

# GREENTREES

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

1702

APOLGLOGY

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## EDITORIAL

The Editors have indulged themselves in a new Word Proc'r for their publishing work. Their new 'baby' is already exhibiting some of the traits of their real offspring:- obstinate, willful misunderstanding and needing attention, nutrients, etc. In the short term it is being used as a 10 pitch typewriter with invisible 'Saopake'. We are exploiting justified text and the largest type size. We had quite a lot of the copy already typed on 'Old Faithfull' and we decided to re-do it all on this machine to maintain a uniform style. This stratagem has put back all the pressure on time that we had with the last issue.

As a by-product of buying this machine we have found a material that makes it easier to photocopy photographs and we are trying that out in this issue. We will all see that result at the same time!

Whilst being pleased to receive all the copy that we have had, the article from Ron Harris was particularly pleasing in the offer of help implicit in his collection in 'our' territory. We would like to print a list of any similar private record holdings in the next issue. If you have records like those of Ron, albeit on a smaller scale, which you are willing to search for the courtesy of an SAE will you, please, let the Editors have details. Remember that our 'attending members' may know of your records whilst our 'corresponding members' may not.

The next issue of 'Greentrees' should be largely directed at our 10th Anniversary and, hopefully records both of the Society and of our members but we will still be grateful for articles for inclusion. In particular articles that cover matters in our area.

D. L. L and M. I. L

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## THE WEMBLEY BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION

Kona Adams, a B.E.C Researcher, is working on an 8 hour programme series on Britain entitled "The Road to War". She would like to hear from anyone who was at the Exhibition in 1924 or 1925. The series will be put out on B.E.C 1 starting September 1989 to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of the outbreak of World War Two.

Anyone who can help is asked to contact Mark Kearns at the Leader, Observer House, 34 Greenhill Way, Harrow, Middx. HA1 1YT.

## MEETINGS

All the seats were taken on Fri 13th Nov when we had a 'Question and Answer' panel. The prime aim being to air problems in open forum with the particular objective of helping newcomers.

The panel comprised Bill Burgess (Heraldry and Service records); Don Felgate (most enquiries); Doris Jones (Census Returns) and Frank Turner (New Army Records)

Several members, including Eric Whittleton, brought shared experience and advice to bear in the discussion.

The session ended in coffee and a 'Bring and Buy Sale' where books, cakes and bric-a-brac raised some funds. Many members were lucky to buy 60, or so, year old maps which covered most of the UK which John Heather had brought along as his contribution to the sale.

At 8 PM on Friday Dec 11th the Friends Meeting House hall in Rayners Lane filled with a festive throng to enjoy one of the best spreads that the Society has ever known, thanks to all those who made it possible. Savouries and sweet things Lyn Brackey's hot and spicy fruit punch and in addition a huge cake baked by Secretary Mike Fountain: (I was told that he had mixed it up at 11 PM on Tuesday, put it in a pre-set oven at midnight to cook for three hours during the night, to be turned out of its tin the next morning before he went off to work.) He deserves our admiration for all his efforts on our behalf.

Mollie Phipps raised the display panels to show photos of members as children for us to 'guess who'. Ivy Raper our intrepid M.I tombstone cleaner - and Treasurer - pinned questions on our backs for a Tudor England quiz, whilst Reg DeVeil, renowned helper to all newcomers, set up photographs of places for us to name. The anagrams Don Felgate had prepared were missed out due to lack of time and space, but we hope that they will be kept safe for another occasion.

Bill Burgess our genial ex-Chairman brought along two puzzles to test our awareness, and Bileen Ferris had a song-title game that only lacked the services of a pianist to complete the evening .....we must see what we can arrange another time perhaps?

The Editorial team Dennis and Margaret were seen trying to 'nudge' even more copy out of the members and trying to work out why the answer to Bill's question 'Where are the Superior Rolls kept?' was not 'Honour High Shelf' (well the male half was!)

Stella Davies our new Programme Planner has the new years meetings under control after some preliminary crosschecking to get all to rights and shaped up for the coming year, which will commence with a talk on 'Wills' by the welcome return of Eric Whittleton, a former Editor.

A talk on Wills was given on Friday 8th Jan by Eric Whittleton, which was well received by about 50 members on a very wet and windy evening.

Although his subject was announced as 'Wills in Somerset House and Elsewhere' he explained, early in his talk, that Wills are to be found in many repositories and some help may be needed in tracing their whereabouts. Although the subject has been widely written about the basis of his talk was the use of this information and what a Will can tell the family historian.

