



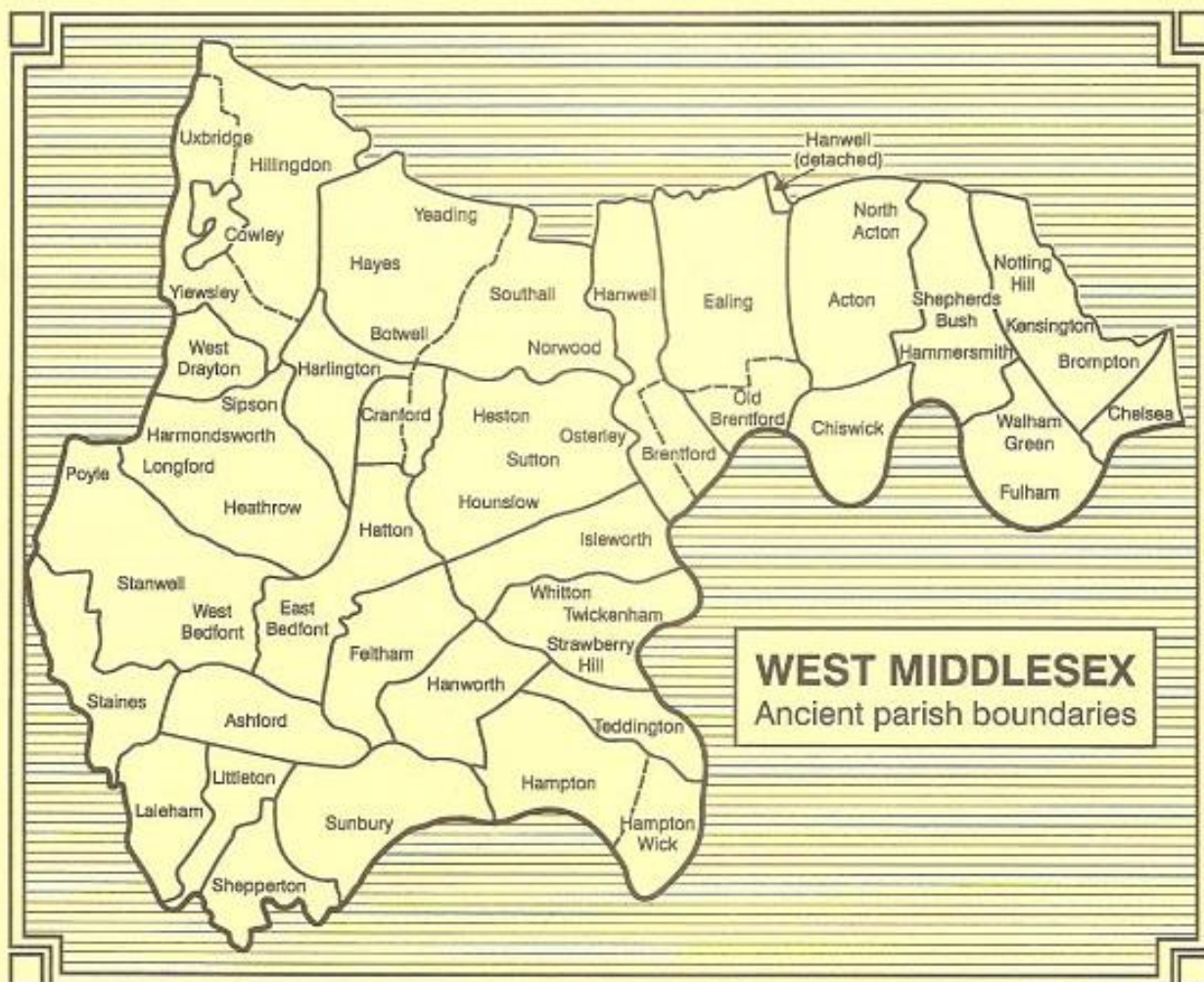
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Unfortunately our Chairman, Les Munson, has had to resign on health grounds, so it has fallen to me, the Secretary, to write a report for the journal.

Les has not enjoyed good health for some months now. Having previously had two accidents resulting in a total of three broken limbs, Les underwent heart surgery in September to have a pacemaker fitted. The operation went very well, but he has had a few setbacks since. Thankfully he is now making steady, if a little slow, progress towards better health. I am sure all our members will join me in wishing him a complete recovery, and also in thanking him and his wife Gill for all the hard work and time they have given to the Society over the years.

The Projects we have in hand at this time are progressing well. These include the computerising of the Strays register, the 1891 census transcription and the indexing of the Chiswick marriages, which will be added to our large database of pre-1837 West Middlesex marriages. To all the members who are actively helping with these projects we extend our thanks. We could, however, always use more help.

Talking of volunteers, it should be made clear that all the committee members are just that, volunteers. I am afraid we cannot undertake research for anyone, members or non-members: indeed, most of us have not time in our busy lives to do our own family history research!

At the AGM in March we will not only need to replace Les, but will also be looking for two further committee members, and we will need to fill the position of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer. If anyone is interested in joining us, don't be shy, put your name forward or get a friend to do it for you. We only have six committee meetings per year, usually on a Wednesday evening, all in Hounslow and lasting approximately two hours.

We would welcome new blood and new ideas. Remember we are your committee, we want you to feel involved. If you have any ideas for speakers for our meetings, the format of our meetings, projects we should be tackling, format or ideas for the journal, tell us, your executive committee. We want to hear from you all, including members who cannot attend meetings - after all you are the majority.

May I now wish all our members the very best for the forthcoming Christmas and New Year season.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following talks have been arranged:

- 16 November Another look at G.R.O. indexes and other records
Peter Parks
- 21 December Did he really commit murder?
Ian Waller
plus Christmas party
- 2001
- 18 January Compelled to weep - the story of apprenticeship
Jim Golland
- 15 February The Imperial War Museum and their records
Sarah Paterson
- 15 March A.G .M. and Members Evening
Indexes and Research aids available
- 19 April Skeletons in my cupboard
Audrey Gillett
- 1 7 May The Happiest Days - School days seen through the
Log Books
Ron Cox
- 21 June Where there's a will there's a row - Probate, wills and
Inventories
Jean Delmey
- 19 July Sidetracked!
Meryl Catty

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

*From Southall-Norwood Gazette, Hartwell & Uxbridge Observer.
19th November 1894.*

A curious will was left by a physician of Glasgow who died not long back. He bequeathed his entire fortune to his wife, out of gratitude for the fact that she had left him after a marriage of three months, and then had allowed him peace and quietness.

Berkshire Family History Society Research Centre

BFHS' new Research Centre is now open to member and non-members, offering an extensive reference library of over 6,000 books on family and local history, 10,000 fiche on all parts of Britain, 1881 census, 1851 census indexes for most of Britain, LDS Vital Records CD-ROMs for Britain, USA and Australia, the Berkshire Name Index with 100,000 references, and much more. It is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am-4pm and 7-9.30pm, Thursdays 10am-1pm and 2nd Sunday of the month 11am-4pm, admission, members £1, non-members £2, at *Yeomanry House (shared with the Register Office), 131 Castle Hill, Reading RG1 7TJ. Transport enquiries: tel: 0118 950 9553*

Berkshire Record Office

The new BRO is now open at *9 Coley Avenue, Reading, Berkshire RG1 6AF, tel 0118 901 5132*. Opening hours are: Mondays closed (telephone bookings can be taken on Mondays between 2 and 4.30pm); Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9am-5pm, Thursdays 9am-9pm; Fridays 9am-4.30pm. The Record Office is on the same site as the BFHS Record Centre and Reading Register Office. It is advisable to book in advance and a reader's ticket (County Archive Research Network) is required. Packed lunches can be eaten in the Reception Area, and there are lockers for personal belongings.

Hyde Park Family History Centre

This centre run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has a number of family history databases available for searching, including the well-known IGI, plus *Ancestral File*, a collection of genealogies of about 25 million individuals in which families and pedigrees contributed by private researchers are linked together, and *Pedigree Resource File*, a new collection of genealogies with several million names in which contributions from individual researchers are kept distinct from each other. These three databases can all be downloaded onto floppy disc or printed out. These databases plus the Family History Library Catalogue can be accessed on the web at *www.familysearch.org* Various other records are available such as USA Social Security death indexes, North American and Australian Vital Records, some British censuses, Civil Registration indexes of England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland, etc. There is also PAF, a free Genealogy Package which can be used (tuition given) at the Centre to organise your own family history records, and a loan service for microfilms

and fiche from the Library at Salt Lake City. *64-68 Exhibition Road, London SW7 2PA (opposite the Science Museum), tel: 020 7589-8561, open Tuesday-Friday 10am-7pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, admission free.* If you are unable to get to Kensington, ring the Exhibition Road Centre for the address of your nearest Family History Centre.

