

# 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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EDITORIAL

The beginning of the year has been eventful for Family Historians. Those with an interest in Heraldry could start the year by franking their letters with the colourful stamps celebrating the Quincentenary of the College of Arms.

In the Spring this journal commenced its fourth volume, and in August will celebrate its sixth year of publication. The articles that have appeared have covered all aspects of genealogy and family history and we are grateful to the contributors who have given their time and imparted their knowledge for the benefit of our readers.

Sometimes they have been local historians, who have recognized that their experience can help the wider circle of social and family historians. In this issue four local historians have written for us and we appreciate the interest they have shown and the information they have given.

This summer has seen the tenth anniversary of the Federation of Family History Societies, celebrated by a garden party at the home of the Duke of Wellington, patron of the Federation. The glorious weather of 9th June ensured a successful occasion.

The long awaited move of the Society of Genealogists has taken place and the unique library rearranged in the new building where access to all the records has been made easier.

Our own Society gathers new members and your Committee have tried to arrange activities of general acceptance. New projects are being considered and volunteers to assist are needed. Typing assistance for this journal would be welcome indeed.

The Annual General Meeting will take place in October and we look forward to a good attendance and support for the election of a strong committee to take us into 1985.

**FOR YOUR DIARY.**

All meetings are held at the Friends Meeting House, 436 Rayners Lane, Harrow. Nearest Underground Station: Rayners Lane - Piccadilly/Metropolitan Lines. Bus services: 209 and E1.

Monthly meetings are held on Fridays and commence at 8.00 pm.

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September	14th.	1984.	Michael Gandy will talk on " <u>Census Returns.</u> " We remember his last talk to the Society and this new subject will prove most popular. There will be examples of problems he has found.
October	12th.	1984	A.G.N. Saepage 4 . The meeting will be followed by members presenting examples of heirlooms, and giving a brief account of their significance.
November	9th.	1984	Dr. Helen Forde (Head of the Conservation Department, Public Record Office) will speak on " <u>The history of the administration of the Hearth Tax.</u> " The records of this tax, levied from 1662 to 1689, are most important to the family historian.
December	14th.	1984	A social evening. Members are invited to bring any old family recipes that have been handed down - and perhaps a taster! It is known that Mrs Baston once lived nearby!

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HOUSE GROUP AT WEMBLEY PARK

Meetings have continued each month since starting in January. We are now a small but enthusiastic group who are making good progress with our own family research.

Ron Purser and Doris Jones found they had common interests in Strington, Gloucestershire and have found mutual help. Meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at the home of Mrs D. Jones, 95 Oakington Avenue, Wembley Park. Please telephone (01-904 6310) if you would like to join us.

NORTH MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Ursula Nyss, Editor of the Journal of this Society, has written about the recent successful 3rd One Day Conference of the Society held at Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, on 30 June.

About 100 members and friends attended including your Editor Eric Whittleton who I had the pleasure of meeting for the first time. Michael Gandy, B.A., our Chairman, gave an address of welcome. He was followed by Barrett Wilson, Clerk to the Guild of Watermen and Lightermen who gave a talk on the Guild. Gillian Gear, our next speaker spoke on "Ways of tracing the Common Man" - with particular reference to East Barnet. In the afternoon Elizabeth Simpson F.S.G., spoke of the "Wanderers in London." She talked of the experiences of four people who left London as convicts and as settlers in Australia, Canada, S.Africa and the USA becoming founder members of their adoptive countries. A coffee break during the morning and a buffet lunch gave time for socialising."

# NOTES & NEWS

## ONE DAY CONFERENCE

On another page our neighbouring Society of West Middlesex announces a one day conference to be held at Isleworth. This surely calls for support and all our members will be heartily welcomed. Apart from hearing three excellent guest speakers there will be plenty of time to for social contact with members of the other local societies. Lunch will not be provided but there will be facilities for eating snacks and tea and coffee will be 'on Tap.' And the cost - a mere £2. There will be no parking problems for cars, and public transport facilities are close at hand. We look forward to meeting many of our own members on this special occasion.

## HARROW MUSEUM

The Harrow Arts Council, to which we are affiliated has long sought a site for a Harrow Museum. A Harrow Museum Group has been active in support and recently changed its status becoming 'The Museum and Heritage Committee.' At this time came an offer from the Harrow Council to lease the Headstone Manor House and the Tithe Barn providing that the committee can find the necessary funding to convert the buildings into a museum and pay the running costs. In other words, the 20-room Headstone Manor, the Manor grounds, the Tithe Barn and its immediate environs are available to be used. Fund raising has already begun and the project has the full support of our society. A feasibility study of the project is now in hand conducted by Valerie Bott of the Grange Museum at Neasden, who has always taken a keen interest in a Harrow Museum. Valerie Bott is a contributor to this issue of 'Greentrees.' The Harrow Museum and Heritage Committee are hoping to add 1000 subscribers to the supporting group. Details can be had from the Hon. Secretary Peter Samill, 19 Crofts Road, Harrow, Middlesex.

## SALING REFERENCE LIBRARY

The Saling Central Lending and Reference Library has now moved and will be situated in the new Town Square of the 'Broadway Centre.' The address is Central Library, 103 Saling Broadway Centre, Saling, London W.5.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY will be held at 8.00pm on Friday 12th October at the Friends Meeting House, 456 Rayners Lane, Harrow, Middlesex.

### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the A.G.M. held 14th October 1983
2. Annual Report for the year 1983-1984
3. Secretary's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Membership Report.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Any other business.

## EDITORS EXCHANGE NOTES I

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From Sam Morton, Editor - "West Middlesex Family History Society" Journal

Twice in recent weeks I have spent some time in St. Catherine's House in unsuccessful searches for marriages. One of these was in response to a member of our society, living in Canada. She had visited Salt Lake City, consulted the records there and now asked me to obtain a marriage certificate. All the details were given - even to the reference letters - but I could find no trace of the marriage. Time was short on that day, I was unable to consult the search room staff, and so I wrote to the Superintendent Registrar of the area concerned, asking for confirmation of the event. By return of post I received a letter to confirm my information and inviting me to send the necessary cash to receive the certificate.

