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PROGRAMME SUMMARY TO JUNE 1993

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

- 19th Mar Hospital Records & Genealogy *Ms J. Foster*
16th Apr Kew *Marjorie Moore*
21st May Branch Annual Meeting followed by:
Berkshire Record Office *Dr Peter Durrant*
18th June Meet at Priory Road Cemetery, near 'The Forester's'
to complete recording Monumental Inscriptions
16th July Society Annual General Meeting with Society Library,
Postcard stall and antiquarian bookstall.

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.

- 10th Mar Wills *Catherine Davis*
14th Apr Dating old photographs *Jean Debney*
12th May to be announced
9th June Branch Annual Meeting followed by a talk

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.

- 26th Mar Olde Reading *C W W Moss*
30th Apr Branch Annual Meeting followed by:
Records of the India Office *T Thomas*
28th May Working Session
25th June Rorke's Drift *Rev Derek West*

Project sessions at Earley St Peter's Church Hall on Thursday 18th March and 15th April from 1.30pm to 5.00pm and from 7.30pm to 10.30pm on Tuesday 6th April.

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.

- 30th Mar Was YOUR Ancestor a Criminal? *Colin Chapman*
27th Apr A Question and Answer Meeting principally focusing
on beginners' problems
25th May Branch Annual Meeting followed by:
Records of Other Ranks in the British Army
..... *Dr Christopher T Watts*
29th June to be announced

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Deadline for the June issue is the 30th April 1993. All contributions very gratefully received. Also any suggestions of what you would like in the magazine.

Chairman's last bit ... Editor's piece ...

by *Chad Hanna*

Bowing out

At the meeting of the Society's Executive Committee on 5th February, my resignation as Society Chairman, was accepted and Mike Sheppard, the Newbury Branch Chairman was co-opted to serve until the Society's Annual General Meeting in July.

My reason for resigning is increasing pressure of work and it was becoming more and more difficult to provide the thought and attention that I believe the Society Chairman needs to provide. Mr. Mike Sheppard on the other hand is now faced with reduced work commitments following his early retirement and I am grateful to him for taking on this role.

I have been Chairman of the Society for two and half fulfilling, if not enjoyable, years following two years as the Chairman of the Reading Branch. (This also means that I will not be eligible for election to the Executive Committee at the AGM in July.)

Of course, resigning as Chairman does not mean that I drop out of sight. It will hopefully mean that there is some time to spend co-ordinating Monumental Inscriptions for Berkshire and to pursue my interests in Computing for Family History. Not forgetting that I am desktop publishing this magazine!

Members' Interest Directory

We are now expecting to receive application forms for the scheme co-ordinated by the Federation of Family History Societies in April, ready for inclusion in the June magazine.

1993-4 Subscriptions

At the last Executive Committee it was agreed that (barring totally unforeseen circumstances) there will be no increase in the subscriptions for next year. If you don't pay by standing order, a renewal form for you will be included with the June magazine.

by *Catherine Davis*

Thank you all very much for your contributions to this issue. If you don't see your piece here, it should be in next time! However, don't forget that the magazine comes out four times a year and I always need material, so send in your articles, short pieces, comments, news and views. I would also appreciate some feedback on what you would like to see in the magazine, as it is often difficult for me to know what people would like to see in the *Berkshire Family Historian*. The deadline for the next issue is the 30th April, 1993.

Photograph

The photograph on the front cover shows Culham College students c.1864. W. H. Mackett (standing on the far left) taught first at Langley Boys' School near Slough after leaving Culham at Christmas 1865. In September 1868 he became head of Dorchester National School, Oxon where he remained until his health broke down 30 years later. Alfred Pittman (seated on the second row, second from the left) started teaching in Edinburgh but then emigrated to South Africa, where he abandoned teaching and made a fortune keeping an hotel during the gold rush!

Dates for your Diary

23rd March, 1993

The Berkshire Branch of the British Computer Society is holding a meeting on "Family History and Computers" at 7.30 for 8.00pm in Earley St Peters Church Hall, Church Road, Earley, Reading. The talk, by Chad Hanna, is not aimed at Computer beginners! Entry is free.

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.

- 17th - 18th April, 1993
Annual Conference of the Guild of One Name Studies at the Crewe College of Further Education. Further details available from the Conference Organiser, Philip Coops, 4, Lakeside, Betley, Crewe, Cheshire, CW3 9AH.
- 24th April, 1993
Overseers' Project Work in at the Berkshire Record Office between 10am and 4pm.
- 24th April, 1993
The Pedigree User Group is holding a regional meeting at 2.00pm in Earley St. Peter's Church Hall, Church Road, Earley Reading. For further details, please contact Chad or Lesley Hanna on Reading 0734 663585.
- 15th May, 1993
Isle of Wight Family History Society "One Day Conference" at the Melville Hotel, Sandown. For details please send SAE to Mrs H Lloyd, Rose Cottage, Burnt House Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 2PW.
- 16th May, 1993
"Family History Fair" organised by the Society of Genealogists, 10 am to 5pm at the Royal Horticultural Society Old Hall, Vincent Square, London SW1. For further details contact the Co-ordinator at 14, Charterhouse Buildings, London, EC1M 7BA or see above.
- 22nd May, 1993
Open Day at the Berkshire Record Office from 9.30 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 4.30.
- 3rd July, 1993
Berkshire Family History Society Annual Symposium "What's in a name?" at the Holt School, Wokingham. Further details included with this magazine.
- 3rd - 5th September, 1993
"Conservation and the Family Historian" organised by the Suffolk FHS, in conjunction with the Council Meeting of the FFHS, to be held at the University of Essex, Wivenhoe. Further details available from Dr Monica Barnett, 6, St Raphael Court, 28, Highfield Rd, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 6DA.
- 30th April - 1st May, 1994
The Talbot Research Organisation are holding their 3rd Talbot International Gathering at The Orangery, Margam Park, Near Port Talbot, South Wales. Please contact Mrs Elaine Hill, Limetree Cottage, Limetree Road, Goring on Thames, Nr Reading, Berks for further details, enclosing an SAE.

Notes on Contributors

M Ann Charlton née Seale joined the BFHS, since taking early retirement, in order to learn more about the Charltons. Shortly after joining she met a distant mem-

ber of the Chessum family, her mother's name. She has since learnt that the Charltons came from Wiltshire to Hurst in 1760 and would like to learn more. Since visiting the USA she has found the Seale family interesting and would like to find out more about the link to Northumberland. She is also starting to research the Headington family of Berkshire.

Pamela Horn lectures in Economic and Social History at Oxford Polytechnic. She is the author of many books and articles on rural life and education in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Brian Hunt is a retired meteorologist. He has been a member of the BFHS since 1979, although researching the Loft ancestry in Kent and the Hunts on the Bucks/Oxon border.

Roger Long, who lives at Crowthorne, is the author of *Murder in Old Berkshire* and *I'll be Hanged*.

Diana Mackerill is a member of both the Berkshire FHS and the Hampshire Genealogical Society and is working on local history in the North Hants area.

Jean Perrin's ancestry is Scottish. On the paternal side - the Fairgrievs - she had traced back to 1675 an unbroken line of professional gardeners. Her maternal ancestry includes Peters, (tailors), Sturrocks (weavers) and Robertsons (brewers). She is close to discovering the truth or otherwise of a long-held family belief that her 4 x Great Grandfather fought for Bonnie Prince Charlie in the '45.

In her previous article, *Shadows of Us Men*, for the *Berkshire Family Historian*, (Vol 15 No 2) Jean mentioned that she had found the *Gardener's Magazine* which helped in her research in the Bodleian Library. I then asked her to write a *Rough Guide to the Bodleian*.

Dorothy Wise is a family and local historian. Her father-in-law, Henry George Wise, who farmed at Wokefield, kept several detailed farm diaries in the early twentieth century.

Tracking the Teachers! Some Berkshire examples

By Pamela Horn

Despite the importance of teachers in many areas of Victorian village life, details of their background and careers are often difficult to establish. Unlike the military, there is no central cache of records to consult. Trade directories, census returns, and parish registers give some details, and where school log books have survived (dating back in some cases to 1862/63), they detail the daily routine of the school and the activities of teachers and pupils. Managers' minute books may supplement these, while in the case of rate-aided school boards formed under the 1870 Elementary Education Act, board minute books will often give information on the hiring and firing of staff. All of these latter documents are normally kept in county record offices, or perhaps at the school itself where this still survives.

However, other sources are available and it is with these that this article is largely concerned. First, for around twenty Anglican schools in the Reading deanery of the Oxford diocese there are diocesan inspectors' reports available on teachers and pupils for 1853/54.¹ The Oxford Diocesan Board of Education was set up in February 1839 at a time when the State was beginning to make annual grants to elementary education. The first of these

1. The Reading Deanery Diocesan Inspectors' reports are kept at Oxfordshire Archives Centre, Oxford; MS.Oxf.dioc. pp.e.49 for 1853 and MS.Oxf.dioc.pp.e.50 for 1854.

payments – a meagre £20,000 – was handed over in 1833 to the two voluntary societies which had done most to promote elementary schooling from the second decade of the nineteenth century.² They were respectively the National Society (established in 1811), which was concerned to set up Anglican schools, and the British and Foreign School Society (established in 1814), which was ostensibly non-sectarian but in practice enjoyed the support of Nonconformists. In Berkshire, National or Church schools far outnumbered their British counterparts or, indeed, those supported by other denominations like the Wesleyans and Roman Catholics, as well as those provided by the rate-aided school boards after 1870. Even in 1899, there were 190 Church schools in the county in receipt of government grants, compared to seven Wesleyan, four Roman Catholic, thirteen British, and thirteen Board schools also receiving grants.³

In the early nineteenth century the post of elementary teacher was often held by those who were too old, too sick, or too inefficient to carry out any other job, or who had simply taken on the task because no other candidate could be found. As late as June 1853, the master of Arborfield Church School, a Mr Burrett, was described dismissively by a diocesan in-

2. Pamela Horn, "Education in Rural England 1800-1914" (1978), pp 34-35. Leonard Naylor, "Culham Church of England Training College for Schoolmasters 1853-1953", (1953) pp 6-7.

3. See totals of day schools on the Annual Grant List, 31st August, 1899, in Parliamentary Papers, 1900, Vol. LXV, Part I, pp 12-14. Rivalries sometimes broke out between National and British Schools. At Aston Tirrold, the bitterness was so acute at times that children were discouraged from speaking to those of a different religious persuasion. S. Newall, "A Portrait of the Astons", (Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society, 1984) p 15.

spector as “a vulgar disagreeable man”. Yet, “in spite of the master’s vulgarity and unpleasing manner”, the inspector considered the school to be very satisfactory and “pleasing”, although he attributed this “to the anxious and constant attention and labours of the clergy” rather than to Mr Burrett. Nonetheless it was grudgingly admitted that he had “a certain degree of ability in giving secular instruction to children”.¹ The recipient of these comments was probably Wiltshire-born Henry Burrett, who was apparently still teaching in the village in 1871, when he was aged seventy! They could equally have been applied to his predecessor and namesake, George Burrett, who became master at Arborfield in the early 1840s after working as a labourer.²

A similar condescending approach was applied by the diocesan inspector to John Moore Stroud, head of Sulhampstead School, who was assisted by his wife. The school was managed by the Thoyts family of Sulhampstead House, and Stroud was considered, “an anxious deserving man but not well-educated and underpaid. ... The Patrons of the School object to anything more than the merest elements of instruction”.³ Mr Stroud described himself as a schoolmaster and surveyor in the 1851 Census for Sulhampstead.⁴

It was to improve the status and efficiency of teachers that in 1846 the govern-

1. Entry for Arborfield in MS.Oxf.dioc.pp.e.49.

2. Arborfield Baptismal Registers D/P6/1/4 at BRO and Census returns for Arborfield: HO107/1693 for 1851, when George Burrett was school head and RG10/1286 for 1871, when Henry Burrett was the schoolmaster. According to M. Billings’s, “Directory and Gazetteer of Berkshire and Oxfordshire” (1854), Henry Burrett was the head and he also held office in 1861.

3. Entry for Sulhampstead in MS.Oxf.dioc.pp.e.49.

ment instituted a training programme. Under this any suitable candidate could serve a five-year apprenticeship as a pupil-teacher in an approved elementary school and at the end of this could compete for a Queen’s scholarship to give entry to a training college. Those unable to enter a college could remain in the schools as unqualified instructors and study in their spare time for the qualifying certificate examination. However, as the cases of Messrs. Burrett and Stroud suggest, the process of reform took a number of years to become effective. It was further complicated when in 1875 the government introduced a new category of “supplementary” or “additional” teachers, aged eighteen or above, who were accepted by HM Inspectors as suitable to teach younger children even though they had no formal qualifications. Hence at the end of the 1890s, Berkshire had 376 certificated or provisionally certificated teachers, but they were outnumbered by unqualified colleagues. These included 163 “assistant” teachers, who had probably served apprenticeships but did not have a certificate; 95 pupil teachers, and 197 “additional” teachers.⁵

From 1862, all HEADS of grant-aided schools were required to hold a certificate, gained either whilst at college or externally through private study. However even then the managers of some smaller rural schools appealed to the Education Department in London to allow unqualified candidates to act as heads until they could gain a certificate. Among them was the young widow, Elizabeth Mobbs, of

4. According to the 1851 Census for Sulhampstead, HO107/1691, Mr Stroud was living with his wife, four daughters and a widowed mother, who was an “annuitant”.

5. See summary of Berkshire teachers in elementary schools during 1898/99 in Parliamentary Papers, 1900, Vol. LXV, Part I, pp 31-32.

could gain a certificate. Among them was the young widow, Elizabeth Mobbs, of Aston Tirrold. She had been born in Surrey and during her teens, in the mid-1840s, had briefly attended the Home and Colonial Training College, London. However, she had never become properly qualified and her teaching experience prior to moving to Aston Tirrold seems to have consisted of acting as needlework instructor at her late husband's school at West Hendred between September 1853 and September 1855. In the latter month she moved to the headship of Aston Tirrold, where she lived alone in the school house.¹ When the application for her recognition was made in December 1863 her annual salary was just £30 and she had fifty to sixty pupils in attendance. Her only assistance came from paid monitors, to whom the managers paid a meagre joint salary of £1 5s per annum.² As early as 1853 the village rector had complained of financial problems and in a letter to Magdalen College, he claimed that,

*“as the three chief proprietors of the parish are resident dissenters and will give nothing to the church school, there are no funds for a good trained mistress and master...Not a person in the parish takes any interest in it except myself and my wife.”*³

Mrs Mobbs was allowed to remain and late in 1869 she remarried, her new husband being Thomas Curtis, a local farm bailiff. She continued to teach at the school until June 1876, aided by a series of assistant mistresses and with the rector and his wife taking a number of classes. Indeed, when she was away for three weeks in February 1872 following the

1. See ED.7.2 return for Aston Tirrold National School, 4th December, 1863, at the PRO. 1861 Census for Aston Tirrold, RG9/739.

2. See return in ED.7.2.

3. Quoted in S. Newell, *op. cit.*, p 15.

birth of a son, the rector's wife, Mrs Hoskyns, took charge of the school, and the rector himself taught geography.

