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From the Editor.....



I do hope you enjoy reading this issue of *Hertfordshire People*.

As mentioned last time, we are keen to welcome new people onto the Committee. We would particularly like to hear from younger members - we welcome fresh ideas. If you would be interested in joining the Committee, please contact the Secretary on secretary@hertsfhs.org.uk to discuss further.

All our Committee meetings are conducted via Zoom, so there is no requirement for you to live in or within striking distance of Hertfordshire.

I've had an incredibly busy summer with my day job in a local FE College which will not really calm down until the end of September. It's been even busier for me this year as we are short staffed. My work on *Hertfordshire People* is my relaxation. I enjoy reading all the articles members send in, be they long or short, looking at the accompanying illustrations and then the creative bit of putting it all together to make the journal.

It is good that we are finally getting back to face to face / hybrid meetings which cater for both the members who wish to come to Woolmer Green, and those who find Zoom more convenient, or who live too far away from Hertfordshire. It has been great to 'see' and converse with our wider membership over the last few years. Over the winter months, November to March, our talks will only be by Zoom, resuming our hybrid meetings from March 2023.

Have you been participating in any of the online family history challenges? If you follow social media accounts you will be aware that there are many which are 'doing the rounds'. I have been doing the '52 Ancestors in 52 weeks' challenge run by Amy Johnson Crow, whereby a weekly theme is suggested and you write a short article, or a blog, and post to a Facebook page. I am enjoying it but have 'fallen off the wagon' over the last month due to work commitments, but will catch up soon. I have posted my efforts to my blogger account and posted on my twitter account and the Facebook page associated with the challenge. It is a challenge to write something once a week, but enjoyable. See one of my blog articles with a Hertfordshire angle on page 22.

I am always happy to receive your articles, snippets, research queries and Post Bag items either by e-mail, post or in person at a Woolmer Green meeting (when we can meet there again safely) - *your* contributions make *Hertfordshire People* the award winning journal that it is.

Jane

Subscriptions

Don't forget that Subscriptions are due at the beginning of March.

The renewal form can be found in the middle of the December issue of *Hertfordshire People*. It is the yellow insert.

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There is one trap for the unwary. Some banks allow you a one off payment without quoting a reference. Please do not let this happen to you.

And one reminder. If you have changed your postal address or your e-mail address, then let us know by e-mail to registrar@hertsfhs.org.uk.

Dates for your Diary.....

11 - 12 November 2022

FHF Really Useful Family History Show. Virtual show. More information at this link - fhf-reallyuseful.com

19 November 2022

HALH 43rd Annual Symposium, 'Wining and Dining in Hertfordshire', Katherine Warington School, Harpenden. 10.00 am to 4pm. Tickets are £15 for HALH members, £18 for non-members, and include tea and coffee during the day. A buffet lunch will also be available at £7 per head, to be ordered in advance when purchasing tickets. This year, for the first time, we are making tickets available to order online through Eventbrite where you will be able to pay securely by card, PayPal or Google Pay. To order tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autumn-symposium-wining-and-dining-in-hertfordshire-tickets-402574620527>

2 - 4 December 2022

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M.I. vol. 114 – Woolmer Green - St Michael & All Angels - price £6.

Also

Ruston, Alan *Nonconformity in Hertfordshire* - revised edition - price £7.

To order these publications by post, refer to the Society's website:
www.hertsfhs.org.uk

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Hertfordshire Family History Society Competition

A kind donation by the late Sherry Martin made it possible to fund a biennial competition open to members of the Hertfordshire Family History Society which is to write an article between 1,500 and 2,000 words long on a particular theme.

There will be a £50 prize and a certificate for the winner which will be announced at the AGM in 2023.

The winning article will also be published in the next available issue of *Hertfordshire People*.

Theme:

Here for the Beer: Brewers, Maltsters and Publicans - my family connections.

- Cite the family history sources that you have used
- Include illustrations, if you have them.
- It is preferable that your relative concerned has a Hertfordshire connection.
- The aim of the article is that it should be both interesting and educational to the readers of *Hertfordshire People*.

The Rules of the Competition are:

1. Each entrant is to be a member of Hertfordshire Family History Society
2. Members of the Committee are not eligible to enter
3. Only one entry per member
4. The article should not have been published before
5. The deadline for submission to the Editor is the end of February 2023
6. Entries can be handwritten or typed, hard copy or submitted electronically. Text in Word format and illustrations in jpg format preferred.
7. The Judges decision is final
8. Please ensure your entry is clearly marked COMPETITION

Send your entries to the Editor, 53 Hitchin Street, Baldock, Hertfordshire SG7 6AQ or by email to editor@hertsfhs.org.uk no later than 28 February 2023.

OBITUARY

William Robert Batchelor (Bill)



Bill was an active member of Hertfordshire Family History Society including the St Albans House Group for many years.

He was the eldest child born to Charles William and Annie May Batchelor, growing up and living in and around St Albans for all of his life. Spending time where his mother Annie was born in Pontygwyth, South Wales was always a pleasure for Bill. During his formative years in the 6 weeks of school summer holidays he could be found reading magazines in his Aunt and Uncle's newspaper shop before setting off to explore the surrounding hills in the afternoon.

Bill left school in 1955 aged 15 to work at De Havilland Aircraft Co. in Hatfield where he stayed until retirement.

Starting as an apprentice he eventually progressed to the Drawing Office and was proud to say he was part of the team chosen to work on the aircraft ordered for Number 32 (The Royal) Squadron, RAF for HM The Queen, VIPs and other dignitaries.

Bill had a great love of the outdoors and joined the St Albans YHA. It was here he met and enjoyed the company of lifelong friends including his future wife Lynn.

Anyone who knew Bill would know another of his passions was maps, there is almost nothing he didn't know about them! Not only did he own a vast number of maps, study maps, talk about maps, he also created maps; it is Bill who painstakingly produced the maps currently sold by Herts FHS.

Of Bill's many hobbies it is his interest in family history that I personally have to thank him for. Not only did his extensive research lead me to my Batchelor cousins (see Bill's article on page 27 of the *Hertfordshire People* No. 143, December 2017) it also gave me a dear friend for over 20 years.

Bill was a social person, I quote from Pat, one of his closest friends: "In later years we have met up as old friends for New Year's Eve parties and Bill was the one who kept us together – he did like a party – and we owe him many thanks". It is fitting that Bill eventually managed to celebrate his 80th Birthday (delayed by Covid) the day after his 82nd Birthday with a long awaited party surrounded by his nearest and dearest. He died suddenly and unexpectedly 3 days later.

Elaine Tyler



Secretary's Jottings

by Tracy Turner

We hope you have enjoyed a good summer and have been able to get out to some of the places you have missed during the pandemic, and caught up with friends and relatives. We had a very successful online research day in August where we managed to offer new suggestions to many members with a brickwall. We do hope that you have been able to progress further and would love you to share some of these stories with the wider membership of the Society. Don't forget that someone else may hold the key to unlock your mystery, and that the old adage, a problem shared is a problem halved, can be very true.

During our research session it was very clear that there were two essential tips for research that many members were missing out on. The first of these is the Hertfordshire Names Online index that the Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies (HALS) has compiled from their holdings. This is constantly added to and updated so it is always worth another look.

The search interface for this is at <https://bit.ly/3wCCzTJ> and this currently returns hits under the following themes:

- Apprentices (1599 - 1903)
- Archive Catalogue (1100 - 2016)
- Crime & Punishment (1746 - 2015)
- Fatalities (1827 - 1933)
- Marriages & Marriage Licences (1538 - 1925)
- Miscellaneous Names (1555 - 1975)
- Newspapers & Magazines (1758 - 2022)
- Newspaper Pictures (1890 - 1953)
- Non Conformist Registers (1658 - 1966)
- The Poor (1623 - 1915)
- Tithe and Inland Revenue (1837 - 1918)
- Wills (1413 - 1857)

You can click on the search results for more details and have a choice to either order a copy of the record from HALS or to make a note of the record details and go to HALS and look at the record there.

The second avenue to help with research is local history societies. Not family history, but the history of the village, town or area, or even workplace etc. There is a good listing of these at the Hertfordshire Association for Local History website <https://bit.ly/3e6c7ev> but you can usually also find a lot of these groups on Facebook where you can follow their activities and ask questions. These local history societies often contain people with an in-depth knowledge of local families, employment and local events which you may not get from the usual family history records.

Finally, as we approach winter and an uncertain economic future here in the UK, don't forget that your local library will be a warm place of refuge where you can refer to books for reference as well as leisure titles, borrow magazines including history and genealogy titles, and access the British Newspaper Archive, and Ancestry and Find My Past library editions.

If you are not very proficient with computers, most libraries have digital helpers and sessions to help you get to grips with technology. Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies is also now open again, so this autumn and winter may be a prime time to get to back to your research. Once you have made some progress why not write it up and send to our Editor for the magazine.

Best wishes

Tracy
secretary@hertsfhs.org.uk

Social Media News



Our Twitter account has been mentioned by the Family History Federation in a recent Tweet.

Our Facebook page is also thriving, so much so that our co-ordinator could do with some help!

Our coordinator tries to post something interesting about family history local history with a Hertfordshire angle and answers queries posted on the page almost daily and would welcome some additional assistance with this.

If you have an hour or so a week to spare and are familiar with how Facebook pages work please contact the Editor.

Do like and follow HFHS Facebook and Twitter accounts if you are able to.

