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PROGRAMME SUMMARY TO DECEMBER 1993

Bracknell Branch

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

- 17th Sept - Where You Sleep that Counts..... Dr R Cox
15th Oct - Compelled to Weep.....Jim Golland
19th Nov - SOG - a Guided Tour.....Anthony Camp
No December Meeting.

Newbury Branch

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 & Spencers), Northbrook Street, Newbury.

- 8th Sept - Parish Chest..... Jean Cole
13th Oct - Was Your Ancestor a Pauper.....Colin Chapman
10th Nov - Publishing.....Jeremy Gibson
8th Dec - Members Evening and Christmas Social

Reading Branch

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

- 24th Sept - Wills - an Introduction.....Catherine Davis
29th Oct - Family History is Fun.....Jim Golland
19th Nov - Women Workers in Victorian Berkshire.....Pamela Horn
10th Dec - Christmas Meeting & Inter Branch Quiz

Project sessions at Earley St Peter's Church Hall on Tuesday 5th October and Tuesday 2nd November from 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

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.

- 28th Sept - Members Evening
26th Oct - Slough Museum and Its Holdings.....Leslie Hackett
30th Nov - The SELON Index.....Peter Shilham
7th Dec - Christmas Social (to be confirmed)

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The deadline for the December issue is the 29th October 1993. All contributions are gratefully received.

Chairman's Comments

By Michael J Sheppard

Society AGM

It was nice to see so many of you at the Society Annual General Meeting on Friday 16th July. All the four Branches were represented. It was also a pleasant surprise to meet one of our Australian members, Mrs Corona Morrison and her husband, who just happened to be on holiday in England at the time. For those of you who did not attend, the minutes are printed elsewhere in the magazine. Now that it has been decided to take the AGM around the Branches in turn, I hope more of you will make the effort and come to this important annual meeting.

Finally on this topic, on behalf on the Executive Committee, I would like to thank Peter Francis and the members of Bracknell Branch for being such excellent hosts.

Symposium

Did you go to the BFHS Symposium at Wokingham on Saturday 3rd July? No? Then you missed an extremely interesting and informative day. As well as two talks on Surnames and on Aliases, twenty other Family History Societies were present. Several of these did not come to the Society of Genealogists' Fair in London. One thing we shall miss in the future is the organisational expertise of Bill Grose, who is moving to Cornwall in the autumn. We wish him and his wife every good fortune for the future. Over the past few years Bill has been the mainstay of this event.

Autumn 1995 Conference

How many of you have attended one of the Federation of Family History Societies Half Yearly Conferences? The reason that I pose the question, is that in the Autumn of 1995 the BFHS will host the three day conference which is due to be held at the University of Reading. These conferences are good value for money. During the weekend, there is an opportunity to listen to a variety of lectures and to mix and talk with like-minded Family Historians.

Notes on Contributors

Bob Brock works as a consultant in the IT industry and has been slowly working on his family history since meeting Chad and Lesley Hanna in 1978. Since buying a computer a couple of years ago, he has been sorting out his records, using Pedigree, only to find that he hasn't time to follow up the new leads! As well as the Brocks of Exbourne, he is tracing the Knights of Chertsey and Stamford and Talmage and Herman in Berkshire, as well as others in Surrey and Sussex.

John Brooks holds the Berkshire Marriage Index and is currently engaged in transcribing all the parish registers of Berkshire and depositing a typescript at the BRO. His team have now completed three-quarters of the parishes.

Stuart Eagles is engaged on a One Name Study of the Eagles family.

Connie Marshall is the Chairwoman of the Slough Branch of the BFHS.

Ruth Timbrell is a retired Probate Clerk, living at Winkfield. Her main interests are local and social history and collecting local history material. She works at her family history in fits and starts.

Dorothy Wise is currently putting the finishing touches to a book on the Wise family.

Editor's Notes

From Catherine

Cover Story

The cover this month is taken from the brass memorial to a Thomas Trulock from All Saints Church, Sutton Courtney. In 1656, Ashmole recorded the following inscription "Engraved upon a Plate of brass, nayled on a Gravestone":

"Thomas Truloke the Elder, buried the XXIXth of Aprill, Anno MDXCV, Thomas Truloke his Son, buried theThomas Truloke, the Son of Thomas Truloke the Younger, buried the XIXth of November, Anno MDXCV."

H.T.Morley in "Monumental Brasses of Berkshire" published in 1924 listed this brass as lost. On a recent visit to Sutton Courtney, I noticed that half of the original brass had reappeared and the front cover is a drawing taken of it.

Your Articles Needed!

Your magazine as always is in need of articles! The deadline for the December issue is the 29th October and the deadline for the March issue is the 14th January 1994. This early date is because I am getting married on 5th February to fellow BFHS member Simon Harrington, and I want to be able to get the magazine done beforehand!

For the March issue, I thought that a possible theme might be stories of your ancestors' weddings, bigamous marriages, divorces, wife sales, informal separations etc. All articles short, long and medium size very gratefully received as the magazine is running a little bit short of articles at the moment.

Dates for Your Diary

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

2nd Oct, 1993 - Family History Day at the Church of Latter Day Saints, Churchend Road, Tilehurst, Reading. The BFHS have been asked to run a bookstall during the day.

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

20th Nov, 1993 - London Meeting of the Northumberland and Durham FHS at the Society of Genealogists, 10.30am. Speaker Don Wilcock on "Lead Mining and Miners in the Northern Pennines".

8th May 1994 - Second National Family History Fair hosted by the Society of Genealogists at the Royal Horticultural Society's New Hall and Conference Centre.

31st Mar - 4th Apr 1995 - The Cherrystones Conference hosted by the Isle of Wight FHS and Federation of FHS. Details available from November 1993 from Mrs Janet Few, 12, Ranelagh Road, Lake, Sandown, IOW, PO36 8NX.

Seven Farm Diaries - 1914

By Dorothy Wise

There is little evidence in the first few months of the storm clouds that were gathering over Europe. Randall was still in Canada. Frank and Emma were about to be married at long last and Bert had been accepted at a College for Dental Technicians in Bristol. The two older girls Alethea and Dorothy spent most of their time at Dean Court Farm, whilst Aunt ran Wokefield Farm.

February saw some threshing done for 'self' and also for 'A Palmer Esq' also 'ashes from Fire to Rookery' for same. This went on for three days, then "two men carting wood from Rookery to Fire." What was going on? March saw some snow and Henry George was out with his snow plough. Once there was a bitter complaint from a local landowner, Mr Tyser. It was addressed to the Chairman of the Parish Council and went;

"Can you tell me why the roads, which are under the management of Mr.H.G.Wise are especially selected to have a horrid snowplough drawn over them as soon as there is ever the least fall of snow? They are thus spoilt for sleighing....Has he any special orders or does he do it of his own sweet will?...."

The men's wages seem to have altered little since recorded in 1903:

"Harry Hutchins and George West, day work 17/-"

One week end in June, Bert arrived at Oxford from Bristol and he and his

youngest brother eleven year old Hector cycled to Wokefield to see Aunt. Soon after this Bert was drafted into the Army Dental Corps. On August 5th routine work is recorded and below that in H.G.'s writing:

"Frank called to arms 7 am."

My husband Hector, later wrote that he and Frank were getting in some Lammas Hay when they saw their mother coming across the fields with a telegram in her hand. Frank went immediately and was gone next morning along with his horse. On the 13th September Dorothy wrote in the Diary:

"Ethel Bunce, Irene, Althea and myself went to CHURN to see the boys before going abroad."

From then on Eric and Hector took the place of their older brothers and it was about this time that they were one day hoeing in a field with a new man called "Braggy". When they stopped for a break and "Braggy" looked at thirteen year old Hector and remarked to Eric:

"Ain't that boy a long way from 'is ankle to 'is knee?"

"Do you think so"

"Yes, 'is Mother ull never rear him!"

"No?"

"No, when 'e gets to twenty one 'e ull snuff out like a candle!"

Remarking on this to me years later, Hector said that he sweated blood for days afterwards.

We see that many of the family were home for Christmas Day at Oxford,

"Miss Goodchild, Mr Jack Woodhouse, Miss Woodley (Emma), Frank, Dorothy, Alethea and Irene to Botley Church."

On December 28th, Aunt wrote,

"Came home from Oxford with the two boys"

From then on managing the two farms became increasingly difficult for Henry George. Three of his sons as well as one of his men, Ben Hutchins, were called up. Many of his horses were commandeered including the faithful Gladys, who was to meet up with Frank in the mud of Flanders, where she recognised him and he her, an encounter he never forgot.

Wallingford Market and Fair 1295

By John Brooks

Among the records of Wallingford are a number of rolls of traders at the bi-annual fair. The earliest is dated 1227 (W/FC1) and consists of the names of those people who held stalls. It also records if the traders had paid their dues, how much it was, and how long they stayed.

For this article I have chosen the roll for the year 1295 (W/FC/20). This splits the traders up into their occupations. It is also useful because this was a period when surnames were becoming established. You might even recognise your own family. Of course it is impossible to trace a line back this far nevertheless, I hope you will find it interesting.

