

GREENTREES

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FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

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The 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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EDITORIAL

Firstly, I would like to say a big 'hello' to you all, and how nice it is to be a member of the C. M. F. H. S.

Secondly, my sincere apologies for the delay in this issue of "Greentrees". Articles received by 31st August are hopefully in this issue. If they aren't, please let me know and I will ensure they are inserted in the next issue.

Anyway, to introduce myself. I was born in Edmonton some 20+ years ago. My childhood was spent in the Rayners Lane/ North Harrow area. In 1977 my parents emigrated to the land of spring lamb, along with my younger brother and sister. My brother is still at school - he's only twelve. I am married, with a four year old daughter, to Alan. He is in the tele-communications field.

I have been studying my mother's side of the family since 1978/79. Before that mum was doing it and before her, my nan. I have so far got the family back to the late 1700's on both sides, finding that one great-great-uncle was a journalist and another was a printer.

I would now like to make a request. Please may I have lots more articles? It can be about the way you tackled your own research, what you have found out about another family, a family story or anything else relevant to the study of family history. As the vast majority of families have at least one good story, I hope for lots of letters. A fairly regular spot in the Journal is "Who Was He?" by Eric Whittleton. With no disrespect to Eric, maybe someone else can think of a person, male or female. If so, drop me a line, or see me at the Society meetings.

For the forthcoming year some very interesting talks are lined up. It is hoped that the attendance of these will be as good as the past year's attendance.

Before I finish, I would like to say a big thank you to Marianne Inskip for helping to get the Journal out so promptly. I look forward to meeting you all over the coming months.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

Linda Wright

P.S. If you would like your manuscript returned, please enclose a SAE.

FOR YOUR DIARY

All meetings are held at the Friends Meeting House, 45f Rayners Lane, Harrow. Nearest Underground Station: Rayners Lane - Piccadilly/Metropolitan Lines. Bus Services: 209 and H1.

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month and commence at 8 p.m.

- 13th DECEMBER 1985 This year's Christmas Party will take the theme of Christmas Past. Has anyone got Granny's old dress?
- 10th JANUARY 1986 Happy New Year! We start the year off with a Workshop evening.
- 14th FEBRUARY 1986 Eric Whittleton will be speaking to us about Educational Resources. Bring along with you any old Valentine cards.
- 14th MARCH 1986 A talk will be given on a subject of importance to all members - The Preservation of Documents. The speaker will be announced at a later date.

HOUSE GROUP AT WEMBLEY PARK

Mrs Doris Jones has organised this group since the beginning of last year. It was formed to allow those living in the Wembley area to have the opportunity of getting together to sort out some of the problems encountered in research.

Meetings are held the last Monday of the month. The group exists for those members wishing to compare their experiences and can be of particular help to inexperienced researchers wanting to get started. We all know that family history research is an occupation in which, however experienced the researcher, there is always yet another method to be tried, or another source to be considered.

The initial enthusiasm of the group deserves to have full support and anyone interested in attending should contact Mrs Jones at 95 Oakington Avenue, Wembley Park. Telephone: 01-904-6310.

NOTES & NEWS

DOMESDAY

The BBC is making a documentary series about British history to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the Domesday Book. The producers are interested in locating families of today who can trace their ancestry back, continuously, to the time of the Domesday Book or beyond. Also anyone who has information and/or documentation going back to medieval times. Send details, or offers of assistance to: Sandra Gregory, BBC TV, Centre House, Wood Lane, London W12 7RJ.

THE STEPNEY GENSUS is being surname indexed by Cliff Webb. A search service is available (1851 only), with an entry request being kept on file if not found immediately. For details, send SAE (U.K.) or \$1 bill (U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, Canada) to: 8 Heather Close, New Haw, Weybridge, Surrey KT15 3PF.

THE MIDDLESEX MARRIAGE INDEX is held by Cliff Webb, in slip form. It covers the period 1813-1837, and it is intended to compliment the Boyd and Pallot Indexes of Middlesex marriages. Not in Mr Webb's index are Ealing, Edmonton, Enfield, Finchley, Monken Hadley, Harworth, Harefield, Hendon, South Mimms, Gt. Stanmore, Teddington, Tottenham, Willesden (in Boyd), Chiswick, Hounsey and Pinner (in Pallot). For further details send a SAE to Mr Webb at the above address.

NEW ONE-NAME SOCIETY

The Perry-Piercy Family History Society has been formed for just over a year now. There are thirty-three members but, as always, the Society would like more. Anyone interested should write to: Mr E.C. Percy, High Trees, Broom Way, Oaklands Park, Weybridge, Surrey.

EXHIBITION

Don Felgate, our publicity organiser, has in the pipeline a three-week exhibition at the Gayton Road Library, Harrow. It is intended that this should be manned or womanned, for every Saturday at the Library. Anyone wishing to take part should contact either Don or any other committee member.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

held on Friday 13th September 1985 at 8 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House,
Rayners Lane

The meeting was opened and a welcome given to all present by the Chairman, Mr W.P. Burgess. An apology had been received from the President of the Society, Miss Isobel Mardy, who was unable to attend through ill-health, although she sent her good wishes. It was suggested and agreed that the Committee would write to her wishing her a speedy recovery. The Minutes of the last AGM were in the journal. The Chairman then called upon the Secretary, Mrs Piele, to give her report.

