



GREENTREES

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CENTRAL MIDDLESEX
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

*Beneath these greentrees rising to the skies
The planter of them Isaac Greentree lies.
The day shall come when these greentrees shall fall
And Isaac Greentree rise above them all.*

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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.

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The Society is affiliated to both the Harrow Arts Council and the Brent Arts Council.

SIDETRACKS

One of the occasional pleasures in Family History activities is to indulge yourself in exploring a "sidetrack". Often this is an obscure or unrelated branch of your family tree that whilst interesting, has no direct significance to your main research.

During the recording of the Monumental Inscriptions at All Saints, Harrow Weald last summer three small sidetracks interested me and very limited research has added colour to the original inscriptions in the graveyard.

The first was the M.I. to two young men, George Henry TURNER aged 17 years 6 months and Sidney George EDWARDS aged 15 years, who both died on 21st November 1894 and were buried in the same plot. The names of their parents were given and I thought it unusual that there was no relationship mentioned. To investigate further I looked up the Harrow Gazette (at the Civic Centre Reference Library) for Saturday, 24 November 1894 to find a short article on "a sad case of drowning". The two youths had been employed to clear leaves in Harrow Weald Park and it was supposed that during their lunch hour they got into the pleasure boat which capsized in 9 feet of water. The lake was dragged the following day when their bodies were found. Friendship and tragedy brought these two young men together in the graveyard.

The second sidetrack was the M.I. to Nellie FENTIMAN who was drowned when the Lusitania was sunk on 7th May 1915. It crossed my mind that it would be interesting to find out how the local newspaper dealt with this event. The Observer for Harrow was consulted and a bold headline "THE LUSITANIA CRIME" preceded an article about the 'Harrow Weald Lady Drowned' and 'Harrow and Wembley Residents Saved'.

Miss Fentiman was the local victim of "the greatest crime of the War". Her father was interviewed and gave details of how well travelled his daughter was but that because her mother was seriously ill she had sailed on the Lusitania to get home quickly. Sadly the M.I. shows that Nellie's mother died a few months later.

The account then continues with vivid descriptions of the sinking from the two local survivors - Mr C. Hill of Harrow and Mr W.E. Inch of Wembley.

The last sidetrack from All Saints graveyard was a pleasure to follow. William Leafe ROBINSON V.C. was a local hero who shot down the first Zeppelin at night on the 3rd September 1916. This incident is recalled on his M.I. that records his death on 31st December 1916.

One old gentleman who came to talk to us while we were recording recalled to us the events on the day of the funeral. Crowds lined the street, he and other school-children were given the day off to attend, and a fly-past of aeroplanes - one of which dropped a wreath - marked the occasion. The story of his death which resulted from bad treatment in a prisoner of war camp, his enemies not forgiving his skill of shooting down the Zeppelin, was also recalled by the old chap.

All the events related are also confirmed by the local newspapers for the days of the events. But the added pleasure comes by visiting a nearby Public House called the Leafe Robinson where a corner of the bar houses a small illustrated display of this hero's life and gallantry.

A.J.P.

Saint Marys, Harrow on the Hill

During the summer of 1980 a team of members recorded the Monumental Inscriptions in Saint Mary's churchyard. We have pleasure in recording that the Society has just received a most generous donation from the Church towards the work of our Society. This donation will help towards the cost of producing further transcripts of other M.I.s and thanks are extended to all members who have assisted.

A.J.P.

EPITAPHS

TIME IS

Too slow for those who wait
Too swift for those who fear
Too long for those who grieve
Too short for those who rejoice
But for those who love
Time is - Eternity.

Plot 256 C

Finer Cemetery

"My sledge and anvil lie declined,
My bellows too have lost their wind;
My fire's extinct, my forge decayed,
My coals are spent, my iron's gone,
My nails are drove; my work is done."

(Seen in the churchyard, Henley on Thames,
and recorded in 1762 by Charles Morris.)

(Readers may have recorded an epitaph of
wider interest. We would be pleased to
consider it for future publication.)

