



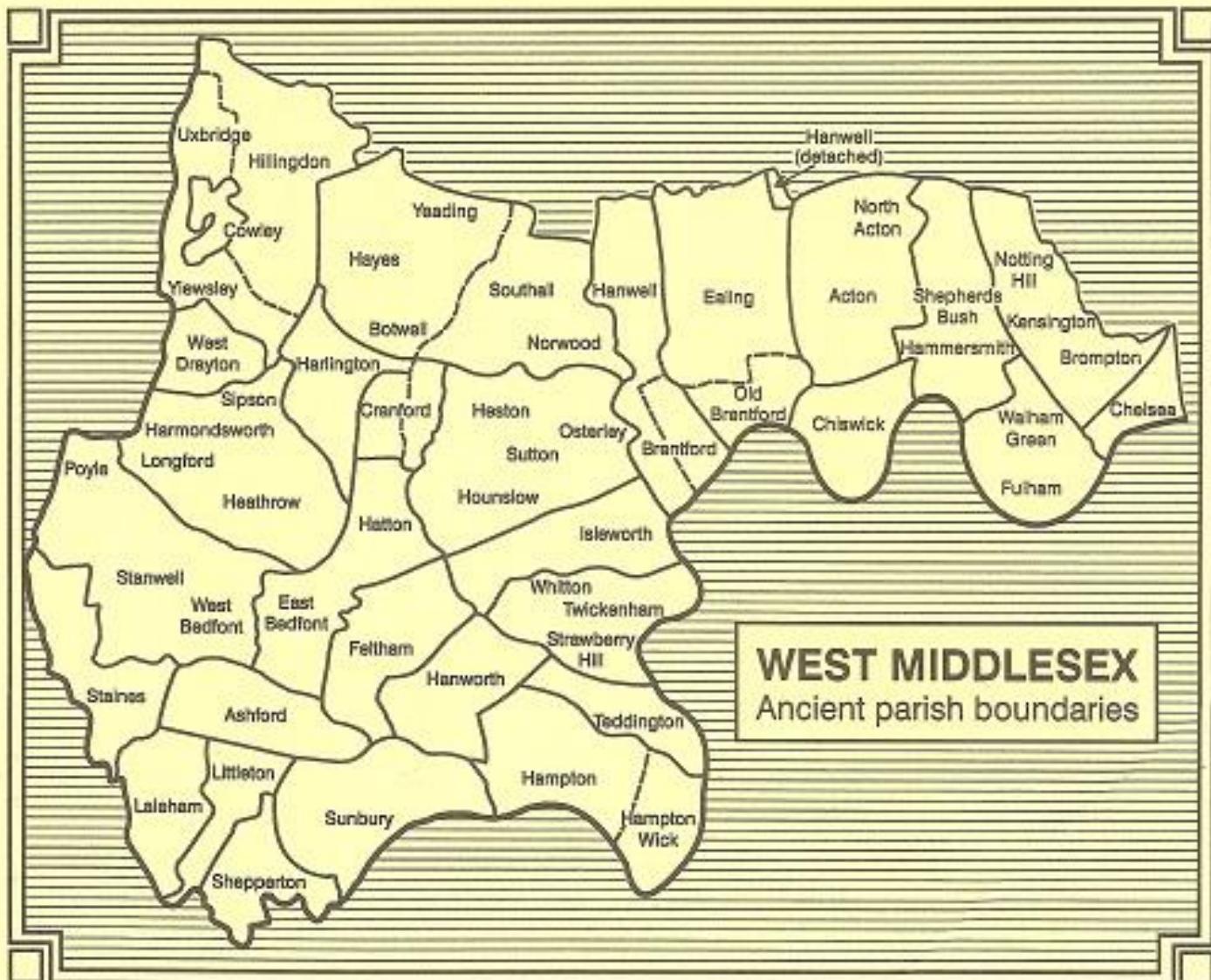
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FUTURE MEETINGS

The following talks have been arranged:

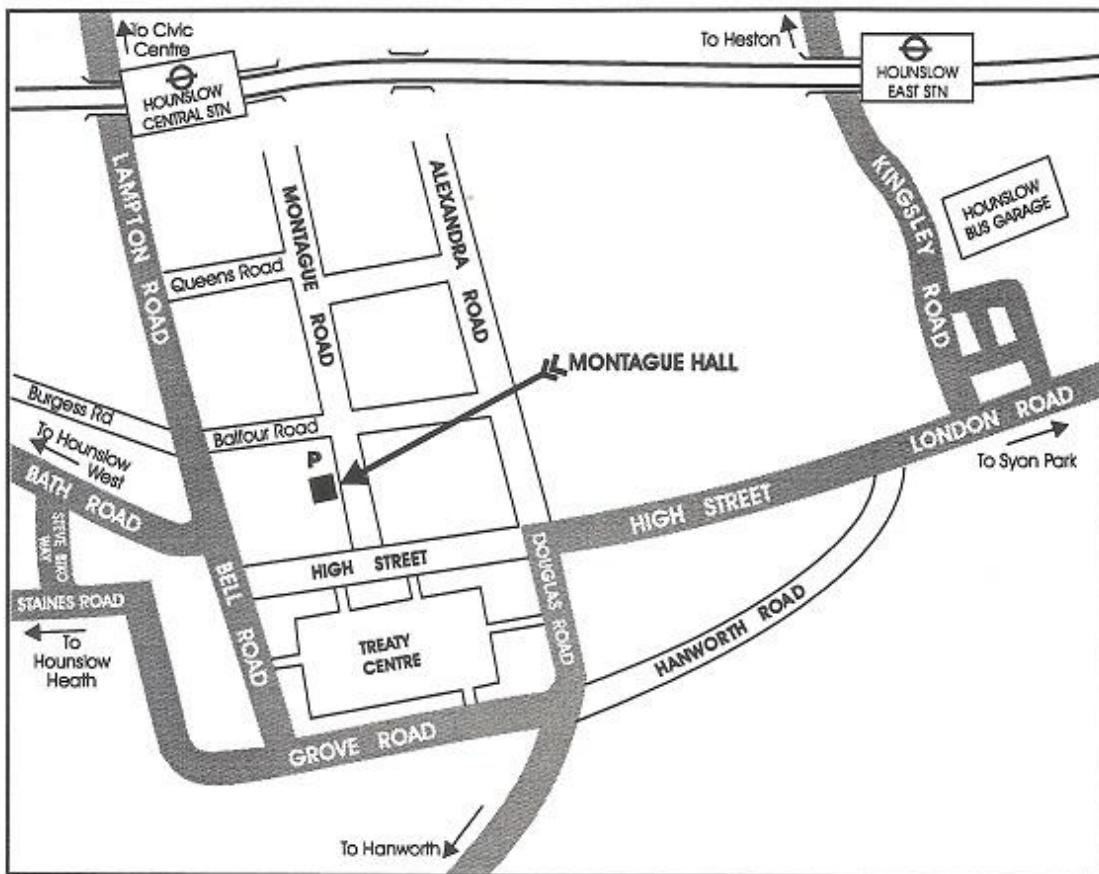
- 21 Dec Christmas Social plus A Victorian Entertainment – *John and Elaine Taylor*

