



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.*

1702

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

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The quotation on the front cover is taken from a wooden headboard in the churchyard of St. Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.

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CONTRIBUTIONS for publication and Letters to the Editor should be addressed to him at 104, Rowlands Avenue, Hatch End, Middlesex HA5 4AP. Will all intending contributors note that items intended for the next issue of "Creentree" should be submitted by 14th January, 1983.

EDITORIAL

The Society's Annual General Meeting has passed and we are already into the third month of our new year. Our meetings are now held at the Friends Meeting House in Rayners Lane, convenient for the nearby Underground, and it is hoped that they will be well supported. At the annual meeting there were some changes in our organisation which will be reported elsewhere in the Journal. One of these changes has brought me into the editorial chair and I hope to maintain the standards set by my predecessors. Sue Thomas, the last editor, has had to relinquish her place on the committee owing to the professional studies she is committed to. We wish her all success and thank her for the efforts she has made in keeping the Journal going. Another member, Joan Ashley, has done much of the recent typing, so important for the production process. We are most grateful. I must add another "thank you" to our contributors. Please keep your work going and introduce others to these pages. There are many aspects of family history research that have not yet been touched upon and amongst our members there must be many who have made interesting discoveries in recent months. So please share your experiences and by doing so bring encouragement to others.

Once again the Federation of Family History Societies has organized a successful conference and our own society was well represented. These conferences bring the opportunity of exchanging journals and we were able to do this with over fifty other societies. These journals can be borrowed at our meetings and are a useful means of contacting members of other local societies and learning of their work and of the archival sources available to them. The next conference, with the Federation Annual General Meeting, will be at Liverpool next April. Full details appear on another page.

It has been suggested that some members might like to form a house group. Central Middlesex is a big area and the distances involved and the cost of travel do not allow all our members to travel to Rayners Lane each month. A few members with similar interests could meet one another at intervals in their homes, and the Society would be only too pleased to assist. We would give publicity to such small groups and help them with a speaker from time to time should this be their wish. We would be pleased to publish letters on this subject in our next issue. Your letters on any subject are always welcome and we hope to find a place for them regularly.

E.H. WRIGHTSON

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

- December 10th, 1982 - A Social Evening, with reasonable refreshments. Members are invited to bring old family portraits, and their "family trees".
- January 14th, 1983 - Michael Gandy B.A., Editor of Society of Genealogist publications will speak on "Shortcuts". As a professional, Mr. Gandy must know of many shortcuts to research.
- February 11th, 1983 - A members evening. Details will be announced.
- March 11th, 1983 - Preliminary announcement.
"Non-conformist records"
A talk by Mr. C.R. Humphrey-Smith, P.S.O.,
Founder and Director of the Institute of
Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Canterbury.

All these meetings will be held at
The Friends Meeting House, Rayners Lane, Harrow.
(Nearest Underground, Rayners Lane; Piccadilly/Metro Lines)
Buses 209 and H1.

Meetings are on Fridays and commence at 8.00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTGreater London Record Office and History Library

The Greater London Record Office and its other departments at County Hall, Westminster have closed.

Over thirteen miles of archives and books have to be packed and carefully moved to new premises. There will be no access to the collections while the office is closed, nor can the staff undertake research.

The new premises at 40, NORTHAMPTON ROAD, CLERKENWELL, LONDON EC2R 0AR will open on Tuesday 4th January, 1983. After the move telephone numbers will remain the same. Opening hours will be 10.00 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. Tuesday to Friday. There will be a late opening on Tuesdays from 4.45 p.m. by appointment only. The office will be closed on Mondays.

Telephones:-

Search Room	01-533-6851
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NOTES AND NEWS

FEDERATION ACCOMMODATION PRIZES

The duplicated list of accommodation offered by Federation members to family historians working at record offices and in parishes which are in distant counties, has been reprinted. It is now in booklet form and has a much clearer method of indicating the different facilities that are available. The existence of this scheme has been praised by many of those who have used it. Copies of the new list can be obtained from the compiler, Cynthia Walcott, Holway House, Ilminster, Somerset, BA19 9TW. Please send a large stamped and addressed envelope.

Cynthia and her husband Michael, still welcome guests at their Family History Study Centre at Ilminster. (Details in "Greentrees" - Winter 1982).

THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDIC AND GENEALOGICAL STUDIES

The Institute in Canterbury celebrated its Silver Jubilee in 1982, and in 1983 has even further cause to celebrate. Its building in Northgate, Canterbury will be 700 years old and the Institute's journal "Family History" will be 21 years of age. To mark the occasion a series of prizes are to be given to writers of the best family history submitted to an independent panel. Of course there are rules for this competition and these can be obtained from the Institute, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1BA. Rule 6 is that submitted work will not be returned. Rule 7 asks for a participation fee of £3 to help cover administration and examiners costs. Content and presentation will be judged and submissions must be true studies of the history of a family or families. Participation forms must be submitted by 31st December, 1982. A large SAE is requested when writing to the Institute.

FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES PUBLICATIONS

New Editions of the following have been printed: Marriage Indexes (3rd Edition). Census Returns on Microfilm 1841-1881 (4th Edition). Details will be found elsewhere in this Journal with prices and costs of postage. Any book purchased from our Society's bookstall helps our progress.

RUTLEY, NORTHWOOD AND EASTCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Eileen Stage of the West Middlesex Family History Society will speak to this Local History Society on 'Tracing your Ancestors'. The meeting will be on Monday, February 22nd, 1983 at the Manor Farm Library, Bishlip (8.15 p.m.). Eileen Stage is well known for her work on Coastguard Records and is a Tutor at evening classes in West Middlesex.

DISPLAY SCREENS

We are hoping to acquire a set of panels to display exhibitions of our members work on family history. Such displays with examples of family history research will be available for exhibition in local libraries and other publicity sites. The help of any member with experience of display would be greatly appreciated.

COLLECTING STRAYS

Whilst carrying out research on your family history, you are bound to come across the odd entry relating to someone from another county, perhaps from the other end of the country, who has 'strayed' out of their usual county of residence. You may feel that someone, somewhere, is looking for just that entry, and you would like to make sure it reaches them. Please keep a note of these strays, and in our next issue we will explain how they can be usefully put on slips and sent to the "strays clearing house".

HOW TO SUPPORT A SOCIETY:

- (1) Don't pay your subscription.
- (2) Stay away from meetings.
- (3) If you do attend, find fault with at least three things.
- (4) Decline office or appointment to a committee.
- (5) Become angry if you aren't nominated or appointed.
- (6) If you are elected, don't attend the committee meetings.
- (7) If you do attend one, say nothing until it is over, then hold forth on how things really should be done.
- (8) Don't volunteer for anything if you can help it.
- (9) When the "old faithful" do all the work, accuse them of being a "clique".
- (10) If you change your address don't tell anybody.

(From the Newsletter of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, Cleveland, Ohio, USA).

Fortunately, our own Society has a more responsible membership, and we hope this tale of woe will not be encountered.

Our subscriptions were due on 1st September, and our future meeting place is to continue at the Friends Meeting House in Baynards Lane. (Editor)

LIVERPOOL FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY



FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE AND A.G.M. OF THE FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

APRIL 8th 9th and 10th 1983

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In order that we may assess the number attending, early applications for booking forms and further details should be sent to:-

Mrs. Jean Brown
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Please enclose stamped addressed envelope.

ADOPTED CHILDREN AND THE GENEALOGIST

Adopted children have always been surrounded by a certain mystery - often providing material for the sentimental novelist; speculation, sometimes lasting throughout the lifetime of the adoptee and a constant fear of being "found out" by the legitimize parent(s). To these factors I am now adding the difficulties of the genealogist.

The first Adoption Act in this country was passed in 1926 which means that any adoption referred to in wills or elsewhere prior to this could only have been a so-called "de facto adoption". Rich people may have had legal documents drawn up but, on average, the children were just given away and not always even given "for free".

Since 1926 the consent of both legitimize parents has been required, always provided that the mother does, or even is able to, give the name of the father. Section 10 of the 1926 Adoption Act allowed that where the child had been with the would-be adopters for a minimum of two years and had been absolutely maintained by them during this time, then application to the Court could be made for an adoption order and the court could dispense with the consent of the legitimize parent(s).