I have transcribed all the rolls from photocopies - each consisting of between 250 and 400 names. The following list is selection from 326 names of merchants and traders contained on the 1295 roll. I have "cleaned" the spelling up since being in Latin, the scribe tended to abbreviate. It is possible to recognise place names (ie Will de St Albans) One particular name in the rolls for 1263 caused me a double take. He was a glover named "John cum una Manu" literally, this translates as "John with one hand". This does not mean he only possessed one hand, but referred to the sign over his place of work - a large wooden hand hanging up to indicate his trade.

Sellers of Corn and Bread

Petros le Carter
Gerard de Winterbroke
Robert Pistator
Rich Curteys
Rob le Commonge
Walter Fabre
Thomas le Longe
Will de Basing
Walter Felawe
Petros de Ginge
Shoemakers
John Buffard
Walter de Cumpton
Steph Guthild
Rob Pecoce
John le Dynnr
Rob Cruday
Will de Bokynham
Rich Gilbard
Thomas Hawerdyn
Rich Mazelot

Letters to the Editor



Peter Foreman (1437) of Cranston Rd, East Grinstead writes:

"Perhaps it is already recorded, but I was interested to read in the 1892 Transcript by the Rev. G.P.Crawfurrd MA of East Court, East Grinstead, (200 yards from my house) and the curate of St Mary's Reading the following:-

Return of Population of this parish was made, agreeably to the Act of Parliament 1801 in number of inhabitants was returned to be 3156, amongst whom there were at least 230 French Roman Catholic Priests who with multitude of others of the same profession found a hospitable and charitable Asylum in this Kingdom when they were compelled to leave their own country upon account of its melancholy an distracted state."

Then also under Burials:-

"11 Jan 1638/9 Sir Edward Clarke, Knight, Steward of Reading, his bowells interred in St Maries, his body carried to Dorchester in Oxfordshire."

Ernest B Hamley, the Founder Chairman of the Hamley, Hambly and Hamlyn FH Society of 59 Eylewood Rd, West Norwood, London SE27 9LZ writes:

"When calling at the splendid Berkshire FHS Stand at the 1993 Family History Fair in London last May, it occurred to me, as a FH representative of that far-flung Duchy over the River Tamar, that we might mutually benefit from comparing notes relating to this typical Family Group. Our Society is especially keen to find possible historical and genealogical links between Berkshire,

Hamlyns and some West Country groups similarly named, taking account of the distance between the family locations in early times. We are hoping at least one or two of your members may provide enlightenment!

A timely opportunity presents itself for updating Hamlin branch details as the Hamley, Hambly and Hamlyn FHS is studying fourteen current variants which include the Hamlyns of course. These survive from 62 different spellings recorded since Hamlo and Hamelin were mentioned in 1086, well rooted in Cornwall. We hope to celebrate our 25th Anniversary by producing a new and enlarged edition of our Historical and Genealogical Notes, which sadly is now out of print. Originally completed in 1974, this 288-paged work included only a brief section dealing with the Berkshire family group mostly living in Tilehurst or Reading.

There are several variations of the surname Hamlin, especially in the Registers of Reading St Giles and Tilehurst, the main one being Hamblin. Our researcher noted also 37 baptismal entries amongst 14 Hamlin sumamed families registered at Tilehurst Parish Church and also at Reading St Giles and Reading St Lawrence in the period 1724-1810.

Within the Reading Churchyards, interments in the name of Hamlin totalled 24 over the whole century from 1717 to 1816. One notable local worthy buried at St Mary's Reading in November 1665 was Sir James Hamlin, but his biographical background is unknown and we now seek a resume of his family and other connections.

Any factual data or observations will be thankfully received and acknowledged and hopefully included by way of supplementing existing material for the new reference book. Publication is planned for mid-1994.

Anthony Neville of 18, Sheephouse Green, Wotton, Dorking, Surrey writes:

A friend of mine has a rather ornate (but battered) goblet which may be of interest to someone doing Berkshire family history into the name Christie which reads:

*"Newbury Athletic Sports
August 1868 - Mile Race 1st
Prize - T Christie."*

My friend would be interested to pass it on to anyone who can prove a genuine interest. They should contact me at the above address."

Sue Johnson of 46, Washington Drive, Windsor, Berks, would like to correct her plea for help made in the March edition of the "Berkshire Family Historian". She writes:

"I now believe that the father of Ernest Charles Rance was Robert and not Ben, and that his mother was Sophie not Annie. I also now believe that Ernest was one from a large family, and possibly had brothers called Thomas Frederick, William and Henry. Please could anyone help? I would be happy to reimburse any postage paid."

Bernice Strangeward (2515) of 2412 Palisade Dr S W, Calgary Alta, T2V 3V3 would like the following correction made to her plea for help made in the June magazine: " James THORNE married Mary HOCKLEY of Basingstoke, Hants at Sulhampstead Bannister 1778"

Help!

Hit a brickwall in your researches? Why not put your insoluble problem into the Help! column and perhaps somebody may have come across your lost ancestor or may be able to offer you a tip.

Mrs Enid Cole (2452) of 40, Wesley Way, Devauden Green, Chepstow, Gwent, NP6 6PG is seeking information, particularly the marriage of Samuel RIVERS born Aldermaston and Emily SMITH born Pamber Heath, Hants. (In which county did the ceremony take place?) The 1881 census for Pamber shows that the first three sons, George (16), Charles William (12) and Samuel (10) were born in Aldermaston, after which the family moved to Rose Cottage, Pamber Heath where Emanuel (7), my grandmother, Rose (3) and John (3 months) were born. The census gives Samuel's occupation as Agricultural Labourer and his Emily's ages as 49 and 39 respectively.

Stan Morris (2635) of 11 Ngatoto Street, Khandallah, Wellington, 6004, New Zealand has very little information about his grandmother Matilda LOVEJOY. He knows that she married John MORRIS at Holy Trinity Church, Bracknell on Christmas Day, 1883 and died at Binfield Road, Bracknell in 1895 leaving three children: Alice, Charles and William Morris (the father of Stan). Is anyone able to provide Stan with any further information on Matilda, or her cousin (?) Ruth Lovejoy or Charles Frederick LOVEJOY a baker of Reading who was the father of Ruth?

In Search Of The Missing Link

By Bob Brock

I have recently been exploring a new source of information in researching my family history, and thought that my experiences might be of interest to others. These notes may be of use to anyone who thinks they may have Quaker connections; they relate mainly to the records at Friends House in London.

I had long been aware that there was a gap in my family tree between the birth of John Brock in Exbourne, Devon in 1794; and the marriage of his son John Joseph Brock in London in 1853. Although I finally managed to find census entries which placed John Joseph's birth in London c.1824, and John's residence in Croydon in 1871, I was totally unable to find any records of John's marriage, or a baptismal entry for John Joseph.

In desperation, I followed up a tentative lead, and wrote to Croydon Local Studies Library wondering if there were perhaps any records of John's death in the archives of local newspapers. The helpful staff there were unable to assist, but did copy a number of Brock entries from their names index for me to investigate. Among these was my first lead: John Joseph, his wife, and their children were listed in a book of pupils at the Friends School.

I had not previously been aware of any link between my family and the Society of Friends (Quakers), but I quickly

purchased the excellent booklet "My Ancestor Was A Quaker" (McLoughlin) and discovered corroborative evidence. The Quakers did not use the usual names for months, but called them by number (e.g. the 8th of July is known as the 8th of 7mo). This was exactly the way that dates were given in a family bible I had for John Joseph's wife's family.

Armed with this scanty information, I contacted the Friends Library, opposite Euston station in London. The staff in this recently refurbished library were very helpful in explaining the records available, and the delivery of material from their archive was very quick. I found a number of records useful:

Registers of Births, Deaths and Marriages

These are kept on microfilm by county (or group of counties) up to 1837, and then amalgamated across the whole country. I was soon able to find John Joseph's birth, along with two sisters and information on his wife's family (the Noakes family of Rochester, Kent).

Annual Monitor

This book was published annually by the Quakers and contained a lists of members' deaths, sometimes with quite full obituaries. The names in these are indexed and provide an easy reference. I discovered that one of John Joseph's sons had died on the Mediterranean on the way back from Tasmania, and this will soon give me the chance to use the Register of Deaths at Sea in St Catherine's House for the first time!

Minute Books

The minutes of the monthly meetings of the Society for the London area are kept at Friends House, though many others are, I believe, in county record offices. The ones I examined were all indexed by item, and it was easy to trace the progress of individuals' applications to join the society, for example.

So what did I find out? John must have moved to London sometime around the 1810s, and first appears in the minutes of the Devonshire House meeting, applying for membership of the society, in 1822. Later that year, the Tottenham minutes record that Mary Armfield was likely to marry John, a non-member (this was against the rules of the society) and some of the women members were despatched to counsel her against this. Mary stuck to her guns and married John around Christmas of that year, and was suspended from the society as a result. However, she still kept up her attendance at worship, and her children's births were all recorded by the society (though as non-members). John Joseph was born in 1824, when his father was a tailor, but by 1827 the family had moved to Barking, Essex, where John worked as a warehouseman.

The children were recommended to the Friends School at Croydon, and John again unsuccessfully applied for membership in 1834. In 1839 Mary applied to rejoin the society, and was accepted back on account of her exemplary behaviour in the meantime. In 1853, John Joseph married Priscilla Noakes, herself from a family of

Quakers, and their family must have soon afterwards moved to Croydon. Many of their children seem to have been members of the society, though my own great-grandfather, William Benjamin Brock, seems to have slipped the fold. There is scope for more investigation for me here, now that my appetite has been whetted!

