

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.*

1702

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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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December 11th 1987	Christmas Festivities
January 8th 1988	Wills in Somerset House and Elsewhere by Mr Eric Whitteleton
February 12th 1988	Greenwich Naval History Library.
March 11th 1988	Members Workshop Evening.
April 8th 1988	Chelsea Royal Hospital Army Records.

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EDITORIAL

This Edition is the first published by the new Editor, or rather Editors.

Believing that membership of any society involves duties as well as rights we volunteered to consider taking up the editorial role, but as agents for, not as members of, the Committee. We have accepted that role since the A.G.M.

We have decided to make a small change to the format of the Journal. We have brought together at the front the most important items which are the Committee listing, membership details and meetings programme. The Contents page will, as a consequence, move to page 2.

There will be an inescapable change to the style since we do not own, or have access to, the current high-tech machinery. The only binary digital techniques involved will be one digit on each hand-applied to our well loved portable typewriter.

Ancestral qualifications for this role, in Margaret's line include writers, printers, and even a 'Soble' genealogist who recorded monumental inscriptions for his church! In Dennis's line Blacksmiths and Ag Labs. This ancestral rooting enables him to keep his sickle sharp and say account for the ferocity of its use! He did write an article on 'Buried Treasure' so he is qualified to work for the, far from, 'Grin Reaper' in the graveyard.

We are both relative newcomers to family history and to Editing on this scale but we will be trying to get it right. It is not the Editors' role to write the Journal and we will be looking for the support of the membership at large for written input. That support will be critical because neither of us has the background to do much in the way of infill writing. - Not written before? Well everyone has to start sometime and we will certainly be willing to help with knocking anything into shape.

We hope to attend all meetings and will be labelled so that we can be approached with suggestions or criticisms. This is the last Edition before the New Year. Can we suggest that a suitable resolution would be to write something for YOUR Journal.

Margaret L. Disney

Joni L. Disney

Minutes of the meeting held at 8.00pm in The Friends Meeting House,
456 Rayners Lane, Pinner.

1. W. Burgess took the chair and opened the meeting. The minutes of the last A.G.M. were accepted. There were no matters arising.

2. Chairman's Report
Over the last 12 months the numbers attending the monthly meetings have increased as has the total membership. The Census work has been well supported by members but unfortunately less support has been forthcoming for the recording of the Monumental Inscriptions at Ruislip. The finances of the Society are in good heart and there is no need at this time to increase the subscription rate. Bill has been chairman for the last three years but finds it no longer possible to continue in this office, he will therefore now stand down.

3. Secretary's Report
Having only recently taken over the post there was little to report except that the first letter received was notification of non-renewal of membership due to the writer moving away.

4. Treasurer's Report
The audited accounts were submitted and accepted. At the end of the year the Society had a balance of £502.87 together with a stock of books to the value of £66.27 and a float of £7.34. The lower balance compared with last year is due mainly to an increase in rent and an increase in the cost of producing the Journal.

5. Membership
At 31st August 1987 the total membership was 143. This included 20 families, 7 corporate members and 12 overseas. During the year 34 new members joined and 23 lapsed. To date 58 renewals have been received and 2 new members joined since September 1st. It is sadly noted that Mr. P.T. Kenock died during the year. Greenrees Vol 6. Nos 2,3,4, and 5 were distributed to members and other F.H.S.'s who exchange journals with us. Details of members' interests have been passed to Lynn for the preparation of a Members' Interests Directory.

6. Election of Officers
The following were nominated and elected to the positions listed below.

Chairman	Position vacant
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Thanks were expressed to last year's committee members for their work over the last 12 months and particular thanks were expressed to Bill Burgess for his sterling work on behalf of the Society over the past three years.

Any Other Business

Tenth Anniversary Celebrations - Among members present, the majority seemed to favour a visit to Canterbury and this will be taken into account by the new Committee.

Future Programmes - Ideas were canvassed from the members present and the following suggestions were forthcoming:-

Merchant Seaman Records, How to put together a Family History, A talk on Computers, A talk on Parish Officers.

The possibility of various outings was suggested and ideas forthcoming included:-

The House of Lords Archives, The P.R.O. Chancery Lane, The College of Arms, The Chelsea Library, The Guildhall and St. George's Chapel Windsor.

All these will be considered by the new committee.

This concluded the formal part of the evening and members were then invited to show and talk about the family 'Bairloach' that had been brought along. After coffee and biscuits the meeting closed at 10pm.



ST LAWRENCE - LITTLE STANMORE - WHITECHURCH

1988 FIELD WORK

It is hoped that the Monumental Inscription Recording work at St Martins Ruislip will be finished before the end of the year. It is hoped that the Inscriptions at St Lawrence, Whitechurch (Little Stanmore) will be started in 1988.

The interior of this church is famed for its decoration by artists such as Louis Laguerre, Antonio Bellucci and Gastone Brunetti. Major internal restoration work was carried out between 1973 and 1984.

A notable monument is that of the 'Harmonious Blacksmith'.

In 1982 I set out to find details of my grandfather's service and death in the First World War. In normal circumstances this would not be too difficult a task, but since his daughter, my mother, had been orphaned soon after the First World War to be brought up by others, I had very little evidence available. When you start gathering evidence so long after the event, inevitably the various sources show minor but relatively important differences in detail. Sifting this evidence to produce the most probable story proved so interesting that recording it here may assist other members.

