO 107/1468-1471) <i>Four microfiche. These, together with the two for Paddington (above) cover the whole of the Kensington RD</i>	£4.35	£5.20
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Chelsea (HO 107 / 1472-1474) <i>Three fiche. Covers the parish of St Luke, Chelsea</i>	£3.35	£4.00
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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
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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
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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
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Indexes to the 1891 Census

Hampton (RG 12/616-618) <i>Two fiche. Index of surnames, Christian names and ages for Hampton, Hampton Wick and Teddington, which comprise the Hampton sub-district of the Kingston RD</i>	£2.35	£3.00
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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 payable to West Middlesex Family History Society) to:

Mrs. M.M. Harris, "Stone Lea", Mellors Lane, Holbrook, Derbyshire DE56 0SY

PAST MEETINGS

At the April meeting **Carolynne Cotton**, local studies archivist at Uxbridge Library, gave an illustrated talk on the resources for local and family history to be found there.

The London Borough of Hillingdon corresponds in large part to the ancient Hundred of Elthorne, (except for the parishes on the eastern side: Greenford, Perivale, Hanwell), and this is the focus for the collection.

Original documents are strictly confined to the area of the Borough, but printed material may extend further afield. Early histories of the area, including Lyson's *Environs of London*, and Redford and Riches History of Uxbridge can provide valuable information. The library also has a good collection of local directories, dating back to 1823 (Uxbridge from 1840), although it was pointed out how relatively few people were recorded, particularly in the early years; for example an 1870 directory entry for Ickenham listed only 5 of 1,500 inhabitants.

The illustrations collection contains 18th century prints, numerous photographs (Uxbridge from 1860), and many early 20th century postcards. In describing the places covered by the illustrations, it was pointed out that much of what is now built-up was open land until the 1930s, and such areas were not usually the subject for photographs.

The map collection includes a variety of items from the 17th century onwards. Particularly useful are John Rocque's detailed map of 1754, and the several series of maps from the Ordnance Survey, from the 1866 25"/mile edition through to modern times.

The library also holds official local archives: the minutes of the former urban district councils which amalgamated to form the present borough in 1965. The archives include the 12th century market charter for Uxbridge, manor court rolls and civil parish records. The latter include rate books, which can be valuable in tracing occupation and changes to property. Enclosure acts, in some cases with the corresponding maps and schedules, are also held.

Other sources include sale catalogues, papers from local businesses, material relating to elections, and to local events in sport, drama, music, etc. The newspaper collection includes the *Uxbridge Gazette* from 1870 which may be consulted on microfilm. Also on film are electoral registers, parish register copies for Ickenham and Uxbridge, and all the census returns for the

area. The latter have been fully indexed for all years. The final part of the holdings is the museum collection, but unfortunately lack of premises means that this is currently in store, although limited displays are on show at the library.

With only three staff members, and limited space, it is recommended to arrange a visit in advance. Further information on the holdings of the library may be obtained from the following sources, all available from the library.

Family History in Hillingdon (£1.50)

From Bedfordshire to Yorkshire. A guide to family history resources in Hillingdon libraries T. Britton (£9.00)

Guide to London Local History Resources. London Borough of Hillingdon C. Cotton (£2.00)

Hillingdon Local Heritage Service, Central Library, 14-15 High Street, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 1HD (01895-250702)

Hours: Mon. 9.30-8.00; Tue.-Thu. 1.00-5.30; Fri. 10.00-5.30; Sat. 9.30-12.00 and 1.00-4.00.

In May Jim Golland gave a highly entertaining talk on the subject of 19th century emigration. He asked us to imagine ourselves aboard ship in two very different circumstances: that of the steerage passenger where the space we occupied sitting in our chairs was about the space we would be allocated on the ship. The other was the more comfortable accommodation of a cabin passenger.

The earliest migrations, including transportation of convicts, from the UK took place in the 16th century usually to Virginia and Maryland; in the seventeenth century convicts were sent to places such as Grenada in the Caribbean and Nova Scotia. From 1788 migrations and transportations began to Australia, New Zealand, Mauritius and Brazil. Eleven million people left the UK between 1770 and 1890 and between 1845 and 1850 1% million people left Ireland. There were various reasons for going. Much emigration was in search of work, for instance new farming methods using machinery had put many farm labourers out of work. The colonies promised wide open spaces and opportunity. In 1837 200 unemployed weavers from Gloucestershire were given assisted passage to Australia. A young man might write home suggesting a younger brother come out and join him. There might have been a family quarrel, causing someone to leave home.

