

# 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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A FINAL NOTICE is hereby issued by the Membership Secretary for subscription payments for the forthcoming year.

## EDITORIAL

I would first of all like to apologise for the two blank pages at the end of the previous issue, Volume 6, Number 2. As I have stated before, this would not happen if members would make a little more effort to contribute to the Journal in any small way possible. I am having to rely on other societies and individuals more and more, and I feel rather sad about this. Has no-one in our own Society got the gumption to just jot down a few lines? Maybe you could make it your New Year Resolution?!

My own research has been limited for the past few months - to absolutely nothing. However, I am hopeful that I shall have more time to spend on hunting from the New Year. I am still stuck on one person who I know was born between 1796 and 1801. Just don't ask me where! I'm trying to track him down through the Census Returns, but as I am sure most of you are aware, it is a long and arduous job.

The future months see us with plenty of interesting speakers with all our thanks to Katherine Chevall. This year's Christmas Festivities should prove to be highly entertaining and eventful. We are all requested to try and find a newspaper cutting of the day we were born and to bring in photographs of ourselves as babies or young children. A sort of "Who's Who"! There will also be a Date Quiz - so start swatting everyone! The Society welcomes to the Committee Mrs. Eileen Ferrin, as a Committee Member.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

All meetings are held at the Friends Meeting House, 456 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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| November 14th    | Mr Piers Cain of the Corporation of London will be telling us about the records held there.  |
| December 12th    | Christmas Festivities will consist of lots of fun and games coupled with refreshments. It sounds like a very good combination.                           |
| January 9th 1987 | Dr Watts will be speaking on records of other ranks of the British Army. It should prove an interesting evening if you have any Army connections at all. |
| February 13th    | Dr Swinfield will be giving an informative talk on Genealogy and Genetics.   |
| March 13th       | A Workshop Evening, the details of which are to be announced at a future date.   |

## HOUSE GROUP AT WENBLEY 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 Dakington Avenue, Wembley Park. Please telephone if you can join (01-994 6310).

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL  
MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY HELD ON FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER  
1986 AT 8pm IN THE FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE, RAYNERS LANE,  
MIDDLESEX**

1. The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (1984/85) had been published in the Journal and the Chairman, Mr Bill Burgess, asked the meeting for approval of the Minutes. This was agreed and the last AGM Minutes were taken as read.

**2. Secretary's Report**

The Secretary, Mrs. Elaine Pirie, stated that there had been 8 Committee meetings during the year. The Society had received 28 membership enquiries, 47 queries and 1001 general letters for advice, apart from letters addressed to specific Committee Members. The Chairman suggested that as Elaine was moving a vote of thanks should be given for all her hard work over the 4 years she had been Secretary of the Society. Accordingly a vote of thanks was proposed, seconded and it was agreed unanimously that this should be recorded in the Minutes.

3. Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs Ivy Raper (Treasurer), Mr Tony Francis (Membership Secretary), and Mrs Linda Wright (Editor).

**4. Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman read the report which had previously been prepared and circulated to members (Income and expenditure account). He stated that the Committee had proposed that there should not be an increase in subscriptions for the coming year, although there had been an increase in the hire charges for the hall and kitchen, but after negotiation it had been agreed to pay the revised charges. The Chairman called for any comments or suggestions concerning the Accounts, noting that the cost of producing the Journal had gone down considerably due to the Editor's efforts in finding a local publisher prepared to do the job more cheaply. He also noted that two more display boards would be purchased costing about £80, but it was thought the Society may be able to cover these costs with a grant from the local Council. The Society had been quite successful with exhibitions in local libraries. One question was raised on the Accounts concerning the possible purchase of the new IGI and the Chairman responded by outlining the discussions underway with Harrow Reference Library where funds were now available towards purchasing the new edition. It may be possible for the Library and the CMFHS to go 50-50 on this purchase, or it may be that the Library would buy the IGI outright, but this was as far as negotiations had reached at the present time. It may become necessary to seek the approval of the AGM for an outlay of somewhere in the region of £120-£130. Last time the IGI was purchased amongst members individually but this time it was hoped there would

be funds available from Harrow. There being no further questions on the Treasurer's Report, it was proposed, seconded and unanimously accepted.

**5. Membership Secretary's Report**

The Membership Secretary being unable to attend, the Chairman read out this Report. As at 1st September 1986 the total membership was 132 which included 18 family members and 7 corporate members. New members since 1st September 1985 totalled 34, lapsed members in the same period totalled 25. During the year the membership Secretary had dealt with 23 written membership enquiries and 32 other general enquiries. The Meeting accepted the Membership Secretary's Report unanimously.