HELP WANTED

Mrs R. Clarke of 18 Shawdon Road, Northenden, Manchester, member of the North Cheshire Family History Society is interested in anybody possessing or researching the following name:-

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New member, Ken Triglith of Box 1522, Duncan, Oklahoma 73533, U.S.A. would like to correspond with anyone who can give him information concerning the Triglith families. His family originated in Cornwall at Treglith. (See member's profile for further information.)

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Alan and Elizabeth Dandy of 2 Garden Cottages, Back Lane, Groesell, Staffs, members of the Birmingham and Midland F.H.S., are researching their family name of Dandy. A relatively rare name - they would like to hear from anyone either possessing or researching the name.

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Sue Thomas, editor of this Journal, is researching her family name of Brotherhood. One branch of the family settled in Chelsea in the nineteenth century and other family members settled in Leicestershire and Peterborough. Anyone possessing or researching the name, please contact Sue at 11 Priory Way, North Harrow, Middx.

HILBY. Thomas (born Southampton 1794 - died Islington 1872). Infant School Pioneer. Parish Clerk Islington 1845-1872. Wanted: Place and date of marriage and maiden name of wife (Frances). Wife born Westminster 1797? Marriage probably Westminster 1816-1817.

R.H. Whittleton, 104 Rowlands Avenue, Hatch End, HA5 4AP.

RESEARCH IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Are you perhaps researching in Kings Langley? If so you may be interested to know that a book has been published which gives details of all the surviving wills made by Kings Langley people between 1490 and 1659 together with inventories and other testamentary documents.

Life and Death in Kings Langley 1490-1659 - this 200 page book brings together the testamentary documents of 148 people, from four Record Offices. The full texts are reproduced with the exception of repetitive phrasing. To assist family historians supplementary information from the Parish registers has been included when available, giving particulars of christening, marriage and burial dates of testators and their families. The compromise between a purely scholarly edition and completely modernised texts should be helpful to most users. However, certain documents have been left unaltered to show the original form.

The book includes an index of the nearly 900 people mentioned in the documents (testators, legatees, witnesses, appraisers etc.) with over 300 different surnames; an index of place names mentioned; and a glossary of over 220 dialect words and obsolete usages.

A 30 page historical introduction throws light on many aspects of contemporary life in Kings Langley. It deals with changes in religious beliefs and burial customs during the period; with kinship, the position of women, sons and other relatives as heirs; with farming practices; with the size of houses; and with furnishings, clothes and other personal possessions. As far as is known this is the first time that a comprehensive group of wills and inventories has been studied for a rural parish. It is certainly the first time such a range of information has been published for any part of Hertfordshire.

The editor, Lionel M. Manby, is the James Stuart Lecturer of the University of Cambridge Board of Extra-mural Studies. He has been teaching adult classes in local history for over 30 years and has published many works on Hertfordshire history. This book has emerged from the work of a group of adult students in Kings Langley and Chipperfield.

Kings Langley, in south west Hertfordshire, was the site of a Royal Palace built as a hunting lodge by Edward I. Edward III's fifth son, Edmund of Langley, Duke of York and great-great-great grandfather of Henry VIII, was born there. He was buried in the local Priory which was the leading Dominican house in England and is mentioned in many of the early wills. His splendid tomb is now in the Parish Church along with brasses and other memorials to some of the local yeomen and tradesmen whose families led the village in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and who figure in this publication. The Carters who settled in Virginia and Georgia came from this area. There are Carter brasses in the Church and fifteen Carter wills and five Carter inventories in this collection. No less than 40 different Carters are identified in the Index as are 26 Kings and 17 Knevetts.

Further information may be obtained from -

Mrs Scott Wyle
Hon. Treasurer, KLLIMS,
26 Langley Hill,
Kings Langley,
Herts, WD4 9EE.

to whom orders should be addressed.

GENEALOGY ON THE WELSH BORDERS - A Weekend Course is to be held at the Royal National College for the Blind, College Road, Hereford 30 July - 1 August 1982. Inclusive cost for full accommodation and day attendance is £35. Further details from Mrs B.St.G. Brown, Society of Genealogists, 37 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JX, but please enclose aae for a reply.

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MEMBER'S PROFILE

Mr Ken Triglath of Oklahoma, U.S.A. writes that he started his research by looking up his family in the Nelson Micro-fiche in Oklahoma City. He was able to ascertain that many of his ancestors came from the City of London, for example William Treglith married Susannah in the seventeenth century and their children were christened at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Westminster. Richard Treglith married Mary Horley of St Marylebone on 22nd January 1747 at St George's Church, Hanover Square. It was shortly after 1741 that Richard appeared in New York City.