The 35th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences



At the 35th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences, which was held at Clare College, Cambridge in August, HFHS Committee member John Tunesi was delighted to meet in person Brenton Simons, the CEO of the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS).

John was able to hand over a copy of *Hertfordshire People* No 159, December 2021 which contained the Hertfordshire Heraldic Miscellany No 56 which discussed the marital arms of George Needham and Barbara Fitch of Wymondley Priory, Little Wymondley in Hertfordshire.

Brenton is a descendant of this couple and the owner of the splendid paintings of them which were used to illustrate John's article. John and Brenton liaised regarding the article via email so it was good to finally meet in person.

The Congress was an enjoyable few days of interesting lectures, an exhibition, artwork and book stalls, a trip to Ely Cathedral and a gala dinner to round it all off in the Great Hall at King's College. A great networking event for genealogists and heraldists from all over the world.

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The Brading - George Folklore

By Patricia Braden

Family lore tells us that nearly 240 years ago Ann **Brading** found herself pregnant to William **George** who was a student at the college where she worked.¹ They were both very young at the time, and William's family did not agree to a marriage between them, so Ann went on to have the baby on her own.²

Ann Brading had been baptised on 18th November, 1768 at All Saints and St. John, Hertford and had three younger siblings: John, Edward and Elisha.³ Her parents, Thomas Brading and Elizabeth **Draper** had been married in that same church on 3rd September, 1760. Although her father Thomas' occupation is not known, he may well have been employed in the Carpentry or Sawyer industries – as were his sons John and Elisha respectively.⁴

William George's parents are unknown at this stage – however, bricklayer William George of All Saints and St. John is a possibility for his father.⁵

It seems that young William was also born around 1768, as when he was 18 in 1786 his name appears to be noted on the Hertford Militia List as being available to join a reserve list to guard the British shores against a possible invasion by the French. These young men, of 18 years and upwards, could be drawn from the list and be required to serve for three years. However, as they were not in the actual army, they could not be sent abroad to fight.

Against William's name on the list, his occupation is given as an "Usher", which is an old terminology for an assistant school-master. Does this then indicate that William was not actually a pupil, but indeed working at the school when Ann Brading became pregnant?

If so, it's possible that he was employed at the well-known Christ's Hospital School (a Bluecoat Boarding School in Hertford).⁶ Although many of the boys at this school were orphans, most were sons of Citizens of London.⁷ This would also indicate why the school needed servants, and why Ann may have been employed there as a maid.



*The Bluecoat School in Hertford.*⁸

Unfortunately nothing further is known about what happened to this young couple, who are believed to be the parents of our Alexander (McDonald) Braden, the child who was born illegitimate, on 7th August, 1789 in Hertfordshire and from whom my husband, James, is descended.⁹

NOTES

1. This information was originally provided by Arnold Braden (NZ) who had paid a researcher in England in about 1950-1960. But ... I do not know the name of, nor the source of the researcher's information.
2. Similar story handed down through the generations, including the (erroneous?) fact that William was a "Scottish Laird" and his family would not allow him to marry Ann Brading.
3. England, Select Births and Christenings – via Ancestry.com.
4. Militia List – Hertford – 1757-1805 – Listing all young men suitable to be called up for the Militia – via Hertfordshire Family History Society – with many thanks to Janet Pearson.
5. Militia List – Hertford – 1757-1805 – via Hertfordshire Family History Society.
6. The original Blue Coat School was founded by King Edward VI in 1552 for London's poor children . https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bluecoat_school and Hertford BlueCoat School - <https://www.hertford.net/history/bluecoats.php#:~:text=For%20some%20300%20years%20Hertford,Thomas's%20Hospital%20and%20Bridewell%20Hospital.>
7. Arnold Braden's researcher – 1960's, with additional information to be obtained when it becomes available.
8. Photo of Hertford school by Veronica Humphrey, Wardrobe Mistress (1969-78) - <https://www.ourhertfordandware.org.uk/content/places/hertford-places/education-hertford-places/christs-hospital/veronica-humphrey-wardrobe-mistress-1969-78>
9. Alexander McDonald Braden married (1) Ann Fay; (2) Frances Eleanor Foulkes; (3) Sarah Gundry - all in or around London..

If any readers have any further information about the George or Baradig families Patricia would be delighted to hear from you - bradenfamily@optusnet.com.au

We could do with some more
Research Queries for
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Postbag

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Chalkley

I have Chalkley in my family tree, starting with William James 1876-1914 who married my great aunt, Annie **Barnes** in 1911.

His parents were James (1850-1929) and Emma **Parker** – married 1874,
Grandparents James (1841) – married Sophia **Overhill** in 1844,
Great grandparents James (1803, born Kings Walden) – married Sarah **Newland** 1824.

I go back as far as John born about 1550.

I hope this is of some help.

Regards

Ann Jones (HFHS1938)
avjones@talktalk.net

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Social Media

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Do follow the accounts to keep in touch with the HFHS Talks programme, open to all, and posts relevant to local and family history with an emphasis on Hertfordshire.

You can post queries on Facebook too.

Aunt Sarah - Who featured in every Census 1841 - 1921

By Janet Pearson

Recently I answered a challenge in *Family Tree* magazine asking for people who had a relation in every census published so far (1841 – 1921).

I thought of my Great Grandfather's sister Sarah. She was born in Broxbourne in 1833 to James and Ann **Plastow**. She was one of nine children. Her father James worked as a gardener / handyman for Thomas **Thoresby**, a retired East India Army Captain.

Her early life was reasonable for the time. She probably attended the local charity school, where she would have been taught the three Rs and needlework. She was with her family as a 7 year old in the 1841 census.

Following her older sister, I assume she went into service in her mid-teens, but she is only 17 when she is back at home as a 'servant out of place' in 1851.

By the 1861 census Sarah was service in Kensington, as a parlour maid. The family were away, leaving just a skeleton staff.



We believe this photo, probably Sarah, may have been taken about this time.

A brother, Amos, was also working in central London as a coachman. Their mother, Ann, died at his house in 1864

Amos married his cousin Jane **Aldridge**, they had a daughter, Florence, unfortunately Jane died in 1875. Florence was said to have slight learning disabilities.

Amos died in 1878 and Sarah 'adopted' Florence, and then cared for her for the rest of her life.

Thus, we find that by the 1881 census Sarah, and twelve year old Florence, are living in Willesden, north London. Sarah gives her occupation as dressmaker. Also living with them is Sarah's youngest sister Eliza, who is a cook.

The 1891 census shows Sarah occupying a house in Archibald Road, Kentish Town, north London. She has two lady lodgers, one even has her own maid. Florence is still there with her. Sister Eliza is also running a boarding house, but in Hornsey, north London. Her two lodgers are young clerks in the City. Helping her is her niece Elizabeth, from Wormley.

At some time Sarah must have had nieces helping her, as two burials in Wormley churchyard are for Elizabeth's sisters who were 'from Archibald Road, Kentish Town'. Sarah's sister Eliza also died at this address in 1896.

1901 finds Sarah and Florence still keeping the boarding house. This time their lodgers are a Congregational curate and a young lady trainee teacher 'of the afflicted'.

Florence died in 1907 and by 1911 I believe Sarah had given up the boarding house. She would have been well into her 70s and in receipt of the old age pension newly introduced by David Lloyd George. On this census she is visiting friends.

By 1921 she was occupying rooms above an oil shop in Junction Road, Holloway, north London. This area was far more rural then. Living nearby was Sarah's nephew Edward Plastow with his wife and daughters. It was one of these daughters, Minnie (1886 – 1978) who related tales of Aunt Sarah to me. She remembered her as a proud independent lady, and said her father, Edward, would try to give Sarah produce from his allotment in nearby Shepherd's Hill, only to be told that 'I am not a charity case'.

Sarah died in 1929 and is buried in Islington cemetery in East Finchley, in the non-conformist grave she purchased for her sister Eliza and niece Florence.

She was born before Queen Victoria came to the throne, her life spanned three major wars, Crimea, Boer and 1st World War. She saw the coming of railways, motor cars and air travel. Did she visit the cinema or listen to the radio?

I also have heard, from Minnie, that Sarah liked to take a train ride for a seaside day out, perhaps to Clacton or Southend.

She had seen one brother emigrate to Canada in the 1860s, under sail, then she saw another brother off to Australia in 1890 by steam ship.

Has society ever really looked at these independent women, with minimum education, who were able to make a life for themselves independently. There must have been thousands of widows and spinsters who made homes for a younger generation moving from the provinces to London in years gone by.



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Brewers in Hertfordshire: Simpson and Phillips

By Felicity Brimblecombe

My attempts at researching brewers and publicans began with my 3x great grandfather, James **Merchant** 1789-1881. He was a carpenter and publican who resided at the *Brown Bear* in Braughing. Both occupations have been confirmed by census returns, Post Office directories and the information that used to be on the wall in the *Brown Bear*.



“This house known by the sign of the ‘Brown Bear’ is a good example of building construction in Tudor times circa 1500. In fact it is evident from the structure of the beams that they probably formed part of an older building, not necessarily on this site, and were reused here.