Museum of London

High Street Londinium, which runs till Sunday 7 January 2001, is a special exhibition recreating dwellings, shops and workshops along the main street of Roman London in AD100, based on excavations at no.1 Poultry in the City of London. This very 'hands-on' exhibition allows the visitor to wander at will in and out of rooms, sit down at tables, and pick up and handle objects such as pottery and tools. The experience begins with a five-minute video explaining the background to the exhibition, and finishes in a gallery containing actual finds from the excavation. Printed guides with text and plans are provided to carry around the exhibition. The visitor can then go round the adjacent Roman Gallery, packed with exhibits from the 400 years of Roman rule in Britain. Highly recommended and your Museum of London ticket (£5, £3 conc, under 16s free) lasts a whole year.

Public Record Office

Document ordering on Saturday has been extended by 30 minutes by public demand. The latest time for same-day production is now 3pm. The PRO website www.pro.gov.uk has full details of document order times, opening times and closure dates.

Duplicate Certificates of Naturalization in HO 334 are now available up to 1969 for all categories of Naturalization and British Citizenship. Naturalization name indexes run to 1962 and for British Citizenship to 1948. If you cannot find the person you are seeking in the index or they fall within a period not covered by the index, then it is possible to contact the Immigration and Nationality Department, B4 Division, India Buildings, Water Street, Liverpool L2 0QN.

Many of the items from the PRO's Education and Visitor Centre can be viewed on the new 'Virtual Museum', accessed from the PRO's Website, including landmark items from 1000 years of British history.

Richmond Local Studies Library.

The Richmond and Twickenham Local Studies Collections have now been amalgamated and can be searched at Richmond Local Studies Library, Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond. Opening hours are: Mondays closed; Tuesdays 1-5pm; Wednesdays 1-8pm; Thursdays and Fridays 10am-

6pm (closed for lunch 12-1pm); Saturdays 10am-5pm (closed for lunch 12-1pm). Direct telephone no: 8332 6820

Richmond Museum

Running from 10 October 2000 to 3 February 2001, *Be a House Detective* is a special exhibition which investigates the history of local historic Newnham House in Sheen Road, Richmond, and provides information on how to trace the history of your own home. *Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, open Tuesday to Saturday 11am-5pm, admission £2 (£1 conc), children free.*

Society of Genealogists

SOG are suggesting that family historians consider including a reference in their Will to what should be done with their family history research records: of course pointing out that a very good place to deposit them would be the SOG Library, to the benefit of other family historians and preferably, but not obligatorily, with a sum of money to pay for processing the records. Alternatively research records could be handed over in part, or wholly if it is decided to discontinue the research, during a researcher's lifetime, in which case SOG asks for signature on an affidavit transferring ownership and copyright to the Society, in order to prevent later misunderstandings. They will also in some circumstances take collections on loan or under restricted access, or will give advice on which other Record Office to approach. Contact SOG, or look at their Web page, for advice on how to submit records.

Origins.net, currently the sole provider of Internet access to the official genealogical data of Scotland, have been selected by SOG to provide exclusive pay-as-you-view Internet access for an initial 10-year period to important elements of its collections of indexes and genealogical data, so that access to the collections will no longer be restricted to those who can travel to SOG's London premises in person. The first indexes to appear on the Origins.net website from the fourth quarter of 2000 will be:

Vicar General Marriage Licence Allegations Indexes 1694-1850
Faculty Office Marriage Licence Allegations Indexes 1715-1850
Bank of England Wills Extracts Indexes 1717-1845
London City Apprenticeships Indexes
London Consistory Court Depositories Index 1700-17
Apprentices of Great Britain: indexes to Apprentices and
Masters 1710-44
Boyds Marriage Index 1538-1837
Boyds Inhabitants of London

Boyds London Burials
PCC Wills Index 1750-1800
Trinity House Petitions Index 1780-1890
Teachers Registration Council Registers 1902-48 (subject to Data
Protection Act Limitations)
Parish Register material where copyright is held by SOG

An e-commerce systems allows Web users to pay via credit card for access to the information, typically £6 to view 150 index records; photocopies of source material, charged at £10 each, will be mailed to the customer.

www.origins.net

From 13th November 2000 the SOG building at 14 Charterhouse Buildings is to undergo extensive refurbishment including enlarging several rooms, installing more modern shelving and providing a new Refreshment Room. SOG will stay open during this work but the usual closure in the first week of February will probably be extended next year.

WMFHS Noticeboard

A Message from our Membership Secretary:

As you will see from the centre pages of this Journal, we are asking you all to renew your subscription. We only make one request (if it appears in more than one issue we get some members who pay twice!) so now is the time to get out your pen and chequebook. It does help if you fill in your membership number on the form - we do have members who share the same surname so this is important. If you have not previously made a note of your number this can be found on the mailing label of this Journal - so fish it out of the waste paper basket now!

I do keep the Membership List on my computer. This makes it easier for me to check on payment of subscriptions, to alter addresses when you move and, above all, to run off the labels for your Journals. The membership stands at around 700, so writing or typing labels individually would be a mammoth task. However, I would like to emphasise that under no circumstances do I divulge any of these addresses without the express permission of the member concerned. As a Society we have never, nor would ever, pass on the names on this list to any other organisation. If despite these assurances you do not wish your name to be held on my computer (and it is only on my PC) that is your prerogative. There is a box for you to tick to that effect and your wishes will be respected.

I have enjoyed my first year as Membership Secretary and my contact with

many of you. The main problem to come up this year appears to be that Journals are taking too long to arrive on the doormats of our Overseas Members and we are taking steps to improve this. If you have any other difficulties, or indeed any comments to make on how this aspect of our Society is run, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Bridget Purr, Membership Secretary

Good news for anybody with Chiswick ancestors: the Vicar of St Nicholas, the parish church of Chiswick, has agreed to allow Chiswick marriages to go into the WMFHS Marriage Index, which will be arranged as soon as possible.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the

**Annual General Meeting of the
West Middlesex Family History Society
will be held on**

Thursday 15 March 2001

at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow

Reports will be presented on behalf of the Chairman and by the Treasurer, and members will be asked to approve the accounts for the year 2000 and elect accounts examiners for the coming year.

Elections will be held for officers and members of the Executive Committee.

Members who wish to bring forward any matters at the AGM, or to propose nominations for the Committee, are asked to write to the Secretary at the address below, by 10th January 2001.

The agenda for the AGM will be included in the next issue of the journal, to be published and distributed at the beginning of March 2001.

Mrs Mavis Burton
Hon. Secretary
10 West Way
Heston
Middlesex TW5 0JF

Some six years ago I became the proud possessor of an undated, unframed Victorian sampler, worked by one **Harriet RUTHERFORD**, aged six years. This was amongst a cousin's effects, her mother, my aunt, having been the eldest of the family and therefore the inheritor of most of the family heirlooms. We naturally assumed Harriet to be a family member - but where did she fit in?

Up to then we'd only done a little half-hearted research on this our maternal line, but the quest for a Rutherford connection caused me to trace back to all my 2 x great grandparents, roughly the end of the 18th century. I didn't need to go further back (I did, of course, having by this time got the bug!), because I was advised by a textile expert at Sotherby's that my sampler was worked between 1830 and 1840. And, incidentally, that it's worthless, due to damage caused by being folded for 150+ years - however, carefully mounted on a matching canvas backing, it graces our hall wall, with the damage hard to spot.

Having decided there was no direct connection to our family, I checked the IGI for Harriet and found a **Herriet RUTHERFORD** marrying a **James EASTON** in Roxburghshire in 1823 - a bit early for my girl, but a possible link, bearing in mind that a family of the name of Easton had lived next door to my grandparents in Heath Road, Twickenham and two Eastons appeared in my aunt's 1912 wedding photo - and, yes, the aunt in whose daughter's effects we found the sampler.

I next turned to the GRO, finding a birth in 1838 for a **Harriet Amy** in Southwark - a more likely date, but who was she? The mother's name of **CARR** was no clue. On then to the Marriage index, where the same Harriet Amy married an **Alfred COLLISON** in 1864 in Camberwell - this name also meant nothing to me. And if this was my girl, why hadn't she included the Amy in the sampler - I would have, as it's my middle name too.

Coincidentally, in the meantime, whilst idly turning the pages of a book on Victorian cross-stitch samplers, I spotted one almost identical in style to Harriet's and worked by a **Jane Ann RUTHERFORD** in 1859! I found the owner to be a Mrs Elliott, who decorated the walls of her restaurant in Newcastleton, Roxburghshire, with samplers, etc. Off I wrote to Mrs Elliott who, by then, had given up managing the restaurant and no longer had the samplers, but who obligingly enquired of several of the numerous Rutherfords in the area, but came up with no clues. So was this just another red herring?

