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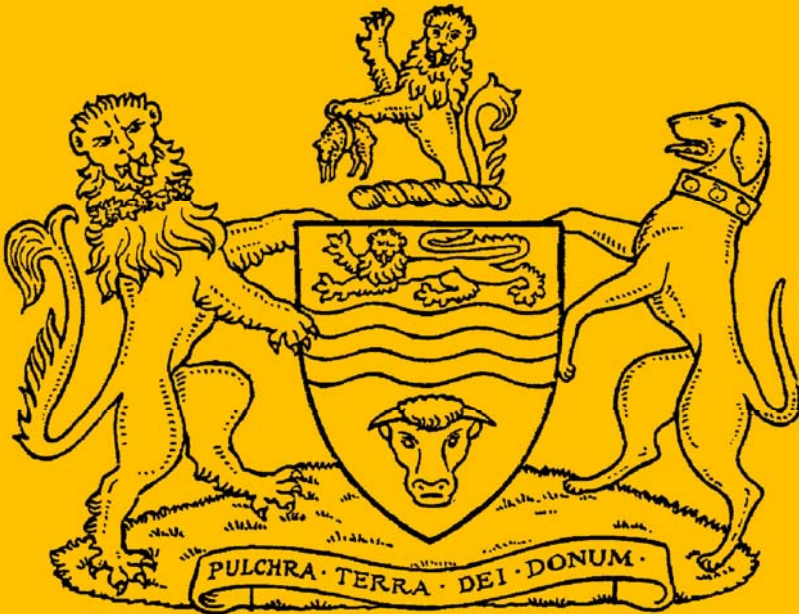
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Here we are again, another year done, another one on the way. Our ancestors must have felt the same way, but we of course have all the technological advances of weather, travel and the like.

As I say, another year. So another membership year. We ask that you pay via our on-line shop preferably, it just makes both the Membership Secretary Jane Cox and our Treasurer Colin Meredith's life a little bit easier rather than dealing with loads of cheques, please do not send cash. The Renewal forms are enclosed.

The Zoom monthly meetings will re-start on Friday 19th January with a talk by Michael Hallett on Wing Commander Harold Blackburn MC AFC.
How Scandal & Shame affect Genealogy

Incidentally, there are 217 people registered to come on the Herefordshire FHS Zoom talks, yet the average attendance is about 30. 100 is the max that can login.

Family History Fair at Malvern Three Counties Showground.

At long last we will be attending a real family history fair in Malvern on Sat 16th March, open from 10am - 4pm. Pre-event tickets are now available.

At the time of writing this some of the exhibitors are: Bristol & Avon FHS, SoG, Devon FHS, Dorset FHS, Glamorgan FHS, CWGC, Midland Ancestor, Newtown Design Services, Oxfordshire FHS and ThisWayBooks.

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Membership Secretary

We were very sorry to hear that local member Norma Sweetman has died. Her membership number was 3417. She has been a member for four years and always enjoyed the pre-covid meetings and the monthly zoom meetings.

Jane Cox

Membership Secretary

Chairman's Report

Chairman's Report January 2024

A very happy New Year to all our members. Christmas has gone and 'spring' must be on the way as the days are getting longer.

It has been a very good year for monthly meetings, and ZOOM seems to be the only viable option at present. A full programme of speakers has been arranged for this future year and these talks are many and varied. More info in the journals. The local members are invited to e-mail any of the committee members for advice on how easy it is to join the monthly meetings. Make it a New Year resolution!

The promise of a new Herefordshire Baptism Registers dataset is now looking very likely in the coming month. Last year saw the release of the Herefordshire Cemeteries Burial Registers data and volunteers are transcribing a further older burial register for Hereford Cemetery, to be released soon.

Members are reminded that membership runs from April to March and reminder notification will be made at the appropriate time in the journal and the monthly newsletter from Phil.

The other source for society information is our website at:

www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk

Here you can pay membership fees, browse through our free selected items for members or order all sorts of wonderful genealogical goodies.

It is hoped that some new sources of such goodies will become available soon due to the volunteers who give their time and effort in transcribing many of the records held by the HARC.

May you all stay safe and healthy in the coming year.

Alan Charles
Acting Chairman Herefordshire FHS
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Saturday 16th March 2024

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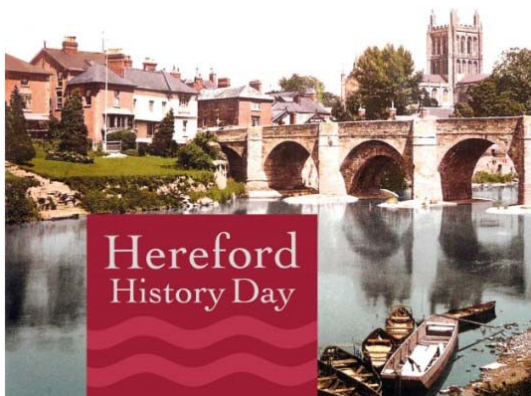
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Hereford History Day

Following last years successful event, this will be repeated at the same venue in September with a speaker. (In a separate Room)



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WILLIAMS	Eskley	HEF	All	3637
WILLIAMS	Vowchurch	HEF	All	3637

The Whitecross Chronicles No: 7



I've been re-reading Norman OWEN's book on Holy Trinity and my eye was caught this time by what he says about the GREENLAND family, of whom George B. and Alfred were churchwardens. I am sure many of you reading this will have heard of Greenland's Department Store which was established by this family. Until it closed in 1968 it was where M&S is now, and was much loved and remembered for its Christmas Shop window displays and the Toy Department in the basement, where at Christmas, children could visit Father Christmas! By the 1950s the Greenland firm reached its peak with over 200 employees and stores as far as Llandrindod Wells – and was known as 'the Harrods of the West'.

George Greenland senior had come to Hereford in 1856 from Newbury where he had been a 'Draper's Assistant' to Samuel Bentall a draper and silk mercer. By 1871 George Greenland now called a 'Draper' was living at 35 Whitecross Street in a house at the end of Victoria Terrace on the corner of Guildford Street and Whitecross Street. He (44) and his wife Mary (36) have 5 children: Mary (9), George B. (8), William R. (6), Alfred (4) and Henry (2): lots of sons to help in the establishment of the Greenland 'empire'. Ten years later in 1881, their daughter is now named as Annie (19) and the eldest son, George B (18) is working as draper in his father's shop. The family had moved to a house built on land owned by the Conservative Land Society on Whitecross Road where the twins Frank and Fanny who had been born four years previously, joined the family.

When George is 65 in the census taken on April 5th 1891, he states his occupation as ‘Draper and House Furnisher’ and his sons are all involved in the business. George B. (28) is a ‘Draper’s Shop Walker’ (perhaps someone can enlighten me as to what the job entailed), William R. (26) is a ‘Solicitor Article Clerk’ (always useful to have a solicitor connected to your business), Alfred (24) is a ‘Draper’s Assistant’ and Henry (22) is a ‘Home Furnisher’s Assistant’. In all there are 12 people including further family and two servants living in the house that night.

