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

If you would be interested in joining the Committee, please contact the Secretary on [secretary@hertsfhs.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hertsfhs.org.uk) to discuss further.

Over the winter months, November to March, our talks will be by Zoom, with the Zoom talk being available at Woolmer Green for those who wish to view it there. Our hybrid meetings will be resuming from March 2023.

Don't forget to send in entries for the Competition. This time the theme is **Here for the Beer: Brewers, Maltsters and Publicans - my family connections**.

Members of the Committee have written a couple of articles for *Hertfordshire People* to give a flavour of the breadth of this theme, from the families who ran the pubs, owned the breweries or even an ancestor who was a 'regular'— How did beer feature in your family? I look forward to receiving your entries. Details of the Competition are on Page 5.

The Committee of Hertfordshire Family History Society wish all our members a very **Merry Christmas** and a Happy and Healthy 2023.

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 - *your* contributions make *Hertfordshire People* the award winning journal that it is.

*Jane*

### **Ken Garner**

As we were about to go to press we heard of the passing of our Vice-President Ken Garner.

There will be a tribute in the March issue of *Hertfordshire People*.

## Subscriptions

Don't forget that Subscriptions are due at the beginning of March 2023.

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

If you haven't done so yet, please send your remittance to me, the **Membership Secretary**:

**50 Chelwood Avenue  
Hatfield  
Hertfordshire AL10 0RE**

or if you prefer, you can pay online. The instructions on how to do this are below.

Thank you!

*Sue*

Sue Jackson  
Membership Secretary.

## Renewing Membership by Internet Banking

If you have signed up with your bank for internet banking, please consider using it to renew your membership. To set up the Society as a payee three items are essential:

The Sort Code is 40-40-01

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And you will need to quote a reference so that we know who has paid us. The reference should be of the form NNNN SURNAME, where NNNN is your membership number (to be found in the address label of your copy of Hertfordshire People) and SURNAME is as much of your surname as your bank's system will accept.

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.....

### 28 January 2023

East Surrey FHS Virtual Family History Fair. More details at <http://eastsurreyfhs.org.uk>

### 2-4 March 2023

RootsTech – in person in Sat Lake City and online. Registration now open.  
[www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023](http://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023)

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### New Publications

Keep an eye on our website for the announcement of new publications available very soon

M.I. vol. 27 – Aston - St Mary – a new re-write and reprint - price £6.

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](http://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](mailto:editor@hertsfhs.org.uk) no later than 28 February 2023.

## Hello from your new Membership Secretary

The Editor asked for 'a little intro (and photo) about your new role' and as the camera has never been my friend, I thought I would kill two birds with one stone, so to speak.

Having recently retired from a life of secretarial / admin. work, I thought I had left all that behind and the main contact I would have with my computer would be in connection with family history research. I started researching my family history, just under 30 years ago, after the death of my Mother and it was not long before I was thinking 'why didn't I start this before Nana (my Mum's Mum) died'. How many of us have had similar thoughts!! My other interests include gardening and dressmaking, which I have found is a common thread (excuse the pun) running through my ancestors.

I hope to match Christine's service to the Society, however, I cannot promise to match the same length of years Christine served for.

The picture below shows me, my Sister and three of our Cousins, as Bridesmaids at our Aunt's wedding at St. Etheldreda's Church, Hatfield, in March 1966. All the females in the picture are Hertfordshire born and bred. The Groom and his Best Man (one of his brothers) were from 'up North' and the other male (the Bride's brother, my Uncle, who 'gave her away') was born in Willesden, before the family moved out to Hertfordshire.



They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last year, before the sad and very sudden death of my Uncle-in-Law but they nearly didn't make their 5th anniversary, by courtesy of a faulty gas boiler. Had their baby son not woken up crying, all three may have succumbed.

*Sue Jackson*



## Secretary's Jottings

by Tracy Turner



First, all the Trustees and Executive Committee wish members an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and hopefully an opportunity to catch up with family members and friends. Family gatherings are a great time to get out old photos and make notes on who is pictured, and perhaps record family memories and stories. This is now so much easier when most people have a smartphone which easily captures video or audio.

Have you upgraded your Find My Past membership to take advantage of the 1921 census and unlimited search capability? I must admit that I quickly succumbed and have been successful in finally tracking down my 2x great grandfather who was hiding in a Coventry boarding house recorded as a 73 year old bricklayer! No luck yet with my other great grandfather though who was an elusive musical director with a taste for pretty ladies. Otherwise, I have found the 1921 census really useful in bridging the enormous gap between the 1911 census and the 1939 Register, particularly when tracing DNA matches to find common ancestors.

Talking about DNA, other than some excellent talks available online from previous RootsTech sessions there haven't been many resources available in the UK that address DNA research directly. This has changed with the introduction of a new free course on the excellent FutureLearn platform called 'Genetic Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree Using DNA'. The course, delivered by the team at Strathclyde University responsible for the popular 'Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree' course looks promising and I'm hoping that it will help unravel the mystery of 'chromosome painting' for me. It's early days but I will let you know if it leads to any breakthroughs.

RootsTech 2023 is once again free online and open for registration, and also available to attend in person in the US with a charge. I wonder if the London version will return in the future or whether the online availability of the main event will make this obsolete.

Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies are now open again, so if you can get to the offices you can now explore any documents you couldn't access during the pandemic. If you are like me, you probably now have a lot of expired reading cards for various reading rooms. Hertfordshire Archives launched the Hertfordshire Archives Readers Ticket (HART) a while ago and to get one you will need to provide proof of identity and address when visiting. If by any chance you still hold a valid CARN card they will accept this until it expires. Don't forget that the staff can also produce digital or paper copies of most resources for you. Details of how to obtain a cost estimate are available at <https://tinyurl.com/48vas4et>

For those of you using Family Tree Maker software, there is a long-awaited update patch 24.1 for the 2019 version which patches some of the incompatibility that had developed with recent updates of Ancestry and Family Search. Free 24/7 support is still provided through 'Live Chat', despite FTM's maker Mackiev being based in the Ukraine. This software is also supported by a popular Facebook group called 'Family Tree Maker

Users'. Please be aware that there are scam sites and providers on the internet posing as Family Tree Maker which will charge you a subscription so always look for the official Mackiev website if you need software support. As the media might say 'other genealogical software providers are also available' of course.

Finally, a reminder that, where speakers give us permission, we do record the monthly talks and make these available in the members' area of the society website. However, sometimes speakers ask us to only allow viewing for a short period of a week or two, so if you have missed a talk please check the members' area quickly. If you have lost the login (this is changed annually) check your email and copies of *Hertfordshire People* for notification from the Registrar or failing that email direct to registrar@hertsfhs.org.uk for a reminder of the current password.

Seasons Greetings

*Tracy*  
secretary@hertsfhs.org.uk

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You can post queries on Facebook too.

## The FHF Really Useful Show - November 2022

Hertfordshire FHS were present in a virtual booth for the recent FHF Really Useful Show.

The show had many useful talks and workshops which were enjoyed by those attending, many of which are available to view after the event.



Although it was great to publicise what Hertfordshire Family History Society does, the members who valiantly manned the virtual booth on Friday evening and Saturday found that although we had lots of visitors to the virtual booth not many people stopped for a 'chat'.

We helped those who did have a query about their Hertfordshire ancestry and gained some new members too, so it was all worthwhile.

Perhaps we provide too much info in the booth? Should we have specific times when our experts will be available to answer queries? We would be delighted to hear suggestions for another time.

Would you like to help in the booth? We can always do with more volunteers!

Felicity, Tracy and Jane



### **WANTED FACEBOOK VOLUNTEER**

*Hertfordshire FHS is looking for someone who is familiar with the workings of Facebook to help our coordinator with posting interesting items to the feed, answering queries from followers and news from Herts FHS regarding forthcoming talks.*

*Could this be you? Contact the Editor if interested.*



## Battle of Britain: The People's Project

Battle of Britain: The People's Project is the brainchild of Dilip Sarkar MBE, the UK's leading historian on the Battle of Britain who has written over 50 books on aviation history.

The concept for the project began while Dilip was researching for one of his books and while visiting the family of Squadron Leader Tom **Gleave**, a Hurricane Pilot with No 253 squadron based at RAF Kenley. Although he knew the outline of Tom Gleave's life, Dilip was shocked at the sheer quantity of completely unpublished material and photographs held by his family leading him to wonder; if a pilot as noteworthy as Tom Gleave could have so much information about him that was unknown and undiscovered, what other information was out there, tucked away in cupboards and attics across the country? How many untold stories are there about less well-known aircrew, ground crew and civilians who found themselves caught up in the most important battle in British History?

This is what Battle of Britain: The People's Project is all about, finding anecdotes and family stories from people across the country about how they or someone they knew was involved or effected by The Battle of Britain, especially highlighting those who while they may not have flown a Hurricane, or a Spitfire nevertheless played an integral role in this hugely important historical event.

Those with information they think is relevant to the project should head to the Battle of Britain: The People's Project website at <http://battleofbritainpeoplesproject.com>

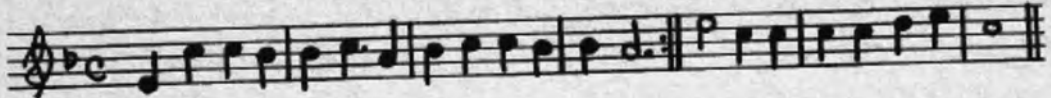
The work is being published by Pen & Sword in association with the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust, custodians of the National Memorial to the Few at Capel-le-Ferne in Kent, with the aim of including previously untold stories from around the country.