As a new WMFHS member I have included Rutherford (and Easton) in my list of interests but, failing contact with someone researching either of these names, can anyone help me by offering suggestions, please?

When I pass her handiwork in our hall, I often murmur "We'll find you one day, Harriet". I feel I owe it to her as, after all, the epigram on her sampler reads "Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well, but it is impossible to do anything well without attention". Only in her case, she didn't pay attention and ran out of space on the last line, having to stitch the final 'n' in the line above! Well, she was only six!

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.

BESSELL/MOWBRAY

The name MOWBRAY has been carried down the BESSELL side of my family for several generations. A great uncle and my great grandfather were named CHARLES MOWBRAY BESSELL and my great great grandfather, who emigrated to Australia and worked as a brickmaker and blacksmith at WOLLONGONG, NSW was named MOWBRAY BESSELL. A family story says a woman related to the Duke of Norfolk (head of the Mowbray family) who married into the Bessell family wanted the name Mowbray to carry on because the Duke had no sons. The Rt Hon Lord Mowbray and Stourton confirmed this story in correspondence, in that the Mowbray family died out in the male line in 1462, but he knew of no link with the Bessell family. No records exist in Australia of Mowbray Bessell's birth, arrival or marriage to MARY ANNE BROWN, although his death certificate states he was born in CHELSEA about 1799; research has not found this birth but he is known to have corresponded regularly with a relative in Chelsea. Another story says he was sent to Australia as a remittance man and paid to stay away. I would be interested to hear from anyone researching the Bessell family and who may be able to assist me in solving this mystery.

Darryl Johnston, 33 Muntz Street, Chisholm ACT 2905, Australia, e-mail;
djohnston@ppr.com.au

CLAREMONT/CLEMMENTS

Seeking information on LOUIS LEONARD CLAREMONT who appears on my grandfather's marriage certificate (HOUNSLOW 1897) under 'father's name' and given as 'deceased'; his occupation is a plantation grower. Found wife? ELIZABETH (nee BROWN) and son WILLIAM with surname of CLEMENT on 1881 census, and WILLIAM only on 1891 census, living with Elizabeth's mother, HELEN BROWN at 1 Laburnham Cottage, Military Road, HOUNSLOW No trace of husband Louis. After several years' searching, he is still a complete mystery.

Irene Allen, 2 Wren Close, Yateley, Hampshire GU46 6NZ, e-mail: terryallen2@compuserve.com

HULL

A copy of my grandfather's baptism certificate recently received from a relative states he was baptised February 1886 at St Mary Magdalenes, MIDDLESEX. His parents were JAMES WILLIAM and MARGARET EMMA HULL living at 122 CLARENDON STREET (no ages given or maiden name of mother). I have been unable to find either on 1881 census. Has anyone access to look at the 1891 for me? I also need to find where the records are held for this church as they might hold Edward's parents' marriage, and James William Hull's death which is said to be in 1891. Margaret Emma Hull remarried about 1900, but I have been unable to find any record at the Family Records Centre. She is said to have died in 1942 living in Tasso Road, FULHAM, but with no surname it is difficult. Any help or advice gratefully received.

Stephen Hull, 46 Folland Road, Glanaman, Ammanford, Carmarthenshire SA18 2BX, e-mail: stephen@houseofhulls.demon.co.uk

RELTON FOOTBALL CLUB

My uncle, FRANK ARTHUR WILLIAM FREDERICK RUDLING, was killed in an accident on his bicycle in LILLIE ROAD, FULHAM on 8th July 1934 aged 20. A report in the *Fulham Chronicle* of his funeral stated that he was the goalkeeper of Relton Football Club. Can anyone please give me any information about this Club? Does it still exist?

Mrs G MacGrath, 94 Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, Kent TN16 3SB

WOOD

Does anyone have any information about the WOOD brothers MONTY, OSBORNE, JACK and GEORGE of TOWNSEND ROAD, SOUTI-IALL, sons of EMILY and THOMAS WOOD. Thomas was a builder involved in building an exhibition in Southern Ireland c.1905, taking Monty and Ossie

with him. Thomas died sometime between 1920 and 1938. Apparently the boys were a real handful for their widowed mother! Monty and Ossie eventually went into business in SOUTH ROAD, SOUTHALL and George emigrated to SOUTH AFRICA in 1948 after the death of his mother. Any snippets of information would be most welcome as my father Monty and mother were divorced after moving to Devon in the 1950s.

*Mrs April H. Ashton, 3 Barncroft, Main Street, Long Compton,
Warwickshire CV36 5JJ, e-mail: ahashton@focalplane.com*

HELP OFFERED

The following was found in a bible, on sale in Harrow, North West London:

TONG Family:

11 births 1841 -1 884 (some include death date)

1 marriage TONG/PATTENDEN 1864

I am willing to provide details for the cost of a stamp.

Miss A.M. Terre, 20 Wyvenhoe Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA2 8LS

WYVERN MIDLAND RAILWAY INDEX

Do you have ancestry associated with the Midland Railway? Although not the largest railway company in Britain, with its associated companies the Midland served a larger part of the British Isles than any other.

We are in the process of compiling a surnames index (already at 11,000 names and increasing) taken from Midland Railway Directors Minutes and Staff records 1844-1923. We intend later to index other Minutes and staff sources. The index includes all references to accidents during this period occurring on the Midland Railway involving staff, workmen or passengers using transport records at Kew and local newspapers. Information given includes birth and death dates, addresses, occupations, salaries, career histories, debentures, contractors etc.

We are willing to search this index on receipt of SAE or three IRCs plus £1 Sterling for each surname searched (remittances should be made payable to Wyvern M.R. Index). Additional charge depending on amount of information supplied. Unsuccessful matches will be held on file for future contact. We would also welcome entries for the index from anyone with Midland Railway interests.

*Chris & Judy Rouse, Wyvern Midland Railway Index, 18 Sarsen Close,
Swindon, Wilts SN1 4LA, e-mail: chris@rouse31.freemove.co.uk*

In common I am sure with research being carried out by other members, research into my own name of **BOWER** has been slow and full of surprises and disappointments. It is easy now to list my known ancestors to date, but as can be seen from the following summary, there are still gaps and queries:

Grandfather <i>Sailor, Wireman</i>	William BOWER born 1867, married 1897
Great Grandfather George <i>Baker</i>	Christopher BOWER born c. 1841/3, married 1864, died 1877 (age 35)
Great Great Grandfather <i>Photographer</i>	Benjamin BOWER born c. 1820, married c. 1840
(his brother <i>Baker, Photographer</i>	Alfred BOWER born c. 1825/ 6, married 1849)
Great Great Great Grandfather <i>Grocer, Tailor? Publican</i>	Christopher BOWER born c. 1794/ 5, married c. 1815, died 1851 (age 56)

The “Easy” Bits

Most of my early research was into families in the East End of London (BOI/“ER, JONES, BRECHT, WALLAND, SAUNDERS, SEABOURN) and North London, Islington: (HAYES, GARDNER) and Hackney: (COLLIER, GARDINER) but nothing in West London.

With the BOWERs I did not get off to a very good start, when I failed to find (and have not yet found) the registration of the birth of my grandfather, William. We knew that he was a boy sailor and his 1897 marriage certificate gave his age as 26 and his father as George BOWER (deceased).

I did, though, find the births of William’s siblings, showing that the family lived at Edinboro Road, Mile End for a number of years. I obtained the marriage certificate of William's father, George Christopher BOWER, which revealed that in 1864 he was a baker aged ‘21’ (suggesting a birth year c.1842/3) living in Mile End Old Town. His father was given as Benjamin BOWER, Photographer. As with his son William, I have not yet found the registration of George’s birth.

Breakthroughs

The first breakthroughs came from the 1871 and 1881 censuses:

1871

The family were duly found at 6 Edinboro Road, Mile End Old Town:
George Bower, age 29 (so born c.1841/2) Pastry Cook born Fulham
William Bower, age 4 (so born c. 1866/7) born Stepney
(somewhat different from the age William gave when he married) .

1881

By 1881, George had died (in 1877) and William had left his widowed mother (who appears to have remarried) and joined the Navy. He certainly joined the Royal Navy in 1883 (aged 15) and a trip to the Public Record Office at Kew gave me his date of birth, 23.10.1867. He joined the ship *Exmouth* which for many years was a training/correction ship moored on the Thames.