A cabin could cost as much as £40. Empty cargo boats returning to Canada

offered passage for 30 shillings from Ireland to Quebec. Steerage to Australia could cost 15 guineas, but an assisted passage was £10 (paid very often by the Parish, in order to get people off the rates). Typically in 1878 advertisements appeared in newspapers for labourers and maids for Australia: they were offered free passage. The faster ships, say 72 days to Australia, were more expensive; 102 days would be cheaper. Some ships even claimed they could make it to Australia in as little as 60 days, but it could take as long as nine months. Only 10% of passengers had cabins, the rest went steerage.

Mr Golland painted a graphic picture of what greeted would-be emigrants when they arrived at the docks, for example at Liverpool. They would be greeted by ticket touts who might offer passage on non-existent ships. Liverpool's Maritime Museum has a mock-up of a typical emigration ship. Once aboard, the travellers had to have a medical and would be vaccinated. Dealers would come aboard offering goods such as warm clothing. Passengers were allowed 10 cu ft of space for luggage plus a trunk in the hold. After several days at sea the trunks would be brought up on deck and a change of clothing was then possible. Ships took different routes: the Great Circle Route via South America saved as much as 1,000 miles, but was subject to strong currents and trade winds. A ship could make 240 miles on a good day but on others much less.

Cabin passengers had recreation such as deck games, dances, lectures, and swimming in the sea on calm days. Steerage passengers were obliged to remain below in crowded conditions with no privacy; they could spend as much as 13 weeks in such conditions. People were taken ill and sometimes died during the passage. Ships met many hazards such as fog, storms, icebergs and collisions with other ships.

Upon arrival at their destination, the emigrants were again subjected to touts and dealers, some selling land. People without an address to go to slept initially in tents. However, some prospered and in Australia could eventually come to own sheep farms of many acres, achieving a wealthy lifestyle. Excerpts from letters home give not only an insight into conditions in which immigrants lived but also conditions they had left back home. In connection with this talk Mr Golland recommended a book: "From Pinner to Paradise", published by Pinner Local History Society, based on a working class mother's letters to her son in Australia in the 1880s.

In June Dr Ron Cox spoke on the Parish Chest, which would have resided in the Parish Church, or rather the kind of documents which were once kept in

it but which have now largely been removed to the safekeeping of the Local Record Office. It is therefore a good idea when visiting a Local Record Office to ask what records they hold for a particular parish. Dr Cox gave many instances of information useful to family historians which can be found in the documents, where individuals and their problems are mentioned in Vestry minutes, Settlement papers, rates lists etc. Although survival of these records varies from parish to parish, Dr Cox showed that they are well worth looking into. He recommended two books on the subject: "The Parish Chest" by W.E. Tate and "The Complete Parish Officer", the latter published by Wiltshire Family History Society.

In July Major Brian Oldham spoke about Charity and the Army, i.e. the amount of support the Army gave, or did not give, to soldiers and their families after their discharge, either through ill health or having served their time. Pensions started in the 17th century for wounded or disabled soldiers. King Charles II founded two hospitals, one in Ireland and the other at Chelsea, London. Both hospitals had admission registers which give quite a lot of detail about a man's army career and his appearance. If he was discharged in England, he would be in those of the Chelsea Hospital, if in Ireland, those of the hospital there (Admission Books of Chelsea Hospital are at the PRO, in chronological order). As only a small percentage of pensioners could actually be housed in these hospitals, the rest became 'out-pensioners'. Pensions were granted by the hospitals' Board of Commissioners (PRO WO 250) - the disability or infirmity had to stem from something which had happened during service in the Army. After 1750, soldiers who had served their term were also granted pensions.

Some records survive in connection with this aspect of military life: Depot Pay Lists give information as to where a man was going to live and what pension he would receive. When a soldier died, his pension ceased; however, if he was officially killed in action, his widow was granted his pension. As there were no official Army burial places, soldiers were buried in local cemeteries or churchyards.