In the case of the second search I am no further forward, for the time being it must join the list of marriages which I am unable to find in the indexes.

I am sure that most of us have had a similar experience, even today, despite all our modern technology, omissions occur in the indexes, and with the amount of information pouring in to the Registrar General it is not surprising. It seems to me that here is a gap in our source material - a gap beginning in 1837. How many marriage indexes extend beyond that date? The ISI is not over plentiful around the 1850s, and we all say "well of course after 1837 there is no need to index" But are we relying too heavily on one source, instead of helping to build another index?

We, in West Middlesex, are compiling a Marriage Index, but it is mainly concerned with our own 'area' although in a recent Journal, mention is made of Edgware, Friern Barnet, Harrow, and Hornsey, all of which are in that desert period of the early 1800s. I have an interest in all this - I am looking for several marriages in and around central London, and I would like to see our present indexes carried over to 1875 or thereabouts and I would like to see one index for the whole of Middlesex. We could each play our part in this, firstly by agreeing to a common format for all Middlesex indexes, and once that essential step was taken, we could publish them in a series of parishes or districts. Who knows, I might even find those marriages I am looking for.

My personal view of all this is that our three Societies could, with some profit to all, work more closely together. The various indexes I have mentioned would make an excellent point at which to start, or how about a Day Conference, in which the three societies shared the organisation, and because we each had an interest, would help to make the day just that more successful.

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We are pleased to again offer space to our two Middlesex companion societies. All the editors of the Middlesex journals can exchange ideas in this way, and introduce a spirit of co-operation that can only benefit research in the old County area.

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LOOKING BACK TO CANTERBURY.

FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE. 13 - 15 APRIL 1984.

Eileen Startin

Some 300 avid family history buffs enjoyed at Canterbury a lively and interesting family history conference hosted by the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies and the Kent Family History Society.

The conference got off to a good start with a lecture by John Bouch on 'Rough Hade Men' about the smugglers in Kent. The origins of the illicit traffic started with the wool trade. England had the best quality wool which was sought after by continental weavers and the expertise was lacking in England to make fine cloth. There was a tax on the export of wool and it was very profitable to smuggle wool to the continent where it was woven and turned into expensive clothing and the garments then smuggled back to England to be sold. The taxes on the import of wines and other goods into this country made it profitable to smuggle these goods too. Kent, which was within rowing distance of France and was near London, had an abundance of landing places with misty marshes and dense woodland tracks inland which made it ideally suited for the smuggling trade. The slides which illustrated the talk gave a dramatic and scenic background to the story of the smugglers or 'lowlers' and the skirmishes with the Customs Officers.

One disappointment was that Joan Lane who was due to talk on 'The Apprentice and the Family' had gone down with influenza and so was unable to give her talk. In her place however was an unexpected treat - a lecture by Dr Alfred Smyth on the Anglo Saxon Chronicles. He is a lecturer of great panache and Irish charm and he guided us with verve through the thirteen versions of the Chronicle. The annals grew from the Paschal tables with the gaps between the dates being filled in with details of events. It was interesting to learn that as early as the 870s the propaganda machines were in action with the Chronicle being used as a military journal and for publicity for King Alfred's exploits!

Mr Robert Bouch, who was apparently unrelated to the first speaker, drew attention to school records as a valuable family history source in his talk on 'Elementary schools in Nineteenth Century England.' Although there were very few records in 1800, by 1900 there were a large amount as by then there were more schools and more children in schools. Up to 1833 schools were an entirely voluntary enterprise and the majority were charity schools. From 1833 grants were made by the Government and under the 1870 Act elementary schools were set up and financed entirely out of public funds. Four different types of source material were mentioned:

- (1) material remains (i.e. is the school still there?)
- (2) pictorial illustrations - paintings, photographs etc.
- (3) written records
- (4) personal recollections of past pupils

In looking at records there were two main sorts, the first being general documents concerned with the setting up and launching of schools, the second being concerned with how a school operated. Applications for building grants often gave detailed justification for the new building. Preliminary statements in the Public Record Office were a mine of information about new schools. In looking at how schools operated there were timetables which showed the limited range of subjects covered, examples of pupils work, managers minute books, H.M. Inspectors Reports, and school log books from 1840 to the present day. Names of individual pupils were found in lists such as admission Registers, candidates entered for examinations, honours board record of successes, punishment books, medical records and leaving records. The

first source to search for these was the Local Record Office.

'The way our Ancestors Lived' was graphically shown in the slides presented by Michael Berthoud. Starting with the very functional Wealden House (1350-1400) which was built of oak and lacked symmetry we moved to the fifteenth century with buildings of equal timber and lathe which had lower windows fitted with shutters, hinged in the upper windows. Brickwork became common at the end of the fifteenth century and a new pattern of house emerged once you could enclose a fire with bricks. The sixteenth century saw the development of the gable. Elegant curves and walnut furniture came in the eighteenth century. Houses became asymmetrical; the Queen Anne shape appeared and the rococo style from 1730. The Georgian style then became popular and there was a classical revival at the end of the century.

The talk by Jean Tashima on 'How to find your Huguenot Ancestors' explained that a French name did not automatically indicate Huguenot ancestry. It could be Anglo-Norman with descendants settling in this country before the first Huguenot immigrants came during the reigns of Henry VIII and Edward VI. Difficulties in identifying Huguenots were intense because of many changes of name. On arrival in England the name could appear in French or English and varied in spelling according to the dialect in which it was spoken.

The last lecture of the Conference was by Bryan Keith-Lucas on 'Jane Austen's Rich Uncle': a great-uncle. He came from a family in trade and rose to become a lawyer. He married twice for money, became a Clerk of the Peace and was appointed agent of the Duke of Dorset. He was a real rascal and made money out of the Duke in several property transactions. He managed to get fees and bribes for everything. He even cheated his own daughter and was far from being an example of the upright disinterested lawyer. What a character!

NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

Eileen Startin is a member of our committee and arranges speakers for meetings. She has been interested in her family history for a number of years and is still seeking new sources of information.

Valerie Bott is the museum keeper at the Grange Museum, Heasden, which was featured in an article in 'Greentrees' Winter 1983. Her connection with the Victoria County History publication and her work for local history in West London is significant.

Richard Bowden is archivist at the City of Westminster Library in Marylebone. He has been responsible for building up a fine collection of local material much of which he has carefully indexed.

Ante McRuan was born and educated in Cape Town and has lived in Ealing since 1975. She helped present a weekly news-programme for Hospital Radio West Middlesex and this gave her an interest in local history. After writing for the 'Ealing Gazette' she collected much of her material into book form. Although she is at present not living in Ealing her interests are still in that area.

Alan Gillett is a chartered surveyor with an interest in art which began when at Marlborough College. A former president of Ealing Rotary Club he enjoys sketching buildings and street scenes and the drawing of St. Mary the Virgin, Perivale, is an example of his work.

Jim Golland is vice-chairman of the Pinner Local History Society and editor of the society's newsletter. A master at Harrow School, he is also the author of books on local history and has a particular interest in the history of local families.

THE VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORY OF MIDDLESEX

Valerie Bott

The Victoria County History began, as its name suggests, towards the end of Queen Victoria's reign. In 1911 the first of the Middlesex volumes was published, actually volume II in the scheme for that county, and another volume was in preparation by that date. Unfortunately neither this nor any of the other Middlesex volumes had been published by the outbreak of war in 1914 and there the story of the Victoria County History of Middlesex and the other counties which had made a start on this ambitious project might have ended.

The Victoria County History of Middlesex was revived forty years later as a result of a group of enthusiastic persons urging the relevant local authorities to subscribe sufficient funds to employ staff to research and write the history of the county. Early on it had been decided that central London should be excluded from the Middlesex volumes so the Victoria County History of Middlesex Council included representatives of the London County Council, 18 Municipal Boroughs and 8 Urban District Councils as the funding authorities for the project. With the reorganisation of London's local government in 1965 the composition of the VCH Middlesex Council changed slightly, having representatives of 9 new London Boroughs, 3 Urban District Councils and the Greater London Council after that date. The project has continued until work on what might best be called "Outer Middlesex" was completed with the publication of Volume VII in 1982. A new VCH Council for "Inner Middlesex" has now taken on the project and work is in progress on some Inner London parishes which were formerly in Middlesex.

The six volumes produced since the revival of the project in the 1950s have been published under the wing of the Institute of Historical Research at London University through the Oxford University Press. The first to be completed was Volume III, published in 1962, which dealt with the west of the county - parishes in Spelthorne, Elthorne and Isleworth Hundreds. This was followed by Volume I in 1969, a general volume dealing with the early history of the county and particularly good on the archaeology, Domesday Book, religious history and the history of education. Volume IV was published two years later covering a number of parishes local to Central Middlesex family historians: Norwood, Hillingdon, Uxendon, Northolt, Parivale, Ruislip, Edgware, Harrow and Pinner. Volume V came out in 1976, covering Hendon, Kingsbury, the two Stannores and five parishes in Edgerton Hundred, Volume VI in 1980, covering Friern Barnet, Finchley and Hornsey parishes, with Volume VII completing the set two years later with Acton, Chiswick, Uxaling and Brentford, West Wyford and Willeston.

The Victoria County History follows a standard pattern in its approach to each county, providing some general volumes and some giving detailed parish histories Hundred by Hundred. Each parish is summarised, then the development of its centres of settlement is traced. The ownership and growth of its manors and other estates is described, followed by sections examining its economic history (from farming to suburban industry), social activities and local government followed by detailed listings of local schools and other educational bodies, churches and chapels. Every volume has a detailed and very helpful index which includes the names of places and people mentioned as well as more general subjects. There are also very detailed and extremely useful

footnotes giving references for the sources used for the information on each page.

An enormous amount of research goes into each volume. Inevitably, however, small mistakes crop up and usually these are corrected in the next volume published. You may be surprised to find that for all its detail the Victoria County History is intended to be a starting point for the local historian rather than a definitive history of a place which need never be researched again! The researchers have tracked down information from a variety of different sources in numerous collections owned by local authorities, the government, the Church, universities and private owners. Their footnotes give you reference numbers for the documents which they have used so that you can trace the same document and discover whether more is revealed in the original than has been used for the VCH. At first sight the VCH volumes are a little daunting, printed in comparatively small type set in two columns per page with very few illustrations, but the contents is all meant to get your teeth into!

Such a specialist and ambitious history is rather expensive to produce and is printed in a comparatively short edition for each volume, so the cost of buying a large volume is high - Volume VII costs £60. However, all the subscribing authorities receive copies of each volume as a sort of payment for their support and most library services have also bought extra copies. You should be able to find the complete set somewhere in your local library service, probably in the main reference library or the local history collection. Many local authorities subscribed to all the Victoria County Histories ever produced so you may be able to do some background work on a County that interests you without leaving Middlesex!

The VCH Council for "Outer Middlesex" is to be wound up this September. Its final act will be the publication of a modestly priced booklet which any local historian will find invaluable since it will provide a guide to the Middlesex VCH volumes published so far, helping those to whom Middlesex is unknown territory to find their way around. Copies will be distributed to all the subscribing local authorities which can be kept with the VCH volumes, but the booklet will also be made available for sale to anyone who would like a copy of their own. If you've never looked at the Victoria County History don't wait for the booklet to come out - you will find dipping into these beautifully produced red volumes a delight. You can use them to find out about the area where you live or an area where your ancestors came from (if work has been completed on it!). You can track down names in the detailed indexes, check the footnotes for new sources of information - the VCH volumes may provide a clue for the family historian which is well worth following up.

