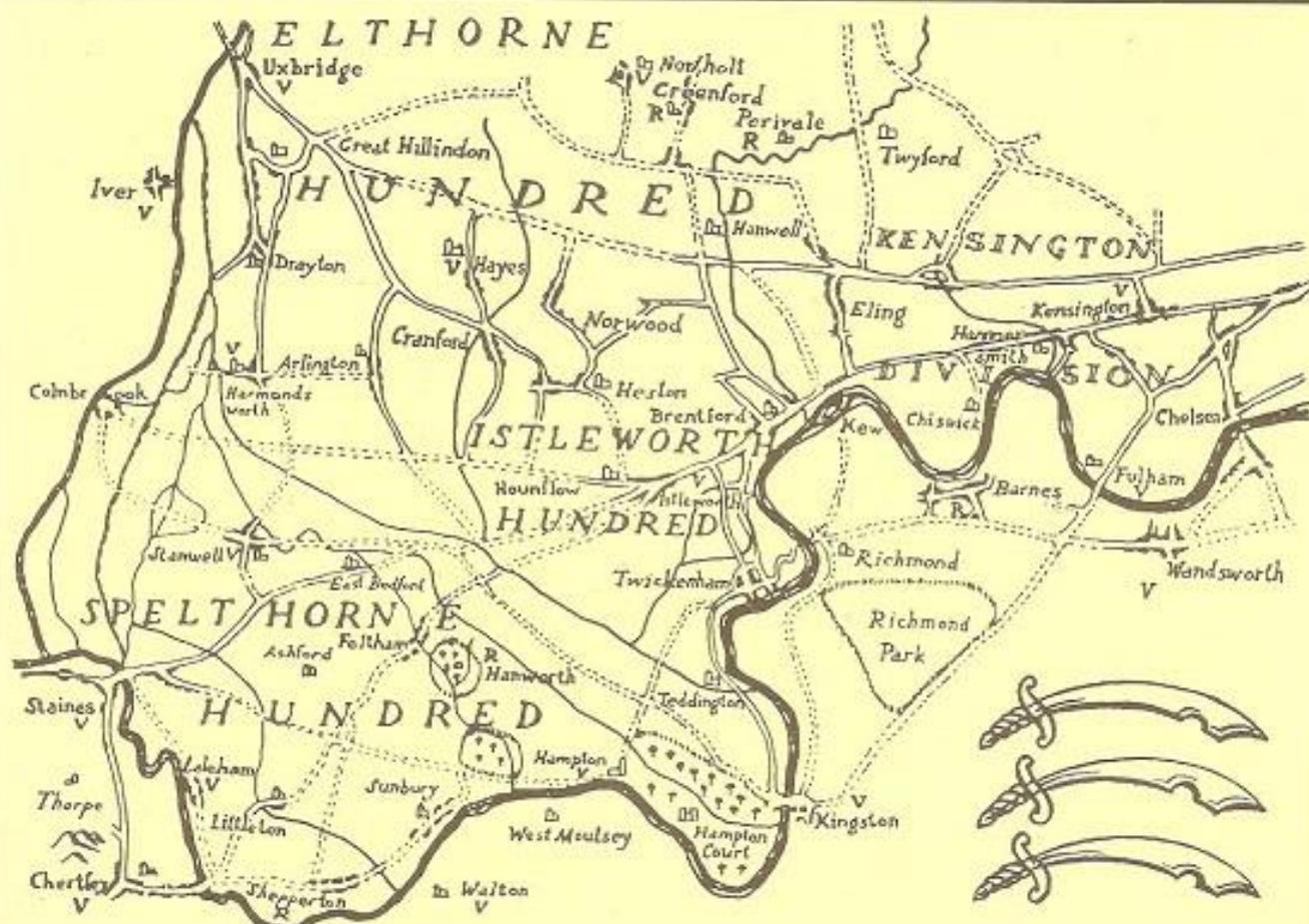


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The Editor can vouch that I am always late submitting these notes. This time I feel there is some justification since Jill and I spent almost the whole of September abroad. We enjoyed the time we had with our grandchildren in Austria before staying with friends in the Black Forest.

We came back to learn the sad news that Yvonne Woodbridge had died. Those closest to Yvonne had been aware for a long time that she was seriously ill. Elsewhere in this Journal members who had known her since she helped form the Society pay their tribute. The Society will be much the poorer for her departure.

Currently we are looking for someone to take over the Marriage Index from Janet Huckle. Janet has been quite happy with the task but believes it could be better managed by a member closer to our area. The whole of the Index is on computer, and a printout is available for reference by members who attend our monthly meetings. The Index will need updating from time to time as new material becomes available and, as will be seen at the back of the Journal, a postal service is offered to members. It is possible that a computer can be made available for this work.

Since organisation and booking have to be made well in advance, the Executive Committee has decided on the following dates which you may wish to note in your diary: the Society's 21st birthday celebrations will take place on 21st August next year, and our "Open Day" next year will be in September.

Maureen Harris is resigning from the Committee since she is moving house and will no longer be able to attend meetings. She has indicated her willingness to continue as keeper of the Society's 1851 Census Microfiche and will supply fiche to members by post; a list of fiche available is published from time to time in this Journal.

As I write, there are still a couple of meetings at which I shall see some members before Christmas (oh how fast a year goes); to more distant members may I send Seasonal Greetings and wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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**FUTURE MEETINGS**

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The following meetings have been planned:

17 December 1998 Annual General Meeting

24 January 1999 *Some Under-Used Sources*  
Chris Watts - a founder member and former Chairman of WMFHS and well-known family history author

18 February 1999 Members' Evening

18 March *Non-Conformist Records*  
Alan Rushton

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

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## YVONNE WOODBRIDGE 1931-1998

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We are very sad to report that on October 2nd Yvonne finally succumbed to the cancer which she had been valiantly fighting for the last six years.

Yvonne showed a keen interest in every feature and facet of our Society, of which she was a founder member. On her retirement she became Secretary of the Society, a post which she held until her term ended at Christmas 1997. Since that time her health rapidly declined.

Her working life started in a book shop, then a spell at Harrods before joining the Treasury Department of the Civil Service which she graced for thirty one years.

Working with records she was assiduous in ensuring that those which could prove of interest to family historians were preserved.

Outside work her interests were many and varied. As well as this Society she was an active member of two Local History Groups, Hounslow and Twickenham, NADFAS (the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies), the Historical Association and the USA (the University of the 3rd Age). She “adopted” two children in the third world, helping with their education costs. She also loved the theatre both amateur and professional. In her younger days she was a backstage worker in amateur dramatics, occasionally appearing on stage. She also found time to be a steward at Osterley House.

Apart from family history she was an avid researcher of many other projects, trams, local history; also, in spite of being a teetotaler, she researched the history of local public houses.

Her many friends supported her in her final weeks. The number of people who came to her funeral is testimony to the love and esteem in which she was held. She will certainly be sorely missed.



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1998: NOTICE OF AGENDA

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The Annual General Meeting of the West Middlesex Family History Society will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19th December 1998 at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the minutes of the 1997 Annual General Meeting
3. Receive and E1pp1'OU€ the audited accounts for the year ending 30th September 1998
4. Appointment of two examiners
5. Chairman's Report
6. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 1999

7. Motion to change the subscription to a flat rate of £9.00 for all categories from the year 2000.

8. Motion to change items in the constitution (see September Journal for details). Any other business

### **Election of Officers**

Janet Hagger is standing down, having served on the committee for six years.

Peter Roe, Joan Scrivener, Les Munson, Jim Devine and Muriel Sprott, having served three or more years on the committee, offer themselves for re-election.

Mavis Burton, Ted Dunstali, Yvonne Masson and Sue Willard will continue to serve but do not need to be re-elected as they have all served less than three continuous years on the committee.

The following nominations to the committee have been received:

Robin Purr, Bridget Purr and Antonia Davis.

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## **NEWS ROUNDUP**

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'**Ancestry**', our own Family History rose with a well-proven pedigree, is available now. Deep carmine in colour and fragrant, it will be officially launched at the Hampton Court Flower Show in July 1999, to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the FFHS. Order forms from Mrs M. Bullows, The Orchard, Penrark, South Glamorgrm CF62 3BN, or Rearsby Roses Ltd., Melton Road, Leicester LE7 4YP

**The British Library Oriental & India Office Collections** have relocated to 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB, tel. 0171-412-7873, fax. 0171412-7641, e-mail oioc-enquiries@bl.uk. They are open Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 5pm. Reader's Pass required.

**City Of Westminster Archive Centre** have extended their opening hours: they are now open from 9.30am to 9pm every Wednesday, on other weekdays till 7pm. 10 St Ann's Street, London SW1P 2XR, tel. 0171-641-5180.

The Friends of the City of Westminster Archives are currently indexing some 30,000 Settlement Examinations of St Martin in the Fields, which are expected to produce about 100,000 names. Names and brief information from 16 volumes between 1750 and 1774 have been put onto a card index, and other volumes are well on the way to completion. A surname index is being prepared for possible publication. Any Fleet marriages mentioned are being separately noted (over 870 so far), which will eventually be matched with the Registers at PRO Kew. There are also workhouse admission registers, overseers records and removal certificates for this Parish, which can be used in conjunction with the settlement records.

The **1999 FFHS Family History Conference** is to be hosted by Hampshire Genealogical Society and will take place at Sparsholt Agricultural College, Winchester, on 9-11 April 1999. The title will be *Of Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings*. The FFHS AGM and Council Meeting will take place during the event. Further details from: *Mrs J. Renton, 27 Lodge Road, Locks Heath, Hants SO31 6QY*.

William Wild, author of the two-part article *A History of the Wild and Weekly Families* in Harmondsworth in our December 1997 and March 1998 issues, writes to advise us that a large proportion of his family papers, on which those articles were based, and going back to 1629, has now been deposited with the **London Metropolitan Archives**.

### **Society of Genealogists**

Some up-and-coming courses include:

Saturday 28 November - *Tracing German-speaking ancestors*, 2.15-5.15pm, £8.50 (£7 SOG members)

Wednesday 2 December - Half-day course: *Computer for Christmas*, David Hawgood & Trevor Rix, 2.30pm, £5 (£4 SOG members)

For further details of these and other courses, contact SOG at *14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7SA, tel. 0171251-8799*.

