



# GREENTREES

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FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

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**MEETINGS.** All meetings are held in the Friends Meeting House, 456 Rayners Lane, Pinner. Nearest Underground station: Rayners Lane (Piccadilly/Metropolitan lines). Bus services: 209 and H1.

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## FROM THE CHAIR

Some months ago I was asked to give a short talk on family history to a church women's guild, the talk to last for about half an hour with time for some questions afterwards. I was advised that the group knew little or nothing about family history. Much to my relief, at the end of the talk there were quite a number of questions, so I had obviously not bored the audience too much. I was rather flattered by one lady, who complimented me on my knowledge of history.

In my way home her kind remark made me realise that, over the twenty or so years during which I have been researching my family, I had, quite unwittingly, but in a very pleasant fashion nevertheless, acquired some knowledge of the political, economic and social history of our country and the effect it had had upon my own ancestors, all of whom had been affected in one way or another by major events and, like all our ancestors, each played their own small part in making history.

I have also picked up some slight knowledge of land tenure, censuses, manorial records, wills, the Poor Laws and even a smattering of Latin! And along the way I have found friendship, help and kindness from people scattered all across the world.

Family history must be, without doubt, one of the most rewarding of "past times" ..... and one in which we never cease to learn and never know what the next delivery of post may bring!

## NOTES AND NEWS

### Forthcoming Meetings

- July 10th, 1987 Workshop evening. The following 'shops' will be "open for business": Computer Demonstrations - Mike Fountain and Lyn Brackley; Census Problems - Reg De Well; Service Records - Bill Burgess; Monumental Inscriptions - Ivy Raper; Suffolk Ancestry - Eileen Perrin.
- Sept. 11th, 1987 Annual General Meeting with members' displays. Make a note of the date. Nominations for membership of the Committee to the Acting Secretary, Mr. M. Fountain, 155 Harrow View, Harrow, Middx., HA1 4SX, by the commencement of the A.G.M.
- Oct. 9th, 1987 Mr. Lawson Edwards, Librarian at the Society of Genealogists will give a talk on the Society of Genealogists.
- Nov. 13th, 1987 Workshop evening. Suggestions for topics to be covered and ideas for possible activities are welcome.
- Dec. 11th, 1987 Christmas Festivities.

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### Tape Recordings

The Committee is considering the possibility of tape recording our speakers (with their permission, of course) on cassette tape, which, after transcription for inclusion in the Journal, may be borrowed by Members on payment of a small charge. Further developments will be announced at Society meetings.

### Bring and Buy Stall

At the suggestion of a few of the members, it is proposed to have a Bring and Buy Stall at Society Meetings to help raise funds for our 10th Anniversary celebrations in 1988. Please try to remember to bring something along for the stall. Anything left over at the end of the evening is to be removed by the owner, please, as nothing will be stored until the next meeting.

### Small Ads

A "Small Ads" book will be passed round at meetings. Members are invited to advertise items of any description "for sale" or "wanted". The items shall be viewed by arrangement with the vendor and we ask that 20% of the proceeds from any sale be given to C.M.F.H.S. funds.

### The Fourth British Family History Conference

The Fourth British Family History Conference (and Council Meeting of the Federation of Family History Societies) will be held at the College of Librarianship Wales, Llanbedarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, from 21st to 25th August, 1987. Although this is a British Conference - and the programme of lectures will be broadly based to reflect that fact - it will, nevertheless, contain elements of particular interest and value to those with Welsh ancestry. There will be a programme of visits offering an opportunity to see something of this part of Wales.

Cost of the full conference (including Banquet) will be £98. Details and booking form are obtainable from:-

The Bookings Officer,  
4th British FH Conference,  
51 Rockes Meadow,  
Knighton,  
Powys, LD7 1LE.

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

### Preservation of Old Documents

At our meeting in March 1986 we were given a talk on this subject. The following is the address of a shop which supplies bookbinding and conservation materials, calligraphy supplies and books on related subjects.

Falkiner Fine Papers Ltd.,  
76 Southampton Row,  
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### Marriage Certificate

A Marriage Certificate for the marriage of Albert Cyril Davis to Florence Clara Davis at Turnham Green in 1938 has recently been passed to the Society, together with 5 photographs (presumably connected with the aforementioned Albert and Florence Davis). If anyone is interested in seeing or obtaining these, would they please contact the Chairman or one of the Committee.

### YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Family History Societies are usually run by a Committee elected by the members. The Committee members perform the various tasks necessary to ensure the smooth running of the Society, with additional help from non-Committee members as required. It should be remembered that the Committee members are volunteers from the membership and the Society is your Society as much as it is theirs.

A Journal Editor is still needed. If this post is not filled, it means more work for the existing Committee members who then not only have to fulfil the tasks they have already undertaken for themselves, but also have to put the Journal together. Their time is just as precious as everybody else's, so what about a few volunteers? Nominations should be given to the Acting Secretary before the A.G.M.

On the subject of the Journal, it is not produced from thin air and we do need contributions from members. If there are no articles to be included there cannot be a Journal - or at least a very thin one - which would not be of much interest to anyone. Please write down any puzzled thoughts on your ancestry, experiences in researching, your hard-earned tips, etc. Journals are exchanged by many of the Family History Societies around the country and abroad and their contents can be great thought-promoters.

Volunteers are still required for the projects the Society has undertaken. The recording of the Monumental Inscriptions at Russlip is making slow progress. Ivy Raper, our Treasurer, is co-ordinating this project and lots more volunteers are required. Now that the (hopefully!) better weather is here, why not spend a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in the fresh air helping Ivy to record the inscriptions? If you contact Ivy (Tel: 0895 631958) she will let you know on which dates she expects to be at the churchyard.

