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# PROGRAMME SUMMARY TO JANUARY 1990

## Newbury Branch

Meetings are held at 7.15 pm usually on the the second Wednesday of each month at St Nicholas Parish Hall in the centre of Newbury.

12th Sep	Sources in Newbury library	Sue Dearing
10th Oct	Defenders of Rorke's Drift	Rev. Derek West
14th Nov	to be advised	
12th Dec	to be advised	

## Reading Branch

Meetings, normally held on the last Friday of the month 7.00 for 7.45 at the Park United Reform Church Hall, Wokingham Road, Reading

28th Sept.	The parish chest	Jean Cole
26th Oct.	Audience participation evening	
16th Nov.	Records before 1800	Cecil Humphrey-Smith
7th Dec.	Christmas evening	
25th Jan.	Your ancestor was a criminal	Colin Chapman

## Slough Branch

Monthly Meetings, normally held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.45 at St Andrew's Church Hall, The Grove, Slough.

25th Sep.	Members evening	
30th Oct.	Guildhall Library: its history and resources	Mrs. Pollock
27th Nov.	The gunpowder industry on Hownslow Heath	Luke Over

## Computer User Group

The Group's aim is to allow BFHS members to share experience and work in using computers for family history. No meetings are currently planned. Further details from Chad Hanna (address on back cover).

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The illustration on the front cover is a view of St. Mary's Church, Purley, from an engraving by Charles Tomkins dated 1794.

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# The SELON index

by Peter Shilham

When Christine Powell started indexing records relating to Bermondsey, in the 1970s, it was a lucky day for people with interests in south and south east London. Now there are in excess of a million names listed in the SELON (South East London) index, covering an appreciable area of south London, with 225,000 names in the census indexes alone.

These latter are truly the “Rolls Royce” of indexes; they contain full names, ages, occupation and birthplace enumerated, together with address. Those persons who are related at one address are grouped together - if they have the same surname, or cross referenced if the surname is different - with relationships given. 1851 census indexes completed so far are (PRO ref: HO 107):

<b>Piece No.</b>	<b>Registration District</b>	<b>Copy also at</b>
1560-1562	Bermondsey	SLSL
1563-1565	St. George, Martyr, Southwark	SLSL
1566-1568	Newington	SLSL
1569	Lambeth - Waterloo 1st.	
1575	Lambeth - Brixton & Norwood	LAD
1583	Rotherhithe	SLSL

Another strong feature of the SELON index is that where pre-1841 census records for the area are extant, these too have been indexed. Here, however, there is a caveat; while the SELON indexes are generally as complete as can be from the originals, it must be remembered that the information originally collected was far less than in 1841 or 1851 (*Making sense of the census* by Edward Higgs, PRO handbook 23 gives a full description) - only heads of households are listed, and it is to the genealogist's chagrin, that of the many houses accommodating two, three or even four families, only the name of the householders appears, and then sometimes only the surname, as in parts of St. Mary, Newington, 1831.

All of the following indexes are held at SLSL:

<b>Year</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Number of names</b>
1811	St. Saviour, Southwark	3,000
1831	St. Saviour, Southwark	3,000
1831	St. Mary, Newington	8,000
1821	Christ Church, Southwark (West Division only)	760
1831	Christ Church, Southwark (East and West Divisions)	1,800

The original of the 1811 census for St. Saviour Southwark is held at the GLRO, and the rest are at SLSL. However, it must be pointed out that the index often contains no less information than the original, and some of the originals may be unfit for production.

Partly because of personal family history connections, the Bermondsey parish registers were indexed early in the 1970s. The coverage is CMB 1588-1837, with a gap in the registers for 1740. Here again there is a similar degree of thoroughness with much of the information given in the register having been included (for example cause of death in some of the burial registers). In addition the names from the register of undertaker and interments 1815-1832 have been included when there are omissions from the burials register. This too gives age, address and cause of death. Where information has not been extracted (for some parts of the parish register) reference to the originals at the GLRO is needed. But then a wise researcher will always check back, even when the index is as reliable as the SELON.

As St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, was divided up with the passage of time and growth of population (see WSFHS Research Aid No. 6 for a very thorough description of London parishes), SELON has taken account of this, so that St. James, Bermondsey CMB 1830-1837 is indexed.

To the north of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey and included in SELON lies St. Olave, Tooley St. (C 1583-1597 and 1795-1837, M 1597-1608 and 1754-1837, B 1597-1608 and also St. John Horselydown, which was formed from part of St. Olave (C 1733- 1837, M 1733-1762 and 1779-1837, B 1733-1799 (dates show what is indexed).

Immediately to the west of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, lies the parish of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, the only indexed part in SELON being M 1602-1627, and to the west of this lies St. Mary Newington where the index covers M 1668/9-1689, and Holy Trinity, Newington, created from St. Mary Newington, CMB 1825-1837. To the west once more lies St. Mark, Kennington (Lambeth) C 1825-1832, M 1825-1837.

Geographically there is some distance to Holy Trinity Clapham C 1816-1838, M 1820-1837. The index of the christenings register contains material valuable to the family historian: from 1816 to 1831 has been extracted (in addition to occupation of the father) the following:

- i. chronological order, in the family, of each child baptised e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. son or daughter.
- ii. the late (or former) name of the child's mother. Incidentally, in the marriages appears William Gilbert wdr & Anne Mary Bye Morris of St. Paul Covent Garden, including Jn Saml Schwenck among the six witnesses listed. The largest number of witnesses to a marriage indexed for this parish is fourteen.

Within SELON there are seventeen parishes of south east London where parts of parish registers have been indexed, extending to Deptford, Greenwich, Charlton and Woolwich. (There are also twenty two parishes for Middlesex where parts are covered). Full detailed contents lists are available from the author.

For south London, there are additional indexes for tracking down persons in the area:

Bermondsey: Poor Rate, 1712, and Ratepayers, 1699.

St. George the Martyr, Southwark: Poor Rate assessment 1790, Rate Deficiencies 1765/66, and an index of Settlement Examinations for the parish from 1698-1831 (some of these originals are held at SLSL and others at the GLRO where the latest date for these is 1753). An index for Warrants for neglect to maintain family - an incomplete run 1802-1824. An index of Militia Records as follows: recruits raised by St. George the Martyr for the 56th Regiment of Foot (1806); men balloted to serve in the militia for the parish (1807); men enrolled to serve in the 1st and 2nd Regiments of the Royal Surrey Militia for the parish (1779-1808 an incomplete run), and the substitutes.

St. Mary, Newington: Bastardy and Indemnity Bonds 1628-1756.

St. Mary Lambeth: Settlement Examinations (1805-1807) for Westminster Lying-In Hospital (for 190 women).

Wandsworth: Churchwardens Accounts 1545-1573, an index of names (copy at LAD) - this is from a transcript of the accounts which was printed in *Surrey Archaeological Collection* vols. XV & XVII (1900 & 1902 respectively). As the parish registers do not commence until 1603, these accounts contain the only record of burials. A list of some of the inhabitants appears for 1544 and 1556/7. A register mentioned in the accounts in 1547/8 has been lost.

Also contained in SELON is: an index of probate inventories for 16th-19th centuries which includes Bermondsey, Newington, Southwark and Lambeth, giving name, year, parish and location of inventory. An index of testators for the SELON area for 1752-1858, the wills being held at the GLRO. An index of coopers and labourers from the Woolwich Dockyard pay books 1811- 1813. (Originals at PRO: ADM 30.61)

Of course indexing work continues, time being the main hindrance to quicker progress. The following are in varying stages of completion:

1851 census for Lambeth - the remaining districts in HO107 1570-1574

Lambeth Workhouse child admissions register 1826-1833 (this also contains births in the workhouse).

St. Mary, Newington, settlement examinations 1783-1846 a run with a few gaps, but which will probably contain well in excess of 4,000 persons examined. With their potted biographies included, this will add at least another 12,000 names, but of course vital for finding that missing ancestor.

Postal enquiries for searches in the SELON index are welcome. Send a stamped self addressed envelope. A fee is charged to cover costs, and to maintain and expand the index.

One last point: are you involved in helping your family history society, your local record office or area of interest in some project? You do not have to embark on

working on records, containing thousands of names all on your own. In fact, the more people who lend a hand, the lighter will be the load for all of us, and you will get more out of it.

