



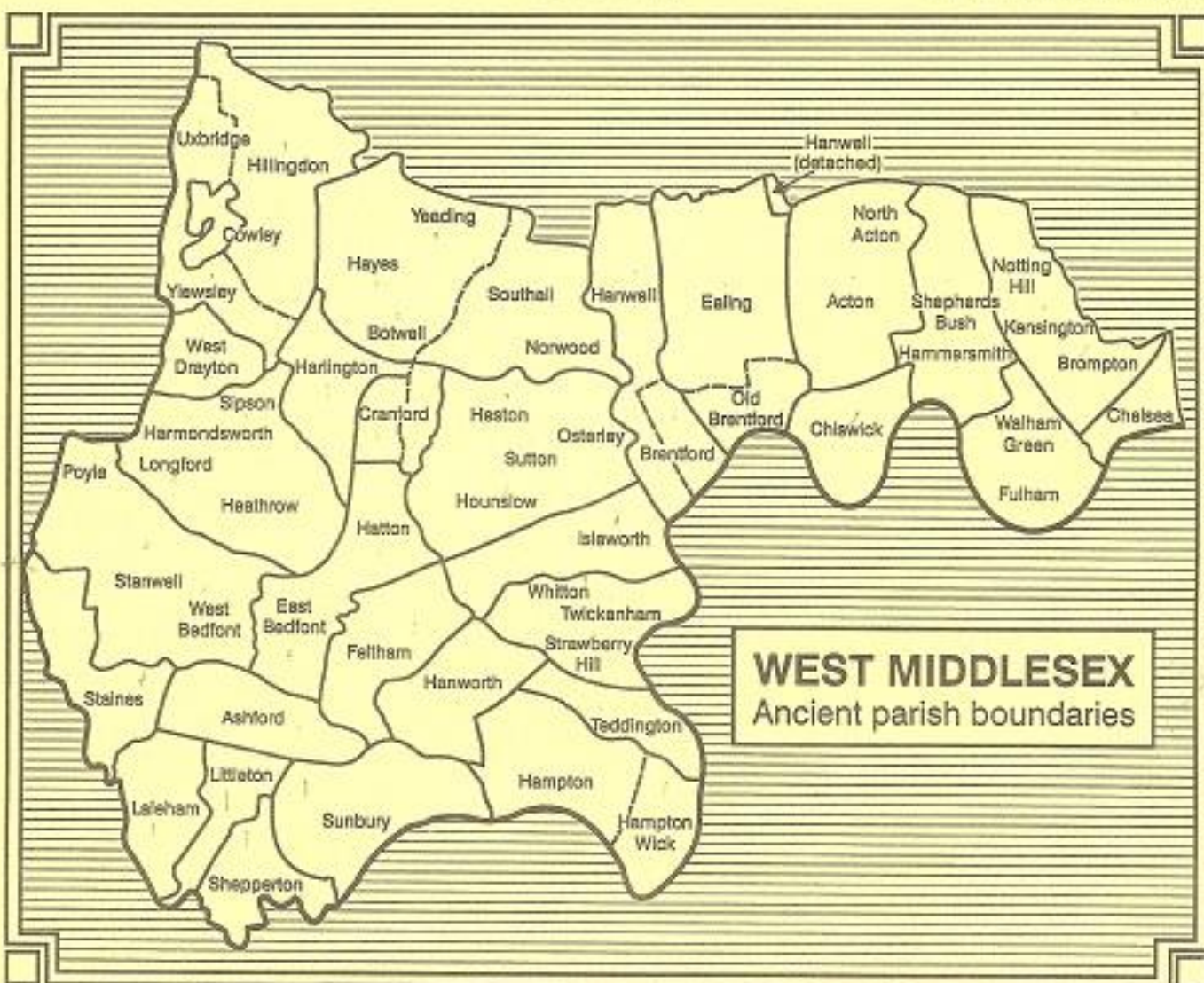
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FUTURE MEETINGS

The following talks have been arranged:

21 Sept Research Evening plus a short talk – *Robin Purr*

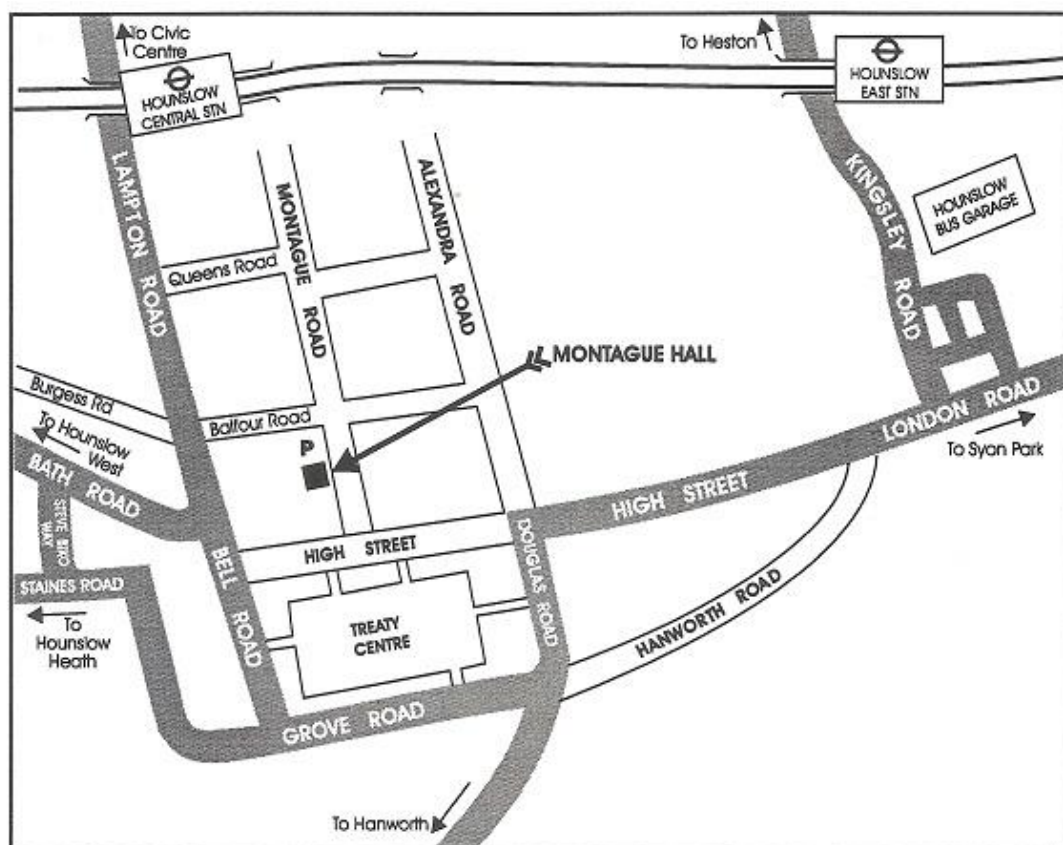
19 Oct Dating Old Photographs – *Jean Debney*

16 Nov Adoption and Fostering – *Louise Taylor*

21 Dec Christmas Social plus A Victorian Entertainment – *John and Elaine Taylor*

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 (e.g. IGI, 1881 census, Middlesex marriages to 1837) and reference books, exchange journals from other societies and a bookstall, can be browsed between 7.30pm and 10pm; (talks take place between 8 and 9pm), tea/coffee, or a cold drink, and biscuits are also available. Fully Accessible.