The indexing of the 1851 Westminster Census is progressing reasonably well and the first section is nearing the typing stage, with the second section not far behind. Keep up the good work! Lyn Brackley is the co-ordinator for this project and any more volunteers should contact her.

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### HERITAGE DAY

Barrow Heritage Festival was held on 4th May at the Museum and Heritage Centre. The Society had a stand in the "Community Showcase" marquee behind the Tithe Barn. The stand was "manned" by a few volunteers, mainly Committee members. We received a number of enquiries regarding membership and all enquirers were given details of the Society and a copy of the programme for the next few months, together with an application for membership. Hopefully the forms will be completed and returned and we will have a few more new faces at future meetings.

There was much to be enjoyed by all age groups. On the main show ground there was a spectacular display of jousting by mounted Knights. Other activities included a wild west show, maypole dancing by local schoolchildren, archery demonstrations, period dress competitions, miniature railway and much more.....

## SOCIETY MEETINGS

### Workshop Evening - Friday, 13th March, 1987

A well-attended Workshop session on 13th March provided a beginners' group, a paleography group and a third group enjoyed a talk on manorial rolls. In the beginners' group each in turn stated their prime name interests and how long they had been researching - none for more than two years. All were pleased to share their experiences at St. Catherine's House, the Census Office, the Greater London Record Office and the Guildhall Library, discovering the best times to go, availability of lunch rooms, the cost of obtaining certificates, photocopies, etc., and how to use the International Genealogical Index by using the phonetic spelling of surnames. The I.G.I. does not show deaths. Attention was drawn to Wills at Somerset House and the records of baptisms, marriages and deaths held at the India Record Office in Blackfriars Road, London.

Questions were asked about the usefulness of joining one-name societies, the Genealogical Directory scheme and the Society of Genealogists. It was explained how useful were maps with indexes of place names, such as the cheap motorway maps. Adjacent villages are worth considering when consulting the Census and for use at home. Ordnance Survey maps (no index) show features of the landscape and can be borrowed from local libraries. Background reading on the life and times of ancestors was encouraged in order to build fascinating pictures of the past and greatly enhances the whole subject of family history research.

Thanks are due to the leaders of the Groups - Don Felgate for paleography, Reg De Viell and Eileen Perrin for the beginners' group and Bill Burgess for his talk on manorial records.

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### Surnames - Friday, 10th April, 1987

We were visited in April by Mr. L. Dunkling, who gave us an interesting and informative talk on the origins of SURNAMES. He explained that before the mid-1400s people only had a first name - a personal name given at baptism - but, as time went on and the population increased and also to assist in the keeping of records, it became necessary to differentiate between people of the same name. So an extra name, or "by-name", was gradually added, usually relating to different sources: occupation; personal appearance/nickname; patronymics (inclusion of father's name); and place of residence or location (also sub-divided into village or estate, area or topographical).

Mr. Dunkling gave examples of these different origins. Names derived from an occupation could be Clark, Miller, Bowyer, Smith, Fletcher and the like; a nickname usually exemplified a person's character or appearance and was imposed on a person by the local community - sometimes being far from complimentary or truthful. These could include such names as Grey, Noble, Longshank, Black, etc. What is known as patronymics was a system well suited to communities in which written records were scarce, but the "son of" meaning is clear in some surnames such as Johnson, Richardson, etc., and especially so in the Welsh language where, say, William Ap Rys has gradually evolved to William Price by omitting the "A" and joining up the "P" to the by-name. Places of residence or location were relatively easy to spot and fairly numerous, such as Orchard, London,

Scott and Stafford. Landowners' by-names usually also included the names of their estates. Our speaker also mentioned the Irish "O", such as O'Connor and the Scottish "Mac/Mc", both "son of", and described how the spellings have changed over time with these as well as with the Welsh. He also explained that patronymics and locational names make up nearly three-quarters of our surnames today and are the likeliest source of a family name.

Mr. Dunkling emphasised the fact that over the years a great many variations in the spelling of names had occurred, as the clerk or official who wrote down the details of a person's name would spell it as he heard it. Also, of course, there has been an influx of foreign names to add to those of this country, with the various waves of immigration such as the Flemings and the Huguenots.

Judging by the large number of questions, the talk was well received and generated a great deal of interest and discussion afterwards. Mr. Dunkling concluded the evening by recommending various dictionaries of surnames, especially the Dictionary of British Surnames by P.H. Reaney and the Penguin Dictionary of Surnames.

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### The British Newspaper Library - Friday, 8th May, 1987

On Friday, 8th May, Mr. K.J. Westmacott of the British Newspaper Library, Colindale, gave a most helpful and graphic account of the newspaper sources available to genealogists. He outlined the history of the British newspaper and gave examples of different articles which had been reported in a full and detailed way, thereby giving fruitful information to family historians. There was always a lot of advertising, but in most local and national papers incidents of interest were reported in vivid detail, leaving nothing to the imagination! Names of people, their occupations, their ages and place of abode quite often appeared in articles describing, say, a local event or perhaps an accident. The births, marriages and deaths columns, too, are of assistance generally.

At the Library, some of the older newspapers have had to be copied onto microfilm, as they were in a state of decay. The Library keeps copies of all/most local and national newspapers, some of which are indexed, and it is therefore somewhat easier to extract information in these cases. It is helpful, before arriving at the Library for research, to know the name of the local paper for the area required and the approximate date of issue, or at least to know the town or village concerned, as this could save time.

The speaker brought examples of various newspapers for display and members were encouraged to examine them to get an idea of the layout of old newspapers. Members also had an opportunity to ask questions after the talk and it was felt that the evening had been successful and thought-provoking, giving members suggestions on possible genealogical sources perhaps hitherto unknown or unused.

