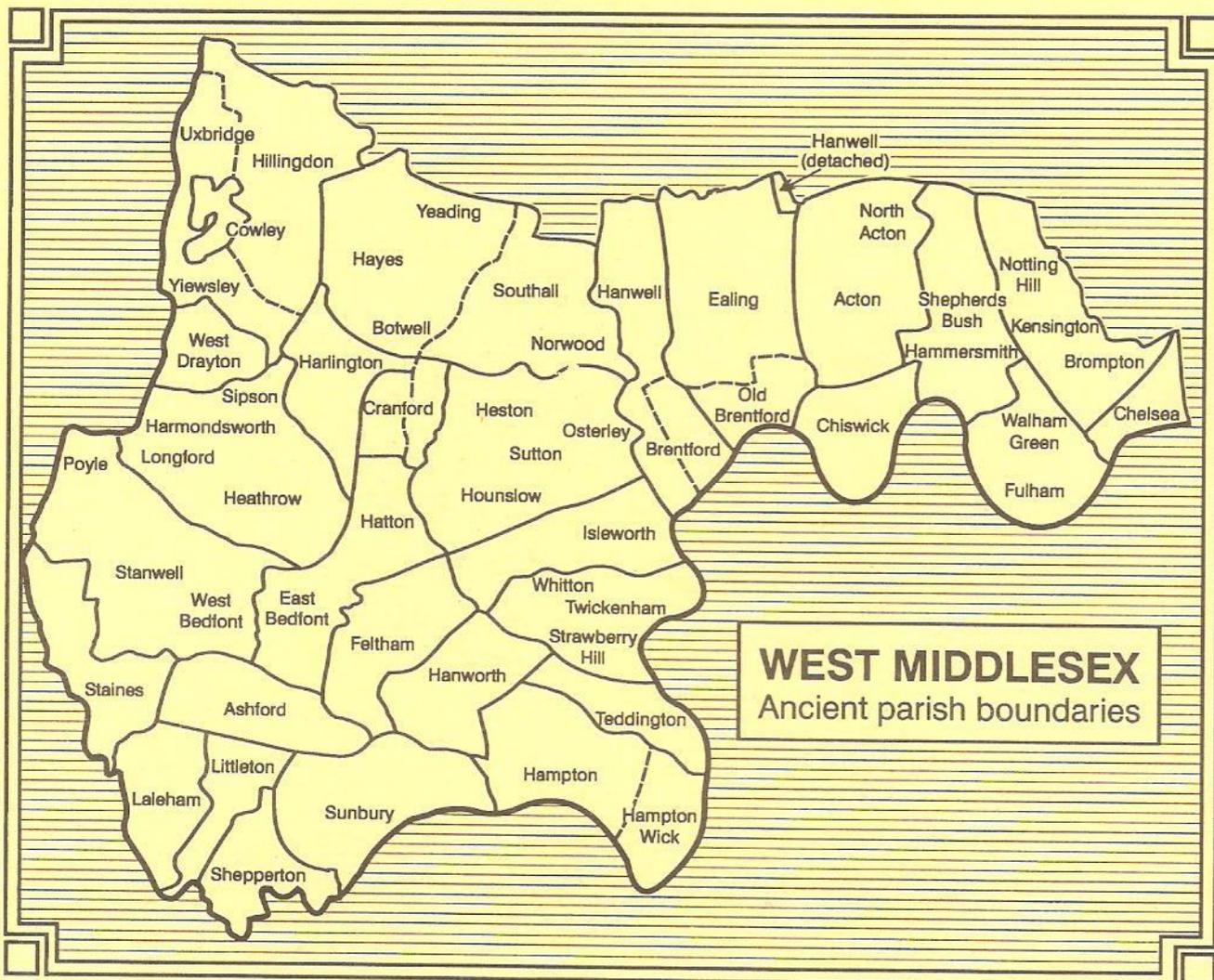


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FUTURE MEETINGS

The following talks have been arranged:

- 18 Dec Christmas Party, with short talk by Lewis Orton
- 15 Jan An Insight into Regimental Corps Histories and Traditions
Ken Divall
- 19 Feb Birth and Baptism in the 1800s
Tom Doig
- 18 Mar AGM and Members' Evening:
- 15 Apr They Don't Do Food Like That Any more
David Bartram
- 20 May Education Records
Richard Harvey
- 17 June DIY Mutual Self-help in 19th and 20th Centuries
The Friendly Societies
Audrey Fish
- 15 July Members' Evening

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.

Thursday 18 December

A reminder to all members that we will be celebrating

25 years of WMFHS

at our Christmas Social

We look forward to seeing you all

at 7.15 pm



NEWS ROUNDUP

Museum of London

From 17 October 2003 to 18 July 2004 the museum is staging an exhibition "1920s: the decade that changed London", which brings together varied symbols of that age from Bolshevik posters to the golden lifts from Selfridges store, telephone boxes, gorgeous dance dresses, goods from Woolworths, film of Anna Pavlova and Fritz the Cat, etc. By the end of the 1920s London had skyscrapers, talking pictures, jazz, the BBC, divorce, and traffic controls, and Londoners had more choices than ever before. During the period of the exhibition there will be a series of special talks and tours, plus film screenings including Alfred Hitchcock's *Blackmail*, the first British talkie. *Adult £5, conc. £3, under 16 free. Museum of London, London Wall EC2Y 5HN tel. 0870 444 3852*

The National Archives (was PRO)

Now available at Kew: WO 121: Royal Hospital Chelsea, discharge documents of Pensioners 1782-1887, are available in the microfilm reading room with the exception of pieces 184, 223 and 224 which will be added as soon as possible. WO 121 contains certificates of service (pieces 1436) arranged chronologically according to the date the pension was awarded. A name index has been created by the Friends of the PRO and this is now accessible from the National Archives' online catalogue PROCAT. The Friends will continue to index the material from piece WO 121/137-257 onwards (General Discharge Registers) and the resulting data will be uploaded into PROCAT over the next year.

Diary Dates 2003

Monday 5 October to 31 December: Exhibition on Women's Suffrage at the National Archives, Kew: *The March of the Women. Ruskin Avenue, Kew. Free*

Saturday 29 November: Study day at the Museum of London: *London 1860-1900* explores the changes which took place over this period including work of artists and writers such as Whistler, Sickert and Dickens. 10.30am-5pm. £20, £15 conc.

Saturdays 29 November, 13 & 27 December: High Speed History of London, whistle-stop tour around the Museum of London covering London's long and colourful history. Buy ticket on the day. 2pm, 45 mins. £3, £2 conc.

Monday 1 December, Saturdays 22 November & 20 December: *Life in Tudor London 1485-1603* In-depth tour of Museum of London's Tudor

Gallery covering lives of ordinary people of the period. 2.15pm, 45 mins. Free

Wednesday 26 November & 10 December: *A Tour of the Twenties*, Museum of London Exhibition tour with curator Cathy Ross: why this decade was so important. 3pm, 45 mins. Free

Wednesday 17 December: Unique insight into the stunning costumes in the Museum of London Twenties Exhibition with curator Oriole Cullen. 3pm, 30 mins. Free

2004

Sunday 25 January: Bracknell Family History Fair, Bracknell Sports Centre, Bagshot Road, Bracknell, Berks: very large fair with over 200 stalls. For further information, www.familyhistoryfairs.com

Tuesday 10 February: *Watermen of the Thames*, talk by David Blomfield to Sunbury & Shepperton Local History Society at the Theatre, Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton, 8pm, non-members £1

Thursday 12 February to Saturday 1 May: Exhibition: Women in the Office, 1870 to present. The Women's Library, London Metropolitan University, Old Castle St, London E1 7NT, tel. 020 7320 2222, www.thewomenslibrary.ac.uk

Tuesday 9 March: *Blitz - London during World War II*, talk by Brenda Cole to Sunbury St Shepperton Local History Society at the Theatre, Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton, 8pm, non-members £1

Saturday 13 March: West London Local History Conference on the theme *Victorian West London*. Venue: Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow, 10-4.30, £7.50, book in advance from Janet McNamara, 31B Brook Road South, Brentford TW8 0NN, cheques payable to West London Local History Conference, please enclose SAE. Always a sell-out (150 seats), early booking advisable.

