

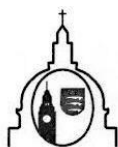
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Cover picture: St Paul's, Covent Garden
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St Paul's, Covent Garden and the Actors' Benevolent Fund.
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EDITORIAL

Our cover picture suggests that Christmas preparations are well under way but not yet complete - a familiar situation in November perhaps? There is always much to do: co-ordinate visits to or from family and friends; update the Christmas card list, taking account of births, marriages and deaths; write notes with general news, and comments about family history research; liaise with others about suitable gifts to avoid duplication and give real pleasure (some, especially children, make 'wish lists' which can be very helpful and revealing); organise the catering, decorations etc in keeping with family traditions, not least the making of the Christmas puddings on what became known, especially in England, as 'Stir up' Sunday – the 21 November in 2010. The association comes from the first words of the Collect for the Sunday before Advent in the Book of Common Prayer.

'Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen'

There are some parallel activities in our Society at this season: our list of members was up-dated with membership renewals for the year to 30 September 2011; the new mailing list which was produced only contains details of those whose membership runs to that date. Thus others will not receive this December journal. So, if you know of anyone who has not yet returned the white form from the October METROPOLITAN, do please stir them into action.

The Society's 'wish list' has an essential and very significant item at the top, as our present Treasurer is standing down (see page 49) so we need someone to replace him. Could this be you? See the centre pages for Nomination Forms.

The Editors thank all who have contributed to METROPOLITAN in 2010 and we look forward to receiving articles, jottings, letters, snippets and *help!* requests in 2011. We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and success with your research next year.

Rosemary A Roome

Please remember that the copy date for the next issue is
15 FEBRUARY 2011

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We have had great difficulties of late in getting together as a Committee. This has been the result in the first instance of accidents and ill health followed on by hospital tests. Then we were hit with the late holidays popular with the older generation keen to miss the crowded and noisy summer vacations. However a meeting has been arranged for 29 November.

No new projects have been started recently possibly due to the fact that many of our London based Members are now getting on in years. However we do have a group of volunteers who attend open days put on by other Societies and no doubt you may see a report elsewhere in this journal, giving details of how they got on. How about a project that everyone can take part in without leaving the comfort of their own home? We have all recorded the lives of our forebears both for ourselves and future generations but what about the gap in respect of our own life experience, which would make interesting reading once recorded. You could recall your first day at school, your home and how it was heated, remember the ice formed lace curtains on the inside of the window panes and the cold lino underfoot. Paint a picture of your local area including the long forgotten shops and services. Were you lucky enough to get away on holiday? Maybe you travelled on one of the now legendary steam trains with all the inherent discomforts, like smuts in the eye when leaning out of the window and there was always the gentleman traveller in the corner of the carriage wreathed in clouds of blue pipe smoke. I realise some of us are older than others in our Society but the younger generation have no concept of how things were in our early days. If, like me, you were born in the 30s and lived through the war years you will have a wealth of information to pass on, so start jotting things down. You could finish up with an article for METROPOLITAN or even a best seller. If nothing else it would provide a topic for the members' evening.

We have all found the various census records so very useful and if you feel able you can volunteer to get involved with the 2011 census by going to the Capita website: www.censusjobs.co.uk and get paid for your efforts.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.
Bill Pyemont

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

I refer to the 'Help' request in the July 2010 edition of METROPOLITAN regarding William Alexander CRUMP.

Although I am unable to provide any details as to his parentage, I am aware that the firm of solicitors, William A Crump, was in existence in the City of London until recently. The firm of Crump & Co succeeded William A Crump in 1994/1995, but sadly the firm ceased trading in July 1999.

It is worth Googling 'William A Crump + solicitors' to see what can be found. Indeed, I found an item under 'www.upholders.co.uk/part3.htm', which is on the website of the City Livery Company for Upholders (or Upholsterers). On this page there is shown that William CRUMP, Clerk was a liveryman from 1894 to 1905 and Master in 1906. He was also first mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Islington in 1900 to 1901.

It can well be surmised that if chair making was in the family, the immediate ancestors of William A CRUMP could be liverymen of the Upholders Company with the right to livery and freedom of the City of London passed down by patrimony. In these circumstances the description of 'humble chair maker' may not entirely be apposite. It would be worth checking with the Upholders Company to see what records they hold of the CRUMP family.

Similarly, it would also be worth checking with the Law Society as to their records of the CRUMP family who were admitted to the roll of solicitors.

However, I am not certain as to the extent it is possible to check these records, nor the cost or form of doing so. Both organisations have websites - at www.upholders.co.uk and www.lawsociety.org.uk respectively.

Colin Gilchrist, Member No. 4587

Having read *A Note from the Chairman* in October's METROPOLITAN which mentioned records of disappearing London buildings, you may be interested to hear that London Metropolitan Archives were given a donation of 80 albums of pub photographs by the widow of a man who spent his retirement cycling around London and environs taking these photographs and adding a bit of history of the place if possible. I do not know if these are yet in the public domain but as a volunteer I spent many happy hours with other volunteers repacking every one of those photographs!

Doreen Knights. Member No. 5788

Just a letter to say how I have enjoyed the October 2010 METROPOLITAN. I have photographed the Lord Mayor's coach in the past and sent the photo to a descendant of Lord Mayor Sir William CURTIS. I am related to Lady Curtis myself, through the old WINDSOR family of London.

I also appreciated the details about the horrors of Drury Lane in the mid 19th century. My 3xg-grandmother and two children were reduced to surviving there when her husband was sentenced to death, later commuted to Life transportation and sent to Tasmania. When he applied for his family to be sent to Australia there was a note added 'Wife in Drury Lane, recommended by the Doctor'. Fortunately the family was reunited following his request.

*Judith Stichbury, Non Member
New Zealand Society of Genealogy*



WANTED – A NEW TREASURER

In the July 2008 issue of METROPOLITAN I advised members of my intention to stand down as Treasurer with effect from the financial year ended 30 September 2008.

Two years later and I am still here – but not for much longer and this time I mean it! Some of you will be aware of my increasing domestic problems and I must now give more time to these at the cost of my other activities. I will, I hope, attend the Society AGM in February but will take no further action as Treasurer after 31 March 2011.

I will make available to any interested person full details of the Treasurer's duties and required skills. Anyone interested, and living in a convenient neighbourhood, should contact me in the first instance at brian.green@tesco.net or at my address shown in the front of this journal. As I said before, without a Treasurer, or any other Officer, the Society cannot function properly.

J Brian Green

HENRY WHINFIELD HORA

By Susan Hora, Member No. 3289

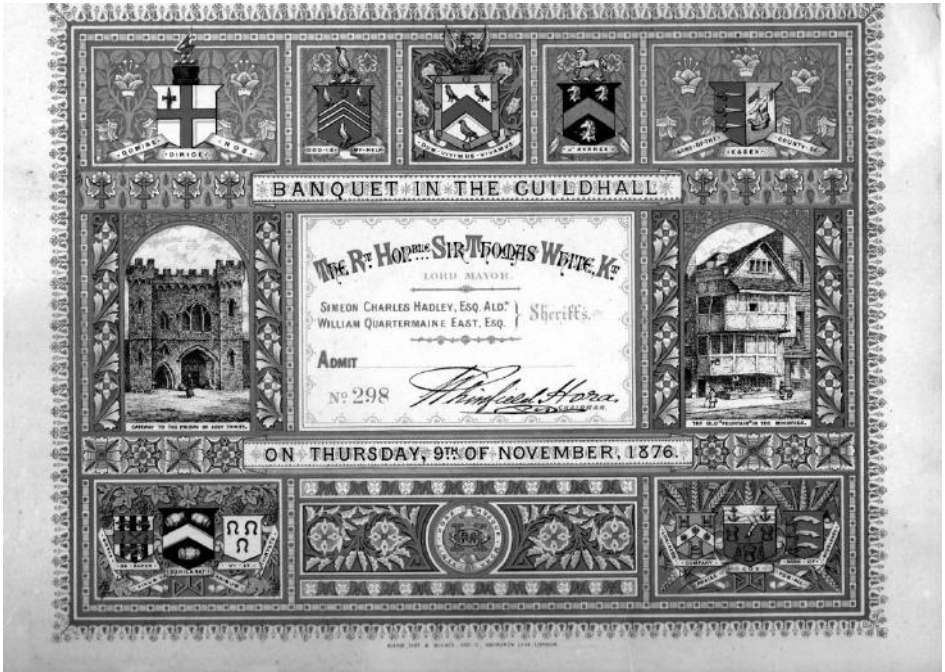
I was very interested in the article 'The Lord Mayor's Coach' by Rosemary A Roome on page 14 of the October 2010 issue of METROPOLITAN as my great-grandfather, Henry Whinfield HORA (known as Whinfield), was a member of the Court of Common Council for over 30 years, Chairman of numerous Committees, a liveryman of the Drapers and the Wheelwrights Companies, and Deputy Alderman for the Ward of Portsoken.