WHERE WE ARE





WMFHS OPEN DAY

SUNDAY, 1st OCTOBER

The White House Community Centre
45 The Avenue,
Hampton
Middlesex TW12 3RN

10am – 4pm

Guest Societies • Stalls • Indexes

*N.B. Please note the change of venue
Adjacent Free Parking*

NEWS ROUNDUP

Diary Dates

Sunday 1 October: WMFHS Open Day, The White House Community Centre, 45 The Avenue, Hampton, Middlesex TW12 3RN. 10-4.

Saturday 7 October: East FHS AGM and lunch. Christ Church, Redford Way, Uxbridge. Talk at 2pm by guest speaker. Anyone with an interest in the name East/Este is welcome.

Enquiries to June Lines, 45 Windsor Road, London W5 3UP or see EastFHS website: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~eastfhs>

Sunday 15 October: Eastleigh Fair, Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Eastleigh SO50 9NL. 10-5. Large Fair with up to 120 stalls. Admission £2.

Sunday 22 October: Cheltenham Fair, Pitville Pump Room, Pitville Park, Cheltenham. 10-4. Free parking, Refreshments available, Admission £2.

Sunday 29 October: The Liverpool Aintree Fair, Aintree Racecourse, Princess Royal Exhibition Suite. 4000 Car Parking Spaces, Refreshments. 10-5.

Sunday 19 November: The East Anglia Family History Fair, St. Andrews Hall, Norwich. Norfolk's Largest Fair. 10-4

Sunday 26 November: The Dorset 81 South West Family History Fair, Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre, Blandford Road, Wimborne. 10-5.

WMFHS NOTICEBOARD



Directory of Members' Interests 2006

If you do not receive the 2006 Directory of Members Interests Microfiche in this journal please contact the Membership Secretary.

FFHS UPDATE: *The future as viewed by Geoff Riggs, the Federation's chairman.*

The title "Family History Societies have a challenging future" may sound familiar to some of you. It was the title of an article in a recent issue of *Your Family Tree*, by Else Churchill, Research Officer of the Society of Genealogists. A quote of hers that was highlighted is that "Some societies feel supplanted by the Internet and that the younger generation has lost the inclination to volunteer".

One of my first tasks, after taking over as Chairman of the Federation, was to give a presentation at the Annual Conference of the Lancashire Family History 8: Heraldry Society in Preston. I'd chosen the same topic as it happened - "The Future of Your Society" The delegates at Preston identified with the views I expressed to such an extent that I believe those views may be of benefit to societies generally.

Family history is a hobby, albeit it can become a wholly absorbing one: and family history societies sprang up initially to enable enthusiasts to meet socially and exchange views and ideas, and to coordinate and collaborate on research. But, as interest in family history grew, so did the societies, until we've reached the stage Where some larger societies have their own premises, employ paid staff rather than rely wholly on volunteers, and are effectively small businesses with turnovers large enough to be liable to pay VAT.

Your Federation now represents over 210 societies and organisations with a combined membership of over 300,000 worldwide. FFHS (Publications) Ltd, our Wholly owned trading subsidiary, currently has an annual turnover in excess of £600,000. That is why my predecessor Alec Tritton recognised, when he took office as Chairman, that the Federation must be organised and

be operated on a business-like footing if it is to serve you efficiently in the 21st century.

That is essential not only for our Federation but also for each of our societies, wherever possible, so that they in turn can retain the loyalty of existing members and continue to attract new ones in an increasingly more difficult environment. Each society, like the Federation, should be prepared to counter any possible threats to its future that might arise or already exist.

In the business world, this is referred to as “strategic planning”, the first stage of which is to carry out what’s referred to as a “SWOT” analysis. This requires us to identify an organisation’s Strengths and Weaknesses (internal to itself) as well as the Opportunities and the Threats (relative to its external activities).

My presentation at Preston therefore highlighted the following possible Weaknesses in family history societies today, and ways in which our Federation can help remedy them by developing Strengths. It also drew attention to possible Threats facing societies and what our Federation was already doing to help counter them by seizing Opportunities and encouraging you to do the same. But I’ll continue with that second aspect in the next NewsFlash.

POSSIBLE WEAKNESSES & DEVELOPING STRENGTHS

1. An ageing membership?

It’s a fact of life that most family historians are retired people who have the time to progress their researches.

The economic climate of the early 1990s meant that a number of budding family historians were either made redundant or (as in my case) able to take early retirement, leading to an infusion of some younger blood into societies’ ranks.

The pendulum is now swinging the other way, with the pensions’ black hole forcing employees to work on beyond what has been the normal retiring age. So we must “outreach” to a wider and younger market.

That’s why our Federation is attending Hobbycrafts Fairs around the country to publicise the attractions of family history to what is proving to be a fertile market already sold on the enjoyable addictions of a constructive hobby.

At the larger four-day events such as at the NEC, over 45,000 people can attend in total.

Compare that with falling attendances at other than the largest Family History Fairs, where the Federation is generally “preaching to the converted” anyway.

2. Fewer volunteers for tasks?

It’s also a fact of life that in many societies fewer people are left to do more work, sometimes doubling up on the posts they hold. Our Publications Company has suffered from some societies no longer being able to run a bookstall because of lack of volunteers. In extreme cases, a small number of societies have had to merge with other societies or even disband, because they were unable to form a committee to continue in business.

Our Federation can’t Work magic and clone committee members, but we can try to make the role of task holders less demanding by producing guidelines to help them, publicising what is found to be “best practice” in other societies. This is in addition to the advice on specialist subjects, such as Data Protection, Copyright, Disability Legislation, Finance, etc, which we’ve already produced.

We’re also increasing the number of Specialist Seminars that we hold focussing on different tasks within a society. The one last Spring for Treasurers was praised by its attendees, and the one in June was for Editors. The next in October will be on Publicity and Marketing.

3. Co-existing with other societies?

Neighbouring societies need to cooperate with each other to be able to co-exist harmoniously, in terms of the parishes they cover, avoiding clashes of dates for events, etc. This is where Area Groups can play a vital part in helping societies to liaise and communicate effectively with each other. Our Federation facilitated the setting up of a West Midlands Area Group a few years ago, to complete the coverage countrywide.

4. Low attendances at meetings? In this age of personal computers and of multi-channel TV, some people need an incentive to leave home to attend meetings. Does your society provide that?

- do you hold meetings on a day and at a time convenient to the majority of your local members?
- does the venue have adequate parking, and is it accessible by public transport if necessary?

- is it in an area which older members feel safe visiting (well-lit, but not rowdy)?
- if you cover a large area, do you hold every meeting in one central location, or do you vary this? If practicable, establish “branches” in the main centres of population.
- are you providing the meeting content that members want: re-search/workshop evenings? beginners’ talks? entertaining speakers on interesting subjects?