Mrs Curtis was finally awarded a government certificate on the grounds of age and experience on 1st July, 1871. Despite some problems with the arithmetic examinations, her pupils received favourable reports from H.M. Inspector and in her last year the school's Education Department grant amounted to £33 15s. She was succeeded by Miss F.J. Turner of Williton School, Somerset, but unfortunately she proved unable to keep order. On 17th April, 1877, “in the ... absence of all Discipline”, Mrs Curtis returned to take temporary charge. After an unenthusiastic report from H.M. Inspector and a reduced government grant – to £31 10s – the luckless Miss Turner lost her job on 18th May. Mrs Curtis remained at the school until August, when Miss White of Great Milton School, Oxon, was appointed.⁴

Many of the details of Elizabeth Mobbs' early career were obtained from the “preliminary statement” submitted by the school correspondent to the Education Department. These statements are held at the Public Record Office, Kew, under the general classification ED.7, and exist for virtually all nineteenth century elementary schools. They give information on the date of birth, training (if any), educational background and, often enough, the salary of the teachers concerned. A limitation of the source is that normally only one application for official recognition was made for each school and thus the career profile of only one head teacher can be estab-

4. Details of the school routine have been obtained from the Aston Tirrold Log Book at BRO, D/P10/28/17, which commences in 1870. See also 1871 Census for Aston Tirrold, RG10/1272; the second marriage took place in Elizabeth's native Surrey, according to the marriage registration.

lished. Only if the first application were unsuccessful or were rendered invalid for some reason was a second appeal necessary.

Where teachers attended a training college a third source of information is provided by college records. Many male teachers from Berkshire attended the Oxford diocesan training school (later college) opened in 1840 at Summertown, Oxford, and subsequently transferred in January 1853 to purpose-built premises at Culham near Abingdon. Records of every student survive and these normally detail not only the individual's academic background and character but often the school where he took up his first appointment, his salary, his address when he entered the college and the name and address of his sponsor – usually the parish clergyman. These records are kept by the Culham Education Foundation at Abingdon, which took over when the college closed at the end of the 1970s.

Regrettably no central register exists to list the location of college records. In some cases, as with the Salisbury Diocesan Training College (opened in 1841 to cater for women students), they may be kept at County Record Offices. Mary Hardy, elder sister of the novelist, Thomas Hardy, attended there between 1860 and 1862, before taking up the headship at Denchworth near Wantage early in 1863. This she held for four years before returning to her native Dorset.¹ In other instances, records may be held by the college itself or its successor institution, as applied to Culham College. However,

1. Information concerning Mary Hardy can be found in 1585/93 and 1585/96; records of Salisbury Diocesan Training College at Wiltshire Record Office. See also ED.7.2 application for Denchworth at the PRO, and Pamela Horn, 'Vale of melancholy' in "Limited Edition" (October 1990), pp 13-14.

they are not usually difficult to trace. Many of the colleges also had their own magazines, which include reminiscences of student life or accounts of individual careers. These, too, give interesting background information.

Two further sources can be consulted at the PRO, under the general classification of ED.2 and ED.21. These files are mainly concerned with school accommodation and associated matters, but some give information on teaching staff. They have the merit that under one or other of these classifications a file exists for every elementary school on the government's grant list.

Finally, advertisements of vacancies for teachers in the educational press can give a flavour of what was expected of them. This includes the "School Guardian" for Anglican schools, the "School Board Chronicle", for rate-aided board schools, and the "Schoolmaster" (the journal of the National Union of Elementary Teachers – later the NUT) for schools of all denominations. Typical examples include the appeal on 3rd April, 1880, by the Rector of Yattendon in the "Schoolmaster" for, "a certificated MISTRESS and Assistant for a Village Mixed and Infant School of about 70 Children ... Organ and choir. House partly furnished. Allowance of milk, vegetables and coal."

About a year later, the vicar of Ashampstead similarly advertised for a, "Certificated MISTRESS, for Mixed Village School; Harmonium, singing, knitting. Salary 40 and one third Government grant. House (partially furnished) and garden. Pupil Teacher."

For long-serving school heads, local newspapers may give details of individual lives and careers, especially at the time of retirement or death, or on the occasion of some special event at the school itself.

To be Continued

The Shopkeepers Of Newbury's Northbrook Street

By *Audrey Franklin*

Introduction

Northbrook St has always been the most popular and up-market of Newbury's shopping areas. In 1787, H. Sainsbury, a surgeon, apothecary and a man-midwife, decided to move from the market place into premises that had been Miss Hancock's Boarding School. He took the opportunity to thank his friends and the public for their favours and to assure them of his determination to go on giving a good service. He had married Sally Slocock, a girl from a well-known Newbury family but he was not able to cure the illness from which she suffered in her declining years.

As an apothecary he would have had a stock of fresh herbs, gathered from the hedgerows as far as possible. However, he and the other chemists and druggists were facing competition from patent medicines of the kind sold by Benjamin Fuller in his shop on the Bridge. He was a bookseller but it was common for them to sell medicines as well. Some of these, it seems, would cure just about anything – Tincture of Valerian for sudden tremblings, faintings, lowness of spirits, spasms and all disorders attending weak and relaxed habits of body. Mr Spilbury's Drops went even further and relieved scurvy, gout, rheumatism, children's eruptions, slow fevers and other complaints arising from impurities of the blood – all this for only 4/6d a bottle. – according to the advertisement placed in the Reading Mercury by Mr Fuller.

The Bodman Family

A prominent family was the Bodmans. One of these was Lipyatt, an apothecary who advertised for a kitchen gardener in 1757. He was Mayor of Newbury in 1743. The first member of the family that we know of was Theophilus, who came from London to Newbury in 1682 to marry Lydia Field. Around about the time that Lipyatt was looking for a kitchen gardener, William Bodman was expanding his drapery business. In 1753, he was planning to open a second shop in Hungerford. He, too, was Mayor, in 1761.

As we move towards the Nineteenth Century, we get to know more about the individual Bodmans. There are two Jameses, whose shop was at No. 8, now part of Camp Hopson's. Many of the traders of Northbrook Street became Mayors and James the elder was one of these, being Mayor in 1792, 1802 and 1816. In 1812 he voted for the unsuccessful William Hallett of Kintbury in a General Election. Hallett's manifesto included wider franchise and Catholic Emancipation.

The younger James Bodman was born in 1797. He too became Mayor of Newbury. He married Matilda Grigg, the widow of a former Mayor of Newbury, John Grigg or Gregg. By 1851 James was a widower with no visible family. His business did well and in 1851 he had three employees and three female servants while in 1861 he had ten shopmen and two domestics. He now had a partner, a David Jones from Radnorshire. James seems to have died around 1870.

The Bunny Family

There were a large number of Bunnys in Newbury from the Sixteenth Century onwards. Thus in 1795, Bunny and Son were listed as surgeons and apothecaries

in Speenhamland and Northbrook Street, whilst Brice¹ Bunny was a grocer and linen draper. Thirty years later, they had branched out into being attorneys (Jere Bunny) and Slocock, Bunny and Slocock, bankers. There was also Edward Brice Bunny, a landowner, banker, magistrate, churchwarden of St Mary's and director of the Cemetery Company.

Jere Bunny, the solicitor, lived on the corner of West Street and Northbrook Street. He later moved to Speen, but kept his offices at 41, Northbrook Street. In 1850 he sold the house to James Jeremiah Davies, who established a china shop there.

Finally there is Joseph Bunny, who produced a fine crop of daughters. He gained some experience in Newbury, then went on to train at Guy's and St Thomas's, London, becoming an apothecary, the usual step for a would-be doctor. After that he went to Edinburgh to get his M.D., notching up on the way several diplomas such as obstetrics, coming back at the ripe old age of 25 to settle down in his home town. He lived at 12, Northbrook St from about 1830 onwards. He described himself in the 1851 census as doctor, physician and surgeon. He was also the coroner for many years. Like other doctors, he was involved with the Dispensary in West Street, which was intended to give medical help to the poor. His spare-time interests included the Literary and Scientific Institute, the study of botany, the museum, the Field Club, and the Newbury to Southampton Railway. He was the chairman of Coxedd and Pear-

1. It is said that Brice was the name of a doctor who had a great reputation amongst ladies as the best to have in for childbirth. As a result, grateful mamas insisted on giving their offspring his name, so there was an epidemic of Brices in Newbury.

e's Charity, a trustee of Kimber's Charity and a magistrate. By 1877, he was still shown as practising, and carried on until four years before his death at the age of 86.

The Toomers

The Toomers' business was established in Newbury in the late Seventeenth Century. It is said that the first Samuel Toomer was a partner of William Blandy in the bar-iron trade and that they had a shop in the Market Place. Like all the others, the Toomers took their turn at being Mayors. The Samuel Toomer who was born in 1793, lived to be 81 and besides running the shop, was a partner in the Old Bank. His son Joseph, was Mayor three times. Joseph's son Samuel Nevil lived to be 92, having lived through four reigns. In 1854 he described himself as a brazier. His family were co-opted into the business, with one of his sons as his assistant, a daughter as his accountant and another daughter as housekeeper. By 1871 Samuel Nevil owned ten acres of moorland and in addition to all his other activities called himself a farmer. After he died the business was carried on by Nevil Maskeleyne Toomer. He had a legal wrangle with Pickfords in 1900. He claimed that their vans had been obstructing his premises for years and sued William Jacobs for obstruction. However, the case was inconclusive and each side had to pay its own costs. By the twentieth century there were no male heirs left and the business passed to the son of one of the daughters, Mr Greet, who continued to trade under the name of Toomers. He married the daughter of Mr Church, stonemason and builder. As Mayor of Newbury in 1930, he was concerned about increasing unemployment. He and his wife gave a pendant for the Mayoress to wear, in memory of the Toomers.

Camp Hopson

The development of Camp Hopson the famous Newbury department store that is still there today can be traced. The Hopsons first appear in an 1823 Directory where John and Charles Hopson are listed as bricklayers. In 1830, they are joined by William Hopson, whose address is given as the Bricklayers Arms, Bartholomew Street. By the middle of the Nineteenth Century the family had spread out, some of them remaining as builders, whilst some had retired to 1, Carnarvon Terrace, which they owned and possibly built.

Joseph Hopson who founded the shop, was born in 1827 and had a varied career. He started off as a paperhanger, although his trade seems to have been a cabinet maker. By 1864 he was an upholsterer, cabinet maker, furniture and wallpaper warehouseman and a picture frame maker. Wallpaper had come into fashion in the mid-eighteenth century and some of Joseph's sold at under a farthing a yard. His business was expanding and he had staff working for him. He had also purchased the shop at 64/65 and had workshops at 90 and 91 West St. He sold electro-plated goods and French and American clocks and the newly-invented sewing machine. In 1873 he bought a furniture van from Mr Machin which was said to be the largest in the country. A few years later he sued the Great Western Railway over a load of furniture that was coming down from Huddersfield and had been involved in an accident. Later, he branched out to become a house agent as well. The Hopsons amalgamated with Penford's at 13 and 14, in the 1890s, before getting involved with Camps through marriage in the the early twentieth century.

Congregational Church

Many of the families who lived on Northbrook Street, including the Toomers, the Hopsons, the Fieldings and Benjamin Fuller were Congregationalists. They put a great deal of time and effort into furthering religious education in the town and helping to build and extend the church buildings which still exist in a quiet courtyard behind Northbrook St. One family who were much involved with the church was that of the Fielders. Thomas Wooldridge Fielder who had a business at 2, Northbrook St, as a druggist, grocer and fellmonger, convened the committee for building the schoolroom. Sadly he died two weeks before the schoolroom was opened. One of his sons, Thomas Waters Fielding, became the Superintendent of the Sunday School, helped by his sister who became Mrs May.

Conclusion

The above is a very small sample of all those who lived and worked in Northbrook Street, Newbury. It has had to be very selective, as at any time there are perhaps 500 to 600 people living in the street.

Clewer Cemetery records Vale Road, Windsor

Monica Martin has recently completed recording the genealogical information from the 270 or so gravestones at Clewer Cemetery, her son helping to cut down the bushes! This cemetery was previously connected with St. Andrew's at Clewer.

If you think one of your ancestors might be buried here, or anywhere else in East Berkshire, or the Bucks borders, please send £1 and an S.A.E. with your enquiry to Mrs M Martin, 22 Eton Close, Datchet, Slough, SL3 9BE.

Some BFHS members may remember an article, by Margaret Smith, that appeared in the March 1990 issue of the magazine about the resources available in the Berkshire Library and Information Service. The following article is the first in a series about the holdings in the County Local Studies and County Reference Libraries and looks at the County Local Studies Library.

Resources for Family Historians in the County Local Studies and Reference Libraries, Reading

By Margaret Smith

The Library is the largest and most comprehensive collection in the county about Berkshire and the town of Reading. At the last stock count in March 1992, we had 18,279 books, 2 metres of pamphlet shelving, 3,000 maps, 4,500 photographs, prints and slides, 115,300 newspaper cuttings, 1,235 reels of microfilm and 3,721 microfiche sheets and the collection is continually growing! We collect for the whole of old Berkshire (pre 1974 county including the Vale of the White Horse, now in Oxfordshire) and new Berkshire (post 1974 boundaries including Slough and Eton, although our collection is very small, compared to what is held at Slough Reference Library). We also hold some material for neighbouring areas of bordering counties, most notably for the area of South Oxfordshire to the north of Caversham up to a line bounded roughly by Nuffield, Nettlebed and Henley. We aim to complement the collection of ar-

chival and manuscript material held in the Berkshire Record Office.

The following is a brief list of the resources held for family historians, although more details about some of the holdings will appear in a future issue:

IGI – current edition on microfiche for the whole of the UK and Ireland. Currently, we hold the 1988 edition, but we hope to acquire the 1992 microfiche edition later in the year.

Census Returns – 1841-1891 on microfilm for the whole of pre 1974 Berkshire, plus some for South Oxfordshire as specified above.

Kelly's directories and similar – a selection of Berkshire directories from 1796 to 1939, though not held for every year, and a long file of Reading directories from 1801 to 1976, although they are not comprehensive until about the 1870s.

Telephone directories – Reading area alphabetical directories for 1894, 1940, then a file from 1951 onwards, classified directories from 1939 onwards. Neither available for every year.

Local newspapers – Reading-based newspapers, available on microfilms, from 1723 onwards.

Poll Books and Electoral Rolls – some Berkshire lists for the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries. An extensive run of electoral rolls for Reading from 1812 onwards. We hold some for other parts of the county, but only from about 1948. The BRO has an extensive collection.

Monumental inscriptions – thanks partly to the BFHS, we have a growing collection of these.

Parish Register Transcripts – we have a few of these. However, most original registers and microfilmed copies are held at the BRO.

In future issues, we hope to cover the services offered by the Library, and also resources (mostly non-Berkshire) held in the genealogical section of the County Reference Library, as well as more about some of the holdings referred to above.

The address of the County Local Studies Library is:

Abbey Square, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 3BQ. Tel no (0734) 509243/5, Fax no (0734) 589039.

A booking system operates for the microfilm readers.

Opening hours:

Monday	9.30 – 5.00
Tuesday	9.30 – 7.00
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9.30 – 7.00
Friday	9.30 – 5.00

Berkshire Record Office News

From Elizabeth Williams

Progress of Microfilming

The Record Office was closed for its two-week annual stocktaking in November which enabled some very valuable work to be carried out. One of the projects on which a great deal of progress was made was the scheduling of records to be filmed by the Mormons, who are now due to arrive late this year. When they have completed this latest programme of filming, many more parish records (including registers), probate material and school records will be available on film, thus saving them from heavy use and enabling the Record Office to supply print-outs of items which

cannot normally be copied because of the damage this causes.

Overseers Project

Work-ins were held in October, December and January for the Overseers Project volunteers which contributed towards the steady progress that the project continues to make westwards along the Kennet Valley. Volunteers interested in any part of the county are always welcome. The next work-in will be held on Saturday 24th April from 10am to 4pm.

