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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

It soon comes round, doesn't it. Before we know where we are, we will be having our summer holidays. (For those lucky enough to be on holiday now, hope you're having fun).

Since the last issue, Keith Williams has left the area and moved to Cheshire. Good luck in your new job, Keith. Taking over the bookstall is Lyn Brackley to whom we should all pay our due respects - and our money!

If this issue seems a little rushed it's probably because it is. I have been working lately, and have a gruelling summer ahead of me. My sister and nephew are coming over from New Zealand for three months. My nephew is only 18 months old and he and my daughter will have a lot of fun getting used to each other - but will I stand it? If not I can always foster my sister out to another relative - provided she hasn't been given away by them already! Yes, I did say New Zealand. I daresay any queries about relatives in that fair land will be answered as best possible and I'm sure my mother will be thrilled if Andrea goes home with a pile of queries from England. Not that mum has any time for family history now. She's too busy living it up - when she's not babysitting. I must take this opportunity to apologise to 'Karen' as I called her in the last issue (Editorial). We should like to welcome to the Committee Mrs. Katherine Chavell. Sorry, Katherine. If anyone else has had their name mis-spelt or details misprinted, please let me know.

This issue contains a high number of articles from Society members. Could I please have more, as I am down to my last nickel - as they say across the water. The exhibition at Gayton Library has been and gone. The Committee wishes to thank all those who contributed to the exhibition even if it was only by manning (or womaning) the stand. The exhibition at Gayton caused a certain amount of interest but as yet the results are not fully known. Ivy Raper has typed up an index of the 1851 Census for Hendon, Kingsbury, Neasden, Wembley and Willesden and it will soon be put on disk by yours truly. After that, copies will be available as and when they are needed.

Well, I shall let you browse through your brochures, generally enjoy your Journal and wish you all Happy Holidays. (Do we all pray for sun, now?) We hope to see you all bright and breezy again in September. Meanwhile - have fun!

FOR YOUR DIARY

All meetings are held at the Friends Meeting House, 450 Rayners Lane, Harrow. Nearest Underground Station: Rayners Lane - Picadilly/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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| September 13th: | Society AGM
All members of the Society are invited to attend this meeting. |
| October 10th: | Keeper of Manuscripts at the Guildhall Library, Mr. C.R.H. Cooper, will speak to the Society |
| November 14th: | Mr. Peter Cain of the Corporation of London will be present. |
| December 12th: | Christmas Festivities will consist this year of each of us bringing an early photograph of ourselves in! |

HOUSE GROUP AT WEMBLEY PARK

Mrs. Doris Jones has organised this group since the beginning of 1984. 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 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 Oakington Avenue, Wembley Park. Please telephone if you can join (01-904 6310).

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NOTICES & NEWS

The first piece of news is that the exhibition at Gayton Library was very useful in obtaining new members to the Society. Reg De Veill made some lovely posters, there were details on Monumental Inscriptions, some certificates from Tony Francis and, of course, plenty of leaflets and membership forms! The full response from the public will probably only be fully known later in the year.

In response to a request from our friend Societies 'down under' the cover of the Journal is different. Their seasons being back to front from ours, they sometimes find it difficult to find the correct Journal when only the season is put on the cover. Your request is noted and being acted upon.

There will be a get-together with some fellow Family Historians from Australia at the Park Gate Hotel, London on Friday 5th September at 8p.m. Any member of the Central Middlesex Family History Society wishing to attend will be most welcome. For further details, please see, or write to, Bill Burgess.

The Blair Genealogical Library is now open in Scotland. It contains Parish Records for Scotland 1550-1854, microfilms of Census returns 1841-1891, indexes to Registers of Deeds and Sasines 1600-1780 plus hundreds of books, registers, directories etc. to aid research of your Scottish ancestors. For more information write to: Scottish Roots, 12 Dublin Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3PF, Scotland.

An index is being compiled of Britons who spent part of their life or died overseas. Contributions are particularly required of:

- i) M.I.'s of people dying abroad and
- ii) Newspaper cuttings from local newspapers of present-day Britons dying abroad.