Beginning with the mention of such books as 'Genealogy for Beginners' by the late Arthur Willis, 'Probate Jurisdiction' by Jeremy Gibson and the booklets by Eva McLaughlin on the subject, Eric entertained us by examples of Wills used in his own research.

William OAKLEY, a cottager of Dorset, had bequeathed his lease for 'three lives' in 1755. Thomas FRARBY, of Norfolk, in his Will of 1722 mentioned how his land had been inherited. A Will of Jonathan HARVEY of 1825 had not been proved and only turned up 150 years later among a solicitor's papers deposited at a County Record Office. Then there was the Will of John NICHOLLS of 1748 destroyed as a result of enemy action at Exeter during the war. A copy was recently found in Manorial Records.

Then we were shown a Will "that solved it all, or most of it" as Eric said! He also showed a 'happy' Will that divided family heirlooms by means of a 'knock-out' auction and an 'unhappy' Will that cut out the testator's daughter as a mark of his disgust and grief "at the disgrace caused by her own selfishness."

It was felt that no family history could be complete without the information contained in such Wills.

## OBITUARY

Arthur J. Howard F.S.G.

We regret to announce the death of Arthur Howard on 26th July 1967, aged 65 years. He had become interested in Genealogy in the early 1950's and had lived in Pinner since 1967. After completing a course on Paleography at the London University he started teaching adult education classes with the Borough of Hillingdon. His teaching methods were excellent and we have members who benefited greatly from his efforts. He was a professional genealogist and recently was engaged in using his computer for that purpose. Although not a member of the Society he had expressed his interest in our activities and in our Journal of Spring 1964 offered to answer questions submitted by members that caused them difficulties.

E.W.

## HOUSE GROUP

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

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. The group exists for those members wishing to compare their experiences and can be of particular help to inexperienced researchers wanting to get started. We all know that family history research is an occupation in which, however experienced the researcher, there is always yet another method to be tried, or another source to be considered.

The group deserves to have full support and anyone interested in attending should contact Mrs D.Jones at 95 Oakington Avenue, Wembley Park. Please telephone if you can join (01-904-6310)

## AN EVENING WITH DORIS

On the evening of 26th Jan 1988 I went for the first time to Doris Jones' House Group. I had no idea what to expect but found it a very enjoyable informal meeting, which was very lively, friendly and helpful but which ended all too quickly - non-stop, informative chatter on many subjects, from local records, society journals, members interests, research directories, record repositories and problems encountered researching a name like Brown or Harris to exciting new finds both general or personal.

I also learnt something of general interest - Doris has on record - baptisms, marriages and burials from the registers of St John, Wembley, Middlesex together with many census returns for that parish, plus card indexes of many family groups, filed in alphabetical order - the results of many years work, which she is eager to share with enquirers.

M.I.L

## ONE DAY CONFERENCE

"The Lure of London" is the theme of a Joint One Day Conference to be held on Saturday 8th October 1988 at the Friends Meeting House, Suston Road, organised by the London area Family History Societies:-

Central Middlesex  
North Middlesex  
West Middlesex  
North West Kent

West Surrey  
East Surrey  
Hertfordshire

East of London  
Woolwich & District  
Valhalla Forest

Further details awaited

## LOCAL LISTINGS

Ron Harris

I have a card index system which is an absorbing interest containing the names of some 75,000 people who have resided in the Ruslip, Eastcote, Northwood, Ickenham and Harefield areas up to 1930.

To compile this ravenous and ever-growing record, I have collated information from Parish Registers, Electoral registers, Rate Books, Census Returns, Directories, any and every source available to me has been or will be searched for information, including the messages on my fast-growing collection of old picture post cards. It's rather like collecting thousands of parts of jigsaw puzzles and trying to assemble the parts into one large puzzle without having all of the pieces.

Is this the Reuben Lavender who lived at The Barns, Field End, Eastcote?

Is his wife Amelia Elizabeth, the daughter of Thomas and Caroline Lawrence?

Is there a marriage record to confirm this?

Was it Reuben's daughter Edith who married a Curtis?

Every new piece of the puzzle need not necessarily fit into the overall picture and one must resist the temptation to make it fit. Many kindly people have been of help in my quest, in fact the only frustrations I have encountered have been the failure to gain access to the records of one local parish church, and my own handicap which limits my mobility and prevents me travelling outside of the Hillingdon area.

Collating the information has made me aware of facts that I had not previously considered. I had always believed that my forefathers spent most of their lives on the one holding, not considering that as families grew, increasing the area's population, it was necessary for members of the family to go further afield in search of farm tenancies or labouring work.

Was I considered that children might be sent quite long distances to take up apprenticeships, as blacksmiths, wheelwrights, etc., and would probably never return to their home towns.

