

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.*

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EDITORIAL

You will notice that two changes have taken place in respect of our journal cover. The addition of the illustration is due to the efforts of Mr. A.F. Stewart the husband of one of our members. I am sure you will agree that it improves the outward appearance of the journal considerably and we are most grateful to Mr. Stewart for the time and trouble he has taken in producing the water. The change in colour from green to white is purely in the interests of economy, it effects a cost saving of 16%! So I hope none of you object too strongly.

Next on behalf of our members I would like to express our gratitude to Mrs. Mary Smith for all the hard work she has carried out in the production of the first two issues of the journal. Unfortunately, due to changes in her work circumstances she is unable to continue this task.

Having completed our first year as a Society it is gratifying to note an approximate doubling of our membership, although as you heard from Peter Esclmont our Chairman we need to increase our membership still further, which will permit possibly a more ambitious programme.

We are very pleased to welcome to the committee three new members - Mrs. S.K. Marker, Mrs. E.L. Todd and Mr. A.J. Francis. Their presence on the committee will be a great asset.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS

MARCH MEETING

In March we did not hold a meeting of our own but many of our members accepted an invitation from the Wembley History Society to attend their meeting and hear Mr Jim Golland speak on the history of the Gurney family.

APRIL MEETING

In April we held the first of our Workshop evenings when members were able to share their problems with others and learn of more avenues to explore in their researches. The evening was opened by Susan Cooper who commented on some of the problems she had encountered with local records when researching her Harrow ancestors. During the evening many other problems were discussed concerning different parts of the country. This discussion showed that we were definitely a group of immigrants to Central Middlesex as only two members present had ancestors who had lived in the Harrow area, and only a handful had ancestors from the London/Middlesex area.

MAY MEETING

Miss Isabel Morley, who joined our Society at the first meeting, is a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists and for some years has been a member of the Executive Committee of that Society. Many of our members will know of her invaluable work as Honorary Secretary of AGSA. Although recovering from illness Miss Morley offered to speak at our May meeting at short notice on the subject of 'Wills'.

We immediately recognised that were fortunate to be able to share Miss Morley's undoubted practical knowledge. With the aid of a chart we were taken through the intricate details of the Prerogative Courts and learned of searching in Diocesan records. For Wills after 1858, the use of the Principal Probate Registry and Somerset House records was mentioned. We were left with the conviction that Wills can prove to be one of the main sources of genealogical information.

In a vote of thanks to Miss Morley, the hope was expressed that Anthony Camp would produce another edition of his book "Wills and their Whereabouts". We would certainly welcome a copy for our library.

JUNE MEETING

At the June meeting Mr. Lawson Edwards the Society of Genealogists Librarian gave us a most interesting talk on the Society's library and how to make use of it's many and varied facilities. Even those who had made use of the library many times in the past learnt something from the talk. The main point which was stressed was that a large number of people do not make use of the comprehensive card catalogue which is situated in Room Farrer on the ground floor. This lists all bound books in the library as well as such other material and is arranged in alphabetical order county by county with a reference to the location of the material. Mr. Edwards went through the types of material contained in the various rooms making particular reference to Boyd's mammoth work of Marriage Indexes which covers some 3000 odd parishes and 10% of all marriages in the country. We learnt that Mr. Boyd was a business man who retired early and devoted the rest of his life to the interests of genealogy for which we and our successors will always be eternally grateful. Finally we heard about one of our newest acquisitions - the LES computer file index which contains some 25 million entries.

JULY MEETING

On Friday July 13th we were fortunate in having Dr. C.T. Watts to speak to us on 'Tracing Merchant Seamen'. We enjoyed a lively account of Dr. Watts' personal research into available records, particularly those at the Public Record Office, Kew. It was explained that such fascinating information can be traced about an ancestor who went to sea.

From 1835, when the Merchant Shipping Act was passed and information was filed in the New Register Office of merchant seamen, until 1856, there are lists and indexes at the Public Record Office which can identify seamen. Between 1835 and 1844 crew lists have been found to contain a considerable amount of genealogical information. This was well explained by Dr. Watts who illustrated his talk with many documents and photocopies, mostly relating to his own research. His great-grandfather, James Watts, had been born on the coast of N.E. Norfolk where he must have been impressed with seeing the many sailing ships passing the east coast; so much so that in 1836 he was apprenticed to the sea.

Dr. Watts answered several questions, and was warmly applauded. It should be noted that Dr. Watts was elected to the Executive Committee of the Society of Genealogists last June. He and his brother wrote an article on Merchant Seamen's Records in that Society's quarterly magazine for March 1979.