## From *The Folklore of Hertfordshire* by Doris Jones-Baker

In a number of parishes it was the custom to distribute alms to the poor on Christmas Day, usually by the vicar and churchwardens: Cheshunt and Braughing, Bishop's Stortford, Reed Great Hornead, Widford, Great and Little Gaddesden, Datchworth, Elstree and Rickmansworth. St Ippolyts gave 10s. 'to the poorest of the poor' to be given out by the vicar and churchwardens 'and two or three honest men of the parish'. At Ware the will of Dame Margaret **Tufton** provided for 20 quartern loaves to be given to the poor, while at Bramfield the vicar gave bread to the poor every Christmas Day after matins. Every other year, at Christmas, each poor widow in the almshouse at Berkhamsted St Peter's received a 'cloth gown' or '20s.value at least' under the bequest of John **Sayer** in 1681.

December 26th, the feast of St. Stephen, is known as Boxing Day from the custom of giving Christmas Boxes - gifts, often of money - to servants, the employees of tradesmen and others who had served one in the past year. In some parishes it was another begging day, with the children making the rounds of the well-to-do houses asking for Christmas Boxes. At the beginning of this century, when the Queen Mother was a girl, children from Whitwell called at St Paul's Waldenbury, then the property of her father, the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, the day after Christmas, singing this traditional Hertfordshire Wassail:



We wish you a merry Christmas  
 And a happy New Year,  
 A pocket full of money,  
 And a cellar full of beer,  
 Pray, ma'am, give me a Christmas Box.

Hot mince pasties,  
 And cold mince pies,  
 I can't stand no longer,  
 Because I'm dry,  
 Pray, ma'am, give me a Christmas Box.

Me shoes are very dirty,  
 Me stockin's are very clean,  
 I've got a little pocket,  
 To put me coppers in -  
 Pray, ma'am, give me a Christmas Box.

Good luck in the coming year could be assured by eating thirteen mince pies between Christmas and Twelfth Night: one each for each month and the last one for luck.

# Postbag

**Write to: The Editor**  
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**E-mail: [editor@hertsfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@hertsfhs.org.uk)**

## Hertfordshire Record Society

I thought it was a very good suggestion to make use of these publications but there should be no need for local members, at least, to wait for the event of an Ebay appearance. They can surely be borrowed through the library service or seen at the HALS.

As a transcriber for the Oxfordshire FHS surname project I have made much use of similar publications borrowed from the central library. Of particular value have been the volumes of documents from the monasteries of Oxfordshire, which provide lists of tenants from all over the county. I don't know whether a cartulary survives from St Albans (or any other religious house in Hertfordshire) but the local archivists should be able to advise you.

Best Regards

*Peter Evans (HFHS 4466)*

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## Photographers: Thurston of Luton, and Harpenden; Tutt of Tottenham and Boonah

Not many people have gravestones on opposite sides of the world - William George James **Tutt** does!



One in Rectory Lane Cemetery, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, England records his parents William James and Maria Jane Tutt, also William their dear son who died Australia Oct 15 1933 aged 61 years.<sup>1</sup>

The other, in Boonah General Cemetery, Queensland, Australia, records William G Tutt who departed this life 15th Oct 1933 aged 60 years.<sup>2</sup>



Who was William G Tutt who photographed some houses in Bruckner Street, Boonah, Queensland, Australia?

The picture was posted on Facebook on an Australian page called 'Memories of the Fassifern District'<sup>3</sup> along with a detailed article which mentioned Luton.



How nice to get an immediate alert from a Brimblecombe in Australia who has visited Luton Hoo! The article explained about the photographer:

## “WILLIAM GEORGE JAMES TUTT 1872- 1933

William was the first of two children born to William James and Maria **Tutt**. William senior was a plasterer. A daughter, Maud Grace, was born in 1875. His parents had married in 1871 and William was born in 1873 and registered in Bedfordshire, U.K.

When William was 18 year old he moved to Luton and was living in the home of Frederick and Elizabeth **Thurston** where he was apprenticed to Frederick. Elizabeth was William’s aunt.

Frederick was the foremost of Luton’s five professional photographers.

In December 1891 he took the engagement picture of Princess Mary of Teck (later consort of George V) and the Duke of Clarence, Queen Victoria’s eldest grandson. Among eminent others were the Earl and Countess of Strathmore at St Paul’s Walden Bury, where Frederick photographed the large family in 1905 including five-years-old Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, later the Queen Mother. Years later he photographed their grandchildren, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, several times. He won a number of awards at international photographic exhibitions and 1895 was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Photographic.

After William completed his apprenticeship with Frederick he moved to Tottenham where he set up his own business as a photographer.

William married on 26th October 1899 in Tottenham. His bride was Mary Ann **Ovens**, and gave birth to a daughter, Eva Maude Tutt, in 1901. William and his family emigrated to Australia. It appears that they left in about 1908. Mary gave birth to her second child, Raymond George Tutt in 1909 with the birth registered in Australia.

The Australian electoral roll for 1913 informs us that William and Mary were then living in Maryborough, Queensland. William’s occupation is “cinematograph operator” but by 1925 he and the family had moved to Boonah, Queensland, and William was again in business as a photographer.”

A few more details have now been researched to accompany this excellent article:

The wife of Frederick Thurston (1854-1933) was Eliza Mary Ann **Smith** 1854-1931 (sometimes recorded as Elizabeth). Her sister, Maria Jane Smith 1847-1926, married William James Tutt 1848-1896. The Smith girls were both born in Luton Bedfordshire as was Frederick Thurston. The 1891 census for 24 Napier Road, Luton ties the 2 families together: <sup>4</sup>

Frederick Thurston	Head	M	36	1	Art Photographer
Elizabeth M.A.	Wife	M		36	
Muriel A.	Daughter			6	Scholar
Hubert F.W.	Son		2		
William G.J. Tutt	Nephew	S	18		Photographer Apprentice





A photograph of the William Tutt and his wife Mary Ann **Ovens** has been located on a tree in Ancestry.<sup>5</sup>

Frederick Thurston began his photographic business in Luton Bedfordshire but opened new premises a few miles south in Harpenden Hertfordshire in the 1890s. Harpenden Local History Society have a detailed article about Thurston on their website.<sup>6</sup>

Thurston did not travel far to take photographs because of the weight of the bulky photographic equipment. The big estate at Luton Hoo was about halfway between his 2 studios and was an ideal place to record the mansion and landscape. He also recorded the guests of the incumbent, Madame **de Falbe**, who entertained lavishly when residing at her country residence.

Princess Mary ‘May’ of Teck visited regularly with her mother. May became engaged to Queen Victoria’s grandson, Prince Eddie, the Duke of Clarence, when staying at Luton Hoo in 1891. Thurston took a photograph of the couple in the mansion’s conservatory.<sup>7</sup> Unfortunately, Eddie died soon after the picture was taken but May later married another Prince and became Queen Mary.

Towards the end of his life in 1932, Frederick Thurston took pictures of Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret.<sup>8</sup> Other photographs taken by Frederick and his son, Hubert William Frederick Thurston, are also digitised and viewable<sup>9</sup> in the National Portrait Gallery website which has a searchable list of artists/photographers and sitters.<sup>10</sup> Unfortunately, no items by Tutt are included.

*Felicity Brimblecombe*



## NOTES

1. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/84587996/william-tutt>
2. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/171016047/william-c-tutt>
3. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/279139817170194> post by Marilyn Yarrow on 17 July 2022
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5. Permission for use requested from Ancestry member freddiepaullfilm. Paull family tree
6. [www.harpenden-history.org.uk/harpenden-history/people-2/artists/frederick-thurston-1854-1933](http://www.harpenden-history.org.uk/harpenden-history/people-2/artists/frederick-thurston-1854-1933) or just go to the website and put Thurston in the search box
7. NPG x4103; Queen Mary; Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence - Portrait - National Portrait Gallery licence for limited use obtained
8. <https://www.npg.org.uk/collections/search/person/mp124053/frederick-thurston>
9. <https://www.npg.org.uk/collections/search/person/mp60242/frederick--hubert-thurston>
10. Artists A-Z - National Portrait Gallery ([npg.org.uk](http://npg.org.uk))

### **Never miss an online talk again!**

As well as the links in the Members' Area of the website, Hertfordshire Family History Society now have an Eventbrite page where you can follow us and register for a free ticket for our talks and be sent the talk link automatically via Eventbrite - [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

<https://eventbrite.co.uk/o/hertfordshire-family-history-society-33381283673>

If you have forgotten your password to the Members' Area

please contact the Registrar on [registrar@hertsfh.org.uk](mailto:registrar@hertsfh.org.uk)

If any members have photographs of Hertfordshire ancestors they would like featured in *Hertfordshire People*, but perhaps haven't got enough information for an article, I would be delighted to include them. They can either feature on the cover, or within the pages.

I look forward to receiving emailed scans of your photos, with a short biography of the person, or people, in the photo. Please email me on [editor@hertsfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@hertsfhs.org.uk)

**Editor**

# HERTFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Hoddesdon Group



Meet at the  
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on the First Tuesday  
of each month  
2 – 4 pm

<b>January 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Reading Secretary Hand</b>	<b>Janet Pearson</b>
<b>February 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>A Stroll Through 100 parishes along the Herts. - Essex Border</b>	<b>Ken McDonald</b>
<b>March 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kruger to Kaiser the Army Career (private to RSM) of John's Grandfather</b>	<b>John Pearson</b>
<b>April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Walter Brown a baker's son from Rickmansworth who became a successful grocer in Tottenham</b>	<b>Karen de Bruyne</b>

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## The Brewing Trade in Baldock

Beer has been the staple drink of the English population since the Middle Ages, both brewed in the home for personal consumption, much the same as present day 'home brew', and also purchased from Inns and Taverns. Brewing in the mid to late eighteenth century fell into three types of enterprise, that of the home brewer<sup>1</sup>, the brewing victualler<sup>2</sup> and the common brewer<sup>3</sup>.

