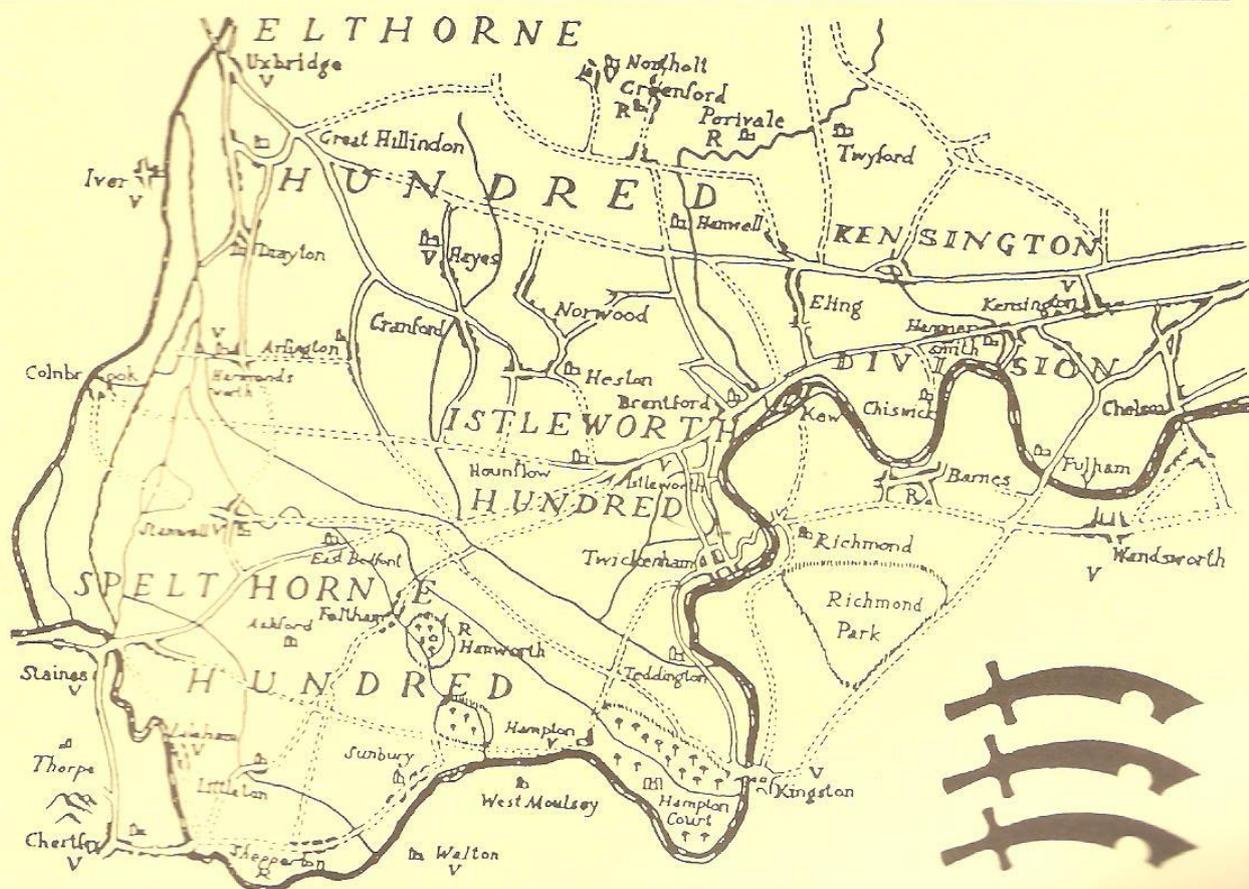


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I was reading in an Australian journal an article on a member's experience when visiting this country to do some research. She said that other researchers were not very helpful. When I was at work and took a day off to do some research, people were always asking for advice, and although I always tried to be helpful they were interfering with my valuable time. Now that I am retired and need not do intensive research, no-one asks me: perhaps I do not look very helpful, or are people more 'genned' up on research these days?

I had a letter from Australia asking for the census for 1698 for Heston and Isleworth. This intrigued me as I am interested in Heston and had never heard of it. I enquired of some of our founder members, asked Mavis Sibley our librarian, Mary Brown the Isleworth expert (see page 12), began to look at the different tax returns, when suddenly it struck me the reference for these parishes in the 1851 census is HO 107/1698!

In June there was a Heathrow Family Day held at the airport. Peter Watson's firm, S. & G. Air Conditioning, were given a stall, and they passed it to Peter, who kindly invited us to share it. The highlight of the day was when a young man asked us to sign a petition for T5 - there was a resounding 'NO'.

I helped on our stall at the Middlesex Show, although it was knee deep in mud - luckily I had taken my yellow wellies. They were bought when we were recording memorial inscriptions; very useful for muddy churchyards. It is a pity we cannot find another MI co-ordinator, as there are still a number of churchyard memorials to be recorded. It was great fun!

We also attended the Harmondsworth Craft Fair. It was delightful to be in the Tithe Barn again and the flowers were lovely. The theme was English Counties.

I understand the Big R is now available. WMFHS is not selling it this year, but if you would like to buy a copy of the Middlesex section, please write to our neighbouring society, the Westminster and Central Middlesex FHS, c/o Mrs Doreen Heywood, 46 Churchill Place, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 IXY.

Finally, do not forget our Open Day! All out of town members are welcome to spend an hour or so on helping their society on the stalls, etc.; it will give you time to get to know the other volunteers.

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### **Job Opportunity**

We are still looking for a replacement Secretary to take over from Yvonne at the end of the year. It is vital that we find someone to take on this task, which is central to the running of the Society. If you might be interested in finding out more about this post, do make yourself known to one of the current committee.

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

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The following meetings have been planned:

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| 18 September | <i>City of London Records for Family History</i><br>A talk by Peter Blake. |
| 16 October   | <i>Chelsea</i><br>A talk by John Neal.                                     |
| 20 November  | <i>Irish Records</i><br>A talk by Bill Davis.                              |
| 18 December  | <i>Annual General Meeting and Members' Evening</i>                         |

The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, at Montague Hall Montague Road, Hounslow, and start at 7.30 p.m.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the West Middlesex Family History Society will be held on Thursday 18 December 1997, at 7.45 p.m. at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow. Reports will be presented by the Chairman and Treasurer. Members will be asked to approve the audited accounts for the year 1996-97 and elect auditors for the coming year. Elections will be held for Officers and Members of the Executive Committee for 1998. Members who wish to bring any matter forward at the AGM, or to propose nominations for the Committee, are asked to write to the Secretary at the address given below, by 4 October. The agenda for the AGM will be included in the next issue of this journal, to be published at the meeting on 20 November.

*Miss Yvonne Woodbridge, 92 Nelson Road, Whitton, Middlesex TW2 7AY*

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## NEWS ROUNDUP

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### **Kent FHS**

This society is to hold an Open Day on Saturday 20 September, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St George's Centre, Chatham Maritime. Details from Ann Lillywhite (01892) 730216.

### **Cornwall FHS**

This society is to hold its 21st Anniversary on 31 October-2 November and is holding its AGM as part of this weekend conference. Please write to AGM Co-ordinator, Cornwall FHS, 5 Victoria Square, Truro, Cornwall TR1 2RS for details.

### **West Surrey FHS**

Our neighbours in West Surrey are holding a Computer Conference on Saturday 18 October at Merrist Wood Agricultural College, Worplesdon, Guildford from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Speakers include David Hawgood, Jeanne Bunting and Nigel Bayley; additional workshops and demonstrations will be taking place throughout the day. The conference fee is £6; for further details, contact Mrs Heather Hicks, 28 Whitley Road, Yateley, Hants GU46 6DQ.

### **Camden Local Studies**

Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre is holding an Open Day on Saturday 8 November 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The attractions include guided tours of the centre and the conservation workshop, a local history bookshop, and talks on tracing your family tree. For further information, contact Richard Knight, Local Studies Manager, Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, Holborn Library, 32-38 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8PA (0171-413-6342).

### **BT Archives**

The archives office for BT is moving to the 3rd Floor, Holborn Telephone Exchange, 208-270 High Holborn, London WC1V 7EE. Opening hours are 10 am. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. For an appointment, call 0171-4928792.

### **North West Group of Family History Societies**

The North West Group is to hold a Family History Fair on Saturday 4 October from 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at Stockport Town Hall, Stockport, Cheshire.

### **Kensington and Chelsea College: Family History Course**

On Wednesday evenings from 7.00-9.00 p.m. for two terms (20 weeks), commencing 24 September 1997, a course entitled Researching Your Family History will be held at Holland Park School, Airlie Gardens, London W8 (nearest tube; Notting Hill Gate). The course will provide a beginner's guide to family history, where to find records, how to use them, and how to create a family tree. The tutor will be Paul Blake, BA, Dip. Gen, FSG. The fee is £76 for Kensington and Chelsea residents. £92 for other students and £18 for Kensington and Chelsea residents eligible for concessions. For details, call the Course information Line on 0171-5735333.

