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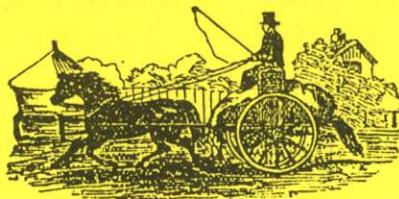


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# PROGRAMME SUMMARY TO APRIL 1991

## Newbury Branch

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

12th Dec.	A family history game for Christmas	
9th Jan.	The Kennet and Avon Canal	Graham Horne
13th Feb.	To be announced	
13th Mar.	To be announced	
10th Apr.	The Battle of Newbury	PC Stubbs

## 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

7th Dec.	Christmas evening	
25th Jan.	Your ancestor was a criminal	Colin Chapman
22nd Feb.	Elections and the family historian	John Whiles
22nd Mar.	County matters evening	
26th Apr.	Some under-used records	Peter Bennett

## 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.

11th Dec.	Christmas party	
29th Jan.	Members evening:	bring along your family heirlooms
26th Feb.	Digging for your Quaker roots	Liz Longhurst
26th Mar.	Illegitimacy and adoption	Jean A. Cole

## Bracknell branch

Monthly meetings will be held on the third Friday of the month at 7.45 at the Priestwood Community Centre, Priestwood Court Road, Bracknell

18th Jan.	Introduction to family history	Mike Sheppard
15th Feb.	People count - census records	Jean Debney
15th Mar.	Family history in a biscuit tin	Alf Ison

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# How to avoid your relatives at Christmas

by Jayne Thorne

To explain the extent of the problem, perhaps I should tell you how I became interested in family history and then why I disappear behind a newspaper or wander out into the garden to admire the weeds every time the subject of “family history” comes into the conversation with certain members of my family.

I am lucky enough to have two super grandmothers, Kitty and Rose, both of whom are alive and well, touch wood, and my interest in family history really stems from conversations I’ve had with them over the years.

My mum’s mum, Kitty, is slightly unusual for a grandmother as back in 1973 she decided she didn’t want to spend the rest of her days knitting and watching television so she sold her house and furniture, bought a one-way ticket to Australia and went off to make a new life for herself. Her home base is now on my uncle and aunt’s farm in New South Wales but they hardly ever see her as she spends much of her time “going walkabout”, or rather “busabout” with a group of extremely lively pensioners. Kitty managed to find time for a visit back to England this summer to meet her great grandchildren for the first time. Quite a journey for a lady of 84. There are a few skeletons in the cupboard on Kitty’s side of the family but as she lives in Australia it’s quite easy to avoid her at Christmas.

My dad’s mum, Rose, has always been something of a mystery to the rest of the family for several reasons. Firstly, she would never reveal her age (but then many ladies prefer not to say how old they are) and secondly she would often talk about her own childhood but she would never mention the childhood years of her own three children unless she was asked a specific question about them. This is unusual behaviour for my grandmother as she normally never stops talking.

My dad has always wondered if there were a few skeletons in her cupboard as he always felt that my grandmother was very bitter towards her husband for some reason. When my grandfather died my grandmother was not notably upset, just pleased she could at long last dispose of my grandfather’s vast collection of garden gnomes.

My dad always wanted to solve the family mystery but somehow never got around to doing so. I thought that as granny was getting on in years, it would be rather sad

to miss the opportunity to find out as much as possible about our family, so I began my detective work.

The next time granny came for tea I sat down next to her with pen and paper and explained that I would like to know the names of my great grandparents as I was interested in tracing my ancestors. Granny was not pleased.

“What do you want to know that for”, she snapped?

My dad chipped in with “What’s the matter? Are there a few skeletons in the cupboard that you want to hide?”

“Of course not”, snapped granny. And off she went to admire the garden.

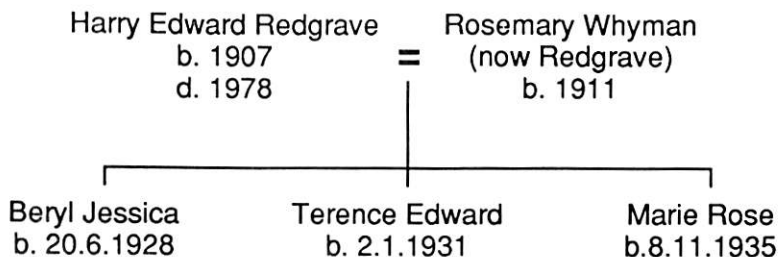
I was about to put my pen away when granny reappeared and said “Great grandparents, now let me see”, and she went on to give me a few names, promising to post more details to me later, as she could not remember all the dates. I was a little surprised that one of the dates she couldn’t remember was her own wedding day, but at the time put it down to her age.

A few weeks later my mum and dad were visiting her in London and she told them that the church where she had married had been pulled down,. She wanted to know what happened to church records when churches were demolished. She seemed a bit upset when my parents told her that the records would not have been destroyed and she disappeared into the kitchen to do the potatoes.

In 1988, having been stuck at home with two small children for three years, and nothing more taxing than “Postman Pat” to exercise my brain, I decided to enrol for an evening class. I thought this might help to solve the family mystery without upsetting granny.

The alarm bells definitely began ringing when I told granny which course I was taking. Her verdict was, “Why can’t you do something useful like cookery or car maintenance - far more sensible”.

In October 1988 I had my first visit to St. Catherine's House with a group from my evening class. From family records I had discovered:



Having found my grandparents dates of birth, I really needed to find out the date of their wedding. I started with the date of birth of their eldest child, Beryl, and worked backwards until I reached a point where they would have been aged five and nine when they got married, so I decided I had better go through the records after Beryl's birth date. I started working forwards and eventually found the wedding entered in the December 1929 volume, some 18 months after Auntie Beryl was born.

I then checked Auntie Beryl's date of birth and found that she was registered under the name of Beryl J. Whyman. Part of the great mystery had been solved. But it left with some interesting questions.

- a. Is Harry Edward Redgrave the father of Beryl Jessica?
- b. If he is the father, where was he between 1928 and December 1929?
- c. Does Auntie Beryl know that she was born before my grandparents were married? (I know she has a passport and I presume she would have needed a birth certificate to get it. But she seems as eager and intrigued as the rest of the family to find out whether or not there are skeletons in our cupboard).
- d. Which members of the family know the truth?

The really big problem I now face is how to draw up my family tree in a way which won't offend anybody. I obviously cannot include granny's date of marriage but this may look rather obvious if I include the rest of the family.

Since 1988 I have managed to avoid revealing granny's 62 year old secret by keeping my mum's side of the family and my dad's in separate files and only producing my mum's folder when relatives ask how I am getting on.

However, some members of the family (including Auntie Beryl's eldest daughter) have asked for copies of the family tree to put on their walls. I don't know whether to provide them with a censored version or try to avoid them again this Christmas.

*Jayne Thorne (née Redgrave) was born and brought up in Twyford, Berkshire, before moving to Wokingham with her two small children and husband (a Thames Valley police officer). She spends her spare time investigating her family history when she is not helping the children to create masterpieces out of lego bricks and play-dough*

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### **Berkshire Record Office Liaison Officer**

We are pleased to announce that the BFHS has appointed its first Record Office Liaison Officer. Mrs. Liz Longhurst, who has agreed to take on this post, will be known to many as a past secretary of the Society and as a person familiar, through her own long experience of research, with many of the problems facing members tracing their own families. Liz will be having regular meetings with the County Archivist, and will be able to raise with him, on your behalf, any matters relating to the services which the Record Office provides. She will also help to channel to members information about the Record Office, through regular reports to the Executive Committee, and through the magazine.

The BFHS and the Record Office have always valued the links which have existed between them. We both hope that the appointment of a liaison officer will help to cement those links and to improve communications, to the benefit of both sides.

If you have any matters which you wish Liz to raise you can contact her at 20 Stanhope Road, Reading, RG2 7HL.

*Peter Durrant, County Archivist  
Chad Hanna, Chairman, BFHS*

# ACID DETERIORATION - an update

by Tony Morris

My article "Will acid destroy your records" produced a very interesting response. For readers who missed it perhaps it is worth repeating the central theme, that paper manufactured since approximately 1850 will eventually self destruct and turn to flaky dust. This is due in the main to it being made from wood pulp, which due to a complex chemical reaction liberates acid. Paper made before this date, and a very small percentage since, is, however, safe from this phenomena. The solution is to transfer your records, assuming you have ambitions to bequeath them to your descendants, to Permanent Paper.

