

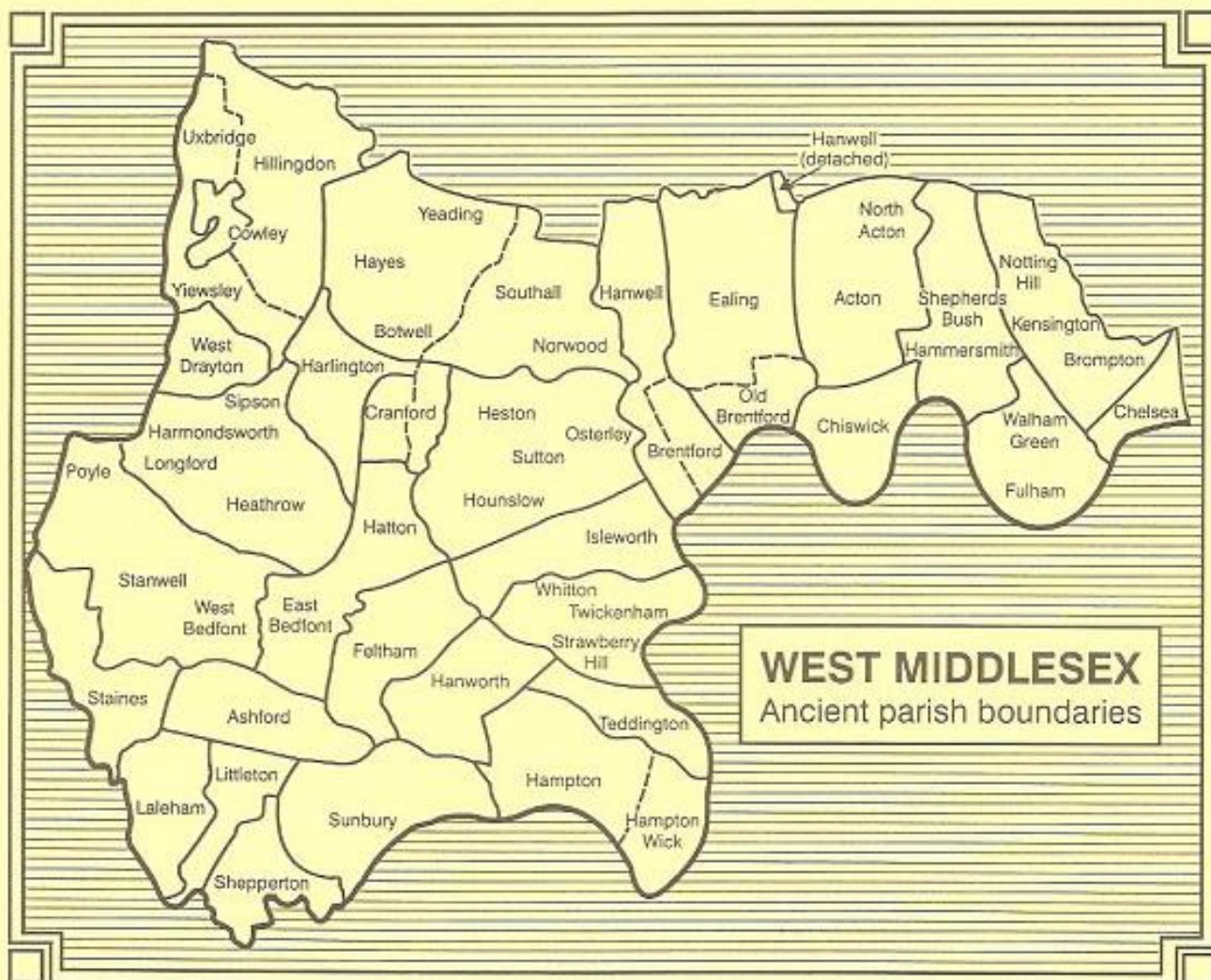
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FUTURE MEETINGS

The following talks have been arranged:

21 Nov The Late Victorian Sailor – Michael Fountain

19 Dec Christmas Party

2003

16 Jan An illustrated history of Harefield – Eileen Bowlt

20 Feb Thomas Watermen – Pat Hilbert

20 Mar A.G.M. followed by talk:
What I did on Coronation Day – *Peter Roe*

17 Apr William Hogarth and the darker side of London – *Patricia Waldock*

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow, and doors open at 7.15pm. Parking is available adjacent to the Hall. Research material such as indexes and reference books, exchange journals from other societies and a bookstall, all of which can be browsed between 7.30pm and 10pm; (talks take place between 8 and 9pm), tea/coffee, cold drinks, biscuits are also available at meetings.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the West Middlesex Family History Society will be held on Thursday 20 March 2003 at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow

Reports will be presented by the Chairman and Treasurer and members will be asked to approve the accounts for the year 2002 and elect accounts examiners for the coming year.

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

Members who wish to bring forward any matters at the AGM, or to propose nominations for the Committee, are asked to write to the Secretary at the address below by 10th January 2003.

The agenda for the AGM will be included in the next issue of the journal, to be published and distributed at the beginning of March 2003.

Mrs Mavis Burton

Hon. Secretary

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NEWS ROUNDUP

1901 Census

The test phase for the 1901 census is continuing. The times that it is possible to access the census online have been extended to include Sundays, so it can now be accessed 20 hours a day from 9am-3am Monday to Sunday. The online service is also available at the PRO and PRO Kew. There is at present a 'limit of two hours continuous use - at least one operation must be conducted every 15 minutes to stay active. Some users may need to try several times to successfully access the site. At the end of the test phase a decision will be made about making the service available as a full Internet service.

Census Helpdesk: +44 (0) 1684 585298/585299,
e-mail: support@censushelpdesk.co.uk

Diary Dates 2002-3

Thursday 12 December: *Christmas Magic Lantern Show*. A Victorian Christmas show with music at the PRO, 7pm. £10, Conc £8, Family Ticket £20

Sunday 15 December: *Merry Music*. Two performances (30 minutes each) of songs from 17th century London. Museum of London, 1.30 and 3pm.

Saturday 28 & Monday 30 December: *Christmas Restored*. Celebrate Christmas 1660s style. When the Monarchy was restored after the Interregnum, Christmas was also reinstated. With music and dancing and a chance to join in. Museum of London. 12 noon, 1.30 and 3pm (40 mins) on 28th; 1.30 & 3pm (40 mins) on 30th

Sunday 29 December & 5 January: 1.30 & 3pm (30 mins) plus Thursday 28; Saturday 4 January: 12 noon, 1.30 & 3pm (30 mins). *Cancelling Christmas*. What happened when the Puritans cancelled Christmas? When was it allowed to come back? Funny family show at Museum of London.

Sunday 26 January: Bracknell Family History Pair, Bracknell Sports Centre, Bagshot Road, Bracknell, Berks. 10am to 5pm.

Tuesday 14 January: Sunbury & Shepperton Local History Society AGM plus talk: *History of Shepperton Pubs* by Nick Pollard. Halliford School Theatre, Russell Road, Shepperton, 8pm. Non-members £1.

Tuesday 11 February: Sunbury & Shepperton LHS Talk: *Elmbridge Museum* by Michael Rowe, venue etc. as above.

Sunday 9 March: North London & Herts Family History Fair. Watford Leisure Centre, Horseshoe Lane, Garston, Watford. 10am to 5pm.

Thursday 3 to Sunday 6 April: *Westward Ho! Movement and Migration.* Southwest Family History Societies Conference at Exeter University on theme of internal movement and migration to and from overseas, eg USA, Canada, Australia & New Zealand. Optional outing to Powderham Castle (with talk by the Archivist) and guided walk round historic city of Exeter. Further details of programme on <http://www.cornwallfhs/who> Bookings secretary: *Audrey Lovell, 784 Muller Road, Eastville, Bristol BS5 6XA, e-mail: secretary@bafhs.org.uk*

Tuesday 15 April: Sunbury & Shepperton LHS Talk: *Highwaymen of Hounslow Heath* by Andrea Cameron, venue etc. as above.

Saturday 28 June: York Family History Fair, Knavesmire Exhibition Centre, York Racecourse. 10am to 4.30pm. All the usual stalls, plus cafeteria and free parking. Largest family history event in UK. Admission £2.50. Further details from: *Mr A. Sampson, 1 Oxbang Close, Redcar, Cleveland T510 4ND, tel: 01642-486615*



WMFHS NOTICEBOARD

Subscriptions

Once more it is time for you all to renew your subscriptions. I should be grateful if you would send your cheques off as soon as possible as that spreads the administrative load. However, if you pay by standing order, please don't also send me a cheque!

If you and your partner are Joint Members, please enter both names: sometimes one of you 'disappears' and I don't know whether this is an oversight or whether the membership has become just a single one. Would you also make doubly sure your e-mail address is legible - if necessary write this in capitals and I will convert it to lower case. And one more plea: don't staple your cheque to the form - be assured that if there is a cheque in the envelope I will find it!

In common with previous years we include a Gift Aid form for your signature. If you are a UK taxpayer please do complete and return this, as it means we can claim an extra 28p in the £1 on your membership subscription, at no cost to you, and with considerable benefit to the Society.

Finally, a thank you to all who have written to me during the year. The receipt of these letters makes the job of Membership Secretary a truly pleasurable one.

Bridget Purr, Membership Secretary

We seek 'em here, we seek 'em there

The Society is organising a One-Day Conference next year, on Saturday 13th September 2003, at the Public Record Office, Kew. We have brought together a team of excellent speakers: Michael Gandy will be telling us how research is becoming easier; John and Beryl Hurley will be outlining some alternative sources and Chris Watts will be guiding us through the resources at the PRO. Further details and a booking form will be found in the next issue of the Journal (as well as on our website) but book the date now in your diaries!

Family History Fairs

For the benefit of our many members who are unable to attend our monthly meetings in Hounslow, we could be coming to a Family History Fair near you. Come along and meet us in 2003. So far, WMFHS is due to attend: Bracknell, North London & Herts at Watford, and York (see **Diary Dates**).

Certificate Courier Service

The charge for the courier service is £8 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. Unwanted certificates or copies of certificates which are still wanted are always welcome for our certificate database. 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.

As there have not been so many requests for certificates lately, I have not been going to the Family Records Centre so often. Please bear this in mind, therefore, if you have to wait longer than usual.