Whinfield HORA (born Kensington 1829, died Cheltenham 1904) was the fourth son of a surgeon and in 1850, at St. Mary, Islington, he married Elizabeth (born Islington 1831, died Brighton 1917), second daughter of the Rev George KING, a Congregationalist Minister. They had seven sons (one of them my grandfather and one died in infancy) and three daughters.

Whinfield began his career as a Chemist and Druggist, being apprenticed to Robert MACORD of No 58 Minories, City of London, at a cost of £120 (a lot of money in 1845!) Following MACORD'S death in 1855, Whinfield purchased the entire business, and later made speeches both in the Court of Common Council and before the Committees of both Houses of Parliament, advocating the building of Tower Bridge (finally opened in 1894) - wanting, of course, trade from the south bank of the Thames as well as the north! He was also Chairman of the Committee which organised the visit of Queen Victoria to Epping Forest in 1882, and on 30 April 1883, he handed the Mallet (in my possession) to the Chairman of the Special Guildhall Improvement Committee on the occasion of the laying of the first stone of the new Council Chamber, built from the designs and under the superintendence of Sir Horace JONES, City Architect.

Whinfield and Elizabeth HORA attended the Lord Mayor's Banquet each November for many years and I have beautiful invitation cards for the years between 1868 and 1895 (nine years missing) - all except two are in full colour. I also have 12 invitation cards for special events, the last one on Monday 5 July 1897, for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Reception and Ball in The Guildhall. All the invitations contain the printed names of the Lord Mayor and two Sheriffs and the signature of the Chairman of the relevant Committee. To give an idea of what they look like I attach a scan of the

invitation to the Banquet held on Thursday 9 November 1876, signed by Whinfield. Note the picture of the old 'Fountain' in the Minories on the right and Whinfield's monogram and motto, centre bottom (see picture below). If any reader thinks that their ancestor might be mentioned on one of these invitations (see list at the end of this article for details of people mentioned) and would like a colour copy of it, I should be pleased to provide it on receipt of two Large Letter stamps (first or second class).



Overleaf is a scan of a photograph of seven bewhiskered gentlemen which I believe (though I may be wrong) was taken at Chingford Station on the occasion of Queen Victoria's visit to Epping Forest in 1882 (photo by Herbert J LANE, New Southgate, N). Whinfield is standing second left but I have no idea who the other splendid gentlemen are. Can anyone identify them, please, and confirm the location?

Susan Hora, Member No. 3289,
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Names mentioned in the Invitation Cards and when they appear:

Frederick P ALLISTON	1887	Thomas CLARKE	1886
Albert J ALTMAN	1894	John Robert COOPER	1895
S Elliott ATKINS	1883	William James	1868, 1875,
Edward ATKINSON	1886	Richmond COTTON	1876
Edmond Kelly BAYLEY	1879	Lt Col COWAN	1883
James BELL	1886	Thomas DAKIN	1870
John BENNETT	1871	Major Horatio D	1887
Robert BESLEY	1869	DAVIES	
Thomas BEVAN	1878	Sydney T DAY	1881
Edgar BREFFIT	1875, 1876	Polydore DE KEYSER	1887
Blomfield BURNELL	1873	Joseph C DIMSDALE	1893, 1894
David BURNETT	1897	James L DOWLING	1895
George BURT	1878	William Quartermaine	1876
Joseph CAUSTON	1869	EAST	

James EDMESTON	1881	William Anderson OGG	1881, 1882
J H ELLIOTT	1870	Thomas Scamber OWDEN	1870, 877
John Whittaker ELLIS	1881, 1882	William H PANNELL	1886
David EVANS	1886	George PEPLER	1894
William FARMER	1891	Frederick PERKINS	1872, 1873
George FAUDEL PHILLIPS	1884, 1897	J N PIMM	1893
Robert N FOWLER	1881, 1883	John POUND	1895
T H FRY	1867, 1868	Sir Joseph RENALS	1894
Thomas GABRIEL	1867	James Thomson RITCHIE	1897
[?] GEORGE	1873	Robert Hargreaves ROGERS	1897
Sills John GIBBONS	1871	Marcus SAMUEL	1894
Charles GRIMWADE	1883	Joseph SAVORY	1891
Simeon Charles HADLEY	1876	Clarence SMITH	1883
George HAND	1894	John STAPLES	1877, 1886
(Sir) Reginald HANSON	1881, 1882, 1886, 1887	H Lowman TAYLOR	1868
Augustus H G HARRIS	1891	Robert TAYLOR	1878
Henry HARRIS	1875	(Sir) Francis Wyatt TRUSCOTT	1871, 1879
William Alpheus HIGGS	1887	George Robert TYLER	1893, 1894
Whinfield HORA	1876, 1882	James VALLENTIN	1869
Charles William C HUTTON	1868	George WALTER	1887
(Sir) Henry Aaron ISAACS	1876, 1886, 1887	Herbert J WATERLOW	1881
A JERSEY	1869	(Sir) Sydney H WATERLOW	1867, 1872, 1873
John Henry JOHNSON	1873	Thomas WEBBER	1872
Robert JONES	1870	(Sir) Charles WHETHAM	1873, 1878
W JONES	1876	Robert WHITE	1871
Lt Col Alfred KIRBY	1886, 1887	(Sir) Thomas WHITE	1872, 1873, 1875, 1879
Henry Edmund KNIGHT	1875, 1876	James WHITEHEAD	1884
James C LAWRENCE	1867, 1868	Sir Walter WILKIN	1895
Andrew LUSK	1873	William H WILLIAMSON	1891
Francis LYCETT	1867	A A WOOD	1897
William McARTHUR	1881	Charles WOOLLOTON	1879
John Voce MOORE	1893, 1894		
George Swan NOTTAGE	1875, 1884		

PHILIP CRICK AND MARY POND of Maiden Lane.

By Dennis Galvin, Member No. 1046

I am always inspired by photos and illustrations, indeed, I had not planned to do this article but was desperately looking for something else (we've all done it!) and came across an old Christmas card with a lovely water colour Christmas scene illustration of St Paul's, Covent Garden. I bought this at the church in 1997 and never sent it to anybody – couldn't part with it!

This also made me seek out a very small framed picture I cherish of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Westminster, which is captioned: 'THE NEW OPENING OF ST MARTIN'S CHURCH'. This will be before Trafalgar Square as we know it today and before the new square was built. Both of these two churches are family churches for me. Interestingly, I don't know if family historians realise it but those two buildings are only 300 yards apart so almost back on to each other, perhaps their graveyards once did.

My 4x gt grandparents Philip CRICK and Mary POND were married at St Martin-in-the-Fields in December 1798. They had at least seven children christened between 1799-1813 at St Paul's, Covent Garden, the very last baptism entry informs that Philip is a fruit salesman of Maiden Lane. Their third daughter Susanna(h) is my 3x gt grandmother, baptized in 1803, (I am fairly sure she was named after her CRICK grandmother). She married in 1823.

Maiden Lane is so narrow and even today has lots of character. It must have looked fabulous in Georgian and Regency times, although I doubt if the inhabitants thought that. I always think of the film *My Fair Lady* and the Stanley Holloway scene outside the church and feel quite sure my ancestor Philip balanced those distinctive baskets full of fruit and veg on his head before aspiring to salesman.

St Paul's church is known as the Actors' Church and for anybody who has never been there do plan a visit, it's so interesting with all those memorials to countless famous actors and entertainers. There is a Great War memorial in the church and a CRICK parishioner is recorded. I feel certain he will be part of my extended family.



Laughter also turns to sadness when you look in the burial registers. I counted sixteen CRICK burials between 1803-1850 which included Philip age 39 of Maiden Lane, buried October 1816 and Mary aged 45 also of Maiden Lane, buried May 1818. Thus they were born 1777 and 1773 respectively, Mary being four years older than Philip at their marriage. It seems conclusive to me that the Susan CRICK of Maiden Lane, buried aged 73 in 1832 is Philip's mother and it may be that the family originated in Suffolk, judging by the number of that name in the IGI as far back as the 1500s.

I always feel quite proud that I have associations with an area featured in a very famous film and yes my Philip and Mary did get to the church on time and, I am sure, suitably 'spruced up and looking in their prime'!

Sources:

Actors' Benevolent Fund, London WC2

Edward de Souza

International Genealogical Index

St Paul's Church, Covent Garden

Westminster Archives

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX STRAYS

The Society has been sent a package containing obituaries cut from Australian, Canadian and American newspapers. (many include a photo) Listed below are the names of the people born in London. If you are interested in a copy of the obituary, please contact the editors by email or post, enclosing a stamped and self-addressed envelope.