Our Federation assists you in discovering entertaining speakers by publishing its List of Speakers recommended by our member societies: This will shortly be available on our website so that it can be kept up to date.

Ideally, you should ask your members to help supply the answers themselves - possibly by getting them to complete a questionnaire - and then you should be prepared to implement its findings where possible.

A strength you may be able to develop is to man help-desks at pre-arranged times in your main library or libraries. My own experience has shown that most libraries are willing to cooperate because this takes some of the pressures off local librarians. And often you are able to persuade those visiting the help-desk to attend your society’s beginners’ talks, and hopefully join. This helps counter the final weakness I identify.

5. Falling membership numbers?

Some societies are suffering from falling membership numbers. Historically, a society’s core of loyal, long-term members, local and otherwise, has been supplemented by a number of transient (normally non-local) researchers: these joined as a short-term expediency, to obtain access to local knowledge and help, and possibly obtain society services at a reduced rate, and then left.

It is primarily the transient, non-local researchers who are no longer joining because they can find the answers they’re looking for elsewhere, generally on the Internet. We all need to get the message across that the Internet should be used only as a finding aid, not as an end in itself, because the information it delivers may be subject to errors.

We also need to turn the Internet to our advantage by utilising it for publicity. In today’s “cyber age”, a society’s website is replacing the society journal as its “shop window”, where members and non-members alike worldwide can view what a society has on offer.

Our Federation recognised this by introducing its annual Best Website Award (to join the Elizabeth Simpson Award for the best journal). It looks for a website that's welcoming, easy to navigate, and has attractive and informative content that's up to date. Having said that, the Federation's own websites are overdue for facelifts as it's seven years since the FFHS site was last redesigned. Does that apply to your society as well?

Our Federation also encourages people to join societies and carry out their research properly by distributing its First Steps in Family History and List of Member Societies, their Contacts/ Secretaries and Websites leaflets at all the shows attended. And all our adverts in magazines encourage people to visit the FFHS website for details of how to contact societies - the FFHS site is referred to by The Good Web Guide as one "which should persuade you of the value of joining your local FHS"!

STANLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL CENTENARY 2007

Did you attend Stanley Junior School or Teddington Council School as it used to be known? If so we would like to hear from you.

In preparation for next year's event we are aiming to build up a database of former pupils and produce a record of their memories. We are also keen to hear from people who have memorabilia, such as, old reports, books, photographs, which they would be willing to lend to us.

The school has changed its name at various times but has always been in the same site in Stanley Road, Teddington. If you think you can help, please contact: Fiona Baum, Stanley Junior School, Styenley Road, Teddington, TW11 8UE

email: fiona@baums.org.uk

DEATH

It is with regret that we report the death in May of Mrs Eileen Stage, a long standing member of the society. Several members attended her funeral.

We extend our sympathy to her family.

92/1	One Name Study – Waddel	Freda Bingley
92/2	In Search of Golden Thompson	Norman Holding
92/3	3 Curious Last Requests	Julian Litten
92/4	Family History Can Be Fun	Jim Golland
92/5	Was Your Ancestor a Publican?	Judith Hunter
93/1	Coastguard Ancestors	Eileen Stage
93/2	Railway Records at The Pro	Cliff Edwards
93/3	The British and Foreign Schools Society	Brian Seagrove
93/4	The Name Game	Mrs M. Catty
93/5	Local Military Records.	Dr Ian Beckett
93/6	The Villages of Harmondsworth	Philip Sherwood
94/1	Teddington	David Neller
94/2	300 Years of Mud and Crime	Ron Cox
94/3	The Victorian Sailor.	Mike Fountain
94/4	Wandsworth and Fulham in Postcards	Pat Looby
95/1	Boats and Boaters	Avril Landsell
95/2	Australian Records	Heather Garnsey and Martyn Killion
96/1	Military Ancestors	Peter Boyden
96/2	The Times Divorce Index	Annie Weare
97/1	Seeing It Through Their Eyes	Michael Gandy
97/2	The Days of Horse Traffic	Robert Barltrop
97/3	Fire Insurance Records	David Hakins
97/4	The Poor Law And The Parish	Peter Park
97/5	Chelsea.	John Neal
97/6	Irish Records	Bill Davis
98/1	Sources at The Public Record Office	Simon Fowler
98/2	Lloyd George's 1910 Doomsday Census	Peter Park
98/3	Feltham	Peter Watson
98/4	Letterboxes	E John Smith
98/5	Chiswick & Brentford	Christine Diwell
98/6	Hammersmith and Fulham Archives	Jane Kimber
99/1	? Missing ?	
99/2	Mills of Heathland	Eddie Menday
99/3	Irish Ancestors in England	Michael Gandy

99/4	Portobello – Its Past and Its People	Sharon Whetlor.
99/5	Roundhead or Cavalier	Col L Swinnerton
99/6	Railwaymen and Their Records	David Hawkins
00/1	Hillingdon Heritage Library	Carolynne Cotton
01/1	Where There's a Will There's a Row	Jean Debney
01/2	Sex, Lies and Civil Registration	Audrey Collins
02/1	"Up With The Lark" – 19th Century Agricultural Labourers	Ian Waller
02/2	Records of the Imperial War Museum	Sarah Paterson
02/3	4 x Short Talks	
02/4	The Jews of Notting Hill	Shaaron Whetlor
03/1	Illustrated History of Harefield	Eileen Bowlt
03/2	Thames Watermen	Pat Hilbert
03/3	Finding Your Poor Ancestors	Jean Debney
03/4	3 x Short Talks	
03/5	It Gets Easier Every Day	Michael Gandy
03/6	Sources at The Pro	Chris Watts
03/7	A Corner of a Foreign Field	Roy Hewitt
04/1	An Insight Into Regimental & Corps Histories and Traditions	Ken Divali
04/2	Tracing Merchant Seamen	Chris Watts
04/3	The Perils of Census Transcription	Jeanne Bunting
05/1	Brookwood Cemetery	John Clarke
05/2	"What Have They Left Behind"	Joyce Finnemore
05/3	A Memento From Fernando Po and Happenstance and Serendipity	Maggie Mold
05/4	The Civil War In Hounslow	Rob Purr
05/5	Computers For Family History	Andrea Cameron
05/6	What's In Your Parish Chest?	Jeanne Bunting
05/7	Apprenticeship	Jean Debney
05/8	The Workhouse Visitor	Richard Harvey
05/9	The Victorian Way	Liz Carter
06/1	L/Cpl Cecil Warne on Active Service	Tom Doig
	Available on CD	Roy Hewitt
06/4	Sex and Violence in Hanwell	Dr Jonathan Oates
06/6	Aspects of Computer Use for Family Historians	Steve Cordery

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A REMARKABLE ADDENDUM TO THE STORY OF THE UNCONVENTIONAL GREAT AUNT

Margaret Watson

Since writing the story of my unconventional great aunt, (March 2006) Millicent Tilbury, I have been contacted by Richard Pailthorpe, a descendant of Samuel Pailthorpe, a brother of the father of her children, Walter Girdler Pailthorpe. He told me that he had a copy of Walter's last will and testament and that it made very interesting reading, especially considering that it was written in 1906. He generously sent me a copy. It solves the mystery once and for all of Millicent and Walter's relationship.