Move on to 1901 and George (75) is still living at Whitecross Road (at 157: the houses are now numbered) and is probably unwell, as Alice Hawker (23, a hospital nurse) is living with the family and George dies later that year on 25th May. His probate record cites his sons William R. (Solicitor) and George B. (Draper) as well as James Cox a retired clothier as executors and he leaves effects worth £40,251 13s 2d. He had left the business in good hands with his sons, who were listed in the census of 1901 as George B. (38) and Alfred (34), Henry (32) and Frank (24, ‘House Furnisher’), were all still living at home.

From 1895 to 1902 George B. is Superintendent of the Sunday School at Holy Trinity and he was also a member of the Church Council from 1900. From 1904-10 he was Churchwarden, a position he held with W. M. Wilson (printer and stationer on Eign Street).

In the *History of the Parish Church of Holy Trinity* (1910) we are told, ‘*the present churchwardens have justified their appointment by a renewal of the confidence of the Vicar and parishioners for six consecutive years. To win and retain the goodwill of one’s neighbours is an ambition worth living for. The duties of the office are not merely administrative, but advisory, and cannot be separated from the moral and physical health of the ordinary parishioner.*’

Perhaps June and Jane recognise these qualities in the office that they hold today!

By 1911 George B (47) is living at “Lyon House”, Meyrick Street. Married for 8 years to Eleanor Julia (36) he is ‘Director of Greenland’s Drapers, House Furnishers and Cabinet Makers’. They have three children Phyllis Eleanor (7), Evelyn Mary (5) and George Aubry (2). George B. dies on 5th February 1945 at ‘West View’, Bodenham Road and leaves the business to the next generation.

Jean Thomson

REMOVAL & BASTARDY ORDERS. For 1801

A Removal Order was issued usually by the Overseers of the parish. Where the legal place of settlement was in dispute between parishes the matter could be referred to Quarter sessions which would issue a removal order in accordance with their verdict.

Bastardy. An Act of 1732/3 obliged the mother to declare that she was pregnant with an illegitimate child and to state the name of the father. With the rise of illegitimacy in the 18th century the parish officers either obliged the parents to marry, thereby saving court expenses but risking the whole family becoming a charge on the poor rate, or else obtained a sum of money – a Bond of Indemnification – from the father, a lump sum spread over a period to pay for the child's upkeep

Firstly, below is listed Removal Orders taken from the Quarter Sessions Registers for 1801 under the reference Q/SR/89 followed by the session, i.e. Easter (E), Epiphany (EP), Trinity(T), and Michaelmas (M). 1801.

ABEL George, Catherine & 3 children	Stapleton to Cascob	(E)
ADAMS John, Mary & 2 children	Kinnersley to Burghill	€
BARNETT John, Ann & 2 children	Mordiford to Tarrington	(E)
BEAVAN John, Mary & 3 children	Dorstone to Bredwardine	(E)
BEAVAN Joseph, Mary & 7 children	Wigmore to Kington	(E)
BEDFORD James, Martha & 6 children	Norton to Avenbury	(EP)
BENNETT James Frances & 5 children	Bosbury to Castle Frome	(EP)
BIRCH James (younger) & Ann	Wigmore to Staunton on Arrow	(E)
BODY, Mary & 4 children	Eyton to Monkland	(EP)
BOWCOTT Thomas	Norton to Tedstone Wafre	(T)
BRUMMAGE Edward, Ann & 2 children	Norton to Linton	(T)
COX Constance	St Nicholas Hef to Knightwick Wores.	(T)
DALLY Thomas, Ann & 5 children	How Caple to Woolhope	(E)
DAVIES Edward, Mary & 2 children	Yarkhill to Tarrington	(E)
DAVIES Thomas & Mary	Bodenham to Stoke Lacy	(T)
EDWARDS John, Ann & 5 children	Kings Caple to Bacton	(EP)
EVANCE (sic) William, Sarah & 5 children	Clifford to Yarpole	(T)
EVANS Thomas, Ann & child	Kington to Gladestry	(EP)

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GOUGH Ann (Wid) Sarah (daughter)	Hope u Dinmore to St Martins Hef. (T)
GREEN James & Mary	Ashperton to Much Marcle (EP)
HARTLAND Joseph & Hannah	Bosbury to Bishops Frome (E)
MEREDITH Job, Hester & 2 children	Bromyard town to Norton (E)
HODGES Thomas, Elizabeth & son	Bartestree to Withington (EP)
HUGHES Edward, Ann & 2 children	Lower Harpton to Llandewy (T)
JENKINS Samuel, Sarah & 6 children	Peterchurch to Michaelchurch (T)
JONES Diana	St Peter Hef to Clifford (T)
JONES Samuel, Hannah & 1 child	Wacton to Humber (E)
JONES Sarah & 1 child	Grosmont to Rowlestone (E)
JONES Sarah & 1 child	Rowlestone to Grosmont (E)
JONES Thomas, Sarah & 2 children	Bishops Frome to Bosbury (M)
JONES Thomas, Sarah & 5 children	Cradley to Leigh, Worcs. (T)
JONES William	Brilley to Almeley (EP)
MORGAN Thomas	Almeley to St Weonards (M)
NOH (?) Ann	Linton to Wellington (M)
PARLOUR John, ann & 7 children	Kington to Winforton (M)
PARRY Ann & 3 children	St Peter to All Saints Hef (E)
PHIBBS Richard, Mary & Ann	Ewyas Harold to Dulas (E)
PINGREE Mary (Pregnant)	Ocle Pychard to Much Cowarne (EP)
POWELL John & Catherine	Stapleton to Presteign (T)
PREECE John	Foy to How Caple (T)
PREECE J, Jane & 3 children	Leominster to Brinsop (T)
PRICE alias JONES Ann & son	Bromyard to Leominster (T)
Wife of Thomas Price a convict under sentence of death at Hereford.	
PRICE Mary & infant	St Peter Hef to Llanigon (Brecs) (E)
PRICE Richard, Sarah & 7 children	Treville to Kilpeck (E)
PRICE Thomas & Jane	Brilley to Michaelchurch (EP)
ROSS John, Sarah & 3 children	Linton to Dilwyn (T)
TOMKINS Elizabeth (single)	Humber to Stoke Prior (T)
WATKINS Thomas	Pencoyd to Llangarron (T)
WEBB John, Mary & son	Sutton to Marden (EP)
WILLIAMS Herbert & Family	Weobley to New Radnor (E)
WINSTONE Ann & 2 children	Crasswall to Llanigon Rads (T)

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BASTARDY ORDERS From the Quarter Sessions records for 1801.
Reference Q/SR/89
The names of both parties are mentioned here and also the parish of the settlement.