For the passing of the Act it was incumbent upon the Registrar General to make available to the public calendars of those for whom adoption orders had been made. These are on the open shelves at St. Katherine's House and contain the following information -

Name of Child (adoptive)
Date of entry
Reference - Volume and page.

This is not particularly useful to the genealogist who wants to know the name of the child prior to adoption.

Section 11 of the Act, together with the instruments thereto, lays down the responsibilities of the Registrar General, paramount of which was absolute secrecy. The entry of the original birth would, obviously, remain in the calendars of births and this certificate could be obtained in the usual way. It would, however, be entered ADOPTED. Any certificate issued of an adopted child would indicate that it was issued under the ADOPTION ACT 1926. But there would be no date of adoption on the first certificate so no means whatever of trying to link the two. This means that the genealogist, to trace the antecedents of an adopted person, must know the name of the person prior to adoption. The search would then follow the ordinary routine, always bearing in mind that many adopted children are illegitimate and many subterfuges may have been used to hide the birth in the first place.

A new Children Act passed in November 1975 to some extent modified the complete secrecy referred to above. Any person adopted before 12 November, 1975 could at the age of eighteen make application to the Registrar General for their original birth certificate, but before the request was granted the applicant had to be interviewed by a professional social worker appointed or approved by the Registrar General. The application had to be made by the adoptee and not on his behalf. Doubtless it would be pointed out by the social worker that when the Adoption Order was made, prior to November 1975, the legitimize parent(s) would have been assured of absolute secrecy. This assurance had now been violated and while the curiosity of the adoptee might be satisfied, this could well cause unhappiness in other directions.

Any legitimize parent(s) placing a child for adoption after 12 November, 1975 would be made aware of the fact that the child, on reaching the age of eighteen, could apply for the original birth certificate and so would be one step forward in tracing the blood parents.

Finally, on a lighter note; some years ago I put endless energy into trying to find the birth certificates of twin brothers, then in their mid-thirties. Obviously they had not been registered under the surname by which they had been admitted to a Children's Home, had married and had made some success of their lives. I finally found that they were two of five illegitimate children (one of whom had been legally adopted). The mother had registered them under four different surnames in four different parts of the country, had given to each a fictitious father, had given yet another surname to the twins when arranging for their admission to the Home. However, honesty had prevailed, and she had finally married a highly respectable widower (under yet another name) but she had quite rightly described herself as a spinster.

I. NORDY
President of the Society

NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

Miss Isobel Worle, President of the Society and a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists. After graduating with a London University degree worked for six years with the East End Dockland Settlement and also worked for many years as Director of the Guardianship Society. For seventeen years, until her retirement in 1965, was Children's Officer for the Borough of Bournemouth. Miss Worde also has an index of some 15,000 slips with details of Jewish families.

Michael J. Day, lives at 6, Evon Avenue, East Ringwood, Victoria, 3135, Australia. He is with the Australian Taxation Office, and when an investigation officer, found his training helped in family history research. He is married and has three daughters aged 9, 7 and 5. He has published "The Livi Family in Australia", and is interested in help from England.

H.R. Frankus, is a member of the research group of the Dinner Local History Society. His knowledge of the town is immense and his collection of photographs is well known. Many have been put on to slides and his lectures to local societies always bring a capacity audience. Bill Frankus also has an interest in his family and is putting together a comprehensive pedigree.

AN AID
TO COMPILING FAMILY TREES

Difficulty is often experienced in setting out a family tree: having written it out on a large sheet of paper some small omission or a line of descent is found difficult to fit in.

By previously completing an adhesive label for each individual (Fig. 1) these can then be set out on a table or board and manipulated until the correct positions are obtained. They can then be transferred to the final sheet and stuck down.

Specimens as a guide are below. A fine drawing pen or a thin black biro are recommended. In cases where no marriage has taken place or where a woman is marrying into the family and it is not necessary to repeat the date of marriage, the marriage line can be deleted using "Tipp-Ex".

Finally, the lines of descent are drawn in.

If several copies of the tree are likely to be required it has been found useful lightly to mark the base sheet in pencil with A3 size units. These lines are avoided when sticking down the labels and the sheet is then cut up into the A3 size units. These can then be used to produce photo copies or "reduced" photo copies. The copies can then be stuck down on to Transpaesel or other book or map covering material to re-constitute the tree. This requires some practice.

