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*Nice new! Nice new!*

## PROGRAMME SUMMARY TO SEPTEMBER 1993

### Bracknell Branch

Meetings are normally held on the third Friday of the month at 7.45 at the Priestwood Community Centre, Priestwood Court Road, Bracknell.

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

Monthly meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of each month 7.15pm for 7.45pm at the United Reform Church Hall, Cromwell Place (opposite Marks and Spencer), Northbrook St, Newbury.

9th June Newbury Branch AGM followed by  
South East London Indexes.....*Peter Shillham*

14th July A Walk around Newbury with Audrey Franklin. Meet at Newbury Museum at 7.30pm

8th Sept The Parish Chest.....*Jean Cole*

### Reading Branch

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

25th June Rorke's Drift.....*Rev Derek West*

30th July Project Evening at Berkshire Record Office at 7.30pm.

24th Sept Wills - an introduction.....*Catherine Davis*  
Cemetery Junction Recording Gravestones - Saturdays Jul 3, 17 & 31 & every Saturday in August except 28th. (10.30 - 3.30). Every Thursday to 14 Oct (10.30 - 1.00).

### Slough Branch

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

29th June A talk from the Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints about sources for family historians.

28th Sept Members Evening

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*The deadline for the September issue is the 30th July 1993. All contributions are gratefully received.*

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## Chairman's Comments

*By Michael J Sheppard*

May I on behalf of the Executive Committee and all members say thank you to Chad for the sterling work he has done for Berkshire Family History Society as Chairman. We wish him well for the future, knowing that he will still be involved with the Society.

For those of you that do not know me, let me introduce myself. I was born in Durrington on the edge of Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire in 1939. On moving to Newbury in 1971, I was introduced to this hobby of family history by a BFHS member - this hobby now seems to have taken over. At the beginning, as all my ancestors came from Wiltshire, I joined the Bristol and Avon FHS, until Wiltshire formed its own Family History Society in 1981. I served on their Executive Committee for five years. When the Newbury Branch was formed in 1987, I then joined the BFHS. In 1991, I was elected Chairman of the Newbury Branch and a member of the BFHS executive committee.

My other interests include the National Trust, for which I am a volunteer lecturer and being a JP for West Berkshire.

### Looking Towards the Future

I think it is time for the BFHS to take stock of where we are now and where we would like to head for in the future. We are conscious that you, the members, are the Society, and to this end we would like to know what you want from the BFHS. So please write to me with your comments and suggestions.

### Society AGM

The Society Annual General Meeting is this year being held at The Priestwood Community Centre, Priestwood Court Road, Bracknell on Friday 16th July at 7.30pm. This is a change from the last few years when the AGM has been held at the Symposium, and we are intending to hold the AGM at a different branch each year. Please make every effort to come this year to Bracknell. If you would like a lift, please contact your Branch Chairman. It is your chance to question your Executive Committee.

### Society Reference Librarian

As you will see further on in the magazine, Jean Debney has decided to resign her post as Society Librarian and Reading Branch Librarian, after 13 years. The Society is therefore in desperate need of two people to fill these posts. If you are interested please contact me or Jean.

### Membership Renewal

If you don't pay by Standing Order, please don't forget to renew your membership by filling in the renewal form included with this magazine.

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### Notes on Contributors

**David Disbury** is a retired training manager with Berkshire ancestry stretching back to the English Civil War. He has been working on the Volunteer Muster Rolls and has produced a transcript of the Faringdon and Shrivenham Roll covering 1803-1812. He is happy to supply copies to anyone interested for £1.25 per copy.

**Michael Dumbleton** is researching his paternal line, which is currently stuck in Stratford-upon-Avon in the 1790s. He has published MIs and enclosure and tithe lists for the Easthampstead.

**Lawrence Dutton** will soon publish a book about the Tubb family of Ginge and Lambourn and the Bedford family of Uffington who moved to Acton Green, Middlesex in c. 1785.

**Pamela Horn** is the author of many books and articles on rural life in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

**Mary Loosen** has been a member of the BFHS for nine years, and has been helping Don Lindsay with the compilation of the transcriptions and indices to Peasemore parish registers. Don had transcribed all of them from 1538 to date and Mary has, over the past couple of years, compiled indices of the Baptismal and Burial registers. The Marriage index will be produced later this year.

**Pamela Roberts** has been a member for several years and had an earlier article published about Price Maria Green (Vol. 10 Part 6 pp141-144).

## A Family Portrait

By Pamela E Roberts

I was lucky enough to be given this (see opposite), little cherrywood-framed painting of my great-great-grandfather, John Wyatt, 1773-1855, and luckier still to discover, hidden under the picture, two scraps of paper with an explanation, written by his son Robert Wyatt, 1815-1905. Thus Robert wrote:

*"There were three likeness[es] taken at the same time one for myself, one I sent to my Brother Thomas at Barton End House in Gloucestershire and one to my Sister Price Maria Green at Wallingford Road Station. I hope this will be preserved in my Family for many Generations as my Father was a very Honest Sober Kind and Affectionate Parent to all his Children and towards everyone else. He was Apprenticed at Benson Oxon to a Tallow Chandler and Soap Boiler and lived and worked at the shop in the Stert Street Abingdon now occupied by Mr Trendell for upwards of 50 years. He still lives and is well."*

Already, I had read in one of Robert's note-books of an account he had with his brother Thomas, where he specified:

*" 1847, March, Portrait of Father 2/6"*

I had long wondered if I should ever see this portrait and here it was with this valuable information concealed under it.

Now I knew that Thomas Wyatt was living in Barton End House in Gloucestershire between 1844 and 1857. I assume that he was considerably more affluent than his brother to whom he lent £4.

Robert outlived all his brothers and sisters, recording in the family Bible the deaths of both Thomas and Price Maria in 1884.

I have not sought the descendants of Thomas who may have lived in Cainscross near Stroud and wonder if there are any who still treasure the painting.

Price Maria's husband, Green, may have been the station master, as at the time of receiving the portrait she was living at Wallingford Road Station. "On August 7", Robert wrote, "Caroline went to Wallingford Road." Caroline, my grandmother, probably went as a servant in her aunt's home, when she was fourteen.

I have not followed up whether or not Price Maria Green had any descendants and wonder what happened to her portrait of her father. She too seems to have been better off than Robert and could afford to have a daguerrotype taken of herself with her neice.



*In the first part of her article, Pamela looked at the various sources which illuminate the careers of Victorian teachers. This second part shows, by examples, how these sources can be used.*

## Tracking the Teachers - Some Berkshire Examples

*By Pamela Horn*

To give an idea of the information these sources may yield, case studies of four Berkshire teachers are given below. In each, the sources used are listed in the footnotes.

The first relates to Asher Ball, who was born on 20th July, 1843, at East Challow. He served as a pupil-teacher at Wantage National School and from there entered Culham College in January 1863. When he left in December 1864 with a third-class certificate, the principal considered unenthusiastically that he was,

*"Not equal to large Sch. but a gd. useful Master of village school."*

On the strength of this he became head of Ashbury school near Shrivenham, with his 19-year-old-untrained sister taking charge of the girls. Their joint salary was £70 a year. Ball was to remain at Ashbury until his death thirty-two years later. (1) By that date virtually the whole of his family had become involved in the school. According to the 1891 Census, he was not only head of the school but acted as church organist and choirmaster, while Mrs Ball was employed as sewing mistress. His eldest daughter, aged 24, was infants' mistress, his second and third daughters were pupil-teachers, his fourth daughter was a monitress (ie she assisted with the teaching, although she was not apprenticed as a pupil-teacher); and the two youngest girls, aged 14 and 8, were scholars. (2)

The central role of the Balls in Ashbury community life was equally characteristic of my second and third examples. They involve two men who between them served as heads of Brightwell school near Wallingford for over forty years.

Frederick Hobley, a tailor's son from Thame, Oxon, was the first of them. He entered the Summertown diocesan training school, Oxford, in March 1849, when he was fifteen. There he remained until Christmas 1851 when he became head of Narbeth School in South Wales, at the age of eighteen! The journey there was something of an adventure. He first went by train to Bristol and then by steamship to Tenby. As the sea was so rough this took 36 hours rather than the anticipated nine or ten, and it was with great relief that he at last came ashore. From Tenby he went by carrier's cart to Narbeth, where lodgings had been arranged for him at a farmhouse close to the school. (3)

Hobley was in charge of the boys' school and got on well with the children. However, his youth soon brought him difficulties in other directions. First, he had to instruct and supervise three pupil teachers,

*"each ... a little taller than I was and they certainly looked somewhat older."*

Second the curate of Narbeth made it clear that he had doubts about Frederick's suitability for the post. Each day when the young master was giving a scripture lesson, he would sit in:

*"I knew he was ... criticising the matter and method of my lesson; this made me somewhat nervous and very uncomfortable so I did not do myself justice." (4)*

In the end the curate's hostility led to his leaving the school after six months, the reason given for this being that he was,

*"too nearly equal in age with the pupil teachers." (5)*

On his return from Wales, Hobley quickly obtained the headship of Brightwell, on the recommendation of the Committee of the Summertown training school. A personal interview with the rector was,

*"all that was required to complete the arrangement."*

Initially he lodged with the rector's coachman, but in the late summer of 1858 he married Mary Ann Pearce, a publican's daughter from Thame. His salary was £45 a year. (7)

Subsequently Mrs Pearce's brother, Joseph, came to live with them as a pupil teacher. (8) At first Frederick's duties were relatively light and were concerned only with running the school and its associated Sunday school. However, he gradually took on extra duties, which included a night school during the winter months, which:

*"proved very heavy work. Then I was appointed to collect all Government Taxes in the two villages of Brightwell and Sotwell. Payment for this was a small amount, I think one and a half pence for each pound collected, with something extra every three years when we had to make a new assessment. The Parish Vestry also appointed me Assistant Overseer, at a small annual salary, so I had to keep all the Rate-books, collect the rates and pay the amounts into the Bank... About a mile and a half from Brightwell was ... North Moreton, the vicar was Revd. A.Barff. He continually had a number of young gentlemen living with him whom he prepared for Examination at the Oxford University. For several years I used to go to his residence and give them special instruction in Arithmetic and then have tea with them. ... I had also a fair amount of land measuring to do, sometimes for the farmers, and sometimes for the workmen who cut the corn at harvest time as they were then paid a certain price per acre for the cutting, tying up the sheaves and stacking them in shocks. I think I had threepence per acre for measuring." (9)*

During the summer holidays Frederick even helped pick fruit from local orchards, and at the censuses of 1861 and 1871 he acted as enumerator - a task which many teachers took on at a time when literacy levels in villages were still often poor. By 1871, however, Hobley seems to have grown tired of his educational calling. The fact that he and his wife had lost two young children, aged four and nine months

respectively, in May 1869 may have contributed to this. (10) Thus in 1871 he resigned his post to become a commercial traveller and later a book-keeper in Leeds. (11) After the death of his first wife he remarried and according to the Culham principal also turned his back on Anglicanism and "became a Baptist".(12)

Frederick Hobley's successor at Brightwell was George Ford Reely (or Reilly). He was born on the 3rd June, 1840, the son of a cordwainer in the village. He attended the school and became one of Hobley's pupil teachers. After serving an apprenticeship of 5½ years he went to Culham training college in October 1858. He remained until Christmas 1860, when he obtained a second-class certificate - the highest level awarded, since elevation to a first-class came only after approved service in a school. The principal considered him,

*"A very promising man indeed: very pleasant in manners, & very presentable". (13)*

Reely's first headship was at Lugwardine Church School, Herefordshire, to which he moved in January 1861. His salary was £60 a year, with a house and garden, and he was aided by his sister, who joined him to teach needlework. At the time of his appointment George was twenty and his sister nineteen.

Within a year or two Reely moved again, to Crosby Ravensworth, Westmorland, where he conducted the school with his wife, Elizabeth. She came from Rotherfield Peppard. Their first child was born in 1871 in Crosby Ravensworth. However, George's links with his native parish remained strong, especially following the death of his father at the end of 1867. (The 1871 census showed his widowed mother was working as a dressmaker, while one of his sisters, Nancy, aged 21, was employed as a schoolmistress.) (15) Thus, when Frederick Hobley resigned, Reely successfully applied for the post. His departure from Crosby Ravensworth was lamented by the clergyman,

who told the Culham principal that,  
*"he and another whom I had ... (both from your excellent College) have proved such valuable masters that I am hoping my present want may be supplied from the same source."* (16)

At Brightwell, George's family rapidly increased. By 1881 there were six children, ranging from the eldest, Mary, aged ten, to the youngest, Edward James, who was one; in addition one little girl had died in 1878. During the following decade two further children were born, plus a baby who died aged nine months. Perhaps to help support this large family, George took on a wide array of extraneous duties, just as his predecessor had done. Among the tasks performed were those of assistant poor law overseer for the parishes of Brightwell cum Sotwell, collector of the highway rate, secretary to the Berkshire Friendly Society, secretary to the "village working men's club, general rate collector, Sunday school superintendent, and organist for the two parish churches." (17) He also acted as enumerator for the 1881 and 1891 censuses.