BAYLIS James	Winforton (Diana Weal)	(ER)
CLARKE Sarah	Marden (John Husbands)	(ER)
COLE Sarah	Eardisland (Thos Davies)	(TR)
COTTERALL William	Ledbury (Eliz Harris)	(EPR)
DAVIES Thomas	Eardisland (Sarah Cole)	(TR)
GIBBONS Thomas	Ledbury (ElizabethTurner)	(ER)
GOUGH Mary	Kentchurch (Joseph Lawford)	(EPR)
HARRIS Elizabeth	Woolhope (Wm Cotterall)	(EPR)
HOWTON Richard	Humber (Sarah walker)	(ER)
HUSBANDS John	Marden (Sarah Clark)	(ER)
JENKINS Ann	Yarkhill (Wm Jones)	(EPR)
JONES Ann	Woolhope (Edmund Mutlow)	(TR)
JONES William	Ullingswick (Ann Jenkins)	(EPR)
LAWFORD Joseph (tailor)	St Owen Hef (Mary Gough)	(EPR)
LEWIS James	Marden (Mary Pingree)	(EPR)
MADDOX William (Younger)	Allensmore(Elizabeth Thomsett)	(ER)
MATTHEWS Thomas	Ledbury (Mary Merry)	(EPR)
MERRY Mary	Ledbury (Thos Matthews)	(EPR)
MUTLOW Edmund	Pixley (Ann Jones)	(TR)
PEMBER Henry	Mansel Gamage (Eliz Saunders)	(EPR)
PHILLIPS Ann	Abbeydore (John Prosser)	(TR)
PINGREE Mary	Much Cowarne (James Lewis)	(EPR)
POWELL Peter	Much Dewchurch (Eliz Preece)	(EPR)
PREECE Elizabeth	Much Dewchurch (Peter Powell)	(EPR)
PROSSER John	Abbeydore (Ann Phillips)	(TR)
SAUNDERS Elizabeth	Winforton (Henry Pember)	(EPR)
THOMSETT Elizabeth	Allensmore (William Maddox Jnr)	(ER)
TURNER Elizabeth	Ledbury (Thos Gibbons)	(ER)
WALKER Sarah	Linton (Richard Howton)	(ER)
WEAL Diana	Eardisley (James Baylis)	(ER)

Easter Recogs – (ER) Epiphany Recogs – (EPR) Trinity Recogs – (TR)

The above is all the information that is to be found in these Quarter Session Records, so please do not go rushing to HARO if you see mention of your family interests, as there is no further information or reference.

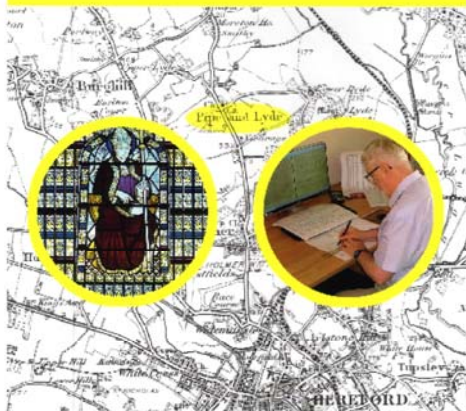
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Book Review

From the Sublime to the Meticulous. Howard Trillo.

**From the Sublime to the Meticulous:
The Trillo Family Saga
over Eight Centuries**

Howard Trillo



The product of more than 40 years of research, in the field (sometimes literally), in Record Offices and Libraries, and, more recently, on the Internet, this well-illustrated book covers the history of the UK-originating TRILLO family from medieval times to the present day. Following a tongue-in-cheek leap back to the 7th Century and the first known bearer of the name, St. Trillo, reality (of sorts) begins with an in-depth survey of the fortunes of the medieval Trillowe family of Oxfordshire over two centuries, and posits links with various individuals in 15th and 16th Century Herefordshire, where the author's family emerged in the 1560s; it is believed, and an attempt is made to show, that most 'modern' UK families originate from that same family).

Four chapters relate the history of that Herefordshire family up to the 19th Century, then another five look at specific branches at home and abroad (including Canada and New Zealand) and one chapter takes a 'wider view,' covering families scattered throughout England and Wales, though in less detail (apart from the two Trilloe transportees!). The final two chapters are concerned with the author's family from his Great-grandfather William and all his descendants, including the author and his siblings. The text is accompanied by detailed Notes & References, a comprehensive Index and a series of Family Trees (49 in total), some constructed 44 years ago and added to over the years, one drawn up only in the last few weeks from a new Trillo correspondent.

As always in genealogy, the story is never-ending and the search never stops – helpfully, there are a few 'problems' mentioned for future family historians to focus on and, hopefully, solve!

NBI Volunteers

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE FOR 2024 ?

Are you interested in family and local history?

Do you want to participate in a national project that facilitates easier research both nationally and globally for people trying to find their ancestors?

Can you spare 2 hours per month to visit HARC in Hereford to work on original parish registers and bishops transcripts, transcribing and checking the documents?

IF THE ANSWER TO THE ABOVE IS YES THEN WHY NOT JOIN OUR SMALL BAND OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WORKING ON PARISH REGISTERS FROM 1536 TO 1812. TO SUCCEED IN THIS ROLE YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES:

Patience and enjoyment in studying and resolving what the Parish Clerk wrote all those years ago. The desire to work in and with a small group of like-minded people. A knowledge of written Latin would be great but is not essential.

You will learn as you go, I promise! I can assure you we also have plenty of registers in modern English and lots of experts willing to help the beginner.

Keyboard skills are not essential, the recording can be done with a pencil and a piece of A4 lined paper but it is fine if you want to bring along your laptop and key in the data into our excel pro-forma.



Our group re-formed after Covid and we have been very successful in forwarding to the National Federation of Family History Society 34608 records since July 2021. We meet every month at HARC, in Rotherwas, Hereford, on the first Friday at 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm.

If you think this could be of interest to you then contact me, Linda Lloyd, Project Co-ordinator by email at:

linda_lloyd@btinternet.com

Newspaper Project report update Heather Bufton

Two more boxes of cuttings were brought over from Worcester by Chris WILKINSON from the city's Civic Society. Names and topics have been listed, from the files processed, but are not yet available in the Members Area as the previous cuttings are in the process of being scanned.

Once completed work will begin on the latest papers. Look out for updates in future copies of Herefordiensis.

Topics covered since the last report: Denco, Leominster Priory, Leominster Schools, Leominster Town Hall, Penrhos Court, Pembridge, Terracotta, Leominster Twinning, Micron Sprayers, Perrycroft Lodge Kennels, Countrywatch, Animal Rights, Anvil Homes, Little Dewchurch, Cottage of Content, World Wildlife Fund, Worms & slow worms, Leominster The Grange, Leominster Hen Pen, Leominster Marches Project, Clyro Court, Anti Vivisection Movement, Missing people, Courtyard Theatre, Rats, mice & voles, Rural Media Company, Clissett Wood Trust, Rare Breeds, Canon Frome, Pembridge, Welsh Water, Weobley, Pudleston, ABT Products, Sisters of Our Lady of Charity, Royal British Legion, Royal Show, Abbey Dore, Shobdon Airfield, Shobdon, Leominster Museum, Colwall, Leominster Old Priory, Lugg, meadows, valley & river, Lucton School/Church, Three Choirs Vineyard, Relate Marriage guidance, Refuse Tips, Eastnor, Madley Satellite Station, Madley, Painter Brothers, Luntley Court, Lugwardine, Secretaries/Receptionists, Withington, Woolhope, Hampton Grange, Flavours of Herefordshire, Hay on Wye, Downs School Colwall, Frome Valley Brewery, Whitchurch, Brinsop Court, Whitney on Wye, Wye Fruit Ltd, Wye Kayaks, British Cannery, Richards Castle, Kirbee Rural Crafts Museum, Whitchurch, Fromes Hill, Franklin Hodge Indus, Caradoc Court, Candela Plastics, Clyde Petroleum Coddington, Colwall Primary School, Rescues & life saving, Ross on Wye By-pass, Ross on Wye Button Museum, John Kyrle High School, Ross on Wye, Hereford, Headway support group, Ross on Wye Greytrees Estate, Ross on Wye Springfield Estate, P.G.L. Adventure Holidays, St. Michaels Hospice, Symonds Cider, Tarrington, Symonds Yat, Davies Construction, Deaths, Hampton Court, Davies Brook, Ledbury Talbot Hotel, Catholics, Westons Cider.