Examples are given of difficult cases, such as when a man marries twice or marries a widow. The labels are so versatile that most situations can be met with a little ingenuity.

H.R. FRANKUS



Fig. 1



Examples:
Typed/Handwritten



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

When I took on the job of Secretary I thought all it meant was to take a few minutes of meetings and answer some letters. However, the new Miller had cracked the whip for some notes from me. "Just a few lines on the A.G.M. and activities during the year".

The most detailed report at the A.G.M. was from the Chairman. She reviewed the Society's year in two parts, members meetings and other activities.

The members meetings included talks, a workshop and a visit to The Grange Museum at Beauden. Unfortunately, the January meeting was snowed-out and the December social also suffered because of heavy snow. A few members, with Eskines in their family trees, did make it to enjoy refreshments and a not too serious quiz.

Of the six talks arranged three were given by our own members. This was most pleasing as one of the Society's aims is to encourage members to swap experiences and knowledge.

... commercial break ... any member is welcome to give a talk (long or short) on their particular interests or experiences. If you are shy about public speaking talk to me as I am sure I can help.

The other activities included naming a display stand at the Harrow Arts Council Alternative Arts Open Day. This was a great success in creating interest, finding some new members and the sales of publications.

During the year the Harrow I.C.I. micro-fiche were filed into special wallets at Harrow and the Change. The M.I.E at All Saints, Harrow Ward were transcribed and copies deposited with the Society of Genealogists, Federation of P.H.S., Harrow Civic Centre Library and the Vicar. Initial recording was done during the summer at St. Johns, Northoy - thanks to all the 'Scrubbers and Scribes'.

... commercial break ... typists required to help transcribe the rough notes ...

The other reports covered Membership, now at 110 members; the Secretary (I wrote a lot of letters), and the Treasurer. He had a very successful year in being able to obtain for the Society nearly £200 in grants and donations. This has meant that despite rising costs the membership subscription can remain unaltered for this coming year.

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The final part of the A.G.M. was the election of officers - your new committee is listed elsewhere - and the retiring members were thanked for their work and support.

Sony Francis.

A GENEALOGISTS DEBATE

The price of certificates at the GSO (St. Catherine's House) does not seem to have lessened the throng that fight for a place there most days of the week. As someone has remarked: "I have taken out a mortgage to pay for my family history". For those who have not yet absorbed the bad news, the prices of Certificates from 1st April, 1982 are:-

Short Certificate of Birth	£2.50
Full Certificate of Birth, Marriage, Death	£4.60
<u>By Post</u>	
Short Certificate	£7.50
Full Certificate	£9.60

Certificates are considered a "must" for genealogists, defined in the Oxford Dictionary as those who study pedigree. When we start to draw a family tree it is genealogy and it is interesting to consider when this becomes family history. When I first started to trace and to record my ancestry I soon found that a table of descent was but a skeleton - something vital was missing. I desperately wanted to know what happened after baptism and before marriage, and none of married life. I realised that so many of my ancestors were humble folk who would not appear in many records, but their daily life would be very like hundreds of others living at that period. Therefore I had to look at history and soon realised that family history was but a branch of this. It gave me a new interest in history and then in local history. Only then did some of my ancestors begin to take shape. I have since found that local historians have always been willing to help me, as we work in a field where co-operation is essential.

A fine example of local history introducing family history is "The History of Nyddie" by Richard Gough, and I have just been reading a paper-back edition. Richard Gough was a small freeholder living in a hamlet within the Parish of Nyddie. The parish is in Wiltshire near the Welsh/English border and Richard Gough wrote most of his book when he was living there in 1701. For those who are interested in the settlement question there are lively accounts of village disputes concerning the movement of paupers. I particularly noted Professor Hoskins' remarks about the book: "If History is, as has once been said, the men and women of the past talking and we overhearing their conversation, then Gough's history of his native parish, written between the years 1700 and 1706, is History"

One hundred years earlier, in Norfolk, the Rector of Gt. Field was asking such that part of his village history would be preserved for future generations. If only his sentiments could have been more widely appreciated. In his introduction to the "Register of the Towne of Gt. Field, 1609", he writes:

"Let none, which cannot well erdite,
 presume within this booke to write.
 Records of lives and deaths of men
 ought not be corrupted by a pen.
 The names, the dates of daye and yeare
 ought plainly ever to appeare
 In Incke neat black and void of blottes
 In Parchment faire without all spotted
 In Latin true or English plain
 or els the truth the maye take his paine".