**6. Programme Secretary's Report**

Mrs Katherine Chavell reported that provisional bookings for speakers and arrangements for the programme had been made up to the end of 1986. Unfortunately there had been one cancellation (for the October 1986 meeting) as the speaker from Guildhall Library was unable to attend, so that would now be a Workshop evening. The Society could look forward to some interesting talks in the coming year. The Chairman thanked Mrs Chavell for all the hard work she had put in during the planning of the programme, and announced that it was hoped to publish a small pocket-sized card giving details of the programme for the coming year.

**7. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that the Society had had a very successful year with some interesting speakers. Meetings had been very well attended and in fact attendance generally was well up on previous years'. He stated that it had been a pleasure working with the Committee and thanked them for all their hard work during the year, especially thanking the Treasurer for providing hospitality for Committee meetings once a month. The Society had carried on with the census work, and Monumental Inscriptions work at Ruislip was almost finished. Photo-copies of the Census Index and St John's Wembley MI Index had been sent (free) to the British Library; Federation of Family History Societies; Society of Genealogists; the Grange Museum; Harrow Reference Library and (sale copies) Avon County Library and the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies. Journals Volume 5 No. 2 and Volume 6 No. 1 had been distributed.

Concerning the future, the Chairman sincerely hoped that the Society could do a lot more in helping with enquiries - an extra one or two people would be useful in coping with these - as he felt the FHS did benefit from other Societies' help, so we should do our part as well as we could. He then announced a plan for recording the Monumental Inscriptions at St Lawrence Church, Little Stanmore (the Handel Church). Approaches had been made to the Harrow and Stanmore Local History Society for doing a joint project on this. The

Society had also been given the job of recording the Parish Records which were kept in that church - going back to 1598 - including records of interesting families such as those of the Dukes of Chandos. It would be quite a challenge as some of the earlier entries were in Latin.

The Chairman then described the day's outing which the Society had held, visiting the Domesday Exhibition at the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane. Some members had also visited the Domesday Exhibition at Winchester so had seen both.

The Chairman then went on to the election of officers for the coming year. He stated that all the present Committee, with the exception of the Secretary who would be moving out of the area, were willing to stand for re-election. He called on Mr John Heather to take the Chair during the election procedures. As there were no other nominations for Chairman, Mr Bill Burgess was duly re-elected unanimously by the Society to be Chairman for the coming year. Mr Burgess stated that he was honoured to be elected once again, as he enjoyed the company of all members of the Society, which was a friendly and happy one, and he hoped that it would continue to be so. He then asked the meeting if they would accept the nomination of the new Committee en bloc, with the exception of the Secretary. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Committee should be re-elected en bloc. It was then asked that if anyone felt they could help out in the Secretary vacancy they should approach any member of the Committee, or alternatively if they knew of someone who would be interested, to let a member of the Committee know.

#### 5. Any Other Business

The Chairman stated that the Committee would like to know members' feeling on how the Society should be run, concerning speakers, visits, classes for beginners, etc. Suggested items from members during discussion included Scottish research, Dialects, Marriage Bonds, Heraldry, Problems on reading scripts (especially Latin ones), Wills, Shotgun Weddings.

The Chairman then thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

#### THE SUFFOLK GROUP

Our group has been meeting for about three years now, with the object of helping each other with research into our Suffolk and Norfolk roots. We exchange our "searched-for" names, often looking for another members names while looking for our own. Each time we get together a theme is chosen. This sparks off the exchange of ideas, information and opinions. Get in touch if you are researching in Suffolk, Norfolk or the Essex borders.

SAR to Eileen Ferrin, 10 The Gardens, Rayners Lane, Pinner, HAS 5DZ.

#### FROM THE CHAIR by Bill Burgess

The coming year has all the hallmarks of a busy and I hope successful one for our Society. We have a number of projects either in hand or due to commence by the time this article appears in our Journal.

The Monumental Inscriptions for St Martin's Ruislip should be complete and work on the 1851 Census for Fiddington and Westminster under way.

We also have the recording of the Monumental Inscriptions and Parish Records at St Lawrence Whitechurch (the Handel Church) Little Stanmore, to look forward to.

During the past year more of our own members have given talks to the Society and have contributed to the Journal. There has been a welcome increase in the offers of help in the running of the Society, and the willingness of members to actively participate augurs well for the future. One gets out of life only what one is prepared to put into it, and the same applies to a Society such as ours.

I look forward to a happy and enjoyable year for all of us.

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#### TICKWALL POTTERY: AN APPEAL FOR HELP FROM FAMILY HISTORIANS.