Members queries will be answered provided a SAE is enclosed. A small contribution, such as two 2nd class stamps, would be appreciated. An Overseas Marriage Index should be started. If anyone is interested in doing this, sources will be supplied. All correspondence to: Mr. D. Pearce, "Wayside", Roman Road, Twyford, Winchester, Hants., SO21 1QW.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

FRIDAY MARCH 14th 1986

We were pleased to have with us Mr. Abbott and Mr. Bearnan from the PRO. After a general chat about the various departments at the PRO, we were given an extremely good talk on books and how to preserve them. The important factors regarding storage are the damp-heat and the relative humidity temperatures. The first of these should be 55-60°F and the latter 55-60%. We were then given advice on how to clean other types of material. For leather and vellum books and/or pamphlets, you should seek professional advice. Velvet can be cleaned at home by very lightly vacuuming with a fine gauze over the nozzle. The main body for professional advice on books is Sotheby's, although any other museum/public office would be willing to advise. The boxes in which old documents are kept prevent dust, dirt and other damage whilst white linen tape does not mark the boxes or the documents as much as other materials may do. Stainless steel paper clips and pins, and Sellotape, over the course of 10 to 20 years would break weak paper, with the Sellotape also staining paper. If this occurs Darklin Powder should be used. This is available from Faulkners Fine Paper in London - a price list being available from the shop. Thank you for your advice, gentlemen.

FRIDAY 11th APRIL 1986

RON PURSER.

Beginning only two years ago with the knowledge that his grandparents married in St. Pancras, Ron has now got back to 1762 and the marriage of his gt.-gt.-gt.-gt.-great-grandparents Samuel and Sarah. Samuel, an Anglican was from Gloucestershire whilst his bride, Sarah Jeffcote came from a Dedington Quaker family. Standing in a hamlet in Oxfordshire is a house where the Jeffcotes were probably raised in the 1700's. Samuel and Sarah raised eleven children at Aston Magna. Ron's gt.-great-grandparents married at St. Pancras Old Church. The only mention of Purser's in Dedington now are next to the tea-shop - which was once a chapel - on a tombstone.

RITA BURGESS

Rita has been researching the name Hempstead which means "the place where the hemp is grown". Her grandfather was born one month before his parents married at Glenstead Church, Suffolk. There is a family connection with the Byford family of the area (Byfords Socks) and, with the help of Mr. Richard Deakes a local historian,

more was discovered of the life which the Hempstead family must have lived. According to the 1641 Tithe Map the Hempsteads were quite well off.

MRS KESTIVEN

Mrs. Kesteven has been looking at her maiden name - Hulph. Henry Hulph could not be found in Whitechapel, where he was a cabinet maker. Eventually, though, the name was found on the 161. Henry's parents were either Hulph or Hulfe. In May 1985 Mrs. Kesteven was looking at the Cockney Ancestor and she found Hulph, Hulph and Ulph. She wrote to the contributor and in reply received a card index of over 2000 Ulphs from a Burnham gentleman, named Ulph. The name is recorded in Domesday as Ulf. A list of over 14 variations was then put on the wall for all to admire.

BILL BURGESS

Our chairman has been researching his maternal side of the family more than the paternal. His father is difficult to find as, although Bill has the Service Number and Rank of his father, after two years of searching the place of station he still hasn't been found. Mr. Burgess Sr. was the eldest son of 16 from the village of Becham Rutting, near Ongar, Essex.

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FRIDAY 9th MAY 1986

DON FELGATE - THE THREE BROTHERS

Eight years ago Don found he only had to fill in the details of his family history as the groundwork had already been done. In 1572 William Felgate was baptised, becoming a member of the Guild of Skinners. From a list of four names Don found that William was chosen to be the master of the Guild - literally because the cap fitted; and this is where we get the saying. Don could not find William's death details, but in the registers of All Hallows Barking he found one baptism and two marriages of the family. Phillipa, William's wife, died in 1645 but was buried in Norfolk. Looking through the Inquisitions Post Mortem index Don found: William, ships chandler. The records of the Virginia Company in 1642 show William as part ship owner. He then became part owner of Summers Island in Bermuda and left a five-page Will on his death at age 76 years. Robert, known as Captain, was born 1578/79, married 1614 and arrived in Bermuda at the age of 36 years. For designing a new harbour he was paid in tobacco, but he fiddled the books and spent four hours in the pillories. In 1630 he acquired 350 acres of land - Felgates Creek being a part of it. He also took a coat of arms to the USA. He died in London in 1644.

