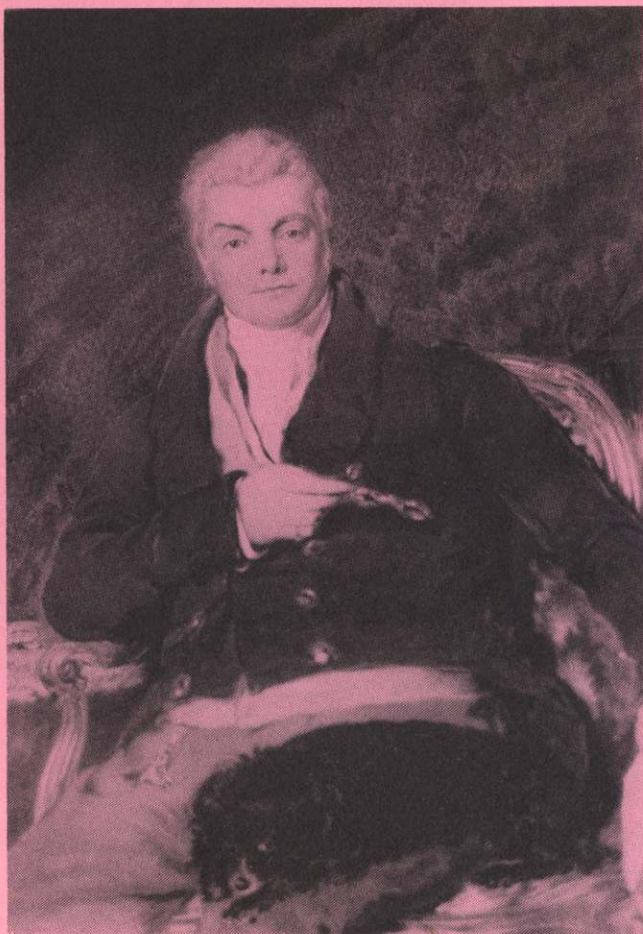




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PROGRAMME SUMMARY TO DECEMBER 1992

Bracknell branch

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

- 18th Sep Using newspapers to expand Family Knowledge *Richard Moore*
- 16th Oct Village History Illustrated *Mr M Hallam*
- 20th Nov This meeting has been cancelled.

Newbury Branch

Meetings are normally held on the the second Wednesday of each month, 7.15pm for 7.45pm at the United Reform Church Hall, Cromwell Place (opposite Marks & Spencers), Northbrook Street, Newbury.

- 9th Sept Beginners Evening on Civil Registration Speaker TBA
- 14th Oct Dialect..... Speaker TBA
- 11th Nov Newbury Shopkeepers of Northbrook Street..... *Audrey Franklin*
- 9th Dec Members Evening and Christmas Social

Reading Branch

Meetings are normally held on the last Friday of the month 7.15 for 7.45 at the Park United Reform Church Hall, Wokingham Road, Reading

- 25th Sep Beginners Talk..... *Mike Sheppard*
- 30th Oct The IGI *Colin Chapman*
- 20th Nov Background to Non-conformity..... *Mike Gandy*
- 11th Dec Christmas Meeting

Saturday Sessions at Reading Cemetery, start at 10.30am on 19th September and 3rd & 17th October. Project sessions at Early St Peter's Church Hall on Tuesday 20th October and 17th November from 1.30pm to 5.00pm and from 7.00pm to 10.30pm on Tuesday 6th October and 3rd November.

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.

- 29th Sep Members evening *chiefly yourselves*
- 27th Oct To be announced
- 24th Nov The Fascination of Old Maps *Judith Hunter*
- 8th Dec Christmas Party

The cover illustration depicts Benjamin Morland. The photograph, which is reproduced by permission of his descendant Tim Morland, is of a glass-framed portrait which itself is a copy of a lifesize oil painting, which used to hang in Sheepstead House, but has now disappeared.

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Deadline for the December issue is the 30th October. All contributions very gratefully received. Also any suggestions of what you would like in the magazine.

Chairman's bit ...

by *Chad Hanna*

Once again, we have a new year to look forward to together. You should be reading this in September if you've renewed your subscription promptly and we manage to get this to the printer in good time.

A forty page magazine

The stuffing and postage of the magazines is a large undertaking which Alan Perrin performs for us. Thank you Alan. Postage is an expensive item, particularly as **anything** over 36 pages pushes the magazine up into the next category. As there should be about four inserts in this magazine, it is already over the weight limit and so four additional pages have been included to make the most of it.

New Membership Sec.

Those of you whose surname resides in the second half of the alphabet, from L onwards now have a new secretary to help with your membership renewals. Her name is Mrs Dawn Garlick and her address is on the back cover.

On your behalf, I feel I must thank my wife, Lesley Hanna for her work as membership secretary over nearly five years.

Ideas & comments wanted

We're now looking at the best way of housing the library and other Society resources, and more importantly, making them available to you, our members. If you have any thoughts on this please write to me. The new item on BFHS Library acquisitions should give you some idea of the problem we have given ourselves. I must also thank all those people who have donated the publications which add to our problems.

Society Projects

I was slightly surprised to be told that some people didn't know what projects the Society was carrying out and how they could get involved. The Society has a mixture of projects to 'suit all tastes' but tries to concentrate on those which need a team approach, allowing individuals and smaller groups to tackle other projects. For the following projects please contact the project leaders to find out more about them and how you, your friends, relations and so on can help.

Overseer's Project with Berks Rec. Office
See diary for organized visits, work and help available at Record Office.

Brian Hunt, 2 Warfield Road, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 2JB

1851 Census

Not recruiting – see magazine backcover

1881 Census

Checkers needed – please return any long outstanding transcripts to

Vincent Millett, 56 Wokingham Road, Reading, RG6 1JJ

Berks Police Records with Police Museum
Limited numbers on visits to museum.

Mrs Jackie Blow, 20 The Square, Spencers Wood, Tel: Reading 884910

Cemetery Junction, Reading

Recording fortnightly during the season, independent work available. Transcription and checking also available.

David Watkins, 31 Fairwater Drive, Woodley, Reading Tel: Reading 661401

Chieveley churchyard

Checking in progress

Colin Skipper, Honey Bottom Cottage, Honey Bottom, Newbury, RG16 8AL, Tel: Newbury 47017

Priory Lane burial ground, Ascot

Transcribing and checking

Peter Francis, 39 Northcott, Bracknell, RG12 4WR, Tel: Bracknell 59941

Editor's piece ...

by *Catherine Davis*

Magazine Contributions

Firstly, thank you for all the contributions I have so far received towards the December "Crime for Christmas" issue. If anyone else has anything else, please let me have your article or small item, by the 30th October. However, the magazine is still in need of articles for future issues, so if you feel that the exploits of your Berkshire ancestors would entertain and inform the rest of us, please drop me a line. If you don't want to contribute something about your ancestors, I should also welcome articles about unusual sources for family historians, and rough guides to archive offices and libraries. If you are considering writing an article, don't worry about the length; if it's short, it will fit in an odd corner and if it's long we can always serialise the doings of your ancestors! Illustrations are always welcome. However, if you do include a photograph, please let me have a copy, in case it is lost.

If you don't want to write a long article, there are other ways in which you can contribute to the magazine. There is the "Help" column for when you are stuck and the "Computer Corner" for passing on tips for using computers in family history or for asking questions. Then there is Jean Debney's Q&A for your insoluble problems and finally there is the letters page.

Finally, if you know there is nothing you feel able to write about, let me know what sort of things you would like to see in the magazine or you may be able to recommend a fellow member who would write an article if approached.

Dates for Your Diary

10th October, 1992

North West Kent FHS "Family History Experience" at Sevenoaks School for Girls, Bradbourne Rd, Sevenoaks. Further details available from Mr Gordon Bromly, 33, The Crescent, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 0HB.

24th October, 1992

Oxfordshire FHS and SOG present "Computers in Family History" at Exeter Hall, Kidlington. Further details are available from Mr Barry Muir, 10 Bellamy Close, Southmoor, Abingdon, OX13 5AB.

29th/30th October, 1992

BRO Book Bindery "Open Day" at Battle Library, Oxford Rd, Reading.

30th October, 1992

Deadline for December magazine

31st October, 1992

Overseers Project "Work-In" at the BRO.

7th November, 1992

Guild of One Name Studies Regional Conference, "Which Way One-Name Research?", at St Paul's Church Hall, Malmesbury Rd, Chippenham Rd. Further details are available from Mrs Marjorie Moore, 1, Cambridge Close, Swindon, Wilts, SN3 1JQ.

21st November, 1992

North East Regional Day Conference at Museum and Art Gallery, Doncaster. Further details from Mrs J.Grundy, 5, The Brow, Brecks, Rotherham.

28th November, 1992

Overseers Project "Work-In" at the BRO.

29th January, 1992

Deadline for March magazine.

2nd – 4th April, 1993

Norfolk and Norwich Genealogical Society Silver Jubilee Conference and AGM of Federation of FHS at University of East Anglia. The theme will be "Life in Stuart England". Please contact the Conference Secretary at Kirby House, 38, St. Giles St, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 1LL.

16th May, 1993

"Family History Fair" organised by the Society of Genealogists. For further details contact the Co-ordinator at 14, Charterhouse Buildings, London, EC1M 7BA

Local Military Records

By Dr Ian Beckett

Traditionally, Britain has relied upon command of the sea as the main line of defence against invasion, itself a constant theme in British history. In consequence, the existence of a large regular standing army has been distrusted on the grounds that it was both unnecessary and might promote military despotism, a lingering fear which actually pre-dated the creation of a standing army. Thus, there has been a preference for amateur and temporary soldiers – the auxiliary forces – brought into existence as needs dictated for defence against invasion, as a means of maintaining domestic order in the event of any concomitant civil disturbances.

The military obligations imposed upon the English people from earliest times and the more systematic organisation of local auxiliary forces from the mid-sixteenth century onwards have therefore continuously reflected and transmitted traditional attitudes towards military participation. Indeed, in the absence either of a standing army prior to 1660¹ or of regular troops permanently visible to society as a whole thereafter, it is the ever-present auxiliaries who have more often provided the essential point of contact between society and the army in Britain. Auxiliaries have frequently borne the brunt of popular anti-militarism and have equally played an important part in projecting military values to an un-military people. They have been the subject of major national political controversy and their administration has constantly exercised local communities. From the point of view of the family historian, the amateur military tradition in Britain offers a considerable amount of research material available in local and national repositories which has often been neglected.

Sometimes referred to as the 'old constitutional force', the oldest of the auxiliary forces was the militia which had its origins in the military obligations of the Anglo-Saxons. These obligations were transmitted through mediaeval legislation to be enshrined in the first militia statutes of 1558. Thereafter, the militia had a formal statutory existence until 1604, from 1648-1735, 1757-1831 and from 1852-1908.² The basis of service varied considerably from period to peri-

od as indicated by the addition of epithets such as 'exact', 'select', 'supplementary' or 'new' militia at various times. Essentially, however, the obligation was one imposed upon property until 1757 and then as a tax upon manpower with the force raised by compulsory ballot until 1831, although a voluntary system of enlistment was then applied from 1852-1908. The term 'trained bands' was used from 1573-1663 to describe a better trained portion of the militia of London until 1793. 'Militiamen' was also a term employed to describe those conscripted under the provisions of the Military Training Act of April 1939 but they had no connection with the original force.

In contrast to the militia as an institution of the state, supposedly self-sufficient volunteer forces existed under an often confusing variety of terms of service at other times or simultaneously with the militia such as during the 1650s, 1660s, 1715, 1745 and 1778-1782 when the first specific volunteer legislation was enacted. Volunteers are principally associated, however, with the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars, being raised both as volunteer infantry and artillery but also as mounted yeomanry. Many infantry units transferred to the so-called local militia in 1808 but this was suspended in 1816, although the legislation remained on the statute book until 1921. Other volunteers survived post-war reductions but had virtually all disappeared by the 1840s, only for the volunteer movement to be revived in 1859. Units raised in 1859 primarily as rifle volunteers, were initially governed by provisions dating from 1804 until new legislation in 1863, while the yeomanry, which had survived post-1815 reductions largely intact, continued to be governed by 1804 Statute until 1901 when renamed Imperial Yeomanry, a term already utilised for those raised to serve in specially recruited mounted units during the South African War.

In fact, the title of Imperial Yeomanry was short-lived for in 1908 a major consolidation of auxiliary forces resulted in the abolition of the militia – its units were incorporated into the new special reserve – and the merging of volunteers and imperial yeomanry in a territorial force. As it happened, the territorial legislation did not remove that of 1863 from the statute book and volunteer training corps, later renamed the volunteer force,

2. The absence of enabling legislation did not necessarily imply that the militia had ceased to function at other periods. The authority to raise the militia did not cease until 1953.

1. Technically prior to 1689.

BUCKS LIEUTENANCY.

Aylesbury, Dec. 2nd, 1852.

PRIVATE JOYCE,

I am directed by Lord Carington to inform you that his Lordship has received your Letter, acquainting him that the Sherrington Friendly Society, of which you are a Member, has refused you medical relief, in consequence of your having volunteered into the Militia. Lord Carington has forwarded your Letter to the Secretary of State, under whose consideration the question now is.

His Lordship understands you to have been a Member of this Society for two years, and to have paid a Monthly Subscription of One Shilling; he therefore desires me to send you a Post Office Order for Twenty-four Shillings, of which please to acknowledge the safe receipt.

Your humble Servant,

HENRY HEYWARD,

Clerk to the General Meetings.

To Private CHARLES JOYCE,
1st Company ROYAL BUCKS
MILITIA, SHERRINGTON.

Gen. D. Fisher, Printer, Chronicle and Gazette Office, Silver-street, Aylesbury.

were then raised during the Great War. Territorials were reconstituted in 1920 as the Territorial Army and have continued to the present time, the actual title of territorial army being revived in 1982 after being discontinued in 1967. On occasions, territorials have been encouraged to join adhoc volunteer bodies such as the defence force in 1921 and the civil constabulary reserve in 1926. In addition, volunteering was again revived during the Second World War when the Local Defence Volunteers, later the Home Guard, were raised under defence regulations drawn from older volunteer legislation. The Home Guard was then briefly revived as a cadre force from 1951-1957.

Mention should also be made of other temporary wartime expedients requiring local effort during the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars. In 1796 a so-called provisional cavalry reverted to the pre-1757 concept of an obligation upon property owners in a brief and unpopular attempt to levy one man and horse for every ten horses retained for riding or carriage drawing. A wider 'levee en masse' contemplated in Dorset and some other counties in 1797-8 by utilising the authority of the sheriff to call out the "posse comitatus" or (civil power of the county) received government endorsement in the Defence of the Realm Act in April 1798 requiring registration of inhabitants, livestock and vehicles. The principle was then revived in both the Defence Act of June 1803 and the General Defence Act of July 1803. A Training Act in 1806, which was never effectively implemented but remained on the statute book until 1875, suggested an even wider measure of national military train-

ing, while two expedients to draft men into the army for home service, the army of reserve (also known as the additional army of England) of 1803, and the permanent additional force of 1804-1806, also imposed considerable burdens on local administration. In connection with home service, it should be noted that fencibles raised during the American War of Independence and the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars were not auxiliaries but regulars recruited for home service only. It can be seen, therefore, that a variety of auxiliary forces have existed in a formal sense since the mid-sixteenth century.