However, during the later 1880s he seems to have had some difficulties with the rector, for in February 1889 the latter wrote to the Revd. C.F. Johnston, H.M. Inspector of Schools, asking that the youngest class (Standard I) in the mixed school might be allowed to remain in the separate infants' department rather than transfer to the main building:

*"I am anxious, having a most efficient Infants' School Mistress (Certificated) & an inefficient master of the mixed school, to retain Standard I in the infants' room ... I believe it wd. be a great advantage to us - & I shall feel obliged if you will put me in the way of getting the permission required."* (18)

In a note on the letter HMI Johnstone commented that the annual examination did "not show [the master] to be inefficient".

Nevertheless, the rector's request was passed to the Education Department and after lengthy deliberations temporary permission was given for the change to be made. The following year, however, HMI expressed doubts about the suitability of the room being used for the Infants and for Standard I, and it was proposed to end the experiment. The rector immediately appealed against this, and four years later the matter was still under discussion, with a new Inspector firmly declaring:

*"I should be very glad if the [Infant] rooms could be condemned.*

Early in 1895, plans were at last drawn up to provide fresh accommodation for the infants. It seems likely that this prolonged dispute over the conduct of the schools placed considerable strain on Mr Reely. On one occasion the rector bluntly told the Education Department that the infants' teacher, Miss Staples, had,

*"for eight years obtained the 'excellent merit grant' ... It is the great superiority of her management wh. makes [desirable] action to let her keep Standard I."* (19)

In any event, in April 1893, while the controversy was still in progress George Reely died from pneumonia. According to his obituary, he was,

*"a true Churchman, loyal Conservative, ... and took a lively interest in all that appertained to the welfare of the parish. [He] was a kind friend to the poor."* (20)

However, he seems to have left his family in some financial difficulty, since a grant of £2 made from Culham College Benevolent Fund in that year to the widow of a former student was probably made to Mrs Reely. (21)

My final example relates to Edward Challis, who entered Culham College in January 1867 when he was eighteen, after serving as a pupil teacher at Newbury for 5½ years. In 1868 he was appointed to Ewelme, Oxon, but ran into difficulties there mainly because he was,



*"without adequate teaching assistance & other requisites, "*

according to the College principal. (22) Early in the 1870s he moved to Latton near Cricklade in Wiltshire and remained there for the rest of his teaching career. However in the Winter 1902 and Spring 1903 issues of the "Culham Club Magazine" he contributed articles on college life in the 1860s. These underlined the Spartan character of teacher training in the mid-Victorian years, as well as the anxiety that students should not get ideas above their station, and the kind of domestic duties they were expected to carry out. After nearly four decades Edward remembered the icy cold of the stone floors in the dormitories, which were,

*"lighted feebly at night by candle and stuck in little sconces to the extravagant extent of about three in each dormitory! ... Once a week we were provided with hot water, on which occasion there was a stately procession from the dormitories to the laundry, each student carrying a little foot-bath, and returning with all speed with a quart or so therein. For shaving purposes? No. All shavers used cold water, because there was no choice. ... The matron called that quart of hot water our 'baths' ... Once a week we all turned out and worked in gangs in the garden, under the supervision of a monitor or one of the masters ... When bad weather made it impossible to work in the garden, it was never too wet to swab the corridors ... Another useful exercise, and one that saved the College expense, was the carting to the station on a truck every week the laundry baskets for Oxford. This was done by two of us in turn. (23)*

Meals were poor in quality and inadequate in quantity, so that, for example, on Fridays no meat at all was served at the main meal, only soup. Tea and coffee were drunk from,

*"good substantial pots, without handles, of the size and shape of a jam pot".*

There were regular servings of rhubarb pie made without sugar and Edward concluded:

*"I maintain that any man who can eat rhubarb pie without sugar, and keep his countenance, is worthy of the Victoria Cross."*

Despite this, Challis, like most of his fellow students, came through the experience and embarked upon a successful lifelong teaching career. Unobtrusively men such as he not only helped to raise literacy levels but influenced life in the communities where they lived in a wide variety of ways.

### Footnotes

- (1) Ashbury Parish Register shows Mr Ball buried in January 1897, aged 53. See also College Register of Students, entrants for January 1863 and comments by the principal, at Culham Educational Foundation, and return for Ashbury in ED 7.2 at the PRO.
- (2) 1891 census return for Ashbury, RG12/0974. Mr Ball acted as enumerator for this census.
- (3) Oxford diocesan training school registers, entry for 27th March, 1849 and extracts from Frederick Hobley's autobiography in "Magazine of the Culham College Association" (Spring 1992), pp 9-12. See also Thame baptismal records and extracts from Hobley's autobiography in John Burnett ed., "Destiny Obscure" (1984), pp 177-182.
- (4) Frederick Hobley's autobiography in "Magazine of the Culham College Association", pp 12-13
- (5) Ibid, p 13 and Oxford diocesan training school registers, entry under Frederick Hobley.
- (6) Frederick Hobley's autobiography, pp 15-16.
- (7) See ED 7.2 at PRO, return for Brightwell, 18th October, 1852, and Thame marriage registers.
- (8) 1861 Census return for Brightwell, RG9/739.
- (9) Further extracts from Frederick Hobley's autobiography in typescript at Culham Educational Foundation. To be published in a later edition of the "Magazine of the Culham College Association".
- (10) See burial registers for Brightwell, D/P 25/1-7 at BRO. The 1871 Census shows Mr Hobley living at Sotwell with his wife, four-year-old son and a sixteen-year-old domestic servant. (RG10/1972)

## Footnotes (cont)

- (11) John Burnett ed., op. cit. pp 177 and Oxford diocesan training school register, entry under Frederick Hobley.  
(12) Oxford diocesan training school registers.  
(13) Culham College registers of students, entry for October 1858 under George Reilly (later changed to Reely).  
(14) See ED 7.42, entry for Lugwardine, Herefordshire and 1861 census return for Lugwardine, RG9/1817.  
(15) See census returns for Brightwell, RG10/1272 and for Crosby Ravensworth, RG10/5273 for 1871; burial registers for Brightwell, and Culham College register, entry for George Reely.  
(16) Culham College register, comment by the principal.  
(17) "Abingdon Herald", 15th April, 1893.  
(18) File for Brightwell National School at the PRO, ED 21/956, letter dated 8th March, 1889.  
(19) ED 21/956, letter dated 8th March, 1889.  
(20) "Abingdon Herald" 15th April, 1893.  
(21) "Culham Club Report", 1894, p 8.  
(22) Culham College registers of students, entry for January 1867. Challis' home was in Newbury. He was born on 21st March, 1848.  
(23) "Culham Club Magazine", Winter 1902, pp 11-13 and Spring 1903, p 19. According to Challis, students were also required to wear a white tie on Sundays: "it was at this period of my life that it was revealed to me how much cheaper a bow made of half a sheet of note-paper is than one of the orthodox kind!"
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## A Record Society for Berkshire

*By Dr Peter Durrant*

Whether you are interested in family history, local history or national history, whether you are amateur or professional, one of the most important issues for you will be access to evidence. Since most historical documents are unique, they can generally only be available for study in one place - unless they can be copied and published in some form or other.

In most of the historic counties of England, societies exist whose purpose is to publish editions of significant local documents. These will be carefully transcribed and edited texts, fully annotated and with explanatory introductions. They will make the evidence available and they will provide commentary on the background to the document. Such societies exist in Buckinghamshire, Surrey, Hampshire and Wiltshire - to name a few counties locally. Berkshire is one of the very few counties which does not have a record-publishing programme.

However, moves are afoot to change this. In May last year a public meeting was held, at

which the BFHS was represented, following which a steering group was set up to develop plans and to work out practical details. The steering group is chaired by Professor Donald Matthew of Reading University. I am acting as secretary and John Gurnett represents the BFHS.

If all goes well we hope to launch the Society formally this autumn and commence publishing in 1994, with volumes issued annually thereafter. An exciting range of texts have been identified for publication over the next few years, many of which will be of great interest to family historians. They include records of the Foundling Hospital inspectors in eighteenth-century Berkshire, which contain a great deal of information about the fostering and care of foundling children; certain Tudor and Stuart probate records; documents relating to the Swing Riots (which will include details of those involved) and taxation returns. In particular we hope to publish the results of the Berkshire Overseers Project, with its wealth of detail about the poor in eighteenth and nineteenth century Berkshire.

Setting up such a society will require substantial funds, which in the present economic climate will not be easy. However, we are confident that it can be done. In the autumn we shall be inviting people to join the society: in return for an annual subscription you will receive a copy of each text as it is published. We very much hope that many members of the BFHS will also become members of the new Record Society and help to get it off the ground.

Regular progress reports will appear in future issues of the "*Berkshire Family Historian*". In the meantime, if you would like further information please contact Professor Donald Matthew, Dept. of History, University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading, RG6 2AA, (Tel no 0734-318145) or Dr Peter Durrant, Berkshire Record Office, Shire Hall, Shinfield Park, Reading, RG2 9XD (Tel. no. 0734-233180).

## Family History Programs for the Amstrad Word Processor

By Michael Dumbleton

I have developed a set of programs for recording and displaying family history, using an Amstrad PCW8512 word processor computer with Locoscript 2 for word processing, the LocoFile data base, and the LocoMail mail merge software.

### The Person Record

Locofile allows entries to be made in up to 50 boxes (fields), of which I use 48, on a screen 80 characters wide and 28 lines deep (with a further 32 lines available by scrolling). There is no need to be economical with field length, because space not used does not take up space on the disc. I use the screen layout shown in Table 1 for Person Records, in separate descendants' or ancestors' datafiles (eg DSMITH.DAT or ASMITH.DAT). In the Table, field sizes are shown by one dot per character. Further details of events, and references to sources, are put into the Note under each event, and more detailed information is put into the large Notes at the foot of the record.

### Listing the Data

A listing document-file (D\_LIST.DOC or A\_LIST.DOC), programmed using LocoMail, is merged with a descendants' or ancestors' datafile to produce a listing of the data in all or selected records. When both date and age occur for an event, the implied date (or date +1) of birth is automatically calculated and displayed in brackets. The example of part of a Descendants' List (Table 2) is compressed laterally from the A4 original to fit onto this page, and the full data is included for only one person, to save space.

### The Display Unit

Selected information can be displayed automatically in a Descendants' Tree or an Ancestors' Brief, using the basic Display Unit illustrated in Table 3, beside which is an explanatory key. The 13-character shortnames, and shortplaces b2, c2 etc, in the Person Record provide short versions of names and places, when required, for use in this basic unit. The initial letter of an event is printed before its date, preference being automatically given to births over christenings and deaths over funerals. The same preference is given independently to the places of these events,

Table 1. Screen layout of a Person Record

Dconst ...	D NUMBER ...	GEN ...	fam	PARENT1 ...	parent2	PAGE
	A NUMBER ...					FLAG ...
NAME			n2			
		shortname			shortname2	
BORN						b2
PLACEd						
NOTEd						
CHRIS		AGEc				c2
PLACEc						
NOTEc						
MARRIED		AGEa				a2
PLACEd						
NOTEd						
DIED		AGEd				d2
PLACEd						
NOTEd						
BURIED		AGEf				f2
PLACEd						
NOTEd						
NOTES						

Table 2. Part of a Descendants' List

Descendants of Mary Elizabeth Jane Smith-Henderson	
26/9/92 GENFILE: D_LISTAL.DOC + DHENDRSN.DAT	
D_NUMBER	D_NUMBER Dconst Short-forms
----- GENERATION S -----	
<u>Issue of James Henderson and Elizabeth Smith</u>	
S110	Mary Elizabeth Jane Smith-Henderson <i>MaryEliz. Jane Smith-Hendrsn</i> 55
born: 13 Jun 1900 Maidenhead, Berks <i>MaidenheadBrk</i>	
(Birthday book)	
chr.: 20 Apr 1910 Parish church, Cookham, Berks <i>Cookham Brk</i>	
(1901) Age 9, Fa James Henderson, Mo Elizabeth Smith, [P Reg.]	
marr: 18 Aug 1923 St Mary PC, Reading, Berks <i>Reading Brk</i>	
(1900) Age 23, School teacher, 555 Eldon Sq Reading,	
Witnesses Margaret Henderson & Eric Briggs,	
died: 22 Mar 1935	
(1901) Age 34,	
bur.: 27 Mar 1935 Reading Cemetery, grave space R453 <i>Reading Brk</i>	
(1901) Age 34, [In Mem card and cemetery receipt].	
Obit, in Reading Mercury, 29/3/1980.	
note: She was a member of the Berks Fam Hist Soc and Soc of	
Genealogists and traced her ancestry back to the late 17C.	
S115	William Briggs 50
S11X	Jane Walters 53
----- GENERATION T -----	
T110	Henry Briggs 23
T115	Susan Edkins 58
T120	Anthony Walters 132

Table 3. A Display Unit, and Key

Display Unit	Key
S1	Gen. & person no
MaryEliz. Jane	Given name
Smith-Hendrsn	Family name
b 13 Jun 1900	b/c Born/chris: date
MaidenheadBrk	born/chris: place
d 22 Mar 1935	d/f Died/funr!: date
Reading Brk	died/funr!: place
m 18 Aug 1923	m Married: date/place

Table 4. Part of a Descendants' Tree

Descendants of Mary Elizabeth Jane Smith-Henderson				
26/9/92 GENFILE: DTREE_WP.DOC + OSMITH.DAT				
v\$ =====+				
MaryEliz. Jane	=William	=Jane		
Smith-Hend'sn	:Briggs	:Walters		
b 13 Jun 1900	:b 10 Jan 1900	:b	abt 1920	
MaidenheadBrk	:Peckham Lnd	:Bracknell Brk		
d 22 Mar 1935	:d 12 12 1960	:d 16 Sep 1980		
Reading Brk	:Sydenham Lnd	:Penge Lnd		
m 18 Aug 1923	:E Dulwich Lnd	:Forest Hl Lnd		
	:50	:53	4 Apr 1940	
:50				:53
vT =====+				T2
Henry	=Susan	Ann	=William	Anthony
Briggs	:Edkins	Briggs	:Jones	Walters
	:58		:48	
:58				:48
vU1-----v=====+				vU2-----v
Helen	Andrew	=Michaela	Pauline	Gillian
Briggs	:Briggs	:Briggs	Jones	Jones

KEY: Join Parent number to corresponding Person number above/diagonal  
 vIn = Oldest child; -----v other child; ===== spouse etc  
 m Marriage date/place (date below for later marriage)

which are distinguished between by the use of italics for christenings and funerals. The dot matrix printer using 17 characters per inch allows eight Display Units to be printed in the width of an A4 page, by using the method for printing address labels up to eight in a row.