Recent developments warrant wider publicity. An article in the Financial Times earlier this year confirmed the magnitude of the problem, and likened it to a fire burning through the world's libraries. The librarian at the United States Library of Congress referred to it as a national, if not an international, disaster.

De-acidification is a remedy recommended by many authorities and the first large scale treatment plants are expected to become operational in the early part of this decade. There is still much speculation on the extent of the possible demand, but figures of 20 million books per year to be treated at an estimated cost of £3 a book are being suggested.

The Library of Congress estimates that 98 per cent of its 15 million books are printed on acid paper and will require the de-acidification process sooner or later. In fact they say that about a quarter are already too fragile for normal use. Their problem is so serious that interim plans, before full scale de-acidification plant is available, is to microfilm the most vulnerable volumes before they disintegrate. This is proving to be very expensive - exceeding £60 for each book. The alternative, hand de-acidification work is not a realistic option. The people with the necessary skills are already engaged on other preservation work and not all authorities can afford the £150 cost per book.

The major problem at librarian level is, of course, lack of funds as mass de-acidification plants are likely to be too expensive. The British Library is looking closely at a process developed by the University of Surrey. The paper specialists have estimated that the international business for this type of work could within a decade be running at 60 million a year. The assumption being that company archives, legal



documents and anything worth keeping on paper, which would otherwise self-destruct, would be eligible for the treatment.

There appears to be several processes. The National Library of Canada has operated a pilot system since 1981 treating 40,000 books a year. This is known as the Wei T'O process after the Chinese god who protected paper. The books are dried for 24 hours in a vacuum and then soaked in a de-acidifying solution for 30 minutes. The solution is spirit based and allows a deposit of magnesium carbonate and other substances which neutralise the acid. After this treatment the books have to be re-humidified in a climate controlled chamber. The French have been using a very similar technique on a trial basis since 1987. The Germans have raised a technical point which may cause delays. It seems that CFCs are involved and their recovery has to be very carefully monitored.

The American technique depends upon a highly reactive gas which diffuses through the covers and pages of the closed book. No solvent is used and consequently it is possible to treat any type of book. Unfortunately the gas is highly volatile and ignites in contact with oxygen, it reacts violently with water, and the process takes two days for each batch of books. Not surprisingly the first plant operating this system was destroyed by fire in 1983

Another American method developed by FMC of Chicago de-acidifies and strengthens paper which has become brittle, one of the first stages of degeneration. It has the merit of only taking six hours and will work on books of a moisture content of two per cent. A pilot plant is due to come on stream very soon. In the UK the British Library's collaboration with Surrey University has produced an unusual technique, in that polymer chains are injected into the paper via low level gamma radiation. But laboratory tests indicate that only an extended life length, by a factor of ten can be expected.

Obviously the commercial interest has gone beyond the stage of idle curiosity. But there seems no prospect of any of these methods reaching a do-it-yourself level for the family historian. Somehow I cannot see much hope of obtaining a place in the queue with our biographies and press cuttings in our bulging brief cases. The same problems will attend any attempt by local family history societies to organise bulk treatment. These plants will not be springing up like bottle blanks. So the prospect of a round trip of 200 miles with a car boot full of records is a little daunting. The logistics become terrifying.

So what can be done so solve this intractable problem? The whole subject of treatment of individual records is still surrounded by far too many uncertainties. Clearly the suggestion put forward in my original article - to transfer our records to Permanent Paper - still has attractions.

*Tony Morris is retired but is now a part-time polytechnic lecturer. He has traced his family back to 1760 with the help of a family bible and is a member of the Yorkshire and Northamptonshire Family History Societies. If you are interested in obtaining samples of permanent paper Tony would be able to help.*

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### **The missing death**

Ah! The mysteries of war! A Henry William Hobbs died of his wounds at the battle of Abu Klea in Egypt in 1885, but where is his death recorded? Not in the army deaths at the GRO. The memorial tombstone at Eton, Bucks, gives the date of death, and there is further corroboration in the local newspaper but why is it not at St. Catherine's House? I have checked deaths in England too, just in case he returned and subsequently died. If you have any ideas let Helene T. Jessup, 57 Ferndale Crescent, Uxbridge, UB8 2AY, know.

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### **1991 Conference and Open Day**

A combined conference and open day will be held on 22nd June 1991, at the St. Crispin's Centre, Wokingham. There will be two speakers on the theme "To stay or not to stay", one before lunch and one directly afterwards. The rest of the day will be free for browsing and research. It is hoped that 16 other family history societies will be present. The cost will be £4.50 to cover morning coffee, and afternoon tea. A light lunch will be available separately.

The Society annual general meeting will be held at 5pm (for which there will be no admission charge).

# AIRSHIP R101

by David Watkins

The Reading branch held its July meeting, as in recent years, recording monumental inscriptions in a local churchyard. This year it was the turn of St. Mary's Twyford to come under the spotlight. The meeting, on July 27, was followed by a Saturday session on August 11 and the recording has now been completed.

We came across a remarkable gravestone. Plot number 86 contained a Celtic Cross and an open book. The inscription on the cross was badly eroded and all that could be deciphered was:

“In Loving Memory of .....L/.....Hunt”

However, the book was in particularly good condition and told an interesting story.

In  
Loving Memory  
of  
Leading Seaman  
A.E HUNT  
who lost his life  
in H.M. Sub E.3  
In The North Sea Oct 8th  
1914  
Aged 24

Also  
Chief Coxswain  
G.W. HUNT  
The dearly beloved  
husband of May HUNT  
who lost his life in  
the disaster of the Airship  
R.101  
Oct 5th 1930  
Aged 42

May Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them

The *Berkshire Chronicle* of Friday October 10th, 1930 has a full page on the disaster including photographs of Coxswain Hunt and two other victims with Berkshire connections. There is also a short article on Hunt. He left a widow and three children at Cardington, Bedfordshire, the home of the Airship. His parents were still living at Myrtle Cottage, Waltham Road, Twyford. He and his six brothers served in the Great War and the death of his brother by drowning in the sinking of the Submarine E.3 is mentioned in the article.

The development of the Airship was accelerated, as was so much else, by the Great War and culminated in the Zeppelins, one of which made a bombing run down the Strand, in London. The British, using a crashed Zeppelin as a model, built the R34 which crossed the Atlantic both ways in 1919. Bigger and better airships were developed during the twenties but for Britain the end came with the R101 disaster. The loss of the United States Akron in 1933 and Germany's Hindenburg in 1937 virtually ended pre-war interest in the great airships. Revival attempts using helium instead of the highly inflammable hydrogen met with only limited success. As I write this piece I read that Airship Industries, the company attempting to develop a new Airship with modern technology, has been placed into the hands of the Receiver.

The R101 took off for India with 53 passengers on 4 October, 1930. At 2 o'clock in the morning on the 5th it crashed in a wood near Beauvais in northern France after encountering heavy winds. Forty-eight people were burned to death including the designer, the Secretary of State for India and Air Vice Marshal Sir Sefton Bracker. The *Chronicle* recalled that the latter had opened a new club house at Woodley Aerodrome earlier in that year.

This tale may seem to have no place in a family history magazine but it illustrates the interesting by-ways we come across when researching for ourselves, or, as in this case, for the benefit of others. We are now starting on the mammoth task of recording Cemetery Junction. Why not join us and see what you come across. There must be an interesting story behind the statue to a young airman who died breaking motor-cycle records at Brooklands, which is a feature of the section we are currently working on.

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### **Other monumental inscriptions**

Earley St. Peter now has a copy of their monumental inscriptions so too does St. John's, Woodley. More copies are being prepared for the Society library, and the Reading, Oxford and Society of Genealogists' libraries. St. Paul's, Wokingham requires about 60 more inscriptions to be recorded and St. Andrew's, Sonning still has some work to be done. Your help is needed if these monuments to our past are to be rescued from the elements, and the hooligans.

# Treasure trove found by Jean Debney

House clearances often mean that papers and photographs end up in the dustbin, unless there's a member of the family interested in history. Family heirlooms, old photographs, newspaper clippings and certificates, all of them telling the story of the family are consigned to the rubbish tip when a house is cleared out. Recently some of these invaluable items have been passed on to me in case they belong to any of our members.