Births, Marriages & Deaths - 1921 - 1922

Items from the Hereford Journal with corrections from other sources.

Alan Charles.

Deaths 1921

28 December 1921. - HOLLINGS, Jane at Acton Villa, White Cross Street, Hereford. Aged 76 years.

29 December 1921. - HARMAN, Gertrude Jessie (Dolly) at 4 Roseland Terrace, Westfields. Aged 21 years.

WOODS, Walter George at 2 St Mellon's, St Owen Street, Hereford. Aged 51 years.

30 December 1921. - ARMSTRONG, Eliza at 7 Barton Cottages, Hereford. Aged 83 years.

31 December 1921. - JOHNSON, Thomas at 28 Maylord Street, Hereford. A compositor. Aged 77 years.

Deaths January 1922

1 Jan 1922. - PRICE, Elizabeth at 28 Chandos Street, Hereford. Aged 69 years. POWELL, Amy at Burghill Asylum. Swallowed a spoon. Aged 37 years. Coroner verdict – Death due to exhaustion following melancholia, of several months duration.

3 Jan 1922. - ROGERS, William at 21 Perseverance Road, Hereford. Aged 65 years.

5 Jan 1922. - THOMAS-MOORE, Margaret Sussanah at The Home, Lyonshall. Aged 71 years.

6 Jan 1922. - MITCHELL, Mary Jane of Rosemore Farm, Whitbourne. Aged 73 years.

7 Jan 1922. - Details of the arrest of Major Herbert Rowse ARMSTRONG of Hay. The attempted murder of a fellow solicitor. (Includes Photographs)

8 Jan 1922. - REES, Evan (Rev.) late of 90 Ryelands Street, Hereford. Died in Calcutta, India after falling from a roof. Aged 44 years.

9 Jan 1922. - TOWN, Joseph Herbert at Bewell Street, Hereford, a groom. Sudden death. Aged 61 years. Coroner Verdict – Death due to natural causes, heart failure and gastric influenza.

BARNETT, Thomas of 2 Greenfield Villas, Portfields, Hereford. Basket Maker and a local preacher at Barton Hall. Aged 68 years.

PICKARD, Alice of 1 Wyecliffe Terrace, Bath Street, Hereford. Widow. Aged 62 years.

RUDDLE, Thomas Donald, manager of the Palladium Cinema, Berrington Street, Hereford. A severe attack of pleurisy and pneumonia. Aged 40 years.

12 Jan 1922. - KING, Charles at 2 Marlborough Villas, Edgar Street, Hereford. GWR foreman. Aged 48 years.

BEAVAN, Jane at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 84 years.

13 Jan 1922. - THOMAS, Fanny at 18 Berrington Street, Hereford. Aged 80 years.

14 Jan 1922. - BARRELL, Mary Ann at Colley Horn, Froome. Aged 70 years.
MAINWARING, Henry at 61 Whitecross Street, Hereford. Aged 79 years.

15 Jan 1922. - PREECE, Thomas (Alderman) at The Grove, Ashfield, Ross. Aged 74 years.
BAKER, Edward at 36 Moorefield Street, Hereford. Aged 79 years.
BROOKES, Mary Ann at 112 Bath Street, Hereford. Aged 82 years.

16 Jan 1922. - KELLETT, Michael at 14 Little Berrington Street, Hereford. Died from natural causes. Aged 55 years.
WILLIAMS, Annie at 2 Highmore Place, Hereford. Aged 46 years.

17 Jan 1922. - PIERSON, Elizabeth at Ena Place, Millbrook Street, Hereford. Aged 78 years.

21 Jan 1922.

Further details of the arrest of Major Herbert Rowse ARMSTRONG of Hay. Arrested for the murder of his wife on 22 February 1921 after exhumation. (Including Photographs)

ROUANE, John Patrick at 62 Widemarsh Street, Hereford. Aged 39 years.

SAUNDERS, James at 81 Green Street, Hereford. Aged 76 years.

MOORE, S A Mrs. at Norton Street, Knighton. Aged 80 years.

22 Jan 1922. - BACH, James Walter at 6 Foley Street, Hereford. Aged 73 years.
BEENHAM, Fanny at 1 Johnson's Hospital. Aged 73 years.
KINGS, Mary Ann at 10 Trinity Hospitals. Aged 78 years.

23 Jan 1922. - PHILIPS, Thomas at the Smiths Shop, Kingstone. Aged 76 .
BEAVAN, Myra at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 83 years.
COBURN, Catherine at 11 St James Terrace, Green Street. Aged 59 years.
BEACH, James Walter at 68 Foley Street. Aged 78 years.

25 Jan 1922. - WHEELER, Winifred Elsie at 51 Green Street, Hereford. Aged 16 years.

26 Jan 1922. - BRITTON, Elizabeth Ann at 4 Mill Terrace, Friar Street, Hereford. Aged 88 years.

JONES, William at Linda Villa, Grandstand Road, Hereford. Aged 84 years.

27 Jan 1922. - SMALLMAN, Alfred William of The Forge House, Linton. Aged 11 years. Coroner Verdict - Heart failure caused by acute toxæmia of influenza.
MORGAN, Thomas of Ruxton Cottages, Kings Caple. Aged 60 years.

28 Jan 1922. - LEWIS, W at Black Lion Green, Clyro.
GRAVES, Elizabeth at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 73 years.
WILLIAMS, Elizabeth (Emma) Selina at 20 St Owens Street, Hereford. Aged 75 years.

LAWLEY, Trevor at 53 St Martins Street, Hereford. Aged 71 years.

29 Jan 1922. - MASEFIELD, Reginald at Ledbury. Solicitor. Aged 50 years.
ARNOLD, Charles at 17 Cornwall Street, Hereford. Probate clerk. Aged 75 years.

31 Jan 1922. - BROOKES, James of Sugwas Pool, Stretton Sugwas. Roadman. Found dead in a water butt. Aged 69 years. Coroner Verdict - Sudden death due to heart failure.

BROWN, Ann at 4 Trinity Hospitals, Hereford. Aged 89 years.

24 January 1922. - **BIRTHS.**

LEVASON, C B 's wife at Bridgwater a daughter.

SHORT A J 's wife at 6 New Houses, Ross Road, Hereford a son

2 January 1922.

MARRIAGES.

At Knighton Parish Church of Betram CHILDS of London to Gladys WEBBER of Knighton.

At Ashperton Church of Thomas Leonard HUTCHINSON of Manchester to Hilda Georgina WATKINS of Ashperton.

16 Jan 1922. - At St James Church, Spanish Place of Samuel Henry BLAKE of Lochner, Chulworth to Clarice Irene ELGAR, daughter of Sir Edward ELGAR.

Deaths February 1922

1 Feb 1922. - WILLIAMS, Mrs. at Noyaddau, Glasbury. Aged 87 years. POWELL, Elizabeth at 4 Durban Place, Friar Street, Hereford. Widow. Aged 76. Years.