GLRO Great London Record Office, 40 Northampton Road, London  
EC1R 0HB

LAD Lambeth Archives Department, 52 Knatchbull Road, London  
SE5 9QY

SLSL Southwark Local Studies Library, 211 Borough High Street, London  
SE1 1JA

SELON index P.R. Shilham, 6 Beckford Close, Wokingham, Berkshire

WSFHS West Surrey Family History Society

*Peter Shilham, a schoolmaster teaching chemistry, is married with two daughters. He started in family history 20 years ago. The Shilhams came from Gloucester and have been traced back to the sixteenth century, although Peter's own family line can only be traced, with certainty, back to 1688.*

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## **International reply coupons**

There have been a number of complaints from overseas members about the price of international reply coupons. These coupons are sold in most parts of the world for a stamp representing the minimum international postage payable on a letter sent abroad. They are a convenient means of prepaying the cost of a reply from abroad. In Britain each coupon is the equivalent to 24 pence - the price of sending a 20 gramme letter overseas by surface mail. The price of IRC's varies from country to country. In the United States they can be purchased for 95 cents, that's roughly equivalent to 56 pence. In New Zealand they are £1.85 - 63pence; in Australia \$1.35, equivalent to 61pence and in Canada they sell for \$1.05 - 53pence. For overseas members they can be an expensive way of sending stamps to Britain. The cheapest method is to arrange to buy British stamps from someone in this country and then use them for a stamped self-addressed envelope.



# **Twenty questions**

## **compiled by the staff at the BRO**

This quiz has been compiled by the staff of the Berkshire Record Office and should while away an autumn evening or two. The questions include some which are general and some which are specific to Berkshire, and they range, from the very simple to some which are moderately difficult.

There is a prize for the first ten correct answers. All the entries will be opened on October 15. The first ten correct entries will have tea with the county archivist, Dr. Peter Durrant, and a tour behind the scenes in the Record Office, so good luck.

1. From which date did incumbents have to keep parish registers?
2. What is the date of origin of the standardised printed format for marriage registers?
3. What major sources of information for family historians in Berkshire were destroyed by enemy action during the second world war?
4. Which diocese was Berkshire in prior to 1836?
5. Which Act of Parliament ruled that electoral registers had to be compiled?
6. What is the earliest surviving poll book for Berkshire?
7. Between 1918 and 1926, how many county (electoral) divisions were there in Berkshire and what were they called?
8. For what period does BRO hold Kelly's Post Office or similar County directories?
9. Up until which date was the parish obliged to arrange apprenticeship?
10. When were boards of guardians established in Berkshire?
11. What problem is frequently encountered when using pre-18th century manorial records?
12. From which date do Berkshire Quarter Sessions records survive?
13. When did civil registration start?

14. For which two Berkshire parishes does the BRO hold copies of the 1841 national census?
15. What information do allegations and bonds give that licenses do not?
16. From which date were bishops' transcripts returned to the diocesan registry?
17. Name three parishes in the court of the Peculiar of the Dean of Salisbury?
18. For what period do probate inventories survive for Berkshire?
19. In which year were settlement certificates introduced?
20. What is the closure period on workhouse registers?

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### **Weekend courses of interest to local and family historians**

These courses some lasting a day and others across the weekend are organised by the Department of External Studies, Oxford University. For further information contact the course organiser, Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA.

#### **1990**

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| October 27    | Architects and their buildings                 |
| November 2-4  | Health and habitat: aspects of medical history |
| November 10   | Computers for local history                    |
| November 24-5 | .Flints: a practical archaeological weekend    |
| November 24-5 | Desktop publishing                             |
| December 1    | Strangers in the community                     |

#### **1991**

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| January 12   | Ritual protection of the home      |
| January 26-7 | The census and local history       |
| February 16  | Landscapes and documents           |
| March 2      | Computer packages for genealogists |
| March 8-10   | Crime, courts and punishments      |

# 1881 on a computer

by David Watkins

I was an early volunteer to assist with the transcription of the 1881 census now underway on a national basis. As my grandparents were all Welsh I chose to work on the Gwent census.

I eventually received my allotted portion, eight batches containing over 200 pages. These were all for the parish of Aberystroth, in the north-west of the old Monmouthshire and adjoining Breconshire border.

I worked diligently at the first two batches, being careful to print in upper case following the examples set out in the guide and cursing the enumerators who insisted on writing 'Monmouthshire' in full every time. I also fervently blessed those who saved considerable time for themselves and yours truly by making do with 'Mon.' Of course ditto marks appeared frequently and were welcome but could not be used unless they were on the sheet, so 'Blenkinshop' five times had to be written out five times. Halfway through the second batch my enthusiasm to print carefully was definitely flagging and I began to think there must be a more congenial way to spend my leisure time.

I then experimented with reproducing the transcription form, one for each page of census, on my computer. I used a spreadsheet as these arrange things in rows and columns. I was able to devise a near replica of the form. The detail at the top is called up for each page with the common detail, village, film number etc., already filled in. The details of each of the individuals are added, taking up around the same length of time as manually (I am a two finger typist). The result is then printed and as you would expect the result is far more readable than my flagging manual efforts.

I forwarded a sample to my controller in Gwent who, having got permission further up the line, agreed to accept my computer driven contribution. The only conditions were that I had to serially number each entry (done centrally otherwise by using gummed strips with numbers already printed) and provide blank lines between each entry. I made some amendments to my spreadsheet so that I need only enter the start number and press one more key and all 25 numbers were there. The blank line or double spacing required only a simple adjustment to the printer (for computer buffs the programme provides its own line feed so by changing the right dip switch I got a second LF from the printer). So I set to with a will and completed the task in eight months, one batch per month, around one page per day. Just under 6,000 people.

But now of course I need type say, 'Abersychan Monmouthshire', only the first time it cropped up on each sheet and then copy with three or four keystrokes wherever else it was needed. And all those dittos were on my template for the whole of the surname and birthplace columns. One enumerator appeared not to have discovered the delights of the ditto and thus the transcriber is faced with writing say, 'Williamson' twelve times in a row but I only typed once and then used the copy facility to do the rest at one swoop.

Being able to print out the sheets required for the exercise was not the only objective I had in mind. I have put all the information together and produced other material which I hope others will find useful.

Firstly I have been able to produce strays. All those showing a birthplace other than Monmouthshire have been extracted by county and are being forwarded to the appropriate family history society; there is only one for Berkshire, however. I hope later to analyse this information about immigrants to the area, possibly linking it to occupation; coal mining predominated in the district.

I have also printed out all the sheets in a much smaller format. There are two pages to each side of an A4 sheet, so that a batch of 28 pages takes up only seven sheets. To accompany these I have indexed the whole by surname so that, barring errors, an ancestor can be traced within a minute or so.

If anyone out there is valiantly getting on with transcription, but finding as I did that the spirit is weakening, and would like to consider my approach I shall be pleased to help. However you will need access to a wide carriage printer.

*As it happens the editor has an Epson MX100 wide carriage printer for sale for anybody interested in pursuing David's idea.*

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### **Desktop Publishing for *Berkshire Family Historian***

As an experiment, this issue of the Society magazine has been 'set' using a Desktop Publishing System by Chad Hanna using a disk supplied by the editor, John Gurnett. For the technically minded, Framemaker® 2.0 was used on a Sun Microsystem® 3/75 with 8 megabytes of memory and the results printed on an Apple Laserwriter® II NTX.

# Letters to the editor

The Goddard Association of Europe, 11 Chandos Road, Newbury, Berkshire  
RG14 7EP

Dear editor,

One of our South African members says that her ancestor came from Berkshire. The details are:

James Goddard, farmer from Berkshire. Emigrated with Pigot's party on board the "Northampton" in 1820, aged 38. His wife's name was Mary or Fenny, and they had six children, Benjamin, Harriet, Mary, Betsy, John and William. I wonder if anybody recognises James Goddard and can say where he came from. The Goddard Computer Index has many James Goddards in this period but not one that fits the other details.

Mrs. J.R. Goddard.

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35 Kendrick Road, Reading, Berkshire

Dear editor,

I thought you might be interested in this for coincidence.