The British Newspaper Library is located in Colindale Avenue, almost opposite the tube station on the Northern Line. It is open Monday to Saturday from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., but closed on Bank Holidays. Any member who would like help/guidance in their first visit to the Library can obtain assistance by contacting the Chairman, Bill Burgess.

## 1732 - ON A SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT THREE OF THE CLOCK

by Ronald Purser

Once in a while, our researches uncover not only the bare details of an event which happened hundreds of years ago, but the circumstances, even to the words spoken, surrounding the event as well - a domestic crisis which suddenly loomed in the lives of our forebears. The details, darkly hidden for centuries, are suddenly bathed in light as though an ancient time-switch has clicked into position. The following is such a case.

On the afternoon of Saturday, the tenth of February, 1732, Mary Russell trudged up the final slope into the North Cotswold village of Ebrington. She had walked there from her home in Aston Magna hamlet a couple of miles away (well, she said it was two miles but really it was more than three, and no mean feat for a 54-year old, picking her way along the rutted wintry tracks which passed for 18th century roads). She had come to Ebrington to visit her sister-in-law, Hannah, and husband, William Purser, a journey she did most Saturdays.

The moment she entered the cottage she knew something dramatic was taking place because William's 60-year-old neighbour, yeoman John Read, was seated at the table writing carefully on a large parchment and at the same time conversing with William about witnesses. Old William Purser, with 87 years behind him, was sitting in his usual place beside the fire in the chimney corner of the kitchen. Mary asked him how he was and William, recognising her voice (for he had been blind these last six years), said he was well and called to Hannah that Mary had arrived.

"I'm glad you have come," he told Mary, "because you and Thomas South can be witnesses to my will." William owned cottages and land and, with numerous relatives around, the way he chose to bequeath them was of great interest to a lot of people. When John Read had finished writing, William told Mary to go next door and fetch Thomas South. Whilst she was gone, John read the will out to William.

Blind William heard the voices of Mary and Thomas as they came into the cottage.

"Thomas, are you here?" he called out.  
"What did you send for me for?" Thomas asked.  
"I want you to be a witness to my will."

Thomas South knew William had made several wills before and asked why he was making a new one. William replied that it was because the snub his cousin, Isaac, (in actual fact, his nephew), had played the larding with him. Thomas knew this to be a common expression of William's, meaning that Isaac had done him some foul thing. In the new will, Isaac's inheritance was reduced to a single guinea and John Purser, another of William's nephews, was going to get the bulk of the property.

At three of the clock, the writing completed, William took up his stick and walked to the table. With John Read guiding his hand and Mary and Thomas watching, he signed the will, grasped the document in both hands and declared: "This is my last will and testament." Under the direction of John Read, Mary and Thomas put their marks on the will as witnesses.

William died sixteen months later in June 1733 and Hannah his wife followed him in August. Their earthly remains are buried in Ebrington churchyard where the loudest sounds to be heard are the ringing of the church bells and shouts of "Howzat!" from the neighbouring cricket ground. What foul thing that snub, Isaac, had done to William is buried with them, but it seems that William's voice grumbles on interminably about the matter from beneath his gravestone, for it carries the following dire warning:-

"Oh hear my voice out of the grave,  
All you that live on earth,  
Improve ye little time you have,  
Before you meet with death."

And why should he not have the last word? After all, he had set aside £30 in his will to pay for his funeral and a decent headstone.

Isaac duly contested the will. Mary Russell, John Read and Thomas South were called upon to swear affidavits and undergo awesome interrogation by the Clerk to the Archbishop of Canterbury's Vicar-General. Their testimony was accepted, the will proven and the decision announced in Gloucester Cathedral on 13th June, 1734. Isaac got his guinea and nothing else.

(My thanks are to Gloucester Record Office for preserving so carefully the will of my forebear, William Purser, and supporting affidavits; and to the Ebrington's Womens' Institute for diligently recording the church monumental inscriptions.)

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## THE ULPH FAMILY GATHERING by Inogen Kesteven nee Hulff

On 11th April, 1987, a hundred and nine Ulphs, Hulfs, descendants, husbands and wives, met in the Parish of Burnham Ulph, one of the seven parishes of Burnham Market in north Norfolk. The event was the brain-child of Colin Ulph, an avid family historian and member of the Guild of One Name Studies (Goons) specialising in his own family name. Colin had been planning the event for eighteen months, soon after he published the first Ulph Family News letter in December 1985.

It was at the end of 1985 when I first made contact with Colin. I had seen his wife's name, Cheran Ulph, under members' interests in the Coventry Ancestor. Colin was able to confirm that my great-great-great-grandfather, Solomon Jasper, was born in Aldgate, London, in 1767 and was indeed an Ulph, not a Hulff! Solomon had added the h sound to the name at the baptisms of each of his ten children. I have yet to find his marriage.

On 10th April my husband, John, and I, Colin and his family and many other Ulph families travelled to Hunstanton, taking up residence in holiday caravans for the weekend. That evening, those who had gathered at the Cavanan Park met for the first time in the Club House to acquaint themselves and forge our first family friendships.

The next morning, soon after 9 o'clock, we set off for Burnham Market, picking up seven more Ulphs from an hotel en route. At the village hall we helped Colin put up family trees on the walls and many photographs. All people expected at the gathering had yellow "washes" over their names, also each tree had a colour symbol and named badges were given out in the same colour to match one's appropriate tree. The local Women's Institute had set up a table to provide coffee, tea and squashes as people arrived. In spite of the rain, the wind and bitter cold, the Ulphs, Hulfs and descendants, obviously a hardy breed, arrived. What a buzz must have emerged from the hall that morning!