The militia in particular has generated considerable records which can be found not only in the Public Record Office but also in most county archive repositories among the papers of the lieutenancy. An early source is the great survey of counties' military and financial resources, ordered by Cardinal Wolsey in 1522, of which many returns survive. Muster rolls and lists survive from the 1540s onwards although earlier examples tend to be simply a return of the numbers of able-bodied men. From Elizabeth's reign onwards, rolls taken and certificates granted for the trained bands are more plentiful and record more information such as the names and parishes of those mustered for militia training; the most reliable are generally held to be those for 1569, 1573, 1577 and 1580 of which most are to be found in classes E36, E101 and CSPD at the PRO. Militia material becomes scarce after Elizabeth's reign, but the Civil War and Commonwealth period generated a large variety of documents which are to be found in class SP 28

at the PRO. These often include local garrison lists.

The revival of the militia at the Restoration resulted in detailed economic information being required under the legislation of 1661-3 since the distribution of a county's forces between foot and horse was based on size of properties and, while not necessarily entirely accurate, surviving militia papers can often supplement other sources such as hearth tax returns. In 1757, however, with the size of population now the criteria of service, the real wealth of militia documentation for the family historian becomes apparent. Lists and rolls survive in great quantities from what was a lengthy process of initial listing, exemption, ballot, appeal, search for substitutes, and actual attestation and service.¹ They will vary from those listing all inhabitants liable to militia service to those not wishing to serve in person. Progressively more information was also required on individuals liable to service. For example, the 1802 Militia Act demanded details of name, description, age, infirmities and numbers of children by household. Similarly, the maintenance of a militiaman's family by the parish during training or embodiment also generated considerable internal and out-county correspondence which has often survived in Quarter Sessions records or parish collections. After 1816 militia records become scarce until the Victorian revival in 1852 and even these later records are rarely in the form of lists or rolls although selected attestation papers are preserved by county regiment in classes WO68 and 96 at the PRO.

Turning to the various volunteer bodies, bills and accounts often seem the predominant survival among lieutenantancy and other collections although, in theory, lists of volunteers should always have been forwarded to the lieutenantancy and from thence to central government. A major source outside county record offices for the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars are classes HO50 and WO13 at the PRO but volunteer lists are relatively rare, although it is sometimes possible to locate those indicating men who received financial or other assistance from householders or landowners. Similarly, local militia declarations have survived in some counties but, generally, do not contain much of interest to the family historian. The same applies to the

1. The term of service for those eventually serving was set in 1757 as three years with an annual training period from 1762 of 28 days and a liability to permanent wartime embodiment.

Victorian rifle volunteers and the early territorial. The attestation records of the City Imperial Volunteers and the Imperial Yeomanry raised for service in South Africa are preserved in the Guildhall Library and class WO128 at the PRO respectively. Some volunteer training corps musters survive and all home guard attestation papers have also survived but the latter are still held by the Ministry of Defence and are not available for public inspection.

Of those adhoc creations of the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars, much has remained and, potentially, in seeking to obtain information on the population as a whole, they offer even more potential than the militia lists and rolls. This is especially true of the returns under the two 1803 Defence Acts which not only required the listing of names, descriptions, ages, and children, but details of livestock, carts and wagons, etc. Similar lists of vehicles are also sometimes available among the papers of defence and invasion committees during the two world wars.

Since the holdings of different archive repositories will vary enormously no guarantee can be given that the documents relating to a single county's auxiliary forces will prove of particular utility in tracing particular individuals. However, these records are frequently overlooked and, for the period between 1757 and 1816 at least, the lists and rolls of militia as well as the wartime expedients are the closest anyone will find to an occupational census of males of military age and their dependants. In short, the auxiliary forces should not be dismissed lightly as a source for family history.

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Below is another extract from the Farm diaries kept by Henry George Wise, who farmed at Wokefield, at the turn of the century.

Seven Farm Diaries – 1908

By Dorothy Wise

In the 1908 Diary we see the Wise family four years on. Henry George, his wife Elizabeth and her sister Aunt Sally, continued to manage the farm, shop, house and dairy. Amongst Henry George's various activities¹, the following is found for Wednesday June 17th,

"Self booking then round to Overseers to get cheques signed."

Jack and Bert were both working away from home. Jack was coming to the end of his apprenticeship at Compton and later in the year Henry George mentions that Jack had started a job at Thomeycrofts, an engineering works at Basingstoke.² Bert had started on his career of a dentist in Reading and only came home occasionally. Frank and Randal were working full time on the farm.

1908, saw some changes for Frank. Thus, against Easter Monday,

"Frank done cattle and got ready for night then off to Newbury".

This was where his young lady, Miss Emma Woodly, lived. His romance flourished and she is recorded as staying for the weekends of May 3rd and September 20th, first as "Miss Woodly" and

1. Henry George had been Assistant Overseer of the Parish, since the death of his father, Mark, in 1895.

2. It was during this time that Jack began to acquire the strong Socialist views that he adhered to all his life.

then as "Emma". In-between times, Frank had other activities, thus, on Sunday May 13th,

"Self, Randal and Frank to Basingstoke. Frank to Yeomanry Training for two weeks."

As well as working on the farm, Randal is given other odd jobs, thus against Holy Saturday we find,

"Randal took Flowers to Church with Violet [a horse] and Van. 3/6."

and on Easter Monday,

"Randal with Violet to Burghfield Church to fetch flowers."

These two entries appear against the name "Thursby"³ and they are interesting because they appear throughout the Diaries at Easter, Whitsun, Michaelmas and Christmas.⁴

As to the younger members of the family, the three girls were still at Miss Johnson's school and were now taking piano lessons. From time to time they appear in the diaries, thus Randal and Alethea went to Tilehurst on May 24th,

"on bikes to see Uncle Barnett and Fred and Chrissie."

At the harvest home, Dorothy helped with the preparations by making an apple pie. On December 4th, Henry George took Alethea and Aunt to Reading to see the "The Prodigal [sic] Son". The younger boys appear too, and one of them may have recorded the following for December 13th:

3. Does anyone know who the Thursbys were? There is one more entry in September against Mrs Thursby's name, "Took two loads of potting mould to Thursbys. 7/6"

4. Am I right in assuming that in those days the church would have had flowers only at these special times?

*"Bert took his bike to pieces to find he needed a new spindle in neglect of a drop of oil. Walter Hunt came down to put a penny in Dorothy's 'Waifs and Strays Box'... [Below this in a more childish hand] I'm going to Silver Street to Stray [sic] for Xmas. [Then the first hand resumes] Hector wants a real live donkey for Xmas."*¹

The wider extended family continue to appear in the diaries with frequent visits noted between various members. On August 3rd, a Bank Holiday, Henry George recorded:

*"All the family to Basingstoke with Van and Mr and Mrs Barnett Stacey and Mr and Mrs Fred and Miss Downton and Miss Ethel Downton."*²

My Father's Ring: An Unusual Bequest

By Michael Dumbleton

My father wore a gold ring for sixty years, from the time he was an office-boy of fourteen. It was inset with a shield-shaped blood-stone, engraved with a mailed arm holding a sword and surrounded by a belt bearing the motto "LIBERTAS EST OPTIMA RERUM" which translates as "liberty is the best of things". He obtained the ring in unusual circumstances.

1. He wanted one very much, but received a pair of boots instead.

2. My aunt and mother who were Henry George's nieces.

In 1916 he had joined the London office of Shaw Wallace & Co, a firm with wide interests in the East, including tea, oil, coal and shipping. That same year the co-founder C.W. Wallace died. He was a man with unusual views and said in his will that "after making adequate provision for his children until they are old enough to provide for themselves, all possessions great or small being acquired from or through the people, as mine were, should return to the people", and that the capital of his residuary estate should eventually be divided "in equal moieties between the British Treasury and the Treasury of British India".

His will went on to explain "I am not acting fully up to this view in the case of my children because the law, wrongfully I think, does not enforce it on all others and their children".

Another provision was that every employee of the firm on the day he died, 2nd August 1916, should be given a replica of his gold signet ring. Even the most junior office-boy received one.

Reference

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Michael's paternal line, via Dulwich where he was born and Darlaston, is stuck in Stratford-upon-Avon in the 1790s. He has published MIs and enclosure and tithe lists for Easthampstead, and has written PCW computer programs for recording and displaying his genealogical data.

Berkshire Record Office News

*From Elizabeth Hughes
(Senior Archivist: Public
Services)*

Staff changes

We are pleased to report that the two new posts created this year have now been filled. Sabina Sutherland, whom many of you will know, was appointed to the new post of Senior Archivist: Cataloguing, at the beginning of May, and Mark Stevens joined the staff, as Archives Assistant: Cataloguing, in June. At the end of July we also welcomed Sarah Flynn who is taking up her first post as a qualified archivist.

12.30 Production

Due to staff shortages earlier in the year we had to drop the 12.30 production. However, now that we are fully staffed, we are able to reinstate this and hope that its temporary withdrawal did not cause too much inconvenience.

Berkshire Family History Symposium

The Record Office attended the Symposium at Wokingham, which was opened by Peter Durrant, the County Archivist. Our other contribution was an exhibition on the work of the office and on the BRO/BFHS Overseers' Project. Staff were on hand to answer questions and to sell copies of the fully updated reprint of "Finding Your Family", which had arrived hot off the presses the previous afternoon. This guide to family history sources at Berkshire Record Office is available from the office, price £1.50 + 35p postage.

Record Office User Survey

In early 1991 the Record Office ran a survey of people who use the search room which aimed to find out exactly who our users are and how they use the Record Office. There was unfortunately some delay in processing the questionnaires, but the results are now through and are proving most interesting. Here are a few of them...

69% of visitors came from Berkshire. 53% were in paid employment or self-employed, and this percentage went up to 66% for Thursday evening customers. 36% of users surveyed were first-time visitors, but 51% of out-county customers had not used the Record Office before. 55% were studying their family history. 44% of users from Berkshire were family historians, whilst for out-county users the percentage was 81%.

We will be summarising the survey's findings and displaying these in the search room. The results of the survey will help us to plan future developments in user services.

Maidenhead Roadshow

Saturday 12th September 1992 is now confirmed as the date of the Archives and Local Studies Roadshow at Maidenhead Library from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. There will be exhibitions on the work of the Record Office, the Conservation Unit and Maidenhead Local Studies, demonstrations of conservation work, talks on local studies and house history and an archives "surgery", to which people can bring their own documents for interpretation or discuss their research projects with staff. We hope to see you there.

Preparations for Battle Bindery's Fortieth Anniversary are also coming on apace. The bindery will be open to the public on the afternoon of Thursday 29

October and all day on Friday 30 October. The open days will be followed by an exhibition on the bindery's work at Reading Library from 9-14 November inclusive.

Berkshire Overseers Project

Two "Work-Ins" on the Overseers' Records have been arranged for the autumn. These will be held on Saturdays 31st October and 28th November. Details will be available from Peter Durrant nearer the time and will be sent to anyone who is interested and who leaves their name and address at the Record Office.

Bracknell Library News

We are pleased to announce that we finally have a copy of the 1891 census for the Bracknell area. The census is in microfiche NOT microfilm due to a breakdown in communication between myself and the Public Record Office. However, the microfiche is just as easily read.

We should, in the near future, also have the the complete "Bracknell News" on microfilm, having ordered the back issues 1959-1963. Please contact me, Pat Almond, if you have any enquiries about Bracknell Library stock that might be of help with your family history research.

Berkshire Police Records

Since writing her article "Was Your Ancestor a Berkshire Policeman?" (Vol 14 - No 4), Sue Healy has discovered that Berkshire Police Records are now held at the BRO. However, the Hundred Year Rule prevents open access, but if you think that you are related to someone, the staff will photocopy the appropriate entry.

Leicestershire Record Office and Local Studies Centre

The new Leicestershire Record Office and Local Studies Centre is now open at Long Street, Wigston Magna, Leicester, LE8 2AH, telephone number (0533) 571080. According to the publicity, there are vastly improved public facilities with much more space in the search-rooms, a separate Education/Lecture Room and a reception area in which to relax and eat your sandwiches, with a tea/coffee machine. The opening hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.15am - 5.00pm, Wednesday 9.15am - 7.30pm, Friday 9.15am - 4.45pm and Saturday 9.15am - 12.15pm

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Magazine Gleanings

*By Rosemary Sarney
(Magazine Librarian)*

I am always pleased to see the Bedford FHS journal arrive on my door mat (perhaps it has something to do with my Bedfordshire ancestors) but it really is an excellent magazine with good articles to read. Two worth a mention in Vol. 8 No. 1 are "Background to Records used by the Family Historian" by Harry Arch – concise and informative – and "What a Small World It Is" by Len Careless – great fun to read – and both articles I think inspire us to continue our researches.

Cleveland FHS Journal Vol. 4 No. 12 reminds me of the words of another sleuth (much more famous than I) who says, "...when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth." (Sherlock Holmes) The following articles from other FHS magazines suggest other avenues of research, which may help in that sometimes seemingly impossible quest into our family history.

Telephone directories

How to approach people from telephone directories with the name you are researching, can be a delicate exercise initially. Sylvia McQuire in West Surrey's magazine Vol 17 No 1 reveals the method of contact she used to good effect and printed is the letter which assured her success.

Strays

What is a Stray? A question frequently asked by newcomers to family history. Strays, the National Strays Index and how it works are comprehensively explained in Central Middlesex FHS Journal "Greentrees" Vol 9 No 3.

Gretna Green

Finally to end on a romantic note, if you suspect your ancestors performed that elusive marriage ceremony without parental consent you might do well to look at Gretna Green records. Beryl Barrett tells us in Lancashire FHS Journal Vol 12 No 3, that for over two hundred years fleeing lovers from south of the border have taken advantage of the Scottish Law. She also lists the records still available and who is holding them.

"People Count"

This article in Cornwall FHS Journal No. 61 is not really an account of why Superintendent Registrars wear glasses and frown a lot but more importantly how Register Offices work and what information can be gleaned from within. This article by Kristin Arundel contains many facts, anecdotes and hints and is an edited version of a talk given at a Cornwall FHS meeting.

Other London Repositories

"There is More to London than the Aldwych" is pointed out by Gillian Valentine in Isle of Wight Journal No. 22. Enough repositories are given to necessitate many visits to the Capital but with clear and detailed information on each, including opening times, no precious research time need be lost if you take the motto "Be prepared".