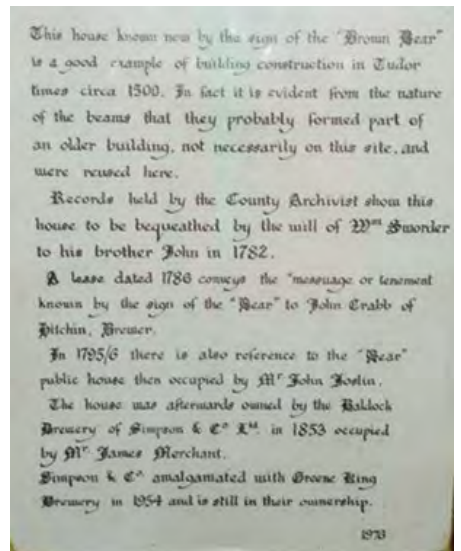
*Records held by the County Archivist show this house was bequeathed by the will of Wm **Swonder** to his brother John in 1782.*

*A lease dated 1786 conveys the ‘messuage or tenement known by the sign of the ‘Bear’ to John **Crabb** of Hitchin, Brewer.*

*In 1795/6 there is also reference to the ‘Bear’ public house then occupied by Mr John **Joslin**.*

*The house was afterwards owned by the **Baldock Brewery of Simpson & Co. Ltd.** in 1853 occupied by Mr **James Merchant**.*

Simpson & Co amalgamated with the Greene King Brewery in 1954 and is still in their ownership.



1973”

Who were the Simpsons Brewers in Baldock who owned the *Brown Bear*?

Quoting from a book about *Brewers in Hertfordshire*¹: John and Thomas George **Simpson**, who were nephews of the brewer John **Phillips**, bought the brewery, maltings and tied estate for £81,000 in 1853.

Who was John Phillips and who was the original owner of the Phillips Brewery?²

Current descendants of the Phillips brewery are also interested in the origins which also prompted a small amount of further research into this brewing family who were based in

Royston for several centuries. Using details from numerous wills and Quaker records, in addition to the published research, has only resulted in a tiny bit more information.

The initiator of the Phillips Brewery is agreed to have been Robert Phillips. The book *Brewers in Hertfordshire* says: *In 1725 Robert Phillips, a Quaker living in Radwell and already established as a maltster in Royston, bought land on the south side of Baldock Street for £500 from a man named Haggard and established a small brewery there.*³

The increased availability of wills now shows, unbeknown to the author of the book, that Robert had several sons. Robert's will, written in 1753, stated that he was a brewer, of Royston, and named his sons as beneficiaries⁴: John (executor), Thomas, and Joseph. Another beneficiary was his grandson Robert, son of his son Robert. Son John inherited the brewery. His quaker burial states he was about 73 when he died in 1786 and therefore born in about 1713.⁵

MAKE a Grave on or before next *Sixth*, Day, in Friends Burying-Ground, at or near *Royston*, and therein lay the Body of *John Phillips* of *Royston* in the County of *Herts* aged about *Seventy three* years who died the *Ninth* Day of the *twelfth* Month, called *December* - One Thousand *Seven* - Hundred and *Eighty six*

John's will agrees with the will of his father in that it names the children of his brothers: Thomas and Robert (Joseph had no children) and adds the names of his sister Elizabeth's daughters.

A lengthy article published in 2003 by the Brewery History Society states that Robert Phillips of Radstock ie Radwell⁶ bought a brewery in Royston in 1725 when he was about 50.⁷ The information seems to be based on oral history from descendants now living in New Zealand who mention other sons of Robert: William (born 1704), Robert (born 1705) and Michael (born 1708). If correct why did John (born 1713) inherit the brewery?

The book also mentions other Quakers in Royston, Michael Phillips and John Phillips who had not been connected to Robert. Tracing these might help.

Michael Phillips had a Quaker burial in Royston in 1747 and the adjacent entry was for John Phillips of Radwell Grange.⁸

1 *Michl Phillips of Royston. Departed this Life*
the 10th 18th 1747 and was Buried the 21th Inst in Friends
new Burying ground at Royston.

1 *John Phillips of Radwell Grange Departed this*
Life the 13th 1747/8 was Buried the 20th Inst in Friends
Burying ground at Baldock.

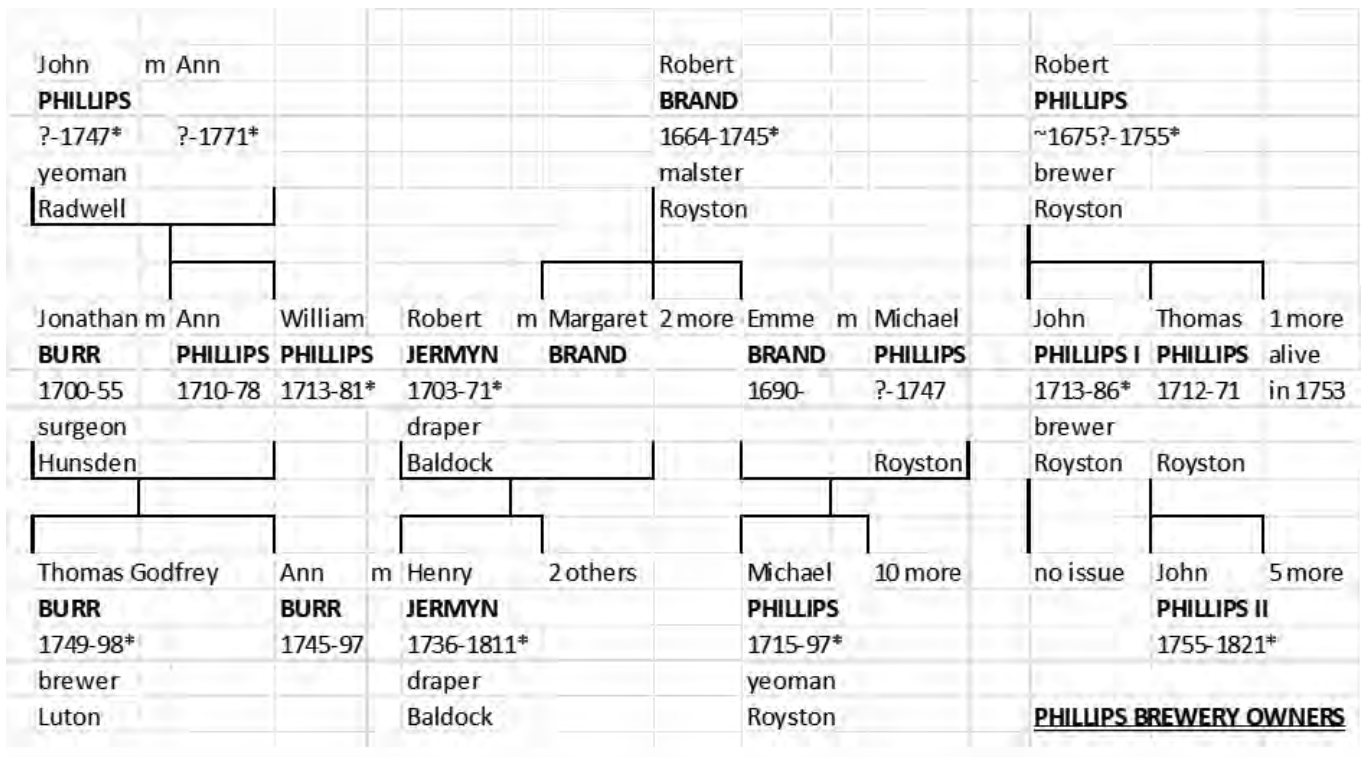
Michael Phillips married Emme **Brand** whose father, Robert, and grandfather were maltsters of Royston. Robert Brand's will⁹ lists his 4 daughters: Mary Brand, Emme (wife of **Michael Phillips**), Margaret (wife of Robert **Jermyn**), Sarah (wife of Thomas **Turpin**).

John Philips, yeoman of Radwell Grange, wrote his will in 1746.¹⁰ He mentioned his family: wife Ann, son William, daughter Ann the wife of Jonathan **Burr** of Hunsdon. He also named his friends including Robert **Jermyn**.

The common connection to Robert Jermyn suggests a close relationship between Michael and John Phillips. This is confirmed when Michael Phillips' nephew, Henry Jermyn, married John Phillips' granddaughter, Ann Burr.

Their Quaker marriage was recorded in detail as on 1st day of the fifth month¹¹ 1767 at Baldock.¹² Ann Burr's parents: Jonathan Burr late of Hunsden, surgeon, deceased and his wife, Ann, now of Radwell Grange. Henry Jermyn's parents: Robert Jermyn, draper of Baldock. Seven people were listed as witnesses. Also listed separately were four relatives: Robt Jermyn, William Phillips, Robt Jermyn Jun^r, Mary Jermyn. [Henry's father and siblings; Ann Burr's brother].

The numerous wills, indicated by asterisks on the trees below, provide no evidence to link either Michael or John Phillips to Robert Philips.



Despite no apparent connection to brewing, John Phillips' grandson, Thomas Godfrey Burr, became a brewer in Luton.¹³ He bought a brewery in 1776 which was run by the Burr family for the next 81 years.¹⁴

One factor that could connect them all together is Radwell.¹⁵ Perhaps there is a link to William Philips who married Elizabeth **Squire** in Hardwick by Shefford in 1672 which is not far from Radwell Grange?¹⁶ Further research is required to find any children of William and Elizabeth and then match them to Robert, Michael and John who are currently without accurate dates of birth.

The descendants of Robert Phillips are easier to follow although on several occasions the owner of the Phillips Brewery had no offspring, so another branch of the family gained ownership. The various branches were often brewing in other counties.^{17 18} In 1949 the Phillips Brewery business was sold to Greens of Luton.¹⁹

The family tree opposite includes the New Zealand and Simpson connections which are underlined. Names in **bold italics** were owners of the Philips Brewery. Names in capital letters show the people whose descendants become owners of the brewery. Wills are indicated by *.