The local people of the village were well prepared for our invasion. The local press had warned that the "wolf-men" were returning (Ulph being a horse word for wolf) and the local Parish newsletter from the churches also announced our presence. Their response was warm and generous wherever we met them and certainly helped to make us all feel at home in "our" parish.

When a hush was called in the village hall that morning, Colin introduced himself, "I can't believe this is really happening . . ." he began and explained the day's plan. That huge smile never seemed to leave his face!

At 12 o'clock we dispersed for lunch, either to eat sandwiches or partake at the local hostelrys, returning once again by 1.15 p.m. for the family photograph. The intention had been to use the farmer's trailer, kindly brought up earlier in the morning, but the rain had set in so the photographer had the difficult task of assembling us in the hall. The result has been magnificent and a black and white version may be seen in the Family Tree Magazine in the summer. Standing in our rows after the photograph was taken, we were all given a card with a number, on which we had to write our name. This was for the official naming of everyone in the photograph which was set out with each copy.

At 2 o'clock we walked down to All Saints Church, Burnham Sutton with Ulph, for a family service of thanksgiving. The service was led by the Reverend A.D. Parsons, who welcomed us warmly and gave us a lively address on "the sanctity of the family". After the service, the new notice board to which we had subscribed was dedicated to the church as part of our thank-you to the church and people of the village. Many of us signed the visitors book, so many Ulphs and Hulfs! There were mugs for us to purchase with a picture of our little church and name, also prints were available from a published drawing of 1817. With our sentiments and a sense of fulfilment we returned to the hall where, in our absence, the W.I. ladies had laid three long tables down the centre of the hall for tea. What a tea! Quiches, sausage rolls, meat pies and colourful salads with bread and butter, followed by a mouthwatering selection of desserts, finishing off with cups of tea. As someone remarked, "it's like a wedding feast, coming from the church to find it all set out". And the rain still didn't dampen our spirits.

After 6 o'clock many people had to leave for their long journeys home, but half of us were able to stay on. We were to have had a walk around the village, guided by two local historians, but because of the weather they brought along a set of slides with a recorded commentary. Gratefully we sat in the dimmed hall to feast our eyes on the changing countryside around us in full bloom of summer or covered with snow. By 10 o'clock we left the hall, but for many of us it was not 'good-bye'.

Next morning was Palm Sunday and we had been invited to join the local congregation on their annual procession through the village. Following a donkey, singing an appropriate hymn, the children waving papyrus grass, we made our second pilgrimage to "our" church. After the service we walked about the village, the rain had stopped and we had our photographs taken in front of the "Ulph Drapers", by a road sign "Ulph Place" and next to the sign "Ulph Cottage". After lunch we met up again at Wotterton, the disused railway station to Sandringham, which is now a delightful museum of railway and royal mementoes with many a humorous remark.

By the evening our numbers were diminishing as families had to return to their homes and work. We sat once again in the Club House still exchanging family stories and looking through Colin's abundant records, planning our next avenues of research.

The weekend had been a great success and I have since tried to analyse why. Not all were bitten family historians; some had simply become involved because Colin had collected their names and addresses from telephone directories and sent out a newsletter. The reasons that had brought us together were most likely as varied as those that keep us on the trail of our ancestors. But for me it had been a most satisfying weekend. My parents had been only children, so there were no uncles, aunts or cousins - though I am fortunate in having a sister and two brothers and our grandfather told us nothing of his family. Therefore, to mix with other people under the umbrella of our shared, rare<sup>st</sup> family name gave me such a feeling of belonging and elevation that already I am looking forward to our next gathering, where once again we will greet those people who have all become part of my family.

\*At the last count Colin Ulph has records of 336 Ulphs and 79 Hulfs living around the world today.

Ron Butcher of 47 Priory Way, North Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 6DQ, (Membership No. 93), has the following reference books and directories and is willing to refer to them on receipt of a S.A.E.

- 1833/1922 Highgate School Roll.  
1894 Sussex Court Guide & County Blue Book  
1923 Kelly's Dulwich,ulse Hill, Peckham, etc.  
1926/1927 Kelly's Streatham, Norbury, Norwood & district.  
1930 Kelly's Harrow, Wealdstone and Harrow Weald.  
1931 Kelly's Pinner, Hatch End, Eastcote, Ruislip and Northwood.  
1938 Royal Blue Book & Court Guide.  
1964 City of London Directory & Livery Companies Guide.  
1967 Kelly's Watford, Rickmansworth & District.  
1968 Curley's Kembley Streets & Trades Directory.  
1930 Who's Who.  
1942 Who's Who.  
1954 Who's Who.  
1969 Who's Who.  
1940 Kelly's Merchants, Manufacturers & Shippers of the World (1738 pages).

Introduction to the Registers of the Ypres (Menin Gate) and Tyne Cott, Passchendaele Memorials, Belgium, giving names of Regiments and Corps.

Memorial Register, Part 6 only, of soldiers of The Empire who fell in Flanders and have no known grave. Names Coffield to Daniel only.

The National Roll of the Great War 1914 - 1918. Section III, Parts 1 & 2. 408 pages, average 20 names per page. Name and rank. Army, Navy or Airforce. Also munition workers. Date of entry into forces. Campaigns. Killed or wounded. Date of release. Medals. Home address. Mainly London.

Register of the Victoria Cross, published by THIS ENGLAND.

Parochial Chapelry of Colne, Lancs. Register of Baptisms and Burials 1774-1789. Baptisms. Christian names, date, surname, child, father, mother, residence. Burials. Date, surname, christian name, residence, infant, pauper.

## GLOSSARY

**LORINER or LORINER.** A word, and surname, derived from the old French "lomier" (the rein of a bridle). A maker of bits, spurs and metal mountings for bridles and saddles. Hence, a saddlar.