I am fairly new to my research and luckily most of my family on both sides seem to be local for a few generations back, so every so often I am able to pop along to the register office for a couple of certificates. This Monday I searched for three I needed and was rewarded with two. I was pleased to learn that my great great grandfather was a Baptist minister, so I thought I'd visit the reference library to find all I could about local churches. I duly sat at the table reading my book when I heard my grandfather's name mentioned by some people sitting across from me. I introduced myself and the man said his name was Griffin and he was trying to trace a family known to have lived in the Coley Steps area around the time of the First World War. It didn't seem as if they were the same man, but I offered to send him any information I might get on as I was interested in the area as I had relatives from other sides of my family who had lived there. While I was talking I laid my great grandparents wedding certificate on the table. One of the ladies said, "but these are my grandparents". In the confusing barrage of names and dates that followed it emerged that

their mother (née Gaines) was my grandfather's sister. Imagine my delight when they told me they had a picture of my great grandmother and a long family tree for the Gaines which they will send me.

How I wish I'd had money on the odds of that happening, what a lot of certificates I could get with that. After they had gone I apologised to a man who had been sitting trying to read at out table, "not at all", he said "I found all that quite fascinating".

By the way if anyone out there knows anything about a Baptist Minister names John Amos Griffin from around 1850 I would be very grateful, after all he started it.

Diane Rayburn(2085)

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Forge Cottage, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 6BT

Dear editor,

My grandfather, Edgar Strugnell, was a jockey who lost an eye while riding at Longchamps. He was taken to the English Hospital in Paris. While recovering, an English lady, Louisa Champ, read his letters to him. They married at the Consul general's office in Paris in 1900. He then started a racing stable at Maison Lafitte. This went bankrupt about 1905 and they returned to England with their three children.

Family legend has it that he looked after a Peer's polo ponies near Reading, and lost the job because he got drunk. Who could the Peer have been? They certainly lived in Reading at 3 Easton Place, Brunswick Street, where my mother was born on January 8, 1907. However, she was baptised at the parish church Wokingham, on May 12, 1907 and not at St. Mary's, Reading. Why did the family undertake the trek from Reading to Wokingham with three small children and a four month old baby? I can find no family connection with Wokingham, although they had numerous relations in and around Lambourne, where my grandmother's family had lived for six generations. Can any reader suggest a reason? I discussed this with my mother before she died, and she had no idea why the journey was undertaken. I hope that people living in the area might be able to throw some light on this perplexing problem.

Len Heath(341)

# **The Bush family**

## **Wool merchants and farmers**

### **by Marion Hughes**

The search for my paternal ancestors began many years ago after an uncle mentioned that the names of the villages where his grandfather, John Bush, had lived were given on the headstone of his grave in a London cemetery. A visit to the cemetery revealed that he came from Sparsholt and Whitley. Parish records were then in the custody of the incumbent and a friend drove me down and between us we made a search. This proved that the family had lived there from the late eighteenth century to the mid nineteenth century.

There was still a railway station at nearby Challow so a little later I paid another brief visit to look around the village. On the way from Challow station to Sparsholt I noticed an old church tucked away in the trees and decided to walk across the fields and look at it. This proved to be Childrey and entering the churchyard I noticed the graves of some of the Shippery family. My grandfather's name was William Shippery Bush and so I now knew where the Shipperys came from. A few yards further on were the graves of some of the Bush family, my ancestors, so I had now discovered another place where they had lived. In fact they had lived there for 250 years. Parish records proved most fruitful and provided a continuous record of the family back to the early seventeenth century, the earliest entries being the marriage of Elizabeth Bush to Oliver Welsbourn in 1604 and that of Walter Bush to Alice Goddard in 1605.

Wills proved one of the most valuable sources but in my experience there were never as many of them as one would like, and in the whole of my study I think I have only found a dozen PCC wills, and about the same number proved in lesser courts, although a number of wills left by others who had some connection with the family have been of help.

An enquiry of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution confirmed that John Bush's widow had received a pension from them until she died in 1917, and that he had farmed in Berkshire for 23 years. This farm I discovered later was Grays Farm, Whitley, near Reading. I already knew that a series of disastrous harvests at the end of the nineteenth century, together with the import of cheap foodstuffs had driven him, like many other farmers, from the land and that the family moved to London.

The parish registers had shown that John was born in Sparsholt where his father Jonathan Bush was tenant of Sparsholt Farm. An interesting document had been found at the Berkshire Record Office giving the sale particulars of this farm when it was auctioned at Garraways Coffee House in Cornhill, London, in 1843, after the owner's death. Jonathan's father, another Jonathan, was tenant of Eastmanton Farm, Sparsholt. The previous five generations all lived at Childrey. Unfortunately I was not able to proceed further although I thought possible connections were an Edmund Bush of Langford who had died in 1658 and another Edmund of Great Faringdon in 1583 and so for a number of years the search was put aside.

I had seen references in books on the Cotswolds to the brasses of Thomas Bush (d. 1525) and his wife in Northleach church, but had not thought these a likely connection. He was a merchant of the Calais wool staple and the brass shows his merchant's mark and the arms of the staple of Calais. However, when I retired and had more time I decided to go to the Gloucestershire Record Office to check the early Northleach registers. They were unproductive but I was sent photocopies of pages from a book about Northleach showing the Bush brasses and extracts of their wills, and Thomas' will mentioned his lands in Langford. The wills of Thomas and his wife (d. 1526) gave the names of their sons and daughters including a Thomas who was left a farm at Whittington. The 1532 Visitation of Berkshire showed that Susan Pleydell had married Thomas Bush of Whittington - I have not discovered which village it was - and another look at the will of Edmund Bush (d. 1583) I found a mention of his 'mother Thomas' and his 'Uncle Pleadill'. The wills of Susan's parents filled in a number of relationships. I also obtained a copy of the will of John Bush of Northleach of 1477. One of his sons, Thomas, was the wool merchant already mentioned and a daughter Anne married another merchant of the staple, Richard Wenman of Witney. This last fact I also found from the Visitation of Oxfordshire. Mention in the wills of Thomas and Anne of their 'brother Thomas Midwinter' gave me the clue that their mother Alice might have married William Midwinter after the death of John and her will proved this was so. John Bush and William Midwinter were wool men and both supplied wool to a merchant Richard Cely of London.

So I had now covered twelve generations, going back from the time when John Bush had to give up farming, through many generations when they appeared to lead the lives of ordinary yeoman farmers holding the usual church offices such as churchwardens, sidesmen, and waymen, right back to the late mediaeval period and the prosperous days of the wool trade.

This early period proved the most interesting part of my family's history and there is so much on record to create a vivid picture of this exciting period in English his-



tory. William Midwinter's name is mentioned in several places in the Cely letters, and one stated that nineteen sarplers of wool obtained from John Bush of North-leach were being shipped. A sarpler or large bale is given variously as 728 or 2240 lbs, even at the lower figure this must have been a lot of wool. The Cely letters are a collection of letters written between 1472 and 1488 passed between Richard Cely, a wool merchant of Mark Lane, London, and his son resident at the wool staple or market in Calais where the wool was sold. At that time Calais was still an English possession - the last on the continent - and all exports of wool from England to Northern Europe were shipped there.

Numerous references to these earlier generations were collected along the way; there is much about the Wenmen family of Witney in the Witney Borough Court Book, the Feet of Fines of 1561 includes references to William - eldest son of Thomas and grandson of John - and Ann Bush, and their son and heir Thomas, in connection with land transactions, also Kidston's *History of the Manor of Hazelbury* prints a picture of "The chamber at the stairhead" in which was the bedstead, tester and curtains which Ann Bonham (d.1548) left to her granddaughter Elizabeth Bush, daughter of William Bush and his wife Ann. References in the Langford register shows descendants of this family lived there for at least a hundred years.

I was confused for a time by a Bush family who were about in the same area and bore much the same christian names as my family but they were eventually found to be descendants of a William Duyland who came from Wales and settled in Wiltshire about 1450 and assumed the name of Bush, and another Bush family of Long Wittenham who seemed to have a connection but they were found to be the descendants of a boy named Bush, because he was found as a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes under a bush, and was the founder of a family who prospered there for centuries.

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## Heraldry evening classes

John Titterton will be conducting two evening classes on heraldry this autumn, one in Reading and the other in Oxford.