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and probably also in the sixteenth, Ticknall in South Derbyshire had several thriving potteries making coarse domestic ware and specialising in the production of pauceons for setting milk in the dairy. We are a local history research group, interested in tracing the distribution network for Ticknall ware which was said in the C17 to be distributed throughout eastern England. We do not however know how widely it was sold. We know that some went as far west as Shropshire. We would be most grateful for details of any references to this pottery which turn up in inventories. It may appear as Ticknall, Tickenhall, Tichenhall or Tickney ware, all common variants. If you do find such references, and could send us details of place, date, name and occupation of the person, and the inventory entry with its value, we can perhaps over a period compile a file index which will enable us to estimate the extent and value of Ticknall's pottery output, and the duration of the industry. As there are no surviving business records for this period (assuming any were ever kept), inventory entries are probably the only way that the distribution network can be traced. If anyone can help would they please write to me, Janet Spavold, at the following address.

The South Derbyshire Local History Research Group  
28 Wilfred Place,  
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#### A Little Note on.....

##### ESPERANTO

1987 is the centenary year of the international language, Esperanto. This language started in Warsaw in 1887 and soon gained adepts throughout Europe. The British began to learn it around the turn of the century, and many societies were set up prior to the the first world war, most of them still meeting today. However, minute books, photographs and early letters giving accounts of their activities have largely disappeared. I would be grateful to hear from anyone whose parents or grandparents learned and used Esperanto during it's first fifty years. I am anxious to trace missing documents which might shed light on the early history of the Esperanto movement in Britain. All letters will be acknowledged.

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#### WRYT.....YOUR TREASURER

Mrs. Ivy Raper

Ivy is a very modest person and has written just a few words about herself and her ancestors.

Ivy was born about a mile and a half from Bow Bells, therefore making her a 'proper' Cockney. Her forebears came from the City of London, Shoreditch and St. Pancras. Prior to living in London the ancestors came from scattered parts of the country, Surrey, Buckingham and Norfolk.

Ivy was educated at Dalston County Secondary School and during the Second World War, she served in the V.A.A.F. as a special duties clerk. During this time, Ivy was based at Fighter Command.

Ivy has four grown-up children and six grandchildren. For 25 years, she was an active member of the Scout Movement.

At present Ivy is endeavouring to record Monumental Inscriptions at St. Martins Churchyard, Rutelip and would appreciate any help. She would also like to send her thanks to all those who have helped her in the past.

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If any member of the Society would like some photocopying done cheaply, but efficiently, then contact Mrs. Ivy Raper at Society meetings, or send her your papers (with an SAE). Copies are 5 pence each.

#### FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE - SPRING 1987

To be held in Blackpool on April 10/11/12th 1987 by The Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society and the FFHS. A full programme of lectures and visits is planned. Accommodation will be at the Horbreck Castle Hotel. Full details available in September 1986 from: Conference Co-ordinator, 7 Margaret Street, Shaw, Oldham, Lancs. OL2 8RP. Please supply SAE.

#### REPLY FROM MRS. PAYNE OF THE BELLRINGERS ASSOCIATION

Further to the article on Bellringers in the previous issue, (Volume 6, No. 2), Mrs. Payne has kindly kept us informed of her progress.

"I thought you would be interested to learn that as a result I have been sent information previously not known and helpful clues to follow up."

**IT MAKES IT ALL WORTHWHILE!**

by  
Rita Burgess

Members who attended the Workshop in April 1986 will remember a short talk I gave on my family history research into the HEMPSTEADS of Glensford, Suffolk. In conclusion I had stressed the importance of having a local "contact" who perhaps was knowledgeable about the area being researched, and the help one could obtain from knowing someone in the village or community who had an interest in their local history.

In my case this has really paid off through being referred by the Suffolk County Record Office to a Mr Richard Deeks, a local historian and author living in Glensford. I have met him twice and had the benefit of his knowledge of the village, not to mention seeing his copy of the 1841 Tithe Map and hundreds of old photographs and old documents he made available to me.

Mr Deeks had written a short book on the problems of the matmaking industry in that part of Suffolk towards the end of the 19th century and also the Glensford/Long Melford Riots of 1865. This was of particular interest as my great-grandfather, Albert Hempstead, was a matmaker by trade when he came to Feltham, Middlesex, teaching matmaking to the boys in the Boreal there.