WMFHS NOTICEBOARD



Once again it has been a busy year for the Society and I have very much enjoyed the Contact with members, be it through your letters or meeting you either at our Hounslow meetings or when we attend Family History Open Days and Fairs. However, it is now time to renew your membership and I would ask all members to do this as soon as possible. It causes extra work and expense when subscriptions come in after the deadline date of 1st April. I would particularly ask that overseas members renew

promptly. If I have to send out your journals individually instead of using our mailing agent, the increase in postage costs is quite significant.

Will overseas members note that you can use the internet to pay over a secure site by credit card, enabling you to bypass those crippling commission charges on sterling cheques. It is possible to pay via the Federation of Family History Societies' Publications/Genfair Company: go to www.ffhs.org.uk/genfair and navigate through Main Hall to WMFHS and Membership.

Please note that it was agreed at the AGM that our subscription for 2004 would be £10 for all classes of membership, individual, joint or corporate. This is particularly important for those of you who pay by standing order. **PLEASE CHANGE YOUR STANDING ORDER.** If I subsequently have to write to you requesting a further £1, I will have to add an administration charge of 25p.

One or two more administrative pleas: if you are Joint Members, do please include both names on the form. We do include a Gift Aid form but if you have already completed one of these for the Society there is no need to renew this. And one further request: please do not staple your cheque to your renewal form - you can be assured that if there is a cheque in your envelope I will find it.

Bridget Purr, Membership Secretary

Members' Survey 2004

In this issue, in addition to the membership renewal form you will find a survey form inviting you to comment on various aspects of the Society. Please complete this survey if you possibly can as it will provide feedback which will enable us to decide on future activities and how the Society should evolve in the coming years. You can post the form together with your membership renewal or alternatively submit your responses electronically by downloading the form from the Society website and sending it to: survey@west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk. Postal or electronic responses to the survey by 31 January 2004 please.

We seek 'em here, we seek 'em there

A few impressions of WMFHS' first One-Day Conference from a member of the audience.

A most successful and enjoyable day

On arrival we were greeted by Maggie Mold and her helpers at the Registration Table in the Main Entrance, enhanced by a lovely bowl of flowers and another beautiful display in the Conference Room itself.

Weatherwise it was a beautiful sunny day and inside too the sun shone on the speakers, presenters and audience, giving us a wonderful, good Conference.

It was a full, well-thought-out programme, starting with Michael Candy, always full of fun and humour, as his talk proved to be.

Wiltshire is so lucky to have a dedicated team of researchers and transcribers led by Beryl and John Hurley, who told us about their many sources.

Morning coffee, and tea at the end of the day, were part of the day's programme and gave us a good break.

In the afternoon a very informative session with our own Chris Watts who spoke about help we can find in researching family history at the National Archives.

It was a very good idea of Bridget Purr's to have this day between our biennial Open Days, as they all take a lot of work and planning behind the scenes. Thank you to all involved in the first-ever event of this kind by our Society and in such a prestigious venue.

Mary Bickle

For a fuller account of the Conference, see page 20.

PETER HOCKING

Member Peter Hocking was a well-known face at our monthly meetings together with his wife Jeannette who served the refreshments at the meetings. Peter sadly died in August and the following is a tribute given at his funeral at St Lawrence Feltham by his old friend Dermot Doran.

Kiki and the family have lost a loving and loyal husband, father and grandfather. And everyone else has lost a true and faithful friend.

I have valued the friendship of Peter for almost 50 years - since each of us, from different directions, moved into this parish - and ever since then we have kept up a very close friendship. Peter kept up all his friendships. How many of us have kept in contact with friends of schooldays? Peter did. And friends from St John's College, Southsea, at Portsmouth, are here today. Likewise his University contacts.

Both Peter and I, separately, were proud to have served in the Royal Air Force, but only Peter kept up with friends he then made. He wrote of his service in a short section of a published book. In later years he was a member of the Royal Air Force Historical Society, and a member of the Royal Air Forces Association and friends from the Royal Air Forces Association are here today.

Peter's professional career was as a research scientist - a genuine boffin - with the Admiralty Research Laboratory, where he was engaged on secret defence work. And here again he made - and kept up with - friends, some

here today. And made yet more friends with the officers and ratings of the Royal Navy when he went to sea on surface ships and in submarines.

But his abiding interest was aviation, civil as well as military. Peter was a painstaking aviation historian and researcher: practical examples included his voluntary work at Brooklands Museum, represented here today, and his chapters in a locally-published book on the fascinating history of Hanworth Aerodrome. All involving more friendships.

So much for his friendships in the world outside. Throughout, he was a friend to all who knew him in this parish, and indeed a stalwart of the parish, as our good parish priest so aptly described him. Many years ago he helped to run St Lawrence's Youth Club, and he was a founder member of the original Parish Council. And in more recent years he has been a committed member of the Governing Body of St Lawrence's School where, in addition, he was a voluntary teaching assistant coaching children in their reading. The children loved him . . . more friendship. And among his other commitments to the Church he was, of course, a server.

I cannot conclude without mentioning Peter's stories. If our roles were reversed and if Peter were here talking about me, he would surely have a relevant story about me to round off. Alas, I cannot do the same for him – I'm the sort of chap who muddles the punch line. But I suspect he is now sharing his stories with a new audience of friends where he is now. May he there rest in peace.

CERTIFICATE COURIER SERVICE

The charge for certificates obtained through the courier service is £8.50. Please supply the FULL reference as 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.

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My mother never talked much about her father's family. She only mentioned that she hadn't got on with her father. However, I had a certificate of his birth in 1873 and his name was unique: Woodruff TILBURY. Knowing his parents' names, it was a simple step to find a copy of their 1867 marriage certificate, especially with the fairly uncommon names of William Wix TILBURY and Jane WOODRUFF. Using his age on the marriage certificate as a guide, finding a birth certificate - 23rd January 1846 - for William Wix was straightforward, confirming his father's name: another William TILBURY. Wow! Genealogy is easy, I thought. But that was when my problems began . . .

Firstly, I had difficulty reading on his birth certificate the maiden surname of William Wix's mother: could it be Sarah GUIGER or GUIGERS? (I was expecting Wix). Either way, I could not find a marriage certificate for his parents that fitted, although I hunted right back to when records began in 1837. However, I had a copy of the 1881 British census so I thought I would try and locate the couple and their children in that. I could find no such couple. However, there was a William TILBURY of about the correct age, a widower and 'licensed victualler', living at the Musley Hill 'Volunteer' in Ware, Hertfordshire with a widowed daughter, Jane COLE, aged 37, and her two children, William Edward COLE, 8, and Maud Gertrude COLE, 5. Aha! I thought. Maybe this is my William Tilbury and I've found a sister for William Wix. A check in the censuses for 1851 and 1861 should confirm this. However, in the 1851 census William and Sarah appear at the brickfields, Yeading, Middlesex - where William is the 'Foreman' - both aged 32, along with their children William Wix, 5, Matilda, 3, and Fanny, 1. No Jane (although according to her age in the 1881 census, she should be about 8 years old). By 1861 William has become a beershop keeper aged 42, still living in Yeading with his wife Sarah, 42, and their children William Wix, 15, Fanny, 11, Mary Ann, 4 and Elizabeth, 1. Again, no mention of Jane, or Matilda for that matter. Was I on the wrong track? In desperation I decided to see if I could find Jane with any other family members in the 1871 census. I found her, aged 27, again living with her father, who is a widower but now a land-owner, in the High Street, Hayes. Still no conclusive link with my Tilburys. Nowhere does Jane appear with William and Sarah, nor with their children. Maybe this William Tilbury and Jane Cole are not related to my Tilburys after all. I needed a birth certificate for Jane Tilbury, or a marriage certificate, to provide some proof.