If you think they relate to your researches, let me have the evidence to identify your link, plus a stamped self addressed label and I'll pass them on. A donation to the Society's funds would be helpful. It's hoped to publish more of these lists of memorabilia in future issues of the *Historian*.

## **ALLEN of Slough (Buckinghamshire) (1905-1941)**

Letters, memorial cards etc. concerning Arthur Edward who died in 1905, and George Cecil who died in 1941.

## **BARNET of Kent, West Indies and Devon (1888-1953)**

Certificates, letters, army papers for Thomas (son of Henry) wife Fanny and children including son James William - father and son both in the Regular Army and retired to Reading.

## **COATES of Ripley and Belper, Derbyshire (1715-1862)**

Letters, abstract of title, copy will, letters of administration, apprenticeship indenture, account book, insurance policy etc concerning property in Ripley and Crosskeys Inn, Belper, Derbyshire. Names include Leonard COATS(d. 1671) and nephew Jonathan COATES, Richard COATS and daughter Elizabeth, wife of William AGATE/AGATT; also BRACE, BRIDGES, BROWN, BURTON, BUTLER, CHEETOMS, CLARKE, COUPPER, GRETAN/GRATTON, HARRISON, HEAWOOD, HORNE, JONSON, JOWETT, LEACROFT, MIDDLETON, MORRELL, MOUSLEY, RADFORD, RIGLEY, STEPHENS, TOMLINSON, WALLIS, WHETLEY, WILD.

### **COX from ?Bungay, Suffolk (c1905-1919)**

Certificate of service for Sgt. Fred Harry COX (WWI 1916-1919); photograph ?choir c1905 Bungay Church.

### **HUCKIN (c1830-1874)**

Page from Bible with dates of birth of 14 children (1849-1874) of Thomas and Rebecca HUCKIN.

### **MASTERS of Somerset, Leicestershire, Hampshire and Berkshire (1897-1948)**

Certificates etc. for Richard MASTERS married 1897, Somerset. Other surnames ROBERTS, COPPARD and SAXBY.

### **SMITH of Reading (1908-1954)**

Certificates and WW2 army papers for Thomas Henry SMITH, married 1908, Reading. Other surnames HUNT, TEMPLE, and CARTER.

### **VICKERS (1822-1892)**

Bible (complete and very heavy), certificates and photographs; birth dates of Benjamin (1822) and Mary Ann VICKERS, their six children, his parents, brothers and sisters, plus some deaths; marriage certificate 1892, Wolverhampton, of youngest daughter. Other surnames PHILLIPS and GRIFFITHS.

### **WILLCOCK of Lancashire, Warwickshire and London (1857-1964)**

Certificates, newspaper cutting, photograph etc. concerning Joseph WILLCOCK, born 1857 Lancashire. Other surnames DAIN and HAWKINS.

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### ***Berkshire Family Historian***

For those members who might have articles, letters, or news for the *Historian* the copy deadline for the next issue will be January 25, 1991.

# Tyneside ancestors?

## Aren't you lucky!

by Sally Ritchie

My husband was away on business so I thought "well, I'll be away too; on family history business." I took myself off to Newcastle for three and a half days intending to visit the Durham Record Office as well. Needless to say there is so much information available, I never got as far as Durham.

My first visit was to Newcastle Central Library which is open from 9.30 in the morning until 8 o'clock in the evening. The library also contains the local tourist information stand and a shop where super photographic booklets at 80pence called "Gone but not forgotten" can be bought; a restaurant selling cheaply priced beautiful home made food and then the third floor. Up there is the "Local Studies Library". The first part contains modern machines (push button instant print out for film or fiche copies) and all the regional old newspapers plus lots of material on local industries like shipbuilding. Then, through the archway and sign the visitors book for the genealogy section. WOW! a resident genealogist two afternoons a week, gives help and advice. Parish register transcripts, marriage indexes galore, gazetteers, census returns, electoral registers, trade directories, and much more for the Newcastle area, is available here. I urge you to look in the Northumberland/Durham folder of the Society library for exact holdings.

Next stop, next day, Tyne and Wear Archives about a fifteen minute walk from the library. Here all the non-conformist, work house and apprenticeship records I needed - and an easy system to follow too. It's quite a thrill handling the real thing instead of looking at it on film. A 20 pence metro ticket takes you over one of the many bridges which cross the Tyne and straight into Gateshead. In the library lots of mining information and many Durham parish registers are held.

About three miles north of Newcastle is the Northumberland Record Office at Gosforth. It is well signposted from the bus stop but is a bit of a walk through winding housing estate roads. Here I revelled in an 1837 mining and railway map and also the originals of the Northumberland registers and all the relevant census returns and masses of other records which I didn't allow time to examine.

My favourite place was the North Shields local studies library. An 85 pence metro ride from Newcastle, passing all the place names I'd only read about on my certificates, took me to this building. Here the typical male archivist looked the part and

really knew his stuff! Every question, where? how? when? was answered in great detail and nothing was too much trouble. Eventually he asked which names I was researching and brought me files on all of them. He had photocopies in the relevant name files of newspaper cuttings, census references, burial places all done by himself as his personal interest in his work.

As Newcastle is now only a three or four hour train journey away from London and the people are so kind and friendly, why don't all of you with Tyneside ancestors persuade your "other half" to play a few rounds of golf in Gateshead next year, whilst you spend a super few days researching.

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## **Berkshire Name Index**

After a number of years in the care of Mick and Jan Cox, the 10 drawers of slips which form the Berkshire Name Index, along with the 21 other drawers of slips (including the Reading Tudor Index) have passed into the care of Tom & Rita Hine (see address inside back cover).

The index has become unwieldy with time and the best of way of managing it is being considered. In the meantime, please be patient and look for an announcement in the next issue of *Berkshire Family Historian*.

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## **Bracknell branch**

Interest in family history shows no sign of slowing down. It's not that long ago since the Society had a single branch with 30 or 40 members at a meeting. Now there are three branches, and more than 150 members at a monthly meeting in Reading alone. With branches in Newbury, Slough and Reading it's been decided to set up a new branch in Bracknell to allow members in that part of the county to have their own local branch.

The meetings will be held on the third Friday of the month, at the Priestwood Community Centre, Priestwood Court Road, Bracknell, at 7.45 for 8pm.

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More information from Lesley Hanna on Reading 663585



# Some Bucklebury Folk

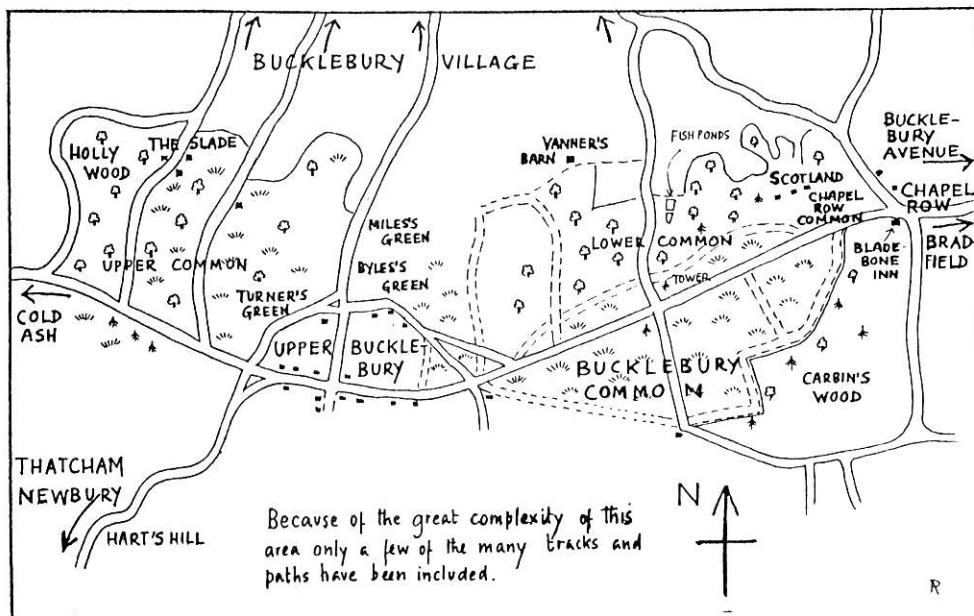
by M.A. Pratt

To understand Bucklebury families you need to know the geography and some history of the area. Bucklebury lies on a plateau between Reading and Newbury, the southern slopes running down to the Bath Road, Thatcham and the River Kennet. In the fourteenth century, when Newbury became a wool centre, fulling mills, to wash wool, were built there.