Bodleian Library

A short article by Mrs Mary Clapinson, Keeper of Western Manuscripts at the Bodleian Library in Oxford can be found in Hertfordshire People No. 43 She offers advice on the many antiquarian collections and estate records contained in the Library that are useful to the family historian.

Catholic Records

As Michael Gandy points out in Gwent FHS Journal No. 29, many people have Catholic ancestors in the 1800s and everyone has some Recusant lines in the 1600s. His review of Catholic records available is continued in Journal No. 30.

Army Records

As an encouragement to others wishing to investigate Army records at the PRO at Kew, Mrs Jeanne Baker in Cockney Ancestor No 50, the Journal of the East of London FHS, gives particulars of the documents she consulted when tracing her great-grandfather's short Army career, her interest being initiated by a letter sent home from the Crimea in 1856.

Quarter Sessions

Peter Christie writes in Suffolk FHS Journal Vol. 16 No. 4 about Quarter Sessions documents he consulted during his research. This is an incentive to us all to use these very versatile records to find information that in some cases is unavailable anywhere else.

Taxation records

"Nothing is more certain save death and taxes", may be a Spanish proverb but British family historians can take advantage of this fact and the existence of the lists of Taxes and Subsidies in local record offices and the PRO. In Bucks FHS "Origins" Vol 14 No 2 is an article adapted from a talk by Joyce Hoad, which suggests taxes that can be researched such as Apprenticeship Taxes, Death Duty Registers, Hearth Tax, Land Tax and others less well known.

Missing Marriages!

Ancestors who turn up married with no obvious marriage? Does this sound familiar? Missing marriages provides the theme for Marjorie Pollard's article in the Manchester Genealogist Vol. 27 No.

1. "Have You Got a Marriage Problem?" she asks, and, as she points out she does not mean THAT sort – but the genealogical sort. If no official record can be found of a union of your ancestors try the suggestions put forward by Marjorie to explain its absence or to find it under disguise.

However, there were other unusual places where your ancestors might have been married, namely the Fleet Prison or Gretna Green. "Married in the Fleet", adapted from a talk given by Stephen Hale to Buckinghamshire FHS, can be found printed in "Origins" Vol. 15 No. 1. As a debtors' prison west of the Old Bailey, the Fleet and its surrounding area became famous for quick marriages without questions being asked. Hardwicke's Marriage Act of 1753 put a stop to the Fleet marriages (between 1700 and 1754 there were upwards of 200,000). A lot of "missing marriages" can be found in the Registers at Chancery Lane and none are included on the IGI.

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The Truth in an “Old Wife’s Tale”

By Judith Gilbert

When we came to live in Berkshire fourteen years ago I had forgotten the family story that my paternal grandmother’s family came from the Newbury area. My grandmother Florence Edmonds was born in 1883 in Plumstead which was then Kent. She always maintained that the family’s true name was ADNAMS and the name was changed when her ancestor joined the army. I remember hearing about this name-change as a child, the surname staying in my memory because Adnams was a name I had never come across.

My aunt Dorothy Gladwyn, member of the North West Kent FHS, successfully traced back to Joseph Edmonds, grandfather of Florence. He proved to be a Drummer in the Royal Marines at Woolwich, and according to his marriage certificate in 1843 his father was William Edmonds, occupation “flower dresser”. In Joseph’s military papers at the Public Record Office in Kew she found a great deal of information about him including a personal description. Joseph had enlisted at Bath in 1835 aged 20 and his parish was given as Shaw, in Berkshire. My aunt then asked me to search for his baptism circa 1815 at Berkshire Record Office.

I set off for Shire Hall on my first visit not doubting that I should meet with success. I searched the Shaw-cum-Donnington parish registers with a certain amount of reverence (the actual books were still being produced for study in 1984). There was no Joseph Edmonds baptised with a father called William. However, bearing in mind the possible surname change, I was interested to find five children (Eliz-

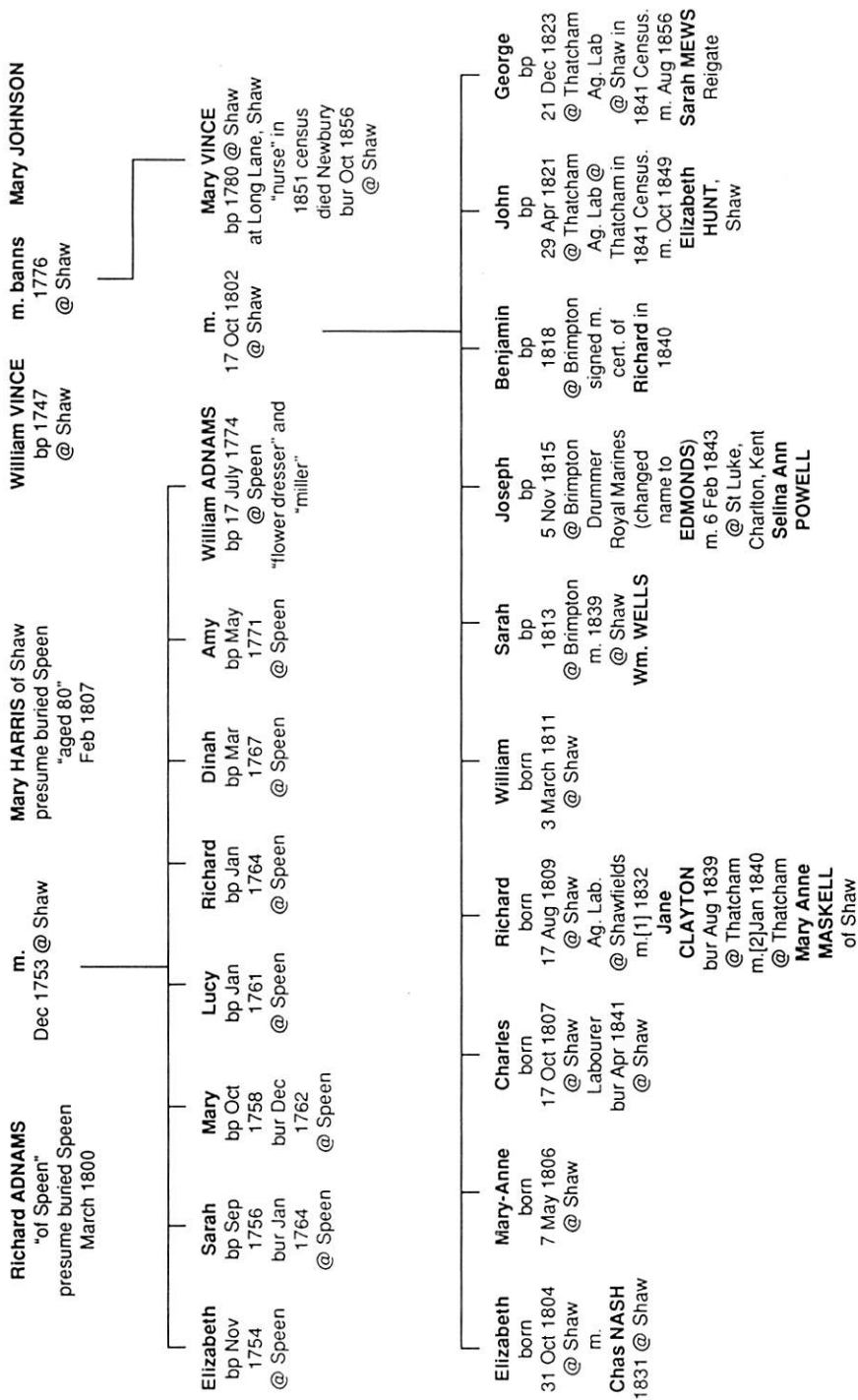
abeth, Mary-Anne, Charles, Richard and William) baptised to William and Sarah Adnams between 1804 and 1811. I found the marriage of William Adnams and Sarah Vince both of this parish in 1802, as well as the baptism of Sarah in 1780. These dates indicated that there were plenty more years for Sarah to have produced Joseph in another parish. There were no more Adnams baptisms in Shaw until 1836 and 1841, children of Richard Adnams of Thatcham. Richard was one of William and Sarah’s sons baptised in 1809.

Perhaps I should at this point detail a classic error which I made when checking the Shaw registers. Having found Sarah Vince’s baptism I then looked at marriages between 1754 and 1785 and discovered the banns for her parents’ marriage in 1776, but not the actual wedding. It seemed a good idea to look for William Adnam’s parents marrying there too, even though I had not found his baptism. I did not find the marriage on that occasion and it was a long time later that I discovered that it was there in Shaw, but in December 1753, right at the end of the previous old-style register book. I had checked back 48 years from the date of the son’s marriage – but this was not sufficient to cover the case of said son being their youngest child and marrying a little late (aged 28, it transpired).

Next I searched the neighbouring parish of St. Nicholas, Newbury, but with no success. Each time I checked a register I looked for both surnames, Edmonds and Adnams, but discovered the name Edmonds to be almost non-existent in my area of search. I ran out of time and left, having learned one of the unfailing truths of Family History research – it always takes longer than you expect!

Having discovered that Reading Reference Library holds census returns for Berkshire, I reasoned that I might find

ADNAMS / EDMONDS family tree



another sibling of Joseph (also born outside Shaw) in the 1851 returns, and the entry would give the parish of birth. I therefore looked at the rolls of film covering Shaw, Newbury and Thatcham. However the only one I found, living in Thatcham with his family, was Richard whose baptism I had already found in Shaw.

Letters were shuttling between Kent and Berkshire as we discussed possible avenues of research. My aunt suggested that it might be fruitful to look up later Shaw marriage entries in the hope that Joseph might show up at a brother or sister's wedding as a witness. I found Elizabeth's marriage in 1831 – she had been baptised in Shaw. Then Sarah married in 1837 – I had not found her baptism. In these 2 entries their father was listed as William Adnams, labourer.

Then at last I found what I had been hoping for: John Adnams married in 1849 and a witness signing himself "Joseph

Adnands". The smudged signature says it all – he had been known as Edmonds for the last 14 years and must have suddenly realised that here in Berkshire at his brother's wedding he should be Adnams! The photocopy shows that he altered the signature and clearly changed the initial E to an A. My aunt managed to obtain a copy of Joseph's own marriage entry for comparison purposes, and sure enough his signatures as Joseph Edmonds and as Joseph "Adnands" are very similar.

So now I had almost certain proof that Joseph was an Adnams and with this heartening discovery continued my search for his baptism, as well as those of at least 2 others: Sarah and John. I tried Speen and Thatcham and there in Thatcham were 2 baptisms, of John in 1821 and George in 1823, and the father William was described as "miller". It was a while before the significance of this occupation dawned on us – of course, he

Signature at his wedding in 1843

Marriage | Joseph Edmonds

Joseph Adnams

Signature at brother's wedding 1849

was a “flour dresser”! It appears that the edible commodity could be spelt the same as the garden “flower” in those days.

Also in Thatcham I found brother Richard having children by a different wife. I looked for the second marriage and found it in 1840 in Thatcham, witnessed by one Benjamin Adnams. Could he be yet another brother?

With Joseph and Sarah and possibly Benjamin still to find, I widened the search around the area. Chieveley was interesting since it was full of Adnams families, but I have never managed to prove any connection to mine, then or since. Half a dozen or so more parishes were eventually covered (by now I had also pressed my long-suffering husband into helping me). Then one triumphant Thursday evening I opened up the Brimpton book and found Joseph baptised on 5th November 1815 to William and Sarah Adnams, and again William was entered as “miller”. Here, too, were the entries for Sarah in 1813 and Benjamin in 1818.

So now I had found 5 baptisms in Shaw, 3 in Brimpton and 2 in Thatcham – a grand total of 10 which hopefully was the final count.

Several years later my aunt managed to track down Joseph Edmonds in the 1871 census in London and here his birthplace was given as “Brimtone”, Berks. So he had known where he was born, but his military papers gave his home parish at the time of enlistment rather than parish of birth. We will probably never know the real reason for the change of surname. Various members of the family remember different explanations but at least none of these suggests there is anything shady about it.

Since these early discoveries I have gone on to find that William Adnams the miller was baptised in Speen in 1774 the

youngest in a family of eight children. His parents Richard Adnams “of Speen” and Mary Harris of Shaw married in Shaw in 1753, as mentioned previously. The couple were both buried in Speen. Despite searching the registers of a huge chunk of Berkshire I have never found Richard’s baptism so his parentage remains a mystery. I have also studied all the Adnams wills of relevant date but found no connection to him.

My aunt had been in correspondence with a lady in Australia with Adnams forebears, and we eventually managed to prove that she is descended from Joseph’s youngest brother George. George disappeared from the Newbury area after the 1841 census entry and reappeared marrying in Reigate, Surrey, in 1856.

One large gap in this story is the ultimate fate of William the miller. He disappears from the records between the birth of his son George in late 1823 and the 1841 census where his wife Sarah is listed living alone in Shaw. I have never found his burial in any of the many registers searched. None of the marriage entries of his children show the father to be deceased, but it seems that this was usually the case, even when the father had been dead a long time.

If there is a moral to this tale it is to believe the stories your granny told. Without this particular granny’s tale I doubt we would ever have traced Joseph’s origins.

Judith comes from Greenwich, South London, but her father and all four grandparents came from Kent. She originally took up Family History research as a student in the 1960s because her surname, Kennerley, was uncommon. Nowadays in her limited spare time she is trying to trace her mother’s family in Kent.

What became of Benjamin?

By Tim Morland

In "Who Was Tyrell, Anyway?" (Vol. 8 No 3, Spring 1983), I described how my great-great grandfather, Benjamin Morland, was articled to a lawyer called Mr Townsend in Newbury about 1782. His father, William, died young, leaving a widow and four children, of whom Benjamin, born in 1768, was the youngest. William, the eldest son, was to inherit the brewery business at West Ilsley, the two girls were to receive marriage portions and Ben was to receive an education to fit him for whatever profession he should choose. At the age of 14 Ben wrote home from Dr Valpy's in Reading to announce his intention of going to sea; unfortunately the letter, addressed to his sister Mary, was opened by his mother who promptly had hysterics. The upshot was that his two uncles, Henry Sellwood of Aldworth and John Bunce of Sheepstead near Marcham, who were trustees, were called in and Ben was sent to Mr Townsend. A bundle of letters from Ben's various correspondents has survived and is in the Berks R.O. catalogued as D/EM F1, and with the aid of these and various other documents which have come my way it has been possible to piece things together.

Ben rapidly proved himself sufficiently trustworthy to be left in charge of the office while Townsend was elsewhere; he was given every kind of opportunity to learn his profession, and when the time came for him to leave he was able to secure a place under a Mr Allen in Lincoln's Inn where he was to learn the art and mystery of "Agency Practice" - the management of estates on behalf of their owners. Here Ben stayed for the next two years receiving news from his brother Bill, who was constantly requesting such things as a "Barrell of Gunpowder" and describing how he had fallen off his "Great horse" while coursing on Ilsley downs. (The horse was subsequently sold). Ben's sister Mary, now married to Mr Phillips of Culham, wrote mainly of her children's ailments but also gave news of mutual acquaintances in Abingdon.

