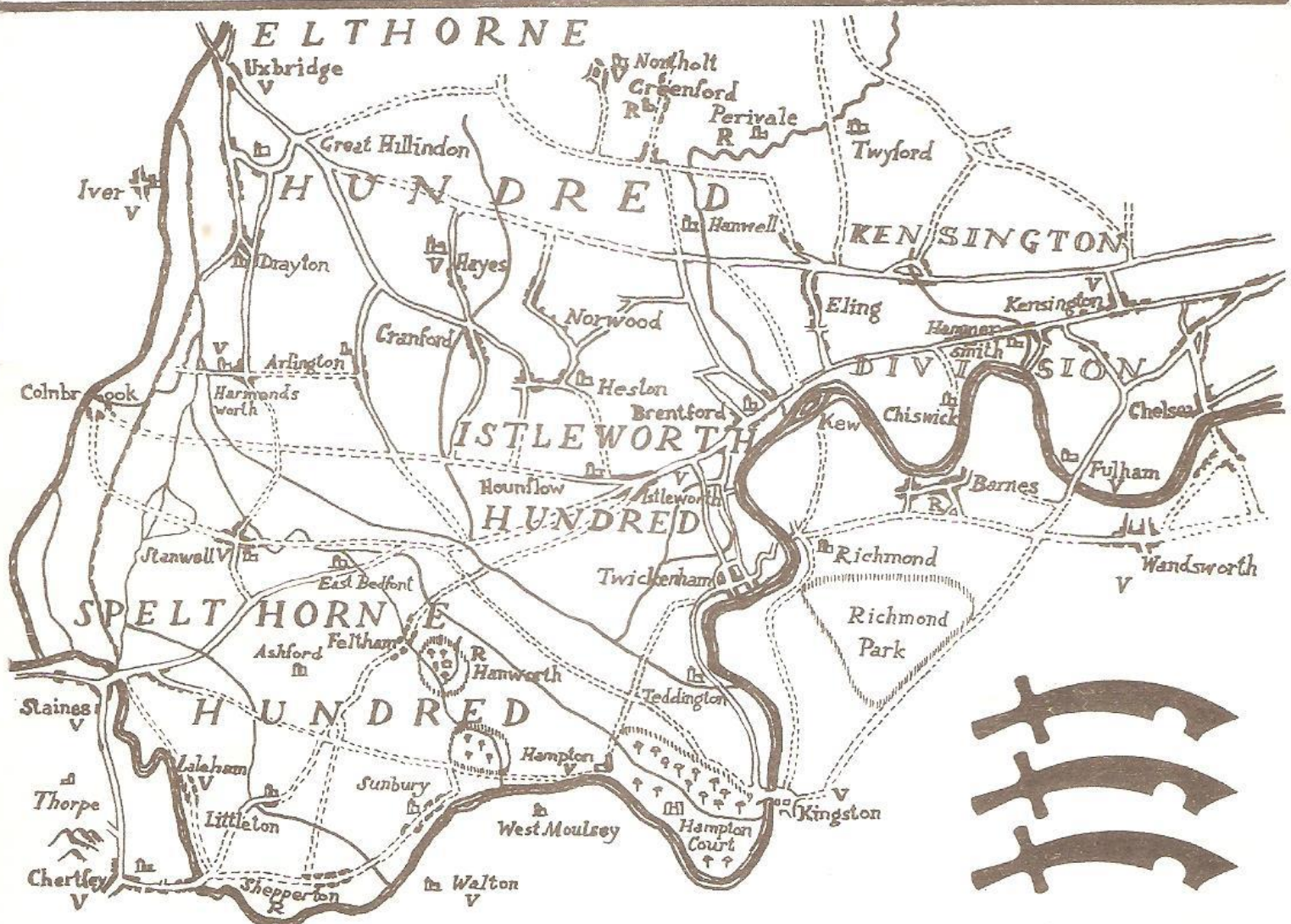


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The Society's Area of Interest

Parishes which are the particular concern of the Society:

Acton, Ashford, East Bedfont, Chelsea, Chiswick, Cowley, Cranford, West Drayton, Ealing, Feltham, Fulham, Greenford, Hampton, Hanwell with Brentford, Hanworth, Harlington, Harmondsworth, Hayes with Norwood, Hammersmith, Heston with Hounslow, Hillingdon with Uxbridge, Isleworth, Kensington, Laleham, Littleton, Perivale, Shepperton, Staines, Stanwell, Sunbury, Teddington and Twickenham.

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News & Events

INCREASED BUSINESS AT ST. CATHERINE'S HOUSE

The Appropriation Account for the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys for the financial year 1978-79, just published, shows that receipts from fees for searches and certified copies amounted to £840,869 (compared with £730,674 in 1977-78). This was before the price increase of 1 April 1979, and suggests a considerable increase in certificates issued. Expenditure (other than on censuses, surveys, and various miscellaneous services) was £8,929,981 (compared with £8,266,506 the previous year) but this figure is not broken down between the cost of searches and of maintaining current registration. Thus, while costs rose only 8% increased business raised revenue by 15%, so perhaps further fee increases will not be in prospect for the time being.

ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC RECORDS

The proposal to close the Public Record Office search room at Chancery Lane has drawn widespread criticism from scholars and researchers. Although most of the records will remain there, they will be produced at Kew, and transported especially, as required. Delays in production are foreseen. The happy proximity to St Catherine's House and Somerset House, and major libraries, will be lost. But the burden will be borne unevenly, chiefly by the mediaevalist, as it is suggested that census records and other frequently used genealogical materials are likely to be moved permanently to Kew, and will thus be readily available to searchers there.

A REQUEST FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

In order to assist the membership secretary, and her helpers, in sorting mail and speeding replies, it would be helpful if members writing to her on society matters would mark WMFHS on the envelope.