Open Day

Preparations are now well under way for our 1993 Open Day, which will be held on Saturday 22nd May from 9.30 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 4.30 and to which **absolutely everyone** is invited. There will be a selection of original documents on display to give a flavour of some of the three miles of records that the office holds, which date from the twelfth century to the present day. There will be exhibitions on the work of the Record Office, the Conservation Unit and the Modern Record Centre, demonstration of repair and tours around the strong room (but don't worry – you won't have to walk three miles). Staff will be on hand to answer any questions.

Newbury Museum

We are also beginning to plan an event in Newbury, in collaboration with Newbury Museum, where it will be held. There will be an exhibition at the museum during June and a manned (or should I say personned?) event, also at the museum, on Saturday 19th June, on the lines of the road show that we held in Maidenhead last year. Again, everyone is welcome.

Berkshire Overseers Project

By Brian Hunt

The first Saturday "Work-in" at the Berkshire Record Office, held on 31st October 1992, was a great success. All the tables in the office were filled for both the morning and afternoon sessions. There was an even better attendance on Saturday 28th November, when the workers overflowed to some of the film-viewing seats in the BRO. Dr Peter Durrant and Sabina Sutherland kept us all supplied with documents for transcribing together with typed transcripts for checking, and must be thanked for giving up their free time and for their expertise. A considerable amount of work was done, leaving me with a lot of typing and indexing to do over the next few weeks.

The scope and size of the Berkshire Overseers Project was outlined in *Berkshire Family Historian*, March 1992, (Vol 15, No. 3). Since that date Volume 1 – for Chieveley Parish in the Union of Newbury, and Volume 4 – for Aldermaston, Englefield and Pangbourne parishes in the Bradfield Union, have been completed and copies have been placed in various libraries, including the BFHS Reference Library. A proposed breakdown of the calendar into volumes of a manageable size – with the objective of producing a steady trickle of information into the libraries – is given at the end of this article. If, eventually, the decision is taken to publish the results of this project, this breakdown may not be adhered to, since the use of microfiche for example will mean that volumes can be combined.

Current progress means that in addition to Volumes 1 and 4 already mentioned,

Volumes 2 and 5 are virtually complete, with just a few items to check back against original documents and some final indexing to be carried out. Several other individual parishes have been (or are being) transcribed and some print-outs have been checked, with volunteers being allocated parishes within their own area of interest wherever possible. These include Sonning, Bray, Easthampstead, Warfield, Wantage and much of Faringdon Union. When these are combined with transcripts surviving from the work done many years ago, we should hope to see continued progress and the issue of further volumes over the first six months of 1993.

Berkshire Overseers Project

Proposed breakdown into Volumes by Poor Law Unions and Parishes.

Newbury Union

Vol 1	Chieveley	82 pages
Vol 2	Brimpton, Enborne, Wasing and Woolhampton	approx 44 pages
Vol 3	Thatcham	approx 112 pages

Bradfield Union

Vol 4	Aldermaston, Englefield and Pangbourne	75 pages
Vol 5	Bucklebury, Burghfield, Sulham, Stanford Dingley, Sulham, Sulhampstead Abbots and Theale	approx 72 pages
Vol 6	Tilehurst and Padworth	approx 100 pages

Maidenhead Union

Vol 7	Bray, Cookham and Waltham St Lawrence	approx 76 pages
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Faringdon Union

Vol 8	Ashbury, Coleshill, Great Coxwell, Kingston Lisle, Shellingford, Stanford in the Vale and Uffington	approx 45 pages
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Wallingford Union

Vol 9	Brightwell, Cholsey, Crowmarsh Gifford, Newnham Murren, Wallingford St Mary, Wallingford St Peter and Long Wittenham	approx 40 pages
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Easthampstead Union

Vol 10 Easthampstead, Warfield and Winkfield
approx 85 pages

Wokingham Union (Part)

Vol 11 Shinfield, Sonning and Swallowfield
approx 58 pages

Wokingham (Part) Windsor Unions

Vol 12 Finchampstead, Hurst, Sunninghill, New
Windsor and Old Windsor
approx 85 pages

Wantage Union

Vol 13 Ardington, Blewbury, Brightwalton,
Hampstead Norris, West Hanney, Harwell,
West Hendred, Peasemore and Sparsholt
approx 76 pages

Vol 14 Wantage
approx 124 pages

Abingdon Union

Vol 15 Abingdon, Cumnor, Drayton, Kingston
Bagpuize and Sutton Courtney
approx 76 pages

Reading Union

Vol 16 Reading St Giles
approx 84 pages

Vol 17 Reading St Giles
approx 84 pages

Vol 18 Reading St Giles
approx 84 pages

Vol 19 Reading St Giles
approx 84 pages

Vol 20 Reading St Giles
approx 92 pages

Vol 21 Reading St Giles and
Reading St Lawrence
approx 92 pages

Vol 22 Caversham
approx 92 pages

Hungerford Union

Vol 23 Hungerford
approx 100 pages

Vol 24 Hungerford and Kintbury
approx 108 pages

Recent Library Acquisitions

This is a list of acquisitions to the Society's Reference Library between August and October 1992. If you wish to request a publication at a Branch meeting, please quote the Accession number which appears in the first column. 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 meetings or annual event such as a Symposium or Open Day.

The second column shows the Society Branch Library which normally holds the publication (B = Bracknell, N = Newbury, R = Reading and S = Slough). In the title column, a number followed by mf shows the number of microfiche. The far right hand column show how the Society acquired the publication: D = Donation, P = Purchase, R = Review and X = Exchange.

1. General Reference

01/A 2893 B Family Historians Enquire Within (4th ed) Markwell, F.C. & Saul, P. 1991 P

01/A 2894 B Family Tree Detective (2nd ed) Rogers, C.D. 1989 P

01/A 2897 B Parish Chest (3rd ed) Tate, W.E. 1983 P

01/A 2895 B Tracing Your Ancestors in the PRO. (4th ed) Bevan & Duncan 1991 P

Local History

01/B 2896 B Local Historians Encyclopedia. Richardson, J. 1989 P

Parish Registers

01/D 2892 B Parish Register Atlas & Index Humphery-Smith, C.R.(ed) 1984 P

Monumental Inscriptions

01/E 2942 R Monumental Inscriptions, Rayment's Notes (4th ed) Pattinson, P. 1992 R

Census Returns

01/G 2940 R 1851 Census Survey, ENG, WLS & Channel Isles Federation FHS 1992 X

01/G 2907 R 1891 Census: PRO Class List (RG 12) [7mf] Public Record Office 1991 P

01/G 2943 R Census Returns of England & Wales, Intro.to Lumas, S. 1992 X

01/G 2935 R Index to Census Registration Districts Rosier, M.E.B.(comp) 1990 D

Palaeography

01/K 2938 R 16 & 17 Century Wills & Inventories, etc. [folder] Rycroft, A. (comp) 1973 D

Armed services

01/L 2900 B Location of British Army Records (2nd ed) Holding, N. 1991 P

- 01/L 2901 B More Sources for WWI Army Ancestry (2nd ed) Holding, N. 1991 P
 01/L 2902 B Royal Air Force, records Wilson, E. 1991 P
 01/L 2903 B Was Your Grandfather a Railwayman? Richards, T.(comp) 1989 P
 01/L 2899 B World War I Army Ancestry (2nd ed) Holding, N. 1991 P

Title Deeds

- 01/R 2898 B Old Title Deeds Alcock, N.W. 1986 P

Nonconformity

- 01/T 2908 R Methodists, My Ancestors were Leary, W. 1990 P

Probate

- 01/W 2904 R Somerset House Wills from 1858 (4th ed) McLaughlin, Eve 1989 P

Miscellaneous

- 01/X 2905 R Illegitimacy (4th ed) McLaughlin, Eve 1989 P

Surnames etc

- 01/Z 2948 R Forming a One-Name Group (4th ed) Palgrave, D.A. 1992 X

2. Berkshire

Local Histories

- 02/B 2882 B Berkshire Yarrow, Ian 1974 D
 02/B 2906 B Bracknell, Robert Rogers' (1851) Bracknell Dist.H.S. 1988 P
 02/B 2910 R Hurst, Reminiscences of Bullock, S. 1986 P
 02/B 2917 R Twyford & Ruscombe Village Walks Finch, J. & Durant, R. 1989 P
 02/B 2916 R Twyford, Old Inns & Alehouses Rudd, J. & S. 1984 P
 02/B 2923 S Windelsora (01) Windsor LH Pubs Group 1982 P
 02/B 2924 S Windelsora (02) Windsor LH Pubs Group 1983 P
 02/B 2925 S Windelsora (03) Windsor LH Pubs Group 1984 P
 02/B 2926 S Windelsora (04) Windsor LH Pubs Group 1985 P
 02/B 2927 S Windelsora (05) Windsor LH Pubs Group 1986 P
 02/B 2928 S Windelsora (06) Windsor LH Pubs Group 1987 P
 02/B 2929 S Windelsora (07) Windsor LH Pubs Group 1988 P
 02/B 2930 S Windelsora (08) Windsor LH Pubs Group 1989 P
 02/B 2931 S Windelsora (09) Windsor LH Pubs Group 1990 P

- 02/B 2932 S Windelsora (10) Windsor LH Pubs Group 1991 P
 02/B 2920 R Wokingham Historian (2) Wokingham Society LHG 1990 P
 02/B 2921 R Wokingham Historian (3) Wokingham Society LHG 1991 P

Church Guides & Histories

- 02/C 2873 B Ascot Heath, All Saints Church Cleare, Mary 19.. D
 02/C 2912 R Purley (S Mary) Church History Chapman, J. 1988 P

Monumental Inscriptions

- 02/E 2994 R Lyford (S Mary) MIs Berkshire FHS 1992 D

Maps

- 02/F 2872 B County Maps & their Histories McLaughlin, E & Scott, V. 19.. D

Armed services, etc.

- 02/L 2913 R Reading police 1836-1968, 'The Queen's Peace' Wykes, W. 1968 P

Photographs

- 02/O 2911 R Maidenhead, a Pictorial History Over, L. 1990 P

Schools & education

- 02/S 2918 R Twyford, Polehampton C/E School 1888-1988 Twyford & Ruscombe LHS 1987 P
 02/S 2922 R Windsor in the last Century (1897) Barber, A.T. 1990 P

Taxation lists, electoral registers, poll books

- 02/U 2936 R Returns of Owners of Land 1873 [mf folder] Cleaver, Palmer & Wilcox 1992 D

Miscellaneous

- 02/X 2915 R Twyford's Railway Heritage Pearse, M. & J. 1985 P
 02/X 2914 R Twyford, A Village Post Office Rudd, J. & S. 1990 P

3. England - Other Counties

- 03/B 2874 B About Britain (8) E Midlands & The Peak Grigson, G. ed. 19.. D
 03/M 2979 R East Anglian Families (2) Perkins J.P. (comp) 1992 X
 03/O 2919 S Bucks, Slough, A Pictorial History Hunter, J. & Thompson, I. 1991 P
 03/D 2975 R Cheshire Parish Registers Langston, B. 1990 P
 03/G 2964 R Cheshire 1851 Census Index (03) Macclesfield (pt) Cheshire (N) FHS 1992 P

- 03/A 2990 R Hampshire, Diocesan Records of Bishop of Winchester in CRO / Lewin, S. 1991 P
- 03/M 2992 B Hampshire Members Interests 1989 Hampshire GS 1989 D
- 03/Q 2988 R Hampshire, Quarter Sessions Records in CRO White, P. 1990 P
- 03/R 2989 R Hampshire, Estate Records of Bishop of Winchester in CRO / Mayberry, T.W. 1988 P
- 03/X 2987 R Hampshire, Fareham Past & Present (Vol.2/4) Fareham LHG 1992 D
- 03/A 2973 R Jersey, Family History in Backhurst, M.L. 1991 P
- 03/U 2978 R Kent, Freemen of Canterbury 1800-1835 Kent Records Collection 1990 P
- 03/T 2974 R Leicester Nonconformist Records at CRO: 'Descent of Dissent'/ Leics CRO 1989 P
- 03/A 2954 R Lincolnshire Genealogical Sources Lincolns FHS 1990 P
- 03/G 2953 R Lincolnshire Registration Districts Ratcliffe, A. & R. 1990 P
- 03/P 2969 R London, City of, Poor Law Records (2nd ed) (RA 28) West Surrey FHS 1992 D
- 03/X 2945 R London, Lists of Londoners Gibson, J. & Creaton, H. 1992 X
- 03/G 2967 R Middlesex Census Guide 1801-1861 (RA 24) (2nd ed) West Surrey FHS 1991 D
- 03/B 2876 B Oxfordshire, A History of Jessop, Mary nd D
- 03/C 2934 R Somerset, Glastonbury, Guide to Isle of Avalon nd D
- 03/G 2981 R Somerset 1851 Census Index (5) Wincanton etc Somerset & Dorset FHS 1988 P
- 03/G 2982 R Somerset 1851 Census Index (6) Wells, Shepton Mallet / Somerset & Dorset FHS 1990 P
- 03/G 2983 R Somerset 1851 Census Index (7) Wedmore Somerset & Dorset FHS 1991 P
- 03/D 2976 R Staffordshire Parish Registers in CRO Staffords. CRO 1991 P
- 03/T 2977 R Staffordshire Nonconformist Registers in CRO Staffords. CRO 1990 P
- 03/X 2941 R Suffolk, A Genealogical Bibliography Raymond, S. 1992 X
- 03/G 2970 R Surrey 1851 Census Index, Camberwell (MS.09) [mf] West Surrey FHS 1992 D
- 03/G 2971 R Surrey 1851 Census Index, Southwark (pt) (MS.10) [mf] West Surrey FHS 1992 D
- 03/G 2972 R Surrey 1851 Census Index, Southwark (pt) (MS.11) [mf] West Surrey FHS 1992 D
- 03/G 2968 R Surrey Census Guide 1841-1861 (4th ed) (RA 5) West Surrey FHS 1991 D
- 03/U 2965 R Surrey Lay Subsidies 1500-1645 (RA 14) West Surrey FHS 1992 D
- 03/P 2966 R Surrey Parochial Poor Law Records List (RA 4) West Surrey FHS 1991 D
- 03/M 2937 R Surrey (E) Members Interests 1992 [2mf folder] E Surrey FHS 1992 P
- 03/A 2950 R Warwicks Parish & Nonconformist Registers & Censuses in CRO / Warwicks CC. 1992 P
- 03/T 2949 R Worcester, Bromsgrove & Chadwick Quaker Regs 1635-1787 / B'ham & Mid SGH 1990 P
- 03/B 2879 B Yorkshire, The King's England (E Riding & York) Mee, Arthur 1941 D
- 03/B 2877 B Yorkshire, The King's England (N Riding) Mee, Arthur 1941 D
- 03/B 2878 B Yorkshire, The King's England (W Riding) Mee, Arthur 1941 D
- 03/B 2881 B Yorkshire, Wensleydale Pontefract, Ella 1938 D
- 03/B 2880 B Yorkshire, Wharfedale Pontefract, Ella 1938 D
- 03/G 2962 R Yorkshire (W) 1851 Census Index (01) Aldborough etc. Harrogate FHS nd P
- 03/G 2963 R Yorkshire (W) 1851 Census Index (07) Allerton Mauleverer etc. Harrogate FHS nd P