### **Notting Dale's Living History**

Robert Cook spotted the following note at a current exhibition about Notting Dale's Living History, organised by the Kensington and Chelsea Community History Group (KCCHG).

Some families in Notting Dale now claim a connection with the area covering five generations. Names such as Hearn, Kimber, Buckingham, Cain, Penfold and Pryce keep cropping up in the history, many of the families being inter-related. The exhibition organisers are KCCHG, 1 Thorpe Close. London W10 5XL (0181-9623-0921).

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## CERTIFICATE COURIER SERVICE

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The charges for the courier service are:

£7.50 - if the reference is supplied. Please quote all the details given in the index (i.e. name, year, quarter, district, volume and page);

£8-50 - includes a three year search of the indexes (i.e. 12 volumes). Any background information you have to assist me, such as name variations, etc., would be appreciated.

If providing the reference from searching the microfiche of the index, please ensure you provide me with the correct quarter. I gather it is often difficult to tell when the next quarter begins but it does save me having to get down several books when I check the reference you supply. Many thanks.

When applying, please quote your membership number and make your cheque payable to me (not WMFHS); all payments must be in Sterling. There is a refund of £6.00 if a three year search is unsuccessful.

*Valerie J. Walker, 32 Cunnington Street, Chiswick, London W4 5EN*

### **Certificates Database**

Members attending the Open Day on 27 September will be able to consult the growing database of certificate details that is being compiled by Frank Gregory. Contributions in the form of unwanted original certificates are always welcome, please send them to Valerie at the above address.

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### **WEST MIDDLESEX WAR MEMORIALS**

There is now a substantial body of name-list material for most war memorials recorded in West Middlesex. It consists of public, churches', schools' and firms' memorials, etc. for WW I and WW II and earlier wars where they exist, although it is not complete yet. Name enquiries, and any knowledge on war memorials you may know about but we don't will be welcomed. When making an enquiry on an individual, please include any information you may have on the village or town where you might expect to find his name mentioned.

For all enquiries, please send a SAE to Ted Dunstall, 43 Elers Road, Ealing, London W13 9QB.

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**Directory Of Members' Interests 1995:** Booklets are still available from the Editor, at 15 Willerton Lodge, Bridgewater Road, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 OED. Price £1.50 plus p&p (UK 31p, Overseas surface 50p, Europe Air 61p, US/Canada Air £1.06, Australia/New Zealand Air £1.18).

## **West Middlesex Family History Society**

### **OPEN DAY**

**Saturday, 27th September 1997**

**St Peter's Church Hall, Staines**

Do come along and support the WMFHS Open Day. We shall have the indexes and research material from the library. There will be experts on hand with advice, the bookstall, and stalls from visiting societies and organisations. These will include Westminster and Central Middlesex, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Hillingdon family history societies, Hounslow, Egham by Runnymede, and Sunbury and Shepperton local history societies, Hammersmith and Fulham Archives, Spelthorne Museum, Picture Past (postcards), Dave Grimmett (local war memorials), Vivian Dover (Staines local history), Peter Watson (Feltham local history) and a display from the Society of Genealogists.

#### **Location**

St Peter's Church Hall is on the west side of Laleham Road, to the south of the centre of Staines, as indicated in the map opposite.

*From the M25:* Leave at junction 13, and follow the Staines Bypass (A30) to the Crooked Billet Roundabout. Take the left-hand slip road, and loop back to enter the centre of Staines. From here, continue through the one-way system, following directions indicated to Laleham.

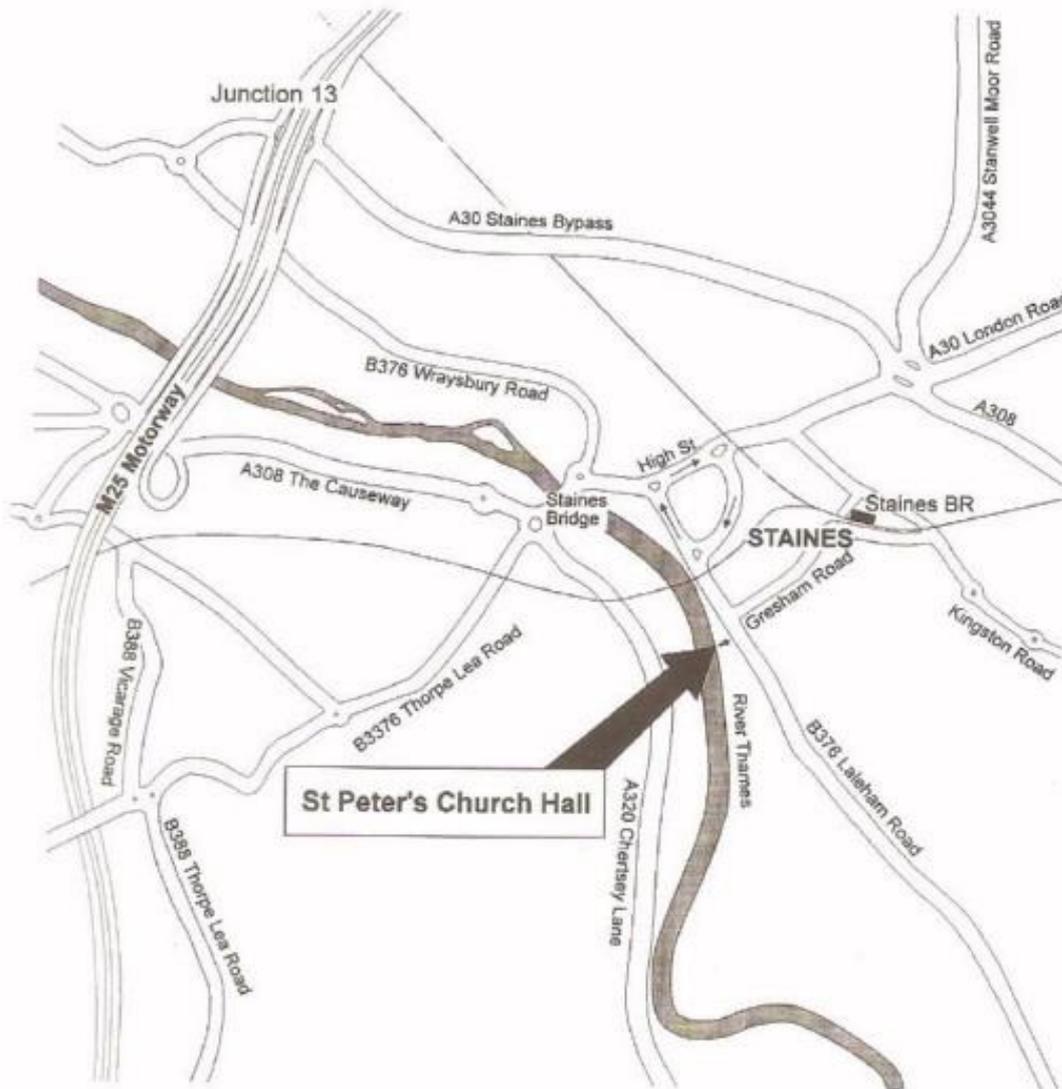
*From Staines BR:* A short walk along Gresham Road leads directly to St Peter's.

For further information, or to offer your help for all or part of the day, please contact Peter Roe, 171 Fernside Avenue, Feltham, Middlesex TW13 7BQ (Tel. 0181-890-0750).

#### **PRO News**

The PRO at Kew now opens from 10 am. to 7 pm. on Tuesdays, with the last time for ordering documents being 4.10 p.m. The Reading Rooms are also now open on Saturdays for the first time, between 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The last time for ordering documents on Saturday is 12 noon. These modified opening hours are to be reviewed in the autumn. Note also that the stocktaking period, formerly the first two weeks in October, has been moved to the first two full weeks in December. New readers may be interested in a recently published guide to the PRO by Jane Cox, *New to Kew*. See page 24 for details.

## Finding your way to the West Middlesex FHS Open Day



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### **The Villages of Harmondsworth**

A collection of articles on Harmondsworth, Heathrow, Longford and Sipson, including reminiscences about the villages before the coming of London Airport. Edited by Philip Sherwood (author of *History of Heathrow*) and published by West Middlesex FHS. Copies are still available from the bookstall, or by post for £3.50 plus 50 p postage and packing (UK), from:

Yvonne Woodbridge, 92 Nelson Road, Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 7AY.

### **Wiltshire FHS Open Day**

On 21 June I was happy to join Les and Jill Munson at the Croft Sports Centre in Swindon for the Wiltshire FHS Open Day. Our stand was seldom without at least one visitor, but was rarely very busy. This was an ideal situation for us, as it allowed plenty of time to chat to our visitors. We were delighted to meet several of our out-of-town members who introduced themselves. As treasurer, it's lovely to meet the real people behind those anonymous renewal forms and cheques.