### The Descendants' Tree

A D\_TREE.DOC file is merged with a descendants' datafile to produce a Descendants' Tree (Table 4) which can be spread over any number of page widths. The PAGE number field of the Person Record allows the Display Units to be spread between pages to obtain the convenient positioning of families with respect to their parents. Drop-lines connecting parents to their families are added by hand, by connecting pairs of identical record numbers. Note that the date of a marriage is placed at the foot of the Display Unit of the family member by birth, and the place of marriage at that of the spouse. The date of a second marriage is printed below its place. The order in which records are selected from a descendants' datafile is controlled by the persons' D\_NUMBERS, for example S110, standing for generation S (SELF, eg, that of the the family historian), the first family in that generation, the first member in that family, and the member's status (O=member by birth; S, T, U=spouses; X, Y, Z=other consorts). Once allocated a person's record number (Dconst) is immutable, but the person's D\_NUMBER may have to be changed as further members are added to a generation.

### The Ancestors' Brief

The A\_BRIEF.DOC file is merged with an ancestors' datafile to produce an Ancestors' Brief. In the example (Table 5) only the data in the SELF generation is shown, to save space. The order in which records are selected from an ancestors' datafile is controlled by the persons' A\_NUMBERS, 1-31. The eight great-great-grandmothers and -grandfathers occupy separate rows.

### Other Features

There are further .DOC files for producing Indexes of persons and Lineal Descent charts (one couple per generation), and for extracting FLAGged records for transfer to other files. A READ\_ME file gives full instructions. The programs allow family history records to be kept in a complete and orderly manner. If you would like to try them for yourself, please send a 3-inch disc, formatted in drive A, an SAE, and a nominal fee of £5 (waived for BFHS members), to me at 25, Warfield Road, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 2JY, (Tel. no. 0344-427492). You will need an Amstrad PCW8512 with LocoFile, LocoMail and A4 paper, preferably continuous.

If I have given you ideas for developing programs for your own computer, be warned: it is easy to get hooked on programming, at the expense of your search for ancestors.

Table 5. An outline Ancestors' Brief

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Ancestors of
Mary Elizabeth Jane Smith-Henderson
25/9/92 GENFILE:A_BRIEF.DOC+ASMITH.DAT
A=====+
SELF S1 S1,1
      MaryEliz, Jane William
      Smith-Hendrsn Briggs
      b 13 Jun 1900 c 10 Jan 1900
      Maidenhead Brk Peckham Lnd
      d 22 Mar 1980 d 12 12 1980
      Reading Brk Sydenham Lnd
      m 18 Aug 1923 E Dulwich Lnd
      A=====+
PAR. R2 R3
      A=====+ A=====+
GP Q4 Q5 Q6 Q7
      A====+ A====+ A====+ A====+
66P P8 P9 P10 P11 P12 P13 P14 P15
      A A A A A A A A
666M 017 019 021 023 025 027 029 031
      H H H H H H H H
666F 016 018 020 022 024 026 028 030

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## A Walk Round Peasmore

*By Mary Loosen*

You either like church bells or you don't, and I don't, so my heart sank when I heard them start up as Don Lindsay and I set out on our nostalgic walk round the village of Peasmore. What we didn't know then was that it was some kind of a bell ringing convention for the area and that the practising would last all afternoon.

Don is a third generation Peasmore man, and although he moved a few miles from the village when he married just after the Second World War, he has remained almost obsessed with the place of his birth. Locally, he is regarded as the person who knows more about Peasmore than anyone else.

We walked round the village one sunny Saturday afternoon last summer and recorded his memories of life there during the 30's and 40's together with snippets of village folklore and history.

To the south of the church there is a 60-acre piece of land which is surrounded by roads. Could this have been an Iron Age cattle enclosure? Don likes to think so, especially as it is the same shape as the nearby 100-acre one at Silchester and many other hill top enclosures.

Peasmore (probably named after St Peada, to whom the first chapel was dedicated around AD675) was mentioned in Domesday in 1086 and there is a plaque to say so on the Village Hall. Don copied out the actual entry from Domesday and presented, with the plaque, a framed copy to the village. Unfortunately there seems to be a problem about where it is .... it had been hanging in the village hall, but during redecoration it was decided that the church porch would be better for general viewing.

We could not find it anywhere at the church, but I did find something else of interest there - a copy of a 1825 sketch (found by Don in the Miscellaneous Collection at the British Museum) of the previous, Norman church which was demolished (except for the tower) in 1842.

As for non-conformist churches, there have been three. The first, a mere shed, was built for the Methodists in 1808 on the Chieveley road south-east of Peasmore House. The next, a Primitive Methodist chapel, was to the north west of the village and dated from 1831. When the third one was constructed in 1923, the second one was used as a garage for the carrier's Model T Ford. Chapel Number Three had to be demolished in the 1960's because the disused building had a clause in the deeds which prevented its conversion to a dwelling house.

In the 1300's Warine de Lisle, lord of the manor of Beedon, sent some men to Peasmore to attack a small landowner by the name of de Ildesley. One version of the story says that they dragged him out of bed, broke his arms and legs and left him in the road. It would appear that this was not a satisfactory result for de Lisle and he sent back some of the original band of attackers with some new ones to finish the job by killing de Ildesley and then claiming his land for their master. To this day, this piece of Peasmore parish is farmed by a Beedon farmer.

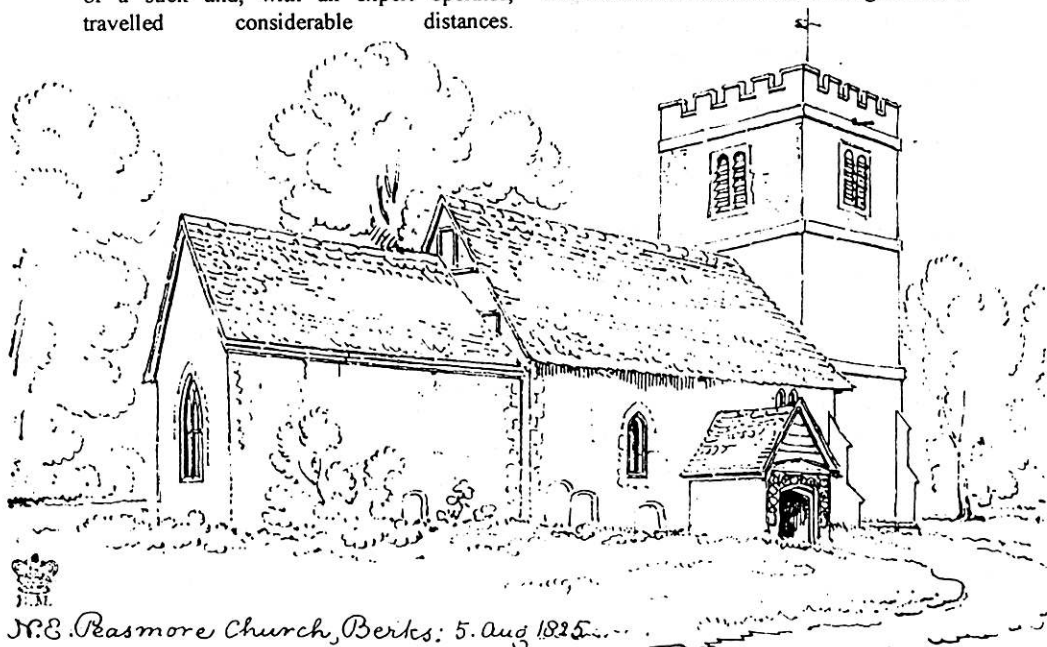
There was another exciting event in the history of Peasmore which is worthy of mention. During the harvesting in 1736, a fire started in one of the buildings of Drake's Farm. It quickly spread right down the village causing £1,500 worth of damage - a princely sum in those days. The crop was lost and fifteen families were made homeless, but there were apparently no lives

lost as everybody, including the children, was involved in getting in the harvest. The church benefited, though, as "William Coward, Gent" (and owner of Drake's Farm) "built ye tower 1737". The spire was added by the Archer Houblon family a century later, and climbed to the very top after another century had passed by young Don Lindsay when repairers' ladders were left in place overnight!

The soil of the area is mostly clay, so the chalk dug from the marl pits at the Rookery was needed to neutralise the clay. Following the removal of props, these pits have now fallen in and become dangerous. The clay did have its uses, though, as house bricks were made, probably at the clay pits on the heath near Mount Pleasant, and houses to the north of Peasmore were built of these bricks around the beginning of this century. A non-porous clay base must have simplified the making of ponds - there were at least 15 of them (and 20 wells) at one time, although now there are only a couple still in existence. As for the village lads, "pug throwing" was a favourite pastime - balls of clay were flung off the end of a stick and, with an expert operator, travelled considerable distances.

The one pub was formerly a beer house which sold liquor for consumption off the premises - often just outside, while sitting on the bank. In about 1862 the beer house was sold for £570 by one of the Mitchell family, but it was not until about 50 years later that it became a pub. At the eastern end of the beer house was a coach house and wagon repairers with a pit outside over which timber was sawn.

Nowadays there are no shops in Peasmore, but there used to be a small shop in the post office as well as the village shop itself. You could buy fresh eggs from the publican and get the rest of your requirements from the grocer, the paraffin oil man or the fruit man who all came to the door. Items were dispatched via the carrier who called every weekday except Wednesdays, or you could catch a bus into Newbury, six miles away, three times a week. This was essentially a farming community, with no railway or canal nearby to change its centuries old rural way of life. There do not seem to be many craftsmen and women appearing on the census returns, just one family of woodmen and hurdlemakers and another of woodmen, thatchers and ditchers. The blacksmith moved from his original site to



*N.E. Peasmore Church, Berks: 5. Aug 1825*

the other end of the village, apparently because the Rector didn't like the noise of the forge at work near the Rectory. Another Rector, it is said, caused the post box to be moved nearer to his home for his convenience.

There was a blacksmith working on the second site until about 1950, and opposite was where the village butcher had once operated - a little out of the village because he also had a noisy trade going on in his killing house. In 1789, this ground was taken "off the waste" for the requirements of a butcher, named Owen, who had been squatting there, and rented to him for half a crown per year.

Cottages often changed names. Bolton Row, The Barracks and Box Terrace were all names for a row of five or so tiny cottages, the end one of which had a bread oven attached. All the villagers brought their bread to be baked by the old woman living there. There was also Rose Cottage, sometimes known as California, which was once about to be demolished because it was so run down. Now it is renovated and called Rye Cottage. The old National School off High Street near Drake's Farm, and now used as a dwelling house, was superseded by the school, complete with school house, behind the church. This has now become a very attractive home, still with the school bell in a tower on the roof, having ended its life as a school about 30 years ago.

Peasemore House (formerly attached to the Priory of Poughley and called Priors Farm) was the most important property with a large walled garden, an underground ice house and a well and pump house on the opposite side of the Chieveley road. In the flint wall is a Lucky Hole where we actually found a coin, but the greater luck was to meet just then the donkey man of Peasemore with the two donkeys of which he has charge. They were returning from their weekly walk through the

village to be petted and fed by the owner who doesn't wish for an early morning wakening each day, so keeps them in a field at Gidley Farm, well away from the village.

Provision was made for the poor of Peasemore - the former Drake's Farm building became the village Poor House in the early 1800's, but later it reverted to a private home. A number of widows were living in a row of cottages south east of the church in the mid 1800's, so it soon became known as it is today, as Widows' Close. Near here there remains an old granary perched on staddle stones to keep the grain out of the reach of rats, but of the compound for steam plough coal there is no trace.

In the 1801 Census; the village had 266 inhabitants; it went up to 369 in 1851 and down to 197 in 1931. There are now a little over 200 people living there, mostly newcomers and working outside the village - hopefully the new blood will ensure Peasemore's future. Who knows, they might be able to raise their own bell ringing team one day!