5. Scotland

Census

- 05/G 2956 R Scotland 1851 Census Index, Kiltearn Highland FHS 1985 P
- 05/G 2955 R Scotland 1851 Census Index, Ross & Cromarty Highland FHS 1986 P
- 05/G 2957 R Scotland 1851 Census Index, Tain Highland FHS 1988 P
- Army, Merchant Navy etc**
- 05/L 2958 R Aberdeen, Frederick St. Congregational Chapel 1807-59 / Leith, R. 1990 P
- 05/L 2959 R Scottish Seafarers of 19 Century Scottish Assoc. FHS 1992 P

Taxation lists, elect registers, poll books

- 05/U 2960 R Scotland Stirling Burgess List 1700-1799 Central Scotland FHS 1992 P

7. Overseas

Local histories, Town guides

- 07/B 2999 R Australia, Melbourne in Color Penguin Books 1984 D
- 07/B 2998 R Australia, Problems & Prospects Wade, Sir C.G. 1919 D
- 07/B 2875 B Canada, Pacific Pilgrims Grove, Linden nd D

8. Directories & Indexes

Army, Merchant Navy etc

08/L 2890 B Air Force List 1989 HMSO 1989 D

08/L 2891 B Army List 1989 HMSO 1989 D

Genealogical Directories

08/M 2985 B Family History Knowledge UK 1991
Park, K. & T. 1991 D

08/M 2993 R Family History Knowledge UK 1992-3
Park, K. & T. 1992 D

08/M 2961 R Genealogical Research Directory
1992 Johnson, K. & Sainty, M. 1992 P

08/M 2995 B Register of One Name Studies (1990)
G.O.O.N.S. 1990 P

08/M 2997 S Register of One Name Studies (1990)
G.O.O.N.S. 1990 P

08/M 2996 N Register of One Name Studies (1990)
G.O.O.N.S. 1990 P

Medical

08/N 2984 R Dentists Register 1989 General
Dental Council 1989 D

Schools, educational

08/S 2991 R Modern Records Centre, Guide Supp
(WUL.9) Warwick Univ. Library 1981 D

Who's Who / Who Was Who

08/W 2986 R Who's Who 1987 A & C Black Ltd
1987 D

Miscellaneous

08/X 2951 R Unrelated Certificates (1st & 2nd
collections) B'ham & Mid SGH 1990 P

08/X 2952 R Unrelated Certificates (4th collection)
B'ham & Mid SGH 1990 P

9. Family Histories & Trees

Family Histories

09/B 2939 R ALDWORTH Family History (1) The
English Ancestry Smallbone, K 1992 D

Photographs

09/O 2909 R Treacher, Llewellyn, & his
photographs (1859-1943) Twyford &
Ruscombe LHS 1991 P

Miscellaneous collections

09/X 2980 R FIELDER, Miscellaneous Papers II
Jackson, M.N. nd D

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General reference books

10/A 2933 B England in the 19 Century Thompson,
David 1950 D

Current Publications

10/C 2946 R Current Publications by Members
Societies (7th ed) Federation FHS 1992 X

10/C 2947 R Current Publications by Members
Societies on mf (2nd ed) Federation FHS 1992
X

Miscellaneous trade journals

10/X 2886 B Post Office Magazine (Aug 1937) Post
Office 1937 D

10/X 2885 B Post Office Magazine (Jul 1937) Post
Office 1937 D

10/X 2884 B Post Office Magazine (Jun 1937) Post
Office 1937 D

10/X 2883 B Post Office Magazine (May 1937) Post
Office 1937 D

10/X 2889 B Post Office Magazine (Nov 1937) Post
Office 1937 D

10/X 2888 B Post Office Magazine (Oct 1937) Post
Office 1937 D

10/X 2887 B Post Office Magazine (Sep 1937) Post
Office 1937 D

Accommodation registers

10/Y 2944 R Accommodation Register (6th ed)
Federation FHS 1992 X

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The following item was found in the  
*Reading Mercury* by Eileen Bunt of  
Hungerford.

Feb 25, 1782:

*"Whereas John Talmage and his  
Wife have left their family of children  
on the parish of East Woodhay, near  
Newbury; the Overseers of the said  
Parish give notice, that whoever will  
give intelligence so that they may be  
apprehended, shall receive One  
Guinea reward. - Talmage is about  
40 years of age, by trade a brick-  
maker, five feet ten inches high, with  
curl'd hair of sandy colour; it is  
thought he works at a brick-kiln in  
the environs of London."*

# A Rough Guide to the Bodleian Library

By Jean Perrin

The original library was founded by Duke Humfrey, the youngest brother of King Henry the Fifth. It was restocked and refurbished in 1598 by Sir Thomas Bodley and has been in constant use ever since. It has resources only exceeded in the UK by those of the British Library, having a total of 5.5 million volumes, 850,000 of which are on open access. Since 1610 it has received a free copy of each new book published in the UK so one would have to be very unlucky not to find the book one wanted there. However, as its services are in great demand nationally and internationally, it is expected that a thorough search has been made in all the usual sources of information before applying to the Bodleian. I had already looked for the *The Gardener's Magazine* of 1889 in Reading University Library and the Newspaper Library at Colindale without success.

Admission to the Library is by ticket which is obtained or renewed by applying IN PERSON to the Admissions Office, Scola Musicae, Old Library Quadrangle. This Office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm and Saturday 9.30am to 12.30 pm. It is best to contact the Admissions Officer (Tel. no. 0865 277000) in advance asking for a Form of Recommendation for Admission as this has to be completed by the Recommender who should be someone in a responsible position whose credentials can readily be verified and who knows the applicant personally. Tickets are issued following a formal admission procedure and are valid for a limited period (maximum four years). All applicants must take with them proof

of their identity, eg bank card, driving licence, passport etc and the completed Form of Recommendation. They must satisfy the Admissions Officer that they are engaged in serious study for which access to the Library is necessary. The current scale of charges is as follows:—

|                                            |        |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Regular use for up to 12 months            | £10.00 |
| Regular use for up to 6 months             | £5.00  |
| Occasional use on 12 separate days         | £5.00  |
| Single visit of 1 day or 2 successive days | £2.00  |

When applying to the Admissions Officer for the Form of Recommendation, one should also ask for a copy of the booklet, *How to Use the Bodleian Library*. This explains clearly where to find books, periodicals and microforms, how to use the catalogue, how to order books, where the reading rooms are and other miscellaneous information. It is as well to study this before going rather than use up time reading it whilst at the Bodleian. There are four different libraries dependant on the Bodleian: the Radcliffe Science Library, the Bodleian Law Library, the Rhodes House Library and the Indian Institute Library. Although these are in separate places, the Admissions Office will advise on the correct one to visit.

Books ordered take varying times to arrive, depending on where they are stored. For instance, the Gardener's Magazine was stored at Nuneham Courtenay and its retrieval took several days, thus compelling me to make a second visit to the Library. Advice as to the expected time of arrival can be sought at the desk when ordering.

The Bodleian Library Address is as follows:

Admissions Office, Scola Musicae, Old Library Quadrangle, Oxford OX1 3BG.  
Tel. no. (0865) 277000.

The Old Library Quadrangle can be approached from Broad Street, behind the Sheldonian Theatre or from the Radcliffe Camera.

# Had you thought of...?

By Diana Mackarill

A stroke of luck brought me a letter from Australia with a new lead on my family. My correspondent was able to give me a line of descent to the present day for my Hampshire relatives, whom she knew as emigrants to the Falkland Islands. In case others may find this an unexplored source for their own kin, here is an account of my discoveries.

In December 1869 Nathaniel and Sarah Paice with their baby left Old Basing in Hampshire for the long voyage to the Falkland Islands aboard the *Victoria Tatham*. With them were the Cooper family, with three children, and Henry Edwards, farm labourer, age eighteen. A few years earlier, William May and John William Smallbones had gone from the same district.

At this period, the Falkland Islands Company (F.I.C.) was expanding its activities, and was recruiting in Britain, especially in Scotland, ready to sign up active men and their families, both those with skills – carpenters, blacksmiths, and more particularly, shepherds – but also unskilled labourers. In 1870 the F.I.C. sought berths on the mail steamer *MS Foam* from Southampton as,

*“we learn that several shepherds will be required for the increase of our flocks.”*

Articles of Agreement, drawn up by the Company in June 1872, provided for shepherds as follows:

*“...for five years under the orders of the Company's manager, X and his family is provided with lodging and Meat<sup>1</sup> for their own consumption, at the rate of 3 lbs daily for himself and*

*wife, 2 lbs daily for single men, and children above 15 years of age, and 1 lb daily for children under that age, with a free passage from England, providing he fulfils the term of this agreement.”*

The shepherd also received £40 rising to wages of £50 a year. Artisans had to provide their own victuals, wages being £10 a month; they could quit the service by paying the cost of passage, but not so the shepherds,

*“as they are not really serviceable under a year or two.”*

The F.I.C. also records the provisions issued weekly on board ship, including food for children, and medicines.

Back home in Hampshire, at this date, Nathaniel's father was paying about 4/4 a month rent, and earning 2/- a day as labourer, when he had work, with 4 lbs of beef at Christmas and a charity loaf of bread on Good Friday.

Nathaniel certainly appears to have prospered. He went out as a labourer but when the birth of his second child was registered in 1872, his occupation was shown as shepherd. His seven children born there also did well for themselves. One son became a foreman and champion shearer, and married the daughter of the manager of the F.I.C.; another son became an assistant lighthouse keeper; a daughter married a seaman; another married a sub-manager of San Carlos, son of a Devon 'gentleman'. Nathaniel's descendants settled eventually in Australia, where they are still, perpetuating the name 'Nathaniel' which has been in the family since at least 1662.

An odd point of interest is that the baptismal names given there are multiple, and include apparent surnames – Agnes Elizabeth Jane Margaret, Emily Jane

1. Meat stands for food in this context.

Goss, Richard Samuel Palmer. Perhaps so far from home this was one way of keeping memories of relatives left behind.

Details of births, with a string of marriages and a few burials, going up to 1940, can be found in a handwritten notebook, copied from the Registers, at the Society of Genealogists in London.

Information about the emigration involved me in some investigation at the PRO Kew. Searching the index, I found no reference to the Falkland Islands in emigration papers, so I consulted the enquiry officer, who checked, and assured me they had none. However, I searched further in the general lists of emigrant destinations, and found the vital words "and others" and there they were. The relevant papers are to be found in "Land and Emigration Commission papers 1833-1894" which contains "Falkland Islands Correspondence 1858-78" (CO386 - 5). CO 381 also has useful material, especially concerning people applying for land grants. Unfortunately there are no passenger lists for this period. Many Scottish names appear in the lists, and reference to other boats - "Harmonia", "Matilda", "Barque", "Fantome". Your family heirloom sketch of some strange ship MIGHT be the clue to some 'lost' emigrants! I should be interested to hear from any BFHS member finding relatives from this source.

### Recommended Reading

Ian J. Strange - *Falkland Islands* available in Reading Central Library.

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## Coach to Family History Fair

Besides having a stand, the Society is arranging a coach trip to this important national event organised by the Society of Genealogists in London on Sunday, 16th

May. Current plans are for the coach(es) to pick up at Bus Station in Newbury, followed by Shire Hall, Reading, the free car park at The Point in Bracknell, and Wellington Street by the Bus Station in Slough. To book your seat you should send £6 (£5 for the coach, £1 for entrance) to Mike Sheppard at 1 Jubilee Road, Newbury, Berks, RG14 7NN *before the end of March*. Please enclose an SAE if you want confirmation.

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## Berkshire FHS Symposium

The 1993 Symposium will be held on Saturday 3rd July at the Holt School, Wokingham. The theme will be *What's in a Name?*. The two talks will be *Use of Aliases in Surnames* by Dr George Redmonds and *Surnames and Place-Names* by Ann Cole.

**Dr Redmonds** is a writer on local history and a freelance lecturer. **Mrs Cole** is a teacher of geography, a leading member of the English Place-Name Society, and an authority on the place-names of the Oxford-Reading region.

The BFHS will have its Reference and Magazine Libraries and Pedigree and Name Indices available for research. The 1992 IGI will also be available. 25 Family History Societies will also be taking part with stands displaying publications and records for their area. There will also be second-hand specialist bookstalls, and local organisations with an interest in family history.

A set lunch can be booked and light refreshments will be available.

Places for this event, which will contain something for everyone interested in family history from the beginner to the more experienced, can be booked by application to Mr Bill Grose, 120 Foxcote, Wokingham, Berks RG11 3PE with SAE on the form included with this magazine.

# Farm Diary For 1910

By Dorothy Wise

It seems that in 1910 things were going pretty well for Henry George Wise and his family. The two older boys Jack and Bert were launched on their chosen careers, engineering and dentistry, whilst Frank and Randall were still at home working on the farm with every intention of becoming farmers in their own right.

On March 10th, "Randal joined the Yeomanry", following Frank's footsteps. This is something they both enjoyed. Later on in September, they are recorded:

*"being away on manoeuvres for two weeks".*

This is when the two younger boys, Eric and Hector, came into their own, helping with the cows and the butter making.

Twice during this year we see that Henry George is looking at other farms, one at Liphook and another at Wycombe. He eventually found what he was looking for at Dean Court, Botley, on the outskirts of Oxford and the family began to move themselves along with their implements and cattle. They did not abandon Wokefield Farm, which was left in the capable hands of Henry George's sister-in-law Aunt Sally and the faithful Hutchins brothers. Mother and the three girls and Frank and Randal moved, whilst Henry George commuted by train and by pony and trap. The three girls, Dorothy, Alethea and Irene loved being so close to Oxford with its shops and theatres.

The entry for September 13th at first looks mundane:

*"Cattle done, Ploughing done, Gravel cart, and George West and Barry done potatoe<sup>1</sup> digging. SELF odd jobs morning THEN TO TILE-HURST AFTERNOON TO GET THE CHILDREN CHRISTENED."*

1. Henry George like Mr Quayle always put an 'e' on the end of potato!

The "children" were Irene, aged twelve, Eric aged ten and Hector aged eight. They remembered that day with indignation all their lives. "Mother told us that it was to be a private ceremony, otherwise we wouldn't have gone," they complained. It turned out to be Harvest Festival with a full congregation.

The older boys were very handsome and one notices that the visitors on Sundays were often young ladies, my mother amongst them. Mother was accompanied by her brother Frank, unlike other young ladies who were accompanied by their mothers. Thus,

*"Emily Hunt and her mother to tea"*

A draft copy of a letter written in the diary by Bert suggests that he was taking an interest in girls. Thus to his cousin Elsie, he wrote:

*"I am sorry I could not come up to-night, Mother says, I really ought to keep better hours, but I will try and come up next Sunday. Hoping your cold is now much better. Your ever loving young creature. Bertie."*

Soon after the move to Dean Court Farm, Aunt Sally records,

*"Fred took me in the sidecar to Oxford."*

No doubt she was interested in seeing the new home. Fred Stacey her nephew had recently acquired a motorbike and sidecar. She returned next day.

In October, a list left by Henry George for Frank, suggest that there were still things to transfer from Wokefield. Thus:

*"Lamp and bracket from the office, Case of Birds. Bible and Book. Tank for pig's food. Wheel barrow. Bath Brick. Teaspoon and Yeomanry Tackle, and be careful loading the CAKE CRUSHER into the van, and anything you can think of. [Signed FATHER]."*

On Christmas Eve, Aunt and the two small boys set off for Oxford by train, leaving the following hastily scribbled entry:

*"Harry did cows in the morning. Mrs Hutchins to stay in house until Tuesday."*

The retrospective entry for Christmas Day reads,

*"ALL THE FAMILY TOGETHER AT OXFORD."*

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## Across the Pond to find some lost Seale relatives

*By M. Ann Charlton*

In October 1991, I spent a very enjoyable holiday with my sister, who lives in Virginia, USA. One of the many highlights was visiting a Mr William Seale whose name my sister had spotted in a magazine. His family, who were Royalists, left England in the 1660s, and like many English emigrants settled in the beautiful state of Virginia.