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

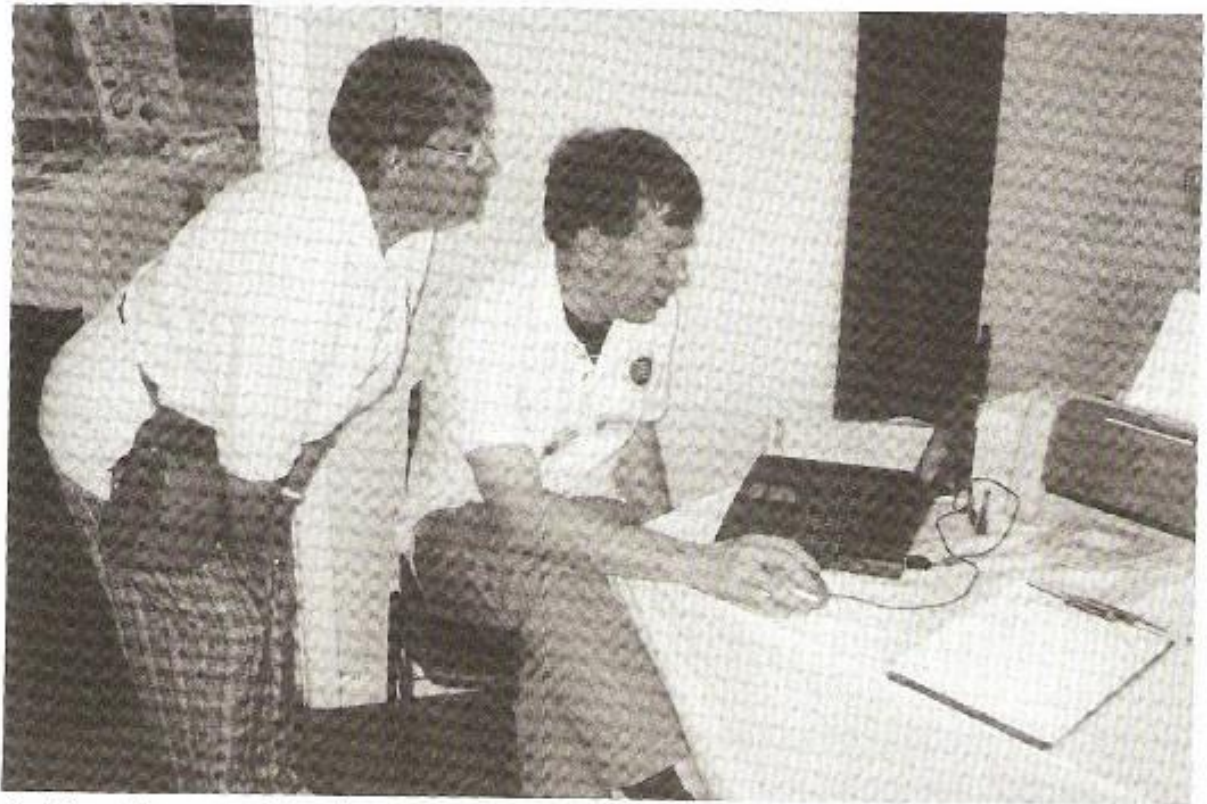
WMFHS Open Day 14th September 2002

Margaret Harnden

We were blessed with good weather for our Open Day and had a record number of visitors, with many non-members as well as members attending. People came from as far afield as Sussex, Worcestershire, West Midlands,



Left to right: Robin Purr, Paul Kershaw, Bridget Purr, Janet Kershaw, Peter Roe, Mavis Burton, Margaret Harnden, Ted Dunstall, Sue Willard, Patrick Harnden, Tony Simpson and Richard Chapman outside St. Peter's Church Hall.



Bridget Purr and Richard Chapman with the computerised West Middlesex Marriage Index



Left: Our hardworking Hon. Sec. Mavis Burton at our Open Day.

Below: Starting work in the kitchen, three of Peter Roe's helpers dispensing refreshment to our Editor, Yvonne Masson.



Suffolk, Oxfordshire, Nottinghamshire, Hampshire, Devon and Dorset. The numerous visiting Societies and Organisations seemed to be kept busy with enquiries and sales all day and the Advice Room was particularly popular, along with the Fiche Research area. Peter Roe and his helpers did sterling work in the kitchen/dining room, providing us with food and drinks throughout the day, and the general Feeling was that it had been a pleasant and hopefully useful occasion, which encouraged those new to Family History to get started and helped those of us in 'blind alley' situations to progress further.

If we tried to individually thank all those responsible For making the day a success the list would take up far more space than the editor would allow (and then we would probably miss someone out!), so many thanks to all who supported us, both on the day and beforehand.

We have had a letter from Mrs Matanle, who had a Picture Index Stall, situated in the Dining Room. As a result of contact made at the Open Day she had a postal request for a printout of the Index for a particular name, but sadly her computer malfunctioned and she no longer has the name and address of the enquirer! So if you did write to Anne with a request for information and haven't heard from her, would you be kind enough to contact her again and she will forward the details.

1891 Census project

(A response to the letter from Valerie Walker, WMFHS Journal, June 2002)

It is now just over a year since the FFHS Conference at which the PRO announced its intention to make available an indexed version of the 1891 census via the Internet. At that time it was anticipated that the London area would be completed by the Spring of 2002. The rate of progress in this Society's project work to create a limited index to the 1891 census for our own area was such that several years would have been required to complete the task. The opinions of all active contributors to the project were sought immediately and a large majority agreed - albeit reluctantly - that there was little to be gained from continuing, given the PRO's plans.

The progress of this dialogue was reported in the December 2001 and March 2002 issues of this journal. The second of these notices was written in the first days of January this year, when the troubled history of the 1901 census online was just beginning to unfold. Today (early October), a reasonably stable test system appears to be in place at last for the 1901 census, and we

shall hopefully be able properly to evaluate the system, the index and the transcription on which it is based.

It hardly need be said that the release of the 1891 census service for London has not been forthcoming. Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Advisory Panel on the 1901 Project last May¹ indicate that plans to digitise the 1881 and 1891 censuses were still part of the PRO's future plans, although whether the company QinetiQ will be involved was not stated. As I write this, the website indicates that the 1881 and 1891 projects have been postponed, due to the long delay in launching the 1901 online service. No timescales are given for the publication of the earlier censuses.

I turn now to some particular points in Valerie's note.

A question central to this issue is whether it is better for the Society, its members and customers to direct its energies towards providing an *alternative* version of a resource that will almost certainly exist in a more complete form by the time the necessary work has been completed, or to focus on projects and publications that will be unique to us. This is of particular importance given that our volunteer resource is quite limited.

I quite understand the preference expressed for a format other than a pay-per-view Internet-based scheme, but it is worth noting that by the time we could prepare even one section of the 1891 census index for our area for publication, a large proportion of the family history community will have had some exposure to the 1901 service, and this is likely to reduce further the potential market for our own index produced in a more traditional format. It is very likely that the frequency with which family history index publications are produced in booklet or fiche format will continue to decline as CD and online versions become the norm. As I noted in the March 2001 journal, other agencies are at work producing indexes for the 1891 census, too, and some of this material has been published already (*FreeCEN and S & N Genealogy Ltd.*)

I am sure that all those involved in the 1891 project felt a certain sense of waste when the work was suspended last year, but as I have noted, a large majority of those who expressed a view agreed that we should not continue. Last September we were, at best, around half-way through the project (and this assumed just a single check for each entry in the index against the original), and so had much to do in order to complete the work. In retrospect it is perhaps regrettable that we did not focus on completing a specific area, rather than pushing forward across the entire region: there are certainly important lessons to be learned for future projects here. The precise aim of

¹ See <http://www.pro.gov.uk/census/advisory/advisory12.htm> for the full text.

the project (fiche, CD, Internet) was also not adequately defined when the work was begun.

The online service for the 1901 census (and presumably any subsequent ones) does not provide the piece number in the index, as Valerie noted. This is the information that must be paid for - the service is not a free one. Similar principles will apply to the forthcoming *FamilyHistoryOnline* service from the Federation of Family History Societies².

I believe that the decision to suspend the 1891 project last September remains the correct one, notwithstanding the difficulties that have beset the release of the 1901 online service this year. As a society our resources are limited and do not justify continuation of this project to the exclusion of others that are focused on more local records which are unlikely to receive attention from national institutions or commercial organisations.

Richard Chapman, Projects Co-ordinator

The Projects Sub-Committee welcomes expressions of opinions, suggestions and requests from all members on matters relating to potential projects or publications. Volunteers are always welcome too! Please contact Ken Butler, Maggie Hurl, Tony Simpson or Richard Chapman at a monthly meeting, or e-mail projects@west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk. Richard Chapman's postal address is included under **Indexes held by members** on the last page of the journal.

E-mail contacts for the Society

The Executive Committee of the Society has decided to set up a number of e-mail addresses to assist members and prospective members in directing communications to the appropriate officer or committee member. Messages sent to the following addresses will be accessed periodically and redirected to the personal e-mail accounts of the office holder in question. The addresses will, therefore, remain unchanged when the individual concerned changes.

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As always, reasonable efforts will be made to respond to enquiries in a timely fashion, but it should be noted that those arriving by e-mail will not receive any preferential treatment with respect to those arriving by post. It is also

² See <http://www.familyhistoryonline.net>

worth reminding potential correspondents here that the office-holders do not undertake private research on behalf of members or others. Research services that are available are indicated on page 44 and inside the back cover of the journal.

The addresses above are in addition to the existing one for the webmaster of the Society's website (webmaster@ west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk).

Richard Chapman

Back Journals

Member Ann Carter has a stack of WMFHS journals Dec 1993-Dec 1999 she wishes to dispose of and offers them for the price of postage, or collection.

Ann Carter, 32, Stortford Hall Park, Bishops Stortford, Herts CM23 5AL

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.

BRACEBRIDGE/BRAZEBRIDGE/SMITH

Researching the Family name of WILLIAM BRACEBRIDGE. He was born HILLINGDON 1872, lived WEST EALING and died HANWELL 1922. He married LUCY JANE SMITH. His obituary states that he was a member of staff of MESSRS MACKENZIE'S PRINTING WORKS. I cannot find any trace of this company in any trade directory. If anyone can help, please contact me.