Sam Sellwood, a distant cousin, had a virtual monopoly of legal business in Abingdon at that time; however when he heard that Ben was de-

sirous of setting up in the same town he did everything he could to prevent it. He suggested that Wantage would be a far better place to go as the long-established firm of Stirling had ceased to exist; however Ben continued to seek opportunities in Abingdon where he eventually set up in a house in Bath Street in 1792. The firm of Morland & Sons still exists although nobody of that name now practises with them.

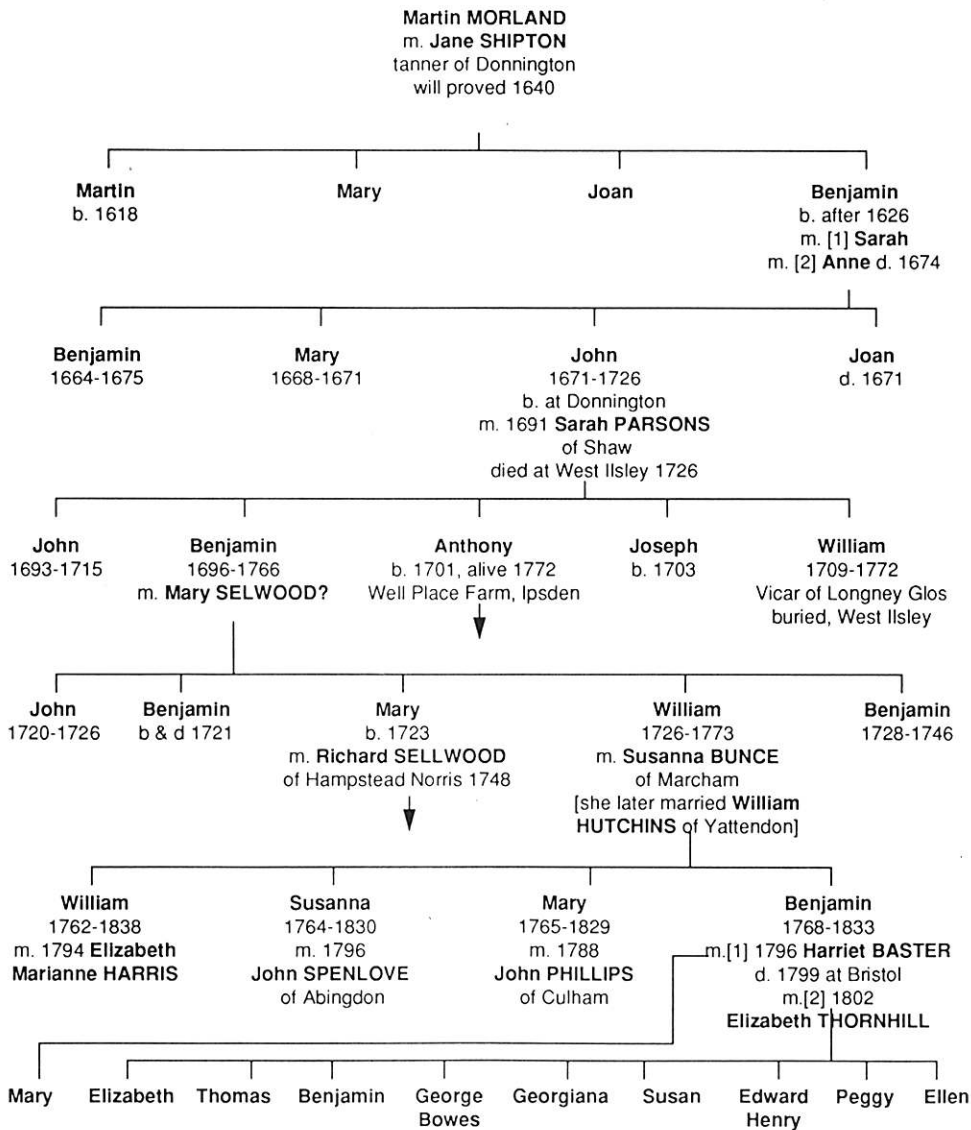
Ben married, in 1796, Harriet, daughter of Joseph Baster of Newbury; she gave him a daughter, Mary, but became ill (I believe there was a stillborn child) and was sent to take the waters at Bristol Hotwells, supposed to be good for the anaemic and run-down. Hotwells however seems to have had a low percentage of successful cures; poor Harriet died in 1799 and was brought home to Ilsley to be buried.

Three years later, in 1802, Ben was married a second time, to Elizabeth Rose Thornhill, daughter of Edward Thornhill of Kingston Lisle; ten years, later Ben's cousin John Bunce of Sheepstead died and there being no male heirs Ben bought the house and farm. Morlands owned Sheepstead until 1948 when it was sold. Ben and Elizabeth had nine more children, and I have in my possession an enormous leather-bound family Bible on the flyleaf of which are not only the names of all the children but the dates of their vaccinations against smallpox, their infection with measles and "hooping cough" and even the names of the doctors who attended them.

Ben died in 1833 at the age of 65; his portrait shows a cheerful-looking fellow, perhaps a little shortsighted, with a small spaniel in his lap. The sort of lawyer with whom it would be a pleasure to do business.

Tim Morland, in his original article, told how he had made a full transcript of a bundle of late Eighteenth Century letters, the correspondence of Benjamin Morland, Tim's ancestor, which tell of family parties, visits, local weddings and presents from sisters. An intriguing incident occurred in 1785, when a man called "Tyrrel" threatened William, Benjamin's brother, with a loaded gun, but was apprehended and sent to Bridewell. Does anyone have Tyrrell ancestors with a grudge?

MORLAND family tree



Q & A with Jean

Compiled by Jean Debney

Q. A Problem with an Indenture

Sally Ritchie (2103) of Caversham, Berks:

I am researching Stephen FLOOK/E and found in the slip index at the Bristol Record Office the following: "Mrs CHESTER & others to Stephen FLOOKE, 25 July 1767 – Memo surrender of leases". I obtained a copy of this deed and transcribed it. Please tell me what this document is? Surely all this rigmarole wasn't needed for just half an acre of land! In later years it turned out to be three tenements which were let to various people by Stephen FLOOKE. His will is awful as he doesn't mention any children by name, only leaving money to those who "can't get their own bread!"

How do you think he came to receive the land? His wife, Susanna, died on 20 Oct 1765 and he remarried 31 July 1766. Should I look in the indexes at Bristol RO for things relating to Thomas CHESTER? I know nothing about him.

A. Thanks, Sally, for enclosing your manuscript copy of the document – you have made an excellent job of a difficult transcription.

My interpretation is that this is a "Title Deed" dealing with the surrender of a lease for lives made in 1758 and its renewal in 1767 (for a suitable remuneration of course!) following the death of one of the "lives" (and, apparently, the lessor also). Yes, all this "rigmarole" was used for leases however small the property – lawyers need to make sure there will be no loopholes in a transaction and, consequently, often repeat themselves ad nauseum. (Apologies to any lawyers etc. who might read this). The good thing about this and many other such documents is the information given about names and ages of the parties which may not be recorded elsewhere and can be used in conjunction with parish registers, etc. to establish family relationships. It is probably only necessary in this instance to follow the CHESTER line to see if there are any more surviving documents relevant to your FLOOKE researches.

As a suggestion of how to reduce nearly five pages of closely written text to manageable proportions I have made an abstract as follows:

Indenture dated 25 July 1767

- Between
1. (3 people inc. Thomas CHESTER's widow) trustees & execs. for will of Thomas CHESTER, decd.
 2. A married CHESTER daughter, an heir-at-law + her husband (named)
 3. Stephen FLOOKE of St George, Gls, coalminer

Recites: Surrender of 99-year Lease dated 6 Dec 1758 made between

- (i) sd Thomas CHESTER and
- (ii) sd Stephen FLOOKE for lives of Stephen FLOOKE, his wife Susannah (now dead) & son Joseph.

Re-grant of lease by 1. & 2. above to 3.

Term: remaining years of above lease

For lives of

1. Stephen FLOOKE (abt 46y)
2. Joseph his son (abt 17y) &
3. Martha his dau (abt 9y) Property: acre land, "lately inclosed", on S of road between Bath & Bristol, land of Francis WILLIAMS on W, road from Cupuloes? to the Bath Road on E ... in parish of St George, Barton Regis Hundred, co. Gls – reserving mineral rights (ie. any coal, etc. on the site) to the lessors. Lessee to keep hedges, fences & ditches etc. in good repair.

Consideration / Entry fine: 4 guineas (4 4s = 4 20p) paid by Stephen FLOOKE to Mrs CHESTER, etc.

Annual rent: 2s 6d a year (12p)

Further information about indentures, etc., can be found in *Title Deeds*, a Historical Association booklet by A A Dibben recently reprinted, and *Old Title Deeds* by N W Alcock published by Phillimore. (Both to be found on the Society Bookstall)

PS. to all researchers: ALWAYS try and take time to check at least one slip index in every record office and library you visit. They are a mine of useful information and may give a vital clue to that disappearing ancestor. However, if the reference given means little to you ask to see the catalogue entry which may give more information about an item, its content, background etc.

Q. Where is my Ancestor?

Sue PURVEUR (2067) of Aylesford, Kent:

I have lost my ancestor George PURVEUR and wonder if anyone has come across him in their researches. He married Margaret STANIFORD

at St Mary, Stratfield Mortimer in 1748 and they had six children. I cannot find his baptism, nor that of a Betty PURVEUR who married Richard SMITH in Speen on 9 Oct 1743. I have exhausted most of the parish registers and would like to know if there are any more "obscure" indexes that might help.

A. Well, is there anyone who has come across any stray PURVEURS in their researches who can help Sue?

I assume that by "exhausted" you mean you have checked the surrounding parish registers in both Berkshire & Hampshire RO's as Stratfield Mortimer lies on the county boundary. Colin Woodward, Secretary of Mortimer Local History Society, 19 Victoria Road, Mortimer, Reading, Berks RG7 3SH may be able to help you (please enclose SAE).

A further suggestion is to look in the various slip indexes (which I don't think can be described as "obscure") in the Berkshire Record Office, the Local Studies Collection in Reading Central Library and also written (plus SAE) for any entries from the Berkshire Name Index held by Tom & Rita HINE – address inside back cover.

Q. A Berkshire Boxing Champion

Dorothy NASH (1949) of Worcester:

My husband's grandfather, Arthur William NASH, was born in East Grinstead, Sussex in 1867, married in Caversham Oxon in 1887 and moved to Mapledurham in the same county where his family were born. He was said to have been the "Amateur Lightweight Boxing Champion of Berkshire" and wonder where I can find out more about this.

A. I have to admit that I know nothing about boxing, let alone in Berkshire – but I know a man who does! "Bill" is, unfortunately, unable to undertake any research due to family and other commitments but he has supplied me with the following book titles which he thinks may help. You should be able to obtain them through the inter-library loan service: *Boxiana – Sketches of Ancient & Modern Pugilism* by Egan PIERCE (1971), *Bare Knuckles – the History of Prize Fighting* by Dennis BRAILSFORD (1981) and *Bare Knuckle Breed* by Louis GOLDING (ed.1952). There may be other boxing titles listed in the library catalogue under the Dewey System Number 796.83. I have

also found five pages on the history of boxing in my Encyclopedia Britannica which will give you some useful background material. Once you have located details of your boxing ancestor, the local papers in Reading Reference Library and the British Newspaper Library at Colindale (London) may include reports of fights in the area.

Q. Hatters in the Family

Rita DENMAN (2426) of Purley, Berks:

I would like to know more about the occupation of hatter in the 19th century. Great-great-grandfather, Henry COOPER, was described as a hatter of Chatham in 1831 on his son's birth certificate and the son, Edwin Oliff COOPER, was also a hatter when he enlisted in the army at Westminster, Middx in 1854.

A. Mention hats, and most people immediately think of the "Mad Hatter" in Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* (1865). A mathematician and keen photographer, Carroll almost certainly knew that hatters suffered from poisoning by nitrate of mercury, which is used in hat manufacture. The signs are tremors of the face, tongue, arms and hands, excessive salivation, blue line on the gums and falling teeth, poor digestion, loss of weight and general weakness – all of which, although the mind was not affected, would make the person appear "mad". The only known cure was to remove the patient from the cause! Not an easy decision if this was the only trade known to a family breadwinner.

The majority of hats for both men and women are made of felt or straw and, in the 19th century, the most popular style for men was the top hat. Paul Keers in *A Gentleman's Wardrobe* (pub.1987) says that the top hat was first worn in 1797 by John Hetherington, a hat-maker in the Strand, London. This apparently caused such an uproar that four women fainted, a small boy broke his arm and passers-by booed. He was arrested and bound over in the sum of £500 for causing a breach of the peace. On a more serious note, there is a good description of felt hat-making circa 1811 in *The Book of Trades or Library of Useful Arts* (part 1) and two useful Shire publications are *Straw Plait* and *Straw & Straw Craftsmen*.¹

1. All obtainable from the Society Bookstall plus p&p – NB. Vol.2 of *The Book of Trades* is now available: see "Book Ends".

Fisher for Carpets – Thank You

Barbara Mottershead (49) of Brighton, Sussex:
Thank you for printing my 'query' in the journal (see Vol.15/4 Jun 1992 p.123) and for your advice. I wrote to Mr Carter and he phoned me last night – must have only just received my letter!! He has kindly offered to see what he can find out about the original Abingdon Carpet Factory in Ock Street and check dates to see if there is any tie-in with my FISHERs.

Scarlet Fever – A Further Comment

Jean TOOKE (1116) of Caterham, Surrey:

I really enjoy reading the Journal and particularly the Q & A columns. Regarding scarlet fever (see Vol.15/2 Dec 1991 p.61) I remember my sister having it and that her cherished teddy bear had to be burnt!

Thank you, Jean, for your note of appreciation of the *Berkshire Family Historian* and especially this column. Unfortunately, before the introduction of antibiotics, the only way to try and eliminate an infection was to burn and destroy everything that had come in contact with the patient.

The 1992 International Genealogical Index (IGI)?

The last edition of the IGI is dated 1988 and a new edition is expected soon. News of the availability of the 1992 IGI is expected at the end of the year, and is expected to have many more entries (which is what is holding it up). It should be available on both fiche and CD-ROM and early deliveries will be to the 'Mormon' Family History Centres.

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St. Catherine House – Volume Nos to 1974

Compiled by Jean Debney

St Catherine's Volume Nos – Update to 1974

Following the question about the change in 1946 of the volume numbers relating to the counties of England and Wales in the St Catherine House indexes (see Vol.15.4 Jun 1992 p.122), Linda Crinion (2514) Cheltenham, Gloucs. sent me a list of the volume numbers from 1837 to 1974 from the back of a Mormon chart.

