



# GREENTREES

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*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

Here we all are - back into the swing of things after the Christmas 'rush'. Life is beginning to resume the normal chaos instead of the absolute chaos surrounding the first month or so of each year. Well, mine is, anyway.

You may have already noticed that this issue of "Greenstrees" looks slightly different. This is due to a Word Processor being used. I must admit that it makes life a lot easier - and editing too for that matter! I have had great fun experimenting with different page layouts and type sizes. My daughter even got in on the act and decided that chopping up parts of articles to make them fit onto the page was definitely fun!

My family research has recently taken me to Portsmouth. I found that a great-great-great-grandfather had been born there. He unfortunately failed to realise that the parish would be important to someone in the years to come! I eventually found his baptism but failed to find any brothers or sisters, or even his parents marriage. So, if there is anyone who goes to Portsmouth regularly reading this - HELP! please.

The programme has been planned for the rest of the year and into 1987. There are some extremely interesting talks lined up, along with a couple of Workshop Evenings. You will have to keep reading the Journal to find out what the talks are about! You will see from the inside front cover that we now have a Programme Co-Ordinator on the Committee. Welcome to the Committee, Karen, it's nice to have you with us.

Again, I would like to ask for more 'general' articles. I had enough to fill this issue - just - but much prefer the situation where I have to hold something over until the following issue. The only thing I am holding over this time is .....No, I think I'll let you see for yourselves.

Would intending contributors please remember to put their name on any article written for publication, and to also enclose a SAE if the manuscript is to be returned (overseas members should enclose three IRC's).

Linda Wright

## FOR YOUR DIARY

All meetings are held at the Friends Meeting House, 456 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 8.00p.m.

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- April 11th: A Members Meeting We are fortunate enough to have some kind members who will speak for about ten minutes each on their own topic.
- May 9th: The Three Brothers Member Don Felgate will talk to us about three particular members of his family.
- June 13th: Mr. David Webb Will speak to us on apprenticeships. I'm sure it will be of value to all Society members.
- July 11th: Our last meeting before the summer break will be another Workshop evening.

## HOUSE GROUP AT WENSLEY PARK

Mrs. Doris Jones has organised this group since the beginning of 1984. It was formed to allow those living in the Wensley area to have the opportunity of getting together to sort out some of the problems encountered in research.

Meetings are held on 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 group deserves to have full support and anyone interested in attending should contact Mrs. D. Jones at 95 Dakington Avenue, Wensley Park. Please telephone if you can join (01-904 6310).

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## NOTES and NEWS

A brief reminder that the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies will be running two courses in July at Allington Castle, Kent.

11-13 July Course in Heraldry for those with a basic knowledge of the subject. Guest lecturers: Peter Regent and Peter Spurrier, Portcullis Pursuivant of Arms.

21-25 July A beginners course in Family History and Genealogy. Suitable for those with no knowledge of the subject or for those who have just begun to trace their family tree. Lectures will be supplemented with practical exercises and project work on all basic record sources. Individual tutorial supervision will be available throughout the course.

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The North Middlesex F.H.S. have continued their programme of microfiching vital records of Middlesex. Burials in the Camden Town Burial Ground of St. Martin-in-the-Field 1806/1853 have been transcribed and placed on microfiche. They are sold by the Society for £2. They have also put onto microfiche Middlesex Non-conformist Registers pre-1837. There is a complete transcript with over 4500 names and again the cost is £2. Available from Mrs. Prudenas, 2 Canonbury Cottages, Churchbury Lane, Efield, EN1 3LR. As the parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields is of concern to our own Society we are grateful for this valuable work.

## The Association of MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES DAY CONFERENCE

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The four Middlesex Family History Societies: West, Central, North and East of London are holding a joint conference on Sunday, July 26th 1986. The venue will be the Bishopsgate Institute opposite Liverpool Street Station. The theme will be 'A London Miscellany'. It is expected that the cost will be £3, to include tea and coffee during intervals. Full details and application forms will be issued with the next Journal. Book the date.

## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT from Bill Burgess

Although we are a small Society there has been a steady growth in membership over the last 8 years. We have been fortunate in having hardworking and dedicated Committee Members over the years who have gone about their tasks in a quiet and efficient manner. In spite of the small number of members we have still been able to carry out a number of projects, particularly the recording of monumental inscriptions. It is essential that with the weathering and deterioration of these monuments, and in some cases their removal, this work carries on. Being close to London we are bound to receive a considerable number of requests for research to be carried out and as many of our members have benefited from the assistance given by other Societies we must be prepared to help. I sincerely hope that more members will come forward to offer their assistance in this area. With this in mind I am proposing to the Committee that we set up a Register of Enquiries so that we can deal with queries in a more efficient and effective manner. Finally, I think it is important that with the growing membership of our Society we must widen our horizons with different speakers, projects, outings and so on, and make the public more aware of our Society and its aims.