Before the dissolution of the monasteries in 1540, the manor of Bucklebury belonged to the abbot of Reading Abbey. The manor was purchased by John Winchcombe, son of the famous wool merchant, Jack of Newbury, in 1540. He also bought the manor of Lockinge, which was later sold by Francis Winchcombe in 1590 to buy the manor of East Shefford, near Wantage. The Winchcombes must have stayed there for there are many Bucklebury names in the Wantage marriage registers.

One of those names was that of Wigmore. It is possible to find references to Wigmore in the Domesday Book, not only in Berkshire but in Shropshire. Wigmore is a place name on Offa's Dyke, west from Ludlow. The Victoria County History of Shropshire gives information about Wigmore. It was held by Ralf Mortimer, of a noble Norman family. The Wigmore family were thegnns who produced sacks of wool. One Tristan of Wigmore married Agnes, the daughter of Ralf Mortimer's favourite, Alfred of Marlborough. Alfred held lands in Hereford and Wiltshire - at Kennet four miles from Marlborough and Tristan held lands for his father-in-law. It may be that Tristan's descendants came along the Kennet to become wool merchants in Newbury. However, the Victoria County History of Berkshire also produces another possibility. The honour of Wigmore was held by the Earls of March. It included the manors of Burghfield and of Brimpton and the vill or administrative centre was at Curridge, between Bucklebury and Speen. The last of the Earls of March, Edmund, died in 1425 and his heir was his nephew Richard, Duke of York and the estate eventually came by inheritance into the hands of King Edward VI. Credence to the fact that some Wigmores from Wigmore could have been close to the court comes from wills in the Berkshire Record Office. Thomas Wigmore, who lived in London, took out letters of administration when his brother died in February 1607.

The earliest Wigmore papers in the Berkshire Record Office are wills - among them one of James Wigmore who died whilst staying with his son-in-law, Nicholas Clouds, in Speen. There was another for Elizabeth Wigmore who died in 1608. The



parish registers for Woolhampton contain many entries for the Wigmore. Edward married Marion Wallace in Wantage (East Shefford) in 1628. It was from this marriage that the Wigmore became a Bucklebury family. Edward's grandchildren, Thomas and Mary, children of his son Joseph, were given the reversion of Turners with Marion (Miriam) Farrow at a Court Baron in 1695. Marion Wigmore - sister of Joseph - had married Lawrence Farrow (a butcher) in 1688. Thomas married Ann Smith in Swallowfield in 1713. They lived at Turners and had twelve children; some of these children married into other Bucklebury families. Their eldest child, Elizabeth, married Robert Snell at Basildon in 1731, and Elizabeth's eldest son, Edward, married Sarah Leach and their son Robert married Sarah Rider and they kept the Queens in Southend Road, Bradfield. Their eldest son, James Snell, a shoemaker, lived on the Lower Common, next to John Wigmore and James Cripps.

Thomas Wigmore had five sons, Thomas, Joseph, James, George and Richard. Richard married Maria Franklyn in Wickham, part of Welford, in 1752. George married Sarah Woods, daughter of husbandman Thomas Woods, of Bucklebury at St. Giles, Reading and was given the reversion of Turners in 1748. He made a great im-

pact on Bucklebury life - he was constable as was his eldest son, another George. This George married Sarah Benson in 1794 and had Turners after his father. His brother John (1794) married Ann Styles of North Street, Theale, at Sulhamstead Bannister in 1785. Both had interesting families.

George and Sarah Wigmore had a son, James, a Thatcham blacksmith, who married Charity Carter. They lived at Cold Ash. Their eldest son, Frederick, married Sarah Ann Westall of Ramsbury, Wiltshire, at Thatcham in 1754. Frederick was a blacksmith in Osgood's Gully, Bucklebury. They had nine children and some had connections with Calne. A caterer, who until recently lived over a tea shop in Whitchurch, near Andover and the furniture removed F.G. Wigmore of Wokingham belong to that family. John and Ann Styles lived in Theale, their son John lived in the house on the left of Woodlands Gate, where the Southend Road becomes Bucklebury Avenue.

James' family moved around. His eldest son, another James, established the Sulham-Tidmarsh group. His grand-daughter, Phillis, the youngest of his son Robert's and Sarah Chapman's children, married Thomas Nightingale of Thatcham. Her brother Henry died when she was 37. His wife Sophia and family went into the Bradfield Union Workhouse and Robert, born in 1830, absconded twice. In the 1871 census he was living in Ash Green Lane, Thatcham, employed as a turner.

James' brothers, Thomas and Joseph found wives in Speen and Thomas went to Speen, Boxford, to live after his first child was born. Joseph's sons stayed on the Lower Common. Richard married Jane Snell in 1774, sister to James Snell, the shoemaker. Their son Richard (b. 1785) married Sarah May at Snelsmore. This was only discovered by a will found among the Bishop's transcripts in Trowbridge. There are no parish records for Snelsmore (a few miles from Newbury on the road to Oxford) that may be the reason there are no early traces of Wigmores in Speen because they lived in Snelsmore. Of Joseph's sons, Thomas built a cottage on the north side of the Avenue - for this he was brought before the Court Baron in 1812. He and his sons were builders and son Charles, with his wife Hannah Bainham, lived eventually in Kensington. Charles was a plasterer. Joseph's youngest son Edward (b 1755) married Hannah Knott in Bucklebury in 1776. Hannah died in Beenham in 1846 aged 92.

The Knotts were a Basildon family. They first appeared in the Bradfield parish records in the 1750's. Hannah and brother William lived in Bucklebury cottages whose gardens came to the Bradfield boundary. William's sons, David, and Hannah's James lived in a semi-detached pair in Scotland; this was where the servants of the manor lived. In 1703 Henry Winchcombe had died and the manor passed to

his eldest daughter, Frances, Lady Bolingbroke who died in 1718. The estate went to the Packer family and in 1746 it passed to the Rev. Winchcombe Henry Hartley who died in 1832. His successor must have visited Kent for in very recent times readers of the *Berkshire Family Historian* will have seen an appeal for help from one of Daniel Knott's family in Tunbridge Wells and one of James Wigmore's descendants wrote from Edenbridge in Kent. Some of the Knotts were to be found in a shop in Southampton Street, Reading.

Joseph and Mary Preston's daughter Sarah (1746) married Elisha Pither at Bucklebury in 1790. Elisha was the eldest son of James and Sarah Pither (formerly Brookes) married at Heckfield in 1749. They farmed land from the Workhouse (now Waylen Hospital) down to the River Pang. Recently one of the Pither family went to their cottage in Bradfield and found, after a search of the attic, deeds relating to farm tenure and marriages. James was born in 1717 to an Elishia Pither in Shinfield. The Pither family had land around Shinfield, Swallowfield, Sulhampstead Bannister, Sherborne St. John and Woodley until thirty years ago. Were there Pithers, other than Mariann, who lived in Bucklebury? Mariann's nephew, Jack Pither, lived with his sister Emma and her husband, Charles Sharp, who was born and brought up by the Independent Chapel in Turners Green.

Now we are getting to the nineteenth century and the census. There had been great religious changes throughout this period, where people once went to the local parish church, now they attended services in the open on the Common. In the 1851 census, at one end of the Avenue, James Snell of Chapel Row had an itinerant Primitive Methodist minister, James Miles, staying with him. At the other end, John Wigmore, of George's family, had a house, a cottage and a chapel, according to his will, in which he made no mention of his son Charles. Charles had married Keziah Snell, daughter of Robert Snell of the Queen's Head. Charles, a mason, and Keziah lived in Cock (School) Lane. Mariann, another of Robert Snell's daughters married John Woodley and they brought up their Woodley family at Woottens, where Harts Hill joins up with Thatcham. John of Woodland Gate, did leave his son James a house in Theale and today a Wigmore lives in it. For a short period John Wigmore (grandson of Edward and Hannah) lived with him but this John and his wife Harriet brought up their family there and when John died the good Hannah Sharp went to Bradfield to register the death. This gave the Wigmores another link family, the Sharps. They had another with the Johnsons who lived on the south side of Avenue, near Woodland Gate and whose family still live nearby. John Wigmore(1809) was born in Bradfield to James (son of George and Mary) married Harriet Johnson of Gunnells Farm in the Avenue at Bucklebury in 1832. Their children moved to Beenham.