An introduction to heraldry at Reading University, London Road, Reading every Tuesday for 10 meetings starting Tuesday October 9, 1990. A similar course takes place at the Department of External Studies, Rewley House, Wellington Square, Oxford will be held every Thursday for 10 meetings starting Thursday January 10, 1991

## Gleanings from exchange magazines noted by Rosemary Sarney, magazine librarian

I must be the most read member of the Society as I constantly scan the journals and magazines housed in the exchange magazine library. I attempt to pick out articles of special interest to members of the Society and also those of a general interest on techniques and sources. This month watch out for stalls selling coats of arms and how to claim for war medals. The magazines can be borrowed from the magazine library at any of our three branches' monthly meetings unfortunately a postal service is not available, but many of these magazines can be found at your local society meetings.

- In the magazine library we have the journals of the Lyford Research Group. The Lyford family has strong connections in Berkshire and are represented in a great many parishes of the county. If you are researching families in the Bucklebury or Stanford Dingley areas in particular, a glance at these journals might well be worthwhile.
- I feel I must mention the tenth anniversary celebration journal of the Shropshire FHS conspicuous by its colourful cover. A really good read, packed with many excellent articles by eminent authors on family history. Not least is Mabs Turner's contribution "Don't Do It Phoebe!" - miss it at your peril and risk becoming a family history bore!
- "Wot! no certificate" is the title of an article in West Middlesex journal Vol. 7 No. 5, and is of course a guide to using the indexes at St. Catherine's House. Vic Rosewarne gives us many reasons why an entry cannot be found and suggests that most are in fact there but not in the form that is being sought. A follow up article can be found in the next issue Vol. 7 No. 6 of the journal, showing how to trace somebody whose details do not appear in the indexes.
- The research done by June Barnes on militia lists and muster rolls is graphically recorded in Family Roots, the January 1990 issue of the Eastbourne and District FHS. Also on the subject of the militia and where to find records I found an article in the Lancashire journal Vol. 9 No. 4. Kay Prestley gives a wonderful picture of a militia man with her informative script and not until the conclusion did I learn she is a Berkshire lady from Langley.
- The Barnardo Immigration Scheme to Canada and Australia was the result of 40 years caring for destitute children in London and eventually round the

world. Dr. Barnardo's story is told in Queensland Family Historian Vol. 10 No. 3 and if you have a relative who was relocated through this scheme, Barnardo's headquarters will supply from their archive of a quarter of a million negatives, a copy of the photograph taken before departure.

- Recording Monumental Inscriptions and other Lunacy-inducing pastimes is as the title suggests an amusing effort by Chris Harley in Lincolnshire Family Historian Vol. 7 No. 1 to drum up support for the monumental task of recording the wealth of information fast disappearing from our cemeteries and churchyards.
- The Wesleyan Historic Roll is a neglected source of family history research and contains names and addresses in fifty red leather volumes at the Methodist headquarters at Westminster. Details can be found in Michael Jackson's article in North Middlesex FHS journal Vol. 10 No. 4.
- Gordon Roberts opens his article in Gwynedd Roots Nov. '89 with a quote from a census official of 1851. "The Census will include the Queen in her castle at Windsor and the criminal in his prison cell, the lighthouse keeper on the Eddystone Rock and the gypsy encamped in our green fields". I enjoyed reading Mr. Roberts' research in census taking in the 19th century and now have much sympathy with the Enumerator and a better understanding of how he accomplished his difficult task.
- Madeleine Ginsburg's talk at Bedfordshire's One day conference was costume in photographs 1837-1900 and it is reproduced in Vol. 7 No. 4 of Bedfordshire FHS journal. Much useful information that is helpful to the dating of old photographs and identifying ancestors is contained in this article including lady's hair styles, hats and of course skirts and sleeves of dresses.
- Beware of stalls selling coats of arms is the message in the article by Jock Shaw in Root and Branch, West Surrey FHS journal Vol. 16 No. 1. His advice is that the incorrect and ambiguous cross-counter sales talk should be taken with more than a pinch of salt and if you are tempted by the colourful displays discuss it with a member of a heraldry group or society.
- Also in this edition of Root and Branch the history of adoption is related by Lynne Cowley. She is employed by NORCAP as a researcher helping adult adopted people who wish to trace their birth parents or siblings and in the first of two articles gives much useful information on registration, certificates and adoption agencies.

- Maurice Headland in the Doncaster Ancestor Vol. 4 No. 1 brings to our attention the fact that there are thousands of unclaimed war medals waiting to be claimed by descendants of those honoured. The address of the Army Medal Office at Droitwich and details of how to apply can be found in this article entitled Missing War Medals.
- He who Dares, Wins, but He Who Prepared Wins more Often - a quotation perhaps for the family historian contemplating a visit to the PRO or county record office.

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### **1995 Federation of Family History Societies conference**

The Berkshire Family History Society will be hosting the 1995 autumn conference. Although it's still five years away a great deal of planning will be necessary if we are to compete with the standards set by other societies so the executive committee has set up a small working party to make some initial preparations. Bill Grose (address on cover), Mike Shepherd and Joyce Wells would welcome your suggestions.

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The West Surrey Family History Society will be holding an open day at St.John's, Woking on Saturday October 20, 1990.

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### **Public Record Office**

The Public Record Office will be closed for stocktaking from Monday October 1 until Friday October 12 inclusive. This applies to Chancery Lane and Kew. So if you've got some research to do steer clear of October. The telephone number for the PRO is now 081-876 3444 - extension 2258 for Chancery Lane and 2350 for Kew.

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### **Berkshire Record Office**

Just a note to remind you that the Berkshire Record Office will be closed for annual stocktaking from 29th October to 9th November – that includes Thursday evenings.

# BFHS Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Berkshire Family History Society, held on Friday 29th June, 1990, at the Park United Reformed Church Hall, Reading.

1. The meeting was opened by the chairman, Cliff Debney. Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Peter Durrant, Henry Bordis, Audrey and Gordon Campbell, Meg Goswell, Phyll Kerridge, Connie Marshall, Helene Perry, Chris and Helen Relf and Joyce Wells.
2. The minutes of the fourteenth annual general meeting, held on 30th June, 1989, and published in Volume 13 part 1 of the Society's magazine were accepted unanimously with no dissent. Proposer Chad Hanna and seconder Ellen Sutherland.
3. Matters arising. There were none.
4. Chairman's report. Printed in full below.
5. Treasurer's report. Printed below together with the audited balance sheet for 1989/90. The report and balance sheet were accepted.
6. Election of President. Following the death of our President, Col. the Hon. Sir Gordon Palmer, there was, as yet, no name which the Executive Committee had to put before the meeting.
7. Election of Vice-Presidents. The Executive Committee had invited Dr. Peter Durrant, Berkshire County Archivist, to continue to be a vice president which he had accepted with pleasure. They had also invited Alf Ison to become a vice president in recognition of his sterling work for the Society since its inception, in particular being the editor of the Society's magazine until very recently, and chairman of the Society in its early days. Both vice-presidents were accepted with no dissent from the floor.
8. Election of officers for 1990-1. Only one nomination had been received for each of the following three positions and were duly declared elected:

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| Chairman  | Chad Hanna  |
| Treasurer | Roy Croton  |
| Secretary | Meg Goswell |

9. Acceptance of ex-officio executive committee members nominated by the three branches. The following three members were accepted from the floor with no dissent.

|         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| Newbury | Colin Skipper   |
| Reading | Bill Grose      |
| Slough  | Connie Marshall |

10. Election of committee members. Seven nominations were received for the six vacant places on the executive committee. As Cliff Debney was one of those nominated, at this point he stepped down and Bill Grose took over the election process. All members present were invited to vote. Those elected were Olive Butchart, Cliff Debney, Lesley Hanna, Margaret Lyall, Geoff Mather and Rosemary Sarney.
11. Nomination of auditor. The new treasurer, Roy Croton, nominated Jack Hobbs to be the Society's auditor. This was accepted from the floor with no dissent.
12. Any other business. Chad Hanna thanked Cliff Debney for taking over as chairman at such short notice during the year.

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## **Chairman's report for 1989-90**

Towards the end of the chairman's report last year, Mike Wilshin, talked about his crystal ball. It is just as well we cannot see into the future. We have suffered two major losses this year, firstly by the death of our president, Col. the Hon Sir Gordon Palmer, and then by Mike Wilshin's illness followed by his tragic death in March.

A major change during the last year has been the retirement of Alf Ison as editor of the magazine. Alf edited the Society's first journal in October 1975 and continued to produce four each year until last September. For the first time in fourteen years Alf is not visibly engaged in some activity or other in the Society - he has been, done or held most posts including being chairman - and we wish him a well earned rest.