Name	Born	Died	Country	Née
Gainsborough, Laurence	11 Aug 1949	1 May 2007	Canada	
King, Albert Sidney S	15 Sept 1920	1 April 2007	Canada	
Kingerlee, Constance E	29 June 1920	6 March 2009	Canada	
Knight, Joan Irene	12 July 1917	2007	Canada	Lancaster
Kropinska, Diana	15 March 1912	5 March 2003	Canada	Ware
Lee, Iris Helen Keane	16 March 1918	22 Aug 2009	Canada	Thornton
Lee, Jo Patricia	7 Sept 1939	4 March 2009	Canada	
Leech, Doris Alice	13 May 1911	6 Oct 2008	Canada	
Leibl, Doris	1924	11 Jan 2006	Canada	Denny
Leversedge, Francis M	6 March 1934	10 Jan 2009	Canada	
Lunn, Ian Stuart	11 June 1938	6 Aug 2009	Canada	
MacLean, Harriet Emily	5 March 1916	8 Jan 2003	Canada	Jeffries
Martin, Douglas John	20 May 1942	11 Sept 2008	Canada	
Martin, Norman Sidney	20 Dec 1922	17 March 2006	Canada	
McDougall, Constance E	17 June 1925	29 June 2008	Canada	Hoskins
McGowan, Patricia	1923/4	21 June 2008	USA	MacGill
Morgan, Alan Tudor	1928	5 Sept 2008	Canada	
Morgan, Gillian M	16 March 1940	11 Aug 2006	USA	
Morrison, Elizabeth	8 May 1912	15 March 2008	Canada	Barden
Moyse, Graham Paul	6 Aug 1955	11 July 2006	Canada	
Muir, Roland	12 Nov 1928	21 March 2008	Canada	
Munday, George Mouitt	31 March 1916	20 Feb 2006	Canada	
Murch, Pamela (Betty)	1 July 1925	3 Feb 2009	Canada	George
Murphy, John Douglas J		15 Sept 2009	USA	
Neilland-Gatta, Sheelah		13 July 2007	USA	Poet
Nicolls, Dennis William	1932	15 Feb 2006	Canada	
Olsson, Comfort MWR	12 July 1919	13 Oct 2008	USA	Rose
Orenstein, Joan	1923	2009	Canada	Travell
Page, Jeffrey L		28 April 2006	USA	
Palmer, Gerald R	18 Feb 1930	10 Jan 2007	Canada	
Parsonson, Charles J		26 Jan 2007	Canada	
Patterson, Violet Rose	24 July 1911	20 July 2006	Canada	Nash
Pawsey, James Douglas	18 Nov 1944	19 April 2009	Canada	
Pickersgill, Charles	4 May 1919	24 July 2009	Canada	

Pisni, Lillian	1924	14 Feb 2007	Canada	Bloom
Poyton, Herbert Guy	24 Nov 1911	8 Dec 2007	Canada	
Ramsey, Audrey Helen	17 April 1917	27 Dec 2008	Canada	Meadmore
Regehr, Dorothy May	1 Jan 1921	24 March 2009	Canada	Mulkern
Richardson, Jean Eliz.	19 Sept 1922	2 Jan 2007	Canada	Rumbell
Roach, May Norma	16 Feb 1921	31 Oct 2005	Canada	Lucraft
Ronaldson, Anthony	1928	14 Dec 2008	Canada	
Ross, Emanuel		15 Dec 2005	Canada	
Ruse, William Harry	1911	23 Feb 2007	Canada	
Sanderson, Henry Arthur		15 Oct 2008	Canada	
Sargisson, Dudley Frank	1921	14 Sept 2001	Canada	
Savage, Harry Douglas	1919	24 Feb 2009	Canada	
Schwartz, Muriel	13 June 1913	24 Aug 2007	Canada	Hatto
Schwartz, Catherine	1918	30 Nov 2006	Canada	Borrer
Shargool, Peter Douglas	25 Feb 1935	6 Oct 2008	Canada	
Sexton, John	4 Nov 1928	20 March 2008	Canada	
Shaw, Angela	7 April 1945	20 Jan 2005	Canada	
Sheppard, Donald John	2 Feb 1923	15 Nov 2005	Canada	
Slyth, Joseph Nathan	23 April 1914	21 Feb 2008	Canada	
Stanley, Alan David	7 March 1935	2 Feb 2010	Canada	
Steggles, Robert Arthur	9 July 1926	23 May 2007	Canada	
Stevens, Ronald Phillip	22 Feb 1922	22 Feb 2000	Canada	
Stobie, William George	1 June 1911	18 July 2007	Canada	
Stodgell, Joan Mary	11 June 1921	26 Jan 2009	Canada	Hartnett
Stone, John Alexander P	22 July 1925	28 Jan 2008	Canada	
Stooke, Martin	1912 age 94	29 May 2006	Canada	
Story, Emily Beatrice I	9 Nov 1916	18 Feb 2009	Canada	
Stovold, Renee	10 May 1927	1 Dec 2008	Canada	
Sweetland, Les Thomas	26 Nov 1914	18 Nov 2005	Canada	
Sturgess, Richard R H	9 June 1918	2 Oct 2005	Canada	
Talbot, Reginald TA	12 June 1906	15 Sept 1999	Aust.	
Taylor, May Dorothy	2 Dec 1922	30 Dec 2005	Aust.	Spiers
Thompson, Gertrude F	9 March 1909	14 Nov 2005	Canada	
Thorne-Collison, DC	1918	14 Sept 2001	Canada	
Thurlow, Priscilla F	20 Dec 1914	11 Dec 2007	Canada	Morgan
Tytler, Stanley Henry	23 Nov 1923	18 Jan 2008	Canada	
Walker, Florence B	10 Oct 1907	26 Sept 2006	Canada	
Wayte, Patricia Mary	16 Jan 1925	10 April 2009	Canada	Woozley
Wikstrom, Sylvia	21 March 1924	1 Feb 2006	Canada	Johnson
White, Reginald B	3 Nov 1922	23 Oct 2005	Aust.	
White, Esther 'Eileen'	11 May 1915	7 Sept 2006	Canada	Collins
White, Leslie Archibald	26 Nov 1898	14 June 1998	Aust.	
Wiggins, Sidney	7 Aug 1920	19 Aug 2005	Canada	
Williams, Peter FCW	4 Nov 1932	22 March 2009	Canada	
Winson, George J	1914	19 Sept 2007	USA	
Yates, Patricia	20 Nov 1919	15 June 2007	Canada	O'Driscoll
Young, Florence Ivy	14 Oct 1910	27 Sept 2007	Canada	Pearce

JOTTINGS

Broomfield Park War Memorial

‘WAR DEAD PLAQUES RETURNED FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY’ ‘HEROES NAMES ARE RETURNED TO WAR MEMORIAL’ These were the headings to identical articles published in the *Enfield Gazette* and the *Enfield Advertiser* respectively in the week ending 6 November, advising residents of the London Borough of Enfield that permanent black granite plaques, commemorating Southgate’s war dead, had been installed at Broomfield Park, Palmers Green to replace the original bronze plaques which were stolen for scrap in August 2009. (METROPOLITAN October 2009).

The new plaques, paid for by the London Borough of Enfield and quarried and fashioned in Cumbria, are, as promised by the former administration, in place in time for Remembrance Sunday.

David Burrows, Conservative MP for Enfield Southgate, who has called for longer sentences for criminals who desecrate War Memorials, said ‘It’s important that we restore memorials like the one at Broomfield Park if they have been desecrated, but it’s also important we remain vigilant about the ones which have fallen into decay. One of my reflections on this event is that unfortunately the perpetrator is still at large’.

Anne Prudames, Member No. 0254

Home Movie Day

A chance glance at our Society’s website led me to the Cinema Museum, Kennington on 16 October to discover all about Home Movie Day (HMD). I am transferring films onto DVD for a *Who Do You Think You Are?* type presentation to inspire my relatives.

HMD started eight years ago in New York and now takes place annually worldwide. This was London’s fifth HMD and the most successful so far – providing over 100 visitors a chance to have their films checked and prepared for projection. The best bit is seeing them on the large screen! All FREE!!

The Cinema Museum is based in the administrative building and chapel of the old Lambeth Workhouse; former inmates included Charlie CHAPLIN as a child. This historic building now houses old projectors, movie posters and other cinema memorabilia.



On arrival, Lucy Smee from the British Film Institute introduced me to a film archivist from the BBC. I was amazed how thoroughly he examined, cleaned and repaired my standard 8 film. Other formats include: Super8, 9.5 and 16mm. Talking to him about my father's films triggered such happy memories.

David Cleveland, a veteran film archivist and founder of the East Anglian Film Archive, gave an illustrated presentation on early days of family film making in Britain, in the early 1900s.

My own film was shown on the big screen by an expert projectionist in front of a small audience. It was thrilling to relive my childhood days – except my 6th birthday party with me in a frilly frock in the middle of it!

Michael Powell's home movies, which included Humphrey Bogard off set, during filming of *The African Queen* were fascinating and DJ Foxtrot Fanny's atmospheric music on her wind up gramophone were most enjoyable. The tea and cakes stall was too tempting and I ate far too much.

I learnt about how and why to preserve old movies; along with the questions to ask anyone who might transfer the film for you. For example, what method they will use, as this will affect the copy quality. Apparently, these films are likely to outlive their modern VHS or DVD counterparts, so keep or donate the originals to an archive for safe storage.

Top marks to the BFI and Cinema museum volunteers. I thoroughly recommend this event next year.