Chatting to people - networking to use the jargon - is one of the main benefits of attending open days. We visit other stands, finding out what's new in the way of indexes and research aids. We identify societies who could provide speakers for future meetings. Visitors to our stand also help bring us up to date with news of publications relevant to our area but which we might not have heard about.

If you've ever wondered whether you could, or should, offer to help at an open day, please don't hesitate any longer. If you enjoy meeting people and spending your Saturdays in the company of like-minded people, you are the ideal person to volunteer. If it's your town we're visiting, we'd love you to join us on our stand for the day - just contact the Chairman or Secretary. We look forward to seeing you.

*Muriel Sprott*

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### **West Middlesex Marriage Index**

*Additional notes on the Marriage Index (see page 32). See also WMFHS Journal 15(2), 12-15 (1997).*

Once you have read how to access our index and sent in your search request, a search is made across all dates and parishes in the index using an 'advanced pattern match'. This is particularly useful for an unusual name like Quinion (which appeared in the Help! section of the June 1997 Journal). A match would be entered on Quin. The names Quin, Quinion, Quinton and Quintan were all selected by the computer and obviously picks up possible name variants, whether by parish clerk, transcription or computer input error. However with a more common surname it is best to give a date range. c. 1799 and a parish or parishes. A more common surname would be searched on 'advanced pattern match' and entries selected on the date and parish/area stated by the enquirer. Reports are on A4 size paper so the SAE could need to be B5 size.

You should make full use of our indexes; take a look inside the back pages of this journal. It is recommended that you should consult our Strays Index, remembering that Strays record any event taking place away from the person's normal abode. But the index only has records which have been sent in. If you notice an event, baptism, marriage, death, burial, census return, settlement etc., which states that a person came from Middlesex, then record as much detail as possible and send it to our Strays Co-ordinator. Wendy Mott (address on p. 32).

*Janet Huckle*

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## **GARIBALDI'S THOUSAND or 'THE EXCURSIONISTS'**

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*Tony Simpson*

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The following notice appeared in several British newspapers in 1859:

‘Excursions to SICILY and NAPLES - all persons (particularly Members of Volunteer Rifle Corps) desirous of visiting Southern Italy, and of aiding by their presence and influence the CAUSE of GARIBALDI and ITALY, may learn how to proceed by applying to the Garibaldi Committee at number 8 Salisbury St., Strand London’

It came about that men from all over Britain, from all walks of life, with varying skills and degrees of military experience banded together to form what became known as the British Legion, ‘the excursionists’ or the Italian Brigade. Many were to die assisting Garibaldi in his campaign to liberate and unify Italy; losses were put at between two and three hundred men according to one survivor.

The Muster Roll, the record of these volunteers, came to light as a result of researches into the long life of the brother of my great-grandmother, Capt. William John Newby (1833-1934), first identified in the 1841 census as living in St Andrews St., Cambridge, then just a child, with his three sisters. Educated in Cambridge, he claimed to have taken his B.A., gained some experience in the Cambridge University Volunteer Rifles, subsequently obtaining a commission in the Imperial Army. In 1859-60 signed up with the British Legion, no doubt anticipating a nice holiday in the sunshine. By the late September of 1860 the men sailed from Harwich for Naples in the vessels ‘Melazzo’ and ‘Emperor’.

Compiled by George Jacob Holyoake, the Assistant Secretary of the Organising Committee, the Muster Roll was traced, initially with the help of the National Register of Archives, to the Bishopsgate Institute Library, where it was filed with other associated papers left by Holyoake. Thanks are due to the Bishopsgate Institute for their permission to copy the contents, another copy of which has now been deposited with the Society of Genealogists.

There is little structured form to the contents of the Roll apart from being indexed alphabetically. In the case of the ‘effectives’, that is those applicants claiming military experience, age, height, service and an accommodation address are usually stated. The addresses are mainly in the London area, and some mention a provincial address:

Coppock H.C. 5’7” Serg. Major Vol<sup>rs</sup> Bridport Dorset Savas Hotel, Strand

It might be assumed that the greater proportion of those addresses given by the applicants are temporary:

Hunter Thos. 5'9" Northumb. V.R. Williams Coffee House, St. Martin le Grand

Sutherland R. 5'9" 3rd Kent V.R. at the New York Tavern St. Michaels Alley  
Cornhill

These entries are typical. The possibility of the address given being of a permanent nature could perhaps be established by checking the 1851 census, when of course many of these men would have been schoolboys.

The list of military units is extensive. To quote but a few:

4th, 17th, 20th, 40th Middx. Militia and VR units, the 1st Somerset, 4th Cinque Ports VR, 1st Edinburgh Artisan Vol<sup>rs</sup>, 60th Rifles, Civil Service VR, Royal Navy, Prussian Service, Dutch Army, Crimean Service, Bengal Artillery, the Turkish Contingent, and so on.

Then there are some oddities, Fennel for instance - no details given for him, the entry for his name being crossed through and endorsed 'against his fathers wishes'. Likewise Grady H.A., 'drilled' 30 Osnaburgh St., Regents Parl; he also had a wise father. Groom C. 24, 5'11", 7 Coombe Rd. City Road, Islington, so enthusiastic was he that 'he proposed to pay £3 towards expenses'. Davis G. 5'9½", London Vol. R., 'promised rank of Serg<sup>t</sup> conditionally'. Other entries clearly list the home area, as in the entry for King C.J. 5'11", Ensign Oxford Militia, Hillingdon End, Uxbridge, Middx. and Evans D 6'3½", Gren<sup>r</sup> at Mr. Evans Manuf. Caermarthen (incidentally the tallest applicant - should he have gone, so tall?).

'Non-effectives', i.e. those with little or no military experience, just raw recruits, are listed separately. In most entries for them there is but a name and address, rarely age and height, and sometimes just the briefest of information e.g. Prosser, Geo. - Rippon.

In addition to the main Muster Roll there is a list of 51 excursionists from Birmingham. Dated 20th September 1860, it was made at the 'Coach and Horses', Gale End, by Mr. Edwin George, Chairman of the Committee Names. Ages and occupations are given, e.g. C.H. Porter of Bishopsgate Terrace, Surgeon, and again a wide variety of skills represented, from brass founders to saddlers. Other interesting papers useful to the family historian are:

A list of twelve names with London addresses of the 'Edinburgh Volunteers for Garibaldi'.

No. 4 Company - a list of 62 names, height of recruit only and previous service.

A list of men who were left behind at Gibraltar - presumably on the outgoing voyage of the Melazzo, containing about 60 names.

Colonel Dowling's English Artillery; 25 names only, with ranks. No other details.

In short there are 1479 names in all the records which I hold. Many are duplicated, names being transferred from non-effective to the effective list. In many instances names are underlined, indicating that those men were known to have been checked in at Naples. As G.J. Holyoake states in an unsigned letter referring to his Muster Roll, 'all the persons whose names are here did not go out, and many whose names were never entered, did go. The great majority of those whose names appear here, went.'

What then of Capt. Wm. John Newby, brother of my great-grandmother Augusta? Here he is, all 5'8½" of him, Cambridge U. Rifles, and yes he did fight for Garibaldi. Based at Caserta he was in action the day following his arrival in Italy. Subsequently he went to New Zealand, searched for gold at Thames then farmed there for about 30 years in the hills of Te Mata, became an active member of the Schools Board and a Justice of the Peace. He retired to Auckland and died there in 1934 into his 102nd year.



*Capt. W.J. Newby with the author, then aged about 5 years, holding the campaign sword mentioned below. Probably taken at Auckland, New Zealand.*

On his hundredth birthday he received a congratulatory telegram from Sgr. Mussolini the Prime Minister of Italy, he being believed to have been the last survivor of Garibaldi's British Legion of 1859. This document together with his campaign sword, a letter of appreciation signed by some 30 NCOs and men thanking him for his care of them whilst under his command at the Caserta action, and other artefacts are deposited in the Auckland Museum. Married for 66 years, he had 13 children, 34 grandchildren and 19 greatgrandchildren at the time of his demise.

Interestingly this all came to light from my fruitless search for Richard Simpson, woollen draper of Petty Cury, Cambridge, 1795 or thereabouts. I really must concentrate on the main issue and not get side-tracked ... Am I alone in this?

Should you, dear reader, suspect that an ancestor or relative may have been involved with the British Legion 'excursionists', I will be pleased to check the records in the Muster Roll. All I ask is an SAE, or IRC if from abroad.

Holyoake claimed in his book that 'he preserved all letters of application for curiosity and conjecture. They may be of interest in the future.' But where are they now?

Address: 32 The Avenue, Bedford Park, Chiswick, London W4 1HT

### **Useful reading**

*Bygones Worth Remembering* G.J. Holyoake, Vol. 1 (1905)

*Garibaldi's Englishmen* W.B. Pemberton (History Today, Vol. 9, London 1959)

The story of Col. John Peard.