NOTES

1. *Brewers in Hertfordshire*, Allan Whitaker, University of Hertfordshire Press, 1988, page 58.
2. Three Simpson brothers: Joseph, John, Thomas but only Joseph and Thomas are brewers in Baldock in 1861.
3. *Brewers in Hertfordshire*, Allan Whitaker, University of Hertfordshire Press, 1988, page 178.
4. PROB 11/817/182 written 1753, probate 1755.
5. England & Wales, Quaker Birth, Marriage, and Death Registers, 1578-1837, Monthly Meeting of Hitchin: Baldock, and Baldock and Royston (1776-1795), Piece 0077 (original record on Ancestry and Findmypast)
6. Why does the article say Radstock ie Radwell?
7. <http://www.breweryhistory.com/journal/archive/111/bh-111-037.html>
8. Quaker BDMs: Piece 1430: Monthly Meeting of Hitchin: Baldock, and Baldock and Royston (1729-1749)
9. PROB 11/741/418 written 1744, probate 1745
10. 14 HW68 [available from Herts Archives and Library Services]
11. NB Quaker records may not use January as the first month
12. England & Wales, Quaker Birth, Marriage, and Death Registers, 1578-1837, Monthly Meeting of Hitchin: Baldock, and Baldock and Royston (1656-1775), Piece 1409 (original record on Ancestry and Findmypast)
13. PROB 11/1301/297 Probate 1798 [available National Archives and Ancestry]
14. Bedfordshire Archives: Hosted By Bedford Borough Council: Burrs Brewery Park Street Luton
15. Radwell is parish in Hertfordshire, north of Baldock
16. RADWELL GRANGE, Radwell - 1102673 | Historic England
17. <http://www.breweryhistory.com/journal/archive/111/bh-111-037.html>
18. <http://www.breweryhistory.com/journal/archive/112/bh-112-016.html>
19. History of the Phillips of Royston - Brewery History Society Wiki

PHILLIPS BREWERY FAMILY TREE

ROBERT Phillips* (1675-1755) founder of the Royston Brewery circa 1725: 5 sons, 1 daughter:

John I* (1713-1786) died without issue
THOMAS (1719-1771) son **John II**
Joseph* (1721-1780) baker
Elizabeth (1726-1786) married John Talwin* apothecary
Robert (?-?), son Robert (possibly a brewer in Oxford)

THOMAS PHILLIPS (1712-1771) married Mary: 6 sons

John II*(1755-1821) died without issue
Thomas* (1756-1814) of Therfield
George (1758-1802)
ROBERT (1762-1802) son **John III***
JOSEPH I* (1765-1833) son **John IV***

ROBERT PHILLIPS (1762-1802) married Ann Maria Mean

John III*(1790-1826) died without issue, owned Phillips Brewery jointly with **John IV***
George, Robert, Joseph, Thomas, Ann, Mary (named in will of **John III**)

JOSEPH I* (?-1833) brewer from Stamford married Judith Dix: 7 known sons, 10 daughters

John IV* (1796-1871) owned Phillips Brewery jointly with **John III***
Joseph II* (1795-1865) brewer at Stamford
daughter Fanny married her cousin Thomas George Simpson*
George (1799-?)
Charles* (1803-1887)
Henry (1805-77) brewer, emigrated to Canterbury, New Zealand
Edward (1810-1859) brewer, married the sister of **John IV** wife
Sophia (1801-74) married Richard Simpson
sons Joseph Simpson* (1824-93) and Thomas George Simpson* (1831-89)
purchased brewery in Baldock in 1853

John IV* (1796- 1871) married twice:

First marriage to Monica Mary Michael: 1 son, 3 daughters

John V* (1835-1925) married twice [**business listed as J & JE Phillips**]
first wife Elizabeth Clark: 1 son, 1 daughter
John Robert (1863-1925)
second wife Katherine Monilaws: 3 sons, 2 daughters
Ian Montague Michael (1882-1954)
Eric Charles Malcolm (1883-1957)
Edwin Gray Monilaws* (1885-1973)

Second marriage to Jane Helen Marshal: 2 sons

Joseph Edward John* (1842-1910) [**business listed as J & JE Phillips**]
George Frederick (1843-1935)

Joseph Edward John* (1842-1910) married Maud Thurnall: 1 son

Joseph Harold John (1878-1953)

Hertfordshire Record Society

Readers of this journal will have noted that we often review the excellent publications issued by the Hertfordshire Record Society. This local Society was founded in 1985 with its purpose being to publish texts relating to Hertfordshire that would not otherwise be easily accessible. As their website states 'Its publications will appeal to anyone who appreciates the county and its past' - <http://www.hrsociety.org.uk/>

Family History and Local History often overlaps. Many of the earlier volumes are now 'out of print', but do turn up on online auction sites and bookstores, as well as physical bookshops. All are interesting and useful for historians of Hertfordshire and its people.

- VOLUME I: TUDOR CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS. *Out of print.*
VOLUME II: EARLY STUART HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS. *Out of print.*
VOLUME III: A PROFESSIONAL HERTFORDSHIRE TRAMP. *Out of print.*
VOLUME IV: THE SALISBURY-BALFOUR CORRESPONDENCE. *Out of print.*
VOLUME V: THE PARISH REGISTER AND TITHING BOOK OF THOMAS HASSALL OF AMWELL. *Out of print.*
VOLUME VI: CHESHUNT COLLEGE: THE EARLY YEARS.
VOLUME VII: ST ALBANS QUARTER SESSIONS ROLLS 1784-1820. *Out of print.*
VOLUME VIII: THE ACCOUNTS OF THOMAS GREEN 1742-1790
VOLUME IX: ST ALBANS WILLS 1471-1500. *Out of print.*
VOLUME X: THE EARLY CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS OF BISHOPS STORTFORD 1431-1558.
VOLUME XI: RELIGION IN HERTFORDSHIRE 1847-51. *Out of print.*
VOLUME XII: MUSTER BOOKS 1580-1605. *Out of print.*
VOLUME XIII: HERTFORD WILLS AND INVENTORIES 1660-1725.
VOLUME XIV: LAY SUBSIDY ROLLS FOR HERTFORDSHIRE 1307-8 & 1334.
VOLUME XV: "OBSERVATIONS OF WEATHER": 1684-89.
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VOLUME XVII: GARDEN-MAKING AND THE FREMAN FAMILY: A MEMOIR OF HAMELS 1713-1733.
VOLUME XVIII: TWO NINETEENTH CENTURY HERTFORDSHIRE DIARIES.
VOLUME XIX: "THIS LITTLE COMMONWEALTH": 1607-1650 & 1704-1747.
VOLUME XX: JULIAN GRENFELL: SOLDIER AND POET: LETTERS AND DIARIES: 1910-1915.
VOLUME XXI: THE HELLARD ALMSHOUSES AND OTHER STEVENAGE CHARITIES: 1482-2005.
VOLUME XXII: THE DIARY OF LADY ADELA CAPEL OF CASSIOBURY: 1841-1842.
VOLUME XXIII: THE IMPACT OF THE FIRST CIVIL WAR ON HERTFORDSHIRE: 1642-47.
VOLUME XXIV: THE DIARY OF BENJAMIN WOODCOCK: 1836-1838.
VOLUME XXV: DATCHWORTH TITHE ACCOUNTS: 1711 TO 1747.
VOLUME XXVI: JOHN CARRINGTON: FARMER OF BRAMFIELD: HIS DIARY: 1798-1810: PART I: 1798-1804.
XXVII: HUMPHRY REPTON'S RED BOOKS OF PANSHANGER AND TEWIN WATER.

VOLUME XXVIII, THE RECEIPT BOOK OF BARONESS ELIZABETH DIMSDALE (c.1800).

VOLUME XXIX, RECORDS OF THE MANOR OF NORTON IN THE LIBERTY OF ST ALBANS 1244-1539.

VOLUME XXX, WESTON SCHOOL LOGBOOKS, 1876-1914.

VOLUME XXXI, LORD FORDWICH'S GRAND TOUR, 1756-60.

VOLUME XXXII, ST ALBANS WILLS, INVENTORIES AND PROBATE ACCOUNTS, 1600-1615.

VOLUME XXXIII, JOHN CARRINGTON, FARMER OF BRAMFIELD, HIS DIARY, 1798-1810, VOLUME 2, 1805-1810 AND JOHN CARRINGTON JUNIOR'S DIARY, MAY 1810-DECEMBER 1812.

VOLUME XXXIV, WALTER MORRELL'S 'MANUFACTURE FOR THE NEW DRAPERIE' (1616).

VOLUME XXXV, HERTFORD GAOL RECORDS, 1834-1844.

VOLUME XXXVI, THE THIRD EARL COWPER AND HIS FLORENTINE HOUSEHOLD, 1760-90.

VOLUME XXXVII, ASHWELL OVERSEERS' ACCOUNTS, 1676-1722.

Expected to be published this year

VOLUME XXXVIII, BERKHAMSTED ST PETER CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, C.1584-1660.

As can be seen by the titles above, there is much of interest to be found for the family historian, particularly those with ancestry in Hertfordshire.

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The Football Years

This year I have been attempting the 52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks challenge, which has certainly been a challenge! Each week there is a theme and you write a short piece or a blog on a family story that is associated with the theme. There's a social media hashtag #52ancestors and a facebook group where you can post your copy or link to your blog if you want to. For Week 30 the theme was **Teams**. When this topic came up, I immediately thought of my Dad and his long association with **Letchworth Town Football Club** in Hertfordshire.