Albert's father, William Hempstead, was a blacksmith, married to a Keziah BYFORD; likewise his grandfather, also a William Hempstead was another blacksmith, and with Mr Deeks' help it was established that between 1805 and 1841 the Hempsteads lived in several properties and owned some land in Glensford as well as the smithy. But by 1879 William Hempstead junior died in Sudbury Union Workhouse and the large family he had had through two marriages were all scattered out of the village. This made me wonder what had happened. Was it the social conditions and changes in people's work that put such stress on the family? This industrial revolution and the Enclosure Acts had their effect on different rural industries, also making everyday life difficult for many rural people. This, then, was one of the many questions always at the back of my mind in researching my Hempstead and Byford ancestors.

Imagine my surprise and excitement, therefore, when Mr Deeks phoned from Glensford recently to tell me about some property deeds which had been seen in an antique shop in Colchester, Essex. Further enquiry to the shop revealed that they were deeds relating to the transfer of the property in Egrement Street, Glensford, where the Hempsteads had lived in the 19th century - from William Hempstead senior to his son William Hempstead (the one who died in the workhouse later), in 1831. There were also several other documents all relating to the same few houses in the village, and the neighbouring land. The dates of the documents ranged from

1831 to 1906. This was an opportunity not to be missed so telling the shop to hold on to the documents at all costs until a chance came up to look at them, a hurried visit to Colchester was arranged. Luck was with me, the documents were still available and some of them did indeed relate to the Hempsteads. So for only £10 I became the proud owner of four 19th century legal documents relating to the Hempstead and Byford families which I was researching. The old-fashioned "jargon" is rather difficult to understand but the beautiful copperplate writing, the seals and even King George IV and Queen Victoria's stamps are all in excellent condition. The documents help to pinpoint just where people did live in relation to each other, confirming names and addresses and dates, and of course giving signatures. The 1906 document even gives details of a fire which had destroyed five of the houses. The earlier documents describe the transfer of the property through the Lord of the Manor, and are part of proceedings of the Manorial Court.

Altogether it is such an exciting and overwhelming find it will take me months to settle down to more routine research! To actually hold in one's hands the deeds which ancestors have handled too is a marvellous experience.

And it is all thanks to Mr Deeks - which only goes to show that if you know someone like that in the area you are researching, you just never know where your family history may lead you!

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All enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary:

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A TRIP AROUND WESTMINSTER

by  
Reg de Vill

THE WESTMINSTER CENSUS, 30th MARCH, 1851

As the Society is about to undertake its largest project yet, i.e. the Name Indexing of the 100,000 plus families in the 1851 Census, it would seem that a few words on the area covered (prior to 1965 changes) might be of interest.

The Northern boundary is fairly clear-cut, running in almost a straight line Westwards from St. Giles Circus, at the junction of Charing Cross Road and Oxford Circus, along the Southern side of Oxford Street, past Marble Arch into the Raywater Road as far as its junction with Queensway. The boundary line here turns South through Kensington Gardens by means of "The Broad Walk", to the Kensington Road.

It continues in a meandering fashion (probably following ancient boundaries prior to the development of the area) generally in an Easterly direction through part of Knightsbridge, then Southerly once again, running parallel to the East side of Sloane Street, to Chelsea Bridge Road. In the middle of Chelsea Bridge it turns left along the middle of the Thames.

It disembarks, as it were, from the River at a point about mid-way between Waterloo and Blackfriars Bridges, Northwards, cutting H.M.S. Wellington (moored alongside the Embankment) in half in the process.

It now follows the devious Western boundary of the City of London, past the Law Courts, crosses Chancery Lane, runs around the back of the Public Record Office, and re-crosses Chancery Lane, going Westerly. After further deviations it goes along the South side of Lincoln's Inn Fields, thus including the PRO Census Office in Portugal Street, which backs on to the 'Fields'.

Continuing in a generally Western direction, across Kingway, Long Acre, and then North up Charing Cross Road to our starting point.

*And there will be more about Westminster in the next issue.*

Found.....by Ron Purser

(Jacksons Oxford Journal 17/12/1785)

17th December, 1785: Advertisement on church door, northern part of county:-

'Notis hear by Giving that The day of a peel 21 day of December at the Vite Art in Chippernotting on ora Tax Ja' Parsons assessor'

(We thank the Newspaper Library, Colindale, for permission to reproduce the above.)

ON THE BOURNESHOP

'ANNALS OF THE POOR'

Author: Eva McLaughlin Pub.: FFHS  
Price: 75pence

A handy guide on a subject that has perhaps not received as much coverage as have Parish Records, Monumental Inscriptions, indexes, etc., but which nevertheless probably concerns 80% of the population.

This booklet deals mainly with the period prior to 1834 when each Parish was responsible for dealing with its own poor. It explains the various forms of assistance which might be made available, and to whom, the recording of which were kept in the 'Parish Chest'.