## ERIC WHITTLETON REPORTS

A one-day conference is always a good place to swap experiences and that held by the Local History Societies of Central Middlesex at Rutlip on 8th February was no exception. The speakers also brought home to us the close connection of Local and Family history. We learned how the study of Census returns could bring families to life, and another speaker explained how local conditions could affect the health of the population and how research could often reveal local epidemics unexplained in burial registers. Michael Gandy, who has talked to our Society, discussed the many records of 19th century people that only came into existence when the great influx into the towns took place. It was a great day for the historians. As Ian Bradley wrote recently in "The Times". "It is both reassuring and encouraging to be reminded of the fact that we exist in a continuum which extends back into the past."

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SOCIETY MEETINGS

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER 1982 - Christmas Past

This year's Christmas Party took the theme of Christmas Past. There was a low turnout but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The evening started with our Chairman, Bill Burgess, wishing us all a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. We were then given a quiz! Next on the list of things to do was a game called "Pedigree". For those of you who haven't yet played it - come to next year's party and try it. It is a fun, yet sometimes frustrating dice game in which five generations have to be acquired. Rather too complicated to explain in writing. Our usual complement of Library stock and other Society's Journals were available. We also ran out of copies of the Federation of Family History Societies mouthpiece - the Family History News and Digest! I am assured by Keith Williams that further stocks will be ordered and I highly recommend it. Last, but certainly not least, the Committee would like to thank Mrs. De Viell for all her efforts on the catering side of the evening. Mrs. De Viell made a lovely quiche and supplied crisps and mince pies. The mince pies were superb - light isn't the word. As usual there was coffee available.

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FRIDAY 10th JANUARY 1986 - Workshop Evening

The first meeting of the New Year showed a substantial turnout. The 'beginners' went off with Don Felgate and Reg De Viell whilst the 'others' stayed in the main hall. We were given a short talk by our Chairman on Military Records at the P.R.O. After that there was coffee and an exchange of tips on what could be a better way to obtain the information we were particularly seeking. I picked up a couple. One was that the time of birth was generally put on the birth certificate of a twin. This proved helpful to me as I had the time of birth on my great-great-grandmother's certificate and thought it merely a whim of the Registrar. There were, however, twins in the family! The second tip I picked up was to do with my husband's family. His grandfather was (according to a Discharge Certificate in his aunt's possession) in the Army. Yet none of the family remember him being in the Army for any length of time. I was advised of the obvious - there were two men with the same surname and Christian name!

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BELLS AND FAMILY HISTORY

by  
Mrs. Valerie M. Payne

We are pleased to print an article by the Librarian of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

Help, wanted, require, need, sought, find, trace, information, details, glad, delighted, grateful, appreciate, interested. Words so familiar to the 'Help Wanted' columns of a Family History Society Journal that I am unable to think of any original words for my quest. Yes, I do need your help and yes, I would be delighted to hear from you if during the course of your researches you should find or, know of, any information on - bells.

I am collecting together as much information as possible on bells in churches - although other buildings such as schools possess bells - in London and the old county of Middlesex.

There used to be three bells at St. Mary the Virgin at Marefield until 1963 when the number was increased to six. The earliest bell is dated 1629. St. Martin-in-the-Fields in Trafalgar Square has twelve bells with the tenor (the largest bell) weighing just over 30cwt. Whether the church has one, three, six, eight, ten or even twelve bells they all serve the common purpose of calling people to church to worship or to draw to people's attention that a service is about to commence.

The type of information I am seeking, e.g. for the transporting of a bell or bells to the bellfounder to be recast; paid so much for ropes; paid so much to a particular person to put on the ropes, can be found in either Vestry Minutes or Churchwarden's Accounts. Alternatively I will be happy to record the entries if you would kindly inform me where the document is housed, the year/s and reference number if applicable, where the information appears as this would be a great help. It would also be interesting to hear if you should happen to discover pictures or sketches of the church tower before it was structurally altered to the present building.

To complete the dossier full details of the peal boards are required. These boards are usually found in the tower and commemorate special ringing, stating the date, the name of the method rung and names of the bellringers. Some peal boards in the county have survived from the 16th century.

All letters should be addressed to Mrs. Payne, 28 Eskdale Avenue, Northolt, Middlesex, UB5 5DU. In all cases postage will be refunded.

### THE MIDDLESEX EXCHANGE

We are pleased to once again be able to offer a part of our journal to Sam Norton of the West Middlesex F.H.S.

In writing these words for the Central Middlesex journal, I must first send my good wishes to your new editor, and they come now from an ex-editor, as in company with Eric Whittleton, I have left the editor's chair.