So in the space of one afternoon, I managed to fill in a major gap in my family tree and even gain an insight into the characters of some of my ancestors. I would recommend anyone who suspects that they might have even tenuous links to the Quakers to investigate them, since the records cover a number of people who, like John Brock, may not have been members themselves.

Help (continued)

Hugh Middleton (67) of 123, Larchfield Road, Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 2SJ is trying to find out where William MIDDLETON (bur. at Bucklebury in 1809, aged 86 came from. He married Elizabeth (bur. at Bucklebury 1764) and they had two known children baptised at Bucklebury, William (1751) and Betty (1754). The IGI shows a marriage of a William to Elizabeth POCOCK at Hampstead Norris in 1746 at Hampstead Norris and they had two children baptised there, Sarah (1746) and Hannah (1748). The IGI also shows a William, son of Edward, baptised at Tilehurst in 1722. Any help in connecting these would be appreciated.

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting held on Friday 16th July, 1993 at 7:30pm at the Priestwood Community Centre, Bracknell, Berkshire

Peter Francis, Bracknell Branch Chairman, welcomed everybody to the 18th Annual General Meeting and then handed over the Chair to Chad Hanna, the former Society Chairman

Chad Hanna informed the Meeting that the Annual General Meeting would follow the Agenda as published in the March 1993 Issue of the Berkshire Family Historian

1Apologies for absence

The following apologies have been received: The Hon. Lady Palmer, DL, and Dr Peter Durrant

2Accept the Minutes of the 1992 Annual General Meeting

Chad Hanna reminded the Meeting that the Minutes for the 17th Annual General Meeting were as printed in the September 1992 Issue of the Berkshire Family Historian. He then asked the Meeting that the Minutes be accepted as read - Bill Grose proposed the motion and Cliff Debney seconded and the Meeting unanimously approved

3Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising

4Chairman's Report for 1992-1993

Chad Hanna presented his Chairman's Report covering his period in office from June 1992 to February 1993 "I have been asked to report on the Society's activities during my incumbency as Society Chairman from June 1992 to February 1993. It will follow the usual format of: what happened, a short homily, and a word of thanks.

The Chairman's report is particularly important this year, because for the first time it will be going to Charity Commissioners in addition to the audited accounts.

So I need to tell them what I hope you already know: that the Society held monthly meetings at four locations throughout Berkshire with the aim of adding to the public and your knowledge of family history. The quarterly Berkshire Family Historian helped with up-to-date news and Family History articles with a Berkshire based theme. Other meetings were held to drive forward the Society's aim to make Berkshire records more readily available.

It may have been said before, but I would like say my own words about project work.

I would make one analogy though. The monthly meetings and the Berkshire Family Historian are the routine (and important) happenings in the Society's life. Project work is, I think, more like building up your life savings in the hope of the secure retirement.

Why should YOU do some project work? The most important reason is that you will be a better family

historian because of it! It is one thing to run down a long list of surnames looking for the one that belongs to you, but it is only by transcribing records that you begin to understand their strengths and limitations. For this reason alone, you should "have a go" at each of your local society's activities. "Try it, you might like it!" should be the order of the day.

Some people, (not you of course!) will hang back thinking that you have to be an expert to take part in projects not a bit of it but I will say that you will NEVER be an expert if you don't try your hand at a project or two.

Does it have to be a Society project? No, of course not, but you should let other people know what you are doing. First, to make sure that you are not repeating what someone else has done, or is doing, and second, to get advice about the best way of tackling a project. That said, some projects such as the census projects-need the county wide approach that a county level society can provide.

Many of you, members of the Society and others, have achieved a great deal on the project front over the past year and I would like, on behalf of the Society, to award you all the Pat On The Back (POTB). The turnout, and the enjoyment, at the special Saturdays at the Berkshire Record Office working on the Overseer's project was a most memorable experience for me.

I have been Society Chairman for about two and half years, and Reading Branch Chairman for two years before that. During that time, I have worked with the large, enthusiastic and dedicated group of active members who make the Society tick. They carry out many tasks which have little of family history about them and they provide this unpaid service to the rest of the members with an enthusiasm and conscientiousness which is matched in few other organisations, professional or otherwise. To these people, on your behalf, I would like to award a Pat On The Back with bar!

In my previous Chairman's reports, I have dwelt on the events of the past year. In this case, I would like to draw your attention to one or two areas where things are happening.

First, the county of Berkshire will shortly have a Berkshire Record Society like many other counties. Your Society, in the form of John Gurnett, a past Secretary and Editor, is playing its part in the steering group for this. Peter Durrant, our Vice President and the County Archivist, is the secretary of the steering group. I hope to see the Overseer's Project continue and accelerate. Three volumes of calendar and indexed Old Poor Law records have been produced so far. Few other endeavours will make as much impact on the ease of doing family history in Berkshire.

It is planned to buy a computer to complement the service provided by the Berkshire Name Index. Most of the Society projects involve computers and the results of these need to be made available as part of the

Berkshire Name Index. The computerising of the rest of the Name Index will take time, but it does have the great strength of being an endeavour which people can pursue in the spare moments at home with their computer.

I'm looking forward to the next Family History Fair organised by the Society of Genealogists on 8th May 1994. It should be nearly right, second time round!

You will have filled in your BIG Register (in the June Berkshire Family Historian), and the Society will then receive a list of those people with interests in Berkshire which will then be made available, probably in the same way as the members interest books.

Finally, I must thank Mike Sheppard, my successor as Chairman, for taking over at what seemed to be a mutually convenient time and to pledge my support as he takes Society into the future."

Mike Sheppard presented his Chairman's Report covering his period in office from February 1993 to July 1993

"To start with, I would like to focus on what a Family History Society is all about, and the Berkshire Family History Society in particular.

The Constitution states that the object of the Society shall be to advance public education in family history and genealogy, primarily within the pre-1974 Royal County of Berkshire. It then goes on to say that in furtherance of this objective the Society shall have the following powers:

(1)help co-ordinate research into, and transcription of, relevant county records and make them freely accessible to the public

(2)co-operate with other Family History Societies and other Societies with similar interests

(3)do all things necessary to further the said objective
All pretty dull stuff, but what does it mean in practice? Well for a start, there is no requirement to have regular monthly meetings, mostly with a speaker, or as we did recently, organise a trip to the SOG Fair in London. There is no requirement to organise an annual conference or symposium or even publish a magazine. The only specific mention of activities is of research and transcribing records.

How the Society is run and how the Branches operate depends on the decisions taken by the Executive Committee and the Branch Committees, and you will be electing the Executive Committee very shortly. It is these Committees that decide whether there should be an evening meeting with a speaker, whether to publish a magazine, whether to arrange outings and whether to organise a conference or symposium.

All these activities are geared to "advance public education in family history", and to furthering this objective. In the process, we aim to provide a service for YOU, our members, which we hope assists you in pursuing your own research, whether you have Berkshire interests or not.

However, none of this would happen without a lot of voluntary effort from a relatively small number of people, and I have to say quite strongly that, in a Society run by volunteers, you cannot expect activities and events to be laid on for your enjoyment and education unless you are prepared to do your bit in return. This particularly applies to things as diverse as putting out the chairs at our

monthly meetings and helping at our annual Symposium, which, if it is to run smoothly, requires a lot of help on the day.

Surely, it is not asking too much of each and every one of you to volunteer an hour or two of your time every so often when requested?

The Society exists to help YOU but its activities cannot continue unless YOU help the Society.

So please, if you place any value on the Society's work, and activities, come forward and offer a small amount of your time to help.

5**Treasurer's Report for 1992/93**

Roy Croton presented the Audited Accounts to the Meeting, and then took the Meeting through all the items in the Accounts.

Colin Skipper proposed that the Audited Accounts be accepted by the Meeting, and Lesley Hanna seconded - This was unanimously accepted by the Meeting.

6**Election of President and Vice Presidents for 1993-1994**

Chad Hanna reminded the Meeting that this election was held annually. He added that the Executive Committee had proposed Lady Palmer for President and Dr Peter Durrant for Vice President, and they were unanimously elected by the Meeting.

7**Election of Officers for 1993-1994**

Chad Hanna informed the Meeting that Mike Sheppard had been nominated for the post of Society Chairman and his was the only nomination received. This nomination was unanimously accepted by the Meeting. Chad Hanna then handed over the Chair to the new Chairman, Mike Sheppard.

Mike Sheppard informed the Meeting that Robert Houseman had been nominated for Society Secretary and Roy Croton for Society Treasurer, and that no other nominations had been received. These nominations were unanimously accepted by the Meeting.

8**Accept the ex-officio committee members appointed by the Branches**

Mike Sheppard informed the Meeting that the following ex-officio Members of the Executive Committee had been appointed by the Branches; Peter Francis (Bracknell), Helen Relf (Newbury) and Jan Clecton (Slough), and Reading Branch would be putting forward their appointee at their September Meeting. The Meeting unanimously approved these appointments.

9**Election of Committee Members for 1993-1994**

Mike Sheppard informed the Meeting that nominations for Members of the Executive Committee had been received from Catherine Davis, Jean Debney, Margaret Pyle, Cliff Debney and Geoff Mather. The Meeting unanimously accepted these nominations.