Secretary's Report

There had been 8 Committee meetings during the year. The Secretary had received over 20 membership enquiries and over 100 letters and general enquiries apart from those dealt with directly by Committee members. The Secretary thanked all who had helped her to answer queries.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Mrs Raper, asked for any comments or queries on the Income and Expenditure Account for 1984/85 which had been circulated earlier in the evening. In response to a query about subscriptions it was noted that no new ones were coming in, but it was early yet; some people needed two reminders. The meeting was satisfied with the accounts, and it was proposed, seconded and agreed that they be accepted.

Membership Secretary's Report

The Membership Secretary, Mr de Viell, reported that the number of individual members was 124, corporate members 8. 13 new members had joined the Society during the year. Approximately 80 members lived locally, but the average attendance at meetings had been under 25. It was not known why this should be so, whether the evening was inconvenient perhaps, and members were asked to try and discover the reason if possible. There was nothing else to report.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the Committee had been active during the year although somewhat handicapped as numbers were short, no-one seemed willing to help. However, there had been a variety of speakers. A lot depended upon what members of the Society wanted and unless the Committee knew what was required there would be difficulties in planning the programme.

A vote of appreciation was given for Mr de Viell who had asked to be relieved of his duties as Membership Secretary and the Chairman thanked him for all his hard work and the friendly way in which he had always carried out his duties.

The Society had 2 sub-groups - the one for East Anglia was successful and would carry on, the next meeting being arranged for 30th September. The Wembley group had not been well supported; members in the Wembley area, especially new members, might like to attend this group.

Several members had been busy recording the inscriptions in Huislip church - these would be ready for publication in the not too distant future. Also those at St. John's Wembley would be published in the journal, and while on this subject it was stated that the Committee were always looking for new items to go in the Society's journal.

Some joint meetings with the other Middlesex Family History Societies had been attended and there would be a joint 1-day Conference at the Bishopsgate Institute in August/September 1986 (date to be announced).

It was felt that overseas members and organisations had been undercharged and that increased costs of postage etc., cost the Society some money. Overseas membership would therefore be £6 and corporate membership £7. This item was proposed, seconded and agreed.

In conclusion the Chairman said he had enjoyed his year in office: he then passed over the Chairmanship of the meeting to Mr Eric Whittleton who would conduct the necessary election of a new Committee. Mr Whittleton proposed and it was seconded and agreed that Mr Burgess be called upon to be Chairman again. Mr Burgess then resumed the Chairmanship of the meeting and continued with the election of the Committee. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the whole Committee be re-elected for the forthcoming year and in addition Mr Tony Francis was elected as Membership Secretary, Mr de Viell remaining on the Committee as a Committee member. The new Committee would therefore be:

Chairman - Mr W P Burgess
Secretary - Mrs E V Pirie
Treasurer - Mrs I Raper
Membership Secretary - Mr A Francis
Publicity - Mr D Felgate
Library - Mr K Williams
Committee Member - Mr R de Viell
Journal Editor - Mrs L Wright (co-opted)

The Chairman then went on to mention some items of general interest: he had been in touch with the Director of the Historical Manuscripts Commission to ask for a speaker and this was welcomed by the meeting. The Chairman stated that a suggestion had been made that coffee be available at the end of Society meetings and asked if anyone would be against this idea. It was agreed that coffee would be served regularly at each meeting, at a charge of 15p per cup.

In response to a query about the number of Committee members, the Chairman pointed out that so far as the Constitution was concerned the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and not less than 5 Members made up the Committee. At present there was no Editor of the Journal (NB. Mrs Wright was co-opted to this post during the meeting), and if any member felt they would like to serve on the Committee or knew of anyone wishing to do so, they should let the Chairman or Secretary know. There were a lot of things to be done, recording inscriptions and so on, and there were a number of other projects which needed to be undertaken this year.

Regarding a question as to who sends out the Journal, it was stated that Tony Francis as Membership Secretary would undertake this.

Following an enquiry regarding a venue for Committee meetings, it was pointed out that to hire a hall for 10 meetings would cost £50. So meetings were usually held in members' houses and anyone who had transport difficulties could obtain help if they let the Chairman or Secretary know.

Molly Phipps asked if it would be possible to have the IGI Continental microfiche put with those already at Harrow Library. It was agreed that this would be done and also that a notebook should be placed near the IGI for addresses of people in case they wanted to join the Society, together with a programme so that they would know what the Society's arrangements were during the forthcoming year.

The Chairman then declared the formal part of the evening over and introduced the Heirlooms Section of the evening, when members brought any items of family interest for display.