### **Surrey History Centre**

By the time you read this issue of the Journal, the new Surrey History Centre (replacing the two archive repositories at Kingston and Guildford and various Local Studies collections) should be open (from 3 November 1998). They are situated at 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 1ND, tel. 01483-594594. For use of fiche, film or the Library, there is no need to book in advance.

### **News from the PRO**

The PRO will be closed Monday 30 November to Saturday 5 December inclusive and Thursday 24 December to Monday 28 December inclusive, plus Friday 1 January 1999.

Filming of the "burnt" other ranks records 1914-1920 continues:

Already available: E,N,O,Q,U,V,Z; A: Winter 1998;  
F, W, X,Y: Spring 1999; B, C, D: Summer 1999; T: Autumn 1999.  
Remaining letters to follow 2000-2003.

## **CERTIFICATE COURIER SERVICE**

I am pleased to say that the Courier Service raised nearly £300 for the Society in the financial year to 30 September, so many thanks to members for their support.

The charges for the service are as follows:

£8.00 per certificate if the FULL reference is supplied. Please quote all the details given in the index (i.e. name, year, quarter, district, volume and page). I do check the reference you have supplied and do appreciate that sometimes the page numbers are difficult to read from the fiche. They are sometimes difficult to read in the original!

£9.00 per certificate includes a three-year search of the indices (i.e. 12 volumes). A refund of £6.50 will be given if this is unsuccessful but please supply as much background information as possible, for example expected area, expected age if looking for a death, etc. Please remember to tell me when you want a "check" put on; I won't: do so unless instructed by you.

Unwanted certificates and/or copies of certificates which are still wanted are always welcome. These are put on our database, which is growing with your help.

When applying, please quote your membership number and make your cheque payable to me (NOT WMFHS). All payments must be in Sterling. SAEs appreciated.

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

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## WEST MIDDLESEX WAR MEMORIALS

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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 WWI and WWII and earlier wars where they exist, although it is not complete yet. Name enquiries, and any knowledge of war memorials you may know about but we don't, will be welcomed. When making an enquiry about 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, Eating, London W13 9QB.*

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## NETWORK 11 LIBRARY

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The following talks given in May, June and September have been recorded:

Peter Park	<i>Lloyd George's Doomsday</i>
Peter Watson	<i>Feltham</i>
John Smith	<i>A History of Letter Boxes</i>

If you missed any of the talks, or are an out-of-town member, you can hire any tape at £1.60 including p & p for 14 days. Please make all cheques payable to **West Middlesex FHS**. Give your name, address and telephone number, your FHS and membership number (UK members only), and send requests to: *West Middiesex FHS Tape Library, 18a Gordon Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 3EU.*

We also have a video *Bygone West Middiesex*, a unique collection of film covering Pinner, Harrow, Uxbridge, Hayes and Hounsiow. This can be hired at our meetings for £1.00.

Some of the tapes available in the North West Kent FHS Tape Library are given below (232 in all):

Bob Aspinall	<i>East and West India Doicks and Docklands</i>
David Hawkings	<i>Historical Fire Insurance Records</i>
Ken Smith	<i>Brewers of London</i>
Jim Golland	<i>Slow Boat to Paradise</i>
James Guthrie	<i>Researching the PRO Kew</i>

Ted Thomas	<i>Crayford People and their History</i>
Geoff Swinfield	<i>Guilds and Apprentices</i>
Judith Hunter	<i>Maps for the Local and Family Historian</i>
Malcolm Holmes	<i>Highgate Cemetery</i>
Ron Cox	<i>300 Years of Mud and Crime - The Work of the Parish Officers</i>
Richard Ratcliffe	<i>Quarter Sessions Records for Family Historians</i>
Kathy Chater	<i>Against the Peace - Coroners' Records</i>

The above tapes may be hired for £1.60 including p & p for 14 days. Please make all cheques payable to: **North West Kent FHS** and give name, address and telephone number, and your FHS and membership number (UK members only). Requests to *North West Kent Tape Library, 33 Orchard Way, Shirley, Croydon CRO 7NP E-mail tony.joanfield@compuserve.com*

The following tapes are available from Woolwich and District Family History Society tape library:

Richard Ratcliff	<i>Quarter Sessions Records</i>
Tony Lord	<i>A Funny Thing Happened</i>
Frances Ward	<i>Famous Greenwich People</i>
Dr Ron Cox	<i>Vestry Minutes</i>

The above tapes may be hired at a cost of £1.60 including p & p for 14- days. Cheques payable to **Woolwich and District FHS**. Please give name, address and telephone number, your FHS and membership number (UK members only), and send requests to: *Woolwich and District FHS Tape Library, 129 Yorkland Avenue, Welling, Kent DA16 2LQ.*

The following tapes are available from the Kent FHS tape library:

John Douch	<i>Flogging Joey - a man with a mission</i>
Chris Ware	<i>The seaman's World in the 17th and 18th Century Royal Navy</i>
Dr John Bevan	<i>Some Diving Families of Kent</i>
Peter Ewart	<i>Tombstone Tour - a visit to four churchyards in Kent</i>
Jeanne Bunting	<i>Computers in Genealogy</i>
Leslie Lawrence	<i>Records at the Family History Centre (Church of Latter Day Saints)</i>
Stephen Park	<i>I Don't Know His Name - but he wore brown boots</i>

The above tapes may be hired at a cost of £1.60 including p & p for 14 days. Cheques payable to **Kent FHS**. Please give name, address and telephone number and your FHS and membership number (UK members only). Requests to: *Kent FHS Tape Library, 3 Preston Court, Canterbury Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8LL.*

“Do you know anything about the **KING** family who lived in this house in 1931?” asked the rather embarrassed young policeman who stood on my doorstep one afternoon last September. It so happened that I knew there were Kings living in the house in 1891 (it was built in 1885) as I had looked it up in the Census when I had had a few moments to spare one afternoon at the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane. However, we have only lived here since 1985 so I was unable to help any further. Why did he want to know? He told me that the enquiry had come from the Ministry of Defence. My husband and I thought it was all rather odd but then forgot about it.

On the first Saturday of the New Year we were reading *The Times* over breakfast and suddenly our own address jumped out of the page! It was the story of the discovery by archaeologists searching in Northern France for a Celtic settlement who had come across the grave of 27 British soldiers killed in the Battle of Arras in 1917. They had been recognised as Royal Fusiliers by their buttons and cap badges but only two had metal identity tags which enabled them to be identified, and one of these was Private **Frank KING**, believed to be the son of **Elizabeth KING** of 9 Plevna Road, Hampton. So that’s what the policeman’s questions had been about!

We immediately contacted *The Times* to see whether they had any further information, and they sent a reporter to see us. We told him that in 1891 the house had been occupied by **George KING**, aged 29, carpenter and builder, **Elizabeth KING**, his wife, aged 28, and two children, **George W.**, aged three and **Lilian M.**, aged one. We also knew that on the Hampton War Memorial in St Mary’s Church were the names of **G.W. KING**, **A.S. KING** and **F.H. KING**. We were told that Frank King and his companion, Private **George Hamilton ANDERSON**, were to be re-interred in France with full military honours and the MoD was trying to find any surviving relatives.

On the following Saturday there was a long article in *The Times* about the Battle of Arras in 1917 and all that they had discovered about Frank, which was actually very little. In the meantime *The Daily Mail* had found two nieces and a nephew and through that paper we contacted **Margaret**



Frank Harold King, 1896–1917

**MIDDLETON** and **Mandy STAMMERS**, the daughters of Frank's youngest brother, **Charles**. They also knew very little about their uncle — their father had rarely talked about his family, although they had inherited a box of photos on the death of another uncle, **Eric KING**, ten years previously. We decided we would see what we could discover about this family, who appeared to have lived in our house for 46 years.

In the meantime the story of the two soldiers and their re-interment had created considerable interest. As our names had appeared in the paper, together with our desire to be present on that occasion, we received many letters and phone calls from people also interested in attending. They wished to commemorate a relative killed in that battle or in that area, or one who was buried in the same cemetery, were members of the same regiment, or were just interested in the history of the First World War. We also had visits and letters from people who had lived in our road at some period in their lives. We were amazed by the number who contacted us.

As the anniversary of the two soldiers' death on 11th April fell this year over Easter, the ceremony to honour Frank King and George Anderson was arranged for 15th April, and on that day we joined between 300 and 400 people in the Monchy British Military Cemetery near Arras. This Cemetery contains the graves of 1,041 British Troops and it stands amidst farmland on a bare and open plateau, just outside the village of Monchy le Preaux. It was bitterly cold with driving rain and a freezing wind, although not quite as bad as the snowy day when Frank had died, which had been described by one who had taken part in the battle as more like Russia in mid-winter than France in the spring.

One unidentified soldier had been chosen to represent the 25 who were still unknown. Thus three sets of pall bearers from the Royal Fusiliers waited outside the walls of the Cemetery for the arrival of the three coffins draped with Union Ftags. The Normandy Band of the Queerfs Division played and the Colonel in Chief of the Royal Fusiliers and President of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the Duke of Kent, accompanied by the British Ambassador to France, together with other military and civic dignitaries, were there to honour the soldiers. The relatives of the two men followed their coffins to their final resting place, and the simple and very moving ceremony was conducted by the Reverend Canon D.A. Ruddle, Hon. Chaplain Nord-Pas de Calais. After the Firing Party had fired three volleys over the three graves and the Last Post had been played, many military, family and civic wreaths were laid, and currently-serving members of the Royal Fusiliers placed a wreath on each of the graves of the 24 unidentified soldiers who had been buried in the Cemetery in December. Representatives of the media were present and the dignity and ceremony of the occasion was seen by thousands on the TV News that evening and the next day in the papers.

The following morning we revisited Monchy to see the headstone, which had been erected the previous afternoon, and were delighted to meet Frank's nieces. We promised to let them know the results of our own research into their family, which would form part of the history of our house.

From the Deeds of our house we knew that George King had never owned it, so we searched the General District Ratebooks in the Local Studies section of Twickenham Library, which confirmed that George was a builder, and that he occupied the house at least from 1890 (and we suspect from when it was first built) until 1931, when we knew

that the property had changed hands: we subsequently learned from Margaret that George had died that year.