Mike Sheppard then offered his, and the Society's, grateful thanks to the following retiring members of the Executive Committee for all their hard work, dedication and unstinting efforts towards the Society; Meg Goswell, Lesley Hanna, Connie Marshall and Chad Hanna.

10**Nomination of Auditors for 1993-1994**

Mike Sheppard informed the Meeting that Mr Jack Hobbs had yet again agreed to perform the role of Auditor for the Society. Cliff Debney proposed this nomination and Chad Hanna seconded - the Meeting unanimously agreed this appointment.

11. Any Other Business

David Cruse asked for a progress report on the Projects:

Brian Hunt updated the Meeting on progress with the Overseers Project, stating his thanks to Dr Peter Durrant and Sabena Sutherland of the Berkshire Record Office for all their hard work towards this Project. Geoff Mather gave a report on the 1851 Census Project stating that 10 out of 17 areas had been published to date. Vincent Millett updated the Meeting on the 1881 Census Project adding that it was in its final stages. David Watkins said a few words on the Reading Cemetery Junction Project adding that more and more help was urgently needed. Peter Francis reported on the Priory Road Cemetery, Ascot, Project adding that it was now in its final stages.

David Cruse asked the Chairman what would take the place of projects once completed; Mike Sheppard replied that the Executive Committee would examine all possible options and would decide on what should be tackled next. Mike Sheppard offered the Society's thanks to the Executive Committee for their hard work last year. He added that Catherine Davis the Editor, was always looking for articles for the "Berkshire Family Historian" no matter how small and invited the Meeting to submit them.

Mike Sheppard said that every year the Society host the Annual Symposium but two of the key organisers, Bill Grose and Colin Skipper, were shortly to be moving away from Berkshire. He added that they would be a very difficult act to follow, but challenged the Meeting to come forward with two names as replacements for Bill and Colin.

Mike Sheppard thanked the Bracknell Branch for hosting the Annual General Meeting and then formally closed the Meeting.

Workers at the Royal Tapestry

Works, Old Windsor

Found by Connie Marshall

The following families were found in the 1881 Census for Windsor:

Lord Nelson Inn

Vincent Maurot, unmarried boarder, aged 20, tapestry weaver born at Aubusson France.

2 Coburg Villas

Joseph Maurot, married, aged 25, weaver of tapestry, born at Aubusson, France and his family. His wife Jessie aged 19 (born Middlesex, London) and his children Vincent (age 2) and Louise Marie (2 months) both born at Old Windsor, Berks. Joseph Petureaup (age 38) a tapestry weaver and his wife Marie (age

32) both born in Aubusson also lived there, as well as Julie Blond (married, aged 38) who gave her occupation as gilders wife, born Paris and her son Skyanathe (age 13, born Paris) and daughter Janie (age 7, born London).

1 Gother Villas

Leopold Durand an unmarried 40 year old stained glass painter born at Nantes lived with Louis Foussadian (age 37, tapestry weaver, born Aubusson) and his wife Melanie (age 20, repairer born Paris).

1 Leopold Villas

There were also two families at this address. Jules Duict or Druet de Mousset (age 43, artist in stained glass, born Nantes), his wife Marie (age 41, born Paris) and their daughters, Camille (15), Albertine (13), Marie (11) and Gabrielle (6) all born at Paris. The other family at that address were Alphonse Bandy (age 25, tapestry weaver, born Aubusson), his wife Octavie (25, born Aubusson) and their son Garton (3, born Aubusson).

2 Leopold Villas

There were three families at this address. Antione Pyourtil, widower, age 35, tapestry weaver, born at Aubusson and his son Michail, aged 10 and born Aubusson. Alexandre Brijere (age 33, tapestry weaver, born Taille), his wife Janna, (age 34, born Aubusson) and their children, Justin (12), Joseph (4), Emile (2) all born at Aubusson. Noel Roby (35, tapestry weaver, born Aubusson), his wife Marie (32, born Aubusson), and their children Joseph (7) and Francois (3) both born at Aubusson.

2 Lorne Villas

Joseph Dumont, age 33, tapestry weaver, born Aubusson, his wife Henriette (age 30, born Aubusson) and their lodger, Alexandre Chatauens, age 42, tapestry weaver, born Aubusson.

3 Lorne Villas

John Bruisand, age 41, tapestry weaver, born Aubusson, his wife Françoise, age 40, born Sylvain, and their children Victor (18, tapestry weaver), Joseph (15, app glass staining), Blanche (13), Peire (6) and Octavie (3) all born at Aubusson.

Berkshire Family History Society

Year Ended 30th April, 1993

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Income & Expenditure

	<u>1992/93</u>	<u>1991/92</u>	<u>1991/92</u>
Income			
Subscriptions	8,151.13	7,059.31	10,343.27
Inland Revenue Tax Refund	559.47	306.50	3,089.48
Deposit Interest	422.52	307.17	356.21
Donations	324.43	822.37	712.01
Annual Conference	132.49	-	38.79
Advertising	73.00	-	-
Ouding	33.00	-	-
Research	28.00	6.60	-
Bookstall	22.29	177.80	-
Miscellaneous	140.63	8,769.75	-
	<u>9,886.96</u>		

Expenditure

Magazine	3,016.00	4,110.40
Meeting Halls	1,453.48	1,608.50
Magazine Postage	1,009.50	-
Computer	712.84	-
Speakers	587.05	332.95
Postage	502.52	741.71
Expenses	548.59	-
Insurance & Subscription FFHS	376.54	-
Travel	152.15	-
Miscellaneous	527.52	1264.18

Income over Expenditure	<u>£8,893.99</u>	<u>£8,057.74</u>	<u>£8,057.74</u>
	<u>£992.97</u>		<u>£712.01</u>

[Signature]
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Berkshire Family History Society

Year Ended 30th April, 1993

BALANCE SHEET

Liabilities

	<u>1992/93</u>	<u>1991/92</u>	<u>1991/92</u>
Accumulated Fund	14,827.81	10,343.27	1,991.92
Bookstall Profit	1,521.46	3,089.48	-
Bookstall Creditors	551.71	356.21	-
General Profit	992.97	712.01	-
General Creditors	370.42	38.79	-

Assets

General Current Account	824.77	909.04	-
General Deposit Account No. 1	5,474.48	4,236.10	-
General Deposit Account No. 2	1.50	0.75	-
General Deposit Account No. 3	-	5.13	-
Bookstall Current Account	822.37	390.34	-
Bookstall Deposit Account No. 1	4,177.99	1,516.70	-
Bookstall Deposit Account No. 2	-	1,037.62	-
Cash Bookstall	376.07	31.35	-
Stock	6,487.19	6,410.73	-

Totals:	<u>£18,264.37</u>	<u>£14,539.76</u>	<u>£14,539.76</u>
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BOOKSTALL ACCOUNT

Year Ended 30th April, 1993

Profit & Loss

	<u>1992/93</u>	<u>1991/92</u>	<u>1991/92</u>
Income			
Sales	11,176.10	12,552.12	-
Deposit Interest	121.67	-	-
Opening Stock	6,410.73	5,147.73	-
Additional Purchases	7,538.52	8,670.69	-
Printing	503.00	-	-
	<u>14,452.25</u>	<u>13,818.42</u>	<u>13,818.42</u>

Expenditure

Closing Stock	6,487.19	6,410.73	-
Cost of Goods	7,965.06	7,407.69	-

Expenditure

Postage	693.19	858.28	-
Expenses	380.92	475.64	-
Reference Library	356.45	352.50	-
Photocopier	226.84	134.71	-
Miscellaneous	153.85	233.82	-
Computer	-	1,521.46	-
Profit	1,521.46	3,089.48	-

Totals:	<u>£11,297.77</u>	<u>£11,297.77</u>	<u>£12,552.12</u>
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News from Berkshire Record Office *Cataloguing*

By Elizabeth Hughes

Open Days

The Record Office was busy with outreach activities in the spring and summer. Our 1993 Open Day on 22nd May attracted 140 visitors, and if the comments they made to us and on the questionnaire we issued are anything to go by, they had a thoroughly good time. It was interesting to find out how visitors heard about the event: the most successful means of publicity turned out to be through local societies. In June we held an exhibition of Newbury documents at Newbury District Museum, which was complemented with items from the museum's own collections. On Saturday 19th June staff from the Record Office descended on the exhibition to give demonstrations of repair, to advise on conservation and sources for local research, and to identify documents that visitors brought in. This proved popular, and we saw a wide variety of items, from medieval deeds to 19th Century family papers.

We also held two more open days, as part of the Shire Hall Open Weekend on 17th and 18th July, and nearly 500 people, most of whom had never seen the Record Office before, visited our displays.

1992 IGI

We are pleased to announce that we have now acquired microfiche of the 1992 IGI for Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Oxfordshire, Surrey and Wiltshire. We retain the 1984 edition for London.

We are also pleased with the progress which we have been able to make with cataloguing since the appointment of two additional members of staff. A considerable number of parish records have been listed and made available for public consultation, including large collections from Clewer, Reading St Mary, Reading St Lawrence and Reading Holy Trinity, as well as several smaller ones.

Microfilming

In the March Edition of the "Berkshire Family Historian", I mentioned that we were hoping that the Mormons would soon be with us to microfilm more of our records, thus providing us with security copies and allowing us to save wear and tear on originals by making records available on film in the search room. We have now heard that their camera operator is due to start here in September and we look forward to welcoming him to the office.