In order to help other researchers, the amended list is printed here. However, when I tried to check the post-1946 details at St Catherine's House recently, I was told that they have no lists and can only check things on a map in the back office! Apparently family historians know more about their organisation that they do – well, well. So, if anyone can make any corrections or amendments to these lists please contact me. In addition, maps of the Registration Districts for the first two periods, 1837-1851 and 1852-1946, are available from the IHGS at Canterbury and from BFHS bookstall at £2 50 each (plus P&P £1 each). A map for the 3rd period is unlikely at present as there are said to be difficulties over the Registration District boundaries

Volume Numbers/Code To Counties of England & Wales

1837 to 1851 Roman Numerals

- I London & Middlesex
- II London & Middlesex
- III London & Middlesex
- IV London & Surrey
- V Kent
- VI Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire
- VII Hampshire & Sussex
- VIII Hampshire inc. Isle of Wight), Dorset & Wiltshire
- IX Cornwall & Devon
- X Devon & Somerset
- XI Gloucestershire, Somerset & Warwickshire
- XII Essex & Suffolk

1837 to 1851 Roman Numerals

- XIII Norfolk & Suffolk
- XIV Cambridge, Huntingdonshire & Lincolnshire
- XV Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire & Rutland
- XVI Oxfordshire, Staffordshire & Warwickshire
- XVII Staffordshire
- XVIII Gloucestershire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire & Worcestershire
- XIX Cheshire, Derbyshire & Flintshire (WLS)
- XX Lancashire
- XXI Lancashire, Yorkshire (W)
- XXII Yorkshire (W & E)
- XXIV Durham Yorkshire (N)
- XV Cumberland, Lancashire, Northumberland & Westmoreland
- XXVI Herefordshire, Shropshire & Wales: Brecknockshire, Carmarthenshire, Glamorgan, Monmouthshire, Pembroke & Radnorshire
- XXVI Wales: Anglesey, Caernarvonshire, Cardiganshire, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Merionethshire & Montgomerys

1852 – Aug 1946 Arabic with small letter

- 1a London & Middlesex
- 1b London & Middlesex
- 1c London & Middlesex
- 1d London, Kent & Surrey
- 2a Kent & Surrey
- 2b Hampshire (inc. Isle of Wight) & Sussex
- 3a Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfords, Middx & Oxforde
- 3b Bedfordshire, Cambridge, Huntingdonshire, Northamptonshire, Suffolk
- 4a Essex & Suffolk
- 4b Norfolk
- 5a Dorset & Wiltshire
- 5b Devonshire
- 5c Cornwall & Somerset
- 6a Gloucestershire, Herefordshire & Shropshire
- 6b Staffordshire, Warwickshire & Worcestershire
- 6c Warwickshire & Worcestershire
- 6d Warwickshire
- 7a Leicestershire, Lincolnshire & Rutland
- 7b Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire
- 8a Cheshire

1852 – Aug 1946 Arabic with small letter

- 8b Lancashire
- 8c Lancashire
- 8d Lancashire 8e Lancashire
- 9a Yorkshire (W)
- 9b Yorkshire (S)
- 9c Yorkshire (S)
- 9d Yorkshire (E & N)
- 10a Durham
- 10b Cumberland, Northumberland & Westmoreland
- 11a Wales: Carmarthenshire, Glamorgan, Monmouth & Pembrokeshire
- 11b Wales: Anglesey, Breckknocks, Cardigan, Denbighs, Flintshire, Merionethshire, Montgomery & Radnorshire

Sep 1946 to Mar 1974 Arabic with small letter

- 1a Durham & Cumberland
- 1b Northumberland, Westmorland & Yorkshire (N)
- 2a Yorkshire
- 2b Yorkshire
- 2c Yorkshire
- 2d Yorkshire
- 3a,b,c Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Northamptonshire & Nottinghamshire
- 4a,b Bedfordshire, Cambridge, Essex, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk & Suffolk
- 5a-g Greater London inc Middlesex Essex(pt), Hertfordshire (pt), Kent & Surrey
- 6a,b Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire & Oxfordshire
- 7a Devonshire, Cornwall & Scilly Isles
- 7b Gloucestershire
- 7c Dorset, Somerset & Wiltshire
- 8a-c All Wales & Monmouthshire
- 9a Shropshire & Herefordshire
- 9b Staffordshire
- 9c Warwickshire
- 9d Worcestershire
- 10a Cheshire, Derbyshire (pt), & Nottinghamshire
- 10b-f Lancashire

A Generous Couple

By Val Ayres

John and Frances West

In the year 1640 a man was born whose generosity and foresight in later years were to touch the lives of many for good. Indeed, the influence of that beneficence is still felt today.

John West, the son of Simon West, a stationer, was born at Twickenham and baptised at St Mary's Church on 1st Nov, 1641. His business world centred around the City of London. He was a scrivener (a drafter of documents and moneylender) and became very wealthy. He owned many properties, largely in what is now "theatreland". He was a member of the Clothworkers' Company and was elected its Master in 1707, a deputy Alderman for the Ward of Walbrook in 1701 and again in 1713 until his death. He was a Governor of Christ's Hospital, and a friend of Samuel Pepys, whose will he witnessed.

He married on 21st February, 1665 at St Gregory's by St Paul's, a widow, Frances Mickell nee Seakes. She was born in Reading. Her mother, reputedly, was a member of the Cox family of Newbury and a daughter of Gabriel Cox a former Mayor of Newbury. In fact, the name recurs several times in the list of Mayors from 1598, the name Gabriel being handed down from father to son through several generations. During the First Battle of Newbury in 1643, Gabriel Cox entertained King Charles in his home, probably in Cheap Street.

The Wests lived in a house on the site now occupied by the London Mansion House and attended the Church of St Christopher le Stocks where later they were buried. When the Bank of England was built on the site of the Church, the

remains of those buried in its churchyard were removed to Nunhead Cemetery in South London where they were re-interred though not identified.

John and Frances had no children and when they died, John on 28th November, 1723, Frances the following year, they left a large portion of their fortune to various charities, so that the poor, the blind and the disadvantaged might benefit from their riches. These charities were administered by the Clothworkers' Company and by Christ's Hospital. Amongst other things they provided a number of places at Christ's Hospital, then in London, now at Horsham, Sussex. Preference was to be given to those who could, and can, prove kinship with John and Frances and come from Reading, Newbury and Twickenham. They provided pensions for the needy who also had, and have, to establish kinship. To this day these benefits continue, and Christ's Hospital must be one of the wealthiest and best equipped schools in the Country, thanks to these generous benefactors and others. The pensions, currently £110 pa are paid 1/2 yearly to consanguines over 65 on very low incomes, and, as I can testify, are greatly appreciated.

Kin of John and Frances West

One source of information about the kin of John and Frances West is to be found in the Standard Pedigree. This is kept at Christ's Hospital and consists of four huge volumes. These are interesting, but as they were never intended for genealogical study, lack a lot of the sort of information we like to have, such as dates and places, and maiden surnames. Many descendants did not register, usually because they came from a wealthier group who did not see themselves needing the pension.

The greatest number of the kin of John and Frances West are descended from John's aunt, Jane Stare of Silchester, Hants, who married Jasper Randall and direct descendants of both Jane and Jasper have retained the names of Stair and Randall respectively to this day. Others come from John's brother William and sister Sarah, other from Thomas, Agnes and Edmund Stare. On the Cox side, there are descendants of Alexander, Jane, Margaret and Gabriel.

Other members of the family were notable in their own right. Thus from his will we know that Thomas Staire, who died in 1622, was a wheelwright of Silchester. Four generations later we come to John, born in 1708 in Silchester, who, noting variations in crop patterns, rediscovered the street layout of Roman Silchester, which led to the excavation of the site. His son, also John, born 1745 in Aldermaston, became the local schoolmaster and first grew the William Pear, which fact is commemorated by a plaque in the school boundary wall. John was buried in Aldermaston churchyard, the inscription on his gravestone reads,

"Blessed to the Memory of Mr John Stair Died Dec 17th 1820 aged 75 years who faithfully discharged the duties of schoolmaster at Aldermaston and Inhurst for more than 50 years, beloved in his family and universally respected. This stone records the gratitude of his affectionate pupils."

John and Frances West family group

A few years ago, it was decided that an opportunity should be given to all descendants of John and Frances' family to

exchange information and possibly to meet, and a group was formed. It took off immediately and we meet annually at a venue having connection with the family. Thus, the group has met at Nunhead Cemetery, Christ's Hospital, Reading, the City of London, Newbury and Twickenham. At the most recent annual gathering, people came from far and wide, some from as far away as Canada, but mainly from the Andover area and from the Berks/Hants border. In 1993, we hope to meet in Andover.

Several members of the group have done research into wills and parish registers etc and with the help of members' own pedigrees have built up a more comprehensive and accurate picture than that contained in the Standard Pedigree. Names which crop up most frequently in members' pedigrees include Hopkins, Mundy, Palmer, Cox, Noyes, Pill, Mason, Bullock, Sherman, Hutchins, Iremonger and Chivers.

The membership stands at around 140, but there must be many more who are unaware of their connection with the family. The secretary of the John and Frances West Family Group who on receipt of a SAE would be pleased to pass on information is Mrs S Bond, 14 Lanark Close, Ealing, London, W5 1SN

Val Ayres is a West's pensioner and native of Reading who has been researching her family history for about fifteen years. She is also one of the team of people who are transcribing Parish Registers held at the Berkshire Record Office.

Book Ends

compiled by Jean Debney

All the following books are available from branch bookstalls, at meetings or by post from Jean Debney (address on back cover). Please remember to include the appropriate amount to cover postage and packing.

Army Ancestors

Army Records for Family Historians by Simon Fowler (PRO Publications 1992, A5 91pp) price £4 75 + p&p 60p UK, £1 20 surface mail or £2 70 airmail.

At last, an updated finding aid to the voluminous War Office (WO) papers held at the Public Record Office, Kew. (The last one appeared in 1984 and has been out-of-print for ages.) Attractive, bright red, laminated cover with a photograph of soldiers from the PRO records, clear printed pages with the numbered sections we have become accustomed to in *Tracing Your Ancestors* in the Public Record Office, plus a detailed contents list and index. There are 16 illustrations of documents grouped together and 5 appendices: Army organizational chart, British Army ranks, useful dates (1642-1956), records held by other institutions and further reading; the latter includes a list of titles and numbers of their Records Information leaflets and little else.

My Ancestor was in the British Army – How can I find out more about him? by Michael J Watts & Christopher T Watts (SOG 1992, A5 122pp. and amendment page) price p&p £4 95 + 60p UK, £1 20 surface or £2 70 airmail.

Another useful title in the *My ancestor was ...* series. Creamy laminated cover with facsimile documents set at various angles which made me think that the

red-printed title, etc. was set crookedly. The text is in typed computer printout with rather small print and no illustrations. There is a good introduction, contents list and index. Over half the text deals with records of Officers and Other Ranks pre-1914 and also suggests how you can find your soldier using “non-army” as well as “army” sources – essential for beginners. The authors’ experience has been gained by researching various army ancestors and they include examples in the text. There is an extensive list of “References & Bibliography” (10 pages) which includes the PRO Lists & Indexes¹ etc. and not mentioned in the PRO publication above! There are also references for British soldiers abroad. The numbers against some items are referred to in the text. There are 2 appendices: Campaigns & medals 1660-1902 and Regimental records which lists the army in numerical order by Cavalry and Infantry regiments: ie. if you only know the name of your regiment, you have to trawl through the list to find it!

The Book of Trades or Library of Useful Arts 1811 part II, ed by Beryl Hurley, pub 1992 by Wiltshire FHS; price £3 00 + p&p 40p UK, 65p Overseas surface or £1 75 airmail.

36 more job-descriptions circa 1811 including cabinet maker, carpet weaver, brewer, etc. to add to the 39 listed in part I.

Berkshire Research & Local History

Berkshire 1851 Census Index (2) Hungerford (BFHS 1992, A5, 64pp) Price £2 75 + p&p 45p UK, 85p O’s eas surface or £1 75 airmail. Familiar red card cover enclosing 11,000 names of per-

1. These are catalogues of some WO records in PRO and copies are in Reading University Library.

sons living in Berkshire in the Kintbury, Hungerford and Lambourne sub-districts of Hungerford RD on 31 March 1851 (PRO piece no. HO 107/1686). It includes a few entries from Wiltshire where they occur in the same enumeration book as the Berkshire entries. This is 9th in the proposed series of 17 indexes. The next one available will be *Newbury Town* (Vol 1/2) and orders can be placed in advance.

The Return of Owners of Land 1873 for The County of Berkshire (pub. by R Cleaver, V Palmer & T Wilcock, 1992, 1 microfiche in A5 folder) Number 1, price £1 50 + p&p 25p UK, 40p surface mail or 85p airmail.

The entire return is reproduced from the original and lists 3068 Berkshire landowners, their address, amount of land owned and its value; there is a printed introduction.

Also available on fiche:

2. Buckinghamshire £1 50;
 3. Cornwall £1 75;
 4. Northamptonshire £1 75;
 5. Somerset £2 50;
 6. Suffolk £2 00;
 7. Warwickshire £1 75;
 8. Wiltshire £1 75;
 9. Yorkshire (W.Riding) £3 00;
- (+ P & P as above)

And in booklet form:

Surrey £2 95 + p&p 40p UK, 60p surface or £1 35 airmail;

Middlesex £2 50 + p&p 40p UK, 60p surface or £1 00 airmail.

What Happened In Crowthorne Before 1900 by J A Watkinson (Maze Productions, no date) A5, 31pp, price £1 50 + p&p 35p UK, 50p O'seas surface or £1 20 airmail.

Crowthorne was in Windsor Great Forest and the village – originally part of

Sandhurst – developed when Wellington College for the orphaned sons of British Army Officers was opened in 1856 and the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum in 1863; in 1874 it became a parish in its own right. This booklet includes a list of heads of household from the 1871 census and tradesmen & private residents in 1899. Illustrated with black & white line drawings etc.

Newbury Roundabout (II) by the Creative History Group (1991) 68 pages; price £5 00 + P & P (rates not yet known).

More fascinating local history articles to the same high standard as the last “Newbury Roundabout”: Newbury in 1795; Grand Juries, special constables & common people; The debate on transportation; Along Ermin Street from Silchester to Cirencester; the life story of a Berkshire/Hampshire agricultural labourer as told to the author; the adventures of Hannah Snell (who joined the army as a “man”); and of W E Brockway “The Vagabond”; and finally an article about the Tollhouse at Halfway, between Newbury & Hungerford.