*Mrs Janet Hobbs, 4 Kings Farm Lane, Winkleigh, Devon EX 19 8HF
e-mail. "janethobbs4@msn.com*

HIBBARD

In my search for SARAH ANN HIBBARD the latest information finds her born 3rd July 1869 at 126 FLOOD STREET, CHELSEA. Her parents are JOHN HIBBARD, Stonemason's labourer, and SARAH ANN HIBBARD née HOWCROFT. She came from BATTERSEA. Anyone know of stonemasons in Chelsea somewhere about Flood Street? Perhaps from

Electoral Rolls or Census 1871 for Chelsea? All help gratefully received.
Ms A. Glover, Can George, Al Serrat, 66130 Prunet et Belpuig, France
e-mail: ssueangela@aol.com

WANT/ CLARKE

Is any WMFHS member related to the following newly-weds or know of a surviving child or other descendant? The marriage took place at St Matthews, ASHFORD, MIDDLESEX on 31st July 1937. The bride and groom were ALICE MARY WANT, known as MOLLY, who lived in School Road, ASHFORD, and SIDNEY GEORGE CLARKE, who was from the (London area" I have a wedding photograph of the couple which was sent to my mother and which remains in excellent condition. I would dearly like it to be passed on to a descendant.

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

Research is requested by the following members:

HULL

I am presently taking over the one-name study for the surname HULL in the UK, and would like to ask for the help of fellow members. If any HULL references catch your attention could you please make a note of them and pass them on to me.

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

REED

I wonder if anyone would be willing to check the 1901 census at the Family Records Centre when they next visit for 338 Portobello Road, Kensington, NW10 for the REED family and/ or others in the house? I would willingly reimburse any expenses incurred.

Miss Frances Reed, 'Helenslee', Albert Lane, Oban, Argyll PA34 5JD

Is there any way in which it is possible to find out who was living at 3 WENDOVER ROAD, HARLESDEN in February 1895?

Also, could someone confirm the dates that "Skillman - three doors from UXBRIDGE STATION" were in business. I believe they were photographers.

And could someone let me know where there are any trade directories available covering the SOUTHALL area c. 1830.

Ms April Ashton, 1401 Calumet #402, Houston 77004, Texas, USA
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Huge swathes of my family story will forever be untold, even though it's obvious from the available evidence that sometimes something really interesting, tragic or momentous probably happened. This is usually inevitable in the majority of families where documentary evidence about your average Ag Lab is scarce at best or, as is more often the case, simply totally absent or, even worse, destroyed. How I envy those researchers who have as ancestors officers in the Great War or landowners in any century.

Temporally I am quite fortunate, being the youngest of seven with parents born in 1908. This means that all of my immediate research is in already published material like the 1841-1901 censuses. The downside is that everybody who knew anything useful is now long gone and I didn't want to know about anything that might have been illuminating while they were here (sound familiar?).

The following is a potpourri of entries in the history of my forebears who, in the middle of the nineteenth century from diverse places in England, Ireland and Scotland came together in Fulham and Chiswick. There is really no thread apart from MYSELF but then that's the thread that entangles many of us into this hobby in the first place.

The Hod-Carriers (1873-1921)

In an earlier article in the *West Middlesex Family History Society Journal* (Sept 1995, Vol.13 No.3) I gave something of the history of Fisherman's Place, Chiswick, the birthplace (in 1833) of my great grandfather **George William JENNINGS** and of his sons **George Leonard** (my grandfather) and **Harry Newton**. Earlier in my research I had dismissed these boys as two poor labourers who, like their father, had lived and died pretty much in the same tenement. The whole extended family, including cousins and uncles in Chiswick, described themselves in more than one census as "Bricklayer's Labourers". This dismissal persisted until I found the service record of **Harry Newton JENNINGS**, when I realised just how condescending I had been. Harry and my Granddad probably saw more of the world than I have, or ever will. Judging from Harry's military record, which survives, George Leonard was already serving with the Middlesex Regiment when his younger brother enlisted in 1901. Unfortunately all George's papers seem to have been amongst those military records destroyed during the Blitz in the Second World War. Surviving documents (WO 363) are those that the Public Record Office has been releasing on microfilm over the past few years thanks to a

grant from the Lottery Fund. This destruction has become even more galling to me after perusing the 1901 census: at that time George is to be found as a patient in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire. It was a military hospital and 1901 was at the tail end of the Boer War. Where he had been and what had happened to him are probably lost forever. Providing his ailments were not too serious, he probably thought he was in heaven! There are some photographs of the hospital at <http://medphoto.wellcome.ac.uk> which make it look a lot more appealing than either barracks or his home in Fisherman's Place.

On the birth certificate of **Sidney JENNINGS**, my father and George Leonard's son, the words "War" and "Free" are scribbled. This certificate was issued on 22 August 1914, *six years* after Sidney's birth, presumably in support of some benefit application, or an attempt by George as a reservist to avoid recall. The only other such marked certificate I know of was issued to a farming family: I would welcome any more instances or information from readers. However, I believe George *did* go back to serve in WWI, whether willingly or otherwise I will never know.

The cause of George's death in 1921 is given on his death certificate as 'pulmonary tuberculosis'. Oral tradition holds that he contracted this disease whilst moving bodies in the trenches during World War 1. My father also claimed that his father was gassed. Without George Leonard's service record it has been impossible to check any of this verbal evidence. Many are known to have suffered long-term respiratory problems after the major flu epidemic of 1918, and for all I know George's problems may have arisen quite coincidentally from an infection caught at his local barracks.

The Medal Roll at the Public Record Office, Kew, lists many George Jennings, but none with Leonard as a middle name. There is, however, one intriguing entry:

Corps LC 606 Co.... Middx
Reg 158979 and 90262 Private 29-9-14 to 28-8-18
Cause of Disch: 392 (XVI) KR 2al s
List LC/2244

The start date on this entry would tie up with the issue date of the birth certificate mentioned earlier, and "KR 2al s" translates to: Kings Regulations "no longer fit for war service". It is likely that our George was and remained a Private, and being a lifelong labourer he would probably be assigned to the Labour Corps. So did he end up digging trenches and moving bodies in France? Whatever he did, he received no recognition, no medals and no

surviving documentary evidence. Unfortunately, of all the groups involved in WWI, precious little is known or documented about the Labour Corps.

Sidney claimed that his father was a schoolteacher. This must be false - George was obviously a labourer. A possible explanation for my father's belief may lie in Georges recall to the Army. If he were to be based in the local barracks training the raw recruits, he may have told his six-year-old son that he was a 'teacher'.

If the above entry does refer to him, then George rejoined the Army at the age of 41.

Harry's original attestation and discharge papers are still intact:

WO 96/935 and WO 97/5222

No 6951 Middlesex Regiment 5th Btn.

Enlisted at Hounslow 20 Feb 1901. Apparent age 18 years 11 months.

Height 5 feet 3 inches, Chest 33 inches with a maximum expansion of 34.5 inches (looks as if our impressive stature has endured for at least three generations then!)

Complexion Medium, Eyes Brown, Hair Brown. Scar Left of Forehead.
Tattooed right forearm

Service:

1. Home: 20 Feb1901 - 10Mar1902, 1yr 19 days
2. St Helena: 11 Mar 1901 -16 Sep 1902, 190 days.
3. SouthAfrica:17 Sep 1902 - 3 Oct1906, 4yrs17days.
4. China: 4 Oct 1906 -14 Dec1908, 2 yrs 72 days.
5. Home:15 Dec1908 - 19 Feb1913, 4yrs 67days
6. Award: Queen's South Africa Medal 1902

It transpires that Harry served during WWI as a Private (613128) in the London Regiment, 19th Battalion (St Pancras). There is a note that he was formerly in the 3rd London Yeomanry (2397). He died at home of wounds. Awarded the Victory Medal (TP 19/101 B3 pg 318 **WO 329 1939**). Active Service recorded only from 1.9.1916 to 11.10.1916 in Theatre la (France). The 19th Battalion were involved in the Battle of Transloy Ridge on 1st October when they were pinned down by machine gun fire until relieved by tanks. It is possible that Harry was wounded in this action, perhaps taking a further ten days to be evacuated. Alternatively, he could have been a victim of sniper fire. Either way it look him less than two months to become mortally wounded.

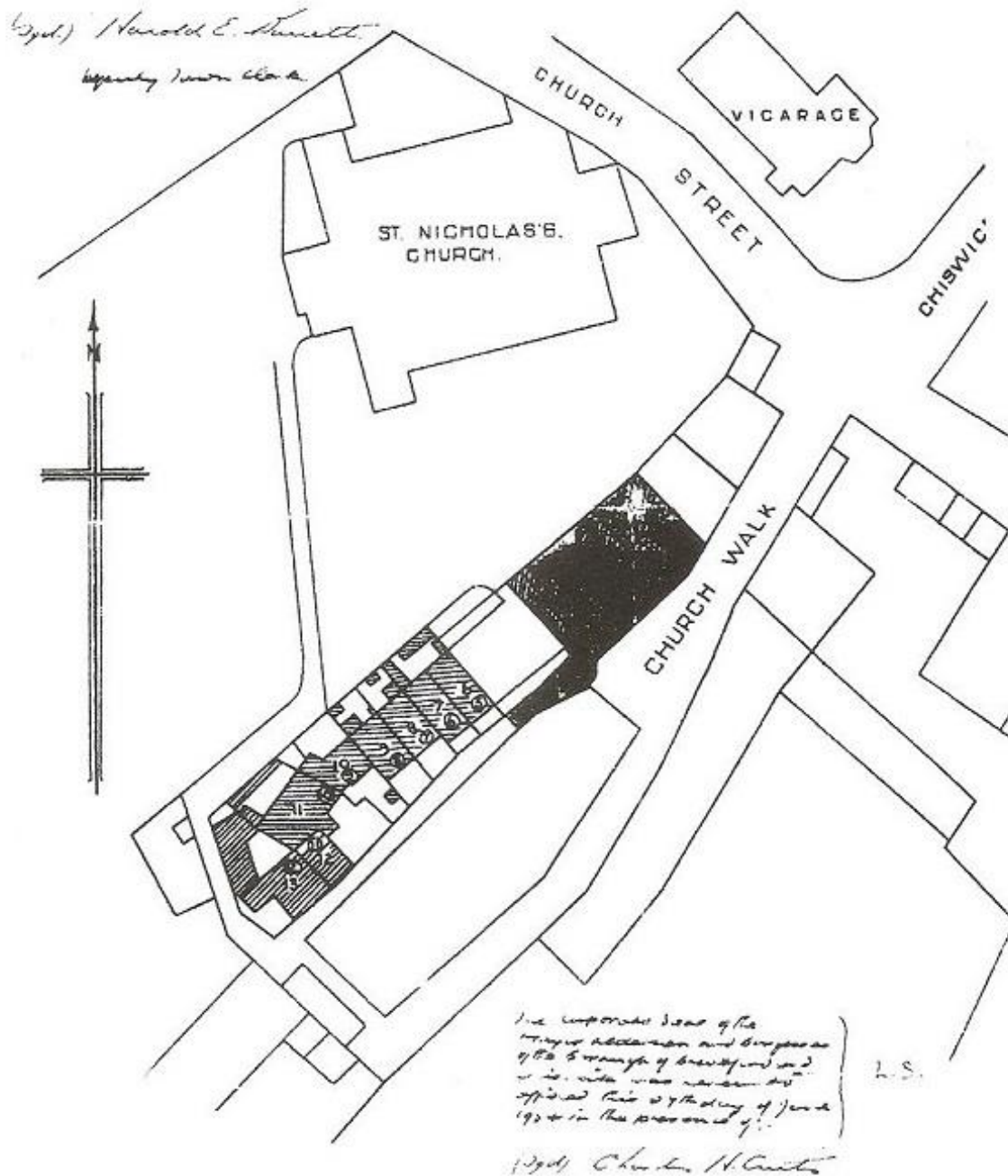
Life with the Sister-in-Law (1872-1916)

The Father of George and Harry, **George William JENNINGS**, married relatively late in life and his courtship was possibly brief. A close look at the dates shows that **Stephen JENNINGS**, George William's father, died at the age of 68, leaving his 39-year-old bachelor son alone in Fisherman's Place. If his bride to be, **Ann MORROW**'s gestation period was normal, then within five to thirty days of his Fathers' death George William had found and impregnated Ann, a 26-year-old Scottish lady, living in London with her younger sister.

