

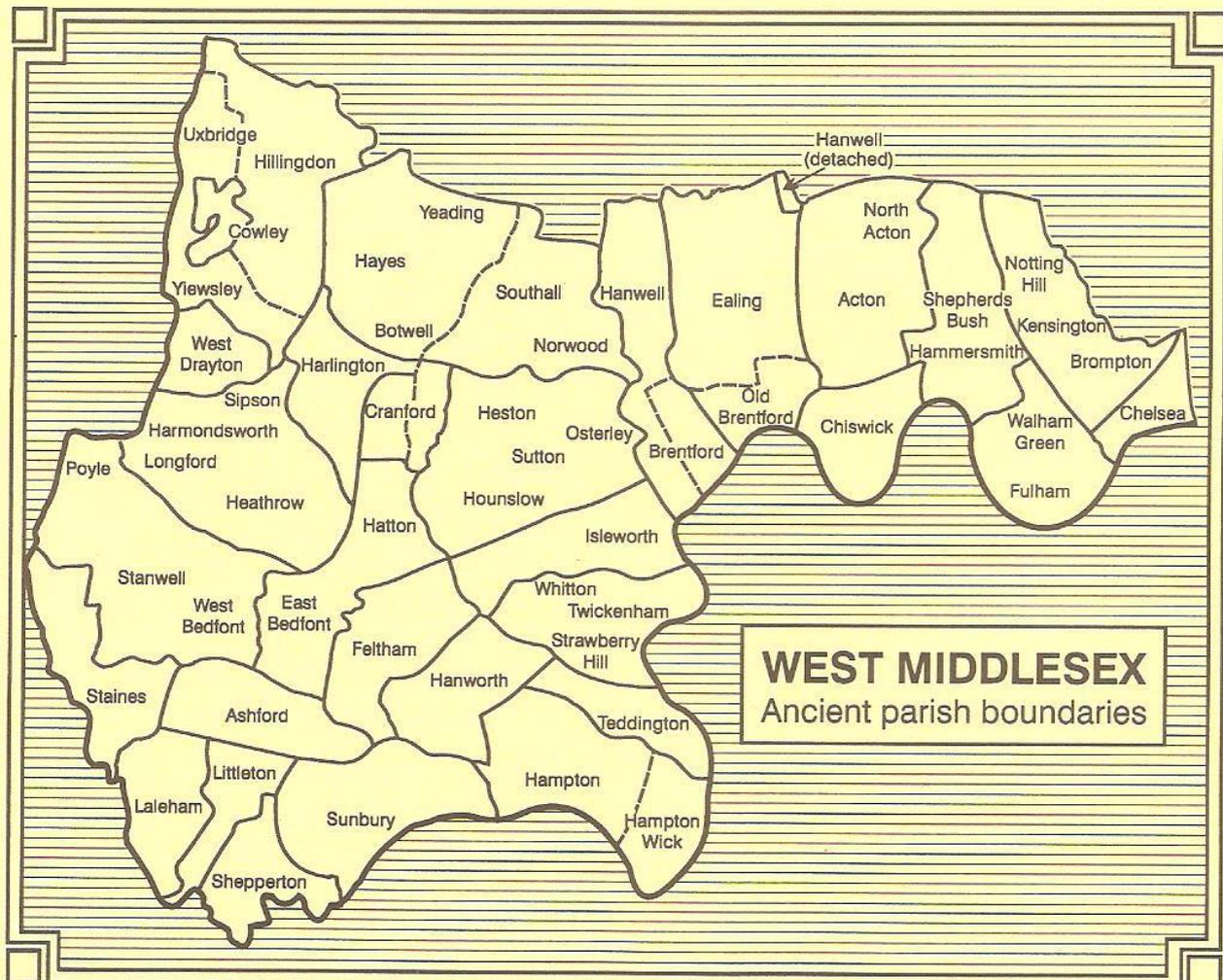
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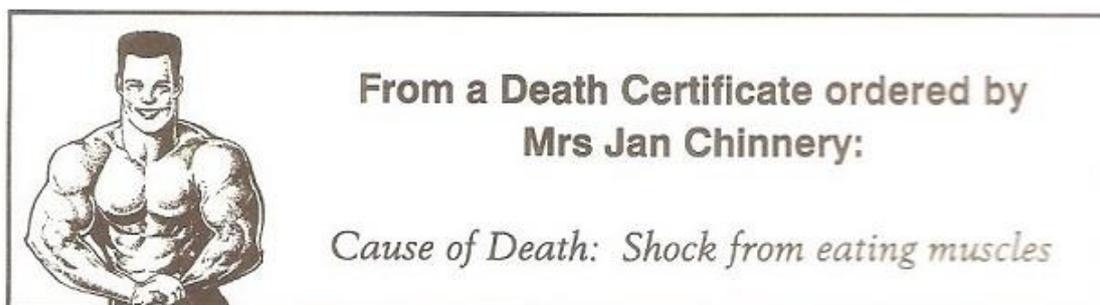
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FUTURE MEETINGS

The following talks have been arranged:

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| 17 May | Skeletons in my cupboard
<i>Audrey Gillett</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> |
| 16 August | Suicide and its records
<i>Kathy Chater</i> |
| 20 September | The Piggeries and the Potteries Notting Hill
<i>Shaaron Whetlor</i> |
| 18 October | On the Parish: a look at Poor Law records 1601-1834
<i>Peter Park</i> |
| 15 November | William Hogarth: whose works reveal the darker side of 18th century London
<i>Patricia Waldock</i> |

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



The deadline for the September 2001 issue is: 15th July 2001

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the West Middlesex Family History Society held at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow on 15th March 2001.

1. Election of Chairman

The Secretary Mavis Burton opened the meeting at 8pm and explained that she was initially taking the chair as the former Chairman of the Society Les Munson had had to resign due to ill health and the (out-going) Vice Chairman Jim Devine was unable to attend the meeting. She therefore proposed that the election of the new Chairman should be the first item on the Agenda. One name had been put forward for Chairman, i.e. Robin Purr. She asked if there were any other proposals, but there were none. Mavis therefore proposed that Robin Purr be elected to serve as Chairman of the Committee for the year 2001, and this proposal was seconded by Wendy Mott. Members voted unanimously in favour, and Robin Purr was duly elected. He then took the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from the out-going Vice Chairman, Jim Devine, and Howard Stephens.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM

That the Minutes were a true and fair record was proposed by Muriel Spratt and seconded by Joan Scrivener and they were therefore approved and signed. There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

Robin Purr had prepared the following report of the Society '5 activities over the past year, at the beginning of which he spoke of the tremendous contribution made to the Society by Les and Jill Munson. Before Robin proceeded with the rest of the report, Mavis Burton presented Les and Jill with a basket of flowers.

Before reviewing the affairs of our Society for the year 2000, I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor, Les Munson, who really ought to be delivering this report. I think we shall all recall the avuncular style with which Les led the Society's monthly meetings, as well as those of the Executive Committee. Given his more or less continuous battle with health problems, his steadfastness was truly remarkable and there is no doubting our appreciation of his efforts.

Similarly I think we should acknowledge our debt to Les's wife Jill, not only for her support of her husband but also her contribution to the Society through her provision of the 1881 Census index service to members and others for so long a period. We are thankful to you Jill, on both counts.

When asked to concoct an overview of the Society 's activities in the year 2000 a suitable starting point seemed to be our own, splendid. Society journal - and it is splendid, not only because of the articles sent in by contributors but also by virtue of the skill and professionalism of our Editor, Yvonne Masson. You will, I hope, not be surprised to learn that our Journal has been submitted for the much coveted Elizabeth Simpson Award this year.

Now, in the meanwhile, let me refer you in particular to the last two pages of our Journal wherein, in the current edition, are listed no less than 19 sources of information for family historians with an interest in the West Middlesex area. Perhaps I should comment on some of them. For example there is the Index of Marriages in the West Middlesex area that took place prior to 1837. Overseen by Richard Chapman, who writes about it in the current magazine, notable advances were made, especially with the arrival of copies of the transcripts of the marriage registers from 1678-1800 for the important parish of St Nicholas in Chiswick. However there are still gaps in the Index for Kensington and Chelsea - and these await enthusiastic volunteers. Richard sets out in his Journal article what needs to be done and how you may help.

Clearly volunteers are not confined to those living within a 10 mile radius of Montague Hall. You will also see in the Journal that Lewis Orton reports completion of Phase One of the transcription of the 1891 census - and that is a real achievement on the part of many people. Almost in passing, Lewis remarked that one of his most enthusiastic volunteers, who took him to task when there were no more fiches for her to transcribe, actually lives in Brighton.

Should you want microfiche editions of monumental inscriptions for churchyards in West Middlesex, or microfiche of the 1851 Census Index, you can get them from Maureen Harris - who lives in Derbyshire. And if you need data from the Index of Divorces reported in the *The Times* between 1785 and 1910 then you can get it (free, if you're a member) from the other side of the world - from Annie Weare in Western Australia! So distance is no barrier to helping out with the various projects that are on-going and the new ones that will emerge in the future.

But what about projects or services handled by folk nearer home? After contacting several people in an attempt to find out what's going on, I was left with the distinct impression of "lights being hidden under bushels"! Did you know, for example, that those stalwarts of our Society, Wendy Mott and Peter

Roe, are beavering away at computerising the West Middlesex Strays Index, with a view to publication? Should you want information from Hillingdon or Isleworth parish registers, the back page of the Journal tells you to approach Mavis Sibley (who, you well know, handles the library and exchange journals tables at our monthly meetings); what you don't know is that, as a purely personal initiative, Mavis is busily indexing two local newspapers, the *Southall & Norwood Gazette* and the *Hartwell & Uxbridge Observer*. From time to time the index cards Mavis creates from her work are available at our monthly meetings. Is that another potential publication item I wonder?

The certificate courier service, run by Valerie Walker, produced a contribution of over £500 towards the Society's bank balance last year. That too is in the Journal, as is the merest reference to an expanding database which contains details not only of the certificates obtained by Valerie for members but, in addition, those unwanted or surplus certificates that have been passed to her. That database, constructed by Frank Gregory, who lives in Bridgwater, is gradually becoming a useful research tool and in due time I'm hopeful that Valerie will tell us how we may access it!

What, of course, is by no means hidden is the display of books, maps, fiche and other publications that are for sale at our monthly meetings. For these we are indebted to Marjorie Stephens, Tony Simpson and Paul and Janice Kershaw. There seems to be a steady trade in these items and Tony in particular would welcome any comments you may have as to the type and kind of books you would like to see in his stock.