Amendments to the price list (June 1992)

page 3:

Beginning Your Family History (Pelling) 5th ed £2 75

The Family Tree Detective by Colin D Rogers £7 95

“Charts & Packs” all titles £1 50

plus:

Research Planning Starter Pack (new) £1 50

page 4: Parish Register Copies in SOG – LS1 (1991) £4 95

page 5:

My Ancestor was a Merchant Seaman (Watts & Watts) £3 40

Recent Library acquisitions

This is a list of recent additions to the Society's Reference Library. If you wish to request a publication at a Branch meeting please quote the Accession number which appears in the first column, not forgetting the first half which indicates its category. Unfortunately the Society is not able to operate a postal lending service, so you will have to try the public library service or make a special effort to attend one of our annual events, such as a Symposium or open day.

The second column, headed B, shows the Society Branch Library which normally holds the publication (B= Bracknell, N=Newbury, R=Reading, S=Slough). In the title column, a number followed by *mf* shows the number of microfiche. The column H shows how the Society came by the publication (D=donation, P=purchased, X=exchange, R=review).

General

Accession no.	B	Title	Author/Publisher	H
01/A 2871	B	Tracing Your Ancestors	Field, D.M., 1982	D
01/C 2773	R	Museum Catalogue, Public Record Office	PRO, 1974	P
01/C 2774	R	Domesday Preserved	PRO, 1974	P
01/W 2775	R	Bank of England Will Extracts 1807-45, (indx) [SOG/31] (6mf)	SOG, 1991	P
01/X 2771	R	Women at Work & in Society (2nd ed) [WUL.7]	Wightman, C, (comp), 1991	P
01/X 2772	R	First Labour Correspondent & Board of Trade Library, [WUL.11]	Bennett & Cannons, 1983	P

Berkshire

Accession no.	B	Title	Author/Publisher	H
02/B 2778	R	Wantage Visitors Guide	Fuller, Bill, 1991	D
02/B 2789	N	Pusey: A Parish Record	Howse, V.M., 1972	D
02/E 2784	R	Sites of Interest to Genealogists in Berks (SIGIB)	BFHS, 1992	D
02/E 2785	R	Earley (St Peter) MIs 1842-1989	BFHS, 1992	D
02/E 2786	R	East Berks (& some Bucks) MIs	Martin, Mrs M., etc.	D
02/P 2782	R	Chieveley Poor Law Overseers Documents (Calendar)	Hunt, Brian (comp), 1992	D
02/B 2851	N	Newbury, History of (1905)	Money, Walter, 1972	P

Other English Counties

Accession no.	B	Title	Author/Publisher	H
03/A 2824	R	Southampton Univ: Resources for the Family Historian in Hartley Library	Collins, J. (comp), 1992	P
03/A 2825	R	New Forest Area: Resources for Family History	Collins, J., 1991	P
03/G 2815	R	Kent 1851 Census Index (04) Lewisham	N.W.Kent FHS, 1992	P

Accession no.	B	Title	Author/Publisher	H
03/A 2864	R	A Guide to Ancestral Research in London	Dunn, Phillip B., 1987	P
03/B 2870	B	Devon	Hoskins, W.G.	D
03/D 2826	R	Hampshire & IOW: Parish Registers	McGowan, Alan, 1991	P
03/D 2770	R	East Kent Parishes, Guide	Wright, D, 1992	P
03/D 2863	R	Parish Registers & Transcripts in Norfolk CRO	Norfolk Record Office, 1992	P
03/D 2834	R	Sussex: Eastbourne (St Mary) Marriages 1558-1753	PBN Publications, 1991	P
03/E 2835	R	First World War Graves in Sussex	Bilbrough, P.J. (comp), 1992	P
03/F 2783	R	Lockies Topography of London 1810 [SOG/23] (5mf)	SOG 1991	P
03/F 2852	R	Wiltshire Inclosure Awards [WRS.25]	Wiltshire Record Society, 1971	P
03/G 2817	R	Cambridge 1851 Census Index: Isle of Ely	Cambridge FHS, 1991	P
03/G 2780	R	Devon 1851 Census Index (07) Stoke Damerel Plymouth	Devon FHS, 1990	P
03/G 2781	R	Devon 1851 Census Index (08) Stoke Damerel Plymouth	Devon FHS, 1990	P
03/G 2805	R	Devon 1851 Census Index (1) Bishops Nympton etc	Devon FHS, 1990	P
03/G 2806	R	Devon 1851 Census Index (3) Arlington etc	Devon FHS, 1991	P
03/G 2807	R	Devon 1851 Census Index (18) Abbots Bickington etc	Devon FHS, 1991	P
03/G 2808	R	Devon 1851 Census Index (19) Bere Regis etc	Devon FHS, 1991	P
03/G 2809	R	Devon 1851 Census Index (20) Bradshore etc	Devon FHS, 1991	P
03/G 2810	R	Devon 1851 Census Index (21) Alphingstone etc	Devon FHS, 1991	P
03/G 2811	R	Devon 1851 Census Index (22) Abbotskerswell etc	Devon FHS, 1991	P
03/G 2812	R	Devon 1851 Census Index (23) Aylesbeare etc	Devon FHS, 1991	P
03/G 2813	R	Devon 1851 Census Index (24) Bampton etc	Devon FHS, 1991	P
03/G 2814	R	Devon 1851 Census Index (25) Broadclyst etc	Devon FHS, 1991	P
03/G 2818	R	Dorset 1851 Census Index: Master Index	Somerset & Dorset FHS, 1992	P
03/G 2819	R	Dorset 1851 Census Index (12) Blandford Forum etc	Somerset & Dorset FHS, 1991	P
03/G 2820	R	Dorset 1851 Census Index (13) Wimbourne Minister etc	Somerset & Dorset FHS, 1989	P
03/G 2821	R	Dorset 1851 Census Index (14) Lyme Regis etc	Somerset & Dorset FHS, 1989	P
03/G 2822	R	Dorset 1851 Census Index (15) Beaminster etc	Somerset & Dorset FHS, 1989	P
03/G 2853	R	Essex 1851 Census Index: Chelmsford (1mf)	Essex SFH, n.d.	P
03/G 2854	R	Essex 1851 Census Index: Colchester (1mf)	Essex SFH, n.d.	P
03/G 2855	R	Essex 1851 Census Index: Harwich (1mf)	Essex SFH, n.d.	P
03/G 2856	R	Essex 1851 Census Index: Maldon (1mf)	Essex SFH, n.d.	P
03/G 2857	R	Essex 1851 Census Index: Rochford (1mf)	Essex SFH, n.d.	P
03/G 2858	R	Essex 1851 Census Index: Tendring (1mf)	Essex SFH, n.d.	P
03/G 2859	R	Essex 1851 Census Index: Writtle etc (1mf)	Essex SFH, n.d.	P
03/G 2815	R	Kent 1851 Census Index (4) Lewisham	N.W.Kent FHS, 1992	P

Accession no.	B	Title	Author/Publisher	H
03/G 2816	R	West Kent Sources: Rochester Diocese	N.W.Kent FHS, 1990	P
03/G 2827	R	Leics 1851 Census Index (04) Enderby	Leicestershire FHS 1986	P
03/G 2828	R	Leics 1851 Census Index (06) Burbage & Earl Shilton	Leicestershire FHS 1986	P
03/G 2829	R	Leics 1851 Census Index (07) Denton & Measham	Leicestershire FHS 1987	P
03/G 2830	R	Leics 1851 Census Index (08) Atherstone etc	Leicestershire FHS 1987	P
03/G 2831	R	Leics 1851 Census Index (09) Whitwick	Leicestershire FHS 1987	P
03/G 2832	R	Leics 1851 Census Index (10) Blaby	Leicestershire FHS 1991	P
03/G 2836	R	Sussex (E) 1851 Census: Eastern Sussex Workhouses	Burchall, M.J., 1978	P
03/G 2837	R	Sussex (E) 1851 Census Index (06) Hollington etc	Barnes, C.J. (comp), 1988	P
03/G 2838	R	Sussex (E) 1851 Census Index (04) Hastings etc	Barnes, C.J. (comp), 1987	P
03/G 2839	R	Sussex (E) 1851 Census Index (08) Pevensey etc	Barnes, C.J. (comp), 1988	P
03/G 2840	R	Sussex (E) 1851 Census Index (18) East Grinstead etc	Barnes, C.J. (comp), 1991	P
03/G 2841	R	Sussex (E) 1851 Census Index (19) Horsted Keynes etc	Barnes, C.J. (comp), 1991	P
03/G 2842	R	Sussex (E) 1851 Census Index (20) Slaugham etc	Barnes, C.J. (comp), 1991	P
03/G 2792	R	Staffords 1851 Census Index (13) Wolverhampton	Birmingham & Midland SGH, 1992	P
03/G 2793	R	Warwicks 1851 Census Index (09) Solihull	Birmingham & Midland SGH, 1989	P
03/G 2794	R	Warwicks 1851 Census Index (12) Alcester	Birmingham & Midland SGH, 1991	P
03/G 2795	R	Warwicks 1851 Census Index (13) Shipston on Stour	Birmingham & Midland SGH, 1991	P
03/G 2796	R	Warwicks 1851 Census Index (14) Southam	Birmingham & Midland SGH, 1992	P
03/G 2797	R	Worcester 1851 Census Index (06) Worcester (North)	Birmingham & Midland SGH, 1990	P
03/G 2798	R	Worcester 1851 Census Index (06) Worcester (South)	Birmingham & Midland SGH, 1991	P
03/G 2799	R	Worcester 1851 Census Index (06) Worcester (West)	Birmingham & Midland SGH, 1990	P
03/G 2800	R	Worcester 1851 Census Index (02/1) Kidderminster	Birmingham & Midland SGH, 1991	P
03/G 2801	R	Worcester 1851 Census Index (02/2) Kidderminster	Birmingham & Midland SGH, 1992	P
03/J 2860	R	Kelly's Essex Directory 1898 (8mf)	Essex SFH, 1898	P
03/J 2861	R	Kelly's Essex Directory 1908 (9mf)	Essex SFH, 1908	P
03/L 2847	R	Sussex Militia List 1803: Pevensey Rape	PBN Publications, 1988	P
03/L 2848	R	Sussex Navy Acts Enrolments 1795,1797	PBN Publications, 1992	P
03/M 2788	R	Middlesex Members Interests 1990	Middlesex (Central) FHS, 1990	X

Accession no.	B	Title	Author/Publisher	H
03/M 2791	R	Northumberland & Durham Members Interests 1991	Northumberland & Durham FHS, 1991	X
03/M 2823	R	Somerset & Dorset Families	Somerset & Dorset FHS, 1992	P
03/M 2843	R	Sussex Members Interests 1987 supp	Sussex FHG, 1987	P
03/M 2844	R	Sussex Members Interests 1988	Sussex FHG, 1988	P
03/M 2845	R	Sussex Members Interests 1990 supp	Sussex FHG, 1990	P
03/M 2803	R	Warwickshire Families	Perkins, J.P. (comp)	P
03/M 2804	R	Midland Genealogical Directory 1991	Birmingham & Midland SGH, 1991	P
03/P 2850	R	Oxfordshire: Wigginton Constables Book 1691-1836 [BHS.1]	Banbury Hist Soc, 1971	P
03/Q 2849	R	Sussex: Hastings Gaol Records 1832-1841	PBN Publications, 1990	P
03/U 2846	R	Sussex Return of Land Owners 1973	Sussex FHG, 1991	P
03/U 2862	R	Essex Freeholders Book 1734	Friends of Historic Essex, 1982	P
03/X 2776	R	Cornwall Genealogical Bibliography	Raymond, Stuart A., 1989	P
03/X 2777	R	Devon Genealogical Bibliography	Raymond, Stuart A., 1990	P
03/X 2802	R	B'ham & Mid SGH: Lending Library Catalogue (2nd ed)	Birmingham & Midland SGH, 1988	P
03/Y 2833	R	Leicester Marriage Index 1801-37 (S-Z) (2mf)	Leicestershire FHS 1986	P
03/Y 2790	B	Norwich Archdeaconry Marriage Licence Bonds 1813-37 (NG.23)	Norfolk & Norwich GS, 1991	D

Overseas

Accession no.	B	Title	Author/Publisher	H
07/A 2869	R	German Ancestors, Finding Your	Smelser, R.M., 1990	P
07/A 2866	R	Handbook of Genealogical Sources (USA)	Schweitzer, G.K., 1991	P
07/A 2868	R	America, Ellis Island, Gateway to	Szucs, L.D., 1986	P
07/L 2867	R	They Came in Ships (USA)	Colletta, J.P., 1989	P
07/W 2865	R	Searching American Probate Records	Carter, Fran, 1991	P

Directories

Access no.	B	Title	Author/Publisher	H
08/C 2787	R	Crockfords Clerical Directory 1987/8 (90th ed)	Church House Publishing, 1987	P

Family Histories, etc

Accession no.	B	Title	Author/Publisher	H
09/B 2779	R	CAREW Family Tree	Richardson, Joan A. Carew, 1988	D
09/C 2769	R	BLAGRAVE / BLAGROVE Pedigree	BLAGROVE, I.S.G., 1992	D
09/D 2768	R	MITCHELL Life and Memories 1919-c1922	Mitchell, T.J. nd	D

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Berkshire Family History Society, held on Saturday 22nd June, 1992, at The Holt School, Wokingham. Berkshire

The Chairman, Dr Peter Durrant, welcomed the gathering to the Annual General Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

were received from Miss Margaret Lyall.

2 The minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting.

As there were no amendments from the floor, the Chairman asked the Meeting that they be accepted; proposed by Bill Grose and seconded by Connie Marshall.

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Chad Hanna informed the Meeting that the wording of the Deed of Covenant should read '...whichever is the longest' and said that the Deed would be so amended in the very near future to comply with Inland Revenue regulations.

3.2 Chad Hanna added that the subscription must be for 4 years otherwise the Inland Revenue will recover the Tax Relief enjoyed by the Society.

3.3 A point from the floor was raised that even though a member cancelled his/her subscription after three years, his/her Deed of Covenant would not be invalid unless it could be proved that it was his/her intention to cease his/her Membership before the 4th Year at the time of taking out the Deed.

4 The Berkshire Family History Society Chairman's Report

(see attached)

5 The Berkshire Family History Society Treasurer's Report.

5.1 The Treasurer circulated the Accounts for the last financial year for comment from the floor. Discussion ensued and clarification on all points was provided by the Treasurer.

5.2 The Treasurer asked the Meeting that the Accounts be accepted; proposed by Colin Skipper and seconded by Roger Lovegrove.

5.3 The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for all his hard work over the past year; this was endorsed by the floor.

6 Elections

6.1 The following persons have agreed to perform the following roles within the Society:

Lady Palmer	President
Dr Peter Durrant	Vice President
Mr Alf Ison	Vice President

6.2 The following persons have offered themselves for re-election as officers of the Society:

Chairman	Mr Chad Hanna proposed by Mrs Meg Goswell
Secretary	Mrs Meg Goswell proposed by Mr Chad Hanna
Treasurer	Mr Roy Croton proposed by Mr Chad Hanna

They were unanimously elected by the Meeting.