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ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

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- THE TOWN LABOURER. 1760-1832. J.L. & Barbara Hammond (1941 Edn)  
-Presented.
- WHERE TO FIND THE INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX. Jeremy Gibson  
-Presented.
- BIOGRAPHICS: PUBLISH FAMILY HISTORY. Ian Templeton. (1982)  
-Presented by the author.
- DESPINY OBSCURE. Edited by John Barnett. (1982)  
(We are indebted to Mrs E. Hutchinson, for this presentation.  
Mrs Hutchinson contributed an unpublished autobiography  
which was widely quoted by the author. Our member was born  
in Paddington in 1915 and has written of her family there)

The Archives and Local History Department  
MARYLEBONE LIBRARY

Richard A. Bowden.

The archives and local history sources at Marylebone Library relate chiefly to the northern half of the City of Westminster, that is the areas of the former metropolitan Boroughs of Paddington and St. Marylebone. The geographical division is broadly speaking north of Oxford Street and the Bayswater Road; for areas within the City of Westminster to the south of this line enquiries should be directed to the Archives and Local History Department at the Victoria Library, 150 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1.

Readers using either collection will also find printed material which extends over the whole of London, and that some of the specialist collections at Westminster's other libraries may also be relevant. These will be referred to below.

The outline description of the sources at Marylebone Library which follows is of material which may be of interest to the genealogist; a guide to the collections at both Marylebone Library and Victoria Library is available, which contains more general details.

Parish Registers and Transcriptions All deposited parish registers for Paddington and St. Marylebone are in the custody of the Greater London Record Office. Transcriptions of marriages at St. Mary's, Paddington Green are held for 1656-1696, and for St. Marylebone Parish Church for 1668-1842. Details of nonconformist sources are available on a separate handlist. A further handlist contains details of the large numbers of parish registers covering South Westminster which are deposited at the Victoria Library. Transcriptions are also held at Marylebone for monumental inscriptions in St. Marylebone Parish Church and for the surviving tombstones in St. John's Wood burial ground. An index is available to the printed transcriptions of parish registers from all over the country which are to be found at Westminster's Central Reference Library.

Directories Some 35 Post Office London Directories are held for the period 1806-1910. From 1916 to date the collection is almost complete. In addition there are directories for Paddington for 1863 and 1888-1939 and for St. Marylebone for 1863-64 and 1884-1939. Both sequences have gaps. However, these local directories are generally more detailed than the London ones.

Electoral Registers This collection has 19th century lists for 1844-1847, 1850 and 1855. After 1900 the registers for Paddington survive for 1902 onwards; those for St. Marylebone for 1905 and 1918 onwards.

Census Returns Microfilm copies of the returns for Paddington and St. Marylebone for 1851, 1861, 1871, and 1881 with street indexes. The 1841 returns are not held; in fact the 1841 returns for Paddington have not survived at all. The St. Marylebone returns for 1821 and 1831 are available, but give much less detail.

Maps Richard Horwood's large scale map of London of 1792-99, which gives house numbers, includes most of St. Marylebone. The 3rd edition of this map, published in 1913, is also held. Three editions of a map of St. Marylebone by Peter Fother of a similar scale were printed in 1821, 1824 and 1832. (A facsimile of the edition of 1832 is available for sale.

Maps by George Lucas of both Paddington and St. Marylebone were published 1845-1860. These also give house numbers, and can be very useful.

Fairly complete sets of the 60" Ordnance Survey series 1866-1871 and 1894-1896 covering this area are held together with some later versions.

Prints and photographs There are around 8,000 in the collection, indexed by street or building.

Books and printed sources are collected which relate to London generally and more specifically to the local area. The Reference Library, which adjoins the Archives and Local History Department, contains a good selection of general works on genealogy and heraldry, the Victoria County History for the whole county, and a wide selection of directories and other useful sources of all types.

Newspapers, periodicals and newsclippings Two microfilm copies of local newspapers are held: The Bayswater Chronicle 1860-1953 and the St. Marylebone and Paddington Record 1914-1971. Other post-war titles include the Paddington Mercury, The Paddington Times and the Marylebone Mercury. Incidentally, it is extremely rare to find notices of births, marriages or deaths in a local paper unless the person involved was quite a local celebrity! Few of the periodicals date from before c1920. There are parish magazines from St. Mary's, Bryanston Square and Christ Church, Gosway Street dating from c1870, an interesting set of the Great Western Railway Magazine 1907-1954, and 'Home Tidings' the journal of the London Polytechnic 1880-1943. Newsclippings in the collection date from the 17th century and may be found through the relevant index. It is, however, rare for them to be indexed by personal name.

Archives The collections are in two broad groups: the official records of the vestries and Borough Councils of Paddington and St. Marylebone, which date from c1650, and privately deposited records. Title Deeds fall into the latter category; so far around 4,000 have been indexed. All post 1834 Poor Law material for this area is at the GLRO together with records of local State Schools. School registers, a fairly rare source, exist for the St. Marylebone Charity School for Girls, 1803-1935, and for the St. Marylebone Grammar School 1827-1901. Most of the early vestry records have contemporary indexes. The St. Marylebone rate books are now all available on microfilm from the 17th century to 1965; the rate books for Paddington are extant, but incomplete, from the 17th century to 1860, and after this date for 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1913 onwards. (NB. Paddington rate books should be requested in advance). One other archival source in such a short description may be worth mentioning: the records of two firms of local undertakers - Tookays and Garstins - which cover the years 1834-1970 and give the cemetery used for each burial.

This type of summary inevitably misses out something which might be of vital interest to a particular family historian. I can only say, if you have a link with this part of London, that you are most welcome to visit the collection, and that the staff will be very willing to help you. There are extensive indexes which include past enquiries in their coverage; as the indexes are so numerous there is a leaflet explaining how to use them.

A short summary guide to Westminster Sources for Family History should be available fairly soon which may help further. Our usual opening hours, both at Marylebone and Victoria are 9.30am - 7pm on weekdays and 9.30am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm on Saturdays.

We look forward to seeing you. The Marylebone Library stands on the south side of Marylebone Road at the junction with Upper Montagu Street, next to the Westminster Council House, and not far from Baker Street Underground station.



Drawing by Alan Gillett

## Memorials at St. Mary the Virgin, Perivale.

Kate McEwan.