2 Feb 1922. - JONES, James of Springfield Terrace, Green Street, Hereford. Industrial injury at Munitions factory. Aged 25 years. Coroner Verdict - Death from Pyelo nephritis. Blow to old scar caused kidney infection. HOLL, Mary Priscilla at Rockville House, Winforton. Aged 61 years. WALL, Ann of 37 Harold Street, Hereford. Aged 83 years.

3 Feb 1922. - BOWCOTT, Thomas at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 64 years. TURNER, Emma of 47 Park Street, Hereford. Aged 77 years.

4 Feb 1922. - FOX, Annie at John Campbell Street, Kingsland. A cook. Splinter in finger caused gangrene. Aged 59 years. GETHEN, William Cecil at 9 St Nicholas Street, Hereford. Councillor. Aged 63 years.

5 Feb 1922. - SAER, Maria of Manor Farm, Hampton Charles. Aged 79 years.

6 Feb 1922. - HILL, Mrs of Russel Street, Knighton. Aged 75 years.

KING, Alexander of "Mapleton" Colwall. Aged 77 years.

8 Feb 1922. - GREEN, Sarah at 38 Berrington Street, Hereford. Aged 72 years.

9 Feb 1922. - WAINSCOTT, James Richard at 2 Moorfield Street, Hereford. Aged 86 years.

WILLIAMS, Herbert Bennett at Old Sufton, Mordiford. Aged 12 months.
10 Feb 1922. - BRYAN, Frederick Ulston at 6 Little Berrington Street, Hereford.
Aged 67 years. PASSEY, Phillip at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 93.
11 Feb 1922. - GOODE, Charles (Sir) in Adelaide, Australia. Born at Hinton in
1827. Aged 95 years. GRIFFITHS, Arthur Samuel of Olchon House,
Llanveynoe. Farmer. Aged 57 years.
Coroner Verdict – Death from natural causes (Diseased heart).

WILLIAMS, Emily at 5 White Friars, Hereford. Aged 72 years.
12 Feb 1922. - PEARCE, William at West Friars, Hereford. Grocer and
Baptist deacon. Aged 74 years.
13 Feb 1922. - JENKINS, Maria at 30 Edgar Street, Hereford. Aged 81 years.
15 Feb 1922. - DAVIES, George of Cobnash, Kingsland. Blacksmith. Aged 69
years.
16 Feb 1922. - LANE, Annie Ayles at 34 Grenfell Road, Hereford. Aged 61
years.
17 Feb 1922. - COTTERELL, Evelyn (Lady) of Garnons, Mansell Gamage. Aged
50 years.
PRICE, James at Hereford General Hospital. Aged 61 years.
18 Feb 1922. - JONES, Elizabeth at 3 St James Terrace, Green Street,
Hereford. Aged 24 years.
20 Feb 1922. - TAYLOR, Annie at 21 Union Street, Hereford. Aged 48 years.
CLAYTON, William John at 4 Westfield Street, Hereford. Aged 62 years.
HODGES, Albert Frederick at 46 Cotterell Street, Hereford. Aged 60 years.
PEMBER, Harriett at 34 Newmarket Street, Hereford. Aged 92 years.
21 Feb 1922. - FRANCIS, William of Adleymoore Crossing, Bucknell. Deaf.
Killed by train. Aged 78 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental Death.
CHARLTON, George at Perton, Stoke Edith. Aged 66 years.
SPARROW, Robert of Abbeydore. Gamekeeper for the Arkstone Estate. Aged 68
years.
22 Feb 1922. - BARRY, Robert John (Major) at Bedford. Aged 46 years.
23 Feb 1922. TURNER, Thomas at 10 Castle Street, Hereford. J P. Aged 91
years.
JONES, Matilda Frederica (Miss) of Lowesby, Nelson Street, Hereford. Aged 80
years.
24 Feb 1922. - WILLIAMS, Thomas at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 93
years.
25 Feb 1922. - MELLIN, Richard at 74 Foley Street, Hereford. Aged 81 years.
WILSON, Leonard at 3 Eign Street, Hereford. Aged 25 years.
27 Feb 1922. - THOMAS, Mary of Kenchester. Aged 52 years.
28 Feb 1922. - of 40 Commercial Street, Hereford. (Photo).
ADDIS, William at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 77 years.
February 1922.

To be continued...

RESEARCHING A FAMILY HISTORY NOVEL

By Jean Renwick, author of *The Mourning Brooch* Books One & Two

Is your family portrayed in a family tree (on-line or hand-drawn) with copious footnotes and a box of photos, cards and press-cuttings? Could you turn your research into a story, one that is more easily understood by those who follow on? That is what I did in writing my saga of *The Mourning Brooch*.



When I inherited the mourning brooch from my godmother, I questioned who was the woman commemorated on the back: Mrs Addy, obit 1849, Æ 39? I discovered that Doncaster farmer, Joseph ADDY, had the brooch made after his wife, Elizabeth, died leaving him with two very young daughters, Mary-Ann and Frannie. In researching their lives and understanding how the brooch reached my godmother in Liverpool, I found a wealth of stories including the tale of a young man who

left the Welsh marches to join the 1849 gold rush in California. It was then that I recognised the makings of a novel, or two, or three.

Over the years of research, I have taken the bare facts: certificates of birth, marriage and death; census reports, electoral rolls and, when lucky, newspaper mention, and pieced together a jigsaw to form the basis of the story.

In Book One of *The Mourning Brooch*, between 1849 and 1876 the two daughters grow up and their lives follow very different paths. One marries into a well-to-do Bradford family of wool merchants, and has three surviving children. Her younger sister weds a local farmer and has many children. In Book Two between 1878 and 1913 their own children grow up and have children of their own while their story moves beyond Yorkshire to London, Liverpool, Philadelphia, Brussels – even Constantinople.

In 1837 Samuel EDWARDS was born in Oswestry and the 1851 census shows him living at Trenant over the Welsh border, near Welshpool. Anecdotally, I learnt that his brother, John, had left Berriew, further south from Trenant, and travelled across America to California, ‘trekking by bullock wagon and meeting The Indians’. In 1857, saddened at his mother’s death, Samuel sold his horse and took passage to America, working his way across the country to reach his brother.



After several years working in different places, in 1864 Sam travels to England and visits the Bradford wool merchant family and meets Hannah-Mary WILLEY. I don't know why he made that visit but so began a 12-year courtship involving **seven** crossings of the Atlantic. Imagine that journey from California, given that there was no transcontinental railway initially. Eventually, the iron-willed lady accepted his proposal and he took his bride back to Santa Barbara. Their life was hard but by the time he died in 1897, they owned the biggest house in town and she lived on to 100. These were the facts and although they were not central characters, I have used my imagination to weave their intriguing story into my novels.

Press coverage is a gift for a writer and it has added scandals and colour to *The Mourning Brooch*. The papers reporting an early divorce not only revealed the story of wife-beating but also the personalities of those involved, personalities to thread back into the earlier part of the story to add authenticity. A husband selling quack potions to counter hair loss and firm the bust ends up in the bankruptcy court and the newspaper reports destroy his wife's position in upmarket Southport.