LETTERS FROM UXBRIDGE

The Oxfordshire Family History Society has a collection of letters written by John Farrant of Uxbridge to his son in Oxford, between the years 1832 and 1838. A typescript copy is available from the Society's Strays Co-ordinator:

Mrs. Edna Mason, 43 Millmoor Crescent, Eynsham, Oxford



FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

The Society's regular monthly meetings are held on the second Friday evening of each month (but note extra meeting in April and change of evening in June) at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Old Town Hall, Treaty Road, Hounslow. The future programme is as follows:

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| 14 March 1980 | Problems and Queries evening |
| 11 April 1980 | Anne Chiswell, of Devon Family History Society, speaks on Population Movement from Country to Town. |
| 18 April 1980 | SPECIAL MEETING An Introduction to Family History for Beginners. This meeting will be advertised locally, intended for non-members watching the BBC Family History series, who wish to learn more. Members are welcome to attend and spread the word of our activities. |
| 9 May 1980 | Terrick Fitzhugh: From Family Tree to Family History |
| 20 June 1980 | Wine and Cheese Party |
| 11 July 1980 | A speaker on merchant navy ancestors and their movements (to be confirmed) |
| 8 August 1980 | Problems and Queries evening |
| 12 September 1980 | A speaker on Wills (to be confirmed) |
| 10 October 1980 | A speaker on West Drayton local history (to be confirmed) |
| 14 November 1980 | Beginners evening |

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 29 April 1980 | Mr. Samways of the Greater London Records Office addresses Hounslow & District Local History Society at 8.00pm in Hounslow Old Town Hall (our usual meeting place). Members of our Society are invited to attend. |
| 20 May 1980 | Another opportunity to hear Mr. Samways when he addresses Hayes & Harlington Local History Society at 8.15pm at Hayes Library, Golden Crescent, Hayes. Members of our Society are invited to attend. |
| 5 July 1980 | Local History Exhibition in Hounslow Old Town Hall at which our society hopes to be represented. |

GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY COLLECTION

Members may not be aware that within our area there is a public library with a special genealogical collection. Under the London and South East Region subject specialisation scheme, Kensington Library (Phillimore walk, London, W8 7RX) is responsible for collecting printed material in the Dewey 920 catalogue class. It embraces over 40,000 biographies and autobiographies and smaller collections of family histories, heraldry, and genealogy. These last contain many of the standard works published since the eighteenth century, including files of Burke's and Debrett's Peerage, Burke's Landed Gentry, learned society publications and biographical dictionaries. There are also various indexes and bibliographies and files of genealogical periodicals.

GREATER LONDON RECORD OFFICE

This office, incorporating the former London and Middlesex collections, re-opened on 2 January 1980 in Room B-21D, County Hall, London, SE1 7PB. Opening times are Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4.45pm, with late opening (by appointment only) on Tuesdays, 4.45pm to 7.30pm. Most records are now stored in an out repository. To consult such records an appointment made at least three working days in advance is required. To consult other records an appointment is always advisable. Specific orders can be made by letter or telephone (01-633 6851).

NEIGHBOURING SOCIETIES

Two of the greater London Societies have recently had a change of secretary. The new contact addresses are as follows:

North Middlesex Family History Society:

Mr. H. F. Moore, 5 Chase Side Place, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 6CA

East of London Family History Society:

Mrs. Jeanne Baker, 32 Whitehorn Gardens, Hornchurch, Essex, RM11 2AL

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WILKS, John (St Luke) m 1829

WILLS, Ann (Edmonton) m 1732

WINDEBANKE, Sir Francis (Tower of London) m 1686

WIXSEY, William (Hampstead) m 1829

WOTTON, Francis (Aldersgate) m 1718

WRIGHT, William (St Michael, Crooked Lane, London) m 1829

WROUGHTON, Charlotte (Bloomsbury) m 1829

A Sensation beyond Description

by H. G. Winch

James Winch 1800-1840

Son of James and Margaret Winch, Harefield, Middlesex. After his marriage to Sarah ?? from Hayes, Middlesex, he lived in Ickenham and had three sons, James, Henry and George.

At Christmas 1839 the Churchwarden and Constable of Ickenham, Mr. John Larkins, was called to go to James where he found him in a very excited state and requiring three or four men to hold him. After this James appeared to be quite an altered man. At this time, he was working as Stud Groom to Colonel George Hawkins, brother-in-law of Thomas Truesdale Clarke of Swakeleys Hall and son-in-law of J. H. Gell, Esq., the Coroner for Westminster.

In July 1840 Thomas Truesdale Clarke, a magistrate of Middlesex, was found dead in a brook at the extremity of Swakeleys Park on a Wednesday evening. (An inquest was held at Swakeleys Hall on the following Friday.) When James heard of this death, he said that he should die the same year as Thomas Truesdale Clarke. After the inquest the coroner and jury were proceeding across Swakeleys Park on their way to their homes, when they were met by a messenger with the intelligence that James Winch had committed suicide. The Constable, Mr. Larkins, and most of the jury instantly hastened to James' cottage in the village and found the statement to be correct.

According to evidence given by Sarah Winch, widow of James, at the inquest held at the Coach and Horses Inn in the village of Ickenham, James had felt poorly on the Thursday evening and had kept to his bed on the Friday morning. After Mr. Webley, the coroner had passed through the village on his way to the inquest on Mr. Clarke, at Swakeleys Hall, Sarah left her cottage with some clothes and went to the mangle where she stayed for just over an hour.

On her return home she waited a few minutes and then went to the bedroom where she had left her husband. He was not in the bedroom and Sarah asked one of the children where his father was. The boy told his mother that just after she had left the cottage, he had seen his father come downstairs and go into the outhouse behind the cottage. Sarah immediately proceeded to the shed in question and on opening the door she was horror struck to find James hanging by a rope from one of the rafters of the roof. She immediately cut him down and ran into the road and raised the alarms.