Reading the plaques and memorials inside the church will give you some idea of the patrons of St. Mary's over the last few centuries. Most of the monuments in the chancel are dedicated to the Myllet family and their successors; while under a small carpet on the floor of the nave, lies what is left of the oldest memorial in the church: a group of five brasses dated 1500, depicting Henry Myllet and his family. Sadly, these survived the plundering of the Reformation and other crises in the church's history only to fall prey to a modern scourge - the vandals who broke into the church recently.

The low window filled with dark Victorian stained glass, on the south side of the chancel may have been a 'leper's window' during the 13th century. It looks upon the spot where the altar stood before the chancel was renovated, and would have allowed the unfortunate outcasts a limited view of the service. However, another, less romantic theory suggests that the window might merely have provided extra light for the officiating priest.

The Churchyard has also suffered at the hands of vandals, but they have not succeeded in spoiling its charm. As you wander along the bramble strewn paths deciphering the inscriptions on the old gravestones, you will realize that although many personalities connected with the borough's history are buried here, the churchyard has also provided a resting place for an even larger number of people who had probably never set foot in the parish during their lifetime. Perivale was in fact, a convenient burial place for middle-class Londoners during the 18th and 19th centuries

St. Mary the Virgin, Perivale, is a beautiful 12th century church of significant historic interest and architectural charm. It became redundant in 1976 and was leased to the 'Friends of St. Mary's Trust' who, after restoration work, now maintain the little church.

The church stands on a knoll above the River Brent which once cut off all access from the south in times of flood.

Until the beginning of this century it stood in the middle of wheatfields for which Perivale (or Purevale) was renowned. Besides being the smallest and oldest church in the Borough of Ealing, its red-tiled roof, wooden tower and churchyard overhung with trees make it a most attractive place to visit.

The small churchyard is overgrown in parts and many memorials damaged. The Parish Registers were transcribed and tombs and stones noted by Eric Beavis in May 1955.

In 1980 J.F.Gordon recorded and indexed most existing monumental inscriptions. Copies of both records are with the Society of Genealogists.

as the churchyard lay only eight miles from Marble Arch. Legal action was taken against this practice in 1906, to preserve what little space was left for parishioners.

Some of the names to look out for on the headstones are: Dr. Nicholas, headmaster of the Great Ealing School; George Elliot, the eldest son of General Elliott of Castlebar Park; Thomas Crosswell, said to be related to the Protector; and Thomas Bowler of Manor Farm, who was executed at Newgate for adding injury to insult after shooting (but not killing) a neighbouring farmer who had seduced his daughter. His sentence seems to have been particularly severe - possibly because the crime took place in the same year that Prime Minister Perceval was shot. Elizabeth Colleton, daughter of a well-to-do 18th century Ealing family, lies in a grave known as 'The Maiden's Tomb' The strangely carved stonework of the grave has been pushed aside by what was once a trinity of trees, said to have sprung up in response to the girl's final cry that if there be a just God, trees would grow out of her tomb. Two of the trees have had to be removed owing to Dutch Elm disease, but the remaining one is still there, entwined round a piece of the iron railing which used to enclose the grave.

The Parish Register also records the untimely end of a previous churchwarden Samuel Verrey, Farmer: 'He was set upon by two footpads on Saturday night last about 7 of ye clock near Castle-bear Hill, and on making some resistance was shot by one of ye through ye body: of which wound he languish'd till Monday morning and then expired. Bd. in Woolen, as per affidavit received.'

An affidavit stating that the body had been buried in a shroud made of sheep's wool, had to be made to the magistrate or officiating minister as a result of an Act passed by Charles II to keep English wool manufacturers in business after they were forbidden to export their product. A fine of £5 was payable if any other material was used in burials.

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## TIPS TO FIND THE INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX.

Jeremy Gibson & Michael Walcott. £1.00 (with postage \$1.20) 1984. Published by the Federation of Family History Societies. (Obtainable from our bookstall)

Another useful book from Jeremy Gibson aimed at those needing access to the IGI with an introduction (by Alf Ison) explaining some of the finer points of the Genealogical Society of Utah's recording system. Another section gives examples of 'pitfalls for the unwary', but the main pages with lists of holdings in county order should enable every reader to find convenient access to a microfiche file. A new edition of the IGI is due early next year. How widely it will be distributed in present economic circumstances and with an unfavourable dollar exchange rate has yet to be learned.

HELP REQUESTED!

A section of the Journal where our readers may publish their queries. The space is free of charge to members of the Society, but non-members may submit items of up to five lines for a fee of 50p. Entries, with a remittance, should be sent direct to the Journal Editor.

Mr. S.C. EDWARDS of 1, Pukeko Place, Tokoroa, New Zealand

..... seeks information on children of Edmund POOLE and Margaret ELTON, married at Paddington Parish Church 15 August 1853. Marriage Certificate states Edmund as 'Servant.' His father Charles POOLE was also a servant. Margaret Elton's father was a 'Butcher,' resident before marriage at Pickering Place. Only son noted is Frederick POOLE, born 6 August 1854. Contact with any descendant is sought.

Mr. A.F. APHILL-SMITH of 56, Seymour Road, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 2BL

..... would like any information about Anthony John SMITH born at Woolwich in 1823 and later moved to Chelsea. He became a Tailor. He married Caroline BIRGE at Holy Trinity Church, Chelsea on 29 August 1847. He was buried at Brompton Cemetery on 18 August 1877. His father was John SMITH, Coach Maker.

L. KEEHL of Box 135, Warburton, Victoria 3799, Australia

..... is searching for her ancestors and seeks descendants of Michael McNAMARA --- born in Ireland, and Margaret BURGESS --- born in England: who were married on 1 May 1825 at St. Stephen's Church, Coleman Street, London. L. Keehl is a descendant of theirs through their son James and his wife Rebecca FEAR. They were living in Middlesex in the mid 1800s. Has anyone come across this family?