Dad was always sporty, something that I certainly haven't inherited! I am more of an 'armchair athlete' although I was 'average' in a class of outstanding athletes in my school. I'm small (under 5 feet) and always seemed to be paired with the tallest girl in the class for the 100 metres – I think I did 2 strides to her 1. I was quick out of the blocks but had sadly faded by the end! I was a 'reserve' in the Rounders team, a sport that I enjoyed and was good at. Whilst I was at school, we did Hockey and Netball in the winter and Tennis, Rounders and Athletics in the summer – with swimming and Gym activities all year around. I was average at most sports and took part in the annual House sports day representing my House in the Long Jump, 100 metres and the 'fun' events such as the Egg and Spoon, which I won one year, and the 3-legged race. However, from my Dad I learnt how to kick a ball as soon as I learnt how to walk. On one Sports Day we had a 'beat the goalie' event where I managed to get 2 goals past the Letchworth goalkeeper in my 3 attempts. Not bad.

But I digress, back to my dad's story and his involvement with local football teams in his life.

Dad was born on 2 July 1916 in Letchworth in Hertfordshire UK, the sixth child, and fourth son, of Alfred Charles and Alice **Nickels**. Dad was born at home in Shott Lane in Letchworth. The birthday day is interesting as it was also the same day and month as his elder brother Dick and his step Auntie Gert.



Dad's sports passion was Football. Whilst still at Pixmore School in Letchworth he was in the football team.

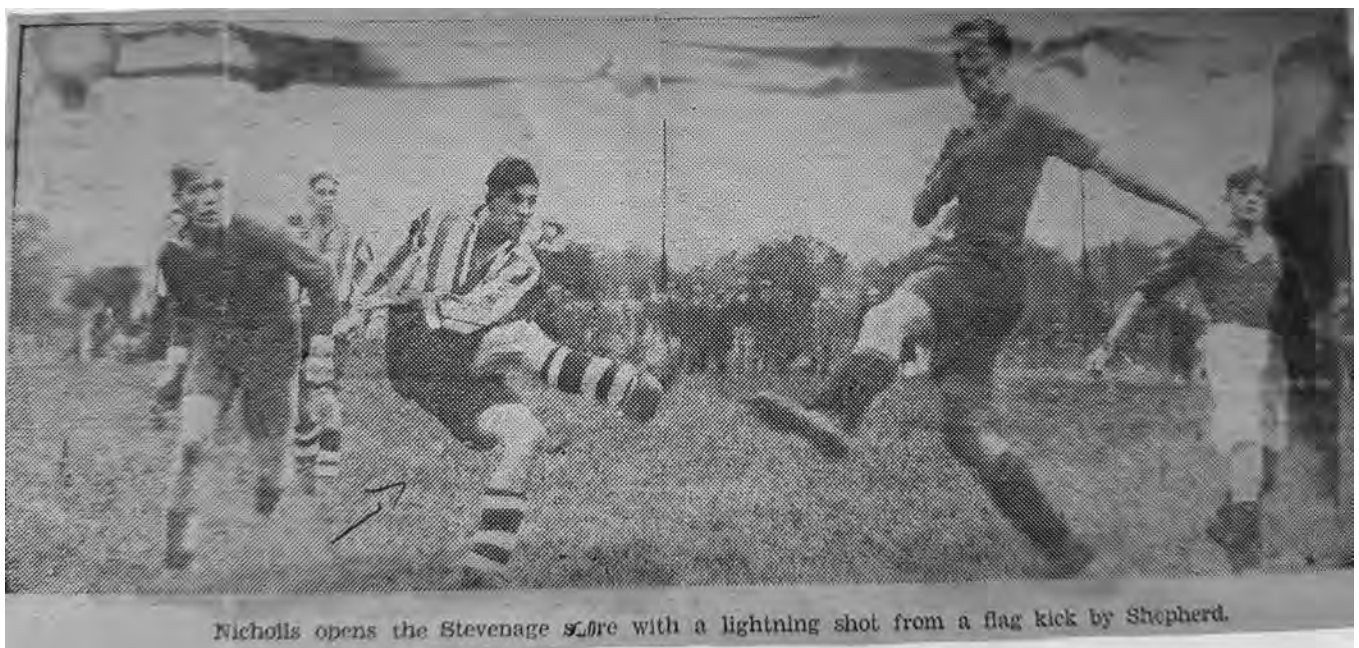
Dad is in the back row, far right. This would have been about 1930 as Dad left school when he was 14.

A few of his school friends also mirrored his involvement with other local football teams.

My Dad had a couple of scrapbooks and many newspaper cuttings which he had kept over the years of his involvement in the local football scene from the mid-1930s to the mid-1970s which I converted to a specially bound book as a gift to him. I still have the book on my family history bookshelf. I called it '*The Football Years - 1935 - 1974*'.

There is not much about the early years apart from some newspaper cuttings. I also have Dad's silver football winners' medals in the family archive i.e. a box in the attic. Although we have the cuttings, many are not dated so it took some time to arrange the pages in chronological order.

The earliest newspaper article and photo of Dad 'in action' has the caption 'Nicholls opens the Stevenage score with a lightning shot from a flag kick by Shepherd'. Thus, I learned that Dad had played for Stevenage, a town about 5 miles from Letchworth, but this would have been before the New Town was built.



From the cutting relating to this match in the Herts Charity Shield tournament, Stevenage beat Baldock 8 : 1, with Dad scoring a hat-trick (3 goals). He also played for the Letchworth Reserves in their 5:2 victory over Welwyn Reserves.

During the 1930s he was in the winning teams for the following matches, where he received a winner's silver medal.

1936-37 – Spartan League Winners – Letchworth

1938-39 – Greg Cup Winners – Resilia (the Team of the Foster Instrument Company)

1938-39 – Mid Herts League Winners – Little Berkhamsted

Dad told me the story about one match he played in during the winter in the days of leather football boots and leather footballs, which when wet got heavier and heavier. Dad felt something 'go' in his ankle during the first half and carried on playing. Assessed it himself during 'half time' and carried on playing in the second half. It was only when the game finished and got in the bath and took off his boots that his ankle swelled up and he was unable to walk on it. A visit to the cottage hospital in Letchworth confirmed that

he had broken his ankle. I guess the boots which were tightly laced had provided support during the match.

There is a 'break' in the cuttings during the Second World War when Dad was working in a reserved occupation and doing his bit in the Home Guard in Letchworth.

The next photographs I have are of Letchworth Town Football Club, I guess shortly after the War. With this Team, known as the Bluebirds, he played at Back when they won the Spartan League Division II.



Sid Scoot Nick Nickels ? Phil Chamberlain Teddy Jones Johnny Norman
? Rosendale ? ? Bell Philip Ward Ralph Goodall

And also, Wymondley, where Dad was on the Team that won the North Herts F.A. Division II in 1950-51.



?Jack Ron Smith ? ? ? Percy Andrews
Bill Hutcheon Roy Croft ? Meadows
Reuben ? ? Howard Ben Warren Ken Holmes Nick Nickels

By the 1950s Dad must have realised that his playing days were numbered. It is then that we have cuttings referring to him as on the committees of various local football teams, such as Ickleford where he became the Chairman. Many of the photographs we have are from the local newspaper, the *Herts Pictorial*. There is also the first of the international trips to play similar teams in Europe. Ickleford for example, visited Nieppe in France in 1960 and 1961.

On 19 October 1962 Dad was appointed Chairman of Letchworth Town Football Club, where he had once been a player. One cutting, which looks like it has come from a LTFC programme states:

‘CHAIRMAN We are pleased to announce that Mr A.E. Nickels has agreed to accept this office. We know him to be a keen sportsman, a shrewd businessman and a good leader. We welcome him and trust he will be with us for many season’.

Further cuttings give more information about Dad. ‘Joint managing director of the Letchworth firm of Green and Nickels, he is also a director of E.E. Shaw (Letchworth) Ltd and Wilmond Engineering Co Ltd, Hitchin.’

The Letchworth Town Football Ground was in Baldock Road, near to our family home, the same site, and the Hertfordshire County Ground today. I remember as a child going to matches in the old wooden stand.



Dad was always quick thinking and keen to ‘get on with the job’. One newspaper cutting states that on noticing that there were excavators working on the new Jackman’s Estate in Letchworth he mused that they would be just the thing to clear a roadway and car park on the ground. A hurried phone call to the HQ of the excavators and three hours later a 120 yard long, 15ft wide road had been bulldozed between the Baldock Road gate and the other side of the road. Cheeky, but it worked. Dad was not afraid to take a chance! If you don’t ask, you don’t get. With his business contacts Dad suggested writing to local businesses asking if they would become ‘Vice Presidents’, over 80 said yes, which showed the interest in local sport in the town. There were proposals to extend the recreation hall – which I remember as a venue for birthday parties for me whilst all the Dad’s were all at our house watching the FA Cup Final as my birthday weekend always seemed to clash!

Charity matches and socialising between teams was important for Letchworth and the other local teams such as Hitchin and Stevenage. There are records of 'home' and 'away' matches with other teams in the Amateur Cup and Spartan and Corinthian Leagues. Intense cold during a match at Harlow in 1963 reflected the arctic conditions the country was experiencing. There is also a photograph of Dad and a colleague kicking a ball on a snow-covered Letchworth pitch.