From my mother's birth certificate I was aware that my grandfather's name was Thomas William Green and also that his home address was 14 Goodson Road, Willesden. I subsequently found that he had been born in Chapel Road, Willesden, on the 10th Dec 1889, and that he married Blanche Powell from North Kensington in 1912. At the beginning I was also aware that he had been killed after 1916, the year of my mother's birth.

The first and most obvious contact was with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission who kindly informed me that, since they had eleven Thomas William Greens on their lists for the First World War, I would need to supply further details before they could help me. This proved a stumbling block for many months while I pursued every possible source of information.

Eventually I located my grandfather in the 'National Roll of the Great War', perhaps rather fortunately since by no means all of the First World War dead are listed in this series of publications. His entry gave his name and address at 14 Goodson Road, Willesden, and stated that he served as a private, No. 3723, in the Royal Fusiliers from Sept 1914 and fought in many of the major battles on the Western Front including the Somme before he was killed in action on the 13th Aug 1917 at Ypres, Belgium, in what is officially known as the Third Battle of Ypres but more popularly known as Passchendaele. Ypres itself was almost affectionately referred to as Wipers by the British soldiers.

Armed with these details, a fresh approach to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission revealed that my grandfather had been killed in action on the 10th Aug 1917 while serving in the 11th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers. He was one of those who lost their lives and have no grave but is commemorated by name on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres (Ieper), Belgium. In fact I now have a photograph of part of the panel on which his name is listed.

You may have already observed a conflict of detail over the date of my grandfather's death. With a thirst for more information I searched the casualty lists in 'The Times', held in our State Library, without finding his name. I later learned that during 1917 casualties became so heavy that 'The Times' and other national newspapers only printed partial lists in the last two years of the war. I also contacted the 'Willesden and Brent Chronicle' without success.

The City of London Headquarters of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers informed me that my grandfather appeared in their Roll of Honour at the Tower of London as a member of the 10th Service Battalion. My mother and my son, on a visit to England in 1983, were kindly shown the Roll and allowed to photograph it. I also made enquiries on the existence of local memorials in Willesden but found there were none.

From the Army Records Centre I found that my grandfather's service records had been destroyed by enemy air action in the Second World War, but the Medal Rolls indicated that he served in France from the 17th Aug 1915 in the

11th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, and was killed in action on the 15th Aug 1917.

In the official publication with a frightening number of volumes and a terse and discordant title 'Soldiers Died in The Great War', HMSO, 1921, I found my grandfather listed as enlisted Willesden, born Willesden, killed in action, 10th Aug 1917, France and Flanders. His entry was included in the 10th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.

One final check of the War Office Weekly Casualty Lists for the period 10th to 16th Aug 1917 found no reference at all to Private Thomas William Green. These Lists are held in the British Newspaper Library.

Thus you can appreciate that there is a mass of information available on casualties in the First World War. In the pressures of those times clerical errors were forgivable, so inevitably there are conflicts of detail such as in Thomas William Green's battalion and date of death, as summarised in the table below:

Source	Date of Death	Battalion
National Roll of The Great War	13.8.1917	-
Roll of Honour, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	-	10th.
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	10.8.1917	11th.
'Soldiers Died in The Great War'	10.8.1917	10th.
Medal Rolls, Ministry of Defence	15.8.1917	11th.

It was important for me to establish the most likely date and battalion as I could then proceed to the War Diaries to learn details of the action in which my grandfather lost his life. In the end it was the War Diaries themselves that provided the confirmatory details I was seeking.

The War Diaries of the 10th Service Battalion contained nothing of relevance to Thomas's death in August 1917, whereas those of the 11th give an account of an attack against Inverness Copse and Glencourse Wood on the 10th Aug 1917 in which battalion strength going into action was 37 officers and 891 other ranks. Casualties amounted to 17 officers, who were listed by name, and 328 other ranks who, in the custom of the times, were not named.

This battle was officially termed the Action at Inverness Copse, II Corps, Fifth Army. The 11th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers was part of the 16th (Eastern) Division whose historian, Capt. G.H.F. Nichols, summed up the futility of it all as follows:

'One almost smiles now to recall the programme set the 16th Division that 10th August. Gains that needed weeks were expected to be gathered in a few hours.'

From this evidence I am confident that my grandfather served in the 11th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers and was killed in action on the 10th August 1917. This, incidentally, was the version put forward by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, whose sources might be expected to be closer to the original evidence of the times. Possibly Thomas was transferred to the 11th from the 10th, but even this is doubtful since most sources show when a transfer has taken place even from one battalion to another in the same regiment.

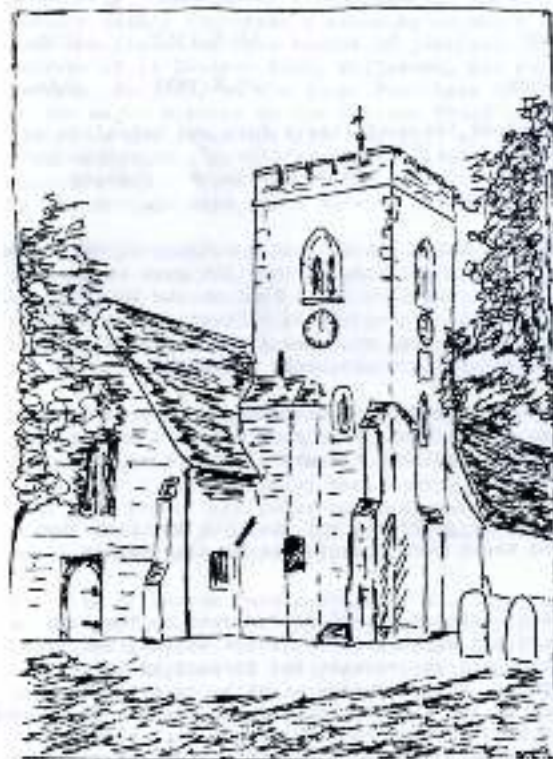
There is a reasonable explanation for most of the conflicts in detail. The date of death given in the 'National Roll of The Great War', for example, was presumably given after the event by my grandmother, since that publication has the appearance of being one compiled from information supplied by the general public.