At that moment Mr. Bullock, surgeon from Uxbridge was returning from Swakeleys Hall, heard Sarah's cries, pulled up and went instantly to the cottage. He opened a vein in James' neck but without avail, life being quite extinct. The jury at the inquest had thought James, for some time, not right in his mind, more particularly about the previous Christmas, when two men were kept with him day and night at the expense of Mr. Gell, at whose expense he was also attended by

Mr. Silvestre, surgeon of Uxbridge. On that occasion James got well enough to attend his work in about three weeks.

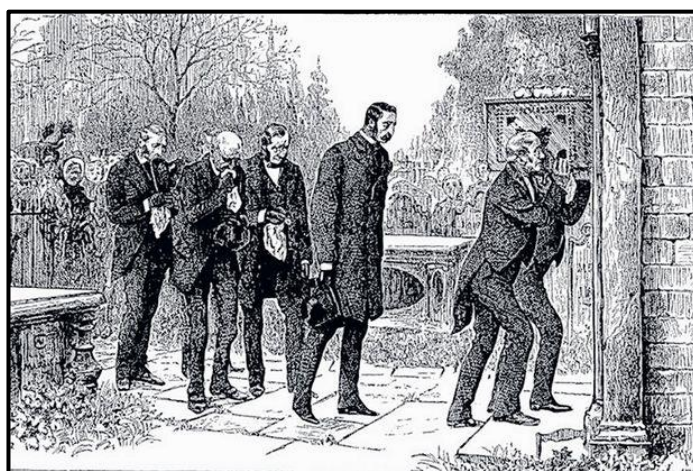
The coroner said the case was a singular one and he had no doubt the lamented demise of Mr. Clarke had operated on the mind of James. The jury returned a verdict of “Temporary Insanity”. At the inquest on Mr. Clarke, the Coroner thought it would be better not to enter into the state of Mr. Clarke’s mind, unless it was the wish of the jury, as he thought it would be best not to stamp the family of the deceased with the stigma of insanity.

Another instance of the wide difference between a “gentleman” and “workman” at that time. Apparently, the deaths of these two people produced a sensation in the village of Ickenham and the neighbourhood was beyond description.

Sarah, widow of James, continued to live in Ickenham with her three sons and was still there in 1871 at the age of 75.

(Details of the inquests were taken from newspaper cuttings, copies of which were kindly supplied by Miss Pearce, Uxbridge Public Library.)

SYDNEY MORSE whose mourning card is illustrated on page 101, was born 1st June 1854, the son of Canon Francis Morse, Vicar of St. Mary’s, Nottingham. He was educated at Marlborough and played rugby for England 1873-75. In 1878 he married Juliet Mary Tylor, daughter of Alfred Tylor, and was admitted as a solicitor in the same year, remaining in practice until his death. His work was particularly connected with tramway, transport and electrical undertakings, and he demonstrated the first American graphophone to Queen Victoria at Balmoral Castle. An obituary appeared in The Times of 28 January 1929.



Books and Library Notes



RECENT BOOKS ON GENEALOGICAL AND RESEARCH TOPICS

Gloucester Family History, by M. E. Richards (Gloucester Records Office 1979)
from GRO, Worcester Street, Gloucester, GL1 ZDW **£1.50**

Sources for Genealogy in the Berkshire County Record Office (Berkshire
Record Office 1979) from Berkshire RO, Shire Hall, Reading, RG1 3EE

Tracing Your Bradford Ancestors, Philip Rushworth, from the author:
145 Albion Road, Idle, Bradford, West Yorks., BD10 9QN **85p**

Marriage Indexes - how to find them, use them, and compile one, ed. M.
Walcot & J Gibson (Federation of Family History Societies) from the Federation,
96 Beaumont Street, Milehouse, Plymouth, Devon, PL2 3AQ **90p post free**

**Census and Social Structure - an interpretive guide to 19th century censuses
for England and Wales**, R. Lawton (Frank Cass 1978) **£12.50**

Historical Collections of the 19th and 20th centuries - preserved in the House
of Lords Record Office, H. S. Cobb (House of Lords Records Office 1978)

Introduction to Archives, F. G. Emison (Phillimore 1978) **£1**

The 1851 Religious Census - a Select Bibliography of materials relating to
England and Wales, Clive Field (Wesley Historical Society 1979) from A. A.
Taberer, Bankhead Press, Broxton, Cheshire **10p + postage**

Censuses, Surveys and Privacy (Macmillan 1979) **£15, £6.95 paper**

Catalogue of Directories and Poll Books in the Possession of the Society of
Genealogists, ed. L. W. L. Edwards (Society of Genealogists, 3rd edition 1979)

Discovering your Family History, D. J. Steel (BBC 1980) **£5.75, Paper- £3.50**

Hatchments in Britain - Vol 3 Northern Counties, ed. P. Summers, 1979 **£7.95**

How to Read Old Documents, E Thoyts, (reprint 1979) **£9.95**

Tracing Your Ancestors, N Curren-Briggs (reprint 1979) **£1.50**

In Search of Ancestry, G Hamilton-Edwards, 1979 **£5.95**

In Search of Scottish Ancestry, G. Hamilton-Edwards, 1979 **£5.95**

A Genealogical Gazeteer of Scotland, F. Smith (reprint 1979) **£12**

SOME RECENT LOCAL TITLES

Heathrow and District in Times Past, ed. P. T. Sherwood (Countryside Publications 1979) from the publisher, School Lane, Brinscall, Chorley, Lancs.