A chapter on the Settlement Regulations - "in theory, each person had a 'place of settlement' where he/she belonged and was entitled to poor relief" - goes on to describe the difficulties involved if one wished to leave the Parish in which one was officially 'settled'. This latter 'state' itself could only be reached in one of several ways, these being dealt with in some detail. Here again the Settlement Records were originally kept in the 'Parish Chest'. Many have now been deposited in County Record Offices whilst others have been lost or destroyed when no longer in use. Further chapters cover illegitimacy and crime, with guidance as to where such records may be found. These latter were not as one would describe a crime today, but often of the most trivial nature. As an example it quotes the collecting of dead wood, which prior to the Enclosure of Land was a perfectly legitimate and necessary occupation by the poor in their struggle for existence. The author goes on to suggest we 'may give thanks for coming of a long line of honest thieves'!!

Conditions in the towns differed from that which existed in the rural areas, and Workhouses were first established in the more built-up places. However, not many records of these have survived. In 1834 a 'Poor Law Amendment Act' was passed, taking control of the poor away from the Parish to newly created 'Unions', consisting of groups of up to 12 Parishes, and the results of this important change are explained.

We are also given an insight into the treatment meted out to the large number of 'Travellers' or, as they were officially designated, "Rogues, Vagabonds and Sturdy Beggars" who had no fixed address but moved about from place to place - not always of their own free will!

The final chapters contain details of a number of books and articles suitable for further reading, and suggests 'a good rummage in Libraries will often produce something relevant to your ancestral area or trade'.

## A GENEALOGIST'S DIARY

by  
R. E. Corder

The end of the year is in sight and already many forthcoming events for 1987 are finding their way into my diary. It has not been short of entries in these last six months and I notice that my own family history enquiries have brought much success and a lot of work now awaits putting in order and eventual typing.

Among my discoveries was a hand-written pedigree going back from 1879 to 1296. This connected with a printed booklet with the title "Royal Descent from the Conqueror." All things, however, are not as they seem. Checking the pedigree it was soon noticed that here and there generations had been missed out. The "Royal Descent" was from a daughter of William the Conqueror named Gundreda. He did not have a daughter with that name and my enquiries indicated that this was a misconception widely published in the early years of this century. I am now checking the remainder of this descent carefully. It is often said that if you can find such pedigrees which include families of note you are then saved a great deal of work. Certainly a path has been trodden but it should be emphasized that it must be well examined before it leads you astray.

William the Conqueror and the Domesday Book have been much in the news this summer and crowds have been to the exhibition at the Public Record Office. I found it very interesting and a great deal of work and research had gone into the presentation. The publicity leaflet mentioned that King William would be brought to life "and the story told in words spoken by two commentators of the time." And indeed, with modern technology, two lifelike figures almost deceived the eye. But I could not accept that I would have understood their speech in 1086. Could I even communicate with my own ancestors of 1786? We know the difficulties of spelling at that time, much of this certainly confused by the dialects used. And some family history societies have published glossaries of local words once used in everyday conversation. We often wish for a picture of our ancestors, but a 'verbal picture' might take us by surprise! I have put a few of my family memories on to tape. This form of oral history is now being encouraged and should allow something more than the written word to form part of a family history.

Another anniversary celebrated this summer has been the foundation of the Society of Genealogists in 1911. After the Annual Meeting in June a small reception was held to mark the 75th anniversary and we could admire the Society's new Grant of Arms that had been presented by Sir Colin Cole, Garter King of Arms. The Letters Patent with the calligraphy and artwork executed by Henry Gray, one of the Herald Painters at the College of Arms, was a pleasure to see. Two cranes support the shield of Arms, a reminder that the word pedigree derives from 'ped de gru' - crane's foot. Much thought was also given to other features of the design.

I once found a crest, arms, and motto on some inherited family silver and wondered if it could be identified with my family. After a few enquiries I found that although the

family name related there could be no true connection. The control and issue of a grant of arms is by the College, through a Court of Chivalry which did not sit from 1737 until 1954. During this period the misuse of arms went unchecked and there have been countless cases of the incorrect use of arms. Gerald Hamilton Edwards has noted that such snobbery reached its height during Victorian times. He wrote that "stationers used to advertise that they would let people know the arms to which they were entitled if they would provide their names and county." Visitors to some present-day exhibitions may notice that this practice has not died out! My own silver had been ordered in London and hallmarked 1870. As it was fashionable in the late 19th century to have engraved silverware it is likely that the merchant suggested the use of these arms. The relative motto is "Lucem Spero".....and I would like some more light thrown on the incident.