Whilst Edward and Hannah's children lived in Scotland another stayed and lived next door to Hannah. David Wigmore married his cousin Mariann (daughter of Elisha Pither and Sarah Wigmore). They had twelve children most of whom moved away from Bucklebury. Their son, John, who married Harriet Allum, lived next to the Independent Chapel. Some of his family stayed but his son John went with his wife's family to Utah. So did his mother and sister Eliza. James and Harriet never became Mormons and were buried in Lasky, Ontario. Daughter Charlotte married Tom Minchin, their youngest son Charles married Charlotte Nailor, another old Bucklebury family in the Avenue, Harriet married John West and they moved a few yards into Bradfield. Their youngest daughter, Ann, stayed in the family cottage even after the death of David in 1877. She had married Joseph Holder, son of Lucy Cripps and William Holder of Stanford Dingley. The Cripps were as old a Bucklebury family as the Wigmore's but they were not a Lower Common family. Among the older families in the other parts of the Common were the Giles, Tremongers, Goddards, Coxes and Lyfords. The Fishers and Selwoods, builders were also there whilst the Hedges kept the foundry, near the Church, and were prominent in village activities.

The railways, cars, ships and planes have broken up those old families and brought a new and very different Bucklebury of today.

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### **Desktop publishing of the *Berkshire Family Historian* continues**

This issue of the *Historian*, like the last has been produced using a desktop publishing system, with the exception of the Wigmore family tree on pages 54 and 55 which was produced using *Pedigree* (from Pedigree Software, 123 Links Drive, Soilihull, B91 2DJ). The increased legibility and flexibility allows about 10% more information to be included.

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### **A tribute to Maureen Townsend by Liz Longhurst**

Maureen Townsend, who died on August 1990, will be remembered by BFHS members from the early days. She attended meetings regularly and was a welcoming hostess in the Townsend home where committee meetings were frequently held. I was particularly impressed by a unusual piece of her handywork - a tapestry family tree which she had mounted and framed.



## New books

*Newbury Roundabout* produced by the Creative History Group(1989), £2.95

One of the positive benefits of new technology has been the introduction of inexpensive computers and desk top publishing systems, so that now quite small groups, and even individuals, can reproduce the results of their research to a much wider audience. Publications now have that professional look, which until a few years ago, was the luxury of university academics. A few months ago Wokingham Society, produced by the local history group of the Wokingham Society, was reviewed; it was a model of good design and splendidly produced. Now the Creative History Group have produced *Newbury Roundabout* a series of articles devoted to the history of Newbury during the nineteenth century. Not only are we presented with well researched articles on the people of Newbury and its buildings, but illustrations too, with a fold-out plan of the residents of Northbrook Street based on the census returns of 1851, 1861, 1871 and 1881. The articles range from a splendid piece of research on Lord George Sanger, the circus owner, to the history behind the construction of the statue to Queen Victoria, and the story of nineteenth century education in the town. For anybody whose family comes Newbury this is a must.

*Talking of Coley* published by Coley Local History Group (1990), £1.95 + 35pence package and posting from Reading Local Studies Library, or Margaret Ounsley, 10 Mansfield Road, Reading, RG1 6AJ. This book is based on interviews with residents who lived in Old Coley in the first part of the twentieth century. Margaret Ounsley and her co-author wrote an article based on this book in the January edition of the *Berkshire Family Historian*.

*St. Michael's Church, Tilehurst: the first 800 years* by Sue Hanscomb (1990) £2.00 plus package and posting from 2 New Lane Hill, Tilehurst, Reading. Sue Hanscomb has included in this book extracts from the Parochial Church Council and Vestry minutes.

*The 1851 census of Berkshire*. Vol. 10 Cookham and Vol. 5 part 1 Wantage (1990).

These are two more volumes of what will become a complete index to the Berkshire census of 1851. A third of the county has now been indexed and published, a tribute to the hard work of the many people who have spent their spare time copying out and checking the original census returns. Before the end of 1990 another volume will come off the press covering Hilsey and Hendred. If you would like to help speed up the publication schedule then the mastermind behind the index, Geoff Mather, would be delighted to hear from you.

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## **Mortimer Local History Group**

If you have family origins in Mortimer you may like to know that some members of the Mortimer group are involved in the search for, and subsequent translation of, 16th and 17th century local wills in order to discover something about life in Mortimer during that period. The results are being computerised.

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## **Caversham parish records**

Abstracts by John Townsend, BA

Abstracts of most of the surviving Caversham parish records, 1710-1863, excluding the parish registers, but including a full list of names from the Caversham 1821 census, settlement papers, removal orders, examinations, bastardy bonds, apprenticeship, indentures, etc. Over 1,000 names. 30 pages in A4 typescript, card covers. Available from J. Townsend, 95 Arbor Lane, Winnersh, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG11 5JE. Price £4.95 plus p. and p. in the UK, 45pence, overseas £1.75.

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## **Berkshire Protestation Oath Roll (1642) Index**

This index is useful as a “mini census” for 1642, since all adult males over the age of 18 had to be accounted for; many signed their names or “made their mark”, but more often lists of parishioners were written out by the parish officials. Returns have survived for 100 Berkshire parishes and the index consists of 10,000 entries. More background information about the Protestations can be found in the “Berkshire Family Historian”, Vol. 13, no. 3 (1990). The index has been compiled by Mr. & Mrs. J Townsend, who are willing to respond to queries subject to a charge of 20p per entry supplied, with a minimum charge of £1.00 per surname searched. Enquiries should include a s.a.e. and should be sent to: Mr. J Townsend, 95 Arbor Lane, Winnersh, Wokingham, RG11 5JE

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## **Newbury branch open day**

A note for your diaries. The Newbury branch will be holding an open day at St. Nicolas parish hall on Saturday September 21, 1991



# Twenty questions

## compiled by the staff at the BRO

It seems that the quiz, compiled by the staff of the Berkshire Record Office, intended to while away an autumn evening or two, was either too difficult, or the prize was not generous enough. So far we have not received a single entry. I suspect that everybody thought that if they couldn't get all the questions right there would be someone else who could. In fact all the answers can be found in the Berkshire Record Office's publication *Finding your family*, so there's no excuse for a well read member getting anything wrong.

Here are the answers:

1. From which date did incumbents have to keep parish registers?  
Answer: 1538.
2. What is the date of origin of the standardised printed format for marriage registers?  
Answer: 1754
3. What major sources of information for family historians in Berkshire were destroyed by enemy action during the second world war?  
Answer: Marriage Bonds
4. Which diocese was Berkshire in prior to 1836?  
Answer: Salisbury
5. Which Act of Parliament ruled that electoral registers had to be compiled?  
Answer: Representation of the People Act, 1832.
6. What is the earliest surviving poll book for Berkshire?  
Answer: 1688.
7. Between 1918 and 1926, how many county (electoral) divisions were there in Berkshire and what were they called?  
Answer: Three county divisions, Abingdon, Newbury and Windsor.
8. For what period does BRO hold Kelly's Post Office or similar County directories?  
Answer: 1842-1939.

9. Up until which date was the parish obliged to arrange apprenticeship?  
Answer: 1814.
10. When were boards of guardians established in Berkshire?  
Answer: 1835.
11. What problem is frequently encountered when using pre-18th century manorial records?  
Answer: They are often written in Latin.
12. From which date do Berkshire Quarter Sessions records survive?  
Answer: 1703.
13. When did civil registration start?  
Answer: 1837.
14. For which two Berkshire parishes does the BRO hold copies of the 1841 national census?  
Answer: Cookham and Winnersh.
15. What information do allegations and bonds give that licenses do not?  
Answer: Allegations and bonds often give ages and marital status of both parties. Bonds also frequently state bridegroom's occupation or trade.
16. From which date were bishops' transcripts returned to the diocesan registry?  
Answer: 1597.
17. Name three parishes in the court of the Peculiar of the Dean of Salisbury?  
Answer: Any three parishes from Arborfield, Blewbury, Upton, Aston Upthorpe, Hurst, Ruscombe, Sandhurst, Sonning, and Wokingham.
18. For what period do probate inventories survive for Berkshire?  
Answer: 1550-1750.
19. In which year were settlement certificates introduced?  
Answer: 1662.
20. What is the closure period on workhouse registers?  
Answer: 75 and sometimes 100 years.

# Q and A with Jean

compiled by Jean Debney

## Carvers and gilders

**Q** Joyce Sims (1795) from Australia asks what can be found out about the profession or trade of carver and gilder. She is interested in the Reading area of Berkshire and asks if there are any publications on the subject.