Then, as now, if family could advance your career, it would. In both books of *The Mourning Brooch*, we see America as the destination for many aspiring descendants of Elizabeth Addy and my research crossed the Atlantic, particularly in the prosperous city of Philadelphia. Book Three, still to be written, will see that trend develop further between 1913 and 1943, covering two world wars.

There are nearly 200 characters in Book Two of *The Mourning Brooch* of which only six are fictional. That authenticity I prize greatly and I have sought to treat the people with respect unless, as through press coverage, I discover them to be shady or downright unpleasant.

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George Binley Preece

When my grandmother, Catherine PREECE, known as Kitty, passed away in 1961 at the age of 74, she left a box of letters, most of them with their postmarked envelopes, dated between 1881 and 1903. The first five were letters written by her father, George Binley Preece, to his fiancée, Sarah Anne VALLENDER, later his wife and my great grandmother, dated between May 1881 and May 1882. George Binley Preece was the eldest son of George Preece (b.1833), of Ledbury and Sarah Anne BINLEY. He was born in Shelton Warwickshire in March 1857, where his father was in service as a footman, but the birth was registered in Ledbury in May 1857, where the family must have moved shortly after his birth, and where they remained.

Sarah Anne Vallender was born in Ledbury in August 1859. No father is named, but in October 1859, the following article appeared in the Hereford Times:

The Hereford Times, Saturday, October 22nd, 1859

The attention of the bench was occupied for a considerable length of time in an affiliation case, wherein Miss Catherine Vallender of this parish, was the complainant, and Mr Albert Tooby, grocer, Ledbury, was the defendant. Mr Reece, Solicitor, appeared for the complainant, and Mr Piper for the defendant. The evidence, which we consider unfit for publication, was rather of a contradictory nature, but the Bench fixed the paternity of the child upon the defendant, upon whom an order of 2s 6d per week was accordingly made. The defendant (who is a relative of the complainant), we have been given to understand, intends to appeal against the magisterial decision, at the next Quarter Sessions.

Albert TOOBY was born 1834. He was a grocer in Ledbury, and must be a cousin of Catherine Vallender.

On the 1871 census, taken 2 April 1871, Sarah Anne she was living with her mother, Catherine Vallender, at Laurel Cottage, Newtown, Ledbury in the household of Catherine's aunt, Sarah TOOBY, a retired farmer. They must have changed the name of Laurel Cottage, because when Sarah Tooby died in November 1875, she left Laurel Villa to her niece, Catherine, and Catherine and Sarah continued to live there. In 1881, George Binley Preece's father, also George, was by then a widower, and living in Newtown, Ledbury, with his two younger sons, two houses away from Catherine Vallender, Sarah's mother, so the two families were known to each other.

By 1881, George Binley Preece, age 24, was working on the railways, and was based at Fairford, Gloucestershire, at the time he wrote the five letters to Sarah. These letters were addressed to Miss A Vallender, so it seems that Sarah Anne was known as Anne. In the letters, George calls her 'Nance' or 'Nancy' (a diminutive of Anne). George Binley Preece and Sarah Anne Vallender were married in Ledbury in 1884. Their first child, Catherine Vallender Preece, always known as Kitty, was my mother's mother. My mother was named Nancy, probably after her grandmother.

The letters are short, but they contain some details of life in the 1880s. I have retained the original spelling, punctuation and grammar. The first letter is dated 24th May 1881:

My Dearest Nance

I suppose you have been expecting to hear from me before this but I have been quite neglecting you as every minute I have had I have been spending at the telegraph so as to get on and get away from here but I have not forgotten you and as I have been on today I am writing to you whilst the train clears. We have been so busy we sent 1 load of sheep 1 of fat calves and one of fat beasts and they did not come till the very last minute. I hope you enjoyed the puddings. I wrote to the Old Chap but I suppose you have heard. I do so want to see you again it seems ages since this day fortnight when I was with you. I hope if you do go to Portsmouth you will not get a place down there but somewhere nearer or if you do I hope they will shift me down that way as the great western runs down there somewhere. If I can get away on Whit Monday I am going to run in some of the races. All our chaps think I should stand a good chance as it is only for Fairford and six miles round. How are the doves getting on? Have you taken the egg away from them yet or has she got any young ones? Has Albert gone yet? If not please remember me to him and tell him I am sorry to hear that he is not coming to our sports and not bringing you with him. That would have been much the best part of it. I think this is all so with best love to Mammy and yourself

*I remain
Your affectionate
George*

Dearest Nance. I had a letter from Father this morning. He told me you was very unwell but I hope you are better. How I wish I was there to kiss you and make you better. Best love Goodbye

It is likely that Sarah was thinking of going into service in Portsmouth, and the next letter, dated 2nd August 1881, was addressed to Sarah at 6, Richmond Road, Southsea, Portsmouth. It reads:

My Dearest Nance

I am so glad you are coming. I am off early this week and if you only intend to stay from Saturday till Monday I shall expect you this week but if you will stay a week do not come till the week after because then I should be off evenings the week you was here and I hope you will stay a week. I have asked about your lodgings and they say you may stay there as long as ever I like to keep you at Fairford. I should have written yesterday but I got out in the afternoon with some of our men and did not get back in time. We are very busy just now. I have had to help work the train today it was jolly. I find that your best way is to come by Oxford. You will leave Portsmouth Town at 10.45 arrive at Basingstoke at 1.5 leave 1.15 arr Reading 1.45 ~~leave~~ Oxford 2.44 leave for Fairford 4.35 you can leave your luggage that you won't want at Oxford. You won't have to cross over but will have two hours to wait. You must please excuse more as it is nearly past time with best love and kisses

I remain, Your ever loving, George

Write soon

If Sarah was in service there, it was short-lived as, by 6th February 1882, she was back at Laurel Villa. George must have started work in Fairford in March 1881, because on 6th February 1882, he wrote:

My Dearest Nancy

Thank you very much for the meal and pudding they were so good. I laughed about the pudding. I opened the parcel at the station and Old Tom said that it looked like a big [pud] but it was beautiful I went hunting yesterday morning. I got up early and did my work so as to have an hour after the hounds and we had a proper bit of sport. I went about 4 miles after them. My mate is getting on very well but he won't be able to go to work for some time yet, not for a month I expect and by that time I shall put in for my leave and a shift as I shall have had twelve months here then. I hope Mammy's cold has got alright. Ain't it mild weather. You must please excuse this paper as it is all I have got and I did not know till I went to fetch it to write.