£1.50

Whitton Park and Whitton Place, P. Foster & D. H. Simpson (Twickenham Local History Society - 1979) from A. C. B. Urwin, 59 Park House Gardens, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 2DF

£1.00

2000 Years of Brentford, R. Canham, 1979

£9.95

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Guide to the Records of the New Poor Law and its Successors in Berkshire 1835-1948 (Berkshire Record Office 1979) from BRO, Shire Hall, Reading, RG1 3EE

70p post free

Landownership and Power in the Regions 1560-1914, ed. M. D. G. Wanklyn (Centre for West Midlands Historical Studies) from the editor, Department of Arts, The Polytechnic, Wulfruna Street, Wolverhampton

£1.20 post free

Peopling Past Landscapes, John Steane & Brian F. Dix (Council for British Archaeology 1979)

£2.00

Urban History Yearbook 1979, ed. H. J. Dyos (Leicester University Press 1979)

£7.50

A Regional History of the Railways of Great Britain: Vol. 3 Greater London (David & Charles, 2nd edition)

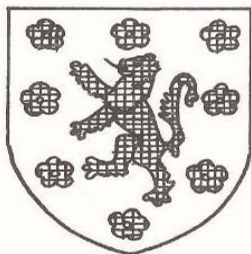
£5.50, paper £1.95

British Regional Development Since World War I, C. M. Law, (David & Charles, forthcoming July 1980)

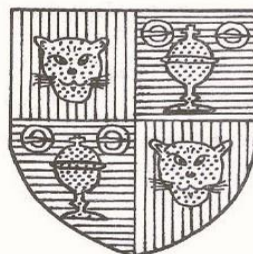
about £9.00

Elements of English Architecture, Hugh Braun, (David & Charles, forthcoming 1980) - with discussion of regional characteristics and features of each design period.

about £6.50



PIERREPONT
Duke of Kingston
1715-1773
(see page 93)



GOLDSMITH'S COMPANY
Granted
8 November 1571
Ground landlord of
East Acton from 1657



BOROUGH OF ACTON
1921-1965
Granted
15 November 1921

The Stately Homes of Acton

Edited record of the talk by R. N. G. Rowland on 12 October 1979

My title is often greeted with guffaws, until I go on to prove that it is justified, and that we have had some stately homes in Acton. For hundreds of years until late Victorian times Acton was a favoured place of residence of the wealthy and influential. The reason is that it was far enough out of the smoke to make a pleasant country retreat, and at the same time near enough to the centre of power to enable politicians, lawyers, bankers, and merchants to ride to Westminster or the City. So, it has always been a commuter's paradise.

Perhaps the best known of these houses was Gunnersbury House, but I am not going to deal with that in any detail because, although it was jointly administered by Acton Council, it has never strictly-speaking been in Acton. Historically it was in Ealing until in 1965 some demented bureaucrat gave it to the London Borough of Hounslow. It dates from the tenth century when a lady named Gunhilda built some kind of fortified dwelling there. It became known as Gunhilda's burh, hence the modern name. Since that time, until the Rothschilds vacated it after the death in 1917 of Baron Leopold Rothschild, Gunnersbury was continuously in the hands of the wealthy and influential.

I will start with a real Acton house, which is perhaps our oldest recorded site, Berrymead. The first record is in the 1220s when Berrymead was conveyed to the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's. As far as the records show it was let out by St Paul's to secular use. It remained in their hands until the Reformation, when it passed to Henry VIII. As a result, a quite untenable legend has grown up that it was some sort of religious house. It was not. It was simply exchanged with the King for equivalent property elsewhere. It was then given to the Russell's, Earls of Bedford, and then the Somerset's, Earls of Worcester. At the beginning of the eighteenth century, it passed into the hands of Evelyn Pierrepont, first Duke of Kingston (upon Hull). His elder daughter Lady Mary Pierrepont eloped from Berrymead with that tedious buttoned-up old stick Edward Wortley-Montagu, the diplomat. She went with him to the embassy in Constantinople and wrote a great quantity of letters and travel documents. She introduced the practice of vaccination into this country. She was a militant feminist. She was a great friend of Alexander Pope and later, as often happened with his friends, a great enemy.

The younger daughter of the Duke of Kingston was married in Acton parish church to the Earl of Mar, one of the leaders of the 1715 Jacobite rising. After the Pierrepont's, Berrymead passed to the Duke of Newcastle for a short time, and then gradually came down the social scale to mere baronets and esquires. Lord Lytton lived there for a short time, and one of our local historians inevitably says he wrote the Last Days of Pompeii there, but he had finished that before he came to live in Acton, although he may have written part of Rienzi there.

In the 1840s it became a genuine religious house. The nuns of the Sacred Heart occupied it from 1840-49 when they moved to Roehampton where they still have their convent.



After that, the most notable occupant was a naval officer, Lieut. Heald. Notable because he married the notorious adventuress Lola Montez, the mistress of Ludwig II of Bavaria and others. She had only been married a month when an old aunt threatened her with proceedings for bigamy, and she and Heald had to flee to the continent.

The house became known as The Priory about 1804, when it was rebuilt in the then favourite gothic style satirised in Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey*. The same was done at West Twyford Manor House, which was renamed Twyford Abbey. Berrymead was sold in the 1880s and the estate broken up for housing. The house itself was saved from destruction by the local Conservatives who took it as a Constitutional Club. It later became administrative offices for Nevill's bakery, which had been built behind it in the 1880s. In 1977 the bakery was demolished and the view to the south opened up, but this will be filled with fresh building.

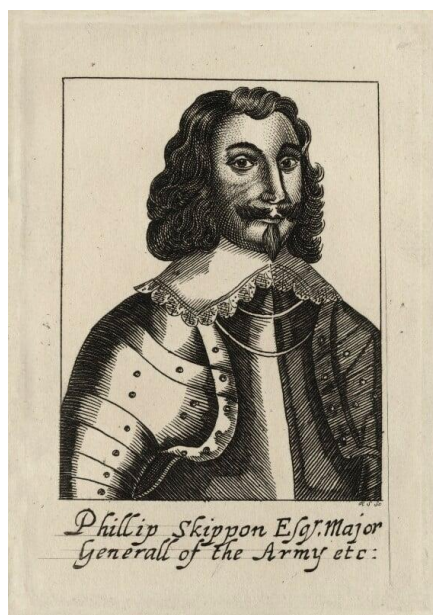
Grove House, on the site of the present Acton Technical College, was a private school from the beginning of this century. Nobody of note lived there; worthy people, no doubt, but not known to fame or even infamy. There is some legendary connection with Sarah Siddons, but I have not been able to trace any evidence that she ever lived there. The name Grove House probably derives from the very deed which conveyed Berrymead to St Paul's, which mentions a house with garden and grove adjoining.