*The Times* had given us the details of Frank Harold's birth certificate, which gave his mother's name, **Lizzie KING**, formerly **HALLT**. The parish records of St Mary's are still held in the church at Hampton, so we checked these for George and Lizzie's marriage (from the census we knew she was born in Hampton) but with no success. We also looked for the baptism of their children, but found only that of **George William**, the eldest, on 12th January 1888, where it gave his date of birth as 28th November 1886, although this should possibly read "1887" as he was registered in the March quarter of 1888.

We knew that another brother, **Albert Stanley**, had also been killed - would the obituaries of Albert and Frank in the local paper give us any more information? A search in the Surrey Comet archives at the North Kingston Centre revealed that Albert was a Private in the Worcester Regiment, and on 15th July 1916 it was reported that he

*fell victim to a German sniper on July 3rd. A younger brother, Pte. Frank King, of the Royal Fusiliers, has also been wounded. His eldest brother died about a year ago under sad circumstances whilst engaged on war work.*

There is no known grave for Albert; his name is among the 66,000 missing listed on the memorial at Thiepval Ridge.

In 1917 it took time for news to reach England from the Front, and it was not until 28th April of that year that a notice was printed in the Surrey Comet saying that Frank, of the Signalling Section of the Royal Fusiliers, had been severely wounded in both legs and stomach. On 26th May 1917 there was a report of Frank's death on the 10th or 11th April, in which it noted that he had been employed by Prewitt and Sons, dairymen of Hampton Hill. It also pointed out that:

*Mr and Mrs G. King . . . have had the great misfortune to lose three sons as a result of the War. Two young sons are left, both under military age.*

Earlier this year we were visited by Margaret Middleton and Mandy Stammers, and were pleased to show them the house where their grandparents had lived and their father, Charles, was born. They showed us the identity tag that had identified Frank, which the MoD had presented to them in a specially-made box. They also brought with them their photograph album and we were able to take copies of photos of George and Lizzie and many of their children (some obviously taken in our garden) and also of both Albert and Frank in their uniforms. In the album was a Memorial Card indicating that **Beatrice KING**, a daughter of George and Lizzie, had died in 1980 and had been buried in Hampton Cemetery. We took Margaret and Mandy to look for the grave and found that Beatrice had been buried in the same grave as her mother, who had died in 1923, and that her father had also been buried with them in 1981. Also commemorated on the headstone were the three sons lost in the War and the dates they died. What a find!

Having discovered from the *Surrey Comet* that George William had "died" and not been killed in action, and now having the date of his death, we were able to obtain a copy of his death certificate, where it was recorded that he had died of meningitis in Croydon Hospital on 13th April 1915. His occupation was given as "Builder's Carpenter" with an address in Thornton Heath. The death was reported by his wife but the Registrar had only given her initials, E.N. A subsequent search of the GRO

registers has revealed that 46 George Kings married between 1906 (when “our” G.W. would have been 18) and his date of death, and we have been unable to make a definite identification of the marriage between him and “E.N.”. What the “war work” or “Government work” was (both phrases were used in the obituaries of his brothers) on which George was engaged when he died we have no idea. There is a photo which might be of him, in military uniform but with no identifiable buttons or badges, and no cap. We also have not been able to find the registration of the marriage between his father, George, and Lizzie Hallt.

So that is where the search for the family that first occupied our house remains. We know from the 1891 census that George King, a builder, was born in Whitchurch, Hants, in 1862 and that his wife Lizzie Hallt was born in Hampton in 1863. After the death of Lizzie he married an **Elizabeth** and they lived in our house until he died in 1931. He also received a War Pension resulting from the deaths of Frank and Albert. He and Lizzie had nine children, and from information from Margaret and the GRO Registers we have identified these as: George William (1887), Lilian Mabel (Sis)(1890), Albert Stanley (1893), Daisy, Frank Harold (1896), Winifred Ethel (1898), Eric Harry(1901), Beatrice May (1903) and Charles (1906). Charles sometimes called himself “the unlucky thirteenth”, so there may have been four more infants who died.

The children attended the English School in Station Road, Hampton, and the photograph taken of the pupils in 1906 must surely include some of the family. The school moved to a site in Percy Road in 1907 and is now Hampton Junior School; Albert and Frank are both recorded on their War Memorial. As only one child was baptised at St Mary’s, the family may have attended one of the several Non-Conformist or Mission Chapels in the village. The Kings had tragically lost three sons in the First World War and their other children moved away, so the family remained forgotten in Hampton until a group of French archaeologists stumbled upon a hastily-dug grave.

So here we have on the surface an ordinary family, whose lives no doubt mirrored many of their generation, but this is a family subsequently honoured in a most extraordinary way.

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## WELL OF COURSE YOU CAN’T FIND A RECORD

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How many times have we read in a Family History magazine or Society Journal something like the following: “I know my Grandfather lived in that house - why can’t I find him in the Census returns! Can anybody help?”

Well, one answer could be: **“You’re just plain careless!”**

Why do I say this? Well, it’s that time of the year again when the Membership Renewals start to pour in. Sadly once again this year I have been contacted by my neighbour at the other end of the road to tell me that lots of renewals have been posted to him at “no. 17“! In every Journal my address is clearly shown as being:

171 Fernside Avenue, Feltham, Middlesex TW13 7B-Q

If these budding genealogists (?) can’t even read my printed address correctly, I do wonder how they expect to be able to trace their family history successfully?

Anyway, once again this year the December Journal is going out to all of last year’s

members, whether they have renewed or not. This is a farewell present to those who are leaving us and a reminder to those who still haven't sent in their renewal to please do so as soon as possible! Late renewals would have caused extra work for our volunteers, posting the December Journal individually to the late payers who had missed the last bulk mailing.

Once again, this year, I would like to thank those who have renewed promptly, especially the large number who took the trouble to do so before 1st October last. This does make the job of the Treasurer and myself so much easier.

*Peter Roe, Membership Secretary*

## HARMONDSWORTH CHURCHWARDEN'S ACCOUNTS 1785-1864

*Peter Lee*

During 1997 certain records were transferred from St Mary's church, Harmondsworth, to the London Metropolitan Archives. They include Minutes of the Parochial Church Council during the period 1917-1960, as well as a Churchwardens' Account Book for July 1785 to February 1864 (Ref. DRO/123/051) which I recently examined.

Of particular interest to me were the mentions of the names of my ancestors in the **Jarvis**, **Hester** and **Appleton** families, but there were also a few points which are perhaps of wider interest.

At a meeting of the Vestry held at the Kings Arms Inn at Longford on 22nd June 1791 it was agreed "that a Strong House for the Reception of felons and Other Disorderly Persons shall be built . . . on that part of the Waste between the gates of **Mr John Atlee's** yard". The outside of the building was to be 10 feet square and inside was to be 6ft 4ins from floor to ceiling. It was "to be built with Good Bricks & Mortar the Walls Brick & half thick that it shall be Cover'd with plain Tiles Good Ceiling Joists and same Well plank'd for Security". There was to be a pair of stocks adjoining the house "the roof of which shall extend over the Said Stocks and a bench for Convenience of prisoners both within and without of the Said House and the same made secure with Iron". The timber was to be all "Good English Oak"; **John Smith** of Drayton was to do the brickwork, **William Borer** of Harmondsworth the woodwork and **Charles Perridge**(?) of Harlington the ironwork. **John Bedford**, the then Churchwarden, was authorised to pay for the work but, strangely, after all this detail, there was no indication of the expected cost. Neither is there any specific record of relevant payments in the accounts, although there are payments to Wm. Borer "as per bill £1 13s 0d" in February 1793 and to "Smith bricklayer" of two guineas in August 1805. Could it really have taken so long to get the building completed to everyone's satisfaction?

Like today, things sometimes took longer than expected to get done and one detects a note of exasperation as the Parish sought to acquire a bell in 1794/5:

		£	s	d
1794				
Oct 30	Expence going to buy the ting tang bell	0.	3.	0
Dec 12	Going to enquire after the bell	0.	3.	0
31	Letter from the bell founders	0.	0.	6

		£	s	d
1795				
Mar 13	Wm. Harbour fetching the bell	0.	10	6
Apr 10	A letter concerning hanging the bell	0.	0.	5
	16 Letter when the man came to hang the bell	0.	0.	7
May 6	Mr Mears bill for the Bell	6.	4.	6

Whenever I read Churchwardens' accounts for this era the payments for the wholesale slaughter of the local wildlife never cease to amaze me. Typical in Harmondsworth is the year 1787/8, when 2s. 8d was paid for 8 polecats, 2s. 4d for '7 hedgehogs and £2. 9s.3d for 197 dozen (2,364!) sparrows. It seems from the records for 1794/6 that catching sparrows enabled the local lads and lasses to supplement the family income, as in that year individual payments were listed, and one reads for example: "**Palmer's** boy 60, 1s. 3d; **Charles Cook** girl 24, 6d; **West** boy 24, 6d'. The last record of any such payments at Harmondsworth is for 1826/7.

Two other items from the Harmondsworth records for the eighteenth century are: an account book of the Dowager Countess of Uxbridge's charity from 1747 which also includes accounts of the Trustees of the Sun House and land from the same date (DRO/123/U83) and the 1774 agreement for the erection of a workhouse (DRO/123/094).

## THE SOLDIER'S RETURN PUBLIC HOUSE, ICKENHAM

Antonia Davis

*Whilst studying for a Humanities degree I was obliged to take a part-time job as a barmaid in order to supplement my meagre student's grant. I mentioned to the landlord Chris and his wife Lesley that I was interested in local history, so Lesley suggested that it might be fun to find out something about the history of the pub that I was working in. They said that regulars had wondered if the name originated from the return of soldiers after the Boer War and could I find out anything to confirm this? So off I went to Uxbridge Local Studies Collection, which is housed in the Central Library, to dig up a little local history. This article is the result of my search; although Ickenham is just outside our area I thought members of the WMFHS might still find this brief history of the pub interesting.*

The Soldier's Return was erected in 1828, originally as a cottage and blacksmith's forge. Before 1828 there were no full-time blacksmiths in Ickenham: any farmer who had an employee who could undertake blacksmithing work would loan the man out to his neighbours for a fee. Some of the smaller farmers complained that they were being overcharged and that the smithy was not always available when most needed, so on 24th June 1828 a Court Baron was held to settle the grievances. The Lord of the Manor, **George Robinson**, granted that a piece of common land west of the Ruislip Road could be used to erect the smithy and a cottage, and the grant was confirmed on 20th October when the regular Court Baron met. Forges were often to be found near to beershops or public houses so that customers bringing their horses to be shod could enjoy some refreshment whilst they waited. In 1830 the Beer Act required that all beershops must be licensed in addition to public houses. By 1839 public houses were ordered to close at midnight on Saturdays until noon on Sundays in an effort to combat the widespread drunkenness that was so prevalent at that time.

