



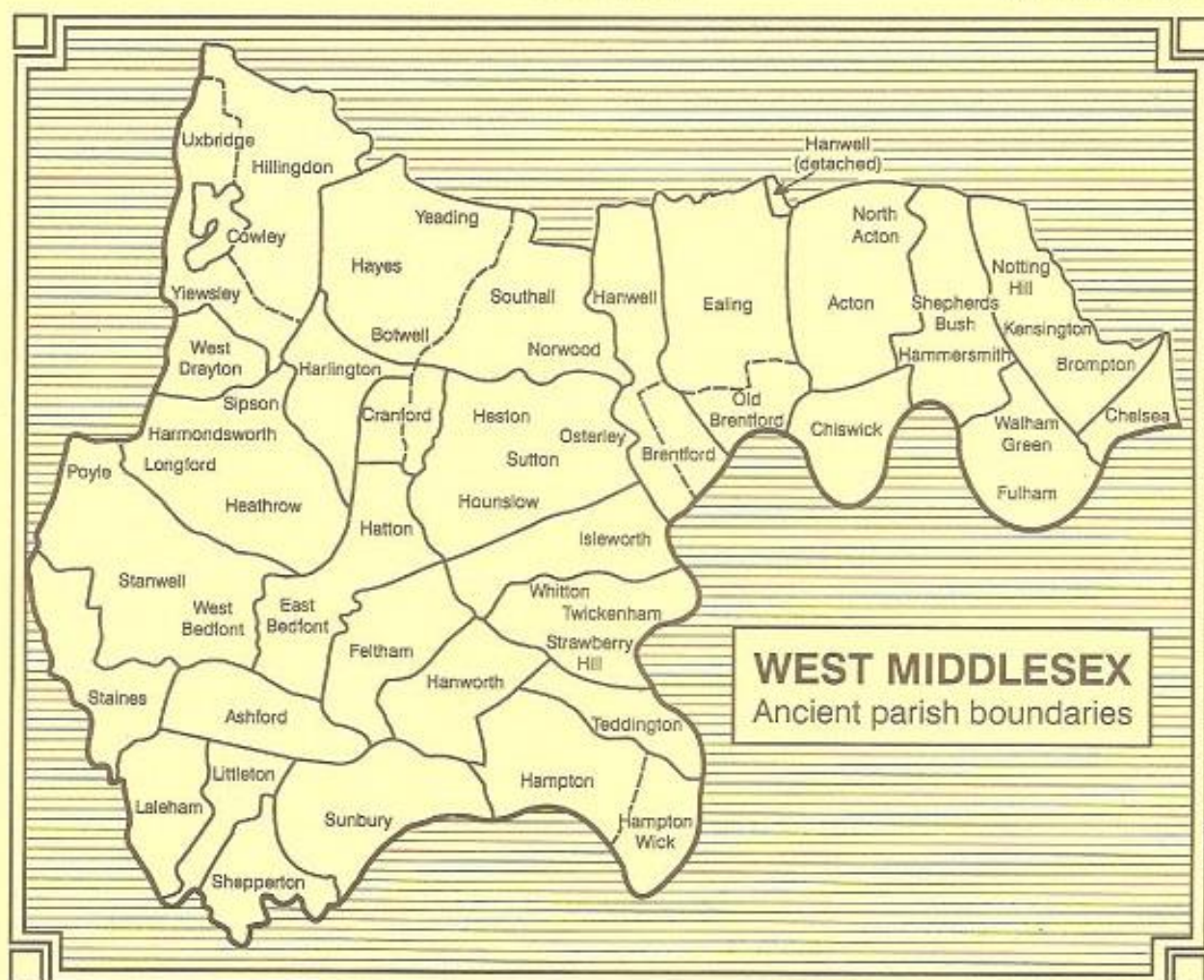
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I have been Vice-Chairman of the Society for the past couple of years and up till now have had to do very little in that capacity apart from the introductions and other chit chat at a few of our regular monthly meetings. There have also been the occasions when I have had to exercise some control over our committee meetings on the odd occasion when Les Munson was unable to appear. But now I am doing something to justify my title and writing actual words on paper in the form of a monthly report to you.

The first thought that occurs to me is that this is likely to be the one and only report I shall write as I have served my time on the committee and have to stand down at the AGM. Our Treasurer Muriel Sprott, elected in the same year I was, will also be standing down. So there will be a need to elect a new Chairman/Chairperson and new Treasurer plus assorted members of the committee. If you think you may have a talent for either job, strictly voluntary remember, then please don't be shy in putting your name forward; the society can only flourish and continue to serve you, the members, if sufficient people are keen and willing enough to give up some of their time and energy to keep it going. Some societies are having a difficult job finding enough people to fill the executive positions; let us not be among them.

Some of you with computers may have heard of "Genfair", which could be described as a sort of Family History Fair of the internet. Through just one website, contact can be made with many other societies and their publications can be purchased online. Membership subscriptions can also be paid through the site with the advantage for members in other countries that they can pay in their local currency, thus saving exorbitant bank rates of exchange. My point in mentioning this here is that we shall shortly be offering this service to our members when we have overcome some initial small problems. So watch this space!

Those of you able to attend meetings may have noticed that we have slowly been modernising our fiche readers by purchasing new, light-weight models. The old heavy ones were difficult to manhandle about, quite apart from storage problems. You may be interested to know that your committee approved the disposal of four of the older models to the Borough of Hounslow Library Service, to be renovated and installed in three of their Borough libraries, and four to the Church of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) at Staines. So all of them will still be doing sterling service for family history researchers.

Closing on a more personal note, may I say a heartfelt "thank you" to all the

members of the committee who have supported and encouraged me since Les Munson unfortunately had to resign. They are a hard-working and enthusiastic collection of individuals who keep this society and its projects alive and thriving, giving up many hours of their own time in order to do so. We are extremely fortunate to have them. Please let's keep it so.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following talks have been arranged:

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| 15 February | The Imperial War Museum and their records
<i>Sarah Paterson</i> |
| 15 March | A.G.M. and Members Evening
Indexes and Research aids available |
| 19 April | Skeletons in my cupboard
<i>Audrey Gillett</i> |
| 17 May | The Happiest Days - School days seen through the
Log Books
<i>Ron Cox</i> |
| 21 June | Where there's a will there's a row - Probate, wills and
inventories
<i>Jean Debney</i> |
| 19 July | Sidetracked!
<i>Meryl Catty</i> |

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow, and start at 7.30 p.m. Parking is available adjacent to the Hall. Research material such as indexes and printed books, plus exchange journals from other societies and a bookstall, plus tea/coffee and biscuits are also available at meetings.

From the Gaol Delivery Roll

24 April 42 Elizabeth (1599) True Bill that, on the water of the river Thames at Hampton Co. Midd. on the said day **Richard CHIPPES**, the guider or steerman of a certain barge drawn by three horses, wilfully and feloniously handled the same barge so to upset a boat in which **Richard NIGHTINGALE** Esq. and his wife **Frances NIGHTINGALE** and their servant **Mary WAGER** were then and there being rowed by **Thomas JONES** and **John SAVAGE** whereby the said Richard Chjppes caused the same Richard, Frances and Mary to be submerged.

Gaol Delivery Roll, 42 Elizabeth

The Annual General Meeting of the West Middlesex Family History Society will be held at 7.45 pm on Thursday 15th March 2001 at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow, Middlesex. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2000 AGM
3. To receive and approve the accounts for the period ending 31 December 2000
4. Appointment of two accounts examiners
5. Chairman's Report
6. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2001/2
7. Any other business

ELECTIONS

Les Munson, Jim Devine and Muriel Sprott are standing down from the committee having served for six years.

Mavis Burton, Ted Dunstall, Yvonne Masson and Sue Willard, having served three or more years on the committee, offer themselves for re-election.

Antonia Davies, Margaret Harnden, Patrick Harnden, Bridget Purr and Robin Purr will continue to serve and do not need to be re-elected as they have all served less than three consecutive years.

The following nominations have been received for the vacant three positions and this will bring the committee back to strength

	Proposer	Secunder
(a) Richard Chapman	Ted Dunstall	Mavis Burton
(b) Paul Kershaw	Jim Devine	Bridget Purr
(c) Janice Kershaw	Sue Willard	Yvonne Masson

Election of Officers

The following nomination has been received for Chairman of the Executive Committee:

	Proposer	Secunder
Robin Purr	Mavis Burton	Yvonne Masson

A new Vice-Chairman and Treasurer will also need to be elected.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Family Records Centre

There is an on-going programme at the FRC to replace worn Census microfilms the worst films will be identified and replaced.

London Metropolitan Archives

The LMA has secured a Lottery grant for work to go ahead on the Middlesex Sessions archive, working on uncatalogued records, and updating and enhancing this large archive. The catalogue will eventually be available online.

National Burials Index

It had been hoped that this index, containing about 5.25 million burials, and which has been assembled under the auspices of the Federation of Family History Societies over the past several years, would be available for sale on CD-ROM by Christmas 2000. However, production took longer than expected, but it is hoped that it will be on sale from early April 2001.