**A** Master carvers and gilders, craftsmen with their own business, are listed in nineteenth century trade directories. Looking through the 1790 Poll List for the Borough of Reading, in the Society library, which gives addresses and occupations of heads of households, there are no carvers and gilders listed, although some may give their occupation as picture frame makers. I have not been able to locate any books on the profession. Is there anyone out there who can suggest something to help Joyce.

## A royal charity

**Q** Patricia Gilbert (2138) writes from Romford Essex that she has a certificate presented to her great-great-grandmother and asks how she can find out more about it. It's inscribed with the words:

“The Prince Consort’s Windsor Association for improving the conditions of labourers and others. Presented in memory of the Royal Founder to Mary Ann Harrison who received a prize of 15s at the annual meeting held at Windsor the 16th day of July 1868 for cleanliness and tidiness in house and person. (signed) Victoria R.”

**A** This sounds like a local charity set up by Prince Albert, who died in 1861, to help poor folk living around the Royal Castle at Windsor. A letter to the Archivist (plus a s.a.e. of course) at Windsor Castle, Berkshire, may produce further information. It might also be interesting to look through the local newspaper for a report on the presentation.

## An address in Windsor - does it still exist?

**Q** George Spong (1801) says that on a recent visit to the National Army Museum exhibition of military postal services he spotted a letter dated 1900 addressed to a Miss Annie or Alice Spong of 233 St. Leonard’s Road, Windsor. As he is indexing all Spongs who served in the armed forces he is anxious to know more about Annie

or Alice and her family. He would like to know if the address still exists and how he can get more details.

*A* My master atlas of Greater London shows St. Leonard's Road in the Spital area in southern Windsor A search through local directories, electoral registers and rate books for the period around 1900 should give further information about this address and who lived there. These will be found in the local studies collection at Reading, Windsor and Slough reference libraries.

### **More about the "scuffle hunter"**

Further to Mr. Barker's question about the occupation of "scuffle hunter" (see *Berkshire Family Historian* September 1990) Mr. D.G. Jackson writes from Cheshire to say that it is listed in *Lloyd's Encyclopaedic Dictionary*, published in 1895. It quotes *Police of the Metropolis* (1797) page 54 as follows:

"Those who are distinguished by the nick-name scuffle hunters prowl about the wharfs, quays and warehouses under pretence of asking employment as porters and labourers; but their chief object is to pillage and plunder whatever comes in their way."

### **And more about Mr. Whateley's Book of Cobham**

Dr. Peter Durrant, Berkshire County Archivist has written to point out that the correct reference to Mr. Whateley's book of Cookham should be D/P 43/28/9 (not 29/8). He goes on to say that although they have only fairly recently acquired the original, they have had a transcript for several years (T/B 6/1,2).

### **More about old school records**

Peter Durrant also mentions that the Guild of Fishmongers dealt with Gresham's School (see *Berkshire Family Historian*, September 1990.)

### **Reading Branch bookstall manager**

Lastly could I put in a plea for somebody to take over the bookstall at Reading branch meetings. The bookstall manager would bring the books to and from the meeting; keep account of the takings and request replacement stock from Jean Debney, who will continue as Society bookstall manager. Anyone interested should contact Bill Grose or Lesley Hanna.

## Letter to the editor

124 Beverley Gardens, Pinkneys Green  
Maidenhead, SL6 6ST

Dear editor,

Your readers may like to know that Maidenhead Public Library in St. Ives Road now has a micro-film reader with a facility for photocopying the IGI. The charge is 40 pence a copy (two frames from the index) with a handling charge of 20 pence. The photocopying is done by Library staff and there is a few days delay before it can be collected. They will post the copies but charge extra for the stamp. It does save a lot of tedious writing and lessens the chance of transcription errors. However, the IGI edition at Maidenhead is dated 1984.

Secondly I visited Holy Trinity Church, Claremont Road, Windsor, formerly the garrison church for the nearby barracks, and found that it has a number of fascinating war memorials. These are not the usual 1914-18 and 1939-45 ones but memorials to members of the Guards regiments who died in earlier campaigns. The memorial tablets to the Crimea War are displayed around the front of the "U" shaped gallery and list not only those killed in battle but those who died on board ship and from sickness on arrival. The Boer War memorial runs around the walls of the gallery. In addition there are memorials to the 1882 Egyptian campaign and the Nile expedition of 1884. It is the only memorial I can recall seeing to the Crimea War dead, other than that beneath the statue of Queen Victoria in Sheffield Botanic Gardens (at least that's where it was in the 60s - it had been moved to improve the traffic flow in the City centre).

It might also be worth mentioning the Royal Berkshire Regiment memorial to the ill-fated Afghan campaigns. I had been visiting the shops in Reading for years before I discovered the giant lion in Reading's Forbury Gardens. Perhaps the Russians would have done well to study the history of that fiasco before embarking on their disastrous war.

Judith Mitchell (2031)

# MEMBERS' PAGES

compiled by Meg Goswell

826 Mrs. B. Hurley, 21 Elizabeth Drive, Jump Farm, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 3SB. Mrs. Hurley has rejoined after a lapse of several years. She is carrying out a one name study on PEAPPELL/PEPALL/PEOPLE so is seeking information from anywhere.

BRK FOWLER  
 BRK LEADER  
 BRK MOODY  
 OXF DAWSON  
 OXF WEBB  
 WIL CHANDLER  
 WIL CROOK  
 WIL GARLICK  
 WIL JEFFERIES  
 WIL LEIGHFIELD  
 WIL ROMANS

1683 Helene T. Perry, 57 Ferndale Crescent, Cowley, Uxbridge, Middx. UB8 2AY. Many congratulations to Helene who was married recently and now becomes a Jessup.

1928 Mr. P. Harries, 45 Swallow Drive, Milford on Sea, Lymington, Hants, SO41 0XG

BRK HARRIS Hungerford pre-1780  
 BRK HODGSON Reading pre-1835

BRK COOPER Ardington, Basildon pre-1830  
 BRK OATES Any pre-1800  
 BRK SOAN Finchampstead pre-1830  
 BRK BOLTON Peasemore pre-1800  
 BRK GOODCHILD Beedon pre-1810  
 BRK GLASS Hurst, Arborfield pre-1830  
 WIL HARRIS Bedwin area All  
 SSX WREN Framfield, Hastings, Eastbourne All  
 SRY WREN Redhill 1880+  
 MON PREECE/PREES Any pre-1835  
 LND HODGSON Westminster pre-1805  
 LND PAYLE Any pre-1860  
 LND JENKINS St.Pancras pre-1830

1950 Mrs. D.M.Kaye, 31 Bramling Avenue, Yateley, Camberley, Surrey, GU17 7NX

BRK TREACHER Finchampstead, Hurst, Reading, Shinfield, Arborfield, Midgham 19c  
 BRK BOWSHER Avington, Kintbury 1789-1950  
 BKM TREACHER Langley, Wraysbury, Chipping Wycombe 1850-1900  
 HAM TREACHER Kingsclere, Burghclere 1880+  
 OXF TREACHER Checkendon 1850  
 MDX SIMPSON St. Pancras 1880+  
 MDX SINFIELD Newtown, Hoxton, Bethnal Green 1850+  
 SFK STUDLEY Needham Mancel 1915+

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2016	Mrs. K.E. Healey, PO Box 622, Moe, Victoria, 3825, Australia		
BRK	CHESELLES	Great Shefford	pre-1848
BRK	GREGORY	Hungerford	1780+
BRK	HUNT	Any	pre-1855
BRK	PRATER	Great Shefford	pre-1855
BRK	REIMS	Any	pre-1848
BRK	CARTER	Lambourne	1780+

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2085	Diane Rayburn, 35 Kendrick Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 5DU		
BRK	GRIFFIN	Reading St. Giles	1800
BRK	BROWN	Reading St. Mary	1800
BRK	SMITH	Reading St. Mary	1890
BRK	TOWNSEND	Reading St. Mary	1780
BRK	ELDERFIELD	Abingdon	1850
BRK	MASKELL, WICKENS	Tilehurst	1850
WIL	GRIFFIN	Bratton	1800
BDF	SMITH	Luton	1816

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2183	Mr. P.G. Matthews, 27 Embling Road, Malvern, Victoria 3144, Australia		
BRK	MATTHEWS, SPECKERNELL	Wargrave	19c
MLN	SHORE	Mid. Calder	19c
DEV	BATE	Beer, Allston, Torquay	19c
SOM	TRATT	Bath	19c
SOM	COLE	South Brent	19c
MOG	BAILEY	Castleblaney	19c

DUB	MILLER	Dublin	19c
SRY	TICE	Clapham	19c
INV	MCPHERSON	Inverness	19c
ARL	MCPHERSON	Bowmore	19c
CAM	HARPER	Melbourn	19c
LOG	EAKINS	Longford	19c
WAT	EAKINS	Waterford	19c
DOW	MEGAW	Loughbrickland	19c

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2185 Mrs. Robyn Singh, C/- 3 Bedarra Court, Headland Park Estate, Buderim, QLD 4556, Australia. This is my new address and I am also in the process of obtaining New South Wales birth, death and marriage indexes for the period 1788-1899 and 1900-1905. I would be pleased to search these for any member, free of charge.