AUGUST MEETING

There was no formal meeting in August but Susan Cooper very kindly put on a coffee evening at her flat which permitted an informal "get together" and also raised some extra much needed cash for our coffers.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

On September 14th we had a visit from Mr. Packe of the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (the Mormons) who talked about the work of their Society in copying records throughout the world and in indexing the many sets of records which have not previously been indexed. As a result of this work many records are being made available to a much wider public and also the original records are preserved as a result of copies being made available for normal study.

The indexes prepared for records which have not previously been indexed will save many researchers hours of scanning old records looking for a particular baptism, marriage or burial. Unfortunately, as those who have used such registers know, the writing is not always as clear as we would like and so inevitably a number of transcription errors will probably occur in the preparation of these indexes. Still as Mr. Packe explained even an imperfect index is better than no index at all as long as it is used sensibly and its limitations appreciated. Mr. Packe also showed a film about the vaults near Salt Lake City in Utah where all the records are processed and preserved.

OCTOBER MEETING

This meeting opened with our first AGM and the report commences with our Chairman's address. This was then followed by the election of officers and members of the committee. All the existing officers and committee members offered themselves for re-election and there being no other nominations all were re-elected. Three new members were elected to the committee - Mrs. S.K. Marker, Mrs. E.L. Todd, and Mr. A. Francis.

At the conclusion of the formal business we were pleased to have a talk from Mr. Bryn Brooks who is the BBC producer of the Gordon Honeycombe Family History Programme.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

This is our first AGM and so it is right to look back and see what we have achieved in the last year.

Our Society was founded at an inaugural meeting held in Brent Town Hall on 21st July 1978 under the chairmanship of Roydon Gambier who was then the Chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies. We held our first few meetings in St. George's Church Hall, Sudbury and although we had a comfortable room there, it was not conveniently situated for members who rely on public transport. Since we moved to this room at Heathfield School attendances have been consistently better.

During the year we have heard talks to aid us in our research from Mr. Sawneys of the Middlesex Record Office, Miss Kordy on Mills, Dr. Watts on women's records, Mr. Lawson Edwards on Using the Society of Genealogists Library and from Mr. Pecke on the work of the General Society of the Letter Day Saints (the Korsons). In addition we paid visits to the Local Collections held by the Boroughs of Harrow and Brent - at Civic Centre and Heasden Grange.

In the Autumn Geoff Hewlett spoke to us on the research he has carried out on the Page and Gray families who lived at Wembley Park and in March a number of our members joined the Wembley History Society to hear Mr. Jim Golland speak about the Curneys. We have also held a number of informal and workshop evenings when members have been able to share their problems and, hopefully, receive assistance and ideas from other members.

Membership has increased steadily and has now reached 75. But it is important that we get still more members and a larger subscription income so that we can produce our Journal more frequently. Two issues of this have already appeared and the third is well on the way. The production of the Journal has been hampered not only by lack of finance, but also by lack of material. Philip Haig has worked hard to produce the issues which have already appeared but cannot write everything himself. Please do not leave it to somebody else, but help by writing something yourself. Both full length articles and short interesting snippets will be welcome. In addition to thanking Philip for his work we would also thank those who have typed the Journals. Here again, though, we make an appeal. Are there any other members who have access to a typewriter, preferably an electric one, who can help with the typing.

The other members of the committee, Ben Williams (Secretary) Eric Whittleton (Treasurer) and Susan Cooper who unfortunately cannot be here tonight have all worked hard to get the Society launched. I am grateful to them for all the hard work they have put in during the last 15 months.

The Committee are, however, conscious that they have not done all they should in the last year and that some of the aims outlined at the inaugural meeting - especially practical work on MIA - have not been achieved. But, also time is limited and sometimes it has taken longer than we hoped to deal with the organization of the current programme and general running of the Society. However we hope that after this AGM we shall have a larger Committee to share the work and that next year we will be able to report more progress. We also hope that if next summer we arrange some MI recording many members will offer to assist. I am sure that in this way we will get to know one another better as well as knowing that we have assisted with a worthwhile project.

May I close by repeating some words I spoke last year. This is YOUR Society - please come forward with your ideas and offerings for the Journal. The Committee want to arrange a programme that interests all of you so please tell us what you want to discuss or hear about and we'll do our best to arrange it.