When a farmer's tenancy expired, it might be necessary for him to take a lease further afield, possibly taking some farm servants with him.

Also, as the number of children in a family increased, outgrowing the cottage, not only did the elder children leave home, but often younger children were transferred to the caring hands of their grandparents for their upbringing.

Some families, to assist their incomes, took in nursing children from the families of people living in towns affected by plagues and sickness.

Sadly, some of these children were not well treated and didn't survive long but many benefited from the clean air and survived to enjoy the longevity of the area.

One can get too involved with particular families and share the sadness of the family at the deaths of so many of their children. Yet I admire the fortitude of the parents who named successive births after the father or mother until they had two young survivors to continue the parents' forenames. Often generation after generation named their eldest son or daughter after themselves, a practice which can cause considerable confusion in records.

I have been interested to see how, in the 15th to 18th Centuries families interested themselves in finding a new partner for a widow or widower with children, to ensure the welfare of the family.

Unfortunately, not all of such second or third marriages are so entered in the parish registers to show that one or other of the partners was previously married.

Surnames are particularly interesting for their origins, (which I cannot go into here) which are often lost as the names change over the years.

Presumably most labourers were unable to spell their own names and were at the mercy of the cleric who would enter the name phonetically, the result depending on the dialect:

Frickett became Erickett  
Fuddervel became Fuddevat, Fuddivant and Fuddifoot  
Chawalely became Chawcoley  
Bugbird became Bugbeard, Bugbear or Bugbee  
Kampton became Kington  
Nicholaw became Nichols

Often it is necessary to use a dialect to identify a name. Try saying Baldwin in a Northern Ireland accent. Yes, the origin is 'bold-son'.

You cannot always be sure that you are not dealing with completely different families but this problem usually resolves itself.

There may be clues in the forenames. Often a mother's single name was used as the second or third forename of the children, but be warned, it may become a family name and be passed on to successive generations.

In different eras, different families predominated in this area. In the 15th - 17th Centuries it was mainly the Ferne's, Living's, and Osmond's but by the 18th - 19th Centuries, these had been replaced by more familiar families such as the Lavender's, Weedon's and Ewer's.

It is also interesting to note the development of the area as the centre of influence moved from the Manor of the Church, to the Squire, to the Parish Council and on to the Borough Councils of today.

In this area Northwood was the first to be developed when the Railway arrived in 1887, when the population was only 449.

Whilst the surrounding areas remained strong farming communities, Northwood was developed by a man who ensured that his family was immortalised in half of the street names.

The area was sensibly developed, encouraging an influx of professional people, solicitors, bankers, physicians, clerics, military officers, a surprisingly high proportion from Scotland. Their names feature in my record, often as holding office in the newly formed council.

Yet the developer did not overlook the need for properties for the labouring community, many of whom became gardeners to the big houses. Many of these were descendants of old families well-established in the area.

Perhaps I have gone on a bit over-much, not everyone shares my obsession, but I would recommend this hobby to anyone seeking an absorbing pastime.

The only expense is about 4s per 100 for the index cards and a filing tray. (I started with 14 litre ice-cream containers.) In the meantime my record is available to anyone seeking information.

All I ask in return is your family information where it relates to this area.

Good Hunting!

Enquiries should be addressed to Mr R.L.Harris, 51 Mount Park Road, Eastcote, Middlesex. HA5 2JS.

(The Editors have already tested the records with success. Don't forget the courtesy of an S.A.E!)

## LOST?

Innes Groves COWELL born 1st May 1820 in Middlesex. Father's name James. Any sightings to:-

C.J.G.Cowell L.D.S., R.C.S., Cenarth, Pwllheli, North Wales.

## LOOK IN YOUR LOFT!

Margaret Paine

Not a skeleton in the cupboard, but a WHALEBONE in the attic! That was the amazing discovery of a very alert antique dealer in Teynham, Kent, who took the trouble to contact me, having read of my Whalebone interest in the Family Tree Magazine.

I have long believed that family history is much more than a list of who begat whom, and have tried to find out more about my ancestors - in other words, to put some flesh on the bare bones of genealogy. Unfortunately there do not seem to be any heirlooms or treasures or interesting stories handed down through the various branches of my family, so it was with great interest that I received a letter to say that during a house clearance in Sheerness, Kent, a large wooden Victorian trunk, or travelling box, was discovered in the attic, and on the front painted in white "MR G.S.WHALEBONE, INSPECTOR OF SHIPITS".