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2186	Mr. R. Bristow, 5 Marden Avenue, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 2QZ		
BRK	WHITE	Harwell	1800-1930
BRK	HITCHMAN	Harwell	1850s
BRK	PALMER	Harwell	1850-1930
OXF	WHITE	Oxford	19c
LAN	HAYHURST	Any	1800+
WES	HAYHURST	Any	1800+

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2210	Mr. W. Bunning, 128 Sussex Street, Maryborough, Queensland, Australia 4650		
BRK	MERRITT	Ashampstead	1733-1832
BRK	MEARING	Finchampstead	1854
BRK	SMITH	Bucklebury	1880

BRK	WILKINS	Bradfield	1868
BRK	STUBBLE	Bradfield	1733
HAM	STUBBLE	Eversley	1733

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2213 D and C. Wright, 45 Picton Way,  
Caversham, Reading, Berkshire,  
RG4 8NJ

YKS	BOYNTON	Slingsbury area	1813
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LAN	DOYLE, FIDLER, FRASER, PEGG	Manchester	All
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WRY	GREEN	Acaster Malbis	pre-1740
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LAN	KNIGHT, MACGLENSHEE	Manchester	19c
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NRY	SMITH	Hutton-Le-Hole, Nunnington	1820
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NRY	TASKER	Slingsby	All
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NRY	TASKER	Acaster Malbis	All
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NRY	TASKER	Kirk Hammerton	pre-18c
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LAN	THORPE, UDALL, WYNN	Manchester	19c
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2217 Miss S. Martin, 50 Kidlington Road,  
Islip, Oxford, OX5 2ST

NTH	MARTIN	Oundle	1700-1850
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NTH	MARTIN	Tansor	19c
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NTH	MARTIN	Warmington	1850+
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NTH	MARTIN	Helpston	1866+
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NTH	BLOODWORTH	Helpston	19c
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NTH	BURBIDGE	Helpston	1818+
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NTH	BROMLEY	Helpston	1770+
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NTH	SANDERSON	Helpston	1908+
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NTH	BURBIDGE	Werrington	1700+
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NTH	WERRINGTON	Werrington	1650-1840
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NTH	SANDERS	Werrington	1669-1750
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NTH	UPEX	Werrington	1791
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NTH	SANDERS	Glinton	1621-1700
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NTH	SANDERS	Gretton	1750-1850
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NTH	TAYLOR	Bulwich	1692+
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2220 Mrs. S.E. Campbell, 2 Olive Branch  
Cottages, Folly Road, Inkpen, New-  
bury, Berkshire, RG15 0QB

GLS	ADDIS	Kempsford	18c
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WIL	DOBSON	Mildenhall	18c
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WIL	WESTALL	Albourne	1769
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HAM	EDOM	Rochbourne	18c
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SFK	HAKEN	Badingham	1822
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DOR	EYERS, MALTON, WINSOR/WINDSOR	Blandford	19c
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2222 Mr. D. Barnes, 4 Harrowby Road,  
Leeds, LS16 5HN

BRK	ARNOLD	Kintbury	1764-1814
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BRK	CARTER	Kintbury	pre-1794
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BRK	BARLOW	Aldworth, Basildon, Steatley	1763-1821
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BRK	BARLOW	Reading	1821+
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BRK	BROWN	Kintbury	pre-1816
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BRK	COLYER/COLLIER	Reading	1694-1857
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BRK	FRYSER	Streatley, Aldworth	1682-1787
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BRK	KIBBLEWHITE alias POUNDS	Lambourne, E.Gartston, Hungerford	1669-1787
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BRK	LLOYD/FLOYD	Reading	1616-1721
BRK	NOKE	Ashampstead	late 18c
BRK	POUNDS	Kintbury, Hampstead Norris	1753-1967
BRK	SIDDALL/SIDWELL	Aldworth	pre-1763
BRK	TINSON	Kintbury	pre-1755
BRK	WELL	Reading	pre-1750

2224 Mrs. V.A.Cooper, 31 Beech Avenue,  
Upton, Wirral, L49 4NJ

BRK	RIPP	Barkham	1880s
BRK	LOVE	Woodley	1880s
BRK	SCHOFIELD	Finchampstead	1880s
BRK	CLACEY	Finchampstead	1880s
BRK	MILAM	Finchampstead	19c
MDX	RIPP	Bethnal Green	1880s
HAM	SCHOFIELD	Fleet	1880s

2228 Mrs. V.F.M.Hazlett, 42 Tintern Cres-  
cent, Reading, Berkshire

BRK	KEMBLE/KIMBLE/ KIMBALL	Swallowfield	1762-1870
BRK	KEMBLE/KIMBLE/ KIMBALL	Wargrave	1848-1871
BRK	WYNN	Swallowfield	1800-1882
MDX	BALL	St. Pancras	19c
SSX	LUXFORD	Fittleworth	pre-1850

2229 Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Loader, 12 Knowl-  
edge Hill, Ramsbury, Marlborough,  
Wiltshire, SN8 2QR

BRK	LOADER	Reading and E.Berks	19c
BRK	HOPSON	Newbury	19c

DOR	RENDELL	Powerstock, & Beaminstor	1750-1850
KEN	FRIEND	Sheppey	1750-1900
KEN	JOY	Folkstone, Herne Bay	1750-1900

2230 Miss Shelagh J. Cook, 395 Bun-  
nerong Road, Maroubra, NSW, Aus-  
tralia 2035

BRK	COOK	Easthampstead	1864
YRK	COOK	Hull	1836
BRK	BOSLEY, GOUGH	Easthampstead	1777-1850
BRK	DIAPER/DYAPER	Binfield	1750-1800

2234 Mr. A.G. Grove, 3 Dukeshill Road,  
Bracknell, Berks.RG12 2DU

MDX	GROVE, JARRETT & WORKMAN	Shoreditch, Holborn	1640-1900
SRY	CORDEROY	Lambeth	1740-1900
SRY	HOCKINGTON	Lambeth	1840-1900

2235 Mrs. M. Wright, 1 The Copse, Twick-  
enham Road, Newton Abbot, Devon,  
TQ12 4JJ

BRK	LESTER	Abingdon	1770-1820
BRK	HURST	Sutton Courteney, Padworth	1770-1828
BRK	SHAW, MESSENGER	Hurley, Cookham	1830-1860
DEV	BRIDLE	Exmouth	1780-1800
DEV	LONG	Exmouth	1780-1890

DEV	CREEDY	South Devon	1840-1900
2236	Mr. and Mrs. R.G.Aubin, 57 Duncan Road, Woodley, Berkshire		
JSY	AUBIN, LEMPRIERE LURENS	Jersey	pre-1900
LEI	HASTINGS		pre-1900
DOR	BARTLETT, DARBEY DARBY, DERBY	Cheddington and Corscombe	pre-1873
SOM	DARBEY, etc. DIX, SMOKER	Haselbury Plucknett	pre-1800
SSX	SARJEANT	Tortington	pre-1900
SSX	WHITE	Brighton	pre-1900
2237	Mrs. D. Lockett, 177 Courthouse Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 6HX		
HRT	LUCKETT	Watford	1700-1990
MDX	LUCKETT	Brentford	1700-1990
	(also in Bucks, Berks. Kent, Oxford, and London)		
HUM	MARVELL	Hull	1700-1990
HAM	MARVELL	Any	All
LND	MARVELL	Any	All
HAM	LUTMAN	Any	1800+
LND	LUTMAN	Any	1800+
2239	Master Jonathan Morris, 35 Rycroft, Windsor, Berks. SL4 4HQ		
MDX	HOLMES	St. Marylebone	1821+
MDX	MORRIS	Muswell Hill	1925+
MDX	BRADLEY, FISK	Paddington	1900+