MR. BRYN BROOKS TALK

Most of you who were members of the Society and came to our meeting last December will remember the fascinating talk which we had from Mr. Bryn Brooks on the preparation of the Gordon Honeycombe family history programme. This was broadcast on BBC 2 in March and April this year and was a tremendous success resulting in an enormous upsurge of interest in genealogy and family history.

In our October meeting we were very pleased to welcome back Mr. Brooks to give us a further talk. We learnt that following the initial success the five programmes are to be repeated on BBC 1 in early January next year. A book is in course of preparation and should be published in both paper and hard back versions by about the time of the repeat transmissions. The price of the paper back version will be of the order of £6 a price which is regretted but unfortunately reflects the inflationary times in which we live. The book had to be reduced in length from about 200,000 words to 20,000! It contains an enormous number of references which for obvious reasons could not be given in the TV programmes and the book should therefore prove to be both interesting and extremely useful. Mr. Brooks explained some of the difficulties which are encountered in producing a programme of this type - which material to include and what to discard. Mr. Brooks enquired our reaction to the programmes from which we learnt that one of our new members Mr. Anguar, whose ancestors happened by chance to come from the same village in Cornwall was able to trace his family back to the 17th century, as a direct result of watching the programmes. There must have been many others who were helped in a similar manner.

OTHER SOCIETIES

Although genealogy and heraldry are separate subjects they are very closely allied. There are many times when the heraldry on a Church Monument or brass can give a great deal of information about the genealogy of the deceased person. Similarly a knowledge of genealogy will often help to explain the presence of a charge or quartering on a Coat of Arms.

In 1947 the Heraldry Society was founded as a national Society to bring together those with an interest in the subject of Heraldry. It holds monthly meetings in London throughout the winter, publishes two quarterly publications, has an extensive library of heraldic books and also organises other events from time to time. The secretary of the Society is Mrs George and the offices are at 28 Museum Street, London W.C.1.

In recent years a number of local heraldry societies and groups have been formed so that people in different parts of the country who are interested in heraldry can meet together more easily in an informal atmosphere. One of these local societies is the Middlesex Heraldry Society which holds monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month in the Ruslip Manor Library from 8 - 10pm. The Society also organises a number of visits to places in the area which are of heraldic interest. Full details of the Society's activities can be obtained from its secretary, Mrs Angela Dickson, 137 Shakespeare Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex.

SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

Lieut. Col. S.H. Marker, U.S.A.F., Retd. who, with his wife, joined our society at the inaugural meeting, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Society of Genealogists. He is also on the General Purpose Committee and Lectures Committee of that Society.

FAMILY HISTORY NEWS & DIGEST

The Federation of Family History Societies are presenting the first British Family History Conference at Bedford on Friday 28th March until Tuesday 1st April 1980. It has been organised by the Bedfordshire Family History Society. Further details may be obtained from Mr. G. Lenton, 35 Tiverton Road, Bedford, Beds MK40 3DL enclosing stamped addressed envelope.

PROGRAMME OF MEMBERS MEETINGS

Friday 9th November	Workshop Evening Writing up your family history.
Friday 7th December	Social Evening with a Christmas flavour

These meetings will be held at Heathfield School, College Road, Harrow - opposite Harrow on the Hill Station and commence at 8pm.

The quotation on our front cover is taken from a modern 'grave-board' in the churchyard of St. Mary's Church, Harrow on the Hill. Such memorials were quite common in Middlesex in the 18th century, and in areas where there was no shortage of wood, and where stone was expensive. A horizontal wooden plank slotted into supporting wooden pillars, and usually carried a painted inscription. More rarely this was inscribed. Such boards were variously known as Head Board, Leaping Board, Dead Board and Hed Board. Knowing the limited life of untreated timber we can well understand why so many of our ancestor's graves cannot be identified.

The Smiths of London. An Exercise in Tracing

Mrs. Shirley Riley of Ontario joined our Society in the hope of getting assistance in tracing her ancestor Robert James Smith of London, and she was able to provide the following clues:-

1. Robert James Smith was a Freeman of the City of London
2. His son, James Elois Smith
 - (a) was born on 9th February, 1824
 - (b) attended Bancroft School under the tutelage of a Mr. McKenzie
 - (c) studied to become a Unitarian minister under John R. Beard D.D. of Manchester
 - (d) worked at one time for the Hon. - Fortescue a lawyer "in political service".