Finally, you might well ask why I have not used a copy of the death certificate as one of my sources. Well, firstly, I believe this does not necessarily give the battalion number, which was an important fact I was seeking. Moreover, with the great decrease in relative value of our dollar, the purchase of a certificate from St. Catherine's House is an investment to which we now have to give very careful consideration. Eventually I will get round to it to get the legal if not necessarily the factual view.

Acknowledgements

Several public organisations were extremely helpful to me in this search, but I am especially grateful to Mr.C.E.Mansur (now retired) and Mr.W.A. Gibson of the City of London HQ of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, and Judith Knight of the Grange Museum.

Mr Dear's address is:- Mr.R.B.Dear, 75 Whittington Road, Elizabeth Field 5113, South Australia.



ST MARY'S - WILLENDEAN PARISH CHURCH 1986

A sketch of St Mary's, the parish church of Willenden, from a photograph taken by the Editor. Goodson Road is about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the S.E. of St Mary's. Had Thomas Green been spared he might have expected to rest here or in the 'New' country a short distance to the East.

YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL

W.P.Burgess

I have come to the conclusion that one can recognise a family historian and have a fairly shrewd idea as to what stage he or she has reached by the individual's appearance and/or behaviour.

For instance, those researchers with over-developed ears and shoulder muscles are obviously savouring the delights of St Catherine's House, lifting massive tomes from the shelves and fighting all comers to keep their places at a desk.

Again, those with a glazed look and a permanent crease across their foreheads are manifestly survivors of Portugal Street. I am quite convinced that the staff at the Census Office are specially trained to adjust the shields on those infernal machines so that however much one tries, the screen is always out of focus!

Enthusiasts discovered wandering around the countryside in all weathers laden with buckets, brushes and other paraphernalia are not car or window cleaners - but merely family historians earnestly engaged in a form of ancestor worship, cleaning gravestones to seek information from monumental inscriptions.

Some people, of course, prefer to maintain an air of calmness, preferring to study in a more civilised manner with computer terminals and (usually) friendly advice at the ready, together with excellent facilities for refreshment. Denizens of the FHD at Kew can be seen to engage with trouble-free countenances, cool and unruffled - until they face the long journey home amid crowds of jostling foreign tourists.

There are, however, those who lead a more comfortable life altogether, generally to be found in Charterhouse Buildings, walking on tiptoe and talking in hushed tones. They are known as Members. The ones with the loud voices are known as Fellows!

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THOMAS FORT:

Terry Kay

Some notes on the monumental inscription at St Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill.

During a recent visit to the churchyard at St Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill, I was once again struck by the gruesome epitaph on the tombstone of one Thomas Fort. This monumental inscription is on a tombstone situated close to the south door of the church and reads, in full, as follows:-

To the Memory of Thomas Fort, son of John Fort, of Burton upon Trent, in the County of Stafford, Hat Manufacturer, who near this town had both his legs severed from his body by the Railway Train. With the greatest fortitude he bore a second amputation by the surgeons and died from loss of blood, August 7th. 1838 aged 33 years.

'Bright rose the morn, and vigorous rose poor Fort,
Gay on the Train, he used his wonted sport;
Ere noon arriv'd his mangled form they bore
With pain distorted and o'erwhelm'd with gore;
When evening came to close the fatal day
A mutilated corpse the sufferer lay'

The stone additionally carries the inscription 'SAUNT. BURTON ON TRENT'

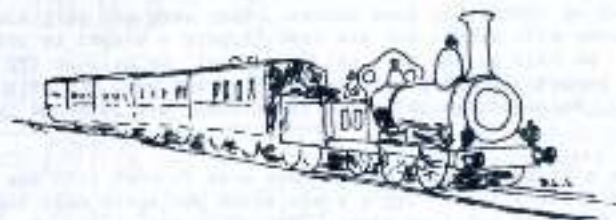
Like many people interested in the history of the area I had also seen printed references to this fatal accident, and to the monumental inscription in the standard county history books. Arthur Wee for example in his volume on Middlesex in the King's England Series (1940) had written of an "interesting grave" in the churchyard on the Hill "where lies Thomas Fort, a hat manufacturer who was one of the earliest victims of a railway accident". The Victoria County History for Middlesex (vol.4, 1971, p.199) goes so far as to describe Fort as "typical" of the early passengers travelling on the newly opened London and Birmingham Railway and, echoing Wee, describes him as a hat manufacturer. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that Thomas was a railway guard and that John, his father, who out-lived him was the hat manufacturer from Burton upon Trent.