The relevant section of Walter's will reads as follows:

“...and shall pay the income of the said monies ... to Millicent Tilbury aforesaid and after her death shall hold the said trust premises and the income thereof in trust for my children Tom or Thomas Tilbury Edith Pailthorpe Millie Pailthorpe and Alfred Tilbury and any children or reputed children I may have by the said Millicent Tilbury (all of whom are included in the expression my said children) who being male shall attain the age of twenty one years or being female shall attain that age or marry”

“ ... In witness whereof I the said Walter Girdler Pailthorpe have to this my will set my hand this twenty second day of May one thousand nine hundred and six ...”

This is an amazingly candid will considering the date when it was written! Clearly, Millicent and Walter never did marry. It is easy to see that the couple could not marry whilst Walter's wife, Louisa, was still alive, even though Millicent had two children by Walter during Louisa's lifetime. It is less clear why they didn't marry after Louisa's death in 1901.

It would seem that many members of the Pailthorpe family were Plymouth brethren and it could be that a second marriage would have been frowned upon. However, openly living together although not married must have been equally unacceptable to members of that sect. Indeed, it was a remarkable occurrence at the beginning of the twentieth century and probably must have outraged many who knew about it.

It does explain, perhaps, why Millicent was never mentioned by my rather straight-laced grandmother and why contact was lost between the two families.

This story of life and love in late Victorian times came my way during research into the history of St Stephen's Road Hounslow. It is a story into which local and military history are interwoven, and it is also about families, though not mine - for which I make no apology - and rightly deserves to be related in a family history journal.

Growth of Hounslow

The events have their beginnings in 1875, in the formation of a Committee to progress the building of St Stephen's Church in South Hounslow. After the coming of the railway to the town in 1850, Hounslow's fortunes began to revive, and by 1870 there was extensive development to the south of the centre, along the Hanworth and Whitton Roads, along the linking enclosure accommodation roads, (now Cross Lances and Station Roads), and on new roads such as Thompson (now Clarence) Terrace, and Derby Road. Holly Road with its sturdy terraced cottages - still surviving - dates from 1854, and nearer to the station were the imposing middle class villas of Pownall Gardens.

Henry Layton and the new mission

To cater for the increasing population an iron mission church was transferred from Walworth, South London, and brought to a site in Whitton Road in 1872. The minister appointed to the mission by the London Diocesan Home Mission was The Revd. Henry Layton, Vicar of St Saviour's, Birstall, Yorkshire, and formerly curate at St Matthew's Brixton. 30 years old, Henry had been brought up in Barnsbury, Islington, and went from Cambridge into the church; his father was a lawyer and attorney, and his twin brother Edward became a lawyer in Liverpool.

The previous September, in Walthamstow, Henry had married Alice Emily Hughes. Just 21, Alice was the fourth daughter of Henry Pearse Hughes, a prosperous Woolbroker and Hetty, his American wife. Living in Walthamstow at the time of the marriage the family had earlier lived in Highbury, also in Islington, and it is possible that the two families were acquainted through business or local connections. At the beginning of May 1872 Alice came to Hounslow with her husband, moving to the large semi-detached villa at No. 3 Pownall Gardens - which was presumably rented for them - and was close to the mission church in Whitton Road. Their son Frank was born on the 23rd August that year. It is reported that Henry

Layton worked in a most zealous manner, and was held in great esteem by the congregation; the mission church flourished, and within three years increased accommodation for worshippers became an urgent necessity.

Colonel Charles Gostling-Murray

Colonel Charles Gostling-Murray now plays a part in the story. When Hounslow Heath was enclosed in 1818, the area immediately to the south of the town, to the west of Whitton road, was divided into numerous small allotments, which later facilitated the steady, but piecemeal, housing development. Further to the south, 52 acres between the Whitton and Hanworth Roads was bought from the enclosure commissions by George Gostling, the owner of Whitton Park, adjoining to the south.

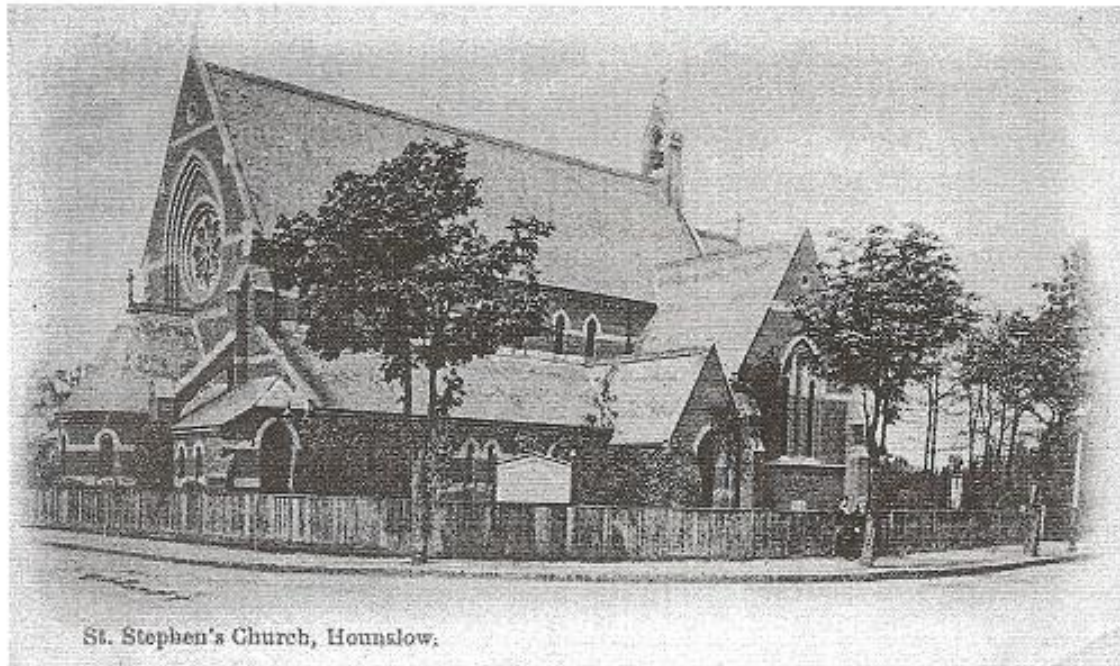
The construction of the Hounslow loop line in 1850 cut off the north-western part of this land from the main estate. The Colonel had lived with his wife's aunts, Lydia and Maria Gostling on the Whitton Park estate since 1854, and inherited ownership in 1874 when Maria died. Colonel Murray, (who became Gostling-Murray on his inheritance), as well as volunteer regiment involvement, was a mainstay of civic and philanthropic activities in both Whitton and Hounslow - particularly those at the Town Hall.