The 1960s were a time when Letchworth Town were playing well and playing such teams as Uxbridge, Dorking, Wealdstone in the Corinthian League, even getting a mention in the *Daily Telegraph* 'Letchworth are now unbeaten for 15 matches and top the table with 24 points, Erith have 23 and Uxbridge 22'. There were monetary incentives from a local businessman of £1000 if they won the Amateur Cup and a further £100 if they won the Corinthian League, with a second businessman sending a cheque for £50 if they beat Harlow (which they did), £100 if they won the Corinthian League and £1000 if they won the Cup. No small incentive in the 1960's. In less than ten years Letchworth Town FC graduated from Spartan League, through the Delphian and Corinthian Leagues to the Athenian League. The Ground also improved itself with floodlighting and a new Stand. The Club had made a profit and these profits were being ploughed back into the facilities it had to offer members and Letchworth citizens. Dad still had links with Ickleford FC, Baldock and District Youth League and was also Secretary of the Letchworth and District Sunday Youth League.

Apart from the matches there was the all-important social activities, charity fundraisers and prize giving at the Annual Dinner and Christmas parties. Shields were given for Player of the Year with the Dinners usually taking place at the Icknield Halls in Letchworth as the Harper Memorial Hall at the Club became too small. There was one memorable occasion when the serving staff dressed up in the Letchworth stripey strip.



Many of the charity raffle prizes were donated by local businesses, no doubt coerced by Dad! On one occasion in 1963 'the top prize – a large hamper – was won by the club Chairman Mr Arthur Nickels. He not only donated the prize, but it was his wife who

pulled the winning ticket from the drum'. Oops! - Red faces all 'round!

The hamper was immediately returned to be auctioned again, the person who purchased it returned it for another raffle. The second raffle was won by the Club Secretary, returned it to be auctioned again, with the purchaser returning it for a further raffle. In the end it was decided to send the hamper to the Dr Barnardo's Home in Bedford. Such good sportsmanship and support from the club members and supporters.

In 1964 Letchworth became the second holders of the Hitchin Centenary Cup when they beat Yewsley 4:1. With a membership approaching 1000 the Club realised that there was too little room to accommodate everyone with the Clubhouse was being used like a social club, with a bar, bingo, and dances. A proposal for an extension to the ground floor hall and the building of a luxury lounge and cocktail bar upstairs for those who preferred a quiet drink was agreed which cost the Club £5,000.

1964 was also the year that Letchworth Reserves won the Athenian League (Division I) Reserve Section. There was concern however when several key first team players moved on to other local teams. Dad was also the President of the Letchworth and District Sunday Youth League and presented them with a Shield for presentation to the champions – I wonder where that is now? Letchworth Town FC was in a healthy financial position but as a cutting header stated 'Football Club made profit of £1800 but Players leaving 'frustrating' says chairman. There had been a Whitsun tour of Holland, but Dad mused that 'perhaps the lure of the Isthmian League is too strong'.

1965 saw Letchworth drawn at home to Hitchin in the preliminary round of the FA Cup which meant that one local club would be defeated at the first hurdle. They also won the Athenian League Memorial Shield, beating Harwich in the final 3:1. This was also the year when a group of 70 of the Club members, families and supporters went on a Whitsun tour to Amsterdam.

Dad had recently 'retired' from Green and Nickels Ltd as he felt it was time for a change, but he was still a Director of Wilmond Engineering Ltd and of E.E. Shaw (Letchworth) Ltd, roofing contractors. Green and Nickels, founded in 1946 by Dad and Russell Green had merged with the East India Produce Company in around 1963 with Dad and Russell continuing as joint directors the Board. It was an amicable arrangement. He told the newspaper that 'I'm going to have a good holiday' and pointed out that he and his wife now had a baby daughter (me) and he had a garden to work on. At this time, I was 3 weeks old but still in hospital due to my low birth weight of 3lb 5oz.

Up to the 'off' it was doubtful if Dad would be going on the Amsterdam tour where the Letchworth team were due to play A.N.I.M.O., who had visited Letchworth in 1962, and Z.S.G.O. Among the party was the Chairman of the Letchworth U.D.C. Cllr. D. Kennedy and a rep from the local paper, *The Citizen*. There was also the doll mascot, which my Aunt Nellie dressed, and which I still have in the loft. The party flew from Luton Airport, with Dad who did go in the end as I had much improved.

January 1966 saw a 'rebirth' of the Letchworth Sports Development Council in response to a government initiative to obtain grants for development schemes for all sports in the town. Dad had initially agreed to become a Vice-Chairman but decided to withdraw. The

BOUND FOR AMSTERDAM



Members of the Hitchin Town FC party which visited Holland at Whitsun pictured before their departure from the Town ground on Friday afternoon.—S4067.



A section of the 70-strong Letchworth Town FC party which also visited Amsterdam over the holiday pose before leaving for the airport.—BD1521.



Letchworth UDC Chairman, Cllr. Donald Kennedy, second from right, pictured with Letchworth FC officials and the "Bluebirds'" doll which went with the Amsterdam contingent.—BD1522.

subject of Sunday afternoon soccer was raised, which Dad supported. Meanwhile Dad was still Chairman of Letchworth Town FC in its Diamond Jubilee year; a year that saw a rebuilding of the team following the exodus of several players to other local teams. Both my parents were often pictured at football related events in the local newspapers such as dinners and fundraising events. The Diamond Jubilee was also the catalyst for the Diamond Jubilee Appeal, primarily to modernise the Club facilities with an appeal to local industrialists, tradesmen, and citizens of Letchworth to 'support us in our efforts and confirm our belief that the people of Letchworth do care for the future on their football club'. Initial donations were promising, but a second 'push' was needed via the local press. A fundraising dinner was held at the Icknield Halls, Spurs player Pat Jennings came to a match at Baldock Road, and there were preliminary talks to visit Kristiansand in Norway which had recently been 'twinned' with Letchworth. Letchworth Town FC had been made full members of the F.A. in 1950.

The team were mentioned in the *Sunday Telegraph* on 15 October with a critique of the match between Letchworth and Chesham United by Frank King. There was also coverage of the lifting of the suspension of local man Sid Stapleton who had been banned from all football grounds in the country by the FA in 1964 for admitting taking illegal payments – nothing is new! Mr Stapleton had been a President of Hitchin Town FC. Local newspapers reported on the Club financial position, the ground developments and their aspiration to 'be out for promotion to the Premier Division of the Athenian League next season'. The Annual Dinner, still held at the Icknield Halls, had 200 guests.

Letchworth didn't have such a dominant season in which they were described as 'unpredictable' and 'inconsistent' and failed to gain promotion in the Athenian League but did win the Athenian League Memorial Shield for the second time beating Hertford 5:3. In 1967 Letchworth Town hosted a visit from the 21 strong Kristiansand youth football team Start, who played four matches on their visit – two against a Letchworth and District Youth team, one against Borg Warner Ltd (a local firm) and one against Stotfold. Their team manager Ejil Kjell Drosdal who I remember, even though I was only 2½, as he and another Norwegian official stayed with our family.

1968 - 69 saw Letchworth in the Memorial Shield final again, but the Club was having problems with the local Council over parking. There were moves by the Council to stop football fans parking on roads outside the Club ground. Dad locked horns with a local councillor and told him to 'do his homework more thoroughly' over the question of a car park for the club. There was a fall in ticket sales, dwindling support and the club found itself 'in the red'. There were then talks regarding a car park and sports facilities including athletics track at the Ground which were favourably supported by the Council. Dad was often in the papers stating that an active social committee was essential for the running of a club – a statement that can be applied to any sort of club activity. The charity raffle was a fixed feature with the donated prizes exceptional, including a Ford Anglia deluxe.

1970 saw the Club financially stretched with local newspaper reports aplenty. Lack of volunteers to run the Club and social activities, troubles facing other similar clubs, such as Harlow Town, Erith and Belvedere, Hounslow and Eastbourne United, regarding the costs of being in the Athenian League. These costs, ever rising, would have been Referee expenses, the cost of travelling to away fixtures, laundry bills etc all added up to the club

needing to find c.£3000 a year to 'live' in the Athenian League. The club's main source of revenue, apart from the falling gate receipts, was the social club. Despite the expansion, the upstairs lounge proved to be a 'white elephant' and was hired out as a roulette casino, but the gaming fees reduced the actual return. This coupled with changing tastes in entertainment for 'downstairs' led to less profits, even though it was subsidised from the Bar profits, to assist the Football Club side. A dilemma. The matter came to a head when the Bluebirds team offered to play for nothing, they were prepared to waive their expenses if it would keep the Bluebirds in the Athenian League. An Appeal was launched to try and raise the money to pay off the debts. The Club could not see any way out of the problem with the difficult decision to make whether to withdraw from the Athenian League, cancel cup commitments and offer the ground to Youth teams. The decision to do so was reported in the local newspaper, *The Pictorial*, on 24 July 1970. Most of the failure was put down to lack of support at matches. 'Over the past seven years home attendances have dropped from over 600 to less than 120 per match'. People were following the 'big teams' and not their local side. With more and more people owning a television, the way in which football was being watched had changed.

Although the Wilbury Youth side still played at the Club, the senior team never really recovered and was a shadow of its former self.

Dad was Letchworth's longest serving Chairman, having seen the glory years and the sad demise of the once successful and proud club. Dad resigned as Chairman in 1974, having joined the Club as an official in 1963, and was made a Life Member. He also became the club's second Patron.