I first gained this information from THE TIMES report of the accident published in the issue of Thursday 9th August 1838. That Thomas was a guard in the employ of the Railway company is left in no doubt. Armed with this information I would suggest that you now re-read the monumental inscription! That John Fort was the hat manufacturer is confirmed by the History, Gazetteer and Directory of Staffordshire . . . by William White, 1834.

In this directory John Fort of the Market Place and Scho is listed as a hat and military cap manufacturer. The earlier reports in The Times suggested that Thomas died in the course of performing a duty "not sanctioned or required by the company, and not necessary". Interestingly the reports from the Coroner's enquiry do not repeat this allegation and indeed the jury felt sufficiently moved to pass remarks "upon the danger of allowing such a duty to be performed while the carriages were at full speed". The North Staffordshire Mercury even suggests that it was "the usual custom" for the guards to collect the excess fares by passing from carriage to carriage in this fashion. According to the evidence the train was travelling at 30 miles an hour when poor Fort slipped between the carriages at a spot about a mile and a quarter from Harrow. From the place of accident he was conveyed to Harrow Station where his legs were amputated by a Dr Diamond of Scho square, who appears to have been a railway passenger. Sadly this was all in vain and Fort survived only until 9 o'clock at night, about three hours after the appalling injuries had been inflicted.

The mock heroic verse on Thomas Fort's epitaph is also proved inaccurate in one respect. He was travelling on the five o'clock evening train from Buxton-grave to Denbigh-hall thus denouncing the line "ere noon arriv'd his mangled form they bore" as a fiction. However there can be no doubts that "when evening came to close the fatal day A mutilated corpse the sufferer lay".

The failure to record Thomas Fort's occupation is not the only relevant fact not mentioned on the tombstone. He was in fact survived by a wife and two young children, a matter recorded in the newspaper reports. It seems to me highly probable that John arranged for the stone to be inscribed and placed in St Mary's Church. If this is correct then it could be argued that this particular inscription tells us more about the attitudes of John Fort (the hat manufacturer who was so anxious to refer to his own station in life on the tombstone) than about his son Thomas who departed this earthly life leaving behind dependants not even recorded. Perhaps this brief note can serve as a cautionary tale that monumental inscriptions, although a font of such historical and genealogical information should be approached with all the scepticism one would reserve for other (printed or manuscript) sources.

**GLOSSARY (Continued)**

- MAINPAST.** The surety of good behaviour from the head of a household for those in it, as part of the security system of tithing.
- MAINPOMT.** A due payable, in some parishes, to the rector by poorer householders, in lieu of certain tithes. It usually consisted of loaves of bread.
- MANCHET.** Best quality wheaten bread.
- MANDAMUS, WRIT OF.** An order to a public officer to carry out his duty. From the Latin 'we command'.
- MANUMISSIO.** The act of a feudal lord that gave a villain his freedom.
- MANUTACIUM.** A gift to a daughter on her marriage. (see also Dowry).
- MARE.** A money of account worth 13 shillings and 4 pence, but never minted as a coin.

After a plea for help from Ivy Baper at the July meeting of the U.K.P.H.S. I was volunteered in by my husband to help with the transcription of monuments at a Buslip graveyard. Graveyards were, to me, rather awesome places where one spoke in whispers and meticulously avoided treading on the graves. Certainly not a place to linger. In fact, until last year when we caught 'the bug' I had rarely entered one.

Well, we duly arrived, armed with a pair of secateurs and pencils and paper. "I can't see anyone here" I said, "Are we in the right place?", whereupon a pair of heads bobbed up from the undergrowth and said "The boss is down there" - waving towards what looked like an overgrown field of blackberry brambles - hardly a gravestone in sight. Disembodied voices (no - not ghosts) led us to the right area where Ivy, Bill and Rita Burgess, and Tony Francis were working. Ivy emerged and sent us off to do the 'easy' patch armed with a batch of papers, each one already named and numbered. (Ivy and Margaret Paine had mapped out the graveyard during the winter months and had meticulously named and numbered all the graves). With our very inadequate tools we made rather slow progress. The two young girls, Stella Davier and Allison Pitt, struggled nearby with the long wet grass, and we caught occasional glimpses of Tony working away with his shears. Was Andrew Willard there that week, hidden in the undergrowth?

The following week we took along some shears. They were not very adequate either! Now we come with sickle and new tree loppers - bought to prune our apple trees - as well as the original secateurs! We call or Ivy on the way and load her bucket and spade into the boot of the car. (A trip to the seaside perhaps!) Margaret has returned from holiday and joins us in the graveyard.

We have now quite a little routine going - Den gets to work with the sickle on the hard stuff while I thrust Ivy's spade again and again into the brambles in a hope of the sound of metal on stone. We cannot see anything! Margaret and I do some initial clearing of brambles ready for Den to take over with the sickle or tree loppers. We then finish revealing the stone and perhaps use a bit of spade-work to uncover sunken kerbs or dig out an ant hill obscuring an inscription. Ivy then moves in with pencil and paper and sometimes scrubbing brush and water as well. We cope with brambles, high horsetail grass, stinging nettles, ivy, lichen, even small trees and shrubs, not to mention ants and midges. We get scratched, bruised, stung and bitten. Even the ants bite! But it is all great fun, finding a stone, then unearthing an inscription, sometimes just a word at a time, until we get the lot!

On one occasion Tony and Den, with the help of a passer by, managed to lift a heavy headstone which was lying face down across the grave. The inscription, beautifully preserved, was duly recorded by Tony and the stone carefully laid down as found to prevent further damage.