The numbers of fiche per county for the 1881 Census are printed on this page and subsequent pages.

Under 20: Anglesey (10), Brecknock (12), Cardigan (19), Carmarthen (18), Channel Isles (16), Denbigh (18), Flint (9), Hunts (12), Isle of Man (13), Merioneth (12), Montgomery (15), Pembroke (18), Radnor (6), Rutland (6), Westmorland (12).

Between 21 and 40: Bedford (25), Berks (39), Bucks (25), Cambridge (31), Carnarvon (23), Cumberland (40), Dorset (31), Hereford (22), Herts (32), Monmouth (37), Navy and Misc (29), Oxford (28) and Wilts (39).

News from the County Local Studies Library, Reading

From Margaret Smith

1992 IGI Edition

I am pleased to be able to report that the County Reference Library has now acquired the 1992 edition of the IGI for the whole of the UK and Ireland. This latest edition contains 743 more fiches than the 1988 edition. Instead of being in binders, the fiches are now stored in panels affixed to two rotating carousels situated near the microfiche readers. Coloured plastic markers, or "out signals" as they are known, are used to mark the position in the storage panels of fiche in use. It is not necessary to book the microfiche readers.

National Library Week

November 1st to 7th 1993 is National Library Week and Reading Library will be taking part. On Tuesday 2nd November there will be guided tours of the public areas of the whole library. On Thursday 4th, there will be some more events. At the time of writing, all this is still in the planning stage, so please look out for further publicity nearer the time.

Frith Photographs of Berkshire

During National Library Week, there will be an exhibition of some of the recently acquired Frith photographs of Berkshire. Francis Frith was a Victorian entrepreneur and photographer, who in 1860 set up F. Frith and Co. in Reigate, Surrey. The task he set himself was to photograph every city, town and village in the British Isles. By 1970, a third of a million photographs had been taken by

the company photographers. These illustrate in great detail the changes in urban and rural Britain over a period of 110 years.

Recently, the company which has fallen on hard times, has been offering libraries, museums and record offices the opportunity of purchasing archival copy prints. The County Local Studies Library was given the go ahead to acquire some 4,000 prints of Berkshire, both pre 1974 and post 1974 county boundaries. Naturally, it will take us some time to make all of these photographs available for use, but in the meantime, a selection will be on display during National Library Week.

As a separate activity, some Frith material is available for sale through libraries in Berkshire. Please ask for further details or contact Nick Bond, the Sales Manager, Dept of Libraries, Archives and Tourism, Shire Hall, Shinfield Park, Reading, Berkshire, RG2 9XD

No of 1881 Fiche per County
(continued)

Between 41 and 60: Cornwall (52), Derby (58), Leics (51), Northants (42), Shropshire (42), Suffolk (59), Worcs (58).

Between 61 and 80: Glamorgan (76), Gloucs (73), Lincoln (72), Norfolk (70), Northumberland (69), Notts (65) and Somerset (75).

Between 81 and 100: Cheshire (94), Essex (85), Hants (93), Sussex (81).

Between 101 and 130: Devon (101), Warwick (108)

As a distant cousin dies intestate, Stuart Eagles, one of the Society's youngest members, acquires family letters, wills, certificates, newspaper clippings, diaries, and most interesting of all, information about.....

The St Mark's Dramatic Society

By Stuart Eagles

William Albert Henry Grove was born at 23, Kensington Road, Reading on the 7th February 1912. He was the only son of Albert and Martha Grove (nee Taylor). William attended Reading School and was a member of St Mark's Church, Reading. He became Secretary of that church in the 1930s. The church formed a Dramatic Society and I have acquired William's notebook in which he recorded the society's early activities.

He begins by recording their very first meeting at St Mark's Lodge on Wednesday, 8th April, 1931. A unanimous decision was made to form the society by those present: the Rev. and Mrs H.A.Byard, Misses M.Hopkins, A Morgan, G. and F, Taylor, K. and H.Truman, G.South, and Messrs. G.Ayres, N.Buy, J.Fisher, W.Grove, P.Farrell, W.Pomeroy, J.Talbot and L.Taylor.

There were other decisions to be made, posts needed to be allocated. Those present at the inaugural meeting decided to make the Rev. H.A.Byard President, Mrs Byard the Producer, W.Grove the Secretary; with Miss Morgan and Mr. Ayres as the committee. Every attendee became a

member, with the addition of Miss A.Rolfe and V.Pomeroy.

On the 29th April, 1931 two short plays were performed. The first was "Mr. Jardyne" a mystery by Gwen John. The second was "A Blank Cartridge", a farce by Ian Hay.

The society was in need of funding, and a dance was held at St. Mark's Hall on the 1st July 1931. A profit of £1 2s 8½d was made. Another meeting was held on the 11th September at which the Society decided to perform four short plays on the 9th October. The plays were: "The Struthat Amateurs Present..." a sketch by Mabel Constanduros with "Greek as She Is Taught", "The Rose" and "Yesterday, To-day and To-morrow" three sketches by Ronald Jeans.

On the 1st January 1932, the society performed, "The Miser's Warning" which was an adaptation by C.L.Barnett of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. In addition to Grove's own official recordings, I found amongst his papers the typed cast list and the script, a small professional book priced one shilling! It was the "French Acting Edition." The number of scenes required for this play must have made it a nightmare for the stage managers. Grove notes that at the meeting held on the 29th January, J.Fisher (who played Frank Freeheart, Scrooge's nephew), W.Pomeroy (who played Bob Cratchett) and himself (who played Scrooge) were all congratulated by the rest of the society for their performance.

The Society decided at that meeting that they would soon perform a short

play which the Rev. H.A.Byard and his wife had composed. It was called "The Seven Dancers" and was performed on the 29th April. A very battered script and cast list were also found amongst Mr. Grove's papers.

Ronald Jeans' two plays, "Caught in the Act" and "The Elopement" were performed on the 7th October, 1932 along with Act 3 Scene 2 of Shakespeare's "As You Like It". Listed in the cast are such surnames as Grove, Tanner, Truman, Fisher, Newman, Hopkins, Morgan, Lee, Talbot....

March 1933 saw the introduction of a Casting Committee which chose two sketches by Ronald Jeans for performance in April. For October, Grove records:

"At the Reading Missionary Exhibition held at the Town Hall from Thursday, October 19th to Thursday, October 26th 1933 the Society performed on Tuesday and Thursday, the 24th and 26th "The Irrelevant Hobby" a one act melodrama by S. N. Sedgewick."

No further meetings or productions are described as the account comes to a sudden halt. In Mr Grove's personal papers however, I found two other plays which I presume were performed by the St Mark's Dramatic Society: "Five Birds in a Cage" and "Nature Abhors a Vacuum".

Mr Grove went on to marry the G[lady] Taylor mentioned previously. Their marriage took place at St Mark's Church on the 5th November, 1946 and

was recorded in the December issue of the "St Mary's Church Magazine" which incorporated details of all baptisms, marriages and burials which took place in the month of November at four Reading Churches: St Mark's, St Mary's, St Saviour's and All Saints'. He kept this battered copy and a copy of "The Berkshire Chronicle" for that period which also contained details of his marriage. Gladys died on 21st November 1985 and her husband on 22nd December 1990. They are both buried at Basingstoke where they died.

F. Taylor (Gladys' sister) who was part of the society is still alive and living in Reading. Are any of the others, I wonder? What happened to the society after 1933? Does anyone reading this know of, or was part of, St Mark's Dramatic Society? I'd love to hear from anybody who might be able to answer such questions.

No. of 1881 Census Fiche per County (continued)

Between 121 and 140: Durham (129)

Between 141 and 160: Kent (152), Staffs (150)

Between 201 and 400: Surrey (213)

Between 401 and 500: Middlesex (423), Yorks (420)

Over 500: Lancashire

If you would like the Society to have the Mormon microfiche of the index to the transcripts of the 1881 Census for "your" county, you can facilitate this by "sponsoring" a county. The cost is 20p per fiche. Please contact Mike Sheppard if you are interested.

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Q & A with JEAN

Compiled by Jean Debney

Q - Two Anglo-Saxon words

Diana Mackarill (1981) of Reading, Berks says:

I have been reading a book called "Anglo-Saxon England and the Norman Conquest" by H.R.Loyn and on page 294 the author mentions that "during the reign of Ethelred a man was forbidden to marry within six degrees of kinship, that is within four knees, or with the near kinsmen of his first wife". And on page 296: "... compensation or wergeld [was due] to the immediate kin, the children, the brothers and the paternal uncle, and only within that knee". Can you explain what is a 'knee' and what is 'wergeld'?

A - The complete Oxford English Dictionary, which I consulted at Reading Reference Library, informed me that a "KNEE" is an Old English word meaning "degree of descent in a genealogy" - a "degree" being a step in a direct line of descent.

Thus in Saxon times members of a kinship group not only checked up on and reported any misdemeanour within the group but also had a financial responsibility towards such good behaviour. A useful pressure in maintaining law and order.

I had better luck with "WERGILD" (sometimes spelt WERGELD or WEREGELD) which is another Old English word meaning a sum of money paid by the slayer's kin to the victim's

kin. In the 5th/6th century it was to be divided into two-thirds to the paternal kin and one-third for the maternal. The amount to be paid varied according to the social status of the victim; ie. 200s. for a ceorl (churl or free peasant) up to 1,200s. for someone of more noble rank. There were higher rates for Kentish men.