6.3 The following persons seek the Meeting's approval to sit as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee of the Society:

Bracknell Branch	Mr Peter Francis
Reading Branch	Mr Bill Grose
Newbury Branch	Mr Mike Sheppard
Slough Branch	Mrs Connie Marshall

The Meeting gave its unanimous approval.

6.4 The following persons have offered themselves for election as Member of the Executive Committee of the Society:

Mrs Lesley Hanna	proposed by Mr Cliff Debney
Miss Catherine Davis	proposed by Mr Chad Hanna
Mr Geoff Mather	proposed by Mr Chad Hanna
Mr Cliff Debney	proposed by Mr Chad Hanna
Mrs Jean Debney	proposed by Mr Robert Houseman

They were unanimously elected by the Meeting.

6.5 Nomination of Auditors:

The Meeting was asked to approve the nomination of Jack Hobbs as Auditor to the Society; this was unanimously given by the Meeting.

7 Any Other Business

7.1 The Chairman, Dr Peter Durrant, confirmed his commitment to performing the roles of Vice President of the Society and Chief Archivist of the Record Office, and the cross pollination of ideas between both parties. He was particularly encouraged about the flourishing links between them.

8 Closure of the Annual General Meeting

8.1 There being no further matters to discuss, The Chairman duly closed the Annual General Meeting

The Chairman's Report

This is my second report to you as Chairman of the Berkshire Family History Society and it is my pleasant duty to tell you of what your Society has achieved in the past year, and what it may hope to achieve in the future with your continued help and support.

All four Branches have held a regular monthly programme of meetings, and the Reading Branch has organised additional meetings to involve more people in the checking of the 1881 Census transcripts and other project work.

Progress continues to be made on a wide variety of project work. My personal hope is that there should be some sort of project work *available* to everyone, to give members the opportunity to achieve, to learn and contribute to our hobby. To remind you, the current projects include the 1851 Census, the 1881 Census, the records of old Poor Law, Monumental Inscriptions and Police Records. Monumental Inscription recording is taking place at "Cemetery Junction" Reading, Priory Lane, Ascot, and at Chieveley. On the 1881 Census project, much of the transcribing has been completed and checking of the transcripts is now where most help is needed.

The Society is very lucky in having a library of some 3,000 catalogued items which is accessible to all members who attend Branch Meetings and events such as this. Library acquisitions now have to be limited due to the difficulties of housing the Library in private homes, and its separation into a number of locations causes administrative difficulties.

So it was with special hope we grasped the opportunity to obtain permanent premises for the Society presented by the potential availability of the Keep in Reading. A great deal of hard work (and heart searching), during a short period of time, was put into a detailed proposal including both financial plans and outline building plans which was submitted to Reading Borough Council. Although their decision to provide additional artist facilities was a severe blow, a great deal was learnt during the exercise. Similar opportunities will be sought and money is now being set aside to meet the need for premises.

To the question "won't premises be too expensive for us?" I must give a qualified "No" as an answer. We don't expect to be able to afford a town centre site in one of the major towns at the normal commercial rates. We hope for a local council, county council or other institution to make available at an affordable rent some relatively

dry accommodation of between 400 and 800 square feet. The exact funding arrangements will depend on the individual opportunity, but as in the case of the Keep, we would hope to use our premises fund to meet most of the initial startup costs and the current level of bookstall revenues to meet the running costs.

Our continuing relationship with the Berkshire Record Office and Local Studies libraries continues to bear fruit (as you may see from the contributions to the June issue of the *Berkshire Family Historian*) and it is a considerable pleasure to have an efficiently chaired Annual General Meeting.

On the public relations front, I am very grateful to Jean Debney for taking up the opportunity presented to the Society of one (later two) broadcasts on weekday mornings on the new Radio Berkshire. It is perhaps too early to tell if this has resulted in new members, but if it has merely made clear *our* idea of family history, and sown seeds for some future harvest of new family historians this is a considerable achievement for which we are grateful. I believe this year's Berkshire Family Historian has made interesting reading, for those with and without Berkshire Interests. A continuous flow of articles of *all* types is an essential ingredient. Two or three part articles are nice, but short articles are very useful to fill in the gaps and impart new ideas. Also remember that one of the functions of an editor is to help the conversion of a set of rough notes into a finished article.

The membership now numbers 1,110, including 191 family members and 87 overseas members. While we can take quiet pride in this - there is room for more members, especially involved members who want to take part in the running of the Society. There is no shortage of absorbing projects which the Society as a County Society should be interested in, but the limiting factor continues to be a shortage of members who seek their achievement in the organisation and motivation of others.

The past year has been a very busy one for the Berkshire Family History Society and I am very grateful for the support of the Executive Committee, the branch committees and other active members. I try and thank people personally, but it does mean that I need to know and appreciate what they're doing but for now an anonymous thank you must suffice. I feel that I can safely thank Olive Butchart who resigned from the Executive Committee earlier this year for her conscientious work as Membership Secretary.

Berkshire Family History Society
Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1992

General Account	1991-2	1990-1	
<i>Income</i>			
Deposit interest	396.50	403.48	
Miscellaneous	177.80	780.00	
Subscriptions	7059.31	7113.40	
Donations	307.17	238.45	
Book stall	6.60	23.05	
Members interests		611.00	
Annual Conference (1991 income £1119.39)	735.89		
Expenditure £383.50			
Annual Conference (1992 income £412)	86.48		
Expenditure £325.52			
	<u>£8769.75</u>	<u>£9169.38</u>	
<i>Expenditure</i>			
Miscellaneous	1264.18	909.97	
Speakers	332.95	380.40	
Magazine	4110.40	3778.17	
Expenses	741.71	863.55	
Meeting Halls	1608.50	950.30	
Annual conference		468.12	
	<u>£8057.74</u>	<u>£8057.74</u>	<u>£7350.51</u>
Excess income over expenditure	<u>£712.01</u>		<u>£1818.87</u>
Bookstall Account			
Sales	12552.12	9382.55	
Opening stock		5147.73	3500.00
Additional purchases		8670.69	6310.78
		<u>13818.42</u>	<u>9810.78</u>
Closing stock		6410.73	5147.73
Cost of goods		<u>7407.69</u>	<u>4663.05</u>
Reference library		475.64	256.12
Miscellaneous		134.71	
Expenses		858.28	1042.61
Display boards			512.17
Computer		233.82	
Photocopier		352.50	
Profit		<u>3089.48</u>	<u>2908.40</u>
	<u>£12552.12</u>	<u>£12552.12</u>	<u>£9382.55</u>
			<u>£9382.55</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Liabilities	1991-2	1990-91	Assets	1991-2	1990-91
Accumulated fund	10343.27	5616.00	Deposit accounts	5.13	2912.31
				.75	.20
				4236.10	
Book stall profit	3089.48	2908.40	Current account	909.04	
General profit	712.01	1818.87	Book Stall current account	390.34	1287.97
Bank overdraft		573.59	Book Stall deposit accts	1518.70	1828.34
				1037.62	
Creditors	38.79	259.69	Book stall cash	31.35	
Book stall creditors	356.21		Closing stock	6410.73	5147.73
	<u>£14539.76</u>	<u>£11176.55</u>		<u>£14539.76</u>	<u>£11176.55</u>

I have examined the above account and confirm that it gives a true and fair view of the position of Society as at 30.4.1992 and of the trading result for the period from 1.5.91 to 30.4.1992.

Signed J.H. Hobbs, auditor

Letters to the Editor

David Whiteman (2593) of 11, Ferrers Way, Derby, DE22 2AB writes:

Dear Editor,

As one who has to do all his research by post, I feel that a comment is necessary on the new Local Studies Library charges.

I have always had a fine service from the Library since I began researching about two years ago, and the costs were ludicrously low. However, the new charges are, I feel, excessive and I suspect that if I was starting again, they would deter me from beginning.

Yours sincerely,
David Whiteman

Jayne Thorne of 47, Benning Way, Wokingham, Berks writes:

Thank you for including my article, "The Reading Connection" in the March issue of the magazine.

Dear Editor,

Readers may be interested to know that, as a result of the publication, I have discovered that another BFHS member Mr R. Maynard, is researching the same Hopkins family as myself. He has very kindly forwarded plenty of useful information about the Hopkins family to me.

I have since been able to add a few more ancestors to my husband's family tree, and I have also discovered why my husband's great-great grandfather moved from Berkshire down to Portsmouth before ending up as a blacksmith in the middle of Reading. It turns out that he was an attendant at Broadmoor Asylum and that he then went down to Portsmouth where he worked as a convict warder before becoming the Prison Blacksmith. He then returned to Reading where he worked as a blacksmith and ended up at the smithy in Merchant's Place.

I am very grateful to Mr Maynard for his kind help and I am very glad that I was persuaded to send in my article!

Many thanks,
Jayne Thorne

Stanley Wombwell (1543) of 7, Tarragon Close, Lower Earley, Reading, RG6 2GW

writes with reference to Vol 15 No 3 March 1992, Page 76, "Men of Iron"

Dear Editor,

On a recent visit to the Brewers Quay at Weymouth, I saw on display a renovated horizontal steam engine by Barrett, Exall and Andrews. A fine example of excellent workmanship. It had been in use in the adjoining brewery.

Yours sincerely,
Stanley Wombwell

Brian Champion (1744) of 26, Kelfield Ave, Harborne, Birmingham B17 0QL writes:

Dear Editor,

I'd imagine that the majority of Family Historians who resort to the use of fee-based research services, such as that which is referred to in the "News from the County Local Studies Library, Reading" item in the June 1992 *Berkshire Family Historian* live further rather than nearer to this resource. However, it would be fair, to those of us who have either to travel some distance in order to carry out our research, perhaps on an annual basis, or employ others who live nearby to such establishments to assist us, to refer both to the extremely high prices for Reading Library and to the existence of such bodies as the "Association of Genealogists and Record Agents".

I became aware of this Society when I wrote to the Greater London Record Office for information on "Workhouse" schools, in one of which my father was "placed" at the turn of the century. Apart from confirming that the records in which I was interested were held by them they sent me the name and address of the Society who could be contacted should I require assistance. For £1.30, I received a booklet containing 105 names, qualifications and addresses of participating researchers, together with the various repositories at which each was able to undertake research. The researcher I employed has been excellent and produced "The Goods" at considerably less cost than that decided by the Reading Library Committee.

Yours sincerely, Brian Champion

HELP!

Our regular slot for those desperate appeals for help! If you've lost an ancestor or are stuck, drop the Editor a line, help may be at hand!

Mr M.N.Jackson (333), 4, Holmdene, 32 Holden Rd, London N12 8HU has been researching his **FIELDER** forebears for some years and has come to a standstill with the marriage of Edward **FIELDER**, who died in 1820, to Sarah **BURDON (SMITH)** in Bray on 18th June 1795. Edward seems to be a family name which was used in each generation. There may be a connection with the **ROWLAND** family as Edward and Sarah **FIELDER**'s eldest son was christened Rowland Thomas **FIELDER** who was born in 1796 at Cookham and died in 1869 at Binfield. He was an innkeeper and brickmaker, who lived at the Royal Standard, Binfield.

John Punter (1811), Old Orchard, 14 Croye Close, Andover, Hants SP10 3AF, is seeking help with the baptism of James **PUNTER** who recorded in the Chiswick 1851 Census that he was born in Hungerford, Berks. From the 1841 and 1851 Censuses and his death certificate, it would seem that he was born circa 1806, however John has looked for him in several Berkshire parishes. He married Sarah **DEVRIES** circa 1835 and was subsequently a painter/plumber/glazier.

Frank Clifton Stevens (1927), 42, Young St, Morrinsville, New Zealand, is seeking any information on the family of Nathaniel **PERRYMAN**, born at Dorney, Bucks in 1828. He married Emma **SMITH** on 14th May 1849. Emma, the daughter of Isaac and Ann **SMITH**, was bapt on 6th Dec 1827 at Chobham Surrey. Nathaniel and Emma had three children, Lucy, (b. 1853, Windsor), Emma, (b. 1858, Dorney, Bucks) and Joseph, (b. 1860 at Dorney, Bucks). Frank is looking particularly for the marriage of Emma **PERRYMAN**; she may have married a William George **CLIFTON** or a **PERRYMAN**.

Mr P.M.Dooley (2190), 53, Shaldon Rd, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 9NN, is looking for

Charles **WHEELER** (a railway labourer) and his wife Martha. They were living at the Grove, Twyford according to the 1881 Census. However, they are not there on the 1891 Census. So where were they, because from December 1891 they were again noted living in Twyford, up until at least 1904 when Charles was residing at 46 Brook Street?

Tony Warrick (2537), 11, Charlotte Close, Charminster, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9PY, is searching for the marriage of his great-great-grandfather, William **DAY**, to a Miss **DAVIDSON**. It is believed that the marriage took place in Berkshire, c 1810. William's sister (christian name unknown) married a Mr **WARD** of Reading circa 1800-1810, and on Mr **WARD**'s death, she married again, this time to a Mr **WINTLE**, also of Reading. Can anyone researching the **DAVIDSON, DAY, WARD** or **WINTLE** families help? None of these marriages are in the Berkshire Marriage Index.

Any descendants of Thomas and Timothy **ROSIER** of Hungerford, c 1760 and Daniel John and Thomas **ROSIER** of Kintbury, c 1740 are invited to contact Mr P.T.Rosier, 100, Gladstone Road, Wimbledon, London, SW19 1QW.

North West Kent FHS

Tapes of speakers at the Avery Hill Conference of September 1988, who included David Hey, Bob Aspinall, Diana Rumel, Colin Chapman, Carl Harrison, Alan Rogers and James Stevens Curl, and the Lure of London Conference held in October 1988, which had talks from John Landers, Anthony Camp, Jim Golland, John Neal and Geoffrey Swinfield are now available for hire from Tony Field, NWKFHS Tape Library, 33 Orchard Way, Shirley, Croydon, CR0 7NP, at a cost of £1.25 including p&p for 14 days. Please make cheques payable to NWKFHS.

Members' Pages

Compiled by Meg Goswell

Firstly, we apologise for an error in the June issue of the magazine:

Member No 2581, Rev. P. Wall of Trowbrige, his entry should read

DOR BLANCHARD,
instead of BLAMCHARD.

Change of Address 2254 Simon Harrington to 7, Rowe Court, Grovelands Rd, Reading, Berks RG3 2HY.