George Samuel Whalebone was the brother of my Gt.Grandfather Charles Fabian Whalebone. He was a shipwright and lived in Sheerness all his life - from 1826 to 1904. There were five other brothers and all were employed at Sheerness Dockyard except Benjamin, the eldest, who went to Australia, and three years ago I was able to make contact with his descendants down under and we are in regular contact.

George Samuel had one son who was killed in an explosion on board H.M. Gun Vessel "Thistle" in 1869; so far it is not known if he had any other children. Now, of course, I shall do more "homework" on G.S. As an Inspector of Shiprights he would probably have had to visit other dockyards, and I shall endeavour to find out where he went on his travels accompanied by the large black box.

Inside are two wooden trays and in one of them was an embossed card for the Wedding of Archibald T. Whalebone and Mabel Edith Lifton dated 8th May 1912, and inside that, a printed menu, whether this was typical of the usual nuptial feast of the time, or whether it only applied to the well-to-do, I know not:-

EGGS		
Toasted Potatoes		
FISH		
Scottish Salmon	Cucumber	Mayonnaise Sauce
JOINTS		
Roast Rib of Beef	Ox Tongue	Roast Pot and On
Spiced Pressed Beef in Apple		
SWEETS		
Assorted Pastries	Mice Trifles	Compote of Fruit
Jellies		Stewporges
WEDDING CAKE		
Quart		Coffee

Whatever the "Dopert" could have been after the grand assortment of "Sweeties". I am at a loss to know. I wonder what they would have made of today's modern wedding reception trend - the cold buffet!

Archibald Thomas was the grandson of John George Whalstone, one of George Samuel's brothers, and since the marriage was in 1912, eight years after the death of the owner of the trunk, it would be interesting to know which member of the family inherited it, unless of course, it had remained in the attic of the house once occupied by G.S. through a succession of occupants until the death of the last one by the name of HEDGER. At the moment I have no trace of a connection, but who knows what later research may reveal?

I am delighted to have a genuine family heirloom, approximately 120 years of age, and in remarkably good condition - but what will I use it for? The answer is obvious - it will become my own Treasure Chest - just what I needed to store all those bits and pieces and family records kept over the years which one day will be part of my own history.

## THE FUTURE OF MY HISTORY

Joyce Carrick

I have sometimes been frustrated in my research by the failure of relatives to understand my interest and to pass on information that has been expensive to replace.

This experience has caused me to consider how I might best preserve this investment of time and money. Since I have no children of my own, I have had to think how best to pass my work onto two nephews and a niece who are all adult and we rarely see.

David, the eldest, who is in his 30's already has an album of photographs and writing, and instructions to keep them. I talk to him about my research when he comes and he will have my research material eventually.

Peter used to visit about once a year at our previous home and I think that a small album of photographs taken there and some items of local area interest seem best for him.

Jenny has three young children and for her, my husband and I propose to compile an exercise book with photographs of ourselves and a light-hearted account of our lives.

We cannot see who will continue my interest in family history but I will have made my contribution if any do so.

## HISTORY GETS IN THE WAY?

June Brown

Let me explain! I am a Canadian and even though I have been married to an Englishman for twenty-four years, my knowledge of British history is rather sketchy. Luckily the geography has been filled in a little because we've taken our holidays in various parts of this lovely land over the past quarter-century - but HISTORY...?

Two years ago my Scottish Grandmother's wedding certificate: Jane BROWN m. David BESS - 30th Nov 1888, Dundee - started me off on the family trail, or should I say historical research? What did farm grieve (husband's father's occupation) mean? I ploughed my way through a book on the Scottish farm towns. (1) The estate Mill Hill, Longforgan, Tay Valley, on which they all worked belonged to a Colonel R. Ogilvy, son-in-law of Lord Kinnaird. Pause again as I research Lord Kinnaird's pedigree. He does not own Kinnaird Castle (near Mill Hill) now, but lives at Roodie Priory. Just a minute - Ruffie? Grandfather's Grandfather O.F.R. registered his birth there but I couldn't find it on the map - ah yes - Ruffie and Inochter Parishes were joined under Mr James Ogilvie in 1726! I can return to my subject - Mill Hill Farm and Colonel Ogilvy and my ancestors who worked for him. He was Adjutant to Queen Victoria, farmed 500 acres, 386 arable, employed 12 men, 6 women and 2 boys in 1881. But I digress - I want to do 'my' family!

Grandma had worked as a domestic servant prior to this - we have a book of prayers and sermons given to her to prove it - at Lord Kinloch's in Maigie. What? There is a statue of him in the centre of Dundee? So there is. A social reformer was he? Charles Tennant wrote a book about him called 'The Radical Laird'. I search for it. Neither the Guildhall Library nor the Genealogical Society has it. Oh well, back to the family.