Q Marriage to a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill Vincent of Caversham, Berks writes as follows:

My paternal great-grandfather's wife died in 1903 and he subsequently married his first wife's sister by whom he had several children. He died in 1920. My first reaction was that this was illegal (see the Table of Kindred and Affinity, Book of Common Prayer). I looked in my copy of "*Jack's Reference Book 1909*" and found that the 'Colonial Marriage (Deceased Wife's Sister) Act' was passed in 1906 to enable a man to marry his deceased wife's sister. A further act was passed the following year to allow for such a marriage in the UK - but only if the first wife was deceased - it was not valid following a divorce.

A - Long before anything was known about such scientific things as 'genetics' and 'recessive genes' marriage between close relatives, or blood relations, was forbidden by custom and law in most human societies. However, the Church went one better and decided that since at marriage the man and woman became one flesh (and in law this was the man) then all the other person's relatives

became "blood" relations too. Hence the endless list of prohibited degrees listed in the English Prayer Book from 1662 having become Canon Law in 1603.

Although marriage to a deceased wife's sister was a 'prohibited degree', many such marriages did take place, usually well away from the home parish where someone might "talk". Up to 1835 such marriages were not void but were voidable by legal action. Few such actions were instituted but the risk was always there.

In my own family my great-great-grandfather, David MAXIM, married Elizabeth COOK in Suffolk in 1841. She died just over two years later and their son, Ambrose, the following year; both had consumption (Tb). Meanwhile, David took himself off to Bow Parish Church in Middlesex where, in 1844, he married Elizabeth's younger sister, Fanny. They returned to their Suffolk parish and had 10 children; he died in 1885 and, so far as I know, no action was taken by anyone.

For details of the two Acts you mentioned which legalised marriage to a deceased wife's sister, I consulted "Public General Acts" for 1906 and 1907 in Reading Reference Library (RRL). The full title of the Acts are (1) "An Act to declare the law with respect to a marriage between a man and his deceased wife's sister domiciled in the parts of the British possessions (ie. the Colonies) where such a marriage is legal" which entered the Statute Book on 4th August 1906, and (2) "An Act to amend the Law relating to Marriage

with a Deceased Wife's Sister" which became law on 28th August 1907.

These two Acts allowed that any such marriage could not be declared nul and void as a civil contract, provided that the first wife was dead and not just divorced and still alive; the word "sister" also included a sister of the half-blood. However, the 1907 Act still left the wife the right to sue her husband for divorce under the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1857, if he had committed adultery with her sister.

Further Acts were later passed which removed further 'prohibitions': from 1921 a man could marry his deceased brother's widow and from 1931 nieces by marriage. Until 1935, any marriage which had been inadvertently contracted within the prohibited degrees still remained voidable.

I found the following listed in "The Family Tree Detective" by Colin D. Rogers pp 92-3:

List of 'prohibited degrees' in force from 1600s to 1907.

A man was not permitted to marry his grandmother, grandfather's wife, wife's grandmother, father's sister, mother's sister, father's brother's wife, mother's brother's wife, wife's father's sister, wife's mother's sister, mother, step-mother, wife's mother, daughter, wife's daughter, son's daughter, son's wife, sister, wife's sister, brother's wife, son's daughter, daughter's daughter, son's son's wife, daughter's son's wife, wife's son's daughter, wife's daughter's daughter, brother's daughter, sister's daughter, brother's son's wife, sister's son's wife, wife's brother's daughter,

wife's sister's daughter.

A woman was not permitted to marry her grandfather, grandmother's husband, husband's grandfather, father's brother, mother's brother, father's sister's husband, mother's sister's husband, husband's father's brother, husband's mother's brother, father, step-father, husband's father, son, husband's son, daughter's husband, brother, husband's brother, sister's husband, son's son, daughter's son, son's daughter's husband, daughter's daughter's husband, husband's son's son, husband's daughter's son, brother's son, sister's son, brother's daughter's husband, sister's daughter's husband, husband's brother's son, husband's sister's son.

Q - A Scottish Paternity Case

Len CHANDLER (2680) of Aylesbury, Bucks met me at the Buckinghamshire FHS Open Day in July 1993 and showed me a letter he had received from New Register House in Edinburgh, in reply to a request and cheque for a birth certificate, which contained some puzzling details. I made notes as follows:

He had asked for a copy birth certificate for his wife's father, James GRIFFIN. According to family tradition James was the illegitimate son of Patrick TELFORD but since the father was a Catholic and the mother Protestant, the family forbade them to marry. She later married a Mr LANG and James took his step- father's surname.

In reply, Edinburgh said "The birth you requested was registered on the

information of the mother only, the father's name was not stated at the time of registration; but the mother later took court action to have the paternity established."

They went on to say that "We cannot reproduce the import of the Decree of Paternity but for your information it is as follows:

"In an action relating to the paternity of a male child born at 7 Drumchapel, Bearsden in the parish of New Kilpatrick in county Dumbarton on 2 Dec 1903 at the instance of Janet GRIFFIN, Housekeeper, residing at Root Park, Wilsontown, Pursuer against Patrick TRAVERS, miner, residing at Forth by Lanark, Defender, the Sheriff Substitute of Lanarkshire at Lanark on 11 May 1904 found that the said child was the illegitimate child of the parties aforesaid".

After giving all this information, they refunded Mr Chandler's cheque. But the term Decree of Paternity is a puzzle.

A - What a bonus - all that detail about James' birth and parents and nothing to pay! A "decree" is the judgment of a court, in this case to establish the legal father. I don't know if this sort of case is peculiar to the Scottish legal system or whether it applied in English law also - can anyone help out here? I notice that the decree also shows that the family memory was wrong about the surname.

Q A Deserter from the Navy

David WATKINS (541) of Reading Berks asks:

Are there any records of deserters from the Royal Navy? My ancestor deserted in the last century and then went on to join the army.

A - The relevant portion of "Tracing Your Ancestors in the Public Record Office" (4th ed HMSO 1990) and the PRO Records Information leaflet no.2: "Admiralty Records as sources for biography and genealogy" are generally good starting points for naval family history, but when I checked neither mentioned "deserters". However, I found a single reference in the index section of the "Public Record Office Guide part II" (the 1988 edition on microfiche is in the Society Reference Library) which referred me to:

ADM 115: Record and Establishment Books 1857 to 1873 (1090 vols).

These show under each vessel full details of establishment and of the complement of officers and ratings. Dates and places of birth and all draftings and desertions are shown.

Q - Original wills since 1858

A member of my Family History Forum class in Caversham Centre posed the following question:

My great-grandfather died in 1868 and I was only able to get a register copy will from Somerset House. What happens to original wills? I would like to see one to get a copy of his signature.

A. Anthony CAMP in *Wills and their Whereabouts* (1963) says, on page xix,

that copies of original wills proved at the Principal Registry, ie. the Home Counties, were preserved at Somerset House. Jeremy GIBSON in *Probate Jurisdictions, where to look for wills* (3rd ed 1989 - but see Book-Ends for details of a new edition) says, on page iv, "In some cases original wills [proved since 1858] have been retained by the district registrars but many collections have been deposited with the Public Record Office and are now at Hayes".

I trawled through the different county entries in Probate Jurisdictions and found that original wills are available up to different dates this century for all or parts of Cheshire, Cornwall, Cumberland, Gloucester, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northampton, Northumberland, Rutland, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwick, Worcestershire, Yorkshire and North Wales. Also detailed are the addresses at which the original wills, register copies (where available locally) and indexes for each county are kept.

Q Where is it in Berkshire

Tom HAWKINS (762) of Maldon, Essex writes as follows:

Our paternal great-grandmother was Ann MULCOCK, born circa 1824 at Stanford-in-the-Vale, Berks. daughter of Thomas. She married Vincent HAWKINS, at Little Coxwell, Berks. on 15 Apr 1840. He was described in different records as a farm labourer, farm bailiff, sexton, Surveyor of the Highways, sub-postmaster and, according to the couple's tombstone,

Parish Clerk for more than 40 years. He is said to have had a wooden leg and to have ridden around on a donkey. We have a Minute from the Postmaster General refusing him a pension as he was not a full-time employee in the Post Office. Ann HAWKINS (nee MULCOCK) died on 16 Sept 1901 aged 77 and Vincent on 21 Dec 1906 aged 88. Both are buried at Little Coxwell.

A positive record of Ann's baptism and marriage has not been found; both events probably took place in a Non-Conformist Chapel, perhaps at Stanford-in-the-Vale.

The 1891 Census shows that Ann was born at "Bowling Green House near Stanford, Berks". Can anyone say where this is or was?

A - Stanford-in-the-Vale is in the Vale of the White Horse (sadly from 1974 part of Oxfordshire) on the A 417 about 3 miles SE of Faringdon. I consulted OS Sheet 164, Oxford, and found "Bowling Green Farm" (OS Ref: SU 30 95) near "Stanford Place" on the north side of the A 417 about a mile east of Faringdon; and about 1½ miles further I found "Bowling Green Cottages".