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Names mentioned by Don include: Baylis, Bishop, Bolton, Brown, Buckle, Burton, Butler, Clark, Craig, Cripps, Cruse, Cullimore, Curry, Foster, Golding, Hatt, Hedge, Jacobs, Mitchell, Owen, Page, Palmer, Pounds, Prince, Print, Rosier and Waldron. He also has many maps and documents in his possession giving other names.

Although a lot of historical information has been gathered together by him over the years, there is still more to be sought at the Public Record Office. If anyone with an interest has time to do some research in London, Don would appreciate help to complete the project, which he hopes, ultimately, to publish.



## Information on FFHS Project

From Carol A. McLee

(FFHS Projects Co-ordinator)

For many years societies have produced Members' Interests Directories in which members have been able to "advertise" the families they are researching, hoping that others, interested in the same names, would be able to exchange information.

It is now time to set up a national list of family names being researched by family historians to complement the present system of society directories. The Federation of Family History Societies is sponsoring a project to list all the families being researched in the British Isles - to be known as "*The British Isles Genealogical Register*".

It will be open to everyone, not just members of family history societies. There are hundreds of people out there who are content to do their own thing and do not wish to belong to a society, or are totally ignorant of the existence of family history societies.

The application forms will be made available to local history societies, record offices, libraries and family history societies throughout the UK. There should be one included with this edition of the "*Berkshire Family Historian*". Family historians living outside the UK with ancestral roots in the British Isles will also be invited to contribute.

Each entrant submits their research names with places and dates for a £1 fee per form which will cover the operating costs of the project. Unlike other directories, the "British Isles Genealogical Register" will be available in county sections - e.g. the Berkshire section will contain Berkshire interests only. The entries for each county will be given free to all the societies of that county as hard copy or microfiche. Each society will be free to publish the information as a book or on microfiche or hold it as a referral index for their area, as it wishes.

*The Berkshire Tragedy, a folk song to the tune of William Grismond, from which four verses out of thirteen are reproduced below, was found by Lawrence Dutton at the British Library (shelf mark 1077 d.67(9)), in a chapbook printed for W Royce of Oxford in 1712.*

### The Berkshire Tragedy

being a True Account of a barbarous Murther, committed on the Body of an Infant, about half a year old, by John Tubb, late of Steventon in the county aforesaid, who was Executed at Abingdon for the same Fact, on the 24th of March 1711/2, near Six a Clock at Night.

*Come lend an Ear good People  
and mark what I shall tell;  
John Tubb my rueful Name is,  
at Steventon did dwell  
Where I committed Murther,  
and that is known too well:  
And for mine Offence I must die*

*There was a wanton Damsel  
that lived in the Town.  
By her I too, too often  
was followed up and down;  
Though ne'er so much I strived  
her Company to shun  
And for my Offence I must die.*

*At length, this filthy Strumpet,  
she prov'd to be with Child  
And came and plainly told me,  
that I had her defil'd.  
I knew that I was Innocent  
and at that matter smil'd  
But for the Offence I must die.*

*At Abingdon last ' Sizes,  
I there my Tryal took,  
The Judge he thought me guilty  
by my suspicious look;  
My Conscience too accused me,  
just Heaven me foorsook  
And for my offence I must die.*

## "Dad's Army" - Napoleonic Style

By David G. Disbury

Threatened with invasion from France it is not surprising to find that a part-time civilian army sprang up during this troubled time. This "Dad's Army" of volunteers were part of our national defence, but provided a purely local defence force. Had Napoleon gained these shores, he would have faced an even more organised civilian resistance than that met by his marshals in Spain and Portugal.

Britain had entered the war against France in 1793 and by 1797 stood alone, Austria and Prussia having made peace. Patriotic Associations raised units of volunteers and yeomanry cavalry. The first Berkshire Volunteer Company was established in Reading in 1798 and the second in Wantage in 1800. Regiments of County Militia were included by ballot for compulsory service in home defence. The "Peace of Amiens", the treaty between Britain and France in 1802, proved only to be a lull in the hostilities and by May 1803, the two countries were at war again. The patriotic response was tremendous with hundreds of part-time units being formed and thousands volunteering to serve, 46,000 alone in London by October 1803. Lampered by the satirists and often accused of volunteering to avoid being balloted into the militia, every county had its volunteer units.

As family historians we are always searching for three facts, a name, a date and a place. The Volunteer Records provide all three and can add a little colour to our family history. They are available at the Public Record Office at Kew. By studying the muster rolls of the various companies we can see when a member of the family joined or left the unit. This

may provide clues to the movements of our ancestors. Some volunteers found they enjoyed the "military" life and enlisted in the army.

The following list covers the Berkshire Volunteer Musters WO 13/4191, WO 13/4192 and WO 13/4193.

WO13/4191

1803-1804: Abingdon and Appleton. (1)  
1803-1808: Boynhurst and Wokingham.  
1803-1813: Clewer  
1803-1812: Faringdon and Shrivenham. (2)  
1803-1808: Hungerford  
1804-1808: Kintbury

WO13/4192:

1803-1808: Newbury, Shaw and Speen.  
1798-1809: 1st Reading

WO13/4193

1803-1809: 2nd Reading  
1803-1806: Sunninghill  
1803-1813: Vale of the White Horse  
1800-1806: Wantage (Royal). (3)  
1803-1813: Windsor  
1803-1806: Winkfield

HO 50/57-312 entitled "Internal Defence (Militia and Volunteers)" contains correspondence dealing with Berkshire's militia and volunteers. Much of this went through the offices of Lord Radnor, Lord Lieutenant of the County. On the 17th March, 1803 he forwarded to the Government a letter from volunteer officers of the Reading Corps who had served during "the late war", ready to serve again. It was signed by Martin Annesly, John Stephens, Jon. Tanner, Richard Richards (jnr), John Wilmsburst, John Deane and Thomas Conslade. Annesly went on to be Major Commandant of the Reading Unit. The worthy gentlemen wished:

*"to evince to a neighbouring nation ...  
[that] the people of this country are  
ready to defend their just rights to the  
last extremity."*

Isaac Pocock of Maidenhead (with all due respect) would have done credit to that erstwhile Captain of Warmington-on-Sea. He sent a four page foolscap size letter to Radnor on 21st August 1803 in which he claimed 400 volunteers between the ages of 17 and 50 from the Maidenhead area, "many of whom are able bodied labouring men ...[who wish to serve] ...at this most animating crisis". Naturally this would be under his command. He gave Radnor a 21 point proposal for the running of the unit to be called, "The Single-Hearted Volunteers" and included a 12 point agreement to be signed between the Commanding Officer and the volunteers. It included the following:

*"Everyone to come to exercise etc clean shaved and otherwise neat and clean as they can. Hair to be cut and made to appear as much alike as possible...[and to] constantly keep ready a spare clean shirt, a spare pair of shoes, a spare waistcoat, a spare pair of stockings, a brush and comb in case they should be called upon."*

The following letter, forwarded by Radnor to London on 24th August 1803, is a typical example of the format the proposal letters took:

*"I have the honour to propose for His Majesty's acceptance a Corps of Volunteer Cavalry to be called the White Horse Troop consisting of not less than 60 persons - upon the such time of serving in case of invasion, appearance of an enemy upon the coast in force or of rebellion, or insurrection."*

This White Horse Troop of Volunteer Cavalry was never formed but the Vale of the White Horse Infantry Battalion commanded by Sir John Throckmorton was.

Other letters deal with formation and recommendation for officers as this letter

which Radnor sent to London on the 15th September 1803:

*"I have the honour to propose an independent company of 120 men from the Hundreds of Faringdon and Shrivenham under the command of Thomas Lintell esq."*

Three days after this letter another followed recommending Thomas Lintell of Buscot for Captain Commandant and W. Henry Ward of Faringdon for Lieutenant of the Faringdon and Shrivenham Company. By October Lintell was notifying the War Office that he had:

*"at Faringdon fifty stands of arms, seventy horse and matching accoutrements, four serjeants swords, four halbers, two drummers swords and one drum."*

For nearly ten years, the men of Berkshire "exercised" several days each year. One muster notes that Drill Serjeant William Williams, age 28 of the 6th Company V.W.H. was an ex-soldier of 8 years experience with the Royal Berks. Each muster paid a shilling for attendance. After drill practice and short marches most troops repaired to the village inn where no doubt the shilling was soon spent. One can imagine the grand spectacle when several units marched to Reading to take part in a joint exercise.

The success of the Peninsular War saw the disbanding of the volunteer troops. The musters grew fewer and the attendance smaller. For us the rolls and letters provide another source to illuminate our family and social history.

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#### FOOTNOTES

(1) The Appleton Company joined the Vale of the White Horse Battalion subsequent to their first musters of 8th February and 18th April. They became the 6th Company.

(2) Known as the Faringdon Independent Company of Vale Infantry.

(3) Later became part of the Vale of the White Horse Battalion.

*Dorothy Wise's father-in-law Henry George Wise, who farmed at Wokefield in the early twentieth century kept several detailed farm diaries. The following article is based on the diary for 1913.*

## Farm Diary for 1913

By Dorothy Wise

### Family Moves

1913 saw a move abroad for one member of the family. On the page headed "Memoranda" are two addresses, one for Jack, now working in Willesden, and the other for a Jack Woodhouse. He was a friend of the family who had emigrated to Saskatchewan, Canada. There, he built himself a log cabin. He sent my mother a snap of himself outside it. He was a great favourite with the girls and it was said that he set Dorothy's heart aflutter before he left. However, Alethea later told me that it was her that he really loved! He also encouraged Randal to sail for Canada later that year. (1) The entry for March 12th reads:

*"Randal started to Canada at 2am from Oxford. Sailed from Liverpool same evening, on board the Manitoba."*

On the 27th March we find:

*"Randal arrived at the other side of the Atlantic, The Lake Manitoba off Partridge Island, St John. First official news of the Lake Manitoba."*

Part of the family, including Henry George and his wife had now moved to Dean Court Farm, near Oxford. There are however frequent references to people journeying backwards and forwards, by bike, train or trap. Thus in August, Fred took Aunt to Dean Court in the sidecar of his motorbike. She returned the following day by train and was met at the station by Henry George with the "trap".

### Aunt in Charge

Aunt Sally now ran Wokefield Farm with the help of the two small boys and the faithful Ben and Harry Hutchins and George West.

Keeping of the Diary was thus left to her, but she seems to have found the task beyond her sometimes. An entry often begins with "I think..." and sometimes her hurried entry is indecipherable. A typical entry is that for August 19th:

*"I think Ben started Gravel Cart ... two men started...[the writing tails off, unreadable, and then she adds] "Booking not done at the time!"*

### Family Life

Life for those who were left behind at Wokefield continued much the same, although the number of visitors was greatly reduced. However cousin Fred, now married to Chrissie and with two small girls, was often over. On September 18th, these four as well as Alethea and Hector, now aged 10, went to Southsea for a holiday. The memory of this his first holiday stayed with Hector all his life. They returned home on the 23rd. Two days later at the foot of the day's booking a rather sad note was added by Hector:

*"Hector's Birthday. NO presents. NO letters. NO postcards. NOBODY cares. NOBODY NOS."*

In December:

*"the boys played football with Burghfield and were beaten 12 to NONE."*

This was the a match organised by Ted Cox in which his improvised cut off trousers began to fray desperately during the match and Aunt had to come to the rescue with a "new" pair at the end of this most unequal contest. Unequal because Wokefield was a hamlet which could just about manage a side whereas Burghfield was a large village and could pick and choose.

### December

December brought "flew" for Henry George. However, despite that, the family were reunited at Dean Court for the last week of the year. The ponds froze over and the children were able to skate on the ice.

(1) Both of them returned when the First World War broke out. Jack subsequently lost his life at the Somme.

## Society Reference Librarian

By Jean Debney

In the summer of 1980 Cliff and myself undertook to look after the Society's Reference Library and were somewhat disappointed with the two cardboard boxes of material passed to us. We therefore made a conscious decision to improve the library.

Over the years we have used some of the profit from Bookstall sales to purchase reference books. Other items have come by donation, by exchange from other Societies eg. Members Interests, and new publications from the Federation of FHS (as part of our membership). Also over the years we have devised a catalogue system and the catalogue was initially kept on cards (typed by Olive Butchart). Later, with the help of Geoff Mather, it was transferred on to computer using a database, from which lists are produced from time to time. Due to various problems we are not yet in a position to publish a catalogue for purchase, but a list of the latest accessions has appeared in recent editions of the "*Berkshire Family Historian*".

When the Windsor, Slough & District FHS joined Berkshire and became the Slough Branch, they brought with them their own reference library which they continue to hold; further items were purchased to increase their holdings. As Newbury and Bracknell branches were formed they too were given items to form their own reference library. Holdings in all three branches have increased over the years with donations given to that specific branch plus miscellaneous and general research items, and books which relate to the local history of their area from the main library stock

However, historically, the main holdings were held in Reading under my control until last summer. Between June and September last year, the entire Reading Branch stock was stored in our lounge and I was able (with the help of Barbara Dove) to undertake a major reorganisation and stock check, as far as possible.