Do you, like me, have forgotten treasures hidden away in the attic? You might consider including them as part of your family history, for future generations to enjoy.

For info:

British Film Institute Contacts: Lucy Smee (Screen Heritage UK Programme) (dearoldsmee@gmail.com), Lisa Kerrigan (TV Curator) www.homemovieday.com

The Cinema Museum, The Master's House, 2 Dugard Way, (off Renfrew Road), London SE11 4TH

Contact: 020 7840 2200 Website: www.cinemamuseum.org.uk

Acknowledgements to Lucy Smee and onedollyshoe at www.flickr.com for the photo of last year's HMD

Glynice Smith, Member No. 7210

Cleveland Street Workhouse

The Strand Union Workhouse in Cleveland Street, Fitzrovia was built in 1770 and is currently under threat of demolition. It was originally erected for the poor of the parish of St Paul Covent Garden on a then rural site, replacing the previous workhouse at Denmark Court – just in the nick of time as Denmark Court collapsed in 1787. The building has survived through both Old and New Poor Law eras (when Covent Garden merged with other parishes to become the Strand Poor Law Union) and right through the NHS era until 2005, ending up as the Outpatients' Department of the Middlesex Hospital. However, the Middlesex Hospital is now a pile of rubble and Camden Council are considering a planning application to demolish the Georgian building and build a high-rise block in its place.

This workhouse is one of the most important surviving Poor Law buildings in the London area for many reasons. The building is older than any other left standing nearby. A recent discovery has been that two of its wards are by Thomas Hardwick, who also renovated St Paul's Covent Garden after a fire in the 1780s. He was the architect of several important grade 1 listed buildings elsewhere, including the church at St John's Wood. The original H-plan of the Strand Union Workhouse building can be seen to have survived almost without alteration from the 1770s to now.

Cleveland Street's medical officer Dr Joseph Rogers was appointed to the post in 1856. He was appalled by what he found there and recorded his experiences in a book: *Reminiscences of a Workhouse Medical Officer*, which was published in 1889. (This book is available to view free online at: www.archive.org/details/josephrogersmdre00roge) Because workhouse guardians were mainly trying to spend as little money as possible on the poor, conditions in the workhouse were dreadful. In Cleveland Street, Dr Rogers found that all 20 wards were full of ill and dying people with only eight per cent were healthy. Dr Rogers argued that it was wrong to punish people for being sick, wrong to starve new mothers and wrong to force whole families into the workhouse when the breadwinner fell ill. He

worked with a passion for his own patients, treated them as human beings and campaigned to change the Victorian Poor Law, supported by other reformers including Louisa TWINING, Florence NIGHTINGALE and Charles DICKENS. A survey by the medical journal *The Lancet* in 1866 found 556 people sharing only 332 beds and it was the Lancet Sanitary Commission's reports about the terrible state of the London workhouses at this time which was instrumental in bringing about the great programme of infirmary building in the 1870s. Before his death in 1889, Dr Rogers had the pleasure of seeing things greatly altered with new infirmaries erected across Britain. In London, such hospital sites – like the Whittington, North Middlesex and the Chelsea & Westminster – still serve NHS patients today. The preservation of the Cleveland Street workhouse building would be a fitting testament to so many of the nation's poor whose lives were dominated by the poor law system right up until the foundation of the National Health Service in 1948.

For those wishing to help preserve this important building, there is an online petition at: www.workhouses.org

Open Day Visits

There was a steady stream of visitors to our stand at the West Surrey FHS open day on Saturday 6 November at Woking Leisure centre. The overall attendance seemed somewhat lower than it was last year and this was reflected in the level of our sales. However the location of the event draws visitors from a wide area-one from the Isle of Wight for example and someone passing through London canals for a few days. It was good to meet some of our members from outside our area and to receive some feedback about aspects of the Society. Alan Bladwin, Eileen Bostle, Margaret Garrod and I were kept busy dealing with a wide range of queries about family history in general and the problems of London research in particular. To those accustomed to a single Record Office in a simply defined County area, London's numerous archive repositories and its complicated administrative arrangements over the centuries are definitely a surprise.

The Society will be represented at the Bruce Castle Open Day from 11am-4pm on 12 February and the Buckinghamshire FHS Open Day which is scheduled for the end of July in Aylesbury. Further details in the next issue of METROPOLITAN. We look forward to seeing you at these events
Rosemary Roome, Member No. 2985

THREE TIMES LUCKY

By Ann Ferriss, Member No. 6547

During the time that my husband and I have been investigating our family tree, there have been occasions when we have been extraordinarily fortunate. I was born and grew up in Alford, a small town at the foot of the Lincolnshire Wolds, a few miles from the coast. We used to visit Alford regularly as a family from our home in Twickenham.

On one occasion in the late 1990s, my husband was alone in the town at dinnertime and decided to lunch at a small restaurant near the town centre. The restaurant was fairly busy, with no empty tables, so he shared a table with a man somewhat older than himself. He read the menu and waited to place an order. The waitress called over 'I'll be with you in a minute Mr Ferris.' He was pleased to be reassured of her attention, but was surprised that she knew his name. The waitress then came over to the table and took his companion's order! This amazed my husband; obviously his table companion was a namesake. When the waitress left, my husband introduced himself and started a conversation. The other man's name was Kenneth FERRIS and he came from Romford, Essex. He had retired to the small Lincolnshire coastal resort of Sutton-on-Sea. As far as he knew, his family was originally from Bath.

In the coming months, as our research continued, we came across records of this family in Bath. We were able to construct a simple family tree for them, mainly because of the names KIFFT and ASCOTT that had appeared on female sides of the family. These persisted as Christian names for some generations. We later discovered that this FERRIS family had originated in Sutton Benger in Wiltshire. At this time we knew nothing of our own Wiltshire roots, and as we had found no Bath connection between Ken's family and our own, we rather lost interest. My husband rang Ken once or twice for a chat to tell him how we were progressing. It appeared that Ken had been a Lancaster bomber pilot during the war and had been one of those who had completed thirty missions. However the last time we attempted to ring Ken, we were saddened to hear that he had died. Apparently he had had a heart attack whilst playing a snooker match at Sutton-on-Sea.

We later discovered that my husband's family tree also went back to Sutton Benger, and that there was a connection. We frequently recall this chance meeting with Ken. My husband is still amazed, and sometimes chilled, that he had chosen to sit down at that table in Lincolnshire with this quiet, well-spoken man who proved to be an eighth cousin, once removed, and that their common ancestor had been a John FERRIS, a cleric born in 1610!

During the summer of 2005, we arranged to stay a few nights in Wiltshire in order to make one or two visits and to obtain some information from the record office at Trowbridge. We had an interesting and-successful morning and were returning to our accommodation later that afternoon. We had no idea how more successful a combination of luck and circumstances were to prove. On the way, my husband suggested that we make a small detour to visit Salthrop Farm, near Wroughton, as we knew that this had been occupied by a Ferris family. We discovered a sizeable group of buildings which were undergoing various repairs and renovations. The site seemed to be deserted, so we parked the car to walk a little. The only signs of activity were in an outhouse in which some men were working. We asked whether they knew of anyone who might be able to tell us something of the farm's history. We learnt that the farm had recently changed hands and that the new owner was away. However, it was suggested we visit a lady half a mile away who had previously lived on the farm.

Her cottage was one of two on a bend in the road. There appeared to be nobody at home or in the cottage next door. Before leaving, my husband decided to look from the drive into the garden at the back in case somebody was working there. There wasn't, so we returned to the car. Just as we were getting in, a lady walked up the lane with a capable looking black dog and asked crisply 'Do you always go into people's gardens?' This put us on the back foot right away! We apologised, told her who we were and explained that somebody at the farm had sent us along as we were interested in its history. To our amazement, she told us that her maiden name had been FERRIS. We proceeded to tell her some of what we knew, with the result that we were kindly asked in for a cup of tea and further discussion. We discovered later that this lady was another eighth cousin of my husband's, now a Mrs. Gillian HORTON and a sixth cousin of Kenneth mentioned above. She showed us old pictures of the FERRIS family at the farm and said how interested she was in what we could tell her, as she knew little of the early FERRIS history.

We have since corresponded and exchanged further information. Later we were invited to return and stay a few days and meet her relations with FERRIS connections. We were made to feel very welcome. I frequently marvel at our luck in finding a workman to direct us, in having Gillian arrive just as we were leaving, and above all, in discovering she was a member of the group we had been trying to contact for some months.

As if the coincidence described above is not enough, a further truly remarkable meeting took place later that year. We took a short break at St. Abbs, Berwickshire, a small fishing village a few miles into Scotland, We had been advised at our B&B to take our evening meal at The Anchor, a pub in Coldingham, about three miles away. On arrival at The Anchor, we were unable to park. so moved on to a small, almost empty car park behind some cottages As we left the car, my husband noticed a nearby van marked 'Ferris Builders'. He decided to make a note of the phone number displayed, so that if we felt lucky, we might ring after returning home. As my husband was taking this down. a man walked up to the van carrying keys. We approached him and asked whether he was Mr FERRIS. He said yes, and my husband told him that his name was FERRIS(S) also and that we had been researching the name for some time. We asked him whether he knew which part of the country his family had originated. He said, 'My grandfather came from Swindon.' My husband told him that we were in contact with a family from there, and then this man told us that this grandfather had been Edward, an auctioneer. We were amazed at this point, and when my husband mentioned that we had contacted Gillian, he said that she was his cousin! This man was Jeffrey David FERRIS, son of Jeffrey John (Jack) FERRIS of Salthrop Farm.