*Garibaldi* Jasper Ridley

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## **ISLEWORTH**

*Mary Brown*

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There has probably been a settlement at Isleworth for about 4000 years, although the earliest written record dates from AD 695 when the name is recorded as Gislheresuuyrth. Domesday Book records the Manor of Isleworth as being part of the Hundred of Hounslow and mentions the presence of a priest indicating that there was already a church in Isleworth, or perhaps a chapel attached to the manor house. Before the Conquest the manor had been held by Earl Algar but William granted it to the Norman Lord Walter of St Valery whose family held the manor for four generations. By 1195 the manor had reverted to the Crown and in 1227 Henry III granted it to his brother Richard, Earl of Cornwall and uncrowned Holy Roman Emperor. In 1415 the manor was awarded by Henry V as part of the endowment of Syon Monastery.

Syon Monastery held the Manor of Isleworth until 1539 when the monastery was suppressed by Henry VIII. Prior to the suppression two local clergy, Fr. Richard Reynolds - the Confessor of Syon Monastery, and Fr. John Hale - Vicar of Isleworth, had been executed for refusing to acknowledge Henry's supremacy over the Church. These were two of the earliest Catholic martyrs of the Reformation in England. There remains a strong Catholic tradition continuing in Isleworth to the present day with Our Lady of Sorrows and St Bridget's Church on the Twickenham Road (consecrated in 1910 and replacing a smaller Chapel in Shrewsbury Place). St Vincent's Church, Witham Road (built 1935) and Campion House, Thornbury Road, a college dedicated to training men with late vocations to the priesthood.

The Anglican parish church dedicated to All Saints is situated in Church Street. The oldest surviving part of the church is the late 14th century tower but most of the building is modern (dating to 1969) following a fire in 1943, a result of arson. As the local population outgrew the parish church through the 19th and 20th centuries new 'daughter' churches were formed from the old parish. St John the Baptist in St John's Road (1856); St Mary the Virgin, Osterley (1856); All Souls, St Margarets (1898); St Francis, on the Great West Road (1935); and St Mary the Virgin, Bridge Road (1935).

Protestant nonconformism has never been a strong force in Isleworth, although the Quaker meeting house dates from 1785 and Quaker meetings were held locally as early as 1659. Other nonconformist churches in Isleworth were the Independent chapel built at the junction of Worton Road and the Twickenham Road (1848) and now affiliated to the Congregational Federation and Wesley Hall, a Methodist chapel, in North Street (1835) which closed early this century, the congregation moving to a newer building in 1924 on the Twickenham Road - this closed on 30 August 1970.

Isleworth's proximity to London and the Royal Palaces of Richmond and Hampton Court, together with the comparative ease of transport along the River Thames and the coaching road which followed the old Roman road to the west country has led to the building of many large houses for the nobility. After the dissolution of the monasteries, Syon became Syon House, the seat of the Northumberland family. Other houses included Osterley House, Wyke House, Gumley House, Spring Grove House, Gordon House, St Margarets House, Isleworth House, Worton Hall and Worton Manor.

Apart from the large houses, most local employment was in agriculture. Isleworth was perfectly situated with good transport connections to supply market garden produce to the burgeoning population of London. Other employment centred upon the River Thames, the flour mills and later the Isleworth Brewery (brewing on the site from 1726) and Pears Soap Factory, which moved to Isleworth in 1862, closing in 1962.

There has been a long tradition of charities locally and Isleworth is rich in almshouses, including Ingrams, Tolsons, Sermons, Farnells, Butlers, Bells, and Raymerits. Similarly there were several charity schools, the Blue School (origins in 1630) and the Green School (origins in 1796) survive to this day and many other schools followed the introduction of compulsory education.

As elsewhere around London the population growth has been enormous with development encroaching on many of the old estates and agricultural land, following the arrival of the railways (Isleworth Station opened in 1850). Today Isleworth is part of one conurbation and the tiny hamlets which surrounded the old village as place names on the map; Railshead; Spring Grove; Osterley; Smallberry Green; Worton; Wyke; Mogden and St Margarets.

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## HELP!

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This service is free to members of WMFHS (please quote your membership number when writing). In order to ensure that your appeal is published correctly and is clear to other readers, please make entries clear and concise, give all personal and place names in BLOCK CAPITALS, and all dates in full. Entries from non-members can be accepted, at a rate of £3.00 for up to ten lines. Payments must be in Sterling only, with cheques made payable to WMFHS.

### **BROWN / CLAXTON**

The BROWN family, known to be in the Fulham/Kensington area in 1910, comprised father Fred, with children Frederick, Arthur, Ethel and Mabel. The BROWN family had close ties with the CLAXTON family. Any information on these families will be appreciated.

*Mr D.H.B. Lewis, 38 Rushfield Road, Liss, Hants GU33 7LP*

### **DAVIES / LLOYD / TAYLOR**

Searching for George Henry DAVIES, born in Crickhowell, BRE, 29 April 1850. From the 1851 census he was living in Beaufort Street, Crickhowell, with his father George DAVIES (shoemaker, born Haverfordwest, 1819) and mother Elizabeth (nee LLOYD, born Crickhowell, 1819). George and Elizabeth had been married at the Register Office, Abergavenny, on 4 August 1849. Their fathers were recorded as Frederick DAVIES, cabinet maker, and Thomas LLOYD, shopkeeper.

The family were still living in Crickhowell in 1861, by which time father George had died, but not in 1871. George Henry married Mary Ann TAYLOR (father Henry, a Chelsea Pensioner) on the Isle of Wight on 11 March 1873. George Henry's occupation is noted as butler. I have found Mary Ann living with her children in Goldbourne Gardens, Kensington, in 1881 and 1891, but there is no sign of George Henry. We know from family sources that George Henry and Mary Ann lived in Stonebridge Place, Willesden in later years, until their deaths in 1922 and 1932 respectively. They had at least eight children - George, Edward, Fanny, Esther, Edith, Henry, Constance and Arthur. Any information on George Henry, his family, where he may have been working as a butler, or on Chelsea Pensioner Henry TAYLOR, will be very gratefully received.

*Mrs P. Ranger, 64 Meadow Lane, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 9JE*

### **PEEK / JOHNSON**

I am seeking information on the marriage of Mary Ann PEEK (widow) to Thomas JOHNSON, between 1860 and 1875. She was born in 1818, and married George PEEK on 24 April 1831. George died in 1849. Any information gratefully received.

*Mrs Annette Bentley, 39 Rivermead Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 2SD*

## **MAY**

Has anyone come across Leonard MAY in the 1891 census in any district of London or surrounding counties. He was born the son of Mary MAY, no father recorded, on the 19 November 1888, at 45 Hall Street, registration district of Holborn, in the subdistrict of Old Street, St Lukes. The house where he was born was the home of a midwife, Elizabeth LOCKE; she registered his birth. It is believed he could have been fostered as a young child, but I have no definite proof. Any information greatly appreciated.

*Mrs Gill Map, 20 Moreland Drive, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 8BB*

### **Subscriptions for 1997-98 A Reminder**

A subscription renewal form for the period 1 October 1997 to 31 September 1998 is included in the coloured centre pages of this issue of the Journal. We hope that you will wish to continue as a member of the West Middlesex FHS for another year. If so, please help our Membership Secretary and Treasurer by sending in your renewal form and cheque promptly.

### **Where does your tax go?**

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*Muriel Spratt, Treasurer*

When my grandmother was alive she often used to tell my sister and me about the time she worked as a postwoman, delivering the mail in the Notting Hill and North Kensington areas during the First World War. In the family photo album there is a picture of Gran looking very smart and proud in her uniform.

Having heard about the Post Office Archives, I thought it might be interesting to find out what was on file about Gran. She said she had always believed herself to be 5'2" tall, because it was the minimum height required for a postie. It was years before she discovered that that regulation had been ignored.

I had read the guide to the Post Office Archives; knew where it was and knew that I would have to make a preliminary search through ledgers, and that these would cross-refer to any further information.

The ledgers bear a strong resemblance to those at the Family Records Centre, being very large and very heavy. They are, in theory, arranged alphabetically, but that just means that all the 'A's are together, with no further indexing.

Never mind, I was only going to look through the four years 1914 to 1918. So, through the 'S' entries looking for Miriam Sellwood: nothing. Perhaps she was afraid that the GPO would not accept married women and had joined in her maiden name? So start again, looking through the 'W's for Miriam Warne: still nothing. Sometimes (for reasons men probably wouldn't understand) we women revert to our mother's maiden name. So a third run through, looking for Miriam Hann: still not there.

By this time, the office was closing and I did not have time to ask any questions of the archive staff. The mystery remained for quite a while, until the SoG Fair this year. Having a short walk round I found the Post Office Archives had a stand and the staff were not too busy. One quick question solved my mystery. 'Casuals' did not officially exist as far as the Post Office records were concerned, therefore Gran did not exist, having joined up 'for the duration' only and not being on the permanent staff.

It should not have come as a surprise that someone could be a casual for several years; after all, we are talking about a Government department. So - don't let me put you off using this archive, but do be aware of the limitations.