As my maiden name was Seale and I had only traced my family back to 1860, I was looking forward to meeting him. Thus one Saturday, we visited Mr William Seale, who lived in an old part of Alexandria. He was a charming man, a historian and specialist in old mansions who has in his possession many books written by a Nancy Kuehl<sup>1</sup> about the Seale family both in England and the USA. As my sister and I browsed through *A Seale Anthology*, I came across the following:

*"A branch settled at a very early period in the county of Northumberland; and to this section were granted, by the learned Cambden, 9*

1. Sadly most of her books are now out of print, but I did manage to obtain a copy of *Henry Seale the King's Bookseller*.

*July, 1599, the arms, which, with variations, are borne by every division of the family.*

Sir Henry-Paul Seale, Bart, of Mount-Boone, near Dartmouth, Devonshire, represents one branch of the family: the Jersey branch is represented, among other members, by John-Alfred Seale, Esq., of S. Brelade: and another sections is represented by Edward-Wilmot Seale, Esq., of Malmesbury House, East Dulwich. (Note: this man was born in London, London County, England)."

Edward-Wilmot Seale was my great grandfather! I am now trying to find out who his parents were and what their connection was with the Northumberland family. On a recent visit to the PRO, I discovered that Edward-Wilmot Seale was born in Malmesbury, Wiltshire and my husband's cousin found the marriage of an Edward Seale to Ann Rowles on the 7th January, 1783 at the Malmesbury Abbey Church. These may prove to be Edward's parents.

The IGI showed Edward-Wilmot's first marriage to a "Charlotte" at St James, Paddington, in 1833. His will named two children, Edward-Wilmot and Charlotte Sophia. He married Eliza Holford Crook in 1861 at Camberwell and had two more children, Francis Vernon and Ernest Oliver Seale (my grandfather). He died at Barrymore House, Wargrave, in 1867.

From the book *The Pearl of Days – an Intimate Memoir of the Sunday Times 1822-1972*, I learned that Edward Wilmot-Seale was a banker and owned the Sunday Times in 1858 which he left to his eldest son Edmund Seale, but I have no knowledge of what happened to this part of the family.

If any member has any more information that would help me I would be very grateful.



# A “Pot Pourri” of sudden death in Berkshire

*By Roger Long*

There is sometimes a thin line between murder and manslaughter; always the question remains after a sudden death – did she fall or was she pushed? It applies as much to the question of guilt as to the perceptions of the guilty. Yet one thing is certain – men and women have gone to their deaths on the gallows with varying degrees of resignation, acceptance, terror and outright conviction of their own innocence.

Not so long ago, the spectacle of execution – “to be hanged by the neck until you shall be dead” – was a major entertainment where justice was seen to be done, and enjoyed in the doing, yet there were many who met their Maker simply for stealing a sheep or forging a paltry note of exchange. Thus the scaffold was erected opposite Reading Abbey fourteen times between 1800 and 1833 and nineteen took the drop.

However, many others were executed as a result of being found guilty of Murder. The dim shadows of highwaymen and Gypsies, thieves and footpads, the victims and villains, the weak and the guilty, the innocent and the mysterious, can be illuminated briefly, often through newspaper reports and local legends. A well known incident occurred at Park Place, Henley, where Mary Blandy unwittingly (?) poisoned her beloved father for love of a no-good lordling. There are others, rustling Painter was hanged for a pair of heifers and Charles White, a renowned horse thief himself, quaffed ale while his four sons met their fate. Newbury rioters went down the drop the

same as Danny Grimshaw, who boiled his baby by mistake; his ghost haunts naughty children even today. At the White Hart, Wantage, Ann Pullin’s people charged admission to view her headless corpse – where she lost her head to the bean-cutter’s blade – while mild Bill Spicer stilled his wife’s wicked tongue with a poker in Reading. There too Thomas Jennings proved a poisonous parent, and Moses Hatto burnt Mary Anne’s body at Burnham Abbey Farm.

The manslaughter at King’s Meadow was as much the fault of a pompous policeman, as Wokingham’s Messiah was the victim of insanity when he stabbed his friend, the devil. Clewer had its share of misery when John Gould shook the life from his child, and Unity Butler met her violent end at the hands of the lodger. Sunninghill saw what too much ale can do too, as poor Teddy Graham stumbled to his drunken death. Life was hard in South Place, Windsor, and it proved too hard for poor Eliza O’Shea and her violent lover. An unsolved mystery surrounds cutthroat Caroline, the spinster whose sister died at Camberley, whilst a Slough keeper of a second-hand shop died for a handful of change. But perhaps the most poignant of all is the sad death of Nancy Davis, who was simply loved too much to live, stabbed by her young man, Eric James Sedgewick, who, on 4th February 1913, was the last man to be hanged in Reading.

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## 1851 Census for Eton area

The Slough and District Branch of the BFHS are hoping to set up a project group to index the 1851 Census for Eton and Datchet. Please contact Helene Jessup, 57 Ferndale Crescent, Cowley, Uxbridge, UB8 2AY, if you are interested in helping out.

# Q & A with JEAN

*Compiled by Jean DEBNEY*

## Q— Death at Sea

Alan HUMPHRIES of Woodley, Reading Berks:

According to family tradition, my grandfather died at sea about 1888 and I found three possible entries for him in the "Marine Deaths" register at St Catherines House. Can I find out anything more without actually ordering three certificates?

*A.* The Marine Deaths index which you saw at SCH in London lists deaths at sea from 1 July 1837 and is on the Miscellaneous shelf near the general marriages indexes. It gives the year of death, name and age of the deceased, name of the vessel and a page number; the certificate gives date & cause of death plus other details about the ship.

It is possible that the volumes of Miscellaneous Foreign Returns (1831-1955) formerly held at the General Register Office and now in the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane (class RG 32-35, indexed in RG 43) may contain some information about your grandfather. From 1854, the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen [RGSS] compiled registers of deaths at sea from details in official ships' log books; after 1874, this information was passed to the relevant Registrar General of England & Wales, Scotland or Ireland. The registers and indexes from 1854 to 1888 are at the PRO Kew in classes BT 153-160. Some of these classes are now on microfilm and so could probably be ordered and seen at your nearest Mormon Family History Library. For later records apply to the Registrar General of Shipping & Seamen, Department of Trade & Industry, General Register & Record Office of

Shipping & Seamen, Block 2 Government Buildings, St Agnes Road, Gabalfa, Cardiff CF4 4YA; (telephone 0222 693131).

## Q— Birth at Sea

Alan KLOPKE (2088) of Earley, Reading, Berks writes to say that: from the microfiche of the births, marriages and deaths of Victoria, Australia in the Library of the Society of Genealogists, I discovered that my great-grandmother, Jane Matilda SMITH, emigrated from London to Australia and married Henry KLOPKE in Victoria in 1856 and had two daughters (one died) and a son before Henry died in 1868. On 19 November 1870, whilst en route for England on the "Sussex" (Reg.No.23238), she gave birth to another son, my grand-father, George Robert KLOPKE. I enclose the copy certificate of this birth obtained from the "Marine Register Book" which gives no details of the baby's father. On her arrival in London, Jane registered the baby at Lambeth (then in Surrey) with the correct birth date but at an address in Kennington and named the father as "Henry KLOPKE, carpenter". I have checked this address on the 1871 census but they weren't there.

I am awaiting further information from Australia to confirm the possible death of Henry two years prior to his son's birth, (so he's probably not my ancestor ...!) but in the meantime would like to know the answers to the following:

*Q1.* What nationality do you take if you are born on board a ship?

*A.* None of my reference books throw any light on this but I would imagine baby would take its parents' nationality regardless of the country in which the ship was registered but which in this instance was British. Can anyone help out with the legal situation?

**Q2.** Is there a register or depository of the ship's log books so that I can find out when the ship left Australia and arrived in England?

**A.** There are a few ships' log books from 1852 scattered between the PRO Kew, the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich and in Newfoundland but they are unlikely to throw much light on the departure and arrival dates of your ship, the "Sussex". However, the Lloyds List, a weekly newspaper of marine news published from 1741 includes details of ships arrivals in various English and Irish ports, starting with Gravesend. It can be seen at the Guildhall Library, Aldermanbury, London EC3, the British Library Newspaper Library at Colindale, London NW9 5HE or at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London SE10 9NF.

**Q3.** Do passenger lists exist for this period? I know that Henry & Jane's son returned to England as I have his death certificate in Fulham in 1879, but I have no information about the daughter who would have been 13 years old in 1870 and unlikely to have been left behind in Australia.

**A.** Very few incoming passenger lists survive before 1880 but it may be worth checking the catalogue for the class BT 26 at Kew. From 1880-1906 there are passenger lists for ships arriving from outside Europe and the Mediterranean which are arranged chronologically by port and then by class of ticket.

**Q4.** Are there any lists of emigrants to Australia before 1856? Henry KLOPKE was born in Pomerania, Prussia – would he have travelled to Australia via England?

**A.** There are no outgoing passenger lists from England before 1890. There may be records in other sources including lists of arrivals in Australia by ship and port.

It is known that many Europeans migrated round the world via English ports – and that some stayed in England instead of continuing their journey – but none of my books seem to include any relevant suggestions. The Public Records Office Information Leaflets, No.70: Immigrants: Documents in the PRO and No.71 Emigrants: Documents in the PRO, contain much useful information.

As with the previous question about a death at sea, the RGSS compiled registers of births of passengers at sea between 1854 and 1913 and the records are at the PRO Kew in classes BT 158, 160, 165 and 99.

## **Q– Boro' English?**

Elizabeth HAILSTONE (2110) of Tilehurst, Berks: While on a recent visit to the Public Record Office at Kew, I decided to look at the Valuation Office Records (1909-10) for the entries for my family's property in Huntingdon. In many of the entries under "Interest of owner" it just said "Boro' English". What does this mean?

**A.** According to my Local Historian's Encyclopedia (sections A.377 & 422) Borough English was a widespread form of tenure whereby the youngest son was considered the rightful heir; it was abolished in 1924.

## **Q– Where Did My Ancestor Come From?**

Don LAMBOURNE (2739) of Victoria, Australia:

I have recently taken over my sister's (Mrs PORTER) membership of Berks FHS as she is now concentrating on the non-Berkshire section of our family history. As you can see from the enclosed descendants chart (which I thought you might find useful) we have traced the family back to a marriage of Richard

LAMBOURN and Lettice TOWNSEND in Hinton Waldrist Brk in 1728. Unfortunately the record I looked at did not indicate where Richard & Lettice came from and despite searches in many parish records and BTs close to Hinton Waldrist it still remains a mystery. Incidentally, can you also recommend any background reading: up to 1817 my ancestors were shepherds and agricultural labourers and after that they were shoemakers.

*A.* My initial reaction to your query was to consult my atlas and I noted that Hinton Waldrist is on the north side of the Vale of White Horse close to the northern boundary of (pre-1974) Berkshire with Oxfordshire. It is also on a main road, the A420 between Oxford to the north-east and Swindon on the south-west, and in close proximity to the counties of Wiltshire, Gloucester and Oxfordshire. This suggests possible directions in which your ancestor might have travelled in his search for employment, a roof over his head and, in this instance, a bride.

There are numerous sources that may indicate locations of a family name including the International Genealogical Index, probate, poor law and manorial records to name but a few. Further details of these sources plus many, many others have been included by Anthony J CAMP in his useful booklet *My Ancestor was a Migrant* (SOG 1987, £2 from BFHS plus P&P 35p UK, 60p surface, £1 15 airmail). This should be compulsory reading for anyone who has lost their ancestor!!

Just as modern telephone directories and the indexes at St Catherine House (births, marriages and deaths from 1837) can be used to indicate areas where a surname proliferates, so also can the IGI be used to suggest where a name might be found in earlier centuries.

Closer to home, in the Society library is Hinton Waldrist through the centuries by J S HOWSE (2 vols 1968, 1969) [BFHS ref. 2/B/188, 189] which may contain a reference to your family.

Useful background reading on occupations, etc. are produced by Shire Publications and include *The Victorian Farmer* at £1 95 and *Shepherding Tools & Customs* at £1 75 (plus P&P from BFHS); unfortunately *Shoemaking* is currently out of print.

PS. Thank you for sending the (computer?) typed family tree giving names, dates and places of your ancestors back to 1728 which was nice and easy to read (not all those I receive are as clear!!). However, I would like to suggest that it is important to include the county for each parish and, if necessary, the country not everyone's geography is very good.

*Q.* Alan E (for Edward) RICHARDS (820) of Ontario, Canada writes as follows: I have recently had the good sense to rejoin the Berkshire FHS after an absence of over a year and I must say how impressed I am with the current format of the magazine. In particular I like the Q & A and Help pages which I am certain will be of great use to members outside Berkshire. I would like to submit two questions for Q & A, the first quite simple and the second more complex:

*Q1.* I have a will in which the testator refers to the "natural" daughter of his sister-in-law. What does this mean?

*A.* A "natural child" is one born out of wedlock, i.e. an illegitimate child, a bastard.

*Q2.* The same will of Edward RICHARDS of Hinton Waldrist BRK in 1797, leaves land in neighbouring Longworth to his three nephews, John, Thomas & Edward, presumably brothers of Martha, the "natural daughter" of his sister-in-law Mary RICHARDS. Two of the

properties are identified as "Hanging of the Hill" and "a cottage in Dirty Lane". The others are "lately purchased" from Charles LODER and John HOPKINS.

In his will of 1865, Thomas RICHARDS of Ardington leaves "my piece of land in Longworth" to his son Edward. Thomas was a son of Edward RICHARDS of Ardington who died in 1834 leaving his estate to be divided equally between two sons, Thomas and Richard. There is no mention of this land in Edward's will. My question is: How can I find out if the nephew Edward who received land from his uncle Edward in 1797 is the same Edward who lived in Ardington from as early as 1813 until his death in 1834? Would land records help?"

*A.* Before I did anything, got out a piece of paper and drew up a family tree from the above information in order to sort out the various Edwards and Thomases, etc. There are several sorts of records that may provide information to resolve this problem. Perhaps the most obvious is to make sure you have checked all census returns for the area, plus parish registers, probate, directories, etc. After that, the next record that comes to mind is the Tithe Apportionment and Map (drawn up after the Tithe Commutation Act 1836): this records the names of owners and occupiers of property plus details of field names, acreage and type (arable, pasture, etc.) Three copies were made; one is now in the Public Record Office at Kew (IR 29, 30) and the surviving Bishop's and Parish copies should be in the County Record Office.

The information combines well with the 1841 census returns. Land Tax records give information of owners & occupiers from c1690. However, for Berkshire, only scattered fragmentary examples survive in the Berks RO. The only complete coverage of the county is for 1798

which is in the PRO at Kew (IR 23/2) together with the later records of redemption to c1950 (in IR 22-24); which may include plans and details of subsequent ownership, etc.

There are other records for Longworth in the Berkshire CRO apart from those mentioned above. The Bouverie-Russell papers include a map of the parish dated 1836 plus assorted deeds and estate papers. There is also a bundle of manorial deeds for 1810 and 1875-76. And others not listed in my old copy catalogue.