## SOCIETY MEETINGS

Friday, October 10th, 1986

This evening was used as a Workshop evening by the Society, as the guest speaker was unable to attend. However, we all spent the evening doing something beneficial to all Family Historians - We started indexing the 1851 Paddington and Westminster Census! Other members of the Society had already been indexing on their own, and so this evening was especially helpful to them. It also taught me that there are more people in London on paper than at first appears. Statistics of the London population are given, and these I happily accept. However, when you start indexing you realize that the chaos at the Census Office really mean it! They are not making the figures up or drawing them from mid-air - it really is true, unfortunately. I think all present had an enjoyable, if different, evening. And, of course, it will all be worth it in the end.

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## PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE LUNCHINES

The Public Record Office in conjunction with the North Middlesex PHS is to resume its lunch time lectures on PRO sources.

The first lecture will be given by Dr. Geoffrey Martin, The Keeper of the Public Records and will be on the history of the Office and its holdings. Lectures are held in the Committee Room at Chancery Lane at 12.00 for 12.30 on the second Thursday in every month, the first one being on February 12th 1987.

These lectures are of course open to anyone who may be interested.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to the Society

- 273 Mrs. J.L. Pitt 7 Woodberry Avenue, Harrow, Middx., HA2 6AU
- 274 Miss A.F. Pitt 7 Woodberry Avenue, Harrow, Middx., HA2 6AU
- 279 Mrs. I. Dworetzky 7 Holme Way, Stanmore, Middx., HA7 3RE
- 280 Mrs. J.E. Carrick 59 Rickwood Park, Beare Green, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 4PS

## ONLY A "SCRAP OF PAPER"?

Selected items from the Archives of the National Army Museum.

During the 25 years of the Museum's existence it has been acquiring pieces of paper written on or collected by soldiers: letters, diaries, telegrams, scrapbooks, newspapers, maps, and much more. They now occupy over 600 feet of shelving, to form a fascinating record of almost 400 years of British military history.

From this considerable assemblage of paper a small sample has been selected for this exhibition. The main themes that it illustrates are life in the army, its recruiting, food, sport, recreation, leisure activities, and return to civilian life; eye witness accounts of battles; and documents relating to famous soldiers. Among the items on display are a medical prescription for Lord Kitchener, a letter describing how General James Wolfe died in the writer's arms, a map of the battle of Minden, architect's drawings of Victorian barracks, and a letter describing the unorthodox sexual appetite of one Edwardian general.

The variety of items on display should convince the most confirmed sceptic that pieces of paper can reveal much about the people who wrote them and the times in which they lived.

The exhibition opened on 1st October 1986, and will run until 18th January 1987.

Further information on the contents of the exhibition and on the Archives collection is available from the Museum Archivist, Peter Boyden, National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, London, SW3 4HT. Telephone: 01-730 0717 ext. 47.

## MEMBERS INTERESTS

Mrs. K. Chavell (Mem.No. 251) is researching the name SEMPER and says the family were resident in Bath pre-1800's and in Marylebone, London after that date. She has traced back to a 1771 marriage in Bath of William SEMPER and Mary EDWARDS but cannot find William's birthplace or parents at the moment. Other names in connection with this search are: GURL (Marylebone) and WATKINS/DOWNING/EDWARDS (Bath). Mrs. Chavell has also started researching the name LANDELS - so far around the Kensington area, Middlesex.

Mrs. G. Shaw (Mem.No. 272) is researching HAMBICOTT, Uxbridge and Hillingdon (Middlesex) 1828, 1864, 1890; RADBOURNE, Uxbridge and Hillingdon, 1891; ALLEN Uxbridge and possibly Hillingdon 1890.

Mrs. J.L. Pitt (Mem.No. 273) and Miss A.F. Pitt (Mem.No. 274) are researching PITT, Marylebone/Paddington/Westminster post-1850; PITT, Weston, Herefordshire, pre-1850; BITTRIDGE, Bermondsey/Southwark, all dates; CHAPMAN, Glastonbury, Somerset, pre-1840; GAMMOW, anywhere, c. 1860; WILLIAMS, probably NW England, pre-1899; WILLIAMS, Tain, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland, 1899-early C20th; MOWAT, all dates, Tain, Ross & Cromarty; FRASER, pre-1920's, Keith, Banffshire, Scotland; MILTON, Glass, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, pre-1900.