In the 1851 census the cottage next to the forge was occupied by **William Filkins** and his family. William, aged 48, was born in Thorpe, Surrey and was a baker by trade, as was his 17-year-old son, also called **William**; his other son **George** aged 16 was a labourer. William's wife **Hannah** aged 40 was born in Ickenham and ran a beershop on the premises which became known as The Soldier's Return. The blacksmith's forge run by **Thomas** and **Ann Montague** had moved across the road to the Fox and Goose public house; another member of the Filkins family, **Charles James Filkins**, also a blacksmith, took over the beerhouse known as the Prince of Wales in Harefield (later known as the Prince Hotel).

From the 1861 census we learn that Hannah aged 50 was now a widow and recorded as a beerhouse keeper. Her son William was still living with her; he was now 27 and had married **Rebecca** aged 26 from Hayes; they had a one-year-old daughter named **Emma**. Hannah had taken in a lodger, a local man named **George Taylor** aged 20, to help boost her income. On examining the 1871 census we discover that Hannah now has three grandchildren as well as son William and his wife Rebecca living with her, and that the lodger George is still in residence. In 1881 the census reveals that Hannah, now 70, is still a beer seller and licensee although she is probably helped to run the inn by daughter-in-law Rebecca, the other two members of the household being her son William aged 47, listed as an agricultural labourer, and his 16-year-old son who is a grocer's assistant.

So for over thirty years The Soldier's Return had been in the hands of the Filkins family, but from the 1891 census we see that it has finally changed hands, probably due to Hannah's death, The head of the household is now **Mary Stone**, a widow aged 60 listed as beer house keeper; her two teenage children live with her but do not appear to help in the pub as they both have their own occupations: **Ada** aged 19 is a dressmakefs assistant and Harry aged 17 is a groom. Mary has also taken in a lodger, named **William Taylor**, who is an agricultural labourer.

As for the curious name "The Soldier's Return", there has been some speculation as to where this originated. Suggestions that it was named after the return of soldiers from the Boer War are firmly dashed as the Boer War ended in 1902 and the pub was clearly named as The Soldier's Return on the 1861 census, which predates the Boer War by over 40 years. The Crimean War ended in 1856, so that could be one possible event that prompted the naming of this pub. However, local historians tend to suggest that this particular tavern got its name from an association with **Theodore Hook** (1788-1841), local wit and practical joker, who was educated at Harrow and is supposed to have indulged in youthful binges around the Ruislip and Ickenham area. He was co-author of a comic opera called *The Soldier's Return* and this may explain the name of the pub.

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### THE OLD OLD TALE

In a little meeting house near Feltham, David Macnamara, pensioner, who served in the Inniskilling Dragoons nearly 60 years ago, and who, although in his 78th year, is still hale and hearty, was on Tuesday, October 25th married to Rebecca Marling, aged 72, who has mourned the loss of three husbands, and who boasts that half a century ago she was in the service of Queen Victoria in the kitchen at Windsor Castle. The ceremony was of a quiet character. Three maiden relatives, aged respectively 60, 68 and 70 attended the service in the capacity of bridesmaids; the "best man" was the brother of the bridegroom, and his junior by three years only, and the officiating minister was an octogenarian. The united age of the assembled seven was 503 years.

*From: Lambert's Family Almanack 1893*

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## BOOKSHELF

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### **The Loyal Lads of Feltham** by Peter Watson

This is a lively publication by member Peter Watson about a militia corps formed in 1798 by Dr Thomas Denman of Feltham Hill, when the country seemed under threat of invasion from France. It is basically an expansion, with the aid of the author's imagination, of Denman's diary, plus a detailed account of Napoleon Bonaparte's career, together with interesting period touches. Nicely illustrated with original drawings and good use of computer graphics, it shows that period of English and "European history from the point of view of local villagers and gentry alike.

*Price £2.31 (including postage) from: Feltham Notes, 22 Bedford Road, Feltham, Middx TWL3 4LT Also on sale at Feltham Library.*

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**Tracing Your Ancestors in the Public Record Office** edited by Amanda Bevan  
Fifth edition, revised and updated to include new accessions (many service records from WWI and the Army, Navy and Merchant Marine); better descriptions, particularly of early legal and manorial records; changes caused by opening of the Family Records Centre and the move of the older records from Chancery Lane to Kew; illustrations of key sources.

*ISBN 1 373162 61 8 published November 1998 £12*

### **Naval Records for Genealogists** by NAM. Rodger

The Genealogists Magazine describes this as a "must" for those with naval ancestry. A comprehensive guide to the official records of the Royal Navy in the PRO which deal with named individual officers and ratings. Last published in 1988, this edition covers new sources opened in the last decade.

*ISBN 1 873162 58 8 published August 1998 £15*

### **Records of Merchant Shipping and Seamen** by Kelvin Smith, Christopher T Watts and Michael J. Watts

New, fully illustrated Readers' Guide which will be useful to anyone interested in merchant ships and seamen from the 16th century onwards, with particular emphasis on newly-released 20th century records. The complex registration records for ships and men are fully explained and illustrated, together with Crew Lists and Agreements which are scattered throughout a number of repositories in this country and abroad. Includes a chapter on fishermen and fishing vessels, the Royal Navy Reserve and War Service, and how to look for information on maritime disasters.

*ISBN 873162 49 9 published June 1998 £6.99*

### **Record Repositories in Great Britain**

Produced jointly by the PRO and the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts [HMC], this is a new (December 1997) edition of the official guide to those institutions in Great Britain which hold and make available significant collections of records, including National Record Offices and Libraries, Local Record Offices and Libraries, Special Archives and Higher Education Libraries. Includes 50 new repositories, and besides postal addresses, telephone and fax numbers and opening

hours, plus information on access and research facilities, now includes e-mail addresses and details of Internet sites where applicable plus National Register of Archives database code numbers.

*ISBN 1 873162 54 5 published December 1997 £3. 99*

**Never Been Here Before?** *by Jane Cox and Stella Colwell*

A companion volume to "New to Kew?" this is a guide to the Family Records Centre and reviews the records available at the Centre such as the ONS births, marriages and deaths records and the PRO microfilms of census, nonconformity, wills and death duties, and explains their use to the family historian. Illustrated with examples of the various records.

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**Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills and Other Probate Records** *by Miriam Scott*

A guide aimed at the first-time user of these records. It starts in the 19th century and works backwards towards earlier, more complex material, covering how and where to find wills, use the Probate Act books and decipher difficult handwriting. Illustrated with examples from the records, it also demonstrates how to build up a family tree based on wills.

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This revised edition takes account of the results of the transfer of these records to Kew and is an aid to the exploration of the voluminous and complexly-organised records of Chancery equity proceedings at the PRO. New additions include an appendix analysing the Bernau Index and providing guidelines for its use, and a review of the location and organisation of the main finding aids to the records, and newly-completed listings of Chancery classes.

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Are you one of the many who have discovered the new dimension that can be added to their family history research by using the Internet? It has to be admitted that you can't yet consult the General Register Office indexes on-line, but there are a lot of other resources available which might prove very useful. The Internet provides another way of finding other people who may be researching your name, and electronic mail provides a fast and economical way of communicating with overseas correspondents: I have added 90 cousins to my family tree in the past six months just due to contacts made via the Internet. Furthermore, there are quite a few indexes that are available on-line (even if many of them are US-oriented).

Most of the major family history bodies now have a presence on the World Wide Web (which is the graphical part of the Internet). Not to be left behind, the West Middlesex Family History Society has had its own Web site since November 1997. This site provides a large amount of information about the Society in an easily-digestible form. The home page gives a brief introduction to the Society and then provides links to other pages detailing the Society's area of interest, services provided, details of the Committee, application form and so on. There are also links to other Web sites which may be relevant, such as the main "Genealogy in the United Kingdom and Ireland" pages, neighbouring societies, the Society of Genealogists, the Public Record Office and many others.

The design of our site uses "frames" for those Web browsers which support them, as this helps users to switch easily between pages using the navigation bar on the left of the screen (see illustrations on following pages). Users of older browsers (if there are still any) can use the site very effectively through the hypertext links embedded in the pages.

Since it was launched, the Web site has had a steady flow of visitors. Though it has not been possible to identify who the visitors were, I have received several enquiries about membership, so the site would seem to have helped to widen awareness of the Society.

When the site was designed, consideration was given to including members' details, but it was decided that this would only be appropriate if their name interests were also included. As this would considerably increase the work involved in running the site, this will not be done at present but is a possible area for future development. Naturally, details of individual members would be published in this way only with the agreement of the member concerned.

A service also provided on our site is a table giving details of members' own family history home pages. If you have a site you would like included, please let me have the following details: your name; membership number; the url (uniform resource locator, or Internet address) of your site; a brief description of the site (mentioning any particular relevance to West Middlesex); and your e-mail address. These particulars can be e- mailed to me at [dchilds@clara.net](mailto:dchilds@clara.net)

If you have access to the Internet, do pay the Society site a visit (it can be found at <http://home.clara.net/dchilds/wmfhs/>). Your comments and suggestions would be most welcome.