The Annual General Meeting part of the evening closed at 8.30 p.m.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

FRIDAY 14th JUNE 1985 - Genealogical Research in the City of London

Mr Harvey is well known to Society members visiting the Guildhall Library, as he is one of the librarians. We were privileged to hear his very comprehensive talk on City records which can be useful to the family historian. It was emphasised that the City of London had other records from the County. Mr Harvey explained the various parishes and any connection with Middlesex. He also referred to the 107 ancient parishes and the connection with the Diocese and Archdeaconry of London. The parishes were well covered by the IGI, and the Harleian Society and Boyd had made transcripts and indexes.

The non-Conformist registers were 'uncharted territory' although twenty-eight sets are deposited at the Public Records Office. Research has revealed that many records of dissenting congregations in the City may have been lost.

The Corporation of London having evolved over the centuries now has one of the finest sets of records in the country. The City has three schools, a higher education establishment and a hospital. Over the years some 40,000 children have attended the educational establishments. These buildings have archives, Christ's Hospital now being at Horsham. The 77 Livery Companies have mostly deposited their records with the library along with two other 'companies' - Watermen and Lightermen and the Parish Clerks.

The collection of street directories in the Guildhall Library are well known and widely consulted. Mr Harvey explained the "Freedom of the City": it was not an honour but a privilege, he said, and many people had false ideas of this freedom. In answering many questions the subject of apprentices and their records arose.

The evening proved most rewarding for those present.

INDIA

Records of those who served in India either as servants of the East India Co. or in the services, are kept in the India Office Library which is situated at 197 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NG. The library contains a large collection of documents and biographical information. There are over 1,000 volumes of returns (births, marriages and deaths) c. 1698 to 1947.

A GENEALOGIST'S DIARY

by R. E. Corder

Looking through my diary for the last few months I have realized that my own family history research has been neglected. Perhaps absence from home over several weeks has divorced me from those records that are the very life-blood of genealogy. Therefore, when I arrived at St Catherine's House expecting the usual jostling throng fighting for a position in the narrow channels between the reading desks and storage shelves, I met a wide aisle of new flooring and found that the shelves had been completely re-arranged to give easier access and more elbow room. Also, the annoying expedition to Alexandra House has now been overcome by the return of the death registers to their natural home. Perhaps only just in time, as we read of the flood of American tourists in London many of whom decide, at the last moment, to research their entire family history. We may have avoided unprecedented congestion in this genealogical "El Dorado".

Some of the visitors found their way to South Kensington where the new facilities offered by the London Regional Genealogical Library of the Mormons proved helpful and friendly. Mr Eldin Ricks and his wife have come to London for a year to build up the library, and backed by several first-class microfiche and microfilm readers and a well laid-out reading room they can be proud of their work. Mrs Ricks showed me around and, apart from having the new 1984 IGI she emphasised the extent of the Library Catalogue: a microfiche index to hundreds of thousands of microfilms in the main library at Salt Lake City. These can be ordered from the library for a small fee and consulted here in London. Many thanks to the Church for their generosity.

Until mid-August the 1984 IGI microfiche with many thousands of new names could only be found in this library. However, when Anthony Camp went to Salt Lake City to lecture, he was able to pack up the new edition and bring it back to London. There are 88 million entries in it. He told me that it formed part of his excess baggage but in this way the new index arrived at the Society well in advance of the anticipated date and was immediately available to members. Congratulations to Tony Camp, devoted patron of family historians.

Tony Camp also prints extracts from his own diary in the bi-monthly magazine "Family Tree". It is encouraging to see another journal printing this form of random jotting. The "Family Tree" magazine has now published six copies and in its first year can reckon to have established a place in the literature relating to our interest. The first two editions were a little shaky but, when suitable contributions continued to arrive, the contents and layout greatly improved. I find there is something for everyone in its pages - both beginner and 'old hand'. Well done Michael Armstrong.

I wonder how many readers noticed the advertisement from the Society of Genealogists in the May/June 1985 issue. "How to find the Society's rooms. The Society's rooms are at 14 Charterhouse Buildings, about 500 yards north to Barbican Station". Some of us find

difficulty in getting back 300 years in our family. We can hardly wait 500 years to reach the Society's valuable library.

I recently looked through the 1984 edition of the Genealogical Research Directory, all 456 pages. I noted that out of 5250 contributors, one had recorded the surname of an ancestor in Somerset. I had advertised this same name myself in Michael Burchall's "National Genealogical Directory" (1979), but without success. Taking up the challenge presented I was delighted to find a third cousin and, when we met, we exchanged notes with enthusiasm. A surprise was to find that for many years he lived in Harrow, quite close to my present home. Earlier in the year another 'cousin' found me in an index compiled by the Society of Genealogists. He has since helped in filling in a few gaps on my own tree. Many congratulations to these index compilers

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Census Indexing and Indexes

With a project for the winter having been announced, it was felt that additional information might be useful to members.

The Pinner Local History Society have indexed the 1841-1881 (inclusive) censuses for Pinner. These indexes have been deposited with the Civic Centre Library, Harrow. Tel: 01-863-5811.

