

GREENTREES

THE JOURNAL OF THE CENTRAL MIDDLESEX FAMILY
HISTORY SOCIETY

Beneath these greentrees rising to the skies, the planter of them
Isaac Greentrees lies. The day shall come when these greentrees
shall fall and Isaac Greentrees rise above them all.

CENTRAL MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
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The two fold objects of the Society are: to promote, encourage and assist members in their efforts to trace the histories of their families, and to help co-ordinate research and transcription of records of the Central Middlesex area. Correspondence relative to membership and all Society matters should be addressed to The Secretary, Mr. D. Williams, 17 Northwick Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, Middx.

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EDITORIAL

Our Society has now been in existence for just under one year. In this time our membership has increased to approximately 60 members. Some of our early meetings were very poorly attended, but now that the main venue has changed to Heathfield School in the centre of Harrow it is gratifying to note the significant improvement in the number of members attending meetings. The size of membership of our Society is important for a number of reasons. The first is an economic one as the income of our Society is almost directly proportional to the number of members. Secondly, it promotes a wider cross fertilisation of ideas and exchange of information. Thirdly, it permits a wider sharing of the administrative duties which are a vital and essential part of a successful Society. The production of a regular and interesting journal is vitally important in increasing our membership still further, disseminating information and maintaining contact with members who are out of the area or overseas. So, you may ask - what is the problem! It costs us approximately £40 to produce one issue of the journal and that is not the true actual cost. Therefore, the more members the more money available to produce the journal. Next, a journal can only be produced if there is sufficient material from you the members. The editor cannot conjure material out of thin air! Even if you feel unable to produce an article, if you have an idea send it in and maybe someone else can be found to write the article. So please sharpen up your pencils and let us see what you can do.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS

DECEMBER MEETING

It would have been pleasing to have had a larger attendance at the informal meeting held at St. George's Hall, Sudbury on Friday, 8th December, when members were able to meet Mr. Bryn Brooks, producer of the forthcoming BBC 2 series of five programmes on 'Family History.'

Mr. Brooks explained how the programmes were being arranged, and that they were based on the experiences of Gordon HONEYCOMBE who had been searching into his own family history for twenty years. "Genealogy is the thread and we are adding meat to the bones" said Mr. Brooks. "We will show what we found out, and how we did it." His BBC team have visited Cornwall to trace the HONEYCOMBE family, and have also been to Jersey. American descendants of the family appear in one of the programmes, which also include a visit to Somerset House, St. Catherine's House and the Public Record Office. When the five programmes are shown it will be at a peak viewing time.

After Mr. Brooks had discussed his work with several members, there was an informal social occasion with refreshments provided by some of our members, and a 'quiz' arranged by others. We are grateful to all who helped in making this a pleasant evening.

JANUARY MEETING

On Friday 12th January, many members took advantage of the invitation from Bob Thomson, the Harrow local history Librarian, to visit the library in the Reference Department at the Civic Centre, Harrow.

After a short speech of welcome, Mr. Thomson gave free access to many interesting items in the library archives. Maps, Directories, Lists of Electors, Census returns, Rate lists, and records of Harrow School were all to be seen. Also available were many printed volumes such as Phillimore's Middlesex Marriages, and some members used the micro-film reader. Throughout the evening Bob Thomson acted as mentor and guide, and all present felt it was a very useful visit. It was also noted that the Reference Library has a good Genealogical Section (Ref. 929) on open shelves.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Mr. R. E. Samways, Assistant Archivist of the Greater London Record Office Middlesex Records, came and addressed us at our new venue at Heathfield School. He supplied us with information about the Middlesex Record Office and extracts of 19 different types of materials from the Middlesex Archives. He used these to illustrate the range available, giving the background to each item and explaining the period covered by the records surviving in Middlesex. Those of us with local origins were able to scan each extract with special interest as most covered areas within the Central Middlesex Family History Society's boundaries. Parish Registers Wills, Tax lists and assessments, Lists of Electors, Quarter Sessions papers, Registers of Licensed Victuallers, Manorial papers and private correspondence were all included. He mentioned the records peculiar to Middlesex and which types would be available in other Record Offices. He was also able to inform us that the British are not the only people interested in genealogy. The Record Office is often visited by Australians searching the records of the Middlesex Quarter Sessions to trace convicts who were transported to Australia. In fact it has become a status symbol in that country to be descended from such a convict.

Mr. Samways ended by encouraging us to visit the Middlesex Record Office.