And talking of books, our retiring Vice Chairman is currently responsible for the Society's postal book service. This, of course, is the sale of family history books which relate specifically to the WMFHS area, a service intended primarily for out-of-County members. Jim remarked that the service is well used, especially by new members to the Society when they receive the book list, and since 1992 it has produced some £3,500 worth of sales. I'm glad to say Jim Devine will continue with this service and, in addition, will be progressing an association between our Society and the GENfair organisation which facilitates the sale of books and other items via the Internet.

What you see displayed on the right hand side of the hall at our monthly meetings is frequently also set up at the various Family History Open Days and Fairs at which the Society is represented. So we are indebted to the same good folk we see each month for trundling their exhibits around the country, assisted by other volunteers of course for the larger events, such as the SoG Fair each May in London and the Middlesex Show at Uxbridge. In connection

with last year's Middlesex Show, I am saddened to report that it was for us a disappointing two days: with so much competing activity going on, and the increasing cost and difficulty of exhibiting there, your Executive Committee has felt obliged to withdraw from what is "our" County Show, a pity in my view, but a case of "needs must" I suppose. Perhaps alternative sites and shows might prove more beneficial - we shall see.

So what kind of a Society are we? Well, our monthly meetings are well supported and our Programme Coordinator, Toni Davies, has done, and is doing, a cracking job in preparing a series of interesting and entertaining talks for us throughout last year and, as the Journal shows, for the first part of the current year.

Our monthly meetings could not function (legally) without the two Mary's, our gate guardians, who oversee our signing-in as we arrive. And there is no doubt our evenings would be less agreeable if the "needs of the inner man" were not catered for as splendidly as they are by Jeannette and Sue - all the while wondering if they've got the right number to win Joan Scrivener's raffle!

Our membership at the end of 2000 was fractionally under 700. This was a small increase over the previous year, when there had been a dramatic rise in members following an article about the Society published in the *Family History* monthly magazine. As a matter of interest, about 50% of "the flood" did not renew their subscription, presumably having found out all they wanted to know in the West Middlesex area. Our present experience is interesting in the continuing trend for new enquiries and applications for membership to come via the Internet (the Society does have a website, you know - have you visited it yet?) as well as a result of advertising in local newspapers.

In conclusion, may I bid farewell to those retiring Committee members, Muriel Sprott and Jim Devine. As Treasurer and Vice Chairman respectively, their contributions to the welfare and progress of the Society have been considerable. Their sage advice will be sorely missed.

It would be less than courteous of me, of course, if I didn't acknowledge also the contributions of the remaining members of the Committee who will continue in service. They are of course Margaret and Patrick Harnden, our most recent recruits, whose support we are already appreciating; Ted Dunstall, our master of War Memorials, who also handles publicity matters for the Society; Sue Willard, who can produce verbatim reports of what goes on at committee meetings in pretty short order; my wife Bridget, who inherited the Membership Secretary job from Peter Roe and has now developed Peter's excellent system so that numbers may now be analysed in

almost any way you wish. And then last but by no means least, our industrious Secretary, Mavis Burton - she really runs the outfit, you know, and has the remarkable capacity to handle crises with calm and equanimity: you should have seen her imitation of a scalded cat as she rushed about to inform people of the change of venue for our last meeting - and in so doing, drummed up an attendance larger than we have had for quite some time - and all that without a hair out of place! We really are most grateful, Mavis, to you and your team.

Now it remains for me to welcome the new Committee members, Richard Chapman and Paul and Janice Kershaw, and trust that they will enjoy being part of a team, led by our hardworking Secretary, that is dedicated to the development of all the services that the West Middlesex Family History Society can offer its members.

My own hope is that in 12 months' time I shall be able to report that through our combined efforts, many more folk will have come to know of the fun, the frustration and the fellowship of family history! Thank you for listening.

5. Approval of the accounts for the period ending 31st December 2000, and Treasurer's Report

Good evening, Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen. You will be relieved to learn that this is my last report to you as Treasurer, so here goes. You should all be able to see a set of accounts.

I'll start with the Income & Expenditure account, but will only highlight points that seem to need clarification. If you would like further information, please do ask.

Tax refunds from Deeds of Covenant have been steadily declining due to both the lower standard rate of tax and a drop in the number of members with Covenants. The new Gift Aid scheme has produced a wonderful response rate, so we will see a definite increase in the tax refunded this coming year.

The members' interests fiche is produced every other year, so we never see a comparative cost. In 1998 we paid £238; this may seem a big jump in cost, but this time we have deliberately produced some extra copies with a view to selling them at Open Days.

Speaking of Open Days, we have attended several this year. The takings are included in Bookstall Sales. On average, we sell about £110-worth of books in a day. The big exception was the Middlesex County Show, where we only took about that sum for two long days' effort. Sadly, we have decided not to have a stand at this year's Show.

Publicity costs include T-shirts for use by the volunteers at Open Days. These

WEST MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2000

	<i>Cost or Value at 30.9.94</i>	<i>Accumulated Depreciation</i>	<i>Value at 30.12.00</i>	<i>Value at 30.9.99</i>
FIXED ASSETS				
1881 census index	1,087	847	240	320
1891 census	752	514	238	317
Fiche reader/copier	1,800	1,040	760	1,013
Film & fiche viewers	1,080	340	740	45
Portable fiche viewer	50	28	22	29
Kodak slide projector	315	165	150	167
Projector stand	1	0	1	1
1988 IGI fiche	75	64	11	14
Times divorce index	11	9	2	2
Boxes & display shelves	31	26	5	6
Heavy duty printer	95	78	17	23
Harmondsworth Manor Rolls	348	0	348	348
Exhibition display boards	324	127	197	188
	<u>5,969</u>	<u>3,238</u>	2,731	<u>2,473</u>
 CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks: Bookstall		877		888
Fiche		143		211
Postal book service		115		91
Polylopes		0		9
Prepaid expenses		89		50
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>15,898</u>		<u>13,989</u>
			17,122	15,238
 CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Subscriptions in advance		3,056		2,356
Creditor – postal books/meeting hall		23		315
Deposits held		<u>40</u>		<u>40</u>
			<u>3,119</u>	<u>2,711</u>
			<u>£16,734</u>	<u>£15,000</u>
 ACCUMULATED FUND				
Balance brought forward			15,000	14,689
Surplus for the year			<u>1,734</u>	<u>311</u>
			<u>£16,734</u>	<u>£15,000</u>

In accordance with the provisions of Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993, we have examined the receipts and payments account and the balance sheet of the West Middlesex Family History Society relating to the year ended 31 December 2000. We confirm that the accounts and balance sheet accord with the accounting records of the Society and that such records satisfy the requirements of the Act. We are not aware of any matters to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts.

P. Kershaw
Independent Examiner
 12 February 2001

W. Mott
Independent Examiner
 23 February 2001

M. Spratt
Hon. Treasurer

WEST MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

12 months to 31 December 2000 – Receipts and Payments Account

	12 months <u>31/12/2000</u>	15 months <u>31/12/1999</u>
MEMBERS' SERVICES		
Subscriptions	6,120	5,769
Bank interest	568	597
Tax refund on covenants	247	262
Advertisements in journal	75	105
Sale of back journals	<u>0</u>	<u>23</u>
	<u>7,010</u>	<u>6,756</u>
Journal production and delivery	3,864	4,459
Hire of meeting hall	696	951
Speakers	348	353
Members' interests booklet/fiche	<u>296</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>5,204</u>	<u>5,763</u>
	<u>1,806</u>	<u>993</u>
Bookstall sales	1,211	1,754
Less: cost of sales	<u>562</u>	<u>1,477</u>
	649	277
Fiche sales	727	1054
Less: cost of sales	<u>386</u>	<u>380</u>
	341	674
Postal book service	203	531
Less: cost of sales	<u>173</u>	<u>431</u>
	30	100
WMFHS Open Day	0	380
Less: associated costs	<u>0</u>	<u>495</u>
	0	-115
OTHER INCOME		
Donations	46	20
Courier service	567	563
Refreshments	75	65
Raffles	295	393
West Middlesex marriage index searches	220	211
1881 Census index searches	0	135
Other research income	<u>54</u>	<u>59</u>
	<u>1,257</u>	<u>1,446</u>
	<u>4,083</u>	<u>3,375</u>
OVERHEAD EXPENSES		
FFHS Subscription & insurance	353	343
Membership of other societies	5	13
21st Birthday Party	0	282
Research expenditure	95	129
Postage, stationery & telephone	311	452
Library purchases	87	45
Equipment storage	18	65
Equipment maintenancer	7	26
Misc. expenses incl. publicity	694	709
Disposal of assets	22	0
Depreciation	<u>757</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>2,349</u>	<u>3,064</u>
	<u>1,734</u>	<u>311</u>

look very smart and, together with our display boards, help us present a polished image.

Storage costs I'll mention briefly and hope that there are no spies listening. We store equipment and books in a cupboard here in the Montague Hall, but the Council has forgotten to charge us! The only costs shown are for purchasing some new storage boxes.

All these figures, whether income or expenditure, represent a great deal of effort put in by our many uncomplaining volunteers. On your behalf, I thank them all for their hard work. Please remember that we do this work in our spare time - requests for information are dealt with as quickly as possible, but do bear in mind our other commitments.

On to the Balance Sheet. As far as the Fixed Assets are concerned, there are two main changes. We bought some header-boards and carrying cases for our display boards. We also disposed of some old, heavy, but still functional fiche viewers and purchased four new, lightweight viewers, with which we are very pleased. These purchases accounted for more than £1,000 of our surplus for the year.

Under "Current Assets" you'll see some prepaid expenses - these are the deposit for SoG fair in May and the cost of renting a small room for our committee meetings.

Cash at bank and in hand is made up of (a) Charities official investment fund, £10,495; (b) Barclays deposit account, £4298; (c) Barclays current account, £314 and (d) various cash floats.

Current liabilities: 'Subscriptions in advance' is self-explanatory. Deposits arise when overseas members send us a lump sum to cover subscription, books, fiche etc. We have mentioned this service before, but it never hurts to repeat it. We are aware of the high cost of sending £5 to the UK, so are happy to accept one cheque for multiple purposes. We have looked into the possibility of accepting payments by credit card, but the fees are higher than we can justify paying. However, Bridget Purr has researched Genfair, which shares the costs and benefits of credit card transactions. We are now in the process of joining Genfair, so keep an eye on the journal for more news.