It is with some regret that, for the second time in seven years, we have to increase our subscriptions for the coming year to £6 for single and £7 for family membership. We hope this will cover the constantly rising cost for at least the next couple of years.

The reference library continues to grow by donation and purchase and the main holding is now too large to be held in one member's home or even transported to meetings in two cars. We urgently need a location where not only the bookstall is available, but where members can browse through the reference and journal libraries, look at the microfiche holdings and the name indexes. If any member can suggest a way out of this impasse we will be delighted to hear from you.

During the past year we have published two further volumes of the Berkshire 1851 census index. The transcribing team under Geoff Mather's superb leadership is carrying out this huge project very ably but will welcome any assistance which is offered. We are also participating in the nationwide project of transcribing the 1881 census returns for eventual publication on fiche. If this work is to be completed we need more volunteers, not only to transcribe but especially to check the transcripts. When this project is completed we shall receive a free copy of the fiche for Berkshire. We have also just heard that the Society can retain the photocopy returns and the second copy of our transcript.

From its early days the Society was engaged in the enormous project of transcribing and indexing the Overseers' records for Berkshire. Lately this project has come to a standstill. Alf Ison would dearly like a volunteer to re-energise this much needed project. May I remind you that one of the objects of the Society as stated in our constitution is to help research and transcription of county records and make them more accessible to the public.

The Society is run by volunteers and it would be invidious to thank anyone in particular but I would like to mention those who have retired from the executive committee this year especially David Watkins our treasurer, and Joyce Wells, who has carried out many different tasks for the Society.

*Slough branch.* The annual general meeting of the Slough branch was held on May 29 and the following were elected to the branch committee:

Connie Marshall, Helen Perry, Albert Lindo Jenny Harman, Jacqui Ward, Audrey Campbell, Barbara Swiatek

*Reading branch.* The annual general meeting of the Reading branch was held on April 27 and the following were elected to the branch committee:

Bill Grose, Mrs. Lesley Hanna, Miss Margaret Lyall, Mrs. Ann McKie, Clive Tomlin, David Ellis, Geoff Havers, David Watkins

*Newbury branch.* The annual general meeting of the Newbury branch was held on June 13 and the following were elected to the branch committee:

Colin Skipper, Mike Isaacs, Helen Relf, Mike Shepherd, Polly Lawrence, Joyce Keaney

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### **Treasurer's report**

The accounts for the year ended 30 April 1990 have been audited and are shown below. This has been a year of consolidation for the Society following the outlay last year on a new computer and printer and other items. Spending this year has been confined to normal running expenses. Magazine costs have been kept under control but there has been an increase in the cost of meetings. Hall hire fees have increased so too have speakers' fees.

Subscription income has been sufficient to cover this expenditure but with very little margin. As costs are likely to rise again it was thought prudent to increase the level of annual subscriptions again this year.

The surplus for the year comes from bookstall profits. It has been your committee's policy that these profits should not be used for normal running expenses but for adding to the reference library and pay for equipment and other items. However, one of the last acts of the outgoing committee was to authorise the purchase of display stands.

I wish my successor well and would like to thank Ian Hayward who has acted as society auditor during my five years as treasurer.



# BFHS Accounts-May 1, 1989 - Apr 30,1990

## Income and expenditure

| Income                                    | 89-90 | 88-89 | Expenditure                  | 89-90 | 88-89 |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Bookstall profit                          | 2912  | 1386  | Magazine                     | 3890  | 5873  |
| Subscriptions                             | 6439  | 5150  | Reference Lib.               | 475   | 398   |
| Donations                                 | 277   | 328   | Bookstall exp.               | 230   | 280   |
| Projects                                  | 3     | 47    | Travel,post,<br>print, stat. | 694   | 638   |
| Conference 89                             | 15    | 109   | Meetings                     | 1422  | 1102  |
| Interest                                  | 163   | 379   | Subscriptions                | 223   | 103   |
|                                           |       |       | Computer needs               | 0     | 68    |
|                                           |       |       | Equipment                    | 0     | 1190  |
|                                           |       |       | Insurance                    | 112   | 70    |
|                                           |       |       | Miscellaneous                | 308   | 14    |
|                                           |       |       | IGI                          | 0     | 519   |
|                                           |       |       | Deeds for BRO                | 0     | 244   |
| Total income                              | 9809  | 7399  | Total exp.                   | 7354  | 10499 |
| <i>Balance of income over expenditure</i> |       |       |                              | 2455  | -3100 |

## Balance sheet at 30.4.1990

|                                        | 89-90 | 88-89 |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| <b>Assets</b>                          |       |       |
| Sundry debtors                         | 0     | 16    |
| Main A/C Bank Balance                  | 287   | 19    |
| Bookstall bank balance                 | 1333  | 499   |
| Deposit balance                        | 2092  | 477   |
| Bookstall cash                         | 0     | 479   |
| Bookstall stock                        | 3500  | 2347  |
| Total assets                           | 7212  | 3836  |
| <b>Less liabilities</b>                |       |       |
| Sundry creditors                       |       |       |
| (+£200 contingency)                    | 1135  | 556   |
| Conference 1990<br>advance payments    | 461   | 119   |
| Balance = Accumulated funds<br>30/4/90 | 5616  | 3161  |

I have examined the books and records of the society. In common with many other societies and organisations of this size the controls are dependent on close involvement by members of the committee. Therefore independent confirmations to the completeness of the accounting records was not available. Subject to the foregoing in my opinion the accounts presented to the members reflects the state of the society's affairs at the 30 April 1990 and of its surplus for the year ended. Ian Hayward, society auditor.

# Q and A with Jean

by Jean Debney

## An odd occupation

Q Mr. P. Barker (1216) of Devon writes that information about the Neighbour family he is researching is in “Mr. Whateley’s Book of Cookham”. Listed were Joseph and wife Elizabeth (née Woods) married in 1787 together with 13 children and their year of birth. Interesting snippets of information are given such as: Maria born 1804, married a farmer’s man at Southampton and has one child; Susannah born 1806, married Rixon, a thief; Edward born 1812, in London, a scuffle hunter. He asks was a scuffle hunter a legitimate employment or was it Mr. Whateley’s way of describing a trouble maker?

A First of all “Mr. Whateley’s Book” has only been acquired fairly recently by the Berkshire Record Office (Ref. D/P.43/29/8) and although undated was probably compiled in the early part of the nineteenth century. It is indexed and contains details of married couples living in Cookham and Cookham Dean. It gives: year of birth and death of parents and children; occupation and/or name of employer of husband; name of landlord and rent paid or “own house”. Some entries given details of applications to the select vestry. What a gold mine for some lucky researchers.

Secondly, what was a scuffle hunter? The usual dictionary definition of scuffle is: to fight in a disorderly manner, to move by shuffling, to move in a hurried or confused manner, the sound made by scuffling or shuffling and a type of hoe. However, the *English Dialect Dictionary* has a number of additional forms. A person in bad circumstances who still keeps his head above water is said to scuffle along. It can also mean dirty or dusty, so a scuffling apron is a course apron in which to do rough or dirty work. Another meaning is to do any kind of work roughly hurriedly and improperly. A scuffle is also a mop for cleaning out ovens. This probably is associated with the use of the word scuffle as a hoe, an implement for cleaning the ground of weeds. The use of this word in the early part of the nineteenth century is often as a hoe or weeding hook: “his scuffle has thirteen hoes and does five acres a day” is taken from Young’s *Agriculture*.

## Old school records

Q Rosemary Hatch (1952) has another question (where do you find them all Rosemary?). She has discovered that her G-G-Grandfather and his brothers were educat-

ed at Gresham School in the early nineteenth century and asks where can she find the early school records?

*A School, University and College Registers and Histories in the Library of the Society of Genealogists* is the long title of a useful booklet (price £1.60, plus postage, from the BFHS bookstall) which lists Gresham School in Holt, Norfolk, founded in 1555. The Society of Genealogists' library has a published copy of the school history and the school register from 1555-1954. The local history section of Norwich library may also have further information.

### **A problem with marriage indexes**

*Q* Barbara Young (1555) of Wokingham says that some years ago she found the marriage in 1835 of Henry Baxter and Amy Carman in North Wootton, Norfolk, listed in both Boyd's Marriage Index and Phillimore's Marriage Register. However, when she eventually wrote to the vicar for more details (the registers were not at that time deposited at the local record office) no trace could be found of the marriage although an illegitimate daughter of the "bride" was baptised on the date of the "marriage". The coincidence of the date is puzzling, together with the question - where did Boyd and Phillimore get their information?