Surprising Pictures of Whitechapel

I searched various directories for photographers named Bower in London and bought one entitled *London Photographers 1841-1908*. I did not find Benjamin Bower but I did find Alfred Bower (Benjamin's brother) in Whitechapel (presumably he had moved to Whitechapel because his wife Amelia was born there) where he was a photographer at 87, then 86 Whitechapel Road from 1862 to 1882. A search of the 1861 census for 87 Whitechapel Road yielded some surprises:

Alfred Bower, age 35 (so born c.1825/6) Photographic Artist born Middlesex

George Bower, Nephew, age 18 (so born c.1842/3) Baker born Middlesex

A correspondent of mine spotted that the resident at 84 Whitechapel Road was **Henry WAINWRIGHT**, the famous or infamous Victorian murderer. I wondered if Alfred Bower knew Henry Wainwright because the book *Trial of the Wainwrights* from the Notable English Trials Series mentioned that his brother **Thomas WAINWRIGHT** had friends by the name of RAPER at Rosamund Cottage in Parsons Green (of which more anon). Thomas was also known to **Thomas HENN**, a butcher of Parsons Green, who gave evidence. Extraordinarily, my correspondent wrote again with a copy of a photograph of Henry Wainwright taken by Alfred Bower, Blue House, 86 Whitechapel Road!

Christopher Bower and his sons Benjamin and Alfred

The only possible marriage for Benjamin Bower that I have found in the IGI/Family Records Centre appears to be:

Benjamin Bates Bower, Bachelor, Tailor (Father Christopher Bower, Tailor)
 Married 24 November 1842, St George Hanover Square
Mary PITTS, Spinster (father **James Benjamin PITTS**, Smith)
 Both of full age from Knightsbridge

Perhaps a coincidence, but a search of some Pigot's directories revealed a family tailoring business in 1824: Bower & Son, 38 Gt Marlboro' Street, yet in 1839 Christopher Bower is shown as a General Grocer of **Parsons Green**.

I also obtained the marriage certificate of Benjamin's brother Alfred:

Alfred Bower, Bachelor, Baker (father Christopher Bower, Publican)
 Married 7 June 1849 St James Garlickhythe, City of London
Amelia LIGHT, Spinster (father **John LIGHT**, Carman)
 Both of full age, from Parson's Green, Fulham
 Witnesses: Benjamin Bower, **Jane LIGHT**

Perhaps this shows why George Christopher Bower became a baker and went to Whitechapel with his uncle. In looking at various London trade directories, there are a number of bakers named Bower in the London area.

On joining the West Middlesex FHS, I purchased the 1851 Census Index for Fulham and found the following entry for Christopher Bower in the census:

The George, South Parade (Walham Green)

<i>Name</i>		<i>Age</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Born</i>
Christopher Bower	Head	57	Victualler	Fulham
Elizabeth Bower	Wife	50		Fulham
George Bower	Grandson	8		Fulham
Thomas Berry	Lodger	60	Brickmaker	Deal
Betsey Baker	Servant	26		Ireland
William Perrin	Servant	18	Potman	Fulham
John Farrington	Lodger	36	Horsekeeper	Turnham Green
Henry Farrington	Lodger	36	Stable Boy	Turnham Green
Thomas Kelsey	Lodger	21	Tailor	Ireland
William Potter	Lodger	19	Horsekeeper	Fulham
James Snell	Lodger	19	Bricklayer	Fulham
Richard Hartley	Head	43	Coach Master	Hammersmith
Sarah Hartley	Wife	52		Surrey(?)
George Balmer(?)	Son in law	27	Clerk to Coach Master	Kennington (?) St John Street
Mary E Hartley	Daughter	18		Kingsland
Caroline Hartley	Daughter	11		Kensington
Jane Hopkins	Servant	18	General Servant	Fulham

Unfortunately, Christopher Bower died of Dropsy at the George the same year (informant Charles F. Pollard, Registrar Samuel Knight).

In 1861 Alfred and Amelia Bower were living in Parsons Green Lane.

About Walham Green (and North End)

I purchased the book *Fulham Past* by Barbara Denny at a Family History Fair and noted some interesting information:

Page 29: *"The Rival Village (to Fulham High Street) Old Walham Green.*

In 1952 local tradesmen and businessmen persuaded London Transport to change the name of the underground station from Walham Green to Fulham Broadway. From this time the older name, with its village connotations, began to disappear from currency and it is now virtually unknown, even to residents."

Page 31: *"the last stretch of North End Road from the junction with Shorrolds Road to the George, was known as Melmoth Place. Here was the old Cock inn rebuilt in 1895, and the shop of John KNIGHTS, the most important local butcher known as the "King of Walham Green" and said to have sometimes as many as fifty sheep waiting in his rear slaughter yard . . ."*

Page 34: North End Market

"The market traders themselves are still family concerns and the names which they display on their permanent stalls are often those that appeared in the 1890s - the JOHNSONS, HURRENS, COLESHILLS, SEABYS, GADDS, CLAPHAMS, FROSTs, LEEs, WAYs and KERRINs. "

Page 58: *"The George, on the corner of Fulham Road, is not the oldest (pub) but it did have a unique publican, Richard HARTLEY who in the 1860s combined his duties with operating a bus company, the yard of which adjoined the pub, and a job in the Bank of England. The multiplicity of occupations led to his being called before the Governors of the Bank, and told that he must either give up his buses or retire from the Bank, He preferred the buses as they paid more."*

A Visit to Fulham

At long last I made a trip to Fulham to see the George where my ancestor had been Publican. I told the barmaid that an ancestor of mine had been a previous owner: she asked me how long ago and was somewhat surprised when I said "150 years"!

I had booked an appointment at the Hammersmith and Fulham Archives and they were able to provide me with documents and copies of old photographs of the George plus buildings in Parsons Green, but there were no further

revelations from their card index. However I purchased the publication *Fulham As It Was* which contained the following note:

"25. *Rosamonds. Parsons Green. 1896.*

The house is said to have been built in the reign of Elizabeth I, but had been much modified. When the photograph was taken it had been divided into three tenements. It was situated on the west side of Parsons Green, north of St Dionis' Church," it was demolished in 1926. "



The George Public House, 506 Fulham Road. March 1962. Photo: *Hammer-smith & Fulham Local Archives.*

Parsons Green

Some time ago I bought or was given an extract from *Part 68 Old and New London* by Edward Walford price 7d. The content gives a few pointers on Parsons Green:

Page 518: "*A small house opposite, Audley Cottage, was for many years the residence of the late Mr Thomas Crocker, F.S.A. . . . The name of the place was at one time Brunswick Cottage, was altered by Mr Croker to Rosamund's Bower, the property hereabouts having at some distant date formed part of a manorial estate called Rosamunds . . .*"

Parson's Green is a triangular plot of land at the southern end of Parson's Green Lane at its junction with King's Road," it was so-called from the parsonage-house of the parish of Fulham, which stood on its west side, but was pulled down about the year 1740 . . . There used to be held on the Green annually on the 17th August a fair, which had . . . been established from time immemorial."



Rosamund Cottage, Parson's Green. *Photo: Hammersmith & Fulham Local Archives*

So, in conclusion, after some 20 years of spasmodic searching, I guess that I have made reasonable progress. I have been lucky that some of my ancestors had trades. The big puzzle is the whereabouts of Great Great Grandfather Benjamin Bower. He was a witness at his brother Alfred's wedding in 1849, but at the time of the subsequent censuses, his son George Christopher Bower was staying elsewhere, in 1851 with his grandparents at the George inn, and in 1861 with his Uncle Alfred in Whitechapel. I would like to find out more about Benjamin Bower (birth/marriage/death) and that might give me more information about 3 x Great Grandfather Christopher Bower. I have to admit to being stuck again, and any suggestions from other members would be gratefully received.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As a follow-up to the article SEVEN WOMEN FOUNDED EUROPE in the September issue, you may be interested in the following theory that I have taken from *Darwin's Dangerous Idea* by Daniell C. Dennett, published by Penguin Books in 1995, at which time the author was described as "Distinguished Professor of Arts and Sciences and Director of the Center for Cognitive Studies at Tufts University in Massachusetts".

The argument is as follows:

Each person who is alive today has one, and only one, mother. Those mothers are fewer in number than their children since no-one can have more than one mother but each mother can have more than one child. In each generation some women die childless and so cannot be a "mitochondrial ancestor", nor can those women whose daughters or granddaughters, etc. die childless.

Extending the logic backwards generation by generation, the numbers reduce until there is only one woman - Mitochondrial Eve - the most recent direct ancestor in the female line of all people who are alive today. Since this argument produces the most *recent* ancestor, Mitochondrial Eve is not necessarily the first 'woman'.

Eve also had a mother and may also have had sisters who died childless or whose descendants died out. The first 'woman' may have had a number of lines of descendants all of whom, apart from 'Eve', died out.

A similar logic produces Y-Chromosome Adam, although he was not necessarily alive at the same time as Mitochondrial Eve. Given that fathering children is less time- and energy-consuming than bearing them and that it is possible for one man to 'father children by more than one partner, logic makes it possible that 'Adam' could be from a much more recent generation than 'Eve'.