So with best and fondest love I remain Yours ever George

Best love to Mammy

The fourth letter, dated 7th May 1882, reads:

My Darling Nancy

Many thanks for your letter. I was so pleased with it, it was such a nice long one. I was very sorry to hear Mammy was so bad after I left. I hope she is better now. We have been so busy ever since I came back I have not had time to write to Mr Weaver but I shall try and make time this week some how and to the Old Chap. Give my love to him and tell him I have not had time to write but will write some time in the week. I am glad we have been busy or I should have been ten times more miserable than I have. It does seem such a long time since I came back. I expect you have been quite as bad if not worse for you had not anything to pass the time away. Have you got the hair out of your eye yet? If you have not I think I shall come over and take it out for you for I am sure it is painful. Ain't it lovely weather today? This will just suit you poor little dear. It is a shame you can't have your chick to nurse. I think this is all, so with best love to Mammy and fondest love and kisses to you

I remain, Your ever loving, George

The last letter, written 14th May 1882, reads:

My Darling Nance

Many thanks for your nice long letter. I think you are really getting better at it. I don't know that I have got any news to tell you except that we have been just as busy as ever this last week working every minute there is. I am getting so tired of the sight of so much of it. I did manage to write to Mr Weaver on Friday but have not heard from him yet. I have not had time to write to Father and I expect I shall get into sad disgrace if I don't soon. I have not got my money from London yet and I have not had a chance to go to Fairford in time to send Father and Mammy what I owe them but I do hope I shall this next week. If I don't I know I shan't the week after as it is the Agricultural show at Witney and we expect one of us will have to go to help there so that we shall be only two here. I think this is about all for this time so with love to Mammy and Father and fondest love and kisses to you

I remain, your ever affectionate

George

George Binley Preece and Sarah Anne Vallender were married in Ledbury Parish Church on 22nd September 1884. In June 1885, when their first child, Catherine Vallender Preece, was born, they were living at Burrish Street, Droitwich, Worcestershire. Their next two children were also born there, Alice (known as Stella), in 1886 and Mabel in 1887. Mabel died in 1888. By 1890, they had moved to Jackfield, Shropshire, where their fourth child, George Vallender Preece, known as Val, was born in 1890. On the 1891 census, George, a railway signalman, and Sarah Anne lived at Railway Crossing House, Lloyd Head, Broseley, Shropshire (Jackfield), with their family. They were still there in 1901, but by 1911, they had moved to Burwood (Diddlebury), Craven Arms, Shropshire. On the 1911 census, George Binley Preece, age 54, was a Station Master at Harton Road Station, where the photo of him in the dog-cart was taken, so he worked on

the railways for at least 40 years. Between 1921 and 1924, George was the inn-keeper at The Bell Inn, Union Street, Hadley, in Shropshire. In 1924, they moved to Builder's Arms, Bearwood Lane, Bearwood, Herefordshire.

Sarah Anne died around 1929, and in 1934-5, George moved to Keeper's Cottage, Hatfield, Herefordshire, where he died on 20th January 1936.



George Binley Preece at Hart on Station

The other letters in the collection, written to my grandmother when she was in service between 1900 and 1903, are also of interest and will form the basis of a second article.

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HOLME LACY

I was interested to see your photo of Holme Lacey in the latest Journal. I discovered that I had a connection to this historic house as new records became available on line.

My father got married to his first wife in February 1916, possibly trying to avoid conscription which was only applicable to single men. But soon afterwards the law was changed in parliament and my father was duly called up and served on the Western Front until he was demobbed in 1919. He then started a family and two daughters, Eileen and Mary were born in the 1920s. Eileen became a nurse and I have a photo taken of my father visiting her in the 1930s but I could not work out where the location was. The below photo shows my father and his first wife with Mary visiting Eileen in 1938. Mary joined Eileen shortly afterwards. Then the 1939 Register was released and I found both the girls, my half sisters, recorded as nurses working at Holme Lacy which was then a mental hospital. I paid a visit there and as soon as I drove up to the house, I recognised it from the photograph. The younger girl, Mary, went on to work in a TB sanatorium and contracted TB from one of the patients in 1943. There was very little chance of recovery in those days and she subsequently died at home. Her mother nursed her during her illness and caught TB herself as it was very contagious. She died three months after Mary, but my father married again just a year later and had four more children, and I am the youngest of his new family.

The house at Holme Lacy can trace its origins back to the Norman conquest and was for many years the family home of the Scudamore family. It was gifted to Hereford County Council in 1929 and is now part of the Warner holiday hotel business. The house is Grade 1 listed and is a magnificent example of a fine country manor.



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FAMILY HISTORY WITH A TWIST

David Skyrme

Do you ever get sidetracked from your main focus when doing your family history research? I did when doing one of my routine trawls for new information which led me into an interesting sideline which I call 'Fact or Fiction?'. Here's what happened.

As I mentioned in my article 'Learning from Newspapers' (*Herefordiensis* Vol XV No 7), I regularly check the British Newspaper Archive for recent updates that mention my name. Currently the archive has nearly 70 million pages. So there's plenty for family historians to get their teeth into. Here are three stories that I've uncovered during my research.

Ned Skyrme – Witness to Murder

During one of my regular searches in June 2023 I came across an intriguing search result which mentioned a Ned SKYRME who with his poaching pal "Tom the Snowdropper" witnessed a murder. Now, although I have a few Edward Skyrmes in my database, I don't have a Ned.

Further reading revealed that the article was Chapter XXVII 'The Poacher Tramp', published in a supplement to the *Hampshire Post and Southsea Observer* of 5th June 1896. The chapter was from the story 'Alan Cottingham' by R. T. CASSON (author of Bonnie Mary and other stories).

Who was R. T. Casson? He doesn't appear in any of the usual book catalogues, nor on lists of authors. However, using genealogy websites and the clue that he might be Scottish, I'm fairly confident that he was Robert T Masson, born in 1861 in Keith, Banffshire, now Aberdeenshire.

Censuses show that he was a newspaper reporter who lived with his wife Annie in Govan. Obviously his work was syndicated to newspapers across the country.

The Story of Ragged Robyn



The above discovery reminded me, that a year or so ago, while doing a similar exercise I came across references to Robyn Skyrme. Again I don't have a Robyn in my database, and the stories I found were all dated 1945 and were reviews of the novel of this name by Oliver Onions. Unlike Casson, Oliver Onions is much better known. There is a Wikipedia entry for him and a list of some 40 novels he had written, mostly in the period 1900-1934 after which there was a gap.

One reviewer wrote:

"It is a long time since we heard from that rare and sensitive writer, Mr Oliver ONIONS, but the craftsman of 'Little Devil Doubt' and 'Good Boy Seldom' can still write most of us clean off the bookshelves. His hand has lost none of its cunning."

My namesake is mentioned in the first sentence of the book: "Young Robyn SKYRME, trudging along by the side of the sea-wall with his pack of tarred cloth on his back, was secretly glad of the feel of his pistol in his pocket."

The novel is set in the Lincolnshire Fens in the late 17th century, where Robyn got into a feud with smugglers. We learn that he lived with his parents, John and Margaret.

Who was Oliver Onions? Again, genealogy websites filled in the details. In fact Oliver was born on 13th November 1873 in Bradford as George Oliver Onions. He moved to Fulham London in his late teens or early 20s where he married writer Berta (Amy Roberta) RUCK in 1909. She too has a Wikipedia page. The couple lived at Hampstead in 1911 and at 53 Queens Gate Gardens, Kensington in 1921. In 1918, George legally changed his name to George Oliver, but continued to publish under the name Oliver Onions. In later life the couple moved to Aberdovey, Merionethshire which is where he died on 9th April 1961.

From High Society to Convicted Criminal

Another story, though this time based on fact is the 2011 book 'Whatever Happened to Trixie Skyrme?' by Jennifer Green. There are many newspaper articles about one of Trixie's aliases, Josephine O'Dare, in the 1920s. For example the *Phildelphia Enquirer* has a headline on 26 September 1926 "Mystery of the Racing Queen who went Broke".