The clues provided by Mrs. Riley were followed up as far as possible, but none of them led to R.J. Smith. The City of London Registers of Freeman were made available for study at the Guildhall, but the Registers do not give addresses and did not help. Bancroft's School is managed by the Drapers' Company, who have extensive archives at Drapers' Hall, and it emerged that Mr. McKenzie was appointed Master of Bancroft's School in 1826, but no record of James Elois Smith has survived. The Unitarian College of Manchester confirmed that James Elois Smith had been a student there, but left in 1851 to emigrate to Canada, and they did not have a record of his home address. As a matter of interest, lists of past members of Parliament were looked up, and it was found that there were two Fortescues in Parliament at the relevant time, but this fact, while tending to confirm family history, did not help the search for R.J. Smith.

Then Mrs. Riley let me know that she had searched the micro-fiche records of the Letter Bay Saints in Canada and found James Elois Smith baptised at St. Andrew's, Holborn in March, 1824. St. Andrew's parish is now in Curzon, but the original parish register is in the Manuscript Room at the City of London Guildhall Library. The baptismal entry, 1841 census and street index then led readily to the Smith family at 7 Silloon Street, Holborn. By the 1851 census, the family had moved, so that is probably the end of the search, as the places of birth of R.J. Smith and his wife Hannah are not disclosed by the 1841 census.

It seems unlikely that R.J. Smith could have been traced without the micro-fiche of the Letter Bay Saints and the unusual Christian name of "Elois" or "Floes" given to his son.

Dan Williams

I have always found fellow genealogists a friendly and helpful lot. Perhaps this accounts for the many 'directories' and lists of interests that are published. All those names and addresses invite correspondence (with a stamped reply envelope, of course).

Often a chance letter can lead to some helpful exchange of local information, and a chance meeting can be equally useful. Not long ago I was poring over some old documents in the now closed Middlesex Record Office. Another visitor, behind me, was enquiring about a street in Acton. Having been born in that town and lived there for nearly thirty years I turned to see who also might have an interest in that part of Middlesex. A little surprised I recognised Fred Markwell the Secretary of the Birmingham and Midland Society, a keen genealogist. As a fellow member I had to introduce myself and offer to locate the street that interested him: 'Thorn Place.' He showed me an old photograph of houses with the location clearly identified by a name-plate affixed to a wall.

This was the beginning of a long sequence of events that were only possible by reason of local knowledge. 'Thorn Place' proved out to be in Acton but in Ealing, the adjoining suburb, and it was later found that the small houses in the photograph were demolished at the turn of the century to make way for a row of dreary suburban terrace properties. My own interest was now well awake as I had once been a member of the Ealing History Society when subsequently living in the Borough, and knew the old village area where Thorn Place used to be. Here, until his death in 1877, lived John Grover great-grandfather of Fred Markwell of Birmingham. Now that I had a family name and another old picture showing a family building business, being on the spot proved invaluable. The local library held microfilm and photo-copies of the vital Census returns with so long journeys to a county record office and a queue for a film reader. I soon found that the old photographs opened other doors in the library. There were files of the local newspaper in Ealing, indexed by a local historian over a long period. Details were extracted from this and there were frequent references to the family name - a windfall for the family historian.

Now, I learned of the family business, local civic appointments, the history of the old business premises, the advertisements placed in the newspaper, and family obituaries. The library's own index identified local authors who had written of the family and indicated Vestry Minutes and Poor Rate books in their archives where I traced the family. Enough material to really get going.

I cannot urge fellow family historians too strongly to go to the central libraries of their ancestors home towns and really gain the confidence of the local history librarian. So many libraries now have such an appointment and it is to be hoped that this is sustained in these days of economy cuts. If our local records are not maintained and are allowed to fall into disuse then our researches will be all that poorer.

Also in the local name index was an obscure reference to account books of the family building business, deposited at the Middlesex Record Office. Here, too, were found the parish church records and several local directories. An enquiry about account books eventually produced six large ledgers each of more than 500 pages: these covered fifty years of business from 1847. There was also an earlier cash book, an antiques book with records of personal family correspondence, and to my surprise a large framed group family photograph. The ledgers revealed that the family business included a funeral undertaking, and there were full accounts of many local citizens with details of grave memorials. It was immediately realised that here was a treasure trove of family history that would need weeks of work to explore. There must be many similar business records in different archives that need discovery by family historians: perhaps an index of these could be compiled by local societies.

And so to the churchyard and cemetery to look for memorials and inscriptions. It was good to learn from the local authority that a record is kept of graves still verked. There was difficulty in the parish churchyard where memorial stones were found along boundary walls, in carefully piled heaps, and laid flat into paths. Proof of the urgent necessity for proper recording. It was interesting to note in the cemetery that several memorials indicated that a husband had been buried here, and his wife in the churchyard - and vice versa. One might look for a grave in the churchyard while family details could be found inscribed on a cemetery memorial stone.