The only Non-Conformist Church in Stanford-in-the-Vale listed in the *National Index of Parish Registers Vol.8/1 Berkshire* is the Independent Congregational Church founded in 1831; there are no registers. However, there are Independent and Methodist Chapels in Faringdon and entries from their surviving registers, up to 1837, are included on the IGI. However, I noted that the parish registers of All Saints,

Great Faringdon from 1663 are **not** on the IGI and might therefore be worth checking.

I looked up the surname MULCOCK in the "Register of One-Name Studies", 1992 edition, and found that Mrs Hilary GARDENER (963) is researching all MULCOCKs and has accumulated a considerable amount of material. She is also member of BFHS (353) and I will send you her address - I am sure she will be pleased to hear from you and may be able to help with your research.

Follow on from "Where is it in Reading?"

Valerie M AYRES (1038) of Reading, Berks wrote as follows:

"Re the Berkshire Family Historian, Q & A, June 1993, your correspondent, Margaret Farmer of Australia asked the whereabouts of **Lambeth Hill**. I think you'll find that it was in the parish of Shinfield. I am a member of team of transcribers at the BRO and have just completed the transcription of Shinfield Registers. While I was working on one of the later registers I noticed an address "Lambeth Hill" and imagined it to be a London stray. However, when I later found others I became curious. I can't find it on any O.S.map but feel sure it was in that area. There may be a connection with Lamb Wood Hill but that is in Grazeley parish."

A: Thank you for your suggestion which I followed up with a phone call to the secretary of the Swallowfield Local History Society as he has a vast knowledge of the area - but neither he nor his wife could come up with any further ideas.

Bookends

Compiled by Jean Debney

Berkshire Local Histories

Reading People, Reading Places by **Stuart Hylton**, *Berkshire Books 1992; A5+, card cover with photograph, 186pp, illustrated with old photos, drawings & maps + index; £8.99 + p&p £1 UK, £1.60 surface mail, £4.50 airmail.*

A very readable new history of the town of Reading through its buildings and notable people. The author was a town planner and this book recounts some of the many changes that have taken place over the years. JD

Reading Gaol by Reading Town by **Peter Southerton**, *Berkshire Books 1993; A5+, card cover with picture, 134 pp, illustrations, index; £7.99 + p&p 75p UK, £1.40 surface mail, £3.60 airmail.*

The author's experience of working in the prison service has enabled him to produce this detailed history of Reading Gaol. He starts with a brief history of prisons and goes on to write about prison life, the Old County Gaol, the New County Gaol and the modern prison, etc. The book also includes the complete text of "The Ballad of Reading Gaol" by its most famous inhabitant, Oscar Wilde. In the appendices are listed the Governors of and the executions at the County Gaol. JD

The Wokingham Historian No.5, *published by the Wokingham Society Local History Group, 1993, A5, 48pp, yellow card cover, map, illus; price £1.50 + p&p 35p UK,*

55p surface mail, £1.20 airmail.

A further volume in the popular series containing a selection of local history articles relating to the Wokingham area. This one includes a history of the Westcott road / Seaford Road area, "The Barracks" c1920/30 through the eyes of a boy, diaries of 8-9 year old school pupils, the Wokingham Red Cross Clinic, A nine days holiday tour in a caravan, and concludes with a fascinating "Beerometer" on degrees of drunkenness! JD

Parish Map of Berkshire - A3 size paper with names of parishes and position of parish churches, *pub. by BFHS; 35p + p&p 18p UK, 40p surface mail, 50p airmail. (For posting it will be folded to A5 size)*

Family History Research

Catholic Missions & Registers 1700-1880 (6 volumes)

1. London & the Home Counties
2. Midlands & East Anglia
3. Wales & West of England
4. North East England
5. North West England
6. Scotland

comp. by Michael Gandy (M Gandy 1993) A5, shiny yellow card cover, xivpp (introduction etc) + 46-82pp (volumes vary in size); indexes to titles, surnames and places; £6 each + p&p 45p UK, 70p surface mail, £1.70 airmail.

Atlas of Catholic Parishes in England, Wales & Scotland (as above) 32pp & maps ++; £2.00 + p&p 35p UK, 50p surface mail, £1 airmail.

This series of volumes fills a gap in the market for all those who already have, or may soon discover that they have,

Catholic ancestors. The well-written introduction (same in vols.1-6) discusses Missions not Parishes, loyalty to a community, domestic chapels, which registers are listed, date of foundation, the location of registers, the Mormon IGI, etc. Then follows a detailed list by county and place of the Catholic mission registers. Vol.1 contains Berkshire with 38 place entries. If you don't know which volume contains "your" county or place, just state its name and the appropriate volume will be sent.

The Atlas has 26 pages of maps and also lists the counties in relation to each Diocese and Archdiocese: eg. Berkshire is in the Diocese of Portsmouth. It is almost essential to have a copy of the Atlas in combination with any Register volume above. JD

A Guide to Surrey Manorial Records, *Research Aid 35*, by *Cliff Webb*, pub. *W Surrey FHS 1993*; A5, white shiny card cover, 28pp; £1.50 + p&p 35p UK, 50p surface mail, £1 airmail.

This lists details and location of surviving manorial records by parish for the ancient county of Surrey, ie. it includes parishes such as Wandsworth and Southwark, etc. that are now part of London. JD

A List of Books and Articles about Surrey Places, *Research Aid 34* by *Cliff WEBB*, pub. *W Surrey FHS 1993*; A5 white shiny card cover, 44pp; £2.50 + p&p 40p UK, 65p surface mail, £1.35 airmail.

"Surrey places" is the second in a series of three volumes: the first, "Surrey Genealogy & Records", ie. subjects,

(RA.32) was published last year and the last of the trilogy is planned and provisionally entitled "A Directory of Surrey Families & Pedigrees", ie. surnames. The author feels - quite rightly - that many would be put off by the academic word "bibliography" - so he prefers to call this series of volumes "lists". The entries are arranged by ancient parish and look comprehensive.

JD

All the above can be purchased at meetings; but please remember to add appropriate post and packing if ordering by mail.

Amendments to the Price List (June 1993)

ADD

Berkshire Local History (page 1-2)

Souvenir map of Cholsey (coloured) £5.00

Street maps of (1) Bracknell & Ascot

(2) Crowthorne & Sandhurst,

(3) Maidenhead,

(4) Reading,

(5) Windsor & Old Windsor

(6) Wokingham each .. £0.20

Reading Gaol by Reading Town (Southerton) £7.99

Wokingham Historian (No.5) 1993 £1.50

Family History for Beginners (page 2)

Never Been Here Before (A simple guide to using the PRO)

(expected Oct '93) £4.95

Introduction Series (page 2)

"Poor Law before 1834" (due Sept '93) approx £2 - £2.50

(Continued)

"Content to Live Like Heathens"

By Ruth Timbrell

The Fifield Village Mission Circuit embraced Dedworth, Oakley Green, Fifield, Holyport, Bray and Waltham and later Moss End, Warfield and Binfield. In 1863 Mr and Mrs Thomas Reynolds started a Bible Mission with the Revd. Stewart Gray and called on local people. The Reynolds lived at Grove Farm, Fifield where the first Mission services were held in an Orchard. These proved so successful that the Mission was founded in 1867. Services were later held in a barn at the Reynolds Farm where windows had been installed in order to improve lighting. When the farm was sold in 1897, the Chapel which had been erected on the lawn of the Reynolds' Farm at a cost of £262, was moved on rollers to another site in the village provided by a Mr Micklem who was a great benefactor of the Mission. The early pioneers of the Mission started a tract distribution and when liquor failed at a local pub, the Missionaries moved in.

The first radius of the Mission was 6 miles, undertaken in all weathers, either on foot or by horse drawn vans or traps. The Reverend Bray was appointed Missionary in 1868 and started a Sunday School at Dedworth. The first Annual Report states that during the last three months of 1867, 1000 visits were made, 2000 tracts distributed and 1000 tracts loaned. The Dedworth Chapel was built in 1869 and the congregation was able to move from its rented cottage room. It was made of corrugated iron. A school was also opened and in 1888 it had 400 pupils. The Chapel at Waltham was purchased in

1870 and Moss End Warfield in 1871.

The Maidenhead Congregational Church and the Baptists all appear on various reports of the Mission and a programme at the Maidenhead Congregational Church lists speakers and lectures for young people at which deposits for the Penny Bank were received. In addition to Bible Study there were Temperance lectures, History of Canning Town, Natural History, History of America and entertainment. Children attending the Mission had probably never had such a selection of entertainment before in their lives and thus these lectures and later lantern lectures were well supported. As the basic school curriculum was still in its infancy and very dull, some of the subjects on offer at the Mission must have been a wonderful attraction.

The Annual Report of 1890 refers to Moss End at Warfield and the severity of the weather causing villagers to suffer and these were described as:

"being agricultural class, many out of employment and suffering poverty".

On several occasions soup and bread were given to a number of people.

The Mission organised a clothing club for the benefit of the poor. Prior to the Mission being formed the district was described as being:

"In a deplorable condition and many villagers were content to live like heathens".