### **Post Office Archives**

Public records relating to the history and personnel of the postal service are preserved at the Post Office Archives and Records Services, Freeling House, Mount Pleasant Complex, Phoenix Place Entrance, London EC1A 1BB. The opening hours are 9.00 a.m. to 4.15 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays. Telephone 0171-2392570.

David Hawkings' talk at the June meeting, entitled 'Fire Insurance Records', opened up for me a new avenue for research. He mentioned fire marks, which are still on a few buildings and explained that, armed with the number shown, it is possible to find out more if the relevant company's records are available. For example, Westminster Fire Office's are at Westminster Archives, those of the Norwich Union are held by the Company itself, and those for the Sun Fire Office (est. 1710), Royal Exchange (est. 1720) and Hand-in-Hand (est. 1696) are at the Guildhall Library†.

For the Sun and the Royal Exchange, there are microfiche indexes from 1775-87 and a card index for the Sun only covering 1714-31. Other than that it is necessary to hunt through the registers, although it might help to find the name of the agent for the area of interest, as his clients' policies would be filed together. There are several books for claims and for endorsements - the number for the latter being found at the bottom of the relevant policy details in the register.

David told us that policies were taken out by booksellers, carpenters, farmers, publicans, quartermasters etc. The Sun issued a new policy every five years (whereas the Norwich Union worked on a seven year system) and he felt it was possible to trace families through on this basis.

So off I went to the Guildhall Library, having previously made a list of possible ancestors who might have had insurance policies. This list included John Walker, who I knew had been a spring saddle maker in Piccadilly in the 1780s. I checked the Royal Exchange fiche index and then went on to the Sun index. This is indexed in several different ways: by name, trade, amount covered, place (this means street in London and town/county outside), and I noted that mortgages were included. Take care with the name indexes, as although it is mainly alphabetical, there are some 'miscellaneous' items at the beginning and end of each surname.

To my delight I found references to

John Walker, Piccadilly, Down St (Sadler) 508073

and to

Michael Taylor, Soho Berwick St, 14 Bentinck St (gent) 507391

Ordering up the registers, I found that John Walker's policy had been taken out on 16 July 1785 and Michael Taylor's (his brother-in-law) the next day. John's

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† Guildhall Library produces a leaflet, *Fire Insurance Records at Guildhall Library*, which summarises its holdings, and the finding aids available.

was through an agent and cost two guineas for £2100 cover on his brick dwelling house, household goods, utensils, wearing apparel and plate, and stock and goods in trust, plus a brick warehouse behind.

Michael Taylor's policy was for £1000 with a premium of £1 and included cover of £750 for 'Stock of paper and printed sheets of his logarithmic tables'. He was a computer of logarithms for the Board of Longitude. There was an endorsement indicated, but the corresponding book is missing.

I asked about the 1790 volumes to find the next policies (under the five year renewal period) but was told that this would not be an easy task. I did find some details relating to the transfer of Michael Taylor's policy following his death in December 1789, but overall it does seem that a general search is likely to be a difficult and time-consuming process.

I already knew from Marylebone rate books that Michael Taylor had been living in Allsop's Buildings (where Baker Street Station now is) in 1789 so I decided to follow up with a visit to the City of Westminster Archives Centre to look at the rate books for my new-found addresses. These are on microfilm and aided by a map of Georgian London, I was able to find roughly where they were and also follow the route taken by the collectors.

Berwick Street is in the Great Marlborough Street Division of St James' Church Piccadilly and I found Michael Taylor listed first in Bentinck Street (now Livonia Street). In 1785 he was paying £20 per annum and a parish rate of £2 6s 8d. There were also watch, paving and church rates. It seems he moved out during 1788 having paid £1 15s 0d for a proportion of the year.

Now to find John Walker in Piccadilly. The insurance policy had mentioned Down Street which is near Hyde Park Corner. He is listed in the 1785 Directory at 32 Piccadilly (the numbering has since changed). This is in the Out Ward of St George's Hanover Square and I first found him listed in 1778 paying £12 rent and £1 1s 0d parish rate. By 1786 he was paying two rents, i.e. £23 and £28 when it seems he took over part of neighbouring premises. The rate for relief of the poor varied - in 1784 it was 2s 11d in the £1, in 1787 it was 4s 4d but in other years it dropped to 1s 1d. There was also a rate of one penny in the £1 for repairing the highways. His last payment for 1790 was £6 10s 0d for poor, highways and watch rates.

John Walker and Sarah Taylor had been married at St George's Hanover Square on 17 April 1782 with Michael Taylor as one of the witnesses. Thanks to this latest information I now know that it is very probable that my 4xgreat-grandfather was born in London on 4 November 1785, although he was not baptised until 30 June 1790 in Kendal.

Perhaps I should add that I had no luck at all with ten other names I checked in the fire insurance indexes; but maybe you will be more successful - who knows?

*There follow some further extracts from the Middlesex County Records, Old Series, Vol. 1, 1549-1603. These are published transcripts of general sessions records for Middlesex, and provide a fascinating window on the lives and misdeeds of our ancestors in the Tudor period. For the background to these records, see the introduction to the article in the March 1997 issue of this Journal<sup>†</sup>. The original sources are held in the London Metropolitan Archives (formerly GLRO). In the examples below, the first date denotes the day of the offence, the last, the date of the Sessions. The initials are GDR (Gaol Delivery Roll), GSPR (General Session of Peace Roll).*

Food, particularly bread, was often sold adulterated and underweight. If a baker was caught, the offending loaves were tied about his neck and he was paraded through the streets and then put into the stocks. Thus:

26 September, 18 Elizabeth - True Bill that, on the said day and divers times before and afterwards, Rowland Fyssher of Fulham co. Midd. baker sold divers loaves called “penny whyteloves and penny Wheaten loves,” each of them wanting assay to the quantity of eight ounces. - Also, similar True Bill against Roger Dove of Brayneforde co. Midd. for selling loaves called penny whiteloves and penny wheaten loves at Brayneforde each of them being under assay to the quantity of two ounces. GSPR, Michaelmas, 18 Eliz.

A close watch was also kept on craftsmens’ qualifications and their right to practise their trade, as for example in:

1 September, 42 Elizabeth - True Bill that, at Sonbury co. Midd. on the said day and during the six months then next following, Arnold Turner late of the same parish exercised the art and occupation of a blacksmith, without having served an apprenticeship of seven years to the same art and occupation, against the form of the statute of 5 Eliz., in the case provided. GDR, 3 April, 43 Eliz.

Rights to hunt were also carefully guarded;

26 August, 11 Elizabeth. - True Bill that, on the said day and at divers times before and afterwards Mathew Vincent of Ickenham co. Midd. not having lands tenements rents or service to the value of forty shillings a year, kept and used dogs for coursing hares, nets, ferrets and dogs for chasing by scent (leporarios canes retia ferrett’et odorniscos); and further that he, in company with others, broke at Hillingdon co. Midd. into the free Warren of Edward, earl of Darbie, and there hunted the rabbits of the said Earl. GSPR, Michaelmas, 11 Eliz.

Trouble with animals is nothing new; this example has a familiar ring to it;

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<sup>†</sup> Woodbridge, Y., Middlesex County Records, West Middlesex FHS Journal, 13(1) 16-18 (March 1997)

25 March, 17 Elizabeth. - True Bill against Hugh Meredith of Wannam Grene in the parish of Fullam co. Midd. for keeping there a big, noxious, biting dog, given to worry and bite the Queen's subjects, which dog on the day aforesaid at Wannam Grene bitten and injured Ketherine Yonge, a girl of eleven years of age. GSPR, Easter, 17 Eliz.

Figures of authority, then, as now, came in for some outspoken comment, which could lead to trouble. Even the Queen was not immune.

25 October, 18 Elizabeth - Recognizances, taken before Bernard Randolph and William Wightman, esqs. and J.P., of Thomas Phillippe of Braynforde, in the sum of twenty pounds, and of John Benet tanner and Roger Amerye chapman, both of Braynforde aforesaid; For the said Thomas Phillippe's appearance at the next General Session of the Peace, and in the mean time for his good conduct to all people, because "he gretlie misvsed Mr. Rich a Justice of the Peace in the shire sainge he was no Justice but of sturr, as he confessed, but ii or m others affirmed yt he said yt he was a Justice of troble envie and wrathe and yt it is pitie that they live yt made him a Justice." GSPR, Easter, 19 Eliz.

29 June, 44 Elizabeth. - True Bill that, at Woxbridge co. Midd. on the said day, John Clarke late of London yoman, in the presence and hearing of divers persons, said to one Richard Ogborne, constable of the said parish, these scandalous and seditious words to the Queen's defamation, to wit, "Why dorst thou tell me of the Queene? A turcle for the Queene." At the head of the bill, this memorandum, - "Rep<sup>i</sup> to be continued vppon good baile, by Mr. Attorney Generall." GDR, [...], 44 Eliz.