Just a brief word about the property called "Hanging of the Hill": this was probably on a very steep hill-side we had a patch of woodland with a similar name here in Purley which disappeared under the Great Western Railway in 1840. In Hinton Waldrist and Longworth the land falls steeply away to the Thames valley and your property may be in this area.

PS. Thank you for the kind "pat" on the back - I am certain our Editor will be pleased.

### Q- What is a "Carman"

asks Cathy WHEATLEY of Lightwater, SRY

The occupation is recorded on several certificates for her 19th century London ancestors.

*A.* According to my Webster's Dictionary a CARMAN is someone who drives or conveys goods in a cart on the road or in a mine, factory or mill; in other words: a carter.

*Q.* Why does someone with the surname CLARK always acquire the nickname "Nobby"?

*A.* A "NOB" or "NOBBY" is the abbreviation for "nobleman" and was used to indicate a smart, fashionable person, a swell or someone of high social standing. However, since clerical workers, known collectively as clerks, were re-

quired to dress as one of the "nobs" no matter how badly they were paid, the term came to be applied to anyone with the surname CLARK.

## Follow up to "Is it in the IGI?"

Don LAMBOURNE (2739) from Australia writes "In your reply to Mrs Farmer's question I am surprised that you didn't refer to the Atlas & Index of Parish Registers, known affectionately as "Phillimores" which is held by all the Genealogical Societies in Australia and by many researchers (we have one). There is also a publication by Nick Vine Hall summarising all English parish records and where copies are held in Australia. Many societies are increasing their holdings on a regular basis.

Incidentally, while the central LDS in Australia holds many parish records (on microfilm etc.) they still have to call on Salt Lake City for increases to their holdings which can take up to 2 months or more. Perhaps you are luckier in England! Australia is still patiently waiting for the 1992 edition of the IGI. Most state libraries in Australia now have the name-indexed IGI on CD-ROM.

Perhaps Mrs FARMER has not joined a local genealogical society. We have two in Victoria: the Genealogical Society of Victoria and the AIGS (? full name – not listed on the back of my Family History News & Digest – JD) and I would have thought that membership would be a must for any serious researcher. The records they have accumulated, and are still accumulating for Great Britain, are very extensive. They all have good libraries as well."

My reply – Thank you for your comments and for the information about research material available in Australia. I forgot to mention "Phillimores Atlas" (published 1984) which includes, in the

gazetteer section, the beginning and end dates of parish records on the 1981 edition of the IGI. Since then many more records have been added and one therefore needs to check the latest PVRL (the Parish & Vital Records List) at the beginning of each edition of the IGI. The latest (1992) edition of the IGI and the CD-ROM version should be available in Berkshire by the time you read this. Incidentally, we have to wait just as long in England as you do for films to arrive from Salt Lake City at the local Mormon Family History Centre.

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## Kew Map Room closed

The map room at the Public Record Office at Kew will be closed between April and June 1993 to allow improvements in the air conditioning to be carried out. This means that most maps, plans and large documents will be unavailable during this time – but check before your visit in case you can see them.

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## Searches in Church Registers

From 1st January 1993 the fees payable for searches of registers at a church are:

The fee to search pre-1837 marriage registers is £7 up to the first hour, and £5 for following hours (or parts thereof). The scale of fees to search any baptism or burial registers is the same, but includes one copy of an entry (additional copies cost £7 each). This search fee is for a specific search where the approximate date is known, the fees for more general searches are negotiable.

A £3 fee is payable for inspecting a tithe instrument or agreement deposited under the 1836 tithe act. Copies cost £3 for every 72 words.

*From the Table of Parochial Fees.*

# Book Ends

Compiled by Jean Debney

## Local Histories

*Thatcham in 1881 including Ashmore Green, Cold Ash and Crookham*; editor Ray Asher (Thatcham Historical Society, 1992), A4 comb-bound, yellow card covers, illustrated with maps & line drawings, 109pp; £6.95 (+ £1.15 UK, £1.90 surface, £5.40 airmail).

A well co-ordinated collection of studies by Society members about life in Thatcham 100 years ago including earning a living, schooldays, farming, public houses, church and chapel, when times were hard, sport and leisure, shopping, transport, services and utilities, etc.

Still available *Thatcham Road Names* by R B Tubb (1991) £6.95 (+£1 UK, £1.65 surf, £4.50 airmail)

*Around Windsor in Old Photographs* by Beryl Hedges, (Alan Sutton 1992, hard covers) £7.99 (plus P & P)

A fascinating collection of photographs and captions to interest you and add to your knowledge of this historic town.

*Wokingham Historian No.5* (Local History Group of Wokingham Society, Dec 1992; A5 36pp, pale blue card cover; illustrated with maps, line drawings and photograph); £1.50 (+35p UK, 55p surf, £1.20 airmail).

Another collection of excellent local history stories: Wokingham in the late 1920s & early 1930s, Wokingham street names, the Wars of the Roses, a holiday tour in a caravan, the first settlement in Wokingham, the Garth Hunt Club dinner 1904 and the first residents of Batty's Barn Farm Estate.

(Volumes 1-4 are still available)

*From Slate ... to Keyboard, a history of Woodley Church of England School 1855-1992*, (published by Woodley C of

E School, 1992) A5, green laminated card cover, photographs, 44pp. £2.00 (+ 35p UK, 70p surf, £1.40 airmail)

This is the story of the only school in Woodley until the 1950s; it is based on entries from the school log books and interviews with former pupils and members of staff.

PS. Jane Morgan has compiled information about each child mentioned in the Woodley School log books and is willing to pass on information; send s.a.e. to 9 Pitford Road, Woodley, Reading, Berks RG5 4QF.

Also available: *Woodley in the Nineteenth Century* by Frances Lloyd (Berkshire Books, 1990); A4, laminated card cover, illustrated with photographs, maps & prints, 92pp; £3.50 (+ 70p UK, £1.40 surf, £3.60 airmail).

*More Talking about Coley* by the Coley History Group (1991); A5 card cover, photos, etc., 25pp; £1.75 (+35p UK, 55p surf, £1.20 airmail) You loved their first publication, *Talking of Coley*, which soon sold out; in this edition the authors have created the story of childhood and health in a working class community early this century using more memories of Coley people plus information from the records.

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## 1851 Census for Newbury

You should receive an order form for Volume 1, part 2, namely *Newbury*, of the Society's series of indexes to the 1851 census of Berkshire with this magazine. This is the 10th booklet in a series of 17 with the next on Speen due in mid-year.

Less obvious, but more important to those concerned, is the *completion of the transcription*. While there is still plenty of data entry and checking to do, we must thank all those transcribers who have made this possible, including Alan Perrin, the last but not the least!

# HELP!

If you've lost someone, drop the Editor a line, help may be at hand! As you can see from the letters page in this issue, it does pay to ask a question however obscure, someone is bound to know the answer or even to have come across your ancestor! It does help, however, if Help! items are sent in a similar format to that reproduced below.

**William Bellinger** (486), of 15, Elmleigh Road, Littlebourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT3 1UE, has traced his direct line back to a marriage in 1764 in Thatcham. Thus in 1764, a Charles BELLINGER (d.1791) married Anne DIGWEED (1745-1801). They had ten children, Sarah (b.1765), Elizabeth (b. 1767), Charles (b. 1769), David (b. 1772), Lydia (b. 1775), Ann (b. 1778), Hannah (b. 1782), Harriet (b. 1784) and George (b. 1786). Harriet married a Charles DIGWEED in 1806. Where does Charles DIGWEED come from? There were several other marriages between DIGWEEDs and BELLINGERs. A William BELLINGER (b.1688) married Sarah DIGWEED (b. 1687) in 1710 at St James's, Duke St, Aldgate. A John DIGWEED and Mary BELLINGER applied for a Marriage Licence from the Bishop of London in 1769. The DIGWEEDs appear to come from Hampshire and are often mentioned by Jane Austen. Any information on the DIGWEED family gratefully received.

**Mrs Miriam Spokes Hargreaves** (1901), of Rhadley, Post Office Lane, Hanwood, nr Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8LR, has found that her line originated in Abingdon. Her ancestor then left and reappeared in Lambeth. He subsequently settled in Bristol where he worked as a stone and redware potter - owning his own potteries. It is likely that he learnt his craft in the London pot-

teries, but Mrs Spokes wondered whether there were potteries in Abingdon or the neighbouring area in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries. She would greatly appreciate any information or leads on the SPOKES.

**Frank Clifton Stevens** (1927), of 42 Young Street, Morrinsville, New Zealand, has an unwanted death certificate for Emma PERRYMAN. She died on the 16th June, 1919, aged 68 and was the widow of William James Davis PERRYMAN. Her address is given as 6, Stainby Mount Pleasant, Tottenham. If this is of any interest to any member Mr Stevens will be pleased to send it on. Please send two IRCs. He is looking for the death of Emma PERRYMAN, widow or partner of William George Clifton PERRYMAN. His sister, who was born in 1916, remembers her mother going to Emma's funeral, when she was a little girl.

**Joy M. Lane** (2221) of 323 981 Main St W, Hamilton, Ontario, L8S 1A8 is looking for the birthplace of John MANNING her 3 x great grandfather. In 1774, he was "of Bray", when he married Martha SLOW at St Mary le Strand, Westminster. There is no record of his baptism in Bray or Winkfield shown in Bishop's Transcripts or the IGI. Martha, the daughter of Stephen SLOW and Martha WARNER, was born in Winkfield, although her siblings were born in Sunninghill. Her parents were married at Upton-cum-Chalvey, Bucks, in 1744. Martha SLOW is shown as a member of the parish of St Mary le Strand, but there is no other reference to the family. There are MANNINGs in Bray in the first quarter of the Eighteenth Century, but there is nothing between them and the baptism of John and Martha's first child in 1775. Any assistance that any member can render would be greatly appreciated by Joy.



James Withers (2509,) of Lane End, Ridgeway, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey, GU22 8PR, would like to hear from anyone who has BLAKE ancestors in the Hurst area. He is specifically looking for descendants of Robert BLAKE who was baptised on the 27th September 1723 at Hurst. He married Esther BRANT on 16th October 1748 and they had six children, Robert (b. 1749), Daniel (b. 1754), Dinah (b.& d. 1756), Dinah (b. 1757), Thomas and Esther (b. 1762). Robert married Sarah BAILEY in 1773, Daniel married Jane BULLOCK in 1778 and Thomas married an Elizabeth. If anyone is able to write to him with information about their BLAKE ancestry, he would be pleased to send them further information going back to the 1680s.

**Cliff Greetham** (2650), of 24 Beech Court, Victoria Gardens, Newbury, Berks RG13 1EY, has an ancestor, Henry GREETHAM who was apprenticed to Henry DITTON in the Newbury area during the late to mid 1600s. He has been unable to discover what Henry DITTON did and wondered whether anyone knew or could suggest ways to find out.

**Sue Johnson**, of 46, Washington Drive, Windsor, Berks SL4 4NS, is looking for any relations of her father. His name was Albert Charles RANCE and he was the son of Ernest Charles RANCE and Mabel nee WAIT. They were married on the 5th September, 1914, in Guildford. Ernest Charles RANCE was killed at the Battle of Arras in 1917 and his wife married again. Subsequently she would not talk about the RANCES. Sue thinks that Ernest's parents were called Annie and Ben and that he had a lot of brothers and sisters. Her father used to say that they had a lot of relations in Lightwater. If anyone knows anything of, or about, Sue's relations, please drop her a line.

The BFHS has been sent a collection of over 300 cards with WHEELER references from 1550 to 1850. These were sent by a former member, **Dr H.B.L. Russell**, who having completed his Berkshire research has no further need of them. They will be held by Tom and Rita Hine as part of the Berkshire Name Index.

**Don Bryan**, (1912) of 40 Birch Row, Bromley, Kent BR2 8DA is nearly up the wall with frustration. He has discovered quite a bit about his maternal great-grandfather Joseph WISE who married Anna CHILVERS in St Helens, Abingdon on 7 Oct 1862 when a Sergeant in the 61st Regiment; residence at the time of marriage was Broad Street and Joseph's father was given as John WISE, baker. According to his information, Joseph was born c1840 in Abingdon and Anna c1840 in Borough, London. However, there is no record of the registration of birth for either of them.

He has written to the incumbent of St Helens, Abingdon, checked every parish register around the area, looked at the IGI, wills and poll lists - all without success. Has anyone any ideas on picking up Joseph's ancestry please.

**Mrs Jeanne Nickson** (2933) of 60 Aspin Oval, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire HG5 8EL: asks if any of your members living in Newbury have any knowledge of Kennet House, London Road, (Wood) Speen East, Newbury which was lived in by some members of my family called TWITCHIN from c1870-1904. It has since been pulled down and replaced by several smaller houses.

# Letters Page

## Cemetery Project

**Jacqueline Harbor** of 7, Hemdean Rise, Caversham, Reading writes:

"I am a new member of the Society having joined in April 1992 but have been researching my family tree on and off for about twelve years. Having married and gained an undated and unconfirmed pedigree from my father-in-law for the Harbors, I decided to look into their history. I have always loved graveyards and cemeteries as places of interest – a somewhat odd pastime according to my family – and knowing that the Harbors as far back as I have been able to confirm were all born in Reading, and had lived and died here, I felt that the Reading Cemetery project may possibly help me to "put some flesh on the bones". Imagine my surprise then, on my third visit, to find the Harbor family grave. I must confess that I did not find it personally – my thanks to David Hammond, who, upon hearing my surname, pointed out the grave as one he had transcribed that very day! I admit that I first thought he was joking but no, there they were. Great-great grandparents Thomas and Mary Harbor, their son, great-grandfather Frederick Prettejohn Harbor (yes that really was his name!), his wife Jane and daughter Mary. I did already know the dates that were on the gravestone (a four feet high block of stone) but it's good to know that the St Catherine's House indices were correct. To say that I was elated would be an understatement. I could not wait to get home and tell my in-laws, who had no idea that their ancestors were buried in Reading Cemetery. I went back to the cemetery the following day to take a photograph of the grave but it is quite badly eroded and the inscription has not come out well in the print. At the last session in Octo-

ber the ivy was beginning to grow back quite quickly and no doubt by the Spring it will be completely covered again.

Therefore all you members with Reading ancestors, do spare a couple of hours to help with the project – you never know who you may find.

Incidentally, Thomas Harbor died suddenly in 1861; according to the inquest report he was found in a ditch near The Three Tuns Public House (Reading) having spent all day there. I leave you to draw your own conclusions as to cause of death!

May I also thank the Society for printing the article about John and Frances West in the September issue of the *Berkshire Family Historian*. The Harbor pedigree mentioned above begins with a Mrs Frances West, whose mother had a sister Jane Cox and continues on to my Frederick Prettejohn Harbor! I have been in touch with the secretary of the John and Frances West Family Group who has confirmed that my pedigree is genuine and I am now in the process of registering my Harbors with Christ's Hospital School at Horsham. I am looking forward to meeting other members of the group in May."

## North of England Interests

**Richard Watson** of 31, Lexington Grove, Reading, RG2 8UG:

"Like many other BFHS members my interests lie outside of Berkshire but nevertheless, I find the meetings and talks of great value.

I wonder however if there are other members like myself whose research is in Northumberland and Durham? My own visits to the Durham Record Office and Sunderland and Newcastle archives are rare occasions indeed and while the Society of Genealogists Library has proved valuable, my main link with the

North is via the NDFHS and correspondents.

My own research is into the life and ancestry of Richard Watson, a leadminer and the Bard of Teesdale and the Stephenson/Parker/Coupland families of Durham.