**LOT.** A church rate. (See also SCOT).

**LOT-MEADOW.** A portion of the manorial meadow that was held in severalty, but subject to annual re-allotment.

**LOB.** A land measure of six yards; another term for a rod, pole or perch.

## HELP WANTED

From: Mrs. Jean Willding, 9/50 Kentucky Road, Riverwood 2210, N.S.W., Australia. Membership No. 283.

John Charles WOOD born about 1791 in Middlesex. Transported as a convict to Australia in 1813. Married in Sydney 15.11.1833 to Jane ROBERTS (also a convict), born Caernarvon, Wales, about 1805.

Great-grandfather William Austin KNOWLES gives birth place as Brighton, Sussex, 27.9.1824. Became a Master Mariner in Australia. Married convict's daughter. No record at County Record Office of his birth.

Grandfather David LOWE born 24.12.1860 at Halfacre, Old Brentford, Middx. His father married Charlotte DENTON on 23.9.1855 in Brixton. Unable to find him on census as he was a whitesmith who moved to his place of work. A family story was that he had the contract to put the new roof on Buckingham Palace. Mrs. Willding does not know how to verify this.

If any member is ever in the vicinity of Norwood Cemetery, Mrs. Willding would be grateful if he/she would be kind enough to photograph and/or transcribe the headstone (if any) of Edward Edwards, Grave No. 1857. Any expenses incurred will be reimbursed.

In return, Mrs. Willding will be only too pleased to help any members wishing any short research to be carried out in Sydney, Australia. Mrs. Willding will be only too pleased to help.

From: Mrs. B.A. Garrett, 25 Robins Grove Crescent, Yateley, Camberley, Surrey, GU17 7PS. Membership No. 298.

"My GARRETT research has proved particularly interesting and I now have a chart of 13 lineal men beginning with my son. The Garretts were gunsmiths and were living at Wickham Market, Suffolk, in the early 17thC. The earliest known ancestor, HARMON, emigrated to New England in 1636 together with a group of Puritans, but returned many years later to his native place. Henry MONK and Elizabeth HALE were also gg-grandparents and were married at Willesden in 1843. Elizabeth's father was given as Mr. Hale, farmer. I am wondering whether my Hale ancestors were in any way linked with the Hale family mentioned in the VCH of Middx, volume 7, p.224, who ran a flour mill at Shout-Up Hill and bear similar christian names to my Hales. Any help or information in this respect would be most appreciated."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Yet Another Source

Is there anyone amongst us who has not been thwarted in their investigations? We trace our ancestors back in one area for years, then they disappear without trace. This happened to me, but then I had a stroke of luck.

My Capon family had lived at Walton, Suffolk, right back to Robert my great-great-grandfather. I calculated that he must have been born sometime around the 1780s and I knew that his mother was called Ann, but just where did he come from? Certainly not Walton.

Would you believe it, but I found three, all fitting the bill - one from Parham, Dallinghoo and Pettistree. All a long way from Walton. I managed to eliminate the one from Parham, but this still left me wondering which of the other two Roberts was mine. Then lady luck smiled on me.

I visited Somerset House to get some photostat copies of Wills to add to my Family History file. I discovered that great-great-grandfather Robert had died in 1859, but not before making a Will. He was a grocer and he left his business in Walton to his eldest son, and to his second son he left his other grocery business in Dallinghoo. Thus the problem is solved.

I realise that this is a bit of a long shot, but I had not thought of this line of investigation and merely stumbled upon it. I tell the story as it may help someone with their research.

Capon Researcher

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From: Mrs. Janet Hall (No. 305)

"I have been a member of the Somerset & Dorset F.H.S. and the Wiltshire F.H.S. for several years while tracing my mother's paternal ancestors, along with several other 'cousins', and have had great success. For a long time I have intended trying to delve into the families of my grandmothers, both of whom came from London, and now my uncle has become interested I decided to do more about it.

"My father's mother and her family were of Oliphant Street, Paddington, at the time of their small childhood. Great-grandpa John Charles PAYNE was a tile-fixer and fitted many shop doorways and floors in the City (e.g. Hamleys Toy Shop) and also the first tiled bathroom in Buckingham Palace. His wife was Eliza Bateman and I do know brief details of their siblings, but as yet nothing of their parents.

"The great-grandparents I mentioned later moved to [ver, Buckinghamshire, to take over the Tower Arms Inn - but I don't know if there was any family reason for this, or if either the PAYNES or BATEMANS originated from the City or the area that C.M.F.H.S. covers."

### Jones the Smiths of N.W. London and ?

When we started family history about a year ago I knew that I was looking for smiths (black) in my line and it did not take long to find them in Cricklewood c1851. Great-grandfather was a smith and his elder sister had been the previous smith, Mrs. Jones. When carrying out our searches we took note of all smiths (Jones or Lisney). We found four smiths (Lisney) but with no clear connection and many smiths (Jones).

Recently, the local paper printed an appeal for any photographs of the smithy in Kenton Lane. I replied saying that I would like a copy of any photograph that was received as illustration for my family history. In preparing my reply, I collated all that I had on the Jones family. In response, the author of the appeal added a number of references that he had of Jones family. What started out as a collection of possibly useful link information turned out to be quite fascinating in its own right, particularly as the two most frequently quoted local smiths are Jackman and Suckling.

So far we know that the Jones family had smithys in the Hyde, the Burrows (or Burroughs), Kenton Lane, Pipers Green, Sudbury, Cricklewood, Ealing, Wembley and Kenton near the Plough. I suspect that Shepperton was also another site since there are a number of Jones births there. There are also relatives in Hanworth, Surrey. The family seems to originate in Hendon in the early 1800s and we know of one ancestor who was born in Paddington c1780, which suggests a possible origin.

In N.W. London it does seem that the smiths were Jones and that, as smiths (black), they had more branches than Smiths (W.H.).