By the nineteenth century certain bodies were being set up to guide ex-soldiers into employment in civilian life: discharged Warrant Officers and Sergeants could apply to join the Yeomen of the Guard, although very few places were available. Some jobs were available at the War Office. From the end of the 19th century there was a page in a soldier's pay book about employment after the Army: e.g. the Post Office, Ordnance, the Police, the Railways. From 1859 the Corps of Commissionaires was set up to employ

ex-soldiers of good character. Retired officers often looked after men who had served under them, sometimes employing them personally as servants or estate workers. Widows often turned to their husband's ex-officer for help when they came on hard times. Various organisations such as the Soldiers and Sailors Help Society and the Royal Victorian Patriotic Fund also helped discharged soldiers find work. It was suggested at the meeting that the numerous pubs named the 'Marquis of Granby' were run by ex-soldiers under a scheme devised by the Marquis of Granby. But some 'old soldiers' took to begging or to crime, or had to resort to the Poor Law - the Workhouse.

Army wives generally fared badly. Some were regarded as 'on the strength' of a Regiment, but if not they did not officially exist. When a soldier went to war, his wife had to go and live in his place of settlement, which might be far from her own home. Some were given a letter to obtain money from various parishes they passed through on the way to the place of settlement, which had to be signed by a parish official.

Children who were 'on the strength' were sometimes educated at Army schools - boys were generally expected to go into the Army, girls usually were trained for domestic service. Records of these schools contain little information about the pupils but some records of the Royal Victorian Fund's 'Asylum' at Wandsworth are at Wandsworth Library and the Ministry of Defence. References to the patriotic funds can also be found in local record offices.

SEVEN WOMEN FOUNDED EUROPE

It has recently been claimed - by none other than Bryan Sykes, Professor of Human Genetics at Oxford University - that 99% of Europeans are descended from just seven women, who have been called 'the Seven Daughters of Eve'. These seven women, thought to have descended from three clans which still exist in Africa, arrived in Europe at different times over the past 45,000 years and founded clans to which our ancestors belonged. Each clan now includes millions of people, but individual members still carry the distinct genetic signature of their ancestor. These conclusions come from a study of mitochondrial DNA (samples were taken from 6,000 Europeans), which is passed unchanged from mother to child, except when changed by random mutations which happen on average once every 10,000 years. Professor Sykes has set up a firm, Oxford Ancestors, which will trace anyone's maternal ancestry for £120.

From a report in the *Mirror*, 19th April 2000.

THOSE FIGHTIN' MIDDLESEX MEN

(Some extracts from the Middlesex County Records (Old Series))

2 February, 3 & 4 Philip and Mary (1556-7)

True Bill that, at Todington (Teddington) co. Midd. in a certain meadow near the Thames, Robert Mareshall, late of Kington-on-Thames laborer, assaulted William Lancaster and murdered him by giving him divers mortal wounds with an hedginbyll, of which wounds he then and there died instantly; and that, having so murdered him, the said Robert Mareshall threw the body of the same William Lancaster into the said river. Robert Mareshall put himself 'Guilty' and was sentenced to be hung.

Inquisition Roll 7 April 3 & 4 Philip & Mary

March, 26 Elizabeth (1583-4)

Coroner's Inquisition post-mortem, taken at Twicknam co. Midd. on view the body of John Davys alias Phillippes of the said parish yoman, there lying dead; with Verdict of Jurors that, on 4 March, 26 Elizabeth between six and seven pm, after exchanging words of quarrel in the house of James Herne of the said parish yoman, the said John Davys and a certain 'Willi.-am Cauldwell, also of Twicknam yoman, went forth to the Buttes at Twicknam and made an affray together, John Davys being armed with a beaked staff and William Cauldwell with sword and buckler, in which affray William Cauldwell with his said sword gave John Davys a mortal blow, of which he died in half an hour, and that in this way William Cauldwell feloniously killed and slew John Davys.

Gaol Delivery Roll 27 March, 26 Elizabeth

30 May, 7 James I (1609)

Ordered that Robert Batte of Hillingdon co. Midd. Yeoman "shall be set in the Stockes at Hillingdon, the next Market Daie kepte at Woxbiidge (Uxbridge), by the space of three hours, vizt. from xi till ii, for his contempte in refusing to ayde the Constables apprehendinge a number of Rogues in a Barne at Hillingdon".

S.P. Reg

2 October, 15 James I (1617)

Ordered at Easter G.S.P. Westminster, "that Richard Godson of Ruislippe joyner, for abusing of John Cogges Constable in the execution of his office, be sett in the stockes at Ruislippe before the alehouse dore where he was drunk and did the abuse; to sit there from the beginning of Morning Prayer

until the end of evening prayer upon Sunday and to be brought to the next Justice" to enter into Recognizance with sureties, for his good behaviour.