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- 18 Jan Commonwealth War Graves
15 Feb. Our Grandmothers' War – *Christine Kendall*
15 Mar. AGM plus short talk.

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow, and doors open at 7.15pm. Parking is available adjacent to the Hall. Research material such as indexes (e. g. IGI, 1881 census, Middlesex marriages to 1837) and reference books, exchange journals from other societies and a bookstall, can be browsed between 7.30pm and 10pm; (talks take place between 8 and 9pm), tea/coffee, or a cold drink, and biscuits are also available. Fully Accessible.

WHERE WE ARE





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the
Annual General Meeting
of the
WEST MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

will be held on Thursday, 15th March 2007
at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow.

Reports will be presented by the Chairman and Treasurer and members will be asked to accept the accounts for the year 2006 and elect accounts examiners for the coming year.

Elections will be held for officers and members of the Executive Committee.

Members who wish to bring forward any matters at the AGM or to propose nominations for the Committee, are asked to write to the Secretary at the address below by 5th January 2007.

The agenda for the AGM will be included in the next issue of the journal, to be published and distributed at the beginning of March 2007.

Tony Simpson, 32 The Avenue, Bedford Park, Chiswick W4 1HT

NEWS ROUNDUP

Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 19 December: Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society. Christmas Social at The Orangery, Squires Garden Centre, Halliford. Commencing 8pm. Non-members welcome £1.00 per head.

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Tuesday 16 January: Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society. Annual General Meeting 8pm. The Theatre at Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton.

Saturday 20 January: East of London FHS Open day, Barking Abbey Upper School, Barking Essex. 10-5 WMFHS will attend.

Sunday 28 January: The Bracknell Family History Fair. Sports and Leisure Centre, Bagshot Road (A322) Bracknell. The Country's largest Sunday Fair with up to 270 stalls. Free parking and a cafeteria. 10-5 Admission £3. WMFHS will attend.

Sunday 11 February: Sussex and South London Family History Fair. K2 Crawley Sports Centre, Pease Pottage Hill, Crawley. Large free car park, refreshments available. 10-5 Admission £2.

Tuesday 20 February: Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society. “Ham House” by Sheelagh Davison. The Theatre at Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton, 8pm. Non-members welcome £1.00 per head.

Sunday 25 February: The Oxford and Bucks Fair. Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington. Free parking, refreshments available. 10-5 Admission £2.

Sunday 11 March: Hulme Hall, Bolton Road, Port Sunlight Village, Bebington, Wirral, Merseyside. Large free car park, refreshments available. 10-5 Admission £2.

Tuesday 20 March: Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society. “The Charles Brooking Collection of Architectural Detail” by Charles Brooking. The Theatre at Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton, 8pm. Non-members Welcome £1.00 per head.

WMFHS NOTICEBOARD



Amended Constitution

Nearly five years have passed since our Constitution was updated — time enough for new legislation, especially in the field of charities (and we are formally registered as a Charity) to require a thorough review. Your current Committee has therefore begun the following process: a rewrite of the Clauses with close regard to the Federation’s “model constitution”; full consultation with the Federation’s legal advisor; a final check with the Charity Commissioners before the key step of putting any amendments to our Society members; finally a copy of the approved WMFHS Constitution will be registered with the Commissioners.

Full details of any proposed changes will be given to members well in advance of the Society’s meeting required for approval.

The National Archives to move its Family Records Centre staff and services to Kew

The National Archives and the Office for National Statistics (CNS) have made a joint announcement about the provision of services to family historians. As part of a review of strategy, which has focused on the huge changes in information management over the last ten years, The National Archives is announcing its intention to move its Family Records Centre

(PRC) staff and services to Kew from their current location at Myddelton Street, Islington, by the end of 2008.

The National Archives and ONS have for some time managed the PRC as a joint operation in Myddelton Street, Islington. Users can access historic census returns in The National Archives part of the Centre and establish basic details of births, deaths and marriages in the indexes maintained by ONS prior to ordering copies of relevant certificates.

CNS has an extensive project in hand to digitise registration records and modernise other aspects of service provision, but has not yet made data and documents available online to the same extent as The National Archives. Over the coming months ONS will be reviewing its future requirements for services at PRC in the light of this project and The National Archives' plans to relocate its service to Kew. The review will be carried out in close collaboration with The National Archives to ensure that service delivery by the two organisations continues to be as closely aligned as possible.