There is quite a bit more research to be done on this line if a "local" rather than a "family" history is to be written. I would be pleased to give or receive any data on Jones the smiths.

The Brange Local History Museum at Neasden was surrounded by a wrought iron fence which went in 1939 and I would like a photograph of that! (It was a Lisney-smith production not a Jackman.)

D.L. Lisney

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### **"HEATHER" ONE-NAME SOCIETY**

Mr. Charles D. Heather, 40 Dene Road, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1LX, (Membership No. 243) has recently been accepted by the Guild of One-Name Studies to run the HEATHER One-Name Society. He has been researching HEATHERS for some fifteen years and has some 7,000 plus records. These include all the I.G.I.s, plus large numbers of Middlesex, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire parishes. He has long runs of births, marriages and deaths from St. Catherine's, plus some Wills.

Mr. Heather is willing to search for any specific birth, marriage and death for a payment of 50 pence. For larger searches, please write for details of charges.

Membership of the HEATHER One-Name Society is £4.00 per annum.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to the Society:

- 300 Mr. D.L. Lisney } 119 Draycott Avenue, Kenton, Middx., HA3 0AD.  
 301 Mrs. D.L. Lisney }
- 302 B.C.E. Cherry 44 Beechwood Close, Little Chalfont, Amersham, Bucks., HP6 6QX.
- 303 D. Stokes Woodberry, Whitmore Vale, Hinchead, Surrey, GU26 6PX.
- 304 E.W. O'Gorman 27 Ridgehurst Avenue, Leavesden, Herts., WD2 7AZ.
- 305 Mrs. J.E.P. Hall Yew Tree Cottage, Bulley, Nr. Churcham, Glos., GL2 9AS.
- 306 B. Holland 21 South End Road, Hampstead, London, NW3 2PT.

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## MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Mrs. J.E. Willding (No. 263) is researching EDWARDS, Lambeth, Surrey 1850-1881; LOWE, Old Brentford from 1859; DENTON, Brixton, Surrey 1855; WOOD, Middlesex from 1790; ROBERTS, Caernarvon, Wales from 1805; LOCKWOOD, Wakefield, Yorks, 1800s; KNOWLES, (baptised) Lancashire, Liverpool 1846.

Mr. M. Constable (No. 293) is researching MULLENS/MULLINS, Thorncombe, Dorset pre-1841; MARTIN John, Cotleigh/Broadhenbury, Devon pre-1794; CONSTABLE William Henry, Marylebone pre-1860; TWELFTREE James Elizabeth, London, Kensington pre-1892.

Mrs. J. Constable (No 294) is researching CROCKETT Robert William, Peckham, Camberwell, S. London 1852; SPRATLEY Robert and Mary, Finchamstead, Berks. pre-1800; DONOVAN Johanna, St. George's in the East 1817/1819; CARRIFORD Lawrence and Joan, Broadhenbury, Hemyock, Devon pre-1758; NEWSBERRY William and Jane, Broadhenbury, Devon pre-1805.

Mrs. B.A. Garrett (No. 298) is researching BELL, Brentford, Middx. 19thC; BUNGAY, Old Newton, Suffolk 18thC; CHAPMAN and FARRINGTON, Turnham Green, Middx. 19thC; GARRETT, Mickham Market, Suffolk 17thC; HALE, Willesden, Middx. 19thC; MGNK and PEARCE, Brentford, Middx. 19thC; PIPER, Brighton, Sussex 18thC; SOUTHGATE, Combs, Suffolk 17thC. Mrs. Garrett writes: "During 1900 the first symptoms of 'acute gonorrhoea' began to appear and since then the disease has steadily progressed. As we all know, there is no cure!"

Mr. D.L. Lisney (No. 300) is researching LISNEY, anywhere in London/Surreys JONES, N.W. London, Middx., Surrey from 1830; PRIOR, N.W. London, Middx. from 1830; GOODCHILD, N.W. London, Middx. from 1900.

Mrs. D.L. Lisney (No. 301) is researching LISNEY, anywhere, any date; KNIGHT, Lamerton, Devon from 1700; NOBLE, Digbeth, Birmingham, Warwickshire from 1700; NOBLE, Knowle, Warwickshire from 1750; NOBLE, Barming, Kent from 1786; BOUGHTON, Barming, Kent from 1786; BARKER, Sunningdale, Berks. 1855; CLARK-BARKER, Sunningdale, Berks. pre-1855; HARRIS, Ewas Harold, Pontilas, Herefordshire pre-1910; YALDEN, Kinbleton, Surrey from 1900.

B.C.E. Cherry (No. 302) is researching CHERRY, Harrow, Kentley, Candon Town, Marylebone - Middx./London - 19th & 20th Century, and in Northampton pre-1851; CHURCHILL, Ruislip, Middx. all dates; PEARCE, Ruislip, Middx. all dates and Little Missenden, Bucks. pre-1860; BUCKNER, Han, Surrey from 1860 and Stoke Poges & Iwer, Bucks. all dates; ILES, Purton, Wilts. all dates; STANBOROUGH, Stokes Poges & Iwer, Bucks. all dates; BRAY, Ruislip, Middx. all dates.

Mr. D. Stokes (No. 303) is researching STOKES, Bridge, Kent pre-1850; MARSHALL, Ayn, Lincs. pre-1850; DORSETT, Princes Risborough, Bucks. 1830s; BRAVERY, Sudbury, Middx. 1840s; WINTON, Old Shoreham, Sussex 1790s; WOODHAMS, Sevenoaks, Kent 1770s. Mr. Stokes writes: "I know that Edmund BRAVERY was employed as a gardener in Sudbury between 1844 and 1847, but have been unable to trace his marriage to Mary Ann SMITH, either at St. Catherine's House or in the Middlesex marriage index of grocers. Unfortunately I don't have a firm sighting for the 1841 or 1851 Census, but I would be interested to know if anyone has noticed an entry."