The Highways Act of 1555, which lasted for over 250 years, made parishes responsible for the upkeep of the road within their boundaries. It stated that persons holding land with an annual value of £50 or more had to supply two men with horses or oxen, a cart with tools for repairing the highway to work six consecutive days each year. Failure to do so was a punishable offence.

- June, 18 Elizabeth. - True Bill that (due notice having been given publicly in the parish church of Fulham, on the Lord's Day next after the feast of Easter, that six certain days, viz. the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd days of June in the said year, were appointed for mending and repairing the highways of Fulham) John Johnson of London gentleman, having in his occupation one hundred and twenty acres of land, being A Plougheland and more, neither found nor sent any wain or cart, fitted according to the custom of the country with oxen, horses or other cattle, two fit men, and lit necessaries for carting things for this purpose, either for the said six days or for any one of them. GSPR, Michaelmas, 18 Eliz.

One interesting feature of court procedure is illustrated by the following examples. Before the dissolution of the monasteries, anyone in clerical orders was tried by the Church, rather than the Crown. After Henry VIII became head

of the Church, a man could ask for the Bible and if he could read a verse like a clerk, without hesitation or repetition, he was reprieved and branded on the thumb with a 'T'. This privilege was only allowed once. Some villains would remove the brand mark, before they committed another crime!

27 February, 44 Elizabeth. - True Bill that, at Fullham co. Midd. in the night of the said day, John Gorney and John Hopkyns both late of London yoman, broke burglariously into the house of Edmund Hilton, and stole therefrom "a copper styl" worth fifty-two shillings, of the goods and chattels of the said Edmund. John Hopkyns put himself 'Not Guilty' and did not retract. Putting himself 'Guilty' of the felony, but 'Not Guilty' of the burglary, John Gorney asked for the book, read like a clerk, and was branded with the letter T, and delivered in accordance with the Statute. GDR, [...], 44 Eliz.

4 June, 44 Elizabeth. - True Bill that, in the highway at Stanwell co. Midd. on the said day, William Gibson, late of London clothworker, assaulted one Simon Jackson, when he was in God's and the Queen's peace, and with a dagger murdered him, by giving him in the left side of his breast with the same weapon a mortal wound, of which he then and there in the said highway died instantly. On his arraignment, putting himself 'Guilty' of manslaughter, but 'Not Guilty' of murder, William Gibson pleaded his clergy, whereupon the book was given to him. But as he could not read like a clerk, he was sentenced to be hung. GDR, 25 June, 44 Eliz.

One case of a violent death in Fulham is recorded in the following case, over two days. Part of the details is lost; one wonders whether William's plea was accepted.

16 April, 34 Elizabeth. - True Bill that, in the highway at Fulham co. Midd. between the hours of seven and eight p.m. of the said day, William Arnold of Fulham aforesaid yoman, with a sword gave Peter Jones late of London yoman on the right part of his belly a mortal blow of which he then and there died instantly. Putting himself 'Not Guilty' of the felonious killing called Manslaughter, William Arnold put himself 'Guilty' of killing Peter Jones in self-defence. GDR, [...], 34 Eliz.

17 April, 34 Elizabeth. - Coroner's Inquisition-postmortem, taken at Fulham co. Midd. on view of the body of Peter Jones late of London yoman: With Verdict that, on the 16th inst. William Arnolde, late of Fulham yoman was journeying in God's and the Queen's peace towards the dwelling-house of his father in Fulham aforesaid between the hours six and seven p.m., when there came to him the said Peter Jones who called out to him "Syrha Syrrha you with the longe sworde stay for I must talke with thee," to whom William Arnold answered "I have nothing to saye to thee," whereupon Peter Jones made an assault on the said William; and that in the ensusing affray, thus forced on him, William Arnolde in self-defence, and in no other way, gave Peter Jones on the

right part of his breast a mortal blow, of which he then and there died. » A fragmentary parchment. GDR, [...], 34 Eliz.

If a convicted woman was found to be pregnant, she was allowed to give birth before her sentence was carried out.

12 August, 6 Elizabeth. - True Bill that, on the said day in the highway at Hamersmyth co. Midd., Elen Pride late of London a spinster assaulted Elen Abraham, wife of Gilbert Abraham, and robbed her of a silver-gilt ring worth two shillings, nine linen handkerchers worth twelve shillings, two linen “rayles” worth twenty pence, three linen kerchers worth four shillings, a linen coverlet worth three shillings and four pence, and two shillings and fourpence in numbered money, of the goods and chattels and moneys of the same Gilbert Abraham. Putting herself ‘Guilty,’ Elen Pride pleaded her pregnancy. On being found ‘Not Pregnant,’ by a jury of matrons, she was sentenced to be hung. GD, [..., ...] Eliz.

An interesting entry, worthy of a good detective yarn, concerns a gardener in West Drayton.

13 January, 44 Elizabeth. - True Bill that, at Harlington co. Midd. on the said day, John Pemmer late of Westdraiton co. Midd. gardener administered in a potion a certain quantity of the powdered root of White Elebore to Anne, the wife of Rober Fisher of Harlington; and that she being at that time sick, and ignorant of the effect of so great a quantity of White Eiebore, and being persuaded by John Pemmer it would be a remedy for her sickness, took the same powder, and by reason of taking it died on the eighteenth of the same month: and that in so persuading her to take the same powder the said John killed and slew the same Anne; there being no charge that he had murdered her. GDR, 15 Feb, 44 Eliz.

Violent acts often merit detailed descriptions, as in the following examples.

7 March, 25 Elizabeth. - Coroner’s Inquisition-post-mortem, taken at Stanwell co. Midd., on view of the body of Robert Smythwick late of the said parish yoman: With Verdict that, on the 4th instant between three and four pm. the said Robert Smythewyck was in the highway at Rudesworthe alias Colbrockende in the said parish, together with Nicholas Buliman of the same parish yyoman and George Brabyn of Colbrocke co. Bucks. collermaker, when Nicholas Bullman and George Brabyn made an attray and fought together, the former being armed with a sword whilst George Brabyn fought with a cudgel; that during the affray Roger Tayler late of Colbrocke in the parish of Horton brewer came up, having in his right hand “a Bearing Bill” which Nicholas Bullman seized and took from him against his will; that on being thus disarmed Roger Tayler ran into the house near at hand, and brought therefrom “a Coole Staffe” and assailed Robert Smythewicke who had drawn his sword for self-preservation; and that in the affray which Roger Tayler forced on Robert Smythewicke, the former with the “Cooie Staffe” gave the said Robert on the

left part of his head a mortal blow, of which he died on the 6th inst.; and that, in so causing the said Robert's death, Roger Tayler slew and murdered him. On his arraignment Robert Tayler put himself 'Not Guilty' of murder, but 'Guilty' of killing in self-defence. The result does not appear. GDR, 15 April, 25 Eliz.

20 September, 23 Elizabeth. - Inquisition-post-mortem, taken at Twicknam co-Midd. on view the body of Mary Jarvys late of Twicknam spinster, then and there lying dead: With Verdict that, on 18 August last past between four and five a.m., the said Mary Jarvys went from the house of her master, James Heron of Twicknam yoman, into a certain wood called Hamylandes Grove at Twicknam, whither came between the hours of nine and twelve on the night of the same day a certain John Culter, late of Twicknam laborer, who then and there with malice aforethought assaulted the same Mary with the intention of murdering her, and with "a meate kniffe" gave her in the throat a wound, of which she languished till she died on the 19th of the present September, and that in this way John Culter killed and murdered Mary Jarvys. "Et p'dcus Joh'es Culter po se cul ca null, Sus." GDR, 6 Oct, 23 Eliz.

Some very sad tales also emerge, such as the following (although note the child's surname!).

9 February, 15 Elizabeth. - Coroner's Inquisition-post-mortem, taken at Hounslow in the parish of Heaston co. Midd. on the view of the body of Marie Cheese alias Pyckle, an infant six days old, there lying dead: With Verdict that Joan Cheese of Hounslow spinster gave birth on the first day of the instant month to the said infant in a public place at Hounslow and in doing so fell by mischance upon the ground, by which fall the infant's head was injured, so that she died through mischance and from no other cause on the seventh day of the same month. GDR, 16 March, 15 Eliz.

Finally, an example that leaves one wondering concerns John Tredway of Stanwell.

20 October, 5 Edward VI - True Bill that, on the said day and before and afterwards, John Tredway of Stanwell co. Midd. tayler passed his life luxuriously to the hurtful example of all the King's other lieges, and against the same King's peace (*luxuriose vitam suam degit in perniciosum exemplum ornnium aliorum ligeorum dicti domini Regis ac contra pacem ejusdem domini Regis*). GSPR, Easter, 6 Edward VI.