My 3 x Gt. Grandfather James Bess married Euphane CRAIGIE, 14th Dec 1789. Euphonia Craigie, born 31st May 1767. What? A book on the Craigie family by Lawrence Melville? I buy his books on the Career of Gowrie (2) and on Errol (3) but fail to locate the one on the Craigie family.

I then turn to the Dundee side; oh dear, BROVE's and OGILVIE's but surely no history to distract me! Jane Keith OGILVY, power loom winder, married John BROWN, ship carpenter 31st Dec 1858. Why would anyone be married on that day? My husband suggests perhaps New Year's day only holiday available to them. I do a great deal of reading about Dundee's jute mills (one chimney stack, called 'Cox's Stalk' still stands today in Lochee, Dundee (4) ), and ship building. John Brown's father, Alexander was in Upper Canada in 1858. I am back home again, at 17.

I need to spend at least a week in Dundee so I decide to trace my husband's family - they lived in London, didn't they, but BROWN? Fortunately the wedding certificate shows Mary HADINGHAM married Wm. BROWN 10th Feb 1861 at St Luke's Church, Chelsea. Oh, oh this Brown served in the Crimean War - Land Transport Corps. We visit

their museum at Aldershot and do much more reading. Would you believe that the Corps was raised in Bristol by a Col. Wm. McMurdo, but recruitment was done mostly at 'The Wellington Arms', on Waterloo Road in London! (5). Wm Brown's discharge papers and pay at 1/3 d per day were found in the W.O 25 Collection at Kew. Mary Hadingham's father David was a harness maker in the City of London. In the Guildhall we find that he could have been made a Freeman of the City upon payment of a fee. He did join the Company of Fruiterers in 1807 for 46 shillings and 8 pence; His father was listed as Thomas Hadingham of Westhall, Suffolk. Hurray! Surely Suffolk will be about simple country folk and there will be no historical searches to be made here. Nah! Thomas Hadingham was of the Court Leet and Baron of Westhall. Luckily there seems to be an English translation of the minutes at Ipswich Record Office, but now I need to spend a week at Ipswich!

Back to the son of Wm. Brown and Mary Hadingham. This Wm. Brown married a Rachel CLODE, Sidbury, Devon. I read up about Sidbury Parish and the lovely old church and find that it was a Peculiar of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. What does this mean? More research! But when I find that Sidbury's Manor, under a Robert Carew Hunt, had a Court Leet and a Court Baron I can at least say I've met this before; perhaps now I can get down to 'genealogy'!... My Canadian father was a French Protestant. Should I start learning some history about the Huguenots?

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| (1) The Ballad and the Plough              | by David Kerr Cameron |
| (2) The Fair Land of Gowrie                | by Lawrence Melville  |
| (3) Errol - It's Legends, Lands and People | by Lawrence Melville  |
| (4) A Family Empire                        | by James Mair         |
| Scotts Magazine - Aug 1983                 |                       |
| (5) Museum Showcase                        | Aldershot             |

## DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that, when researching old Scottish families you will find that:-

- the first son was usually named after the father's father,
- the first daughter after the mother's mother,
- the second son after the mother's father,
- the second daughter after the father's mother,
- the third son after the father and
- the third daughter after the mother.

J.B

## THE CALENDAR

Frank Turner

The calendar so we know it is based on that used by the Romans. Originally the year began in March and had 305 days and 10 months. At about 700 B.C. they added January and February and made the year 355 days. Every now and again the 'Pontifices' of Council of Priests would add another month, as they thought fit, after 23rd February so that the calendar would keep to the seasons, but they manipulated this to their advantage. Anyone researching back that far would appear to have quite a problem sorting out their dates.

Julius Caesar decided to regularise the system, so on 1st January 45 B.C. he introduced his new calendar. As the seasons were about two months out at the time, 45 B.C. had 445 days. Sosigenes, his astronomer, had worked out that a year should be 365 1/4 days, thus each year would start in January and the months would alternate between 31 and 30 days, except February which had 29 normally and 30 in a leap year. A mistake was made, however, and leap years occurred every three years instead of four. Alas, at that time, he renamed the month of Quintilis after himself, hence July.

Christianity moved the beginning of the year to 25th March - the Feast of the Annunciation.

The calculations made by the Romans were still a small amount out as the solar year is in fact 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes and some seconds. This began to be noticed at the beginning of the 16th Century and eventually Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar once again. He annulled ten days so that 5th October, 1582 became 15th October and so that the year would not go wrong again he ordained that the extra day in February would be dropped each century unless it was divisible by 400. Thus 1900 was not a leap year but 2000 will be. There is still a slight error so the leap year has to be dropped every 4000 years as well, but that should not be any problem to us.