After introductions and handshaking all round, he invited us back to meet his wife and son for a coffee after we had eaten. This we did, with plenty to discuss. He was very interested in the research we had done, and was able to fill in some gaps for us that very evening. Before leaving, we promised to send him the facts we had, together with details of the connections with our own tree. The following day he rang our B&B kindly inviting us to supper the next day, but we were unable to accept as we had planned to return that morning. After we had returned home, my husband rang Gillian with the news. She asked him for his number and address, and as he gave her the details, it occurred to us that perhaps our research was helping to bring this family together.

LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Society will be held at The Institute Room, London Family History Centre, 64-68 Exhibition Road, London SW7 2PA on Saturday 12 February 2011.

Business

- The Report of the Chairman
- The Report of the Secretary
- The Annual Accounts
- The election of the Officers of the Society:
 - a) Chairman
 - b) Secretary
 - c) Treasurer
- Any other ordinary business

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This past year has been a bad one for the Society when one takes into account the fact that our Treasurer suffered a heart problem and although just out of hospital in February was unable to attend the AGM. The AGM itself resulted in a broken hip for our Membership Secretary/Bookstall Manager who finished up convalescing in Northamptonshire.

Our fiche sales have been slowly declining and a committee resolution was made to either put the data on our web site free to members and possibly make it pay per view for non members. Another solution would be to put everything onto CD/DVD. Many Societies are handing their data over to Find My Past in partnership with the Federation of Family History Societies. The resulting work would be made available on the Findmypast web site as a pay per view item. The data would remain the property of the Society who would also have free access on line. Whichever course we take the data has to be converted into electronic format, for example MS Excel or some other spreadsheet. Therefore our first task has been to locate hard copy of our holdings. If we choose the second option the data needs to be converted to word or PDF format. Progress will be reported at the AGM in February.

At the time of writing this report in early November the Membership Secretary informs me that a lot of our members have not renewed their subscriptions.

In closing it only remains for me to thank all those involved with the running of the Society over the past year both at executive and branch level.

William Pyemont
Chairman

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This has been another busy year, filled with emails and the occasional letter through the post. Many of the enquiries I have received have been of a specifically genealogical nature. As I am not an expert, I can only try to point enquirers in the right direction, frequently this is the local archive centre of one of the London Boroughs. I realise London is a very confusing place and researching here can be quite daunting. However, the 'Help!' section of our journal METROPOLITAN is available for those wanting real answers to their questions. There is also a wealth of information on our website including full details of our publications and our members' interests. Thanks to our webmaster, Peter Walker, for all he is doing to keep the website up-to-date and to others who contribute to this resource. Make sure your interests are updated and there.

Bad weather, accidents and illness have meant that this has been a difficult year for the Committee and we have had fewer meetings than usual. We are still investigating ways of making our research materials more easily accessible, especially for our overseas members. We are also looking for new ways to promote the Society in this time of financial 'belt-tightening'. At the moment we do this mainly through leaflets in libraries and archives and also at family history fairs. Some events were cancelled this year, but our thanks go to the small group of members who represent us at fairs, selling our publications and answering the queries of those trying to trace ancestors in our area.

Branches continue to provide excellent programmes of talks for members in the London area, but it is very sad that Wembley Branch is unable to continue meeting at St John's, its venue for many years, because of major building works at the site. We seem to have made little progress with projects over the past year and Doreen Heywood, our Projects Officer, would like to know of any indexing or MI

projects that members have started or are thinking of starting in our area with a view to encouraging others to get involved.

You will have noted that the venue for the next AGM is the London Family History Centre in South Kensington. Until a couple of years ago the AGM was held at Wesley's Chapel in the City. When numbers attending fell and the cost of hiring the Hall rose, it was decided to use the Branch venues, which were cheaper and more familiar to our London members. We have since held AGMs at Enfield and Rayners Lane. Last February someone mentioned to me that there were members living in the Home Counties who would have attended the AGM, had it not been such an awkward journey. After discussing this in Committee it was decided to look for a more central location for the 2011 AGM. The 'free' morning allows you to do research at any London archive, but I do hope more people will be able to attend the afternoon talk and the AGM (rail strikes and tube-upgrades permitting).

Tricia Sutton
Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT
for the year ending 30 September 2010

The Treasurer apologises
that he has not been able to prepare a Report
or submit any Accounts
by the time METROPOLITAN went to press.

These items will be produced for the AGM
on Saturday 12 February 2011.

LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX FHS

Research Day and Annual General Meeting
Saturday 12 February 2011

The Institute Room, The London Family History Centre,
64-68 Exhibition Road, London SW7 2PA

The Programme for the Day

The Centre opens at 10am. The morning will be free for us to do our own research and staff will be available to show us round and help us access the Centre's amazing collection. The search room is not very large, but we will have sole use of the Institute Room throughout the day, where we will have our own publications for sale and will be able to chat with other members. (The Centre closes at 6pm, so there will be further opportunity to use the search room after the AGM)

Lunch: No food or drink may be consumed in the Institute Room. There is a very small lunch room at the Centre where a few at a time can eat a packed lunch. You will need to bring your own drinks as well, as we cannot provide the usual refreshments. Alternatively, there is a good cafeteria in the Science Museum just opposite the Centre. This would enable a larger group to eat together.

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| 1.30pm | Welcome and Registration |
| 1.45pm | Talk: <i>Emigration and Immigration Records at the London FHC</i> by Elder James Price |
| 2.45pm | Registration for those only attending the AGM |
| 3.00pm | The Business of the Annual General Meeting of the Society |

Travel Directions:

The nearest Underground Station is South Kensington on the Circle District and Piccadilly Lines. It is then a short walk through the tunnel from the station to the final exit at the Science Museum. The LDS Church and Family History Centre are directly opposite.

LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting
to be held on
Saturday 12 February 2011.

Nomination Form for Election of Officers

Position: CHAIRMAN

Nominee:..... Mem No.....

Proposed by:.....

Signature..... Mem No.....

Seconded by:.....

Signature..... Mem No.....

Date..... Agreed by Nominee.....

Position: HON. SECRETARY

Nominee:..... Mem No.....

Proposed by:.....

Signature..... Mem No.....

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Signature..... Mem No.....

Date..... Agreed by Nominee.....

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Position: HON. TREASURER

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Any Other Business

I wish to raise the following matter under Any Other Business

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Name:..... Mem No.....

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To be received no later than Tuesday 1st February 2011.

A VICTORIAN MYSTERY And Some Questions Arising

By Ron Phelps, Member No 7284

My maternal grandfather was born in December 1861 at 9 Suffolk Street, Westminster. He was named George Money FREEMAN. His mother was Jane FREEMAN ('formerly FREEMAN' - presumably her maiden name); his father, who registered the birth a month later, is given as George FREEMAN ('gentleman') of same address; the latter disappears from the 'research radar', except on Jane's Death certificate (1889) where she is described as 'widow of George FREEMAN of independent means', her death having been registered by my grandfather under his then changed name of FERMOR.

At the 1861 Census of Suffolk Street Jane is recorded: as 'married, lodging house keeper' - no husband George! The 1871 Census has, strangely, not survived. A trawl through Marriage Indexes under Jane and George FREEMAN for common Districts of marriage and Vol/Page Nos for 1850s and 1860s proved abortive. There are too many George FREEMANs in the Death Indexes to find his death, without expense.

Grandfather went to Sherborne School, Dorset 1875-78; the register describes him as son of Mrs Jane FREEMAN of 9 Suffolk Street (no mention of his father, so presumably he had died). At the 1881 Census he was still living (aged 19) in Suffolk Street with his mother, now 'upgraded' to Hotel Keeper, widow, aged 49. In 1883-84 he attended the Royal College of Music; but on his Application Form he gives the same home address but now calls himself FERMOR, and also describes his father as 'George Henry FERMOR, deceased'.

Grandfather became a singing teacher in Brentford where his children were born: the first (1885) registered (by him) under the name of FREEMAN; the 4 others (1887-1901) registered (by their mother Harriet) in the name of FERMOR, under which name his death is recorded (1926). The FERMOR Society has a complete list of FERMOR births, marriages and deaths; but the Society can throw no light on him. Despite extensive search, no marriage to Harriet (née WHITE) has been found, although at the 1911 census they say they had been married 26 years!

Now comes a most curious mystery! A researcher into the MONEY family discovered the birth in January 1884, in Camden Town, of an Alice ... MONEY with the following extraordinary forenames:

‘Alice Jane Winifred Fermor Money Freeman whose father is given as George Henry Fermor Money Freeman MONEY’

(under the signature: ‘GHFME MONEY’).