The indexing for Willesden 1841, 1861 and 1871 has been done. The 1851 index is by occupation only. The census index of Wembley 1851-1871 has been done by Mrs Jones. Any requests about the Wembley index should be directed to her. For information about the Willesden index, contact the Grange Museum, Neasden.

The Northolt census has been indexed 1851-1871. This index is at Ealing Library. Tel: 01-579-2424 ext. 3380.

It is proposed that we complete the 1851 census indexing at the Grange Museum, Neasden. The staff will be very pleased to supervise and assist where necessary. Before going, please ring Miss Valerie Bott on 01-452-8311.

For those members travelling by public transport, the nearest station is Neasden (Jubilee Line).

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THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDIC AND GENEALOGICAL STUDIES

The Institute, now some twenty-five years old, was the brainchild of the Ven. K J E Bickersteth. It was with Julian Bickersteth's encouragement that in 1957 Cecil Humphery-Smith set up a school of family history and strove to place the subject on an academic level with other historical studies. In 1961 he founded the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies in Canterbury. It was established as a charitable educational trust and incorporated in 1982. In so doing Cecil turned his hobby into his life's work and gave up his promising career as a biochemist. He also established Achievements Limited as the commercial arm of the Institute, the profits being covenanted to the Institute's trustees.

The Institute together with its library, archive, research facilities and museum of family history are housed in their own freehold property and grounds. The main building dates in part from 1283. There were additions to the structure in the sixteenth, seventeenth and nineteenth centuries, and the building of a new lecture hall, archive cellar, students' common room and domestic facilities in the last decade add to the twenty-four rooms in daily use at Northgate.

Students work full time at the Institute under the tutelage of the several university graduates who form the main staff. Considerable use is made of the extensive library under the guidance of the librarian. The research team is backed by searchers throughout the country, and indeed, the world. The library is open to Associate members of the Institute as a privilege of membership and to members of the general public for a small daily charge. Bookings must be made in advance through the librarian on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. The Institute is particularly proud of its heraldic collection. Genealogy is represented in depth together with a wide range of biographies, source books, directories, periodicals, manuscripts, local history and social history collections. There are a number of indexes, some in manuscript, others in microfilm.

The most important object of the Institute is still education. The Institute arranges lecture courses in a variety of subjects auxiliary to history and, in particular 5-day and weekend courses at Allington Castle in Kent. One of the most popular activities is the Saturday open day at Canterbury. By arrangement family history societies are welcomed to the Institute at Canterbury and some 20 or 30 people start with a guided tour of the Cathedral and a short walk through an old part of the city to Northgate. In the lecture hall visitors hear a short history of the Institute and building followed by a much renowned buffet with wine. In the afternoon the facilities are open to its guests and there is a team of volunteers to guide and assist with any problems. To finish the day a further short lecture can be arranged to suit the visitors before a cup of tea.

At an academic level, the Institute organises a series of courses. The format is explained in the detailed syllabus available from the Registrar. This syllabus is used throughout the UK by teachers as a basis for their courses. The courses can be full time at the Institute in Canterbury, evening classes or a correspondence course. Those completing the course can, eventually, sit the examination for the Diploma. Those who hold the

Diploma and produce an acceptable dissertation or thesis can qualify as Licentiates of the Institute, a qualification accepted at an honours degree level.

Every year the Institute produces the Family History Pocket Diary which includes useful information about family history societies major meetings. A quarterly journal, "Family History", is included as part of the Institute membership but is available to non-members on subscription at £8.50 p.a. The Institute bookshop offers family history societies a unique opportunity to obtain books and maps at a discount. A book list is available from the Registrar. Publications included are the Institute's indispensable range of county maps showing parish boundaries with the dates of the earliest surviving registers, and the Atlas and Index of Parish Registers.

Any further enquiries should be addressed to:-

The Registrar
The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies
Northgate
Canterbury
Kent, CT1 1BA (Tel: 0227 68664)

Notices from the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies

The Family History Diary for 1986 is now available from the Society at £1.70. It can also be obtained direct from the Institute, at the above address, for the cost of £1.40 post free.

On 28th January 1986, Lady Antonia Fraser will deliver the first lecture in memory of the late Sir Iain Moncreiffe. Sir Iain was Vice-President of the Institute until his untimely death on the 27th February 1985. The subject for the lecture will be "Grandmother Eve - female descent in the Seventeenth Century." Admission to the lecture will be by ticket only. Tickets at £15 each (£25 to include reception) are available from the Registrar, at the Institute. The lecture is to be held at the Royal Society of Arts in John Adam Street, Adelphi, London at 6.30 in the evening.

On 6th February 1986, the Institute will celebrate the Silver Jubilee of its foundation in Canterbury as a registered charitable educational trust. The trustees would like all alumni Fellows, Licentiates, students of past courses, and Associates to join them at the Institute in Northgate on that day. The House will be open from 10.30 a.m.