MDX	HODSON	Oxford Street	1821+
HAM	BISHOP	Portsmouth	1850+
SXW	DAVEY	Worthing	19c
DUR	BOWRON	Barringham	1750+
2244	Mr. C.C. Chivers, 17 Riverside Avenue, Wallington, Fareham, Hants, PO16 8TF		
BRK	CHIVERS	Ashbury	pre-1700
BRK	CHIVERS	Shrivenham	1700-1850
WIL	CHIVERS	Bishopstone, and Aldbourne	19c
2245	Mr. R.J. Longman, 39 Vermont Woods, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG11 4PF		
WIL	LONGMAN		1850+
SOM	LONGMAN		1850+
SRV	MATHEWS		1850+
LND	MATHEWS		1850+
WAR	PEARMAN		19c+
WAR	ROSE		1870+
2246	Mr. D. J. Farmer, 6 Stephens Road, Liskeard, Cornwall PL14 3SX		
BRK	FARMER	Any	All
HAM	FARMER	Micheldever	c1860
HAM	AVERY	Micheldever	pre-1880
ESS	GREEN	Brentwood	pre-1900

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2248 Mr. and Mrs. P.J. Emmons, 47 Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7AU

BRK EMMONS Abingdon All

OXF EMMONS Thame All

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2250 Mr. and Mrs. R. Dobson, 29 Westlands Avenue, Reading, Berkshire, RG2 8EN

BRK SEYMOUR Reading St. Giles  
1850-1900

BRK BAKER Coley, Reading 19c

BRK LAWRENCE Reading 19c

WIL DOBSON,  
POUNDS Pewsey 1870-1920

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2251 Mr. E.R. Prockter, 149, Carholme Road, Lincoln, LN1 1RU

BRK THOMAS Abingdon, Drayton 19c

BRK THOMAS Marcham 19/20c

BRK PASK(E) Any All

BRK GAMMON Any 19/20c

NFK PASK(E) Reepham 19/20c

SFK PASK(E) Any 17/19c

LND PROCKTER Any All

ABD ROBERTSON Huntley 19c

ABD ROBERTSON Old Machan 18/19c

SOM MOUNSTEN Any All

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2252 Miss D. Beasley, 4 Blenheim Road, Alphington, Exeter, Devon EX2 8SD

BRK BEASLEY Reading St. Mary's  
1870-1928

BRK PRITCHARD Reading St. Mary's  
1850-1890

BRK BLENHAM/  
BLENHEIM Reading St. Mary's  
1830-1872

BRK ARLETT,  
HAWKINS Ufton Nervet pre-18c

WIL BEASLEY Devizes 1850-1860

WIL CRYER Devizes 1790-1860

WIL PIERCE/  
PEARCE Devizes 18c

WIL FRANCIS Market Lavington 18c

BKM BEASLEY Woburn, Little Marlow,  
Flackwell Heath pre-1860

OXF PRITCHARD Sonning pre-1850

LND BLENHAM/  
BLENHEIM Any late 18c

AUS BLENHAM/  
BLENHEIM Maldon, Baringhup, and  
Melbourne 1866+

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2256 Pamela Haines, 8a Southdown Avenue, Hastings, TN34 3QE

BRK LONG Faringdon, Littleworth All

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2258 Mrs. T. J. Cunningham, Cumberland Way, Woosehill, Wokingham, Berkshire RG11 9AY

MDX CUNNINGHAM Hackney

MDX CUTTS Hackney and Islington

MDX REGAN Tower Hamlets

IRL REGAN Cork

HRT CHAMPNESS Bishops Stortford

ESS GOSLING Romford, Hornchurch and  
Ongar

GER LASKIN Frankfurt

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2259 Mr. I.M.Mathieson, 2 Hinckley Way,  
Esher, Surrey KT10 0BD

BRK FROUD(E) Chaddleworth 1600-1750

BRK STIMSON East Lockinge 1600-1750

BRK KNIGHT Chaddleworth, and  
Brightwalton 1600-1650

BRK BARLEY/  
BURLEY Any 1750-1850

WIL BARLEY/  
BURLEY Any 1750-1850

BEW MOSSMAN Coldstream 1650-1800

BEW HOULISTON Legerwood 18c

LKS MATHIESON Calton 1750-1900

RFW BARBOUR Renfrew 18c

AYR BARCLAY and  
CRUICKSHANKS Kilwinning 18c

AYR HUNTER Kilmarnock 18c

AYR BEVERAGE/  
BEVERIDGE Kilmarnock 1750-1900

MLN MORE Edinburgh 1600-1750

LAN WILLIAMS Toxteth 19c

CUL BLAYLOCK Alston 18c

DUR HAYTON Stanhope 1700-1850

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2260 Mrs. B. Fairchild, Woolden Farm, 84  
Hillrow, Haddenham, Ely, Cambs.  
CB6 3TJ

BRK YEO Swallowfield 1841+

BRK KIDD/KYDD Swallowfield 1841+

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2268 Mrs. L.I. Franklin, 19 Parkview  
Road, New Eltham, London SE9 3QP

BRK PAYNE Milton and Goring 1850+

BRK ORCHARD Milton and Goring 1850+

BRK DAWSON Milton and Goring 1850+

SRY HUNTER Lambeth 1856-1880

SRY JENKINS Lambeth 1856-1880

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2269 Mrs. J. Moore, 28 Kings Road, Brent-  
wood, Essex, CM14 4DW

BRK MOORE Reading St. Giles 18c

SRY MOORE Peckham 1880-1900

LND MOORE City 1800

MDX MOORE Bethnal Green 1850

KEN MOORE &  
CLEAVES Deptford 1900

MDX HARRIS Acton 1800

MDX MAYO Chiswick 1800

MDX POTTLE Whitechapel 1800

MDX POTTLE,  
BATCHELOR West Ham 19c

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2270 Mrs. D. M. Jones, 36 Rosemary Ave-  
nue, Lower Earley, Reading,  
Berkshire, RG6 2YQ

DEV BETTY Cullompton 18-19c

DEV VICKERY Burlescombe 18-19c

AVN DAY &  
GARLAND Bristol 18-19c

OXF FLEXNEY &  
FRANCIS Witney 18-19c

CON HANCOCK Redruth 18-19c

CON	JEFFERY & TONKIN	Helston	18-19c
SOM	JONES	St. Georges	18-19c
SOM	KNOWLES, MAINE & NOBLE	Wrighton	18-19c
SOM	LAWRENCE	Congresbury	18-19c
GLS	NEALE	Painswick	18-19c

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2275 J.L. Penfold, 4 Millfield, Lambourne,  
Berks. RG16 7YQ

SXW	PENFOLD	Wisborough Green	pre-1840
BKM	NIXEY	Slough	pre-1880
STS	SEDGLEY	Bilston	pre-1900
CHS	HENSHAW	Hartford	pre-1900
CWD	WEAVER	Overton-on-Dee & Ruabon	pre-1900

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2279 D. Willicombe, 81 Kingsbridge Road,  
Reading, Berks. RG2 7RG

SOM	WILLICOMBE	Any	pre-1874
SOM	WEDLOCK	Any	pre-1900
WALES	WILLICOMBE	Pontypridd	pre-1890
WALES	ISHMAEL	Aberystwyth	pre-1895
KEN	CORDINGLEY	Rochester	pre-1900
KEN	BAKER	Any	pre-1900

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2283 Christopher S. Tull, The Rectory,  
Bishops Nympton, S. Milton, North  
Devon, EX36 4NY

TULL	Any	All
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2287 Steve Morse, 72 Roland Avenue,  
Holbrooks, Coventry, CV6 4HR

BRK	MORSE	Great Faringdon	pre-1860
BRK	PUFFETT	Great Faringdon	pre-1850
OXF	RICHARDS	Witney	pre-1840
LEI	DRING	Vale of Belvoir	1600-1860
DBY	MORSE	Heanor	1860-1990
DBY	DRING	Codnor	1860-1940
DBY	BRIDGE	Great Longstone	pre-1810
DBY	BALL	Bakewell	pre-1910
DBY	FLETCHER	Ironville	19c
LAN	FLETCHER & TAYLOR	Radcliffe	pre-1940

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