S.P. Reg

Notes: G.S.P.R. = General Session of Peace Roll

A published set of Middlesex Session volumes is in the WMFHS Library, covering the reigns of Edward VI to James I. The original sources are at the London Metropolitan Archives. See articles by Yvonne Woodbridge in the March 1997 and September 1997 issues of the WMFHS journal.

The following extract from a recent Family Records Centre newsletter might give some members pause for thought:

Those of us with long memories will remember the impact the release of the 1891 census had on the old search rooms at Chancery Lane in early 1992. There was an increase in visitors to the search rooms of over 30% virtually overnight. Space and comfort were at a premium and the microfilm reels were going round faster than Nigel Mansell! Times have moved on. The growth of interest in Family History shows no signs of abating. The attendance figures at Family History events alone show remarkable growth and new Family History Fairs are springing up all over the country.

As regular visitors will know the visitor numbers at the FRC continue to rise. There was a 69% increase in visitors from 1996 to the end of 1998. Best estimates show that the numbers will continue to rise. Disregarding the impact of the 1901 census, on current trends the PRC will be at saturation point by 2003. This means high pressure on facilities and services, and major queues at peak times (oh no, shades of Portugal Street - Ed).

The release of the 1901 census is liable to push the PRC into crisis. It is not a question of just adding a few cabinets in the Reading rooms to hold the 1901 census. There are 32.5 million names on the census on something like two and a half million pages. There will be an army of new researchers of all ages, which together with increased visits from existing researchers will cause an unprecedented upsurge in demand at the FRC.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thank you to all those who have sent in entries to the Directory of Members Interests 2000. I have already begun the task of entering all the names etc. onto the computer. We hope to distribute the resulting microfiche with the December journal.

Having already used most of what was sent to me after my appeals some months ago for material for the journal (for which again, many thanks - I think it made very enjoyable and informative reading) I am now once more running short of material and would very much like to receive more, so please get that research down on paper and send it in. It doesn't have to be highly polished - that's what editors are for!

The deadline for the December issue is: 15th October 2000

MIDDLESEX CHURCHES

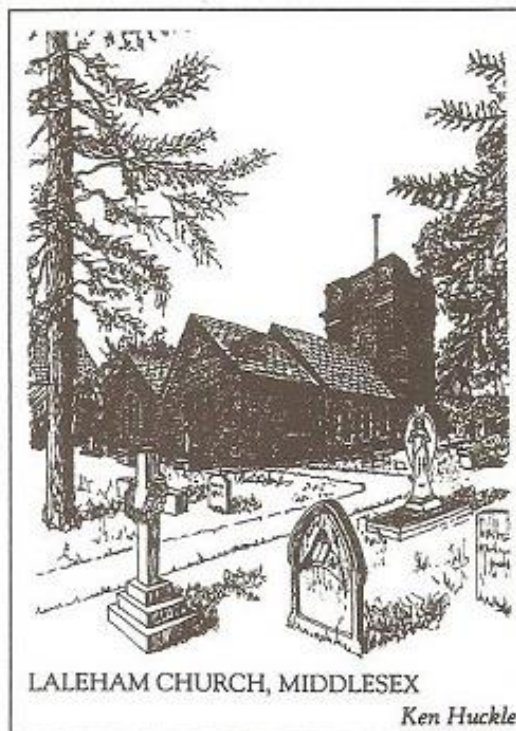
One of our members, Ken Huckle, has done some pen and ink drawings of several of the churches in our area of interest. There are eleven of them and we have had them printed on to postcards, 105 mm x 148 mm (A6).

They are: Ashford, St Matthews
Hampton Church
Heston, St Leonards
Laleham Church
Littleton Church
Shepperton, St Nicholas
Staines St Mary's
Stanwell Church
Sunbury Church
Teddington Church
Twickenham, St Mary's

They cost 55p each including postage and can be obtained from:

J. Scrivener, 88 Wheatlands, Heston, Middlesex TW5 0SB or from the bookstall at our monthly meetings at a cost of 30p.

All proceeds to WMFHS funds.