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The Budget announced in February 2000 contained important alterations with respect to donations to Charity, as far as the recovery of Income Tax by the Charity is concerned. Before April 2000, in order to recover Income Tax on donations/ subscriptions a Covenant was required for a minimum of four years or, under Gift Aid, the minimum donation had to be £250.

All this has now changed. No Covenant is necessary and ALL donations/ subscriptions from 6 April 2000, however small, qualify under Gift Aid for Income Tax which can be reclaimed by the Charity as long as the donor pays either Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax.

The reality and practicality of this is that in future WMFHS can claim back the tax on all donations/subscriptions provided the donor signs the "one off" Gift Aid declaration which is printed alongside the subscription renewal. As this declaration need only be signed once, if you are a UK taxpayer please take the time to sign it and return it with your subscription renewal. PLEASE DO IT NOW!

Even if you already have a Covenant in place, it would be very helpful if you would sign and return the Gift Aid declaration so that the Treasurer only has one set of information to keep up to date.

The new concession should be of considerable advantage to WMFHS, so thank you for completing and returning this form.

THE HESTON HERMIT

The eccentric action of an elderly man who has assumed the role of Troglodyte is just now exciting the curiosity and interest of the villagers of Heston, says the "Middlesex Chronicle." He is named Ives, is a tall, gaunt individual about 60 years of age, and follows the vocation of gardener. About a fortnight since it was discovered that he had taken up his abode in a large hole or pit, which he had himself excavated in one of the allotments held by him adjoining the Churchyard. This excavation, which is about seven feet square and of like depth, contains a chair bedstead, a camp kettle, and oil stove, and a few culinary requisites at the base. The Hermit, as he has come to be known in the place, rises early, prepares his breakfast on the border of his cave dwelling, and goes forth to his daily work either on his allotment or further afield. He returns

and retires for the night, gaining ingress and egress to and from his strange habitation by means of a short ladder, and roofs himself in with a garden light. The glimmer of a small lamp through the glass weirdly indicates the hermit's resting place to the wondering passers by, and it is assumed, acts as a heater to the hole. Speculation is busy as to whether the ecclesiastical or local authorities will take any action in view of this novel infringement of regulations as to the construction of dwellings, and of the usual conditions which govern tenant right. The coming of the stranger has served as a Godsend to a certain class of parents in the place, for it is said that the most turbulent youngster will quail and submit when he hears the threat of the "Bogie man" in his new guise of the "Wildman of the Hole."
9 June 1906

My quest began only a short while ago in comparison to some people's research, although my curiosity was aroused some thirty years previously.

In my dim distant childhood a visit from my grandfather's brother, great uncle Tom, stands out in my memory; I was about ten years old and this was a memorable visit for me as having been quite young when my grandfather died I never really knew him and was keen even at that tender age to find out about my **BAGLEY** relatives.

Not much was gleaned from the elderly gentleman on this occasion I'm afraid, but about fifteen years later Uncle Tom paid us a final visit. This time being a bit older I was able to ask questions and listen to his tales. The story he told was at the time a little incredible. He told me that the Bagleys had owned market gardens in Fulham and that Bagleys Lane in Fulham is named after the family. He went on to say that Craven Cottage - now the site of Fulham Football Club's ground - was once owned by the family. This I found a little unbelievable and dismissed it as the ramblings of an elderly gentleman. "And oh", he said, "your great grandmother was called **Kate CUSHION** and she worked on Bagley land, and that is why your great grandfather was cut off without a penny because his parents thought he had married beneath himself."

Some further eight years down the line I was at a family gathering and my Uncle asked if I would like the marriage and birth certificates of my grandparents. "Yes please" I hastily replied, and thus started my quest.

Problem number one: I had always been led to believe that Great Grandfather Bagley was called **Archibald Steptoe BAGLEY**, and yet here he was on my grandfather's birth certificate as **Harry BAGLEY** of 8 Cox's Buildings, Putney. So, full of enthusiasm I trotted off to the Family Records Centre in London, confident that I would find the Bagleys right where I knew them to be. I scoured the census records for Harry/Archibald Steptoe Bagley. I searched Putney, I searched Fulham, all to no avail. I knew they must be there, but where? For two solid days I searched but again to no avail. Then out of the blue my Mum said "I have found your grandmother's address book. That might be of use to you". There tucked between two curled-up pages was a phone number, and next to the name was written "Bagley relative". I thought there just might be an outside chance that this relative might still be around so I nervously dialled the number. "Hello" I said, "my name is Robert

Bagley and I believe that we may be related in some way.” I went on to explain my interest and after a long conversation came to the conclusion that this Bagley relative was indeed a cousin of my Dad’s whom he had never had any knowledge of. Bingo! Yes, she knew my great grandfather and yes, his name was Archibald but he always called himself Harry. What a find! A relative who could actually throw some light on my ancestors.

I regaled her with the stories I remembered from my childhood. Oh yes, these were the same stories told to her by Uncle Tom. But this still did not answer my question as to why I could not find them in the census records.

After my fruitless trip to the FRC I decided I would put the Bagleys on hold and took a trip to Essex to investigate my **LIVINGS** ancestors. Oh joy! They had lived in the same village for at least four generations so this was easy stuff. Why couldn't my Bagley ancestors be so easy! On the drive home I somehow missed the turning and found myself careering all over London. Then I saw a sign that said “Kew” so on the spur of the moment decided to visit the Public Record Office.

The only photo I have of great grandfather is in an Army uniform, so I searched the army records, again to no avail. Then, almost jumping out at me, were the records of a **Clifford BAGLEY**. He entered the army as **Clifford BROWN** but having been in the army some time was found to have been using his mother’s maiden name; he was indeed Clifford Bagley with two older brothers **Archibald** and **Edgar**, two younger brothers **Percy** and **Harold** and a sister **Ellen**. His mother was his next of kin and her address was given as 56 Greyhound Road, Fulham. Whilst he was in the army his mother died and his aunt, Miss Brown of Emmanuel Street, Cambridge, became his next of kin. Unaware if this chap was connected I decided to ask for a copy of his army records.

Having found positive evidence of Bagleys living in Fulham though not knowing if these were my Bagleys, I decided to see if I could find further evidence as to whether Clifford was great grandfather's brother. After a further telephone call to my new-found relative who confirmed that she thought her grandfather had a brother called Clifford, I decided there was a good chance, but I had still been unable to find any record of them in the census.

I next obtained a copy of Archibald Steptoe Bagley’s birth certificate and this confirmed that his mother was indeed **Margaret BROWN** and that his father was **Robert Thomas BAGLEY**. I then had doubts because the certificate states that he was born in Battersea and that his father was a gas fitter. I then decided to see if I could find Robert and Margaret on the census records for

Battersea. Again a resounding NO. "They must have gone abroad", my Dad said, "I'm sure my dad told me they had gone to Argentina".

Now what was I to do? I decided that I would have one final visit to the census records and see if I could turn up anything. As usual after a day of intensive searching the (indexed) 1881 census the usual answer came back - NO.

Just as I was packing up the fiche slipped out of its holder and there before my very eyes they were in Fulham, but not recorded as Bagley - the enumerator had incorrectly transcribed them as Bayley. There was Robert Thomas Bayley born Isleworth, Margaret Bayley born Cambridge, Archibald and Edgar born Wandsworth and Clifford and Helen born Fulham. The address was 'White Rose Cottage, Crabtree Lane, Fulham. The occupation of Robert was given as Market Gardeners Foreman. So at last I seemed to be getting somewhere. A trip to the Fulham archives in Hammersmith is now planned to view parish records to see how my own Bagley ancestor ties in with the rest of the Fulham Bagleys.

I believe the parents of Robert Thomas Bagley to be Robert BAGLEY and Maria née PEACOCK. This Robert was also a market gardener of Webb's Cottage, Fulham. And I have now started to believe the stories told to me by my elderly great uncle as they do appear to have some semblance of truth about them. There are still questions to be answered, like why was Clifford using the name Brown? *Did* the family once own Craven Cottage? What happened to Archibald's brothers and sister? Perhaps I will never find these answers but I will keep trying.

The final twist in the tail is that a chap my Dad worked with brought into work one day a bottle he had found at the back of the garage of an old house he had just bought. In the glass is imprinted the name of Bagley and on the label in Spanish is written the following: "*This orange liquor was especially produced for the family Bagley in 1864. Made in Argentina*". So maybe there is some truth in that story too. Only time and a little luck will tell.

From Middlesex Country Records, Old Series Vol II. 1603-1625

2 September 3 (1650) James I - Recognizance, taken before Sir Edward FENNER Knt. J.P. of Dorothy WHITE of Hillingdon, co. Midd. Spinster, in the sum of ten pounds; For the said Dorothy White's appearance at the next General Session of the Peace, to give evidence against "George KYTCHEN of Hillingdon, aforesaid for begetting her with child". G.C.P.R. Michaelmas, 3 James I.