If any other Reading members with Northern connections would be interested in forming an "expatriate" group with the object of furthering our interests to mutual advantage, I would be pleased to hear from them."

## Berkshire Police Records

**Elizabeth Hughes**, Senior Archivist, Berkshire Record Office has written to clarify the situation of the Berkshire police records (Vol 16 no 1 Sept 1992):

"The documents in question are in fact part of the records of the Berkshire Quarter Sessions. The examination books (ref Q/APe 1/1-5) describe members of the police force, state their previous jobs and whether they can read or write. Due to the personal details contained in them, they are closed for 100 years after completion. The first volume, which covers the period 1856-1873 is open for public inspection; the second, which covers 1873-1893, will be open from 1st January 1994. Subsequent volumes (covering the period 1893-1929), will obviously remain closed for longer periods.

We are able to search the closed volumes on behalf of direct descendants of the policemen concerned and supply the information given in them. However we are unable to provide photocopies of the entries as they are in bound volumes which would be damaged by being placed on the photocopier."

## Corrections to December Issue (Vol 16 No 2)

**Michael Dumbleton** wrote to correct his article "With Convicts to Australia in 1865.":

"My great grandfather's emu's eggs were engraved; it was his shirt that was stuffed!."

**Sidney Aust**, 2, Highfield Close, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent wrote on two accounts, the first to thank members for their help with answering his question about Abergynon, one of which is copied to this page. However, he had another point to raise:

"I was suprised to see Michael Dumbleton's '1.25 lb' and '1.5 lb beef'. I doubt if the 1865 Agreement was in such terms, especially as he refers to '1/2 lb flour'.

Yvonne Masson's article is as bad! I'm sure no-one was '5'11.25"' tall in 1822 or '5'4.25"' tall in 1831.

However the real sin is to put decimal figures into a quotation as on page 68. I'm quite sure WO97/10 does NOT include a statement that "At discharge aged 19, 5'11.5" tall....!"

Editor's Reply: "Unfortunately, the method of production of the magazine, makes it difficult, at the moment to reproduce fractions, such as  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{4}$ , correctly. The fault does not lie with the contributors. I did consider rounding up or down, but decided to keep the decimals etc in the interests of accuracy."

## Abergynon?

**Alan Turner** of Banc-y-felin, Aberbechan, Newtown, Powys, wrote to suggest a possible answer to the whereabouts of Abergynon:

"I believe that there is no such place as Abergynon. It is a feature of the Welsh language that in certain circumstances the initial consonants of words can

change. This is called mutation and one of the circumstances in which this can occur is when two words are joined together, particularly if the second word qualifies the first and if the first is a feminine noun.

Abergynon appears to be a mistaken application of this process, since Aber, meaning river mouth or confluence is masculine.

I believe that the place referred to is Abergynon which is a town in the valley of the River Taff about three miles north of Pontypridd, and eight miles south of Merthyr Tydfil."

## Stubbings Parish Records

Roger Strike of 48, Pinkneys Road, Maidenhead, writes to provide some comments on the recent accession at the Berkshire Record Office of Stubbings Parish Registers:

"Stubbings is a small semi-rural parish including some of the western outskirts of Maidenhead and including Pinkneys Green and much of Maidenhead Thicket. The church was built in 1849, consecrated in 1850, and dedicated to St James-the-Less.

I have indices of two of the five registers deposited at the BRO, namely baptisms 1852-1926, marriages 1858-1965 (not 1875 to 1951 as shown in the magazine). Also, the burial register is from 1852-1949 (not 1834-1855). I have photocopies of all the five registers deposited and will be pleased to help any member of the Society with information.

I also have a miscellaneous collection of other material relating to Stubbings and Pinkneys Green due to be deposited when I have photocopied it, and am actively engaged in compiling a dossier of memories and information about the Pinkneys Green area. I would welcome contact from people who have relevant memories, mementos or photographs."

# Members' Pages

*Compiled by Meg Goswell*

## Obituary

572 Mrs Vicky Wren, 8, King Edward Road, North Ascot, Berks, SL5 8PD

## Corrections

2424 Our apologies to Mr C.R. Bond for three mistakes which appeared in his entry in the December magazine. It should have read:

|     |         |                 |           |
|-----|---------|-----------------|-----------|
| WIL | BAKER   | Coombe Bissett  | 1700-1820 |
| WIL | NOBLE   | Downton         | 1700-1800 |
| WIL | WHEELER | Figheldean area | 1700-1850 |

2470 Mrs Barbara Dove, 99, Blenheim Rd, Caversham, Reading, RG4 7RP.

Her entry in the June magazine for the name of RISATTO should have read RIZATTO. As she knows very little about this line of her family, she would like the entry to read:

|     |         |                           |           |
|-----|---------|---------------------------|-----------|
| ANY | RIZATTO | Anywhere in British Isles | 1800-1992 |
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## Change of Address

312 Mrs Polly Lawrence to Box 1, 3, St Mary's Paddock, The Ridge, Cold Ash, Newbury, RG16 9JX

2325 Mr M.J. and Mrs G. Tigwell to The White Cottage, Tedburn St Mary, Exeter, Devon, EX6 6AD

## Members' Interests

2379 Mrs L. Taylor, 12a, Sweetbriar Gardens, Waterlooville, Portsmouth, Hants, PO7 8JB.

|     |         |               |           |
|-----|---------|---------------|-----------|
| BKM | BASDEN  | Farnham Royal | Pre 1870  |
| BKM | MORGAN  | Slough        | Pre 1870  |
| BRK | BRICE   | Reading       | Pre 1880  |
| BRK | BROWN   | Reading       | Pre 1880  |
| BRK | DEAN    | Reading       | 1880-1890 |
| BRK | HARDING | Reading       | 1880-1890 |
| BRK | MINCHIN | Reading       | Pre 1883  |

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| BRK | TAYLOR   | Reading    | Pre 1883 |
| CHS | BLEASE   | Altrincham | Pre 1890 |
| CHS | HALE     | Altrincham | Pre 1890 |
| DUR | HEDWORTH | Heworth    | Pre 1866 |
| DUR | TAYLOR   | Heworth    | Pre 1866 |
| SRY | BRADFORD | Godstone   | 1890s    |
| SRY | STREETER | Godstone   | 1890s    |
| WOR | HINTON   | Bromsgrove | Pre 1889 |
| WOR | TAYLOR   | Bromsgrove | Pre 1889 |

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| 2418 | Mrs J.E.Bingham, Apt 101-235 E 13th Street, North Vancouver, B.C.Canada, V7L 2L6 |                      |          |
| BRK  | KING                                                                             | Stanford-in-the-Vale | Pre 1875 |
| BRK  | WATSON/<br>WATTSEN                                                               | Stanford-in-the-Vale | Pre 1875 |
| BRK  | WATTS                                                                            | Stanford-in-the-Vale | Pre 1875 |
| BRK  | WHITING                                                                          | Buckland             | Pre 1874 |

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| 2515 | Mrs B.Strangward, 2412 Palisade Drive, S.W.Calgary, Alberta, T2V-3VE, Canada. |              |         |
| BRK  | FORD                                                                          | Newbury area | 1750s   |
| BRK  | NORRIS                                                                        | Newbury area | 1750s   |
| BRK  | THORN(E)                                                                      | Newbury area | 1750s   |
| HAM  | DENYER                                                                        | Basingstoke  | c. 1735 |

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|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 2580 | Mrs Susan Cox, "Hillcrest House", 266, Andover Road, Newbury, Berks, RG14 6PT |          |           |
| BKM  | HEBBES                                                                        | Burnham  | 1800-1950 |
| BRK  | HEBBES                                                                        | Windsor  | 1800-1940 |
| IOW  | BARTON                                                                        | Any      | 1600-1990 |
| IOW  | CANTELO                                                                       | Any      | 1700-1950 |
| IOW  | HEBBES                                                                        | Ryde     | 1800-1900 |
| IOW  | KING                                                                          | Ryde     | 1850-1950 |
| IOW  | RANDS                                                                         | Ryde     | 1800-1940 |
| KEN  | HEBBES                                                                        | Lewisham | 1800-1900 |
| OXF  | HEBBES                                                                        | Any      | 1800-1860 |

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| 2612 | Mr G.E.Butler, 18, Neville Sadler Court, Fletcher Road, Beeston, Nottingham, NG99 2EW |               |           |
| BRK  | BUTLER                                                                                | Shrivenham    | 1750-1900 |
| BRK  | BUTLER                                                                                | Faringdon     | 1680-1760 |
| BRK  | BUTLER                                                                                | Uffington     | 1790-1810 |
| BRK  | BUTLER                                                                                | Great Coxwell | 1640-1740 |

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| 2632F | Mr and Mrs Helcoop, 3, Hobb Lane, Hedge End, Southampton, SO3 4GF.     |     |     |
|       | They have information on the name HULCUP/HULCOOP/HELCOOP in Hampshire. |     |     |
| BRK   | HULCUP/HULCOOP/<br>HELCOOP                                             | Any | All |
| SRY   | HULCUP/HULCOOP<br>/HELCOOP                                             | Any | All |

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| 2633 | Mr John Rice, 3, Rupert Road, Newbury, Berks, RG14 7EQ |              |           |
| BRK  | CARTER                                                 | Chieveley    | ?-1779    |
| BRK  | CHAMBERLAIN                                            | Chieveley    | ?-1797    |
| BRK  | COX                                                    | Shefford     | ?-1827    |
| BRK  | HAWKINS                                                | Woolhampton? | 1860-1865 |
| BRK  | JOYCE                                                  | Thatcham     | 1830-1835 |
| GLS  | CLARK                                                  | Tetbury      | 1800-1807 |
| HAM  | LOVEGROVE                                              | Sherborne    | 1780-1810 |
| HRT  | RAYMENT                                                | Ware         | 1830s     |
| HRT  | RIDDLE                                                 | Ware         | 1830s     |
| LND  | CODLING                                                | London       | 1870s     |
| LND  | MORTON                                                 | London       | 1870s     |
| WIL  | CURTIS                                                 | Sherston ?   | 1770-1805 |
| WIL  | FERRIS                                                 | Dauntsey ?   | 1740-1785 |
| WIL  | NEAL                                                   | Sopworth     | 1800-1809 |
| WIL  | PALMER                                                 | Sherston ?   | 1770-1780 |
| WIL  | PRITCHARD                                              | Sherston ?   | 1750-1788 |
| WIL  | RICE                                                   | Sherston     | 1663-?    |

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| 2636 | Mrs G.E.Doyle, 3, The Leas, London Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 8LZ |        |           |
| BRK  | FIDLER                                                                       | Any    | 1700-1850 |
| BRK  | HOLMES                                                                       | Any    | 1700-1850 |
| DEV  | LUXTON                                                                       | Exeter | 1700-1900 |
| ESS  | ABBOT(T)                                                                     | Any    | 1700-1800 |
| ESS  | EMMENS                                                                       | Any    | 1700-1800 |
| MDX  | BELL                                                                         | Any    | 1730-1830 |
| MDX  | JACKSON                                                                      | Any    | 1700-1830 |
| MDX  | KNAPP                                                                        | Any    | 1700-1830 |
| MDX  | NAGGS                                                                        | Any    | 1700-1830 |
| MDX  | PETERS                                                                       | Any    | 1730-1830 |

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| 2638 | Mrs M.J.Huckins, 26, Church Street, Theale, Reading, Berks, RG7 5BZ |                |           |
| BRK  | MARTEN                                                              | Burclere area  | 1750-1820 |
| BRK  | SMITH                                                               | Burclere area  | 1750-1820 |
| BRK  | SMITH                                                               | Highclere area | 1750-1820 |
| BRK  | STONES                                                              | Speen          | 1830-     |
| BRK  | WATTS                                                               | Speen          | 1600-1850 |
| BRK  | WATTS                                                               | Newbury        | 1600-1850 |
| IOW  | FOUNTAIN                                                            | Brading        | 1830-1900 |

IRL STONES Ireland 1700-1830  
 OXF HUCKINS Stonesfield 1750-1770

2648 Mrs J.Dickson, 33, Wharncliffe House,  
 Wharncliffe Road, Southampton,  
 Hants, SO2 7GE

BRK HATCH White Wallham 1650-1860  
 BRK LEGGETT Bucklebury 1750-1850  
 BRK LEVY Any Pre 1900  
 BRK LYFORD Any Pre 1850  
 BRK PAULIN Bucklebury 1750-1900  
 BRK POWN(E)Y Bray Pre 1860  
 IOW HATCH Any 1920-?  
 KEN RODGERS Any 1850-1990  
 LND BENTLEY Any 1800-1900  
 LND GUNNER Any 1830-1930  
 LND HATCH Wandsworth 1850-1930  
 MDX HOY Bethnal Green 1830-1920

2650 Mr Cliff Greetham, 24, Beech Court,  
 Victoria Gardens, Newburyj, Berks,  
 RG13 1EY

ANYWHERE  
 GREETHAM/GREETON/  
 GRETHAM Any All  
 BRK BARLOW Aldermaston Pre 1800  
 BRK BARLOW Padworth Pre 1800  
 BRK BIRD Beenham 1880-  
 BRK BISHOP Weston Pre 1840  
 BRK BUTLER Aldermaston Pre 1850  
 BRK BUTLER Padworth Pre 1850  
 BRK CLEWLEW/  
 CLEWLEY Aldermaston Pre 1760  
 BRK CLEWLEW/  
 CLEWLEY Padworth Pre 1760  
 BRK EYLES Any 1880-  
 BRK FREEMANTLE Bucklebury 1860-  
 BRK MONEY Any Pre 1670  
 BRK NASH Aldermaston Pre 1800  
 BRK NASH Padworth Pre 1800  
 BRK PAICE Aldermaston Pre 1735  
 BRK PAICE Padworth Pre 1735  
 BRK SNELL Bucklebury Pre 1850  
 HAM FREEMANTLE Kingsclere Pre 1860  
 WIL EYLES/ILES Chisbury Pre 1880  
 WIL EYLES/ILES Bedwyn Pre 1880

2673 Mr David K.Neale, 554, Wyse Street,  
 Albury, N.S.W. 2640, Australia.

BRK NEALE Reading 1800-1860  
 BRK NEALE Hurst 1800-1860  
 WIL GRACE Pewsey 1790-1840  
 WIL GRACE Everleigh 1790-1840  
 WIL NEALE Cricklade 1800-1860

2685 Mr David C.Silvester, 33, Whitney  
 Drive, Stevenage, Herts, SG 4BQ

GERMANY  
 DRIESON/  
 DRYSON Germany ?-1812  
 HAM DUR(R)ANT Portsea ?-1788  
 HAM ELLSWORTH Portsea ?-1778  
 HAM SPARKES Portsea ?-1788  
 HAM SPARKES Catherington ?-1788  
 MDX LOADER / ?-1840  
 MDX SI(Y)LESTER Marylebone ?-1756  
 NTT LOADER / ?-1840  
 SRY DRIESON/  
 DRYSON Bermondsey ?-1812  
 SRY HUSSEY/  
 HUZZEY Southwark ?-1815  
 SRY KEEHNER/KUHNE/KUCHNER/  
 KENNA Bermondsey ?-1812  
 SRY LAMPARD Southwark ?-1811  
 SRY LAMPARD Newington ?-1811  
 SRY MACKLIN Newgate ?-1830  
 SRY PERRY Southwark ?-1770  
 SRY PERRY Bermondsey ?-1770  
 SRY SHILLITOE/  
 SILLITOE Lambeth ?-1830  
 SRY WILLIS Southwark ?-1744  
 SRY WILLIS Bermondsey ?-1744