James Strachan, Director of Public Services and Marketing for The National Archives, said: "We have already made most of our material housed at the PRC available online. We remain committed to providing high-quality services to family historians, and are therefore planning to develop new online services that reflect customers' needs, and to integrate PRC onsite services at Kew during 2008. We will retain a dedicated family history service, and retain the jobs of our PRC staff in the new service at Kew."

Peter Murphy, Director of Registration Services at ONS, said: "The hard copy indexes of birth, death and marriage registration, which are available at the PRC, remain for now the resource enabling the Registrar General to meet her statutory obligation to make indexes available to the public. Clearly advances in technology now permit other approaches to providing public access and that is what our review will be concentrating on. We will work closely with National Archives colleagues in conducting the review and hope to be able to reveal its main conclusions by the autumn of this year."

Details of TNA's plans were given by James Strachan, Director of Public Services and Marketing, at public meetings. The following is a selection of the main points raised at the meetings.

Why has TNA decided to transfer its family records services to Kew?

So that we can bring all of our expertise and sources together on one site and provide a better service to family historians and other researchers.

Now that the census returns from 1841 to 1901 are available online, we no longer need to provide a central London site for the public to consult them. Online, they are accessible by nearly everyone, whereas the FRC benefits comparatively few: 85% of its users come from within 50 miles of London. FRC visitor numbers have fallen by more than a third since the peak year of 2002-03 and are likely to continue to do so.

TNA is facing continuing cuts in its budget and cannot justify duplicating services which can now be delivered from its main site at Kew. The FRC costs TNA £1.1 million a year for accommodation alone.

Why did TNA not consult users before making the decision?

The FRC has been very popular, so we knew that the vast majority of users would oppose the withdrawal from Myddelton Street. However, in view of the factors described above, the transfer is an operational necessity and gives us an opportunity to create improved services.

What will family records services at Kew be like?

We will transfer the FRC's services and staff and create a dedicated family history area at Kew. We intend to preserve the high level of expertise and individual assistance offered by staff, the streamlined processes and the more relaxed security environment currently provided at the FRC. Many family historians will benefit at Kew from having a wider range of records and staff expertise on the same site, the availability of car parking spaces and the larger canteen and shop.

Kew is more difficult to reach and far from other family history repositories.

We regret that many FRC users may find visiting Kew more expensive and less convenient. However, others may find it easier or cheaper, including those wishing to travel by car and wheelchair users. The Kew site is no further away from underground and rail station facilities and there is a bus (R68) from Richmond station (served by regular trains from Waterloo) which stops close to TNA. We will consider the possibility of a shuttle bus from Kew Gardens station. Meanwhile we plan to make other records on microfilm, such as RG 4 and PROB 6, which are very popular at the FRC, available online within the next couple of years.

FFHS UPDATE

The final update for readers this year on the Federation of Family History Societies activities should give us some idea of the breadth and scope of the Federation and its impact on local Family History Societies.

First a report by the Federation Administrator Maggie Loughran in October's "Newsflash" on a major U.S. conference that welcomed a significant British presence.

The American Federation of Genealogical Societies' (FGS) annual conference, 'The Birthplace of American Genealogy', was held in Boston from 30 August to 2 September this year and celebrated the FGS's 30th anniversary. It was hosted jointly by the FGS and by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, whose headquarters and research library are in Boston. As the FGS and FFHS have reciprocal membership of each other's organisations, I was especially delighted to be asked to give four talks at the conference on a variety of topics relating to British genealogy, including the role of family and local history societies. There were 20 separate streams of lectures throughout the four days, with around 160 speakers giving in total over 350 lectures. Additionally, the first day of the conference saw the Association of Professional Genealogists Professional Management Conference, Librarians Day - with lectures aimed at professional librarians and the FGS Society Management lectures [aimed at member society representatives] which included topics such as 'The Role of the Genealogical Society in the 21st Century' - and many other things very relevant to societies here in the British Isles. Over 2000 people attended the conference in total.

The American conference experience is very different from those organised here. The early bird registration fee is \$135 (£75) but that just entitles you to attend the lectures and receive the conference bag and pack. On top of that is the cost of all food and accommodation. This does give you a lot more flexibility so that you decide what and where you eat, and you decide on the level of accommodation you want to stay in - the conference organisers do negotiate a special conference price at a hotel near to the conference centre where the event is being held. It is also usual to pay extra to attend the conference luncheons - which also includes a light-hearted lecture, and any conference banquets.

American conferences require a lot of advance preparation from a speaker's perspective, since you are expected to send up to four pages of camera-ready copy for the conference syllabus. This does have the advantage, however, that you don't then need to prepare a handout. It also means that you can use your four pages as an advertisement for your talk, and that people who don't hear the talk at least have the benefit of the material you prepared. Finally, many people keep the syllabus volumes (which are the size of telephone

directories) for future reference; and these remain on desks and bookshelves longer than a leaflet would.

Several months before the conference, the organisers added a blog to their website, for advance news about the conference, the venue, speakers and their presentations. Audrey Collins (from TNA) used this to highlight the British element, in particular the fact that most of the speakers on British subjects were actually travelling from Britain. There were six speakers who travelled from Great Britain: Roger Kershaw and Audrey Collins from TNA/PRC; Else Churchill of the Society of Genealogists; Joanna O'Rourke from GRO Scotland, but also representing The National Archives of Scotland; Paul Blake and Maggie Loughran.

The hotel was in the same indoor complex as the enormous Hynes Convention Center, where the conference was held, which made life easier, especially since for three of the four days there was a family history fair with 125 exhibitors. The FFHS joined forces with The National Archives, the Society of Genealogists, GRO Scotland and the National Archives of Scotland as 'Best of British', to have a display of promotional material and lots of leaflets to take away. It wasn't possible to have someone in attendance all the time, but whenever any of the six British speakers were free, we spent time at the stand answering questions and generally flying the flag. This was in response to the 'Irish Empire' on the other side of the hall where there were 23 stands. FamilyHistoryOnline had a separate stand at the fair; many thanks to Chad Hanna and Gillian Stevens for organising this.