Spain, Portugal, and parts of Italy adopted the new calendar straight away, and France and parts of the Low Countries in December of that year. Protestant countries, of course, refused to have anything to do with it. England eventually decided to adopt it in 1751, but by that time we had gained another day so the Act of Parliament laid down that we would lose 11 days after 2nd September 1752, the next day becoming 14th September. This led to the Gordon Riots as people thought that they had been cheated out of 11 days of their lives. At the same time they returned the beginning of the year to 1st January. Scotland had already made these alterations in 1600.

The only people who appeared unable to do the calculations were the Exchequer and so having lost 11 days the financial year now begins on 5th April.

The French revolutionists brought out an entirely different calendar to go along with their new metric system. This was adopted in 1793 but dropped at the end of 1805. It made the year

a 12-month year each with 30 days and each month to be divided into 3 'weeks' or 10 days. At the end of the year 5 Festival days were added, with leap years to have another called 'Revolution Day'.

So if you are of foreign descent beware of your dates, they might not be quite what they would appear to be.

(Acknowledgements to Chamber's Encyclopaedia.)

## EXPERIMENT

This photograph has been introduced as an 'Editorial' experiment with the hope that we will be able to introduce more into later editions of the Journal.



The 56th Cricklewood, St John Ambulance Brigade 1934/5. Included in this photograph are:- Supt West, Capt Journal, Dr Leakey, A.S.Lisney, L.Freeman and Cpl Painter?. Most of the people shown are local and I know that many were railway workers, although the photograph pre-dates me by a number of years.

The Editor is considering making an index of photographs, of groups other than family in our area which might be made available for copying to add colour to someone else's family history. He would welcome brief descriptions of such photographs. Details required are 'Group' title, approx date, number of people included and number that can be named. Note at meetings or to address as inside front cover.

D.L.I.

## A GENEALOGIST'S DIARY

R.E.Corder

Already it is 1988 and many of those things that I expected to accomplish in 1987 seem to have been neglected. On the other hand the unexpected has occurred and I have been diverted to adding to family history already at a dead end. Christmas correspondence, with the exchange of greetings, so often brings news of other research and when this is family related it can throw fresh light on an old problem.

Last autumn I went on the ancestral trail to Somerset and with the aid of an Ordnance Survey map tried to find the homes of families already identified in the parishes of the district. Looking for memorials in parish churchyards brought little success, although in more than one instance I had with me actual inscriptions from memorial stones copied in my lifetime.

Looking for houses had its ups and downs; the downs most frequent. The more substantial an ancestor, the more likely the dwelling still existed. An Elizabethan Manor House was definitely up, and after calling unexpectedly the present owner expressed great interest in my research and led me through his main rooms proudly showing the old windows, minstrel gallery and even a secret passage.

I am always surprised at the friendly spirit with which our family interests are received. On my return I called at a 'stately' home, for a time the residence of a family ancestor, Sir John Popham, Sir John, once Chief Justice of England, presided at the trial of Sir Walter Raleigh and in 1604 at the trials of Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators. Known in his day as a "terrible puritan" his severity was proverbial. I fancy he would be scathing in his comments could he return to Littlecote House, near Hungerford, his one-time Tudor Manor. After paying an expensive entry fee I found the house now had a "theme". The rooms had been stripped of their finest pieces a few years ago when these were sold at auction. In the ground floor rooms were figures dressed in costumes of the Commonwealth with a recorded sound commentary explaining their activities. Outside, near the garden centre there was a display of jousting! My reward was being able to photograph one of the four known portraits of Sir John which was shown to me in the Great Hall.

Such staged representations of the life of our forebears rarely impress me. Was life in Stuart England quite so straight-forward and hygienic? There was much hardship, poverty and cold in those pleasant villages. This was given emphasis in some of the lectures delivered at the Society of Genealogists Conference in London last November. The theme was the everyday life of our ancestors with particular reference to their occupations and standard of living.

There were sixteen lecturers introduced by Mrs G.T.Banks, the new Registrar General. I was fortunate to be able to converse with some of them including Professor John Burnett of Brunel University who, as a social historian, has a particular interest in the standard of living in the 19th Century. He told me that at present

he is researching unemployment and its treatment which he hopes to cover from the 1790's to the present day. His talk on "Getting and Spending" was particularly interesting. I was able to introduce him to another lecturer, Jim Golland, who is known to many of our members. Unknown to Professor Burnett, Jim Golland, a local resident and chairman of the Pinner Local History Society, had reviewed his book "Destiny Obscure" in "Greentree" of Autumn 1984. This book contained extracts from some 800 autobiographies, many unpublished, covering the Victorian period. One of the contributors of her family memories was our member Mrs Eleanor Hutchinson of Sandgate.