In the last article I mentioned the proposed joint conference which failed to materialise, and said that we would try again for 1986. Since then there have been several meetings, and the basic details have been sorted out. It now looks as if this year will see the beginnings of much more activity between the Middlesex Societies. All of which must surely be to the benefit of us all, without in any way damaging the individuality of each Society.

Family history research sometimes takes a surprising turn as we gather in the clues to our ancestry. My own area of search has changed direction quite abruptly in recent weeks. For some time now, I have been searching the Nottinghamshire registers for the birth/marriage of my great-great-great-grandfather, Nathaniel Norton. I had traced the family back to 1791 when Nathaniel first appeared in the Flintham registers - with his wife Sarah of course - to baptise the first of their eight children. But there the trail ended. We could find no mention of his birth, baptism or marriage, and this has occupied my spare time for the past three or four years. He just wasn't to be found! Recently a colleague was visiting Salt Lake City and whilst there he made a search of records which are not available to us in Britain - at the moment. He found a clue - the baptism of a child to Nathaniel and Sarah Norton in East Stoke, a neighbouring parish, in 1798. I followed this up, and thanks to an incumbent, whom I can only assume was a family historian, I have the vital information. The entry in the register of baptisms reads: "Mary the daughter of Nathaniel Norton of East Stoke, gardiner, son of John Norton of Denham in Buckinghamshire, Farmer by Ann his wife. Sarah the wife of Nathaniel Norton, Daughter of Rich. Green of Flintham, Farmer by Mary his wife. Born on Friday the 20th April, Baptised on Saturday the 21st April."

I have never seen such an informative entry before. Each entry on the page was similar and I must next check the register for their marriage. It all ties in with the Flintham entries - there is a four year gap in the baptisms there - and a preliminary search of the Denham registers has revealed enough to keep me busy on your north-western boundary for some time to come. Now of course I must speculate on the how and why of Nathaniel's journey to Nottinghamshire. Just another problem to solve sometime!

### SURNAMES OF THE MILLIONS

All of us at some stage in our research are going to find that a surname is not quite as obvious as it looks. Below is an example to prove this is the case. I hope it will encourage some more of the Society's members to share their experiences with the rest of us.

### COTTON-PICKING

After many months of searching I was lucky enough in August 1985 to find an elderly third cousin living in Chester. He put me in touch with another third cousin, John who lives in Hampshire. I contacted John and found that he was extremely willing to help in any way he could. Two days later he and his wife came to visit us.

John had been very busy in the days previous to meeting myself and family in photocopying twice all the documentation he had. The most intriguing piece of paper was a name with a list of dates which had been written by his mother. It would appear that Aunt Amy - John's mother - had reason to believe that there was money on that particular side of the family! The only problem was that Amy's writing - and the passage of time - had made the document difficult to read accurately. Anyway, John, his wife Zena, my husband and myself all had a good look and came to the conclusion that the surname of the person was CUTTON. Then of course, it could have been COTTON or COTTON. It may even have been COTEORN! As all the dates and places were very clear I decided to look at the IGI to see if that was any help.

According to Amy, one MARY ANN CUTTON was baptised at Southwark St. Saviour, although no date for the baptism was given. However, Mary Ann's date of birth was given: June 7th 1806. With that information to hand I searched the list of CUTTONS's. I had absolutely no joy. On looking closer at the writing and tracing over it with a pencil as though I was writing it I came to the conclusion that the name was actually COTTOM! To be absolutely sure, though, I obtained my great-great-grandmother's birth certificate. This showed her mother's maiden name as COTTAM. This discovery obviously made a lot of difference. On the IGI I found that a Mary COTTAM had been baptised at Southwark St. Saviour on August 30th 1807. She is the only COTTAM/COTTEN listed for that period who would fit in with the date of birth supplied. Subsequent research of the IGI has shown that of all the COTTAM/COTTEN's baptised in the Southwark area, there appears to be only one family with the surname COTTEN.

## WESTMINSTER ARCHIVES AND LOCAL HISTORY

by  
Miss M. J. Swarbrick

Archives and local history for Westminster south of Oxford Street, the pre-1965 City of Westminster, are at Victoria Library, 160 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1.