Public Record Office

A new target date of 30 April 2002 has been set for the completion of the filming of World War One soldiers' documents, about a year earlier than originally planned. Those with surnames beginning with letters A, B, C, D, E, F, N, O, Q, P, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Z are already available, and the rest of the alphabet should follow over the next year or so.

During 2001 the PRO are running a series of Calligraphy Workshops in their Education and Visitor Centre, where a "medieval scribe" can be seen working with ink and colours on vellum and parchment, explaining the tools of his trade, and talking about the life of a typical scribe and the rise of the Civil Service under the Plantagenet Kings. The workshops are suitable for all ages and will take place 11am-2pm on Saturdays 10 March, 21 April, 12 May, 9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November, 15 December. Admission free, no need to book.

Costumed guides, dressed in the period of a particular document displayed in the Education and Visitor Centre, will conduct tours round the Centre telling the human story behind that and other documents in the collection. The tours last about 45 minutes and will take place at 11.30am, 1.30pm and 3pm on Saturdays 24 February, 24 March, 28 April, 19 May, 23 June, 28 July, 18 August, 29 September, 27 October, 24 November and 29 December. Admission free, no need to book.

Behind-the scenes tours of the PRO are held on the second Friday of each

month, 9 March, 6 April, 11 May, 8 June, 6 July, 10 August, 7 September, 12 October, 9 November, 14 December. Assemble in Reception at 12.30pm. Admission free, no need to book.

Hearth Tax Day Conference will be held at the PRO on 19 May aimed at local, family and social historians. Papers will include: *The Intolerable Hearth Tax: the Assessors and Collectors*, *Family Names in the Hearth Tax*, *The Houses of the Hearth Tax*. Plus Family History Summer School 16-20 July. See **Diary Dates**.

Railway Ancestors Family History Society

This society now has a new Website address:

<http://www.railwayancestors.fsnet.co.uk>

Society of Genealogists

The SOG Library and Bookshop will be closed from 4th to 6th May 2001 inclusive because of preparation for and attendance at SOG Family History Fair. See Diary Dates.

Diary Dates 2001

Saturday 17 March: West London Local History Conference: *Images of West London*, 9.30am-4.30pm, Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow £7.50

Saturday 24 March: Hayes and Harlington History Conference, Hayes Campus, Hayes, 10am-4pm.

Thursday 12-Monday 16 April: SOG Library closed. Re-opens Tuesday 17 10am.

Saturday and Sunday 5 and 6 May: Society of Genealogists Family History Fair. 10am-5pm both days. Advance booking (from SOG, before 27 April) £4, on the door £6. At Royal Horticultural Society New Hall, Greycoat St, London SW1.

Saturday 19 May: Berkshire Family History Society Open Day at Abingdon, Berkshire

Saturday 19 May: *Hearth Tax Day*: a one-day Conference at the PRO showcasing recent research into the Hearth Tax. £35 (£30 conc), to include buffet lunch.

Sunday 3 June: SOG Open Day for non-members 10am-4pm. Free

Saturday 23 June: The 6th Yorkshire Family History Fair will be held at York Racecourse (Knavesmire Exhibition Centre) 10am-4.30pm. Usual stalls, free carparking, cafeteria. Admission £2. Further details from: *Mr A Sampson, 1 Oxgang Close, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 4ND, tel: (01642) 486615*

Monday 15 to Friday 20 July: *Family History Summer School* at the PRO. Repeat of last year's successful Summer School combining teach-and-show sessions plus opportunities for individual research, plus special preview of 1901 census online project. Places limited so early booking essential. £150 (£100 conc). For further details, contact the *Interpretation Dept, PRO, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU, 020 8392 5202/5353*, e-mail: *events@pro.gov.uk*, website: *http://www.pro.gov.uk/events*

Saturday 28 July: Buckinghamshire Family History Society Open Day, at Aylesbury, Bucks.

Friday 31 August to Sunday 2 September 2001: "*Forward to the Past: 20th Century Records*", a major Family History Conference hosted by the Society of Genealogists to be held at Imperial College, South Kensington, London, will examine records for researching the last century covering family, local, social and economic history. Details from *SOG, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA, telephone: 020 7251 8799, Website: http://www.sog.org.uk*

WMFHS Noticeboard

We must apologise to members attending our February meeting for the change of venue at rather short notice. This was brought about by the discovery at our January meeting that our usual venue of Montague Hall was to be closed for nearly a month across the date of our next meeting. Due to the efforts of our Secretary, Mavis Burton, we were thankfully able to procure an alternative venue in Isleworth.

Society Projects: Will You Help?

1891 Census

I am pleased to say that the last of the 286 fiches for transcription were handed out by the end of 2000. I expect that when this journal appears the few outstanding fiches will be back with me and Stage One of this major task will be complete. Stage Two involves transferring the handwritten work onto computer so that an alphabetical list can be produced ready for ultimate publication. Fortunately a number of pages have already been transcribed directly onto disks so this has eased the work that will be needed. As detailed in Richard Chapman's report below, there is now a call for computer-using members to take these written sheets and get them onto disk. Richard will be the link-man: he is usually at monthly meetings.

As I bow out I would like to thank the 30 members who have, over the past four years, taken part in this meaningful project which has covered some 850,000 names in our area of interest in West Middlesex. I hope that it has not been too

tedious or demanding. I know that several members scored a 'hit' with an ancestor! One enthusiastic transcriber, Jeanne from Brighton, was able to get through 60 fiches, over one-fifth of the total! It must be something in the sea air. I look forward to a smooth run to an early completion and hope we can beat publication of that 'all-singing' 1901 census release.

Lewis Orton

Tremendous progress has been made with the 1891 census project and the first phase of this project is now essentially complete. With typically 2500 names per fiche, it is easy to see that this is a considerable body of data. At present, the bulk of this is on paper; the information which has been entered directly onto computer accounts for around 15% of the total. The second phase of the project, then, is to enter the other 85% onto computer from the paper transcripts. A start has been made on this task by several members who attend our Hounslow meetings, but in order to make substantive progress, further volunteers are needed to help.

If you own, or have access to, a computer, and could offer some time to assist with this project, your help would be greatly appreciated. No particular type of machine or software is required for this task: a spreadsheet is probably the simplest option, but if you only use a word processor on your machine to type letters, that will be fine.

Full instructions will be provided, along with contact information for any additional questions you might have. You will be sent a batch of paper transcript (names, ages, piece/folio numbers) along with instructions and will be asked to send back the transcript with your electronic copy on a diskette (or via e-mail). If you can help, please let me know at one of the addresses below.

West Middlesex Marriage Index

Work is continuing towards completing some of the gaps in coverage of our Society's marriage index. In 2000, we were able to add marriages for Chiswick from 1678-1800, with the permission of the Vicar and Keeper of Archives for the parish church of St Nicholas of Myra, and the assistance of Carolyn Hammond of Chiswick Local Studies Library. Our coverage for this parish is now complete through to 1837. The two areas that now require particular effort are Chelsea (St Luke) and Kensington (St Mary Abbots) - two parishes where numerous marriages took place, but where the coverage of the index remains incomplete.

A number of different activities will be required for this project. They may include:

- Visiting London Metropolitan Archives, Kensington Library, Chelsea Library, Society of Genealogists Library, for transcription and/ or checking of computer printouts.
- Entering transcribed data onto computer
- Checking computer printouts against source data.

Some tasks can be done immediately, others are required later on, However, if you think you may be able to help in any way, please let me know, as this may influence what we decide to tackle first.

Richard Chapman, 15 Willerton Lodge, Bridgewater Road, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0ED. chapmanrg@clara.net



. . . And speaking of marriage, may we send hearty congratulations from the Society to member Mrs Pamela Alsop (née Snelling) and her husband who celebrate their Golden Wedding on 24th March.

MIDDLESEX CHURCHES

One of our members, Ken Huckle, has made 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

Staines St Mary's

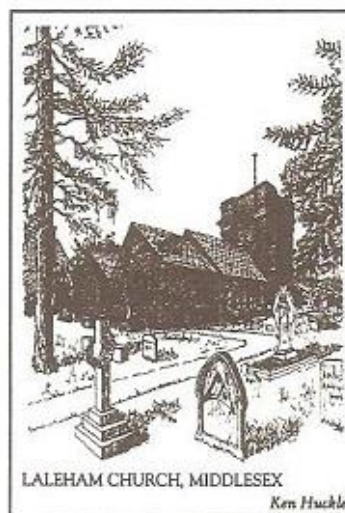
Stanwell Church

Sunbury Church

Teddington Church

Twickenham, St Mary's

Shepperton, St Nicholas



LALEHAM CHURCH, MIDDLESEX

Ken Huckle

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.