This included passing relevant local material to the other branches and Berkshire transcripts and family trees etc. to the Berkshire Name Index held by Tom and Rita Hine. In addition, our large collection of other societies' census indices was

placed in A5 binders for better storage and access by members. In August, a volunteer came forward to organise the storage of the Reading branch crates and loans of items to members but resigned in December.

After 13 years as Society Librarian it is time I concentrated on other things and I am resigning as and from 30th June 1993. The Society is therefore in need of two volunteers - **URGENTLY** - one to undertake the responsibility as Society Librarian for accessioning and distributing material, and the other to look after the Reading branch holdings. Please consider yourself for either of these posts and then come and talk either to me or Bill Grose.

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### Dates for Your Diary

**3rd July 1993** - Berkshire Family History Society Annual Symposium "What's In A Name" at the Holt School, Wokingham.

**3rd-5th Sept, 1993** - "Conservation and the Family Historian" organised by the Suffolk FHS. Further details from Dr M Barnett, 6, ST Raphael Court, 28, Highfield Rd, Ipswich Suffolk, IP1 6DA

**17th July, 1993** - "My Ancestors Were...." Day Conference organised by the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society. Further details from Mrs V.Andrew, 69, Sopwith Crescent, Merley, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1SW

**23rd-28th Aug, 1993** - 5th International Cumbrian Genealogical Conference hosted by Cumbria Family History Society. Further details from Mrs J.Amison, Jack Dike, Cliburn, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3AL

**26th Sept, 1993** - Annual Meeting of the Sole Society, Oxshott Village Centre, Surrey. Further details from Fred Sole, 17 Hyholmes, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8LG

**2nd Oct, 1993** - Birmingham & Midland SGH and Society of Genealogists present "Computers in Genealogy and Family History" at Westfield College, Selly Oak, Birmingham. Further details from Mrs L.A.Salter, 74 Hawthorne Rd, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 1EG

**16th Oct, 1993** - South Cheshire FHS present their First Annual Conference. Further details from Peter Chadwick, 208, Bedford Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 6JL

## News from the County Local Studies Library, Reading

*From Margaret Smith  
(Senior Librarian: Local Studies)*

### Opening Hours

Further to the article about resources in the County Local Studies Library which appeared in the March issue of the "*Berkshire Family Historian*", I am pleased to report that Reading Library has recently resumed opening on Friday nights until 7.00pm.

### Microfilms on Open Access

Recent visitors to the Library may have noticed that the local newspaper and census microfilms are now on self-service open access. Once users of the microfilm readers have checked in at the reference or local studies enquiry desks, and provided they know how to operate the readers, they can now help themselves to the films. These are located in filing cabinets either side of the machines. Each machine is provided with a 'block', which the user puts in the vacant place in the microfilm cabinet when a microfilm is taken out.

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## Record Office Moves

Hampshire Record Office will have completed their move to new premises on Monday 7th June 1993. From Monday 5th July, 1993, their opening hours are as follows: Mon., Weds. and Fri. 9am to 7pm; Tues. and Thurs. 9am to 5pm and Sat. 9am to 4pm. The new address is Sussex Street, Winchester SO23 8TH. Tel. no. 0962-846154.

Leicestershire County Record Office is now at Long St, Wigston Magna, LE8 2AH. Tel. no. 0533-571080.

Nottinghamshire County Record Office is now at Wilford Road, Nottingham. Tel. no. 0602-504524.

The Calendar of Grants of Probate and Letters of Administration from 1858 to 1957 is now available on microfilm at The Centre for Oxfordshire Studies, Central Library, Westgate, Oxford, OX1 1DJ. Tel. no. 0865 815749.

## Berkshire Record Office News

*From Elizabeth Hughes*

### "Just Arrived" Exhibition

The next exhibition to be mounted in the Shire Hall display cases bears the title "*Just Arrived*", and is intended to give an impression of just some of the 200-plus deposits of records, dating from the middle ages to the present day, that the Record Office has received during the past year. The records on display include a programme of the 1977 production of "*The Drunkard*" by the Progress Theatre, from a large collection of photographs deposited by the theatre. This production provided Kenneth Branagh with one of his early roles. Other exhibits include minutes, inter alia, of the Reading Amateur Regatta, records of the Norcot (Reading) tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites (a temperance organisation), a photograph of 1935 from an album of window displays for Baylis and Co. of Broad Street, Reading, a plan and elevation of proposed alterations to St. Mary's School, Speenhamland, and a suggestion book of the South Berks Club of Newbury, founded in the 1880s. Members entered various suggestions for improving the club, ranging from adverse comments on the beds and nail brushes to one made in 1929 to subscribe to "*The Patriot*" because of its "excellent work in exposing the anti-British propaganda and the mischievous socialist and revolutionary policy of many members of the Labour Party". The exhibition begun in the last week of April and will last until the end of June.

### Civil War Exhibition

This exhibition will be followed by one on the English Civil War, which will include some of the fascinating papers to be found in the Reading Borough collections. These chart the difficulties suffered by the town, which was held (and taxed) by both sides during the conflict. One letter written by George Varney from prison, complains that he is unable to pay his rent and taxes:

*"because the armies of both sides lie so nere us, consumeing the profits of our grounds... I had eleven horses taken away by the King's soldiers... Besides all this, when the King's souldiers comes to use, the[y] call me roundheaded rouge, and say I pay rent to the Parliament garrison, and they will take it away from mee. And likewise when the Parl. souldiers, they vaper with me, and tell me that I pay rent to Worcester and to Winchester; therefore the Parliam. souldiers say that they will have the rent".*

### **Record Office Roadshow**

Finally, a last reminder about the exhibition and road show which we are running in Newbury Museum. The exhibition of Newbury Archives will run from 29th May to 27th June and will illustrate aspects of the town's history, including law and order, education, poverty and charity, and leisure.

On the 19th June staff from the Record Office and Conservation Unit will be on hand at the exhibition to answer questions about their work, about the exhibition, about research, records, local history, and the care and repair of archives. The Conservation Unit will once more be demonstrating the skills that go into the repair of records and the binding of books. We welcome anyone who wants to bring their records along for identification.

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### **Was Your Ancestor a Pearly?**

*By Ruth Timbrell*

At a recent Women's Institute Group Meeting in Winkfield the Speaker was a "Pearly King" who gave a very entertaining and lively talk. He mentioned that the Pearly Kings meet in the Crypt at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London. Records of the "pedigrees" of past members are well documented for the past 100 years. Unfortunately, I do not have any further details, but if anyone is interested I would suggest that they contact this Group at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

### **Editor's Notes**

*From Catherine*

First, many thanks to Chad for his work in desk top publishing the magazine for the last couple of years. Now, I'm both editing and desk top publishing, so I hope you will forgive any errors or omissions, as I'm still getting used to the software. For those interested in such things, I'm using PagePlus version 1.2 for Windows on a 386sx IBM-Compatible PC.

If I've left something of yours out this time, it's because of pressure on space, but it is at the top of the queue for the next issue. Speaking of next issue, the deadline is the 30th July, 1993. I still need your articles, short pieces etc, to make up this, your magazine. Any comment you have about the magazine, good or bad, would be appreciated.

### **1881 Census Project**

As the 1881 Census is transcribed, it will become available for purchase by Societies and Libraries. If your ancestors did not come from Berkshire, but you would like the Census fiche for that County, why not consider sponsoring the purchase of that particular county to ensure that the BFHS acquire the full set. Further details will appear in the next issue of the "Berkshire Family Historian" of estimated number of fiche per county and cost. Watch this space!

The Bracknell Branch have greatly missed Vicki Wren who died very suddenly in December 1992. She had been a great asset to our new branch, always friendly and helping in all sorts of ways. The Librarians appreciated her support, and new members were often assisted in their research.

We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

## Help!

If you've hit a brick wall in your researches, drop me a line, as someone may have come across your seemingly untraceable lost ancestor. In particular this issue, lost marriages are the problem. It does help me however if Help! items are submitted in a similar format to that reproduced below.

**Norman Sears** (82) of 9, St George's Road, St. Margarets, Twickenham, TW1 1QS is searching for the baptism of Richard SEARS who married Frances PLUMMER on 11th August 1747 at Turville, Buckinghamshire and also for the marriage of John DIDCOCK to Jane. They had a son Joseph, baptised 1753 at Toot Baldon, Oxfordshire. There were DIDCOCKS earlier in the Wantage area. Joseph was married at Aston Upton, Berkshire.

**Michael Barefoot** (548) of The Barn, Fore Street, Bovey Tracey, Devon, TQ13 9AE has an ancestor, William MOSS, who is believed to have been a chairman (i.e. Sedan chair) to Queen Charlotte between 1797 and 1818. This was in London, but his children William George and Henry were born in Windsor in 1792 and 1794. Michael is trying to find out more about William's time in Windsor, presumably at the Castle. His wife was Elizabeth but where they were married and where born is another mystery.

**Mrs Pat Forrest** (1386) of 29, Ashburton Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG2 7PA is seeking information on the family of Thomas WOODLEY and Mary CHAMBERLAIN. They were married on 14th October 1811 at East Hagbourne and had six children Martha (1812), John (1815), Thomas (1818), William (1821), Sarah (1823) and Mosses (1827). Thomas is shown in the 1841 Census for East Hagbourne, as a widower, age 50 and in the 1851 Census he was aged 62. Does any member happen to know where Thomas WOODLEY and Mary CHAMBERLAIN came from before 1811?

**John Greenslade** (2002) of 251, Ermin Street, Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN3 4LN has come to a standstill with his research into the DEACON family. Thomas DEACON and his wife Mary first appear when they baptise Elizabeth in 1708 at Ramsbury, Wiltshire and later on three more are baptised at Blunsdon St. Leonard. He lacks detail of date and place of baptism of Thomas, his marriage to Mary and any children they may have had prior to Elizabeth. Having been unable to trace them in Wiltshire, he suspects they may be in Berkshire. A grandson of Thomas did marry at Shrivenham, Berkshire.

He also has a great deal of material about the DEACON family post-1708 which he is happy to supply in return for some help.

**George Buckland** (2014) of 76, Sutton Road, Seaford, East Sussex, BN25 1SX is searching for the baptism of Charles BUCKLAND who was born c 1760. He married in Isleworth in 1795 and died there in 1835. The family have been found in East Berkshire, Surrey and Middlesex.

**Mrs Hazel Thurlow** (2107) of Halez, Cross Lane, Tingewick, nr Buckingham, MK18 4PH is looking for several THURLOWS in the Reading/Tilehurst area. She is looking for the burial of a Thomas THURLOW who married Sophia SEYMOUR (1828) at Whitchurch, Oxfordshire. He lived at various addresses in Reading. Thus in the 1841 Census he is shown as a baker at 18, West Street, by 1851 he is a retired baker and gent., of 145, Friar Street whilst in 1861, 1871 and 1881 he is a farmer etc. at 1, Prospect Street. He also lived at 27 Sydney Street.

She is also looking for the birth of Jonathan THURLOW who is shown, as age 66, with his wife Martha (34) and his children Charles (13) and Albert (3) on the 1851 Census for New Windsor and wondered also whether there were any other THURLOWS in the area.



She is also trying to find the reason why Lionel Samuel Charles THURLOW (b.1879) came to live in the Reading area after his father died in Norfolk in 1892.

**Kay Collins** (2410) of 286, Newton Road, Rushden, Northants, NN10 0SY is looking for quite a few wives of Shrivenham men. These elusive marriages are William WILLOUGHBY alias TWILLY who married Grace c1683, that of their son William to an Elizabeth c1713 and his son another William who married a Hannah c1750. She is also looking for the marriage of John EDMONDS to Rebecca c1681 and three Richard WHITEWAYS marriages. None of these marriages are on the IGI, the NIMROD index or the Berks Marriage Index. Has anyone found any of these wives mentioned in wills?

**Mrs Bernice Strangeward** (2515) of 2412 Palisade Dr S.W., Calgary Alta, T2V 3V3, Canada is looking for the baptism of James THORNE c1750-1760, a blacksmith and possibly son of Edmund THORNE (b. 1729) at Shaw Cum Donnington. Edmund was buried 1779 age 50 at Newbury. James married Mary HACKLEY of Barnstaple in 1778 at Sulhampstead Bannister. They had five children between 1781 and 1791 all baptised at North Croft Lane Baptist Chapel. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated and postage refunded.

**Geoffrey Weaving** (2587) of 8, Carlton Hill, Exmouth, Devon, EX8 2AJ is seeking information about the family of WELLESBOURNE. Martha, daughter of Oliver WELLESBOURNE, married William BLOMER Lord of the Manor of Hatherop, Gloucestershire (possibly second wife). William BLOMER died 1613. Rev. Robert WEAINGE Rector of Hatherop (b. 1570) from 1604, registered first child 1615. His widow on death was Martha. Has anyone information which could confirm Martha BLOMER's remarriage to Rev. Robert WEAINGE.

**Gary E. Osman** (2597) of 13, Penfold Croft, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 9JD is trying to find the baptism of Butler TINSEY, TINCEY or TINSON born c1806. The 1851 and 1861 Census for Farnham show both Farnham and Bath. He could be Richard Butler TINSEY son of James TINSEY and Elizabeth GOODIN, baptised 1806 in Sutton Courtney, Berkshire, the brother of William (b. 1792), Henry (b. 1797), James (b. 1801) and Thomas (b. 1803). Both Richard Butler's uncle and grandfather were called Butler. He would be most grateful if anybody could help to solve this mystery.