With the aid of maps from local archives, old streets and buildings with family associations could still be identified. There was help also from the Tithe Map kept at the PRO in Kew, little more than a mile away. The local history society was contacted - always a worthwhile exercise - and one member was found to be listing all the 18th century parish rate books in street order. She proved to be the daughter of a late keeper of Public Records and a very experienced genealogist. She found for me records of the family from 1735 and we also discussed other local records and their availability. I then learned that descendants might still live in the district, and armed with a few clues I searched the current electoral roll: more accurate than the telephone directory, particularly when the relative was eventually found to be 'ex-directory': He had many family stories to relate and introduced me to another relative who had kept family 'memorabilia'.

These family collections always prove rewarding, especially when they go back many years.

And so matters rest - or do they? Family history can never cease. Every day adds something, and new enquiries are for ever indicated. It is my firm conviction that the greatest satisfaction comes from visiting the places of ancestry and absorbing the environment, past and present. How valuable then is our association in local societies with such opportunities for helpful co-operation.

K. H. Whittleton

WHAT'S IN A NAME

*Is this your name

If your name is Dandruff (or Dandrough, as some people spell it) there is no need to be upset by thoughtless chaff or even insults which may come your way. The name has nothing to do with scurf, but is derived from Tendruff, originally the name of an upper servant whose duty it was to adjust the ruffs of the gentry in Elizabethan times". Peter Simple in the 'Daily Telegraph'.

LIBRARY NEWS

The following is a list of Family History journals, periodicals and books which are currently available from the librarian.

CENTRAL MIDDLESEX F.H.S.

Journals of Family History Societies.

South Australian Genealogist		Vol. 6	No. 3
Bristol & Avon F.H.S.	Summer 1979		No. 16
Buckinghamshire F.H.S. "Origins"		Vol. 3	No. 1, No. 2
Cambridgeshire F.H.S.	November 1978	Vol. 1	No. 8
Cumbria F.H.S.	May 1979		
Mid-Derbyshire F.H.S.	Spring 1979		No. 8
Essex Family Historian	August 1979		No. 13
Gloucestershire F.H.S.	Summer 1979		No. 1
	Autumn 1979		No. 2
Hampshire Family Historian	February 1979	Vol.V	No. 4
	May 1979	Vol.VI	No. 1
	August 1979	Vol.VI	No. 1
Hertfordshire People - Bulletin of the Hertfordshire Family and Population History Society.	Autumn 1977		No. 2
	Spring 1978		No. 3
	Summer 1978		No. 4
	Autumn 1978		No. 5
	Spring 1979		No. 6
	Summer 1979		No. 7
North West Kent F.H.S.	Winter 1979	Vol. 1	No. 2
	October 1979	Vol. 1	No. 4
Lancashire, The Rossendale Society for Genealogy & Heraldry	July 1979	Vol. 2	No. 10
Liverpool Family History Society	1978	Vol. 2	No. 2
		Vol. 2	No. 3
		Vol. 2	No. 4
East Of London F.H.S.	Spring 1979		No. 2
	Summer		No. 3
North Middlesex F.H.S.	Spring 1979	Vol. 1	No.1, 2 and 3
		Vol. 1	No.4
West Middlesex F.H.S.	Winter 1978	Vol. 1	No.1
	Summer 1979	Vol. 1	No.2
Norfolk and Norwich Genealogical Society. "The Norfolk Ancestor"			

Oxfordshire F.H.S. Family Historian	Spring 1979	Vol. 1	No.7
	Summer 1979	Vol. 1	No.8
East Surrey F.H.S.		Vol.2	No.1
		Vol.2	No.2
West Surrey Family History Society	Summer 1978	Vol. 4	No.4

FEDERATION.

Family History News and Digest	Summer 1977	Vol. 1	No.1
	Autumn 1978	Vol. 1	No.4
	Spring 1979	Vol.2	No.1
	Autumn 1979	Vol.2	No.2

MISCELLANEOUS Publications.

The Survey of London by John Stow. (Everyman Library edition of the work first published in 1598)			
How to Record your Family Tree by Patrick Palgrave-Moore			
Some Early Emigrants to America (Society of Genealogists)			
The Genealogical Quarterly	Autumn 1974	Vol.XLI	No.1
	Winter 1974	Vol.XLI	No.2
	Spring 1975	Vol.XLI	No.3
	Summer 1975	Vol.XLI	No.4

A series of books by R.S. Brown published by the Bishop's Ken Resident's Association.