SOME FAMILY HISTORY COURSES/LECTURES AT SOG

The two prices refer to non-members and members respectively

Mon 26 Feb & Thu 17 May	2pm	Visit to Bethlem Hospital Museum and Archives (maximum 10)		£9.00/£7.20
Wed 7 Mar	2pm	Using the SOG Library	<i>S. Gibbons</i>	Free
Thu 8 Mar	12 noon	Visit to Museum of London and its Library & Archive (maximum 12)		£9.00/£7.20
Sat 10 Mar	2pm	Research abroad: Sources for Canada	<i>P. Wilson</i>	£4.00/£3.20
Wed 14 Mar	2pm	Scanning and retouching photographs	<i>J. Bunting</i>	£7.00/£5.60
Thu 15 Mar	2pm	Roman Catholic Military Record Office	<i>M.K. Day</i>	£4.00/£3.20
17-24 Mar	10.30am	Beginners' 2-day Course	<i>A. Collins & Peter Park</i>	£44/£35.20
From Thu 22 Mar (18 weeks)		Family History Skills Course: Intermediate level		£140/£112
Thu 5 Apr	TBA	Visit to Marylebone Cricket Club & Library (maximum 25)		£9.00/£7.20
Sat 7 Apr	2pm	Research abroad: Sources for New Zealand	<i>M. Hickey</i>	£4.00/£3.20
Wed 11 Apr	2pm	Using Brother's Keeper	<i>N. Taylor</i>	
Sat 21 Apr	10.30am	Advanced use of Family Tree Maker	<i>H. Williams</i>	£7.00/£5.60
Fri 27 Apr	2.30pm	Visit to Order of St John Library & Museum, St John's Gate, Clerkenwell (maximum 25)		£9.00/£7.20
Wed 9 May	2pm	My ancestors were Presbyterians	<i>A. Ruston</i>	£4.00/£3.20
Sat 12 May	10.30am	Using 'Generations for Beginners'	<i>J. Hanson</i>	£7.00/£5.60
Sat 19 May	10.30am	Using Title Deeds: Day Workshop	<i>D. Smith</i>	£20.00/£16.00

Wed	23 May	2pm	Using Genealogy Packages	<i>E. Probert</i>	£7.00/£5.60
Fri	1 Jun	1pm	What's in it for me? 9-week skills course for using SOG collections	<i>Various</i>	£50.00/£40.00
Wed	6 Jun	2pm	This Sporting Life: Records of Football and Footballers	<i>D. Twydell</i>	£4.00/£3.20
Thu	14 Jun	2.15pm	Visit to University of Sussex Mass Observation Archives (maximum 15)		£10.00/£8.00

Further details about the above SOG events can be obtained from SOG at: Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA, telephone 020 7251 8799.

CERTIFICATE COURIER SERVICE

Again a big thank you to all those who ordered certificates during the year 2000, as I have been able to give the Society Treasurer over £550. Although I usually still go up to collect the certificates, I am pleased to say the O.N.S. are currently back to normal for postal delivery. The charge for the courier service is £8.00 per certificate. FULL reference must be 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 if using a 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, thanks to your help.

When applying, please quote your membership number and make your cheque payable to me (not WMFHS); all payments must be in *sterling*. S.A.E.s appreciated.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

In the IGI, the computer was programmed to suggest that sex at birth/baptism is male where no sex is recorded, subject to evaluation. If after the evaluation there is still no clue to the sex then the computer's designation is permitted to remain.

Being naturally inquisitive I often ponder the reasons and motives for our "new" and extremely popular pastime of family history research. In the past it would have been almost exclusively concerned with a desire to inherit wealth, or even trying to acquire a title. But in my case, in our "modern" day, it is a hobby which fuels my magpie mind whilst, as it were, keeping a "rolling-stone" body on the move. It is information I seek. After all, this is the Information Age, which is partly the reason why, earlier this year, on my return from Queensland in possession of a curious fact gleaned from their immigration records, I set about attempting to solve a little problem. That, by the way, happens to be another personal characteristic - I enjoy solving problems.

I cannot speak at present for the other States of Australia, but in Queensland one finds immigration records readily accessible: you can call up the original immigration card indexes. It cannot be a complete record for, after all, migration and settlement in Queensland have taken many forms and occurred in many places. However most of the "official migrant" records can be found. I searched and very quickly found what I was looking for. My uncle, **George Thomas CAIN**, had left the district of Ealing, Middlesex, where his paternal relatives lived, in 1909 accompanied by his wife and their two small children, as assisted migrants. Securing this information has helped me add a few more pieces to the story I am compiling about his life.

Then you come across the Electoral Roll records for both State and Federal elections. These are in an excellent state of preservation. From the start of Federation in 1901 women as well as men were able to vote and are therefore included. This is a very important fact when one engages in family research in Australia - it makes the records so much more complete. In my case the Electoral Rolls have helped me trace a lot of my uncle's life in Queensland, but that is another quite separate and longer story than the one I am recounting here. Coming back again to the Immigration Departments records, I discovered amongst my uncle's details a new and unsuspected piece of information.

Throughout its history, first as a penal settlement, then as a colony and finally as a self-governing state within an Australian Federation, Queensland never ceased striving to increase its population. This was not always necessarily with universal agreement, for surprisingly there have always been those opposing

population increase. Nevertheless, over the years immigration has steadily increased the State's population. In my uncle's day at the beginning of the 20th century every encouragement was given to white Europeans, especially from the British Isles.

The Queensland Government made provisions to take into account a need by migrants for some financial assistance in order to make the long voyage to Australia. Some support was also generally provided after arrival whilst gainful employment was sought. In those days there were several methods of official selection linked to the assisted, or part-assisted, migration programme. One of these was a procedure called "Nomination" which required nomination of the applicant by someone already resident in Queensland. The difference between this procedure and the other assisted methods was that the "Nominator" in Queensland agreed to accept full financial responsibility from the moment their newly-arrived friends or relatives stepped ashore. Eventually, once acceptance had been obtained, by one process or another, the successful applicants were conveyed to Australia by chartered ship. In my uncle's case all the passengers were migrants, and most of them were travelling at little or no cost to themselves. They were all destined to land at one of the several ports along the Queensland coast.

I found, in those immigration records at the State Archives in Brisbane, that my uncle and family had been nominated by a relative living in Brisbane. He and his family travelled out to Australia in the late Autumn of 1909 aboard the *SS Perthshire*, which had been chartered by the Queensland Government to bring three hundred and fifty migrants to its shores. Nearly all of them came from the British Isles with just a few from Germany. After quarantine procedures at the river mouth, the ship sailed upriver into the heart of the City and finally moored at the quay beside the squat corrugated iron sheds of the Queensland Shipping Line, now long since replaced by ultra-modern tower blocks. Those fortunate enough to have been nominated stepped ashore into the welcoming arms of friends or relatives: they were now no longer a charge on the State's purse. The Cains were met by their relatives, a Mr and Mrs **RICKETTS**. The records showed that Mrs Ricketts was their "Nominator": she claimed to be an aunt. She, and not the Government, was now responsible for housing the family and helping them to get on their feet. The remaining migrants remained the responsibility of the State; they were promptly ferried across the river to the State Immigration Depot on Kangaroo Point and there would remain, in barrack-like accommodation, until work and housing had been found for them.

Besides all the other information I had unearthed a little puzzle: what was the

identity of Mrs Ricketts? Was she *really* an Australian aunt? She was completely unknown to my family. In her case the immigration records for Queensland gave nothing away. So how long had she lived in Australia? And more exotically still, could she possibly be one of those Australian elite called the “First Fleeters”? Or might she be from one of the later convict shipments sent into Moreton Bay rather than Sydney? Putting to one side all these flights of fancy, I now needed to establish how she was related, if at all, to my uncle and his family. Pondering on this particular question, I realised more information might still be uncovered before I left Brisbane. As her home address was on the immigration record, and with the help of those excellently preserved Electoral Rolls and the indexes for births, marriages and deaths in Queensland, I was soon searching for more detail. The Archives gave me some of the answers. Her full name was **Pamela RICKETTS** and her husband was **Joseph RICKETTS**, a carpenter by trade. They had a family of children, the eldest born in 1883, and by 1909 some were themselves married. Pamela’s father’s name was shown as **William SHEPHERD**. However there were crucial items of information which I could not find. For instance, there was no record of her marriage and no confirmation of her age.

Having thoroughly trawled the records in Brisbane, any further gathering of information now had to wait until I returned to the UK. A few weeks later I found myself immersed in family records in London. Remembering that Pamela’s father’s name was Shepherd, I determined to discover whether perhaps this was a family name on my uncle’s wife’s side. If so, the relationship between Mrs Ricketts and **Susan CAIN**, who had been **SMITH** before marriage, might be assumed to be aunt and niece. Susan Cain's birth certificate would give me her mother’s maiden name. I had no difficulty finding the appropriate entry in the index but had to wait a few days in order to get the actual certificate in my hand. As soon as I looked at it I saw that Susan’s mother had indeed been born a Shepherd. Susan herself had been born in Ealing at the end of 1881 and her full name was **Susan Topsy SMITH**. Her father and mother were **Joseph** and **Susannah SMITH**. Thus the pieces of the puzzle were now starting to fit into place. Pamela Ricketts and Susannah Smith seemingly were sisters, both born with the name Shepherd.