The records of one particular village, Welton in Hertfordshire, were used by Anthony Camp to illustrate a lecture he recently gave to members of the Society of Genealogists and their friends. The large hall was filled to capacity, a sign of the interest shown in the subject - "Farm Labourers" - and realization of the knowledge of the lecturer that would be shared with us. We were not disappointed. Anthony Camp, is Director of the Society of Genealogists and when he was introduced it was mentioned that he was just celebrating 25 years with the Society. We all knew of his book

"Wills and their whereabouts" and have reason to be grateful for all that he has done to help the family historian. These lectures will continue for the next few months and some excellent speakers are promised. Members of the Society may introduce guests and our own members might like to seek an introduction in this way.

Anthony Camp paid tribute to "The Parish Chest" a study of the records of parochial administration in England. This book by N.E. Tate was first printed in 1946 but it has become so useful a book that a reprint has recently been made. It is now a very expensive book and looking at my own bookshelves I realise how difficult it must be to collect such books of reference to-day. Often I only want a short reference to a volume and realise that it might be in the collection of another member. Perhaps we could publish details of some of our member's books, not that they could be borrowed but that a reference could be taken from them (when a v.o.l. was sent). I am sure the Editor would be pleased to learn that this suggestion met with approval.

Our indefatigable Hon. Secretary has written of his experiences when recording monumental inscriptions at All Saints Church, Harrow Weald. When writing down epitaphs there are sometimes some with unusual wording. I noticed a story in the 'Daily Telegraph' recently and repeat it here with acknowledgments.

"Earl Peel, who lives in Richmond, Yorkshire, has been telling the story of the tombstone that a Yorkshireman had ordered for his late wife, to include the words "She was Thine". When he went to see the finished work, he was horrified to see that it read: "She was Thin". He complained to the engraver "You've left out the 'e'" and a correction was promised.

On his second visit the inscription read "E: She was Thine".

R.E. CORDER

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 49)
 and } Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Cooper, 18 Royston Park, Hatch End, Middlesex.
 50 }

WE WELCOME as new members of the Society's Committee, Mr. E.O. Felgate and Mr. V.H. DeWitt.

Mr. Felgate has always been interested in history, and this developed into family history a few years ago. Relationships have been established in America, although his interests are in East Anglia.

Mr. DeWitt has been interested in his family history since 1965 and is also a member of the Devon Family History Society. He has helped several of our members and has now offered to keep membership records for the Society.

At the 71st Annual General Meeting of the Society of Genealogists held on 24th June 1982, two members of our society were elected to the Executive Committee. Miss P.M. Kirkland and Mr. E.H. Whittleton were introduced to the President H.R.H. Prince Michael of Kent, after the meeting.

Allison Dave
 4 Delaine Grove, London, E.N.3

Became interested in family history when a cousin found out the identity of a 'missing' great-grandmother, as the result of a masterly piece of sleuthing. She carried the research further and then became interested in tracking other ancestors. The main families in which she is interested are those of her 8 great-grandparents Dave and Edie (Tring, Herts.), Campbell (Harrow), Cook (Steyning, W. Sussex), Edmund (Somerset), Griffin (London), Boavaz/Boavis (Dorset, Hants.) and Symons (London).

There are two particular problems she would like to solve: 1) What were the origins of William Dave (circa 1768 - 1840), who farmed in Tring, Herts., but came from elsewhere? According to family legend, he came from Somerset (or possibly Gloucestershire). This seems quite likely, since 'Dave' is very much a West Country name. But unfortunately 'William Dave' baptisms seem to abound in this area during the 1780s. 2) What, possibly all, of the thirteen children of Moses Solomon (1775 - 1838), Jewish watchmaker of Whitechapel, took the name 'Griffin', which is supposed to have been the name of his second wife. But, if so, why did the children of his first marriage also take the name? When and where did his marriage(s) take place? Any suggestions as to how to discover the answers to these questions would be gratefully received.