Now to ensure that I go out in a blaze of notoriety, I'll have a bit of a moan. Whilst most of our members cause us no problems at all, there are a handful who seem to want to make their presence known. The worst of these are the origami fans who can cram an 8" x 6" renewal form plus cheque into an envelope 3" x 3". If you've added insult to injury by stapling the cheque to the form, you should be grateful that you didn't hear the air turn blue.

However, many members do make our jobs pleasant. They are the ones who take the trouble to highlight a change of address or post-code - it's very easy to miss these things and it really is helpful. Also welcome are the little notes from people who tell us how much they enjoy the journal. On behalf of us all, I'd like to repeat their thanks to our editor and her predecessor for the splendid job they've done over the years. As a final comment I'd like to send our congratulations to Mr & Mrs Alsop on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Well, I think you must be heartily sick and tired of me by now, so will close by thanking especially our accounts examiners and also the many, many people who have helped and supported me and the Society in the last six years. Thank you all, and please be as kind to my successor.

The above Report and the Accounts produced some questions from the floor:

Is it the Society's business to make a profit? Surely the Middlesex Show was a Public Relations exercise? Muriel Sprott replied that last year it was not even a PR exercise. The accumulation of money in the Society's bank account has been caused by being prudent, but we have spent over £1,000 on fiche readers etc. We are not setting out to accumulate money, and while it is difficult to strike the right balance, there would be problems if we went into the red. The Chairman said that the committee would be discussing this question over the next year. There was a request that the Society's name should be marked on envelopes, which was agreed.

Robin Purr thanked Muriel Sprott for preparing immaculate accounts. James Young proposed they be approved which was seconded by Eileen Startin. They were duly approved.

6. Appointment of accounts examiners

Muriel Sprott and Wendy Mott had been proposed as Accounts Examiners, and were unanimously appointed.

7. Election of Committee and Officers for the year 2001/2

Robin Purr pointed out that there were nine Committee members offering themselves for re-election plus three new members had been proposed to bring the Committee up to strength, i.e. Richard Chapman, Paul Kershaw and Janice Kershaw. He asked if they might be elected en bloc, and asked for a proposer and seconder. The proposer was Diana Bradley and the seconder Peter Roe. These members of the Committee were duly elected.

8. AOB

A question was raised about the situation regarding the Westminster and Central Middlesex Family History Society which was under threat of folding

due to a lack of members willing to serve on its Committee, and had been exploring joining forces with a neighbouring Society. Robin Purr replied that the Committee had seen no benefit to the WMFHS in taking on the WCMFHS and therefore that society's branches would become two additional branches of the London and North Middlesex FHS. He pointed out that the situation facing the WCMFHS was not exceptional and he counted himself fortunate now to be serving as part of a Committee made up of willing volunteers.

Another member asked if some equipment could be purchased to facilitate carrying heavy loads such as books, and suggested plastic boxes which could fit into a car. Robin Purr asked that this idea be submitted to the Committee in writing. Further to this question it was suggested that people responsible for bringing items to meetings do not get enough help with carrying them — there should be more able-bodied volunteers.

Robin Purr pointed out that attendance at various Open Days and other family history events was not only useful to the Society but also fun. It would always be helpful to have people willing to man the Society's stall.

One member observed that he gets only about half an hour to use a fiche viewer at monthly meetings and yet the Society had spent £1,000 on viewers, from which he felt he was not getting much benefit. Robin Purr replied that if he made his wishes known, he could probably have the use of one of the older fiche viewers which were being replaced. Another member pointed out that fiche viewers were also available in public libraries.

A member felt that the Society could perhaps be getting more publicity in local newspapers. Ted Dunstall, the Society's Publicity Officer, replied that it was always difficult maintaining the interest of the local press in local societies, but that he keeps trying, and if anyone would like to suggest any other publications to him his address is in the journal. It was suggested by another member that perhaps the Society could pay for a regular advertisement, and this was considered to be a possibility.

It was asked if the Society was intending to cooperate in the National Inventory of War Memorials project, which was the subject of a recent lecture at a monthly meeting. Ted Dunstall, our West Middlesex War Memorials coordinator, replied that we now have a lot of material including lists of names submitted to him by Wendy Mott, which he will be handing over to the project and for which they have already expressed their gratitude. Another member asked if the lecture by Sarah Paterson on Imperial War Museum records originally booked for that evening would take place at a future date, which was

confirmed by the Chairman.

Wendy Mott proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for its hard work over the past year, which was heartily given.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

A WARTIME EVACUEE

After the AGM member Lewis Orton gave a short talk on his experiences as a teenage evacuee during the Second World War. He had realised it was perhaps time to set them down on paper when asked by his children and grandchildren: *what did you do in the War?* Certain memories stood out clearer than others: before the War he had already seen signs of the preparations when on holiday in the Isle of Wight, and his father had joined the Royal Naval Reserve. At the beginning of September 1939 when Lewis was ten years old his school was evacuated from Blackheath to Tunbridge Wells in Kent; he was to return home in 1945 'a very changed 16-year-old'.

He was recently delighted to be sent a photograph which had appeared in the local newspaper of himself in a group of children who had just arrived at Tunbridge Wells station. From there they were taken to a nearby hall for allocation of billets, his first being with a policeman and his wife, but in Spring 1940 he moved in with an auxiliary fireman and his wife in their terraced cottage. Soon the Battle of Britain was raging overhead and local children collected souvenirs such as shrapnel, but they also collected the natural fruits of the hedgerows.

Lewis's grandfather was killed in an air raid and his mother joined him in Kent where they rented rooms. School lessons were held in halls and rooms all over town, as well as in the air raid shelters, but Lewis still managed to pass his Scholarship. Later in his spare time he did voluntary work in the public library and bought himself a second-hand bike for 7/6d, although there was danger on the roads from army convoys: he once saw Montgomery in his staff car.

Lewis's father was at sea on minesweeping trawlers, and he saw little of him for six years. But he feels that growing up in the War did not have a harmful effect. He remembers the wartime food such as dried egg, spam and snook, and his father would bring home his seaman's survival ration: dried meat mixed with chocolate! On Sundays there were concerts at the Assembly Hall with such famous musicians as Sir Henry Wood.

Then on 6th June 1944 came an announcement on the loudspeaker outside the wireless shop: the Allies had landed in France. Nine days later whilst firewatching on a roof Lewis saw the first wave of V1 flying bombs on their way

to London. After that he saw 'doodlebugs' every day, often being attacked by fighters, which would fly close to the doodlebugs and try to divert their course, so that many actually fell on Tunbridge Wells. Now he had to take some of the papers for his School Certificate exams in the shelters. His school was re-evacuated to Frome in Somerset till 1945, then returned to its ruined premises in Blackheath, and soon afterwards his father was demobbed from the Navy.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Family Records Centre

From the April 2001 edition, the FRC's newsletter *Family Record* will be available in electronic format. If you would like to receive future editions this way, send an e-mail to: PRC-Newsletter@pro.gov.uk including the words 'Subscribe Newsletter' in the subject heading. If you are an existing subscriber put your full name and postcode in the message so that your details can be removed from the 'paper' list. If you would like to receive the Family Record by e-mail but do not have Internet access, a text version can be sent - you will need to include the words 'Subscribe Newsletter Text' in the subject heading. All previous editions of the newsletter can be found on the PRO's website at: www.pro.gov.uk/about/frc/newsletters/default.htm

National Burials Index

This index, containing about 5.25 million burials, and which has been assembled under the general direction of the Federation of Family History Societies over the past several years, is now available for sale on CD-ROM. If ordered direct from FFHS Publications, 2-4 Killer Street, Ramsbottom, Bury, Lancs BL0 9BZ, the price is £30, but it is hoped that WMFHS will soon be able to offer it for sale at the reduced price of £22 plus £1 p&p (UK), £2 p&p (overseas): details from Jim Devine (see Postal Book List).

Public Record Office

The PRO's virtual museum is now online at:

www.pro.gov.uk/virtuahnuseum

Diary Dates 2001

Saturday 19 May: Berkshire Family History Society Open Day, 10am-4pm, Larkmead School, Faringdon Road, Abingdon, Berkshire. Computer help room, bookstall, 1851 Berkshire census index, 1881 census index England & Wales, WW1 soldiers' deaths on CD, etc. Light refreshments, free carparking. Admission free.

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.

Saturday 2 June: Northamptonshire Family History Society 25th Anniversary Conference *Finding the Elusive Ancestor*, 9.30am-4.30pm Cornmarket Hall, Kettering, Northants. Includes: *Filling in the Background* Mrs J Golding, Rogues and Vagabonds Dr Ruth Paley, *An Enumerator's Tale* Mrs M Catty 8: Mrs A Gillett. £12 (includes buffet lunch 8: refreshments). Tickets from: *Mike Streeton, 5 Harrowwick Lane, Earls Barton, Northants NN6 0HD.*

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

Saturday 16 June: Hammersmith & Fulham Archives and Local History Centre are holding a seminar about the River Thames in Hammersmith and Fulham entitle *Just Add Water*; at the Lilla Huset, 191 Talgarth Road, London W6 SBJ. It will include talks on the riverside industries, bridges and houses, watermen and lightermen, and an afternoon walk along the river with a visit to Kelmscott House. Plus display. Admission free. For further details, ring U208 741 51 59.

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) 4 86615*

Monday 16 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, 10am-4pm, Aylesbury Grammar School, Walton Road, Aylesbury, Bucks (south-east of town between A413 and A41). Bucks FHS library & other services, Bucks County Records and Local Studies Service, Computer Group demos, parish registers, census indexes, FH advice, etc. Refreshments, free carparking. Admission free

Saturday 4 August: Suffolk Family History Society Open Day.

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, tel: 020 7251 8799, Website: <http://www.sog.org.uk>*

Saturday 22 September 2001: Family History Conference *They Left Home* hosted by Leicestershire 81 Rutland FHS, at Parklands Leisure Centre, Wigston Road, Oadby, Leicester. Four Leicester-based talks, plus bookstalls etc. Tickets, including buffet lunch, £13.50, or £12 if booked before August 1st, from Mrs J Perry, 48 Blackbrook Close, Shepshed, Leics LEI Z 9LD.

WMFHS Noticeboard

In the March 2001 issue of the journal I wrote, wearing my hat of Vice Chairman of the Society at the time, that the Society would shortly be joining the Genfair website for the benefit of those of our members both near and far with access to the Internet.

All the initial negotiations have been completed and we are now represented on that website alongside many other family history societies. At the moment we only have listed the fiche and one book published by us, but we hope to increase the list in the near future. So take a look at the website address <http://www.genfair.com> and let us have your comments please.