The Institute is organising three lecture courses at Allington Castle, Kent in 1986. The first, over the weekend of 11th-13th July, will be on Heraldry for Family Historians. The second is a 5-day course on Family History for Beginners from 21st-25th July, followed by a further weekend course on Family History from 10th-12th October. Details from the Registrar.

A 17th Century 'Soldier of Fortune' from Scotland

by Eric Whittleton

Being on holiday in Germany for some weeks I spent time looking into the history of the small town where I was staying. There are many families in the town whose ancestors have been resident for many generations, and much of their family history is preserved in town and state archives. Dillenburg, as a town, has a place in history from its connection with the liberation of the Netherlands from Spain in 1568. A large castle then dominating the town was a centre of diplomatic activity and it was from there that William of Orange was called to lead the insurrection in the Netherlands.

Later, in the 17th century the whole of this part of Germany east of the Rhine was devastated in the 'Thirty Years War'. In 1635 the castle of Dillenburg was involved, being then occupied by Count Ludwig Heinrich. He had been supporting the Swedish army in the Protestant cause, but had never been paid for the expenditure incurred. Although it was expected that his support would continue these debts forced an alliance with the Emperor and the Catholics. Orders were given that two regiments from Dillenburg were to be quartered nearby for the winter. However, the 200 troops were redirected to Hanau, near Frankfurt, in answer to an appeal by a cousin of Ludwig. He, the cousin, had surrendered to a Major General von Ramsay and his Swedish soldiers. The troops were joined on their march by other local regiments and attacked the fort at Hanau. In the ensuing fighting Ramsay was badly wounded by a cannon ball and taken prisoner. The armies fighting in Europe at this time contained many mercenaries who came from all countries to support the causes involved. Ramsay, a man of some wealth, from Scotland, was such a professional soldier. It was a month before he was able to travel and then he was carried to Dillenburg in a litter accompanied by 50 soldiers. Imprisoned in the castle there, he was well looked after and had his own bedroom with a view of the distant woods. Midday and evening he took his meals among the castle guests. He was allowed to ride in the countryside with an escort, and attend Protestant services in the town church. He even had visits from other local Counts, together with professors from a nearby university. Ludwig tried to get a ransom for him, but this was refused by the Emperor Ferdinand who ordered his closer confinement. After dinner one day Ramsay talked with a Count William of Solms who had been his prisoner in the Hanau battle. He complained to him about his recent harsher treatment, but when Ludwig heard of this there was a fierce argument. Afterwards Ramsay refused to take his meals in company and no longer talked with his captor. Matters then got worse and Ramsay was kept in chains and given a bread and water diet. Perhaps his severe wounds and great pain influenced his attitude for, despite conciliatory approaches from Ludwig, Ramsay rebuffed him. He still had a bullet in his body and his appetite was failing. He could only take bread, wine and a few eggs. Ramsay had now run out of money and borrowed small amounts from the castle servants. He received medical attention from a doctor who travelled from a nearby

town. One day he smuggled a note: "In my dire need could the Herr Doctor give me any loose cash he has on him and put it under my tablecloth. Even if it is not much it will help me in my great need"

Ramsay was getting steadily weaker and on 21st April 1639 he asked to make a will. The town clergyman, a magistrate, and two witnesses were called to the castle. In this will he mentioned his wife, Isabel (nee Speng) and left her all his possessions to be used to bring up his son David - 'in fear of God'. On 29th June, at 50 years of age, he died in the arms of his servant, George. His body was embalmed and, through the good offices of the Dutch court, his wife in Scotland was told of his death. She was given the choice of having his body brought to Scotland at her expense, or having him buried in Dillenburg. She could not make up her mind and it was ten years later that he was finally buried in Dillenburg church - on 18th August 1650. A large memorial stone decorated simply with a knight's helmet marks the last resting place of this warrior who was reported by a friend to have been the most handsome man of the Swedish army.

The town church is still well preserved, although the castle was completely destroyed in a French attack of July 1760, during the "Seven Years War". Fortunately many of the archives were saved.

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WHO WAS HE ?

Lyme Regis, an important Dorset port in the seventeenth century, was the home of many sea-faring folk. A ship's captain is thought to have been the father of a boy born there in 1668. The boy grew to be a shipwright and sought his fortune in the Americas, being settled at Taunton, Massachusetts in 1694. In 1703 he gave 59 acres of land in Taunton, USA, to be used as a schoolhouse and then described himself as 'of Boston'. He frequently sailed the seas and in 1719 was stranded off Cuxhaven when on his way to Hamburg. His ship was plundered by neighbouring inhabitants. He then settled in London where he carried on a business and became known for his philanthropy. He was described as a downright sailorlike man, although perhaps rather hot-tempered. However, he was 'of unmistakeable honesty and sterling goodness of heart.' In 1732 he was appointed one of the trustees for Georgia and in 1735 introduced a scheme for settling unemployed English artisans in Nova Scotia. This was favourably received by the Board of Trade.