### **Regnal Years**

Edward VI	From 28 January 1546/7
Jane	From 6 July 1553
Mary I	From 6 July 1553
Phillip and Mary	From 25 July 155
Elizabeth I	From 17 November 1558

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## BOOKSHELF

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### **New to Kew - Jane Cox**

A recent publication in the PRO Readers' Guides series, this is a valuable guide for those undertaking family history research at the Public Record Office at Kew, particularly first-time readers. It includes helpful guidance and advice about the layout and procedures of the newly expanded office at Kew, and the many finding aids available. An A-Z of useful sources, from apprenticeship records to wills, is included, with illustrations and examples of many of the important documents. Note that this guide is a revision of the earlier title *Never Been Here Before?*. A new version of that title, by the same author, should be available by the time this journal is published (ISBN 1 873162 41 3, £5.99). Note that this edition will be focusing on the new Family Records Centre, rather than the main PRO. It will cover all the resources available at the FRC; the Office of National Statistics births, marriages and death records, the censuses, nonconformist records, PCC probate records and death duty records. Published by PRO Publications, 1997. ISBN 1 873162 40 5. £5.99

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### **List of Subscribers to Faulkner's History of Kensington 1820: Postscript**

The June issue of this journal included a list of the subscribers to the history of Kensington by Thomas Faulkner, *History and antiquities of Kensington, interspersed with biographical anecdotes of royal and distinguished personages and a descriptive catalogue of the collection of pictures in the palace...* (publ. Egerton, 1820). At least one of our members spotted a connection in the list. Hilary Lloyd was surprised to see her maiden name 'Gosden' in the list, in the person of 'Mr Gosden, Saint Martin's Lane', and wrote 'I have registered the surname of Gosden with the Guild of One Name Studies and have been collecting references from many sources, including the obvious ones such as the GRO indexes, Somerset House wills, 1881 census indexes, etc. The name is usually found in Sussex, Surrey and the Isle of Wight, with fewer sightings in Hampshire and the London area. On checking my information from Pigot's Directory of London 18234, I found two Gosden references:

John Gosden - Lapidaw - 62 St Martin's Lane

Thomas Gosden - Bookbinder - 107 St Martins Lane

It is tempting to assume that Thomas the Bookbinder would be the Gosden listed; however, at the moment I have no other information about John or Thomas.' Can any other member throw any

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## Society Publications on MICROFICHE

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### Monumental Inscriptions

The following transcriptions of monumental inscriptions for churchyards in the West Middlesex area are available.

	UK/£	Overseas/£
St Nicholas, Shepperton	2.35	3.00
St Mary, Magdalene, Littleton	1.35	1.75
St Mary the Virgin, Bedfont	1.35	1.75
St Mary the Virgin, Harmondsworth	2.35	3.00
All Saints, Isleworth	2.35	3.00
All Saints, Laleham	2.35	3.00
All six sets of fiche	9.50	11.00

### Surname Indexes to the 1851 Census

	UK/£	Overseas/£
Paddington (HO 107/1466-1467) Two fiche.	2.35	3.00
Kensington, Brompton, Hammersmith and Fulham (HO 107/1468-1471) Four fiche. These, together with the two for Paddington (above) cover the whole of the Kensington RD.	4.35	5.20
Chelsea (HO 107/1472-1474) Three fiche. Covers the parish of St Luke, Chelsea.	3.35	4.00
Brentford Registration District (HO 107/1698-1699) with Hampton Sub-District (HO 107/1604 (part)) Three fiche. Includes the parishes of Heston, Isleworth, Twickenham, Hampton, Teddington, Acton, Brentford, Ealing, Hanwell, Greenford, Perivale and Chiswick.	2.85	3.50
Uxbridge (HO 107/1697) Two fiche. A complete index to the surnames, Christian names and ages for the Uxbridge RD which covered the parishes of Cowley, Hayes, Harefield, Hillingdon, Ickenham, Northolt, Norwood, Ruislip and Uxbridge.	2.35	3.00
Staines (HO 107/1696) Two fiche. A complete index to the surnames, Christian names and ages for the Staines RD which covered the parishes of Ashford, Cranford, East Bedfont, Feltham, Hanworth, Harlington, Harmondsworth, Laleham, Littleton, Shepperton, Stanwell, Staines and Sunbury.	2.35	3.00

All prices above include postage. Please indicate the number of each that you require, and send your order with your name, address and payment, (Sterling only, cheques made out to West Middlesex Family History Society), to: Mrs M.M. Harris, Westerwood, Gough's Lane, Warfield, Berkshire RG12 2JR

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## 1881 CENSUS FOR HAMPTON, HAMPTON WICK AND TEDDINGTON

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Vic Rosewarne

A new index to the 1891 census for part of the West Middlesex area has been compiled by Vic Rosewarne. Summary details of the format and contents are given below. Copies of the index are available (on microfiche) to buy, for £2.00, plus 0.35 p. & p. (UK) from Vic, at 8 Cranbrook Drive, Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 6HN.

### Introduction

This is an index to the 18,250 people enumerated in the Hampton sub-district of Kingston on the night of Sunday April 5 1891. They are indexed by surname, Christian name and age, then by reference to the enumeration book, and then the page that person appears on.

For example:

		<i>Age</i>	<i>Book</i>	<i>Page</i>
Dudley	Hannah	29	3	27
Dudley	William	2	3	27
Duffell	Anna	33	7	13
Duke	Henry	40	1	33
Duncan	Jemima	39	9	3
Duncan ?	Catherine	21	6	18

The census returns are tiled by books. The page numbers appear on the top right hand side of each page. Where the name cannot be read with certainty a '?' follows that name. Where there are two possible readings of a surname both are indexed. Usually the first Christian name is given in full, with others as initials, unless the names are short. In some cases, Where the Christian name cannot be read in full, only the initial letter is indexed.

### Surnames marked with a '\*'

While indexing the census it was noticed that a number of surnames were spelt wrongly. Sometimes they were so inaccurate that the known surname has also been included in the index along with the surname as transcribed. These extra names are marked with a '\*'.

### Surnames marked with a '\*\*'

On page 42 of book 7 it appears that ink has been split on the page, obliterating eight surnames and Christian names. It was possible, by looking at the 1881 census, to reconstruct the two families involved, who were living at the same address for both censuses. The details of age, occupation and place of birth, corresponded, so the names of these people have been included in the index, though the original names are unreadable. These names are indicated by '\*\*'.

### Coverage of PRO Piece Numbers HG 12/616, /617 and /618

These numbers covered the Hampton subdistrict of the Kingston registration district. This was the part of the Kingston RD in Middlesex and it covered three parishes:

Hampton	5821
Hampton Wick	2377
Teddington	10052
Total	<u>18250</u>

There were sixteen enumeration books for the district; the Institution Enumeration Book for the Normansfield Hospital is given in the index as Book 16. The details for each book are:

		<i>Persons enumerated</i>	<i>RG 12</i>
Hampton	Book 1	862	616
	Book 2	1044	616
	Book 3	937	616
Hampton Hill	Book 4	1397	616
	Book 5	1043	616
Hampton Court	Book 6	538	616
Total Hampton parish		5821	
Hampton Wick	Book 7	1309	617
	Book 8	690	617
	Book 9	378	617
Total Hampton Wick parish		2377	
Teddington	Book 10	1178	617
	Book 11	2379	617
	Book 12	386	617
	Book 13	1051	618
	Book 14	1349	618
	Book 15	3390	618
	Book 16	319	Normansfield Hosp.
Total Teddington parish		10052	
Total Hampton district		18250	

Book 16 is for the Normansfield Hospital for mental incurables. All patients are listed by initials only; the staff and other persons enumerated there are fully detailed.

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### Editor's Notes

As I noted with anticipation in May, the PRO is now open on Saturdays. I went along in July to check on some references to WW I ancestors, and other loose ends from previous visits. The fact that documents can only be ordered until midday can make for a rush to find the material one is after, but at least now I can go back in a few weeks time, rather than many months later, as was the case when it meant taking a day off work to visit. The midday deadline =>=>

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## NEW MEMBERS

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The Society welcomes all new members. The list below includes those from whom surname interest forms had been received at the time this issue of the Journal was prepared. The interests themselves are listed opposite.

- B169 Mr K. Butler, 53 Sussex Avenue, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 6LD  
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M133 Miss W. Mackney-Mills, 53 Ladysmith Avenue, Brightlingsea, Colchester, Essex CO7 0JD  
M134 Mr T. Mills, 53 Long Meadow, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 1BP  
M136 Mr J.G. McCarthy, 31 Old Mill Close, Chapel Road, Portslade, West Sussex BN41 1PQ  
O21 Mr A.J. Offord, 24 Blandford Court, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 2PP  
R72 Mr A.L. Romilly, Cassington, Fernleigh Road, Plymouth PL3 5AN  
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S156 Mrs J.D. Spink, 514 SE 99th Court, Vancouver, WA 98664, USA  
V12 Mr B.H. Vicary, 30 Pioneer Road, Sprowston, Norwich, Norfolk NR6 7PA  
W137 Mr I. Wilson, 3 Green Crescent, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP10 9JQ  
W139 Mrs J.M. Watson, Watering Farm, Ipswich Road, Needham Market, Suffolk IP6 8EJ

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C41 Mrs T.S. Caudell, The Cottage, Church Street, Norton St Philip, Somerset BA3 6LU  
C98 Mrs S. Crowley, 3 Cousins Court, North Haven, SA 5018, Australia

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**Editor's Notes (continued):** for orders also allowed me to spend some time in the afternoon using the considerable resources available on film and fiche. I had no luck with any of my people in WO 364 - the recently released WW I soldiers' documents, but other lines were more promising ' I can strongly recommend having a look at the computerised WO 97 Index to British Army Soldiers' Documents 1760-1854, This allows searches by name, birthplace and regiment, leading directly to the WO 97 piece numbers. Thus, for example. I was able to draw up a list of references to soldiers with surname Patterson, born in Co. Antrim, ready for an advance order on my next visit...