Miss Eileen Startin
 2 Stanworth Court, Church Road, Heston, Middlesex, TW5 0LE

I have lived in this area for some 40 years and although I have now moved to Heston and my family researches are all outside this area I still retain a great interest in Harrow and its history.

On my mother's side of the family there are tales of Huguenot descent and of a great grandfather who was a silk weaver in Bethnal Green and sowed a seed for Queen Victoria. Unfortunately I am having great difficulty proving or disproving any of this as my researches come to an abrupt halt with my grandmother. Her name was Ann Turner and although according to her marriage certificate she was born in 1828 the father of Ann Turner's born during that year is legion!

I have therefore tended to concentrate my efforts on researching the Startin family which is a Midland name with most families originating in Staffordshire or Warwickshire with Birmingham being the clan capital. My great grandfather and his father were both brass founders in Walsall but apparently originated from Lichfield with Charles Startin being born in Lichfield in 1777 - 78. So I am particularly interested in information about Startins in Walsall and Lichfield. I would be grateful, however, for any information about Startins as I am collecting information on all Startins and have the St. Catharine House references of all births up to 1856, marriages up to 1850, and deaths up to 1901 as well as a copy of all Startin wills 1858 - 1931.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Greater London Council,
Director-General's Department,
Greater London Record Office,
County Hall, London E.C.4

Thank you for bringing to the Search Room a copy of your Society's record of monumental inscriptions at All Saints Church, Harrow Weald.

This was obviously a lengthy piece of work which will be greatly appreciated by family historians. We are pleased to receive a copy to add to our History Library.

With respect thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Joan Coburn

Nigel J. Coburn

Head Archivist.

(The Greater London Record Office is now closed).

From J.S.W. Gibson, Harts Cottage, Church End, Oxford OX7 2AE

May I through your Journal ask readers and users of my published Guides to let me know whenever they come across omissions, mistakes or information they consider is misleadingly presented. This is particularly the case with microfilm copies of census returns, where there are hundreds of different libraries. It is only by such help that inadequate entries can be corrected or amplified and that I can learn of omitted holdings. A new edition of this Guide, to include acquisitions of the 1881 census, is planned for September 1982. As a 'carrot' I would mention that I usually expect to give a copy of a new edition to anyone who has helped significantly in this way with its preparation. Constructive criticism and suggestions for improvements are always welcome.

I am also glad to receive suggestions of new subjects for guides, and offers of help with these. The most recent to be issued is that on Quarter Sessions Records for Family Historians: A select list. I hope to publish guides to holdings of local newspapers and to land tax assessments in the next year.

May I also point out that new editions are not just reprints, such though they may resemble earlier editions. There can be significant changes in the location of records, with rationalisation of archive holdings; there are new transcripts, indexes and publications; there can be changes of address or phone number. Often the actual alteration may involve only two or three lines, or even letters or figures, but its import can be considerable! So to ignore a new edition because you have the earlier one can (at the modest price the Federation charges) be a false economy, depriving yourself of crucial information.

LETTERS TO THE SOCIETY

From Mrs. D.E. Pullen, Secretary for Monumental Inscriptions, Society of Genealogists.

Your excellent copy of the monumental inscriptions of all Saints, Harrow Weald has reached my desk. Thank you so much for sending it to this Society, so we can now add it to the collection deposited in this library.

Will you please convey our thanks to all those concerned who gave so much time recording these entries.

From The Rev. Ian Chisholm, Vicar of All Saints, Harrow Weald, Middlesex.

Thank you very much for your copy of monumental inscriptions relating to All Saints Church, Harrow Weald. I am sorry I was out when it was delivered but I would like to thank you and to those who produced it on behalf of our Parochial Church Council and myself.

It is a very valuable document and we are most appreciative of the work that your Society has done.

ON THE BOOKSHELF

"ARRIVES" Journal of the British Records Association, The Charterhouse, Charterhouse Square, London E.C.1
Volume XV, No. 67 (April 1982).

While the publications of the British Records Association are intended for their members, there is a wider circulation to subscribers and others. The articles in the journal are always of a high standard and contain much of interest to those who regularly use archives of one kind and another. In this issue there is a further list of Archive and Manuscript collections in the United Kingdom with addresses, hours of opening, and facilities. It is surprising how many organisations now have appointed archivists to hold their records. There is note of London family and business records being deposited at the London Museum, and details of the Street Baptist Historical Society's library.