Tobias was apprenticed to his brother William from 1601-1611. He married in 1612 and in 1618 he clipped past the pilot in Bristol and set sail for Virginia. The journey took 77 days and the ship arrived just in time for the first US Thanksgiving. In 1620 he returned to Virginia, and this journey took from September to 29th January 1621. In 1634 he made his Will in which he left £250 to his daughter, who sadly died during his absence.

A GLOSSARY for GENEALOGY.

INTRUDER: During the Interregnum (1649-1660) the lawful incumbent (q.v.) was expelled and a Puritan minister installed - an intruder.

INVENTORY: Until 1859, probate of a Will demanded a detailed inventory of 'goods, chattels and cattle of the deceased.' Most were written on loose sheets of paper and, where they exist, may be found filed with relevant documents, although often incomplete. They form an excellent guide to the standing of the deceased. Inventories should be sought at a County Record Office. While common in 17th century they later become less frequent.

LADY DAY: Feast of Annunciation, March 25th. The beginning of the Church year before 1752. In 1751 the Gregorian or 'New Style' calendar was adopted. Birthdays were altered by 11 days! John Wesley who was born on June 17th 1703 celebrated June 28th as the anniversary day. When using transcripts of Parish Register entries between January 1st and March 25th in a year before 1752 both the old and the new style years are often given.

LATTEN: A yellow metal similar to brass: mostly copper mixed with zinc.

BOUND FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

by Bob Dear

Part Two

I looked up at random a sample of entries in the index cards to the register relating to applicants from the London/Middlesex area, although it is likely that, in some cases, these addressees were merely stepping stones from another place of origin.

Joseph Perkins, 31, clerk and gardener, and his wife, 28, 18 Godfrey Street, Chelsea, applied 18.1.1836 but I could not find him in the list of arrivals up to 1845, so presumably they did not come. Neither apparently did John Parrett, 28, agricultural labourer, single, of South Hill, Belling Common, who applied 28.7.1840 through agent T. Alger, nor Robert Chirton, 28, carpenter, and his wife, 27, and their two children of 10 St. Georges Row, Wooden Bridge, Chelsea (applied 2.6.1837). Andrew Churcher, 28, carpenter, single, of Acton was selected by a Mr. Allen under the system where land purchasers could nominate one emigrant labourer for every £20 spent. Andrew's application is dated 14.1.1836 but he does not appear in the list of arrivals. The application of Joseph Allen, gardener, and his wife, both 26, and their three sons of 20 Peters Street, St. James was marked 'written to, can't be found'.

An unexpected inclusion under the heading 'emigrant labourers' was a schoolmaster, W.R.Squibb, and his wife, both 30, and three sons, 6, 3 and 1 of 82 Devonshire Street, Lisson Grove, Marylebone, who applied on 24.6.1840 through agent W. Roberts, and, while they do not appear in the arrivals, it seems too coincidental that other records refer to a W.D.Squibb employed for a short while in the 1840's as a teacher by the S.A. School Society in Adelaide.

Benjamin Hopson, farm servant and shepherd, and his wife, both 26, of 16 Simmons Street, Chelsea, applied in August, 1836, with J. Butt, Superintendent of Emigration, as their agent. Benjamin arrived in the 'Coromandel' in 1837, but I could not find his wife in the arrivals, though it is likely that she did come.

John Beauchamp, 16, apprentice, single, of 7 Castle Street, Bloomsbury, applied on 8.10.1836 and arrived in the 'John Benwick' in 1837. The death is recorded in a South Australian newspaper, the 'Northern Argus', of a J. Beauchamp in 1885. There is a great probability that these details refer to the same person, and hopefully John enjoyed his life in South Australia.

Margaret Clark, 15, domestic servant, of the Victoria Asylum, Chiswick, applied on 23.6.1836, being engaged by Mr. Robert Gouger, the Colonial Secretary, and arrived with the Gougers in the 'Africaine' in 1836.

There is a strong possibility that she did not stay very long in their employ, as the records of the Holy Trinity Church in Adelaide show the marriage of Margaret Clarke to Matthew Peary Piesse on 9.7.1837. If this is the Margaret Clark from Chiswick, her marriage may have been hastened by the fact that Robert Gouger's wife and infant son are known to have died shortly after arrival.