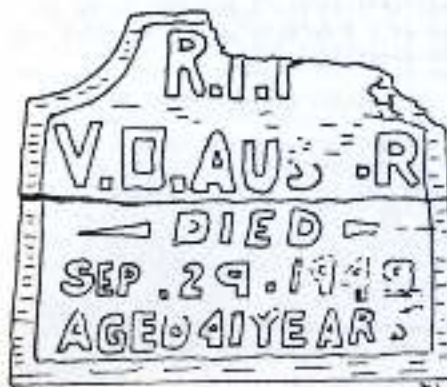
Another time Margaret disappeared for 10 minutes - had she got fed-up and sneaked off home? Suddenly her head emerged above the 5ft high brambles. "I've found one." she squealed in delight, waving her secateurs in the air. Den went over to assist with the sickle. "Not unless he's 6ft long and 4 inches wide" he said. Margaret had found not one, but two!

Sometimes interesting, sometimes very sad - a little boy aged 4 'accidentally killed' followed a few years later by a baby sister. Quads, all named, who died on their day of birth, share a grave beneath the trees. Other headstones, standing straight and gleaming white, mark the carefully tended graves of those who died in battle, many in their teens and early 20's.

The day Den found a wooden post with a broken, hand-carved plaque, lying buried in the grass. I moved some more of the grass away and found a soggy wet piece of wood lying further away. Picking it up, I turned it over and found writing on the other side. We all gathered round and by tilting the board, glistening wet in the sunlight, we were able to make out an inscription. It was the rest of the cross, now meticulously recorded by Ivy just in the nick of time.

Another interesting find - a grave awaiting its second occupant inscribed "1884 - ". Is she still alive or has she gone to rest her weary bones elsewhere?

So, with a few breaks for holidays, family commitments, or just bad weather, this worthwhile task is progressing well, and even now we are still discovering new techniques such as 'painting' otherwise totally illegible stones with mud to reveal most of the inscription with amazing clarity.



A sketch of the hand-made wooden plaque found beneath the grass at St Martin's Buslip by Ivy's team in October 1987.

WEST SURREY P.H.S. PUBLICATIONS

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, HARROW: MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

The additions to the transcriptions published in the March 'Greenacre' included the names of John ROYSTON and his two wives. Both confusingly called Amelia. It might be of interest to know a little more about him.

He was a grocer, tea dealer and confectioner, whose shop was in Harrow High Street opposite the Head Master's House and next to the archway that used to run under the shops to Drurics. (These shops were demolished in 1921.) It was later run by Fullers and in 1875 was occupied by James WOODBRIDGE.

John was Aleconner for the Rectory Manor Court in 1805 and Headborough in 1809, thus fulfilling two ancient parish offices and showing that he was a worthy inhabitant (or perhaps that no-one else could be found willing to carry out these duties!) His first wife died in 1810 and his second Amelia bore him a son William in 1815 and another child in 1829. In 1830 when his second wife died, he wrote to the Governors of Harrow School saying that he had been an inhabitant of Harrow for 30 years and had lately lost his wife: he had eight small children to look after and a shop to keep that was patronised by the young gentlemen of the School. He was scarcely able to get enough bread to feed his family and he begged for some relief from the Governors, as he was frequently laid up for six or seven weeks at a time with gout. "He prays you will take his distressful cause into consideration."

His daughter Amelia (1) married in 1855 and another daughter Emma in 1863.

Further details of the shop can be seen in 'Harrow School' by Rowson & Warner, page 43. John ROYSTON was known as "Cocky" to some of the boys. He is recorded in directories of 1826, 1839 and 1845, amongst others. His son Henry kept beagles for the boys to do a little illegal hunting: it was he whose herculean strength and presence of mind helped prevent more damage when the Head Master's house went on fire in 1838 and who was later won a tower of strength in the town cricket team.

J.S.G

BOYS WILL BE BOYS?

In 'Harrow Through the Ages' by W.W.Druitt p 218 it is said that the railway brought disturbance of the seclusion. The influx of navvies seemed to have provided targets for the stones of Harrow schoolboys. The Rev H.J.Purser seems to have said "As their language and bearing were consequentially uncourteous to us they were condoned as our natural enemies. One free fight I saw was between three and four big navvies and about twenty Harrow boys. After the fight many spots of blood were left on the white railings opposite the headmaster's house which blood did not proceed from the boys."

One hundred and fifty years on and school boys are criticised for such lesser violence but have been known to set fire to their schools!

D.L.L

GERMAN ANCESTORS ?

Roy Bernard of 39 Long Lane, Cookham, Berks is attempting to form a group for those interested in GERMAN Ancestors. Further information can be obtained via S.A.S to Mr Bernard.

WHO WAS HE ?

B.H.Whittleton

"I'm not interested in pedigrees, although my index will help a lot of people to trace their ancestors. No, I'm doing it because, to me, the lives of ordinary men and women are the real history of England. Not the dates of reigns and battles that were taught at school. People were born and got married and died whether there were wars or not; only you don't hear about them in the history books."

This was said in 1937, when this enthusiastic genealogist was 71 years of age. He had not always been interested in genealogy and after education at Uppingham and at Clare College, Cambridge, he had joined a family firm of merchants in the City of London - the fifth generation to enter the firm. He had many outside interests, collected British and Colonial stamps and was a keen cyclist. When he was admitted to the Drapers Company in 1893 at the age of 27 he became interested in the Company's records and perhaps this developed into his study of family histories.