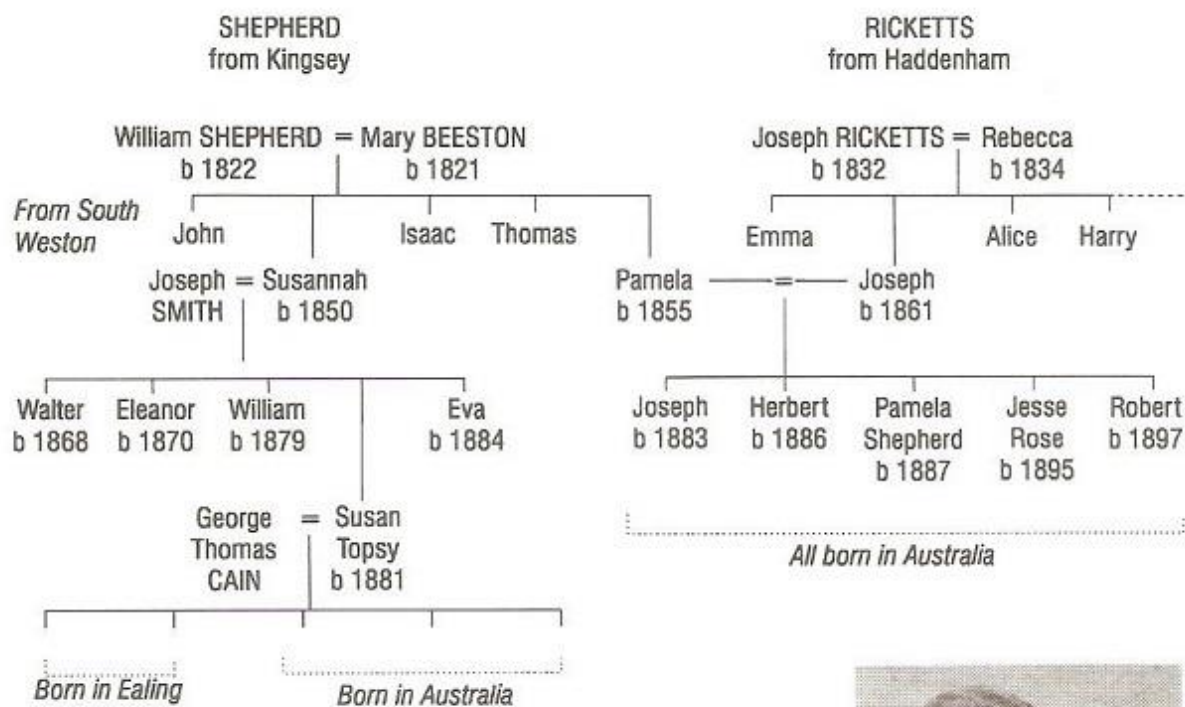
Looking for more information, I realised that with Susan Topsy’s birth being at the end of 1881, the 1881 census database could prove to be very useful. Her birth had taken place in West Ealing, so I hoped to find her mother and father somewhere in the same location. Their entries should show birthplaces and ages, and would also reveal any older children. Without any of the usual exhausting searches the database gave me the census entries and showed me

that her father and mother were born in 1846 at South Weston and in 1850 at Kingsey respectively, two tiny villages on the Buckinghamshire/Oxfordshire border. There were children older than Topsy, the eldest being 13, and they had all been born in the Ealing area. Employed as a labourer, we know that Joseph Smith later became a bootmaker. Even without the help of a database, tiny communities such as Kingsey and South Weston, with very small populations, are comparatively easy to search. The entries for 1851 showed one-year-old Susannah with her father, **William SHEPHERD**, whose occupation was given as “underkeeper”, in the same house as grandfather **David BESTON**. I could find no **Pamela SHEPHERD** amongst the children; however, when I went to the 1861 census it was my good fortune to find the family still living in Kingsey and there were younger children. Amongst them, aged 6, was Pamela. Whilst this represented a mighty step toward a complete solution to my puzzle, a marriage between Pamela Shepherd and a Joseph Ricketts had still to be established. For the present I assumed it had not taken place in Australia.

I returned to the 1881 census and there found Pamela working as a servant in Ealing. Just as important, if not more so, I discovered in West Ealing a Ricketts family living almost next door to her parents, and her sister Susannah and her family were living close by. The birthplace of the Ricketts family was given as the village of Haddenham which is actually only about a mile from Kingsey. With them now living so close together it was very unlikely that they did not all know each other. Lodging with the Ricketts family, I discovered, was a nephew of the family, one **Joseph RICKETTS** aged 20, who was working as a carpenter. This could be the last piece of information I needed to complete the solution to the puzzle. I followed this up with a brief search of the marriage indexes and lo and behold there found that Pamela and Joseph had married during the summer of 1882. So all was finally and neatly solved, and as their eldest child was born in Queensland in 1883, they must have set out for Australia almost immediately after their marriage.

The outline family tree shows the key connections for the several families. The photographs do not possess 100% provenance but are thought to be of Susan Topsy and George Thomas Cain. The single photo of Susan might well have been taken in 1909 just before their departure for Queensland, and the more formal photos of the man and woman are thought to have been taken at the time of their marriage in 1904.

Finally, I have to admit to ulterior motives in telling you this little story: I seek to make contact with descendants of these families, especially the Smiths and the Ricketts. It is just possible they might have letters from Australia, or



Susan Topsy Cain



George Thomas Cain



*Susan Topsy Cain
c 1909*

photos, or mementoes surviving from those days which they might allow me to see. They might even be able to confirm the authenticity of my photos. In the case of my uncle, George Thomas Cain, and his life out in Australia with his wife, the niece of Pamela Ricketts, I have many further puzzles still to solve. There is also Pamela herself and her descendants who could still be living somewhere in the vast expanses of Australia, and who may still maintain contact with relatives in the UK.

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HELP!

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GRAY/MARSH

Great grandfather THOMAS GRAY is listed as a Publican at Antrobus Road, ACTON GREEN, LONDON in the 18905 but I have no further details. Is anyone searching this line? Also, is anyone researching the Salvation Army around 1888?

In my father's effects were some photographs taken of beturbanned Indian 'Salvo's' at BARRACKPORE, possibly something to do with his parents, and I would be grateful for any further information from those days. Plus I'd be grateful for any information about CHARLES MARSH, my other great grandfather, a builder, living Aspenlea Road, FULHAM, in 1882.

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CAMPBELL

JAMES CAMPBELL was a tailor in LONDON before moving to WORCESTER approximately 1820. Children: ROBERT, RICHARD, CHARLES, JAMES, JOHN and JOB. Has anyone the marriage of JAMES and his wife MARY and their parents?

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

HARRISON

Searching for descendants of DANIEL ALFRED HARRISON and his wife MARY JANE née HARDCASTLE, married 14 May 1859 St Paul DEPTFORD, KENT, and living 48 Tavistock Crescent, KENSINGTON, LONDON in 1881 with children listed as: CATHERINE MARY, 21, ALICE H., 19, MARY ANN, 11, FRANK, 9, FREDERICKALFRED, 8, ELEANORJ., 6. Three other sons, ALFRED HENRY, 15, HERBERT, 14 and REGINALD, 11 (my grandfather) were at school at Stonyhurst College.

Herbert and Reginald became miniature portrait painters, emigrated to the

USA about 1890 and died there. Alfred Henry explored the Arctic and wrote a book about it in 1908.

The Harrisons were related to CECIL RHODES and two of the brothers were in Rhodesia with him. I have several family photos plus photos of some of the miniatures and would like to share these, Stonyhurst magazine obituaries of Alfred and Herbert and various family documents with descendants of my grand1Cather's siblings, about whom I would like to find out more. If you are related, please contact me.

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MAYNARD

Trying to discover the birthplace of my great-grandfather JOHN THOMAS MAYNARD, given as MIDDLESEX in the 1861 through 1891 censuses. In '61 it is given as Belfriend; '71 has it Belford; Bedfont in '81 and Bellfound in '91. Although Bedfont seems the only legitimate placename, my search there has been in vain. It was recently suggested he may have been born in BRENTFORD.

Is a member of the WMFHS willing to check the Brentford parish records for such a birth/baptism which would have taken place about 1833-35, according to the dates on his marriage certificate and military record. I would of course expect there to be a fee.

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SAUNDERS/EDWARDS

Trying to find WILLIAM SAUNDERS born circa 1872/80, one of my grandmother's brothers. He was in the army (I have been told he was 'quite high up') in World War One and served in India. Grandmother's name was JANE MATILDA SAUNDERS born 1874 DEPTFORD, KENT. The other brother's name was JOHN JOSEPH SAUNDERS born 1870 HOLBORN, MIDDLESEX. Also any information MARY EDWARDS born circa 1800 possibly in the KENTISH TOWN area.

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SPANTON

In 1851 HARRIET SPANTON age 45 was living at 2 Hollywood Gardens, KENSINGTON, housekeeper to the Reverend THOMAS WILSON. Also at

this address was HARRIET SPANTON age 12 (Harriet Senior's daughter?). Round the corner at Z Eagle Cottages, ELIZABETH SPANTON was living with her nephew EDWARD SPANTON (Harriet's son) age 2 years and her niece ELIZABETH SPANTON age 3 months (was she also Harriet's daughter?).

Does anyone know where any of these people were between 1851 and 1876, when Harriet Senior died at son Edward's address at ASHFORD, KENT?