I found time to attend some of the other lectures, although not quite as many as I had hoped.

After it was all over, some of us had dinner with two of the conference organisers, and they said that the significant British presence had been much appreciated. We certainly had some very positive feedback from all our talks, with plenty of people coming to the stand to ask questions and pick up leaflets. After the conference Paul Blake and I went on to speak at a number of different events in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland where we distributed the remainder of the 'Best of British' leaflets etc - including leaflets about FHGL, FFHS and member societies.

Second we bring members further feedback on the process of consultation between the Federation and its member Societies on future developments that will affect all family historians. This update is quoted from the Minutes of the Federation's September AGM in Northampton.

THINK TANK UPDATE AND ‘FOOTSTEPS TO THE FUTURE’ SEMINAR

David Smetham [Society Liaison Officer) gave a presentation on the current status:

Plan - To address the proposals in a controlled manner and in priority in order to be able to deliver key objectives in the short term for acceptance by FFHS Membership

Current Activity

Survey carried out on the six topics reported at GM April 2006 and results were being evaluated:

- Organisation & Structure - What services are needed? How does our FFHS manage, fund and provide these?
- Image - Single logo to provide an identity across all services being established
- Products, Publications, Services - Refocusing, improving operations
- Extending Membership - Establishing a marketing approach to operations
- Communications - Developing/use of media, improved delivery
- Education - New look at seminars, providing support to education delivered by Members

Survey - Initial review of results

The areas considered important by Members:

- Representation at national level
- Providing latest information - news
- Providing specialist advice
- Providing insurance
- Providing a model constitution
- Providing an online directory

Not seen by most as important to their society:

- Publications, GenPair and FHOL
- Encouraging good practice and running seminars

FFHS Image

The biggest message from the survey is that within Societies there is generally a limited knowledge of FFHS activities carried out in support of those Societies. There was much support for FFHS activities.

Footsteps to the Future

Seminar 25 Nov 2006 will:

- I Present outcome of the survey and proposals developed
- Review management and funding issues.

For further information about the Federation go to: www.ffhs.org.uk

DEATH

Mr Peter A. Brown of 60 Rossmore Court, NW1 6XY died earlier this year. Any members who were emailing him can contact his Executor, Mike Seggery, at pabrown_fr@btinternet.com His family history data will eventually be added to a website.

BROOKWOOD CEMETERY

Wendy Mott

In the last journal Val Walker wrote an article about her experiences in Brookwood Cemetery and how we were going back to try and trace the stones from Holy Trinity, Hounslow, the churchyard of Holy Trinity having been cleared when the church was rebuilt in the late 1950s.

We had a map showing where the reburials had taken place, but, to a poor map reader like me, it was very difficult to find the true position. Thankfully Val, and Eileen Small who came with us, were very much better than me at orientating themselves.

It is not a beautifully laid out cemetery and the ground is covered with brambles and potholes. Unfortunately we found no trace of any stones in the designated area so came to the conclusion that only the bodies were re-interred here and the stones just ‘disappeared’.

We do have a list, prepared at the time, which shows the bare details from the stones. What we have lost can be seen from these examples of what was

recorded, as against the details given in ‘The History of Syon Monastery’ by George James Aungier in 1840.

Mrs Mary Rossiter	18.05.1837	39
Mr Samuel Long	11.10.1880	80
Mr William Rossiter	11.06.1882	69
Mrs Mary Long	22.03.1854	84

Sacred to the memory of Mary Rossiter, the beloved wife of Mr. William Rossiter, of Sonning Eye, Oxfordshire, and daughter of Mr. Samuel Long, of Hanworth, Middlesex, who died the 18th of May, 1837, aged 39 years. Also Mr. Samuel Long (father of Mrs. Mary Rossiter), who died the 25th October, 1838, aged 80 years.

(Obviously William Rossiter and Mary Long died after Aungier recorded the stone. There is also a misreading, on the later recording of the date of death for Samuel Long.)

?????????????	04. ? 1837	84
Frances Elizabeth COZENS	16.08.1838	44
Richard COZENS	?	?

Sacred to the memory of Mr. Daniel Brent, who departed this life Dec. 15th, 1837, aged 84 years. Also, Frances Elizabeth Cozens, daughter of the above,

and widow of the late Captain Cozens, of the honourable East India Service, who died Aug. 16th, 1838, aged 44 years.



Aungier also recorded that “Richard Hodgson Cozens, aged 7 years, the only child of the above, on lamenting over his mother’s grave, with ideas far beyond his age, expressed a Wish that a monument should be placed over it to her memory, which his friends immediately enabled him to have done.”

As a kid growing up in Brentford in the 1950s I was always fascinated by some larger than average black and white photographs that my parents had with the normal holiday snaps. I was told they were of my father's family from Isleworth and of my father and his siblings taken in 1952 in Greet Road, Brentford after the funeral of my grandfather Frederick George Ilbury. I suppose, looking back, these photographs encouraged me to want to know more about this surname *Ilbury*, my father's birth name.

My father sadly died in 1964 before I was starting to ask the questions so I had to piece together what my mother remembered. It was no secret of his adoption as it was within the family and I knew most of his siblings who still lived in Brentford and their children. I guess it was the late 1970s that I started to put together what I could although it was sketchy.

In the 1980s I made my first trip to London to look at these mysterious registers that my wife had told me about and how people whisk them about in their endeavours to look at as many as possible in a given time. I can still remember walking into the building and picking up a register with great trepidation. I found some people with the name *Ilbury* but hells bells they are south of the river! And there were others similar but spelt *Ilbery* from Oxfordshire, what do I do? I made notes of those that I saw and set about finding my father's eldest sibling, Aunt Doll. Assuming that Doll was short for Dorothy or something along those lines I looked without success and came away quite down hearted. A few weeks later after talking to relatives I was told Aunt Doll didn't like her given name so used Doll, her name was Emma!