Meanwhile he had become interested in another project. Going into the City of London on business he was shocked by the frequent sight of infants neglected in the streets, often in a dying state. This led him to agitate for a place where they could receive care. He worked at this for several years and collected considerable sums from many 'ladies of rank'. He eventually obtained a charter for the purpose and arranged a meeting at Somerset House on 20th November 1739 to get his scheme started. In 1741 he took some houses in Hatton Garden as a shelter for

abandoned children. Some 20 children were taken in, no child exceeding the age of two months. Despite this limitation there were often 100 women at the door wanting to leave babies, but it was feared that indiscriminate admissions would cause abuses. When the philanthropist Lord Salisbury became interested, a piece of land near Gray's Inn Lane was bought. A foundation stone for a purpose built hospital "for the maintenance and education of exposed and deserted young children" was laid on 16th September 1742. In 1745 a west wing was completed and children could be taken in.

By now interest in the undertaking had spread and William Hogarth, one of the first governors, presented one of his pictures to the hospital. In 1749 Handel gave performances there to raise funds, and all the time the founder continued his interest in the ambitious scheme. However, when his wife died he started to neglect his private affairs and fell into financial difficulties. He had to confess that he was poor, although, as he said, he never wasted his money in self-indulgence. In 1749 a subscription raised an annuity for him and the Prince of Wales was a subscriber.

He died on 29th March 1761, aged 83, and was buried in the chapel of the institution that he had founded. Years later, in 1926, when there was a move to Berkhamstead, the founder was taken there and re-buried.

In 1954 the Berkhamstead 'hospital' was closed and again there was a re-burial this time in the rebuilt church of St. Andrew, Holborn. His statue is still in Brunswick Square, Bloomsbury.

It was recognised at the very beginning that deserted children would have to be baptised and given names. At first they were given 'courtly' names associated with those who at the time took an interest in the establishment. When these became exhausted the names of eminent churchmen were taken (Wickliffe, Latimer, Laud, etc.). Then came poets such as Chaucer and Milton. Later more war-like names of Francis Drake, Oliver Cromwell, Admiral Beebow, to be followed by a more peaceful list with Rubens, Van Dyke, and of course Hogarth. When, in 1801, the hero of the Nile, Lord Nelson, paid a visit he stood sponsor for several children. Hence Baltic Nelson, William and Emma Hamilton etc. All the children were disposed of by apprenticeship, girls at 15 to domestic service and boys at 14 as mechanics for seven years.

What was the institution and who was the founder? Answer on Page 20

LOBB REUNION

The 2nd World-Wide Reunion of LOBB's will take place on 7th April 1986 (Easter Monday) at the Royal Ancient Order of Foresters' Hall, The Leats, Truro, Cornwall. For further information, please send a large SAE or two IRC's to:

LOBB GENEALOGICAL RECORDS
1a Rosewin Row
TRURO
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

8th FEBRUARY 1986 The Local History Conference of 1986 takes the theme of '19th Century People.' It is to be held at the Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip, Middx from 11.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Distinguished speakers. Tickets £2.50 each. Tea and coffee only provided. Nearest station: Ruislip (Met. and Piccadilly Lines).

4th-6th APRIL 1986 Family History Conference and AGM of the Federation of Family History Societies. At Loughborough University. (Limited number of leaflets available from the Editor).

17th MAY 1986 Bedfordshire 1986 One-day Conference. At Houghton Conquest Village Hall, Beds. Further details from 1st January 1986.

AUGUST 1986 A Middlesex and East London Societies One-day Conference is planned to take place at the Bishopsgate Institute. Details will follow as soon as possible.

8th-14th SEPTEMBER 1986 Society of Genealogists 75th Anniversary Congress. Half-yearly meeting of the Fed. of FHS will be incorporated. At University of Oxford. More details of programme and cost available from 1st January 1986. (Limited number of leaflets available from the Editor).

OCTOBER 1988 First International Congress on Family History. To be held in Sydney, Australia over a 5-day period.

For more information on any of the above, please contact the Chairman.

HELP OFFERED

The M.I.'s from St. Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill were transcribed by the Society in 1980. A xerox copy of the text of a particular tombstone or monument will be supplied on receipt of a SAE and fee of 15p per entry required. (Overseas enquirers should send 3 IRC's). All requests should be sent to Mr Tony Francis, Membership Secretary. His address is on the inside front cover of the journal.

The Editor has eight lists of Dickinson (paper makers) employees. They cover three separate periods: 1823, 1870's and 1881, encompassing the Hertfordshire mills. A search service is available at 20p per name checked plus SAE.

HELP!

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 5 lines for a fee of 50p. Entries, with remittance, should be sent direct to:-

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Pinner, Middx HA5 2HJ

Wayman s of London

From Mrs H C Burkholder, R R 3, Caledon East, Ontario, Canada LON 1E0

My great-grandfather was Joseph WAYMAN. He married my great-grandmother Sophia Augusta WICKS on the 16th June 1830 in Greenage, St. Alphage. Joseph was a wheelwright as is listed on the birth certificates of the three sons I have found: James William b. 3rd Nov. 1838 address 26 Friendly St., St. Paul s Deptford; Alfred John b. 2nd Dec. 1839 address Green, St. Nicholas, Deptford. Frederick Edwin b. 25th July 1846 address Pomeroy St., St. Paul s, Deptford.