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WESLEYAN CHAPEL, WINDMILL ROAD, BRENTFORD

The Wesleyan Chapel, Windmill Road, BRENTFORD, no longer exists, but my maternal grandfather, GEORGE MONEY FERMOR (born FREEMAN) was organist there from the 1880s to the 1920s.

I have the birth certificates of his daughters born in Brentford; they were not baptised at either of the two Brentford Anglican Churches, but in view of their father's connection they may have been baptised at the Wesleyan Chapel.

I therefore need to see the Baptismal Registers between 1884 and 1895 but cannot discover where they are, having tried the London Metropolitan Archives, Family Records Centre (non-C Registers are up to 1837 only), Ealing Reference Library (Brentford probably belonged to the Hammersmith Methodist Circuit), Hounslow Reference Library (Brentford is within Hounslow Borough), District Archivist for SW London Methodist Churches, and the Methodist Archives, Deans Gate, Manchester. I understand the PRO has only pre-1837 non-C Registers.

Does anyone know where these records are now held or how I might find them?

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WOODS

FREDERICK WOODS born BECKENHAM, KENT in 1812 died 27 April 1885. On his son ARTHUR's birth certificate his trade is given as Publican, STAINS ROAD BEER HOUSE (ANCHOR) HESTON. Any information or photographs of these premises? Any expenses incurred will of course be reimbursed.

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“Well”, I said, “I’ve heard of a poacher turned gamekeeper, but never a convict turned constable. And you say he became a jailer? Well I never!”. But it did happen, and the chain of events which ended in this transformation started in Harmondsworth 200 years ago.

I am indebted to my third cousin, Alison Glenie of Auckland, New Zealand, and her husband Bruce Tudor for the facts of the case which they researched. Alison and I both number the **JARVIS** family of Harmondsworth amongst our ancestors. Trawling through the index to *The Times* newspaper she was intrigued to find a reference to an assault on and robbery from a member of that family in the last decade of the 18th century. In searching for the record of the Court proceedings arising from that incident she stumbled across the record of a second similar incident involving another member of the Jarvis family which gives this article its title.

The Times of 25th January 1797 carried a report that on the 19th January a Mr Jarvis of Longford “was passing across the fields from Harmondsworth to his own home (when) he was attacked by two footpads, one of whom struck him a violent blow on the side of the head and robbed him of his watch and 14s.6d”. Two local men, **William HAYNES** of Drayton and **John TOMKINS** of Harmondsworth, were arrested and subsequently appeared at the Old Bailey charged with the assault and robbery; both pleaded “Not guilty” and were represented by a lawyer. Their victim was **Thomas JARVIS** (1748-1823), an auctioneer and my 5xgreat uncle. At their trial¹ Thomas gave evidence to the effect that he had been smoking and drinking in the Five Bells pub for a couple of hours on the night in question but was quite sober when he left just before 9pm and had gone about a quarter of a mile when he had been accosted by Haynes who had demanded his money and struck him. Meanwhile Tomkins had stood some yards away, had not spoken and had taken no active part in the robbery. However Thomas’ evidence as to the identity of the robbers was unconvincing. It had been a dark, moonless night, his assailant had had the lower part of his face covered by a handkerchief and had been wearing some sort of hat. Although Thomas said he had known Haynes “from a child in petticoats” he had not recognised him at the time but overnight had realised who it was from his recollection of Haynes’ eyes and eyebrows. The following morning he had gone to a magistrate and sworn a statement accusing Haynes and an unidentified accomplice of the robbery. It seems that Tomkins was accused only because he had been seen with Haynes in the Five Bells on the evening of the crime,

Thomas had not identified Tomkins at the scene although at the trial he said he had known him for more than 30 years and had paid him many times for work done. To add to all this, Thomas said in the course of his evidence that after he had been robbed he had asked the two men to help find his hat because he had been so hurt by the blow to his head he couldn't see properly. Not surprisingly the jury found Haynes and Tomkins Not Guilty.

Two years later, towards mid-day on 28th March 1799, **Sarah JARVIS**, a daughter of **James JARVIS** (1747-1810) who was a second cousin of Thomas, was assaulted and robbed on the way back to her home at Longford after visiting her sister at Drayton. She was accosted in a field and robbed of the bonnet, cloak and cap she was wearing and a bundle of clothes she was carrying together valued at £1.4s.0d. About half an hour after the robbery **William EAST** apprehended a stranger, **Thomas GREEN**, "about half a mile beyond Drayton on the Uxbridge Road" carrying the bundle. Green, a 19 year-old from Shropshire, was charged with assault and robbery. On 3rd April 1799 Green appeared at the Old Bailey before Lord Kenyon, the Chief Justice at the time. He was not represented, said nothing in his defence and after a trial which, judging from the record of the Court proceedings², cannot have lasted more than a few minutes, was sentenced to death.

Before going further it is worth mentioning that there is a minor mystery regarding Sarah - there is no record of the baptism of a Sarah, daughter of James Jarvis, in Harmondsworth Parish Register. In her evidence at Thomas Green's trial Sarah said she was "turned of 16" and so was born in the year to April 1783. In the Parish Register there is a record of a **Susan**, daughter of **James** and **Elizabeth JARVIS**, being baptised on 4th August 1782. This is a marginal, interlined entry clearly made sometime after the event. As James and Elizabeth named their next daughter **Susannah** it seems more than likely that in making this late entry the priest wrongly wrote "Susan" instead of "Sarah".

On 21st May 1799 Thomas Green was granted a Royal Pardon³ on condition he was transported for life, and on 20th November 1800 he arrived in New South Wales (NSW) on the *Royal Admiral*.

Around 1803/1804 Thomas took a "partner", **Catherine MCLOUGHLIN**, a convict from Ireland who had arrived in NSW on 12th May 1803 on the *Rolla*. I use the words "took a partner" as no marriage has been traced. The couple first settled in Green Hills, later renamed Windsor, NSW where Catherine had six children - **William** in 1805, **Mary Ann** c1806, **Margaret** c1810, **Catherine** c1811, **John** in 1813 and **Thomas** c1815⁴. It seems from a report in the Sydney Gazette of 14th August 1803 that Thomas was by then

already a "Constable of the District of Hawkesbury" as it is recorded that he charged on oath a man who had violently assaulted him. In the 1806 Muster of NSW he is described as an "Emancipated Convict" and was mustered as a free man. Another report in the *Sydney Gazette* of 5th February 1814 commends Thomas and five other constables "for their zeal and activity" in apprehending **John THOMPSON** and other runaway convicts; the constables were to be paid E10 from the Police Fund. In the 1814 muster of NSW Thomas is described as "Gaoler". The wheel had turned full circle! (The quotations in this paragraph can be found in the pages of the "Website" below.)

However the following year Thomas is recorded as "Disappeared 12th May 1815 Bathurst Plains (no body found)"⁴. An explanation of his disappearance appears on the "Web"⁵ in conjunction with an article written by one of Thomas' descendants, **Lindsay SWADLING**⁶. Thomas was a member of a party accompanying the then Governor, Lachlan Macquarie, and his wife on a journey along a new road over the Blue Mountains of NSW. Apparently he was last seen in Bathurst with some natives and "being a little in liquor, had insisted upon going with them to their camp, where it was supposed from his own imprudence he had fallen a sacrifice"⁷.

References

- 1 Old Bailey Session Papers Case 123/1797, pages 188/192; I understand these papers are in the Guildhall Library, Aldermanbury, London EC2P 2EJ, but they can also be seen on LDS Film 0952027.
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- 3 Public Record Office piece HO13/12 at page 233.
- 4 Hawkesbury Pioneer Register.
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The London Metropolitan Archives publish a most useful free Information Leaflet (No.4) entitled "Convicts transported from Middlesex" giving details of sources etc.

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Recently I received a letter from a cousin who had been reading some of her parents' war-time letters. She enclosed a typescript of one of them as she thought it would be of interest to me. It certainly was, being a letter sent by her mother to her father about a visit she had made to our house during the war. It contained little details about myself and my sister when we were children, and events which at best were only dim memories, as well as hints of life in those days (like an afternoon post'). Here are some excerpts which I thought might be of interest.