After a few years and some successes I joined this society and with the great help of Val Walker made great inroads into my research. This took me back to my great great grandfather William Ilbury from Goring on Thames.

Eventually it became apparent that the names *Ilbury*, *Ilbery* and *Ilbrey* were all inter-twined so I started looking in a world wide area. I established that there were as at C1800 just three families world wide with these names. My family went under *Ilbury* or *Ilbrey*, an *Ilbery* family in the Thame area of Oxfordshire which had branches in Illinois, USA and Australia and another *Ilbery* family in Australia which had a branch in Texas, USA. I was of the opinion that these could all be one big family. I also found that some records in at least two of these family lines were spelt *Hilbury* or *Hilbery* so I started to research these families.

I made contact with members of all of these families to establish common ancestors and after much discussion and a little elbow bending two years ago myself, a member of the *Ilbery* family from Thame, another from Illinois, two from Australia and a *Hilbery* from England all took part in DNA testing through Oxford Ancestors to see if we had common ancestors. It has to be carried out by males looking for common ancestors.

Whilst I will agree it was an expensive exercise, split six ways it was acceptable. The procedure was painless with just a mouth swab and then a wait for the results. There was always going to be winners and losers but overall it was worth the exercise. It confirmed myself, the *Ilberys* from Thame with their branches in Illinois and Australia had a common ancestor in a George Ilbery who married in 1769. However the other *Ilbery* family and the *Hilbery* family didn't match with anybody, but this doesn't mean we are not related just perhaps that there is not a continuous male line.

The research goes on to take me back to the 1500s and to see if I can find records linking myself to the other two families. I would certainly use DNA again and, if I can find enough like minded males, use it to link common families with the name *Hefford* my late mother's name.

OUR OPEN DAY!

Our Open Day on 1st October threatened to be a wash out! The weather was very poor and we wondered if anyone would bother to come out. But they did and we had the highest number of people we have ever had! Our new venue was voted a success and with increased room, people were able to move around and visit the numerous and varied stalls.

We were very cheered to see young Stephanie Knight aged 13 enthusiastically tracing her family history. She arrived with her folder and list of queries, putting a lot of us to shame as we tried to remember who we were going to search for! Her mother strove to keep pace with her daughter as she moved around the various stalls and rooms. If there were more like Stephanie the future of Family History would be secure, although the recent television programmes "Who do you think you are?" have generated considerable interest with an obvious number of new researchers.

We must make mention of our friends from Kent FHS who found so many Middlesex links that they had to take turns manning their own stall! Maggie Mold and her chief assistants, Debbie and Eileen, did us proud in the catering department and were kept extremely busy all day. The help desk

was manned by June Watkins, the laptop kept Peter, Alison and Richard Chapman out of mischief; Roy Hewitt demonstrated how to repair old photographs and Margaret and Pat Harnden were kept busy all day with the various microfiche, assisted by Mike Cordery. The extensive book stalls were, as usual, ably managed by Paul and Janice Kershaw, and Robin and Bridget Purr.

All our volunteers and assistants (too numerous to mention) worked extremely hard to make this the success it undoubtedly was and their efforts are gratefully acknowledged. The raffle was efficiently run by Kay Dudman and Brian Page. Albert Watkins and Jim Devine did a grand job signing people in and thus we know the numbers who attended. We knew it had been a success when 4.00p.m. arrived and We still had visitors around! Thank you to everyone.



Roy Hewitt demonstrating photo recovery



Alison at the laptop



Stephanie Knight



Mike Cordery consulting the Marriage Indexes.



Richard and Peter



Maggie Mold and Debbie



Janet, Peter and Tony taking a well earned break, with Bridget in the background

WILLS

Wendy Mott

Over the years I have collected many wills, most of the name of Cater. Some of them have quite interesting passages which I hope will prove of interest.

Thomas Cater 1590, London

I give and bequeathe towardes the mayntenince of a godlie minister or preacher in the churche of Little St Bartholomewes by the exchange in London other fiftie poundes to the end there mighte he Lecture made there as well as in other places twice a weeke otherwise not more

This money had still not been given, by his brother the executor, several years after the will was proved.

George Cater 1604, London

Item I geve to the two Universities of Cambridge and Oxford to be disposed by ye masters of eache Colledge amongst the poorest of the Students in eache

Colledge so farre as yt will goe the somme of Fiftie pounds to some more, some less accordinge to their necessities. Item I geve to Christes Hospitall, St.Bartholomewes Hospitall in London, and Sainite Thomas Hospitall in Southwarke to the releif and mayntenance of ye poore therein Fortye poundes amongst them. Item I geve to the releif of the honestest poore prisoners in all the Eight prisons in or about London (Fellons, murderer, Atheists and papists excepted) Twentie poundes. Item I geve and bequeathe to the poore of the towne of Edmunton those that have their houses infected the somme of Tenne poundes of lawfull money to be equallye distrybuted amonst them within Tenne dayes after my decease. Item I geve to the poore of the pesthouse at London the somme of Tenne pounds in like maner. Item I geve and bequeathe to the parishe of Sainite Denis Backchurche towardes the procuringe of an hable preacher Twentye poundes conditionally they procure a good one, or else not.

John Cater 1611, Leics

I give to my brother Stephen my parte of the Lease of Dole meadowe and of whittington I do give hym my best fatt hogg and my black filly at Stanton I do give hym the trees I bought in Bomnon haye all but fower which fower I do give to Humphrey Tompson. I do give to Humfrey Thompson fower Trees that lyeth upon the Himplecke I do give to my brother Thomas my parte of the trees that an betwixt Peter Bonney and me. I do give hym a great Tree that lyeth at the upper end of Dole meadow and my fower trees in Whittington.