Mr Triglath (the name has inverted its vowels over the centuries) then contacted Achievements Ltd. of Canterbury in Kent from whom he discovered that the family originated in Cornwall at Treglith, north of Truro. Apparently all that now remains of Treglith is ruins and a Manor house and farm.

Anyone who can offer any help to Mr Triglath please contact him at Box 1322, Duncan, Oklahoma 73533, U.S.A.

FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES MEETING

4th-6th SEPTEMBER 1981

The weather was fine and the setting perfect for the autumn gathering of the Federation of Family History Societies at the Rosehill College, Cheltenham Spa.

Five members of Central Middlesex FHS were lucky enough to attend. Our hosts were the Gloucestershire Family History Society. The organisation was excellent.

There was a questions and answers session on the Friday evening to break the ice.

Saturday morning started with a Civic Welcome from the Mayor of Cheltenham and the opening ceremony performed by the Bishop of Gloucester. The talks on the Saturday were on Quarter Session Records, Jenner - his impact and family, What's in a name - Christian? and Oral History. A Sherry Reception given by the Mayor preceded the Conference Dinner at which the main speaker was David Gardner, who came all the way from Salt Lake City to be there.

The Federation's Half-yearly Meeting was held on Sunday morning, but the main part of the meeting was over in time for me to hear a talk on Family History Records in Ireland.

In spite of the busy timetable, there was time to walk in the beautiful Pittville Gardens nearby. Those who are not family historians were able to go on a coach tour of the Cotswolds on the Saturday afternoon.

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The GUILD OF ONE NAME STUDIES will be holding another week-end Conference at the Grand Hotel, Leicester on 15/16 May 1982 at which time the Annual General Meeting will take place. Further information can be obtained by writing to Mr J.E. Marfleet, 4 Robotham Close, Ruscott, Leicester LE9 6ER - please don't forget to enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the reply.

HARROW WEALD ARTS OPEN DAY

Organised by the Harrow Arts Council on Saturday, 27th March, this Open Day drew many people to the Arts Centre in the Weald.

Many arts were represented; antiques, amateur radio, music, botany, bellringing, to name only a few. Our own Society had a Stand displaying Susan Cooper's family tree which she had set out very clearly and illustrated it with the various certificates and photographs relating to her ancestors. It attracted a lot of attention, as did Tony Francis' illustration of M.I. Recording. Tony had taken photographs of some of the monuments we had recorded at All Saints, Harrow Weald and shown the various steps in Recording an Inscription.

Our stand was manned throughout the day by various members of the Society and we received many enquiries on how to start and where do we go from here? One lady told us she was related to Sir Francis Drake and had a photocopy of part of her family tree which had come from an old family Bible. The task facing this lady was how to get from these ancestors back to Sir Francis. She had a long talk with members on the Stand and was very interested in the Society.

Clearly a great number of people are fascinated by their ancestors and many people took the Society's programme of monthly meetings.

The bookstall also had a good day, with a considerable number of publications being bought.

A worthwhile day for the arts in general and particularly for the Central Middlesex F.H.S.

FORTECOMING MEETINGS

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| April 16th: | IRISH RECORDS - Dr Raytha Wood |
| May 14th: | UNUSUAL RECORDS - Mr Eric Whittleston |
| June 11th: | Members' Workshop Evening |
| July 9th: | Visit to Grange Museum, Keendon |
| Sept. 10th: | THE FOCKLINGTONS OF CHESTER - Mr W. Burgess |
| Oct. 8th: | Annual General Meeting |

RECORDS AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

The main series of records maintained by the Registrar General at St Catherine's House relate to births and marriages registered in England and Wales and births at sea since 1st July 1837. They are records of separate events and are not linked together in families. Anyone wishing to trace a specific event may well be able to do so by writing to the Registrar General or, rather more cheaply, by spending half an hour or so in the search rooms at St Catherine's House where the indexes may be searched free of charge. Fruitless searching can be reduced if one first obtains from family sources and documents, such as the Family Bible and baptismal or memorial cards, as much information as possible about the events being sought.