### Journal Deadline

Contributions for the November issue should reach the Editor by 4 October.

## SURNAME INTERESTS

The table opposite gives surname interests for the new members listed above. The format should be self-explanatory. Note that the Chapman County Codes are used for entries in the 'Counties' column, with the addition of 'ALL' indicating that all counties are of interest. Remember to include a SAE with any enquiry if you expect to receive a reply.

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
BALLARD	19 C	Godalming	SRY	J45
BARRETT	bef 1880	Kingston	SRY	F65
BELCHAMBER	bef 1765	Kirdford	SSX	S156
BENNETT	bef 1880	Norwich	NFK	F65
BOATWRIGHT	18-19 C	All	ALL	B169
BOWIE	bef 1820	All	LND	M134
	aft 1800	Fawley	HAM	M134
BOXALL	bef 1740	Kirdford	SSX	S156
BROWNLEE	bef 1850	Newcastle	NBL	B186
	bef 1900	London	LND	B186
BUNDAY	18 C	Chiswick	MDX	M136
BUNGAY	18 C	All	HAM	M136
BUNKER	18 C	Marylebone	MDX	M136
BURCHETT	bef 1800	All	SSX	S156
BURT	19-20 C	Hounslow	MDX	W137
CARR	aft 1860	Kensington, Fulham and Hammersmith area	MDX	R72
CHAMBERLAIN	1800-1900	Ledbury area	HEF	D81
	19 C	Reading area	BRK	D81
	1850-1950	Fulham, Hammersmith	MDX	D81
CHANDLER	18-19 C	Walworth area	SRY	R73
	aft 1865	London area	MDX	R73
CHETWODE	bef 1700	All	ALL	F65
CHISSEL	18 C	All	HAM	M136
CHURCHMAN	bef 1850	All	CAM	B186
CLARKE	19 C	Knightsbridge	MDX	C60
COLLINS	bef 1920	Kingston	SRY	F65
	bef 1900	All	KEN	F65
	bef 1800	Hooe area	SSX	S156
CORFIELD	18 C	Stottesden, Farlow	SAL	M136
CROSYER	16 C	Ickenham	MDX	J45
CURTIS	All	All	ALL	O21
DAVIES	18 C	Woolaston	GLS	M136
	c 1889	North Kensington	MDX	V12
DIBSDALE	All	All	ALL	O21
DOWDING	1800-1960	Hackney area	MDX	D81
DUNNE	19-20 C	Teddington	MDX	W137
DURRANT	bef 1840	All	HRT	B186
	aft 1900	Kensington	MDX	V12
ELLIS	aft 1890	Staines	MDX	M133

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ELLIS	20 C	Mitcham	SRY	M133
	aft 1800	Isleworth area	MDX	S156
	bef 1800	Puttenham area	SRY	S156
FIELD	1840-1920	Wandsworth	SRY	F65
	bef 1880	London	MDX	F65
FORSTER	bef 1780	Hailsham	SSX	S156
GILL	1720-1800	Godalming	SRY	S156
	bef 1705	Chiddingfold	SRY	S156
	aft 1800	Chelsea	MDX	S156
	aft 1860	Isleworth area	MDX	S156
GOUDGE	bef 1850	London	LND	B186
GOWAR	bef 1865	London area	SRY	R73
GOWER	bef 1865	London area	SRY	R73
GREEN	19 C	All	MDX	M136
HALL	1880-1930	Shoreditch, St Pancras	MDX	M136
HAMMOND	19-20 C	Chiswick	MDX	W137
HARDING	19-20 C	Haverfordwest	PEM	J45
HAYDEN	19-20 C	Paddington	MDX	W137
HEARN(E)	1800-1900	Colham Green	MDX	D82
	1800-71	Wooburn	BKM	D82
	All	New York State, USA	-	D82
	All	Kensington	MDX	R73
HERMITAGE	All	All	ALL	R73
HINTON	19 C	Kilburn area	MDX	J45
HODDY	bef 1850	Hertford area	HRT	W139
HOLLIS	bef 1900	Leighton Buzzard	BDF	F65
HOOD	18-19 C	Haverfordwest	PEM	J45
HUMPHRIES	19 C	Shoreditch	MDX	C60
INGLE	bef 1900	London	LND	B186
	bef 1850	All	HRT	B186
JACKSON	1790-1830	Shrewsbury	SAL	M136
JEFFERY	bef 1720	Wartling area	SSX	S156
JEOFFROY	All	All	ALL	B186
JOURDAIN	17-18 C	Spitalfields area	MDX	W139
	bef 1685	Dieppe, France	-	W139
KENWARD	19-20 C	West Brompton	MDX	W137
KEPPLE	c 1840	London area	MDX	R73
KITSON	1800-1900	Yeading	MDX	D82
	All	Geelon, Victoria, Australia	-	D82
LANE	20 C	Stoke Poges	BKM	J45
LEE	bef 1720	All	ALL	F65
LEES	19 C	Dublin	DUB	C60
	18-19 C	Twycross, Shakerstone	LEI	C60
LEIGH	19 C	Chelsea	MDX	C60
LEVERIA	1834-90	London area	LND	D81
LEVRIA	1834-90	London area	LND	D81
LONG	1800-1900	Yeading	MDX	D82
	1800-40	Whitechapel	MDX	M136
LUCKHURST	bef 1850	All	KEN	B186
MACKENNEY	1700-1800	Godalming area	SRY	S156

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
MAN(S)FIELD	18-20 C	Godalming	SRY	J45
MAYER(S)	18-20 C	Godalming	SRY	J45
MILLS	aft 1890	Staines	MDX	M133
	18-19 C	Longparish, Wallops	HAM	M133
	19-20 C	Isleworth	MDX	W137
NADIN	18-19 C	Radford	NTT	J45
OFFORD	All	All	ALL	O21
PARSONS	20 C	Cricklewood	MDX	W137
PEARCE	All	Chiswick	MDX	M136
PENFOLD	bef 1850	All	MDX	B186
PHILLIPS	19-20 C	Chiswick	MDX	W137
PRICE	18-19 C	Chepstow	MON	M136
PRITLOVE	aft 1790	Dagenham area	ESS	W139
RAYNER	bef 1880	Chignal St James	ESS	R73
	18 C	Broomfield	ESS	R73
	aft 1880	Wandsworth area	SRY	R73
RIDSDALE	18-19 C	London	MDX	J45
ROBERTS	18-19 C	Woolaston	GLS	M136
ROMILLY	18-19 C	All	MDX	R72
RUSSELL	19-20 C	North Kensington	MDX	W137
SALTMARSH	18-19 C	All	ESS	B169
SANGSTER	18-19 C	Chiswick	MDX	M136
SHIPWAY	19 C	Chiswick	MDX	C60
	18-19 C	Westminster	MDX	C60
SIGGS	bef 1850	All	SFK	B186
SPRINGLE	aft 1900	Kensington	MDX	V12
SUMMERS	1870-1900	Fulham	MDX	W139
	bef 1870	Chelsea	MDX	W139
TEALE	19-20 C	Brentford	MDX	W137
TREEBY	19-20 C	North Kensington	MDX	W137
TUBBY	bef 1840	Norwich area	NFK	W139
TUCK	18-19 C	Lambourn	BRK	M136
TURNER	bef 1870	Charlton Kings	GLS	R73
	aft 1870	South London area	SRY	R73
VICARY	aft 1860	Kensington	MDX	V12
VINES	19 C	All	WIL	B169
	19 C	All	HAM	B169
WALKER	19 C	Dublin	DUB	C60
WARD	1820-90	Brentford area	MDX	D81
	1800-50	Hounslow area	MDX	D81
WASKETT	c 1790	Broomfield area	ESS	R73
WATSON	bef 1882	March	CAM	W139
WEATHERLY	16 C	Ickenham	MDX	J45
	17-18 C	Chalfont St Peter	BKM	J45
	18 C	Denham	BKM	J45
	19-20 C	Ealing area	MDX	J45
WEEKS	bef 1700	Ninefield area	SSX	S156
WHEELER	19 C	Newington	SRY	R73
WILLIAMS	19 C	Haverfordwest	PEM	J45
WORTH	bef 1900	Islington area	MDX	W139

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