In the early 1920s, when he was over 50, he started his indexing work. He had joined the Society of Genealogists and later became its chairman. This introduced him to other members who were copying parish registers which were sent to him at his home in Surrey. By 1928 he had compiled 98 volumes of marriages containing almost a million names - marriages that had taken place before 1837. This was far short of his objective calculated at thirty million names. Nevertheless his index was growing at the rate of 10,000 names each week. He extracted the entries and the typing was done by paid assistants. Others joined in: an East Anglian genealogist, the late Mr. Whitehead did practically all of Suffolk. Another enthusiast did the same for Cambridgeshire. Others worked on Durham, Northumberland, and Yorkshire. By 1935, more than three and a half million names had been completed. Slips had then to be sorted for typing, first into men and then sorted again into women's names. This great work continued until his death on April 17th, 1955. At this time there was still much material awaiting working and typing, and this was bequeathed to the Genealogical Society of Utah who typed a second series of Miscellaneous volumes which were presented to the Society of Genealogists in 1959.

Even today additional volumes have been added to the collection which now fills 534 volumes containing six to seven million entries. The author did not stop at an index of marriages. He compiled also a quarter of a million burials between 1538 and 1852 from London records. Then there were his manuscripts of 'citizens' of London. When he died at the age of 89 he left a legacy that has determined his name will for ever be respected.

Who was he? See foot of page 19.

WHO ARE THEY?

There must be thousands of photographs portraying our ancestors in social rather than family groups. Most will not be fully annotated but may be the sole visual record of a person. Most in private hands and therefore 'fragile'? Another index?

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to the Society:

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- 311 T.R.Whitley 64 Ode Road, Tower Hamlets, Dover, Kent. CT17 0NN
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MEMBERS INTERESTS

T.G.Kay (No 307) is researching HEPBURN Durham 1790-; KAY Knaresborough Yorks 1800-1850.

Miss E.Ahrens (No 308) is researching SUMMERS Bristol 1833-1861 and London Middx 1752-1825; DARTNALL Wickwar, Gloucs 1800-1900; THOMAS Hay, Breconshire 1700-1800 and London, Middx 1750-1830; LLOYD Uley, Gloucs 1700-1820; EVANS Pentre, Wales 1600-1800; RUTHERFORD Jedburgh, Roxburghshire 1700-1853; ELLIOT as RUTHERFORD; SALTMARSH ? Yorks 1750-1840 and AHRENS Schwarzbeck or Bremen, Hanover 1700-1836.

Members Interests Continued.

R.H.Watts is researching WATTS Paddington, Marylebone, Kensington and Kenton Middx 1850-1950; WARNER Paddington, London, Roxeth, Baislip, Harlesden to 1950; KEMP Paddington, etc to 1950; WERRELL Paddington, etc to 1935; WATTS Netting-ham & Northampton to 1915; THRELKOV, Tottenham to 1950. (Nos No 309)

T.Innan (No 310) is researching INMAN Shoreditch 1800's; BATES London & Salisbury, Wilts 1800's; NEWMAN London; HALLETT Marylebone, Aylesford Kent; COOK Bethnal Grn, Hoxton; HASKELL Shoreditch, Hoxton; DOTT Spitafields; SANDERSON Kirkwall Orkney all in 1800's.

Mrs J.Jenkins (No 312) is researching JENKINS Shoreditch, Silvertown 1800-1860; BOG Streatham, Kensington 1850-1900; COX Hanwell, Brentford 1800; COOPER Hanwell, Brentford 1800; KEMP Lambeth, Brixton 1800+; SPERLE Cheltenham & Haverham 1800-1900; LUNDQUIST Clapton, Streatham 1850+; NOSE Lambeth 1850; DUNDEE Stepney 1800; GAGE Stepney 1900; BAKENBERG & STERLINGTON Southwark 1750+; HAMILTON Ayrshire 1700-1800; WILKINOT & WEBB Dalston, Hackney and Clapton 1800's.

L.P.Mandry (No 316) is researching MUIR Westminster 1800; MANDRY All (One name); WRIGHT Somerset Pre 1837; BOSLEY London Mid 190; EVERETT Westminster 1880's; GREENLESS Bermondsey Pre 1850; WARE/WHERE Somerset Pre 1837; MITCHEL Somerset Pre 1837; COVERLEY London/Sry All; WHITING Southwark Pre 1837; TRUBY Taunton Pre 1837; BURT Somerset Pre 1837; GRINNER Westminster Pre 1880; LAUGHTON Southwark Pre 1837.

S.J.Chard (No 313) is researching CHARD St Pancras 1870+, Bethnal Grn 1860-75, Chelsea, Kensington Pre 1870, Westminster Pre 1840; WAKEFIELD St Pancras 1850+; BIRCHMORCH Hanptead, St Pancras late 190; BOWERS St Pancras late 190.

N.H.J.Hunt (No 317) is researching NORLEY Lakesheth Sfk 1700-1910; COKE Wickhambrook Sfk 1655-1976; APERSTON Horseheath Cam 190; WHITE Glasgow and Lanark to 1870; HUNT Battersea 1875+, Lambeth 1875+, Westminster 1800+, Glasgow 1870-1885; JONES Westminster c 1800-1838, Sutton Berks 1700-1820.