We hope that this added facility will make purchasing both our publications and those of other societies, together with joining the Society and renewal of subscriptions, easier and more convenient.

Jim Devine, 35 Ravendale Road, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex TW16 6PJ

1891 Census Project

My appeal in the last journal for assistance with the task of inputting transcribed 1891 census data onto computer resulted in a good response, with several members from around the country offering to help. Already the rate of progress has picked up significantly, and the number of batches that have been inputted is increasing steadily. However there remains plenty to do, and additional volunteers with access to a computer and some time to devote to this project would be very welcome.

There remain a few batches requiring transcription directly from microfiche. If you helped out with the first phase of the project, have access to a microfiche viewer and are not already involved in the computer work, perhaps you could take on one of these?

If you would like further information on either of these activities, please contact me at: *Richard Chapman, 15 Willerton Lodge, Bridgewater Road, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0ED or chapmanrg@clara.net*

GRANDMOTHER, GREAT GRANDMOTER AND TWO MYSTERIOUS FAMILY STORIES

Janice Chinnery

As a young child I was sometimes given the family photographs to look at 'to keep me occupied'. I remember being told the lady in the photograph shown here was 'Granny Smith', and it was a jokey belief within the family that



Great Grandmother Mary Ann Foalster

'great-granny came from Aberdeen'. In the 1960s my father tried to find out more, and obtained a copy of his grandparents' marriage certificate and of his mother's birth certificate. He believed that he would have to go to Scotland to look through parish records, but he couldn't afford the fares at the time.

Sadly, my father suddenly died in 1966 without having made any further progress, so there the matter stood. After my mother died in 1997, I came across the photograph of 'Granny Smith' amongst her papers and my curiosity to find out more was aroused.

'Granny Smith' was born **Esther Mary Ann FOALSTER** (always known as Mary Ann) on 23

November 1840 in Old Brentford, Middlesex. She was the child of **Richard FOALSTER**, Baker, who was born c1812, birthplace unknown (*his* father was **Richard FOALSTER**, Labourer, birthplace unknown) and **Jane SNELL**, born c1822 at Brentford (*her* father was **John SNELL**, Labourer, birthplace unknown) who were married on 15 September 1839 at St Mary's Church, Ealing.

Mary Ann and her siblings were:

John FOALSTER born c 1838

Esther Mary Ann FOALSTER ('Granny Smith') three marriages

George FORSTER born 1843 Brentford, married 1867 Brentford to **Ellen BLAKE**, née **LENNARD**

Jane Frances FORSTER born 1846 Brentford, married 1871 Brentford to **William CHICK**

Sarah FOALSTER born 1849 Brentford, married 1866 Brentford to **William John BARNES**

Ellen FOLSTER born 1852, married 1872 Brentford to **George Robert CHEAL** of Sussex

Eliza FOLSTER born 1855 Brentford. Died 1856 Brentford

Frederick Richard FOALSTER born 1859 Ealing. Died 1863 Brentford

William John FOALSTER born 1867 Brentford four years after his mother was widowed, father unknown!

(Esther) Mary Ann Foalster married **Frederick PIGGOTT**, Lighterman, on 16 September 1860 at St Mary's Church, Ealing. Frederick was born 15 January 1833 in Chiswick to **David PIGGOTT** and **Lydia VICKERS**, who married 7 August 1811. Frederick was found dead on 14 December 1861 in the River Thames at Hammersmith. The cause of death was given as "drowning supposed to be accidental". There were two children from this marriage, both born in Brentford: **Emma PIGGOTT**, who died 1862 and **Frederick PIGGOTT**, who died 1863.

(Esther) Mary Ann then married **John Vincent JOHNSTONE**, Painter, on 25 May 1863 at St George's Chapel, Old Brentford. John Vincent was born 7 April 1844 in Old Brentford to **John JOHNSTONE**, Weaver/Labourer, birthplace unknown, and **Mary Ann CRAWFORD**, born c1820 in Dublin, who married 28 January 1839 in Hawick, Roxburgh.

The 1881 census shows the Johnstone family living at 9 Church Place, Paddington. Their children were:

John Vincent JOHNSTON, born Brentford, married 1886 to **Mary Ann NOAKES**

Margaret JOHNSTON, born 1866, married 1885 to **Richard John ANGELL**

Mary Ann Eliza JOHNSTON, born 1868 Marylebone, The Rectory, married 1889 to **Samuel JOHNSON**

Alfred Henry JOHNSTON, born 1871 Paddington St Mary, married 1894 to **Louisa Mary ALLEN**

Richard Arthur JOHNSTON, born 1874 Paddington St Mary. Marriage/death not found

George Crawford JOHNSTON, born 1877 Paddington St Mary, married 1903 to **Mary BEXX** (née **FRANCIS**)

Arthur Beresford JOHNSTON, born 1880 Paddington St Mary, married 1899 to **Hannah BROWN**

The third marriage of Mary Ann hasn't yet been found, but the following entry in the 1891 census shows her and her new family living at 46 Albany Road, Brentford together with the two youngest Johnston children:

William SMITH, Head, age 41, Chimney Sweep, born Kingston, Surrey

Mary Ann SMITH, Wife, age 48, born Brentford

James SMITH, son, age 13, born Brentford

Henry SMITH, son, age 11, born Brentford

William SMITH, son, age 7, born Brentford

George J QHNSTON, stepson, age 14, Chimney Sweep

Arthur JOHNSTON, stepson, age 12, Chimney Sweep

I have also found (Esther) Mary Ann's sisters Jane Frances **CHICK**, **Sarah BARNES** and **Ellen CHEAL** with their families recorded on the 1881 census, but there is no entry for brother **George** and his wife **Ellen**. I have come up against the proverbial brick wall with the Foalsters and it is proving impossible to trace ancestors, mainly because of variations in spelling the surname, and because birthplaces are unknown or census details are not recorded. I would therefore be very pleased to hear from anyone who think they might be able to help.



When I was about eight or nine, I had three cigarette cards given to me (older members will remember those!) of actors Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, Sir Henry Irving and another whose name I forget. My grandmother, **Mary Ann Eliza**, was staying with our family for a few days so I showed her these cards, and holding up the one of Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson she said "that's my father". I was so excited that I rushed out to my mother with the news, only to be told "Granny has always said that. Take no notice". I went back and asked my grandmother further questions, and remember she told me that when she was "about seven" her father "disappeared" and her mother never found him again. She said her father was an Artist as well as an Actor and wore a top hat and cloak to go to Drury Lane. When he first disappeared her mother, who was much older than he was, "went round the theatres night after night looking for him".

My grandmother really did believe that Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson was her father and would get quite cross when anyone challenged her about it. I've been told that she went into mourning when the actor died in 1937. My mother first heard the story when she met my father in the 1920s when Mary Ann Eliza would have been in her 50s. My father, my mother, my cousin and

myself have read much about Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson and nothing backs up grandmother's story, but strangely enough the few photographs I've seen of Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson do show a certain family likeness. I don't believe grandmother invented all of this and possibly there is a solution to the mystery, but all that is certain at present is that Sir Johnston was not her father.

Mrs Janice Chinnery, 12 Nelson Court, Worle, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset BS22 9QF e-mail: chinnery@ukonline.co.uk

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.

ANDERSON

Looking for any information on ERIC ANDERSON whom I think would be in his 80s now, and had a flat in the SHEPHERD'S BUSH area in about 1945/6. I understand his parents lived in the TANKERTON/WHITSTABLE area in the 1940s.

Any information gratefully received.

*Mrs S Allen, 7 Loxwood Close, Orpington, Kent BR5 4PQ
E-mail: Sueallen@loxwoodclose.freemove.co.uk*

BEAUCHAMP

Great grandfather DUKE BEAUCHAMP baptised 17 July 1842 EGHAM SURREY married, date unknown, HARRIET, surname unknown, born c1843. I am unsure whether they married in Egham or ISLEWORTH where Duke and Harriet are on the 1881 census living Ellis Cottages, Isleworth. They had four sons WILLIAM c1868, JOHN DUKE baptised 30 November 1873, FREDERICK c1876, THOMAS c1879 and a daughter ELLEN (ELIZABETH?) c 1881/2.

I would like to know Harriet's maiden name, Duke and Harriet's marriage date and Williams, Frederick's, Thomas's and Ellen's birth or baptism dates. Duke died 10 November 1908 at 15 Midsummer Avenue, Staines Road,

HOUNSLOW MIDDLESEX. Any help regarding this family would be gratefully received.

*Bruce Beauchamp, 5 White Street, Gladstone, Queensland 4680, Australia
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bruce_beauchamp@health.quld.gov.au*

BONNER

I am anxious to trace any descendants of the following BONNER family, from FINCHLEY, or anyone who may also be researching the same family. They were FREDERICK BONNER, born 1837 WHITECHAPEL, and his children ELEANOR, ALICE, ARTHUR, EMILY and WALTER, born in the 1860s. I know there were descendants of this family: DORIS (married name JOHNSTON), LESLIE and STANLEY living in the STREATHAM HILL and HAMMERSMITH areas in the 1950s. Has anybody any information about them?

Mrs J. Thornell, 88 Barnwood Avenue, Gloucester GL4 3AJ. Tel: 01452 610455

BROWN/BANNISTER

The marriage of CHARLES THOMAS BROWN and KATE BAN NISTER took place in the Parish of ALL I-IALLOWS, LONDON, 17th August 1893. I would be interested to hear from anyone with any information on Charles and Kate's descendants.

Hugh Lewis, 38 Rushfield Road, Liss, Hants GU33 7LP

ELLIS/SAUNDERS

My father's birth certificate of 1917 states his parents were FREDERICK ELLIS, occupation 'Waiter Hotel of Fulham' and ADA EVELYN ELLIS née SAUNDERS of 29 Micklethwaite Road, FULHAM. I have already searched the GRO index for their marriage and also employed two separate researchers to no avail. I know the Saunders were Nonconformists from NORFOLK, so would be extremely grateful for any further information on Frederick should anyone know what happened to him - did he marry someone else? Or any information or photograph of Micklethwaite Road at that period.

Brian Ellis, 24 The Street, Brooke, Norwich NR15 1J T

FRANCIS

My Great Great Grandparents were JAMES FRANCIS and MARIA FRANCIS nee HONG or ONG. James was born 1822 DISS, NORFOLK and Maria 1824 NORWICH. They married Norwich 1846, first child was JAMES born 1847. They then disappear until 1871 when they are found in BERMONDSEY, SOUTHWARK, running two chandler's shops with their

Last-born WALTER WILLIAM FRANCIS. James Senior died 1874 in Bermondsey aged 54 and Maria 1907 in DEPTFORD aged 82. I would be grateful for any information about them during the years 1847 to 1871.