**WMAFHS**  
WEST MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

- **Aims of the Society:**
  - To bring together those interested in family history and genealogy, primarily in West Middlesex and West London;
  - To promote and encourage research into all aspects of family history and genealogy;
  - To help co-ordinate transcription and indexing of records relating to the West Middlesex area;
  - To publish literature.
- **Members:** Our membership includes both experienced researchers and those new to family history. The Society has something to offer both those with ancestral connections in the West Middlesex area, and those with an interest in family history who live locally, and who can benefit from the general help that can be afforded by a local society.
- **Area of Interest.** (22 kb) - Including information on other family history societies in the London and Middlesex area
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### FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Future meetings are:

18 Jun 98	Felham	Peter Watson
16 Jul 98	Hospital Records for Family Historians - Admissions, Nurses Records etc	Janet Foster
20 Aug 98	Members' Evening	
17 Sep 98	The History of Letter Books	John Smith
15 Oct 98	Claywick	Norman Badley
19 Nov 98	Hammersmith & Fulham - A history, touching on some of the people who lived there - Martin Eric Pottery, William Morris Azne Wheelton	
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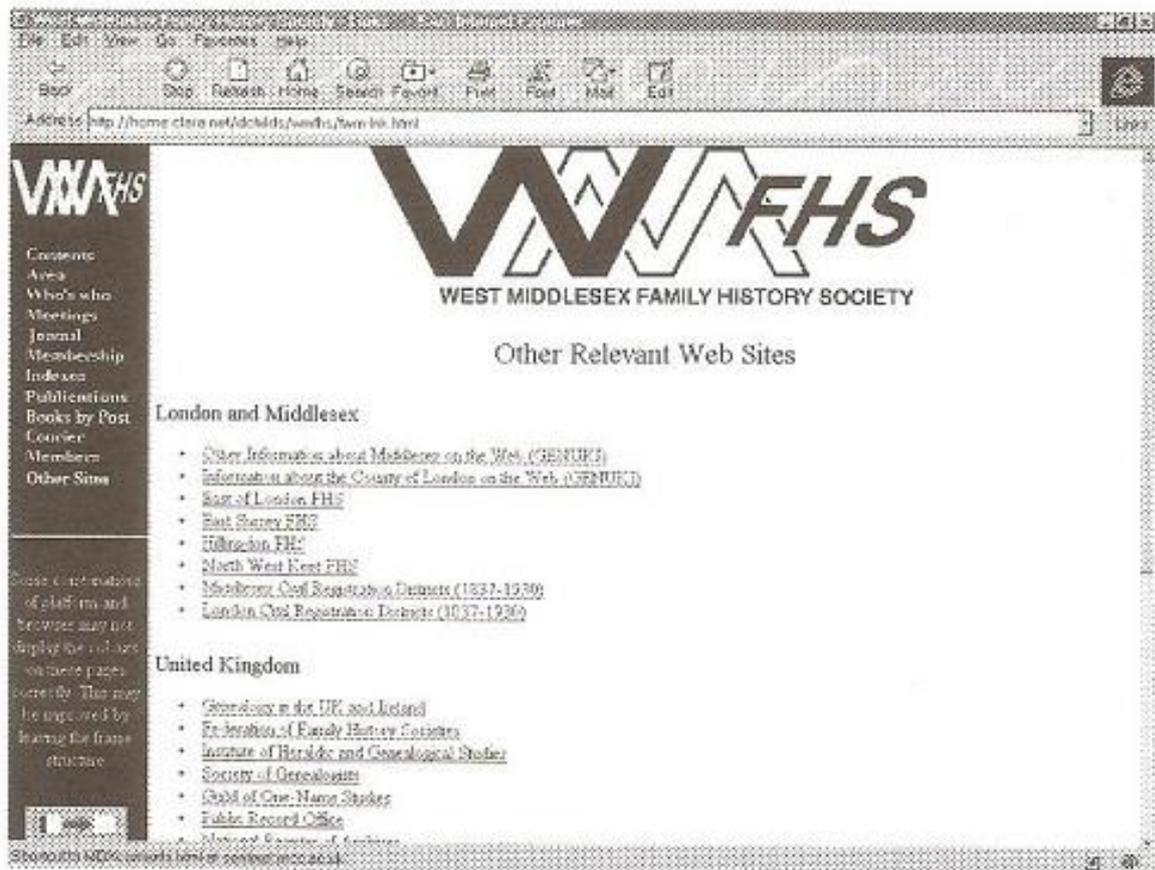
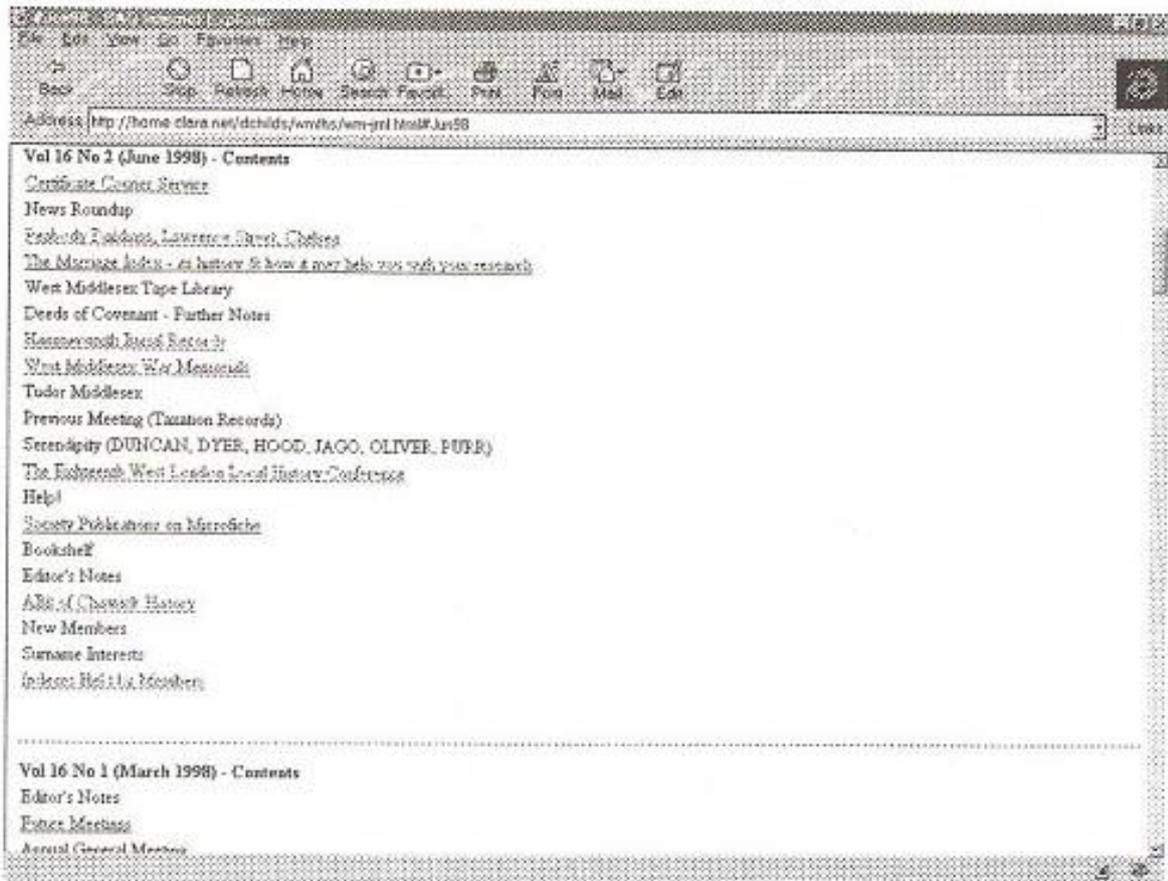
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## PAST MEETINGS

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### **July 1998: Hospital Records: A talk by Janet Foster**

There are more Hospital Archivists in the Health Service than there used to be, and some hospital records are being taken into Record Offices. They are classified as public records, subject to the usual closure restrictions: 30 years for administrative, 75 for medical or other records with personal information; however access can depend on the authority concerned - an archivist might give information from records, so it is worth writing to a hospital if it still exists, but due to storage problems only administrative, not medical, records might survive. However, Death Registers are always kept and might be at the PRO or local record office. When writing to a hospital with no archivist, an enquiry can be addressed to the person in charge of medical records; the local record office would be interested to know what records a hospital holds, and hospitals should be made aware that there is an interest in their records.

The most advisable first step would be to consult the Hospital Records Project, a database at the PRO containing information on the whereabouts of thousands of hospital records. The name of a hospital in the 19th century can be obtained from *Burdetts Hospital Yearbook* published from the 1820's into the 20th century and succeeded by the *Health Service Yearbook* which contains details of every hospital in the UK. Another useful aid is *British Archives: Guide to Archive Sources in the UK* by Janet Foster and Julia Sheppard, Macmillan, Third Edition 1995.

Prior to the NHS there were voluntary-funded hospitals, some dating from the Middle Ages. The Poor Law Act of 1834 obliged workhouses to make some provision for the sick but the standard of care varied, and after one notorious case of someone dying "of filthiness" it was stipulated that medical supervision should be in a separate building: the Infirmary. As these often later became local general hospitals, the founding date of a hospital might coincide with that of the Infirmary, but the workhouse sick records might pre-date this. These new hospitals were still regarded as "institutions" and people tended to prefer the voluntary hospitals. Records are generally found, where they survive, in local record offices. The Metropolitan Asylums Board controlled fever hospitals and mental asylums; before that, most care for mental patients was in private "mad houses". If someone is missing from home on census night, they might have been in hospital, where they will be listed.

Of the three types of medical records, admission registers, death registers and patient notes, admission records may date from the start of a hospital (e.g. Guys from 1723), but early ones contain far less information than later ones. Death registers may contain a lot of information of interest to family historians, e.g. date of admission, name, address, whether married, occupation (for minors: father's name and occupation, for women: husband's occupation), age at and date of death, if an inquest held (in which case look in local papers or coroners records), who took away the body. Patients' notes tend to be kept on wards (so name of ward needed) and may contain a life history.

For medical personnel there are printed sources (medical directories and registers); only from the early 20th century was there anything akin to personnel files. Hospitals' annual reports or medical schools' yearbooks may contain information about students

- Medical Schools tend to regard themselves as a separate entity, so it is advisable to contact the school concerned. Nurses: perhaps to establish themselves as a responsible profession a lot of records were kept and nurses' registers contain a lot of detail.

**September 1998: A History of Letter Boxes** John Smith gave us a fascinating and beautifully illustrated talk on not only the history of letter boxes but also Postal History from the mid-19th Century.

All mail was originally C.O.D, minimum charge 4d, having to be collected from the local Post Office, often in the local inn. Poor people would sometimes send an empty envelope; the recipient would refuse to pay for it, but knew it meant the sender was all right: hence, "no news is good news".

Rowland Hill introduced the Penny Post in 1840, with its prepaid "adhesive label" - the stamp (the public were reluctantly persuaded to have letter box slots in their front doors - they thought these might be abused), but mail still had to be taken to the Post Office. Now that sending letters was more affordable to all, the volume of mail increased and there was demand for roadside posting boxes, but for several years the Postmaster- General resisted.