On the north side of Acton High Street was the great walled garden of a Siamese-twin styled dwelling - Lichfield House and Suffolk House. These two adjoining dwellings were built in the early eighteenth century and taken by Nathan Carrington. They passed from him to his daughter's sons who were Garrick's. Hence the legend, another of these silly legends, that David Garrick used to live in Suffolk House. In Victorian times, Nathan David Garrick lived there, but he was a great, great, nephew of the actor. The grounds were broken up in 1921 to form a shopping parade and the Globe, later Gaumont cinema, and the houses themselves were demolished in the 1960s.

At the top of Acton Hill is The Elms, now Twyford High School. It was built in 1735 and the first owner was Sir Joseph Ayloff, a keeper of the public records. The next owner was Samuel Wegg, who also owned Bank House in Acton, the former home of Lord Francis House, the Puritan. Wegg was a lawyer from near

Colchester, allied in marriage with the families of Gray and Creffield, the latter perhaps from Krefeld in Germany. The last member of the Wegg family died in Bank House in the 1840s, and the estate passed to a cousin, Charles Gray Round, from Birch Hall, Colchester. When the estate was developed in the late nineteenth century some of the roads were named after these connections - Creffield Road, Birch Grove, and others after villages near Birch Hall.

Perhaps the most celebrated resident after the Wegg's was James Shoolbread, a man who kept an enormous furniture repository in Tottenham Court Road which was a household word in its time. I can remember a musical joke in the 1930s about Shoolbread's Unfurnished Symphony, but the name is quite forgotten today.



At Acton House, opposite the parish church, lived Major General Philip Skippon, head of the Parliamentary Garrison in Acton in the 1640s. Their purpose was to defend London against attack from the Royalist headquarters at Oxford. Skippon's daughter was married in the parish church. The entries in the register were later desecrated by some hand, possibly that of the Royalist rector after 1660. Such remarks as Knave and Traitor appear against Skippon's name. The Garrison proved their worth in November 1642 when the Royalists under Prince Rupert suddenly swept down and were repulsed in a series of skirmishes variously known as the battle of Brentford, of Turnham Green, and of Acton.

Just north of Acton House was the site of another house which has become infamous in Acton legend, Derwentwater House. The connection with the Derwentwater family is tenuous. James Radcliffe the third and last Earl of Derwentwater was captured and beheaded as he was a Jacobite who took a leading part in the 1715 rising. In 1720 his widow leased this house in Acton. But she was there less than a year before going to Brussels where she later died. That really is the sole connection of these unhappy Derwentwater's with Acton. But the most unimaginable legends have grown up. One of the most fruitful sources of legend is the railing in the boundary wall. These gates, it is said, have not been opened since the death of the Earl of Derwentwater. His headless body, so the story goes, was brought from Tower Hill to Acton where it lay overnight; it was then taken out through the gates (which were locked and have never been opened since) to the family seat in Northumberland for burial.

Now this is complete and utter rubbish. Firstly, the Countess did not come to Acton until 1720. Secondly, it is on record that the Earl's body was taken to rest at Dagenham on its journey to Northumberland. Thirdly the so-called gates are

not gates at all, simply a length of railing. Fourthly, the ironwork has been tested by an expert and cannot be earlier than the 1850s. So, the gates could not have been locked in 1716.

The real truth about the Derwentwater's is more fascinating. The third Earl's younger brother Charles also took part in the 1715 rising, but evaded capture and fled to the continent. He was sentenced to death in absentia. He married Charlotte Maria Livingstone, Countess of Neburgh in her own right. Thirty years later he was returning to this country to assist in the 1745 Jacobite rising when his ship was captured off the Dogger Bank, and he was brought to London and the sentence of death carried out.

The Goldsmith' Almshouses, a pleasant piece of architecture of 1811, were built out of the Perryn charitable trust. John Perryn was a goldsmith from Bromyard, Worcestershire, who came to live at East Acton Manor and bought its large estate. In December 1656 he made a will leaving it all to the Goldsmiths' Company. In February 1657 he died, and thus the Goldsmiths came to inherit virtually the whole of East Acton. His house was afterwards tenanted by various goldsmiths, but in 1884 it was abandoned and pulled down in 1911.

There were also other notable houses in Acton, such as that of Richard Baxter, the nonconformist divine in the 1660s, Heathfield House, probably named from General Elliot (Baron Heathfield) "The Hero of Gibraltar", and "Friars Place", but I hope I have given enough examples to justify the stately homes of Acton.



Goldsmith's Almshouses, Acton

Out of Area "Strays" Index

This index continues to grow, thanks to the effort of several of our members who have noted the marriages, burials, etc. of London or Middlesex folk which took place elsewhere in the country. (Do carry on sending them to me.) I am also indebted to the secretaries, and officers of other societies who collate and disseminate information from their own areas. (In return, I pass information to other counties of their strays who married or died in Middlesex - with your help, of course!)

A further group of these potentially "lost" Middlesex/London folk is listed below. As before, each entry notes the name, his or her "home" area, the nature of the event ("bap" for baptism, "m" for marriage, "bur" for burial) and its date.

The full entry can be provided to anyone interested in exchange for a stamped addressed envelope; non-members should also enclose 25p (in stamps). The index now contains approximately 550 slips and anyone really lost might find it worth seeking a more general search. I think the same fee would be appropriate.