Alice MONEY's many names are also recorded in the *London Gazette* (1944) and in her Will and Death Certificate, 1982 in Edgware. Her ‘father’s’ names also appear as the names of the groom (aged 28) on a certificate of marriage, in Lambeth, two months earlier, under the signature of ‘GH MONEY’ (aged 28*) whose father is given as ‘George Henry Fermor MONEY, deceased’. Alice’s mother's surname was SCARISBRICK, which I happened to notice was the surname of a widow (aged 45) living at No 11 Suffolk Street in 1861! Research shows that Alice’s mother was an actress.

* ‘George Henry MONEY’ (see next paragraph) would then have been aged about 66 and my grandfather aged 22!

Research also revealed that there was a George Henry MONEY, a non-practising barrister, living in 1861-71 in Jermyn Street, which is not far from Suffolk Street. He is described in *A Plantation Family* (about MONEY families) as ‘a wealthy man-about-town ... a buck ...and a famous ladies man’. He was born in India in 1818, went to Eton and Cambridge and died in Cairo in 1888, but was buried in the churchyard of the family church in Much Marcle, Herefordshire. He appointed his brother Alonzo as executor of his will, which contained an unusual bequest: ‘to apply £500 for a particular purpose which I have explained to him’. My mother remembered an ‘Uncle’ Alonzo visiting the family!

And now to the questions!

1. Who was my grandfather's father?
2. Why was grandfather given the forename ‘Money’?
3. Why did he change his surname; why to FERMOR?
4. Who paid his fees (?expensive) for Sherborne School and the RCM?
5. Did he attend a ‘prep’ school (perhaps in Westminster) before

Sherborne?

6. Did he have local private music lessons before the RCM?
7. Why did he choose to live in Brentford?
8. Did he marry my grandmother Harriet? If not, why not?
9. Who was the father of Alice.....etc.....MONEY?
10. Who was the groom who married Alice's mother? (not necessarily the same person as the father of Alice!)
11. What was the purpose of the special bequest in will of George Henry MONEY?
12. The photo of a Victorian lady is thought to have been found among my grandfather's papers, torn up; is she his mother Jane FREEMAN?



Any comments or suggestions will be gratefully received.
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CHARLES OSWIN, MRCS

By Mrs Linda Hall, Member No. 7600

My interest in family history began with a 6-foot roll of paper with a family tree of the DAVIS family, my maternal grandfather's side of the family. His father Thomas Henry DAVIS ('Grandpa DAVIS') married Louisa Ann OSWIN ('Granny DAVIS') on 24 July 1873. Her parents were Richard OSWIN and Ann BONGARD ('Granny OSWIN'). There is a tantalising note next to Richard's name saying 'Gentleman. Went to India, left wife and Louisa in Southampton. Lots of cousins in India!' While I have no idea if there really are lots of cousins in India, the OSWIN family have proved unusually intriguing!

Although Louisa Ann OSWIN was born in Southampton on 30 January 1855, the OSWIN family seem to have come from the London area. Richard OSWIN and Ann BONGARD were married in St Alphege's Church, Greenwich on 7 August 1866 – 11 years after their daughter was born! Ann BONGARD was born 20 August 1829 in Angmering, Sussex, so it also seemed odd that she wasn't married there. I then found that in 1861 an Ann OSWIN 29, unmarried, born Angmering was a servant at The Grange, West Heath, Hampstead in the household of Thomas GREENWOOD (shipowner). I assume this is Ann BONGARD, using the name OSWIN several years before the marriage. Her daughter meanwhile was in Stepney with her grandmother Frances BONGARD (née CORNEY). Louisa's birth certificate gives her father's occupation as 'steward, steam vessel' which may explain why the family ended up in Southampton; Richard, Ann and Louisa are all there in 1871 living at 2 Hanover Buildings, Richard listed as a steward, born London, Middlesex and Ann as a shopkeeper, green grocer.

The 11-year gap between Louisa's birth and her parents' marriage suggested that there might be a first wife lurking somewhere. Sure enough, FreeBMD listed a marriage in 1844 between Richard OSWIN and Henrietta Theresa HURLEY. I sent for both marriage certificates, and found that both showed a certain disregard for the truth! The 1866 certificate gives Richard's occupation as steward and lists him as a bachelor – clearly untrue as he was either still married or a widower. It also says that both he and Ann were resident in Greenwich, but I wonder if this was

simply a residence of convenience to enable them to get married in a church where they were not known. His father was Charles OSWIN, surgeon (pictured below), hers was George BONGARD, builder. The 1844 certificate gives Richard's occupation as 'Gentleman' (by birth if not by behaviour!) and states that both he and his bride were of full age. In fact he was 20 and she was 17, proof that even official documents may not give us



the true facts. Richard was living at 72 Harley Street and his father was Charles OSWIN, surgeon, proof that it is indeed the same Richard OSWIN. Henrietta was living at 17 Arundel Street, father Charles HURLEY, attorney. The witnesses are two of Henrietta's siblings, and I wonder whether their parents even knew about the marriage, let alone approved of it given their young ages.

I have not found any evidence of children of this first marriage, and in 1851 Henrietta is listed as 24, head of household, married, living in Brompton Square, Kensington with her sister, a

nephew and a servant. Richard was presumably at sea. Henrietta does not show up in any subsequent censuses, but a passenger list for 1856 for the American barque *Element* has a Mrs OSWIN and a Mr 'VANSIN' (mis-transcribed OSWIN?) as passengers who left Bombay 1 July and arrived in Calcutta 23 July. This ties in with the note on my original family tree that

Richard went to India. Did he suggest that his wife accompanied him to make sure there was no chance of her meeting up with Ann BONGARD and baby daughter Louisa? I have assumed that the two women did not know about each other. I wondered if Henrietta had died by 1866, perhaps in India but sadly this was not the case and the marriage to Ann BONGARD was bigamous. Poor Henrietta's death certificate shows that she died of breast cancer aged 63 in the Middlesex Hospital on 14 June 1891, 'widow of Richard OSWIN, seaman merchant service'; her death was registered by her sister E HURLEY of 54 Exeter Street, Marylebone. Richard had already died by now, in Southampton on 25 April 1873 aged only 48; the cause of death was given as dropsy. Was Henrietta still in India at this point? If not, the two widows might have come face to face at the funeral, which would have been interesting to say the least! The widowed Ann was living with her daughter Louisa Ann DAVIS and son-in-law Thomas Henry DAVIS in 1881 and she was still with them in Lewisham in 1891 and 1901. They then moved to Cornwall, and Ann died on 29 September 1905 at Trelinda, St Merryn, near Padstow, where DAVIS cousins still live. She too was recorded as widow of Richard OSWIN, 'purser, steamship service'.

I needed to find the rest of the OSWIN family and with much help from people on Genes Reunited and other websites I now have a very interesting picture. My 3x great grandfather Charles OSWIN was born 1802 in Southgate, Middlesex and in contrast to his son Richard he seems to have been a pillar of society. He married Anna Frances HALL (born 1804 in Denham, Bucks) at St Marylebone on 22 August 1822 and they had 9 children between 1823 and 1841 (Charles 1823-84, Richard 1824-73, Frederick 1826-90, Arthur 1828-89, William 1831-41, Fanny 1832-?, Edward 1835-?, Jane 1836-? and Fanny 1841-1934). In 1824 Charles became a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons and a Licentiate of the Apothecaries' Hall, and the family lived in Harley Street until 1848, when they moved to Kent. In 1841 Charles and Anna were living in Harley Street with five children; Richard had presumably either gone to sea or left home for some other reason, and Arthur was away at school in Rickmansworth. Fanny born 1832 must have died by the time of the 1841 census, and the last child of the family, born 9 June 1841, was christened Fanny Louisa. In 1851 Charles and Anna are at Little Pits Hall, Hawkhurst, Kent with daughter Fanny 9 and son Frederick 24, dentist. Eldest son Charles Hannay

OSWIN (1823-1884), author, fiction, was living in College Place, Maidenstone Hill, Greenwich in 1851 with his wife Louisa née THOMAS (born Exeter c1825, died 1874) and daughter Fanny aged 1. Also in 1851 son Arthur Smith OSWIN (1828-1889) 23, wood engraver, was a visitor at 32 Tonbridge Street, St Pancras, the home of Joseph C REED 27, artist, painter, born Tavistock, Devon. The pair of them turn up again in 1861, both still unmarried and now boarding at the George Inn, Burnham, Bucks. The rest of the family proved remarkably elusive in 1861 and it took me a long time and a lot of help to find out why.