Finally, there is the case of Charles Algernon Wilson, 19, labourer, single, of 14 Dorset Square, Portman Square, Marylebone, whose application, dated 12.3.1838 with the Superintendent of Emigration as agent, contains the comment 'Mr. Wilson'. An unusual name for a labourer plus a seemingly fashionable London address and the comment make one a little wary of this entry. He did arrive in Adelaide in July, 1838 in the 'Duke of Roxburgh', as did Thomas Wilson (1787-1863), solicitor, author and mayor of Adelaide in 1842. In fact we find that Charles Algernon Wilson, registrar of probates in 1858 and an amateur naturalist, was the son of this Thomas Wilson (3). Evidently Mr. Wilson saved the fare by obtaining a free passage for his son as an emigrant labourer. No doubt, as a land purchaser, he was perfectly entitled to do so, but it does emphasize that some caution is needed in interpreting the entries in the register.

It should be noted that the official set of entries are known to be incomplete

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Any correspondence arising from this article to: Mr. R. Dear, 75 Whittington Road, Elizabeth Field 5113, South Australia.

THE SEARCH FOR ADA JANE WRIGHT

by

Frances Bunyan (M.A.)

My father-in-law's birth certificate states that he is the son of William Charles BUNYAN and Ada BUNYAN formerly WRIGHT. I knew that there was an older brother and sister and the first birthdate was 1893, so I started searching for the marriage from 1893 and worked backwards. With William's birthdate being February 1868 and Ada's c.1865/6 I didn't think the marriage would be likely

before 1884, but I decided to work back to 1880 just to make sure. As it had eluded me, I then worked forward to 1896 in case it had inadvertently been missed.

My husband reminded me that Ada had been married before, a point I had forgotten. This, I felt, meant that I must just carry on. I reached December 1916 and I still hadn't found it. As a change (a mistake, I later discovered) I thought, why not start from when Ada died in the second quarter of 1936 and work back. Time ran out that day and I had only completed one year on the backward trail.

The response from an elderly uncle, when asked if he had any idea when the marriage took place, was "I don't know. All I knew was it was before I was born", i.e. before May 1900. On another occasion he said "I don't know why you want to look back, it only brings out the skeletons". If only I had stopped and thought for a while on that last remark. Unfortunately I didn't, but started to pursue other lines of research. It was not until his funeral last August that I found I was finally able to continue the search after laying it to rest for six months. A cousin mentioned that she could remember her father - the eldest son - telling her that his parents got married just before he did and, as his first marriage took place in 1919, it must be 1918, but no, it turned out to be December 1917. The certificate stated that William married Ada Jane TURLAND, Widow, her father being Charles WRIGHT a coachman.

As we had seen a baptism certificate for William's father Robert at Heydon, Essex, we have been able to pursue that line back through Barkway, Herts., and another three Roberts. The first Robert married Elizabeth ELLAM in 1755. Was he the son of John BURNION and Ellen PERRY baptised August 1732 at Wallington, Herts.? We have yet to check that.

Now though, I would like to follow Ada's line back but with such a common name I would like to narrow the field down, before I apply for a birth certificate. The death register suggests c.1863/6 but her marriage certificate indicates 1870. I haven't found her first marriage, but intend to recheck in case I did miss it. It has been suggested that she was brought up in Paddington, but the census would take a long time to check through. There was one son from that first marriage but I don't know his first name. I cannot find any references that would match on the IGI for Ada's baptism.

I must now recheck for that first marriage, and also see if I can find a suitable TURLAND birth. Eleanor BURLINGTON was a witness to the marriage, there is a mention of a BURLINGTON family in a photograph album we have. Is she a sister of Ada, we do not know whether there were any brothers or sisters! All I can do now is to continue my search, but if anybody had any suggestions, please let me know.

A STUDY OF DEATH IN CRIPPLEGATE, LONDON.

by

Howard Lambert (New. 225)

The advent of civil registration in 1837 meant that for the first time the cause of death had to be recorded for all persons. To my knowledge, it is extremely rare to see this information in a Parish Register. However, whilst searching for my paternal RAKE and SMITH ancestors, I was surprised to discover that the cause of death was included for everyone buried in the Parish of St. Giles Cripplegate. This first occurs as early as 1653, owing to the diligence of the newly elected parish clerk, Nicholas Pyne. The system was continued by successive clerks and incumbents until about 1800. Thus the burial register provides an intriguing and unique insight into mortality and how people died three hundred years ago, at a time when medical knowledge was very limited.