Epsom, 22nd June 1944

. . . Anyhow the journey went with ease and I got here just after one o'clock when Grace was just dishing up the lunch. I might tell you I was pleased to get here, as it was such a cold day, almost like winter . . . Grace and I had a chat while the children were resting, and got up to date with each other's news. The afternoon post brought two letters to her from Ernest, which was rather good as she hadn't had any for a fortnight . . . When the children got up we went for a short walk. By then the sun had come out and it was slightly warmer, which was just as well. Janet and Susan are growing quickly. They are fine girls. Susan especially is so amusing. It seems such a pity that Ernest is missing all this time with them. It was rather late by the time we had tea and washed up. I did a spot of ironing while Grace put the children to bed. Just as we had got settled down an airman and his wife arrived. Mary (I don't know her other name) is sleeping here because their place has been damaged by one of the flying bombs. Her husband had three days compassionate leave to come down and help her, so of course they were both sleeping here. They seem quite a decent couple and I think that Grace finds it company to have Mary with her at night. Of course we didn't get to bed until after midnight. It seems to be the usual hour for retiring in this part of the world. Owing to the flying bombs, Grace with the children and I all slept in the Morrison shelter in the Front room. Mary and Frank slept on the floor in the dining room. I was amazed how comfortable those shelters are for sleeping in and what a lot of room there is. We had a few sirens in the night and a few of these things went over, but they didn't disturb us much. The children had a fine carry on in bed this morning. I think they find it rather fun sleeping in the shelter, and they were amused to find me there too. Mary and Frank went home to breakfast. Grace brought me a cup of tea then I got up while she was getting the breakfast. It's a beautiful day today, quite

different to yesterday. Warm and sunny, real summer weather. I helped Grace to clear up this morning then we took a bus down to Epsom. It's a bigger place than I thought it was and somehow I thought Grace was nearer. We had a good wander round and bought some cherries for the children. Grace said they loved them and when I saw how they enjoyed eating them I could well believe it. By the way, the strawberries I brought with me yesterday were a huge success. We went in a teashop this morning and had a cup of coffee. I love doing that. I suppose it's because I can only do it when I am on holiday. The children were full of joy, bubbling over themselves. Win didn't know I was coming down to Graces. I owe her a letter and had intended writing to tell her . . . So I thought I'd ring up Win after lunch today so that we could see about me seeing her. I tried twice down at the call box and couldn't manage to even get the operator. So I came back and started writing this letter to you. Grace said we would go down to the call box and try again when the children woke up from their rest. However Win's mother came over. She and Win were going to come over here today but one of Win's friends has been bombed out today. So Win has been to her and has taken her friend's two children home. Mrs North's brother and sister are both in hospital as they had one of these things dropped near them. I feel sorry for Grace here with the children. Of course she has Mary at night, but she's on her own all day and it's a big worry for her . . . Janet has come to kiss me goodnight and she wants to know why I am writing to you and what you are doing etc. They're a bright pair. Ernest will be proud of them when he comes home and sees them. Grace is hoping he'll come before Janet goes to school in January.

. . . We all piled in the shelter last night, Mary included. She started off on a mattress on the floor but about 2am the things started coming over at short intervals so Mary dived in. I've suggested to Grace that the next time she invites me to stay she might arrange to have quiet nights so that I could sleep in a bed! . . . However I have enjoyed my couple of days here with Grace and we have had a chance to get to know each other better. I think she feels we have a lot in common with both you and Ernest being away. We tell each other what we are going to do when you both come home.

. . . Well, I'm back at Titchfield . . . It seems very peaceful here tonight after the turmoil of sirens and flying bombs up there. Grace has people popping in and out all day discussing the latest news of them with her. It's nice that she has such pleasant neighbours. She says she finds that they keep her company which is quite true . . .

HOUSE OF LORDS RECORD OFFICE

The House of Lords Record Office provides an archive service for both Houses of Parliament and facilitates public access to several million records which are preserved in the Victoria Tower repository. The records include original Acts of Parliament from 1497, Journals from 1510, papers laid before Parliament from 1531, Peerage papers from 1597, Judicial papers from 1621, and plans of canals, roads, railways and other public works deposited in connection with private bills from 1794. Amongst the comparatively few records of genealogical interest are the Protestation returns of 1642 and certain Papist returns. The office also has custody of other groups of records such as those of the Lord Great Chamberlain, and several collections of private political papers such as the Beaverbrook, Bonar Law and Lloyd George Papers. Printed sources such as the Journals of each House, *Hansard* and Sessional Papers can also be consulted in the Public Search Room. A comprehensive description of the records is contained in *Guide to the Records of Parliament*, M.E. Bond, HMSO 1971. All papers laid before the House of Lords up to 1718 have been calendared in a series of volumes by the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts and published since 1900 by the House of Lords. A list of these and other publications currently available from the Record Office is obtainable on request.

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Whilst researching my direct ancestor **John GAMMON**, who lived in Staines from about 1765 to 1809, I decided to visit the WMFHS Open Day held in Staines in 1999. I was pleased to see an index of memorial inscriptions for St Mary's Parish Church, and finding the family vault, which gave John's age at death, enabled me to pinpoint his birth which had taken place in Warborough, Oxfordshire: I already had his birthplace because of details given in his Will. From his wife's Will I had ascertained that one of his daughters, Sarah, had married **James ADAMS** and from the memorial inscriptions index was also able to find their tomb in St Mary's Churchyard. Beside James and Sarah some of their children were buried in the tomb including a son called **George Gammon ADAMS** who had died in 1898.

As it was a fairly distinctive name I decided to look up George Gammon Adams next time I visited the Family Records Centre and was delighted to find him in the 1881 census index, described as a sculptor and living in Sloane Street, London. At this stage, having many other avenues to investigate, I looked no further into his life. However about four months ago whilst visiting the London Metropolitan Archives, more or less by chance I came across a book on Victorian sculptors and remembering George started to browse through it. I was pleased to find his name and that he had carried out many commissions, among which were the medallions given out at the 1851 Exhibition, Wellington's death mask, some statues in St Paul's Crypt and many busts, some of which are now in the National Portrait Gallery, including one of Prince Albert. However what most delighted me was that he had sculpted a statue of Sir Charles Napier that still stood in Trafalgar Square.

Naturally I immediately went down to Trafalgar Square to check it out and admire it. As soon as I got home that night I set about spreading the news to family and friends with obvious pride. Imagine my amazement when less than a month later I saw headlines in the national press that Mayor of Greater London Mr Ken Livingstone was proposing the removal of the statue! As I didn't want to lose a family heirloom just after finding it I immediately composed a letter acquainting Mr Livingstone with the facts that whilst *his* family might be mere newcomers to London and unaware of its history, for some of us this was very important and we would not take his proposals lying down. Luckily I do not seem to have been the only person who was against the idea, but should it arise again the Adams and Gammon families

(and I hope some of the good folk of Staines in remembrance of their famous sculptor son will be out manning the barricades!

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PAST MEETINGS

In November Peter Park came to ask us the question: 'do we get as much information as we might from the GRO Indexes of births, marriages and deaths and other records?' Probably not. Peter is a great advocate of the use of maps, especially those one can draw up from one's own records.

One exercise which can prove useful is for example to take one surname from one quarter-year in the birth indexes and plot all the birthplace locations on a map (red dots on a map of Britain suffice); this can give a distribution and immediately shows up any clusters; plotting locations over say a ten-year period on squared paper will give the number of occurrences. This can show the greatest geographical location of a surname, and over a given period where most of the registrations of that surname were occurring. Over a hundred years, it is possible to see families appearing or disappearing over time, as they come into or leave a district.

In cities such as Liverpool, newcomers tended to stay within a small radius once they had settled, even though they changed their accommodation quite frequently. Peter advised not giving up when looking for someone in the Census: look elsewhere in the same or the next Enumeration District.

Burial Registers can also yield much additional information: for instance, between 1695 and 1705, a tax called the Queen's Duty on births, marriages and deaths had to be collected by the Parson, so a separate book in the Parish Records might list all births, marriages and deaths and all bachelors over the age of 26 (they were taxed). If a Register just says a child was "Born", not "Baptised", the family were still taxed, but were probably non-conformists, so it is possible to identify non-conformists in a register from such entries.

Sometimes a group of children from a family of non-conformists were baptised together, and dates of birth might also be given. In 1837, the start of registration, people rushed to get their children baptised - some thought this meant they did not have to be registered. So suddenly whole families of children were baptised together - watch out for this in the registers, it can give names of children who did not appear in Parish registers when they were born.

It is also possible to make distribution maps from the IGI on a map of Britain. Additional information can be obtained from Settlement records. For instance Peter has plotted all Mitcham, Surrey, Settlements from other places: Mitcham was a centre for calico printing and a number of people came from other such centres.

When someone was returned to their place of settlement, it is sometimes possible to plot their progress on a map from Parish Constables' receipts in the various parishes where they stopped for the night on the way. Diaries and Journals are also good sources of information. Diarists probably at some time served as Parish Officers such as Churchwardens, Constables, Overseers of the Poor, etc. and they recorded these activities in their journals. Again using a map, it is possible to plot all the diarist's journeys and so see how often and how far people made such journeys at the time (some people would travel 30 miles to see a hanging). People tended only to travel in certain directions, never going in other directions. So published accounts from areas where our ancestors came from can give information about their movements and habits. The diaries are also full of local people's names. Peter's talk gave us much food for thought about what we had been getting out of the records.

Our December meeting included our traditional pre-Christmas eats brought along by members plus a glass of wine, and also a talk 'Did he really commit murder?' which well-known family historian Ian Waller turned into something of a "Trial by jury". After choosing twelve volunteers from the audience to act as a jury - and so pay particular attention - he presented us with a murder mystery from the early 19th century - an account of the famous Red Barn Murder, which took place in the village of Polstead in Suffolk, a crime which later became the subject of melodramas, books and films.

As hardly any of the Court records have survived, most of the evidence must be gleaned from contemporary newspaper reports such as those which appeared in the *Bury and Norwich Post*. At one end of the village stood the 16th century half-timbered farmhouse of the Corder family; at the other end lived Maria Marten, who was to become the victim of the crime. The old farmhouse still stands, as does part of the Red Barn itself, near the Church.