2471 Mrs M. Perry, 45, Campbell Road, Woodley, Reading, Berks, RG5 3NB

ESS	PERRY	Leigh	1929-
LAN	FLETCHER	Castleton	1823- 4
LAN	FLETCHER	Chadderton	1884-
LAN	FLETCHER	Oldham	1884-
LAN	HARDMAN	Castleton	1871-
LAN	MARSH	Castleton	1886-
LAN	MAYERS	Heywood	1840-
LAN	STOTT	Middleton	1866-

2475 Mrs S.E.Webb, 29, Manor Drive, Epson, Surrey, KT19 0EX

BRK	DRUETT	Any	Pre 1757
MDX	LANE	Hackney	1800-1850
OXF	DRUETT	Any	Pre 1757
SRV	ADAMS	Battersea	1800-1880
SRV	ADAMS	Lambeth	Pre 1890
SRV	BENTLEY	Merton	1750-1800
SRV	LANE	Lambeth	1800-1860

2492 Mrs Margaret Farmer, 4, Ardene Court, Hawthorn, Victoria, Australia 3122

NTH	AGAR/AGER	Geddington	1799-1890
NTH	AGAR/AGER	Northampton	1740-1771
NTH	BARROW	Rockingham	1690-?
NTH	BARWELL	Rockingham	1745-?
NTH	BULL	Northampton	1750-?
NTH	EAGLE	Rockingham	1743-1751
NTH	FARMER	Rockingham	1770-?

NTH	RIDDLE	Little & Great Oakley	1775-?
WES	ATKINSON	Kendal	1757-1795
WES	DAW	Skelsmergh	1770-?
WES	HEBBLEWAITE	Kendal	1794-1827
WES	HEBBLEWAITE	Scarside	1794-1827
WES	MATTINSON	Kendal	1830-1855

2502 Mr John Hodges, 3, Arkwright Road, Milton Ernest, Bedford, MK44 1SE

DEV	GREENSLADE	Exeter	1800-1840
ERY	LEADLEY	Bridlington	1760-1850
HAM	WYTHE	Basingstoke	1750-1850
IOW	WHITEWOOD		1700-1850
KEN	CLARINGBOLD	Barham	1770-1870
MDX	ADAMI	London	1750-1850
SFK	REYNOLDS	Kesingland	1790-1800
SRV	LEVERIDGE	London	1800-1900
SSX	CORRI	Any	All
SSX	HOLMES	Brighton	1880-1905

2506 Miss I.Gulch, 20, Cameron Drive, Ivy-bridge, Devon, PL21 9TS

BRK	GOUGH	Newbury area	1800-1850
BRK	HUNT	Newbury area	1800-1880
BRK	RAWLIN(G)S	Newbury area	Pre 1900
SOM	HOBBS	Bishops Lydiard	Pre 1870
SOM	YANDALL/YENDELL	Cothelstone	Pre 1900
SOM	YANDALL/YENDELL	Kingston St Mary	Pre 1900

2516 Mr D.M.Alcock, 27, Upton Park, Slough, Berks, SL1 2DA

AUST	DEVENISH-MEARES	New South Wales	?-1992
ENG	DEVENISH	Any	?-1992
IRL	DEVENISH	Co Westmeath	1612-1992
IRL	MEARES	Co Westmeath	1667-1992
IRL	STRETCH/STRICH /STRIOCHIC	Limerick	933-1992
ITALY	STRETCH/STRICH /STRIOCHIC	Any	-933
SCT	PRINGLE	Any	?-1820

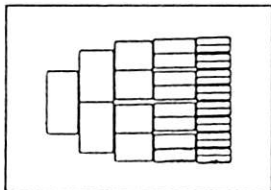
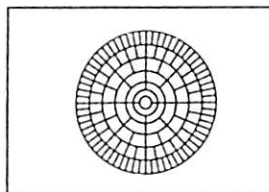
SOUTH AFRICA				BRK	DUFFIN	Tilehurst	Pre 1875
DEVENISH	Cape Town	1810-1992		BRK	EGLTON	Cheiveley	Pre 1825
SOUTH AFRICA				BRK	EGLTON	Newbury	Pre 1825
PRINGLE	Cape Town	1820-1992		BRK	HORTON	Tilehurst	Pre 1875
SPAIN	MEARES	Any	?-1341	BRK	LIDDIARD	Newbury	Pre 1825
USA	DEVENISH-MEARES	Boston	?-1992	BRK	MAY	Englefield	Pre 1875
WIL	MEARES	Corsley	1341-1992	BRK	MORRIS	Abingdon	Pre 1875
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2542	Mr S.Cook, 36, Latchmere Close, Ham Common, Richmond, Surrey, TW10 5HQ			BRK	ROGERS	Warfield	Pre 1875
BRK	BROOKS	Hampstead Norris	1840-1864	HAM	ALDRIDGE	Kingsclere	Pre 1875
BRK	BROOKS	Abingdon	1880-1890	HAM	WEBB	Kingsclere	Pre 1875
BRK	BROOKS	Great Faringdon	1880-1890	LND	WALKER	Hackney	Pre 1900
BRK	BROOKS	Reading, St Giles	1890-1940	LND	WOOLDRIDGE	Shepherds Bush	Pre 1900
<hr/>				MDX	HESTER	Ealing	Pre 1850
2544	Mrs J.E.Harbor, 7, Hemdean Rise, Caversham, Reading, RG4 7SA			MDX	HESTER	Brentford	Pre 1850
BKM	HARDING	Marlow	1700-1900	MDX	PEARCE	Uxbridge	Pre 1850
BRK	BURBIDGE	Reading	1700-1992	<hr/>			
BRK	HARBOR	Reading	1700-1992	2550	Mrs Shirley G.Calder, 663, Highway 18 East, Kingsville, Onatario, N9Y 2K8, Canada		
BRK	PECOVER	Reading	1800-1992	AYR	GRANGE	St Quivox	All
BRK	WICKS	Reading	1700-1992	BKM	GOODWIN	Any	All
NFK	WINTERTON	Kings Lynn area	1700-1992	BRK	CARTER	Any	All
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2546	Mrs L.L.Blake, 188a New Road, Ascot, Berks, SL5 8PR			BRK	WHEELER	Any	All
CON	BLAKE	Lawhitton	1700-1880	EDB	CALDER	Leith	All
CON	BLAKE	Lezant	1700-1880	EDB	CUMMINGS	Cramond	All
CON	BLAKE	Launceston	1700-1880	GTL	BARRETT	Any	All
DEV	JENNINGS	Tiverton	All	MDX	CARTER	Ealing	All
DEV	JENNINGS	Bickleigh	All	MDX	HANCOCK	Ealing	All
DEV	JENNINGS	Normansland	All	MDX	PAINTING	London	All
DEV	JENNINGS	Cadeleigh	All	MDX	ROSE	London	All
ESS	SHELTON	Stanway	1870-	SCT	CALDER	Any	All
ESS	SHELTON	Lexden	1870-	SCT	SINCLAIR	Any	All
ESS	SHELTON	Birch	1870-	<hr/>			
ESS	SHELTON	Copford	1870-	2552	Mr Peter W.Budd, 1, Northfield Cottage, School Lane, Westbourne, Hants, PO10 8TL		
ESS	SHELTON	Colchester	1870-	BRK	BURGESS	Twyford	1700-1900
<hr/>				HAM	ABBOTT	Fareham	1850-1900
2548F	Mr and Mrs M.Hester, 126, First Avenue, Lancing, Sussex, BN15 9QE			HAM	BUDD	Hayling Island	1750-1840
BRK	BARRETT	Abingdon	Pre 1875	HAM	BUDD	Portsmouth	1875-1950
				HAM	BUDD	Fareham	1840-1875
				HAM	FOOT	Boarhunt	1750-1950

HAM	FOOT	Fareham	1840-1900	WLS	FLEWIN/ FLEWELLYN	South Wales	1700-1990
HAM	FOOT	Wickham	1800-1900				
HAM	GOODIFF	Wickham	1800-1900	2564	Helen M.Cox, 11, Queens Road, Enfield, Middlesex, EN1 1NE		
HAM	GOODIFF	Boarhunt	1800-1900				
HAM	LUXTON	Portsmouth	1850-1910	BDF	COOK	Totterhoe	c. 1670
SRY	BENHAM	Thames Ditton	1700-1900	BDF	FOUNTAIN	Totterhoe	c. 1670
SRY	BENHAM	Kingston	1700-1900	BRK	HAWKINS	Wokingham	c. 1830
SRY	CLIFTON	Thames Ditton	1700-1900	BRK	MULFORD	Wokingham	c. 1856
SRY	CLIFTON	Kingston	1700-1900	ESS	BASS	Stanford-le-Hope	c. 1775
	2554	Mrs A.S.Cragg, 4, Aspen Drive, Vewood, Dorset, BH31 6TE		ESS	CRUMP	Ingrave	c. 1780
BRK	HORTON	Clewer	1850-1920	ESS	DYSON	Any	c. 1800
BRK	STEVENS	Clewer	1850-1920	ESS	FELL	East Horndon	c. 1750
	2556	Mr Dee Gibbons, 4, Daintry Lodge, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 3PX		ESS	FINCH	Chelmsford	c. 1790
BRK	BELCHER	Brightwalton	1627-1847	ESS	GEARY	Any	c. 1800
BRK	GIBBONS/GIBBINS			ESS	LAVAR	Stanford-le-Hope	c. 1810
		Chieveley	1627-1847	ESS	LIVERMORE	Chingford	c. 1800
BRK	GIBBONS/GIBBINS			ESS	LUCKING	Little Leighs	c. 1790
		Leckhampstead	1627-1847	ESS	PAYNE/PAIN	Ingrave	c. 1814
BRK	GIBBONS/GIBBINS			HRT	ABBOTT	Redbourn	c. 1755
		Wallingford	1627-1847	HRT	RADWELL	Watford	c. 1750
BRK	HEAD	Peasemore	1627-1847				
GLS	GIBBONS/GIBBINS			2566	B.L.Duttson, 80, Esmond Road, London, W4 1JF		
		Lechlade	1600-1800	BRK	TUBB	Lambourne	1737-1820
				BRK	TUBB	Letcombe	1737-1820
				BRK	TUBB	Ginge	1737-1820
	2562	Mr John S.Atkinson, "Northdene", 7, Fleet Avenue, Dartford, Kent, DA2 6NL		2574	Joan M.Coate, 83, Mount Crescent, Brentwood, Essex, CM14 5DD		
BDF	FRANCIS	Stondon	1800-1990	HAM	BOSHIER	Any	1846-1881
BRK	FRANCIS	Reading	1800-1990				
BRK	FULLER	Reading	1800-1990	2582	? Franklin, Hill House, 8, Breedons Hill, Pangbourne, Berks, RG8 7AT		
BRK	RUDDOCK	Reading	1700-1900				
FRANCE				ANYWHERE			
	SAVILLE	Normandy	11th-12th C	CARMAN	Any		All
HAM	LONDON	Portsmouth	1800-1990	BRK	COTMORE	Sandford	Pre 1800
KEN	FLEWIN/ FLEWELLYN	Any	1700-1990	BRK	SMALL	Sutton Courtney	?-1707
KEN	LONDON	Orpington	1900-1990	BRK	TAYLOR	Sutton Courtney	Pre 1800-
LEC	MIDDLETON	Earl Shilton	1800-1990	BRK	TAYLOR	East Illsley	1800-1871
LEC	ROBERTS	Ashby Parva	1800-1990	CON	GROSE	Any	1780-1851
NTT	MIDDLETON	Nottingham	1800-1990	DEV	HUTCHINS	Any	All
NTT	SAVILLE	Ollerton	12th-15th C	WIL	HANKS	Malmesbury	All
SXW	FRANCIS	Brighton	1800-1990	WIL	PYKE	Pewsey	1600-1750
				WIL	PYKE	Great Somerford	1750-1890

2609	Mr Steve Miller, 6, Ravenleigh Court, 89, Bromley Common, Bromley, Kent, BR2 9RN			2637	Miss J.V.Pearce, 88, Blackmoor Wood, Ascot, Berks, SL5 8EN		
BRK	BARLOW	Aldworth	1760-1920	ANYWHERE			
BRK	BARLOW	Streatley	1790-1890	PLOUTING	Any		1770-1850
BRK	BARLOW	Speen	1860-	BKM	HOPCROFT	Long Crendon	Pre 1800
BRK	BARLOW	Newbury	1860-	BKM	PEARCE	Long Crendon	1800-1990
BRK	BARLOW	Hampstead Norris	1820-	BRK	DOLMAN	Newbury	1550-1800
BRK	BARLOW	West Berks	All	BRK	DOLMAN		
BRK	BARLOW	Caversham	1770-1830		Shaw-cum-Donnington		1550-1800
BRK	CARTER	Chieveley	1800-1900	BRK	DOMAN	Reading	1750-1900
BRK	CORDEROY	Newbury	All	HAM	DOMAN	Basingstoke	1750-1900
BRK	COXHEAD	Newbury	1800-1900	LND	DOVE	Kensington	Pre 1800
BRK	FRYS(Z)ER	Aldworth	Pre 1790	LND	FAGAN	City of London	Pre 1800
BRK	FRYS(Z)ER	Streatley	Pre 1790	OXF	DOMAN	Oxford	1800-1900
BRK	KNIGHT	Newbury	1900-?	OXF	PEARCE	Thame	Pre 1800
BRK	NOKE	Ashampstead	Pre 1820	SOM	BURNETT	Brompton Ralph	Pre 1750
BRK	SEDWELL/ SIDWELL	Aldworth	1730-1760	SOM	GREEDY		
BRK	WERNHAM				Lydeard St Lawrence		Pre 1800
		Hampstead Norris	Pre 1870	<hr/>			
OXF	BARLOW	South Stoke	Pre 1720	2645	Miss J.C.Panter, 23, Russell Drive, Keyingham, Hull, North Humberside, HU12 9RU		
OXF	BARLOW	Goring	Pre 1720	BRK	PANTER	Cholsey	Pre 1860
OXF	BARLOW	Checkendon	1740-1790	BRK	PANTER	Reading	Pre 1860
OXF	TOBIE/TOBY	Goring	1600-1800	LAN	LARAWAY	Preston	All
OXF	TOBIE/TOBY	South Stoke	1600-1800	LAN	REID	Blackburn	Pre 1900
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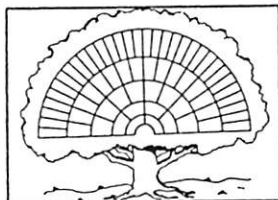
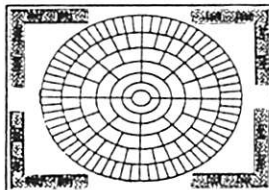
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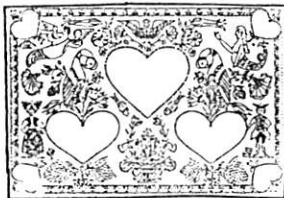
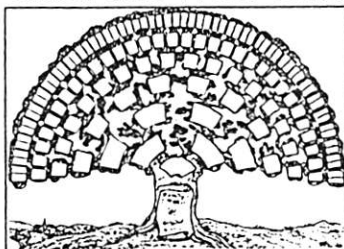
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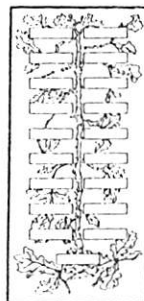
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