The address given for residence at the marriage was the same for both bride and groom, apparently a common ploy to avoid the need to publish banns in two parishes. The witnesses at the wedding were Ann's younger sister **Fanny Harriet MORROW** and **Jane CLARIDGE** (nee **WEBSTER**). On census night 1891 some months prior to their marriage the address was occupied by **Henry BURGESS**, married to **Hannah** (nee **CLARIDGE**), and one of the Morrow sisters, although the latter is recorded with an incorrect surname. Both Jane Claridge and the Morrow sisters give their birthplace as Scotland: I have been unable to find a record of their births, but then Scotland is a pretty big place. Twenty years later Jane was still living at the address given by Ann and George William when they married.



Fisherman's Place, Chiswick, about 1888

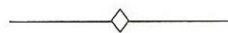


Fisherman's Place just prior to demolition in 1934 (HLG 23/2634)

After the marriage of George and Ann and the birth of **George Leonard** (seven months later), sister Fanny Morrow moved in and became an important element in this extended family (probably acquiring the nickname **Cissy**). The sleeping arrangements for George, the two sisters and the subsequent six children in this tiny four-room tenement must have left a lot to be desired. We know the tenement had four rooms from a new piece of information recorded for the 1901 census which did not appear earlier:

“Number of rooms occupied if less than 5”. Ann died in 1887 of consumption, leaving George William and Fanny to raise the children, aged from infancy to 14 years.

George Jennings and Fanny Morrow are found together in the 1901 census, but her relationship to Head of Household is given rather cruelly as “Servant”. Interestingly, her death certificate is recorded with the name **Fanny Agnes JENNINGS**, but the last of George’s six children is recorded as the informant with the Word ‘niece’ in brackets. Fanny was buried in the same grave as one of George’s children, and George joined them in the same grave five years later. His death ended the Jennings occupation at 5 Fisherman’s Place, an occupation that began sometime before the 1830s, possibly even as early as 1804, and ended in 1916. The whole area was finally subject to slum clearance and was demolished in 1934 (PRO reference HLG 23/2634).



Unmarried Mothers (1789-1863 and 1811-1851)

There are two ladies in my tree who stand out for rather dubious reasons. Doubtless there are many male forebears whose morals left much to be desired, but their activity often leaves no trace, in the archives at least . . . I’ll start with a direct ancestor.

In the Vale of White Horse was a farm of approximately 360 acres, belonging to William, Earl of Craven. Known as Britchcomb Farm, it was leased in 1812 to **John SPACKMAN** for E400 per annum, a great deal of money at the time.

Married life (April 1840) started late for John (50+) and to a woman 20 years his junior, **Charlotte HAINES**. She came with one infant and was already well pregnant with a second at the marriage. Her first child, **John**, had been registered as “base born”. Her second, **Elizabeth**, was born only three months after the marriage. It is possible that John Spackman was the father of both these children; there again he may have fathered neither.

In 1841 there were two family servants and five labourers living on the farm, as well as another family of labourers. By 1851 John was employing 15 labourers, had one house servant and six farmer’s servants living at the farm. In 1861 John was 71 and had perhaps slowed down somewhat, because he now employed only four men and three boys on the farm and had a carter, a shepherd and another man living on the farm.

His stepson John, who had appeared on both the 1841 and 1851 censuses, had disappeared by 1861: I discovered that he died in 1853, probably of

encephalitis. The informant for his death is his maternal grandmother **Lucy HAINS** - were his mother and stepfather too busy on the farm? There is in the 1861 Census return a granddaughter - **Louisa SPACKMAN** - who had recently been born. It is probable that she was the daughter of one of John senior's four daughters (none of whom was married and in 1861 were aged 20, 19, 16, and 14); his son **Thomas** was only 17 at the time, and had no wife listed at the farm.

John the elder died on 23rd August 1863 after "softening of brain". He had, before his death, been living in the village of Goosey, Berks, a few miles from Uffington, so presumably he had given up the farm sometime before. His Will had specified that he would like his son Thomas to carry on the business of the farm for the benefit of his wife and family, but if this was not possible because of adverse times or family differences, then his effects should be sold and after all debts were paid the remainder be divided, a quarter to Thomas, a quarter to Charlotte, provided she was still a widow, and the other half to be shared between his four daughters. In the event, his estate realised only £450, so no-one received very much. Whatever happened to the wealth evident half a century prior to his death remains a mystery. Certainly Thomas, my forebear, received precious little. In 1871 he is listed as "Gasman on Railway"; by 1881 he had moved to Fulham but his occupation is unavailable (as are most of the details for all of my family interests - the pages for my streets in Fulham have been damaged). By 1891 he has become a French Polisher. None of which would indicate much inheritance of a fortune.

I list the second lady from admiration at her ability to raise an eyebrow even nowadays. One hesitates to think how she was regarded in rural Berkshire in the early 1800s. Most of the information comes from a single census entry in 1851, **HO 107/1686 f712**. Here we find **John PICKETT** and his wife Harriett. Interestingly he is Z3 and she is 38 - age not being a barrier to true love? But then come her three sons, **Charles** (15), **William** (10) and **Alfred** (6), all listed as "**WILDER**" and "son-in-law" (a former way of saying "stepson"). Offspring of a previous marriage, you might think. Well, I doubt it. You see there is also **Elizabeth WILDER**, a 79-year-old pauper listed as "mother-in-law". Elizabeth had a daughter registered by the name **Harriett** in the Welford, Berks, registers on 6th October 1811.

I think I have a fair amount of admiration for both John Spackman and John Pickett!

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I thought that readers of the WMFHS journal might like to know that I have had a breakthrough that I was seeking, mentioned in my article "By George, we come from Fulham!" in the December 2000 journal.

In that article I listed my ancestors as:

Great, great, great grandfather Christopher BOWER

Born circa 1794/5 (per 1851 Census)

Shopkeeper and dealer in groceries and sundries, 1839 (per Pigot's)

Tailor 24 November 1842 (per marriage certificate of his son
Benjamin Bates BOWER)

Publican, 'George Inn', Walham Green, Fulham (per 1851 Census) -
his death certificate shows that he died there later that year

Great, great grandfather Benjamin BOWER

Tailor 24 November 1842 (per marriage certificate of Benjamin Bates
Bower and **Mary PITTS**)

Benjamin Bower was a witness at his brother Alfred's wedding on 7
June 1849, when Alfred was a baker of Parsons Green Lane, Fulham,
before he moved to Whitechapel where he was a photographer.

Photographer 13 August 1864 (per marriage certificate of his son
George Christopher BOWER, my great grandfather)

I decided to go right through the 1841 Census for Fulham and found
amongst the families living in Peterborough Lane, Fulham (see Note 1
below) the following:

HO107/689/10

Name	Age	Occupation	Born in County?
Elizabeth PITTS	80*	Ind	Yes
Mary Pitts	20*		Yes
Sarah LAWRENCE	13		No
Benjamin Bower	20*	Tailor	Yes
Alfred Bower	15*		
Mary WALSH	45*	Laundress	
Christopher Bower	46	Tailor	Yes
Elizabeth Bower	44		Yes
Elizabeth Bower	12		Yes

*In the 1841 Census, a number of adult ages were rounded to the nearest 5 years below.

At long last I had solved a major mystery and proved that my great great grandfather was the Benjamin Bates Bower, Tailor of Knightsbridge (father Christopher Bower, Tailor) who married Mary Pitts of Knightsbridge (father **James Benjamin PITTS**, Smith (see possible link in Note 2) on 24 November 1842 at St George, Hanover Square.

I had had the 1842 marriage certificate since 1985 but could not see how Christopher and Benjamin could have then been tailors (as they both later changed their occupation). So the fact that Benjamin Bates Bower is definitely Christopher's son means that Christopher Bowers wife Elizabeth may well have had the maiden name **BATES**; I also did not know till I saw this Census entry that they had had a daughter **Elizabeth**.

As with all families I am sure, I still have many mysteries to unravel:

1. Whether the Bowers tended to use the same church for baptisms and weddings
2. The missing birth registration of George Christopher Bower circa 1842/3
3. Where Benjamin Bower was in 1851 when his son George was living at the George Inn with his grandfather Christopher
4. How strong the links were between the Bower and Pitts families, bearing in mind their involvement in similar trades, as follows:

Tailors in London

Bower

Bower 8: Son, 38 Marlborough St (per Holden's Directory 1811)

Bower Henry, 38 Gt Marlboro St (per Westminster Poll Book 1818)

Bower 81 Son, 38 Gt Marlboro St (per Pigot's Directory 1824)

Bower 8: Marks, 38 Gt Marlboro St (per Pigot's 1826/7)

Pitt (s)

Pitt George, 54 Well St, Oxford St (per Holden 1811)

Pitts Chas, 2 Clement's Inn (per Pigot's 1824)

Pitts 81 Son, Great Waterloo St (per Pigot's 1826/7)

Pitt(s) Chas, Z7 Tavistock St, Covent Garden (per Pigot's 1826/7 and Kelly's 1846)

Pitt Ephraim, 1 Little James St, Westminster (per Pigot's 1839)

Pitt Edward, 5 Wyndham Road, Camberwell (per Kelly's 1846)

There is also an entry for:

Pitts George, 'White Horse, Parson's Green (per Pigot's 1839)

Much to do, but for the moment I am well suited!