The registers themselves are not open to inspection. Information from them is supplied in the form of certified copies of entries which can normally be issued within 48 hours if applied for in person or 7/10 days if the matter is arranged by post.

Family Trees

Anyone of English or Welsh descent who wishes to trace his family tree should first come to St Catherine's House and make searches to establish the last three or four generations. The records, however, are concerned with individual events and not with pedigrees. It may therefore be necessary to make a series of searches to trace the lines of descent back to 1837. For example if a person wishes to trace the record of his father's birth but does not know when he was born it may be necessary first to search for the record of the father's marriage (working backwards from the date of birth of the eldest child of the family). This, when found, should give the bridegroom's age and the name of his father, and will so give a starting point for tracing and identifying the record of the birth concerned. A certificate of that birth will give the names of the parents, including the mother's maiden surname and the process may be repeated for the preceding generation. If the family concerned is thought to have had a coat of arms, information respecting it can probably be obtained from the College of Arms, Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4BT (Telephone 01-249 2762) which is the official repository in England of records of Coats of Arms. The heralds, over the past four centuries, have also recorded pedigrees, both in connection with proof of a right to arms and for purely genealogical interest, and this continues. The heralds can make searches in their

records and will also undertake genealogical research in the national and local records outside the College, for which fees are charged. The Officer in Waiting will be glad to advise and assist.

Other records - from 1st July 1837

In addition to the main records, the General Register Office has records kept by British Consuls since 1849 in respect of British subjects abroad, Army records (personnel and families) some of which date back to 1761 and Royal Air Force returns commencing in 1920. To consult these records one needs, of course, the names of the persons concerned (as well as the regiment or unit in the case of S.M. Forces) and if possible the precise date and place of occurrence; and it is as well to remember that surnames - like place names - sometimes change over the generations.

Earlier records - before 1st July 1837

Before 1st July 1837 the principal means of recording births or baptisms, marriages and deaths or burials were parish registers kept by Clergymen of the Church of England, and the best way to trace them is to get in touch with the Minister of the church in which the ceremony is thought to have taken place. These records are not at St Catherine's House or the Public Record Office.

Records and Registers of births, baptisms, deaths, burials and marriages were also kept by religious denominations other than the Church of England. These Records and Registers are now in the custody of the Keeper of Public Records, Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1LR, to whom any enquiry respecting them should be addressed. If you wish to inspect the records personally you will require a Reader's Ticket. Application forms for a Reader's Ticket will be forwarded by the Public Record Office on request.

Public Search Rooms - Hours of Opening

The search rooms are open to the public from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. On Public Holidays, they remain closed all day.

SOME MIDDLESEX SURNAMES

A 'Customal' is a written statement of the customs of a Manor. With this definition, the Local Historian's Encyclopedia informs us that a customal also contained the services owed by the free and unfree tenants. In many instances their names appear, and in the British Museum there is a document from about the year 1246 with a list of some 150 names of tenants at Ruislip, Middlesex.

Bileen Bowlt, of the Ruislip Local History Society has allowed us to print extracts from a paper she has prepared on early surnames in Ruislip based on this document. Although limited space precludes printing the complete paper we think our readers may be interested in the author's remarks on the continuity of surnames.

"On the whole only a few surnames continue in the same locality for several centuries. A list of the Ruislip Tenants dated 1435/36 (Minister's accounts) has only thirteen of the names that were in the Customal, and by the time the Kings College (Cambridge) Terrier was written in 1565 only eight of the names survived. Four of the original names were still current in the 18th century and can be seen in the parish registers.

Continuity of names from 1246

<u>1435-1436</u>		<u>1565</u>		<u>18th century</u>
Prest	Hammond	Prest	Atlee	Cole
Cole	Baldwyn	Robins	Street	Hale
Robyns	in le Halle	Cole		Hedings
Savage	Carter	Hale		Atlee
Siger	Thatcher	Milward		
Bradeler	Brown	Parker		
Suswyles		Hedings		

As these last four names are found in Pinner and other parts of Middlesex it would be difficult to prove that the 18th century Coles, Hales, Hedings and Atlees were direct descendants of the 13th century men who bore the same name.