STOP PRESS

It has just been announced that the Middlesex Record Office in Dartmouth Street is closing down on Friday 29th June for the records to be transferred to the Greater London Record Office at County Hall, which will itself close on Friday 21st August and will not be re-opened as a combined Record office until Wednesday 2nd January, 1980.

OTHER SOCIETIES

Pinner and Hatch End Local Historical and Archaeological Society ("PHELHAS") hold monthly meetings of members in Pinner where there is always a good attendance. There is also an active Research Group working regularly on many aspects of past local life. The Group have shown an interest in our own Family History Society and have offered their support. Recently they have transcribed Pinner records of 'Burials in Woollen', analysed and indexed the Census of 1851 for the parish, and reconstructed the 1547 Survey of Pinner. This has allowed a map of Pinner to be drawn naming most of the fields and allocating them to their owners at that time. All this can only be of great assistance to the genealogist and we are fortunate in having this enthusiastic Society within our own part of Middlesex.

FAMILY HISTORY NEWS AND DIGEST

"Have you heard about Family History News & Digest?" It is the official publication of the Federation of Family History Societies formed in 1974 to serve all the local and one-name groups. Although the main purpose of F.H.N. & D. is to keep readers informed of meetings, projects and news from other Societies, it is an ideal way of bringing your own family history society into the limelight - F.H.N. & D. reaches several thousand readers in many countries.

In addition to the news section, the Digest is an index of all genealogical articles published in the family history journals in the preceding months, brought up-to-date with each issue. It is arranged in definitive categories as well as by county and is extensively cross-indexed - a useful aid to research.

Family History News & Digest appears twice a year and costs 75p per copy. Your librarian has copies of the current issue as well as back numbers. Why not ask for a copy?

MAIN SOURCES FOR PARISHES WITHIN THE AREA OF THE
CENTRAL MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The ancient parishes which are within the area of the Central Middlesex Family History Society are set out below:-

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Pinner, Harrow, Great Stanmore and Little Stanmore

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

Willesden, Kingsbury and part of Harrow which became Wembley.

LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON

Harefield, Ickenham, Ruislip and Northwood.

LONDON BOROUGH OF EALING

Northolt, Greenford and Perivale

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

Paddington, Westminster.

MARRIAGES

Ickenham	Boyd's Marriage Index	1558-1812
Pinner	do.	1654-1812
Harefield	do.	1546-1837
Harrow-on-the-Hill	do.	1558-1653
Northolt	do.	1575-1812
Great Stanmore	do.	1599-1837
Great Greenford	do.	1539-1812
Willesden	do.	1573-1838

Ruislip	Society of Genealogists	C. 1685-1840. M. 1694-1840 B. 1695-1875
Paddington	do.	(St. James) M. 1784-1792 (St. James) C. 1655-1950, M. 1656-1958 B. 1655-1789
	G.L.R.O.	

Westminster	Boyd's Marriage Index	St. Peter	1655-1775
	do.	St. Anne	1686-1754
	do.	Chapel Royal	1700-1754
	do.	Whitehall	1704-1812
	do.	Duke St. Chapel	1745-1754
	do.	St. George Hanover	1735-1837
	do.	St. James	
		(Piccadilly)	1685-1754
	do.	St. Margaret	1539-1778
	do.	St. Martin in Fields	1550-1619
	do.	St. Mary le Strand	1559-1754
	do.	St. Paul Covent Garden	1653-1837
	do.	Savoy	1721-1725
	do.	Somerset House	1714-1776
	do.	Spring Gd, Savoy	1684-1753
	do.	Swallow Street	1690-1709
Pinner	Greater London R.O.	C. 1743-1934. M. 1743-1920 B. 1743-1861	
	Soc. of Genealogists	M. 1654-1837	
Harrow	Greater London R.O.	CMB 1558-1653	
	Soc. of Genealogists		
Great Stanmore	do.	M. 1599-1837	
Willesden	do.	M. 1569-1838	
	Willesden Library	CMB 1568-1865	
Harefield	Soc. of Genealogists	M. 1546-1837 Extracts C. B. 1569-1851 (1565-1812)	
Ickenham	do.	M. 1558-1812 Extracts C. B. 1662-1890 (1558-1874)	
	College of Arms	CB 1579-1728	
Ruislip	Soc. of Genealogists	C. 1685-1840 M. 1694-1840 B. 1695-1875	
Northolt	do.	M. 1575-1812	
Greenford	do.	M. 1539-1812	

REFERENCES

1. A list of parishes in Boyd's Marriage Index by Phillimore.
2. Parish register copies, part 1. Society of Genealogists Collection. by Phillimore.
3. Parish register copies, part 2., other than The Society of Genealogists Collection. by Phillimore.
4. Parish Registers - Diocese of London, Inner London Area, Greater London Record Office.