Plans for a new church

Colonel Gostling-Murray had probably long been aware of the development potential of the detached land, and a development plan was prepared for the elongated site, with a cruciform interior road layout plan. Land at the North-West corner of the new crossroads was offered to the Diocese as a site for a new St Stephen's church. His philanthropy was no doubt leavened by practicality, as a church would enhance the status and value of the proposed housing estate. (The profligacy of his son Augustus, and a daughter's impending marriage, no doubt helped to prompt him into action!)

Mrs Mary Ann Naylor, a member of the mission congregation, now enters the story. Born in Ponders End, Enfield in 1800, an orphan when just 11, she married her cousin Thomas in 1818. Widowed in 1836, remarriage would have resulted in the loss of the income from her £1,000 bequest, and she appears to have lived in a succession of lodging houses in various parts of London before coming to Hounslow in the 1860s. In the meantime, the main beneficiary, their only son Thomas, died before reaching the age of 24, the specified age for him to inherit. The estate was left in the hands of her husband's brothers as trustees and executors, and was not wound up until March 1874, when Mary Ann was granted not just the £1,000 of her own bequest but the residual estate of £9,000. Now a comparatively wealthy

woman she was in the position to offer £2,000 towards the new church — nearly half the likely cost - on the condition that the rest of the money was raised and the church built without delay.



Postcard of St Stephen's Church –courtesy of Hounslow Library Local Collection.

The Church Building Committee

A committee of some 28 clergy, local worthies and parishioners was formed to raise the money and progress the scheme. The co-secretaries and mainstays of this committee were Henry Layton and Captain Clifford Walton, adjutant at Hounslow Barracks.

Captain Walton

Clifford Elliot Walton was a local man. His father, William, established a classics academy in Church Street, Hampton in the 1820s to provide a disciplined education for boys whose parents were abroad, serving the Empire. Clifford was born in 1839, the fifth of eight sons, together with five daughters. Clifford followed his eldest brother into the army, and was commissioned into the Commissariat, the department responsible for supplies and transport, in 1862. He served in St Helena, South Africa and Ireland, where he married Clara Humphry. In 1869 he was back in England, at Woolwich, and is living with Clara in Plumstead in 1871. Diana Jeannie Marian Walton aged 2, the daughter of his brother Hubert, was living with them.

In 1872, with the equivalent rank of captain he was posted to Hounslow Barracks, and rented No. 11 Pownall Gardens. The Barracks were extended between 1873 and 1875 by the addition of the new Infantry Barracks, which would have given Captain Walton significant administrative responsibilities. He also found the time to take an active part in Sunday School teaching and other work at the new St Stephen's mission.

The building of St Stephen's

Captain Walton's experience and administrative ability complemented Henry Layton's missionary zeal, and mainly through their combined energies, additional money was raised. The design of the new church, by Architects Habershon and Pite, was selected in June 1875, and the tender for £4,215 from Thomas Hiscock, Hounslow's premier builder, was accepted the same month. Work started in August 1875, with the foundation stone laid in early November, by which time the whole sum needed for completion had been achieved. Building work progressed quickly, and despite complaints that it was finished a week behind schedule, the consecration of the new church took place in August the following year.

The Affair begins

Whilst Henry Layton's energies were dedicated to the fitting out of the new church and developing its parochial role, Clifford Walton's were increasingly focussed on Alice Layton, Henry's wife. The families became well acquainted during the visits of Captain Walton and his wife during the church planning and building, and the intimacy between Captain Walton and Alice grew to such an extent that Henry Layton felt obliged to remonstrate with both on the subject. As *The Times* reported, his remonstrances were in vain.

The Affair continues

Alice informed Henry that her preference was for Clifford Walton, and feigned illness to gain a separate bedroom at 3 Pownall Gardens. By June 1876 adultery was occurring at both No 3 and No 11 Pownall Gardens. Not surprisingly Henry Layton forbade the captain from visiting his house, but was ignored and the intimacy continued clandestinely until September the following year, when Captain Walton was transferred to Glasgow.

Alice still managed to see Clifford Walton, in London and elsewhere - calling themselves Mr and Mrs Waife on her secret visits to him at 60 Stanley Street Pimlico in February 1878 - but the strain was clearly telling on her; she threatened suicide, and Henry Layton put her under the care of a medical specialist. She went from Hounslow in the April to stay with her

father in Walthamstow, but on 8th May 1878 left her father's house 'with the connivance of Clifford Walton', to live with him in Glasgow.

The Divorce

Henry Layton started Divorce proceedings in August 1878, citing Captain Walton as Co-respondent and giving as grounds the acts of adultery in 'divers places'. Ellen Dunn, of 60 Stanley Street appeared as his witness. The undefended case was held to be proved, and the decree nisi granted in March 1879. Henry Layton was granted custody of their son, Frank, and £50 a year was to be paid from Alice's settlement fund as maintenance for him. The costs of the case were to be borne by Alice and primarily, Clifford Walton.

To Natal

Neither were in England to hear the details of their attachment and affair laid bare in court. On 10th January Captain Walton had embarked on a ship for Natal, South Africa, and Alice travelled with him on the same ship; he is not listed in the official embarkation returns, and probably the posting was hurriedly devised to minimise the impact of the scandal of the impending divorce.

They may have hoped to retire in South Africa - a similar request was refused the following year - but Captain Walton arrived in Natal on 2nd February 1879; the Zulu War had commenced, with the military disaster of Isandlwana and the heroic defence of Rorke's Drift on 22nd January. It would be mid February before news of this reached London, and substantial reinforcements sent. In the meantime part of Lord Chelmsford's army, under Colonel Pearson, was being besieged at Eshowe, inside Zulu territory. Captain Walton was immediately put in charge of Commissariat and Transport for the coast division, and made the arrangements for these services for the relief column. The loss of wagons and oxen had been extensive, and replacements were in short supply and expensive. The terrain was difficult, as were the Natal civil authorities. He accompanied the relief column, which set out on 28th March, and was present at the battle of Ginghilovu on 2nd April, being mentioned in despatches.

Now promoted to the equivalent rank of major, he looked after supplies to the front for the remainder of the war, and after the destruction of the Zulu kingdom managed the re-embarkation procedures. After spells at Gibraltar and Woolwich he was sent to the Red Sea port of Suakin in the Sudan where he assisted with an expedition - short-lived and aborted - to support the proposed construction of a railway across to the Nile after the death of General Gordon. It is unlikely that Alice accompanied him on this three-

month posting. His subsequent report, as Director of Transport, gave a comprehensive but concise analysis of the problems that occurred, with clearly set out recommendations for future improvement.

Henry's work continues

Henry Layton's life in Hounslow was busy, and in its own way no less eventful. An ecclesiastical parish was created for St Stephen's in 1877, by the end of the following year he had moved, without Alice, into the new Parsonage next to the church. On 24th and 25th February 1879, shortly before the divorce hearing, men of the 17 Lancers, 'The Death or Glory Boys' passed through his parish on their way from the Barracks to Hounslow station, en route for Natal and the Zulu War. The station was a 'scene of wild excitement, with a large gathering of inhabitants'; Henry's thoughts as the regimental band played 'Auld Lang Syne' are not recorded.