Ms. K. Heath (Mem.No. 277) is researching in Harrow Weald, Middlesex: BODINRAD/CARTER c. 1850/1870; in Rickmansworth, Herts.: EBATHITE 1760-1773/REAL(E) 1767-1866/COLEMAN 1800-1900/TIBBLES 1810-1850/CLARK 1800-1900; in Herefield: IVE c. 1800/EBATHITE 1760-1773; in Bushey and Harrow: GARDNER 1820-1880; in Chorleywood: CLARK 1800-1900.

Mrs. I. Dworetzky (Mem.No. 279) is researching the following names: HART, 19th cent., City/Bethnal Green/Forest Gate; JENKINS, 19th cent., Tregaron, Wales/City; GRIMWOOD, 19th cent., Lambeth/Walworth/Newington; ELLIOTT, 18th-19th cents., Stoke Damerel, Devon/Peckham; WRANDER, 17th-19th cents., Germany; MORICE, 18th-19th cents., St. Mary-le-Strand/Pinsbury; BROTHERIDGE, 1798-19th cent., St. Saviour, Southwark; SMITH, 18th-19th cents., Rowde, Wilts./Forest Gate; COTTINGHAM, 16th-19th cents., Notts./Plumstead; THOMPSON, 19th cent., Hull, Yorkshire.

Mrs. J.E. Carrick (Mem.No. 280) is researching George and Elizabeth Smith BRODIE. They lived at 23 Barnsdale Rd., Paddington in 1884 and Mrs. Carrick would like to know when they died. George is thought to have been a musician. Other surnames connected with the family are: MAYHEW, WILSON, and BUNGEY.

HELP

Mr Alan Fradgley of Poplars, Bishopswood, Chard, Somerset, TA20 3RS, is researching the FRADGLEY family of London and Middlesex in the eighteenth century. In particular, the marriage of John and Elizabeth in 1774, or earlier. Likely parishes are: St. Mary Le Bone; St. Andrew, Bulbarn; St. Leonards, Shoreditch; London St. Sepulchre; St. George's, Hanover Square. The name is sometimes mis-spelt as FRADLEY, FREDGLEY, FRIDGLEY, PRADSLEY. All replies to the above address.

Mrs Jane Griffith would like help in tracing the birth/baptism of her grandmother, Annie Mary WHITBREAD, born 22nd. July 1882 in London, Middx. Her mother's name is not known but father is shown as Thomas WHITBREAD on her marriage certificate. No birth certificate at St. Catherine's. Any replies to Mrs Griffith at: 93 Keisecore Close, Church Hill North, Redditch, Worcs., B98 9LV. Postage will be refunded.

Information wanted on the BULL family of Slough, Berkshire. William Alfred BULL married in Maryborough, QLD, Australia, 19 July 1875 to Ada Caroline EVANS b. Langwith, Derbyshire c.1856. They had: Henry Bertrand and Alice BULL (b. Australia). Alice marr. William ATKINSON of Slough. Family returned to England c.1880. William Alfred d. 25th April 1881, George Green, Langley Bucks. (now Berks.), present at death Elizabeth EVANS (sister-in-law). Ada Caroline d. 1st December 1880, Chalvey, Slough. Henry Alfred BULL b. circa 1834 Paddington (father Henry BULL, mother Sarah ? or Jane BURROW); mar. Emma ELSON (b. circa 1835 Raffield, Essex of James and Elizabeth). Henry Alfred/Emma mar. 5 August 1855 Paddington, and emigrated to Morston Bay on "James Fernie" 24 January 1856. Any information, please contact: Mrs. McCamley, Fern Hills, Bejool 4099, Queensland, Australia.

Mrs Old of New Zealand is researching the name SUFF and would like some help please. Thomas SUFF (son of John) mar. December 13th, 1846 Esther Amelia BIRD (dau. of Samuel), St. Mary's Church, Marylebone. Their children George and Amelia Esther were b. 30th Sept. 1847 and 29th Nov. 1849 respectively, in Kensington. Another son, John was also in N.Z. If there is a member who would be willing to search Parish Registers, Mrs Old is willing to pay costs. There is another SUFF family in N.Z. descended from Edward b.1822, mar. 1845 to Mary PHILLIPS b.1826; their son Henry (b. 18 March 1849, Great Bedwyn, Hungerford, Berks.) mar. Elizabeth Ann BRAL. All replies to Mrs P.H. Old at: 9 Cranwick Crescent, Matanata, New Zealand.

Mrs. Lyn Day (Men.No.208) would like some help with her research. She is prepared to pay expenses and can be contacted at: 67 Hillside Road, Northwood, Middx., HA6 1PZ.