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Notes

1. The old Ordnance Survey map for Putney Bridge 1894 (in the Alan Godfrey series) has a Peterborough Road in Parsons Green, in fact near the Green where Alfred Bower lived in 1861. There are also a number of references to Peterborough Road in "*Fulham Past*" by Barbara Denny
2. Pitt, Benjamin, smith and bellhanger, 1 Little George St, Westminster (per Kelly's 1836)

PROTESTANT DISSENTERS IN HARMONDSWORTH *William Wild*

The following gives the contents of a document long held in the Wild family, who for several centuries farmed land which now lies under Heathrow Airport.

A Licence for the Meeting of Protestant Desenters in the house of William Wild, Yeoman of Sipson in the Parish of Harmondsworth in the County of Middlesex. Certified to the Quarter Sessions at Hirks Hall the 13th Aprill 1708 by us whose names are subscribed.

John Ridell	Thos. Fennell
Benjamin Thornton	John Haynes
Joseph Elley	Richard Sparks
Joseph Thornton	Tho. Goring
John Wanman	

Direct to Hayford Wainwright at Hirks Hall.

On the back: Protestant Dissenters at the house of Wm. Wild
Att Harmondsworth

William Wild, Oakdale, Church Road, Thorrington, Colchester, Essex CO7 8HS

Now don't throw up your hands in horror. We are all family historians, and know that we all have black sheep in the family! I've seen a good few of you admit to having *criminal* ancestors, so I thought I would look at a different set of records which might be useful.

The death certificate of my 2x great grandfather Edwin HANN showed that he died on 31 December 1870 in Middlesex Lunatic Asylum of 'general paralysis'. I showed the certificate to a friend who is a vet; he diagnosed death by lead poisoning. Family tradition had it that Edwin Hann had been a famous artist. Actually, he was a painter and decorator. Not quite the same thing, but would explain the lead poisoning.

Antonia Davis, WMFHS programme secretary, mentioned that during 'Open House' weekend the Asylum museum was open and some patient records were on display.

I wrote to the Patient Services Manager of the present-day Health Service Trust which runs the hospital and asked for permission to see the patient records. He kindly wrote back with details of the hospital records which had been deposited at London Metropolitan Archives (LMA).

Eventually, I managed a day trip to LMA. Knowing when Edwin had died, I started with the death register and autopsy records. The death register told me his date of admission (23 April 1870), the fact that he suffered from "Melancholia with genl. Paralysis (and suicidal)" and the fact that he had been ill for two years nine months.

Unlike many patients, whose families had taken the bodies for burial, Edwin Hann was buried at the Asylum.

Whereas criminal records tell us about our ancestors' external physical appearance, the autopsy record told me that Edwin had a 46oz brain, a 12oz heart and a 5302 liver. Not quite so useful!

The admissions register had much the same information as the death register. The male case books however came up with more details "Appears to be about fortyfive years of age, is not nourished, has an abscess on the right buttock and a cicatrix (scar) on the left shin, he is very incoherent in conversation and rather depressed hesitates a little in articulation is reported to be suicidal, weighed ten stones five pounds".

There then followed a long and unpunctuated report of a visit by his wife on

24 May. She gave a detailed resume of his life, including the development of his illness. In this account is the phrase "he once took sugar of lead as a poison". (Sugar of lead I lead acetate: a white crystalline toxic solid used in malting varnishes and enamels.)

In addition I looked in the Clinical Journal but could find no reference to Edwin Hann. For those patients who did have entries within the Journal there is a good deal of information about the progress of their illness, their physical state of health and whether they worked in the wards or gardens.

Both the admissions and death registers have columns headed "Causes of mental disorder" subdivided into "Moral", "Physical" and "Hereditary". A quick scan through a few pages revealed that "Moral" causes, where listed, are quite frequently described as "Fretting" at bereavement, disappointed hopes, lack of work etc. Probably what we now call depression. The "Physical" causes were frequently Bad state of health, Dissolution, Intemperance and Paralysis. Quite a few patients died of "Exhaustion following mania" or "General Paralysis".

These records are still accessed in their original and now rather fragile bound ledgers. The information is, by definition, of a personal nature and because of this is subject to a strictly-enforced 100 year closure rule. I experienced mixed emotions when studying these records, mainly sadness that so little could then be done for people with depressive illness. I felt especially sad that after his wife's visit in May, Edwin Hann seems to have been abandoned by his family. So not a source to be investigated lightly, but nevertheless a possibly useful insight into the fate of some of our ancestors.

(All documents referred to above have LMA reference in group H11/H11/B....)

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On 2nd June 1842 Victor Alexander Yorke, son of the Earl and Countess of Hardwicke was baptised at the Chapel of Ease, Walham Green, Parish of Fulham. His Godparents are listed as:

Queen Victoria

Duke of Wellington

Lord Ashley

Honourable Rev. R. Liddel

The Bishop of London officiated.

It is perhaps not surprising to realise that a lot of the errors we come across in Family history records have been caused simply by the recorder being hard of hearing, or the supplier of the information having an unfamiliar accent.

In researching my partners family, I have got as far as **James DUFFIN**, no known details, place of birth etc., except his son **James DUFFIN** born circa 1830 or possibly earlier. James Duffin born c1830 married, according to the records, **Tryphena 'UNDRILL'** 29 May 1859 at St James Paddington. Tryphena is almost certainly one **Tryphena UNDERHILL**, born in 1830 in Wombourn, Staffordshire. I think this must have been a 'mishearing' of a Black Country accent by a London vicar. She couldn't read so didn't know her name had been written down as Undrill. Try saying "Underhill" in a Brummie accent and you'll see what I mean!

So far I only know of one child, born before they married: **Mary Ann DUFFIN**, born 5 January 1853 at Southall Green, Hayes. On the birth certificate, James Duffin's occupation is given as 'canal boatman'. I couldn't track Mary Ann down for ages, again because of a 'mishearing'. On the 1881 census, her place of birth was written down as 'Salver Green'. As her eldest daughter was supposed to have been born in Manchester, this threw me for a while. However, I had a blinding flash of inspiration one day and realised it could possibly be 'Southall Green' and it was!

She married **Henry James MILLER**, a brickfield labourer. Mary Ann and Henry had at least two children, **Mary Ann** and **Tryphena**. Mary Ann died in 1895 at Horton Bridge, Yiewsley, aged 41. She was described as a widow and died as a result of childbirth. It is not clear if this was Henry's child or the child of one **John FRYER**, in whose house she was living at the time.

The canal boatman entry is quite interesting as another branch of my partner's family were also canal boatmen. It has been fun chasing them up and down the Grand Union Canal. James Duffin could have come from absolutely anywhere, and as Tryphena was born near Wolverhampton, he could very well have met her while he was on the canal there.

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There is a surname index of canal and river boatmen being compiled, with so far 10,000 surnames collected. It is free to consult and more names are welcome. Send SAE to: *John Roberts, 52 St Andrews Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B75 6UH*

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The following is or resume of one of the short relies given at our August 2002 Members Evening.

There is a fascination in seeing how in the past a multitude of servants was needed to maintain the way of life of the privileged upper classes in their splendid country houses. Most of you will have seen the television series "The Edwardian Country House" and the earlier "Upstairs, Downstairs", or the Film "Crosford Park". The strict hierarchy of duties reflected the formal nature of life for those in service, aping the codes of etiquette of their masters and mistresses. I thought it would be a revealing exercise to use the Census returns as a tool of social history to find out about the arrangements at one of our local stately homes - Osterley Park House.

The 1851 return was to be a disappointment. In the House itself, the only occupants were a 57 year-old housekeeper, a house servant and a visiting servant from Middleton in Oxfordshire. On the estate, a few farm labourers, a head gardener and a number of supporting garden labourers with their families.

Of the owners, the Earl of Jersey and his wife, Sarah Sophia (inheritor of the property and the Child banking fortune), no sign. This should not have surprised me as their principal home was at the Jersey seat at Middleton. Osterley, despite its architectural magnificence, was a conspicuous extravagance and although the house was kept up, it was only used occasionally.

In 1861, there was little change - the same housekeeper, a young housemaid and an elderly spinster visitor (possibly the housekeepers sister). The head gardener, now aged 42 years, was still in residence with supporting labourers.

At the next Census there was a significant change, giving the results I had been looking for.

Attempts had been made for some time to find a suitable tenant for the House - "a nobleman or merchant of eminence". In 1871 Caroline, Dowager Duchess of Cleveland, took up residence. Widowed, and aged 79 years, she remained as tenant until her death. She now headed the Census entries, followed by twenty servants for the House: a housekeeper, a French lady's maid, a butler, underbutler, three housemaids, five domestic servants, a French chef, two kitchen maids, two laundry maids, a coachman and two stable helpers. All except the butler and coachman were unmarried. Few had local origins and places of birth were from all parts of the country. The

extent of internal migration must have been considerable, aided no doubt by the railway but probably still frequently by means of the carriers cart. One wonders what network of employment opportunities existed. For the gardening staff on the estate there was no problem - they were just another variation of the ubiquitous "ag lab", common enough in an area of intensive market gardening.

By 1881, the Dowager Duchess is no longer at the House although recorded as tenant until her death in 1883. And there are no signs of her vast entourage of servants - possibly she was away visiting, taking all with her, leaving the inevitable housekeeper, an elderly visitor, three housemaids and a house porter. The coachman is still living at the stables with his family and has two stable helpers.

Thoughts were again given in the 1880s to reletting the property, but following a successful garden party in 1884 it was decided to keep the property as a suburban home, which it was to remain, on and off, until the Second World War. The weekend parties, attended by politicians, writers and public figures, took place in the Season over the summer months. Although there was a revived use of the House, subsequent Census entries repeat the earlier pattern of restricted occupancy by servants only: 1881 - a housekeeper and three domestic servants in the House, a footman with his family in the stable quarters, gardeners and their families; 1901 - again a housekeeper with three domestic servants, a hall porter, a police constable with family in one of the newly-built lodges and gardeners with families in the others.

Although, with the circumstance of the House not being a regularly-used family home, I had not got the results I had originally sought, it was still possible to gain an impression of a way of life somewhat different from that in the surrounding agricultural villages and hamlets.