All these brewing establishments would have had a set of brewing utensils but the resultant brew would have differed in strength and quality as at this stage there was no real usage of a thermometer or hygrometer. The numbers of common brewers rose steadily in the latter part of the eighteenth century whilst in contrast the number of brewing victuallers halved. This coincided with developments in brewing techniques which led to the production of a beer which lasted longer and therefore did not have to be drunk as soon as it was brewed. This was made possible by the addition of more hops into the brewing process. This development clearly had advantages for those who could afford to brew on a larger scale and store large quantities for future consumption.

Another important development was in the kilning and drying of malt which gave rise to the different types of coloured malts which played their part in the development of Porter brewing. Hertfordshire was famous for its brown malts, and was the usual source for Porter malt, a malt which needed to be slightly scorched in the kiln. Hertfordshire can lay claim to the origin of Porter as this new type of malt was first developed in the county although there is some debate as to whether it was by accident or design, but it may well have been a Hertfordshire speciality.

Brewing and Malting were closely associated with the agriculture of the country and therefore its economy. Beer Duty and Malt Duty generated huge sums of money and the government was very conscious of the advantages to be had by taxing a successful commodity. By 1830 it was decision time for the industry. With the abolition of Beer Duty anyone assessed to the Poor Rate could retail beer from his own house for an annual charge of 2 guineas. This led to beer houses springing up everywhere.

Some of the largest industries in London were the great Porter breweries. These, together with others in the country began to acquire retail outlets either by outright purchase or by offering loans to publicans who agreed to sell their beer. Thus the brewers became wealthy and with this wealth came prominence in local and county affairs. Between 1740 and 1780 there were nine Members of Parliament who were brewers which increased to twenty two between 1780 and 1822. Family connections were important to the survival of a brewery with advantageous marriages bringing both property and money into a business to equip it for further expansion as could regular investment from family and kin.

Brewing as an industry has existed in Hertfordshire since about the sixteenth century and the county has long been in the forefront of the malting industry taking advantage of the superior barley growing lands it possesses. Much of the barley produced was transported to malting centres, such as Ware, for onward transport to London via the River Lea. The good road transport links in the county are a factor with the Great North Road providing North to South link and the Ickniel Way the East to West. There were thirty-one towns in Hertfordshire that had breweries but most differed from Baldock as they had river

transport links to London. In 1839 Ware has sixty-five maltings, a reflection of its prominence in the malting industry.

The barley wheel of fortune brought wealth and this in turn brought prominence in local affairs. Many maltsters diversified into brewing whilst brewers also became maltsters. Many families had a finger in both pies.

The decline in the malting industry after the 1850s was outside the control of the local maltsters and brewers which had thrived on Hertfordshire's prominence in the industry. The advent of the railways really signed the death warrant for Hertfordshire barley as it opened up the Midlands and Burton on Trent became the centre for brewing in the country.

Baldock's inns, taverns and beer houses prospered because of the town's strategic position at the crossroads of the Great North Road and Icknield Way. The plan of the centre of Baldock has not changed greatly since the Knights Templar founded the town in the thirteenth century. It has its market square with the now permanent Bell Row and Middle Row where the original market stalls would have stood. Many houses are medieval in date but it is also obvious that large scale building took place in the Georgian era. The population steadily grew from the eighteenth century to the mid nineteenth century. From a survey of the Census Returns 1841 and 1851 it is clear that most people living in Baldock were born in the town or nearby towns and villages. From evidence of Settlement Certificates<sup>4</sup> it is clear that many more families moved in to Baldock than those who moved elsewhere.

Brewing on a larger scale began in Baldock in the 1730s although before this date it appears there were small brewhouses attached to the principal inns and taverns. By 1830 most brewing concerns were owned by families, partnerships and sole proprietors. In this respect Baldock can be seen as a microcosm of the rest of the country; It had its common brewers with their tied estate, its maltsters, and its outlets for the beer. The **Pryor's**, a successful Baldock brewing family, typify this as they had connections with London and the great beer market through trade and business as well as family connections.

The Militia Lists 1758-1785<sup>5</sup> give a valuable picture of the men of Baldock who were eligible to serve in the local militia and who were connected with the brewing, malting and victualling trades. In total fifty two men are listed as brewers, maltsters, victuallers and malt men, the men who actually turned the malt over with a shovel, the preferred Hertfordshire method. There were fifteen malt makers, eleven publicans, five innkeepers and twenty victuallers, sixteen maltsters and three brewers listed during this time.

In the 1841 Census Baldock had seven publicans, one common brewer, one brewer, one innkeeper and one malt maker, but this census has limited data. Trades Directories<sup>6</sup> proved much more useful in locating public houses and their publicans.

Many of the brewers and maltsters of Baldock left Wills, either proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury or the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. During my research I transcribed over 30 Wills and Administrations<sup>7</sup> which gave valuable information on property holdings, often describing brewery and malting properties and the familial links

which are not always evident from other sources.

There are four breweries which have been identified in Baldock.

1. **The High Street Brewery**, by far the largest in the town, was built by Robert **Thurgood** before 1743 on a site where malthouses had stood for many years, Thurgood was a shrewd man and over the next thirty or so years purchased the freehold of several public houses and various leasehold properties in Baldock and the locality. Robert Thurgood died in 1775 leaving the brewery buildings to his daughter Sarah, the wife of Thomas **Clutterbuck** of the Stanmore Brewery in Middlesex. Interestingly however he left his 'trades of a Brewer, Maltster and Farmer' to his brother John Thurgood. Later that year Sarah Clutterbuck leased the buildings to John **Pryor**. For the next twenty five years John Pryor continued to lease the property, expanding it and building a large modern brewery in the High Street. It took a private Act of Parliament<sup>8</sup> to enable Robert Clutterbuck<sup>9</sup>, the grandson of Robert Thurgood, to sell the brewery to John Izard Pryor, the eldest son of John Pryor, for the sum of £8,844.

When John Pryor died in 1819 the brewery was taken over by his son John Izard Pryor and the maltings by another son, Vickris Pryor. Two other sons, Thomas and Robert Pryor became partners in Truman's in London, each brother purchasing three shares for £47,350 out of forty seven shares in the business, beginning the long association of the Pryor family with Truman's brewery.

John Izard Pryor 'retired' in 1829 and leased the High Street brewery to his two sons, John and Morris Pryor who ran the business until John died in 1852. After this Morris felt he could not run the business on his own and the brewery and tied estate was sold to John and Thomas George **Simpson** for the sum of £81,000.



At his death John Izard Pryor owned substantial properties and land in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. In Baldock itself he owned three tenements, the *George*, the *Chequers*, Ind's House and Maltings and a garden, the Brewery in the High Street, the *Three Horse Shoes*, the *Plume of Feathers*, the *Six Bells*, the *Bull's Head* and the *Cock*. The High Street Brewery sold beer to most of the public houses in Baldock including the *White Horse*, the *Chequers*, the *Rose & Crown*, the *Plume of Feathers*, the *George*, the *Bull' Head*, the *Angel*, the *Horseshoes*, the *White Lion*, the *Cock*, plus the *Orange Tree* and the *Anchor* in nearby villages.

2. **Ind's Brewery** was built by James **Ind** in the latter part of the eighteenth century. Ind is reputed to have started brewing in Baldock behind the *Rose and Crown*. His wife was Mary **Thurgood**, the niece of Robert Thurgood of the High Street Brewery. James Ind died in 1810, followed shortly afterwards by his younger son, James Ind. His elder son,

Edward Ind had by this time purchased a share in a brewery in Romford. By 1814 he initially leased the brewery in Baldock to John Pryor but he sold it to him shortly afterwards with the only *proviso* being that his mother Mary Ind should continue to live in the brewery house, which she did for the next forty three years, until her death in 1857. The Pryor's demolished Ind's brewery and built the malting complex which still stands today next to the lath and plaster cottage where Mary Ind lived for so many years.

3. **The White Horse Street Brewery** was started by the **Noy** family in the 1730s behind the *Sun* inn, now known as the *Victoria*. The brewhouse was built sometime between 1730 and 1731 and when Noy died he left the brewhouse to his wife Mary who subsequently married Jabez **Moss** as his second wife. The Moss family were Quaker, as were the Pryor's at this time. This brewery descended to Susanna **Moss**, the daughter of Jabez Moss who married John **Pate**, another Baldock brewer. John Pate left his grand daughter Mary **Honour** the *Rose and Crown* and its brewhouse and his daughter Mary **Trustrum** inherited the *Angel* and other property. It is clear from this that the Pryor's were not the only brewing family who acquired property. Susanna Pate left the brewery to her servant William **Penn** and at his death in 1827 Penn requested that the brewery should be sold for the benefit of his children. When his son William died in 1842, with the brewery still unsold, John **Steed** purchased the brewery site for £520. There was then some problems as there was a court case in 1845<sup>10</sup> the papers of which are deposited in the National Archives.

4. **The Norton Street Brewery** was probably started as early as the 1820s by William **Oliver**. This site had long had malthouses on it they being leased to and eventually purchased by John **Williamson** from the Pryor's. The messuage was assigned by Deed of Covenant to James **Ind** in 1807 together with another being used as a Methodist Meeting House. In 1823 **Oliver** leased the brewery to John **Steed** who began to build up the tied estate before finally purchasing the brewery by mortgage in 1831. In his Will in 1830 John Williamson left his brewhouse and coalhouse in Norton Street to his servant Mary **Richardson** for her lifetime. The brewery was largely rebuilt in the 1840s after William Oliver purchased the White Horse Street brewery.

Both the White Horse Street Brewery and the Norton Street Brewery had brewhouses which were to the rear of the plot and were traditional in design being built of brick with upper levels having slatted wooden ventilation whilst the High Street Brewery had the brewhouse fronting the street and was much larger and built of brick with a cupola.