This is the only will in which I have found trees bequeathed. Presumably this was for the value of the timber.

John Cater 1638, Kennett, Cambs

If she pleases, my wife may build herself a room at the back of the chimney belonging to this tenement for her use during her life, and she is to have the commodities that shall arise from the tenement.

Theophilus Cater 1720, London

To be buried in Blackfriars Old Churchyard with little pomp other than a glass of wine and fourscore things of 10/- apiece to fourscore persons to be named.

John Cater 1783, London

I give and bequeath to my Son John Cater all my wearing apparel watch and twenty pounds in Money as soon as he attains to the age of twenty one years

How many children nowadays would like to inherit their dad's clothes?

John Cater 1795, London

It is my particular request to be buried in a yellow Deal coffin made of wood as full of Turpentine as can conveniently be procured and that the Expences of Funeral may not exceed the sum of thirty pounds

Mary Piggott 1801

This is my 4 x great grandmother and she bequeathed the Golden Lion Hotel at St. Ives, Hunts to her son James with the following proviso:

It is my will and I do hereby request that the minister and churchwardens of St. Ives aforesaid for the time being, be the judges to determine whether or not the same premises are kept in sufficient tenantable repair during the life of my said son James Piggott and if upon any dispute touching such reparations the said minister and churchwardens shall be of opinion the same premises are not kept in sufficient tenantable repair I request they will give my said son James Piggott notice to repair the same accordingly and if upon such notice being given he shall neglect repairing the same within two months afterwards I do declare that the devise to him of the said premises during his life shall then be null and void

Elizabeth Cater 1804, London

I Elizabeth Cater of St. George's Parish Hanover Square being through the mercy of Almighty God in my Proper Senses this Day Monday the fifth of March I804 do leave this my last Will and Intention whensoever the Lord pleases to call me from this transitory state through the Merits and Death of my dear Redeemer may my poor Soul find Rest in his blessed Mansions my Body to be decently laid in Chelsea Burying Ground where my poor dear Brother lays. I give to Charles Cater who goes by the name of Charles Greaves the post dear unfortunate offspring of an unhappy connection of my dear lamented Sisters which circumstance was the imbittering of my Life from the time I had knowledge of it.

George Cater 1815, Egham

In respect of my Body I direct that it be inclosed in three Coffins a Deal Shell or Faux Coffin a Second of Lead and a Third and outer one of Oak but that neither of the Lids thereof be screwed or fastened down or my body removed for Interment until a visible and odiferous putrifaction takes place... In Case I die at Egham it is my request that my Funeral be a walking one and that six or more of my most esteemed Friends be invited as my followers or Mourners and that six Ladies be my Pall Bearers and that a Plume of Feathers as well as pall be placed upon my Coffin & carried thereon during the whole Procession to the Church and afterwards placed on my Coffin in the Body of the Church during the prayers there.

I advertised John CANT (1852-1890) born Kensal Town and Mary McCARTHY (b 1852) in *Practical Family History* magazine's column for great grandparents and was delighted to hear from Sylvia Cant who married one of their descendants. She also has a keen interest in family history, so we pooled our information and made new discoveries.

John and Mary lived in North Kensington. They had three sons: John William (1873-1918), Joseph Nicholson (1875-1948] and Charles William (1881- 1915), and two girls who died in infancy.

Sylvia had researched the boys' stories - Charles William was her husband's great grandfather. All three had joined the Army as boy soldiers, and it provided them with an education (she has their certificates) as well as military skills. Their duties separated them for most of their lives, but two did meet in South Africa during the Boer War. Charles William met and married his wife there, Lavinia HEYWORTH from Bolton, Lancashire. She had gone to South Africa as companion to an older English lady.

John William married Mary Fortescue BURNS in 1900 when he was an Army sergeant. Badly injured in World War 1, he was invalided out and died in 1918. Charles William died at the Dardanelles, and his wife took their children to her home town, where they grew up.

As a Londoner, I was well placed to find out about the boys' childhood, and it was a sad story, after which the Army provided them with a stable background. Trawling through archives, we found a reference to Banstead, Surrey. The records for Kensington and Chelsea Cottage Homes at the London Metropolitan Archive show that the boys were often in care at Banstead. A typical entry ran:

"John Cant. School admission order no 178. Admitted 2-11-1883. Born - 1873. One parent chargeable, one other child. Workhouse. Nearest known relative: mother Mary Ann. Father John, 68 St James Place. Discharged 4-1-1884. Destination c/o Father."

The Cottage Homes were built on a long, narrow estate of 40 acres near Banstead Station. There were 16 houses for pauper children, the remainder for staff, as well as medical rooms, a nursery playgroup, swimming pool, administration building, a chapel and a gym, also a primary school. An illustration of the development, with ground plan, was found in *The Building News* of 8 August 1879.

One Banstead entry referred to the mother being ‘at Leavesden’. Records for ‘Leavesden Asylum (Kensington and Chelsea)’ were also at the LMA, and details of its building and history were found on the internet. Mary Ann Cant, born 1853, was admitted from ‘the Infirmary’ 17-1 -1884 and discharged 13-8-1884. Husband John, 6 St James Place.

Kensington Library, Local History department, helped by providing printed material on the organisation and layout of Banstead.

RECORDS AT THE TNA

Ian Waller

In August professional genealogist Ian Waller came to speak to us on what kind of records are available at The National Archives and how to get the best out of a visit there. The TNA’s holdings comprise government records of various kinds, e. g. Departments of State, the Law, the Military, Criminals, etc. You should prepare well before you go; it’s a good idea to talk to someone who has already been. More experienced visitors can order documents online beforehand. Above all, don’t panic, and don’t be overwhelmed by the size of the building: the real trees in the foyer are a reminder that you are in Kew.