I hunted in vain for a Jane Tilbury marrying a Cole in the Hayes area for a period of up to seven years before the birth of her son. No joy. Jane Tilbury

was proving a very elusive person and I was beginning to doubt that she was a relation of mine at all. But wait a minute, checking back to the 1871 census data again, I realise that she is already 'Jane Cole, widow'! How could that be when her children whom I found with her in 1881 weren't born until 1872 and 1875? Did she know something about IVF treatment, back then in the nineteenth century? I imagine not! There had to be some other explanation.

But first I had to ascertain whether she really was a relative of mine or not. Given her age in the 1871 and 1881 censuses, I decided to look for a birth certificate for Jane Tilbury and was finally able to determine that she was indeed an elder daughter of William and Sarah, born 1st December 1843, although I now had an alternative spelling for Sarah's surname: GUAGER

I was left with the conundrum of how Jane managed to give birth to two children at least one and four years after her husband died! Since I had failed to find a marriage certificate prior to her son's birth, I decided to look for her son's birth certificate to discover who his father had been. This provided the father's name of Edward COLE. However, the interesting information lay in the mother's name, which was given as: 'Jane Cole late Cole formerly Tilbury'. Finally, the jigsaw was falling into place. Jane must have been married twice, both times to a Cole, and widowed twice. No wonder I had been unable to find a marriage certificate for Jane Tilbury and Edward Cole, the marriage had been between Jane Cole and Edward Cole. The first marriage, I eventually discovered, had been between Jane Tilbury and William Cole, son of William Cole, on 3rd January 1865 in Hayes. A further search uncovered the second marriage, between Jane Cole and Edward Cole - whose father was also William - in the Registry Office, Hackney on 11th December, 1871.

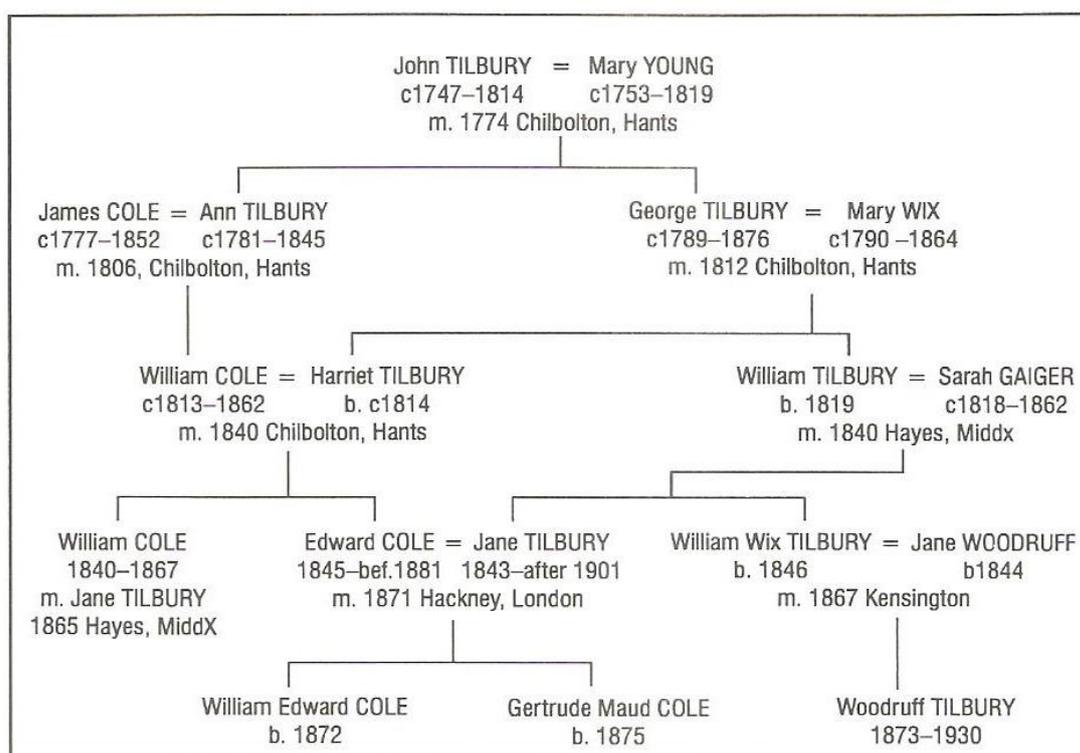
After a lot more searching, I discovered that Jane had two cousins, William and Edward, sons of William Cole and her aunt Harriet née Tilbury and that William junior had died aged 26 in 1867. Her first husband William's age was given as 24 on the marriage certificate two years earlier, which fitted exactly. Also, his father's occupation was given as publican, which was the occupation of Jane's uncle. Moreover, a witness to the wedding was Harriet Cole, William's mother, who was also Jane's aunt, so the circumstantial evidence is strong that William and Jane were cousins. I very much suspect that Edward was also Jane's cousin (it being rather unlikely that she should find a husband with the identical name to William's brother) although the fact that the father's occupation is given as 'publican' on the first marriage certificate and 'farmer' on the second makes conclusive proof difficult. However, since the father was dead by the time the second wedding took place, his occupation could be suspect. I believe it was against the law at that

time to marry a brother of a deceased husband, and the unrelated witnesses to the second marriage may bear witness to this fact. Nevertheless, what a terrible tragedy for a young woman, to be widowed twice before the age of 37!

All this just goes to show how easy it is to be misled in the genealogy business. I did eventually find a marriage certificate for William and Sarah since I discovered the correct spelling of Sarah's surname, GAIGER, on the birth certificate of one of her younger daughters. I have still to discover the whereabouts of Jane, and in fact also an elder brother, John, in the earlier censuses.

In pursuing this research I found the links between the Tilbury and Cole families were even more complex than was at first indicated. Jane's aunt Harriet was born Harriet Tilbury and was a sister of Jane's Father William Tilbury. Harriet herself had married her cousin William Cole, the son of her aunt Ann Tilbury, a sister of George Tilbury, father of William Tilbury. In addition, Harriet's younger sister married a younger brother, Robert, of Harriet's husband. And a sister of William and Robert Cole married another cousin, who was the son of an older sibling of George and Ann! The Coles and Tilburys in Chilbolton, Hampshire, were virtually all inter-related in the 1800s. Worthy of another article perhaps! The family tree which appears in this article may help in clarifying the relationships.

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I am working on a project to record the details of people and properties on the High Street, Brentford, for the period 1841 onwards. This arose from having a number of ancestors who lived on the High Street, including:

Florence Maria TAYLOR, my grandmother, born in 1879 at number 237, a bakers shop run by her father George TAYLOR until his death in 1914. George's father John Donville TAYLOR ran the bakery from around 1841.

William and Frederick FOORD, decorators at nos. 62 and 63 in 1881; their father William FOORD ran a plumbing/ glazing and decorating business from what appears to be the same address from 1841.

Thomas PARSONS, a shoemaker, lived on the High Street from 1841 until his death in 1851 (somewhere around number 284) ; his son James PARSONS ran a grocers on the High Street near to number 287 (1861-1871); another son Joseph PARSONS was a watchmaker at number 284 until 1861.

Also two spouses:

John BLOOMER, a builder, at no.185 in 1891; in 1933 REDMOND and BLOOMER ran coffee rooms at number 233.

Alfred PLATT, who ran a grocers from number 234 in 1890; the same family ran Platts Stores at number 221 around 1905.

A visit to Brentford to photograph these properties was disappointing - they had been demolished! With all those addresses to go on I was confident that they would be featured in one of the historic photographic publications, but it was not that straightforward, as the captions did not always include house numbers. So, the project to link people/properties started in earnest in 2002. The High Street was not numbered until 1876, so one challenge is fitting folk into properties based on the 1881 census, landmarks such as the many pubs and inns, and occupations/names of people.