Enquiries – V.E. Gale, 53 Liberty Lane, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey, KT15 1NQ

ARMETRIDING, Thomas (Cornhill, London) bur 1803
BAILEY, Thomas (St Ann Limehouse, Mx) m 1826
BARKER, Francis (St Catherine near the Tower) m 1736
BEAMONDE, Thomas (Clement inne, Mx) m 1579
BENNETT, Henry (St Giles Cripplegate) m 1829
BOSTON, Mary Elizabeth (London) bap 1835
BROOKSBANK, Thomas (Hampstead) m 1825
BROWNING, Henry (St Marylebone) m 1829
BRUNING, Mrs Mary (Stepney) m 1690
CHALLIS, Thomas (St Leonard, Shoreditch) m 1829
CHFNEY, Thomas (St Giles in the Fields) m 1829
COCKETT, Thomas (Fulham, Mx) m 1811
COUTTS, Thomas (London) bur 1822
DAVIDSON, William (St Giles in the Fields) bur 1699
DEARE, James (Savory parish, London) bur 1708
DICKENSON, Henry (City of London) m 1683
DOLPHIN, William (London) m 1709

EDWARDS, Samuel Valentine (St Geo. Hanover Sq.) m 1829
 ESAU, Joshua (St Katherine's, Middx) bur 1747
 FARROW, Frances (London) bur 1740
 FLOYD, Richard (St Geo. in the East, Mx) m 1742
 FRENCH, James (Isleworth, Middx) m 1781
 GARBUT, Elizabeth (St Margaret, Westminster) bur 1742
 GLANVILLE, ———, son of William (London) bur 1665
 GREGORY, William (St Botolph, Bishopsgate) m 1711
 HARRINGTON, Lucy (St Andrew, Holborn) bur 1713
 HAWKINS, John (Cowley, Mx) m 1704
 HEELY, Thomas (Hammersmith, Mx) m 1790
 HOBDER, Mrs Anne (St Andrew, Holborn) bur 1750
 HOPLEY, Henry (Chelsea) m 1734
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 HUGHES, Miss Sarah (St Geo. Hanover Sq.) bur 1748
 JACKSON, Richard (Ealing, Mx) m 1731
 JONES, Catherine (St Mary Abbott, Kensington) m 1829
 KELLY, Arthur (St Clement Danes, Mx) m 1829
 LOTON, Lewis (Ealing, Mx) bur 1732
 MARCH, Joanna (St Martin in the Fields) m 1716
 MEREDITH, Thomas (Clerkenwell, Mx) m 1798
 MOOR, Anne (Shadwell, Mx) m 1708
 MORTON, John (Whitechapel) bur 1703
 NICHOLS, Thomas (Twickenham, Mx) bur 1701
 NOTTE, John (St Mildred, Bread St, London) bur 1700
 PEMBERTON, Thomas (St Margaret, Westminster) m 1690
 PIERSON, Daniel (Stepney, Mx) m 1790
 PLUNKNETT, Eliza (Marylebone) bur 1818
 PRINGLE, John (St James, Westminster) m 1829
 RIDGWAY, Charles (Whitechapel) m 1631
 ROLFE, William (Soho, Mx) m 1829
 SCARBOROUGH, John (St Martin in the Fields) m 1645
 SICH, Henry (London) bur 1687
 SMITH, Edward (Haymarket, London) m 1829
 SPENCER, Samuel (St Botolph, Aldgate) bur 1753
 STEVENS, Thomas Howell (Bloomsbury, Mx) m 1834
 TRUBY, James (Stepney) m 1716
 VARNEY, William (Euston) m 1662
 WALKER, Job (Coleman St. London) m 1743
 WARING, Thomas (London) bur 1828
 WEDDELL, Alexander (St Marylebone, Mx) m 1790
 WETHERALL, Sir Charles (Lincolns Inn) m 1828
 WICKHAM, Mary (Old Jewry) m 1739

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You will note that the Marriage Indexes to which I have referred above are all of males. Whilst we had the transcripts in our possession therefore, I have had our indexers prepare slips for the females as well, so that we have in our records the beginning of a separate Brides Index. I shall add to this as opportunity arises and will put a note in a future journal of what it contains. In the meantime, if anyone is desperately seeking a female ancestor who may be in it I shall be glad to search it (S.A.E. of course!).

Whilst all this indexing has been going on, Arthur Powell has also been busy at Hounslow Library making a transcript of the registers of All Saints, Isleworth. He has completed the marriages from 1754 to 1837 and these are now being slipped and sorted (by our members) and will then be passed back to the library, who will type them up and give them back to us to sort into our Indexes. (It all sounds rather involved but is working well so far!) Arthur is now transcribing the baptisms and burials registers.