"THE HARROW APPRENTICES" Jix Gollard. London Borough of Harrow. £3.00

Although this book, in 24 format, is based upon a list of 30 pages naming Harrow inhabitants of 1648 - 1871 whose apprenticeship fees were paid either by the Governors of Harrow School or from 1705 - 1805 by the Parish of Harrow, it has a far wider appeal. There are a preliminary 38 pages in which the author explains the apprenticeship system and writes of its evils. There is an excellent index of persons, towns and places. Mr. Gollard is to speak to our Society on the subject and a report of his talk and a wider review of this book will be in the next issue of this Journal.

FAMILY HISTORY 'Down under'

Michael Livy joined the Society in its early days: his name appeared in the very first number of our journal "Greenrocks". We did know that his family once lived in Pinner, and records of the Overseers of the Poor in the Parish mention a John Levy receiving assistance in 1782 and there is reference to a payment being made to John Levy in 1795.

Knowing of this connection Michael Livy, who lives in Australia, wrote to the Pinner Local History Society to learn whether they had any information about his local family. He had drawn a family pedigree and printed an account of the family and the move to Australia. These he presented to the Local History Society and they have placed the items in their archives. When we learned of our member's work we asked him to give us an account of his recent research and we feel this would be of interest to our readers. As Michael says, "It is, of course, very difficult to follow up leads when I am so far from the records". We can agree and often find difficulties when the records are close at hand!

We are pleased to print these extracts from his family story:

"I always had a vague interest in tracing my ancestry but it was not until I met a fellow who was tracing his own family that I appreciated how relatively simple it was to research a 'family tree'.

My first move in discovering my ancestors was to obtain the death certificate of my great-grandfather. As you are probably aware death certificates here in Victoria provide much more information than their counterparts in England. So from the death certificate I had the date and place of marriage (31 March, 1856 at Pinner, Middlesex, England) plus an approximate date of arrival in Australia.

From this point I started to fill in the Livy family history from the time of their arrival in Australia. Information was gathered from relatives - the older aunts in particular proved to be the best source for stories and

photographs. My next port of call was to our Public Records Office. Visits to the P.R.O. resulted in a copy of the passenger list of the 'Onaga' (the ship on which the first Livys arrived in Australia), copies of correspondence, plans relating to their first block of land, and copies of school rolls relating to the first Australian generation of Livys.

And so on to England. The Middlesex Record Office was very helpful in replying to my letters and suggested a record agent who might further assist me. This lady was indeed of great assistance at a very moderate cost. The halt at 1798 was however most disappointing. The marriage register shows John Levi marrying Mary Walker in 1798 but whilst the Census Returns indicate they were born in Pinner, there is no baptismal record for either party. Registers of adjoining parishes were also consulted but without success.

At about the same time I went through the English 'phone books and wrote to every Livy - not that there were many of them - but perhaps only a quarter replied. Some of these replies were most interesting in describing their lives and those of their fathers but none could add to the period beyond their grandfathers. Regrettably none were interested or able to do any research themselves. One of these contacts however, Bill Livy of Stoke Newington, kept up an exchange of letters and he and his wife visited us in 1980 - a great thrill.

Over a period of eighteen months to June 1975 I gathered the threads of my family history and then had a book printed to record my material accumulated to that time. The Livys here in Australia, living with two or three exceptions in Melbourne, are a pretty close-knit clan and most subscribed to a copy of my publication. It was launched at our annual family re-union and created a great deal of interest. Since I wrote the 'Livy Family in Australia' I have also jointly researched and taken to publication the family history of my mother's family which originated in Lincoln (Kansas). After that I returned to the Livy family and began the

task of preparing a family tree of all Livys other than those descending from the Livys who arrived in Australia. Two years ago my brother-in-law spent some months in France on exchange teaching and had the opportunity to visit London on several occasions. On one such visit he kindly extracted all the Livy births at the G.R.O. He is again back in England on a working holiday and has just sent me similar details for marriages and is about to start on deaths. The most frustrating aspect of my endeavours has been the fact that I am so far from the records.