LALEHAM CHURCH, MIDDLESEX

Ken Huckle

NEW MEMBERS

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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- A75 Mr & Mrs T.E.G. Allen, 2 Wren Close, Yateley,
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Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
AKERS	17-19C	Hanwell Area	MDX	A73
ALDOUS	From 1837	Maldon	ESS	W166
ALLERTON	19C	Forest Gate	ESS	B223
AUSTIN	From 1750	St Pancras Area	MDX	B219
AWCOCK	1865-1920	Lambeth Area	SRY	T60
AXON	19C	Deal	KEN	B223
AYERS	1680-1757	Little Wilbraham	CAM	A74
AYERS	1757-1893	Bottisham	CAM	A74
AYERS	1829-1872	Barnwell	CAM	A74
AYERS	1840-1876	Chelsea	MDX	A74
AYERS	1864-1872	Soho	MDX	A74
AYRES	After 1881	Hounslow Area	MDX	T60
BAGLEY	18-19C	Fulham	MDX	B223
BAGLEY	19C	Isleworth	MDX	B223
BAKER	c1877	Hanwell	MDX	B220
BAKER	c1831	Clyst Hydon	DEV	B220
BAND	ANY	Brentford	MDX	H188
BARCLAY	1844	Kilburnie	SCT	B220
BARNES	18-19C	Feltham Area	MDX	W169

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BARRY	1820-90	Shepherds Bush	MDX	H189
BEALE	After 1850	Weymouth	DOR	T60
BEAR	After 1820	Plumstead Area	ESS	T60
BENNETT	Before 1825	Paddington	MDX	D108
BEVIS	After 1700	Andover Area	BKM	HAM
BLACKBOROW	Before 1860	Kensington	MDX	B222
BLACKBOROW	Before 1860	Chelsea/Brompton	MDX	MDX
BLACKBOROW	After 1850	Hackney	MDX	B222
BLACKBURN	From 1800	Newcastle Area	NBL	B219
BLAND	After 1850	Acle	NFK	P106
BO(U)LTON	1770-1820	ANY	MDX	L82
BOLTON	c1900	Kensington	MDX	D108
BONNE	ANY	Fulham	MDX	H188
BOYLING	Before 1900	Fulham	MDX	D108
BRIDGEN	19C	ALL	MDX	W168
BRION/ BRYANT	19-20C	Acton	MDX	W165
BROOKER	From 1879	ANY Lewisham	KEN	W166
BROOKER	From 1852	ANY Sydenham	KEN	W166
BROWN	19C	Cambridge	CAM	B223
BROWN	1825-1960	Hayes	MDX	A75
BROWN	1850-1950	Hounslow	MDX	A75
BROWN	1800-1960	Norwood Green Area	MDX	A75
BUNTING/ BUNTON	19C	Steeple Bumpstead	ESS	A72
BURKIN	After 1800	Southwark Area	SRY	P106
BYERS	1831	Gallonabraher	CAV/IRL	B220
CAWLEY	1790-1940	Bletchingley	SRY	A75
CHAMBERLAIN	After 1890	Shepherds Bush Area	MDX	M165
CHAMBERLAIN	18-19C	Dublin Area	IRL	M165
CHAMP	ANY	Wandsworth	SRY	H188
CHICK	1805-1871	Marylebone	MDX	A74
CHICK	From 1800	Bloomsbury	MDX	A74
CHICK	From 1888	Chiswick	MDX	A74
CLAREMONT	1840-1950	Hounslow Area	MDX	A75
CLARK	19C	ALL	MDX	W168
CLEMENTS	From 1800	Ealing Area	MDX	B219
CLEMMONS	1840-1950	Hounslow Area	MDX	A75
COCKING	19C	Windsor Area	BRK	A72
COLES	19C	Kintbury	BRK	E40