I am using the following sources:

Censuses from 1841-1891 (noting head of household and occupation as a minimum)

Trade directories (1839, 1933 so far)

1910 Valuation Returns at the PRO, or National Archives, Kew (brief description of each property, its owners and occasionally its occupiers, plus an indication of its state of repair)

I have also noted photographs featuring the High Street and descriptions of the buildings, their history and their occupiers from the following publications:

Archive Photograph Series Brentford, Carolyn & Peter Hammond, publ. Chalford 1996

Brentford As It Was, Andrea Cameron, Libraries Divn, London Borough of Hounslow, Hendon Publ. Co. 1983

Brentford and Chiswick As It Was, Brentford 8: Chiswick LHS & Hounslow Library Services, Hendon Publ. Co. 1978

Chiswick and Brentford, Patrick Loobey, publ. 1997 by Sutton Publishing Ltd. In the Britain in Old Photographs series

Brentford Past, Gillian Clegg, publ. 2002 (reviewed in the March 2003 journal)

I have put the information I have gathered so far into a spreadsheet with a column for each major source and a row for each number on the High Street: 1-158 (the south side working westwards from Kew Bridge) and 159-411 (the north side working eastwards).

Eventually it would be wonderful to create a 'virtual reality' view of the High Street at different dates (but I realise this may be overly ambitious). The plan is to publish the project on the Internet, hopefully during 2004, although I have a lot to learn first.

'Can I help?' you (hopefully) ask. Well, if you can pin a surname to a house number at any date, this would be very useful, as the censuses do not always include house numbers (and where they do they are not always accurate). If you have any memories of the High Street properties or people who lived there and would be happy for them to be included in the project (with or without acknowledgement) *please* forward them. Similarly photographs of the High Street of any date you are happy to share will add a lot of interest. Thank you!

'Can you help me?' you ask. I am happy to look up any surnames, or occupants of any property: just send an sae or email me. I may also be able to help if you have a census entry from 1871 or earlier and want to find out where this was on the High Street.

Thanks must be made at this stage to Janet McNamara, member of the Brentford 31 Chiswick Local History Society and local tour guide, and Carolyn Hammond, Local Studies Librarian, Chiswick Library, who have both helped by sharing their local knowledge and being enthusiastic about this project.

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I was recounting with enthusiasm to my mother how far I had managed to trace our family history, in an effort to try and stir the memories, when my brother, who happened to be visiting at the time, said "I think I've got Grandad's old diary"! And there started the quest. . .

Our grandfather, Thomas George SWEETMAN, was born in 1872 and I was 11 years old when he died. I remember him as an upright man with twinkly blue eyes and a shock of thick white hair.

'The diary' turned out to be a small leather-bound notebook, previously used as an account book, written in pencil with great descriptive detail of day-to-day life as a Reservist with the 2nd Shropshire Light Infantry in the Boer War, dated 1st December 1899 to 28th July 1902.

My first job was to transcribe the diary into an easy-to-read form, as although it was written in a good script, as it was in pencil some parts were more easy to read than others. There was also the wear and tear factor.

Over the next few months, I learnt a lot about the Boer War, a subject I hadn't really looked at before in great depth. But now I had a reason to read the books and look up various articles in family history magazines. I was lucky to obtain a set of definitive books written contemporaneously by H.W. Wilson, *With the Flag to Pretoria* and *After Pretoria the guerilla war*, so I was able to verify and compare my grandfather's accounts of the various days/battles/happenings etc., once I had transcribed those closely-written pages. The books also contained photographs of various people that my grandfather mentioned by name, which made the text that much more interesting.

My first investigation took me to the PRO (now the National Archives) at Kew to find the army records. Simple, I thought, as I had his name and regiment and knew exactly how he had spent those years. I opened the magic box containing military discharge papers, relevant to his name (what a privilege that is, with all those old papers and documents) - However, I had no luck there - there was no-one of his name to be found in the box. I was rather disappointed, but presumed that his records had been one of many lost either at the filing end or during the war.

I next looked up the Medal Rolls. Having served under two monarchs, he would at least be eligible for the King's medal and Queen's medal. I drew a blank there too. The usual helpful staff at the Archives were unable to help me, as although I had physical proof of his being 'at the scene' there was just

no evidence of anyone of his name having been in the war. I had drawn a total blank - you can image the frustration!

We spent a holiday near Shrewsbury, and as the Shropshire Regimental Museum was located in the Castle, I took the diary with me plus its transcript, having decided to leave it in the Museum for safe keeping. The Curator of the museum was very helpful, and obviously quite pleased to receive a memento of the Boer War for the Museum. He looked for Granddad on his Regimental Rolls and drew a blank again, but suggested that, for whatever reason, he may have enlisted under an assumed name, or his name had been on a Supplementary Roll, now lost.

My next quest was to locate the ship the Regiment had sailed on, and where perhaps names would be published. I gather that it is reasonably common, even when a surname has been changed, not to change the given name, so perhaps . . . However, with no joy at the PRO and shipping lists, once again I contacted the Curator at Shrewsbury, who gave me the name of the two ships that the Regiment had sailed on, and also told me that they had embarked from Southampton.

So I went to the Newspaper Archives at Colindale. Upon checking granddad's stated date of arrival in Capetown (1st December 1899) I found the *Southampton Observer and Hants News* mentioned one of the ships named. It was the Amwa, leaving Southampton docks on 11th November (it had actually sailed on 8th November, but put back on the 9th 'due to a slight mishap with the electrical arrangements'!). There was also apparently lots of meat condemned prior to sailing. The article also gave me details as to where the Regiment came from and how many men, officers and other Regiments etc. were aboard, over 1,000 troops in all. Southampton must have been an incredible place to be and a sight to see, with so many ships sailing, all within days of each other.

So, I now knew the boat he had sailed on, but no more. I made a few more enquiries. I checked again at the PRO in case I had missed something. And that I thought was as far as I could go.

And then, EUREKA!

Putting something back into my mother's box in the bank, there lying in the bottom of the box were three medals! A Queen's medal, a King's medal and also one for the Hong Kong Plague. Around the rim this told me that his original Regiment in 1894 had also been the 2nd Shropshire Light Infantry (sometimes they can serve as a Reservist in another Regiment) but, even more exciting was that the name on all the medals was STANTON. Now we

had it! This was a name written in the back of the diary, but we had assumed it was just a friend.

Back to the PRO to check the discharge papers, this time for the name Stanton: still no joy. I checked again in the medal rolls that the battle details corresponded with the diary entries, which they did, and communicated the news to Shrewsbury. They were pleased to add another name to their Plague Medal Roll. There were apparently only 400 issued - 300 of them going to the Shropshires - but no Roll survives with the names of recipients and up to now Stanton was not one of the names known to them. Yet another avenue to explore!

So now we had the name, but not the 'why', and I wonder if we will ever discover this. Finding the diary existed has meant spending quite a few happy, and sometimes frustrating, hours on the trail, one I wouldn't normally have gone down but for that chance remark by my brother. Would the diary ever have surfaced I wonder? It is especially lucky to have survived, as my father destroyed all the photographs of granddad, and I can remember going out in a small boat, just after my grandfather died, and my father, with due ceremony, sending his medals over the side, into the Water. But thankfully not all! So, the quest continues.

If anyone out there has any thoughts, information, facts, I would be very pleased to hear from you!

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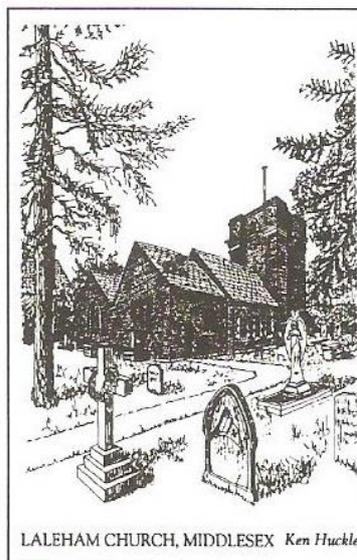
A series of pen and ink drawings of several of the parish churches in our area of interest. There are thirteen in the series and they have been produced as postcards, 105mm x 148 mm (A6). They are:

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J. Scrivener, 88 Wheatlands, Heston, Middlesex TW5 0SB or from the bookstall at our monthly meetings.