Personalities of Fulham and Hammersmith

Published by the Fulham and Hammersmith Historical Society, this book is an attempt to list, in alphabetical order, the many famous and not-so-famous personalities who have lived in the area covered by the Society. They range from such international names as Montgomery and Gandhi to almost forgotten people like Albert Smith who climbed Mont Blanc in 1851. They cover every facet of life and show the diverse people who have not only made Fulham and Hammersmith what it is today but have also changed the world!

Very brief details are given with dates and, in most cases, addresses, the intention being for interested researchers to turn to other sources if they wish to know more.

The book is made more interesting for family historians by including an index of the streets and places so that one can look up a particular place in which one's ancestors were known to be living and find out if any famous (or notorious) people also lived there.

68 pages, including 12 photographs. £4.00 plus 66p postage

West Middlesex University Hospital a History *by Margaret Black*

Beginning with a very brief history of the founding of Isleworth round about the time of William the Conqueror and the subsequent changes of ownership of the Manor, this interesting and very readable book goes on to describe the progress of the buildings we know as West Middlesex Hospital from their original construction as a Workhouse to the vast complex of today.

There are photographs of some of the original documents in the archives of the hospital, the earliest being one relating to the admission of an infant **Elizabeth GISBEY** dated 1753, some of whose inherited land in Isleworth was eventually sold for the purpose of erecting the Brentford Union Workhouse.

There are some interesting extracts from the Workhouse Rules, i.e. "Classification of Paupers: the Paupers shall be classed as the Guardians, with the advice of the Medical Superintendent of the Infirmary, shall direct, so that the two sexes shall be kept separate. To each sex shall be assigned its proper wards and yards, and each class of paupers shall remain therein, without communication with those of the other sex".

During the Second World War the hospital suffered damage from enemy action, notably in February 1944 when 96 incendiary bombs caused 21 fires

in eight wards. There was a gross shortage of sleeping accommodation for the nurses and the Duke of Northumberland provided rooms for them at Syon House. There is a four-page insert by the author bringing the history up to 1998.

A4 format, 76 pages with 43 photographs and 7 maps and plans. £3.50

Both the above books are available from the WMFHS Bookstall at meetings or from the WMFHS Postal Book Service.

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	Price/£	P&P/£	Total/£
Ealing As It Was	5.75	0.70	6.45
Environs of Ealing in Old Photographs	5.75	0.70	6.45
Twickenham, Teddington & Hampton 2nd Selection (Old Photographs Series)	9.99	1.00	10.99
Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush Past	13.95	2.00	15.95
Fulham Past	14.95	2.00	16.95
One Hundred Years of Shopping in the Old Borough of Twickenham	4.00	0.50	4.50
Church Street Twickenham	6.00	0.50	6.50
Personalities of Fulham & Hammersmith	4.00	0.50	4.50
West Middlesex University Hospital a History	3.50	1.00	4.50

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St George's Church, Hanworth
Kensington & Chelsea in Old Photographs
History of Sunbury-on-Thames
Isleworth (Old Photographs Series)
Alleyways of Mortlake
Twickenham, Teddington & Hampton (Old Photographs Series)

Tithe Surveys by *R.J.P. Kain and Hugh C. Prince*

This new book provides a full explanation of tithes and the Tithe Commutation Act of 1836 and illustrates the different documents, schedules and maps produced by this survey.

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Earl's Court and Brompton Past by *Richard Tames*

The author is a distinguished London historian who is as interested in people

as places. Brompton, known for its market gardens, was transformed after the Great Exhibition of 1851, held in nearby Hyde Park, with the building of museums, institutions and famous shops such as Harrods. In Earl's Court the now familiar high terraced housing was built, originally for the affluent but now split up into flats, famously favoured by visiting Australians.

ISBN 0 948667 63 X 144pp £15.95 October 2000

Enclosure Records for Historians by *Steven Hollowell*

The gradual enclosure of the open fields and wastes markedly changed both the landscape and the rural economy. This book explains the whole process from the 15th century onwards, examining and explaining a wide range of documentary records and including a full glossary of the terms used in enclosure records.

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The above three books have been published by Phillimore and are available from local bookshops or from: *Phillimore & Co Ltd, Shopwyke Manor Barn, Chichester, West Sussex PO20 6BG tel: 01243 787636, fax: 01243 787639*, orders to be accompanied by remittance in sterling or credit card number (add 10% p&p). Overseas purchasers are requested to pay by sterling bank draft or credit card (add 15% p&p).

Phillimore are offering a 10% discount and post-free delivery on all orders of £25 or more received before the end of the year 2000.

More from the Middlesex County Records. Old Series Vol II 1603-1652

7 January 7 (1609/10) *James I* - True Bill that, at Isleworth co. Midd. in the night of the said day, John MORRELL late of London yoman broke burglariously into the dwelling-house of Sir Gedeon AWNSHAM knt., and stole a black cloak worth ten shillings, a black grogran cloak worth ten shillings, a sword called a "damasked Skeane" worth twenty shillings, a dagger with damaske hiltes worth six shillings and eightpence, and a velvet girdle imbrodered with silke and cold worth three shillings and fourpence. Also, a True Bill against the same John Morrell for breaking burglariously into the dwelling-house of the same Sir Gedeon Awnsam knt. at Isleworthe, co. Midd. in the night of 30th Jan. 7 *James I*. Also, two other indictments for theft against the same culprit. Found "Guilty" in respect to all four indictments, John Morrell was sentenced to be hung. *G.D.R., 16 Feb., 7 James I.*

Deeds exist in great number in archive repositories. However, they are not usually thought of as being particularly interesting. This may be due to the fact that they can be difficult to read, due to their great length and the somewhat tedious style of the legal phraseology employed therein. I would argue, however, that deeds, or rather the information they contain, can be of great interest to family and local historians, shedding light on people and property in a locality, especially where the deeds contain maps. What follows will be a discussion about the people and property involved in three deeds in Southall, Middlesex, at the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth century.

The first deed is dated 3 August 1895 and concerns the payment of £100 by Mrs Elizabeth Stoneman ABBOTT, wife of Stephen Walter ABBOTT, manufacturer, of Southall, to Charles Thomas ABBOTT, another Southall businessman, in order that Charles and Walter convey this land to Charles Louis NEAVE, a commercial clerk, also of Southall.

The reason for this transaction can be found in a deed dated 13 November 1893, and this is mentioned in the preamble to the transaction. Stephen Abbott and Annie and Laura STEWARD had made a conveyance on that date to the effect that land and property on the north side of Sparrow Lane (now known as North Road), Southall, formerly in their possession, should be passed to Stephen and Charles Abbott. These two men then decided to partition this land. Stephen's share was then given to his wife, who paid Charles £100 as his share of the partition was hitherto unequal in value.

The deed refers to previous owners and tenants of the land, describes the property built upon it, and includes a map to show who received what.

The next deed is dated 23 May 1913 and is the conveyance of numbers 3, 7, 11 and 15 West End Road, Southall, from the executors of the Will of the late Thomas Bush WINGROVE to Mrs Maud Elizabeth BEADLE. This is a straightforward transaction. The deed tells us that Mrs Beadle was the wife of Charles BEADLE of 22 Woodmancote Road, Portsmouth, and that 'William WINGROVE resided at 78 Uxbridge High Street 9 Mrs Beadle was Wingrove's daughter.

The third document is an Abstract of Title to 3, 7, 11 and 15 West End Road, Southall, dated 1918. An Abstract of Title is not a deed in the sense that the

two mentioned above are, Rather it is a series of summaries of deeds relating to a particular property or properties, now in the possession of a particular individual, in this case Mrs Beadle. Therefore, the history of that property and previous owners and tenants are listed.

The land, between Hambrough Road and West End Road, comprising of one acre, was originally owned by Charles I. Abbott and one A.S. RUSTON, who allowed the Southall Development Syndicate to erect a brewery on it. By 1904 houses seem to have been built on West End Road. There are various plans accompanying this 18-page abstract, charting the development of this land, specifically as regards West End Road. The final part of the abstract is a summary of the 1913 deed which has been noted above.

There is, therefore, a great deal of information to be found in such weighty abstracts, and its size and the language employed should not put one off persevering with such a document.

A few notes on the *DRAMATIS PERSONAE*, garnered from other sources, might not come amiss:

The Abbotts were a prominent family in Southall.