The Editor has been asked to seek the place of birth of..... HENRY VAUGHEAN, working in London (Pooley Street, Southwark) in 1823. He was born 10 December 1794. Later a schoolmaster and Parish Clerk, Holy Trinity, Upper Chelsea: (Sloane Street).

HELP REQUESTED!

Mrs ROSIE RITCHIE of Otard House, Otard Close, East Street, Selsey, Chichester, W.Sussex PO20 0DU ..... is researching on behalf of a South Australian friend, Phyl Edge. She is seeking any information on the following families: THOMSON: SHEPARD: HIBBLS: SANDILANDS: FORREST: WALDIE: LEVER: ENGLISH: YULL: CARR: SIMONS..... and particularly James SANDILANDS (Middlesex farmer) m. Margaret WILKINSON - emigrated Australia 1842 with children :- James (b.1824); John (b. 1828 -Barrow on the Hill); William; Jane (b.1835); last address Willedden Green. In 1898 James (b.1824) returned to England to claim possessions from Chancery but was unsuccessful. He lived in Fulborough, Sussex and died there in 1907. A 'Sandilands "tree" was printed - back to 14c - but cannot be found.

Edward HOPEWELL (b.1820) m. Helen (nee Morse) (b.1821) Address in 1842-18, Finsbury Place North, Finsbury, Middx. At least 4 sons, 3 daus:- Edward P. Hopewell m. Margaret Jane Turner - son Edward V. Hopewell; 1 son -to Calcutta; 1 son to Darwin; 1 son at Hesketh Arms, Cheadle Hulme; 1 dau. m. Dr Freeman of Milan; 1 dau. m. Arthur Humbold a Gov't official in Canary Isles; 1 dau. Alice Pearson Hopewell 1864- 1885.

HELP OFFEREDWestern Australian Emigrants

Member John Cornish (207) is in possession of indexes of all emigrants to Western Australia, bound and free, from 1829 - 1868 from Home Office Records. He is prepared to consult this index for £1.00 per surname and SAE. His address is 82, Wickstead House, County St., London SE1 6NF.

A GLOSSARY for GENEALOGY

- HARDWICKE'S ACT : Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act 1754, limited to England and Wales, was intended to end clandestine marriages. Banns of marriage were ordered, and, with marriages, had to be recorded and bound "in proper books." It was also enacted that marriages (excepting those of Jews and Quakers) could only be performed by a Church of England minister. Consent for minors had to be obtained.
- HAYWARD : A manorial (or parish) officer having charge of hedges, supervising the repair of fences and often controlling the use of common lands. Has been known as 'Hedge Locker' (Hay = Hedge).
- HEARTH TAX : Levied from 1662-1689. Records at the PRO but many counties have been printed and indexed. Useful to find inhabitants in villages of that period, although small householders and the poor not paying parish rates were exempt.
- HONAGE : A jury in a Court Baron, consisting of tenants who would enquire and present the death of manor tenants, their surrenders and admittances.
- HUNDRED HOUSE : The workhouse (E. Anglia)
- IMPRIMIS : usually written 'IMP' : from the Latin, meaning 'in the first place.'

## NEW MEMBERS

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..... who are welcomed to the Society

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Change of Address

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Details from : Mrs W. Mott, 24, Addison Avenue, Hounslow, Middlesex  
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## ON THE BOOKSHELF

## DESTINY OBSCURE

Edited and introduced by John Burnett. Allen Lane, 1982.

As scientific progress gathers speed, and life seems to change course more rapidly every day, there is a natural desire to look back to the days that used to be, to times of youth, tinged perhaps with a rosy glow. Similarly, there is great satisfaction to be derived from reading biographies of people who have lived through the changing times and who can still recall the days of peace or grandeur or poverty that surrounded them in childhood. John Burnett has capitalised on this common sense of nostalgia by collecting together over 800 autobiographies, many hitherto unpublished, and summarising them with lengthy extracts in *Destiny Obscure*. They were sent to him in response to appeals in the press and on the BBC, and cover the whole of the Victorian period and up to the 1920's.

Each reader will find moments in the 28 full extracts that will appeal to him; but for many it will be the evidence of the extremes of poverty: the half egg shared as a treat, the attitudes to cast-off clothing, the fear of drunken, brutal fathers. Others will be fascinated by the folk-lore -- the witches and ghosts, and the interesting Grotto Night ceremonies. Occasions when the good old days seem even better attract the attention, such as the postcards sent in the morning that brought a posted reply the same day. Others will find the changing manners a revelation, such as the old lady shocked because a girl told her she had washed her hair, something you did not talk about in public.

Professor Burnett has an introduction to each section, on Childhood or Education, for instance, and the latter was particularly interesting, stressing as it did the importance of the early Sunday Schools as the only places where young factory workers could get any education at all. And the early biographies that spoke of the British and national systems were most informative: one man started as head master at the age of 16.

Dip anywhere into the book and you are immediately held: boys waiting as the pig is cut up so that they can be given the bladder as a football, or the elder brother's suit being loaned out for a funeral. There is something here for everyone who wants to escape to a dream world that all too often was something of a nightmare.

J. S. Golland.

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## BIOGRAPHICS. Publish Family History.

Ian Templeton. The Pikere Pad, PO Box 97, Storrington, West Sussex.

Here is an unusual book with a title that does not do justice to its main theme: writing and publishing your family history using inexpensive ways to do it yourself. The author's own experiences are told in Part 1. Much that he relates is personal and may not be relative to the family circumstances of others, there are also a few obvious errors. After page 62, however, the information proves more and more useful and the chapter headings give a meaning to the contents. Methods, costing, presentation, tools and material - all come under discussion. There are hints about type-faces, style and lay-out, particularly of costing although all printing costs have a tendency to outstrip other expenses. The author writes that he is concerned with ways and means of putting what the family historian has gathered into an interesting record. In this he has succeeded.

E.N.

MEMBER'S INTERESTS

Mrs Mary Smith No. 6  
65, Nursery Road, Pinner, Middlesex. HA5 2AR.

is a founder member of the society, and a member of the Somerset and Dorset Society. She is active in researching several surnames:  
POOLE Bridgwater (1780/1900); Staguray/Cannington (from 1740) - all in Somerset.