Baldock was in a strategic position for trade and travel and there were plenty of inns, taverns and beer houses for the visitors to choose from, The town had standings for 220 horses, more than anywhere else in the area, whilst the number of available beds was relatively small. In the 1830s there were then ten 'up' and ten 'down' services in Baldock each day.

There were the following hostelries in the town:

- The *Angel*, in the High Street owned by William **Penn**
- The *Blue Ball* in Norton Street since the eighteenth century
- The *Boot* in the High Street, near the Almshouses
- The *Bull's Head* in Church Street, owned by **Thurgood**
- The *Chequers* in White Horse Street since the 1670s, bought by John **Pryor** in 1778



- The *Cock* in the High Street since the 1680s, owned by **Thurgood**
- The *Eight (or Six) Bells* in Church Street since 1727, owned by **Thurgood** since 1776
- The *George (and Dragon)* in Hitchin Street since about 1591, owned by John **Pryor** from 1777. The **Parrington** family were licensees for 1777 to the 1830s.
- The *Old Black Eagle* in front of the Norton Street Brewery, was owned by J.R. **Page** a local maltster from 1800-1850 when it was sold to John **Steed**, the brewer.
- The *Old White Horse* in White Horse Street was the Brewery Tap of the *White Horse*, the principal inn of the town. It covered three quarters of an acre and had stabling for 150 horses.
- The *Plume of Feathers* in Middle Row was owned by the **Pryor**'s
- The *Rose and Crown* in White Horse Street (now a restaurant) since 1672 was sold to John **Pate** in 1751. James **Ind** brewed beer here about 1783.
- The *Stag* was mortgaged to Robert **Pryor** in 1776.
- The *Star*, the brewery Tap of the White Horse Street brewery was bought by John **Steed** in 1831
- The *Sun* (now the *Victoria*) in Sun Street was owned before 1736 by William **Noy** and acquired by John **Steed** by 1828.
- The *Three Horse Shoes* in the High Street was owned by **Pryor**
- The *White Hart* in Hitchin Street since 1714. In the 1780s the landlord was Nathaniel **Herbert** whose obituary<sup>11</sup> in *The Gentleman's Magazine* states he was 'formerly of a company of comedians'. He was also a maltster at the *White Horse* Inn according to his gravestone in the churchyard.
- The *White Lion* in the High Street was owned by the Wynne's Almshouses Charity. In the 1850s it was the stop for the *Magnet* coach which ran between Biggleswade and London. The buildings adjoining were part of a large malting complex which stretched back to Park Street.

In the eighteenth century Baldock was at its most prosperous both as a coaching town and as a malting and brewing centre. This is reflected in the architecture where many of the old inns were re-fronted and there was considerable building works, especially in the High Street where there are many fine Georgian houses. The prominent brewing families built mansion houses or improved their old houses. The Pryor's built anew, *The Wilderness* in Hitchin Street, whilst the Fitzjohn's re-fronted their home, *The Grove*. In White Horse Street. These families also had 'pleasure gardens' where they could walk amongst trees, flowers and shrubs. Although the brewery houses of the White Horse Brewery and the High Street Brewery are still standing, of the breweries themselves very little remains with the sites being cleared for new housing. Some malthouses remain, put to other uses.

There are numerous connections between the brewing and malting families of Baldock in both a family and a business sense with much intermarriage and business partnerships. It is interesting to note from a study of Wills who the executors and witnesses were as this can give a glimpse of who may have been a business colleague or friend of the deceased. Sometimes these valuable records give connections which are not at first obvious and are in some cases surprising. Connections in business became more personal over the years as sisters, brothers, daughters, sons and cousins married thus forging more permanent links.



Baldock brewing families were connected with other breweries through these links of business and marriage. The Pryor's with Truman's in London, the Thurgood's with Clutterbuck's in Middlesex and Ind Coope and the Fitzjohn's with Herbert's of Norfolk apart from marrying within the malting, brewing and business families of Baldock.

The **Fitzjohn** family of Maltsters were in Baldock since the 1500s and were landowners in Bygrave, Clothall, Weston and Willian as well as Baldock. The floor of the nave in Baldock parish church is covered in ledger slabs to this family, maltsters all<sup>12</sup>. They had marriage links with the **Pryor** family.

The **Ind** family were originally from Cambridge and had marriage links with the **Thurgood** and **Wells** families.

The **Oliver**, **Steed** and **Penn** families were linked by marriage, John Steed married Mary Ann Oliver **Fryer** in 1827.

The **Pryor**'s were a prominent Quaker family in the town linked by marriage to the **Fitzjohn** family in Baldock and the **Morris** family in Ampthill who were also brewers. The Pryor family were of higher social standing by the mid to late nineteenth century and first appeared in Burke's *Landed Gentry* in 1871.

The **Thurgood**'s owned the High Street brewery site from about 1730 and had marital links with the **Clutterbuck** and **Ind** families.

The **Williamson** and **Wells** families were also connected. John Williamson, a corn merchant and maltster of Baldock established Baldock's first bank with Samuel Wells from Biggleswade. Williamson's wife Elizabeth was a Wells, her sister Mary marrying William **Barber**, another Baldock Maltster. There are also links with the **Ind** family.

Most Baldock brewers, maltsters and innkeepers who left Wills within the parameters of this study<sup>13</sup> were owners of land, messuages and business premises. From this in can be conjectured that money could be made from trade which was then invested in property which in turn could be worked as a business, rented as dwellings or worked as farmland.

## NOTES

1. The home brewers were the landed gentry who had staff to brew for him, farmers, educational establishments and parish institutions.
2. Brewing victuallers made their own beer to sell to their customers. By 1750 there were about 50,000 brewing victuallers in the country.
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## Queries from our Facebook Friends

“QUERY: Burial entry in Royston on 4 Nov 1665 of Robert **Gatward** and Edward **Mayes** seems unusual. Comments please!”

The item came from a researcher in Kent tracing their Mayes family in Hertfordshire.

After a private conversation which included input about the burial from the Editor of Hertfordshire People, the query was placed on Facebook.

An extract of the original document for the Royston burial entries 1665 (online in Find my Past) contains the entry about Robert **Gatward** along with adjacent entries to help with the handwriting:

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William Shaw an Apprentise of the pla	November	3.
Robert Gatward who died excommunicat & buried in Edward Mayes his close north & south	November	4.
Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Nelson: of the pla	November	4.
Anne the wife of Allen Pawleigh	November	5.
Thomas Nelson a poore old man: of the pla	November	6.
Elizabeth the wife of John Edward: of the pla	November	7.
Mary the daughter of Thomas Meles: of the pla	November	8.
William Smith.	November	9.

It appears to say: *Gatward who died excommunicat & buried in Edward Mayes his close north & south.*

The 30 comments contained many interesting suggestions. The consensus was that Robert Gatward was a non-conformist who was buried on land belonging to Edward Mayes. ‘His close’ indicating a small enclosed field belonging to Mayes. The burial north south fits with that theory as the custom was for Christian burials to be east-west ready for the second coming (apparently priests would be buried west-east facing their flock when resurrected).

Several comments were made about sources mentioning Gatward:

‘There are various mentions of dissenters (including a Gatward) and excommunicants in W J Hardy’s *Hertford County Records* book volume I (1581-1698).’

A contribution was posted from the *Memorials of Nonconformity* in Herts (Hundred of Odsey) pages 812-13:

In 1662 proceedings were taken *contra* Robert Galward, Thomas Galward, John Archer, Jas. Frier, Myles Thurgood,

John Brains, Robt. Finch, Richd. Glenister, all of Royston, for refusing to bring their children to church before the congregation to be baptized, or cause them to be brought. In 1663 Thomas Haggard, *ludimagister*, was presented for teaching school without a licence, and for that he hath one or two children that were never baptized in the parish church, and that he seldom resorteth to the parish church to hear Divine service on the days appointed by law. In 1667 John Brand, of Royston, was presented for not procuring his children to be baptized according to the orders of the Church of England. Also Thomas Webster for the same. In 1683, on September 28th, proceedings were taken in the Archdeacon's Court *contra* Samuel Wright, of Royston, for not receiving the Sacrament at Easter or Whitsuntide last; his wife *simil*. John Maynard and his wife, Thomas Browne, Gregory Brand, John Bur and his wife, Thos. Keightley and his wife, Thos. Lilly and his wife, Pearson, Elizabeth, wife of John Mayes, the wife of Geo. Hewes, John Robbins and his wife, Will Lee and his wife, Th. Hefford and his wife, Susan, wife of Edw. Crowch, Daniel Hurt, Whitehead, Wm. Thurgood and his wife, Ashwell, Humfrey, etc., eighty-nine names in all, and all for not receiving the Sacrament.<sup>1</sup> In 1685 Thomas Bunnion and his wife of Royston, for not receiving the Communion.

The following registrations of places of meeting for religious worship for Protestant Dissenters occur in the lists at Somerset House:—

"No. 51. Royston. A place of meeting for Protestant Dissenters certified at Michaelmas Sessions, 1691."

"No. 79. Royston. The like certified by Richard Darnell, of Royston, Easter, 1696."

"No. 163. The house of Wm. Mayes, at Royston, for Presbyterians, certified by Wm. Bedford. 4th October, 1705."

"No. 164. The house of Daniel Hurst, at Royston, for Presbyterians, certified by Wm. Bedford. 4th October, 1705."

"No. 1696. The house of John Searle, at Royston, certified by John Searle. 27th November, 1830."

"Royston. Building in Back Street certified for Protestants, September 3rd, 1833, by John Geo. Fordham. [Meeting-house Book, Archd. of Huntingdon.]"

OLD MEETING-HOUSE (NOW JOHN STREET CHAPEL), ROYSTON.