Dad's 'retirement' in 1965 did not last long – he went into partnership with another engineer shortly afterwards and founded Revolek in Hitchin. I remember accompanying him to work on a Saturday morning and meeting all the men in the factory, and the Secretary in the office. During the school holidays I was usually asked to small jobs and came away with a 'pay packet' envelope at the end of the week. He finally retired in 1983 with just a quick speech to his employees to say 'I'm retiring on Friday'.

In retirement, the second time, he enjoyed watching football on TV, shouting at the Ref, and analysing the play. I enjoy watching a good game of football with 'no pussy-footing about' as my dad used to say. My husband despairs of me when I yell when a team score a goal.

I wonder what dad would have thought of the resurgence of ladies football?

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By Sheila White

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www.halh.org.uk Hertfordshire Association for Local History, with links to local history societies' websites. Details of free online local history talks can be found on the home page.

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www.hertsatwar.co.uk Community led project to commemorate the diverse experiences of Hertfordshire during WW1

www.prisonhistory.org Database of prisons, prison records and lock-ups in England, searchable by county

maps.nls.uk/os Historic Ordnance Survey maps, including of Hertfordshire, at the National Library of Scotland

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk The National Archives (TNA)
The National Archives at Kew re-opened on 27 April by appointment only; more on their website. Downloadable files are still being available at no charge (usually £3.50). These include PCC wills, navy and marine records, New Poor Law correspondence (Bishops Stortford Poor Law Union only for Herts) and title deeds.

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Are you stuck? Don't forget you can still call on the help of fellow members. Send your research questions to: The Editor, 53 Hitchin Street, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 6AQ. editor@hertsfhs.org.uk

Unknown Farm

I found the enclosed photo of an unknown farm between some old 78rpm records belonging to my parents.

I feel sure the Farm is in Herts & wondered if any of Herts Family History Society Members might recognise it.

Pam Martin née Chapman (HFHS 641)
pamchapman777@hotmail.co.uk

Percy & Tabor

I am trying to research my family, both sides. The surnames I am interested in are **Percy** and **Tabor** who came from the Brent Pelham area in the late 1700s up to about 1850.

I hope that readers might be able to help me with any names, dates and local records.

Paul C. Tabor

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Society Talks

Reports on main meetings

June 2022

Birth and Death: The Hidden Secrets of Registration

(uncovering the hidden information in these essential records) presented by Anthony Marr

This talk was our first attempt at a hybrid talk. There were about 20 people at Woolmer Green with about 70 people joining by Zoom.

Our knowledgeable speaker advised the audience on a number of interesting points.

The original Register entry is held in the local registration office with the Birth Certificate being a certified copy of that register entry.

Registration is governed by a complex system of rules.

Births

The Registrar would check that the birth was a 'live birth', the birth occurred in their registration district, the registration is within the time limit (ideally within 42 days, but could be up to 12 months) and that the birth had not already been registered elsewhere.

The informant of the birth was identified by name, address and if they were 'present at the birth'. The Registrar would check that these informants were 'qualified' to register the birth, for example, mother, father the person 'present at the birth', the occupier of the premises where the birth took place or the person in charge of the child. There is also the evidence of the address of the informant on the day of registration.

Registrations of Birth do not actually give the surname of the child until after 1969, therefore it may be indexed under surname of mother, father or mother's maiden name.

For those births where no father is named, from 1837—1974 it was not made clear to Registrar's what to do, so many entries are blank or with a line through that column. There are occasions where the Registrar's copy does include the name of the father as both mother and father were required to attend the registration.

Mother's maiden name could be the name she was born with, or the name she first contracted a marriage with. From 1911 the mother's maiden name is included in GRO indices. From 2016, and the online index, this is now blank.

Never assume! Always view the original certificates, and always look at the Informant column. If there are two informants, it can indicate that the parties were not married. A child could also be indexed twice, under both mother and father surname.

Sometimes there are late or 're-registrations'. This can be for a number of reasons, by

Instruction of the Registrar General, to legitimise a child after the marriage of the parents, or to add an unnamed father to an original registration. There can be 'notes' at the side of the certificate. Re-registrations are more common nowadays.

Corrections can be made to registrations for a number of reasons. Typographical errors, simple and complex clerical errors, and errors of fact or substance.

If you can't find a birth, check a few years either side of supposed birth date. It might be in a different registration district or registered under a mother's maiden name. Check with GRO and also the local Register Office. It may just not have been registered.....

Deaths

Deaths are required to be registered at the local Registration District by a qualified informant who has a properly completed medical certificate. The Death is one that doesn't need to be referred to the Coroner and it has not been registered elsewhere.

There are three certificates - The medical certificate of the cause of death, the Death Certificate and the Certificate for Burial / Cremation. The green 'Form 9' is given to the funeral director.

Cause of death from the mid nineteenth century had to be certified by a Doctor. Before 1874 this was not required. Causes of the death were numbered, e.g. 1. Pneumonia 2. Stroke etc. Such descriptors as 'Old Age', 'Act of God', 'Visitation of God' can be used. There were very few Coroners Inquests or Post Mortems.

Informants could be any relative by blood, marriage or adoption, the occupier of the house or the person causing the burial or cremation to take place.

Our speaker had produced a useful handout that was made available via the Members Area or can be obtained from info@chalfontresearch.co.uk

July 2022

Marriages in Hertfordshire 1558-1754 presented by Ken Griffin

Ken has extensive knowledge to Hertfordshire Marriages and Irregular marriages which he highlighted in this talk, which was again a hybrid talk with some visitors at Woolmer Green and about 40 people joining via Zoom.

FROM 1538—1753 under Ecclesiastical Law Banns of intended Marriages were called in parish churches on three consecutive weeks. If a couple married by Licence the parties could be married the following day. A Parish Register needed to be kept with copies of entries, known as Bishop's Transcripts, also produced regularly. In 1604 the Canon Law was codified the existing Ecclesiastical Law so that boys of 14 and girls of 12 could legally marry with parental consent. Irregular or clandestine marriages were occurring more often up to the mid eighteenth century, In 1754 Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act amended the procedure of marriage and in 1837 there was the introduction of Civil Registration.

Ken then proceeded to show the audience maps based on the Hertfordshire Hundreds highlighting where parishes changed their Hundred, for example, St Paul's Walden changed from Cashio to Hitchin and Norton changed from Cashio to Odsey. He talk was full of interesting statistics, tables and data

The Hundreds in Hertforshire are Braughing (which borders with Essex), Broadwater, Cashio/Cassio, Dacorum, Edwinstree, Hertford, Hitchin Half-Hundred, Odsey and some 'Peculiars'.



The talk highlighted the following sources which can be used to trace Marriages of Hertfordshire people.

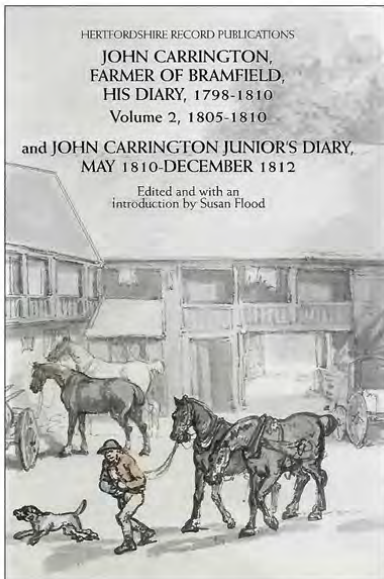
- Hertfordshire Names Online. This resource, via HALS, also includes entries from Boyd's Marriage Index.
- Find My Past - Has digitised images of Hertfordshire Parish Registers.
- *The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers*
- *Fleet Marriages of Hertfordshire People* - produced by Herts FHS from RG7 at the National Archives
- *The Tithing Book of Thomas Hassall* - published by Hertfordshire Record Society
- *Place Names of Hertfordshire* - published by the English Place-Name Society
- Hertfordshire's Hundreds and Parishes

August 2022 Help Session by Zoom

In August the Society participated in an online Zoom Help Session.

We had a number of enquiries and visitors and enjoyed the experience.

Would another such session benefit members?



Book Reviews.....

Flood, Susan (ed) *John Carrington, Farmer of Bramfield, His Diary 1798-1810, Volume 2, 1805-1810 and John Carrington Junior's Diary May 1810 to December 1812*. Hertfordshire Record Society, Vol XXXIII, for 2017-2018. ISBN: 978-0-9501741-2-9. Price: £17.50 (Members), £22.00 (non-members) plus postage.

Anyone who has not yet come across John Carrington's Diary has missed a wealth of information about life and times around Hertford in the years around 1800.

John Carrington was a farmer in Bramfield and Overseer of the Poor for Bramfield, which was an outlying parish in the

Casio Hundred, based in St. Albans.

He kept notes of his day to day activities, his crops, people he met and meals he enjoyed with friends. He was not well educated, so his spelling leaves a lot to be desired.

Fortunately the Hertfordshire Record Society has made an excellent job of producing these diaries in two volumes, adding another diary by John Carrington jnr. The first was published in 2015 and the long awaited second volume is out now with an excellent introduction by Susan Flood.

Dipping in at random to 1807, John is busy as Overseer, trying to get up a petition for clemency for Mrs. Sarah **Pelham**, wife of the landlord of *The Chequers* pub in Woolmer Green. She had been convicted of receiving stolen goods and sentenced to 14 years transportation to Australia.

In May of that year he dines with Mr. **Otway**, schoolmaster at Welwyn, who brought a band of musicians, he mentions clarinets and French Horns among the instruments.