Archives Records of the pre-1965 City of Westminster and of the parishes which were its predecessors are held. The parishes differed considerably from each other, but there are good series of overseers accounts and rate books for most of them. The accounts of the collectors of the poor for St. Margaret, Westminster, start in 1561, and there are churchwardens' accounts for the same parish from 1460. A handlist of poor law records is available. There are good series of examination books, some settlement papers and removal orders, apprenticeship records and workhouse records. The St. Margaret's depositions relating to bastards, 1711-1752, have been indexed. Poor law records from the middle of the nineteenth century are at the GLRO. There are Vestry and Committee minutes at the Library and a few of these have contemporary indexes. Deposited records include wills proved in the Commissary Court of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, 1504-1829, there being very few wills after 1800. Probate copies of wills have been deposited and are indexed with the deeds: there are about 55,000 entries in this index. Most of the deeds which have been listed are at Marylebone Library, so it is necessary to make arrangements either to see them there or to have them brought to Victoria Library. The records of state schools are at the GLRO. There are a few parish school records with the parish records, but these are unlikely to prove helpful to the family historian.

Parish Registers and Transcriptions Most of the parish registers for south Westminster have been deposited at Victoria Library. An important exception is the registers of St. Margaret, Westminster, which are at the Westminster Abbey Monument Room. Transcriptions of the earlier registers are available and the Library also has some microfilms which give very patchy coverage of the registers up to 1820. The Harleian Society transcriptions of Westminster registers are held, and these include the Westminster Abbey registers, 1607-1875. There is a transcription of Somerset House Chapel registers, 1714-1778. A manuscript index to marriages at St. James, Piccadilly is held, and an index to the registers of St. John, Smith Square is in progress, so far covering baptisms, 1729-1824. There is an index to burials at the St. Martin-in-the-Fields burial ground at Camden Town, 1806-1856, and there are lists of monumental inscriptions at St. Anne, Soho and St. James' Chapel and burial ground, Hampstead Road. Handlists are available from the Library giving details of parish registers which have been deposited, parish registers

which have not been deposited (this says where the registers may be seen), and registration districts (listing the churches within each district). Burials did not take place in Westminster after 1853, and there is a handlist of the cemeteries where Westminster inhabitants are most likely to have been buried.

Directories Victoria Library has an extensive collection of London directories from 1740 including some Boyle's Court Guides from 1792. Microfilm copies of London directories at the Guildhall Library, 1877-1885 are also held. There is a broken series of Royal Kalendars, 1772-1863.

Poll Books and Electoral Registers There is a photocopy of the 1749 poll book which is the earliest surviving for Westminster. The original is at the GLRO. This has been indexed by name and trade. There are printed poll books for 1818, 1834, 1835, 1837 and 1841. The Library has a few nineteenth century registers of electors, and a complete set from 1906 which were compiled during the two wars.

Census Returns Microfilm copies of the returns for Westminster for 1851, 1861, 1871 and 1881 are held. There are street indexes to all of them. Most of the 1861 returns for Belgravia and Pimlico are not extant. Work has been started on a name index to the 1851 census but it is likely to be some years before this is complete.

Maps The Library has maps of Westminster from about 1560. The first map to give street numbering is Horwood's plan 1792-1799, and this also gives parish boundaries. Ordnance Survey maps are available from 1867-1874. There is a good collection of Goad insurance plans (scale 1 inch to 40 feet) from 1868, though these do not cover the whole of the City.

Prints and photographs There are about 8,000 prints and 17,000 photographs indexed by street or building. The prints include some trade-cards.

Books and printed sources There is a good collection of general books on London as well as material specifically on Westminster. No attempt has been made to collect all the biographies of Westminster residents.

Newspapers, periodicals and newscuttings The Library has microfilm copies of the "Westminster and Pimlico News" from 1887, and files are kept of parish magazines and of local community papers such as the "Echo Clarion". There is a large collection of cuttings which is mainly twentieth century, but there is material going back to 1608. This is a topographical collection and names have not been indexed.

Victoria Library is open 9.30-7.00 Monday - Friday and 9.30-1.00, 2.00-5.00 on Saturdays. The telephone number is 01-793 2180.

WHERE WILL ALL THE ARCHIVES GO?

As you will probably all know, the Greater London Council will finally be abolished on March 31st. The effect of this upon London's Social Services etc. will be headline news, no doubt. But what of the other services that the Council provides - particularly that of maintaining the Greater London Record Office which many family historians have used? I have here not an answer or solution to the question, merely comments.

As I'm sure most of you are aware, the argument of whether or not to abolish the GLC has been raging hot and cold for a great number of years. This Government has finally taken the bull by the horns and given a final answer. In 1984 the Historical Association, whose patron is Her Majesty the Queen, wrote to the Secretary of State for the Environment. Part of their letter stated "This Forum... expresses concern about the future of county archive services in Greater London and the metropolitan areas under the Government's proposed legislation." It then went on "The Government is requested to review these proposals and to include in the Bill specific provision for a structure so that unified archive services at county level can continue to be provided." I do not know what answer was received by the Historical Association, but in February 1985 the Department of the Environment issued a Press Release detailing the "arrangements for the City on behalf of Londoners as a whole, to take over and run the GLRO, subject to Parliamentary approval for the Local Government Bill." It goes on to say "that the GLRO collection can be maintained intact in the hands of local government and in the charge of the Corporation which has considerable expertise and experience on archive matters."