However, prompted by Anthony Trollope, the novelist, whose day job was assistant riding surveyor to the Post Office's Western District, in 1852 some roadside boxes were set up in the Channel Islands where there were very few posting places. One of these old boxes still stands in St Peter Port, Guernsey. The experiment was a success, and people on the Mainland finally got their boxes, the first being set up in Carlisle. They were cast by ironfounders (makers' names appear low down on the boxes). Designs varied. Some of the first boxes were small, not much more than waist-height, others were about 8 feet high, with fluted sides and some with vertical letter slots; there were even square ones - rare examples of early designs can still be seen: one of 1856 stands in Eton High Street, Bucks, still in everyday use.

Attempts were made to produce a standard box; the Tower of the Winds in Athens, an octagonal turret, may have been the inspiration for the Penfold box - he was an architect who designed it - there are replicas in some tourist areas like Windsor Castle. Then came the cylindrical box, looking much like modern boxes. Some of a design which omitted the Royal Cipher and "Royal Mail" are called "anonymous" boxes. Although Edward VIII was King for only about 10 months, some 200 boxes with his Cipher were set up. Scottish boxes during the present Queen's reign carry only a crown after protests that she is not Elizabeth II in Scotland.

Wall boxes go back to the 1850s and were placed in country districts with low mail volume, and other small boxes were fixed to street furniture such as lampposts and telegraph poles. In the 1930s special blue boxes were erected for the recently-introduced airmail.

From Edward VIII's reign there were no changes in design for 50 years, but recent changes include larger slots required by modern business mail. How far do the boxes go into the ground? At the bottom is a cylinder about 2½ feet long with vertical slots all round. This is filled with earth then placed in a hole, before the box is cemented into position.

There is a Shire Book on *Old Letter Boxes* by Jonathan Clancy, and former PO. Chief

Archivist Jean Farrugia has written a definitive book *Letter Boxes*. The Letter Box Study Group are carrying out a comprehensive survey of the some 100,000 letter boxes in the country; 60-70,000 have already been put onto a computer database. Royal Mail Customer Services can provide a list of boxes in an area. Some people collect letter boxes: one enthusiast has over 30 in his garden. Hopefully John Smith's talk will make us look more closely at our pillar boxes instead of taking them for granted.

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## HELP!

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*This service is free to members of WMFHS (please quote 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. Payment must be in Sterling only, with cheques made payable to WMFHS.*

### **GARDNER / WINTERBURN / WALDEN / DAVIS**

I am seeking information about my grandparents and great-grandparents on my father's side. My grandparents were Frank Raymond Noel GARDNER and Emily Clarissa Elisial(?) WINTERBURN and they lived in WEST EALING. He was a teacher in carpentry at Stanhope, GREENFORD, and had two brothers and two sisters, Doreen, George, Hilda and Reginald. Little is known of Emily except that she may have been born in BUCKINGHAM or DRIFFIELD, YORKSHIRE! I know nothing of her family. Frank's father, Harry Prior(?) GARDNER was born c1869 and lived for a time with his wife Alice in COBHAM, SURREY. He was reputed to be quite wealthy but went broke and the two of them moved to EALING. Also any information about my other grandparents and great-grandparents on my mother's side: grandparents Robert Earnest WALDEN (b 1916, d 6/12/1991) and Charlotte Iris DAVIS (b 1915, d 18/10/67); they lived at 108 St. Kilda Road, WEST EALING. He was a Platoon Sergeant in the Essex Regiment before working for London Transport for most of his life. He had two brothers and three sisters: William, Henry, Martha, Florence and Frances. I don't know anything about his parents but they are believed to have come from SHEPHERDS BUSH or HANWELL. Charlotte was one of thirteen, was born in the FOREST OF DEAN and lived at CINDERFORD or WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN. I have no idea how they met. Any help filling in the gaps would be greatly appreciated.

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### **HAMILTON / HAMMERTON**

Any information, please, on John HAMILTON 1 HAMMERTON (coachman) and his wife Louisa, also son Henry (a plumber) born approx 1850/1852 ?MIDDLESEX. Louisa née MILLER was baptised 1815 IXWORTH, SUFFOLK; had sons Frederick and Henry POLLARD baptised 1838 PENTONVILLE; on the 1851 Census at WEST DRAYTON as Louisa POLLARD, widow, servant - where were her children? in 1879 she was in MARYLEBONE Infirmary as HAMILTON "passed from KENSINGTON" and "Discharged to Husband": no address given. She died PADDINGTON Infirmary May 1882 and was buried in common grave PADDINGTON Cemetery as HAMMERTON.

Death Certificate (HAMILTON) gives next-of-kin as husband John (coachman). 1881 Census NORTH KENSINGTON gives her name as HANENTON, living alone as "lodger" and "married", occupation "Nurse SMS" (I am unable to find meaning of SMS). Henry HAMILTON (plumber) married Caroline KING, St Clements, NORTH KENSINGTON 1878 (address was a dead-end): children Charles Henry 1878, Albert 1880, Louisa (MORGAN) 1882, Walter 1884, Caroline (JENNER) 1886 and Lydia Alice (DUNNE and BANCROFT) 1888 all born and married NORTH KENSINGTON where family of Lydia Alice stayed until Walmer Road house demolished for M40 link.

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## **HOPGOOD**

My grandfather William HOPGOOD was born 13 May 1849 to a single woman Harriett HOPGOOD, but on his marriage certificate names his father as Charles HOPGOOD. In his will he left "his father's" war medals to my uncle. I can't check this source as all trace of descendants of this part of the family is lost. I have found a Charles HOPGOOD in the Census, birthplace SOUTHALL. He served from 1853 - 14 January 1874 in the 17th Lancers and among his medals held the Crimea medal and clasps for Alma, Balaclava, Inkerman and Sevastopol; his number was 1175. When discharged he gave his intended place of residence as SOUTHALL GREEN, MIDDLESEX. He died of TB on 24 July 1874, Union Workhouse, HILLINGDON. As I cannot find the Parish records for this area I have been unable to make a connection between Harriett and Charles, but suspect they could be cousins. Any help would be gratefully appreciated.

*Mrs Audrey R. Binsted, PO. Box 79, Matakana, Lower Northland 1240, New Zealand.*

## **ROGERS / RAPKIN**

I am seeking information about my great grandmother Amy RAPKIN who married Herbert Phillips ROGERS about 1895. My grandmother, Florence, was born July 1900, the second eldest of five surviving children out of ten, at 324 Latimer Road, HAMMERSMITH. I guess Amy was born about 1875, but have been unable to trace her on any censuses, nor can I find her marriage. By 1923 the family had moved to 447 Latimer Road. Does anyone have any information on either the ROGERS or RAPKIN families?

*Mrs. Carol Coleman, 26 Wharf Road, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Northants NN10 8BQ.*

## **SWEATMAN / SWEETMAN / BURTON / CHAPLIN**

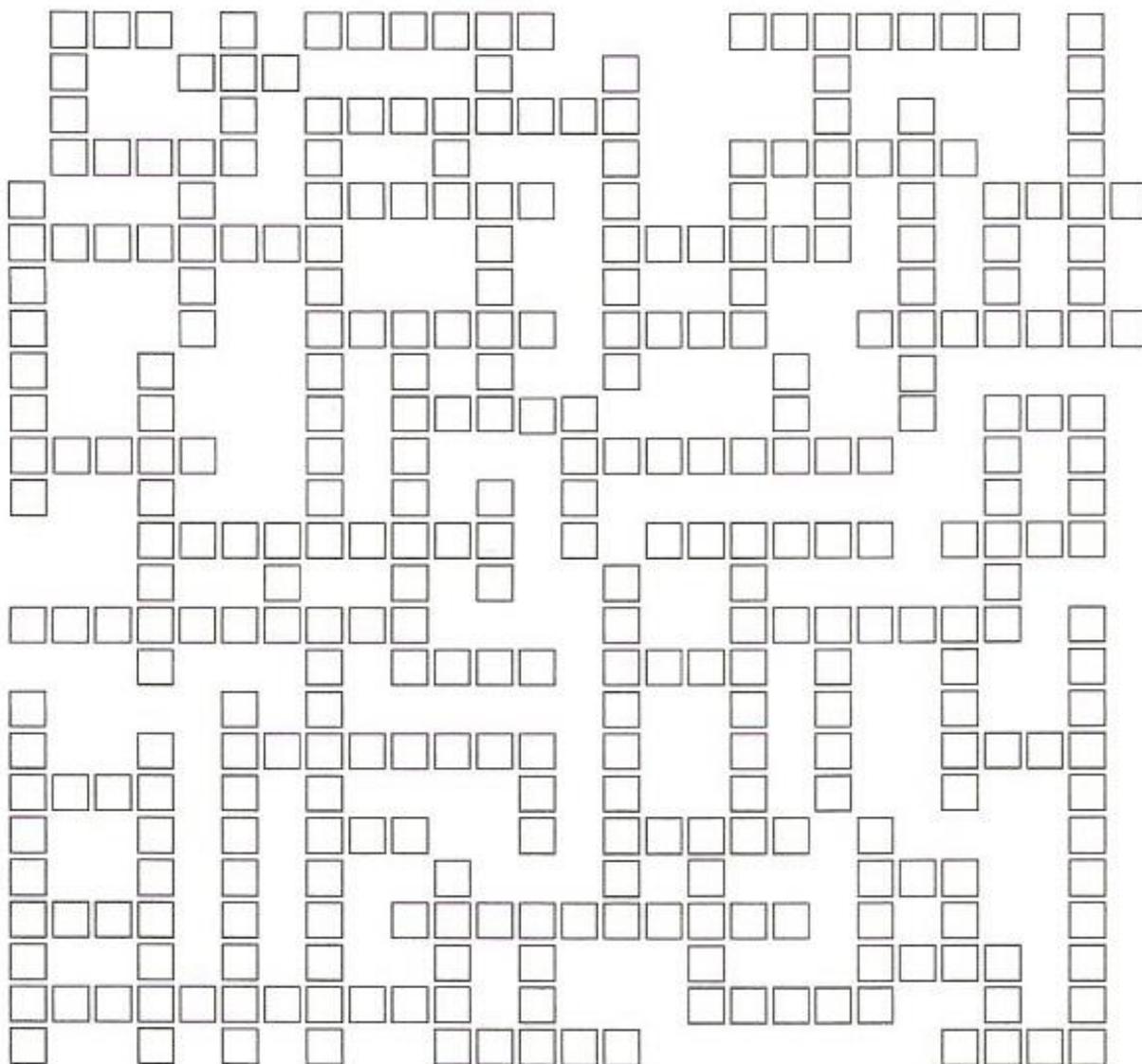
I would be very grateful for information on brother and sister Charles SWEATMAN/SWEETMAN born about 1847 and ELIZA SWEATMAN/SWEETMAN born about 1840 in the KENSINGTON area; their father was John SWEATMAN, but I don't know who their mother was. Also James BURTON married Charlotte CHAPLIN; I don't know where they came from or when and where they married, though it must have been before 1849, when they had a daughter; also my great grandparents, Mary Ann BURTON, born June 1849 CHELSEA, married Charles SWEATMAN, I don't know where. Any help on any of the above names would be very much appreciated.