**Richard Bayley** (2698) of 1, Goulds Cottages, Market Place, Abridge, Essex, RM4 1UA is also looking for missing marriages. PCC wills have enabled him to arrive back at a marriage in 1683 at Hurst between John BAYLEY and Ann BAGGLEY. However, he has been unable to find the marriage of their son Richard BAYLEY (b. 1687, Hurst) to Mary, children baptised at Hurst between 1714 and 1732, and their son Henry BAYLEY (b. 1732, Hurst), who by 1758 had moved to Finsbury, London and had several children baptised there with his wife Ann. None of these marriages are recorded in the Berkshire Marriage Index.

The BFHS has received from Mr D. Griffis of Wellington, New Zealand a very helpful book entitled "They Came to New Zealand" which contains details of people who emigrated to New Zealand in the 1800s from eight counties in England, including Berkshire. There are over 300 Berkshire names, with details of birth, marital status and some information on their life after they reached New Zealand. This book will be put in the Reference Library and the names included in the Berkshire Name Index.

John Townsend (59) of 95, Arbor Lane, Winnersh, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG11 5JE holds a copy of the Berkshire Protestation Returns and has now revised his fees for searches. They are now 50p for each entry with a minimum of £5.00 for each surname searched.

## Letters to the Editor



### Connection to Robert Wyatt

Anthony Neville of 18, Sheepphouse Green, Wotton, Nr. Dorking, Surrey writes:

"On reading the *"Berkshire Family Historian"* of Dec 1992 (Vol 16 - No2) I came across Pamela Roberts' interesting little article on Robert Wyatt, her great-grandfather, of Abingdon where she had included the signature of Robert Wyatt from one of his many writings. On checking a copy of my great-grandfather Charles Neville's marriage to Kezia Maria Wyatt, I was intrigued to find a great similarity between the two signatures of Robert Wyatt who was a witness at the ceremony, even though the two events were over 30 years apart.

Being fairly new to family history, I was not sure what reaction I would get if I contacted Pamela Roberts, but eventually managed to reach her with the help of Miss Davis, who provided Pamela Robert's address. I have now met Pamela Roberts who is my second cousin, once removed, at her home where she has shown me all the gems a family historian yearns to have. Prior to this I was having difficulty tracing the correct line of Wyatts due to the records still being in the hands of the incumbent at St Helens, Abingdon, but am now on the path to solving many of my problems.

I feel it is important to join the local Family History Society where one's ancestors resided and to read all articles however small or insignificant they may appear to be."

### Tracking the Berkshire Teachers - An Observation

Vivien Hopkins of 54, Cambridge Road, Colchester, Essex, found the March issue of value and writes:

"Pamela Horn's splendid article in the March issue of the *Berkshire Family Historian*, (Vol 16, No 3), caused me to do a double-take, when I saw the name of John Moore Stroud,

head of Sulhampstead School and living there with his mother, wife and four children in the 1851 Census.

My connection with John Moore Stroud is that he is shown as an executor in the 1867 will of my great-great grandfather Charles Smith (born Bocking, Essex) who died in that year aged 41 in Weymouth, Dorset. Charles Smith's family moved to Reading, about 1880. In 1886, Annie Maria Palfrey married Charles James Portbury Smith. However, I did not know where they were between 1867 and 1886 and why they moved.

The clue may rest with the beloved Sulhampstead headmaster John Moore Stroud. I obtained a copy of the will of Charles Smith and discovered that John Moore Stroud was his brother-in-law. Thus the wife living with Mr Stroud in the 1851 Census was probably Charles Smith's sister and widowed mother might even be a mother-in-law!"

### Another Link Moves On

Corona and Bruce Morrison of 4, Malba Place, Esperance, Western Australia are planning to visit Britain in July and August. They intend to go to the July meeting in Bracknell and look forward to meeting those with whom they have corresponded and anyone who may remember Corona's family.

She writes:

"With the death of my 96 year old Dad, Harold Vivian Sheppard, last December, the last of his generation, an era ended for me. He had followed my research with great interest and the mention of long forgotten names of family members in previous generations sparked off snippets of information and memories. He was born in 1896 at Elm Cottage, Binfield, Berks, the son of Samuel and his wife Caroline nee WEBB. The Webb family lived in the area since the eighteenth century and for several generations kept The Roebuck Inn or Pub at Binfield. We look forward to visiting this pub during our visit.

Another event which we look forward to is the Bracknell Branch meeting in July. Whilst in the area I should like to meet members of my family tree, however distant. My father and his seven brothers and sisters, along with their parents, migrated to Victorian Australia in 1912 and therefore contact was lost with the family remaining in England. Some surnames included in the wider family in Berkshire include Hale, Carter, Byworth, Smith, Locke, Goswell, Gedge, Kisingbury, Slybury, Brookman, Harding, Huckings. I should like to correspond with anyone who is interested in these families and perhaps meet up when in England, either at the Bracknell meeting or at The Roebuck. During my stay in England, my address will be c/o Mr Robin Mosses, 4, Avon Court, Cressex Close, Binfield."

#### **Australian Settlers**

Geoffrey Frogley of Unit 3/39 Lochside Drive, West Lakes 5021, South Australia wrote to set the record straight about the origins of the early settlers of Australia. He writes:

"I should like to point out that South Australia was a "Haven" for Germanic people fleeing persecution, particularly the Lutherans. The State's wine industry owes much of its existence to these early settlers. Furthermore not all areas of South Australia were settled in 1788 nor did they all have convict settlements. South Australia and the Northern Territory were FREE states. Convicts convicted of a crime were sent interstate to serve their sentences during the early years of South Australian settlement and those with a "Ticket of Leave" (conditional pardon) were ACTIVELY discouraged from settling. When English writers refer to Australia as being "settled by convicts", it very much "grates" on those who settled in South Australia! Many South Australians were granted assisted passages by the South Australian Company (which founded the State - a joint venture with the Crown). The Company sponsored migration by the use of monies from land sales

(a fore-runner of British Government Assisted migration schemes - which were loosely based on the activities of the South Australian Company).

#### **News from the PRO**

Letter to Readers from C.D.Chalmers, Director of the Public Services Division of the Public Record Office:

"As most of you will know there will be a new PRO building on the Kew site by 1996. The contract for the building has been awarded to Kyle Stewart Ltd. and work will begin on 29th March.

The new building will provide accommodation for all our holdings, including the records at present held at Chancery Lane. Reader Services will continue in the present building, where the public areas will be extended and refurbished. We hope that by moving records from Chancery Lane to Kew resources will be released which will enable us to provide an improved service to the public. For example, we are planning to extend our opening hours, and it is hoped that we will be able to provide public access to the Library. We are planning to maintain a microfilm reading room in central London.

During the building there will, inevitably, be some inconvenience. We shall try to keep this to the minimum but from 31st March we are losing part of the car park for the contractors' use. This means that there will be very little public parking, although three spaces have been reserved for the disabled. Readers will find plenty of parking in Kew Road. Parking restrictions apply only at weekends and on bank holidays. This is 10-15 minutes walk from the Office. You may also use the Kew Gardens car park by the river which is 15-20 minutes walk from the Office. If you prefer to use public transport the building is less than 10 minutes walk from Kew Gardens station and 15 minutes from Kew Bridge Station. "

## Q & A with Jean

*Compiled by Jean Debney*

### *Q - Where is it in Reading?*

Margaret Farmer (2439) of Victoria, Australia asks:

"My grandfather, Robert JOHNSON, died in Victoria in 1905 aged 67. According to family information he was born on 29th May 1838, son of William Johnson and Esther, nee Martin; his death certificate said he was born in "Lambeth Hill, Reading, Berkshire". Can you assist me in locating this place?

We have obtained a death certificate for a William JOHNSON who died aged 83 on 9 March 1858 at 18 Butts Court, St Mary Butts, Reading; the informant was Parthany WAKEFIELD of 2 West Court, St Mary Butts, Reading. Would it be possible to get a copy of the relevant section from the 1851 census return?

Other information about this family is that Robert's mother, Esther, probably married twice: first to John Watson by whom she had a daughter, Ann, born 3rd January 1830 at Missington, Bucks. Ann was living in Coley Terrace when she married James Broadhurst at Reading St Mary, in 1848. She emigrated to Australia and her half-brother Robert is said to have followed later."

*A.* Reading Central Library told me over the phone that "Lambeth Hill" is not listed in the PRO street index for the Reading 1851 census but the nearest match is "Lamb Court" off Broad Street in the parish of St Lawrence (ref. HO 107/1692 fo.360-2).

As Margaret Pyle has already suggested, "Lambeth Hill" could refer to the area around "Lamden House/Hill/Farm/Cottages" marked on the Ordnance Survey map near Beenham and Englefield about 4 miles west of Reading.

I looked in Cliff's compilation of "Where is it in Berkshire" [unpublished] and spotted "Lambwood Hill", apparently a former name for Grazeley, about 5 miles south of Reading. Both these places were in the Registration District of Bradfield.

I know that both the latter suggestions are some distance from Reading, but people's memories do fade with time. I noticed that the informant on the copy certificate was the "authorised agent" for Victoria and not a relative who might know the correct details

As a final suggestion, I must ask if you have tried to obtain a birth certificate for Robert in 1838? Registration of births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales commenced on 1st July 1837. Microfilm/fiche of the indices are available in many places worldwide.

The 1851 Census Index for Reading has not yet been published by the BFHS.

### *Q. Which Registration District?*

John L. Johnstone writes from Farnborough Hants:

"Is North Heath, which is in the parish of Chieveley, in Newbury Registration District for the census returns and parish records, etc. Also, who holds newspapers for the area c1850-1950s? "

*A.* The new "Gibson Guide: Poor Law Union Records, part 4 Gazetteer of England & Wales" lists Chieveley in the Newbury Poor Law Union, ie. the same as Newbury Registration District for births, marriages and deaths and census returns. It will be indexed in Vol.1.3 (Speen sub-district of Newbury RD) of the Berkshire 1851 Census Index, which is due to be published shortly.

The Parish of Chieveley is in the Archdeaconry of Berkshire, which was in the Diocese of Salisbury until 1836 when it was transferred into the Diocese of Oxford. The Parish Registers from 1560 are at the

Berkshire Record Office. The probate records etc. of the Archdeaconry are also in the BRO. However, the Bishop's Transcripts and other records (including probate) of the Bishop of Sarum are in the Wilshire Record Office, Trowbridge.

Newspapers for the area which are listed in the Gibson Guide *"Local Newspapers 1750-1920 in England & Wales"* include the Newbury Weekly News from 1869 and Newbury Express from 1886. Further details of these holdings can be obtained from Newbury Central Library, Carnegie Road, Newbury, Berks RG14 5DW (Tel. no 0635-40972). General county newspapers such as Reading Mercury from 1723 and Berkshire Chronicle from 1771 are in Reading Central Library, Abbey Square, Reading, RG1 3BQ (Tel. no 0734-509245).

### *Q. A Trader in Danzig Spruce?*

Mrs Sheila Smith (2779) of Inverness-Shire, Scotland writes:

"One of my Berkshire ancestors, who later lived in the East End of London, was described as a "trader in Danzig spruce". Do you have any idea what this is? Is it spruce as in the tree of that name, ie. a timber dealer, but why specifically Danzig?"

*A.* According to my world atlas and my Encyclopaedia Britannica, Danzig (Gdansk) is a port in north Poland on the Baltic Sea. It was at one time an important trading centre between eastern and western Europe dealing in shipbuilding and timber etc.

Cliff's "tree" books inform me that there are some 50 species of spruce found in the northern hemisphere, including Norwegian and Siberian Spruce from Scandinavia and Russia. The latter is used for Christmas trees; it also produces turpentine and Burgundy pitch, the bark is used for tanning and the wood for roofing shingles, barrels, boxes, poles, chip-board, paper pulp as well as cellos and violins.

It therefore seems as if your ancestor was involved in the international trading scene for an important and useful commodity in the English markets.

### *Follow up to "Death at Sea" and "Birth at Sea"*

Sheila Martin (362) of Newquay, Cornwall writes:

" Following on your "Q & A" in the March 1993 edition of the *"Berkshire Family Historian"*, I have recently 'found' a lost family in the Wiltshire 1891 Census. Evidently they migrated to Canada and returned with two young children born in Canada and a third "born at sea returning from Canada, British subject". Of course, the child I wanted stayed in Canada with other members of the family!!

I have also been searching for a "birth at sea" from Australia and three deaths (from "fever" according to the wife and mother) between 1878 and 1896. I've been through all the records at PRO Kew a couple of times to no avail - that's not to say I haven't missed something, nobody's perfect - and have had no luck at the Greenwich Maritime Museum, but thanks to your suggestion I will now try the Lloyd's List at the Guildhall Library. The only time I went there my time was spent acclimatising and not much searching was done.[1]

I've also exhausted the GRO records. I did make enquiries at the Cardiff office but without a ship's name they really didn't want to know. This was done by phone prior to writing. Do you think I should now write?. In the past, I've spoken to a Lloyds office in Liverpool, but have now lost the address and phone number. Do you know anything about them? (2). Also do you have the Newfoundland address which I need for an apprenticeship record. (3)

PS. I've always had my suspicions about the parentage of this birth at sea, but I seem to have been unjust as our two latest grandchildren have curly hair like the

photographs of the girl who died at sea and the other girl who died in London aged 15!