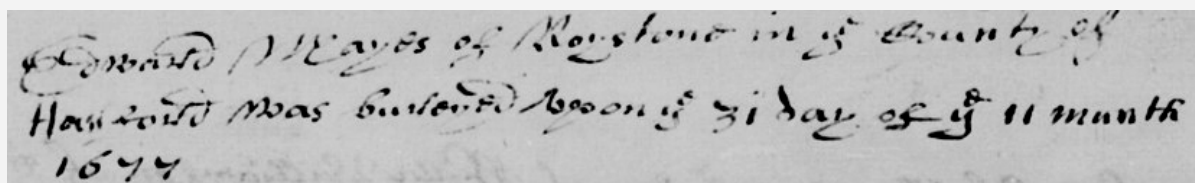
<sup>1</sup> Acta, Archd. of Middlesex at Chelmsford.

Apparently. the Royston parish records show that shortly after Robert Gatward was buried in November, three Gatward children were baptised in December 'as if Robert's wife was getting the child back onside!'

Matthew, Elizabeth, & Mary the Sonne & Daughters of Robert & Mary Gatward	December	15
Robert & Mary Gatward	December	16
Daughter of Henry & Catherine Whitelocke	December	26

Further contributions included:

A Quaker burial record of an Edward Mayes of 'Roystone' in 1677 online via Find my Past and a burial from the England and Wales, Society of Friends (Quaker) Burials 1578-1841.



Details of Robert (Robtus) Gatward's Prerogative Court of Canterbury will online in Ancestry.

<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name:	Robtus Gatward [Robert Gatward]
Residence:	Roystone, Hertfordshire, England
Probate Date:	18 May 1666
Death Year:	Abt 1666

Gatward researchers have now linked together to combine their investigations in Therfield and Roystone. Mayes investigators have connected and are also working with those interested in Gatward. If anyone else wants to join them, then either look up the discussion on the Hertfordshire Family History Society page on Facebook or contact the editor.

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If you have found this query interesting and / or have nonconformist ancestry in Hertfordshire, our President, **Alan Ruston**, is giving a talk to Hertfordshire Family History Society on **27th May 2023**, on *Nonconformity*.

Alan is the author of *Nonconformity in Hertfordshire: A Guide*, the Herts FHS Special Publication No 6 which has recently been updated to include the latest internet references. Price: £7.00

The book is designed to help the researcher to locate references to a particular chapel or congregation in Herts. It is not a comprehensive history of those congregations nor a narrative account but a source in which to dip. It only covers Christianity in its historic forms, e.g. Presbyterians, Unitarians, Baptists, Quakers etc.



*Nonconformity in Hertfordshire* can be purchased at Woolmer Green, by post or online via GenFair. See [www.hertsfhs.org.uk](http://www.hertsfhs.org.uk) for full details.



## The Muddle on the Memorial or What's in a Name

Some years ago, the Richard Hale Association set boys in the Junior History Club at the Richard Hale School in Hertford (formerly Hertford Boys Grammar School), the task of researching the fifty-seven former pupils of the school whom they believed had perished in the Second World War. The resulting information has been published and distributed widely, and as a result, I have spent much time trying to pick apart what appears to be a case of mistaken identity by which my husband's uncle is commemorated on the Richard Hale memorial despite, we believe, never having attended the school. His identity seems to have been merged with the identity of a boy with a similar name who was the Head Boy of the school and Head of Cowper House. However, this boy did not die in the Second World War and survived to old age.

My husband Malcolm's uncle was Alfred Sidney Charles **Allen**, born on 27 April 1916 in Hertford to Arthur Charles Allen and Daisy Maria Allen (nee **Easter**) joining a brother and sister born following Arthur and Daisy's marriage on 30 Sept 1911 at Christ Church, Bengoe, Hertfordshire.

In 1939 Alfred can be found living at 12 Wellington Street, Bengoe with his parents Arthur Charles Allen (born 1886, Hertford), and Daisy Maria Allen nee Easter (born 1885 Woodside Green, Little Hallingbury, Essex), and siblings Dora Violet E Allen (born 1912, Hertford), Arthur Thomas W Allen (born 1913, Hertford), Alice May Allen (born 1923, Hertford) and Olive Allen (born 1926, Hertford). In 1939 Alfred is listed as a Shop Assistant (Grocery and Provisions) and it is thought that he was working for Bates, a store located in what is known as the Egyptian building in Hertford, due to its unusual style and decoration.



*Alfred Sidney Charles Allen & Violet Kathleen Coxall*

We are not sure when exactly Alfred was called up, but on 29 November 1941, he wed his sweetheart Violet Kathleen **Coxall** in Ware. He joined the 2nd Battalion Border Regiment which was in India at the outbreak of the war. The Battalion then moved to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) in July 1942, before fighting in Burma from November 1943 onwards. The 2nd Battalion became part of the 20th Indian Division, fighting many battles in the siege of Imphal before driving the Japanese out of Burma. It was at Imphal that 5957259 Lance Sergeant Alfred Allen lost his life on 11 May 1944 aged just 28 years old. He was initially buried but then later exhumed and transferred to the Imphal War Cemetery where his grave 5 C 18 can be found. His parents and wife added the inscription "We Shall Ne'er Forget His Footsteps and His Dear Familiar Face" to the standard CWGC headstone.

In the town of Hertford Alfred is remembered on the distinctive Hertford War Memorial in Parliament Square, built of the same Portland stone as the Cenotaph, and for which the architect was Sir Aston

**Webb, PRA.** He is also commemorated upon the Christ Church, Bengo memorial which can now be found in Holy Trinity Church. The memorial was transferred there in 1969 when the parishes were amalgamated following the demolition of Christ Church. After its restoration, the memorial was rededicated by the Archdeacon of Hertford on Remembrance Sunday, 8 November 1998. The emblems on the memorial represent Saint Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of soldiers; the Diocese of Saint Albans; Saint George, patron saint of England; the town of Hertford; and Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of sailors.



*Christ Church Memorial is now in Holy Trinity Church, Bengo*

So why is Alfred Sidney Charles Allen commemorated on the Richard Hale War Memorial? As far as the family is aware Alfred never attended this school, and his occupation as a shop assistant would suggest that he left school at 14 to find local employment.

The school's memorial is an obelisk sited in front of the main building. Originally inscribed with the names of the fallen from the First World War, additional stones were added in 1996 to commemorate those who fell in World War Two. It seems therefore that the wrong attribution possibly dates to 1996 and the original research undertaken.

With the names Alfred Sidney Charles Allen, you would think there was little chance of this man being confused with another. However, on 12 January 1918, probably at 18 Jackson Road, Holloway there was another child born named Alfred Charles Sydney Allen – a rearrangement of the same names and a different spelling of Sydney. Baptised on March 31, 1918, at St Paul, Clerkenwell, this child was the son of Alfred John Willie Allen and Hilda Ellen **Jones**. At this time his father was described as an Officer's Steward in the Royal Navy. Further research into this Alfred Allen born 1918 reveals that in 1921 the family can be found at 4 Wilton Road, Dalston, Middlesex where the father Alfred Allen was now a proprietor of an off licence. By this time Alfred had a younger brother John, whilst a younger sister Hilda was soon to follow.



*Views of the Richard Hale Memorial*

The 1939 register shows the whole family had subsequently uprooted to Braughing, Hertfordshire where the father Alfred Allen was now a domestic gardener. The son Alfred Charles Sydney Allen was a pupil at Richard Hale School throughout the 1930s, Head Boy of the school and Head of Cowper House. He was also Captain of the Athletic Club and a member of the 1st Cricket Eleven. This Alfred Charles Sydney Allen left Richard Hale to study at the University of London and the 1939 register shows him as a student with a margin note that he was an Officer's Cadet in the Royal Fusiliers Reserve.

Further research shows that in 1941 this Alfred Charles Sydney Allen married Veronica **Saunders** in Liverpool and two daughters were born to the couple, Joan in 1943 and Carol in 1947. The couple made their home at 56 Paignton Road, Liverpool and were there until at least 1963. During the previous period, however, Alfred appears to have been employed in Nigeria, travelling to Lagos by boat. This Alfred Charles Sydney Allen did not then perish in World War 2 and finally died in Westminster in 1984.

The man commemorated on the Richard Hale memorial is therefore not the boy who was the Head Boy of the school, as this man lived into his 60s, married and had children. Further confirmatory evidence of this can be found in the obituary of his father Alfred Allen who died in Hare Street and whose obituary was published in the *Hertfordshire Mercury* on 20 July 1979. Alfred had a long-standing career as an ambulance driver with the St John's Ambulance Brigade (Ware branch). His obituary states that he was survived by two sons Alfred and John and a daughter Hilda.

This is the final confirmatory proof therefore that the Alfred Sidney Charles Allen on the Richard Hale memorial must be my husband's uncle, who probably never attended Richard Hale school, but has incorrectly been commemorated there because of the close similarity to the name of the Richard Hale old boy.

*Tracy Turner*

## **From *The Gentleman's Magazine*.....**

**15 December 1743** Crayle **Crayle** of Beechwood [Flamstead] Hertfordshire to Miss **Skreen** of Ashted, near Epsom, with £10,000.

**20 December 1748** Mr Richard **Millward**, attorney of Hatfield to widow **Chappelow** £10,000.

**21 December 1751** Martin **Madan**, Esq., eldest son of Martin Madan, Esq., Member for Hindon, to Miss **Hale** of Hertfordshire.

**14 December 1773** The Rev. Mr **Sandford**, jun., of Georgeham, Devonshire to Miss Amy **Pointz**, youngest daughter of the late Newdigate Pointz, Esq., of Hexton, Hertfordshire.