Phil Haig.

LIBRARY NEWS

I have started a folder of useful information. Firstly, following a visit to the British Library, Eric Whittleton has given me the following leaflets produced by the British Library Reference Division:-

Department of Printed Books	-	Official Publications Library
Department of Printed Books	-	Notes for Readers
Department of Manuscripts	-	Regulations for Admission
Newspaper Library	-	Regulations for Admission
Photographic Service Information		
Photographic Service Prices		

During our visit to the Civic Centre Reference Library, I picked up the duplicated sheet describing the Local History Collection.

Mr. Samways of the Greater London Record Office (Middlesex Records) brought the following leaflets with him:-

Greater London Record Office AIDS TO SEARCHERS

- No. 1. Parish Registers
- No.2. Making a Family Tree. The First Steps.
- No.3. Licensed Victuallers Records (Middlesex Section)
- No.4. Convicts from Middlesex
- No.5. List of Directories (Middlesex Section)

GREATER LONDON RECORD OFFICE, MIDDLESEX SECTION:-

Parish Registers available on deposit or on microfilm
Middlesex Wills

I will try to remember to bring the Library Folder with me to meetings so that members may consult the leaflets.

In the meantime if anyone visits any Record Offices or Libraries that have leaflets of interest to us, please pick up a spare copy for the Society's Library.

SUSAN M. COOPER Librarian

MEMBERS PROFILES

Mr. Herman R. Blackburn

Originally began family history research 29 years ago but had to give up after 2 years owing to pressure of work and did not re-start until retirement five years ago. He has been pursuing his wife's family name of AMBRIDGE for the past four years and has traced her family tree back to 1695 in London. A number of other extensive family trees have resulted from tracing the Ambridge's on a world wide basis and these go back mainly to 1800 but only one has so far connected up with the main family tree. A reasonable proportion of 'skeletons' have come to light! His files cover about 2,500 Ambridges. He is anxious to exchange information with anyone else interested in Ambridge and its derivatives and would welcome any chance information discovered by other researchers. The main Ambridge habitat appears to have been Middlesex and Bedfordshire with the earliest emigrant discovered in Canada around 1820.

He was formerly an Insurance Official and is interested in his own family names of BLACKBURN from Yorkshire and GREIG from Aberdeenshire. When not delving into family history he is involved in collecting coins and banknotes and is Chairman of the Harrow and North West Middlesex Numismatic Society.

Anthony John Francis

Is employed as a Group Sales Manager in the Gas Industry. Became interested in Family History as a result of attending evening classes in genealogy. Still a comparative beginner following up many sources and about to move out of researches in St. Catherine's House.

Main interest on the paternal line is from Wytman FRANCIS of Tregyon Montgomery c.1785 with other interests in mid-Wales and borders of BEDDOES of Bishops Castle, JONES and PRYCE of Montgomery town, all c 1800.

On the maternal line main interests are in WYE, CHENNEL and TUNNELL in Surrey - where he has had some assistance from the West Surrey Family History Society. His current major problem is in establishing the marriage (if any) and details of maternal grandparents John William PEARCE and Beatrice Ellen WYE or HERSEY c. 1895-1930 in Epsom, Surrey.

Evelyn Todd

Became interested in her family history in 1974. The principal families being researched are TODD, MARCHAM and HILL. Todd is being researched in the Kent area and has involved several visits to the Canterbury Cathedral archives. Marcham is in the Middlesex area but she believes they may have come from the Oxfordshire area. She is endeavouring to confirm this. Hill is being researched in the Staffordshire area. This presents difficulties as the surname is so common. Nevertheless, she is back to the 1790's. No wonder we find this such a fascinating pastime.

Mrs. Jessie Bundle and Mrs. Ivy Raper

Became interested in tracing their family history after reading a commemoration plaque to one of their ancestors Samuel HOARE, whilst sheltering from the rain in a church in Cromer. Have now been searching for approximately two years and have traced their family back to 1776 but have still not established the connection to the Hoares of Cromer. They have found a pedigree covering the years 1331-1883 and have found that the family seems to have originated in Devon and spread across the country including Ireland. They have confirmed that their paternal grandmothers grandfather was a tailor in the City and moved to Shoreditch about 1800 where he appeared to be associated with St. John the Baptist church, Hoxton. His only daughter married a Robert GASKIN. When time permits they intend to trace this family.