I thought I might have more success by taking a spot check on the situation at another local Great House - Gunnersbury Park, one of the houses of the Rothschild family. In 1881 only one member was in residence - the 62 year-old German-born widowed Baroness Charlotte Rothschild. Here was a set-up similar to 1871 at Osterley. One fine old lady and an array of servants - a housekeeper, a German lady's maid, three nurses, two French chefs, a butler, four footmen, four housemaids, a domestic servant and three kitchen maids - twenty in all about the house. In addition, the stables housed a head coachman with his family and twelve coachmen (I suspect these were wrongly classified and included stable hands, grooms, etc). Elsewhere in lodges were married carpenters and gardeners working on the estate.

Both at Osterley and Gunnersbury it is noticeable that none of the servants is under 19 years of age, most being in their 20s to 40s. This suggests to me that their employers were able to select experienced and mature staff from around the country rather than needing to take on girls and lads from the village to work at the Big House. I think I have to read further on this subject.

MIDDLESEX REGISTRARS IN 1837

I came across this list of registrars for Middlesex in an 1837 Directory. At least one name on it has come up in my research, so I thought it might be useful to include it in the journal, in case members were unaware that someone in their own tree once held the job of Registrar - Ed.

District	Registrar	District	Registrar
London, North East	T. Abraham	Old Street	M. Garland Ratcliffe Terrace
London, North West	G. Payne Jr.	Islington East	R. Oldershaw Lower Road
London South East	T. Hood	Islington West	J. Watts 17 Pulteney Tce
London South	A.N. Wicks	Haggerstone East	John Johnson
London South West	H. Hill	Haggerstone West	Nathaniel Bowring
St Sepulchre	W. Fortescue Smithfield Bars	Hoxton Old Town	William B. Kilpin
St George the Martyr	C. Marchant	Hoxton New Town	William H. Skegg
St Andrew West Divn	R. Bardons	Holywell & Moorfields	William Finer
St Andrew East Divn	R. Wright	St Leonards	Luke Holmes
Liberty of Saffron Hill, Hatton Gdn & Ely Rents	T. Truman	Bethnal Green	T. Howard 1 Barossa Tce Hackney Road
St Clement Danes	Peter Cosgreave	Bethnal Green Church	G. Reynolds 9 Bethnal Gn Rd
The Rolls	Benjamin Brooks	Bethnal Green Town	H. Gregory 7 White Street
Charing Cross	George Rawlins	Hackney Road	J. Murray 8 Suffolk Place
Long Acre	John Dangerfield	Hackney	Robert Butts
Hanover Square	Edward Jay	Stamford Hill	John W. Montague
Mayfair	Charles G. Charone	South Hackney	William Drewett
Belgrave	Wm. Price Jordan	West Hackney	W. Bernard Robinson
Berwick Street	H. Robinson 2 Gt Pulteney St		
Golden Square	G. Lawford 3 Saville Passage		
St James Square	J. Roberts, 95 Quadrant		

Registrar	District	Registrar	District
St Johns	G. Pearse, Marsham Street	Stoke Newington	William Yardley
St Margarets	W. Martin, King Street	Spitalfields	George Deboas
St Anne Soho	J. Sharpe, 79 Dean Street	Artillery	Thomas Mason
All Souls Marylebone	Thomas Daniels	Mile End New Town	Charles H. Rich
Cavendish Square	William Clapp	Whitechapel North	Henry Chapman
Rectory	John Bell	Whitechapel Church	William Field
St Mary Marylebone	Martin Knapp	Goodmans Fields	William Kirby
Christchurch Marylebone	Wm. George Pau	Aldgate	John James Harris
St Johns (Notting Hill?)	Geo. H. Blackhoffner	Limehouse	Adolphus Barnett
Tottenham	L. Lorant 6 Seymour Cresc. Euston Square	Ratcliff	George Wells
Grays Inn Lane	J. Worrell 28 Hunter Street Brunswick Square	Shadwell & Wapping	Thomas Barnes
Somers Town	W.H. Matthews 24 Upr Seymour St Camden Town	Mile End Old Town, Upper	Thomas Baddeley
J. Curtis,	12 Union Tce Camden Town	Mile End Old Town, Lower	Samuel Castleden
Regents Park	C.H. Spong, 1 Edward Street Hampstead Road	Poplar	Thomas W. Gagen
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Kensington South	Thomas Long	St Pauls	Henry Baddeley
Kensington North East	Clifford Smith	St Mary	William. L. Howell
Kensington North West	William Larnar	St John	John Verrall
Paddington	Robert Holloway	Brentford	John F. Bontems
Fulham	T.W. Wansbrough	Acton	John Williamson
Hammersmith	Daniel T. Roy	Chiswick	James Foster
Kensington	Thomas Madden	Isleworth	Llewellyn Lewis
Bloomsbury South	George Lee	Twickenham	Francis Gooch
Bloomsbury North	James Wood	Kingston	Thomas Kent
Bloomsbury St George	John Yardley	Esher	Thomas Mercer
		Hampton	Ryley Barnes
		Wimbledon	John Kelly
		Sunbury	Robert Bloxholm
		Hendon	John W. Holdgate
		Willesden	George Bilney
		Edgware	Alfred Greene
		Harrow	Frederick Wingley
		Hillingdon	Francis Stockwell
		Uxbridge	Thomas Collett
		Hayes	William Martin
		Barnet	Edward Taplin
		South Mimms	William Acaison

Registrar	District	Registrar	District
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St James Clerkenwell	A. Western 5 Clerkenwell Close	Finchley	John Tatham
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Jim Devine

History and Guide to Harlington and Harmondsworth by *Philip Sherwood*

Harlington and Harmondsworth are two ancient Middlesex parishes that now form the southernmost parts of the London Borough of Hillingdon. For more than a thousand years they remained in peaceful obscurity but since 1944 they

have contained within their boundaries most of Heathrow Airport. The development of the airport has drastically changed their character over the last 50 years and continually threatens their very existence.

Part 1 of the book deals with aspects of their history from the time they first appeared in written records in the 9th century to the present day. Part 2 is a guided illustrated tour of the villages which include not only Harlington and Harmondsworth but also the villages of Sipson, Longford and the lost hamlet of Heathrow, all now part of the large parish of Harmondsworth.

£13 from WMFHS Bookstall or (p&p included) from P.T. Sherwood, 5 Victoria Lane, Harlington, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 5EW

Hanworth, Bedfont and Feltham: a pictorial history by *Andrea Cameron*

Feltham, Hanworth and Bedfont now form the Western part of the London Borough of Hounslow. Up to 1965 they had long been united with their own local authority of the Urban District of Feltham. Before that they were for centuries independent villages surrounded by the wild Hounslow Heath. The author, who was formerly Local Studies Librarian for Hounslow, describes the past of the three villages while her selection of photographs portrays a way of life that has totally disappeared over the past 50 years. Thus the book provides in words and pictures an insight into the making of the present environment.

£13.99 Phillimore & Co. 2002 ISBN 1 86077 209 9. Available from local bookshops or direct from the publishers at Shopwyke Manor Barn, Chichester, W Sussex PO20 6BG

Brentford Past by *Gillian Clegg*

The latest in the series of 'Past' books, on sale from early November 2002, the first such publication for Brentford since the 1920s.

Produced by Historical Publications, published by Phillimore & Co. £15.95

PAST MEETINGS

At the August members evening, four members of the Society gave short talks on the topics of 'Obtaining Certificates from the PRC and the Courier database' (Valerie Walker); 'Upstairs, Downstairs: Osterley House' (Lewis Orton) see elsewhere in the journal; 'Tracing Living People' (Toni Davis), and 'The Temple Family of Cumbria' (Diana Bradley).

Valerie Walker gave a very entertaining talk on the trials and tribulations of running the Courier Service she conducts for the Society, and how members

can be of more help when filling out requests. She also told us something of the database she is building up of extra copies of certificates and unwanted certificates, a name index for which is now available.

Toni Davis provided a list of websites which could be of help in tracing living people, saying that there is virtually nothing which cannot be found on the Internet, but warning that its contents cannot always be trusted, as to place something on the Internet no proof of accuracy is needed. So one should know who owns the website - the government, a private individual etc, and for what purpose was it placed there? Is it up to date? A lot can be deduced from the "Domain" part of the website address, i.e ' gov' for government, 'org' for a non-commercial organisation, 'com' for a commercial organisation, 'ac' for an academic institution. Toni also suggested some useful 'search engines' such as googlecom etc., plus the following:

www.bl.uk/services/information/spis_tlp.html British Library information service with four pages with direct links devoted to Tracing Living People.

www.pro.gov.uk/research/leaflets/tracingmissingpersons.htm PRO website with free leaflets on how to start searching for missing people

www.salvationarmy.org.uk Salvation Army website

www.missingpersons.org National Missing Persons Helpline

www.britishredcross.org.uk/trace British Red Cross

www.look4them.org Joint missing persons initiative of 9 charities

www.teldir.com World Telephone Directories

www.saga.co.uk/circles SAGA magazine has a free service for finding friends past and future

www.friendsreunited.co.uk Old school friends site

www.192.com - Register for 30 free searches per month - uses Directories and the electoral roll.

www.family-finder.co.uk/main/htm Family finder UK family tracing service

www.ffhs.org.uk/General?Help/Adopted.htm Includes Federation of Family History Societies help leaflets for help in tracing adopted children/ natural parents:

www.picturethis.ndirect.co.uk/searches/ Searchline specialises in reuniting adoptive children and parents

LookupUk.com have a very useful website with message boards and advice leaflets on tracing people and also run a No Find No Fee service:

www.lookupuk.com/main.html

www.ukprivateinvestigators.com/Special.html UK Private Investigators plus electoral roll searches and on-line message board

www.assoc.britishinvestigators.org.uk Lists investigators who provide tracing services on commercial basis

Diane Bradley described research she has done into her Temple connections; she found the name relates to places owned by the Knights Templar, her particular connections are in Cumbria. If the name originates in London it can belong to foundlings abandoned in the grounds of the Temple Inns of Court (people named Christmas are often descended from foundlings found at Christmas). Diana visited Cumbria and found copies of property in the parish's Manorial Rolls, and got back to 1682 in the parish registers. The family owned several pubs in London - indeed one ancestor was running pubs in London and still farming in Westmorland, although Diana confessed she cannot see how he managed it. One useful fact she discovered is that clergymen couldn't be ordained if a bastard, so their parents must have been married.

In September local historian Shaaron Whetlor spoke to us of the Jewish community in Notting Hill, which has now almost completely disappeared. But some families still remain from whom she was able to obtain oral testimony of the origins and life of the community. It was centred around the north end of Kensington Park Road, which according to Charles Booth's Victorian survey into life and labour in London was a very poor area. The houses were multi-occupancy dwellings which had originally been speculatively built for the middle class but this venture being unsuccessful they were soon being sublet to a transient population.