Always out and about the parish Henry had a particular concern for the health of the poor, crossing swords with both the Local Board and the Board of Guardians on behalf of parishioners. James Ellis, the maverick leader of the Ratepayers Association and a regular opponent, was fulsome with false sympathy soon after the divorce, suggesting, in relation to a Burial Board argument, that 'Mr Layton's memory must be much impaired, which may possibly be accounted for under his late trying circumstances'.

Remarriage

There was another momentous event. On September 12th 1881 Henry remarried, to Ada, second daughter of Jason Gurney, brewer, a member of the Local Board and of St Stephen's congregation. The marriage was under licence and took place in St Stephen's, with the Revd. Frederick Rose, Rector of Greenstead, Essex, officiating. Frederick Rose was a friend from Henry's time at Queens College Cambridge in the early 1860s. On the marriage certificate Henry described himself as 'Single' and 'Unmarried'. The ceremony was a simple one, the bride was in morning costume, and there were few guests and no hymns. Nevertheless the local paper reported that the church was densely packed in every part with curious townsfolk, whose conduct was anything but quiet or orderly. The local paper generously suggested that their interest was in the marriage of a clergyman, but it seems more likely that it was his remarriage that brought in the crowds.

Clara Walton

What of Clara, Clifford Walton's wife? In 1881 she was living at 29 Wood Lane Hammersmith, describing herself as an Officer's wife. Diana, whose

parents had died, was living with her as her daughter, and was now called May. There were three servants. Clara was from a wealthy family, but clearly had no desire for a divorce, possibly on religious grounds, also to avoid any loss of status and indeed pension entitlement. She remained on reasonable terms with her husband, accompanying him to the funeral of his father in Hampton in 1889, ensuring that proper decorum was maintained. Clifford was an executor and one of the main beneficiaries of his father's will, so presumably his errant behaviour had been forgiven. Diana, otherwise known as May, William's granddaughter, also received money in a trust.

Henry Hughes

Henry Hughes had become involved with his daughter's situation and was clearly non-judgemental. When it was apparent that she was not returning to his home in the summer of 1878 he wrote a new will, separating her treatment from that of his other daughters and adding her bequest to the existing marriage settlement trust fund. This may have been to prevent access to it by Henry Layton but also suggests a concern about his daughter's waywardness. In 1881 a codicil gave Frank Layton, his grandson, a bequest. Finally in a further codicil in July 1884, after Alice had returned to England with Major Walton, her father showed his affection and concern, and maybe respect, for her by increasing the amount of the bequest to £4,000, which was to be invested, and paid to her as a regular income. Henry died in Brighton in 1886.

The sequel, and sadness

In 1891 Henry and Ada Layton were in Parkside Road Parsonage with Frank and four further children. Clara and May were now living with two servants at 19 Rosemount Road Acton; Clifford Walton, now a Colonel (and granted a CB in 1887), was back in England working at the Woolwich Depot and living at 11 Foyle Road Greenwich. He was the lodger of a Mrs Alice E. Winterne, whose age and place of birth leave no doubt that this was Alice Layton, nee Hughes. She describes herself as a widow, but there is no record of a new marriage or death, and indeed the reason for the choice of name remains obscure.

Sadly Clifford was to die of Pneumonia on a visit to Dublin in December that year, aged 52. The Army lost a highly competent and courageous officer, and Alice lost her lover and soulmate. He was transported with full military honours through Dublin and across to England, to be buried at Woking Cemetery. 'Alice Winterne' acted as executor of his will and was given such property and effects as she desired, and all books, manuscripts,

maps drawings and photographs. Clara was to have the Government pension, which he had earned for her by 'many years of faithful and hard service'. Because Clara had the expectation of other bequests, everything else was left to his adopted daughter Diana.

Alice

So ended a true romance. Alice did not remarry, and became interested in woman's suffrage; her last scrapbook of cuttings, dating from 1910, being deposited in the Fawcett collection by her grandson Judge Layton - which suggests a reconciliation with her son and his family. This is available in the Women's library in Old Castle Street, Aldgate. She was a remarkable woman, independent in spirit, and prepared to give up home and family to be with the man she loved and then to travel with him to Natal, and later live with him in England in a discreet way. From Clifford's bequests to her, and her scrapbook, she appears an intelligent, enquiring person with varied interests.

Henry Layton

Henry Layton continued as Vicar of St Stephen's until his death in 1914, and served on the Brentford Board of Guardians, becoming Chairman in 1906. He was involved with local schools, and charities, and in particular the Hounslow Hospital. It was said of him that he did not shirk from dealing with the most prominent social and political questions; that he was a man of action, a wise counsel, a cheerful presence. A strong believer in parish visits and ever ready to help, he had a 'marvellous capacity for work' and was able to bring out powers in others. None of the eulogies at his funeral mentioned the tribulations at the start of his ministry.

Postscript

The list of subscribers to the church building fund included all those who have featured in this story; Henry and Alice Layton, Clifford and Clara Walton, Henry's father and twin brother, Henry Hughes (Alice's father), Jason Gurney, Colonel Gostling Murray and Mary Ann Naylor. Complementing the elegant brickwork is a story of love, betrayal, happiness and sadness. The church of St. Stephen, Hounslow has changed many lives over the years, but none more dramatically than the co-secretaries of its building committee, Henry Layton and Clifford Walton, and their wives Alice and Clara.

Sources, Notes and Curiosities

At the National Archives the divorce proceedings are in 177/ 213/5790. The divorce was reported in *The Times* on 20th March 1879, and the *Middlesex*

Chronicle on 22nd March 1879. The *Middlesex Chronicle* reported Henry Layton's remarriage on 17th September 1881, and his funeral on 19th September 1914.

There is information on the building and consecration of the church on 13th November 1875 and 19th August 1876. Henry Layton's 1889 booklet *The story of St Stephen's* was reprinted at the centenary and is available in Hounslow Local studies.

The *Surrey Comet* reported the death and funeral of William Walton on 1st and 8th June 1889, and additional information on the family is to be found in Twickenham Local History Society papers, No 5 on Empire connections and 27 on 19th century Hampton. The history of Whitton Park and Col. Murray is in this series No 41.

At the National Archives the Army Lists have been helpful, also WO 25/1922 for Clifford Walton's service record. The South African Campaign 1879 by J.P. Mackinnon and S.H. Shadbolt gives detailed information on his role in the Zulu war. WO 25/3510 has the embarkation returns. *Eyewitness in Zululand* by Ian Bennett, has a chapter on transport and supply in South Africa 1877-81, and official reports are at the National Archives, WO/33/36. Extracts from Clifford Walton's report on the Suakin Expedition are in WO/33/45. The building of the new barracks is outlined in Barry Raymond's book *The History of the Army in Hounslow*, and the local perspective on the Zulu War can be found in the *Middlesex Chronicle* Feb/March 1879. The Royal Logistics Corps Museum provided helpful information.