**1 December 1779** Hon. Thomas **Dimsdale** baron of the Russian Empire, to Miss **Dimsdale**.

**23 December 1780** By special licence, at Bedwell Park, Hertfordshire, the Rt. Hon. Lord **St John of Bletsoe**, to Miss Emma **Whitbread**, second daughter of Samuel Whitbread, Esq., M.P. for Bedford, with a fortune of £30,000.



# What's new at Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies?

By Sheila White

## Visiting HALS

There is no longer any requirement to book in advance to visit either the reading room or the local studies library and documents can again be requested on the spot.

## Online Catalogue

A collection of 11 Photograph Albums and 10 scrapbooks of newspaper cuttings relating to Hertfordshire has been indexed and added to HALS online catalogue. The collection was made in the late 19th and early 20th centuries by Andrew Whitford **Anderson**, an architect based in Watford. The photograph albums have been digitised and the photographs can be viewed online under reference DE/X1042.

## Recent acquisitions

**Wheathampstead** Parish Magazine 1907 – 1908 bound copy (ref DAcc 1557) and further parish magazines dated 1912 – 2020 (ref DAcc 1555).

Deeds relating to property in **Graveley, Chisfield, Wymondley, Stevenage, Walkern, Baldock, Offley, Lilley and Weston**. Names mentioned: **Love; Baldock; Zachary; Jormyn [Jermyn?]**. 1754 -1755 (Ref Acc 6401).

Research notes on **Northaw** and **Cuffley** by Gerald **Millington**, including photocopied extracts from Northaw Parish Magazine 1882 - 1966 and photocopies of some complete issues from the 1920s, 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. Also includes display photos for exhibition 'Northaw and Cuffley in Old Photos' held at Northaw Village Hall, 8-9 July 2000 (ref Acc 6394).

**Herts Memories** – a community history website run by local volunteers and hosted by Hertfordshire County Council. The content is contributed by members of the public and volunteers. Recent additions include details of almshouses in St Albans, Chipping Barnet, Kings Langley and Hitchin; memories of Briar Patch Children's Home; Gorham family history research.

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First and third	Saturdays of the month only and only by appointment
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## Useful links

**www.findmypast.co.uk** Hertfordshire parish registers, school logbooks, historic newspapers & the 1939 National Register searchable online (subscription site, normally free to use at HALS and Hertfordshire libraries)

**www.thegenealogist.co.uk** Hertfordshire tithe maps and apportionments searchable online (subscription site)

**www.workhouses.org.uk** the story of the workhouse with information about workhouses in Hertfordshire and across the country

**www.hertfordshire-genealogy.co.uk** Genealogy in Hertfordshire

**www.hertsmemories.org.uk** history, memories and photos of Hertfordshire

**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.

**www.hertspastpolicing.org.uk** Herts Past Policing: crime and policing in Hertfordshire through the ages

**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.

## Auntie Liz

Auntie Liz was my Great -Grandmother Kate's eldest sister. They were daughters of George and Sarah **Cotton** from Hitchin in Hertfordshire. Elizabeth was born early in 1853 as her birth is registered in the GRO March quarter (GRO 1853 Mar Qtr 3a 223 Hitchin) and she was baptised at St Mary's church in Hitchin on 4 March 1853.

Elizabeth is recorded in the 1861 census of Hitchin with her parents and siblings.

### Census – 1861 – Hitchin Hill, Hitchin

George Cotton	Head	Mar	29	Shoemaker	Herts	St Ippollitts
Sarah Cotton	Wife	Mar	30	Strawplaiter	Herts	Hitchin
Elizabeth Cotton	Dau		8	Scholar	Herts	Hitchin
William Cotton	Son		6	Scholar	Herts	Hitchin
Ellen Cotton	Dau		4		Herts	Hitchin
Edward Cotton	Son		2		Herts	Hitchin
John Cotton	Son		2ms		Herts	Hitchin

However, by 1871 she is not living at home and is found lodging a few doors away from her parents and younger siblings. Perhaps they had run out of room!

### Census – 1871 – 1 Bethel Lane, Hitchin

George Cotton	Head	Mar	39	General Dealer	Herts	St Ippollitts
Sarah Cotton	Wife	Mar	40	Straw Plaiter	Herts	Hitchin
William Cotton	Son	Unm	16	General Dealer	Herts	Hitchin
Ellen Cotton	Dau		14	Straw Plaiter	Herts	Hitchin
Edward Cotton	Son		12	Labourer	Herts	Hitchin
John Cotton	Son		10	Scholar	Herts	Hitchin
Kate Cotton	Dau		5	Scholar	Herts	Hitchin
Charles Cotton	Son		4		Herts	Hitchin

### Census – 1871 – 4 Bethel Lane, Hitchin

Robert Douglas	Head	Mar	39	Whitesmith	Berwickshire	Coldstream
Margaret Douglas	Wife	Mar	31	Straw Plaiter	Herts	Hitchin
Robert Douglas	Son		2		Herts	Hitchin
Annie Douglas	Dau		7ms		Herts	Hitchin
Elizabeth Cotton	Lodger		18		Herts	Hitchin

You may notice a gap between John and Kate. There was also a stillborn son born in 1863 who was buried at the council cemetery in Hitchin whom I discovered whilst researching in the grave books at the cemetery many years ago. Infant mortality did of course touch my family, but most of the many **Morgan, Cotton, Moules** and **Taylor** children in Hitchin survived their early years.

At No 3 Bethel Lane is living Thomas Cotton, brother of George Cotton and his family. My wider family members all seemed to live next door, a few doors away or in the same area of Hitchin.

Elizabeth married on 6 January 1876 at St Marylebone, London, by Banns. Her husband was called Edward **Cuff** who was a coachman<sup>1</sup>.

In the 1881 census, Edward and Elizabeth were found living in Wandsworth in south

London, so have moved from the St Marylebone area.

**Census – 1881 – St Goar, Stable, Wandsworth**

Edward Cuff	Head Mar	29	Coachman	Dorset	Whitchurch
Elizabeth Cuff	Wife Mar	28		Herts	Hitchin

Edward is still a coachman, I suspect living over the stabling of his employers house with his wife. This was the usual for coachmen, or later, the chauffeur.

Their son, Edward John Cuff, was born on 28 November 1884 in Putney, London (GRO 1885 Mar Qtr Wandsworth 1d 778). Edward Cuff senior died on 18 July 1885 at the Union Infirmary in Battersea and Elizabeth was left a widow with a son only a few months old. Edward jnr was shortly afterwards placed in the care of her sister Mrs Ellen **Richardson** in Hanwell, Middlesex so that Elizabeth could continue to work.

The next time Elizabeth is found in a census is 1891 where she is working as a Cook in Ealing, Middlesex, northwest of London.

**Census 1891 – The Manor House, 163 Gunnersbury Lane, Ealing**

Joseph Flexman(?)	Head	S	61	Living on own means	Bucks	Chesham
Elizabeth	Sister	S	48		Bucks	Chesham
Emily	Niece	S	25		Australia	Melbourne
John	Nephew	S	18		Middx	Edmonton
Alice Maberley	Serv	S	24	Housemaid	Gloucs	Cirencester
Elizabeth Cuff	Serv	Wid	31	Cook	Herts	Hitchin

Edward Cuff is still living with the Richardson's in the 1891 Census

**Census 1891 – 4 Southfield Cottages, Hanwell**

Arthur Richardson	Head	M	35	Gardener	Middx	Acton
Ellen Richardson	Wife	M	34		Herts	Hitchin
Edward Cuff	Nephew		6	Scholar	Surrey	Putney
Eliza A. Richardson	Dau		5	Scholar	Middx	Hanwell
Frank Barnard	Lodger	S	18	Gardener	Surrey	Lingfield

At 1 Southfield Cottages is living Henry **Hearn**, a widower with his son Henry, aged 13.

Elizabeth married for a second time on 20 October 1891, at St Mary, Lambeth, by Banns<sup>2</sup>. Her new husband Henry **Hearn** a widower, slightly older than Elizabeth, and the same Henry Hearn who lived at 1 Southfield Cottages, a few doors away from Elizabeth's sister Ellen (Auntie Nell) in Hanwell in the 1891 census. I suspect this is where they met. Why they were married in Lambeth is a mystery, maybe Henry was working in that area at the time. At this time Hanwell was still rural with market gardens and public parks where the husbands of Ellen and Elizabeth, Arthur Richardson and Henry Hearn, both worked.

Henry and Elizabeth welcomed their daughter Ellen Jane in 1895 (GRO 1895 Mar Qtr Brentford 3a 146) who was baptised 27 Jan 1895 at St Mark, Hanwell. The family were by this time living at 1 Southfield Cottages, Hanwell, Middlesex, where Elizabeth was to remain until her death.

**Census 1901 – 1 Southfield Cottages, Hanwell, Middlesex**

Henry Hearne	Head Mar	50	Carter on Farm	Bucks	NK
Elizabeth Hearne	Wife Mar	46		Herts	Hitchin
Nellie Hearne	Dau	6		Middx	Hanwell



*Auntie Liz and her flowers.*

**Census 1911 – 1 Southfield Cottages, Oakland Road, Hanwell, Middlesex**

Henry Hearn	Head	Mar	62	Carman	Bucks Taplow
Elizabeth Hearn	Wife	Mar	58		Herts Hitchin
Ellen Hearn	Dau		16	Laundrymaid	Middx Hanwell

Henry and Elizabeth's daughter Ellen (Nellie) was married on 9 February 1918 in Hanwell, Middlesex to Arthur **Redman**, a sailor, with her half-brother Edward Cuff being one of the witnesses. Ted Cuff was also in the Royal Navy, in submarines in the First World War, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, by the Second World War. Ted's youngest son Vernon, named after *HMS Vernon* at Portsmouth where Uncle Ted and his family lived, and where my mother had many happy holidays with the family prior to the 2WW, has written a memoir of his dad which you may find if interest<sup>4</sup>.