Charles Thomas Abbott was the son of the editor of the local newspaper the Southall News. Charles resided at Vine Cottage, Southall, now known as Park View Road. He was a member of the Southall Local Board (which governed the parish) and was a manufacturer of beehives. He was born in 1860 and died in 1905. His wife, Ada, survived him by twenty years. They had one son, Norman ABBOTT, who died in 1925, and one daughter, Ellen Joan. The family also had a domestic servant.

Stephen Walter Abbott, presumably Charles' brother, resided at The Chestnuts, Southall.

Unfortunately, little is known about the other people mentioned above, chiefly because they lived outside the current Borough of Ealing.

It will be observed that deeds can yield a substantial amount of information, both for house history and family history, because they shed light on the history of a property and on the former owners and tenants of that property, and possibly of surrounding properties too. Some of this information may be new, or it may confirm that found in other sources.

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Monumental Inscriptions

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

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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

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Paddington (HO 107 / 1466-1467) <i>Set of two microfiche.</i>	£2.35	£3.00
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PAST MEETINGS

In August, Paul Blake's talk 'London: the Metropolitan Nightmare' began with a round-up of London's history from its earliest beginnings as Roman Londinium (see News Round-up) to its great expansion in the Victorian era. He then went on to explain in detail the various different ways London has been administered, and the social and economic reasons for the changes, such as the move from administration within parish boundaries by local vestries to the first attempts to administer London as a whole which led to the formation of the London County Council, then the Greater London Council, and ultimately the new Mayor of London's Administration. Finally we were given information on what sort of records exist for London, how comprehensive they are and where they can be researched.

It was perhaps surprising to learn how much London's record repositories are still based on former administrative regions, such as City of London (Guildhall Library and Corporation of London Library) and Greater London records (London Metropolitan Archives, Westminster Archives and outer London archives such as the Surrey History Centre) still being separate due to the different administrative areas of the Corporation of London and the LCC. Paul Blake warned that many records are still scattered and have not been indexed: burial records and Wills are particularly difficult to research for this reason. The only currently available overall guides to the whereabouts of London's parish registers are Phillimore's *Atlas and Index of Parish Registers* and three 'Consolidated Guides' produced some 30 years ago by Norman H. Graham covering the whereabouts of parish records for Inner London, Outer London and non-conformist chapels; the latter guides are out of print but can be viewed at both the Society of Genealogists and Guildhall Libraries.

Mr Blake also recommended the Guildhall Library 'Collage' image database, now at least partly available via the Internet, which produces superb images of London scenes for background to research. This was a very comprehensive talk with much useful information on both the keeping and accessibility of London's records.

In September Patricia Waldock came to tell us about the early days of the great travel company, the Thomas Cook organisation. Thomas Cook was born 1808 into a poor family in Melbourne, Derbyshire, at a time when the horse was still the chief form of transport on land, and the sailing ship on the seas. He was apprenticed to a market gardener and later to a wood turner. Both of

his masters were alcoholics, which probably influenced Thomas' life-long aversion to alcohol. He decided to take up missionary work for the Baptist Church and by 1829 had travelled over 2000 miles, mostly on foot. In 1832 he moved to Market Harborough, Leicestershire and got married. Legislation like the Roadhouse Act in the 1830s, which attempted to curb excessive drinking, was not a success: Thomas and his wife became involved in the Temperance Movement, both signing the pledge.

This was also the era of the great engineers such as Telford, Stephenson, Brunel. 1825 had seen the opening of the first railway line, the Stockton-Darlington: now ordinary people could suddenly travel much more easily and cheaply. In 1834 Thomas Cook had an inspiration: to use the railways to move people in the Temperance Movement for the promotion of Temperance. The first trip he organised was successful and he went on to organise excursions to such healthy places as spas and seaside resorts, choosing Liverpool for his first seaside visit: he wrote a handbook about the trip for the 100 'excursionists'. By 1846 he was taking people as far as Scotland. These activities evolved into a busy travel business, arranging trips for any organisation. The Cooks opened a Temperance Hotel in Leicester, and were now organising trips on a much larger scale - they took altogether 165,000 people to London for the 1851 Great Exhibition in Hyde Park, and later took clients to the opening ceremony of the 1855 Paris Exhibition. Knowing that they were safe on Thomas Cook trips, women could go abroad for the first time alone. Thomas Cook organised trips on continental railways: to Vienna, Trieste, the Cote d'Azur, Geneva, the Swiss Alps. His son, John Mason Cook, managed their London office in Fleet Street.

When in 1869 the Suez Canal opened, Thomas Cook arranged trips to the Middle East. He obtained his own steamship and charged 150 guineas to take people to the Holy Land and Egypt. Photographs taken on these journeys show that no concessions were made to the heat by the English, who continued to wear the heavy Victorian garb they would have worn at home. These intrepid early tourists slept in tents but had such home comforts as their own numbered napkins: Thomas paid great attention to detail when planning all his trips, and still accompanied many of them himself.

By the 1870s Thomas Cook had offices in Ludgate Circus, and in 1873 produced Cook's Continental Timetable-. Cunard bought a fleet of 17 ships, so Thomas Cook advertised a round the world trip: 220 days for 220 guineas. An office was opened in New York - emigrants to the New World were already hankering after going back to see the 'old country'. By 1888 Thomas Cook was getting frail, and in 1892 he died. His son and grandson took over

the business. His son retired to a house in Walton-on-Thames and died in 1899. Both father and son are buried in Leicester.

Our October talk was given by Ron Howes, who is a Volunteer guide at the Kew Bridge Steam Museum in West London. His subject was the history of London's water supply from early attempts to bring a regular supply into London to the present day. In the thirteenth century Gilbert Sandeford, Lord of the Manor of Tyburn, brought water from the Tyburn via several conduits as far as Cheapside, where it could be collected in person or purchased on the doorstep from water carriers, at a cost of one penny a bucket. In 1542 a Dutchman called Peter Morris was successful in persuading the Corporation of London to allow him to set up the London Bridge Waterworks, which consisted of a waterwheel built into an arch of the Bridge to collect Thames water, which survived until the early 1800s when the Bridge was finally pulled down.

As London and its population grew there was an increasing demand for water, and in the 1600s the New River Company - the first Public Utility Company in the world - was formed to obtain water from the River Lea via pumping stations using wooden (elm) pipes, which were later replaced by stone pipes, but these were found to leak and were in turn replaced by cast iron pipes. Kew Bridge Waterworks (the forerunner of the Steam Museum) were built by the Grand Junction Water Company. When the age of steam came in, great steam engines, some of which have been carefully preserved and restored at the Museum, could be used to pump water. The problem of sewage also had to be dealt with, which had been by cess pits till the 1700s. The great London sewers were built in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Finally the great waterworks to the west of London were built to take in water from the Thames above the tidal limit at Teddington, and to purify it before its distribution into people's homes, a system which is still in use today.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Our Members' Interest Directory 2000 has now been produced and is being distributed to members with this issue of the journal. I hope it leads to some fruitful information for some.

As usual, there is a family history-based brain teaser in this issue for readers to tackle over the Christmas period.

The deadline for the March 2001 issue is: 15th January 2001.

TRANSQUOTATION – a family history puzzle

First solve the clues, then transfer letters as indicated by the grid reference to the second diagram to produce an apt rhyme.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Parent's parent	1										
Tracing descent	2										
Lineage	3										
Manager of Estate	4										
Bridegroom	5										
1649-1660	6										
Bishop's District	7										
Writing Clerk	8										
Tenant Farmer	9										
Shire	10										
Proving of Will	11										
Captain Coram's Charges	12										

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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ERRATA

In the SURNAME INTERESTS section of our last issue, September 2000, three surnames FARNDEN, FRANCIS and SMITH, were wrong ascribed to Mr K Endersby (Member No E40) instead of Mr N.C. Farnden (Member No. F85, asterisked above), to whom they are given in the following SURNAME INTERESTS.

Also in the SURNAME INTERESTS section of our last issue, Mr J. Fielder, c/o FCO (Tel Aviv), King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH, e-mail fielder@zahav.net.il was wrongly given the Membership No F22, instead of F82.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

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SURNAME INTERESTS

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 in the 'Counties' column. 'ANY' or 'ALL' indicates that, for instance, any date or any place is of interest. When writing to members about entries in this section, please remember to include an SAE.