I decided to study a twelve month period randomly April 1714/15 to March 1715/16, a year which marked the beginning of the Hanoverian dynasty, with the accession of George I. At the time, St. Giles without Cripplegate was a large, densely populated parish lying at the northern edge of the City. In 1710/11 there were 7,100 families and 42,600 inhabitants engaged in a very wide diversity of trades.

In the twelve months chosen, the register records the burial of 1,528 persons together with a cause of death in every case. Unfortunately there is never any indication of a person's age, but occupations are given for all adult males. Out of a total of 47 different ailments, the biggest killer, accounting for 418 deaths (27%), was convulsions. It is difficult to imagine this number of people dying of fits, unless perhaps the term was used generally for diseases not specifically mentioned. A further 320 (21%) died of fever with the highest mortality rate falling in the May to July period. Doubtless, typhus and cholera which were commonplace in the urban population would have caused many of the deaths in this group. Smallpox had not reached epidemic proportions, being responsible for 152 deaths (10%) whilst 122 people (8%) were the victims of consumption.

In the early 1700's there was little hope of protection or immunisation for the community, as antiseptics and vaccinations pioneered and developed by men like Lister and Jenner, were not yet on the scene. The abysmally poor standards of hygiene, bad diet and severe overcrowding all took their toll. By the 1730's many of the wealthier folk started moving to outlying parishes, Hackney and Islington in particular, which were less crowded and provided a more pleasant environment.

In the survey, only 135 people (9%) enjoyed a long life and died of old age. Dental hygiene was woefully inadequate as 99 parishioners are shown as dying of "teeth". Some of the terms used had me perusing the dictionary where I discovered that "imposthume" was a cyst or abscess. "Tissick" which caused 31 fatalities was an asthmatic cough, while the 2 cases of fistula referred to an ulcer. Dropsy, mortification and gripes all appear several times in the register. Out of the 4 accidental deaths, one man was "smothered whilst pulling down an old house"; another was killed by an arrow shot. Cancer is there in 7 cases and pleurisy, gout, rupture and "livergrow" appear once each. Lunacy carried away 2 people and I was surprised to see that 5 died of "evil". (Was someone casting the evil eye perhaps!) There were no suicides although one person was murdered during the year. Are these findings unique in the London/Middlesex area, or do members know of any other parish where diseases were recorded on such a regular basis?

ON THE BOOKSHELF

DICTIONARY OF GENEALOGY

Author: Terrick Fitzhugh; Publisher: Alphabooks;
Price: £14.95

This first professional handbook of its kind comprises not only a dictionary of genealogical terms but a useful guide to ancestral research in general. The first part of the book includes three sections on starting family research and five sections dealing with various periods dating from Victorian back to Tudor, Plantagenet and earlier times. Then comes a very helpful list of abbreviations commonly found in English records, followed by the dictionary itself. The author is one of the founders of the Association of Genealogists and Record Agents. This handbook is the fruit of years of research and teaching experience, Mr Fitzhugh being until recently an extramural lecturer in genealogy at the Universities of London and Surrey. Without doubt, this up-to-date publication would be a valuable addition to the bookshelf of any family historian, whether a beginner or an experienced researcher. Not only is there a considerable amount of useful information, but it makes interesting reading and throws light on many facets of our social history.

A SLIGHT DIVERSION

by

Michael Fountain (New. 218)

After my father died, my mother gave me "The Christians New and Complete Family Bible" by the Rev. Thos. Banke of St. Mary Hall Oxon; Vicar of Dixton in Monmouthshire and morning and afternoon preacher at Hampstead.

This weighty tome (12 lbs. on our bathroom scales) had been passed to my father by his father and had I presume been passed down through several generations. Up to that time I had never given much thought to who or what my ancestors had been but the receipt on this Bible, with its entry on the flyleaf in copperplate of five people bearing the surname FOUNTAIN, kindled my interest.