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LALEHAM CHURCH, MIDDLESEX Ken Huckle

A couple of years ago my late aunt, who was in her mid 80s at the time, gave me these two pictures of groups which include my grandfather, Henry REMSBERY. She said she didn't know anyone else in the pictures. Grandpa is the one with the "ribbon", second from the left in the second row in the first picture. He is wearing a wig (which he never normally did). In the second picture he is seated in the second row, first on the left, wearing a more elaborate wig. The place is almost certainly a public house - dart board and glasses of beer in evidence, and judging from my grand-father's appearance, the pictures would date from 1950s or early 1960s. I have asked my remaining elderly relative, another aunt, if she knew anything about these photos, but she said she had never seen them before and didn't know what could be going on.

I am really intrigued by the pictures - why are most of the men wearing those extraordinary wigs? One has a mortar-board hat (third from the left, standing) in the first picture, and seated centre front row in the second picture is a different man wearing the mortar-board. The wigs seem to have been distributed differently in the two pictures. What is the significance of the wigs and the mortar-board?

I notice that two people in each picture are wearing some sort of chain of office and I wonder what the occasion was and what is Grandpa's ribbon decoration in the first picture.

It may possibly have been something to do with the "Buffs", although I have never heard that he was a member, and the meetings probably took place in one of the Hanwell pubs, The Red Lion, The Royal Victoria or The Prince of Wales, all in Boston Road.

If anyone has any suggestions regarding what was going on, I should be very pleased to hear from them. Perhaps you may even recognise one of the bewigged men!

Joan Scrivener, 88 Wheatlands, Heston Middlesex TW5 0SB

Facing page: Top: This is the earlier of the two photographs. My grandfather is seated on the left in the second row from the front, wearing the decoration.

Bottom: Grandfather, looking more frail and leaning on a stick, seated on the left in the second row from the front. The men on the extreme left and right of the photo are wearing chains of office.



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.

CIVIL SERVICE RIFLES ANCESTORS?

This territorial regiment, with headquarters at Somerset House, recruited mainly from 'civil servants and their friends' and served in the Great War as 15th Battalion London Regiment. I should be pleased to hear from anyone with memories, documents or photographs of men who served before or during the Great War, for a new study of the regiment to be published soon.
Jill Knight, 63 First Avenue, London SW14 8SP jillknight@blueyonder.co.uk

MANN/LIGHT

Looking for the birth and marriage of WILLIAM HART MANN who died before 1868. His son, my great grandfather, was also WILLIAM HART MANN born 1851 in PIMLICO, a house painter. He married MARY ANN LIGHT (born 1851 in PIMLICO) at St Simon's Church, CHELSEA. Any information on Mary Ann's parents also sought. Her father was RICHARD LIGHT.

Mrs Maureen Hague, 8 Franklyn Crescent, St Leonards Park, Windsor, Berks SL4 4YT

WHITEMAN

In the 1861 census for CHELSEA my great grandfather JAMES WHITEMAN aged 7 and his sister ALICE WHITEMAN aged 5 are living at 3 Ergin Cottages, Milman Row, in the household of JOHN TARRANT and his family. James and Alice are described in the column headed 'Relation to Head of Family' as Nurse Child. I have not been able to locate their mother FRANCES (FANNY) WHITEMAN in the 1851, 1851 or 1841 census. She married PHILIP FINCH in 1871 and is with him at 14 Manor Gardens, CHELSEA in the 1871 census. Prior to that I believe she was unmarried as no father is named on Alice's birth certificate. Can anyone help in locating her prior to 1871?

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The first Day Conference held by the West Middlesex Family History Society took place in the Conference Suite of The National Archives, Kew, on a glorious Saturday, 13th September. The early morning sunshine set the tone for the day and our delegates began to arrive early for what was to be a very successful occasion.

After a welcome cup of coffee or tea we filed into the conference room to listen to Michael Gandy, one of family history's most popular speakers, on his topic, "It Gets Easier Every Day". In his usual inimitable style we were given a history of the explosion of interest in family history since the 1960s, when parish records were in the hands of the incumbent and you had to make an appointment to view them in the church Vestry under the eagle eye of the Vicar. Since then we have benefited from the hard work and dedication of numerous family historians which has helped us on our way with so many indexes. He spoke of the unexpected and welcome arrival of the IGI (International Genealogical Index) and the help given by the Church of the Latter Day Saints (the Mormons) and the founding of their many Family History Centres. Then there was the index to the 1881 Census, compiled by members of family history societies all over the country, a tremendous undertaking. Another change was in the attitude of archivists at County Record Offices: in the 1950s they had regarded family historians if not with hostility at least with suspicion and tended not to offer help or advice - how different it is today! Michael had us laughing at his anecdotes and grinning at his asides, but he finished on a highly controversial note: family history is just a hobby, and the joy of it is in the *doing* of it - by all means leave your children and grandchildren a family tree and a short family history, and remember to write down facts about your own life and that of your children, including special landmarks etc, but do not encumber them with piles of notes and papers. (What do you think? Letters to the Editor please).

Next to mount the platform were John and Beryl Hurley, seasoned genealogists and indexers from Wiltshire. They suggested that we should search "Alternative Sources" that can be found in your local record office, or at least some of them will be there. They lead teams of experienced transcribers at the Wiltshire and Swindon County Record Office, and the Wiltshire Family History Society have published a tremendous amount of material resulting from this work. Lucky are those whose ancestors come from Wiltshire- But search your own CRO and see what they have. They illustrated their talk with many examples, including some less well-known

records such as the Hair Powder Tax, Lists of Apprentices both charity and private, Hiring Fair Records, Incumbents Visiting Books and many many more. They even found letters written to the Guardians of the Poor, and also some filed with marriage licenses - you never know what you might find, it might be one of your ancestors!

After a break for lunch and the opportunity to buy books on local history at our bookstall (and I saw many of our delegates browsing in TNA's own bookshop) we foregathered once more in the conference room to hear from Chris Watts (a former Chairman of the Society and holder of many posts in the wider family history world) who now works part-time at the National Archives. He talked about and illustrated just a few of the records stored in this national collection, all available for us to call up and search, whether it be the original document or on microfilm. Everyone was busy writing down references for their own particular research and Chris answered many questions regarding particular problems. After it was all over I caught a glimpse of some of our audience getting their Readers Tickets so that they could continue their research immediately, so inspired were they by Chris's talk.

The final cup of tea or coffee gave delegates the opportunity for a further Search of our bookstall, to pick up old journals from other history societies or just to talk over the events of such an enjoyable and informative day. All appeared to have appreciated the experience (see a few words from an audience member on page 5), and whether they came from Huddersfield or Bognor, Hounslow or Hammersmith (and even one intrepid member from Los Angeles whom we were particularly pleased to welcome) we hope they took away some good memories and learnt just a little from our first effort at such a conference.

Thanks are due to all who helped out both before and during the day. We particularly owe grateful thanks to Dawn Rabin of the National Archives Enterprises who smoothed our path with her excellent arrangements and we look forward to repeating the exercise some time in the future.

Dick Turpin's Inn

A favourite resort of Dick Turpin, the notorious highwayman, the old Castle Inn, Smallberry Green, Isleworth, built in 1597, is being converted into a modern house. The house was also often visited by Charles Dickens.

Report in local newspaper, September 1924

AND MORE FROM OUR ROVING COURIER . . .

Gillian and Frank (Gregory) are ardent bowlers so it is difficult to Find a spare day during the summer to meet up and hand over copy certificates to go on the database. BUT we did - Frank suggested we should go and see his friend Alex making baskets in Othery on the Somerset Levels. Strangely enough we had been to Othery before looking at graves (naturally! - Ed) relating to my family in the churchyard and had seen the house where the family had lived which turned out to be almost opposite Alex's.