When my grandfather, Frederick Edwin, an engineer, married on 10th April 1868, at St. Mary s, Newington, his address was given as East St. His father was shown on this certificate and so I believe this means he was still living. The bride, my grandmother, was Mary Isabella WOODLAND (b. 4th Nov. 1845 at 27 Redcross Square, Cripplegate) daughter of Joseph, a boot maker and Esther Isabella SHEPPARD. The wedding was witnessed by Joseph WOODLAND and Jane HASELGRAVE. Joseph and Esther Isabella were married on 20th August 1843 in the parish church of St. George, Bloomsbury, the wedding being witnessed by Samuel and Sarah WOODLAND. These were probably siblings of Joseph as he was named after his father (a horse-keeper). Joseph the younger is shown as having lived at 3 Princes Sq. Esther was presumably living with her father, Thomas SHEPPARD, a turn cock, at 3 Charles St.

Frederick Edwin and Mary Isabella had at least 13, maybe 15, children. Some lived in Egypt before returning to England, some settled in the USA and some in Canada. One went to Australia for a few years before going to the USA. A number of sons were marine engineers and travelled extensively.

This is a widely scattered family. I am finding it very difficult to trace the early members in London as they seem to move constantly, never far, but far enough that they aren't where they are expected to be found, in a Census.

I would be interested to hear from anyone who feels they may have information relating to these families.

From Mrs Jenny Mukerji, 1 Eladon Road, Goldeworth Park, Woking, Surrey GU21 3NX

Mrs Mukerji seeks the baptism of George IVEY/IVY c. 1790-1793, somewhere in Middlesex. The 1851 Census (Ropley, Hants) states his birthplace as, possibly, Townston, Middlesex. Can anyone help please?

In answer to your plea for help Mrs Mukerji, one of our members has found the name as being in either Willesden or Teddington.

A CHRISTMAS RECIPEOld Testament Cake

This recipe is over 100 years old so success is not guaranteed in modern conditions. Use the Authorised Version for reference.

Ingredients

1. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Judges v, 25 (last clause)
2. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Jeremiah vi, 20
3. 1 tablespoon 1Samuel xiv, 25
4. 3 of Jeremiah xvii, 11
5. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb 1 Samuel xxx, 12
6. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Nahum iii, 12 (chopped)
7. 2 oz. Numbers xvii, 8 (blanched and chopped)
8. 1lb. 1 Kings iv, 22
9. $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon 11 Chronicles ix, 9
10. Pinch of Leviticus ii, 13
11. 1 teaspoon Amos iv, 5
12. 3 tablespoons Judges iv, 19

Method

Beat 1, 2 and 3 to a cream.
Add 4, one at a time, still beating.
Add 5, 6 and 7.
Beat again.
Add 8, 9, 10 and 11 having mixed them together previously.
Lastly add 12.
Bake for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours in a slow oven.

NEW MEMBERS

to whom we extend our welcome

- 234 Mrs Lesley G Bairstow 5 Chelsea Manor Court, Chelsea Manor St,
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- 254 Mrs R Hallimond 14 Robin Hood Way, Greenford, Middx UB6 7OM
- 255 Mr R E Carratt as No. 252

Obituary

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Mr William Frankum, in September 1985. Mr Frankum joined the Society in 1982. He was a contributor to our journal and was also a member of the Pinner Local History Society. We offer our sincere condolences to his family. Miss Frankum is hoping to continue with the research at a future date.

MEMBER'S INTERESTS

Mrs L Wright Mem. No. 246
"Hascombe", High Road Eastcote, Pinner, Middx HA5 2HJ

seeks the marriage of Ezekiel LONGMAN b. Dec. 1736- Mar 1737; b. of William LONGMAN 1796-1801; descendants of Alexander b. Jan/Mar. 1840, Sarah b. Jul/Sep. 1841, Westminster; also of Thomas b. Oct/Dec. 1844, Hannah b. Jul/Sep. 1845, Emma b. Oct/Dec 1846 and Arthur b. Oct/Dec. 1848 LONGMAN at Lambeth. Also any descendants of Ellen, Elizabeth Jane, George and Henry James BRIDER (all b. Lambeth 1838-1840). Have a special interest in books and the book business.

Miss D Dexter Mem. No. 248
20 Rothesay Avenue, Greenford, Middx.

seeks anyone researching the descendants/predecessors of the following:- Thomas DEXTER, a blacksmith, b. 1830's to Joseph DEXTER. Thomas married Sarah MORRIS, daughter of William MORRIS, a shepherd, on 30th Jan. 1854 at Kingston-on-Soar, Notts. Also a Henry Vizer VICK b. 1830's, a carpenter, son of Benjamin, a cooper. Henry m. Mary Ann CULL on 22nd Nov. 1855 in their own parish of Tetbury, Glos.