*A* Barbara has done the right thing by checking the original to make sure the index entry is correct - but where is the marriage? I have often found that introductions to books are a useful source of information and explanation and so I make the following suggestions?

1. The introduction to the Norfolk section of the National Index of Parish Registers Vol. 7 (which also covers Cambridge and Suffolk) says:125 (Norfolk) parishes are covered in the Phillimore marriages series. Whilst several of these can be relied on, too many are the result of inexperienced interpretation. Unfortunately this also effects the accuracy of Boyd's Index some of which were taken from the same source. (The IGI is often compiled from the same source).
2. Read the introduction to the relevant volume of Phillimore's Marriage Register for information about the sources used.
3. Contact the Norfolk Record Office who hold the marriage licences and Bishop's transcripts for the Dean and Chapter of Norwich, which had jurisdiction over North Wootton in the Peculiar of Castle Rising. The intended marriage may be recorded in the banns book and that, togeth-

er with the original parish registers, may now be in the local record office.

4. Contact the compilers of the Norfolk marriage index - the current address and fees is in the latest edition of the Gibson Guide to marriage and census indexes. There are also two interesting comments about relying on indexes in *Family Tree Magazine*, June 1990 p26 and July 1990, p9. The probability, however, is that Phillimore made an error and Boyd repeated it.

### **An abbreviation in a will**

**Q**Ron Williams of Reading says that he has a copy of a will which was proved at London June 1, 1839 before the Judge by Oath of Grace Williams. Thomas Hoskins and Samuel Jinkin the Executors “according to the tenure of the will to whom admmon was granted having been first sworn by the said Grace Williams and Thomas Hoskins by Comon and the said Samuel Jinkin before the Worshipful Thomas Blake Doctor of Laws Surrogate duly to administer”. Ron asks what does the word “comon” mean?

**A** Working on the principal that “admon” is the abbreviation for adm(inistrati)on, I decided that “comon” was probably the abbreviation for com(missi)on. *Wills Inventories and Death Duties* by Jane Cox (PRO 1988) says, on page 16, that administrators could be sworn by commission rather than the court and the names and addresses of the local clergy who administered the oath will be found on the Common Commission at the PRO (PROB 56: pre-1796 and PROB 523: 1796-1857). There is a list available in the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane. This, of course, only relates to the records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury but the same should apply to other probate courts.

### **A non-conformist sect**

**Q**Kate Sanders (882) of Sussex says she has come across the term “Bunyanite” and wonders whether or not this was a Quaker sect?

**A** John Bunyan (1628-1688), Puritan preacher and author of *The Pilgrim's Progress* was born in Elstow near Bedford. He gradually moved away from the established church while with the parliamentary army in the English Civil War and was later baptised by immersion. Imprisoned for 12 years for unlicensed preaching, he was released in 1672 following the Declaration of Indulgence and chosen as pastor of the Bedford Separatist Church. His religious convictions were part Baptist

and part Congregational and he developed a strong following mainly in Bedfordshire.

### **Where was he born?**

**Q** Peter Duggan (1878) of Reading is trying to find the place and date of birth of his wife's grandfather, George Young (later called George Harry Young) son of George Young. From the age given on his marriage certificate in London and his age at death on his tombstone in Norfolk, he was born around 1862-4, but extensive searches at St. Catherine's House have failed to reveal a positive answer - there are just too many George Youngs.

**A** Peter has already provided part of the answer by searching directories, rate books and electoral registers for Chelsea, to confirm the address where George's baby was born in 1902. From this he is applying to St. Catherine's House for information from the 1901 Census, although there is a charge of about £20 for this service, and for this they will only give age and place of birth for a specific family at an exact address provided you are a direct descendent or authority is provided by the next of kin.

However, while we were discussing the problem Peter casually mentioned that an old aunt had suggested that George Young came from a theatrical family. Most libraries have copies of *Who's Who in the Theatre* which contains potted biographies of theatrical personalities. The very early editions also contain family trees of well known theatrical families. You might also try the Theatre Museum in Covent Garden which has excellent research facilities and the Murchison and Mander collection housed in Beckenham Park.

### **More about the Boer war**

With reference to Rosemary Hatch's question about the Boer War (Vol. 13 No. 4 p11) George Spong (1801), 98 Fairfield Drive, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1JJ, wrote to suggest she reads *Follow the Flag to Pretoria* by Hamilton, obtainable through most local libraries. Also the Victorian Military Society are very helpful; contact George Dibley, Arm Farm Cottage, Blisworth Arm, Northamptonshire, NN7 3EF. George added that he will be pleased to try and answer any questions as he has made a special study of the Boer War.

*Would questioners give some idea, where relevant, of the date or period their question relates to, as the answers often depend on the records available for different*

*periods. Also a special thank you to Anthony Camp for some kind comments in Family Tree Magazine in July.*

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## **Members' interests directory**

You will have noticed that a new members' interests directory is about to be compiled. Because of the costs of preparing this directory the executive committee has decided that this edition will cost £2.

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## **St. Catherine's House**

As this magazine is published the General Register Office at St. Catherine's House should have completed the mammoth task of transferring the indexes from microfilm to microfiche and making them available to the public.

When the project is complete the index pages will be set out on 98 frame fiche and a complete index of births, deaths and marriages for the period July 1837 to 1980 will contain around 24,000 fiche. A complete set of the fiche will cost around £8,000 (including packaging and posting). The annual set of indexes will cost £72 per year.

The General Register Office have no plans to market the fiche in any other format but there is a possibility they may be compiled on a district by district basis or by a particular letter of the alphabet.

As many of you will have discovered by now the Census Reading Rooms at the PRO were relocated in Chancery Lane at the beginning of July. The new reading rooms have almost twice as many reader places as those in Portugal Street and microfilm copies of the returns are available on a self-service basis.

There's also a new edition of the PRO Guide which diligent researchers should read before undertaking research. They can be found at Chancery Lane and Kew and have distinctive black binders with red, green and yellow labels.

# MEMBERS' PAGES

compiled by Meg Goswell

We have received so many entries for the members' pages and some members of have listed so many names that we have had to limit the number of entries. If your name is missing this time then we hope to include them next time.

1809 Mrs. M. Reed, 18 Hillside Drive, 606 East Dennis, Mass. 02641, USA, is looking for the baptism of John Nicholls and Sara Downham, who were married on March 2, 1801 at West Isley. Also Sara's parents and John and Sara's deaths. Similarly the baptism and deaths of John Fisher and Elizabeth Chapman who were married at Leckhampstead on August 22, 1763 together with the names of Elizabeth's parents.

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1211 Mr. D. Sibthorp, 24 Strouds Meadow, Cold Ash, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG16 9PQ

|     |                       |                                    |           |
|-----|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| BRK | WITT                  | Reading                            | 1750-1810 |
|     | SIBTHORP & variations | Essex, Middlesex<br>London, Surrey | 1600-1800 |

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1386 Mrs. P. Forrest, 29 Ashburton Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG2 7PA

|     |             |                      |           |
|-----|-------------|----------------------|-----------|
| BRK | WOODLEY     | Hagbourne            | 1750-1850 |
| BRK | LEWINGTON   | Aston                | pre-1840  |
| BRK | HASIELY     | Aston Tirrold        | pre-1750  |
| BRK | GILGRIASS   | Any                  | 1600-1800 |
| BRK | SHERWOOD    | Any                  | 1790-1800 |
| BRK | CHAMBERLAIN | Any                  | pre-1800  |
| BRK | WELCH       | Swl'field, Heckfield |           |
| HAM | WELCH       | Swl'field/Heckfield  |           |
| BRK | USHER       | Swl'field/Heckfield  |           |
| HAM | USHER       | Swl'field/Heckfield  |           |

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2020 Mrs. B.J. Kale, The Willows, 28 Orchard Close, Normandy, Guildford, Surrey GU3 2EU

|     |        |                                   |          |
|-----|--------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| BRK | CHURCH | Abingdon, Faringdon,<br>Appleford | pre-1850 |
| BRK | KING   | Abingdon, Faringdon,<br>Appleford | pre-1900 |

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2026 Mrs. S. Fountain, 23 Mewey Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 7PS