Alex was evacuated to Othery from London early in the Second World War and never went back. He married a local girl he met at school and built up a name for himself making baskets which in the past he has sold in Highgate (London), Bridgwater and Cheddar markets. His Highgate friend has been known to bring his bicycle Clown on the train, Alex loaded it up with over 30 baskets and his friend rode back to Yeovil, caught the train to Paddington and then cycled home!

Alex has the reeds cut for him on the Levels and before use they must be soaked overnight in a tank to make them flexible. He had already made the base of a basket before we arrived and after a

tour of his and his wife's gardens we watched as his agile fingers weaved the reed in and out. We then 'had a go' (see pictures). The reed seemed very long and it was obvious we hadn't got our hands working correctly! Alex took over to do the edging and made a very strong handle for what could have been used as a log basket - Gillian uses it as a knitting wool basket. I came away with two of his baskets and we also shared some of his tomatoes.



Alex starting a basket



My first basket

After a tasty pub lunch we climbed nearby Burrow Mump which is 250 feet high with a ruined church dating back to the early 16005, or before, on top, and with glorious views of the Levels. This is one of the three high points — Glastonbury Tor and Brent Knoll are the others.

And so the end of a perfect get-together. I still had to drive to Sidmouth and Gillian and Frank back to Bridgwater and bowls! They met Alex at bowls the following day and told him how much we had enjoyed the day. And I did remember to hand over the entries for the database.



The finished products!

Valerie Walker

BOOKSHELF

The Genealogist's Internet by Peter Christian (*Editor of the Internet news pages in TNA's Ancestors magazine*)

An up-dated and expanded edition of this best-selling guide. How to make the most of the numerous resources available to the family historian via the Web. Designed primarily for UK researchers, it explains for the beginner how the Internet works and details the major sources of primary data available online, and how the Internet can be used to contact others with the same surname interests or to access the many volumes, discussion groups, mailing lists and newsgroups focusing on genealogy. This new revised edition contains additional material on the developments in online services since 2001 in key areas such as censuses, wills and birth, marriage and death records as well as subjects such as historical maps, immigrant communities and standards for online purchasing.

Publ. Sept 03 price £10.99, available from good bookshops as well as at the Family Records Centre and the National Archives Kew, or by phoning Publications Marketing on 020-8392-5271

Liquid History: the Thames through time by Stephen Croad

The Lord Mayor and Corporation of London's conservancy of the Thames extended east from London Stones at Staines as far as Yantlet in Kent - the stretch of the river documented in this book. Drawing on English Heritage's photographic archives in the National Monuments Record (held at Swindon) this is a journey along the tidal river and over almost 150 years: the old rural Thames, riverside towns, civic and commercial development along the banks, docks and warehouses, building of bridges, barges, sailing ships and warships, flood defences, and the Tower of London beach. Featuring the work of photography pioneers and some great 20th century topographical photographers, this shows the ebb and flow of a great river.

07134 88344, 208 pp, 187 b/w illus, hb, publ Spring 03 £15.99

London's Shops: the world's emporium by Tara Draper-Stumm & Derek Kendall

People have shopped in London for centuries. Many familiar shop names began as early as the 18th century and some historic shop buildings are still used for their original purpose, e.g. James Lock, hatters of James's Street since 1765. This book is highly illustrated, with chapters on specialist shops, food shops, department stores, arcades and markets.

185074 844 6, 128pp, over 100 colour photographs, publ. Dec 02 £12.95

Living the Past by Val Horsler

An imaginative guide to the perils and pleasures of living in the past, featuring English Heritage's country-wide range of re-enactments plus 'living' museums and sites, focussing on the practical activities which defined our ancestors' lives - farming, fighting, cooking, building, as well as wills, household accounts and other documents, helping to bring us close to real people's lives over the past 2000 years. Over 300 full-colour illustrations.

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PAST MEETINGS

Our August meeting was a Members' Evening, offering a chance for a longer browse through the Society's research material, but also including four short talks given in the committee room beside the main hall.

Paul Barnfield, who as well as being a member of the Society is also Chairman of Twickenham Local History Society, spoke on the links between local and family history and suggested that perhaps local societies dedicated to these two types of research ought to get together as both would benefit from communication. Although the two types of research tend to differ, local historians being more interested in say the physical growth of a village rather than people, and family historians being more interested in individuals, Paul pointed out that, once a family tree has been put together, one then tends to wonder what the lives of the people on it were like, and local history research into such areas as local occupations, schools, etc. can provide some of the answers. He urged family historians in general to join their local history society.

For his talk on the types of source material available in the Society of Genealogists Library, Tony Simpson distributed a very useful leaflet listing the various records held there, and took us through some of them in more detail. He pointed out that it is probably the largest genealogical library in Europe, second only to that maintained by the Mormon Church at Utah. He advised taking advantage of the regular library tours which take place on alternate Saturdays at 11.15am; there is also an advice service conducted by senior genealogists or volunteers, between 2 and 5pm on the same Saturday. Non-members can book in and pay for an hour, four hours or all day, but to

get real benefit from the Library it is better to become a member. The SOG building has recently been refitted and now has a lift. Tony recommended the computerised index; although it is easy to use, a member of staff will always help if needed.

Yvonne Masson, editor of the WMFHS journal, spoke about how the journal is put together, beginning by showing a copy of the very first journal from Winter 1978 and naming all the previous editors. When taking on the journal in 1998, she had received a lot of helpful advice from the previous editor Richard Chapman, who also supplied a very useful format into which the journal is typed on a PC: old material can simply be deleted and new material typed in. As material for the journal is sent in, it is placed in a special folder which is divided into sections matching the various items in the journal, such as articles, Help section, Members Interests, etc. The new complete issue is transferred to floppy disk and goes to Joan Scrivener, a Society member who works for the firm which prints the journal. She puts the material into its final arrangement and sends back a proof copy which the editor corrects where necessary and returns. The membership secretary supplies the number for the print run and several boxes full of the printed journals are delivered to the monthly meeting for the month before that printed on the journal cover. A band of volunteers packs the journals into plastic 'floppilopes', they are placed back in the boxes (members attending the meeting can pick up their journals in person) and Bridget and Robin Purr arrange for the journals to be despatched to members around the world; they should arrive around the beginning of the month on the front cover.

Roy Hewitt, who spoke on World War I records, pointed out that almost every family in Britain or the Empire was touched in some way by the Great War, even those who stayed at home and became involved in nursing or women taking over male jobs. So the chances are that every family historian has a Great War connection on their family tree. There might be surviving medals or uniform buttons or badges: the three most common medals awarded were known as Pip, Squeak and Wilfred. Around the edge of a medal is the person's name and regiment. Every next-of-kin of someone killed received a brass plaque with the person's name, rank and serial number inscribed on it. Over one million men died - it is possible to find more information about those killed than about those who survived: the Commonwealth War Graves Commission at Maidenhead are very helpful and can supply information such as name, address, date and cause of death, sometimes age. There is a CD-Rom of those who died giving place of enlistment and residence. For those who are buried abroad the Commission

can supply location and details of grave and history of the cemetery and directions of how to get there, or what memorial a person is listed on. Some soldiers served under an assumed name, but the next of kin is in their paybook. Soldiers' service records are at the National Archives Kew - these were damaged in WW2 so there is only a 20% chance of finding somebody, and the contents vary. If wounded, a person received a pension, so it is worth looking at the Pension Records at Kew, which are in good condition and sometimes include letters dated up to the 1930s eg appealing against reductions. For background information there are Battalion War Diaries, and Regimental Histories are deposited at County Record Offices or in Regimental Museums.

In September Colin Chapman spoke of the history of marriage and the likelihood of one's ancestors actually being married. Although Hardwicke's Marriage Act of 1754 was aimed at sorting out confusion about the legality of marriage, especially putting paid to 'clandestine' marriages, Colin said the Act contained contradictions. The background correspondence at Lambeth Library makes interesting reading. The Act was repealed in 1852.