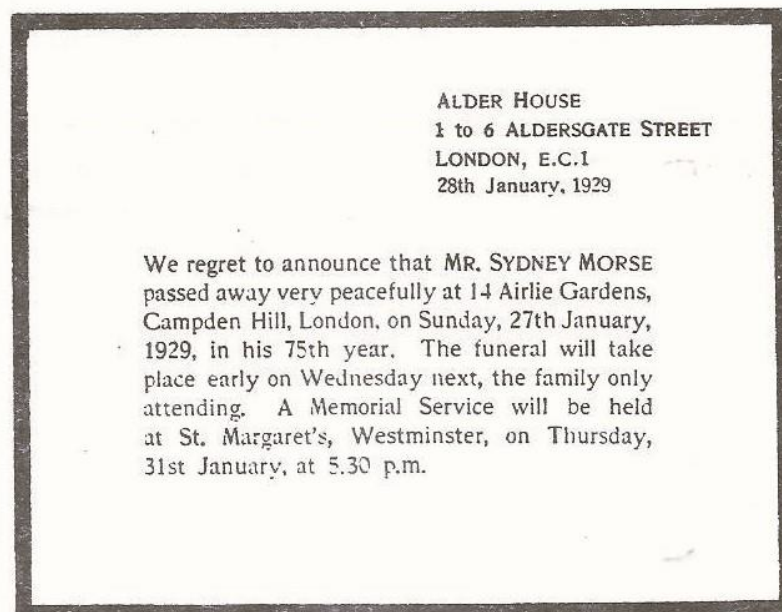
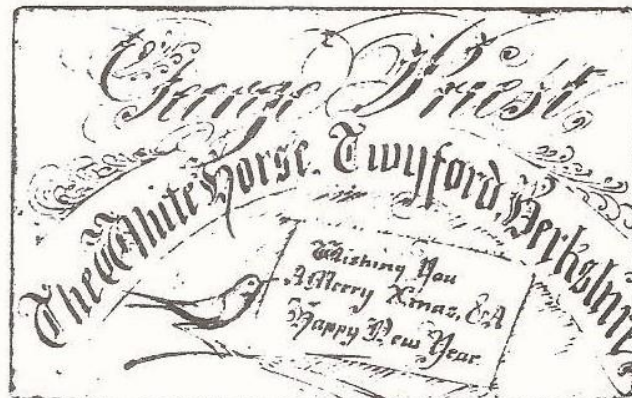
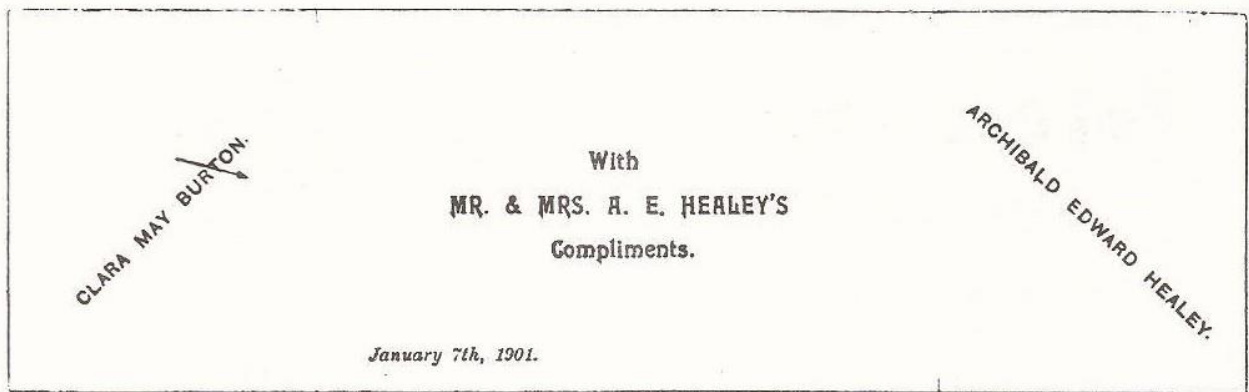
Another pair of our number - Connie Zouch and Mavis Sibley - have completed a transcript of the Hayes Registers. They are now indexing and typing them and I will report more details when I know them.

Ken Cox, another of our industrious members, tells me that he is proposing to make an index of the Hanworth 1851 census and also transcribe some of the Parish Registers of S.t George's, Hanworth. Again, more details later.

Is anyone else beavering away at his or her pet project? If so, do let me know, and if I can help in any way (or encourage anyone to start) do talk to me about it at one of our meetings.

No outside work has, of course, been possible on the numerous churchyards in our area in the past few months but we are laying plans for the 1980 season. I hope we can make an earlier start than last year - Chiswick needs a few more sessions to do what is necessary there, and I hope that we shall be able to complete some of the smaller churchyards in other West Middlesex Parishes this summer. What I desperately need to know is what has been done already, particularly, for instance, by Local History Societies or by others and is now deposited in local libraries. Do you know?





SOME EXAMPLES OF ITEMS OF PERSONAL STATIONERY

Top: Marriage Card, showing names of the parties, with typical Cupid's dart through the woman's name, and date.

Centre: A Berkshire publican's Christmas greetings, about 1885.

Bottom: Mourning Card with typical black edging (see also page 90)

Heirlooms - of All Kinds



Members brought along a wide selection of heirlooms and mementoes to display at our November meeting.

Vic Gale produced a fine silver rose bowl inscribed to an ancestor as best pistol shot in the Melbury Troop of the Dorset Yeomanry in 1852. From the same year was a stitched sampler brought by Bob Cook, worked by an ancestor in High Wycombe at the age of eleven. Among the many photographs were Connie Zouch's portraits of an ancestor from Hayes in the 1870s, complemented by a collection of early postcards of Hayes. David Hawkings had a photographic tree, on which a number of pictures hung from the branches of the stand. Bob Cook brought a photograph of a painting (whereabouts unknown) of two ancestors. This old couple had been chosen as a subject by a Wiltshire water-colourist in the 1840s.

Chris Watts showed an ancestor's education certificate of 1897. He also recalled finding mementoes in unlikely places. A Yorkshire ancestor had developed a type of liquid soap dispenser in the 19th century, and one day he came across one with the maker's name in the gents' lavatory of a London office. Eileen Stage had a silver match case and a guinea case, and some sugar tongs bearing the initials of Suffolk ancestors who married in 1818. Another member brought a copy of "Mrs. Beeton's Everyday Cookery & Housekeeping" given to an ancestor in 1884. Eileen Stage had a copy of "Some Old Love Stories" by T. P. O'Connor, inscribed by the author in thanks to a child who had found his snuff box in the street in 1919 and returned it to him.

An ancestor's indenture as an engraver in 1899 was brought in by another member, and also his parchment awarding the freedom of the City of London after he had served his term to a goldsmith. Peter Guyver recalled an ancestor from Barnes, a Crimean veteran, whose name he had mentioned to a local resident. He was put on the trail of the Attwater Papers, an early collection of oral history made about 1900, in which he found the ancestor interviewed, and recalling his days at a Dame School in Barnes in the 1840s, where for much of the time the pupils were put to work making sweets and barley sugar for sale.