Census returns for all the families have been consulted and relevant wills and death duty papers examined. So far it has not been possible to find Clara's birth, or her marriage to Clifford Walton. Alice's death also remains elusive. Stanley Street was renamed Aldeney Street later in 1879. Clifford Walton was presumably down from Glasgow visiting the Royal Army Clothing Depot in Grosvenor Road, Pimlico when the meetings at No 60 were arranged. How Ellen Dunn came to give evidence remains a mystery. Was Alice followed? Was the information passed to Henry Layton in the hope that he would not bring out the full story? Or was Alice only too ready to tell her husband where she had been and whom she had been with?

It was not until the 1882 Married Woman's Property Act that married women were able to independently hold property.

Ian Bennett notes that the commissariat always had the impossible task of improvising local resources at minimum cost, and that commissaries were

regarded as quasi-officers on the fringe of military society (medical officers were also in this position).

Curiously Clifford Walton had also crossed swords with James Ellis, who had visited the Barracks in January 1877 with the Inspector of Nuisances to examine the possible overflow from a cesspool. He wrote to Captain Walton criticising the standard of work of the emptying contractors (a contract he previously had held). Captain Walton was furious as the two men had entered the barracks without authorisation or permission, and in a letter to the Local Board also reminded them that Military Crown buildings did not come under the Board's control. The Board had not authorised the visit, and an unusually contrite James Ellis had to apologise to his fellow members.

Clifford Walton's youngest brother, Octavius was coincidentally curate at St Stephen's Hull, from 1872 to 1875! The family were the among the sinews of the Empire; at least two brothers in India, one the resident engineer for the Benares Bridge; a sister who lost everything in the 1857 Indian Mutiny; another brother in Canada.

In 1875 Mary Ann Naylor also paid for the opening of a dispensary in Hounslow, and a few years later gave the land and money for the town's Cottage Hospital. It was said of her that she 'did good by stealth', and 'blushed to find it famed'. It is perhaps appropriate that Mary Ann, born 1800, who lived for so much of her life under the constraints of the system, should have been partly responsible for the chain of events that resulted in Alice Layton, 50 years her junior, breaking free from them!

WAS YOUR ANCESTOR A POLICE OFFICER?

Metropolitan Police Research

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On a very hot day I went again to Brookwood Cemetery but this time with my friend, Erica, who had been wanting to visit for many years - she had a copy of John Clarke's 1992 booklet and we found many differences between this and my 2002 edition.

We started off at the Italian Cemetery and found the graves were for soldiers and sailors only - being about 350 - and the Commonwealth War Grave staff told us they were all Prisoners of War who had been brought to Brookwood from various parts of the country. A few had been returned to Italy.

Then up to the Parsee Cemetery which Erica found especially interesting as she was born in India and had been to a boarding school in South India where many of her fellow pupils were Parsees from Bombay and she recognised some of the names. It was here we were told by the custodian to watch for black adders!

Then to see the platform for the North Station and here we did a walk-about looking for Carroll Gibbons' grave. Erica's book had a picture of quite a distinctive grave with a large rhododendron but despite much careful searching in view of the adder warning, we decided it must have been covered by a bush.

After lunch we drove to the other side which we had visited with John Clarke last July. We did not go in the church but saw the South Station and found many other interesting graves and mausoleums. On our final tour around, we explored St Marks Avenue - this ended up as a track between brambles - but we did find the large Royal Hospital Chelsea monument - again up a track - and some accompanying graves which obviously until recently had been almost obscured by silver birch trees. Good practice for reversing!

We went to the Cemetery Office to get an up-to-date guide, without success, but we did meet the owner, Mr Guney, and the chickens he keeps around the office.

A further visit is planned with Wendy Mott to find graves for Hounslow residents but Wendy tells me she has a fear of snakes!



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ALICE GERMAN RN. USA

I wrote a short article in WMFHS Journal Vol. 12 No 4, December 1994 about my great aunt, Alice German, and how Lois Wilson in New Zealand had found details about her in a diary kept by Louisa Higginson who had nursed with Alice at the Hamrun Hospital for Officers on Malta during WWI. I also visited the British Red Cross Society's Archives, and on Malta found the building at Hamrun - previously the Istituto Technico Vincenzo Bugeia - which had been made into a hospital.

From the BRCS, I had details of Alice's training in the USA but first I had to establish when Alice had gone to the USA. I have postcards sent from Canada to my grandparents starting in October 1904 and the last one was from Detroit in August 1906.

A few years ago I had done some research for one of our members, Eileen Prince in Pennsylvania, and I asked for her help. What follows is thanks to Eileen's diligence in following up with perseverance every avenue beginning with the Ellis Island records, and contacting everyone and anyone by e-mail, letter, and telephone. One problem was that Alice took five years off her age to the authorities in the USA and the BRCS but I do have her birth (12th November 1867 in Limehouse House) and death certificates - the latter showing her correct age. She also said she had entered the USA through New York on 15 June 1904.

In fact, Alice and a friend boarded the SS Dominion in Liverpool on 13 October 1904 for Quebec travelling Third Class. I searched many passenger lists at TNA to establish this. They travelled around Ontario, visited Niagara Falls and crossed into the USA at Detroit in December 1905. On the 1910 census they were student nurses at the Essex County Hospital for Insane in New Jersey. Alice had enrolled in 1909 on a two year course to 'perfect nursing of the sick and the care of the insane'. She graduated in July 1911 and made a short visit home. On her return in late September she did a ten month postgraduate training programme in a New York City hospital. She remained at the hospital for a further two years as an assistant and charge nurse, and night supervisor of large medical and surgical wards until 26 October 1914. She returned home and joined the Women's Emergency Corps, in France. Then to Malta from May to November 1915 and on to Egypt until July 1918.

Back home she applied to join the American Red Cross (ARC) and worked in hospitals in this country until she volunteered to accompany a patient to the USA, her fare being paid by the ARC. She arrived in Ellis Island on 1st



Alice German

September 1919. It is probable she was with Riverside Hospital, NYC for a while before being nominated as a nurse with US Public Health Service Hospital No 38 in West 50th Street from 7 April 1920. She was transferred briefly to a hospital on Staten Island in 1922 but soon after joined the US Public Health Q Service (Veterans) Hospital in the Bronx. In August she visited England returning to the USA on SS *Aquitania* in November. This time she travelled Second Class! Back to the Bronx until November 1925 when she went to the Veterans Hospital in New Haven, Conn.

In 1920 Alice signed a Declaration of Intention to become a citizen of the USA but never followed this up.

Around 1928 she was sent to the US Veterans Hospital, Sunmount, Tupper Lake, NY in the Adirondack Mountains, 40-50 miles from Canada and it seems there she developed an acute bronchial asthmatic and nervous condition, the former possibly caused by the high altitude. She was transferred to another Veterans Hospital at Perry Point, Maryland but was taken to University Hospital in Philadelphia for observation and treatment in May 1929. She did not get better.

She was released from the US Veterans Bureau on 7 August 1929 and my grandfather, her brother, went over to bring her back to England. My mother remembered when Alice came home she smoked special cigarettes and always presumed she had lung cancer but her death certificate confirms the bronchial asthma. She died on 26 August 1932 aged 64 and is buried in the family grave in Walthamstow cemetery - 'Alice German, RN. USA'

As Eileen has said: "Alice was a courageous dedicated woman", My thanks again to Eileen for her help.