Between 1236 and 1927 children were illegitimate if the parents were not married, and had no automatic right to inherit; they were a drain on the parish and so there was pressure on people to marry. Besides, weddings are fun for a local community, and people would travel quite a distance for a wedding just as they would for an execution - this was one reason why elopements were frowned on.

From 1072 to the 19th century the Church supervised marriages, as part of Canon Law. This period saw many Statutes e.g. the introduction of Parish Registers 1538, Bishops Transcripts 1597, the standard printed form for marriages 1812, civil marriage 1836 and civil registration 1837; Roman Catholics had to have a Registrar present at a ceremony till 1898, and in 1907 the deceased wife's Marriage Act became valid - a subsequent marriage did not legitimise children but clergy overlooked it. Hardwicke had said parties marrying should be 21 but by the 1920s the age was 16 with parents' consent. Marriage is a contract, a sacrament and an exchange of vows. Some marriage settlement papers have survived, saying for instance what a wife is bringing into the marriage, e.g. land. Witnesses were introduced from 1754 to prove the contract had been exchanged, and the event was properly recorded, but proxy marriages were permissible.

There were various restrictions against being able to marry - being under age; consanguinity (too close a relationship - the church advocated no nearer than the 'eighth degree'); affinity, e.g. wife's sister; being already married;

Until the Reformation being in Holy Orders; lunacy; gender. The place must be 'approved', e.g. licensed for marriages, at an approved time of year and an approved time of day - usually the morning as people were more likely to be sober; nowadays the event can take place between 3am and 6pm. Some people obtained special licences - prerogative, common, consistory. When does the marriage actually begin? At the Espousal (the couple knows about it); at the Betrothal (everyone knows about it), at the Ceremony, or at sexual union.

Apart from church registers, details of marriages can be found in magazines, company magazines, newspapers. It was usual for the marriage to be in the bride's parish, and she was likely to go back to her mother's home to have her first child.

Margaret Black, who spoke to us in October on the history of West Middlesex University Hospital, originally went to work at the hospital for one month and stayed 34 years. She has personally researched the history of the hospital and we were treated to a very interesting talk on her findings. She pointed out that our Society has something in common with the hospital not only with West Middlesex in the name, but also the important word "family", as there was a definite family feeling amongst staff at the hospital.

The earliest record of land on which the hospital was later to stand is in 1753 with land at Isleworth passing to Elizabeth Gisbey. But in the plague year of 1665 a cottage on the site had been used as a pest house, and in Isleworth churchyard is a plaque telling of the 149 bodies buried in the plague pit there. Elizabeth Gisbey married Nathaniel Herring, and the land passed to their daughter Priscilla in 1798. Priscilla married Michael Mortlock, who in his will asked that his wife dispose of the land, which she did in 1833; it was sold to James Norris, market gardener of Sion Hill, whose family vault is also in the churchyard.

In response to the Poor Relief Act of 1601 which decreed that local parishes should be responsible for their poor, a workhouse was built at Isleworth which was later sold and another provided in Linkfield Road. In 1834 parish workhouses united in Unions under Boards of Guardians, and Isleworth now came under Brentford Union. In 1838 the Guardians decided a larger workhouse was needed and land was bought from James Norris - thus the future hospital arrived at its present site.

The new workhouse could house 400 paupers, who fell into three categories: the aged and infirm, the able-bodied out of work, and children. These in turn were sub-divided into males and females: Margaret told of the marks in the

floors of surviving buildings where grilles had been placed which kept them apart. The former ear, nose and throat department is part of the old workhouse, as was the old hospital post room.

In 1883 the Guardians bought more land to build Percy House, a school for the workhouse children, and in 1894 a large area of land was bought to provide an infirmary: Brentford Union Workhouse Infirmary opened in 1896. Part of this building, with its decorative iron balconies, can still be seen from the Twickenham Road. Another building was erected for the accommodation of nurses. From its inception the infirmary was a training School for nurses, and midwifery training began in 1903, so this has always been a teaching hospital, although there is no longer a school of nursing. In 1898 another 11 acres were purchased which included the existing Warkworth House and gardens, which survive.

New buildings provided the workhouse with a laundry, kitchens, chapel etc. The hospital adopted the name Warkworth House; the original house became known as Little Warkworth and was taken over by the school of nursing. Margaret herself worked as an assistant to medical staff in this house and laments the fact that she did not think to take any photographs of the interior, although she has found illustrations of the exterior. The house had pretty grounds and a lake, which still exist: the house has become part of an exclusive housing development.

In World War One Percy House was converted into a military hospital, the money being raised by private subscription, and wards, operating theatres and a chapel were added; the King and Queen visited it and were pleased with what they saw; a surviving wing is used for offices and the storage of patients' medical records. In the 1920s the infirmary's name was changed again to West Middlesex Hospital.

The site now covers some 40 acres, but this includes the two new housing estates. An aerial view of 1925 shows hospital and Workhouse sharing the large site; they eventually merged to become known as the West Middlesex County Hospital. In the 1930s a maternity block was added: opened by Queen Mary, it was named the Queen Mary Maternity Wing. This building was badly damaged during an air raid in World War Two but was repaired and still stands. When the nurses' accommodation was also badly hit, the Duke of Northumberland offered them accommodation at Syon House, which they found uncomfortably cold.

In 1948 came the National Health Service and the South West Hospital Management Committee took over the running of the hospital; "County"

was dropped from its name and it once again became West Middlesex Hospital. In the mid-1960s the hospital chapel in Percy House was demolished to make way for a medical department. Everybody missed the clock on its roof, which could be seen all over the hospital grounds.

In 1971 a small, very modern chapel was opened, which contained a Remembrance Book containing all the names of staff dying while in service with the hospital: this is now kept in the hospital's quiet room. This chapel was also demolished to make way for the new, very recently-opened main hospital building, and there is now a multi-faith centre in the new building. The Margery Warren Centre is named after a dedicated doctor who specialised in geriatric medicine. A statue standing outside this Centre commemorates another dedicated member of the nursing staff. The Mulberry Centre is a facility for cancer patients and their families and is supported by voluntary contributions.

Most recently the old out-patients hall and cafe near the main hospital entrance from Twickenham Road have been demolished — a new shop and cafe are to be found in the atrium of the new building. The hospital attained University status in 1979, but for long has had an international reputation for teaching.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Errant grandfathers seem to occur rather a lot in this issue, although there's also an elusive aunt. As usual, we could do with some more material for the journal, so please keep sending it in. Please note the two forms in the centre of this issue, both requiring, we trust, your attention.

As usual, the December issue contains a puzzle for you to solve over the Christmas period. And from all at WMFHS, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our members and their families.