TM. Francis, 27 Rowan Tree Park, Church Lane, Seasalter, I/1/hirsmble, Kent CT5 4BU

GORDON HOUSE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, ISLEWORTH

“Oh, it was a lovely place” was my Aunt Ivy’s description of her childhood school. IVY PRINCE was a resident of GORDON HOUSE SCHOOL from November 1911 until October 1920, when she emigrated to Canada. Ivy died in the summer of 2000. Several years ago she showed me pictures of Gordon House and details of the daily routine and diet of its residents from the book



Gordon House School, Isleworth-on-Thames

“Railshead”. We have never found Ivy’s birth registration but the Gordon House Admission Records have her birth date and full description of the new seven-year-old resident. My father CECIL PRINCE was at STORMONT HOUSE SCHOOL and later UPTON HOUSE SCHOOL, both in HOMERTON, during the same 1911-1920 period. I would be interested to hear from anyone who may have knowledge of any of these schools.

Eileen Prince, 3 Barncroft, Main Street, Long Compton, Warwickshire CV36 5JJ. e-mail: Etpriace@aol.com

HOSKIN

Grandfather WILLIAM HENRY HOSKIN, born CORNWALL 1877, grew up in HACKNEY and died at 3 Spring Grove, ISLEWORTH in March 1910 aged 43. He was a Handicrafts Teacher at ISLEWORTH TECHNICAL SCHOOL, also at the 'Naughty Boys' school' (Borstal?), until his death. He was only 5 feet tall, or less, and met his wife FLORENCE when standing on a table singing in public houses. They had three daughters LENA, born 1905, my mother HILDA, 1906 and DORIS, 1908. After William's death Florence moved to Rutland Road, WHITTON and had four more children CONNIE, 1912, IRENE, 1914, HARRY, 1916 and FRED, born 1918, HOSKIN. Does anyone know of these people, or places, especially the school?

Mrs Hilda Davis, Canaan Farm, Ashby Parva, Lutterworth, Leics LE17 5JD

PRICE

Unable to find the birth or baptism (c1843) of Great Great Grandfather CHARLES THOMAS PRICE a fisherman then skipper whose Certificate of Competency and the 1861,71,81,91 censuses state he was born CHELSEA, MIDDLESEX (another CHARLES THOMAS PRICE son of CHARLES and BETSY of Portugal Street is not my Charles!), also any siblings or his parents' marriage, assuming there was one, or where he spent his childhood. Have extensively searched usual and more obscure sources at LMA, PRC and PRO Kew without success. Both Charles' marriage certificates give his father as JOHN BURFORD PRICE, Baker (doesn't say whether or not deceased but this is not always accurate anyway) and have followed this up without success. Also unable to find apprenticeship records for Charles in London or BARKING: both his marriages took place in GRIMSBY, LINC S, the first to a girl from Barking, but research in this area was unsuccessful. A suggestion that 'Chelsea' might have been 'Battersea' also led nowhere. Have searched places on the Norfolk coast e.g. GORLESTON without success. Would appreciate suggestions for further avenues of research. All replies acknowledged.

Mrs Margaret North, 106 Piggottshill Lane, Harpenden, Herts AL5 1LS

SARGEANT/HOPKINSON

On the 1881 census 3x great grandfather HENRY SARGEANT and his widowed sister SOPHIA HOPKINSON are both shown as "Landed Property Holder" living 41 LONDON ROAD, ISLEWORTH with a servant FANNY BARNES. In 1841 Sophia was a laundress living with her parents in HIGH STREET; HOUNSLOW; her father WILLIAM was an Ag. Lab. By 1851 she was widowed but still a laundress, living with her father, a gardener, in HIGH STREET, HOUNSLOW William died 14 August 1857 at BRENTFORD

END and was buried 23 August 1857 at Holy Trinity, Hounslow. His occupation was left blank and the informant was Fanny Barnes; I have not found a Will or Admon. Henry was living with his own family in High Street, Hounslow on the 1841,51,61 censuses: in 1841 and 1851 he was a Carpenter, in 1861 a Carpenter and Owner of Houses in Heston, in 1871 a Beerhouse Keeper living at "Fairfield". Trade directories show he kept the LION AND LAMB Public House, 142 High Street, Hounslow, but in 1881 his daughter and son-in-law ELIZABETH and CHARLES THOMAS HAMILTON were living and working there. Henry died at Brentford End 1 May 1884. In his Will he left his property in Hounslow and TWICKENHAM to his children: 24 cottages, a meadow and the CROSS LANCES Public House, Hounslow. Sophia died 1892 and I have still to obtain her Will. Would like to know how to find out who left property to Henry and Sophia and possibly their siblings. Would greatly appreciate any advice on where to look next.

Miss B. C. Green, 19 Torcross Road, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 0TA

WEATHERHEAD/WIGG/DAVIES

Searching for descendents of JULIA SARAH WIGGS born 1868 NORFOLK, who married THOMAS WEATHERHEAD at PANCRAS 1895. Three of their children LEONORA, ELLIS and THOMAS were born 57 Barclay Street, Pancras. Ellis was a mental attendant at the Poor Law Union and married OLIVE IVY WILLS 1920 at Pancras. Their daughter LEONORA OLIVE EDITH WEATHERHEAD, born 1921 at 17 Equity Building, married WILLIAM JOHN DAVIES sheet metal worker in 1944 at EDMONTON Registry Office. Any information on this family appreciated.

Mrs M Wigg, 23 Lansdowne Avenue, Codsall, Wolverhampton, West Midlands WV8 2EN

NEWTON

National Trust Volunteers at Woolsthorpe Manor (the Lincolnshire family home of SIR ISAAC NEWTON) marked the millennium by tracing the descendents of SIMON NEWTON of Westby, who lived around 1499 and was Sir Isaac's 4x great grandfather. They have published a family tree in book form with over 1,500 names, which is on sale from the Trust at Woolsthorpe. In doing this study the team wrote to every NEWTON family they could find in the UK and a sizeable number abroad as well. The result was truckloads of paper with genealogical information on Newtons, only a fraction of which were connected to Sir Isaac and therefore published.

At my suggestion the team have filed the remaining information and I am loading it to computer files. To this is being added the extensive genealogical

research that others have undertaken in tracing their own Newtons. This NEWTON FAMILY STUDY will then become available to others, probably on CD. Our aim is to get the first edition out sometime next year.

The team also proposes to extend the file to a One Name Study. For this we need helpers in every country, and for the UK every county, to retrieve information on the name Newton, for instance from parish registers etc. If any of your members would be interested in helping with this project I would be very grateful.

As a member of the team they will have full and free access to the data we are compiling so we hope the association will have benefits for them. There is no joining fee. I only require a commitment to collect data from your County Record Office and to analyse some of the data we are collecting. Anyone interested in this project can contact me, at MAZOE, by writing and enclosing an SAE for the return of our introductory information. This is an independent study, unconnected with the National Trust and Woolsthorpe Manor.

Paul Newton, MAZOE , Buttons Lane, West Wellow, Hampshire SO51 6BR



Does anyone recognise the house pictured here? If so, Australian member Richard Howell would love to know what and where it is.

Richard Howell, 7 Lambert Street, Cessnock, NSW 2325, Australia. e-mail: richardurwinhowell@hotmail.com

I was never really interested in family history when I was younger, and have never really tried to find any of my family before, other than knowing that none of the family as far as I can find out are at the last known address. I joined the Royal Navy as a regular at 15, and lost all contact over the years with others in the family, and it was only recently when my son started to get interested in family history that I realised how little I knew, and I have made little progress on my mother's side.

My mother, **Dagmar Eileen** née **HUTCHINS**, died in childbirth 10 June 1938 aged 25, having me. My father **Thomas Robert Albert PARKINSON**, born 24 January 1904, died 22 August 1949. They were married 25 March 1937 when my mother was 24. I cannot find my mother's birth certificate in the Scottish, English or Irish births, marriages and deaths. She had two brothers, Jack - I cannot find his birth certificate either - and **Leslie Edmund HUTCHINS** born 26 February 1922, and also a sister **NORAH L.**, born in the first quarter of 1921, the latter two born at 14 Aycliffe Road, Shepherd's Bush. Norah was later 'shown the door' over some scandal that I was too young to know about, although I believe it was over a soldier, and happened in late 1944 or early 1945; after that I did receive a Christmas card, for 1946 I believe, but that was the last I heard from her. I was brought up at 14 Aycliffe Road by **Florence HUTCHINS** née **BOGGIS**, I went to Wormholt Park School, and have written to the school twice, including an SAE, as it is possible my mother also attended this school, but have had no reply of any sort.

We had to leave Aycliffe Road in July 1944 because of bomb damage to the house when a V1 dropped in nearby Aldbourne Road, and we moved to 59 Maswell Park Crescent, Hounslow. Soon after moving Florence Hutchins died on 27 February 1945 aged 63. The death was notified by **Arthur Edmund HUTCHINS**, her husband, but I never knowingly ever saw him.

Before my father died, he remarried, twice, first to **Winifred Anne SOWLEY**, on 6 September 1939. There was no known issue, and they were divorced the first half of 1945 (PRO records). He married again on 16 March 1946 to **Irene Olive TAYLOR**, a widow, of 220 Balmoral Drive, Hayes, Middlesex, again no issue.

I cannot find a marriage certificate for Florence Boggis and Arthur Edmund Hutchins, but have found a Florence Boggis born 25 January 1882 at Norton, near Bury St Edmunds, and can remember going to Bury St Edmunds, also Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, during the war, so is this lady mine? I am

wondering if Arthur Edmund was also the father of Jack and Dagmar, or if Florence lost a husband in the Great War, and remarried after it, her earlier children taking her new husband's name, but if this is so, then he will not be my grandfather, and it won't be worth following him up. So you can see I'm at a bit of a loss at present. Leslie Edmund Hutchins and I had quite a lot of contact at one time, but after 1959 when I joined *HMS Albion* and he also moved from a Water Board property at Hampton, Middlesex, we lost contact. He had two Children, Roger and Rosemary, and seemed to know all sorts of things that I didn't show any interest in, unfortunately, and he did mention an Irish connection, which is why I trawled the Irish records at the Hyde Park Family History Centre, with no luck. But without my mother's birth certificate I'm lost.