Arrow Weald Highways
Suburban Trail
Weald to Stansore
Wealdstone
Stansore Cession to Chandos
Arrow on the Hill
Finner
Roman Road to Edwars

Marriage Indexes. How to find them
How to use them
How to compile one

Directory of members' interests. Bristol and Avon Family History Society.

Essex F.H.S. Handbook 1978. Supplement No. 1
Norfolk & Norwich Genealogical Society. List of members.
Oxfordshire F.H.S. Research in progress
Martin F.H.S. Journal April 1979
Palgrave Newsletter Autumn 1978
Winter 1978

Miscellanea Genealogical et Heraldica. May 1888

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Correction to previous list

M.J. Levy should read M.J. Livy.

STRAY REGISTRATIONS

From time to time we receive lists of stray registrations from amateur genealogists and family historians which they unearth in other searches. We have decided that these should be published in our journal in order to give a wider circulation and in the hope that they will sometime, somewhere, provide the piece of the "jigsaw" that someone needs.

As you know Middlesex is split into a number of separate societies covering different parts of Middlesex but the people who send in the strays are not always aware of which is the appropriate host society and also sometimes the reference is simply London. It is really impracticable for us to sort them out and send to other societies, and we have therefore decided to publish them as they stand. If any member wishes to undertake the task of dealing more appropriately with the strays then this decision may be amended.

The first of these was sent in by Mr. R.W. Holt who adds "at intervals of a year or two there are groups of entries referring to soldiers or militia men and it would seem that Stony Stratford was a place where a detachment of the military was maintained in billets or where a lengthy halt was made on the Holyhead road".

STRAYS FROM THE REGISTERS OF STONY STRATFORD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

This volume begins June 1754 and ends in April 1794. There were two parishes; St. Giles on the West side of the High Street (the Watling Street) and St. Mary Magdalen on the East side. The latter was burnt down in the great fire of 1742 and not rebuilt and the register seems to have been kept in one book for the two churches but the parish of residence was specified until the parishes were united in 1775.

These strays are all of Middlesex or London parishioners.

s = signed, m = marked

1760	Sept 17	Thomas HENSON	s	Clerkenwell, Middlesex
		Mary NEWTON	m	otp
1765	Apr 9	John MOTT BACH	s	St. Dunstan, Stepney, Middlesex
		Johanna BROWNE Spr	s	otp
		Witnesses - Richard Browne and Richard Browne		
1768	Jun 21	William ARCHLEY		St. Mary le Bons, co Middlesex
		Sarah GODFREY		St. Mary Magdalen licence
		Witnesses - E Jelfoat and Mary Godfrey		

1772	July 21	John BEE	m	St. Andrew, Holborn	
		Elizabeth GODFREY	m	St. Mary Magdalen	licence
		Witnesses - William Ashley, Ann Godfrey			
	Nov 30	Robert COWARD	m	St. Dunstons in the West	
		Elizabeth FORFITT	m	Mary Magdalen	licence
		Witnesses Mary Bradbury, Mary Grant			
1775	Dec 26	John WATSON BACH	m	St. Mary le Bone	
		Ann GODFREY	m	otp	licence
		(and see entry 2 above)			
1777	Nov 21	Lucas POINAM	m	St. Pancras, co Middlesex	
		Elizabeth FORD	m	otp	banns
1781	Jan 29	William ALSOP	m	Essexstead, co Middlesex	
		Susanna ROCKRYSON	m	otp	licence
		Witnesses - Mesback Flowman, Ann Robertson			
	Apr 8	Thomas BLACKBURN	m	(Blackbourne) West Middlesex Militia	
		Martha WATTS	m	otp	licence
		A witness - Henry Twelvrees and see next entry.			

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STRATFORD, BUCKS 1734 - 1734

1781	Apr 8	Henry TWELVES	m	West Middlesex Militia	
		Hannah WATTS	m	otp	licence
		Witness - Thomas Blackburn, see previous entry			
	May 6	William PEICE	m	West Middlesex Militia	
		Elizabeth PRY	m	otp	banns
	May 7	Thomas MILLS	m	West Middlesex Militia	
		Sarah HAINWELL	m	otp	banns
1779	Nov 19	John EDWARDS	m	otp	
		Mary LETTS	m	St. Mary le Bone	banns
1783	Apr 5	William BUYS	m	otp	
		Alice TAYLOR	m	Aldersgate, co Middlesex	
1784	Oct 11	Joseph BUSH	m	St. Catherine's ? Middlesex	
		Jane COATES	m	otp	licence
1787	Oct 1	William HOLLOWAY	m	Islington, co Middlesex	
		Hannah WADLEY	m	otp	licence