A more personal gathering of family historians took place at the Society of Genealogists on 5th September last when many members of the Society and friends of the Director, Anthony Camp, gathered to celebrate his thirty years with the Society. Family historians owe much to Anthony Camp and will have read of his on-going work on their behalf in his own diary printed in "Family Tree". I realised when meeting so many enthusiasts that my interest in family history not only brings a better understanding of my own background but a feeling of fellowship with all those that have common interest.

The occasion was marred at the conclusion by the sudden illness of John Raymond who had taken an active part in the proceedings. It was John Raymond, then Chairman of the Essex Family History Society, who encouraged the formation of our own Society and spoke at our inaugural meeting at Brent Town Hall on 21st July 1978. Many of those present are still members and will remember John's remark: "Family History is about people and places; Local History is about places and people, a difference only in viewpoint." I will look back to that meeting in this our tenth anniversary year. Luckily John has recovered well and he tells me that he looks forward to resuming his activities but in future conserving his energy. We wish him well.

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## MEMBERS INTERESTS

Mrs R.J. Brown (320) is researching BROWN Dundee, Angus 1790; KEITH Brechin, Perth 1770; KITTLE Dunbarney, Perth 1750; IMRIE Killegindie, Perth 1770; KERR/CARR/ANDERSON Longriggan, Perth 1770; BESS Inchturk, Perth 1770- (All in Scotland) and COX-CLODE Sidbury, Devon 1700; RAYMOND Sidbury, Devon 1700; BROWN Honiton-on-Otter, Devon 1700; HADNINGHAM Westhall, Suffolk 1700; NEWSON Siston, Suffolk 1700.

Mrs S.P. Passant (324) is researching WOODMAN Ruislip, Ickenham, Middx pre 1840; SEXTON Suffolk, Norfolk pre 1660 & Southcreek, Norfolk 1660-; KIPPING Tynemouth, Northumberland any date & Sunderland 1600+; HALLIDAY Sunderland any date; CUMKINGS Stockton and Streton, Durham pre 1850 & Sunderland.

B. Naeler (326) is researching ATKINS Westminster, Islington, Hackney 19C; BURROWS Bloomsbury, Ireland 19C; CROVE Bristol, Westminster 19C; CURTIS Bristol, Westminster 19C; DAVEY Hackney, Exeter 19C; DAVIS Bethnal Green, Southwark, Brompton 19C; HILLMAN Hull, Islington 19C; HOLLIDAY Lambeth, Islington, Hackney 19C; HOWELL Bloomsbury, Westminster, Holborn 19C; JESKINS Westminster, Holborn, City, Lambeth 18/19C; KERR Westminster, Londonderry 19C; McDANIEL City, Westminster, Lambeth 18/19C; RUDDELL Hackney 19C; USHER Bethnal Green, Islington 19C; WRIGHT Hackney, Islington, Bloomsbury 18/19C.

Mrs E.K.J. Ambrose (327) is researching BRADLEY Westminster early 19C; HAYNES Westminster early 19C; PAGE Hanover Square 1808; HENSHAW/HENSHALL Westminster early 19C; HILLIER Westminster, City early 19C; RIVERS St Pancras mid 19C; WESTLAKE mid 19C; (DELVBS) COLLIER St Pancras, Shoreditch 19C; FANNELL Stepney, Shoreditch 19C; HOWELL Bow, Stepney 19C all in London.

Mrs V. Creswell (331) is researching BASSETT Bedford, Beds 1600-1850; BASSETT London, Middx 1825+; CHILD(B)S Barnet, Stn Mians, Herts/Bucks/Middx. 1700-1805; DEARMAN St Albans, Herts 1700-1800; SPRICKLESON Chipping Barnet, Herts 1700-1800; CRESSWELL Hants, Berks pre 1887; New Zealand 1830+; SHARP(E) Swadlingcote & Area, Staffs pre 1900.

R.L. Harris (333) is researching all surnames in Ruglip, Eastcote, Northwood, Herefield, Ickenham Middx up to 1930.  
(See article on page 27 of this issue of 'GREEN TREES'! Eds)

## TRANSPORT TO MEETINGS

We were recently asked if we could bring a member to the Society's meetings since she lived very close to us and this made us aware that there may be other local members, or would-be members, who would like to attend meetings at Rayners Lane but are unable to do so because of transport problems.

There may be drivers who regularly attend meetings and have a spare seat, or seats, in their cars and are willing to give lifts to and from meetings.