### *A Problem with Incorrect Records*

So you think you have problems with proving which are the correct details for your ancestors - how about the modern problems faced by one of our members who is endeavouring to obtain payment on a death policy for her late mother.

"The impression gained from fellow researchers is that too many think any information found in official records "must be true" and then start to question their own family information. I would like to relate my own saga to illustrate my current problem:

*My mother's death was registered with the wrong age and the insurance company wanted confirmation of death - well, as I told them, I could produce any old ashes! Then they wanted the newspaper announcement, which was also incorrect, so they asked for the birth certificate. Now my mother had always been known as Penelope Edith, was baptised and married as P.E., but her birth certificate records her as Edith Penelope; (believe it or not, I've never really looked at it before!). Her mother was also called Edith so that is probably why they used Penelope for every day. So - was this an error on the part of the registrar at the time or a change of mind by the parents? I think it was an error because it was family custom to use the mother's Christian name as a second name for the eldest daughter - all five sisters continued the tradition. As a result, we now have an incorrect death certificate, which my brother refuses to talk about and only he can change, plus a suspect birth certificate. I know I can contact her GP who will confirm that my daughter and myself were present when she died, but this has been dragging on for a year and I've got bloody-minded about it!"*

### Footnotes

[1] Much more time is spent getting to "know the system" on first-time visits to any record office or library than is generally realised and allowed for. If possible, try and get hold of and read a guide book before any visit; eg. "A Guide to + Genealogical Sources in the Guildhall Library", compiled by Richard Harvey.

[2] I know there is a shipping museum or something in Liverpool but I cannot find a note of the address in any of my records. Can anyone help out here?

[3] The Maritime History Group, Department of History, University of Newfoundland, St John's, Newfoundland, Canada, A1C 5S7. They hold a wide range of material, including about 75% of the Agreements and Crew Lists 1863-1938 (from PRO class BT 99). For more information see "My Ancestor was a Merchant Seaman" by C.T. and M.J. Watts.

### Bookends

*Compiled by Jean Debney*

#### Berkshire Local History

*Berkshire Old & New, no.10* (Berkshire Local History Association, 1993); A5, 60pp, red card cover, line drawings; £3.00 +p&p 40p UK, 70p surface & £1.40 airmail.

Another well-written miscellany of Berkshire local history articles this time about Mortimer, Grazely (nr. Reading), Wargrave, Reading in 1892 and the Berkshire Overseers Project.

*Pangbourne, an illustrated history* by Joan Wilcox (Berkshire Books 1992) limp cover, 80pp, illustrated with photographs and line drawings; price £6.99 +p&p 60p UK, £1.15 surface & £3 airmail.

An interesting account of a pretty Thameside village still popular with visitors today.

#### Gibson Guides

*Poor Law Union Records (in England & Wales):* (4 parts)

Pt.1. S E England & E Anglia

Pt.2. Midlands & N England

Pt.3. S W England, the Marches & Wales

Pt.4. Gazetteer of England & Wales -Compiled from Guide to Local Administrative Units of England & Wales & 1851 census population tables for Wales. Parts 1-3 compiled by Jeremy Gibson, Colin Rogers and Cliff Webb; part 4 by Jeremy Gibson and Fred A Youngs Jr. (pub. by FFHS 1993) at £3.95 each +p&p 40p UK, 70p surface and £1.75 airmail.

Parts 1-3 list the surviving records of the Poor Law Unions created under the New Poor Law Act of 1834 until their abolition in 1930. Some earlier records of combinations of places are included but not the old poor law records of individual parishes. Detailed references and descriptions are listed for a lot of material in the Public Record Office (Kew). The introduction in volumes 1-3 outlines the "Old" and "New" Poor Law systems, the PRO classes of Union records, details of poor law officers and the records they might produce. Entries for each county contain sketch maps with Poor Law Union boundaries and county overlaps and lists of records divided into category "A": records which contain lists of names and "B": administrative records which may include names.

Part 4 lists the parishes in each Poor Law Union for the whole of England and Wales. This information can be used to identify the Registration Districts used for Civil Registration.

*Record Offices: How to find them* (6th ed. FFHS 1993) compiled by Jeremy Gibson and Pamela Peskett; A5, 60 pp; price £2.50 +p&p 30p UK, 60p surface mail, £1.20 airmail.

This new edition, still in its familiar bright yellow cover adorned with a picture of the PRO in Chancery Lane, London, includes updated information and maps of new locations for Hampshire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire Record Offices plus many amendments.

## Stuart Raymond Series

*British Genealogical Periodicals: Vol 3 - Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica part 1: Sources & part 2: Families* (pub. FFHS 1993) A5, pale grey card covers (to differentiate them from volumes 1 & 2, but still covered with mess of lettering making it difficult to tell them apart); part 1, 90pp, £4.50 +p&p 45p UK, £1 surface & £1.90 airmail; part 2, 58pp, £4.00 +p&p 40p UK, 70p surface and £1.75 airmail.

Usually abbreviated to "Misc. Gen. et Her." this journal was published in 31 volumes between 1868 and 1938 and the introduction details the numbering system of the volumes; the contents include many references to births, marriages and deaths in parish registers, family bibles, monumental inscriptions, probate records, pedigrees, funeral certificates, grants of arms etc. Bound volumes may be found in some reference libraries or photocopies of items ordered through the inter-library loan system.

Still available are BGP Vol.1: The Ancestor, Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica at £5.00, Vol 2: The Genealogist pt.1: Sources & pt.2: Family Histories at £3 each.

## Genealogical Bibliographies:

*Cumberland and Westmorland* (FFHS 1993) A5, 67pp, pale green card cover; £5.00 +p&p 40p UK, 70p surface & £1.40 airmail.

*Norfolk* (FFHS 1993) A5, blue card cover, 91pp; £6.00 +p&p 45p UK, £1 surface & £1.75 airmail.

*Oxfordshire* (FFHS 1993) A5, 59pp, pink card cover; £5.00 +p&p 40p UK, 70p surface & £1.40 airmail.

*Wiltshire* (FFHS 1993) A5, 82pp, pink card cover; £6.00 +p&p 45p UK, £1 surface & £1.75 airmail.

Location of each county is indicated on map of England on cover; contents include lists of printed material by subject: county history, archives, journals & newspapers, biographical dictionaries, family histories, parish registers, probate records, etc.

### Introduction Series

*Planning Research: Short Cuts in Family History* by Michael Gandy (FFHS 1993) A5, 57pp, yellow card cover; £2.75 +p&p 40p UK, 70p surface & £1.40 airmail.

Written in Mike's usual fast style - with lots of irreverent asides (in brackets) this new publication contains plenty of ideas from "working with a friend" to "short cuts to avoid" via details of the usual sources plus adoption, strays and indexes - "a two-edged sword". There are nearly 7 pages of bibliography, a list of the PRO information leaflets and useful addresses.

### Computers

*Computer Programs for the Family Historian on IBM Compatible PCs, Vol.7: Further Programmes*, by Michael Blore (Birmingham & Midland SGH, 1993); A5 orange card cover, 48pp; inc. index to vol.s 1-5 and list of other reviews for PC type machines published in SOG magazine "Computers in Genealogy"; £1.50 + 30p UK, 50p surface and £1.05 airmail.

### Public Record Office Guide

*Records of the Militia from 1757* by Gareth Thomas (PRO Guide no.3, 1993) A5, 72pp with 6 illustrations & index, green card cover with photograph of Militiamen in France (in ?WWII); £3.95 +p&p 40p UK, 70p surface & £1.40 airmail.

As a part-time section of the British Army, the auxiliary forces have had various titles: the Volunteers, Rifle Volunteers, Yeomanry, Fencibles, Territorials and the Home Guard, all discussed in this booklet. Each section is given background information and references to sources in the War Office papers (Ref: WO) at PRO, Kew plus useful appendices.

However, there does seem to be the occasional gap in the information, eg. Appendix 3 refers to the "Cardwell Reforms" but assumes everyone knows about these and gives no date! (Actually the reforms were completed in 1882 but I could not confirm this date in any of my usual FH reference books. Only the Encyclopedia Britannica said that "the British infantry was re-organized into 2-battalion regiments, each having one battalion at home & one stationed overseas"; at the same time, militia regiments became the 3rd or 4th battalion of the regiment and might change its name.) Many men or officers began or ended their careers in the militia.

### Wales

*Welsh Family History: A Guide to Research* ed. by John Rowlands and others; (pub. Association of FHSs of Wales, 1993) A5 bound, coloured card cover, 316pp, illustrations, tables, appendices & index; price £9.95 +p&p £1.50 UK, £2.40 surface & £6.30 airmail.

At last! the "how-to-do-it" book which all those with Welsh ancestors have been waiting for. The result is marvellous, easy to read and full of information. Each section is written by a different author but skillfully edited to complement each other. Chapters include basic Welsh for beginners, Welsh place & surnames, the IGI in Wales and a small section on Welsh gipsies. The "select" bibliography covers 12 pages & is divided by subject. Although this covers many aspects of Welsh family history, it does not claim to be a basic "how-to-do-it" book.

### Scotland

*Exploring Scottish History* ed by Michael Cox (Scottish Library Assoc. & Scottish Local History Forum 1992) A5, 161pp, coloured shiny card cover; £6.95 +p&p 75p UK, £1.40 surface & £3.35 airmail.

This contains names, addresses, telephone numbers, opening times, and other details of 238 libraries. There is a summary of records held by the various libraries.



## Members' Pages

Compiled by Meg Goswell

### Farewell

This is the last Members' Interests section I shall be compiling, as I have now completed my five years as Society Secretary. It has been a most enjoyable time and I now feel I have friends all around the world. I hope I have been able to help some of you with your research and that I shall be able to continue to do so in the future.

### Apology

Our apologies to Member no 2715 for the wrong spelling of her surname. It should be PACZEK and her entry for West Yorkshire should read Tadcaster not Tadcastle.

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BRK MANNING Bray 1735-1770

BRK PURSEY Wokingham 1750-1800

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HAM PO(U)LTER Dummer Pre-1820

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County Border Pre-1841

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LAN OWEN Prestwich Pre-1910

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NTT HANCOCK Worksop 1750-1850