The following were sent in by Mr. H. Gouler

SHOREDITCH	ALT, William, 25 Cornfactor, f. George Richard ALT Farmer m. Emily Fearless ELLIS Sept. 1835. Horsted Keynes St, dau. of William & Mary ELLIS 20.7.1861 Horsted Keynes.
SHOREDITCH.	WILSON, Eliza, b. in St. Leonards. m Charles BURROWS in the County of Middlesex, 27.5.1822.
LONDON	TAYNTON, Robert, Gentleman, m. Mary ELLIS of Lewes 26.10.1725 FOSTER, William, 24, Bank Cashier of Fulham, f. Thomas FOSTER, Dissenting Minister, m Fanny ELLIS, dau. of William and Hannah ELLIS Wine-Merchant. m Fanny Sept. 25.2.1835 Chapel Royal, Brighton. m. 25.4.1861. Officiating Minister William ELLIS m. at St. Nicholas, Brighton. FRANKLIN, William, 31, Coppersmith of St. Saviours, Southwark. f. William FRANKLIN, Coppersmith. m. Matilda ELLIS dau. of Charles and Amelia ELLIS Builder. Matilda Sept. 1.11.1829. St. Nicholas Brighton, m. 30.10.1855, St. Nicholas Brighton.
CLERKENWELL,	HARMAN James Willoughby, 24, of St. James, Clerkenwell. f. Arthur Mitchell HARMAN, Lodging House Keeper. m. Sarah Ann ELLIS, b. 1844, dau. of William ELLIS Fly Proprietor of Brighton m. 9.9.1869 St. Nicholas. Brighton.
ST. MARTIN- IN-THE-FIELD	NEWMAN, Alfred, Gentleman, St. Martin-in-the Fields. f. William Lewis NEWMAN, Actuary. m. Mary ELLIS, f. Robert ELLIS, Solicitor, 24.8.1869 St. Andrews, Hove.
PECKHAM	PARKER, James, 26, Clerk, St. Marks, Peckham, f. Henry PARKER m. Jane ELLIS Sept. 27.5.1866. Newhaven f. Henry ELLIS, Mariner, 15.10.1889 Newhaven.
BERMONDSEY	BLANNER, George Stoner, 24, Fireman, 68 St. James's Road, Bermondsey, f. Lawrence BLANNER, Attendant L.B. & S.C.R., m. Fanny ELLIS, Sept. 9.3.1873 Newhaven, f. Henry ELLIS, Mariner, 16.4.1896.

CHELSEA ELLIS, Herbert Bebler, b.1868 f. William ELLIS Plumber.
Herbert of Upper Chelsea, Coachman. m Ada Jane BROWN,
24, 13 Hampton Place, Brighton f. William BROWN, engineer
21.7.1891 St. Peter's Brighton.

HANOVER. ELLIS, Charles of St. George's, Hanover, m Elizabeth
MILMAN 8.9.1799. St. Nicholas, Brighton

LAMBETH ELLIS, William, Carpenter, of St. Mary's Lambeth,
f. Robert ELLIS, Carpenter. m. Mary Ann WOTTON, 22, of
11 Mount St, Brighton, f. Thomas WOTTON, Fly Proprietor,
13.4.1859, St. Nicholas, Brighton. M.I. Frederick Wotton
ELLIS Bapt. 3.6.1860, Mary Ann Harriott Bapt. 6.11.1864

ST. PANCRAS ELLIS, Charles Ingram Lockhart, Bapt. 25.10.1825. Bur 30.10.1825
at St. Nicholas, Brighton, son of Charles & Maria ELLIS,
Solicitor, of St. Pancras.