Alan Eades

Was born in London at an address in Oxford Street. His family was bombed out when he was 5 and he has lived in the same house at Pinner for the last 38 years. He is an Industrial Engineer with a very large local photographic Company. Permanent interests are D.I.Y., Family History and any T.V. Documentary. Some past interests have been building, radio construction, upholstery, antiques and roses.

He spends a week each year in Norfolk investigating his mothers ancestors (HOWELL). Traced back to Blakeney 1714. Other Norfolk names of interest SMALLS, CARTER, RUST, PALMER, HORNS - London names FLETCHER, HARPER & LINGHAM. He has traced his family name EADES in Marylebone and Paddington back to

Weybridge in Surrey, 1798. Other Middlesex and London names of interest
STOKES, JOTHAM AND WEST. In Surrey NEW is of interest.

Sally Stuart

Like Philip Haig, she often thought it would be fun to do a family tree, until about five or six years ago someone asked why she didn't do something about it. So started the hobby that was to prove so interesting. She is researching the name of WOODNUTT, an Isle of Wight family. Every year she and her daughter Jennifer (who is also a member and interested in Heraldry) spend a few days at the helpful Isle of Wight Record Office collecting information which they can sort out at leisure. She would now like to find out about the Woodnutts of London and Cheshire, and also about her paternal grandmother SKEENS. Now and then she does some research on CHAPMAN, SCARR and SPIVEY of Yorkshire for her mother's side of the family. Other interests include her local Residents' Association, Townswomen's Guild and the R.N.L.I.

Mrs. I. J. Marker

Has been seriously interested in Genealogy for the past seven years and has attended Family History classes for three years and Paleography for one year. Is interested in the following names:-

ATTWELL and variations in Bristol area.

BALL in Malmesbury, Chippenham and South London.

BATTY in Yorkshire, Middlesex, Hertfordshire and London.

HENNING in East Dorset.

LEWIS in Monmouthshire and Bristol.

Lt. Col. Stanley Norman Marker (U.S.A.F. Ret'd)

Has been seriously interested in Genealogy for past seven years and has attended Family History classes for three years. His particular interests are:-

MARKER in Devonshire, Norfolk, Palatinate, Germany. Maryland, Ohio and Virginia, U.S.A.

KEATES in Stoke on Trent and adjacent parishes, also U.S.A.

LEWIS in Abergavenny, Clyd and Bristol.

Anthony Torode

Served with the R.N. from 1942 to 1946. Earlier for a brief period with Dad's Army at Southsea. Became interested in family history in 1976. Most of his maternal ancestors POULDEN have naval connections mainly Portsmouth and Gosport. Has traced them back to Dorset where his Great, Great, Great, Great, Great, Great grandfather died whilst Mayor of Corfe Castle in 1730. His fathers family were in Islington in the early 1800's. Although they came from Guernsey. So far he has been unable to trace the correct line. TORODE is a Norman name, but originated from Scandinavia. Names of interest are TORODE, POULDEN, CAVATRE and STARKEY.

Dorothy Torode

Nee Lovatt was born 1925 at Roxeth, Harrow. Spent three years in the W.R.N.S. during the war. Hobbies at present, oil painting, dressmaking, and trying to find mothers ancestors name of DIPLOCK. Has the history of LOVATT family back to 1638 in Staffordshire. Father and Grandfather lived for many years in Roxeth, both were master wheelwrights and master coach-builders.

IN SEARCH OF BUSSELLS

After reading the first issue of the Journal I fell to wondering about the different people who take up genealogy, and find it satisfying for so many reasons. In my case I seriously took up Family History after the tragic death of my husband at Christmas in 1972. With two teenage sons to bring up I was kept domestically busy, but needed some mental stimulus. In genealogy I found it, and in some small way it made my bereavement easier to bear. It was my husband's line that I traced, and with what results! !

Not knowing how to go about things, in my ignorance I started by writing to all the Bussells in the London Telephone Directory - and made contact with a John Bussell, himself an amateur genealogist and member of the Society of Genealogists. It was during the "3 day week" of 1974, and he was kind enough to come over and visit me, bringing with him records galore and knowledge to match. My feet were placed firmly on the right path, and henceforth I did not look back except into the past of Family History.

In the following five years, from knowing nothing about the Bussells I have learned that they were 'busy' people.