From the 1870s Orthodox, Yiddish-speaking Ashkenazi Jews started arriving mostly from Russia, Poland and Lithuania, sometimes to escape conscription into the army. Some had set out for America but got no further than Britain. Tradespeople, they brought with them the mostly portable tools of their trade, so could easily carry on their occupation wherever they settled.

By WW1 there were many Jewish names in the area. Much of the community was engaged in making clothing and tended to specialise in such ancillary work as making the buttonholes for suits, etc., working in their rented rooms or having a small shop. Some worked as outworkers for the larger established stores such as Bradley & Sons and Whiteleys, which were patronised by families from the surrounding wealthier areas.

Eventually many of the side streets leading from the area's main roads were almost completely given over to tailoring workshops. Jewish children

collected and delivered the finished garments, and they were expected to go into the family business. Infant mortality tended to be lower in the community despite their poverty, perhaps due to their careful diet and non-consumption of alcohol. Some were involved in the furniture trade, selling second-hand furniture acquired from local 'totters' - rag and bone men.

The community gave rise to other businesses to service it, such as kosher butchers, who accepted goods such as clothes in kind, and acquired its own Synagogue. Prosperous members of an even older Jewish community which had arrived in the time of Oliver Cromwell lived in the nearby Ladbroke Estate, many of whom were intellectuals such as artists and writers, but the two communities did not tend to mix.

In the 1920s some of the poorer community became involved in the Zionist movement, and during WWII Jewish boys evacuated from Germany were looked after by families in the area.

Despite the eventual dispersal of the community, and the loss of their Synagogue and specialist shops, amongst the families who remain there is still a sense of community where 'everybody knows everybody'.

In October former Hounslow local studies librarian Andrew Cameron gave a fascinating and entertaining talk on the Pears family, manufacturers of Pears Transparent Soap. In the 18th century Andrew Pears, a boy from a remote farm in Cornwall who had served an apprenticeship with a Barber, opened a Barbers shop in Gerrard Street, Soho, London. Noticing that some of his customers suffered from dry skin because of the soap they used, he began making a more refined soap in his back room and selling it to his customers.

This developed into a full-time business. Imitators started making a similar soap, and because there was no copyright law then in place, but forgery was a capital offence, Andrew started putting his signature on his soap wrappings, which became a feature of the product.

Eventually Andrew's son-in-law Francis Westlake joined him in the business which traded as A. & F. Pears as Francis took the Pears name. When Andrew died in 1846 he left the business and £4000 to Francis. Francis' own son Francis also came into the firm, which opened further premises in Wells Street, off Oxford Street.

Francis Junior's son Andrew also came into the business, and he decided the company needed manufacturing premises outside London, so in 1862 a purpose-built factory was opened at Isleworth, which was convenient for rail, road, canal and river connections. Although the factory has now been

demolished, the keystone inscribed 'A.P. 1862' can be seen at Gunnersbury Park Museum.

Andrew's daughter married Thomas Barratt who became a Director and ran the business with Andrew. Thomas was a brilliant and innovative salesman, travelling about the country and abroad promoting the company. He has been called the father of modern advertising - he pioneered such ideas as getting well-known people to endorse the product - Adelina Patti and Lily Langtry were amongst those who lent their names to advertising Pears soap.

When Punch magazine satyriized this campaign with a cartoon of a tramp, Barratt bought the original illustration and made good use of it in advertisements. Historical figures such as Shakespeare and Nelson were also featured, and despite the artist's initial opposition, Barratt bought Millais' well-known picture of his nephew blowing bubbles and it became a famous icon for the soap. The boy eventually became an Admiral but was still called Bubbles by acquaintances.

Journeying to New York to break into the American market, Barratt gatecrashed a soirée at the home of Dr Beecher, brother of Harriet Beecher Stowe, writer of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, buttonholed Beecher and persuaded him to write a testimonial for the soap on the theme of cleanliness being next to Godliness. This he took round to the office of the *New York Herald* and bought their entire front page to display it.

The Pears company also went into publishing, producing the Pears Annual and *Pears Encyclopaedia*; the latter is still published but is no longer connected with the company. In the 1890s the company was floated on the Stock Exchange and had an annual advertising budget of £1m.

Andrew Pears purchased Spring Grove House, Isleworth, once the home of the naturalist Joseph Banks. Originally a Georgian building, Pears had it transformed into a vast Victorian pile, with electricity and telephone installed. But after his children grew up the house was too large and he and his wife moved out - they owned the Selborne rectory in Hampshire for a time. Spring Grove was sold and became a nursing home and lunatic asylum - it now forms the core of West Thames College.

Andrew died in 1909 and his son Thomas became Managing Director of the company. On a trip to America he and his wife Ethel were passengers on the *Titanic* - Ethel was saved but Tom perished.

In 1914 the company was sold to Lever Brothers, then in 1962 to Unilever. Pears Transparent Soap is now made under Licence in India.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The following is 21 mix of family historical, general historical and general knowledge questions with only relevant numbers and initials given. To give you an idea how to solve them, the solution to the first is given. Good luck with the other 49.

1. 1066 B o H *1066 Battle of Hastings*
2. 365 D i a Y
3. 8 E K N H
4. 1815 B o W
5. 100 Y i a C
6. 64 Y o Q V R
7. 1953 Q E C
8. 26 L i t A
9. 240 O P i a P
10. 1588 S A
11. 7 C i t R
12. 21 S o a D
13. 3 M i a B
14. 7 D i a W
15. 13 B D
16. 4 H o t A
17. 25 Y S W A
18. 8 T o a O
19. 5 G R
20. 2001 a S O
21. 154 S b W S
22. 1760 Y i a M
23. 90 D i a R A
24. 60 S i a M
25. 64 S o a D B
26. 1837 C R (E & W) B
27. 18 H o a G C
28. 6 G a L
29. 3 C i t F
30. 1953 E H C E
31. 7 W o t W
32. 5 F o E H
33. 1754 H M A
34. 1538 C o P R
35. 3 B M
36. 6 W o H t E
37. 4 Q i a G
38. 1977 Q S J
39. 12 D o C
40. 6 S a S
41. 3 F i a Y
42. 4 C B
43. 10 G B
44. 9 P i t S S
45. 1660 R o M
46. 1 H o a U
47. 11 P i a F T
48. 8 M a M
49. 1914 F W W B O
50. 1666 G F o L

EDITOR'S NOTES

Can I use this opportunity to point out that the Society does not run a research service, but if individual members wish to respond to requests for research made in this journal, it is entirely up to them. But they should ascertain the conditions under which the research is carried out, for instance whether expenses will be paid, or if reciprocal research will be done, etc.

Once again the December issue contains a puzzle for readers to tackle over Christmas - I hope you enjoy doing it. And a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Members and their families

Deadline for March 2003 issue: 15 January 2003

A very special calendar for 2003

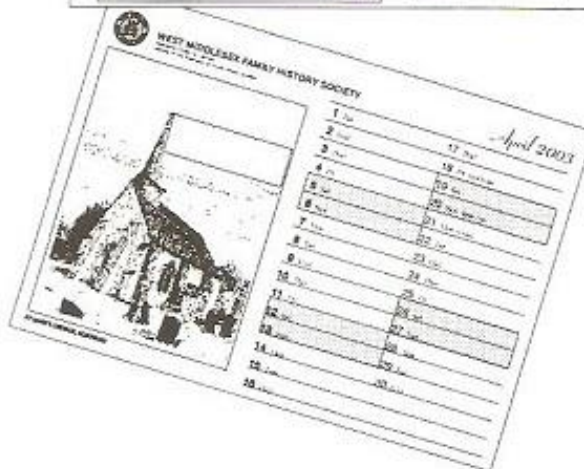
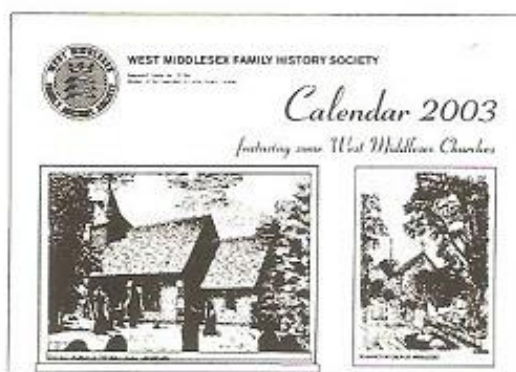
The West Middlesex Family History Society is proud and very happy to be able to offer a unique calendar for 2003 which features some of the beautiful drawings of West Middlesex churches (one for each month) drawn variously by Ken Huckle and Ted Dunstall, which have hitherto only been available as postcards.

The calendar is A4 landscape (11¼" wide x 8¼" high), spiral wire-bound with a month to each page. The illustrations are black line on a cream background. It would make an ideal Christmas present.

We are offering it at £4.00 plus 50p postage and packing, available from:

Mrs Mavis Burton
10 West Way,
Heston, Middx TW5 0JF.

Cheques should be made payable to West Middlesex Family History Society.



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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- M187 Mrs J.W. Mortimore, 32 Spiders Island, Whaddon, Salisbury SP5 3BG
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Change of Email address:

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BS24 0DJ mariette@denison.fsworld.co.uk
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CB11 3SA gardner@gardner.keme.co.uk
- J38 Dr Peter G. Jennings, Fairacre, Murcott, Malmesbury, Wiltshire
SN18 9EX hoddy@lunet.ac.uk
- W183 Mrs Marion J. Webb, 15 The Rise, Partridge Green, Horsham,
W Sussex RH13 8JB marion.webb@virgin.net

SURNAME INTERESTS

The table below gives surname interests for the new members listed on the previous page. The format should be self-explanatory. Note that the Chapman County Codes are used in the 'Counties' column. 'ANY' or ALL' indicates that, for instance, any date or any place is of interest. When writing to members about entries in this section, please remember to include an SAE.