Four of the names from the original list are not in the 1435 list but have appeared subsequently. The 1435 list may not be complete, as others of the early 15th century show about 110 names and this particular list contains only 75. The population of Ruislip may have been depleted by the Black Death of 1359. Although we have no direct evidence, 15th century rentals show about 30% fewer names than the Customal and even by 1565 only 132 tenants are recorded, still 18% fewer.

Names like Levender, Bray, Woodan, Swar, Woodman and Ives which became so common in the 18th and 19th century Ruislip and are still prevalent today do not appear in the earlier lists. A man called Roger Colyn appears in 1435. Perhaps the Collins family derive from him. Most families, however, seem to have lived in Ruislip for seven or eight generations and either died out in the male line or moved elsewhere. Other families have taken their place moving into this area from nearby counties like Buckinghamshire and from London."

B.H.V.

ESSEX SURNAMES

During his research, Ron Batcher found the following surnames with their meanings in The Directory and Gazetteer for the County of Essex - 1863:-

Burton	- A cooper
Ginnon	- at the beerhouse
Seabome	- at the marine store
Flaughter	- a butcher
Stepto	- a clothes dealer
William Beechey Road	- steam packet agent

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He also found the following unusual names were around in Kent in the eighteenth century:-

Pleasant	Pitt
Exallant	Lee
Replenish	Martin
Rejoice	Clout
Smarta	Bodkin

NORTH MIDDLESEX P.H.S. - FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

Some 70/80 people attended the conference on Saturday 20th March at The Friends House, Euston. The sessions were well balanced with subjects having a particular reference to London and Middlesex.

The first session was on the Public Record Office at Kew by Miss Stella Colwell. Her introduction to the P.R.O. was followed by a useful item on how to use the facilities at Kew. The session was then developed to give details of particular classes of records available.

Information on Military and Naval records was given. Also covered were Tax returns and Tithe Maps. Miss Colwell was to her usual high standard and extremely interesting.

The second session was on Manorial Records of Middlesex by Mr I. Murray from Haringey Library. The subject was most interesting and the Manor as the earliest unit of Local Government was well explained. The usefulness of the Court records was covered with a number of examples quoted. Unfortunately the transcripts of the Manorial records were more suited to a smaller, more intimate group to do justice to the subject.

The last session of the morning was on Maps and Prints at the Greater London Record Office by John Phillips. Illustrated with slides, the session presented maps of London from the 17th C. These not only showed the development of London's suburbs from small hamlets to the conurbation of today, but also showed the many uses for family historians. They were shown to be of use in illustrating your ancestors' origins. Additionally the use with census returns in locating places today was covered. It was of particular note that from about 1856 approximately 40% of London street names have been changed and an index is available at the G.L.R.O. A well presented and interesting subject.

After lunch the conference split into two sessions - 19th century records by Michael Gandy or a Palaeography Workshop by David Pan. I opted for the palaeography.

This was a useful and a fun session. With help and guidance the group worked through a Hearth Tax return of 1673, an inventory of 1665, some Domestic State papers of 1650 and a Subsidy Roll of 1524. What at first sight appeared to be unintelligible scribble soon became clear and the group-working-together to translate the script was most rewarding.

Comments by some of those who attended the session by Michael Gandy said that it was most informative and covered some of the pit-falls that Family Historians can get into using 19th C. records.

The final part of the day was questions to a panel of experts. Questions were wide-ranging, covering Parish boundaries, passenger lists, German records, naturalisation, adoption and wards of Court.

Michael Gandy offered a refreshing lifeline to any Family Historian who gets sidetracked in their researches by pointing out that it can be as interesting to investigate a local issue separate to your own research. It adds colour and if published can possibly help others.

A.J.P.

ON THE ROCKSHELF

In the last issue of "Greentrees" we mentioned the series of practical handbooks compiled by Jeremy Gibbon. Those who remember his talk to the Society on Probate Records will be pleased to learn that a second edition of his "Simplified Guide to Probate Jurisdictions: where to look for Wills" has just been published. As the author has told us, "This is not just a reprint, but a completely revised edition, incorporating several important changes in the location of probate records, and a host of minor alterations affecting practically every county."