Holdings of the GLRO cover 70,000 linear feet and include the archives of the GLC itself, the London County Council, records of the Middlesex County Council Quarter sessions and the registry of deeds from the 16th century. There is also a comprehensive photographic library containing over 350,000 photographs.

In his letter to the Lord Mayor of London, Mr. Patrick Jenkin states that the Corporation should study the operation of the GLRO "with a view to effecting savings," and "I recognise of course that the Corporation's own contribution to the costs of the GLRO places a considerable incentive on them to effect economies." Does this mean that the number of staff at both the Guildhall and the GLRO is to be cut? I hear from the GLRO that the staff will not be cut there. Both offices provide an invaluable service for the family historian. In February 1985 our Chairman contacted his local MP, with a reply to the effect that it was hoped that upon abolition of the GLC "organisations and voluntary societies who receive a grant from them" (the GLC) "will continue to receive (continued on page 18)

ON THE BOOKSHELF

## THE BLACKSMITH'S DAUGHTER

Author: Susan Oldacre; Publisher: Alan Sutton;  
Price: £4.95

Ann Staigt (1855-1892) was one of the children of a village blacksmith from the Cotswolds. Her story is written from the diaries she kept over ten years of her life. It is worth reading for its Victorian flavour as well as for its interesting insight. The book portrays different aspects of family life in a Victorian village, as seen through the eyes of Ann. In this village which had no inn the blacksmith's business was combined with providing a place for villagers and visitors to gather and exchange information. The interdependence between "manor" and "village" is clearly depicted whilst useful snippets of information on such diverse topics as Victorian social customs, food, hygiene, fashion, travel, illness and death are all of interest to the 20th century reader. One thing which emerges is the diarist's obsession with medicines and illness. This probably emanates from the extremely high mortality rate at that time in both children and adults. It touched many Victorian families and was accepted as a fact of life. Like most of her contemporaries Ann had an almost morbid preoccupation with death and funerals. Her diaries show people continually visiting gravesides as a routine family duty. Funeral cards containing verses and details of the person's death were very popular, as well as noble epitaphs on headstones. The emphasis is clearly on a well-ordered, disciplined life with strenuous physical work and the family unit taking pride of place. To counteract their hard lives Victorian ladies in Ann's social class would read eccepsist literature and develop close friendships. This bond is expressed in evenings around the piano and visiting friends or family at some distance. It is surprising to find how much travel and movement went on not just locally but across the country. A good part of this travel was done on foot, but horse and trap were used, with the added bonus of the recently built railways. Sunday was traditionally kept work-free and it was usual for villagers to attend two or three services in the local church. No-one worked - it was noticed and remarked upon by their fellow villagers if they did. Also, if there was a mid-week service the whole village would be seen in church in their "Sunday best". It is clear that there was great support and neighbourly help between villagers as well as within families. This particularly comes across in the entries concerned with caring for sick relatives. This subject shows the incurable suffering before the advent of modern medicine.

A very worthwhile contribution to the family historian's bookshelf.

A GENEALOGIST'S DIARY

by  
R. E. Corder

The New Year is well under way and I have a new diary to maintain. There are already dates to be reserved: Society meetings, planned conferences, seminars, appointments for library research, and above all a note of some of the events and exhibitions to commemorate "Domesday 900". From 3rd of April to 30th of September the Public Record Office will stage a special display which I will want to see. During this ninth centenary year I suspect we will find many publishers linking some book or other with Domesday. Twenty years after it was first planned and ten years since publication began, Phillimore, the local and family history publishers, have completed a uniform translation of Domesday Book in 35 volumes with parallel text in the original Latin. Volume 11 covers Middlesex and a limp edition can be bought for only 24.25. Sponsors of the Chancery Lane exhibition are the "Daily Telegraph" linked with Prudential Assurance, and they have already publicised a competition with entries establishing direct descent from families mentioned in the Conqueror's Survey. More than 200 pedigrees were submitted, so many in fact, that the organisers had to ask that further claims should not be submitted. Four amateur genealogists eventually received a prize. One, a boy of 11 years, claimed knowledge of 300 ancestors and hoped to find 1,000 more. Another successful claimant from Ealing, travelled throughout Britain, France and Belgium to establish links back to Alfred the Great and Charlemagne. Such possibilities are the subject of a chapter in Anthony Camp's "Everyone has Roots", and I recommend that his words be read: "unfortunately, no male line descents from the Saxon Kings exist, but the ancestry of Alfred has been carried by females in to great numbers of English and foreign families.... Such descents are, however, shared by many hundreds of thousands of people and are far from being unique." Charlemagne, who died in 814 heads many an ancestry in Germany. It has been calculated, however, that he probably has twenty million living descendants and many English families have attempted to latch on to some of his printed pedigrees. Not me.