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ALDRIDGE	c1900	North London		E42
ATKINS	1780-1851	Chelsea	MDX	A77
AYLING	ALL	Llanelli Area	DYF	E42
AYLING	ALL	Staines Area	MDX	E42
BACON	19C	ANY	SFK	N32
BAKER	19C	Hampton	MDX	M170
BATTY	Before 1800	Hornchurch	ESS	N32
BENNETT	19C	Kensington Area	MDX	N32
BICKMORE	c1850	St Pancras Area	MDX	H192
BIGWOOD	ALL	ALL	ALL	C191
BLUNDELL	ALL	ALL	ALL	C191
BLYTH	ALL	ALL	ALL	C191
BRISTOW	After 1850	St George in the East	MDX	N32
BRYANT	After 1850	Fulham Area	MDX	N33
BUSBY	19C	Marylebone	MDX	N32
BUTTERFIELD	Before 1900	Hayes/Staines/Egham	MDX/SRY	C190
CANTWELL	1800	Westminster	MDX	E43
CHAPMAN	Before 1910	Tottenham Area	MDX	H192
CHAPMAN	After 1900	Brentford	MDX	H192
COKER	1800-2000	Sunbury Area	MDX	F89
COLEMAN	19C	Staines Area	MDX	P109
COOK	1800-2000	Sunbury Area	MDX	F89
COTTERELL	1800-50	Wraysbury	BKM	M170
COTTERELL	19C	Twickenham	MDX	M170
COTTERELL	19C	Barnes	SRY	M170
CUMMING	20C	Chiswick Area	MDX	N33
DAVIES	Before 1865	Llandegfan	AGY	E42
DAWES	19C	Brentford Area	MDX	N32
DERBRIDGE	1850-1950	Lambeth Area	SRY	F89
DOWNHAM	1929-57	Hounslow	MDX	H193
EARP	ALL	City of London	LND	E42

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ELDRIDGE	1930s	Hounslow	MDX	E43
ELDRIDGE	1600s	Isle of Wight	HAM	E43
EMMERSON	19C	Brentford Area	MDX	N32
EMMERSON	Before 1800	Hornchurch	ESS	N32
EMMERSON	19C	Isleworth	MDX	N32
EVANS	1850-1900	Heston	MDX	M170
EYRE	1850-1900	Sunbury Area	MDX	F89
EYRE	Before 1900	Firsby Area	LIN	F89
FARNDEN	18-19C	Notting Hill/Brentford/ Turnham Green	MDX	F85
FEW	c1935	Southall	MDX	A76
FISK	Before 2000	Dennington Area	SFK	F89
FISK	1800-2000	Sunbury Area	MDX	F89
FISK	1800-1900	St Pancras Area	MDX	F89
FISK	1800-1900	Marylebone Area	MDX	F89
FRANCIS	19C	Brentford	MDX	F85
FROST	After 1860	Fulham Area	MDX	S120
GAMMAGE	19C	St Pancras	MDX	N33
GODDARD	c1900-99	Hounslow	MDX	H193
GODDARD	c1890-1900	Hanworth	MDX	H193
GODDARD	c1870	ANY	BRK	H193
GODDARD	Before 1904	Twickenham	MDX	H193
GOODALL	ALL	Staines Area	MDX	E42
GRAINGE	c1935	Southall	MDX	A76
GREEN	19C	Staines	MDX	C190
GREENHAM	ANY	ANY	ANY	N33
GREENING	From 1900	ANY	LND/MDX	H164
GRIFFITH	ALL	ALL	ALL	C191
GYI	19-20C	Fulham Area	MDX	N33
HANCOCK	Before 1900	Okehampton Area	DEV	E42
HARE	ALL	ALL	ALL	C191
HARRIS	19C	Hounslow	MDX	M170
HARVEY	After 1850	Fulham Area	MDX	S120
HAYES	ALL	ANY	SAL	H192
HEBBES	1830-90	Fulham Area	MDX	F88
HENKEL	1800-1900	Sunbury Area	MDX	F89
HOCKEY	ANY	ANY	ANY	N33
HOCKEY	19C	Fulham Area	MDX	N33
HOCKEY	19C	Chelsea Area	MDX	N33
HOCKEY	19C	Kensington Area	MDX	N33

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
HOCKEY	19C	Marylebone	MDX	N33
HOCKEY	19-20C	Lambeth Area	SRY	N33
HOGAN	After 1880	Fulham Area	MDX	S120
HOLLAND	c1840	ANY	MDX	H192
HOPPER	Before 1800	Richmond	YKS	N32
HULL	From 1800	ANY	MDX	H164
HUMPHERSON	c1920	Kensington	MDX	A76
JAMESON	Before 1800	Richmond	YKS	N32
JENKINS	c1950-86	Hounslow	MDX	H193
JENKINS	c1980-90	Stanmore	MDX	H193
JOHNSON	1830-90	Fulham Area	MDX	F88
JONES	From 1900	Fulham	MDX	H164
KEMM	ALL	ALL	ALL	C191
KITE	Pre 1850	Heston	MDX	M170
KNIGHTS	1850s	Wealdstone	MDX	E43
LACEY	Before 1900	Yeovil Area	SOM	E42
LANG	ALL	ALL	ALL	C191
LANGRICK	Pre 1835	Kensington Area	MDX	M170
LANGTON	18-19C	Hayes	MDX	C190
LOOSLEY	c1850	St Pancras Area	MDX	H192
LUKE	ANY	Camborne	CON	N33
LUKE	ANY	Gwinear	CON	N33
McCARTHY	1800-1920	Waterford	IRL	H164
McCARTHY	From 1920	ANY	LND/MDX	H164
MEWS	ALL	Staines Area	MDX	P109
MIDDLETON	1800-1900	Sunbury Area	MDX	F89
MILES	1780-1851	Chelsea	MDX	A77
MILES		Angmering	SSX	A77
MILLS	1820-1871	Angmering	SSX	A77
MOMBERG	After 1880	Fulham Area	MDX	S120
MORGAN	ALL	ALL	ALL	C191
MORGAN	ANY	Aberfan	GLA	H164
MORGAN	From 1930	Shepherds Bush	MDX	H164
NICOL	c1945	Hounslow	MDX	H193
ONLEY	ANY	Chelsea	MDX	O24
ONLEY	ANY	Isleworth	MDX	O24
ORLEY	ANY	Chelsea	MDX	O24
ORLEY	ANY	Isleworth	MDX	O24
PARKER	After 1900	Hounslow	MDX	H193
PEARCEY	ALL	Staines Area	MDX	P109

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
PERRY	1800-1900	Sunbury Area	MDX	F89
PETHERS	1859-1893	Chiswick Area	MDX	P108
PICKETT	ANY	Egham Area	SRY	O24
PICKETT	ANY	Cheriton	KEN	O24
PILGRIM	1840-1940	Brentford Area	MDX	P108
PITT	Before 1900	Zennor Area	CON	E42
PORTSMOUTH	From 1900	ANY	LND/MDX	H164
PRESCOTT	Before 1875	Nantwich Area	CHS	E42
PRIDMORE	1800-1900	St Pancras Area	MDX	F89
PRIDMORE	Before 1900	Woodston	HUN	F89
RICHARDSON	After 1850	Marylebone	MDX	N32
RIPPER	ANY	Lelant	CON	N33
RIX	ALL	ALL	ALL	C191
SHARPE	c1861	Brentford Area	MDX	P108
SHEPPARD	ANY	Aberfan	GLA	H164
SHEPPARD	From 1930	Shepherds Bush	MDX	H164
SMITH	19C	Egham Area	SRY	E42
SMITH	19C	Kensington Area	MDX	N32
SMITH	18-19C	Brentford	MDX	F85
STANTON	1880-1940	Chiswick Area	MDX	P108
TIMMS	c1957-58	Hounslow	MDX	H193
TIMMS	After 1950	Hounslow	MDX	H193
TRAMASEUR	1810	Shoreditch	MDX	E43
TRANTER	19C	Hammersmith Area	MDX	S120
TRENDELL	19-20C	ANY	MDX	H192
VIDLER	c1860	Barnes Area	SRY	H192
WALLACE	18-19C	Ascot	BRK	C190
WALTON	Before 1865	Nantwich Area	CHS	E42
WEATHERLEY	18-19C	Hayes/Hillingdon	MDX	C190
WILLETTS	1800-1900	St Pancras Area	MDX	F89
WINGFIELD	18-19C	Hedgerley	BKM	C190
WITNEY	19-20C	Kensington Area	MDX	H192
WOOD	c1990	Fulham	MDX	A76
WOOD	c1896	Fulham	MDX	A76
WOOD	1950	Southall/Hillingdon	MDX	A76
WOOD	c1922	Norwood	MDX	A76
WRIGHT	19C	Old Brentford	MDX	H192
WRIGHT	After 1870	Hammersmith	MDX	H192
ZWEZDAKOFF	19-20C	Fulham Area	MDX	N33

INDEXES HELD BY MEMBERS

These indexes are intended as aids to research in the West Middlesex area. For members of the Society fees are as stated (please quote membership number); for non-members they are twice what is indicated below, except where specified.

Please note that all enquirers must include a SAE (or IRC). Unless stated otherwise, cheques should be made payable to the holder of the index, not the WMFHS.

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

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

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

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Harlington Parish Registers Baptisms, marriages, burials 1540-1850. Enquiries £1.00.

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