In 1826, supposedly after a spell in the Merchant Navy, William Corder, who had inherited the farm from his father John, returned to the village and began a relationship with Maria. In April 1827 a child was born to Maria, which died at the age of two weeks. Late one night in May, according to Maria's stepmother's testimony, William called at their cottage and told Maria to get dressed (disguised in a man's clothes) and meet him at the Red Barn, from where they would go away by horse-drawn carriage to get married. She was never seen alive again. William claimed he had left her in Ipswich while he went to London for a licence. The stepmother claimed to have received letters from William saying he and Maria were married and living in Ipswich. But in November William placed an advertisement in the

Times newspaper in London offering himself as a suitable partner for matrimony. About a year after Maria's disappearance her stepmother claimed she had been having a recurring dream that Maria's grave was situated at a certain spot in the Red Barn. This was searched and Maria's body found. Local gossip pointed to William and he was arrested, found guilty, and hanged.

Our "jury" was asked to adjourn to an adjacent room to consider the evidence, and come back with their verdict. While they were gone an animated discussion ensued during which many questions were raised, such as how did the stepmother know the exact position of the grave? Why would William place such an advertisement while claiming to be married to Maria?

The jury returned and pronounced a verdict of 'Not guilty' on William; in their opinion, the stepmother must at least have known about, or suspected, the crime, for whatever reason, which gave room for doubt. This 'murder evening' gave an atmospheric end to our talks for the year 2000.

In January this year Jim Golland returned to speak on the plight of apprentices and the various conditions, from appalling to fairly satisfactory, in which they were forced to work.

Many so-called apprentices were actually unpaid slaves, and many died before their apprenticeships were over, especially those apprenticed to chimney sweeps - the so-called 'chimney, or climbing, boys' (the Duke of Wellington ordered his chimneys to be altered to prevent the use of children). Pauper apprentices, i.e. those who were put into an apprenticeship by a Parish to get them off the rates, probably fared the worst.

From 1641 an apprentice had the right of settlement in a parish where he had served for at least 40 days. Charities were also set up to provide money to poor families for apprenticeships.

To be 'bound' an apprentice, a boy (or girl) was taken before a Justice of the Peace and the child's father or Guardian and prospective Master drew up an indenture, a legal document written out twice on a page, which was then torn in half with a wavy edge: the 'indenture'. A sum of money, usually £5, although for the professions this could be much more, was paid to the Master, but he was under no real obligation to teach the child a trade; many apprentices complained they were 'not taught anything'.

Many pauper apprentices from all over England were sent north to the mills when the growth of the textile industry caused a great demand for labour; the Quarrybank Museum was once the mill of one of the more benevolent employers, John Gregg.

Some weavers were found to have twenty or thirty ‘apprentices’ working for them as cheap labour, but this practice was later outlawed. Apprentices from better backgrounds were ‘voluntary’, usually serving from the age of 14 to 21. During this time they received no wages, were not allowed to marry, visit alehouses, gamble, etc. They had a half-holiday on Shrove Tuesday.

A ‘lost’ ancestor might have been an apprentice who ran away — look in local newspapers for any mention. Under the 1717 Act for Indentured Servants, a young person could sign up for eight years and get a free passage to America; after eight years he/ she could be released from their ‘bond’.

Apprentices *could* have fun - London apprentices were well known for forming groups and causing affrays in the streets. But at best an apprenticeship could give a young man or girl (the latter perhaps as a dressmaker/seamstress) a good start in life.

At the end of his term, an apprentice made his apprentice piece, usually a miniature version, beautifully crafted, of an object he would later make for a living. He then became a ‘journeyman’, a day worker in his designated trade, and could ultimately become a ‘Master’ tradesman himself, and so employ apprentices of his own.

Apprenticeship Records

City Livery Companies Records at Guildhall Library: Indexes of Freedoms and Apprentices. The Watermen’s Records are particularly good: records cover 300 years of apprenticeships, indexed

County Record Offices for Pauper Apprentice records from local Parishes

A stamp duty was imposed on Apprentice Indentures in 1710: Society of Genealogists Library have an index for 1710-74, or 1R17 at PRO, Apprenticeship Books.

Some towns where Guilds were established, such as Bristol, have substantial Apprenticeship records

London Apprentice series, compiled by Cliff Webb: alphabetical transcripts of London City companies’ apprenticeship registers plus indexes of masters, trades and places. Available from SOG

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

BIRTHPLACES IN THE 1891 CENSUS

Muriel Spratt

One of the challenges in transcribing a Census is in interpreting names and places. One of the pieces I transcribed had places of birth not only from all parts Great Britain, but also the Following:

Afghanistan	France	Mauritius	Spain
At Sea	Germany	Mexico	Straits Settlements
Australia	Gibraltar	New South Wales	Sweden
Bavaria	Greece	New Zealand	Switzerland
Belgium	Guernsey	Norway	Tasmania
Brazil	Holland	Portugal	Trinidad
Canada	Hungary	Prussia	Turkey
Cape Colony	India	Siam	USA
Ceylon	Italy	Singapore	West Indies
Chile	Jamaica	Smyrna	
Denmark	Jersey	South Agrica	
East Indies	Malta	South America	

So living in a multi-cultural society is nothing new!

EDITOR'S NOTES

We travel to Australia in both our main articles this time, and in each case research has been carried out in Australia as well as Britain, showing that either 'family historians are spreading the research net wider or that international research is getting easier. Perhaps a bit of both.

Yet again, I must appeal for more articles as the stock is getting low.

I hope those of you who did so enjoyed tackling the puzzle (Transquotation) in the last issue. Here is the solution:

1. Grandmother
2. Genealogy
3. Ancestry
4. Reeve
5. Husband
6. Interregnum
7. Diocese
8. Scrivener
9. Yeoman
10. County
11. Probate
12. Foundlings

Family History
Can solve a mystery
But once begun
Is never done

The deadline for the June 2001 issue is: 15th April 2001.

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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Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ALEXANDER	c1860	Chelsea	MDX	F75
ALEXANDER	After 1870	Wandsworth	SRY	F75
ALLAWAY	19C	Chelsea Area	MDX	L84
AMBROSE	18-19C	Chelsea	MDX	L84
ANDERSON	ALL	Brentford/Chiswick Area	MDX	M175
ARROWSMITH	ALL	ALL	ALL	W175
ASHLEY	18C	Norwich	NFK	L84
ASKEW	Pre 1850	ANY	MGY/WLS	M171
BAILEY	19C	Plymouth	DEV	N34
BAKER	19C	Ilminster	SOM	W175
BARRINGER	1840-1900	ALL	ALL	H194
BARRY	After 1900	Hounslow Area	MDX	B229
BARRY	After 1900	Teddington Area	MDX	B229
BATHURST	ALL	Brentford/Chiswick Area	MDX	M175
BEAGLEY	19C	Camberwell	SRY	N34
BEARDSWORTH	19C	Leyland/Farington	LAN	J54
BEAUCHAMP	Pre 1700	Egham	SRY	B231
BEAUCHAMP	1840-2000	ALL	MDX	B231
BEAUCHAMP	Pre 1700	London	LND	B231
BEEDEN	ALL	ANY	NFK	M171
BEL(L)CHAMBER(S)	c1850	St Johns Westminster	MDX	F75
BERCHER	1800-60	ANY	ANY	E44
BERESFORD	19C	Birmingham	WAR	W175
BERRY	19-20C	Bradford Area	YKS	P110
BILBOW	Pre 1870	Kentish Town Area	MDX	P110
BISHOP	18-19C	Westminster	MDX	B232
BLAKE	19-20C	Bermondsey	SRY	L84
BORROWDALE	19C	Romford	ESS	L84
BORROWDALE	19C	Westminster	MDX	L84
BRADBURY	1880-1930	Kensington	MDX	H194
BRETHERTON	18-19C	Leyland/Farington	LAN	J54
BRIDGER	ALL	Headley	HAM	P111
BROWN	Pre 1830	Kentish Town Area	MDX	P110
BURCHELL	1860-1920	Fulham	MDX	S184
BURCHELL	1860-1920	West Drayton	MDX	S184
BURCHELL	1860-1920	Uxbridge	MDX	S184
BURCHER	1800-60	ANY	ANY	E44
BURDER	1833-1781	ANY	ANY	S187
BUTLER	19C	Walsall	STS	W175
CALDICUTT	19-20C	Hanwell/Ealing	MDX	B231
CANN	After 1800	West Molesey	SRY	S188
CARVER	ALL	ALL	SRY	L83
CHESTER	19C	Birmingham	WAR	W175
CHITTY	1800-1960	Colnbrook/Poyle	BKM	P102
CHRISTEY	c1879	Hackney	MDX	P111
CLARK	18-19C	Marylebone	MDX	B232
CLARK	1880-1930	Kensington	MDX	H194
CLEAVER	19C	Birmingham	WAR	W175
COLLINS	19C	Pontypool	MON/WLS	N34
CONYARD	ALL	ANY	MDX	M171
COOK(E)	19C	Birmingham	WAR	W175
COOMBS	1800-50	Marylebone Area	MDX	B232
CORRY	After 1876	Fulham	MDX	S186
CRACKNELL	ALL	ANY	ANY	M171
CROSSFIELD	ALL	Hackney	MDX	P111
CROSSFIELD	c1881	Kingston-upon-Thames	SRY	P111
CURTIS	19C	Heston	MDX	G110
DENISON	17-18C	Westminster	MDX	B232