What I really would like to know is where my mother was born, and what did people actually call her? So if anyone has come across any of them or their descendants I would be grateful for any help they can give me. All letters will receive an answer.

Richard E Parkinson, 245 Walthall Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 7LE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From the Parish Register Transcription Society:

I would like to introduce the Parish Register Transcription Society (PRTS) to you and your membership. The PRTS was formed in April 1999 with the aim of publishing transcripts of parish registers and/ or other manuscripts and records which would be of use to researchers in Family history. The Society has no particular ties to any county and publishes any suitable material which would be of genealogical interest.

The Society does not have a subscribed membership as such, but consists of a very small group of volunteer transcribers who donate their work for publication. The Society is entirely non-profit making, with all proceeds from sale of published material used to fund further transcription and publication projects. The first publications were launched in November 1999, consisting of fifteen volumes covering parishes in North East Norfolk, in microfiche format. This series now runs to forty-nine volumes (ninety-one parishes) and work still continues.

The Society is currently in the process of publishing the work of the late Mr R.M.B.H. Hackman, who transcribed almost all of the Hampshire Bishop's Transcripts, mainly covering the period 1780-1812, with a few exceptions

where a larger period survives. The "Hackman Transcripts" were purchased by the Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies over twenty years ago, and they have kindly offered them to the PRTS for filming and publication. The Society is also working with the County Archivist at the West Sussex County Record Office, Chichester, to reproduce a number of modern transcripts of parish registers for publication, together with new transcription projects for the county.

The ability to continue with these and other projects relies entirely upon the income generated from the sales of our publications and also help and support of volunteers to transcribe material. It would be greatly appreciated if you could make the PRTS known to your membership through your journal. A catalogue of our published transcripts is available from the following address, or the latest information and developments can be found on our Website.

P.V. Elmes, Chairman, Parish Register Transcription Society, 50 Silvester Road, Cowplain, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO8 8TL

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<i>Shepherd's Bush: The Dickens Connection</i>	<i>Now 3.00 + 55p p/p</i>
<i>Staines In The Records Vol I & Vol II are now both out of print</i>	
<i>Stand and Deliver is now out of print .</i>	
<i>Acton As It Was</i>	<i>Now 5.25 + 70p p/p</i>
<i>Ealing & Northfields (Old Photos Series) is now out of print .</i>	
<i>Jim Devine, 33 Ravendale Road, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex TW16 6PJ</i>	

I was born in St Stephens Hospital, Fulham Road, London at 11.30pm on 19th November 1946 (the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital now stands on the site). In those days my parents lived in Slaidburn Street, Chelsea, where my grandmother and great grandmother had lived. My brother had been born in 1940 on the outbreak of war.

I grew up in Chelsea, but the Chelsea I knew no longer exists. Many of the streets and buildings have gone, replaced by tower blocks, but before these were built there were rows of lovely old houses which went right down to the River Thames. The names of some of the streets were Seaton Street, Dartrey Road and Luna Street, where Jonathan Routh, the TV presenter of "Candid Camera" used to live.

My mother has lived all 88 years of her life in the area and still does, and she would have seen many changes in her lifetime. At five years old I went to Park Walk School in Chelsea when Mr Cope was the headmaster, a giant of a man; the school is still open to this day. My father's house at no.68 Park Walk, where he was born, still stands and on visits to London I often pass by. I spent all my school holidays at my grandmother's at no. 43 Slaidburn Street as both my parents worked full time, my mother at Watney's Bottling Factory and my father at Fulham Park, Parsons Green, as a gardener. Watneys is long gone and is now offices.

When my sister was born in 1951 we lived at 3 The Vale, Chelsea, until 1962 when we got a flat in the King's Road. When I left junior school I went to school in the adjacent borough of Fulham. The school used to be called Queen's Court but after I left it became Gilliatt School.

My mother worked in the local pie and mash shop in Langton Street where my sister and I would go for a meal after Saturday morning pictures at the local ABC cinema. Many of the shops on the King's Road have changed. There used to be a baker's that everyone called the "Up the Steps Bakery" where you could line up for fresh-baked bread and rolls - it's now an antique shop. "Frosts" was another lovely store which sold bacon and fresh ham, and the cheese was cut by a wire. I suppose it would now be considered a "deli".

Opposite to us in The Vale was a huge house and gardens where Vincent Korda lived, brother to the famous Alexander Korda who made such films as "The Third Man". Often Vincent would have dinner parties with such stars as Laurence Olivier, Ralph Richardson, Peter Lorre, Sidney Greenstreet and

many more. I once saw the singer Paul Robeson come out of a bank on the King's Road, and often used to pass the British actor Peter Arne on the street.

Those of you who remember Chelsea in the 50s and 60s will know what I mean when I say how much it has changed. Still, it's nice to sit back now and again and remember those days gone by?

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WEST LONDON LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

Despite fears that its usual venue, the Montague Hall in Hounslow, would not re-open in time after its recent refurbishment, the annual West London Local History Conference took place there again this year with a sell-out audience listening to six very interesting and attractively illustrated talks on the theme 'Images of West London' given by a variety of speakers, most of whom have or have had the task of curating an important collection which includes much visual material such as paintings and photographs. Sue Morris of the National Portrait Gallery began the proceedings with a look at West London residents represented amongst the NPG's portraits, and included a short tutorial on what to look for when looking particularly at portraits from the 18th century, the 'golden age' of portrait painting in this country; then Pat Astley Cooper showed a sample of the 400 local watercolours in Wandsworth Museum's collection and talked about the artists who produced them. Keith Whitehouse of Fulham and Hammersmith Local History Society gave a rare opportunity to see local paintings, many of which are in his personal collection. After lunch James Wisdom of Brentford and Chiswick Local History Society pointed out some ways in which early photographers experimented with the medium in ways which are not always obvious to the viewer, then Andrea Cameron of Hounslow and District History Society showed the work of two local photographers, one working in the somewhat industrial environment of Brentford and the other in the more rural surroundings of Cranford.

Finally Rachael Tranter and Mark de Novellis of Twickenham's Orleans House Gallery spoke on two very different women, Nellie Ionides and Lady Isabel Burton, and the legacy of their respective collections now in the care of the Gallery. Together with stalls manned by members of the local societies, once again the Conference provided a full and enjoyable day for its capacity audience.

BOOKSHELF

Wassa Matter Mate, Somebody 'Itchyer? *By Tony Betts*

Tony Betts writes about his childhood in Isleworth in a way which demonstrates that a book about an ordinary family can be as un-put-downable as the latest novel. Here is that lost childhood, before television and computer games, with its fears, little triumphs, unforgettable moments and occasional treats, set against the background of pre, during and just post-war Isleworth when it was still a quiet suburb and all those 19305 semis were brand new.

Price £9.95, available from Amazon or other on-line booksellers, or direct (10% discount) from: Pen Press, 39-41 North Road, Islington, London N7 9DR, e-mail penpress@btconnect.com

Betty: a biography *by Tony Evans*

An affectionate compilation of personal memories by friends and relatives of Betty Evans, the subject of the book, put together by her now widowed husband. Betty was brought up in Hounslow and began her teaching career in Isleworth, especially at Alexandra and Spring Grove Schools, as Miss Corby, so is probably remembered by many residents. Lots of local references to names and places, with an index.

Available on application to Mr. A Evans, Woodland View, 10 Lower Road, Holme Hale, Thetford, Norfolk IP25 7EB

A Secretary Hand ABC Book *by Alf Ison*

This little book was first published in 1982 and has gone through a number of editions. It has several sections, the first going through the alphabet giving for each letter a number of variations to be found in this archaic and extremely difficult-to-decipher form of writing, plus practice words and numbers, and sample documents such as wills with modern 'translation'. A very clearly laid out and easy to follow guide.

Price £3.95 from John Gurnett, Berkshire Family History Society, 5 Wren Close, Burghfield Common, Berks RG7 3PF, cheques payable to BFHS.

The Bowyer Charity School, Denham, Bucks Admissions & Discharges 1721-1839 is the first in a series of transcriptions relating to Buckinghamshire by The Eureka Partnership. The School was established in 1720 by Sir William Bowyer and other charitable persons for instructing 30 poor children in reading, writing and accounts, the principles of the Church of England, and other learning 'proper and useful for their station'. This

booklet contains the names of those children listed in the school minutes between 1721 and 1839 together with any remarks pertaining to them or to how the school was run.

Price £3 plus 50p (UK) £1.20 (Overseas) p&p. Available from The Eureka Partnership, 19A Station Road, Stoke Mandeville, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 5UL, cheques made payable to Mrs E M Bartlett.

Newton Family Tree

The family tree of the descendants of Simon Newton (1499) of Westby, Lincolnshire, amongst whom was Sir Isaac Newton in the 17TH century. A few remaining copies are available *price £10 plus £2.50 p&p from: The National Trust, Woolsthorpe Manor, Woolsthorpe-by-Colsterworth, Grantham NG33 5NR, cheques made payable to The National Trust.*

Roomy Villas the Story of Southfields Grid and its Surroundings by Neil Robson

Southfields is a mainly Edwardian suburb close to Wimbledon Park, in the Borough of Wandsworth in south west London. This recently published book will be of interest to anyone with family connections in the area or who is interested in the local history.

Available from Neil Robson, 119 Heythorpe Street, London SW18 5BT price £5 plus 80p p&p.