In 1861 Charles Hannay OSWIN, now described as author and medical herbalist, is living at 5 Deptford Bridge, Greenwich with wife Louisa and 3 children, but the family is now going under the surname SHERIDAN. They were still using this name in 1871, when Charles and Louisa can be found at 9 Military Road, Dover. Louisa died in 1874 and in 1881 he is back in London at 67 Newman Street, St Marylebone with his second wife Emma, and has reverted to his OSWIN surname. It all seems very strange. The reason I could not find the rest of the OSWIN family in the 1861 census was because they had gone to America. This discovery came completely out of the blue, with brief but very useful information in Charles OSWIN senior's obituary, published in the British Medical Journal for 22 March 1890. This says that he volunteered his medical services for the Crimean War in 1855 and for the American Civil War in 1860. The family moved to a small farm at Middleton near Madison, Wisconsin; the 1860 American census lists Charles as a farmer, with wife Anna (now 'Annie') and daughter Fanny. Edward and Jane seem to have joined them soon after, certainly before the 1861 census. The obituary states that Charles 'joined the American service as Surgeon with the rank of Major. He served through the war, having charge of military hospitals, and also of the smallpox hospital at Madison.' After Anna died in 1869 Charles returned to England and in the 1871 census he was living at 2 Weymouth Street, Portland Place with son Frederick, dentist, Frederick's wife Caroline and their three children. Later that year, on 20 June 1871 he married Sarah Eleanor HARMER (born 1842 in Hawkhurst, Kent) at the parish church of St Marylebone; she was resident in the parish of St Mary Abbots, Kensington. In 1881 they are in Hawkhurst living at the North Grove Lunatic Asylum with Sarah's father William HARMER, the proprietor of the asylum, his

wife Sarah and another daughter Frances HARMER, 38 and unmarried. Charles died 3 March 1890 aged 88.

So far I have been unable to trace the family any further back. The 1871 marriage certificate says that Charles' father was also Charles OSWIN, gentleman and his obituary says that he was a West Indian merchant, but I know nothing beyond these bare facts. There is a marriage in Marylebone on 7 Feb 1816 between a Charles OSWIN Esquire of St Marylebone and Mary Catharine SMITH, spinster of St Luke's, Chelsea, which could be a second marriage for Charles' father except that he is listed as bachelor. However, as I have already found that certificates do not necessarily give totally correct information, this may be irrelevant! If anyone can supply any further information on the OSWINS, or on the HURLEYS, the family of Richard's first wife, I would be most interested. You can contact me at: Sunnyfield, 3 Church Row, Redwick, Magor, Monmouthshire NP26 3DE. Email: hall.email@virgin.net



WEBSITE NEWS

AIM25

AIM25 is a major project to provide free electronic access to collection level descriptions of the archives of over one hundred cultural organizations, learned societies, livery companies and higher education institutions within the greater London area. Archives held in these institutions fall into two categories: those created by that institution, documenting its history and development (for example the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden); and others which have been deposited at that institution but created by other individuals or organisations (such as the collections held at London Metropolitan Archives).

The website is used by a wide range of researchers including academics, students, genealogists and members of the general public as a discovery tool to locate information about collections in the London area. The archives come in a variety of formats, for example manuscripts, photographs, maps, sound recordings and videos and cover a huge range of

subjects to which new data is being added regularly. Examples of some of the collection are:

- Twentieth century military and defence staff private papers from the Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives, King's College London
- Missionary records from the School of Oriental and African Studies
- Refugee studies from the University of East London
- Records from the Hospital and Home for Incurable Children, (1875-1919) held at the Royal Free Hospital Archives Centre

The website is very easy to use and can be searched by subject, place, repository, personal name or corporate name. AIM25 is run by a central team based at King's College London Archives, with technical support provided by the University of London Computer Centre. Its web address is: www.aim25.ac.uk

Workhouse and Poor Law Record

The National Archives has launched a new online resource providing free access to thousands of Victorian workhouse and poor law records. This project involved more than 200 volunteers and was part of an 18 month long project. It contains records from 21 Poor Law Unions and includes the correspondence between the union and the central authorities, providing a fascinating insight to life in the workhouse. There is a wealth of information from details of individual paupers, cases of neglect and cruelty, and workhouse staff to education, building work, local politics and labour history, such as trade unions, Chartism and friendly societies. There are more than 115,000 scanned original images from 108 volumes of records, searchable by place, name and subject. All the records start at 1834, the year of the Poor Law Amendment Act which was introduced to centralise poor relief administration, which had previously been the responsibility of the parish. To search these poor law and workhouse records visit: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline



A PICTURE OF CHARLOTTE

By Dennis Stacey, Member No. 3248

If there was one thing missing from my family history it was a photo of my great great grandmother, Charlotte.

It was not until I had put the history on a website that contact was made by a descendant of Charlotte's daughter Jane, who furnished me (oh joy of joys) with pictures of both Charlotte (pictured left), her sister Mary (pictured opposite), and Charlotte's daughter Jane with her husband George ARKLE and their family (overleaf).



Edworth is, or was, a small village to the south of Biggleswade. In the morning of 5 August 1837 a daughter was born there to Edward and Edith BURNAGE. She was named Charlotte and her father was a labourer, probably employed on a local farm. Charlotte is, so far, the first of my ancestors to have been registered under the then new legislation requiring registration of all births, deaths and marriages. The village today is but a shadow of its former self. There is a large farmhouse, possibly the former manor house and just one other house some little distance away. One can estimate the original size of the population by reference to the size of the church. St George's Church, Edworth is not very large but apart from the two houses mentioned there is no trace of the many cottages around the church that must have housed the population. Edworth Church is now in the care of The Redundant Churches Trust. The key is kept by the occupant of the farmhouse and is available for anybody wishing to inspect the church. On the occasion of a visit some few years since, the farmer advised that he had had a number of visitors inspecting the church and some had the same name, BURNAGE, as Charlotte.

In time Charlotte obtained employment at nearby Southill, the village and estate belonging to the WHITBREAD family, the prominent London brewers. Precisely where she was employed is not known. It could be in service at the big house or on a farm as a dairymaid. Employment opportunities for girls were strictly limited in rural areas at that time. In

1859 Charlotte was to marry at All Saints Church Southill. This gives the clue as to where she was working at the time as brides invariably married in the parish where they were living. The bridegroom was my great great Grandfather, Joseph STACEY, son of the village and estate blacksmith and his wife Sarah, née WILTSHIRE. Joseph was also a blacksmith, he was 24 at this time and Charlotte was 21. Their wedding was in June and was followed by the birth of the first born, my great Grandfather Samuel, the following December at Stamford Mill. Such 'short' pregnancies were not uncommon at the time. After Samuel, another son, Thomas, was born in 1862, then two daughters, Jane in 1865 and Matilda in 1868. It must have been shortly after Matilda's arrival that the family moved from the Southill area to Biggleswade. What caused the move we cannot know, but times were hard in the agricultural world and many farmers were changing from arable to livestock farming, which is much less labour intensive. Around this time the import of large quantities of corn from America and the Empire began. Also farming technology was developing, making the industry much more efficient and requiring less labour. For Joseph and Charlotte the move to Biggleswade must have been quite exciting. After the life in Southill they must have found the town life so different. Joseph and Charlotte lived in a house called 'Rose Cottage' in what was called The Baulk in Biggleswade. Great grandfather Sam often referred to the happy days spent at 'Rose Cottage' when living in London many years later. We do not know what Joseph was doing for a living in Biggleswade, but the railway had passed through the town in 1850, which must have made an enormous difference to the trade of the place both in exporting and importing trade with far away places previously beyond economic reach. This offers the thought that possibly Joseph was employed by the railway company. They had much work for blacksmiths as they operated a huge number of horses.



In the event the sojourn at Biggleswade was not of long duration. Sometime in 1873 or early 1874 the family were off again, this time to London. Again the thought arises that perhaps the railway had offered the

chance for Joseph to transfer to the big city as the family settled into number 21 Nailor Street off Caledonian Road in North London. This is quite near Kings Cross, the main line London terminus of the railway that ran through Biggleswade. As yet we cannot confirm this but it would have been difficult for Joseph to up sticks to London without a confirmed job in prospect. In time the family moved to 27 Blundel Street just a few hundred yards away. In 1881 Charlotte was to produce yet another son, William Timothy, on 18 of April. This after a gap of seven years and in her 44th year!! William was to be the last of the brood and some time later the family moved to Georges Road where Joseph was to spend the rest of his life; he died there at the age of 77 on 13 August 1912. Charlotte lived on until 1924 when she was to die in the Old Folks Home, St John's Road, Holloway, at the age of 86. Although I had two photos of Joseph, the one big hole in the family history was the absence of a photo of Charlotte. Every time I found a new connection with the family I was hopeful that they would have a photo of my great great grandmother

Below is a picture of Charlotte and her daughter Jane, her husband George



ARKLE, and their family. In the photos Charlotte looks somewhat careworn. This perhaps indicates just how hard life was for our ancestors. For much of Charlotte's life in the 19th century she would have had no indoor plumbing, water on tap, no electric or gas lighting, no gas cooker, no central heating, washing machine or dishwasher, in fact none of the things we take so much for granted now. It is interesting to imagine, if our ancestors came back today, how we would explain television, mobile phones, computers and the internet.

The mind boggles at the thought. We don't recognize how lucky we are living now, compared to the hard lives of our forbears.