Apologies to Mrs. Fountain. Her entry for Oxfordshire read Lagford and should have been Langford. She also wishes to add two more names to her list.

|     |        |          |     |
|-----|--------|----------|-----|
| NTH | BARNES | Blakesly | 19c |
| BKM | ARCHER | Dunton   | 19c |

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2092 Mrs. M.J. Joines, Kopuriki Road, R.D.1 Murupara, New Zealand, 3272

|     |                      |                          |           |
|-----|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| KEN | ROFFEY               | Speldhurst               | c1830     |
| KEN | ROFFEY               | Wateringbury and Yalding | 1790-1820 |
| KEN | ROFFEY               | North Cray               | 1850s     |
| KEN | SUTTON               | Biddinden                | c1790     |
| KEN | SUTTON               | Bexley                   | c1850     |
| KEN | SUTTON               | Bromley                  | C1827     |
| SXE | SUTTON               | Uckfield                 | c1822     |
| HAM | SEAGAR &<br>SPACKMAN | Kingsclere, Wolverton    | 19c       |
| LAN | TOMS                 | Liverpool                | 1780-1820 |
| WLS | WILLIAMS             | Haverfordwest            | 1780-1805 |
| GLS | WILLIAMS             | Bristol                  | 1800-1830 |

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2100 Mr. A. Cole, Trystdene, Valley Road, Hughenden Valley, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP14 4PF

|     |                 |            |          |
|-----|-----------------|------------|----------|
| KEN | COLE            | Gravesend  | pre-1890 |
| KEN | COOPER          |            | pre-1900 |
| KEN | GLADWELL        |            | pre-1850 |
| KEN | IVORY           |            | pre-1890 |
| KEN | SMALLBONE, YORK |            | 19C      |
| STS | CRADDOCK        | Brownhills | 19c      |
| STS | FISHER          |            |          |

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2117 Mrs. E.M. Taylor, 6 Church Road, Earley, Reading, Berkshire

|     |           |                      |          |
|-----|-----------|----------------------|----------|
| KEN | COLES     | Milton, Gravesend    | pre-1850 |
| KEN | HEDGCOCK  | Rochester            | pre-1825 |
| CMN | GRIFFITHS | Llanelly             | pre-1850 |
| WIL | HANKS     | Chippenham           | 19c      |
| WIL | PONTING   | Westport, Malmesbury | pre-1850 |
| WIL | RAINER    | Charlton             | pre-1850 |



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| WIL | CHAPPELL,IDDOLS   | Malmesbury     | 19c      |
| SRY | HILLS             | Penge, Croydon | 19c      |
| BDF | SMART             | Luton          | 19c      |
| HAM | TAYLER            | Fareham        | pre-1850 |
| HAM | TUPPER            | Westbourne     | pre-1800 |
| IOW | LONG, STUBBINGTON |                |          |
|     | TAYLER            | Carrisbrook    | pre-1800 |

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2121 Mrs. A. Puddle, 77 Broom Hill, Cookham Berkshire SL6 9LJ

|     |           |                  |           |
|-----|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| SOM | SUGG      | Wincanton        | 1750-1900 |
| SOM | OPEN      | Shepton Montague | pre-1779  |
| SOM | CROSS     | Any              | pre-1792  |
| HAM | SUGG      | Romsey           | pre-1795  |
| MDX | SUGG      | Islington        | 1880+     |
| MDX | WOND/WAND | Any              | 19c       |
| MDX | SMART     | Any              | 19c       |
| MDX | LOVEMAN   | Acton            | pre-1810  |
| SFK | CRISP     | Any              | pre-1832  |

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2122 Mr R. Haley, 6 Acacia Street, Wollonbar, N.S.W., Australia 2477

|     |                  |            |          |
|-----|------------------|------------|----------|
| BRK | BEDFORD, JACOBS, |            |          |
|     | WEST             | Burghfield | pre-1880 |
| OXF | HALEY            | Witney     | All      |

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2126 J.A.Gauld, Littlecott, Bouverie Close, Salisbury, Wilts.

|     |                  |                         |         |
|-----|------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| BRK | BELCHER          | Whitchurch              | 18-19c  |
| BRK | HICKMAN          | Aldermaston, Newbury    | 19c     |
| STS | HICKMAN          | Cannock, Walsall        | 17-19c  |
| SAL | HICKMAN          | Shrewsbury              | 19c     |
| HUN | BELCHER, COWLAND |                         | 18C-19C |
| HAM | BELCHER          | Tadley                  | 18C     |
| WOR | KENRICK          | Bewdley                 | 18c     |
| CON | VIGERS           |                         | 19C     |
| USA | VIGERS           | New York                | 19c     |
| MDX | COWLAND          | Kensington, Nottinghill | 19c     |
| ABD | GAULD            | Glass, Strathdon        | 18-19c  |

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2154 Change of Address. Mr. S. W. Aust, 2 Highfield Close, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 4HQ. Mr. Aust is seeking any references to his name and has asked us to note that the name sometimes appears as AST

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2160 Mr. D. Keep, 81 Hurst Road, Sidcup, Kent, DA15 9AQ

|     |                    |              |        |
|-----|--------------------|--------------|--------|
| BRK | KEEP               | Hurst or any | 18-19c |
| LND | KEEP               | Any          | 18-19c |
| LND | SEDWELL, SOUTHERBY | Any          | 19c    |
| LAN | GELDART            | Any          | 19c    |

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2168 Major and Mrs. W.J, Hedges, 10 Muirhead Road, Willowdale, Ontario, M2J 4P9, Canada

|     |                |                                     |           |
|-----|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| BRK | HEDGES         | Wickham, Kintbury<br>and Hungerford | pre-1745  |
| BRK | CULLEY,HEAD    | Wickham                             | 1766-1791 |
| BRK | POPE           | Wickham, Kintbury                   | 1834      |
| BRK | POCOCK         | Reading                             | 1895      |
| BRK | AYRES          | Reading                             | 1837      |
| BRK | COOK           | Reading                             | 1840      |
| BRK | BARK/BERKSHIRE |                                     | 1844      |
| BRK | NEW            |                                     | 1830      |
| BRK | FREWEN         |                                     | 1800      |
| BRK | DUNN           | Kintbury,Hungerford                 | 1851      |
| NIR | FREWEN         |                                     | 1800      |

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2185 Mrs. Robyn Singh, 140 Upper Bukit Timah Road, 05-04 Beauty World Plaza, Bukit Timah, Singapore, 2158

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|-----|--------------|-------------------|-----------|
| BRK | BERRY, SMITH | Hungerford        | pre-1813  |
| SCT | BAXTER       | Glasgow           | pre-1868  |
| SCT | McASKILL     |                   | All       |
| SXW | BERRY        | Horsham, Brighton | 1787-1815 |
| LIM | CARTER       | Rathkeale         | 1804-1836 |
| LIM | DUNN         | Shanagolden       | pre-1850  |
| LND | CLARK        |                   | pre-1875  |
| CAV | FEGAN        | Ballyjamesduff    | 1790-1850 |
|     |              | Ballymchugh       | pre-1790  |
| CAV | WHITE        | Baillieborough    | 1800-1850 |