Mrs. J.E.P. Hall (No. 305) is researching PAYNE & BATEMAN, Paddington, London late 19thC, and Iwer, Bucks. from early 1900s; THOMAS & JOHNSON, Plumstead & Woolwich late 1800s and Shropshire pre-1800; THOMAS & DAVIES, Crewe, Cheshire late 1800s, Flintshire, North Wales pre-1800s and Windsor & Devon from 1920s; JACKSON, PADFIELD & TREASURE, Somerset & Wilts. 1700s and 1800s and anywhere 1900s; HALL, WALTON, HOWARD, Cheshire, Derbyshire & Yorkshire from 1700s; PHILLIPS, BEVAN, WATKINS, JONES, South Wales from 1700s; HOLES (formerly HOLTZ) & ARMSTRONG, Germany prior mid-1800s and Herts. from 1800s; HOLES, anywhere to date.

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## OBITUARY

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of one of our members, Frederick Thomas MEACOCK, C.Eng., M.R.A.S., died on 28th February, 1967, aged 71. He was an Honorary Freeman (one of only four) of the Worshipful Company of Cutlers and a Freeman of the City of London.

Mr. Meacock had a keen interest in family history and carried out considerable research over many years, resulting in an extensive 'in-depth' account of the Meacock family, as well as a number of smaller studies of the various linked family groups. He was a member of the Heraldry Society and of the Society of Genealogists.

A distinction particularly treasured was a Grant of Arms in 1973. It bears the motto 'La douceur est la seul noblesse', which freely translated says, "Gentleness is the true nobility".

**A GENEALOGIST'S DIARY**  
by R.E. Corder

It is already May and I have been to the Chelsea Flower Show, which always indicates that the year is well advanced and the pursuit of my family history can take to the field. For some years I have tried to take a holiday in some part of the country where an ancestor lived. In this way I can seek out churches, cottages, streets and places of work that must have been familiar to the family. The early Ordnance Survey maps of David & Charles, together with the recent "Pathfinder" series, help in the exploration.

The Chelsea Show this year seemed to be moving away from new introductions and reviving an interest in the flowers of cottage garden and meadow that were so familiar to previous generations. Some growers are proud of a family tradition and wish to maintain this. At Chelsea Mr. Peter Harkness was giving advice on rose cultivation. He has also been collecting material regarding the history of his family firm and is fortunate in having an unusual name, well publicised over the years. In this way he has been given old letter heads, invoices, correspondence and even deeds of property which, he told me, have greatly helped build up a detailed picture, not only of the development of the firm, but have provided many personal aspects of his family going back for many years. Only last year his firm was commissioned by the Public Records Office to introduce a rose to mark the Domesday Book anniversary. "Conqueror's Gold" was the result and its red tones on a yellow background recall the manner in which the Domesday scribes wrote on their yellow parchment.

I think we often neglect a search for business records where there is evidence that they could influence a family history. Some years ago I was writing about an Ealing family who were builders there from the mid-1700s. By chance I found their ledgers and cash books had been deposited with the Greater London records and they were a treasure trove of several hundred pages, which included copies of early family correspondence going back to 1841. My own great-grandfather farmed in Norfolk and his books of account, with many personal notes and correspondence, have found their way into the historical farm records in the University Library at Reading. These records are in safe hands, but other, more vital items, can still be carelessly stored.

In August 1985 parish registers were stolen from the parish church of Winson, Gloucestershire. This was reported in "The Times" and several correspondents expressed concern. Surely, it was said, such irreplaceable records should be in an appropriate repository. This May it was learned that they had been recovered, but in what condition. "They had been abandoned (after an attempt had been made to burn them) and had clearly been exposed to the elements for many months. When found they were mere soggy shapeless lumps, dripping wet." So wrote the County Archivist, who said that, after being deep-frozen and vacuum-dried, they are now being restored by conservators in the Country Record Office. By good fortune a surprisingly high proportion of the entries can still be read. This sorry business should be a warning to those still holding such items who consider a locked cupboard sufficient for protection. It should also give encouragement to those who give their time to transcription of vital records.

I have been saddened to learn of human losses to genealogy in recent weeks. A tribute to a friend, Freddie Meacock, will be given elsewhere. On May 7th, Gerald Hamilton Edwards died at the age of 80. His readable book, "In Search of Ancestry", first published in 1956, has become a best-seller. It helped me when I first started to delve into my family history and, when later I met the author, I found he was most approachable and on several occasions gave me good advice. He was a careful researcher and this also helped those with Scottish and with Army ancestry who have read his later books on these subjects. He was a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists and will be missed by many friends.

Another writer and genealogist died on May 15th. Leslie Pine was known for his work on "Burke's Peerage" and "Burke's Landed Gentry". Later he wrote profusely on genealogical matters. His work "Trace your Ancestors" (1953) and "Highland Clans" (1972) were both widely read. Not all his writing was acclaimed and he was not happy with criticism. I have used some research he conducted privately for a well-known family and could fault it in several respects, but I may have had access to more recently available material. We must recognise that older publications can suffer in this respect. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that Leslie Pine worked hard in his way to promote an interest in family history and all those who research, study and write their family histories must for ever be grateful to those who have given them encouragement.

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**BOOK REVIEWS**

**"VICTORIAN ENGLAND"**

by M.J. Reader  
[published by B.T. Batsford Ltd. 1964, republished 1974]

"Queen Victoria has given her name to one of the most famous and fortunate periods in world history." So ends this fascinating volume which I discovered quite by chance recently in the local library. It is not a newly published work, but I found it compulsive reading, thoroughly understandable and interesting, giving historical facts without becoming boring, and helpful in all sorts of ways. Every section of society is considered: the gentry, the working classes, the middle classes and the poor - enough to give a full picture of how our ancestors lived 100 - 150 years ago.