I have just finished writing about a branch of the Wavell family - a branch with connections to the late Field Marshall Earl Wavell. Others who have researched the family pedigree have helped to establish a line to a family mentioned in a Lay Subsidy of 1523. William de Vauville (Wavell) accompanied the Conqueror to England - yes, another of them - and the name appears in Domesday as an undertenant holding land in Dorset and Devon. Then the name disappears for almost two hundred years, an embarrassing gap. More exciting is a printed pedigree

back from the Lords of Vauville to Halfad the Aged (A.D. 800) and Olaf the Sharp-eyed. All this I regard as highly problematic and perhaps another of those curiosities once widely circulated within impressionable families. 1986 is also the 75th anniversary year of the Society of Genealogists and to celebrate the occasion Fellows of the Society have sponsored a Grant of Arms to the Society. When television personalities and multi-national companies can secure a Grant. It seems the Society's 'achievement' is long overdue, and the use of English or Latin for the motto did need some thought.

For further information on the Domesday Exhibition at the Public Record Office contact:  
The Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London, WC2.,  
Telephone: 01-405 0741.

BOUND FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

by Bob Dear  
Part One

1986 is Jubilee 150 year in South Australia. We are celebrating the 150th anniversary of European settlement by a year long festival of events in many fields. I propose to write briefly on one aspect of early settlement, that of the emigrant labourers, and hopefully this may also prove of interest to UK members.

Evidently many of the labouring classes in Britain in the 1830's lived in very distressing circumstances. The concern of some people in higher levels of society, notably Edward Gibbon Wakefield, Robert Gouger, and George Fife Angus, led to the founding of South Australia on an unusual basis. This embodied the sale of land to the land owning classes in Britain to raise the costs of emigration of labourers and their families to form the work force in the new colony.

Free passages, with the exception of transported convicts, were not available to other settlement areas in those times. Moreover, it was felt that, after the labourers had worked for several years, many would be in a position to buy their own land and their place in the work force would be taken over by new emigrants. In reality, things did not always turn out in this way, but eventually many of the emigrant labourers attained a level of prosperity that was beyond their reach then in Britain. Applicants for free passage were sought by advertisement in England, Scotland, and Ireland. A typical advertisement appealed to 'hinds, farmers, farm labourers, hedgers, thatchers, miners, carpenters, joiners, masons, shipwrights, ropers, millers, bakers and others' (1). All such trades people were generally referred to as emigrant labourers, and it is also notable that only those with a free passage were referred to as emigrants.

The Mortlock Library of South Australiana in Adelaide holds a register of applications by labourers in the UK for free passage to South Australia 1836-1841(2). I understand that the PRD in London also holds these records. The information given is age, occupation and UK address of applicant; sex and age (but not names) of dependants, and in some cases, interesting comments. The register does not indicate whether the applicant actually embarked or arrived in South Australia. Some, no doubt, remained in Britain for personal reasons, others may have reneged in view of the long and often perilous voyage. However, many did come. There are believed to have been about 12,000 free passage embarkations in the period 1836-1841, the result of some 10,000 applications, approximately half of which were approved.

- (1) Kerr, C. 'A Excellent Colliery', Rigby Ltd., 1978  
 (2) 'The Register of Applications by Labourers in the UK for Free Passage to South Australia, 1836-1841' AJCP Reels 874 & 875, Index 1529. The Mortlock Library of South Australiana, Adelaide

## NEW MEMBERS

to whom we extend our welcome

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## MEMBERS INTERESTS

W.H. De Veill (Mem. No. 103) is researching: BARKER pre-1840 Suffolk; BUREOUGH pre-1850, Devon; CLAYDOE 19th cents. ESSEX; DALLING pre-1850 Devon; DAVILL/DEVILLE 18th & 19th cents., Worcestershire (Harrington/Evesham); DEAVILL/DEVILLE 18th cents., Staffordshire; DE VIELL 18th & 19th cents., Devon and any others; EASTABROOK pre-1850 Devon; HART pre-1850 Suffolk; JOHNSON pre-1850 Sussex (Shipley); GAMBLING 19th cents., Norfolk/Suffolk; PETTIT/PETITT 19th cents. Sussex; PRIHAM 18th & 19th cents. Devon; WEATHERDON 19th cent. Devon; WEBBER pre-1850 Devon; DALE pre-1850 Sussex; WERN pre-1850 Suffolk.