The earliest date recorded was 1821 and the latest was 1859 and I surmised that John and Jane the first two, were husband and wife and were the parents of Mary, Thomas and George William the other names on the page. A separate sheet of paper in the Bible bore, in a different hand, the heading "The children of Thomas & Ellen Fountain" and among the seven names listed I recognised Sydney John, my grandfather. I did not jump to the conclusion that I had "got back to 1821" but on the basis of the information to hand I went to St. Catherine's House. Armed with names and dates I started searching through the indexes and the purchase of birth and marriage certificates proved the relationship.

Thomas Fountain was indeed my great-grandfather although it was disconcerting at first not to find a record of his birth. I had searched the indexes for 1849, the date written in the bible, without success. A further search revealed that his birth was registered as having occurred in 1848. I then found in the indexes the reference to his parents (John and Jane) wedding in 1846 at Uxbridge. I struck lucky with the 1851 census which showed that John was born at Rickmansworth and Jane at Harefield. Here endeth the easy part. It was obvious that my next port of call must be the County Record Office at Hertford, but working Monday to Friday it would have to be during holiday time. Last January, having a day due to me, I entrusted myself to the tender mercies of London Transport and British Rail and actually arrived in Hertford by lunchtime. The afternoon was spent in looking through the microfilm of the Rickmansworth Parish Register where I found not only the record of John's baptism but also the baptisms of his brother and two sisters as well. Continuing the search back I found that his father had married Maria Furd in January 1819. Just in time it would seem as their firstborn, Mary was baptised in April of that year.

Prior to 1919 there were no entries relating to the name Fountain and it seemed I had come to a halt. It was some time later that I looked through the Mormon C.F.I. and found not only the baptism of William Fountain in 1795 at St. Albans but also the baptisms of two daughters of William Fountain and Maria Ford in 1829 and 1831 also at St. Albans. This was very interesting but until such time as I can return to Hertford to verify this information it will have remain "Not proven".

Since I knew it would be some considerable time before I could return to Hertford, I decided to make a slight diversion.

I can remember as a small boy looking in a scrap book at a cutting from the "NEWS OF THE WORLD" showing a three masted ship named as H.M.S. Condor. My father told me that his Uncle Percy had drowned with the rest of the crew when the vessel foundered in a gale off the west coast of Canada. This story had fascinated me and I decided to follow it up to discover as much as possible about the uncle who had died thirty years before I was born.

Since I had a copy of the birth certificate of Percy William Fountain and knew that he served on H.M.S. Condor, a visit to the P.R.O. at Kew proved very rewarding. The record of his service from his entry as a boy 2nd class in 1891 was a mine of information, containing such gems as the fact that before he enlisted at the age of 16 he had been employed in the paper making industry. When he joined he was 5ft. 2ins. tall and by the time he was 18 he had grown to 5ft. 6ins. and had a bracelet tattoo on his left wrist. Visits to the Imperial War Museum and to the Maritime Museum at Greenwich have provided me with two photographs of the ship and also one of her captain, Commander Solater with the ships officers. The Navy List of 1901 is a very interesting book and from it I gleaned the fact that a leading seaman was paid £31.18.0d per annum or 1/9d. a day. A Commander in charge of a seagoing ship was of course worth far more: £365.0.0 per annum plus £68.8.0d. There is much more to be discovered in the archives. I have yet to see if any of the Captains or Lieutenants logs have been preserved as they would, I think, make very interesting reading. From newspaper reports that I have seen it would appear that Commander Solater was unhappy about the seaworthiness of his command but the Admiralty in their superior wisdom decided that his fears were groundless. It would seem that his judgement was sounder than theirs however, as she foundered in a storm off Cape Plattery on the night of December 3rd, 1901. It was not until March 23rd, 1902 that the Admiralty announced that all hope of Condor being still afloat must now be abandoned.

So much for my slight diversion. I have already accumulated a considerable quantity of information about Percy, Condor and the Royal Navy. Of course another diversion could be Percy's elder brother,

George, who as a child lost his sight through being run over by a horse bus, was taught to be a piano tuner and before emigrating to Canada had been one of the organists at the Crystal Palace. Then of course there was his brother Arthur Harry who joined the Army and was later a paviour at Camden Town.

One thing is certain. I might be stuck in 1795 at St. Albans for the time being but there are plenty of avenues to explore until I can resume the search. A thought has just crept into my mind that this so called slight diversion may not be so slight after all. On the paternal side, apart from all the Fountains, there are Hiscocks, Youngs, Burrows and Fords, whilst on the maternal side are Dumblebys, Hodders and Plums plus a host of unknowns.