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ASHTON	Before 1840	Waltham Cross	ESS	S213
BAKER	After 1850	Shepperton	MDX	R108
BARRETT	ANY	Manchester Area	LAN	D130
BEALE	ALL	Charlton/Hankerton	WIL	D130
BIGGS	1800-1930	Mortlake Area	SRY	B265
BISHOP	1820-1890	Southwark Area	SRY	S212
BRIGGS	Post 1880	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	NBL	S207
BRITTON	After 1700	Bristol Area	GLS	P105
BROADBRIDGE	After 1700	Kensington Area	MDX	P105
BURKART	From 1864	Lambeth	SRY	P105
BURTON	c1700/c1800	Harmondsworth Area	MDX	M187
BUSHEL	ANY	Laleham	MDX	D130
BYRON	1800-1930	Fulham Area	MDX	B265
CAME	After 1800	Kensington Area	MDX	P105
CAPLIN	19C	Clerkenwell	MDX	P79
CAPLIN	c1870	Hackney	MDX	P79
CHAF(F)ER	1820-1900	St Pancras	MDX	P79
CHAF(F)ER	1820-1900	Camberwell	SRY	P79
CHAF(F)ER	1820-1900	Deptford	MDX	P79
CHAPL(A)IN	Before 1850	Knightsbridge Area	MDX	M187
CLARK(E)	Pre 1850	ANY	ESS	C220

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
CLARK(E) Mary Ann	c1820	ALL	MDX	C220
COTTON	1750-90	Wokingham	BRK	S213
DALLEY	1700-1900	Lambeth	SRY	D130
DEARDS	1800-1930	Fulham Area	MDX	B265
DOE	ANY	ANY	ANY	D130
DUNSTAN	ALL	Penryn	CON	S212
EAST	Pre 1830	West Drayton/Uxbridge	MDX	C220
FARNSWORTH	From 1850	Milton	KEN	S207
FELLENOR	ALL	ALL	WIL	M187
FINCH	1800-1900	Manchester Area	LAN	D130
FISHER	1780-1840	Marylebone	MDX	S213
FLOWER	After 1850	ALL	MDX	R108
FOLLY	Before 1800	Hayes	MDX	F103
FOLLY	19C	Hayes	MDX	F103
FOLLY	19C	Old Brentford/Isleworth	MDX	F103
FOLLY	Before 1800	Chinnor	OXF	F103
FOLLY	19C	Chinnor	OXF	F103
FOLLY	Before 1800	Stokenchurch	OXF	F103
FOLLY	19C	Stokenchurch	OXF	F103
FREETH	ALL	Charlton	WIL	D130
GALE	After 1830	Hanworth	MDX	R108
GARLINGE	Pre 1800	Canterbury Area	KEN	C220
GIFFORD	ALL	Tottenham Area	MDX	M187
GREIG	Post 1800	Sunderland	DUR	S207
GUEST	1800-50	Finsbury Area	MDX	S207
GUEST	1850-1920	Kensington Area	MDX	S207
GUEST	1890-1920	Acton	MDX	S207
GUEST	1900-50	Dagenham	ESS	S207
HAYES	ANY	Manchester Area	LAN	D130
HENDERSON	1780-1850	Hackney	MDX	S213
HERMITAGE	1800-50	Thanet	KEN	S213
HILL	After 1700	Kensington Area	MDX	P105
HOLLINGDALE	Pre 1700	Pyecombe Area	SSX	H220
HOME	Pre 1850	Ancroft	NBL	H220
HOWE	After 1800	Hounslow Area	MDX	M129
HUGHES	After 1812	Brentford Area	MDX	S212
HUGHES	ANY	Richmond	SRY	S212
HUGHES	ANY	Twickenham	MDX	S212
HUNT	1850-1900	ANY	MDX	S207
JONES	Pre 1850	ANY	ESS	C220
KINGHORNE	1780-1820	Hackney	MDX	S213
LANE	After 1812	London St Giles	MDX	S212

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
LAW	ALL	Charlton	WIL	D130
LEVER	1800-1900	Manchester Area	LAN	D130
LUMBY	19C	ANY	ANY	S207
MAYNARD	1900-1950	Heston Area	MDX	R107
MAYNARD	1900-1950	Norwood Green Area	MDX	R107
MELLON	Before 1850	Westminster Area	MDX	M187
MOORE	After 1800	Isleworth Area	MDX	M129
OSBORNE	After 1800	Hounslow Area	MDX	M129
PORTER	1800-1900	Odiham	HAM	P79
RAMSEY	Pre 1860	Bramford	SFK	C220
RAMSEY	Pre 1860	ANY	SFK	C220
RAPLEY	1700-1900	City	LND	P79
RAPLEY	1750-1900	Clerkenwell	MDX	P79
RAPLEY	1700-1900	Marylebone	MDX	P79
RAPLEY	1750-1900	Islington	MDX	P79
RAPLEY	1700-1900	London Area	MDX	P79
ROSAM	ANY	Chiswick	MDX	S212
ROYESTON	After 1800	Norwood Area	MDX	M129
RUDGE	After 1890	Sunbury	MDX	B265
RUDGE	After 1890	Stourbridge	WOR	B265
SANSOM	Before 1850	Harmondsworth	MDX	D130
SCARLETT	ANY	Laleham	MDX	D130
SCARLETT	ANY	Cranford	MDX	D130
SCOTT	After 1890	Sunbury	MDX	B265
SCOTT	After 1890	Stourbridge	WOR	B265
SELF	Before 1830	Southwark	SRV	S213
SELF	1750-1830	Devizes	WIL	S213
SILLETT	Pre 1860	Lowestoft	SFK	C220
SILLETT	Pre 1860	ANY	SFK	C220
SIMS	1850-1900	Paddington	MDX	S207
SPENCER	1820-1890	Hounslow	MDX	S212
SPRAGGON	1800-1930	Fulham Area	MDX	B265
STAINER	1800-1930	Fulham Area	MDX	B265
STEPHENS	After 1800	Isleworth Area	MDX	M129
STONE	19C	Hammersmith	MDX	H220
SWATTON	ALL	Wilcot	WIL	M187
SWEATMAN	ALL	Kensington/Fulham	MDX	M187
SWEETMAN	ALL	Kensington/Fulham	MDX	M187
SWEETMAN	Before 1850	Lewes	SSX	M187
SYKES	c1882	Milton	KEN	S207
SYKES	c1885	Notting Hill	MDX	S207
SYKES	1840-1900	ANY	ANY	S207

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
TAYLOR	Post 1840	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	NBL	S207
TAYLOR	Post 1880	Bishop Auckland Area	DUR	S207
THOMAS	1860-1890	Hammersmith Area	MDX	P79
THOMAS	1860-1930	Bermondsey Area	SRY	P79
THOMAS	1790-1880	Haworth	WRY	P79
THOMAS	1600-1800	Wadsworth Area	WRY	P79
TUCK	ALL	Hackney	MDX	M187
TUCK	Before 1800	Lambeth	SRY	M187
WEST	1760-1830	Chatham	KEN	S213
WEST	1830-1860	Paddington	MDX	S213
WHEATLEY-HUMPHREY	After 1800	Kensington	MDX	P105
WHITELAND	After 1800	Kensington	MDX	P105
WILLS	19C	Hammersmith	MDX	H220
WORLEY	ALL	Seer Green	BKM	D130

Postcards of Middlesex Churches

A series of pen and ink drawings were done some time ago of several of the parish churches in our area of interest. There are eleven in the series and they have been produced as postcards, 105mm x 148 mm(A6).

They are:

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

Two new church drawings have recently been added. They are:

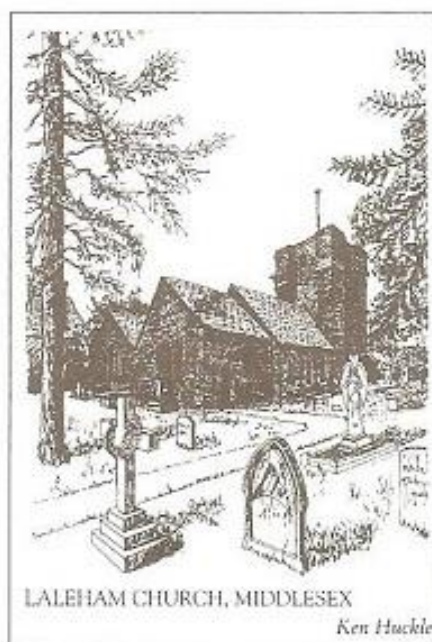
Greenford, the old church of the Holy Cross and Northolt, St. Mary's

They cost 60p 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 40p.

Please make cheques payable to West Middlesex Family History Society.



INDEXES HELD BY MEMBERS

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

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

West Middlesex Marriage Index Pre-1837 marriages in West Middlesex with partial coverage elsewhere in the county. Search for one specific marriage reference: £1 (non-members £2); listing of up to 20 entries for specific surname: £2 (non-members £4). Please supply places/dates/surname variants if known. All enquiries must contain SAE (minimum 220x110mm). Cheques to West Middlesex FHS.

Richard Chapman, 15 Willerton Lodge, Bridgewater Road, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0ED

West Middlesex Strays People from or born in our area found in another area. Enquiries : Members free, non-members £1.00.

Mrs Wendy Mott, 24 Addison Avenue, Hounslow TW3 4AP

Monumental Inscriptions: Acton, Ashford, Cranford, Chiswick, Ealing, Feltham, Fulham (recorded 100 years ago), Hampton, Harlington, Hayes, Heston, Hillingdon, Hounslow (United Reformed), Norwood Green, Perivale, Staines, Teddington, Twickenham and Uxbridge. Enquiries: free for members, non-members £1.00.

Mrs Wendy Mott, 24 Addison Avenue, Hounslow TW3 4AP

1881 Census Indexes For fee of £1.00 plus SAE (at least 9"x4") any one county searched for any one surname. Fee will cover the supply of up to four photocopies of the entries found. Cheques payable to Mrs Margaret Harnden.

Mrs Margaret Harnden, 10 Wavendean Avenue, Thorpe Lea, Egham, Surrey TW20 8LD

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

Mrs R. Ward, 29 Ernest Gardens, Chiswick, London W4

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

Mrs J. Hagger, 9 Mandeville Road, Shepperton, Middx TW17 0AL

Divorce Index An index to divorces reported in *The Times* 1785-1910. Indexed by surname of principal parties, surname of co-respondent(s), and alias(es). Enquiries members free (SAE or IRC and please quote membership no); non-members: £1.50 (UK), A\$4, NZ\$5, inc. postage. Also available on fiche at £8.00 (UK), A\$22. NZ\$26, inc. airmail postage worldwide.

Mrs. Annie Weare, PO Box 3021, Bassendean 6054, Western Australia.

Hammersmith Burials Index 1664-1837 A search of this Index can be made for £1 per surname plus SAE.

Apply to: Mrs Margaret Garrod, 54 Potters Lane, New Barnet, Herts EN5 5BQ

Hayes St Mary's Parish Registers Baptisms, marriages, burials 1557-1840. Enquiries £1 per surname.

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