There are 12½ miles of storage space in three strong rooms, with enough space for another 15-20 years, but some material is stored off-site, another reason to look at the online catalogue at home. If visiting for the first time, you will need to take identification such as a passport or driving licence to obtain a reader’s ticket: from 1st July 2006 a photograph is also required. Although there is a fairly large car park, parking space may be at more of a premium after the Family Records Centre moves in, in 2008.

If unsure of where to find a record, don’t be afraid to ask the reader service staff: if they don’t know the answer, they will find someone who does. Ian then followed with some advice about using the TNA, with a breakdown of what the various reading rooms contain. He described the Reference Library as the TNA’s best-kept secret, a huge room packed with books such as guides, military history, directories, gazetteers etc. plus Palmer’s Index to the Times.

Some people come away not finding what they were looking for (there are 9½ million records), so it’s a good idea to learn how to use the catalogue. Ian admitted that some of the descriptions therein are not brilliant but regular use will build up familiarity. You should be aware of the various prefixes which are used e.g. ADM = Admiralty. All TNA’s research guide leaflets can be downloaded at home, and the catalogue site also contains guides. They will

tell you which prefix to look under, and it will become apparent which numbers cover which years. There is a paper catalogue in the Reference Reading Room, but it will not be there much longer. To search the online catalogue, type in a keyword or phrase, e.g. ADM 188: RN Ratings. If using the computers at Kew, you will be asked to swipe in your reader's ticket number and will be told which room you need to go to, to look at your document, microfilm etc. On the computer you can choose a seat in the reading room: write down the seat number in case you forget it. Or you can type in the name of an individual, or just a subject, such as convict transportation. The comprehensive search facility will search every single catalogue it contains: not just TNA, but AZA, hospitals, etc. You will be given the class number (e.g. WO97) the piece number and folio number, which takes you directly to the papers you require.

Documents Online, accessible via the TNA website, gives scans of actual records, e.g. wills, medals, convicts in Newgate: downloaded documents from this site must be paid for when accessed at home, but can be downloaded free at the TNA (with a small cost for a printout). It is a good idea to keep looking at this site as new people are being added all the time. Tutorials available on the TNA website are extremely useful, such as reading Latin or old handwriting.

Although generated by central government, the records do relate to people. For instance, because the government nationalised the railways in 1948, they became government departments, so there are records of railway workers; the Post Office, also a government department, has its own archive at Mount Pleasant; records of the Royal Household contain names of gamekeepers on Royal estates. So a lot of personal information is contained in records at TNA.

DICK TURPIN'S INN

A favourite resort of Dick Turpin, the notorious highwayman, the old Castle Inn, at Smallberry Green, Isleworth, built in 1597, is being converted into a modern house.

The house was often visited by Charles Dickens.

From 1924

During our Members Evening in September Robin Purr spoke about some fascinating research he has carried out on his father's cousin, Charlie Duncan, who was known to have died during an RAF mission in World War Two. Little was known of his service in the RAF or where the mission took place. Having been asked by family members to try to find out, Rob's first stop was the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, who provided the information that Charlie was a Flying Officer in the Volunteer Reserve and gave the date on which he died and his service number. Rob found that Charlie is also mentioned on a War Memorial in Malta, on which the Royal Air Force is remembered. And in the RAF church of St Clement Danes in London are further memorials to those who died.

There were also some lucky finds: a card received by Rob's stepmother informing of the death of a cousin of his father's turned out to be from the daughter of Charlie's sister. On being contacted she remembered that Charlie had brought her back a dress from Canada, and thought his daughter was still alive, perhaps also his widow Eve aged 87, and yes, Eve was still alive in North London. She confirmed that during that fateful mission he had taken off from Italy on a bombing raid and the plane disappeared.

A TNA Research Guide on the RAF advised looking at the Operational Records Books, which were produced by every unit and are on film at Kew. This gave details of the operation plus the rest of the crew of the Wellington bomber on which Charlie was the senior-ranking crewmember. They had been detailed to attack the Steyr Aircraft Factories in Austria. 37 Squadron was operating from Tortorella, Italy. As Rob was unable to find this on an atlas he rang the Imperial War Museum who could not help with the whereabouts of overseas RAF Stations but suggested the RAF Museum at Hendon, but they too had incomplete records of overseas Stations and recommended talking to the Bomber Command Association, also based at Hendon, who supplied the information that Tortorella was near Foggia on the Adriatic Coast.

They suggested sending two letters, one to the Secretary of 205 Group Association and one to the Secretary of 37 Squadron Association, who might be able to say what happened to the plane. 205 Group Association replied quickly saying they had found a navigator who was on the same raid and Rob was able to speak to him on the phone. He did not know Charlie Duncan but remembered that particular raid as a 'total shambles'. They

were supposed to drop their bombs on the target pinpointed by marker flares dropped by leading planes, but on arriving in the mountainous area found the flares were behind them, necessitating turning round to drop the bombs over the flares.

He thought Charlie's plane might have ditched in the sea. Rob returned to the Operational Records Books. He found the raid had actually hit Vocklabruck, over 30 miles from the target. A rear gunner reported seeing an aircraft possibly hit by flak going down in flames over Trieste.

The raiding planes had been split into two groups: it was not the practice to fly straight to the target, as this was too obvious. Was Charlie's group the left hand one passing over Lake Merano near Trieste, which was heavily defended? But some German fighters had also been seen so was his plane shot down?

Individual service careers are available at RAF Insworth in Gloucestershire, available for a fee of £30; these used to be free to next of kin, alas no more. Rob was able to see Charlie's career in the RAF from his period as a trainee in 1940, which included some training in Canada and the USA, from which he emerged as an Air Bomber. He was eventually posted to Tortorella and went on a few raids before the fatal one. RAF Insworth suggested contacting the Air Historical Branch, who replied quickly, confirming the operational details of the raid.