Mrs J.White (No 321) is researching ALLEN Westminster c 1800; BARNES Westminster Pre 1800; DUNGANSON Lambeth Pre 1800; SILBOGDUGH/SLIBBY Virginia Water c 1820; JENKINS Battersea 1876; LOSEHART Clapham 1861; MURRAY Westminster 1800; FITCHELL Westminster 1840; WHITE Stoke Newington 1800.

Mrs S.Pascent (No 324) is researching WOODMAN in Huislip/Ickenham. Problem with birth of John Woodman, almost certainly John Clarke Woodman, b 1765-6. Also seeking his marriage to Elizabeth ? of Bounslow c 1806

T.R.Whitley (No 311) is researching BARTER Sheffield 18-190; DARION Sheffield 18-190; DOBSON Sheffield Pre 1860, Scholen c 1800, Rotherham c1830; SHARWOOD Kilburn 18-190, Paddington 18-190; WHITLEY 18-190.

HELP WANTED

Mrs B.Sperdon, 18 Clarendon Gdns, Wembley HA9 7QH has done a 3 1/2 year search for the birth/parentage of Henry Boyden ROBERTS presumed Middx c 1810-13 or that of his wife nee Elizabeth Maria FEARNE. Can anyone help?

Miss J.L.Sutton (No 134) 26 Wellington Road, Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, LL29 9NE seeks any information on the early days of the 'All Saints, Harrow World Scout Group' later known as the '1st Harrowwood Scouts'. She believes that it was founded about 1909-10. Her Gt Uncle William George WELLS was one of its earliest members and any information would be appreciated.

BOOK REVIEW

BELONG STAIRS IN THE GREAT COUNTRY HOUSES by Adeline Hartcup
Published by Sidgwick and Jackson Ltd, 1988.

This fascinating book looks closely at the everyday life of seven great Houses, giving a wealth of information about personal relationships between members of the families and their servants. The writer describes the hierarchy of the servants - from the steward and the housekeeper down to scullery maid and "odd man". Most of the information comes from old account books, staff lists, wage ledgers, inventories and family photograph albums discovered in the Houses in recent years, but contemporary memoirs, diaries and letters also shed light on this interesting order of affluent county life in the nineteenth century. Of particular concern to family historians are the names of various servants mentioned in wage books, which were specially printed for so many of the great Houses at that time. There are even photographs taken in 1860 of some of the servants at Petworth House. These show the sort of clothes different servants wore, as well as actually giving their names and jobs.

Each chapter is sub-divided into such varying topics as Wages, Allowances and Fensions; and so on. Initially the book describes how the Houses were run and then goes into more detail about the everyday affairs of Fulkham Hall Norfolk, Hatfield House Hertfordshire, Petworth House Sussex, Wilton House Wiltshire, Woburn Abbey Bedfordshire, Attingham Park Shropshire and Chatsworth House Derbyshire.

The need for servants to become very closely identified with their employers and dependent upon them did not seem to have been resented - it was considered part of the job. A society which accepted an employer's right to control the personal lives of his servants did not hesitate to insist on attendance at church on Sundays, and daily household prayers. Some jobs, too, were only for the unmarried - butlers for example were to be bachelors, whilst housekeepers were always known as Mrs. Protocol varied from house to house, but there was always a right and a wrong way of doing things and precedence was of the utmost importance, even below stairs.

It is interesting, too, to learn about the Order of Liveries, from the Hatfield "Household Regulations" of 1900, which describe when uniforms were given out and what was to be worn. Livery had to be decorative as well as functional, and each great family had their own colours; handsome looks were an important qualification for a liveried servant.

There is a very useful bibliography at the end of the book, suggesting further reading for family historians concerned with ancestors who may have served in these great country Houses, or indeed for anyone interested in the running of such establishments.

STILL WITH US?

If you have read this far and found it interesting do you think you could write something as well. Long or short, happy or sad - do not wait for the deadline date - start and send it to the Editors Now!

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF FAMILY HISTORY: SYDNEY - AUSTRALIA

18 -21 October 1988 Bi-Centenary Year

The Society of Australian Genealogists, host for this Congress, have asked us to act as liaison officer mustering those who wish to travel from the United Kingdom to Australia to attend this Congress.

I am currently negotiating, through a suitable travel agent, to obtain the best possible concessionary travel rates.

Basically I have been told, the more people mustered to travel under the one arrangement, the better could be the rates.

The plan will be for individuals to travel out to Australia, at any time of their choice to arrive before the 18th October . . . and travel back to the U.K at any time of their own choice, leaving Australia after the 23rd October 1988.

There will be no need for those going to muster as a group and travel together.

There is a positive host of activities which can be enjoyed in Australia which can all be pre-arranged and paid for, at much reduced rates, in sterling at this end of the trip.

Depending on the Air-Line of our choice, there could also be stop-overs in either direction, according to their routes.

The travel agent will supply us with full details and effect all the necessary forward bookings.

Those willing to be so 'mustered' should write to see for further details.

A self addressed and stamped envelope would be much appreciated.

Deposits will be required, by the travel agents, by the middle of January 1988 as evidence of firm intention.

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MISSING (LIVE) PERSONS

An index of missing live persons has been started for the Society of Genealogists and is being run by Mrs S.A.Dyson on their behalf. This includes notices from various newspapers, in particular solicitors ads and requests in local FHS magazines for missing relatives. All contributions welcome (preferably on 5" x 3" slips) especially copies of advertisements from local newspapers which we might otherwise miss. Any relevancy material to S.G.G, 14 Charterhouse Bldg, Goswell Road, London, EC1M 7BA, please

ANSWER TO 'WHO WAS HE?'