*Mrs Jennifer Mortimore, 10 Luxmore Close, Leigham, Plymouth, Devon P6 8NX.*

# ACROSTIC PUZZLE

*Yvonne Masson*

Here is a Family History Acrostic Puzzle to help keep the brain active over the Christmas period. I hope you enjoy solving it - Ed.



### 3 letters

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### 4 letters

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Lord  
Maps  
Name  
Poor  
Read

### 5 letters

Aglab Wills  
Baron Years  
Birth  
Chart  
Court  
Diary  
Guild  
Hobby  
Index  
Slips  
Tithe  
Trade

### 6 letters

Admons  
Annual  
Bernau  
Burial  
Census  
Church  
Family  
Parish  
Search  
  
**7 letters**  
Archive  
Baptism  
Society

### 8 letters

Armorial  
Chancery  
Manorial  
Marriage  
Messuage  
Memories  
Obituary  
Pedigree  
Ratebook  
Register  
Relating  
Research

### 9 letters

Colindale  
Computing  
Genealogy  
Newspaper  
Programme

### 10 letters

Microfiche  
Photograph

### 11 letters

Certificate  
Directories  
Grandmother  
Publication

## THE SURVIVORS

We were born before breakfast television, frozen food, Xerox, contact lenses, videos, digital watches and ball point pens; before dishwashers, polyunsaturates, air conditioners, disposable nappies, tumble driers and before man walked on the moon.

We were so quaint we got married first and lived together afterwards. We thought fast food was what you ate in Lent, a Big Mac was an outsize raincoat, and crumpet was strictly for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating, group therapy, and when a 'meaningful relationship' meant getting along with your cousins.

We were born before Zimmer frames, day centres and SAGA, and sheltered accommodation was where you waited for a bus. We'd never heard of local radio, calculators, microwaves, heart transplants, yoghurt or of men wearing earrings. For us timesharing meant enjoying someone's company, a chip was a fried potato, hardware was nuts and bolts and software wasn't even a word. 'Making out' was how you did in exams, a stud was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and those 'going all the way' were staying on the bus to the depot.

In our day grass was mown, coke was kept in a coal cellar, pot was something you cooked in and a joint was the Sunday roast. Rock music was a lullaby, Ecstasy was getting tired feet into a bowl of warm water, a gay person was the life and soul of the party and nothing more, and aids were beauty products or something worn by the hard of hearing.

We who were born before the Modern Era must be a hardy bunch when you think of the ways in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are confused and there is a Generation Gap but, somehow, we have SURVIVED!

## BERKSHIRE OVERSEERS' PAPERS 1654-1834

*ed Peter Durrant (Berkshire Record Society 1997)*

- (6) 1715 Jul 7 SC of JAMES SMYTH, wife MARY and ELIZABETH his dau from ISLEWORTH Middx (to Aldermaston parish)  
Churchwardens – Thomas Larchin & Wm Beacham  
Overseers – Richard Patfull & John Smyth  
Witnesses – John Fathers & John Phillips  
J.Ps – Chris. Clitherow & James Fawley  
(D/P 3/13/1/30)
- (195) 1827 Jul 3 RO JOHN APPLETON, wife ELIZA and children RICHARD (2) and MARY ANN (10 months) from ISLEWORTH to Brimpton  
(D/P 26/13/2/23)
- (408) 1799 May 18 Exam of JOHN COX private 15th Regt of Light Dragoons son of JOHN COX dec'd, a parishioner of St Mary Abbots, Kensington Middx – last January married JANE WEST in Speen  
(D/P 29/13/2/10)

- (436) 1811 Oct 29 RO HANNAH HOLLOWAY, wife of THOMAS HOLLOWAY who is absent, and children HANNAH (10), MARY (8), ELIZABETH (3) & JAMES (6 weeks) from HAMMERSMITH Middx to Burghfield  
(D/P 20/134/1/91)
- (438) 1813 Feb 7 RO BENJAMIN NEW, wife ANN and children BENJAMIN (2) and female infant from NEW BRENTFORD Middx to Burghfield (by Feb 15 his wife was dead)  
(D/P 29/13/1/95)
- (493) 1799 Oct 19 RO JANE COX, wife of JOHN COX (as above) from Burghfield to ST MARY ABBOTTS KENSINGTON  
(D/P 29/13/1/69)
- (884) 1812 Nov 26 RO WILLIAM LAY, wife RACHEL and children JOHN (3) and ELIZABETH (4 months) from Chieveley to FELTHAM Middx  
(D/P 34/13/9/46)
- (1199) 1755 Mar 6 Exam of JOHN ZEALWOOD late of Thatcham aged 33 – born Cherington Wilts – apprenticed to his grandfather RICHARD ZEALWOOD in Woodborough Wilts at age of 12 – married 5 years ago and has a child – not lived with wife for 2 years – now lives at HANWORTH Middx employed as a blacksmith  
(D/P 130/13/3/18B)
- (1204) 1770 Dec 17 Letter from THOMAS CLEVRALLY of ISLEWORTH Middx asking for his wife to be sent to him from Thatcham  
(D/P 130/13/1/3b)
- (1252) 1794 Feb 6 Exam of JOHN MATTHEWS BELLINGER age 22 – born Donnington – 5 years ago served JAMES PETIT ANDREWS of KENSINGTON as groom for 2 years – married wife MARY at St James Piccadilly and has 2 children JOHN (2) and MARY (6 weeks)  
(D/P 130/13/3/85C)
- (1291) 1812 Jan 30 Exam of TIMOTHY CARTER labourer age 47 – born Chieveley – has a wife SARAH and children ANN (10), HANNAH (6) and WILLIAM (2½) all residing in HAMMERSMITH Middx  
(D/P 130/13/1/81)
- (1318) 1826 Sep 25 Exam of SARAH BURGESS. JAMES POCOCK was her love child born 1802 in Thatcham – he went to KENSINGTON 7 years ago as milkman to his uncle JEREMIAH SALTER milkman – was sent away when he got MARY ANN RODD pregnant  
(D/P 130/13/1/105)
- (1319) 1826 Oct 23 Exam of HANNAH BRIDGEMAN singlewoman aged 22 – left Thatcham 3 years ago to be maid to MR WHEELER who kept the THREE COMPASSES at KENSINGTON – then went to MR.

MUNDAY in HAMMERSMITH as a maid – before Christmas left and went to her uncle THOMAS HOUSE a coal porter in Fleet Street. (D/P 130/13/1/106)

- (1340) 1834 Aug 17 Exam of SAMUEL SUTTON lived several years in HAMMERSMITH  
(D/P 130/13/1/128)
- (1364) 1758 Nov 14 RO JOHN CHESTERMAN and wife ALICE from Thatcham to HARMONDSWORTH Middx.  
(D/P 130/13/3/24)
- (1422) 1794 Feb 13 RO JOHN MATTHEWS BELLINGER, wife MARY and children JOHN (2) and MARY (8 weeks) from Thatcham to KENSINGTON  
(D/P 130/13/3/84A)
- (1458) 1808 Jun 23 RO PRISCILLA MASHMAN singlewoman from Thatcham to FULHAM Middx  
(D/P 130/13/3/120)
- (1502) 1817 Mar 13 RO PRISCILLA BRIN singlewoman from Thatcham to ISLEWORTH Middx  
(D/P 130/13/3/164)
- (1539) 1821 Nov 1 RO ELIZABETH HERRIDGE singlewoman from Thatcham to KENSINGTON Middx  
(D/P 130/13/3/201)
- (1710) 1826 Nov 16 BASTARDY ORDER. MARY ANN RUDD singlewoman had a male bastard child in Thatcham Sept 1826 – JAMES POCOCK of KENSINGTON Middx labourer the reputed father  
(D/P 130/15/1/38)

SC = settlement certificate RO = removal order  
(number) = reference number in volume

*Sent by Barbara Young, 39 Howard Road, Wokingham, Berks RG40 2BX*

## EDITOR'S NOTES

I would like to add my tribute to Yvonne Woodbridge by saying what a help she was when I began editing this Journal, always so cheerful and accessible - she attended our meetings until only a few months ago, still helping on the Bookstall and 'mucking in' with packing this Journal. If she can ever be replaced, it would have to be by several people!

I have included an acrostic puzzle in this edition to help keep members' minds active over the Christmas period, while the Repositories are closed!

Deadline for the March 1999 issue: 15th January 1999.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

- A60 Mrs A. Allen, 65 Northway Lane, Tewkesbury, Glos GL20 8QQ  
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Hants SO32 2LT  
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Herts HP3 8AY  
B199 Mr L. Brown, 12 Winds Ridge, Send, Nr Woking, Surrey GU23 7HU  
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Middlesex TW1 4SB  
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H166 Ms P.M. Hawkins, 83 Longstone Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN22 8DA  
K22 Mrs M.G. Keenes, 12 Fernside Close, Corringham, Essex SS17 9EJ  
M140 Mrs J. Mortimore, 10 Luxmore Close, Leigham, Plymouth, Devon PL6 8NX  
O22 Mrs B.I. Owen, 132 Lemsford Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6YP  
S167 Dr C.A. Snodgrass, 15 Moor Lane, Darras Hall, Ponteland, Newcastle-upon-  
Tyne NE20 9AD  
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W148 Mr L.H. Wileman, 17 Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 3HA

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- S4 Mr Philip W. Syrett, 27 Fullerton Court, Udney Park Road, Teddington,  
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## SURNAME INTERESTS

The table below gives surname interests for the new members listed on the previous page. The format should be self-explanatory. Note that the Chapman County Codes are used for entries in the 'Counties' column. 'ALL' indicates that, for instance, any date or any place is of interest. Remember to include a SAE with any enquiry if you expect to receive a reply.