Who was Trixie? She was Therea Agnes Skyrme born at Wellington, Herefordshire in 1899, the daughter of labourer John Skyrme from Canon Pyon and his wife Mary née Riley. She was described as "the most dangerous and unscrupulous adventuress that Scotland Yard had ever had on their books". On being sentenced to 4½ years in prison the judge pronounced:

"The world in general and London in particular, is rid of one of the most remarkable and dangerous women of this or any other century."

Trixie's life is brought to life by Jennifer Green's docudrama. Although she puts words into the characters' mouths her background material is true to the many facts. Unfortunately, "Jen the Pen" as she was affectionately known died in February 2018, but not before she gave a talk to the Society about Trixie.

Interestingly there is a serendipitous connection with one of my other activities. I volunteer as a guide and walk leader at Greenham Common Control Tower. Jen's last book before she died was 'A Small Nuclear Fallout' about three Greenham Common Peace Women.

So much has been written about Trixie Skyrme that it warrants a future article in this journal.

From Fact to Fiction

The question that these stories raise, at least for the first two, is why do authors choose my name for their characters?

It's not a common name, and I'm intrigued to find the connection:

Robert T Masson – I've over 2,500 Skyrmes in my database, but only one has ever lived in Scotland. He was a musician who lived in Aberdeen for a few years around 1891. Was this the connection?

Oliver Onions – No Skyrmes lived in Lincolnshire until later in the 20th century. But did George or Berta (née Ruck) know a Skyrme? I do have an Agnes Ruck from Canon Pyon in Herefordshire who married Albert Skyrme of Vowchurch in 1910. Berta was born in the Punjab and brought up in North Wales. Was there a family connection to the Rucks of Herefordshire?

Since neither author is around to ask, I'm still bemused as to how our family name ends up as characters in novels. This is an unusual slant on family history research.

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Future Zoom Meeting Dates.

Date	Speaker Details
Friday 19th Jan 2024	Michael Hallett Wing Commander Harold Blackburn MC AFC How Scandal & Shame affect Genealogy
Friday 16th Feb 2024	Tamsin Powell Arthmael the Soldier of Ergyng. Nennius , Gildas and others discuss a soldier of Ergyng whose powerhouse became the envy of Dark Age Briton.
Friday 15th Mar 2024	Sue Paul My Ancestor was a Pirate

All of the 2024 Zoom speakers are now publicised on the website and you will then receive the Newsletter.
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To get this notification register on the site here:
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<http://www.cradleyvillagehall.org.uk/heritage.htm>

Fownhope Local History Group

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<https://fownhopeparishcouncil.gov.uk/local-history-group>

Kington History Society

c/o Kington Museum, Mill Street, Kington HR5 3AL The Kington library room is manned every Tuesday & Friday from 10am-4pm

<https://kingtonhistorysociety.com/>

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Longtown Historical Society.

Contact: Dr Jeremy Davis. jerrydavis@outlook.com

<http://www.lhsarchive.org.uk/>

Weobley & District Local History Society

Weobley Museum, Back Lane, Weobley, Herefordshire. HR4 8SG.

Contact: WDLHS.secretary@hotmail.com

Open April, May Jun: Mon & Tues 10 - 1;

July, Aug, Sept: Mon, Tues, Weds 10-1; Bank Holidays 10 - 4

Woolhope Club

Contact: Mr D. Whitehead. 60, Hafod Road, Hereford. HR1 1SQ

davidwhitehead055@gmail.com

Founded in 1851, The Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club, covers the archaeology, history and the natural history of Herefordshire. Also Archaeological Research Section & Natural History Section Membership £13-00 per year, Joint £15-00, Student £2-00

**Contact Addresses of Family History Societies
surrounding Herefordshire**

Midland Ancestor (formerly BMSGH) (West Midland Group Member)

Sec: Mrs Jackie Cotterill, 5 Sanderling Court, Kidderminster, DY10 4TS

<https://midland-ancestors.uk/>

Gloucestershire FHS

Sec: Trish Gage, Family History Center, Clarence Row, Alvin Street, Gloucester.
GL1 3AH. Secretary@gfhs.org.uk

www.gfhs.org.uk

Gwent FHS

Sec: Mrs N. Thomas, 11, Rosser Street, Waunfelin, Pontypool. NP4 6EA

www.gwentfhs.info

Montgomeryshire GS

Sec: Mrs Monica Woosnam, 24 Dysart Terrace, Canal Road, Newtown, Powys,
SY16 2JL

<http://www.montgomeryshiregs.org.uk/>

Powys FHS

www.powysfhs.org.uk

Meetings held at Brecon BRE, Llanddewi Ystradenny RAD and Abermule MGY

Contact: philbufton@hotmail.com

Shropshire FHS (West Midland Group member)

Sec: Mr Dave Morris, 48 Oakley Street, Bellevue, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY3
7JY

Email: secretary@sfhs.org.uk

www.sfhs.org.uk

Malvern Family History Society (West Midland Group member)

Sec: Mrs Jean Evans

secretary@mfhs.org.uk

All meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Open at 7pm for a 7-30 start at Eden Church, Grovewood Road, Malvern. The meetings are also available by Zoom. We cover the whole of Worcestershire.

www.mfhs.org.uk/

FHF (Formerly called FFHS) is an international organisation, established in the UK as a non-profit making charitable company. It represents, advises and supports over 200 family history societies and other genealogical organizations worldwide, with a combined membership of over 300,000.

www.familyhistoryfederation.com

See www.fhswales.org.uk/ for information on societies in Wales

Correspondence

Any correspondence concerning the Journal should be addressed to the Editor. All other correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary. If you require a reply, please include a S.A.E.

Leominster Home Guard

The Leominster Folk Museum has the original record of the World War II Home Guard membership for Leominster and surrounding villages.

Herefordshire FHS Burial Index

Society members have been indexing the burials from the registers and Bishop's Transcripts for some years.

The period 1813-1839 is now complete and available on CD.

Requests for look-up of specific surnames, including Pre-1813 burials, with first names and / or parish if the name is very popular to:

NBI Co-ordinator - Linda Lloyd linda_lloyd@btinternet.com

Help Wanted

Researchers may publish enquiries in the "Help Wanted" section within the Journal. This service is free to members of the Society, but non-members are asked to make a donation to the Society with their enquiry.

Herefordshire Strays Index

The Society holds a Strays Index, which is available for look-ups and which we invite additions to.

So what is a Stray ?

A stray is someone found in archives or documents out of their county of birth, in our case Herefordshire. This index is available via e-mail and by post from the Editor, searched by Surname.

The Strays Index is available on the Members Area of the website along with other resources.

www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk

Herefordshire Registrar Indexes

The Herefordshire FHS has now had permission to publish all 3 of the Registrars indexes compiled by members of the society from the registers held by the Herefordshire Registrars of Births, Marriages & Deaths.

Births : 1837 - 1923 £15

Births: Name, Date of Birth, Mother's Maiden Name & Registrar Reference.

Marriages: 1837 - 1963 £25

Marriages: Name of both parties, Place and Date of Marriage, Register, Entry No

Deaths: 1837 - 1973 £10

Deaths: Surname, Forename, Date of Death, Age & Registrar Reference.

The agreement also includes permission for an extra year to be added to the indexes each January.

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