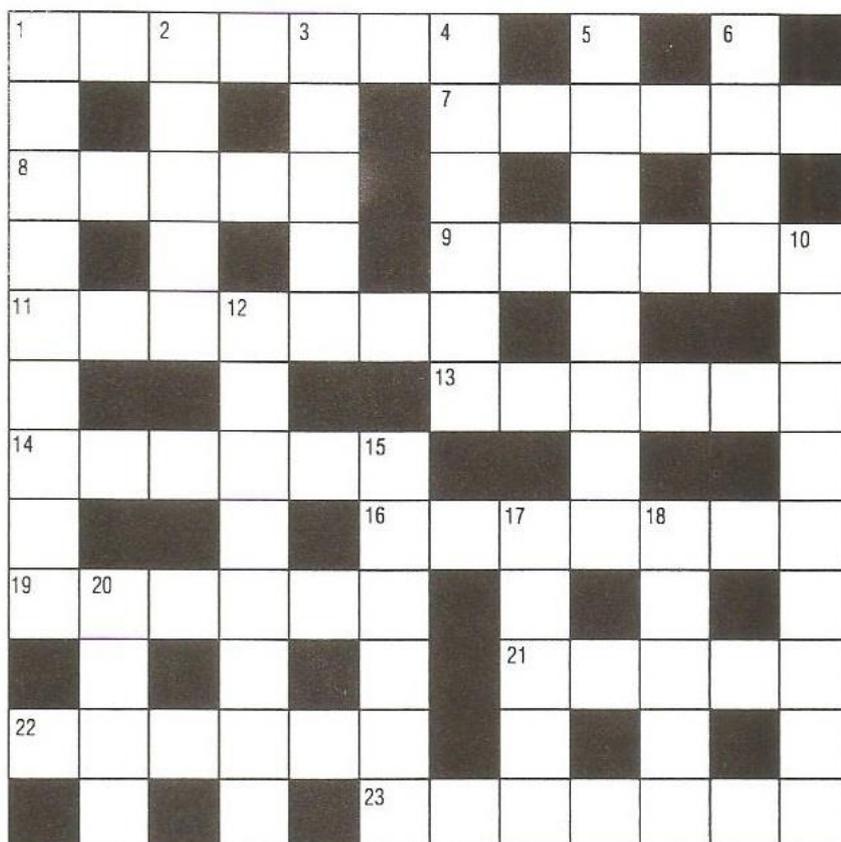
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15 January; 15 April; 15 July; 15 October

Times change . . .

The Evening Standard of 30 January 1989 reported that Kingston Register Office had refused to record the birth of a child as the father was insisting on having his full-time occupation listed as "house-husband". He also tried "Home carer", "Homemaker" and "Male Housewife" without success. The office would not accept that a man could have a full-time occupation at home.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



Clues – Across

1. Some forebears may have faced this kind of suspension
7. Without concealment
8. He was relatively useful during financial difficulties
9. A party to a runaway marriage
11. He can be choosy about his MP
13. Seeing and recording
14. A small book, eighth part of quire
16. Where the reivers held sway
19. Treads a measure at social gatherings
21. Machine used by turner
22. Places where justice is administered
23. Makes fast rescues around

Clues – Down

1. Family unit keep at home
2. This corner once found might well suit you
3. Turn in pet, clumsy
4. Rule the country
5. Sounded off in the newspaper
6. Feel round to escape
10. Records births, marriages and deaths
12. Court dealing with disputes over inheritance, land, etc.
15. Get into a mind-set, like with family history!
17. Memento of the past
18. Get into
20. Author unknown

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 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
ANGLISS	All	Any	ALL	A92
ARMITSTEAD	Before 1840	Any	YKS	B272
AYLETT	Any	Any	ANY	R116
BATES	After 1890	Fulham	MDX	G91
BEAUCHAMP	Before 1800	Marylebone	MDX	G124
BELL	c1855	Cheltenham	GLS	M197
BENDY-MOSS	Before 1930	Shepherds Bush	MDX	G124
BEXLEY	Before 1850	Any	MDX	B272
BOTHAM	18-19C	All	LND	R118
BRANSON	1800	Morton Pinkney	NTH	G124
BRIND	1800	Effingham	SRY	G124
BURROWS	1780-1850	Brentford Area	MDX	R116
CANDLER	Before 1900	Great London Area	LND	C227
CAREY	1800	Gt Coggeshall	ESS	R116
CHIVERS	18C	Chippenham	WIL	B272
CLARK(E)	18-19C	Isleworth	MDX	P128
CLARK(E)	18-19C	Hounslow	MDX	P128
COLLINS	1800	Hurley	BRK	G124
COOTE	20C	London	MDX	A92
CORNISH	1800	Shoreditch	MDX	R116
CURTIS	All	Hitchin	HRT	V16
DALE	After 1850	Kensington	MDX	R116
DAVIS	18C	Bromham	WIL	B272
FARRELL	1850-1900	Dublin	DUB/IRL	C227
FARTHING	Before 1750	Any	SOM	B272
FOOT	18-19C	Any	DOR	R118
FOXLEY	18C	Any	MDX	K54
FOY	19C	Aldershot	HAM	A92
GADSBY	19C	London	MDX	A92

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GALLOWAY	c1830	Feltham Area	MDX	M197
GLOVER	19C	London	MDX	A92
GRANT	Before 1800	Whichford	WAR	G124
GREW	c1850	Brentford Area	MDX	M197
GUNS	c1870	Westgate	KEN	M197
HEALING	c1830	Islington	MDX	M197
HEDGES	Before 1800	Fulmer	BKM	G124
HERBERT	Before 1820	Brentford	MDX	G124
HINTON	c1820	Hammersmith Area	MDX	M197
HULLOCK	18-19C	St Pancras Area	MDX	P128
HULLOCK	18-19C	Islington Area	MDX	P128
HULLOCK	18-19C	Clerkenwell Area	MDX	P128
JAMES	Before 1850	Bristol	SOM	B272
JENKINS	1800-1850	Brentford Area	MDX	R116
KEEP	After 1800	Kensington	MDX	R116
KENNY	After 1880	London	MDX	A92
KENTSBEER	Before 1850	Chudleigh	DEV	B272
KINGHAM	After 1780	Tebworth	BDF	R116
LAND	1800-1850	Brentford Area	MDX	R116
LANGLOIS	After 1880	London	MDX	A92
LEEDS	After 1880	London	MDX	A92
LEEDS	19C	Norwich Area	NFK	A92
LENTHALL	After 1800	London	MDX	A92
LYDIAT	c1850	Chester Area	CHS	M197
MARCH	c1830	Feltham Area	MDX	M197
MATTHEWS	1850	Oxford	OXF	G124
MOLYNEUX	1850	Isleworth	MDX	G124
O'DAY	c1875	St Pancras Area	MDX	M197
O'LEARY	After 1850	Hammersmith/Fulham	MDX	M195
O'SULLIVAN	1800-1900	Mallow Area	COR/IRL	C227
PAINE	18-19C	Isleworth	MDX	P128
PAINE	18-19C	Hounslow	MDX	B128
PAYNE	18-19C	Isleworth	MDX	P128
PAYNE	18-19C	Hounslow	MDX	P128
PEARCE	After 1895	Any	MDX	G91
PLANT	After 1780	Lichfield	STS	R116
PLASTINE	1780-1850	Brentford Area	MDX	R116
PLATT	c1750	Kings Lynn Area	NFK	M197
PLATT	c1840	Hammersmith Area	MDX	M197

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PORTSMOUTH	After 1900	Harlington	MDX	G91
READ	1887-1900	Staines	MDX	K54
REDDY	After 1800	Peckham	SRY	R116
REED	1887-1900	Staines	MDX	K54
REYNOLDS	18-19C	Islington Area	MDX	R118
RIPPINGALE	Before 1900	Any	ALL	R118
RUFFELL	After 1850	Kensington	MDX	R116
SALTER	1880	Acton	MDX	M195
SEXTON	c1850	Feltham Area	MDX	M197
SMALL	1780-1850	Brentford Area	MDX	R116
SMITH	19C	Paddington	MDX	B272
STOWERS	Any	Any	ANY	R116
STRINGALL	Before 1800	Chalfont	BKM	G124
STRINGELL	Before 1800	Chalfont	BKM	G124
TAME	1850	Kenfig	GLA/WLS	G124
TAYLOR	c1820	Kew Area	SRY	M197
THOMAS	Before 1850	Pembroke	PEM/WLS	G124
THOMPSON	18-19C	Dalston Area	MDX	R118
TILBRY	Before 1900	West Ham	MDX	G124
TOMLINS	1770-1850	London	MDX	A92
TOMLINSON	After 1800	London	MDX	A92
TUBB	1800-1850	Marylebone	MDX	A92
VINCENT	All	Hammersmith	MDX	V16
VINCENT	All	Southall	MDX	V16
VIVEASH	c1830	Camberwell Area	SRY	M197
VOUSDEN	c1850	Camberwell	SRY	M197
WALKER	All	Brentford	MDX	V16
WALKER	All	Hitchin	HRT	V16
YARKER	Before 1800	Any	LND	G124

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