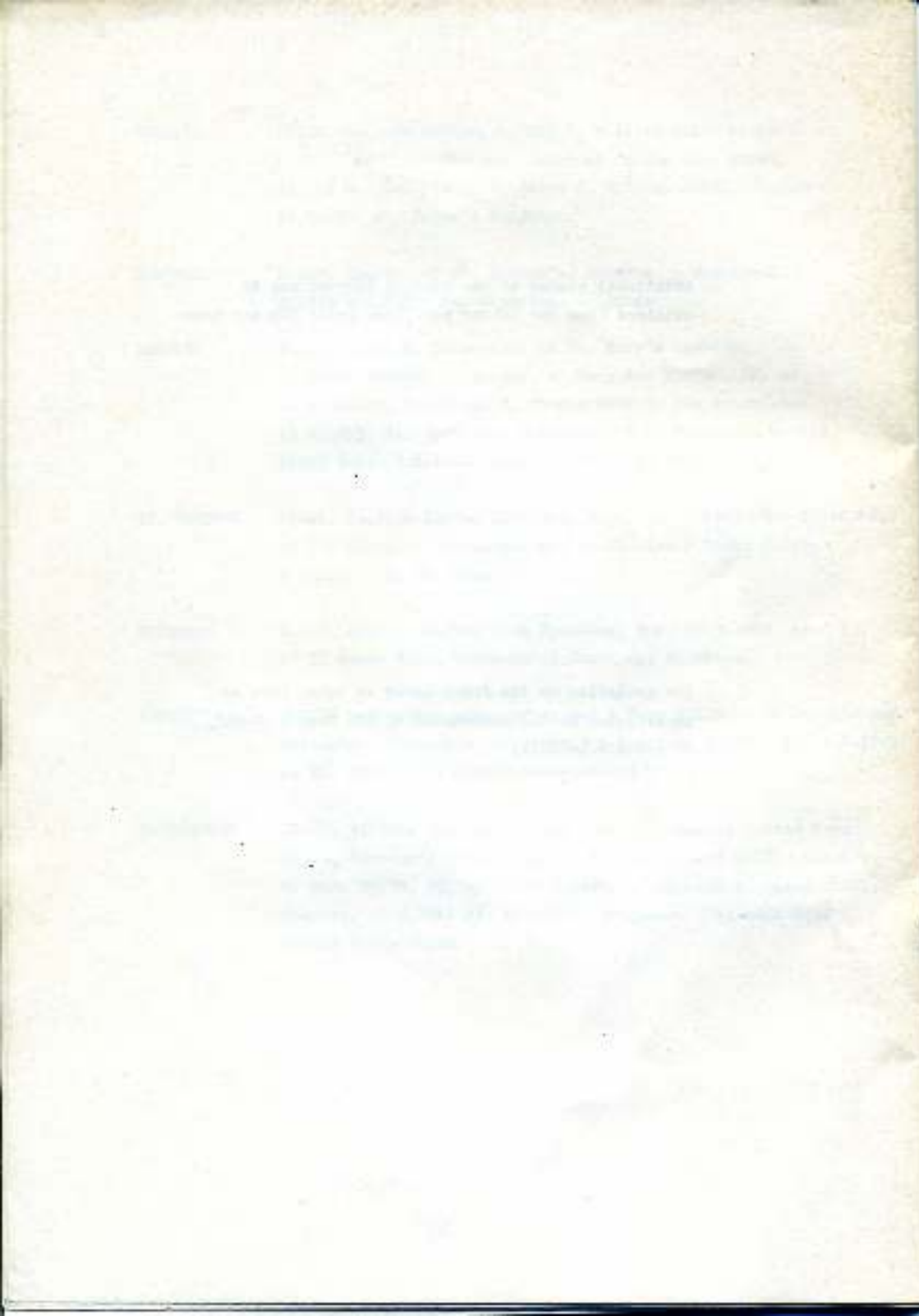
SIDENHAM ELLIS, Robert Charles from Sidenham, Bur. 23.3.1869, aged 35,
of 35 Lewes Road, Extra-Mural Cemetary, Brighton.

TOTTENHAM ELLIS, Helen Mary, dau. of Samuel & Mary ELLIS of 12 Stonebadges
Buildings, Tottenham, Accountant & Auditor, Helen Bapt. 9.1.1809
at St. John's All Saints Convalescent Home.

PADDINGTON ELLIS, William Charles, b. pre 1845, Lieutenant Indian Army
of St. Saviour's Paddington, f. William Robert ELLIS, Esquire.
m. Rosa SMITH, 20, of Lewes Crescent, Brighton f. Jason SMITH,
Esquire, 22.5.1866 St. Nicholas, Brighton. Witness Rosa
Alicia Marie ELLIS.

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GENEALOGICAL SOURCES AT THE GUILDHALL
LIBRARY
- Friday
8th February Talk by Mrs Margaret Young, Chairman,
Middlesex Heraldry Society on
HERALDRY
- Friday
14th March Talk by Miss Stella Colwell on
RECORDS IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE
- Friday
11th April Members evening on HEIRLOOMS. All
members are asked to bring along some
family heirloom
- Friday
9th May Talk by Mr John Rayment on
MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS and their
recording

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