Stacey web-site <staceysbedford.org.uk>

Please set out your *help!* request as clearly and succinctly as possible.

All surnames should be in CAPITALS.

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subsequent entry and for all entries from non-members. Don't forget to include your contact details and your membership number.



Help!

TOTHILL FIELDS PRISON

I am trying to find information about Tothill Fields Prison or Bridewell which used to stand near to where Westminster Cathedral has been built. My great-grandmother was born in the prison in 1874 and I would like to find the records. Any advice would be most welcome.

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Note: Tothill Fields/Bridewell prison was the Westminster House of Correction. If your great grandmother was born in the prison it is likely that her mother was sentenced at Westminster quarter sessions or perhaps at a police court. What records survive for the prison or for the Westminster Law Courts will be held at Westminster City Archives, 10 St Ann's Street, London SW1P 2DE, Tel: 020 7641 5180, website: www.westminster.gov.uk/services/libraries/archives/

88 ALEXANDRA ROAD, ST JOHN'S WOOD/HAMPSTEAD

I wonder whether any readers have information on the property 88 Alexandra Road, St John's Wood, during the 1930s. (I think it is now considered to be in Hampstead rather than St John's Wood.)

I am researching my family history and have found that an unmarried relation gave 88 Alexandra Road as her address, on her child's birth certificate, when the child was born at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in the summer of 1933. She was identified as a cook (domestic) on the certificate.

I thought maybe this address was where she was employed as a cook, but the Electoral Registers for 1932, 1933 and 1934 show number 88 as 88/90, and list two women's names (a different two each year and none of them my relation) each registered to vote in general but not local elections.

So, I wondered whether this address was a home for unmarried mothers or a mother and baby home, as I believe there were quite a large number of these homes in the St John's Wood area during the 1930s.

I would be very pleased to receive any information about this property, or anything else that you think may be of interest to me, however small or insignificant it may seem. Thank you very much.

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LILES

My Grandfather Walter George LILES was born on 12 November 1857 at 35 Rawstorne Street, Clerkenwell, Middlesex. He served 12 years in the Royal Navy, then is shown on the 1891 census as Single, age 32, occupation Telegraph Wireman, lodging with his sister Alice and her husband John William STONE, at a block of Artisans' dwellings 303 Bartholomew Buildings, Peartree Street, St. Luke Old Street.

I have the birth certificate for Walter George LILES junior born 24 September 1892 which shows my Grandfather married to a Susan INGRAM. I also have a further three birth certificates for their children, Louisa Emma born 28 July 1894, Charles John born 30 October 1895 and Clara Emily born 5 September 1896, all showing Walter and Susan as married.

Sadly Susan LILES died on the 23 July 1900 and is buried in St. Pancras and Islington Cemetery in a private grave in Non-Conformist Ground. Her husband and eldest son were later buried in the same grave.

I have the second marriage of Walter Geo LILES to Emily MEEK on the 24 October 1901 at Holborn Register Office. Walter is shown as a widower.

I collect all references to the LILES surname but have been unable to trace a marriage for Susan INGRAM and Walter LILES. It has been suggested that maybe Susan was using a second name instead of her first name, or that she may have had a step-father and been born under a different name, or that Walter and Susan were not really married. Any help or advice would be very much appreciated.

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NASH

Albert Henry NASH, groom, married Nellie BUTLER on 6 September 1903. She was the daughter of Alfred Joseph and Georgina née DRUMMY and was born 1884 in Marylebone. 1911 found her living in Lambeth, also there was her sister Lily BUTLER aged 23 and Charles Alexander LANE. All 3 were variety artistes. Does anyone know what these people did on the stage or indeed I would be pleased to hear from anyone with news of them.
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Note: There is a fantastic music hall and theatre history website which contains a wealth of information and has a section on variety artistes at: www.arthurlloyd.co.uk. Whether your people are mentioned here or not, it will provide excellent background material.

SNOWLING

I am researching a John James SNOWLING who was baptised on 17 July 1814 at St Michael's in Broome, Norfolk, son of James SNOWLING and Mary PARSONS (Mary also known as Amynta or Mintifer or Minty, baptised on 11 July 1779 at St Michael's Aslacton, Norfolk and died in the 4th quarter of 1862).

I believe he married Anne REEDER on 25 September 1831 at the Holy Trinity Parish Church in Loddon, Norfolk. He later married my 2nd Great Grand Aunt Mary CLARK (born in Great Stanmore Middlesex about 1822) on 30 November 1849 in St Pancras, London and I have them in the 1851 Census at 47 London Street, St Pancras, Marylebone, London. I can't find John in the 1841 Census and can't find anything for either of them after the 1851 Census.

As a widower, he could have married again, to Martha BISHOP on 5 June 1865 at Holy Trinity, Marylebone Road, Westminster, London. Groom's Father is also James SNOWLING.

I would like to find Census entries for John James SNOWLING and Mary CLARK and their death records. What happened to them, I wonder? Did they emigrate? I have been baffled for ages and it's stopping me progressing.

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SARAH BAILEY

My 4x grandmother, Sarah BAILEY, was working as a servant girl in the house of CHEVALIER de TIENSEAU, No 3 Chapel Court, Swallow Street (Golden Square?) She found she was pregnant to Francis SANGRIN, a Frenchman who was also living at the house as a hairdresser. Sarah was dismissed and her child, Mary BRUCE (later LAKE) was born in 1806 at the Foundling Hospital, London. Sarah later married a John GUMMER. Foundling Hospital papers say that Sarah had a father living in Bristol. There are details of two Sarah BAILEYs baptised there but which one, if either?

Would anyone be able to help, also any information on the other surnames would be much appreciated.

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JOHN HANSFORD

It is just possible that my great, great grandmother Sarah, née HANSFORD, was John's younger sister, with whom she shared birth name, region of birth and London location before her marriage to William BAYLIS in 1835 at St Mary, Newington, Surrey.

In 1836 there followed John's trial at the Middlesex Session of Peace and his sentence to seven years transportation for the theft of a watch. He arrived in New South Wales on the *Lloyd's Two* where he made good, marrying twice and ultimately running a thriving business as a painter and decorator in Melbourne with his brother who had joined him from England - voluntarily.

I would much appreciate any assistance from those with experience of procedures for obtaining further details of the trial, news extracts and exact place of residence before his detention.

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Note: The Convict Transportation Registers (1787-1870) are in The National Archives (TNA) as Series HO 11, with copies available to view online via the State Library of Queensland free website at: www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh/convicts These show, as you have found out,

that John HANDSFORD [sic] was one of 200 convicts transported on the *Lloyds* on 25 March 1837.

The Criminal Registers, Middlesex (1791-1849) are also in TNA as Series HO 26 and are available online via Ancestry. John HANDSFORD, born about 1816 and tried on 4 January 1836, appears in this database. Information listed *may* include: name of criminal; age; birthplace (not often listed after 1802); crime; when and where tried; sentence; where and when received; date of execution or release; by whom committed, to whom delivered. This should be your first port of call.

GATHERINA MARIA HARLOW

A marriage was recently discovered of the above elegantly-named bride to my most distant ancestor: Timothy BAYLIS, on 15 February 1725. The event took place in the delightful little Wren church of St Benet, Paul's Wharf. Rebuilt by the great architect on a 12th Century site it survived Hitler's 'Blitz' unscathed and now provides an oasis of calm close by its Big Brother and the footbridge to Tate Modern.

The unusual name of the bride enabled a link to be made with some of the baptisms of her future offspring in All Saints, Fulham: Charles BALLIS baptised 5 October 1729 and Anne BAYLIS in St Mary, Lambeth. The surname spelling has mutated through six variants at the whim of different clerics during a century of change.

I am hoping readers may have noted the bride's name in other locations and wondered about Catholic or Continental origins. Additionally I am seeking information on The Doctors Commons, a legal institution, linked to St Benet, which *provided facilities* for hasty or non-conformist marriages. The italics are mine.

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Note: Doctors' Commons was an association of ecclesiastical lawyers, founded in 1511 and dissolved in 1857. Its records were dispersed but most of those that survive have ended up in the Library at Lambeth Palace, London, SE1 7JU. You can contact the Library by post: by email: lpl.staff@c-of-e.org.uk or by phone: 020 7898 1400

DAVIS

John DAVIS married Ann WORROCK/WARWICK (daughter of Richard WARROCK/WARWICK and Jane PLEVY of Hereford) on 30 December 1789 at St Andrew Holborn by Banns. Their daughter, Mary Ann DAVIS, baptised 20 February 1791 at St Mary-le-bone, was under the guardianship of her grandfather Richard WARWICK at the time of her marriage to William GIBBS on 1 May 1808 at St Peter's, Hereford. Death records of John and Ann DAVIS seem to be non-existent. Who was this DAVIS family and what became of them?

Ann WORROCK/WARWICK's sisters were Jane, who married Henry KNIGHT in 1802 at St Marylebone and Elizabeth, who married Johnson NICOLL in 1798 at St Marylebone. What brought the girls to Middlesex?

Any DAVIS help appreciated

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