The aircraft had carried six bombs and a flaming plane had been seen. It would have hit the ground with a huge bang. The International Red Cross had been alerted to search for the plane some 40 miles south of Steyr, and there was a further investigation in 1945. Nothing was found. When Rob mentioned the fighters, it was suggested he write in German to the Luftwaffe! They replied that Rob would be welcome to visit to do some research himself, or use a local historian (at Freiburg); this remains to be done.

To find out where Charlie trained in Canada (the bases were in code) the Air Historical Branch suggested Rob write to the Royal Canadian Air Force. His letter was passed to the National Archives of Canada who informed him where the bases were located.

In Rob's possession is a copy of a magazine from Tuscaloosa, USA that Charlie brought back to England. It contains a photograph of Charlie plus some text about him and two poems written by him. He was apparently MC on a weekly local radio programme. The editor says they were sorry to lose him when he left.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Why do we have a decorated Christmas Tree? In the 7th century a monk from Crediton, Devonshire, went to Germany to teach the Word of God. He did many good works there, and spent much time in Thuringia, an area which was to become the cradle of the Christmas Decoration Industry.

Legend has it that he used the triangular shape of the Fir Tree to describe the Holy Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The converted people began to revere the Fir tree as God's Tree, as they had previously revered the Oak. By the 12th century it was being hung, upside-down, from ceilings at Christmastime in Central Europe, as a symbol of Christianity.



The first decorated tree was at Riga in Latvia, in 1510. In the early 16th century, Martin Luther is said to have decorated a small Christmas Tree with candles, to show his children how the stars twinkled through the dark night.

In the mid 16th century, Christmas markets were set up in German towns, to provide everything from gifts, food and more practical things such as a knife grinder to sharpen the knife to carve the Christmas goose! At these fairs, bakers made shaped gingerbreads and wax ornaments for people to buy as souvenirs of the fair, and take home to hang on their Christmas Trees.

The best record we have is that of a visitor to Strasbourg in 1601. He records a tree decorated with "wafers and golden sugar-twists (barleysugar) and paper flowers of all colours". The early trees were biblically symbolic of the Paradise Tree in the Garden of Eden. The many food items were symbols of Plenty, the flowers, originally only red (for Knowledge) and White (for Innocence).

Tinsel was invented in Germany around 1610. At that time real silver was used, and machines were invented which pulled the silver out into the wafer thin strips for tinsel. Silver was durable, but tarnished quickly, especially with candlelight. Attempts were made to use a mixture of lead and tin, but this was heavy and tended to break under its own weight so was not so practical. So silver was used for tinsel right up to the mid-20th century.

The Christmas Tree first came to England with the Georgian Kings who came from Germany. At this time also, German Merchants living in England decorated their homes with a Christmas Tree. The British public was not fond of the German Monarchy, so did not copy the fashions at Court, which is why the Christmas Tree did not get established in Britain at that time. A few families did have Christmas trees however, probably more from the influence of their German neighbours than from the Royal Court.

We wish all our members a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

HELP!

This service is free to members of WMFHS (please quote your membership number when writing). In order to ensure that your appeal is published correctly and is clear to other readers, please make entries clear and concise, give all personal and place names in BLOCK CAPITALS, and all dates in full.

Entries from non-members can be accepted, at a rate of £3.00 for up to ten lines. Payments must be in Sterling only, with cheques made payable to WMFHS.

HIGGINS/HORN

I am seeking information about Edith Dorothea Mary HIGGINS (HORN) who died 9th October 1960, aged 75yrs, at her home in Kensington. Born in South Australia, she married Capt. Alan Charles Pryce Seymour-Higgins, 31 July 1924, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. They were divorced in 1930. During the 1930s she was living at an address in Eaton Terrace SW1. Any assistance would be much appreciated.

Graham R.A.Jansen, Burley House, 20 Main Road, Longfield, Kent DA3 7QZ

RAPER

I am looking for my Great Grandfather, Alfred RAPER who married Mary Jane Harriett HODGES in St. Pancras Church, 4 October 1858. Some years ago I found mention of RAPERS living at Rosamund Cottage in Parsons Green but was unable to make contact with the source of that information. I believe those Rapers were my Great Grandparents. Alfred Snr. was Christened in St. James, Westminster 1832. My Grandfather, Alfred

Alexander Thomas RAPER was born at “The Rosamonds” in May 1875.

On the 1881 Census, Alfred RAPER Snr. was living at 46 Blantyre Street, Chelsea. I was unable to find that number on a Street Directory for 1882. I have also been unable to find his death, which must have been between 1881 and July 1889, which was when my Grandmother sailed for Australia with Alfred RAPER Jnr. She sailed under the name of Ada Raper and was entered as a Widow.

I would be grateful for any help.

Merrill James, 11 Bates Street, Springwood, Queensland 4127, Australia.

EDITOR'S NOTES

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

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

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NEW MEMBERS

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

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SURNAME INTERESTS

The table below gives surname interests for the new members listed on the previous page. The format should be self-explanatory. Note that the Chapman County Codes are used in the ‘Counties’ column. ‘ANY’ or ‘ALL’ indicates that, for instance, any date or any place is of interest. When writing to members about entries in this section, please remember to include an SAE. We would urge all those who receive enquiries to reply even if there is no connection with your research.

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GILL	After 1870	Battersea	SRY	S252
GROSETT	All	All	All	H252
GYDE	All	All	All	H252
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HODGES	1859-89	St. Pancras	MDX	J76
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MOORE-MORRIS	19-20C	Shepherds Bush	MDX	S252
MORRIS	19-20C	Shepherds Bush	MDX	S252
RAPER	1800-58	Haymarket	MDX	J76
RAPER	1858-89	St. Pancras	MDX	J76
RAPER	1858-71	Pimlico	MDX	J76
RAPER	1875-89	Chelsea	MDX	J76
RAPER	1870-81	Parsons Green	MDX	J76
RAPER	1840-60	Madras	EAST INDIES	J76
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