Well at least it will keep me out of mischief and off the streets.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ?

We must thank Eric Whittleton for the following piece of information. Any other tit-bits? Then please send them to the Editor at the address on the front inside cover. Thank you.

With our own Christian names there have often been difficulties, and recent correspondence in "The Times" has discussed the use of such names as Dionysius (a boy) and Kerenhappuch (a girl). Whilst I have come across both these names in my own family studies, many other unusual names were brought to light and the Rev. John Ticehurst of Braunton pointed out that one hundred years ago the General Register Office included at the front of marriage registers an alphabetical list of 'common' English and Welsh names such as Eudymion, Quintilian, Ranulph and Xerxes, with Aepasis, Euphrosyne, and Zilpha. Such a guide might have been useful even another hundred years earlier. I am sure we have all had some difficult names to transcribe, and perhaps other members have examples.

EDITOR'S PLEA

Unfortunately, we cannot print a Journal unless there is something to go in it. This issue is missing the "Surnames of the Millions" series - because I don't have unlimited numbers of weird surnames in my family. Surely someone else has!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to the Society:

- 265 Mrs J Poland, 58 Eastern Ave., Pinner, Middx. HA5 1NJ
 267 Judy Wurr, 26 Rose Lane, Row Green Village, W99
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 269 F B Turner, 37 Eastcote Ave., Sth Harrow, Middx. HA2
 SAJ (re-joined)
 270 Mrs B Smith, 26 Rowantree Drive, Seaview, I.O.W.

MEMBERS INTERESTS.

Walter Bowron (Mem. No. 257) seeks: BOWRON 1820/HANEY 1800/COATES 1850/BRADLEY 1850 all North Riding Yorkshire and Durham. Mr. Bowron is stuck at William BOWRON who died in 1771 in the parish of Barningham, WRY, his children being baptised between 1745 and 1758. The surname is derived from the WRY village of BOLDRON.

R.S. Puttick (Mem. No. 258) seeks information on: PUTTICK, any area, 17th-19th centuries; MANNING/BIRD/REYNOLDS/VAUGHAN/HUNT/ SHIRLEY, London 19th century; WILLIAMSON, Berks./Bucks. 17th-19th cents.; BLINKO, Voobern, 17th-19th cents.; BOVINGTON, Farnham Royal, Bucks., 17th/18th cents.; LOVITT London 18th/19th cents.

T.B. Puttick (Mem. No. 259) seeks information, 17-19cents., on: HOOKINGS any area, but especially Lambeth and Surrey; REID London; DYER/MINEAR, St. Austell, Cornwall; ROSEVEAR, St. Merrys, Cornwall; HAWKE, St. Ervan, Cornwall and HANBLY, St. Blazey, Cornwall.

Mrs B Corner (Mem. No. 261) is researching the following names in Co. Durham, Sunderland: HOWARD/SMITHSON 1862; CORNER 1854. Also from Monkwear Mouth, Co. Durham, MALLABURN 1888.

B Robbins (Mem. No. 262) seeks: OSBORNE, Rouse Lench Worcs pre-1840; PUGH(FUDGE), Bromsgrove, Worcs pre-1840; KNIGHT Worcs. 1810; ROBBINS/ROBINS, Aynho, Northants pre-1825; LAMBERT/ADAMS, Daddington, Oxon. pre-1825; BAILLY, Castle Murpo, Bucks pre-1825; MARY ? (married Thos. OSBORNE of Rouse Lench c.1838) of Stoulton, Worcs. 1801-1803.

F Hyatt (Mem. No. 264) would like to find Henry William REEVES, a Willesden photographer, 1860's-early 1900's and JACKMAN, a Headden smithy, 1820's-1930's.

Mrs E J Hugo (Mem. No. 265) seeks: DAY, Vincanton, Somerset pre-1900; SAMSON, Westminster 1870's, Ilford 1900's, Plumstead (London) 1900-1920, Bognor, Sussex 1920-1930; TANNER, Whitstable, Kent 1880's; HUGO and CROMPTON Clapham/Wandsworth/Tooting 1800-present; CROMPTON, Bolton, Lancs. 1800-present.