The problem is to match these would-be attenders to the transport. I am willing to keep on file names, telephone numbers and start points so that I can liaise with the Membership Secretary to put potential drivers and passengers in touch with each other.

Will drivers willing to help please give me details at meetings.

Margaret Lisney Tel 907-1237 or see front, inside cover.

## HELP

Bob Hyatt, one of our 'local historian members', is seeking advice or assistance with a current project.

Victor George HAYWARD b 1887 perished, in a blizzard, with Shackleton's South Polar Expedition on 8/5/1916. News of this did not reach England until Jan/Feb 1917. Essentially Bob asks:-

1. Death Records. Any? Where? Source?
2. What date or period for the search?

Mr R. Hyatt, 13 Albert Road, Hendon, London. NW4 2SH (203 4795)

Ron Butcher has the following reference books and is willing to refer to them on receipt of S.A.E or I.R.C.

Kelly's Directory for Hammermith and Shepherd's Bush 1933/34.

Our Clapham Forefathers - being a list of inscriptions from the tombs, monuments and headstones of the old Parish Churchyard (more than 600) and an index of names.

A Short Calendar of the Deeds relating to Norwich - Enrolled in the Court Rolls of that City, 1285-1306. Published 1903

Highgate Cemetery. The Origin and History - the names of some notable people buried there.

(Please note:-If no S.A.E or I.R.C., no reply will be forthcoming!)

## PALLOT INDEX

Pallot & Co., a firm of Chancery Agents, their predecessors and successors in the business from the early 19C, indexed marriages which took place between 1780 and 1837 (when General Registration began) in 101 of the 103 ancient parishes of the City of London as well as in many in the Home Counties and in a number of others up and down the country. Pallot's index also includes extracts from some non-conformist marriage registers and entries that may appear in Boyd's and Challen's Marriage Indexes. For the most part the augmented Pallot index is indexed only by surnames and not alphabetically within the christian names, so that it is no small task to examine this compilation. A search frequently saves an enormous amount of time and expense when we do not know where the marriage took place and would otherwise have to search the registers of hundreds of individual parish registers 'seriatim' and in an area where much was lost after the compilation of this index. Its special value is therefore apparent.

C. R. Humphery-Smith, F.S.A.

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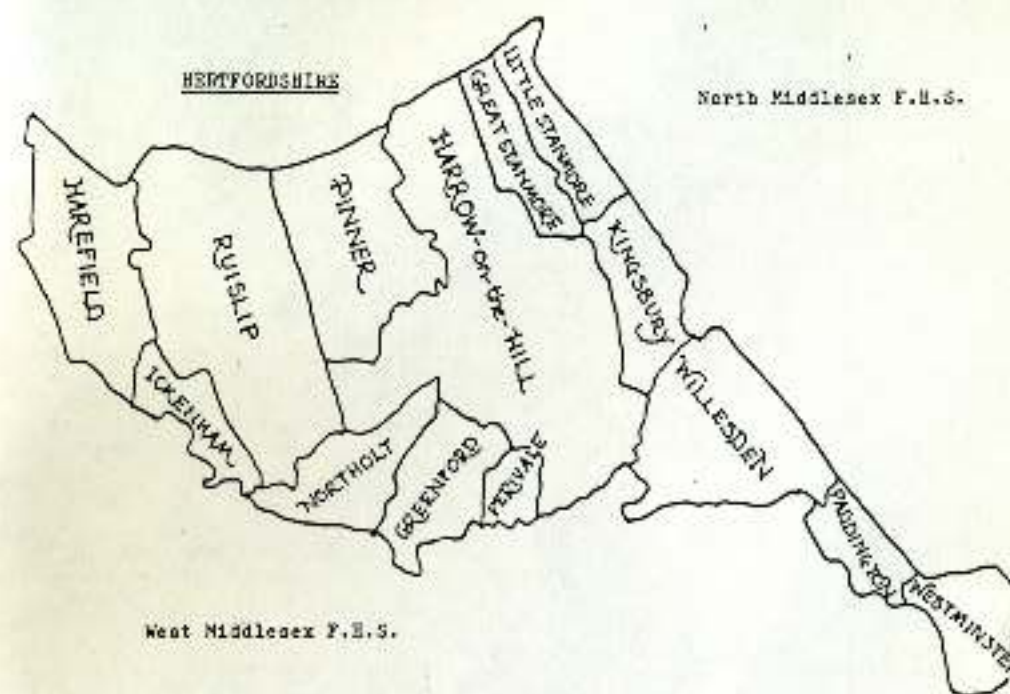
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