We have noted an alteration in London where the probate records of the Peculiar of the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral have been transferred from the Cathedral Library to the Guildhall Library in Aldersbury. The Guildhall Library holds a vast amount of material of considerable value to the family historian. No ticket is necessary, books and documents are quickly produced and the conditions for reading are praiseworthy. There is a fine collection of maps, London street directories, and bound copies of "The Times" over many years. Jeremy Gibbon gives details of other Wills in this library.

(Price £2. Published by the Gulliver Publishing Company and available from the Society's bookshops: plus 25p for postage in the U.K.).

R.H.W.

THE FAMILY HISTORY STUDY CENTRE

Brief details of this centre were included in the last issue of the Journal. The centre is situated at Holway House in Ilminster, Somerset. Courses on Family History and allied subjects are run most weekends and six times a year there are courses from Monday to Friday.

The resident tutor, Michael Walcut, is a retired teacher and one who has been "hooked" on the pursuit of ancestors for over thirty years. He has been actively involved in teaching Family History to adults for many years in Hampshire, the Midlands and the North West. His wife, Cynthia, is also a committed family historian.

The Centre has a library, a small bookshop and a stock of stationery appropriate to the usual requirements of students. All guests are assured of comfortable accommodation, good food and a warm welcome.

Courses for Spring and Summer 1982 are as follows-

Apr. 23-25 TRACING LONDON ANCESTORS with Cliff Webb. 'Getting Lost in London' is a common enough experience in Family History. Cliff Webb is a Cambridge Maths graduate who wishes he had read History. He is a compulsive transcriber and indexer of London registers and records, and has produced a pamphlet about genealogical research in Victorian London. A dedicated conservationist of records, he aims to preserve original records by providing transcripts and indexes to them. There are few more knowledgeable than he on the complexity of London records, and he will be bringing some of his own genealogical aids with him.

May 7-9 TEACHING FAMILY HISTORY TO ADULTS. George Pelling will be running his second course on this subject at the Centre. He is now well known in the North West for the courses he runs for teachers and would-be teachers at Chorley. He is Education Liaison Officer for the Federation of Family History Societies, and author of 'Beginning Your Family History', published by the Federation. The course will deal with the Theory and Practice of Adult Education, Syllabus Building and Teaching Aids, and it is hoped that the 'Theory and Practice' element will be presented by a tutor in Adult Education from a Somerset College.

May 21-23 INTRODUCTION TO BRITISH FAMILY HISTORY FOR OVERSEAS VISITORS.

Those who look to Britain for their roots find that our records either have no counterpart in their own countries, or are organised in a quite different way from that which they are used to. Visitors will profit best by coming to us direct from the airport and spending two days recuperating from 'jet-lag' before taking the course. We offer special terms for those who spend the 'rest' period with us. Visitors can be met at Taunton Rail Station (through trains from Reading which is served by RailAir link from Heathrow or train from Gatwick); or at Crewkerne Rail Station (through trains from Woking which is served by RailAir link from Heathrow). A weekend spent with us saves precious research time, and can save you money too. We take care to put you on the right tracks, and we have a reputation for personal attention and counselling.

May 24-26 ADVANCED COURSE, intended for those who have spent three or more years in family history research. Students should come prepared for individual work assignments. The courses are designed to provide a forum for those at a similar level of experience and consists of some discussion sessions, some practical work sessions where students can measure their own knowledge and expertise, and teaching sessions on courses and methods of approach to them.

The Centre will present some courses on the 'MARY ROSE' during the Spring and early Summer. These are weekend courses, running from Friday evening to Sunday teatime, and there will be an optional extension for a coach-trip to the Mary Rose Trust Museum at Portsmouth on Monday. The courses will include films, talks, and activities. Special arrangements can be made for those who wish to bring children with them, and activities for older children will be arranged during the courses. If you would like fuller details of these courses apply EARLY to the Centre.

Preserved by the mud of the Solent, the 'Mary Rose', the pride of Henry VIII's Navy, will be raised from the seabed in 1982 after 437 years in what will be the most ambitious archaeological rescue ever attempted. Already much has been recovered and is already being exhibited at Portsmouth. The 'finds' are dramatic and exciting.