By 1921, the latest census that we in the UK have access to, Elizabeth is again a widow, still living at 1 Southfield Cottages. Her daughter Ellen and her young family are also in residence. My Mum was named after Eva Redman. Young Teddy Redman was one of the few sailors to survive the torpedoing of *HMS Edinburgh* in the Second World War.

**Census 1921 – 1 Southfield Cottages, Hanwell, Middlesex**

Elizabeth Hearn	Head	68	Widow	F	Herts Hitchin	Gen Dom Servant
Arthur Frederick Redman	S-in-L	36	Mar	M	Warwicks, Kidderminster	Admiralty (out of wk)
Ellen Jane Redman	Dau	26	Mar	F	Middx, Hanwell	Home Duties
Eva Daphne Redman	G Dau	1		F	Middx, Hanwell	
Edward Alec Redman	G Son	5ms		M	Middx, Hanwell	

Elizabeth died in 1938 at the age of 85 (GRO 1938 Mar Qtr Brentford 3a 248). My Mum, born in 1925, could remember visiting her in Hanwell.

She was buried at Hanwell Cemetery on 5 May 1938 and as this entry in the burial books indicates was still living at 1 Southfield Cottages, Hanwell at the time of her death<sup>5</sup>.

Mary Thompson	16, Westfield Road, West Ealing	82		Yes
Elizabeth Hearn	1, Southfield Cottages, Boston Road, Hanwell	85		Yes
9 Ethel Margaret Sullick	28, Dover Street, Piccadilly	33 <sup>+</sup>	12806	Yes

### Notes

1. Edward Cuff was a coachman, son of John Cuff, a coachman. Elizabeth Cotton was the daughter of George Cotton, a bootmaker. Both of full age. Edward Cuff made his mark; Elizabeth Cotton signed her name. Both were living in St Marylebone.
2. Henry Hearn, 40, Widower, a Carman, of 60 Walnut Tree Walk, Lambeth, son of Robert Hearn dec, a Labourer and Elizabeth Cuff, 35, Widow, of 60 Walnut Tree Walk, Lambeth, daughter of George Cotton, General Dealer. Both signed their names. Witnesses – Arthur Richardson, Ellen Richardson (Elizabeth's sister).
3. Arthur Frederick Redman, 33, Sailor, of Southfield Cottages, Hanwell, son of Frederick Redman, dec, Cabinet Maker and Ellen Jane Hearn, 23, or Southfield Cottages, Hanwell, daughter of Henry Hearn, Carman. Both signed their names. Witnesses: Edward John Cuff, Lilian Edith **May**.
4. Cuff, Vernon '21285 Edward John Cuff RN' in *Kinsman*, the journal of the Cuffe Research Centre, No Eleven, 2000
5. City of Westminster Archives Centre; London, England; Westminster Cemetery Registers; Reference: CR/1/1/16



## Research Queries

Are you stuck? Don't forget you can still call on the help of fellow members.

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[editor@hertsfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@hertsfhs.org.uk)

We could do with some more Research Queries for *Hertfordshire People*.

Don't forget to send them in!

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.

## Society Talks

### Reports on main meetings

#### September 2022

#### **My Ancestor was Liar - ignorance, half truths or wilful deceit?** presented by David Annal

Our speaker gave a thoroughly entertaining and insightful talk on the inaccuracies of information given in documentary sources by our ancestors, and the possible reasons why. Why did they lie? To cover up illegitimacy, for bigamous or adulterous marriages or just plain ignorance of what was being asked? Our ancestors could be economical with the truth for a myriad of reasons. Look at the available records for ancestors, but if the facts don't add up, you might have to assume that some lies were being told. Full of pertinent examples from his many years of research this talk is a must if you haven't seen it before.

#### October 2022

#### **Tracing Huguenot Ancestors: French Protestant Refugees** presented by Gill Blanchard.

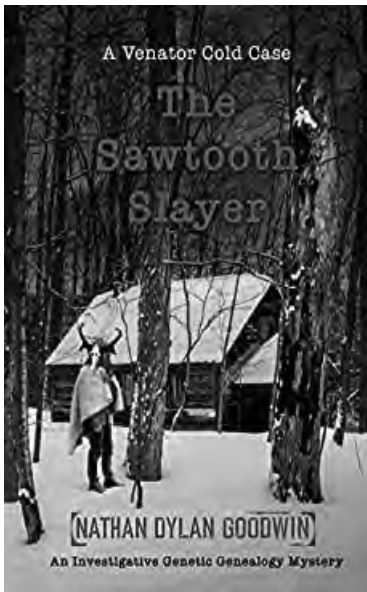
First of all our speaker explained to us who the Huguenots were, provided a timeline, and an overview of the main sources for research and some case studies.

Huguenot families have been present in this country since the St Bartholomew's Day Massacre in 1571 led to widespread emigration. Huguenots and Walloons from the Low Countries practiced the Protestant religion and Luther and his 95 Theses sparked the Reformation. Huguenot families settled in cities such as Norwich and Canterbury and also in London, especially in Spitalfields, Clerkenwell and Soho. Huguenot families were skilled workers, many being silk-weavers, silversmiths and bookbinders with others becoming prominent in the banking and medical professions. James II granted freedom of worship in England but the 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688-90 saw Catholic James flee to France and be succeeded by Protestant William III and Mary II.

The Huguenot Society ([www.huguenotsociety.org.uk](http://www.huguenotsociety.org.uk)) have a marvellous Library and Museum and have published many transcripts of Huguenot parish registers and there are significant archives at the French Protestant Church in Soho and in the Wagner Collection in the Huguenot Library. The latter is the results of many years research by Henry Wagner FSA (1840-1926) into the genealogy of around 900 British Huguenot families.

There is also the Huguenot Museum in Rochester and the Huguenots of Spitalfields website. The W. Co of Haberdashers' Company has records of Apprenticeships and there are of course Marriage Licences, Wills, Memoirs, Diaries and Monumental Inscriptions which can help with Huguenot research.

## Book Reviews.....



Goodwin, Nathan Dylan *The Sawtooth Slayer*. Venator Cold Case #2. ISBN 979 8844327537

Another fantastically written page turner from Nathan Dylan Goodwin with the welcome return of the investigative genetic genealogy team at Venator.

In April 2020 a serial killer is at large in Twin Falls, Idaho with Detective Maria Gonzalez finding very few leads to pursue in the investigation into the kidnap and killing of four young women. Taken from their own homes, they are killed outside the city before the killer leaves their bodies in random locations around the city. With increasing fears that the killer may strike again Maria turns to Venator, in the hope that they can identify the killer from his DNA.

Set during the pandemic with the Venator office in Salt Lake City closed and Madison Scott-Barnhart and her team members working remotely, the team works together to solve this 'live' case rather than their usual 'cold' cases. With back stories for each of the characters and much detailed research sources and methods throughout, there are nevertheless loose ends and tantalising morsels of information to be picked up in future books in the series. This book can be read as a stand alone novel, but probably best to start with #1 *The Chester Creek Murders*. Definitely one for the Christmas list.

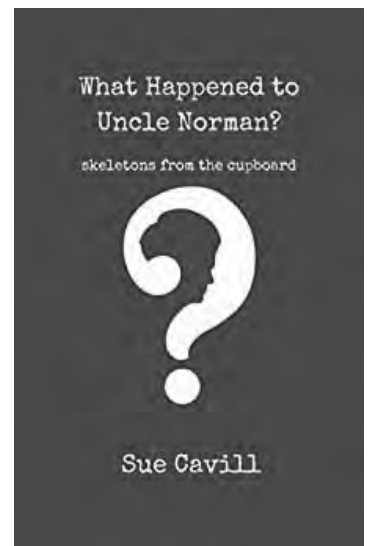
## Other Books of Interest.....

Cavill, Sue *What Happened to Uncle Norman?: Skeletons from the cupboard*. Independently published, Kindle, £4.99.

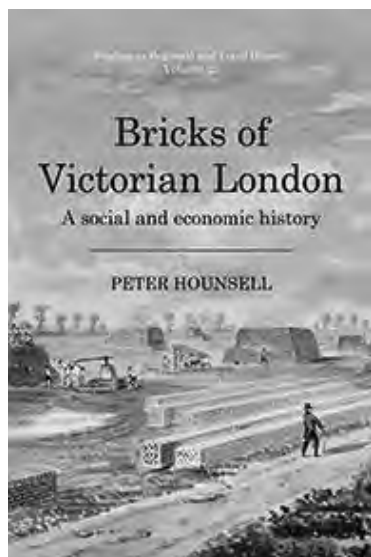
Following on from her interesting talk given by Zoom in April, Sue Cavill has produced a book on the life of her colourful relative Norman Snow that members may find interesting.

'For the first forty-one years of his life, Norman made many mistakes. He went on trial at the Old Bailey, was deprived of his corporal stripe innumerable times, went AWOL twice, was handed a twenty-eight-day detention, three days under close arrest and charged with dangerous driving. He was, without doubt, an extremely determined and talented musician and played trumpet obligato at a society wedding. But then, tragedy struck.

How did it affect him and will he be able to redeem himself? The family long believed he had deserted during WW2 and absconded to Canada leaving behind his wife and six children. This book examines what the whole family want to know "What happened to Uncle Norman?" © Amazon





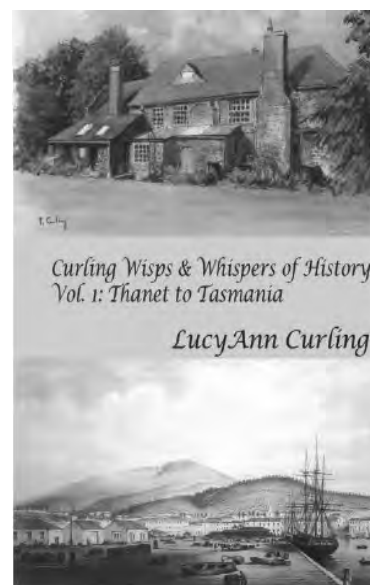


Hounsell, Peter *The Bricks of Victorian London: A social and economic history*. University of Hertfordshire Press, 2022. ISBN 978-1-912260-56-0 £35.00

‘Many of London’s Victorian buildings are built of coarse-textured yellow bricks. These are ‘London stocks’, produced in very large quantities all through the nineteenth century and notable for their ability to withstand the airborne pollutants of the Victorian city. Whether visible or, as is sometimes the case, hidden behind stonework or underground, they form a major part of the fabric of the capital. Until now, little has been written about how and where they were made and the people who made them.