John Garrett Bussell - the eldest son of a curate of St. Mary's, Portsea, left England and made his passage to Australia, where he colonized and set up the township of Busselton in Western Australia in 1829. This led me to write there, and I now have an on-going pen friendship with Busselton Bussells, the Busselton Historical Society, and a Research Writer in Swanbourne, near Perth, who has a Western Australia Grant to write a book on John Garrett Bussell to mark the 150 years of the settlement of Busselton. Since these Bussells came from the same part of England as 'my' Bussells, I am desperately anxious to establish a connection - but alas have got stuck with Richard Bussell c 1797 - who surfaced in Taunton in 1819 and came from I know not where.

Still further research led to the discovery that there is a Country house, Bradley Manor in Newton Abbot, Devon, held by the National Trust, and built in the 13th century by Sir Theobald de Englishville - a soldier and courtier of Henry Third. Sir Theobald, a bachelor, built the house with the help of his adopted son, Robert Bussell (his sister's child) and here the Bussell family was established for five generations, until it passed to Richard Yarde of Yarde in Marlborough. He inherited Bradley Manor through his grandmother, Elizanta, the last of the Bussells.

In the chapel, which was added to the house in 1427, can be seen the Bussell Coat-of-Arms. Yes, yet another discovery - the Bussell Coat-of-Arms, which was adopted by the Yarde family upon their inheritance.

As if this wasn't enough, further research and communication with 'Le Mairie de Falaise' in Normandy and others at the Tower of London, led to the discovery that Roger de Busle, 1099, was one of William the Conqueror's Barons. It is thought that the 'line' of Bussells commenced with his arrival in England in 1066. It appears he was a close friend of King William since after the Conquest he was given more than a quarter of the County of Nottinghamshire, and a large part of Sheffield - where he built the castle of Tickhill, and many lands in Devon.

So you see, what started as a dip into the London Telephone Directories resulted in all that information in the space of five years. What bothers me now is the gap of 700 years between 1099 and 1797! It just needs a little more luck and I can connect up and then trace back through John of Gaunt to King Edward Third, 1312-1377 - but that's another story.

Norah H. Bussell

CENTRAL MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

MEETINGS

August/September 1979.

- Friday 10th August Coffee evening at Susan Coopers'
6 Athena Close, Byron Hill Road,
Harrow, Middx.
- Friday 14th September Talk by Dr. Christopher Watts on
Merchant Seamen's Records.
Heathfield School, College Road, Harrow.

Heathfield School is opposite Harrow on the Hill Station and the meeting will commence at 8 p.m.

Harrow on the Hill Station is on the Metropolitan line and is also served by buses 114, 140, 182, 183, 186, 258 and 286.

The autumn programme will be published later but meetings will probably be held on Fridays 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December. Details of speakers and venue will be available in due course from the Secretary, Mr. D. E. Williams of 17 Northwick Avenue, Kenton, Harrow. Middx.

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LETTERS

I am a member of the West Surrey family History Society and of the Society of Genealogists. I am collecting any reference, anywhere to the name of TICKNER and its variants. While the name is not common, it occurs mainly in the South Eastern counties of Great Britain, including Middlesex.

If any of your members, interested in the name would care to contact me I may be able to help them. Alternatively we may be able to exchange information to our mutual advantage.

Meanwhile as a new Society may I wish you success in your efforts.

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Tel. Guildford 69596

NOTES AND QUERIES

WANTED Birth or Baptism and place of origin of Richard BUSSELL c. 1797. Earliest known reference is 1819 Taunton, Somerset.

.... Mrs. N. H. Bussell,
32 Highview Gardens,
Edgware, Middx.

WANTED Ralph Chambers and Elizabeth Edwards were married at St. Martin in the Field's on 2nd September 1811. Their son John Richard Chambers was born on 25th June 1812, and baptised on 2nd September, 1812 at St. Martin in the Fields. According to 'Notable Welshman' (T. Mardy Rees), John Richard Chambers was born in Seven Dials; this is in the parish of St. Giles in the Fields, Holborn. According to "Hanes Wesleyaeth Cymru" he was taken down to Lampeter after his parents died when he was young.

Queries:- Was there an epidemic in this district about 1818-1820? Where might the parents have been buried - A Wesleyan Cemetery possibly? Information or suggestions welcomed by:-

... Dr. Ll. G. Chambers,
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The quotation on the front cover is taken from an inscription in the churchyard of St. Mary's church, Harrow-on-the-Hill.