MEETING TECHNIQUES

In the last issue we reported a meeting of Family History Society representatives from north of the River Thames. This was held by the invitation of the Society of Genealogists.

In February a further meeting was held, this time for Societies from south of the River Thames. Again, a major topic was the benefits to be obtained from closer co-operation. There were speakers from West and East Surrey, North West Kent, and Woolwich. The last named spoke of the help available from their local history library in Greenwich, and some of our own members who have travelled there can support this. The North West Kent Society explained that they had concentrated on producing a good journal. The current issue (January 1982) is available in our library and contains a useful article on "929 and all that". This is the Dewey Reference Library number given to all books on Genealogy that are on the shelves of public libraries. This class number can help family historians avoid much useless searching.

The two Surrey societies covered a wider area, but local meetings were well supported. Both were doing recording in the county and compiling marriage and pedigree indexes. Printed research aids were on display and it was realized that exchange of such material among all the London societies could be most helpful. The membership of the four societies represented varied greatly, but all showed enthusiasm and could muster some 1200 members. It was noted that three of the societies had started as a result of local evening classes on family history. There is obviously a need to continue some form of study, and we wonder if our own society does enough to widen the knowledge of our newer members. We gladly open our correspondence page for suggestions.

MICROFILMS

The Society's own copy of the Mormon Microfiche is, of course available to all Society members at the Civic Centre Library in Station Road, Earrow. By telephoning Bob Thomson on 01-863 5611 ext. 2055 members may pre-book the microfiche for up to an hour.

GENEALOGICAL PUBLICATIONS

The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent, have the following sources available:

The Elephant Hunt, a genealogical simulation exercise, an essential aid for teachers of family history, is now available at £15.00 including postage and packing. A day meeting has been arranged for 8th May 1982, at Nottingham, for teachers who wish to play the game and to discover its uses. Details of this event are available from the Institute and those wishing to attend are asked to give prior notice.

The Family Historian's Pocket Book, a handy series of notes on all sources of genealogical records. The loose-leaf cards enclosed in a pocket-sized folder give details of the historical background, location, information contained, period covered, together with a list of references for further particulars on each source. The first two sets of cards with folder cost £5.50 including postage.

Parish Maps of the Counties of England and Wales with the date of commencement of surviving registers and the boundaries of ecclesiastical jurisdictions available by post at £2.20 each. If ordered through your local family history society, discounts can benefit its work. A new edition of the Map Book including maps of all 45 counties of England and Wales will be available later in 1982 price about £12.50. Maps of Scottish and Irish counties will be available shortly.

Our Family History Book enables any family historian to record the details of eight generations of his or her ancestry. An excellent present for anyone from the beginner to an experienced genealogist who wishes to consolidate all available information on a particular family into one book. (Normal price £7.00 - special price to members of Family History Societies £5.50 post free or through your Society at £5.00.)

Diploma in Genealogy. The Institute runs full-time residential and correspondence courses in Family History studies. These can lead to a qualification which is also open to anyone who has completed an approved course of study at any one of the numerous evening classes available throughout the country. Syllabuses can also be supplied to those teachers wishing to run courses in Family History. The Diploma would be a worthwhile qualification for such prospective teachers. There are also courses

leading to examinations for the Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced certificates in genealogical research and method awarded to successful candidates by The Institute. Syllabuses and application forms for examination will be supplied on receipt of a large s.a.s.

Publications list of many other genealogical and heraldic books available free, please enclose s.a.s.

SECOND BRITISH FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE - GUILDFORD, 17/21 September 1982. Further details from Mrs J.E. Young, 52 Portland Drive, Church Crookham, Aldershot, Hants. SAE please!

NATIONAL METHODIST ARCHIVES, new address: Connexional Archivist, s/o Property Division, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1QJ.

The Army Record Office at Hayes is in the process of transferring records to Public Record Office, Lew.

The AGM, Society of Genealogists will be held at 6.0 p.m. on 24 June at Royal Overseas League, Overseas House, Park Place, London, SW1.

There are even now still some members who have not completed a Member's Surname Interest form for inclusion in the Society's Register. Will you please remember this information is important! Forms are always available at Meetings and those unable to attend can write for one to Membership Secretary, Joan Marker, address on page 2 of the Journal. Please enclose a s.a.s however.