WOMEN AND GENEALOGY

I am intending to publish a book on sources relevant to women ancestors in Australia and elsewhere. I am specially interested in the following:

1. The special source material for women ancestors.
  - In the home: diaries, cookbook, correspondence, photographs, family novels.
  - In archives: Government records, land, probate, etc.
  - libraries: private schools, convents, special collections.
2. Problems associated with researching women ancestors.
  - e.g. missing information on certificates; change of name on marriage; lack of entries for women in directories, etc.
3. Information on the occupations of women.
  - e.g.: different to men's occupation, i.e. domestic kinds of occupations.

(All of the above are examples only)

I would be very pleased to hear from any researcher or interested individual or organization who has information on any of the above.

Any letters to: Dr. M. Kyle  
Faculty of Education  
University of Wollongong  
P.O. Box 1144  
Wollongong  
N.S.W. 2500  
Australia

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BOOKSTALL

If anyone wishes to regularly take a particular magazine, i.e. "Family Tree" or "Family History News and Digest", would they please see Miss Lyn Brackley, our Bookstall 'owner'. Lyn will be pleased to help in any way possible. If you are unable to attend meetings, but would still like to take advantage of this service, write to Lyn at the address on the back cover.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We are very grateful to Mrs. Rita Burgess for taking and transcribing the Minutes of this year's A.G.M., as she did last year. Many thanks also, Rita, for running the kitchen so well at Society meetings.

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ON THE BOOKSHELF

The book reviewer in this issue is Reg de Viell. Many thanks for your help in this area, Reg.

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Eliza Acton's Turkey Forcement Stuffing

Ingredients:

- 4oz. Beef suet
- Breadcrumbs
- 1 tsp. of Sweet herbs and some finely-chopped Parsley
- Pinch of salt & pepper
- Grated lemon peel
- Raw egg to bind all together
- Little milk

Mix ingredients together and form into balls. Roast around the meat.

(The above is an early 1800's recipe kindly supplied by Eileen Ferrin.)

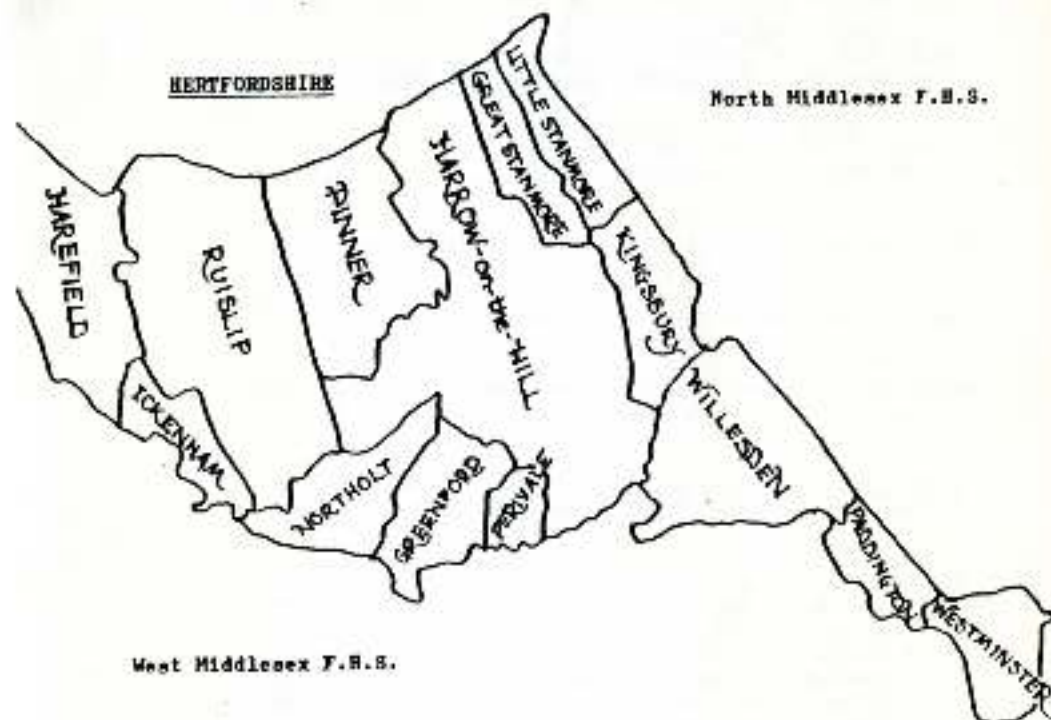
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Membership Change of Address

Mem. No. 223, FAIRIE, has moved to:

6 Bennett Hill Close, Wootton Bassett, Swindon, Wilts., SN4 8LR

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



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

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BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON

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BOROUGH OF BALING

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