He was FREDRICAL ROYD the compiler of Royd's Marriage Index.

'ARROW OF DISTINCTION' CONVICT REGISTER

Marilyn Chowney of the West Surrey F.H.S is hoping to compile a convict register with the particular aim of assisting researchers in Britain to contact descendants of their convict ancestors in Australia and vice versa.

Marilyn wants as many details as possible of the CONVICT ancestor himself (or herself) in writing.

Please enclose a stamped self-addressed plain postcard with the full name and date of birth (if known) of your convict printed above your own name and address.

Send to Marilyn Chowney, 'Arrow of Distinction', Convict Register, 76 Middle Gordon Road, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 2HT, England.

All letters received with reply card and postage will be answered with the name and address of a contact or a 'not yet available' note. If the register grows then later enquiries may be more fruitful.

(The above is a precis of Marilyn's letter which the Editors hold.)



PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE SOCIETY

Beginning your Family History (4th Edition)	£1.50
Bishops Transcripts and Marriage Licences	1.00
Census Returns on Microfilm 1841-1881 J.S.W. Gibson (4th Edition - 1986)	1.50
General Register Office and International Genealogical Indexes: Where To Find Them* J.S.W. Gibson	1.00
The Location of British Army Records	2.50
Marriage, Census and other Indexes - what and where they are.	1.00
McLaughlin Guides	
- Annals of the Poor	0.75
- Censuses 1841-1881 (Use and Interpretation)	0.75
- Family History from Newspapers*	0.75
- Illegitimacy	0.75
- Parish Registers	1.00
- Reading Old Handwriting	0.75
- Simple Latin for Family Historians	0.75
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- Wills before 1858	0.75
Local Newspapers 1750-1920	2.00
Record Offices: How to find them (3rd Edition - 1986)	1.50
A Simplified Guide to Probate Jurisdictions	2.00
Tracing Your Family History by Jean Cole	3.95
Family History News & Digest (twice yearly) (Some back issues also available)	1.10
Family Tree Magazine (monthly)	1.15
Directory of Family History Project Co-ordinators** - compiled by Penny Pattinson (7th edition)	0.75
Record Offices: How To Find Them** by Jeremy Gibson and Pamela Prescott (4th edition)	1.50
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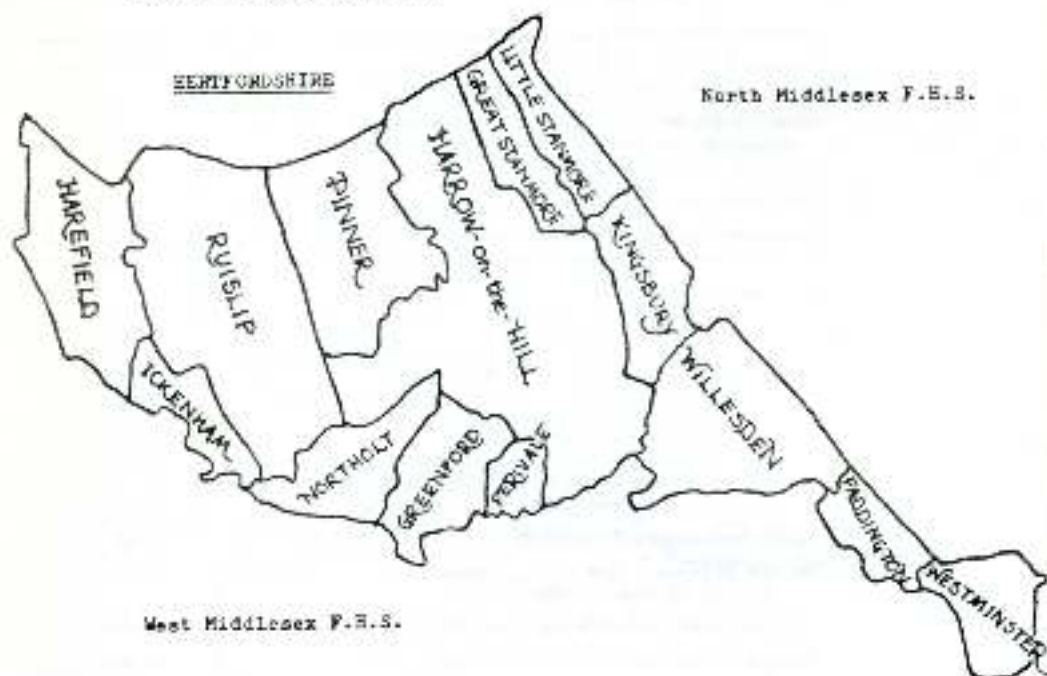
These and many other publications are available from the bookstall at Society meetings or by post from:-

Miss L.C. Brackley, 70 Elm Drive, North Harrow, Middx., HA2 7BY.

Remittance with orders (please add 20p per item for post and packing). Cheques payable to "Central Middlesex Family History Society".

Additional copies of "Greentrees" available at 75p each inc. p. & p.

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

BOROUGH OF HARROW

Pinner, Harrow, Great Stanmore, Little Stanmore

BOROUGH OF BRENT

Willesden, Kingsbury, part of Harrow (Wembley)

BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON

Herefield, Ickenham, Ruislip, Northwood

BOROUGH OF EALING

Northolt, Greenford, Perivale

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

Paddington, Westminster