This could be one of the greatest aids to Family Historians. My interest began in 1995 when I was finishing my working career in the U.S.A. There was a book in the local library written by a Colonel George Page, about the origins of the Pages. This book made many presumptions, however this turned out to be a blessing because it generated a lot of Pages to write to him. I was one of them. The outcome of this was that Colonel George decided to start a database of D.N.A. swab results. To date he has approx 110 Page participants and they fall into seven main groups and some others. D.N.A. changes ever so slowly from one generation to another and research shows where and at what rate this "mutation" occurs.

We now come to the reason for this little article. My D.N.A. is in group F and I have three very close "cousins" with about 350 years between us. Two are American and one English. The first American has traced his family back to Colonel John Page from Bedfont, Middlesex who went to America about 1650. The second has traced his family back to Richard Page Esquire, from Boxted, Essex, who died in 1605. The English "cousin" lives in Suffolk and is back to a George Page born 1824 in Wingfield, Suffolk.

My family have lived in Acton, Middlesex since 1756, when a Thomas Page married Mary Mason.

Are there any male Pages out there who would consider the testing of their D.N.A.? It cost me approx £100 in 2004 and is done by sending a mouth swab to the U.S.A.

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TOOLE

I am trying to find my husband's paternal grandfather ALFRED TOOLE Whose parents WILLIAM and ELLEN TOOLE were living in Lambeth (16 Mary Street) but went to HESTON for Alfred's birth in 1870.

I have searched the ledgers in the Family Record Office in Myddleton Street Islington 1867-1873, checking spelling variations to no avail. The 1881 census gives William TOOLE 56 born in Ireland. Ellen TOOLE 43 born in M Drayton Middlesex England (we know this to be WEST DRAYTON) and Alfred TOOLE 11 ..eston Middlesex England (which should read HESTON). Web site freebmd, unable to find him. On the 1901 census it reads Alfred Toole 30 born Hounslow Middlesex. I am hoping that when the HOUNSLOW records for that period are updated he will be included, but I am not very confident.

I also wish to find his mother's maiden name and his parent's marriage date so I am rather stuck at the moment. Any suggestions are most welcome.

PS As a matter of local interest ALFRED and his mother ELLEN, although they both died in Lambeth, are interred in St Leonard's churchyard in HESTON. ELLEN TOOLE in 1907 aged 65 and ALFRED TOOLE 1919 aged 50.

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JOHNSON

My grandfather, Albert JOHNSON, bought/leased? (I have no idea how), Albion Nursery at 107 Laleham Road, Shepperton around 1895. I spent many happy hours there as a child. I just wondered if any of the Johnson family still live there or even if the property is still there. Searches on British Telecom, Google and others, have not come up with anything useful.

As you will know, finding ancestors between 1800 and 1900 is relatively easy, before that is not too bad even from here in Australia, after 1990 it is almost impossible. Nothing much has been indexed yet but it is happening.

If anyone can help I would be very grateful. Needless to say, if I can return the favour for anyone who wants information from here I'd be only too happy to help.

Eve Portsmouth nee Johnson, ekep@tpg.com.au

LARKIN

I am trying to find what happened to my great grandfather Frederick LARKIN (1840) and his family. He is listed at 1 Grove Mews, Hammersmith on the 1881 census. His wife had died "of her own act", drowning in the Grand Union Canal on 14 October 1880. He was left with eight children under the age of 13. Minnie Jane (1868), Fanny (1870), Annie Edith (1872), Elizabeth Frederica (1873), Maud (1875), Frederick Henry (1876), Arthur Charles Valentine (1878) and Emily Ada (1879).

I have found him again on the 1901 census at 8 Southbrook Street, Hammersmith with his son Frederick Henry LARKIN (1876) and wife. My father was born there on 20 November 1902 - another Frederick Henry LARKIN.

I am also seeking the death of my grandfather Frederick Henry LARKIN (1876). The family story was that he had a work accident with a head injury and died in the "Workhouse". This would have been early 20C. I have searched Hammersmith workhouse records in vain.

Maureen E.B. Caughey, 11 Darley Park Road, Darley Avenue, Derby DE22 1DB

ONE OF HANWELL'S CLAIMS TO FAME

(From the Hanwell website on the internet)



Work began on the Great Western branch line from Southall to Brentford docks in 1856, and in July 1859 opened to goods traffic. It proved to be one of the last undertakings of I.K Brunel as he died in September of that year. The line incorporates one of the most remarkable achievements, as at Windmill Bridge (known locally as Three Bridges) three

forms of transport intersect, with the railway passing underneath both the canal and the road. This photo was taken about 1905.

EDITOR'S NOTES

I have unfortunately had a hard disk failure and the recovery has been minimal. May I ask anyone who has not had any response to mail or articles to please email me again.

The stock of articles from members about their family history is getting low so please think about contributing some of your interesting stories to the journal. Short pieces are always needed and I would be pleased to receive any new material that members might care to send in; remember it does not have to be a full article. A small piece on some aspect of your research, or your views about a family history matter, are also welcome.

Nothing can be achieved without your input so please put pen to paper, or fingers to keyboard! (Articles can always be emailed if it is more convenient.)

May I also remind all computer users to 'backup'!

Deadlines for the quarterly issues of WMFHS journal are:

15 January; 15 April; 15 July; 15 October

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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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. We would urge all those who receive enquiries to reply even if there is no connection with your research.

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BIRCH	1900-30	Uxbridge Area	MDX	M217
BIRCH	1860-80	Hillingdon Area	MDX	M217
BIRCH	1880-1900	Hillingdon Area	MDX	M217
BIRCH	1900-30	Hillingdon Area	MDX	M217
CALFE/CALF	Any	Any	Any	F110
CHILD	1820-1920	London	MDX	F110
CLARK	19C	Heston Area	MDX	K58
COXHEAD	1760-1870	Sunninghill	BRK	F110
COXHEAD	1830-1920	London	MDX	F110
FARMER	1780-1830	Chiswick	MDX	F110
FARMER	1830-45	Stepney	MDX	F110
FARMER	1845-85	Chelsea Area	MDX	F110
FARMER	1885-1915	Fulham	MDX	F110
FARMER	1915-2000	Bristol	GLS	F110
GILBERT	19C	Heston Area	MDX	K58
HARDY	19-20C	Southall Area	MDX	H254
HOLMES	1870-1960	Acton	MDX	H255
HUMPHRIES	Before 1840	Wootton Bassett	WIL	H250
HUMPHRIES	After 1860	East Bedfont	MDX	H250
JAMES	1895-1930	Chelsea/Fulham	MDX	H255
JAMES	1895-1930	Hammersmith	MDX	H255
NIQUET	1800-50	Marylebone	MDX	F110
NIQUET	1850-82	Battersea	MDX	F110
NIQUET	1880-85	Chelsea	MDX	F110
NIQUET	1885-1925	Fulham	MDX	F110
SHORT	1750-1885	Weare Gifford	DEV	F110
SHORT	1885-1990	Chelsea Area	MDX	F110
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