Bileen Perrin would like information on the following: COAN(S) all dates Worldwide; CO(CK)EE and CO(W)EE pre-1800 UK; HI(Y)DER c.1840 Clerkenwell and Surrey; EVEREST c.1835 London, Surrey and Kent; TYR(ER)ELL pre-1790 Vacton, Norfolk; PAYNE c.1840 Norwich, Norfolk; FINDE(A)R pre-1845 Worldwide; PEARSON c.1840 Islington, London; FERRIN pre-1900 Islington, Edmonton.

Mr. H.R. Blackburn would like help with the following names: AMBRIDGE any date Worldwide; BLACKBURN 18th & 19th cents. Yorkshire; GREGG 18th & 19th cents. abroad; HEAD 17th-19th cents. Norfolk.

Don Felgate is researching the following: FELGATE any date/place; CHANDLER/VINCENT/PEARCE(PIERCE) all 1800 Suffolk; PARFITT 1800 Bristol; MAY 1800 Marlborough; PRATER 1800 Wilts./Berks.; SIMPKINS 1800 Wilts./Berks.

Mr. Andrew Millard (Mem. No. 209) requires information on: MILLARD/BUTTON to 1875, Wells/Kilmerston Somerset; COSTER any date Marylebone and Westminster area; BROOKSBY-COSTER 1826-1828 St. Helena; CRAB c.1700-1810 Stepney; HATCH c.1700-1780 Wapping; BROOKSBY to 1830 Deal and London; CHAPMAN/LIECDLN/CARTER to 1870 Flitton-with-Silsoe, Beds.; OSWIN/OSWIN to c. 1865 Mountnessing, Essex; BODIMADE (various spellings) any date, Harrow, Bushey, Watford; JOVETT to 1900 Saratoga and Preston, Lancs.; CAMMACK/ATKINSON to 1865 Upton-cum-Kerby, Lincs; MILLS to 1875, Plaistow, Essex and RED(D)INGTON/LITTLECHILD(R) to 1870 at N. Mims, Herts.

Mr. Michael Fountain (Mem. No. 218) is researching the name FOUNTAIN pre-1800 in the following areas: Herts., Bucks., Middlesex and Norfolk.

Mrs. Deborah Martens (Mem. No. 219) is researching: BARNFORD 1905 + Sydney, Australia/1898-1905 Capetown, South Africa/1875-1898 Rockhampton Australia/1800's

Kenpton, Tasmania, Australia; WILKOT 1760's+ Darley, Derby/ 1800's London/all dates, Worldwide; KING pre-1867 Liverpool/1867+ NSW, Australia; CLARK(E)1870's Glasgow; KERBISON 1870's Glasgow; HARBERT 1800 Worsted, Norfolk/pre-1800 London; CAMPBELL 1860's Kenpton, Tasmania; RUDDELL 1888 + Rockhampton Australia/ 1888 + Bundaberg Australia/ pre-1888 Lurgan, N.I.; ANDERSON 1888 + Rockhampton Australia/pre-1888 Lurgan, N.I.; STROUD 1820's London; SHRARING/SHEERING pre-1800 Middlesex.

Mr. H.C. Lambert (Memb. No. 225) seeks: LAMBERT early 1800's, Middlesex/London, particularly the marriage of William Nelson Lambert to Margaret KEMP probably in the early 1830's. A son William was born at Biggate in 1841; RODES all dates, central Bucks.; HUCKLE late 1700's Beds., particularly William HUCKLE, a brewer, possibly b. Biggleswade 1781; HALIDAY/HOLLIDAY late 1700 County Durham; DAVENPORT 1700's, Lancs.

Mrs. P. Ward (Memb. No. 226) is researching: BUDGEN pre-1850, Hoxton Middx.; DOUGHERTY c.1936 London; STRINGLE 1868 Islington; ADAMS 1795 London; STUBBS 1865 London/Islington.

Mr. J. Heather (Memb. No. 227) seeks: CHAPPELL pre-1776 Great Gaddesden, Herts.; HEATHER/BALLARD/BLAKE pre-1696 Buttermere, Wilts.; HEATHER 1760-1808 Little Stansmore, Middx.; HEATHER 1790-1860 Westminster; PARRY Ann, 1850+ Surrey/Herefordshire; REDFERN pre-1850 Manchester area; PLUMMER 19th cent. Blackheath, London.

Dr. G. H. Connor (Memb. No. 228) is researching: CONNOR c.1725 Lisburn, Co. Antrim, N.I.; HASLETT 1698, Londonderry, N.I. (Huguenot); MRELL c.1550 Ballyquin, N.I. (origin Ayrshire); WALANSLEY c.1711 Killeel (origin Preston); MOORE 1650 Killeel (origin Isle of Man); FRACKLETON 1700 Drogheda, Co. Down (origin England); CURNOW 1812 Redruth, Cornwall; INGLIS c.1665 Cutts Aberdeenshire; COURTENAY c.1660 Ballymena, N.I. (? illegit. 3rd Earl of Devon); JELLET and STANHOPE - no dates supplied; MOIRA c.1580 N.I. (Huguenot); MOIRA c.1680 N.I. (related to Earls of Chesterfield).