Peter Hounsell has written a detailed history of the industry which supplied these bricks to the London market, offering a fresh perspective on the social and economic history of the city. In it he reveals the workings of a complex network of finance and labour. From landowners who saw an opportunity to profit from the clay on their land, to entrepreneurs who sought to build a business as brick manufacturers, to those who actually made the bricks, the book considers the process in detail, placing it in the context of the supply-and-demand factors that affected the numbers of bricks produced and the costs involved in equipping and running a brickworks.’ © [herts.ac.uk/uhp/press/books-content/bricks-of-victorian-london](http://herts.ac.uk/uhp/press/books-content/bricks-of-victorian-london)

Curling, LucyAnn *Curling Whisps & Whispers of History Vol 1: Thanet to Tasmania*. Ozaru Books, 2022. ISBN 978-1-915174-02-4. <http://ozaru.net/ozarubooks/curling-1.html>



The first in a series of books detailing a families move to Tasmania from Kent using as a base for the research two collections of letters, The Napier Papers in The British Library and the Napier Family Papers in the Bodleian Library as well as other supplementary sources such as Edward Curling’s journal 1828-1831, the author’s 2x Gt Grandfather, together with other manuscripts, printed books and newspaper archives.

Some members of the Curling family migrated from Kent via London to Hertfordshire (Offley Holes, Preston and possibly Hitchin at a later date), so this book may be of interest to Hertfordshire researchers.

Do you have a **Curling** in your family tree?

## A Hertfordshire Heraldic Miscellany

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

### 60) The Coffin Plate of Rear Admiral John Townshend, the 4th Marquess Townshend.

Found within All Saints Church, Hertford affixed to a wall there are three coffin plates that have an association with the **Townshend** family of Raynham Hall in the County of Norfolk and the **Stuart** family of the Isle of Bute.

The three plates may be noted as follows:

1) The Right Honourable Lord John **Townshend** (born 19th January 1757 died 25th February 1833); 2) Lord Dudley Coufts **Stuart** (born 11th January 1803 died 17th November 1854) and 3) Rear Admiral John **Townshend**, the 4th Marquess Townshend (born 28th March 1798 died 10th September 1863). All these three gentlemen were interred in the family vault in the chancel of the church.

The personalities involved were:

1) Lord John **Townshend** was the second son of Field Marshal George Townshend, the 1st Marquess Townshend, by his first wife Charlotte **Compton**, 16th Baroness Ferrers of Chartley. Lord John married on the 10th April 1887 Georgiana Anne **Fawkener** (died 4th May 1851), the daughter of William **Poyntz**, of Midgham in the County of Berkshire and the divorced wife of William Fawkener. He held seats successively as the Member of Parliament in the House of Commons for Cambridge University, Westminster, and Knaresborough during the period 1780 to 1818. Lord John was sworn as a Member of His Majesty's Privy Council in 1806 and served as Paymaster of the Forces 1806 – 07.

2) Lord Dudley Coufts **Stuart** was the fifth and youngest son of John Stuart, the 1st Marquess of Bute, and his second wife, Frances **Coutts**. On 20 July 1824, Lord Dudley married Princess Christiana Alexandrine Egypta **Bonaparte** (died at Rome 19th May 1847), daughter of Lucien Bonaparte, Prince of Canino by his first wife, Christine **Boyer**. He sat in the House of Commons as the Member of Parliament for Arundel between 1830 – 37 and for Marylebone between 1847 – 54.

3) Rear Admiral John **Townshend**, the 4th Marquess Townshend was the second son of Lord John Townsend and his wife, Georgiana (see above). He served as an officer in the Royal Navy and achieved the rank of Rear-Admiral. He also sat in the House of Commons as the Member of Parliament for Tamworth between 1847 - 55. In 1855, he succeeded his first cousin, George Ferrers Townshend, the 3rd Marquess Townshend in the marquessate and took his seat in the House of Lords as the 4th Marquess. He married Elizabeth Jane **Crichton-Stuart** (died 1st February 1862), the daughter of Lord George Stuart, of Balls Park, Hertford and his wife, Jane **Stewart** on the 18th August 1825. Lord George was the seventh and youngest son of John Crichton-Stuart, 1st Marquess of Bute and his wife, Charlotte Jane **Hickman**.

These three coffin plates were most probably recovered from the family vault upon the rebuilding of All Saints after the original 15th Century church was destroyed by fire on the 22nd December 1891. They were restored and placed in the new All Saints by James Andrew Cunninghame **Durham**, of Cromer Grange

and East Raynham House in the County of Norfolk and his wife, Lady Agnes Elizabeth Audrey **Townshend**, the only daughter of John Villiers Stuart Townshend, the 5th Marquess Townshend and his wife, Lady Anne Elizabeth Clementina **Duff** in 1925.

Although, all three are recorded as being interred in their family vault in All Saints there is a little ambiguity about the final resting place of John, the 4th Marquess Townshend as certain sources state that he buried at the Parish Church of St Mary, East Raynham in the County of Norfolk not too far from the Townshend family seat of Raynham Hall.

Sadly, John died from a fall from his horse whilst riding within the grounds of the hall at the age of 65. There is certainly a hatchment at St Mary's as there is also a hatchment to the memory of John at Tamworth Castle in the County of Staffordshire, the castle once being in possession of the Townshend family and therefore there may have been a hatchment for him at Hertford too, but it was lost in the fire of 1891. As the parish register of All Saints recorded that he was interred in the family vault in the chancel at All Saints, although he died in Norfolk, it is not inconceivable that John may have directed his burial to be within the family vault at Hertford. Further research upon this point will need to be carried out.

John's coffin plate is made of brass delineated in black bearing his armorial bearings as a marquess with his dates of birth and death.



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His armorial bearings may be blazoned as follows:



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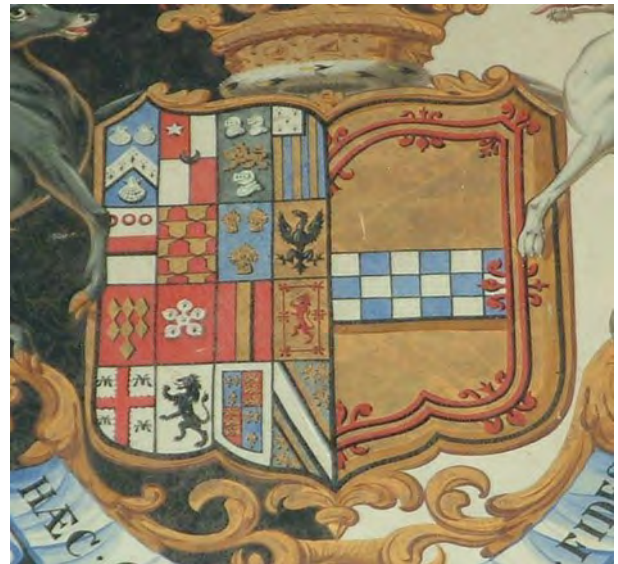
**Arms:** Quarterly of sixteen, 1st, *Azure a chevron ermine between three escallops argent* (for **Townshend**) 2nd *Quarterly gules and argent in the first quarter a molet argent, a crescent for difference* (for **Vere**) 3rd *Sable a lion passant or between three esquires' helmets argent* (for **Compton**) 4th *Paly of six or and azure a canton ermine* (for **Shirley**) 5th *Argent a fess and in chief three annulets gules* (for **Devereux**) 6th *Vairy or and gules* (for **Ferrers**) 7th *Azure three garbs or* (for **Chester**) 8th *Or an eagle displayed sable* (for .....?) 9th *Gules seven lozenges three three and one or* (for **Ferrers**) 10th *Gules a cinquefoil ermine* (for **Beaumont**) 11th *Gules a pale or* (for .....?) 12th *Or a lion rampant within a tressure flory-counterflory gules* (for **Scotland**) 13th *Argent a cross engrailed between four water bougets sable* (for **Bourchier**) 14th *Argent a lion rampant sable* (for *Louvaine*) 15th *France quartering England within a bordure argent* (for **Plantagenet**) 16th *Azure a bend argent cotised or between six lions rampant or* (for **Bohun**) *impaling Or a fess chequy argent and azure within a double tressure flory-counter-flory gules* (for **Stuart**)

The arms are ensigned by the coronet of a marquess.

**Crest:** *A stag proper*

**Motto:** *Haec generi incrementa fides*  
[Fidelity (gave) these honours to our race]

**Supporters:** (Dexter) *A stag sable attired*  
or (Sinister) *A greyhound argent*



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This coloured version of the arms comes from the Hatchment for Sir John Townshend, 4th Marquess Townshend which hangs in St Mary's, East Raynham in Norfolk which is pictured opposite.

The Hatchment background indicates that the wife was still alive although the husband has deceased. A black background indicates that the person represented by the arms has deceased, in this case Sir John Townshend, 4th Marquess Townshend, whilst the white background indicates that the person represented by the arms is still alive, in this case his widow, Elizabeth Jane nee Crichton-Stuart.



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**Speaker 2.30pm (UK time)**

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Peter Lawrence (Zoom meeting)
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