FRANCIS/JENKINS Bridgwater, Somerset (1890)  
HORNFORDE/BENNETT Thurloxton, Somerset (1700)  
JAMES Cheltenham, Glos. (c1850)  
FRIESTLEY Twickenham, Middlesex (c1790)  
POOLE Marylebone (1900/1930)  
FRYERS Liverpool (c1900)

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Mr E.J. Chambers No. 31  
77, Warner Road, Edgware, Middlesex. HA8 6AT

is interested in local history. His brother is the genealogist in the family and has traced most ancestors to North Wales. At present he is working on his family who are known at St. Martin's in the Fields, Westminster, before 1820

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Mr and Mrs A.A. Purser No 186 - 187.  
55, Tewkesbury Gardens, Kingsbury, London NW9 0QU

write that being new to family history research are both still assembling their family trees. Not having any of their forebears left to consult they are having to work hard to trace their lines accurately, but have now reached the mid 19century and have found the names of grandmothers and great-grandmothers. Researches have not yet narrowed to particular branches. So far the families appear to have been long established in London, except for the Braziers who came from Northampton, but the 1881 census shows gr.grandfather GIBB (a baker) as hailing from Scotland. There has long been a tradition in the Barnadin family that they arrived with the Huguenots: this they want to find out.

Surnames being researched by Mr. A.A.Purser:  
PURSER - GIBB - PORTLOCK London, Farnham. Before 1900  
BRAZIER London & Northampton  
MASCH Northampton & Kingsthorpe, Before 1900

Surnames being researched by Mrs J.A.Purser:  
BERNADIN London: Islington )  
TOWNSEND London: Islington/Lambeth ) before 1900  
PIATT London: Lambeth )

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Mr H.W. Henderson No 195  
5, West Avenue, Pinner, Middlesex. HA5 5BS

was introduced to the Society by a report in a local newspaper. Is interested in the computerisation of records and seeks information about the following families:

CHILD City of London. 18century  
TAVSNER East End of London 18century  
GANDELL Any reference 18century  
SHERLOCK Clerkenwell c.1800

Mrs M.M. Henderson of the same address is researching related families:

AMBLER Leeds /York. 16th century  
GOODYEAR Huddersfield 18th - 19th century  
BOURNE Staffordshire 19th century  
BELL Ripon 18th- 19th century

Mr and Mrs Henderson write:

We have both been tracing our family trees, as a combined effort, for over twenty years. It is always thrilling to discover new ancestors, but equally rewarding to flesh out the bones of those already known. We moved to Edinburgh in order to get at Scottish records and now moved here partly to be within reach of London records. We have no plans to move to Belfast at present (father's paternal grandfather was from Northern Ireland)! Our earliest established ancestor was born in 1530 and our least successful trail goes cold in the 1840s (Salena BOUSME's father is named on her birth certificate, but missing from her marriage certificate. Her parent's marriage certificate cannot be found; and, there is an interesting family legend!). We have learned from experience that a closed door will open quite unexpectedly so we never close a file! Meanwhile we are now slowly transferring all our records on to computer discs and a print-out of the information and making amendments is very easy.

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Mr D.C. Weedon No 197  
53, Shortbatts Lane, Lichfield, Staffs. WS14 9BU

Mr. Weedon writes that he has been researching his family for about a year. Every member from a marriage of Ralph WEEDON to Sarah WLEDON (maybe cousins) on 8 January 1756 is recorded in the Family Bible. However he does not seem to be having any luck in getting further. There is mention of the name in the Victoria County History of Bucks and Northants and the surname has been noted in other places. He hopes to learn more of his ancestors through membership of the society.

WLEDON. Rudlip and parishes north and west (Before into Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire (1756

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Mr Robert Gold No 198  
50, Salisbury Grove, Mitchett, Camberley, Surrey.

Writes that he heard of our society through the journal of the West Surrey society of which he is a member. He is interested in the local history of Fimlico and says that his father died when he was a baby of 18 months and in the years that followed his mother never talked of the family. Therefore, six months ago, he decided he would find out what he could about them for himself.

He did not even know that his father had three sisters and since starting research has traced many cousins, with wonderful reunions. His main interests are:

GOLD	Fimlico	19th century
LINDFIELD	Cuckfield, Sussex	1800- 1850
BEASLEY	Fimlico	19th century
CRANDLER	Farnham, Surrey	1800- 1850
DAMES	Cuckfield, Sussex	1800- 1850

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Mrs Margaret L. Paine No 201  
23, Bush Grove, Stansore, Middlesex HA7 2BY

has written an interesting account of her research over the past year. This will be printed in our next issue. Meanwhile we are printing the surnames which she is actively researching.

FULLER	Guastling/Rye, E. Sussex. 1770-1837	WHIGHT, Rye, E. Sussex 1770
KENNARD	Guastling/Rye, E. Sussex. 1770-1830	PAINE/YOUNG/COLS. S. London -1800s
PARNELL/HAWKINS	Canterbury, Kent 1770s-1837	
PENNY/ WHALEDONE	Sheerness, Kent 1800s	

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## Letters to the Editor

FROM

Mrs Margaret A. Pitt, 1 Lancaster Road, Harrow, HA2 7NN

"I am writing about a small mistake on page 5 of 'Greentrees' (Spring 1984). My maiden name was WATES which is much more uncommon than Watts. The spelling of the name was very important to me and all my relations, and I was always told we were related to everyone who spelt their name : WATES. I should be very grateful if you would put a note in the next issue of 'Greentrees' as this is important to me. "

FROM Mr P.C. Markwell, B.A., F.S.G., 49, Howard Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham.

enclosing a letter regarding his article in 'Greentrees' (page 12, Spring 1984) received from Norma Smith, 1660, Jarnocky Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33516. U.S.A. Norma Smith writes :

"I trust that your Washington Markwell appreciates the worthless nature of the book he sent you. It keeps peeping up in 'ads' much to the disgust of sincere genealogists..... It is unfortunate that his Washington contact was taken in by this money-making scheme. From time to time we are told by someone (usually a beginner) that they have been offered this tremendous book all about his/her family name. They seem loathe to believe those of us who warn them to beware I am pleased that Mr. Markwell disapproves of the scheme. We do also. It is unfortunate that such a book can be circulated and create such a terrible impression of those of us who pursue family history and genealogy with genuine interest and dedication. "

FROM The Society of Genealogists. (now at 14 Charterhouse Buildings, London EC1M 7BA).