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support through the local authorities where it is justified and appropriate." A letter was then sent to the Minister concerned, by the MP. The reply was to the effect that the Corporation of London would be taking over the collection at the GLRO.  
It is not intended that a particular angle should be thrown on this subject, merely that the facts as they stand should be presented. I hope that I have managed to achieve this.

### MEET YOUR CHAIRMAN

Although Middlesex born and bred, Bill Burgess' ancestors came mainly from Essex and Sussex. Educated at Pinner County Grammar School and University College Southampton, Bill served for a short while in the Merchant Navy as a Cadet Officer. After this he joined the Royal Air Force as an Armourer, serving in the Middle East and East Africa. He has spent most of his business career in an administrative and managerial capacity in commerce and industry. He is currently employed as a Purchasing Officer in the National Health Service.

In addition to his deep interest in family history, Bill is a keen student of heraldry and as a Member of the Middlesex Heraldry Society he likes visiting churches and old buildings. He also enjoys gardening, country walks, poetry, reading (especially mediaeval history), and listening to military band and classical music. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Management Specialists, a Fellow of the Huguenot Society, a Member of the Richard III Society and, last but not least, a Member of the Society of Genealogists.

## A GLOSSARY for GENEALOGY

**INNS OF COURT:** Corporate Societies in London and the buildings where barristers now have their chambers: viz. Inner Temple, Middle Temple, Gray's Inn, Lincoln's Inn.

**INQUISITIONES POST MORTEM:** Information given in a memorial roll as to succession of tenants of a manor, holding land belonging to the Crown. Records of tenants of the Crown, who when such died were the subject of an inquest to establish the date of death, the age and relationship of the next heir, and details of the land held. However these records do not extend much later than Charles I and they are printed in Latin. Many have been calendared by the P.R.O. Some have been printed by local record societies.

Keith Williams, who is compiling a list of Members' interests, is unfortunately moving away. Therefore someone is required to take over the running of the Bookstall each meeting. Names to the Chairman.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FROM: Frances Budyen, (Mem. No. 203)

After a visit to a meeting of the Herts. Family and Pop. History Society on 7th January at Watford I would like to make some suggestions that might help increase our numbers at meetings.

All their meetings are held at different places and on different days of the week - including Saturday. Many members travel a considerable distance, some taking over an hour. As each member arrived a badge with their name was waiting on the table for them. There were some spare badges for members who had not previously attended meetings and also for visitors. I would like to enlarge on this idea by suggesting a list of some or all of the members interests being attached, those members with a long list could change it each month. This would make a good talking point, especially for anyone attending for the first time. A box was on the table for returned badges at the end of the evening, another box being situated by the door in case the first one was missed!

To make ourselves more widely known would it be possible to do a series of articles on our favourite pastimes? These could be run over a few weeks, perhaps in the Observer series or one or two of the free papers which cover the Society's area. A phone-in programme on local radio encouraged some new members to the Herts. Society.

Whilst I do not feel that we should alter our meetings so drastically, would not a change of venue a couple of times a year - perhaps to central Harrow, Kingsbury, Willesden or somewhere in the Society's area be beneficial?

In reply to your letter, Frances the Committee has the following to say:

Ruislip Manor Library is being looked into as an alternative meeting place for perhaps twice a year along with the development of the Wembley and East Anglia House Groups. There is also the idea of starting up a Beginners Group which would be held at Committee members homes. In answer to a list of Members Interests, Keith Williams is in the process of compiling such a list and as stated in the last issue of "Greentrees" he requires the help of us all in this task. Finally, thought has been given to running a series of articles in the local newspapers and Don Felgate has already contacted some of the local newspapers, with as yet little response. A phone-in however, would have to come from the Federation of Family History Societies, of which we are a member. Many thanks for making us sit up and really think!

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MAP OF THE ORIGINAL PARISHES OF THE CENTRAL MIDDLESEX  
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY.



West Middlesex F.H.S.

THE ORIGINAL PARISHES WHICH ARE WITHIN THE AREA OF THE  
CENTRAL MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

BOROUGH OF HARROW

Pinner, Harrow, Great Stanmore, Little Stanmore

BOROUGH OF BRENT

Willesden, Kingsbury, part of Harrow (Wembley)

BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON

Harefield, Ickenham, Ruislip, Northwood

BOROUGH OF BALING

Northolt, Greenford, Perivale

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

Paddington, Westminster

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