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COLYER	ANY	Acton	MDX	H188
COMPTON	1850-1900	Hillingdon Area	MDX	P107
COMPTON	1750-1900	Amersham Area	BKM	P107
CRAYTON	After 1874	Brentford	MDX	F86
CRAYTON	After 1874	Woolwich/Greenwich	KEN	F86
CREIGHTON	After 1874	Brentford	MDX	F86
CREIGHTON	After 1874	Woolwich/Greenwich	KEN	F86
CREW(E)S	1850-1880	ANY	MDX	C188
CROFT	Before 1880	Wandsworth	SRY	E40
CROSBY	1820-90	Shepherds Bush	MDX	H189
CROWTHER	From 1800	Cheltenham Area	GLS	B219
DARBYSHIRE	ANY	ANY	ANY	W163
DAVIES	1810-1860	Westminster Area	MDX	P107
DAVISON	18-19C	ANY	MDX	J53
DEATH	18-19C	Kensington/Shoreditch	MDX	A72
DEATH	18-19C	Edwardstone	SFK	A72
DERBYSHIRE	ANY	ANY	ANY	W163
DEVLIN	18-19C	Dublin	IRL	M165
DIGANCE	Pre 1720	ANY	SSX	L82
DIGANCE	Before 1750	ANY	HAM	L82
DORRELL	After 1890	Hanworth	MDX	T60
DOWMAN	From 1750	Gainsborough Area	LIN	B219
DREW	ANY	Brentford	MDX	H188
DUDLEY	Pre 1840	North Marston	BKM	M165
DUDLEY	After 1860	Acton Area	MDX	M165
EASTON	18-19C	ANY	ANY	W169
EDGAR	1650-1750	Linlithgow Area	WLN	L82
EDGAR	1880-1910	Belfast Area	NIR	L82
EDGAR	Before 1650	ANY	SCT	L82
EDINBOROUGH	After 1790	Paddington	MDX	P106
EDWARDS	After 1750	Marylebone	MDX	P106
ELLIS	ANY	Ealing Area	MDX	H188
EMMS	ANY	Fulham	MDX	H188
ENDERBY	19C	Thorpe St Peter	LIN	W163
ENDERSBY	Before 1945	Biggleswade	BDF	E40
FARNDEN	18-19C	Notting Hill	MDX	E40
FARNDEN	18-19C	Brentford/ Turnham Green	MDX	E40
FIELD	ANY	Brentford	MDX	H188
FINN	From 1881	ANY Lewisham	KEN	W166

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
FINN	From 1841	ANY	IRL	W166
FLACK	1836	Elmdon	ESS	B220
FORD	After 1874	Brentford	MDX	F86
FORD	After 1874	Woolwich/Greenwich	KEN	F86
FOX	From 1850	Hackney	MDX	B219
FRANCIS	19C	Brentford	MDX	E40
FRANEY	18-19C	Apethorpe Area	NTH	W169
FREELY	From 1836	ALL Ballyhaunis	IRL	W166
FREELY	From 1859	Hartford	HUN	W166
FRIDD	After 1837	Maidstone Area	KEN	B222
FRYER	19-20C	Fulham	MDX	M168
GAD(D)S	Before 1650	ANY	SSX	L82
GAD(D)S	Before 1650	ANY	HAM	L82
GARDNER	From 1853	ANY		
		Southampton Area	HAM	W166
GATFIELD	Up to 1860	Hanworth Area	MDX	W169
GILHOLM	From 1800	Newcastle Area	NBL	B219
GODDARD	Before 1845	Hanworth	MDX	J53
GODDEN	19C	Titchfield	HAM	B223
GOTHARD	19C	Thorpe St Peter	LIN	W163
GOWLETT	Before 1850	Uxbridge	MDX	D108
GRAY	After 1812	Shepherds Bush	MDX	H189
GREENSTREET	ANY	Fulham	MDX	H188
GREENWAY	From 1854	ANY Hamble	HAM	W166
GREGORY	1850-1925	Petersfield Area	HAM	P107
GROVER	1800-1970	ALL	MDX	A75
GUNNER	19C	Portsmouth	HAM	B223
GUYETT	1880-1960	ALL	MDX	A75
HAMSTEAD	1820-90	Shepherds Bush	MDX	H189
HARNETTY	After 1840	ALL	MDX	C187
HARNETTY	Before 1840	ALL	IRL	C187
HARRINGTON	From 1843	ANY	IRL	W166
HATTON	19C	Fulham/Hammersmith	MDX	J53
HEBBORN	ALL	Towersey Area	BKM	H189
HENSLEY	19C	St Pancras Area	MDX	A72
HENVILLE	18-19C	ANY	ANY	M165
HESTER	After 1812	Towersey Area	BKM	H189
HEWITT	1828	Chichester	SSX	B220
HIDER	19-20C	Fulham	MDX	M168
HIGGINS	After 1812	Towersey	BKM	H189