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ALLEN	1865+	Greenford Area	MDX	A60
	1865+	Harrow Area	MDX	A60
	ALL	Northampton	NTH	A60
	ALL	Milton Malsor Area	NTH	A60
ATKINS	Before 1770	St Dunstan in the East	LND	A61
AUSTIN	Before 1840	Hammersmith	MDX	A61
BACK	After 1800	Cadbury	DEV	B200
BAILEY	1820-90	Shoreditch Area	MDX	K22
BANKS	1820-90	Fulham/Hammersmith		
		Area	MDX	K22
BARFIELD	Before 1830	Feltham	MDX	C162
BARNES	1700-1880	ALL	SFK	S167
	1800-1880	ALL	ESS	S167
BARTLETT	ALL	Harmondsworth Area	MDX	D92
BALL	19C	Paddington Area	MDX	W148
BELLCHAMBERS	Pre 1850	ALL	MDX	B201
BENSON	c 1830	Bethnal Green	MDX	H166
BLAND	ALL	ALL	DEV	S167
	ALL	ALL	MDX	S167
BLUNT	1865+	Greenford Area	MDX	A60
BOULDEN	After 1890	Brentford Area	MDX	F71
BOUSTRED	ALL	ALL	ALL	B200
BREEN	c 1830	Lambeth	SRV	W150
BRINN	ALL	ALL	ALL	H166
BROADBRIDGE	Before 1840	Stoke Newington Area	MDX	H166
BROWN	1875-90	Paddington	MDX	B199
BUCKLAND	Before 1900	Heston Area	MDX	C162
BUCKTHOUGHT	ALL	ALL	ALL	M140
BULL	Before 1851	Heston	MDX	F71
BURR	Before 1800	City	LND	A61
BUSBY	After 1875	Paddington	MDX	B199
CALLABY	After 1800	Docking	NFK	B201
	After 1860	Kensington Area	MDX	B201

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CARTER	c 1800s	Newark	NTT	C159
CHAPLIN	1700-1800	ALL	MDX	M140
CHRISTIE	After 1870	Paisley	SCT	B199
	After 1875	ALL	IOW	B199
	After 1875	Willesden	MDX	B199
COBLEY	1800-1900	Kensington Area	MDX	B201
COCKER	After 1800	Huddersfield Area	WRY	B200
COOPER	c 1852	Sunbury	MDX	O22
	After 1882	Islington	MDX	O22
CRAGIE	After 1800	ALL	MDX	G97
CROMWELL	ALL	Kensington Area	MDX	C162
	Before 1900	Feltham	MDX	C162
CROWDER	c 1882	Islington	MDX	O22
	C 1866	North St. Giles	MDX	O22
CRYSTALL	18-19C	Hammersmith Area	MDX	C160
CUTBIRD	Before 1755	St Giles Cripplegate	LND	A61
DANIELS	Before 1900	Send Area	SRY	C162
DAVIS	ALL	Cinderford Area	GLS	G97
	Pre 1850 Epsom		SRY	B201
DEAMER	Before 1851	Cowley Area	MDX	F71
DELL	Before 1810	Lambeth	SRY	A61
DOUGLAS	Before 1840	Cranford	MDX	F71
DRAYCOTT	18-19C	Paddington Area	MDX	W148
DUR(R)ANT	Before 1845	Uxbridge Moor	MDX	F71
EASTLAND	Before 1830	West Ham Area	ESS	C162
	Before 1890	Wandsworth Area	SRY	C162
ELLIOTT	1750-1850	Salisbury	WIL	B201
ELWORTHY	After 1800	Tiverton Area	DEV	B200
ENGLAND	ALL	Pontefract	WRY	B200
EVANS	c 1790	Westminster	MDX	W150
EWEN	1870+	Southwark	SRY	D92
	19C	Aberdeen	SCT	D92
EWER	Before 1830	Hillingdon	MDX	F71
FELL(E/I)NOR	ALL	ALL	WIL	M140
FERRIS	18-19C	Tilshead	WIL	D92
FIRMIN	After 1800	Cavendish	SFK	B200
FOWLER	Before 1830	ALL	MDX	A61
FRAMPTON	1700-1880	ALL	HAM	S167
	1700-1880	ALL	MDX	S167

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Member</b>
GARDNER	ALL	Ealing/Hanwell Area	MDX	G97
	ALL	Cobham	SRY	G97
GELDER	ALL	Pontefract	WRY	B200
GETTINGS	19C	Kensington Area	MDX	W148
GIFFORD	1700-1800	ALL	MDX	M140
GREGG	c 1800s	Cork	IRE	C159
GROVE(S)	Before 1840	Heston Area	MDX	F71
HARBOUR	19C	Paddington Area	MDX	W148
HARMAN	Before 1840	Lambeth	SRY	A61
HARRIS	1700-1880	ALL	BRK	S167
HAWKINS	Before 1830	Tiverton Area	DEV	H166
HAYES	After 1820	Southampton	HAM	B199
HIGGS	Before 1880	Isleworth Area	MDX	C162
HOARE	After 1820	Southampton	HAM	B199
HOPGOOD	Before 1852	Sunbury	MDX	O22
HUMPHRIES	Before 1840	Lambeth	SRY	A61
HUMPHREY	1750-1850	Epsom	SRY	B201
IREDALE	After 1800	Huddersfield Area	WRY	B200
JOSCELYNE	ALL	ALL	ALL	S167
JOHNSON	After 1800	Stepney	MDX	B200
KENDALL	After 1800	Isleworth	MDX	B200
KINNELL	After 1850	Kirkcaldy	FIF	B199
KIRBY	1820-90	Fulham/Hammersmith Area	MDX	K22
LACY	c 1830	Westminster	MDX	W150
LAMB	c 1900	Hanwell	MDX	W150
LANGFORD	1700-1860	ALL	BRK	S167
LEWIS	Before 1835	Hounslow	MDX	F71
LUDFORD	18-19C	Paddington Area	MDX	W148
MANLY	After 1750	ALL	LND	B200
	After 1750	ALL	MDX	B200
MCDADE	After 1800	Paisley	SCT	B199
MCEWEN	18C+	Hamilton	SCT	D92
MELLOR	After 1800	Huddersfield Area	WRY	B200
MENZIES	Before 1870	Westminster	MDX	A61
MORDY	ALL	Norwich Area	NFK	C162
MOSLEY	19C	Kensington Area	MDX	W148

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Member</b>
NEWHOOK	ALL	ALL	ALL	S167
NIEASE	Before 1870	London	LND	A61
NORMAN	After 1785	Croydon	SRY	B200
PAINÉ	19C	Paddington Area	MDX	W148
PANTING	ALL	Kensington Area	MDX	C162
PANTON	ALL	Kensington Area	MDX	C162
PARKER	Before 1840	Hillingdon	MDX	F71
PARKS	Before 1900	Stepney Area	MDX	C162
PAVITT	Before 1880	Wandsworth Area	SRY	C162
PERKINS	Before 1830	Heston	MDX	F71
PHILLIPS	c 1820	Clerkenwell	MDX	W150
POOLE	ALL	ALL	MDX	S167
POPE	Before 1810	Hayes	MDX	A61
RAYNER	Before 1850	Norwich Area	NFK	C162
RACKETT	After 1870	ALL	IOW	B199
RENN	1900+	Acton	MDX	W150
ROLFE	Before 1840	Hayes Area	MDX	F71
ROLPH	After 1800	Northchurch	HRT	B199
ROBSON	Before 1860	Paddington	MDX	A61
ROWE	After 1800	Salisbury	WIL	B201
RUMBALL	After 1816	Clare	SFK	B200
RUTTER	Before 1835	Isleworth	MDX	F71
SAM(N)SON(M)	ALL	ALL	DOR	S167
SEYMOUR	1820-90	Fulham/Hammersmith Area	MDX	K22
SIMPSON	Before 1820	Shoreditch	MDX	A61
SMITH	After 1800	Salisbury	WIL	B201
	After 1800	Gosport	HAM	B201
	After 1856	Gallatown/Dysart	FIF	B199
	1820-90	Fulham/Hammersmith Area	MDX	K22
SNODGRASS	ALL	ALL	ALL	S167
SPARHAM	1850-1900	Ealing	MDX	W150
STANFIELD	18-19C	ALL	MDX	H166
STOCKER	c 1900	Kensington	MDX	W150
STYLER	17-18C	Feckenham	WOR	C159
SUNNUCKS	19C	Northfleet	KEN	D92
TARLING	Before 1850	Fulham	MDX	E35

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Member</b>
TASKER	After 1789	Pontefract Area	WRY	B200
THORN	c 1800	Brixham	DEV	C159
TROY	c 1800s	Waterford	IRE	C159
TUFFIN	19C	Berwick St. James	WIL	D92
VALE	ALL	ALL	GLS	H166
VALLANCE	before 1800	Fulham/Hammersmith Area	MDX	K22
VIVIAN	1800-1960	ALL	HAM	S167
WALKER	ALL	High Wycombe	BKM	G97
WALDEN	ALL	Ealing/Hanwell Area	MDX	G97
WARNER	1900+	Ealing	MDX	W150
WEBB	c 1830 1820-90	Chesham Area Fulham/Hammersmith Area	BKM MDX	H166 K22
WEBLIN(G)	ALL	ALL	ALL	W150
WEBSTER	before 1830 After 1800	Iver Area Ealing Area	BKM MDX	H166 H166
WESTERMAN	1900-1930	Hanwell	MDX	W150
WHAYMAN	Before 1900	Stepney Area	MDX	C162
WILDMAN	18-19C 18-19C	Paddington Area Kensington Area	MDX MDX	W148 W148
WILEMAN	ALL	ALL	ALL	W148
WILKINSON	1700-1870	ALL	LIN	S167
WINTER	1750-1850	Northchurch	HRT	B199
WINTERBURN	ALL ALL	ALL Driffield Area	BKM YRK	G97 G97
WITT	c 1750	Windsor	BRK	W150

## INDEXES HELD BY MEMBERS

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

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

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- List indicating coverage - SAE plus two second class stamps.
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