"Thank you so much for donating a copy of the AIC of St. John's Church at Wembley to this library. We are very pleased to be able to add it to the collection deposited here. Your survey will certainly be a great help to many of our members. It is so clearly set out."

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## A GENEALOGIST'S DIARY

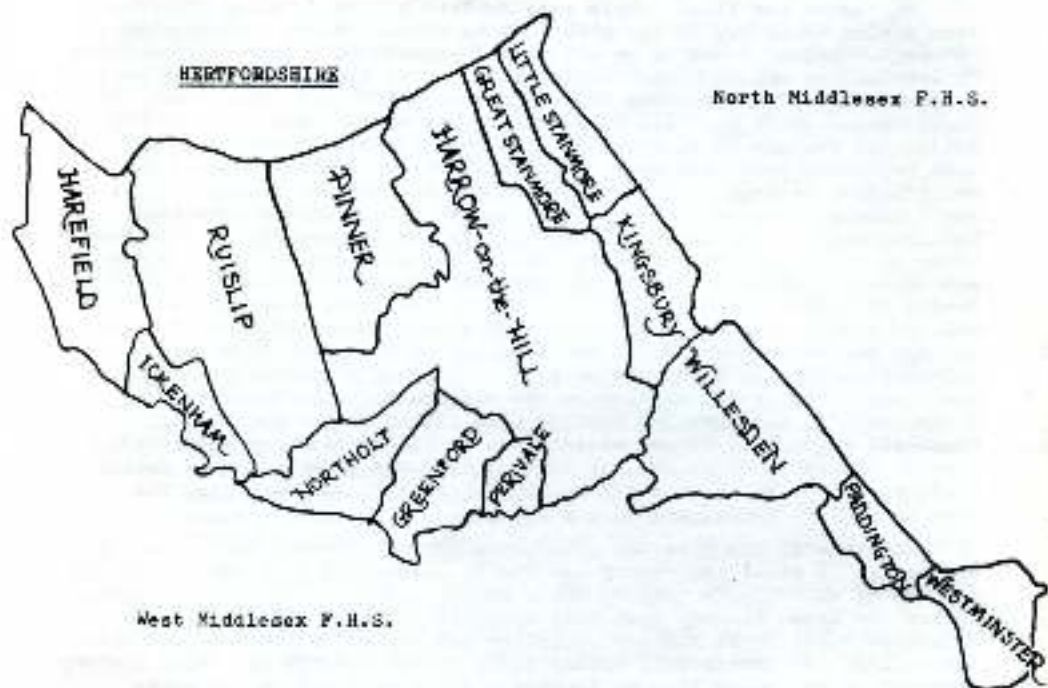
On August the first, while some members of the motoring fraternity were making their way to car showrooms to collect a new vehicle with a "B" registration, I was on my way by Underground to a different showroom. My destination was Barbican Station in the City from where it was only a short walk to Charterhouse Buildings where at 10 a.m. the Society of Genealogists would open its doors to the new library and offices. "The Buildings" conjure up visions of those overcrowded terraced houses with neglected yards and poor drainage so frequently encountered in early Census returns. Charterhouse Buildings, however, proved to be a small turning near the Goswell Road, and No. 14 a modern functional building well suited to be the new library for the Society. After some weeks of conversion and redecoration the valuable collection of books and documents can now be read in light and agreeable surroundings. Seeing the extent of the collection now in two large rooms on two floors made me realise for the first time what a vast amount of printed material the Society possesses. I could be one of the first over the threshold with Alan Reed, the Society's honorary treasurer and Pauline Saul, secretary of the Birmingham and Midland Society. There was no formal opening ceremony, no cutting of a ribbon or the popping of champagne corks..... it was business as usual. Members and visitors were soon accustomed to the new lay-out and were creating their family history. All were enthusiastic in appreciation of the work that had been devoted to making the move a success.

The move to new premises with scope for enlargement was certainly necessary. A wider membership can now be encouraged from the increasing numbers of enthusiasts tracing their family history. The British Association for Local History last year appointed a field officer, David Hays, to visit local history societies and report on the scope of their activities. He immediately became aware of the upsurge in family history research in the areas that he visited and his detailed report makes interesting reading. "As a growth subject" he wrote, "amateur research into family history outstrips by far the research currently involved with local history, archaeology, house history and oral history." He notes that 60% to 70% of the use of record offices and local history collections is now by people investigating their own families. "Obviously this puts tremendous pressure on the services available and one can understand the occasional muttered comments from beleaguered County archivists, directed towards 'Hoats' and Gordon Honeycombe."

The report does criticise some researchers who appear "ill-prepared for the task they attempt." Those who have participated in the ground-work encouraged by membership of a Family History Society should not be so guilty and I know our own members respect the valuable assistance offered by most archivists and do not abuse their helpfulness.

We are not alone in this country in using local records to establish our family history. During a recent visit to Germany I was for a time in Göttingen, a well known university town. Here the 'Genealogisch-Heraldische Gesellschaft' open their library every Friday and give advice to callers. There are also regular meetings and I was fortunate in being invited to one of these. The speaker, Prof. Dr. Wegener, gave a talk on the problems he encountered when researching an "Auffenberg" family. Several members of the family were present and we heard of the difficulties of linking together three families from different parts of Germany and Austria with the same name. Afterwards questions from the audience were of the same type we expect in this country. I did have a small contribution to make when I asked if the IGI had been consulted. This seemed to be an unknown source although the Marzen Church was known. Our own society have the German Microfiche in our library so I had a feeling of 'one-upmanship'!

R.E. CORDER



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