PAST MEETINGS

In February Nick Hewitt of the Imperial War Museum stepped in at short notice in place of Sarah Paterson to give a very informative talk on the National Inventory of War Memorials. He began with a brief history of how those familiar landmarks of our countryside came about. Commemorative practice was very different before WW1. Professional soldiers fought in the Napoleonic and Crimean Wars and they were often buried in mass graves. It was not until the Boer War that the rank and file, which included volunteers, were named on memorials: before that, only the officers had been commemorated. The Boer War produced the first large scale memorials, often plaques in churches, and at the start of World War One the memory of the Boer War was still fresh. The British Empire as a whole lost about one million men; it was not the fact of war casualties which was new, but the huge scale of the losses: the fact that most families lost someone caused great national awareness. At the end of the War, the War Cabinet approved the two minutes silence on Armistice Day. At first the dead were buried on

the battlefields, but when official cemeteries were set up, to be looked after by the Imperial War Graves Commission, bodies were exhumed from the battlefields and reburied in the cemeteries: Mr Hewitt recommended the book "The Unending Vigil" by Philip Longworth. Wooden crosses placed on the graves were later replaced by headstones. The headstones of unidentified burials were inscribed "A soldier of the Great War: known to God", and the missing were named on large memorials in the cemeteries, which were also furnished with a Cross of Sacrifice and Stone of Remembrance. There was a commitment to egalitarianism in the plainness of the headstones and the simplicity of the inscriptions, but some people objected to this, and some families wanted bodies brought home, especially the poor who would be unable to visit cemeteries on the Continent. Some relatives however made the journey and brought back the discarded wooden crosses, some of which were placed in local churches. As so many people were unable to visit cemeteries abroad, local memorials were set up containing the names of the fallen from the vicinity. Such was the fear among the Establishment that designs would be unsuitable and florid, an exhibition took place at the Victoria & Albert Museum suggesting simple designs for the memorials. Many different designs were in fact chosen, some more elaborate with statuary, others simple crosses or obelisks, or plain rolls of honour on a scroll. Stock quotations were used for inscriptions, and references to the enemy were avoided. Some memorials followed the egalitarian principle of the war cemeteries - officers and men were listed alphabetically - but some affluent families had separate memorials for their sons, and at universities, staff were separated from academics and students. World War II produced a more muted response, perhaps caused by cynicism. Names were often merely added to the old World War I memorials, some localities had nothing, and there was a suggestion for the setting up of scholarships, or buildings, instead of "ugly" memorials. Eventually it became apparent that some war memorials could soon decay and disappear. In March 1988 a Brigadier-General wrote to the Times suggesting a National Inventory of War Memorials, to which there was an enthusiastic response. It has now been set up, based at the Imperial War Museum; it is independently funded and there is a network of volunteers, including schools. From 1989 there has been a full time Project Supervisor and there are three staff at the London office. There are many different types of memorials, even an island, for both individuals and groups, including civilians. The inventory commemorates all wars, but does not include memorials outside the UK or such memorials as scholarships. A standard survey form for the memorials is used which includes for example location, type, institution, materials used plus

measurements and condition, the designer, when unveiled, how funded. The information is being transferred to computer, hopefully dealing with some 54,000 memorials by the end of 2001. The information will be of particular interest to social historians, students, conservators, and for family history societies the names on the memorials will eventually be included, although not initially, due to the sheer numbers involved.

In April Ron Cox, originally our May speaker, kindly agreed to 'do a swap' with the April speaker and bring his talk forward. In a highly entertaining talk he spoke about what information can be gleaned from school logbooks, quoting examples from schools of the London Borough of Croydon but using subject headings which would be typical for schools around the country. The Code of Regulations of 1862 ordered that school logbooks be kept. No personal opinions were to be included, although sometimes they were: the personality of the Head teachers who were responsible for the logbook entries shines through the pages. There is a particular emphasis on pupils' attendance as set out in the registers, as schools finance has always been dependent largely on attendance and examination figures. Some head teachers give very little mention of the children: usually a child was mentioned only because of the punishment meted out for some misdemeanor such as boys fighting or smoking, children late for school. Some heads used a lot of corporal punishment, others very little. But up till the 1930s it might be noted that a child was sent home for being dirty or verminous, or had disappeared to the workhouse after the death of a parent. Members of staff are also mentioned: a 'monitor', could start at 13-14 as a probationer and trained for five years as an apprentice pupil teacher, at the end of which they were trained but uncertificated. However by the 1930s most teachers were certificated: they had attended the new teacher training colleges. During WW1 there are references to members of staff being called up or killed, and during WW2 having their homes bombed. There are also entries about the school buildings: work being carried out at the school, particularly if it disrupted lessons, chimneys smoking, or problems with fuel supplies. References to the curriculum might mention what subjects were being taught and to whom. 'What was going on in the outside world sometimes gets a mention, especially the weather as this affected attendance: in earlier days there would often be deep snow in winter and children might have to be carried to school, or perhaps could not attend at all: some walked several miles to school. Fog could make the children cough during lessons. Social conditions at particular times can be estimated from outbreaks of illness: flu, diphtheria etc., or the mention of children being kept at home because of

lack of boots or food. Free dinners, and even free breakfasts, were originally provided by benefactors. National events tend only to be mentioned if they affected the school, for example schoolchildren were given a day off to celebrate the relief of Mafeking. Perhaps because it started during the holidays few schools note the outbreak of WWI, but there would be a record of a ceremony at the local War Memorial, plus there were collections of food and supplies for soldiers. WWII gets more mention: not Dunkirk or D-Day, but every local Air-raid warning is logged almost to the minute, and school evacuations are of course noted. Various miscellaneous items can cover just about anything. Finally Ron Cox advised us where to find school logbooks: they might be in the local Record Office, but many of them are still held by the schools themselves, even if the school has changed its name or locality; some schools are still holding very old records, but logbooks no longer have to be kept, and are in danger of being discarded. When making an enquiry to a school, it is best to write to the Head Teacher saying you will follow up the letter with a phone call, and to avoid busy times of the school year.

Some Family History Courses at the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies 2001				
The two prices refer to non-members and members respectively				
Title	Date	Type	Fee	Closing date for bookings
Palaeography: Introduction to old documents and handwriting	16 June	Day seminar	£32/£29	8 June
Tracing your family History: basic sources	23-27 July 6-10 Aug	Residential course	£295	6 July 20 July
Wills and Probate	15 Sept	Day school	£32/£29	7 Sept
Library Sources and Pedigree Construction	13 Oct	Day school	£32/£29	5 Oct
The Parish and the Manor: parish & manorial records	16-18 Nov	Weekend residential course	£175	1 Nov
Further details about the above courses can be obtained from: <i>The Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies, Attn. Dr R.C.F. Baker, FREEPOST 1028, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1BR, tel: 01227-768664, e-mail: education@ighs.ac.uk</i>				

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
AGER	17-18C	Belchamp St Paul	ESS	S193
ALDRIDGE	1870	Harmondsworth	Mdx	A78
ALDRIDGE	1790	Iver	BKM	A78
ALDWORTH	1890-1960	Fulham	MDX	W178
ALLEN	1870	Egham	SRY	A78
ALLISON	ALL	ANY	MDX	C197
AMOR	1800-99	Fulham Area	MDX	W182
AMOR	1800-99	Chelsea Area	MDX	W182
ANDREWS	Pre 1900	ANY	SRY	C197
ANGEL	18-19C	Ashen	ESS	C200
ASHBY	After 1812	Ridgwell	ESS	S193
AYLES	1840-1900	London	MDX	J55
BAKER	1870-2000	Stow-on-the-Wold	GLS	W178
BAKER	20C	Fulham	MDX	W178
BARNARD	ALL	ALL	ALL	C197
BARROW	ALL	ANY	MDX	L86
BARTON	Pre 1837	North Hertfordshire	HRT	C197
BASIRE	19C	ANY	LND	C201
BATT	17-19C	Hayes Area	MDX	P113
BELSOM	Pre 1900	London Area	LND	B233
BELSOM	ANY	ANY Ireland	IRL	B233
BENN(S)	1770-1850	Bedfont Area	MDX	N37
BENNETT	ANY	Ferry Fryston	YKS	E45
BIGGS	19-20C	ANY	MDX	C200
BIGGS	18-19C	Watford Area	HRT	C200
BIRCH	1880-1960	Heston	MDX	B234
BLAKE	Pre 1873	Chelsea Area	MDX	R96
BLANDERS	1670-1730	Sunningwell Area	BRK	N37
BOND	Pre 1907	Staines	MDX	B233
BOOTH		Huddersfield Area	YKS	E45
BRAINE	ALL	ALL	SRY	C197
BRAND	1800-1900	Acton	MDX	F72
BRASSETT	Pre 1700	Fulham	MDX	W99
BRIDGEWATER	Pre 1810	ANY	HEF	P113
BROAD	After 1920	Hounslow	MDX	B234
BROWNE	1820-90	Ealing	MDX	S193
BURFORD-PRICE	1820-1870	Chelsea	MDX	N35
BURGOYNE	ALL	Mortlake Area	SRY	D114
BURRIDGE	1890-1930	Hounslow Area	MDX	N37
BURROWS	19C	Brentford/Ealing	MDX	W183
CATTON	Pre 1837	ANY	SFK	C197
CHADBAND	19C	ANY	MDX	C201
CHAMBERLAIN	1860	Chelsea	MDX	A78
CHILVERS	ALL	ANY	MDX	L86
CHURCH	Pre 1850	Chieveley	BRK	L85

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CHURCH	Pre 1860	Acton	MDX	L85
CLARK	After 1890	ANY	SRY	C197
CLARK	Pre 1900	ALL	SCT	C197
CLARK	After 1900	ANY	MDX	C197
CLARKE	ALL	Camberwell Area	SRY	C197
CLEMENTS	ALL 1790-1950	Hounslow	MDX	D111
CLEVERLEY	Pre 1900	Dartford	KEN	L85
COBBOLD	After 1870	Kensington Area	MDX	W185
COLGATE	ALL	Brentford	MDX	C196
COLLEY	Pre 1800	Wem Area	SAL	P113
COLLEY	1880-1990	ANY	LND	W183
COLLEY	19C	ANY	LND	W183
CONNACHER	1876-1900	ANY	MDX	C198
CONNELL	ALL	Harmondsworth Area	MDX	C196
COOK	Pre 1837	ANY	SFK	C197
COOKE	ALL	ALL	MDX/HAM	D114
COOMBES	After 1840	ALL	ALL	B234
COOPER	19C	Nantwich	CHS	E45
CORKRAN	Pre 1850	ANY Ireland	IRL	B233
CORKRAN	After 1850	Kingston-upon-Thames	SRY	B233
COSGROVE	c1900	Kensington Area	MDX	W185
COSGROVE	19C	Chelsea	MDX	W185
CRAZE	18-19C	ANY	SOM	C201
CRUTCHFIELD	19C	ANY	SRY	W183
CRUTCHFIELD	1820-1890	ANY	MDX	W183
CURRIE	18-19C	ANY	SCOT	C201
DALE	17-18C	Belchamp St Paul	ESS	S193
DEAL	17-18C	Belchamp St Paul	ESS	S193
DOBBINS	1820-90	London Area	MDX	S193
DOWNING	1820-90	Hammersmith	MDX	D112
DOWNING	1820-90	Kensington	MDX	D112
DUFFIELD	ALL	ALL	MDX	D114
DUNKIN	19C	Dover Area	KEN	C201
DURDEN	Pre 1760	Fulham	MDX	W99
DYOS		ALL	ALL	C197
EASTERBROOK	19C	ANY	DEV	C201
EDMONDS	20C	Alcombe Area	SOM	C201
ELFORD	18-19C	Swansea	GLA	C200
ELLIS	Pre 1918	Fulham Area	MDX	E45
EVERSDEN	1790	Ickleton	CAM	A78
FENN	ALL	ALL	ALL	F72
FLOOKS	Pre 1780	Fulham	MDX	W99
FORRESTER	18-19C	Birmingham Area	WAR	C200
FOSSEY	Pre 1890	Hitchin	HRT	L85
FRANKLIN	Pre 1904	Stanwell	MDX	B233
FRIBBANCE	Pre 1900	Southall Area	MDX	W184
FRUIN	1750-1900	Feltham Area	MDX	J55
FULLER	c1900	Finchley Area	MDX	R96
GARD(E)NER	18-19C	Chelsea	MDX	H195
GARD(E)NER	18-19C	St Pancras	MDX	H195
GARD(E)NER	18-19C	Luton	BDF	H195
GAY	1830	Bethnal Green	MDX	A78
GILDER	Pre 1883	Paddington Area	MDX	R96
GILDER	c1865	Cheltenham	GLS	R96
GLAYSHER	1810-1860	Hammersmith Area	MDX	N37
GLAYSHER	1810-1860	Hanwell Area	MDX	N37
GOMEZ	1820-90	Middlesex Area	MDX	S193