Ms K A White Mem. No. 251
12 Neeld Crescent, Wembley, Middx HA9 6LW

is tracing the marriage of Edward SEMPER and Sarah DOWNING 1820's Edward son of William Edward and Martha Maria? Would like to trace the marriage during the late 1790's of William Edward son of William and Mary EDWARDS. Any other information pre 1771. Will send details of own research to interested parties providing a SAE.

FROM R E Corder

Letters to the Editor

I can offer no congratulations to the church officers of Winsor Parish near Cirencester, Glos. I was confounded when I read in my newspaper on 31st August, the reported theft of all 18 volumes of parish registers together with other old church account books and the iron chest in which they had been stored. This surely proves the fallacy of keeping such valuable items in unprotected church premises. Had not the requirements of the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978 seeped through to this Parish? And will some other parishes likewise at risk, now learn the lesson? While it proves the value of copying parish registers it is regrettable to learn, from checking with the Society of Genealogists, that no copy of these stolen registers exists. What a catastrophe and one that could so easily have been avoided!

Reminder

Keith Williams asks all members who have not notified him of their interests to please do so. Keith is compiling these with the aid of a computer. I think it is all in our own interest (no pun intended) to notify Keith as soon as possible.

WHO WAS HE? answer

The Foundling Hospital which once stood all alone in Lamb's Conduit Fields and occupied nearly 10 acres. Its founder was Thomas Coram.

There are records in the Greater London Record Office, which are not yet properly catalogued. Permission for inspection must be obtained from the Coram Foundation, 40 Brunswick Square, London WC1.

Birth and baptism registers are with the Public Record Office. Ref. RG 4. Entries have been placed on the IGI microfiche: 1741-1838.

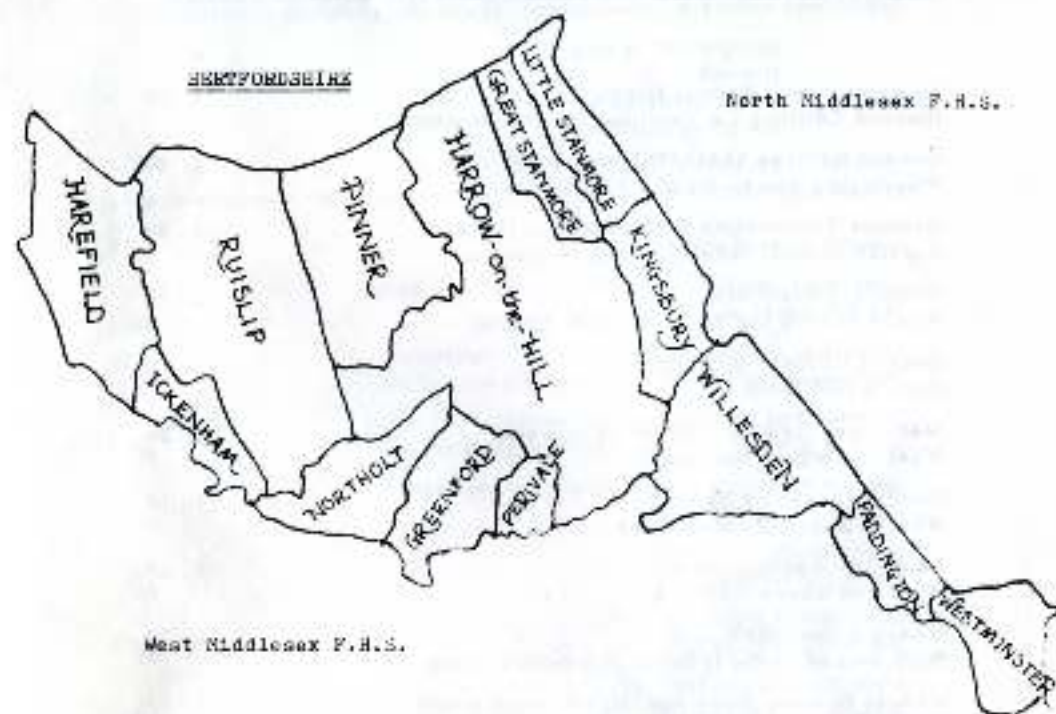
A GLOSSARY for GENEALOGYINFLATION

Although we think of this as largely a modern phenomenon, there was a period of considerable inflation in the 16th century, one cause of which was the flow of gold and silver from the Americas. Remember that the value of money has altered dramatically over the past 400 years.

INHIBITION

The period during the visitation of a bishop to an archdeaconry, when the archdeacons' court would be closed and probate business conducted in the consistory court. In theory the visitation of an archbishop to a diocese would have the same effect on a consistory court, but in post-medieval times, this was likely to be 'pro forma' only. Some peculiars were entirely exempt from visitation and inhibition, others subject to visitation by a dean or a dean and chapter. Visitations would normally last several months at intervals of several years.

MAP OF THE ORIGINAL PARISHES - CENTRAL MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY



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