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HIGGINS	ALL	Wytham	OXF	H189
HIGGINS	After 1812	Wolvecote	OXF	H189
HILLMAN	After 1850	Kensington	MDX	D108
HOOD	After 1860	Sunbury on Thames	MDX	T60
HOOD	1880-1950	Stratford	ESS	T60
HORNE	19C	Hanworth Area	MDX	J53
HORNE	c1790	Hurst	BRK	J53
HOUGHTON	18-19C	Sunbury	MDX	W169
HOUSE	1760-1900	Denham Area	BKM	A75
HOUTEN	18-19C	Sunbury	MDX	W169
HOWELL	ANY	Brentford	MDX	H188
HOWLAND	ANY	Brentford	MDX	H188
HUGHES	Pre 1827	Twickenham Area	MDX	A75
HURD	1839	Exeter	DEV	B220
HURST	18-19C	Sunbury	MDX	W169
HURST	18-19C	Wallingford Area	OXF	W169
HYDE	Pre 1837	Sunbury Area	MDX	A75
ILETT	1850-1900	ALL	MDX	P107
ILETT	Before 1850	ALL	SOM	P107
JOHNSON	1810-1960	Gunnersbury Area	MDX	A75
JOHNS(T)ONE	c1830	Beith Area	AYR	L82
JOHNSON	ANY	Ealing Area	MDX	H188
KINCH	1820-90	Shepherds Bush	MDX	H189
KINCH	ALL	Wargrave	BRK	H189
LABRUM	19-20C	ALL	ALL	W168
LAIRD	Before 1860	Lochwinnoch Area	RFW	L82
LANE	From 1750	Gainsborough Area	LIN	B219
LEE	c1860	Fulham/Hammersmith	MDX	J53
LEE	c1850	Baildon Area	YKS	J53
LEE	Pre 1800	Petworth	SSX	L81
LEMON	19C	Dorking Area	SRY	A72
LINCOLN	From 1859	Milford	PEM	W166
LINCOLN	From 1825	Hasketon	SFK	W166
LIVINGS	18-19C	Stansted	ESS	B223
LONG	After 1850	Bexley	KEN	T60
MACEY	19C	Deal	KEN	B223
MANN	c1850	Baildon Area	YKS	J53
MARTIN	c1875	Not Known	MDX	B220
MCFADDEN	Before 1850	Killybegs Area	DON	L82
MCNAMARA	1820-90	Shepherds Bush	MDX	H189

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
MEAD	Pre 1850	Stoke Newington	MDX	L81
MEAGHER	After 1850	Clerkenwell	MDX	M165
MEAGHER	18-19C	Dublin	IRL	M165
MERRY	Pre 1855	Isleworth/Twickenham	MDX	L81
MILES	19C	Fulham	MDX	M161
MILES	From 1880	Kensington	MDX	M161
MITCHELL	Pre 1875	Bethnal Green	MDX	L81
MIZEN/MISEN	18-19C	Braintree Area	ESS	A72
MURDOCK	1848	Ayrshire	SCT	B220
NEAL	Before 1880	Hammersmith	MDX	D108
NEAL	After 1750	Kensington Area	MDX	P106
NEWIN	1858	Princes Risborough	BKM	B220
OAKLEY/ OCKLEY	Before 1800	Byfleet Area	SRY	L82
ODEY	20C	Ealing Area	MDX	W168
OFFER	After 1800	Devizes Area	WIL	A72
OLDEN	After 1780	Kensington Area	MDX	P106
PATTERSON	After 1870	Ealing	MDX	P107
PATTERSON	1840-80	St Pancras Area	MDX	P107
PEACOCK	19C	Isleworth	MDX	B223
PEACOCK	1690-1850	Gravenhurst/ Shillington	BDF	L81
PEAT(E)	1827	Chichester	SSX	B220
PETTMAN	19c	ALL	MDX	W168
PHELPS	ANY	ANY	ANY	W169
POWELL	After 1900	Argentina	S.AM	P106
PYRKE	18-20C	Ealing Area	MDX	B219
PYRKE	From 1750	Clerkenwell Area	MDX	B219
PYRKE	From 1750	St Pancras Area	MDX	B219
RAWDING	From 1800	Ashton-under-Lyne	LAN	B219
RAWLE	ANY	Llantwit Major	GLA	H188
REED	c1840	Westminster	LND	M165
REED	c1850	Hammersmith	MDX	M165
REES	19-20C	Fulham	MDX	M168
RICHARDSON	c1785	West Horsley Area	SRY	L82
RIDER	1880-1950	Hounslow	MDX	A75
RILEY	1890-1920	Mortlake Area	SRY	P107
RILEY	After 1900	Ealing Area	MDX	P107
RO(D)GERS	Before 1850	Killybegs Area	DON	L82
ROGERS	19-20C	Fulham	MDX	M168