Two sisters, Kitty and Mary **Larman/Lawman**, girls who seem to be orphans living in the poorhouse, cause him trouble from time to time. He was probably relieved in 1810 to 'act as father' to Mary Larman when she married William **Langley** in Hertford. John provided her ring and paid for a wedding meal at *The Blackbirds*.

John Carrington died in 1810, but his son, also John, who had been given a better education carried on the tradition for a time. It is from his diary that we hear about the explosion at the gunpowder mill in Waltham Abbey in 1811. Seven men (all named) were killed and the son of William **Wilshier** of Tewin Green was badly burned and he died later of his injuries.

Another incident in 1811 mentions a break-in at a shop belonging to Mrs. **Davis** of Welwyn. About £200 worth of stock was taken. The man who was apprehended and tried, Henry **Glazebrook**, was hanged the following year.

John Carrington jnr. had taken on a boy, John **Fordham**, from the poorhouse, fed and

clothed him for about 7 years and then apprenticed him to a plasterer, Mr. **Carter**. If this went well, £15.00 would be paid to Mr. Carter.

There are references to the Militia. This was similar to the 'Home Guard' of the 2nd World War. Men between the ages of 18 and 45 were listed in every parish, the names were then balloted and those drawn had to serve for 3 years, or at least do basic army training. John Carrington goes to St. Albans in 1807 to be on hand for the appeal of men who had been balloted for the Militia but had given their reasons not to go. There is a reference to a silly girl, Sarah **Harding**, who ran off with the Militia as they went through Bramfield. She was abandoned in Godmanchester where she was given a pass by the Overseers of the Poor to return to her home parish.

These are all local names, local people. I have found my own relatives among them. I won't give you the name of the young man who was so outraged at his widowed mother's decision to remarry that he gave her a beating and she went up the aisle in 1812 with a black eye ... in case he is one of your ancestors.

I will bring the book to Woolmer Green for the next few months.

Janet Pearson

Have you seen any new books with a Hertfordshire theme or content? Would you like to write a review for inclusion in a future edition of *Hertfordshire People*?

I am always happy to receive notices of forthcoming publications and information on new books or online sources on all aspects of Hertfordshire history and topography.

Editor.

A Hertfordshire Heraldic Miscellany

By John J. Tunesi of Liongam, MSc, FSA Scot, Hon FHS, QG

59) The Funeral Hatchment of Sir Conyers Jocelyn, the 4th Baronet of Hyde Hall, near Sawbridgeworth, Co. Hertfordshire.

The Parish Church of St Mary the Great at Sawbridgeworth acts as the custodian for the funeral hatchment commemorating the life of Sir Conyers **Jocelyn** (baptised 19th July 1703 died 24th May 1778).



Sir Jocelyn was the second surviving son of Sir Strange Jocelyn (born 1651 died 3rd September 1734), the 2nd Baronet of Hyde Hall and his wife, Mary **Conyers** (died 19th May 1731). She was the daughter of Tristram Conyers, of Copped Hall in the County of Essex. The family's baronetcy was created for Sir Robert Jocelyn (baptised 14th January 1622 – 23 died 1712), within the Baronetage of England on the 8th June 1665.

Sir Robert, the 1st Baronet married Jane **Strange** (buried 29th March 1706) in 1650. She was the daughter and co-heiress of Robert Strange, of Somerford in the County of Wiltshire. Sir Robert had also served as the High Sheriff for the County of Hertfordshire for the year 1677.

The subject of this paper, Sir Jocelyn, the 4th Baronet succeeded to his baronetcy upon the death of his eldest brother, Sir John (baptised 4th October 1689 died 1st November 1741), the 3rd Baronet. Sir John had never married. Sir Jocelyn too never married, but like his father had also served the county as its High Sheriff.



His armorial bearings as depicted upon his hatchment may be blazoned as follows:

Arms: *Quarterly of Six 1st and 6th Azure a circular wreath argent and sable with four hawks' bells conjoined thereto in quadrangle or (for **Jocelyn**) 2nd Azure a fess or (for **Chastellayne**) 3rd Gules a griffin segreant within a bordure engrailed or (for **Battell**) 4th Gules on a saltire engrailed or five roundels gules a chief ermine (for **Hyde**) 5th Azure three cinquefoils or (for **Bardolf**)*

Crest: *A falcon's leg erased at the thigh feathered gules legs and feet or claws gules belled or*

Motto: *Memento mori* [Remember that you

must die] – A funereal epithet rather than the family motto of the Jocelyns – *Faire mon devoir* [To do without speaking].

Upon Sir Jocelyn's death in 1778, the next immediate heir under the Letters Patent that created the baronetcy of 1665 was his cousin and kinsman, Robert Jocelyn (baptised 31st July 1721 died 22nd June 1797), the 1st Earl of Roden.

He was the only son of Robert Jocelyn (born circa 1688 died 3rd December 1756), the 1st Viscount Jocelyn and his first wife, Charlotte **Anderson** (died 23rd February 1747).

Upon the first Viscount's death in 1756, Robert succeeded as the 2nd Viscount Jocelyn and was later created as the Earl of Roden, of High Roding in the County of Tipperary within the Peerage of Ireland on the 1st December 1771. Seven years later he succeeded his cousin as the 5th Baronet of Hyde Hall.

Here it is interesting to note that the 'High Roding' as cited as the territorial designation of this peerage was not in Co. Tipperary, Ireland but back in the County of Essex.

This is conceit (legal fiction) that is often used in the Letters Patent creating peerages in that the Crown on occasion wishing to honour an individual with an Irish peerage that would not allow the peer so created to sit in the House of Lords in Westminster. Such a peer could only sit in the Irish House of Lords in Dublin. Such peerages were still of the status of Peerages of England, Scotland and later of Great Britain and United Kingdom.

In the case of the Jocelyn family, they certainly had a connection with Ireland especially after Robert Jocelyn, the 1st Viscount Jocelyn was appointed as the Lord High Chancellor of Ireland on the 7th

September 1739. He was created as Baron Newport, of Newport in the County of Tipperary on the 29th November 1743 and as Viscount Jocelyn on the 6th December 1755 both in the Peerage of Ireland.

The Jocelyn family although later greatly associated with Ireland in the ownership of estates and titles there originally descended from a Ralph Jocelyn, the son and heir of Henry Jocelyn and his wife, Jane **Chastelyn**, the daughter and heiress of William Chastelyn and grandson of James Jocelyn, of the County of Essex who was living during the reign of King John.

Here it should be noted that the Heralds' Visitation of the County of Essex that took place in 1612 records two extensive pedigrees each of many generations that clearly and without any ambiguity connects the family to the county before their Irish adventures. Hyde Hall continued to be their English family seat well into the 19th Century.





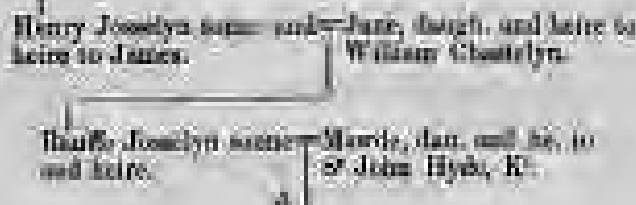
1 William 1 st some year, 7 th daugh. to Glaucon of S ^t Ives.	2 Robert a fellow of King's Col- lege in Cam- bridge.	3 Ann, mar. to Phillip Glascocke of Mil- shions in Dun- more.	4 Joyce, mar. to Francis Brown of S ^t Ives Knight.
5 Gregora mar. to Robert Prescoll of mich Baddow, Gent.	6 Mary, mar. to John Tiffne- roose and heire to William of Wake Colne, esquire.	7 Mary, mar. first to John Hather- hall, chib. ap. 2 nd to John Langley Gentleman and Lynning draper of London.	

Josselyn, Jocelin.

(No. 1.)

- Arms (3 shields).—1. Quarterly—1. Azure, a sword upright and sable, with four hawks' heads ensigned thereto in palewise or. [JOSSELYN.]**
2. Gules, on a saltire ensigned or five dolphins, a chief voided. [HYDE.] **3. Barre. 4. Azure, a fess or. [EILFORD—? CHASTELYN.]**
- 2. Quarterly of six—1. Josselyn. 2. Gules, on a bend or three wavy sable. [CASTELTON.]** **3. Eilfory. 4. Barre. 5. Pale of or or and azure, on a chief gold three martlets of the first. [MARRY.]** **6. Hyde, quarterly with a chevron azure between three hawks heads ensigned or. [SARVERE.]**
- 3. Quarterly—Josselyn, Castleton, Eilfory, and Hyde, quarterly quarterly—1 and 4. HYDE, as in Vis. of 1612: 2 and 3. Argent, on a bend with three cross crested of the first, a martlet of the second for difference.**
- 4. Quarterly—1. Josselyn. 2. Castleton. 3. Eilfory. 4. Barre. Quarterly with a chevron azure between three martlets or.**
- 5. Quarterly of six—1 and 6. Josselyn; 2. Castleton; 3. Hyde; 4. Barre; 5. Eilfory.**

James Josselyn of Essex, Gentleman.



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- Oct 29** **Countess of Knebworth's Hospital 1914–1919** (*early hospital for wounded soldiers including register 1918–1919*) Jill Campbell (Hybrid meeting)
- Nov 19** **Refugees, Huguenot Ancestors** Gill Blanchard (Zoom meeting)
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- Feb 25** **Britain's First Railway Murder** Paul Stickler (Zoom meeting)

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