I am also involved to a lesser extent in gathering information for the Blackwood Historical Society (Blackwood being the small town where the Livys made permanent settlement)."

Adhesive Labels

On another page, a member writes of his suggestions for compiling a family tree using small adhesive labels. Those produced by "Able-Labels" of Maris Barton, Northampton are very suitable. The company will produce any special lay-out on their small labels which cost £2.50 for 1,000 labels. They can also print on a larger label and will give estimates. Their reliability is well known.

A GLOSSARY FOR GENEALOGY.

AMERCEMENT : monetary payment levied in a Manorial Court (fine).
ACHIEVEMENT : a complete heraldic coat of arms.
ARCHDEACON : an ecclesiastical rank - above the incumbent but below the Bishop. In many matters the Bishop's principal deputy.
APPRENTICES : bound by indenture to a Master. In 1740 indentures were taxed and records of the tax are at the Public Record Office to the year 1811. They give the name and residence of the apprentice (until 1750 also his father) and the name and trade of the Master. (See page 17).

HELP REQUESTED

Mrs. Mary Hughes, 46 Hoel-y-Bardd, Bridgend, Mid. Glas.

...wishes to trace the whereabouts of the Family Bible belonging to her grandfather, CHARLES HENRY HUMPHREYS and his wife EMILY ANN (nee Jones). The Bible was cleared with the contents of the house from 41 Cheltenham Place, Kenil, Middlesex, in 1972, where her grandfather lived until his death in 1945. The address in the Bible is probably 72 Madeline Street, Fortywith, Glas. They had seventeen children.

Mr. Hugh Weatherly, 47 First Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1BX

...wants information regarding JAMES WEATHERLY: his parish of birth c1774, his marriage to Mary ..., and of any children prior to 1818. James Weatherly was licensee of the "True Lovers Knot" at Northwood, Middlesex from 1811 - 1855 and had a son Daniel, (1818) baptised at Madelin.

The MACDONNAN CLAN SOCIETY, re-organising under the patronage of Col. Gordon-Duff, Brounshir Castle, Scotland

...is asking all DUFFS, MACDONNANS, ABERNETHYS, FIFES, FYPFES, HUNES, MILGOURS, SPENCERS, SPENS, SCORINGBOURS, FERRIS, SYLAF (CRES), WEMYSS, and any others interested in re-activating this great clan to contact the British Secretary, Mrs. Clare Abernethy, Poyrigarth, Bridge-of-Walls, Shetland.

AND HELP OFFERED

Mr. P.L. Beckham, 33 Blazer Road, Sower Park, London E11 2QS

... has an index of information on the name BECKHAM, and will send details to anyone interested. (S.A.S. please)

Miss G. Rickard, 8 Stragglew Leap, Minster in Tharset, Kent CT12 4AX

... writes that she had in her possession a book of epitaphs taken from the church and churchyard of St. Pancras, Middlesex, and published in 1857. There are also notes about the church. In 1868, the Midland Railway Company made a cutting through the churchyard and she thinks it likely that some of the stones recorded in the book were destroyed at that time, or have been since. Miss Rickard is willing to make a search of the book for interested enquirers for 50p., plus S.A.E.

HELP requested notes were published free of charge for Members; a fee of 50p is made for non-members.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE SOCIETY

Cash with orders. Price includes postage and packing. (U.K.)

Beginning your Family History (Second Edition) (Textbook for the beginner)	£ .95
Census Returns 1841-1961 on Microfilm A Directory to local holdings. J.S.W. Gibson	1.40
Bishops Transcripts and Marriage Licenses A guide to their location. J.S.W. Gibson	1.20
Probate Jurisdictions Where to look for Will. J.S.W. Gibson	2.25
Census Indexes How to use & compile them	1.20
Record Offices, with maps How to find them.	1.20
Marriage Indexes. N. Walcut & J. Gibson What and where they are	.95
Notes on recording Non. Inscriptions	.50
Quarter Sessions Records Details of those available	1.20
Family History News & Digest Twice yearly report	1.20
The Grover Family of Felling A local family. Felling Museum Society	.50

These and other publications may be ordered from:

Mr. P. Bealson, 25 Thomas Beckett Close, Wembley, Middlesex.

Additional copies of "Greentrees" may be ordered;
including postage and packing: .75p