Judy Wurr (Mem. No. 267) seeks information on the REEVE family of Wymondham, Norfolk pre-1850 and LYNN Brighton, Sussex, pre-1850.

Adam Wurr (Mem. No. 268) seeks information on WURR in Southgate, Wth. London/Norfolk/anywhere, at any date.

F B Turner (Mem. No. 269) is researching: TURNER, Norwich early 19th cent.; FIRKINS Hereford/Worcester, early 19th cent.; SCARISBRICK Lancashire, early 19th cent.; ELLIOT Roxburghshire, late 18th cent.; DELAFOSSE 18th cent. Richmond(Sy)/Isleworth and 17th cent. Rouen, France (Normandy); MASLEN 18th-19th cents. Devizes, Wilt.

Mrs. B. Smith (Mem. No. 270) seeks: MILLER, Sayers Common Sussex, 1856 and at Hassocks, Sussex 1875/6; SUMMERS COX, Somerset area, 1850's and Hassocks, 1870's; Alfred Edward, May, Hannah Beatrice, Lillian RICHARDS, Eccleshall, Sheffield, 1870's; Augustus John, Augustus, Louisa Elizabeth LEARY, Westminster, St. Anne's Scho. 1874; John Thomas LEARY n. Mary CURTIS, Trinity Church, Stepney, 1888.

SOCIETY NOTICES

The first notice is that unfortunately for the Committee, Elaine Pirie will be moving and therefore will be unable to continue her smashing job as the Society Secretary. If anyone out there feels that they would be prepared to commit one evening a month (at the most) to taking down the Committee minutes, please make yourself known at the Society AGM in September. We wish you and your family all the best in your new home, Elaine.

Volunteers are required to help with the recording of the Monumental Inscriptions at St. Martins Church, Ruislip. All you have to do is wear anything old, a pair of wellingtons and be armed with a pair of garden shears. Will any willing helpers please contact Ivy Eaper before going to the Churchyard.

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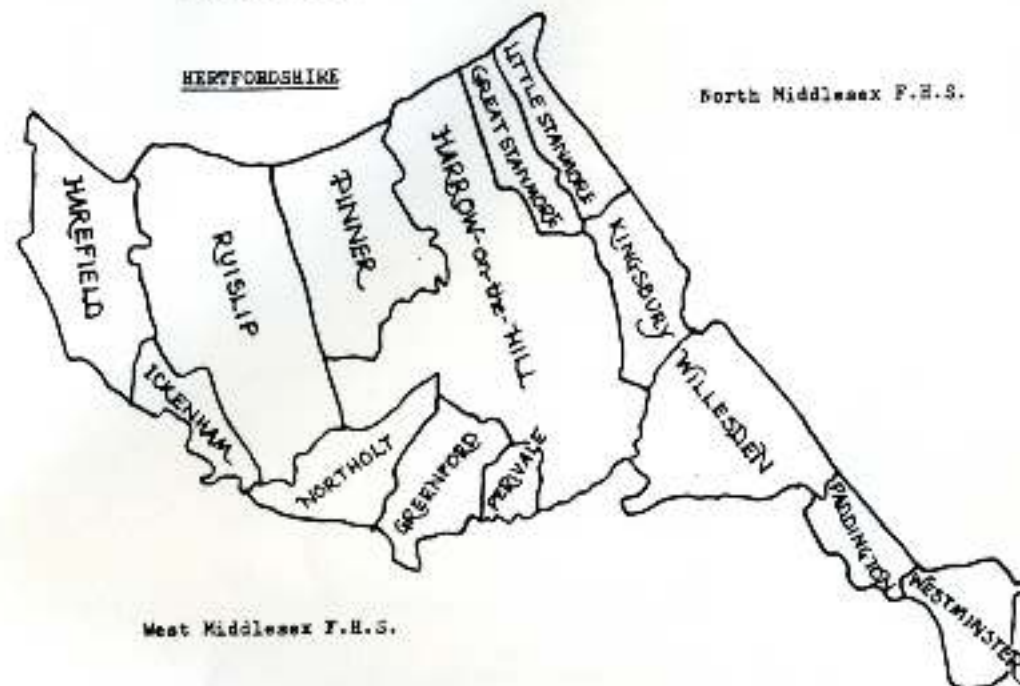
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