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| CON   | NICHOLAS                                                       | Penzance            | 1856-1900 |
| BDF   | SMITH                                                          | Great Staughton     | pre-1849  |
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| 2187  | Mrs. C.S.Wood, 25 Moreland Avenue, Christchurch 5, New Zealand |                     |           |
| BRK   | WOOD                                                           | Reading             | 19-20c    |
| BRK   | AUST, HUNT                                                     | Reading             | 19c       |
| MDX   | WOOD                                                           | Paddington          | 18-19c    |
| LND   | NASH, TILLEY                                                   |                     | 19c       |
| MLN   | BUCHANAN                                                       | Edinburgh           | 19C       |
| LKS   | GIBSON, McLUCKIE                                               | New Monkland        | 18c       |
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| 2191  | Miss S.M.Voneshen, 113 Station Road, West Byfleet, Surrey      |                     |           |
| BRK   | DIBLEY                                                         | Newbury             | pre-1837  |
| HAM   | DIBLEY                                                         | Kingsclere          | c1859     |
| HAM   | LOVELL                                                         | Kingsclere          | pre-1859  |
| HAM   | FRENCH                                                         | Kingsclere          | pre-1826  |
| HAM   | LOWE                                                           | Sherborne St. John  | pre-1818  |
| SXW   | MIDDING                                                        | Midhurst            | 1898-1950 |
| SXW   | CHARMAN                                                        | Warnham             | pre-1894  |
| SXW   | MERCER                                                         | Warnham, Horsham    | pre-1865  |
| SXW   | LOADER                                                         | Petworth            | 1865-1899 |
| SXW   | LOADER                                                         | Chichester          | c1815     |
| SXW   | MONEY                                                          | Graffham            | pre-1842  |
| SXW   | CARVER                                                         | Sutton              | c1810     |
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| 2196  | Mrs. D.E.Garlick, 21 Windemere Road, Reading, Berkshire        |                     |           |
| BRK   | GARLICK                                                        | Cholsey             | All       |
| BRK   | COATES, STACEY                                                 | Tilehurst           | 19c       |
| BRK   | MORTIMER                                                       | Tilehurst           | All       |
| BKM   | HARVEY                                                         | Stoke Poges         | All       |
| NI    | MOORE                                                          | Colraine            | All       |
| OXF   | ASHBY                                                          | Stonor              | All       |
| OXF   | TAPPIN                                                         | Ibstone             | All       |
| OXF   | SMITH                                                          | Goring, South Stoke | 19c       |
| NFK   | FEAK                                                           | Heatherset          | 19c       |

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| 2197 | Mrs. L. Newcombe, 1 St. Helier Close, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG11 3HA             |                      |           |
| KEN  | CLIFFORD                                                                         | Boxley               | 1700-1900 |
| 2200 | Mrs. C. Cram, 117 Crabtree Lane, Harpenden, Herts, AL5 5RQ                       |                      |           |
| BRK  | BREWER                                                                           | Drayton              | 1817      |
| BRK  | HARDING                                                                          | Hagbourne            | 1830      |
| BRK  | ALLEN                                                                            | Abingdon?            | 1767      |
| BRK  | LAWRENCE                                                                         | Reading              | 1858      |
| BRK  | TYLER                                                                            | Letcombe Bassett     | 1851      |
| BRK  | POPE                                                                             | Wargrave             | 1854      |
| BRK  | BOULTER                                                                          | Radley               | 1877      |
| SRV  | BACKHOUSE, FEE                                                                   | St. John's, Walworth | 1879      |
| STS  | BACKHUS                                                                          |                      | early 18c |
| DBY  | BACKHUS                                                                          |                      | early 18c |
| 2201 | Mr. and Mrs. A. Mothersole, 38 Melrose, Hanworth, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 4LE |                      |           |
| SFK  | MOTHERSOLE                                                                       | Livermere, Hasketon  | pre-1800  |
| SFK  | BUTTRUM                                                                          | Woodbridge           | pre-1800  |
| SFK  | BEAN                                                                             | Livermere            | 1795      |
| KEN  | COLLIER                                                                          | Bexleyheath          | pre-1930  |
| KEN  | PHILPOTT                                                                         | Sandwich, Eastry     | pre-1930  |
| WIL  | ARNOLD, YOUNG                                                                    | Warminster           | pre-1800  |
| GLS  | TELLING                                                                          | Cirencester          | pre-1800  |
| 2204 | Mr. J. Kirk, 4 Linden Close, Haddenham, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB6 3UN              |                      |           |
| BRK  | KIRK                                                                             | Wantage              | 17-18c    |
| SFK  | KIRK                                                                             | Kirton               | 19c       |
| SFK  | MORPHY                                                                           | Westerfield          | 19c       |
| SFK  | KETTLE                                                                           | Brantham             | 18-19c    |
| WIL  | HUTCHINS                                                                         | Orcheston            | pre-1910  |
| 2208 | Mrs. Alice Bird, Mouth of Keswick, York Co., New Brunswick, Canada, E0H 1N0      |                      |           |
| BRK  | LAWFORD, NEWPORT                                                                 | Faringdon            | 1820s     |

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| 2209 | Mrs. Sylvia Lay, Portway Cottage, Childray, Wantage, Oxon |               |          |
| BRK  | LAY, LUCKET                                               | Wantage area  | pre-1800 |
| BRK  | FROUD                                                     | Wantage area  | pre-1750 |
| BRK  | HUDSON                                                    | Abingdon area | pre-1750 |
| BRK  | JAMES                                                     | Abingdon area | pre-1880 |
| BRK  | POYNTER                                                   | Abingdon area | pre-1840 |
| BRK  | BRIDGES                                                   | Cumnor        | pre-1830 |

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2212 Mr. K.M. Horswell, 2 St. Andrews Road, Henley on Thames, Oxon

|     |                     |                 |          |
|-----|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| BRK | BAKER, DEARLOVE,    | North and South |          |
|     | HULL, LEAVER, MAYNE | Moreton         | pre-1800 |
| BRK | BEESELY             | Wantage         | pre-1800 |
| BKM | SHIRLEY             | Oakley          | pre-1800 |
| HAM | BREWER              | Abbotts Ann     | pre-1800 |
| HAM | SCULLARD            | Vernham Dean    | pre-1800 |

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2213 David and Carol Wright, 45 Picton Way, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire, RG4 8NJ

|     |                    |                    |          |
|-----|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| DBY | AL(L)RE(A)D        | Heage              | 1840     |
| DBY | BOOTH, CALLADINE   | Horsley Woodhouse  | pre-1810 |
| DBY | BRAMLEY, BRENTNALL | Heanor             | mid-19c  |
| DBY | ELLIOTT            | Swanwick, Alfreton | All      |
| DBY | FRETWELL           | Tibshelf           | 19c      |
| DBY | KEY                | Heage, Denby       | 19c      |
| DBY | MARSHALL           | Ripley             | 1820     |
| DBY | SAXTON             | Horsley, Duffield  | late 18c |
| DBY | SLATER             | Morton, Stonebroom | 1850     |
| DBY | WRIGHT             | Heanor             | 19c      |
| INV | FRASER             | Any                | All      |
| NTT | FRETWELL           | Kirkby in Ashfield | All      |

2217 Miss S. Martin, 50 Kidlington Road, Islip, Oxford, OX5 2ST, is looking for the marriage of Richard Money to Hester Knap, around 1730. The Berkshire Marriage Index has failed to show this marriage. She needs the information to help establish a link between the Moneys of Blewbury and those of Woodstock. She also requires the details of a book about the Moneys of Blewbury written by Prof. Prentice of Australia, who is descended from this family. She would, naturally, like to obtain a copy. Her family interests include:

|     |                  |                          |           |
|-----|------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| BRK | MONEY            | Blewbury, Letcombe Regis | 1700-1850 |
| BRK | MONEY            | Bucklebury               | pre-1700  |
| OXF | MONEY            | Woodstock                | 1760+     |
| OXF | MILLION          | Waterperry               | 1750-1800 |
| OXF | MELONEY/MILLIONI | Holton                   | 1790-1900 |
| OXF | MILLIONI         | Islip                    | 1900+     |
| OXF | STEVENS          | Stanton St. John         | 1748+     |
| OXF | STEVENS          | Horspath                 | 1605+     |
| OXF | STEVENS          | Chinnor                  | 1528-1650 |
| OXF | KNIGHT           | Holton                   | 1796+     |
| OXF | YEATES           | Wheatley                 | 1782+     |
| OXF | ROBINS           | Wheatley                 | 1722+     |
| OXF | CHARLETT         | Bladon                   | 1700-1850 |
| OXF | CHARLETT         | Beckley                  | 1800      |
| OXF | CHARLETT         | Islip                    | 1873+     |
| OXF | KNIGHT           | Beckley                  | 1756+     |
| OXF | GILBERT          | Bladon                   | pre-1738  |
| OXF | SKITMOOR         | Tackley                  | pre-1816  |

2219 Mr. and Mrs. G.D. Snook, 33 Millers Grove, Fords Farm, Calcot, Reading, Berkshire, RG3 5PH

|     |         |                        |           |
|-----|---------|------------------------|-----------|
| HAM | SNOOK   | Bishopstoke            | 1899-1914 |
| DOR | SNOOK   | Sherbourne             | 1839-1872 |
| CAE | HUGHES  | Bangor                 | 1872      |
| AGY | OWENS   | Llangefni, Llansadwern | 1870s     |
| AGY | SNOOK   | Bangor(Menai)          | 1904      |
| GLA | JENKINS | Bridgend               | 1917      |

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