2699 Mrs Cynthia Peat, 36, Deepwood Cres-  
 cent, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada, M3C  
 1N8

BDF PEDDAR/  
 PEDDER Cranfield 1768-1860  
 BDF PEDDAR/  
 PEDDER Westoning 1768-1860  
 BRK LAPWORTH Stanford 1650-1880  
 BRK YEATMAN Stanford 1650-1850  
 OXF LAPWORTH Clanfield 1650-1880  
 OXF YEATMAN Clanfield 1650-1850  
 STS BUXTON/  
 BUCKSTONE Heaton 1560-1700  
 STS BUXTON/BUCKSTONE  
 Rushton Spencer 1560-1700

2701 Mr Donald J.Massey, 17, Wellyards  
 Close, Weston, Stafford, ST18 0JW

BKS NORRIS Marsworth 1800-1900  
 BRK ROSIER Kintbury 1700-1850  
 BRK TUBB Lambourne 1700-1900  
 BRK WOOD Kintbury 1700-1900  
 CHS MASSEY Chester 1700-1900  
 CHS RICHARDSON Knutsford 1700-1900  
 CHS SUTTON Chester 1700-1900  
 CHS SUTTON Frodsham 1700-1900  
 DUR HARRISON Any 1700-1900

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|-----|------------|---------------|-----------|-----|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| FLN | MASSEY     | Ruabon        | 1700-1900 | BRK | EMMANS            | Ufton Nurvet           | Pre 1709           |
| HTS | NORRIS     | Watford       | 1700-1900 | BRK | FROUD             | Aldermaston            | 18th Cent          |
| HTS | NORRIS     | Berkhampstead | 1700-1900 | BRK | HEARN/<br>HERN(E) | Beenham                | Pre 1822-19th Cent |
| HTS | WATERTON   | Gaddesdens    | 1700-1900 |     |                   |                        |                    |
| HTS | WATERTON   | Berkhampstead | 1700-1900 | BRK | HEARN/<br>HERN(E) | Bucklebury             | 18th & 19 Cents    |
| LIN | TASKER     | Boston        | 1700-1900 |     |                   |                        |                    |
| SUT | MACKAY     | Tongue        | 1700-1900 | BRK | HEARN/<br>HERN(E) | Reading                | 18th & 19 Cents    |
| SUT | SUTHERLAND | Tongue        | 1700-1900 |     |                   |                        |                    |
| WRY | RHODES     | Leeds         | 1800-1900 | BRK | HEARN/<br>HERN(E) | Woolhampton            | Pre 1822-19th Cent |
| WRY | RHODES     | Pontefract    | 1700-1900 |     |                   |                        |                    |
| WRY | RICHARDSON | Knaresborough | 1700-1900 | BRK | HEARN/HERN(E)     | Sulhampstead Bannister | Pre 1822           |

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|     |          |             |           |     |            |                        |          |
|-----|----------|-------------|-----------|-----|------------|------------------------|----------|
| ANY | BAGLEY   | Any         | All       | BRK | HOLL(LOWAY | Sulham                 | Pre 1770 |
| BRK | BARRETT  | Any         | 1600-1992 | BRK | RUSSEL     | Sulhampstead Bannister | Pre 1770 |
| BRK | BEECHEY  | Hatford     | 1600-1992 | BRK | SMEE       | Waltham St Lawrence    | Pre 1735 |
| BRK | BELCHER  | Any         | 1600-1992 | BRK | WRAYLER    | Basildon               | Pre 1703 |
| BRK | GRIMSHAW | West Hanney | 1600-1992 |     |            |                        |          |
| BRK | HIGGS    | West Hanney | 1650-1992 |     |            |                        |          |
| BRK | HIGGS    | Steventon   | 1650-1992 |     |            |                        |          |
| BRK | HITCHMAN | Faringdon   | 1600-1992 |     |            |                        |          |
| BRK | HITCHMAN | Hatford     | 1600-1992 |     |            |                        |          |
| BRK | JOYCE    | Any         | 1650-1992 |     |            |                        |          |
| BRK | PARSONS  | Faringdon   | 1600-1992 |     |            |                        |          |
| BRK | TYRELL   | Steventon   | 1600-1992 |     |            |                        |          |
| OXF | SMITH    | Headington  | All       |     |            |                        |          |

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|-----|-----------|----------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| BRK | FISHER    | Chilton Foliat | 1700-1800 |  |  |  |  |
| BRK | FULLER    | East Woodhay   | 1700-1840 |  |  |  |  |
| BRK | HOLLISTER | Hungerford     | 1776-1900 |  |  |  |  |
| BRK | HUNT      | Hungerford     | 1700-1992 |  |  |  |  |
| BRK | ROSIER    | Hungerford     | 1700-1800 |  |  |  |  |
| WIL | ALEXANDER | Great Bedwyn   | 1700-1915 |  |  |  |  |
| WIL | SMITH     | Ramsbury       | 1700-1875 |  |  |  |  |

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|-----|----------|------------------|-----|--|--|--|--|
| BRK | LAWRENCE | Reading St Giles | All |  |  |  |  |
| BRK | LAWRENCE | Any              | All |  |  |  |  |

2713 Mr Dennis E.Luke, 38, Primrose Ridge, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 2NX

|     |        |             |           |  |  |  |  |
|-----|--------|-------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| BRK | BUTLER | Beenham     | 18th Cent |  |  |  |  |
| BRK | DICKER | Aldermaston | Pre 1767  |  |  |  |  |

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|-----|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| BRK | HEARN/HERN(E) | Beenham                | Pre 1822-19th Cent |
| BRK | HEARN/HERN(E) | Bucklebury             | 18th & 19 Cents    |
| BRK | HEARN/HERN(E) | Reading                | 18th & 19 Cents    |
| BRK | HEARN/HERN(E) | Woolhampton            | Pre 1822-19th Cent |
| BRK | HEARN/HERN(E) | Sulhampstead Bannister | Pre 1822           |
| BRK | HOLL(LOWAY    | Sulham                 | Pre 1770           |
| BRK | RUSSEL        | Sulhampstead Bannister | Pre 1770           |
| BRK | SMEE          | Waltham St Lawrence    | Pre 1735           |
| BRK | WRAYLER       | Basildon               | Pre 1703           |

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|-----|--------|--------------|-----------|
| WRY | THOMAS | Halifax      | 1800-1900 |
| WRY | THOMAS | Huddersfield | 1800-1900 |
| WYK | KANE   | Barnsley     | 1800-1900 |
| WYK | KANE   | Tadcastle    | 1800-1900 |
| YKS | AARON  | Any          | 1750-1870 |
| YKS | OXBY   | Any          | 1800-1900 |

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|     |         |             |     |
|-----|---------|-------------|-----|
| BRK | DYMORE  | Any         | All |
| BRK | HOCKLEY | Any         | All |
| GLS | DYMORE  | Any         | All |
| HAM | DYMORE  | Any         | All |
| IOW | HUMBER  | Any         | All |
| LND | DYMORE  | Chelsea     | All |
| LND | DYMORE  | St Pancras  | All |
| LND | DYMORE  | Westminster | All |
| WIL | DYMER   | Any         | All |
| WIL | MORE    | Any         | All |

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|     |            |              |           |
|-----|------------|--------------|-----------|
| BKM | GLENISTER  | Aylesbury    | 1700-?    |
| BRK | BOWDEN     | Abingdon     | 1700-1900 |
| BRK | ELDERFIELD | Abingdon     | 1500-1900 |
| BRK | ELDERFIELD | East Garston | 1500-1900 |
| BRK | MARSHALL   | Any          | 1700-1900 |
| KEN | ANDREWS    | Any          | 1700-?    |
| KEN | DIXON      | Any          | 1700-?    |

|      |                                                                                               |                                                 |           |      |                                                                                    |                   |               |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| KEN  | WEBB                                                                                          | Any                                             | 1700-?    | AVN  | CHIDDY/<br>CHIDGEY                                                                 | Bristol           | ?-1801        |
| OXF  | ELDERFIELD                                                                                    | Goring                                          | 1500-1900 | AVN  | RANDALL                                                                            | Bristol           | ?-1765        |
| OXF  | MARSHALL                                                                                      | Any                                             | 1700-1900 | BRK  | BUCKNER                                                                            | Blewbury          | ?-1795        |
| SRV  | ANDREWS                                                                                       | Any                                             | 1700-?    | BRK  | DOLTON                                                                             | Aldermaston       | ?-1819        |
| SRV  | DIXON                                                                                         | Any                                             | 1700-?    | BRK  | DOLTON                                                                             | Chieveley         | ?-1719        |
| SRV  | WEBB                                                                                          | Any                                             | 1700-?    | BRK  | THORP                                                                              | Sonning           | ?-1820        |
| 2729 | Mrs Judy McCulloch, "Netherton",<br>115, Harrow Road, Carshalton, Surrey,<br>SM5 3QF          |                                                 |           | DUR  | AYTON                                                                              | Ryton             | ?-1850        |
| BRK  | AKERS                                                                                         | Appleton                                        | Pre 1750  | DUR  | MIDDLEMAST                                                                         | Tanfield          | ?-1757        |
| BRK  | CHAMBERLAIN                                                                                   | North Hinksey                                   | Pre 1860  | DUR  | TODD                                                                               | Ryton             | ?-1850        |
| BRK  | COLING                                                                                        | Sutton Courtney                                 | All       | HAM  | McCANNAH                                                                           | Portsea           | ?-1850        |
| BRK  | DREWETT                                                                                       | Cumnor                                          | Pre 1850  | IRL  | WALSH                                                                              | Cork              | ?-1870        |
| BRK  | GILES                                                                                         | Steventon                                       | Pre 1800  | MDX  | WALSH                                                                              | London            | ?-1870        |
| BRK  | GILES                                                                                         | Drayton                                         | Pre 1900  | MDX  | WEST                                                                               | London            | ?-1870        |
| BRK  | HAINES/<br>HAYNES                                                                             | Fyfield                                         | Pre 1750  | OXF  | THORP                                                                              | Sonning Eye       | ?-1801        |
| BRK  | HAINES/<br>HAYNES                                                                             | Netherton                                       | Pre 1750  | WES  | LIDDLE                                                                             | Dufton            | ?-1795        |
| BRK  | HOLIFIELD                                                                                     | Any                                             | All       | 2737 | Nancy J.Salzer, 213 Peart Avenue, Ro-<br>chester, New York, 14622, U.S.A.          |                   |               |
| BRK  | HOWSE                                                                                         | Any                                             | Pre 1850  | BRK  | BOWSHER                                                                            | Lambourn          | 1820-?        |
| BRK  | PLANTAIN                                                                                      | North Hinksey                                   | All       | BRK  | BROTHERS                                                                           |                   | 1836-?        |
| BRK  | SPIERS                                                                                        | Any                                             | All       | BRK  | MAY                                                                                | Lambourn          | 1820-?        |
| BRK  | TRE(A)DWELL                                                                                   | Appleton                                        | All       | SSX  | FORD                                                                               |                   | 1866-?        |
| 2731 | Mr David M.Masters, The Old Chapel,<br>Tebworth, Leighton Buzzard, Bedford-<br>shire, LU7 9QQ |                                                 |           | SSX  | TERRY                                                                              |                   | 1831-?        |
|      | BRADBURY                                                                                      | Durham, Yorkshire &<br>Cleveland                | 1800-1950 | SSX  | TURNER                                                                             |                   | 1820-?        |
|      | CARTER                                                                                        | Staffordshire                                   | 1800-1950 | SSX  | VIRGO                                                                              |                   | 1829-?        |
|      | CROSS                                                                                         | Somerset                                        | 1800-Date | 2739 | Mr D.C.Lambourne, 2/25, Chestnut<br>Street, Carnegie, Victoria, Australia,<br>3163 |                   |               |
|      | GRAINGER/<br>GRANGER                                                                          | Surrey                                          | 1800-1900 | BRK  | BROWN                                                                              | Kingston Bagpuize | 1700-<br>1800 |
|      | GRAINGER/<br>GRANGER                                                                          | Oxfordshire                                     | 1800-1900 | BRK  | HILL                                                                               | Marcham           | 1700-1800     |
|      | HULL                                                                                          | Suffolk, Bedfordshire,<br>Cleveland & Yorkshire | 1800-1950 | BRK  | LAMBOURN(E)                                                                        | Hinton Waldrist   | 1600-1850     |
|      | LITTLEWOOD                                                                                    | Surrey, Middlesex & London                      | 1700-Date | BRK  | LAMBOURN(E)                                                                        | Kingston Bagpuize | 1760-<br>1800 |
|      | MASTERS                                                                                       | Somerset & Sussex                               | 1800-Date | BRK  | LAMBOURN(E)                                                                        | Ilsey area        | 1800-1900     |
|      | MAYER                                                                                         | Staffordshire                                   | 1800-1950 | BRK  | LAMBOURN(E)                                                                        | Wantage           | 1850-1900     |
|      | WHEELDON                                                                                      | Derby, Staffordshire &<br>Worcester             | 1800-1950 | BRK  | TOWNSEND                                                                           | Hinton Waldrist   | 1650-1750     |
| BRK  | FLEXMAN                                                                                       |                                                 | 1750-1850 | OXF  | BUTLER                                                                             | Chipping Norton   | 1700-<br>1800 |
| BRK  | GRAINGER/GRANGER                                                                              |                                                 | 1800-1900 | OXF  | SANDELS                                                                            | Chipping Norton   | 1650-<br>1900 |
| BRK  | KEMBLE                                                                                        |                                                 | 1800-1850 | OXF  | SANDELS                                                                            | Oddington         | 1650-1900     |
| BRK  | LITTLEWOOD                                                                                    |                                                 | 1700-Date | 2759 | Mr Colin R.Peacock, 41a, Hill Road,<br>Clevedon, Avon, BS21 7PD                    |                   |               |
| 2735 | Mrs Jose Middlemast, 8, Chapel Close,<br>West End, Southampton, Hants, SO3<br>3FF             |                                                 |           | ANY  | PEET                                                                               | Any               | All           |
| ANY  | McCANNA                                                                                       | Any                                             | All       | ANY  | TOOMBES/<br>TOOMBS                                                                 | Any               | All           |





# Berkshire Family History Society

*President: The Hon. Lady Palmer D.L.*

**The 18th Annual General Meeting  
of the Berkshire Family History Society  
will be held at 7.30 pm, Friday, 16th July, 1993  
in the Priestwood Community Centre,  
Priestwood Court Road, Bracknell**

## Agenda

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the 1992 Annual General Meeting
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Chairman's Report for 1992-3
- 5 Treasurer's Report for 1992-3
- 6 Election of President and Vice-Presidents
- 7 Election of officers for 1993-4
- 8 Accept the ex-officio committee members appointed by Branch Committees.
- 9 Election of committee members for 1993-4
- 10 Nomination of auditors for 1993-4
- 11 Any other business

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By signing, Nominees indicate their acceptance of the nomination and confirm that they are able to serve as a trustee of the charity. You cannot serve if you are under 18 years of age, or are disqualified under section 45 of the Charities Act 1992 because of bankruptcy or conviction for an offence of dishonesty or deception.

| Position          | Nominee | Membership<br>No. | Nominee's Signature |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Chairman          | .....   | ....              | .....               |
| Secretary         | .....   | ....              | .....               |
| Treasurer         | .....   | ....              | .....               |
| Committee members | .....   | ....              | .....               |
|                   | .....   | ....              | .....               |
|                   | .....   | ....              | .....               |
| Proposer's Name   | .....   | ....              | .....               |
| Signature         | .....   |                   |                     |

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