It is a well illustrated book, with photographs and line drawings depicting various aspects of Victorian life: costume, architecture, education, transport, farming, social life, sport, recreation, entertainment, working conditions and industry. The book is full of useful facts, hitherto unknown to me, but which might in the future have a bearing on my own research of that period; facts such as a severe epidemic of smallpox which killed over 23,000 people in 1871; or in 1850, 331,000 people worked in the cotton industry, of whom 15,800 were under 13; or the "hiring fairs" which took place around the country where men could be hired for work by the year; or the great changes and opportunities introduced in a couple of generations by the building of railways and the alteration of national life from farming to industry, and from country to town.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE SOCIETY

This book explains how the on-rush of change in the years 1830 to 1900 was often the result of sheer necessity, but some of it arose from the balance of political power as the middle classes then the working classes came to the vote. It describes in detail how English life was changing and changing faster than in any other time of upheaval in our social history. The theme of the book - "the ancient social order of the countryside with its roots running back into pre-history, was giving place to a strange new town-based society of machinery and mass production, looking to the twentieth century and beyond" sums up very well how the Victorians built their England.

I found it gave a new dimension to knowledge of my ancestors and, with its wealth of well-documented detail, is an essential book for researching and discovering the Victorian era. The excellent bibliography at the back of the book is an added bonus and gives helpful sources for reference.

R.C. Burgess

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**"FACSIMILES OF DOCUMENTS OF USE TO FAMILY HISTORIANS"**

by F.C. Maxwell and Pauline Saul.  
(Published by F.F.H.S. 1987)

The foreword to this new book explains that it is aimed at helping family historians become aware of the many different sorts of records available to them and what they look like.

The contents are presented as photocopied examples of documents in groups which cover manorial records, guild and apprenticeship records, parish registers and other parish records, poor law records, wills and inventories, census returns, civil registration and other national surveys, maps, court, police and military records, educational, Scottish and miscellaneous records.

Lesser known documents, such as Marriage Allegations and Bonds, Protestation Returns, Quarter Sessions Godl Calendars and Inventories of Paupers' Goods, are given as good examples containing many details of interest to genealogists. Maps, too, are shown as sometimes portraying individual houses, so by using the 1841 Census Returns it could be possible to identify the exact location of each family. A Calendar of Prisoners in a House of Correction and a Transportation Return are further examples of documents revealing much detailed information. Extracts from old newspapers, too, show how useful this source can be to family historians.

Generally the book is a useful guide to understanding the layout of old handwritten records; a short bibliography on the topic of understanding handwriting is helpfully included. This is a very useful book indeed for the novice and experienced genealogist alike and is a worthwhile addition to the bookshelf.

R.C. Burgess

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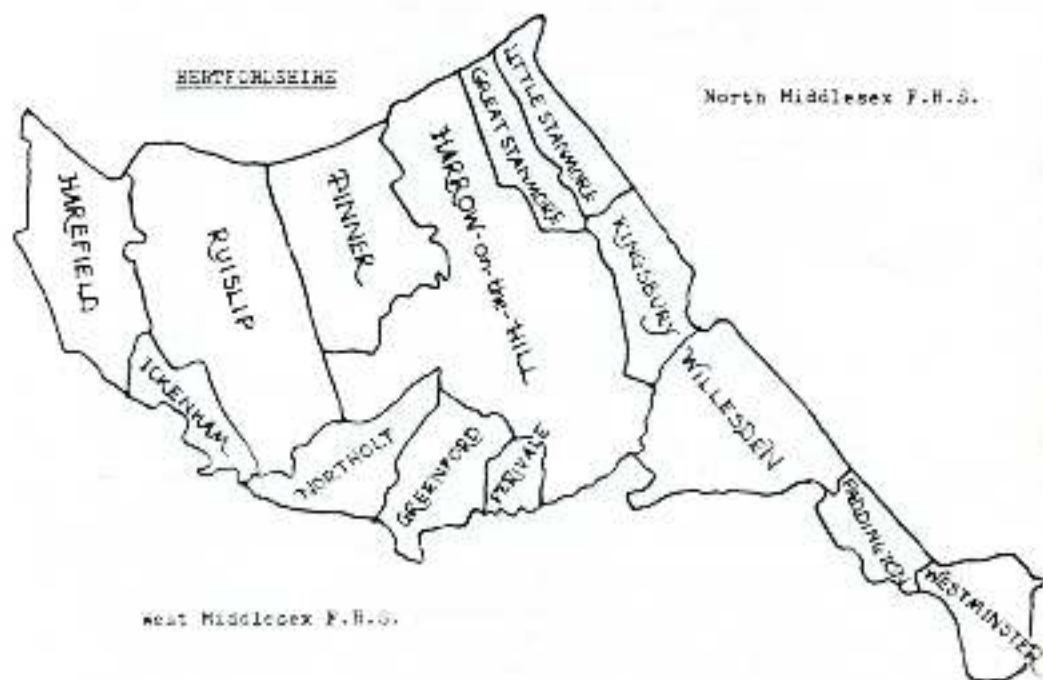
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THE ORIGINAL PARISHES WHICH ARE WITHIN THE AREA OF THE  
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Finner, Harrow, Great Stammers, Little Stammers

BOROUGH OF BURNLEY

Willesden, Kingsbury, part of Harrow (Wembley)

BOROUGH OF BILLINGHAM

Harefield, Ickenham, Uxthorp, Northwood

BOROUGH OF EALING

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