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ROSE	19-20C	ALL	MDX	W168
RUDLING	19-20C	Fulham	MDX	M168
RUGGINS	1800-1900	Chesham Area	BKM	P107
RUTHERFORD	18-19C	ANY	ANY	W169
SAINSBURY	19C	Whitton Area	MDX	W169
SALTER	1750-1812	Hammersmith	MDX	H187
SALTER	1770-1840	Camberwell	MDX	H187
SALTER	c1828	City of London	LND	H187
SARGENT	1820-90	Shepherds Bush	MDX	H189
SAYER	Pre 1875	Bethnal Green	MDX	L81
SCOTT	Pre 1850	Clerkenwell	MDX	M165
SEWELL	19C	Kensington/N. London	MDX	A72
SHIER/SHIRE	Before 1880	Fulham	MDX	D108
SHORT	After 1810	Richmond Area	SRY	T60
SIMPSON	From 1800	Clerkenwell Area	MDX	B219
SLATER	1800-1900	Amersham Area	BKM	P107
SMITH	18-19C	Brentford	MDX	E40
SMITH	c1850	Hammersmith	MDX	M165
SNOW	19C	Elsenham	ESS	B223
SNOW	19C	Golden Square	LND	B223
SQUIRES	After 1850	Kensington Area	MDX	P106
START/STURT	1750-1850	Laleham Area	MDX	L82
STOPP	1857	Britwell	OXF	B220
STUTCHBURY	1866	Bethnal Green	MDX	B220
STYLES	After 1775	Chatham	KEN	P106
STYLES	After 1830	Marylebone	MDX	P106
TAYLOR	Pre 1845	Twickenham Area	MDX	A75
THOMPSON	1845-1945	Richmond Area	SRY	T60
TILLMAN	Pre 1902	Teddington Area	MDX	A75
TOOLE	After 1850	Heston	MDX	T60
TOOLE	1860-1920	Lambeth Area	SRY	T60
TREEVES	ANY	Brentford	MDX	H188
USHER	After 1870	Lambeth Area	SRY	T60
VINER	19C	London Area	LND	A72
VON DER WARTH	ANY	ANY	ANY	W163
WALKER	Before 1900	Kensington	MDX	D108
WALKER	Before 1870	St Johns Wood	MDX	D108
WALKER	Before 1835	Pimlico	MDX	D108
WALLACE	From 1858	Bermondsey	SRY	W166
WARDEN	Pre 1756	Horton	BKM	A75

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
WARTH/WHARF	ANY	ANY	ANY	W163
WAY	18-19C	Kensington	MDX	A72
WEBB	Pre 1825	Sunbury Area	MDX	W169
WELLS	Before 1870	Uxbridge	MDX	D108
WELLS	After 1870	Fulham	MDX	D108
WERTH/WIRTH	ANY	ANY	ANY	W163
WHEATLEY	Before 1850	Paddington	MDX	D108
WHEELDON	From 1700	Gainsborough Area	LIN	B219
WHEELDON	From 1750	Cheltenham Area	GLS	B219
WHITAKER	19-20C	Ringwood	HAM	B223
WHITAKER	Before 19C	Norland	YKS	B223
WHITTLE	c1810	Twickenham	MDX	F22
WIGGINS	18-20C	Hillingdon	MDX	W165
WIGGINS	19-20C	Acton	MDX	W165
WIGGINS	19-20C	Cowley	MDX	W165
WILLBY	After 1860	Kensington	MDX	M165
WILLBY	After 1870	Chelsea	MDX	M165
WILLBY	Pre 1840	White Colne	ESS	M165
WILLIAMS	19C	Windsor	BRK	A72
WILLIAMS	19C	Dorking	SRY	A72
WILLIAMS	From 1854	ANY Bristol	GLS	W166
WIRT	ANY	ANY	ANY	W163
WITHALL	Pre 1820	Bedfont	MDX	W169
WIX	Before 1850	Kensington	MDX	D108
WIX	Before 1840	Paddington	MDX	D108
WOART	ANY	ANY	ANY	W163
WORT	ANY	ANY	ANY	W163
WORTH/WURTH	ANY	ANY	ANY	W163
WRATH	ANY	ANY	ANY	W163
WRIGHTSON	1800-1850	Hounslow	MDX	W171
WRIGHTSON	1800-1850	Isleworth	MDX	W171
WYKES	From 1838	ALL Godmanchester	HUN	W166
YOUNG	1850-1900	Hillingdon Area	MDX	P107
YOUNG	1800-1900	Chesham Area	BKM	P107

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