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GOODALL	18-19C	Alloa	CLK/SCT	P113
GRAHAM	19C	Peniston	YKS	E45
GRAINGE Eliza Jane	1930	Forest Gate & Plaistow	ESS	A76
GRAINGE Minnie	20C	Southall	MDX	A76
GRAINGE Walter	After 1880	Forest Gate & Plaistow	ESS	A76
GRAY	1750-1900	Harmondsworth Area	MDX	J55
GREEN	18-19C	Birmingham Area	WAR	C200
GREEN	18-19C	York Area	YKS	C200
GREEN	c1900	Hatton	MDX	W185
GRIMES	20C	Southampton Area	HAM	C201
GRIMSON	Pre 1810	ANY	NFK	W99
GRIMSON	Pre 1810	Fulham	MDX	W99
GROVER	ALL	ALL	MDX	D114
GUNNER	ALL	Teddington Area	MDX	B239
GUNNER	ALL	Shepperton Area	MDX	B239
GUNNER	ALL	Brentford Area	MDX	B239
HAISMAN	19C	ANY	KEN	C201
HALL	18C	Campsall	YKS	E45
HART	1800	Langley	BKM	A78
HAVARD	18-19C	Bilston Area	STS	P113
HAYNES	ALL	Harmondsworth Area	MDX	C196
HEARNSHAW	Pre 1850	Hackenthorpe	YKS	P113
HEWER	18-19C	ANY	DOR	P113
HILES	17-18C	London	MDX	S193
HINSHELWOOD	18-19C	Preston Area	LAN	C201
HISTED	1845-1920	Kensington	MDX	F72
HOPKINSON	18-19C	Shirland	DBY	P113
HUTCHINGS	1880	Langley	BKM	A78
JACKSON	1900	Ashford	MDX	A78
JACKSON	1800	Bethnal Green	MDX	A78
JEMMETT	Pre 1880	Staines	MDX	B233
JEWELL	Pre 1965	Finchley Area	MDX	R96
JUCHAU	17-19C	ANY	MDX	P113
KESSEL	1750-1800	Hurst Area	BRK	N37
LACEN	Pre 1850	Rous Lench	WOR	L85
LANGRISH	18-19C	ANY	HAM	P113
LAWRENCE	19C	Littleton	MDX	W185
LEESON	Pre 1900	Rous Lench & Belbroughton	WOR	L85
LEGGETT	ANY	ANY	NFK	E45
LEVETT	18-19C	Ashen	ESS	C200
LEVETT	19-20C	Harlington Area	MDX	C200
LEWIS	17-18C	London	MDX	S193
LIPSCOMBE	ALL	Harmondsworth Area	MDX	S191
LOCK	1820-1890	Penge/South Norwood	SRY	B247
LORRIMAN	1845-1860	York Area	YKS	N37
LUCK	ALL	ALL	MDX	D114
MACHIN	17-19C	West Drayton Area	MDX	P113
MARCHANT	1840	Kensington	MDX	A78
MARDELL	20C	ANY	LND	C201
MARLOW	c1884	Chelsea Area	MDX	R96
MARLOW	c1865	Hartley Wintney	HAM	R96
MAWSON	ANY	ANY	YKS	E45
MAXWELL	20C	ANY	LND	C201
MEACHAM	1820-90	Ealing	MDX	S193
MILLINGTON	Pre 1800	Wem Area	SAL	P113
MINTER	Pre 1725	Fulham	MDX	W99
MOODY	19C	Brentford/Ealing	MDX	W183

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MOODY	19C	ALL	MDX	W183
MORGAN	Pre 1900	Kensington Area	MDX	W185
MOTTERSHALL	19C	Gainsborough	LIN	E45
NOYES	1500-1900	Urchfont Area	WIL	N37
OSMON	Pre 1860	Staines	MDX	B233
PAGE	1800-1880	Chelsea	MDX	C194
PANTLIN	ALL	ALL	ALL	C197
PARKES	1820-1880	Kensington	MDX	C194
PAYNE	17-18C	London	MDX	S193
PAYNE	1820-90	Kingston	SRY	S193
PEACOCK	19C	Ashen	ESS	C200
PEEL	19-20C	Hammersmith Area	MDX	C200
PENNINGTON	ANY	ANY	YKS	E45
PINFIELD	Pre 1900	Fulham Area	MDX	W184
PLINTOFF	17-18C	London	MDX	S193
POTTER	19C	Roydon	NFK	E45
PRESTON	1870-2000	Great Rissington	GLS	W178
PRICE	1820-1870	Chelsea	MDX	N35
PRIOR	Pre 1900	Sawbridgeworth	HRT	P113
RANDALL	19C	Ripley	SRY	W183
RANDALL	19C	ANY	SRY	W183
RILEY	17-18C	London	MDX	S193
RIPPEN	Pre 1780	Fulham	MDX	W99
ROBINSON	1820-90	Kensington	MDX	D112
ROSIER	ALL	Ramsbury Area	WIL	D114
ROWE	Pre 1907	Finchley	MDX	R96
ROWLES	Pre 1860	Staines	MDX	B233
RUSSELL	c1872	Chelsea Area	MDX	R96
SAUNDERS	ANY	ANY	NFK	E45
SCATES	19C	ANY	LND	W183
SCEENEY	19C	Hayes	MDX	W183
SCEENEY	19c	Isleworth	MDX	W183
SCEENEY	19C	Bromley	KEN	W183
SCEENEY	19C	ALL	MDX	W183
SCHOFIELD	Pre 1810	ANY	SRY	W99
SCHOFIELD	Pre 1810	ANY	MDX	W99
SCURRY	17-18C	Belchamp St Paul	ESS	S193
SHAWYER	18-19C	ANY	HAM	P113
SHEPPARD	1810-99	Bromley/Bow	MDX	W182
SILVESTER	1820-1920	Staines Area	MDX	N37
SILVESTER	1780-1850	Wokingham Area	BRK	N37
SILVESTER	Pre 1704	Sunningwell Area	BRK	N37
SMITH	Pre 1837	North Hertfordshire	HRT	C197
SNOW	19C	Marylebone	MDX	C201
SOUTHEY	19C	ANY	MDX	C201
SQUIRE	ALL	ALL	MDX	D114
STACEY	ANY	ANY	YKS	E45
STAMP	1860-1880	Isleworth	MDX	S189
STAMP	Pre 1839	Pattishall	NTH	S189
STEPTOE	Pre 1860	Acton	MDX	L85
STEVENS	Pre 1908	Finchley	MDX	R96
STONHAM	ALL	ALL	KEN	D114
STORY	1830-99	Marylebone Area	MDX	W182
STURDY	Pre 1800	Wem Area	SAL	P113
TAYLOR	1820-1870	Harmondsworth	MDX	B234
TRUSSELL	Pre 1740	Fulham	MDX	W99
VICKERS	1900-1920	ANY	MDX	C198

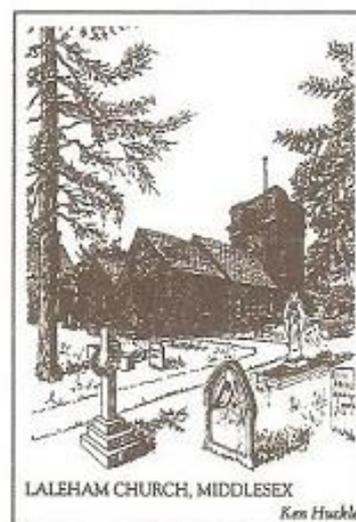
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WACKETT	1810-99	Romford Area	ESS	W182
WATTS	19C	Tolworth Area	SRY	W185
WEBB	1800-90	Fulham	MDX	W182
WEBB	1800-90	Chelsea	MDX	W182
WEBB	1860-90	Hackney	MDX	Q182
WELLS	Pre 1867	Stanwell	MDX	B233
WELLS	1870-1900	Feltham	MDX	B234
WELLS	1900-1960	Heston	MDX	B234
WELLS	Pre 1900	Southall Area	MDX	W184
WENDERLISH	ALL	Brentford	MDX	C196
WHITE	Pre 1900	Heston	MDX	W185
WILKES	Pre 1900	Belbroughton	WOR	L85
WILKINS	ANY	Hammersmith	MDX	W185
WILKINSON	20C	Woolwich Area	LND	C201
WILLIAMS	19-20C	Hammersmith Area	MDX	C200
WILLIAMS	18-19C	St Ives	CON	C200
WISE	1870-1960	Chelsea	MDX	W178
WOOD	Pre 1790	London	LND	W99
WOOD Daniel	c1811	Westwell/Lenham/Hothfield	KEN	A76
WOOD Emily	1890-1947	Southall/Norwood	MDX	A76
WOOD George	1820-80	Faversham	KEN	A76
WOOD Monthem	1895	Fulham	MDX	A76
WOOD Thomas	1880	Kensington	MDX	A76
WOODROFFE	19-20C	Fulham Area	MDX	C200
WOODROW	19C	ANY	NFK	E45
WOODRUFFE	18-19C	ANY	ANY	C200
WOODS	1800-90	Fulham	MDX	W182
WOODS	1800-90	Chelsea	MDX	W182
WORT	19C	Beaulieu	HAM	E45
WORTHY	Pre 1820	ANY	LEI	W99

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Littleton Church	Twickenham, St Mary's
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