NTT JARVIS Worksop 1750-1850

NTT ROBINSON Worksop 1750-1850

OXF COX Mapledurham Pre-1841

OXF COX Goring Pre-1841

OXF COX Whitchurch Pre-1841

OXF GUTTERIDGE Mapledurham Pre-1841

OXF GUTTERIDGE Goring Pre-1841

OXF GUTTERIDGE Whitchurch Pre-1841

YKS JEPSON Harthill 1750-1850

YKS JEPSON Thorpe Salvin 1750-1850

YKS PASHLEY Harthill 1750-1850

YKS PASHLEY Thorpe Salvin 1750-1850

YKS PASHLEY North Anston 1750-1850

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2630	Sheila Anne Coates, 57, Dalebrook Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, DE15 0AB			DEV	CANN	Witherage	1800-1873
ANY	SHELLEY	All	1700-1993	DEV	CANN	E. Worlington	1800-1873
BDF	IVES	Bedford	1700-1993	DEV	DAVEY	Alphington	1830-1900
BRK	BURT	Grove, Wantage	1700-1900	HAM	HIDE	Overton	1861-1993
BRK	HARRIS	Grove, Wantage	1840-1869	HAM	HIDE	Whitchurch	1861-1993
BRK	HOBB(I)S	Grove, Wantage	1700-1900	HEF	ELLWOOD	South Mimms	1900-1927
DEV	BOLT	Winkleigh	1700-1875	HUN	ELLWOOD	Yelling	1820-1870
DEV	BOLT	Torquay	1875-1900	SXE	HIDE	Arlington	1772-1930
DEV	HARDING	Torquay	1875-1993	SXE	HIDE	Chiddingley	1772-1930
DEV	HILL	Winkleigh	1700-1900				
MDX	HARRIS	Woolwich	1896-1993	2647	Mrs Brenda Leach, 6, The Woodlands, Brightlingsea, Colchester, Essex, CO7 0RY		
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NTH	IVES	Northampton	1700-1993	BRK	PHILLIPS	Lambourne	?-1850
NTH	KENT	Northampton	1700-1900	HAM	SWINDLE	Alverstone	?-1780
NTH	MAIN	Northampton	1700-1993	KEN	MANSFIELD	Lewisham	
							Pre-1810-1835
2634	Mrs G. Fox, The Farm House, Clayton Lane, Bracklesham Bay, West Sussex, PO20 8JQ			KEN	YOUNG	Deptford	?-1834
BRK	DANGERFIELD	Reading	1865-1900	OXF	CLEMENTS	Chadlington	?-1740
BRK	OLDFIELD	Reading	1850+	OXF	CLEMENTS	Chieveley	?-1740
BRK	OLDFIELD	Wokingham	1870-1910				
CAM	OLDFIELD	Whittlesay	1670-1865	2652	Mrs M. Eyles, 2, Coventry Road, Pailton, Nr. Rugby, CV23 0QA		
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HAM	ALLEN	Ramsdell	1885-1920	BRK	EWINS	Easthampstead	1790-1880
HAM	FROGBROOK	Ramsdell	1920+	BRK	EWINS	Finchampstead	1790-1880
HUN	ASPLIN	St Ives	1780+				
HUN	SUMMERS	St Ives	1814-1860	2661	Jennifer Llewellyn, The Hermitage, Chilkwell St, Glastonbury, Somerset, BA6 8DJ		
LND	DANGERFIELD	Greenwich	1885-1925	BRK	BRUNSDON	Any	18c & 19c
LND	EMERY	Charlton	1814-1920	BRK	MIDDLETON	Newbury	19c
SOM	ANDREWS	Hinton Charterhouse		BRK	NASH	Reading	19c
			1750-1914	BRK	POUND	Newbury	19c
STS	DANGERFIELD	Tipton	1820-1900	NFK	LOWNE	-	17c-19c
STS	ELWELL	Sedgley	1784-1845	NFK	PALGRAVE	-	19c
WOR	PARREY	Stoke Prior	1780+	OXF	BRUNSDON	Stokenchurch	18c-19c
				PEM	HANCOCK	-	18c & 19c
2642	Amanda Gibbs, 5, The Orchard, Marfleet Lane, Hull, HU9 4EW			PEM	LLEWELLYN	-	18c & 19c
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BRK	NEWSOM	Maidenhead	1828-1891	SRV	ADAM(S)	Guildford	18c & 19c
DNB	DEVINE	-	1700-1900	SRV	ARTHUR	Epsom	18c-20c
DNB	KELLY	-	1700-1900	SRV	CROUCH	-	18c & 19c
DNB	MILLER	-	1800+	SRV	MULLARD	-	18c & 19c
DNB	MOONEY	Any	All	SRV	ROSE	Reigate	18c & 19c
DNB	O'HARA	-	1750+	SRV	STROUD	Epsom	18c & 19c
DNB	O'HARROW	-	1750+				
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IRL	MOONEY	-	1700-1900	LND	DEPRADINE	London	1760-1993
IRL	O'HARROW	-	1700-1900	LND	GREEN	London	?-1898
LIN	WOOLDRIDGE	-	1800-1892	LND	HUNT	-	1850+
NTT	BEARDSHAW	Misson	1700-1892	OXF	HUNT	-	1750-1870
NTT	SPENCER	Misson	1700-1900				
NTT	WOOLDRIDGE	-	1800-1892	2666	Mrs R. Barham, 56, Lambert Road, Banstead, Surrey, SM7 2QX		
2646	Miss Frances Hide, 8, Hillview, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks, RG3 6YX			BRK	ANGELL	Hungerford	Pre-1841
BDF	ELLWOOD	Luton	1860-1900	BRK	FOWLER	Lambourne	Pre-1841
DEV	ADDICOTT	Witherage	1800-1870	BRK	KIMBER	Maidenhead	Pre-1812

2668	Mrs Jean M. Blakeston, 7, Miles Avenue, Sandford Woods, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 7AS			HAM	HISCOCK	-	1700-1850
BKM	HEIFORD	Any	1700-1993	HAM	TREACHER	-	1700-1850
BRK	DOWNHAM(S)	W. Ilsley	1700-1993	NFK	BOREHAM	-	1700-1850
BRK	GROVES	E. Lockinge	1750-1850	NFK	EVERARD	-	1700-1850
BRK	LOVEGROVE	E. Challow	1750-1850	SFK	BOREHAM	-	1700-1850
BRK	SAUNDERS	Basildon	1750-1850	SFK	EVERARD	-	1700-1850
BRK	SAUNDERS	W. Ilsley	1750-1850	SFK	GRIGGS	-	1700-1850
BRK	SAUNDERS	W. Hendred	1750-1850	WIL	GILBERT	-	1650-1850
BRK	THOMAS	Harwell	1750-1850	WIL	HENDERSON	-	1700-1850
BRK	WELLS	W. Ilsley	1700-1993	WIL	MORETON	-	1650-1800
MDX	CLARK	Kensington	1750-1850				
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BRK	BUTLER	Reading	1840-1846	BRE	KINSEY	-	?-1850
BRK	DEAN	Ascot	?-1881	BRK	CHAMBERS	Wokingham	?-1890
BRK	NASH	Ascot	1881+	BRK	CHAMBERS	Sandhurst	?-1890
BRK	PIKE	Reading	1815-1846	DEV	BROWN	Tavistock area	?-1860
BRK	WHITE	Ascot	1881+	DEV	CUTTS	Tavistock area	?-1860
MDX	DILLON	Shoreditch	1840-1870	DEV	HILL	Tavistock area	?-1860
MDX	DILLON	Bethnal Green	1870-1890	GLA	SAWYER	Cardiff	1860-1890
MDX	KIELY	Hackney	1908+	GLS	SAWYER	Bristol	?-1860
MDX	PIKE	Shoreditch	1862-1864	KEN	BEST	Medway	?-1890
OXF	BUTLER	Caversham	1840+	MDX	BLACKMORE	Shoreditch	1800-1890
				MON	KINSEY	Abergavenny	1850-1900
2680	Mr L. W. Chandler, 39, King Edward Avenue, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP21 7JE			2699	Sarah L. Selwood, 3, Beryl Road, Noctorum, Birkenhead, Wirral, L43 9RS		
BKM	PLUMMER	Taplow	1851-7	BKM	SEL(L)WOOD	Upton	
BRK	CHANDLER	Reading	Pre-1862			cum Chalvey	1845-1871
BRK	CHANDLER	Beenham	Pre-1892	BRK	SEL(L)WOOD	Brightwell	1750-1845
BRK	HIBBARD	Buscot	Pre-1749	BRK	SEL(L)WOOD	Clewer	1810-1851
BRK	PLUMMER	Hurley	Pre-1825	BRK	TUCKWELL	Clewer	1820-1851
BRK	ROSE	Aldermaston	Pre-1811	MDX	CORDERY	Hammersmith	1850-1871
BRK	STAIR	Aldermaston	Pre-1825	MDX	SEL(L)WOOD	Hammersmith	1850-1871
MDX	COOKE	Limehouse	Pre-1853	OXF	SEL(L)WOOD	Any	?-1870
MDX	GLEN	St Martin in the Field		OXF	SEL(L)WOOD	Brightwell Baldwin	
			Pre-1815				1750-1845
MDX	GLEN	Limehouse	1853-?	OXF	SEL(L)WOOD	Britwell Salome	1750-1845
MDX	GLEN	Islington	?-1882	SRY	SEL(L)WOOD	Richmond	1852-1900
OXF	PLUMRIDGE	Henley-on-Thames					
			Pre-1842	2723	Mr Michael Mansell-Moullin, Old Hatch, Lower Farm Road, Effingham, Surrey, KT24 5JL		
SRY	GLEN	Camberwell	1815-1993	BRK	GRIGG	Newbury	?-1850
2688	E.S and M.E. Everard, 134, Dyffryn Road, Ammanford, Dyfed, SA18 3TN			BRK	MILLS	Any	All
BKS	CRAFT	-	1650-1800	BRK	MOULLIN	Any	All
BKS	GINGER	-	1700-1850	GSY	MOULLIN	Any	All
BKS	HATHAWAY	-	1650-1850	LND	MOULLIN	Any	All
BRK	GILBERT	-	1650-1850	MDX	MOULLIN	Any	All
BRK	HEDGECOCK	-	1700-1850				
BRK	KNIGHT	-	1600-1900	2745	Maurice and Margaret Mingay, 8, Clare Avenue, Wokingham, Berks, RG11 1EB		
BRK	TREACHER	-	1650-1800	BRK	COOK	Lambourne	?-1900
BRK	WATTS	-	1650-1800	CHS	HOPLEY	Helsby	All
ESS	BOREHAM	-	1700-1850	DUR	HESLOP	S. Shields	?-1935
ESS	EVERARD	-	1700-1850	ESS	MINGAY	Inworth	1890+
HAM	HEDGECOCK	-	1700-1850	LAN	HOPLEY	Warrington	Any
				LND	YELLOW	Clapham	?-1935
				SFK	MINGAY	Sudbury	?-1888

2753	Mr Derek Milledge, 128, Bullbrook Drive, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 2QS			BRK	WINDEN	Reading	All
				BRK	WINDEN	Windsor	All
DOR	MELLEDEGE	S.E.Dorset	1598-1810	HAM	ROBERTS	Alreford	1790-?
MDX	LE MARECHAL	Whitechapel	1685-1820	HAM	ROBERTS	Winchester	1790-?
SOM	HUTCHINS	Crewkerne	1600-1810				
2757	Kevin Taylor, 27 Wreck Road, Somerset, Bermuda SB01						
BRK	HAMBLIN	Any	All	BRK	GLEED	Thatcham	1630-1900s
BRK	MOSS	Any	All	BRK	GLEED	Wickham	1630-1900s
BRK	ROPER	Any	All	BRK	GLEED	Wokingham	1630-1900s
BRK	SHUFF	Any	All	BRK	GOODMAN	Thatcham	1680-?
BRK	TAYLOR	Any	All	BRK	HOUSE	Welford	1712-?
OXF	SIMMONDS	Dunsden	All	BRK	LIMPUS	Thatcham	1650-?
2763	I. L. A. White, 214, Upper College Ride, Old Dean Estate, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 4HG						
HAM	PAI(Y)NE	Yateley	1830-1860	BRK	CRASWELL	Reading	1911-?
HAM	PAI(Y)NE	Hawley	1830-1860	BRK	HATTON	Reading	1895-?
HAM	WHITE	Hartley Row	1828-1832	BRK	NICHOLLS	Reading	1886-?
SRY	SPARK	Croydon	1828-1834	BRK	POTTINGER	Reading	1911-?
				BRK	SIMMONS	Reading	1886-?
				BRK	STOKES	Reading	1886-?
2765	Peter W. Patrick, 13, Woodcroft, Kennington, Oxford, OX1 5NH			BRK	VIVASH	Reading	1889-?
BRK	ELDERFIELD	Bradfield	1800-1825	BRK	WOODLEY	Reading	1895-?
BRK	ELDERFIELD	Reading	1800-1825	FIF	McGREGOR	Rosyth	1928-?
BRK	ELDERFIELD	Abingdon	1800-1825	FIF	McKENZIE	Rosyth	1928-?
BRK	ELDERFIELD	Faringdon	1800-1825				
BRK	HULME	Tilehurst	1879-1925	2779	Mrs Sheila Smith, "Tigh an Isaqair", Street of Kincardine, Boat of Garten, Inverness-shire, PH24 3BY		
BRK	HULME	Theale	1879-1925	BRK	CA(U)NDLE	Any	1600-1800
BRK	PATRICK	Abingdon	1825-1841	BRK	SHEWRY/SHURY	Any	1730-1900
BRK	PATRICK	Faringdon	1825-1890				
DOR	HULME	Poole	1870-1881	2785	Mrs M. Paice, 11, Ivy Orchard, Clanfield, Waterlooville, Hants, PO8 OSU		
DOR	PATRICK	Poolc	1870-1890	BRK	UNDERWOOD	Hungerford	1850-1900
HAM	HOPKINS	Sopley	1780-1840				
OXF	BOWERS	Kirtlington	1850-1993	2787	Mrs M. J. Warner, The Haven, 166, White Lion Road, Little Chalfont, Bucks, HP7 9NL		
OXF	COLLIER	Oxford (St Peter Le Bailey)	1836-1860	BRK	MASCALL/MARSHALL	Thatcham	1700-1800
OXF	JACKMAN	Oxford	1840-1870	BRK	POWNEY	Thatcham	1700-1850
OXF	PATRICK	Oxford (St Peter Le Bailey)	1830-1870	BRK	POWNEY	Any	1700-1850
OXF	PATRICK	Oxford (St Mary Magdalen)	1840-1870	BRK	SUTTON	Thatcham	1700-1850
OXF	PATRICK	Oxford (St Aldgates)	1860-1890	BRK	WINBO(U)LT/WIMB(OU)LE/WIMBEL	Thatcham	1630-1850
WOR	GURNALL	Any	1800-1884				
2769	Frederick T. Waite, Rectory Cottage, Rectory Rd, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B75 7RP						
BRK	WAITE	Abingdon	1837-1993				
BRK	WAITE	Wallingford	1811-1993	BRK	WINBO(U)LT/WIMB(OU)LE/WIMBEL	Newbury	1630-1850
BRK	WAITE	Any	Pre-1837	BRK	WINBO(U)LT/WIMB(OU)LE/WIMBEL	Aldermaston	1630-1850
BRK	WILSON	Milton	1837-1993	BRK	WINBO(U)LT/WIMB(OU)LE/WIMBEL	Enborne	1630-1850
2771	Mrs A. M. Warner, "Wyck House", Wyck Lane, East Worldham, Alton, Hants, GU34 3AW			BRK	WINBO(U)LT/WIMB(OU)LE/WIMBEL	Hampstead Marshall	1630-1850
BRK	FLOWER	Any	1810-1860	BRK	WINBO(U)LT/WIMB(OU)LE/WIMBEL	E. Woodhay	1630-1850
BRK	ROBERTS	Aldermaston	1780-1810				

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