Letters



THE PALLOT INDEX

Perhaps I could draw attention to Vic Gale's article on Middlesex Marriage Indexes (**Vol. 1, No. 2**). It is quite misleading to suggest that the Pallot Index is commercially operated. In fact, it runs at a considerable loss and, per entry, and searching, is much cheaper than most others to search. I would also point out that "Achievements" is a non-profit making organisation, any surplus that it does make from its operation goes to the support of this Institute, for which Foundation of course, it was established.

Yours sincerely,

C. R. HUMPHERY-SMITH

Director,

Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies,

Northgate,

Canterbury, Kent.

20 November 1979

FINDERS OR TAKERS

In the course of family history research, much has been said about the records of criminals. Local newspapers publish the names of thieves and what they have stolen. They do not publish the names of those who find objects and hand them in. Has anyone thought of looking into records for names on individuals who have found items in the street, or in a store. It would make pleasant reading for members to discover how honest their ancestors had been.

Yours sincerely,

KATHLEEN BUCKMAN

23 Bucklands Road,

Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 9QR

26 January 1980

On page 102 is recorded an heirloom which commemorates just such an incident as mentioned above. But by the time most such records are old enough to be made public, I suspect they will have been destroyed. Has anyone come across examples? [- Ed]

INFORMATION WANTED - PATTERNS OF FAMILY HISTORY

I am working on a general book on Family History and would like to study a fair-sized sample of family histories for all parts of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. I wonder if any of your readers would be willing to let me borrow either:

- (a) written up family histories where the genealogy has been set generation by generation in its full local and social context
- (b) fairly complete and well-annotated family trees which illustrate migration, occupations, ages of marriage and death, second marriages etc.

I am also very interested in specific examples of the following points:

- (1) Eldest son having the family farm and younger sons going into trade
- (2) Elder sons going into trade and younger son inheriting the family farm
- (3) Hereditary occupations; an individual changing his occupation
- (4) Reasons for migration
- (5) Patterns of emigration within English, Scottish and Irish extended families
- (6) Social mobility up or down, whether slow or rapid

I would also be most grateful if readers could let me know if they are collecting data on all bearers of a certain surname.

Yours sincerely,
DON STEEL,
Crossways, Jarvis Lane,
East Brent, Highbridge,
Somerset

Notes & Queries



BARHAM, wanted - references to BARHAM and EVANS families in North Wales.
Any information please to:

David Powell-Evans, 16 Devas Road, Wimbledon, London, SW20

DAVIS/WOMBUTLEY, wanted - marriage of John Okey DAVIS and Frances Harriett WOMBUTLEY about 1804-05, who later emigrated from London to Australia. Information please to:

Miss Joan Davis, 166 Flinders Street, Yokine 6060, Western Australia.

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C10 C11	CLARK, D.H.C. & Gladys Lillian Christina 40 Ryefield Avenue, Hillingdon, Middlesex UB10 9BY	DAVEY BLACK CHILDS ROFFEY ADAMS BUBB CLARK CHAMBERLAIN	City of London & environs City of London City of London City of London Fulham Fulham Royston, Herts. Royston, Herts.
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H6	HARRIS, Mrs. I. T. 1 South Walk, Hayes End, Middlesex, UB3 2RE	HARLEY ? WELLEN ? SINGLETON HARTWRIGHT TEAKLE DEASTY	London London London London - Any
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M5 M6	MORTON, S.A. & Mrs. M.T. 32 Burlington Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 4LY	BELLAMY MORTON GOODWIN MORRIS DABILL HUCKNALL MILES STEEL FLOYD WHITE READING ROWLINGS	London Notts. & East London Notts. Notts. Notts. Notts. South London Central London Central London Oldham, Hants. Watford, Herts. Watford, Herts.
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S3	STAGE, Eileen R. 150 Fulwell Park Avenue, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 5HB	STAGE REDGRAVE OSBORN(E) BLOCK DAVEY ADINA WOODROFFE MARSH	Denmark; Buckie, Scotland; Whitby, Middlesbrough, Yorks Aldeburgh, Rendham, Wangford, Frostenden, Suffolk Aldeburgh, Rendham, Suffolk Wangford, Rendham, Suffolk Frostenden, Wangford, Suffolk Hackney, Stoke Newington Hackney, Leatherhead, Surrey Yeovil, Somerset, Cardiff, Bristol, Crouch End, Muswell Hill, St. Ives,

		<p>CRANG Hunts; Cambridge area Parkham, Clovelly, Devon; Taunton, Somerset</p> <p>LOOSEN Germany, Wapping, Bow; Medstead, Ealing, Hants</p> <p>HUBBARD pre 1850, Cowley; post 1850, Shadwell, Wapping, Bow</p> <p>PRICE Chesterfield, Derbys. Nottingham</p>
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W10	WATSON, Ellen Edith & family 41 Ridgeway Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 5LE	
Y2	YOUNG, Mrs. O.J.B. 3 Oak Dene, Cleveland, Ealing, London W13 8AW	<p>CHRISTOPHER Germany; St. Giles, London 1808</p> <p>TAPLEY City of London</p> <p>MITCHELL Devonport, Holbeton, Devon</p> <p>BROWN Bethnal Green, (silk manufacturer)</p> <p>TOUCHARD/TUSHAW/TOUCHER - as above</p> <p>BOWES Stanhope, St. Johns Chapel, Co. Durham</p> <p>PROUDFOOT Stanhope, Pooley, Penrith; Westmorlnd</p> <p>WALKER Husthwaite, Stonegrave, N. Yorkshire</p> <p>HALL Husthwaite, Gilling, N. Yorkshire</p>
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Insurance	8.00	11 Family	66.00	
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Purchase of books	9.90		<u>339.87</u>	
Stationery and postage	58.11	Sale of publications		1.26
Bank Charges	0.58			
Excess of income over expenditure	125.84			
	<u>£341.13</u>			<u>£341.13</u>

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We have examined this statement of accounts and balance sheet and certify them to be, to the best of our belief, in accordance with the books and vouchers of the Society.

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