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
DENMAN	19C	Belgravia	MDX	N34
DEVEREUX	ALL	ANY	MDX	M171
DICKENS	Pre 1820	Mursley	BKM	M174
DOUST	19-20C	Tottenham	MDX	M173
DUDLEY	1850-2000	Southwark	SRY	B231
DUNSBY	1800-1960	Colnbrook/Poyle	BKM	P102
DYKES	Pre 1850	Newcastle Area	DUR	P110
EARL(E)	18C	Painswick Green	GLS	W175
EDWARDS	After 1800	Islington	MDX	E44
ESPLEY	Pre 1850	ANY	MGY/WLS	M171
ESSAM	1700-1800	Kettering Area	NTH	P110
EVANS	Pre 1850	St Pancras Area	MDX	P110
FARMER	Pre 1880	Hastings	SSX	M171
FARNHAM	19C	Bethnal Green	MDX	J54
FEAVER	c1850	St Johns Westminster	MDX	F75
FEAVER	After 1870	Wandsworth	SRY	F75
FIELD	ALL	Birmingham	WAR	M171
FISHER	18C	Bradford on Avon	WIL	W175
FLEETWOOD	1750-1850	Old Brentford	MDX	C193
FOLLY	After 1880	Teddington Area	MDX	B229
FRUIN	18C	Egham	SRY	M173
FULLICK	ALL	Headley	HAM	P111
GEORGE	18C	Aberdare	GLA/WLS	N34
GOSLIN	1750-1810	Fulham Area	MDX	W177
GRAINGER	ALL	ALL	MDX	L83
GREEN	Pre 1830	Northwold	NFK	M174
HADLEY	Pre 1830	Culpho	SFK	M174
HAMILTON	19-20C	Hounslow	MDX	G110
HAMMERTON	1900	Twickenham	MDX	S188
HANDLEY	ALL	Birmingham	WAR	M171
HANDLEY	ALL	Northern Ireland	NIR	M171
HARDCASTLE	1880-1900	Hatcham Park	SRY	S187
HARMAN	19C	ANY	ANY	H194
HARRISON	1880-1900	Kensington	MDX	S187
HARRISON	1835	St Pancras	MDX	S187
HARRY	Pre 1830	Kingston Area	SRY	M174
HART	18C	Westminster	MDX	B232
HAWKINS	ALL	Ealing	MDX	L83
HEBBORN	c1900	Streatham	SRY	P111
HENRY	18-19C	ALL	KEN	B232
HENRY	18-19C	High Wycombe Area	BKM	B232
HIGGS	Pre 1780	Drayton Parslow	BKM	M174
HILL	19C	Churston Ferrers	DEV	M173
HILL	c1898	Northwood	MDX	P111
HORN	Pre 1820	Winchester	HAM	M174
HOSIENE	1865-1875	Chelsea/Brompton	MDX	S188
HOSIENE	1872	Slaughtam	SSX	S188
HOSIENE	1880-1895	West Molesey	SRY	S188
HOTCHKISS	19C	Hampstead	MDX	N34
HOUGH	20C	Hanworth	MDX	G110
HOUGH	20C	Isleworth	MDX	G110
HOUGH/HUFF	1700-1850	Hounslow Area	MDX	P110
HUBBARD	Pre 1900	Twickenham	MDX	S188
HUGHES	19C	Hanwell	MDX	J54
IRELAND	Pre 1820	Winchester	HAM	M174
JAKEWAY	18C	Sandford/Churchill /Winscombe	SOM	J54
JAMES	19C	Castle Donnington	LEI	W175

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JENKINS	18-19C	Westminster	MDX	B232
JENKINS	18C	Whitechapel	MDX	L84
JONES	19C	Chelsea	MDX	N34
JONES	19C	Camberwell	SRY	N34
JUDEN	c1860	Chelsea	MDX	F75
KEILLER	ALL	Dundee Area	ANS/SCO	B231
KENTON	18-19C	Brentford/Ealing	MDX	J54
KING	ALL	Oxford City	OXF	P111
LANGHAM	18-19C	Romford	ESS	L84
LANGHAM	19C	Westminster	MDX	L84
LANGSTON	After 1854	Fulham	MDX	S186
LARMAN	ALL	ANY	MDX	M171
LATHAM	After 1840	Westminster/London	MDX	S186
LAWES	1800-1960	Colnbrook/Poyle	BKM	P102
LEE	c1850	Hayes/Harlington Area	MDX	J53
LEE	19C	Buckland Area	BKM	J53
LEE	19C	Penn Area	BKM	J53
LEE	ALL	Ealing	MDX	L83
LEE	ALL	Barking	ESS	L83
LEE	ALL	Wandsworth	SRY	L83
LEWIS	Pre 1850	Milton	BRK	M174
LITTLEY	19-20C	Hanwell Area	MDX	S185
LLEWELLYN	18C	St Mary Hill	GLA/WLS	J54
LOWE	Pre 1850	Cholsey	BRK	M174
LULHAM	Pre 1830	Kingston Area	SRY	M174
MARCH	19C	Ealing	MDX	H194
MARTIN	19C	Birmingham	WAR	W175
MAY	ALL	Sawbridgeworth	HRT	L83
MENZIES	19C	Aberfeldy	PER/SCO	J54
MIMMS	20C	Forest Gate	ESS	L84
MOLD	ALL	ANY	SAL	M171
MOLD	ALL	ANY	MGY/ WLS	M171
MOLLER	19C	ALL	ALL	H194
MORRIS	Pre 1820	Burton-on-Trent	STS	M174
MOYKOPF	After 1854	Fulham	MDX	S186
MOYKOPF	After 1854	Brompton	MDX	S186
NIMMO	19C	Belgravia	MDX	N34
NIVEN	19-20C	Hanwell/Ealing	MDX	B231
NOBEL	19-20C	Clerkenwell	MDX	L84
ORCHARD	Pre 1800	Mursley	BKM	M174
PEACHEY	Pre 1830	Stetchworth	CAM	M174
PEMBLE	19C	Isleworth Area	MDX	P110
PENNY	After 1850	Southwark	SRY	B231
PERCIVAL	1850-1963	Feltham/Bedfont	MDX	P102
PLOWMAN	1850-1930	Kensington Area	MDX	P110
PLUMMER	18-19C	Ashwick/Stratton on Fosse	SOM	J54
POOLEY	Pre 1850	Newcastle Area	DUR	P110
POYSER	Pre 1870	ANY	MDX	M171
PRINCE	1800-1880	Chelsea	MDX	C193
PULLEN	18-19C	Feltham Area	MDX	P112
PULLEN	19C	Hammersmith	MDX	P112
PULLEN	19C	Kensington	MDX	P112
PULLEN	19C	Holborn Area	MDX	P112
PURVES	ANY	Brighton	SSX	P111
PURVES	ANY	Gravesend	KEN	P111
RABSON	18C	Ash by Wrotham	KEN	B232
RAY	17-19C	London	LND	R90
RAY	17-19C	London	MDX	R90

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READ	19C	St Pancras Area	MDX	B232
RELPH	18C	Darent Area	KEN	B232
ROONEY	ANY	Hackney	MDX	P111
ROONEY	c1881	Llandaff	WLS	P111
RUSTON	Pre 1850	Chatteris	CAM	P110
SALTER	19C	Avening Green	GLS	W175
SANDEFORD	18C	Chelsea	MDX	N34
SARGEANT	19-20C	Weymouth	DOR	G110
SARGEANT	19-20C	Heston	MDX	G110
SARGEANT	19-20C	Hounslow	MDX	G110
SARGEANT	19-20C	Isleworth	MDX	G110
SARGEANT	19-20C	Twickenham	MDX	G110
SAUNDERS	After 1840	ANY	MDX	E44
SAUNDERS	19C	Chelsea	MDX	N34
SEYMOUR	Pre 1895	West Shefford	BRK	B229
SEYMOUR	After 1895	Hounslow Area	MDX	B229
SHAW	Pre 1900	Twickenham	MDX	S188
SIMMONS	ANY	Oxford City	OXF	P111
SKEATS	Pre 1910	Chiswick	MDX	C193
SMITH	18-19C	Harbledown	KEN	B232
SMITH	Pre 1850	Newcastle Area	DUR	P110
SQUIRES	Pre 1800	ANY	BDF	M174
STAPLEY	18-19C	St Mary Cray	KEN	B232
STEPHENS	19C	Chelsea	MDX	N34
STIRK	19C	Birmingham	WAR	W175
SULLIVAN	19-20C	Hampton Area	MDX	S185
SWEETMAN	ALL	London	MDX	M171
TEBBUTT	From 1840	Southall/Ealing	MDX	H194
TEW	Pre 1820	Souldern	OXF	M174
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