The lives of the early pioneers of the

Mission were far from easy. Frequently they were beaten, attacked and shouted down. However, they persevered and the Mission went from strength to strength with Mission Stations opening in the surrounding villages. Not only Sunday Schools but also Band of Hope meetings were formed with children learning and performing "Action Songs" most of which were provided by the various Temperance outlets. The Register of Waltham Chapel Band of Hope for 1899 has the following list of children:

1. Arthur Clifford aged 6
2. Ada Cattle aged 8
3. Annie Tagg aged 11
4. Eliza Pharo 11
5. Susie Spokes 12
6. Rose Clifford 12
7. Jane Cattle 13
8. Horace Pharo 7
9. Jesse Boyd 8
10. John Spokes 9
11. William Tagg 9
12. Richard Cattle 10
13. Daisy Spokes 13
14. Ethel Spokes 8
15. Frances Hawkins 8
16. John Hawkins 6
17. May Frauton ? * 12
18. Tom Headington 11
19. Walter Buss 10
20. Ruth Clifford 6
21. Albert Butcher
22. Minnie Savory
23. Mary Savory
24. Rose Tag
25. Lottie Walters 8
26. George Ranscombe 12 Paley St

27. James Robins 8 White Waltham
28. Arthur Dean 12
29. Percy Dean 13
30. Harry Gilmore 10 Paley St
31. Harold Frauton ? * 12 Paley St
32. Ernest Frauton ? * 10 Paley St
33. William Headington 8 How LaneL
34. Lizzie Headington 10 How Lane
35. Emily Ranscombe 11 Paley St
36. May Frauton ? * 14 Paley St
- * May be Grantham

As one can see with 36 recruits for the Band of Hope this was a very popular organisation and the catalogue for 1905 of Band of Hope Requisites advertises pamphlets, tracts and leaflets and halfpenny books for young abstainers. Diagrams and Charts relative to Alcohol and the Human Body together with Diagrams illustrating Death from Drink, must have put the fear of wrath into the minds of youngsters. Having witnessed the effect of alcohol on the home and families, parents too were encouraged to sign the Pledge. The National British Women's Temperance Association were encouraging Mothers to enlist their babies as "Little White Ribboners" promising not to allow him/her to take any intoxicating Drink. However, apart from encouraging abstinence the Mission organised Christmas gifts and parties for the labouring classes and formed sewing classes for mothers to make clothes for children. The clothing clubs were very popular and enabled many children to acquire boots for the first time. The Annual Outing was always to Burnham Beeches and this was by Horse and Cart from Waltham, picking up at Missions along the way.

(FIFIELD MISSION)

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The Committee of the Waltham Chapel desire to warmly thank all the above for their contributions of money and goods, which has resulted in freeing this Place of Worship from debt.

By 1890 there were 40 preachers in the Mission. The leading preacher, who was very popular was the Rev H. Thorpe. It was with great sadness the Mission bid him farewell on 2nd June, 1904 at a Public Meeting held in Maidenhead Town Hall. The Mayor Mr B.Hobbis presented a Testimonial to Rev Thorpe. Prior to that a public tea was held at the Baptist Schoolroom at Marlow, tickets 6d each. The Rev. H.P.Thorpe was replaced by Mr F.Wooley. Shortly after this farewell the Rev. Thorpe and his new bride set sail for Canada where they built a wooden house at Kelowna. A Ministry was started and the first Baptist Church erected in the Okanagan Valley. The land was donated by a Dr. Boyce with land secured either side for a Manse and larger Church when the anticipated growth of a City required them. The Rev. Thorpe and his wife raised four children and sent back to England many delightful photographs and postcards describing their early ventures with fruit tree planting and raising poultry. The Rev. Thorpe enlisted for military service in the Great War and after then no further communication appears to have been received from him by the Mission.

The Chapel at Binfield was the most ambitious undertaking by the Mission. The foundation stone was laid in 1875, following meetings in a tent. The Chapel and School cost £1234 8s 2d. This Chapel is still in use. The Waltham Chapel is also still standing. Moss End Chapel was demolished. Many of the descendants of the Mission are now Baptists and although the

Fifield Village Mission as such ceases to exist, for over 100 years it fulfilled the spiritual and material needs in the villages it encompassed.

Amendments to Price List (June 1993) - continued

Reading Old Title Deeds (due Sept 93 approx £2 - £2.50

Other Family History Publications (p3)
Family History News & Digest (Vol 9/2, Sept 93) £1.40

Making Use of the Census (Lumas) (2nd ed. 1993) £4.95

Practice Makes Perfect (family history exercises for beginners and teachers) £4.95

Gibson Guides (p3)

Land & Window Tax Assessments (due Sept 93) about £2.50

Probate Jurisdictions (4th ed.) (due Sept 93) about £3.50

Raymond Bibliographies (p4)

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Roman Catholic (p4)

Catholic Missions & Registers 1700-1800

Vol.1 London & Home Counties £6

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Atlas of Catholic Parishes in England, Wales & Scotland £2

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Other Items Available

Local History

Tracing the History of Houses (Breckon & Parker) £7.95

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Miscellaneous

Diaries for 1994 - price to be announced

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

**By Margaret Smith Senior
Librarian: Local Studies**

This is the second in a short series of articles. In later issues, we shall be covering sources for genealogists in the County Reference Library and more about sources held in the County Local Studies Library.

We provide information, free of charge, about our holdings, and where sources for genealogists not in stock may be held. This includes other Berkshire libraries, the Record Office and outside organisations. If we cannot help, we will refer you to someone who can. Qualified librarians are available for consultation all the hours that the library is open.

For genealogical and local history enquiries, we offer a fee-based postal research service, which existing members may already know about. Further details are available on request. If you are writing in, please provide as much information as you possibly can about your enquiry. This will help us to help you.

For personal visitors, self service photocopying facilities are available, and printouts from microfilm and fiche can be ordered. Some of the hard copy

material we hold, especially in local studies, is very fragile, and may be damaged further by photocopying. Staff will give advice where necessary. Photocopying is also subject to copyright regulations.

One service that many people may perhaps not be aware of, is a photographic service for taking copies of photographs held in the local studies collection. Again, this is subject to copyright regulations. The high light levels found in photocopiers can damage photographs. We can provide black and white prints, and slides, and also sepia tone prints. Prices start at £1. Time taken to supply ranges from 2 to 8 weeks, depending on size of print ordered. Further details of this service are also available on application.

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Surrey Research Aids

List of Books and Articles about Surrey Places (RA34) £2.50

Guide to Surrey Manorial Records (RA35) £1.50

Amend

P1 - A History of Berkshire (Over) - now due late 1994

P3 - Making Sense of the Census (correct price) £9.95

P4 - Parish Boundaries in London in 1812 (RA2) (1992 ed.) 60p

Delete

P1 - BFHS Members Interests 1991 - out of print

P2 - Long Wittenham (local history) - out of print

Postscript - Still Available

BFHS Badges (blue and gold) £1.50

Members' Pages

Compiled by Robert Houseman

As the new Society Secretary, I would like to introduce myself.

I have been researching my Houseman line for the last four years with the goal of meeting a living Houseman male to whom I am related; I have also been the Executive Committee Minutes Secretary for the last 18 months, but now higher office beckons!

But my first task must be to thank Meg Goswell for all the hard work she has put into these Members' Pages and the task of Society Secretary over the last five years - you will be a very difficult act to follow, Meg.

May I make an opening point. We have had a large number of requests from Members to include their interests in this issue. In order to be fair to all, I have not been able to print all the interests submitted so if all of your's have not appeared in this edition of the Journal then the remainder will appear in the next one - thank you for bearing with us!

And if you have any comments on this new format, I would welcome them.

Obituaries:

- 809 Dr H T Betteridge, 29 South Street, Elie, Fife KY9 1DN on 23rd June, 1993
2475 Mrs S E Webb, 29 Manor Drive, Ewell. Surrey in March, 1993
1744 Mr B Champion, 26 Kelfield Ave, Harbourne. Birmingham B17 0QL in June, 1993

Changes of Address:

- 1416 Mrs Jenny Rushton, 11 Church Lane, Teddington. Middx TW11 8PA from 12th July, 1993
1602 Mr Kevin Herridge, 9 Sexton Close, Rainham. Essex RM13 8BH
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 2833 Mrs Margaret Little, 80 Undola Road, Helensburgh, NSW 2508. Australia
 2835 William Say, 18735 Ludlow Street, Northridge, California 91326, USA

Memb. No.	Researched Surname	Place of Interest	County Code	Period of Interest
2833	A'BURROWS	Anywhere	HAM	1780+
1622	ADLAMS	Bucklebury	BRK	18C-19C
2713	ALLEN	Basingstoke	HAM	17C
2713	ALLEN	Winchester	HAM	17C
2829	ALLSWORTH	Anywhere	OXF	1800-1940
2829	ALLSWORTH	Anywhere	BRK	1800-1940
2693	ANDERSON	Windsor	BRK	1814-1818
1622	ANSELL	Hampstead Marshall	BRK	C1759

Memb. No.	Researched Surname	Place of Interest	County Code	Period of Interest
1622	ANSILL	Hampstead Marshall	BRK	C1759
2606	ARMSTRONG	Anywhere	BRK	1837-1915
2698	BAGGLEY	Anywhere	BRK	1630-1700
2509	BAILEY	Newington	LON	1886+
2833	BARNES	Anywhere	WIL	1800+
2713	BARNET	Hughenden & Penn	BKM	Pre 1814
2698	BAYLEY	Finsbury	MDX	1758-1993
2698	BAYLEY	Bow	MDX	1758-1993
2658	BEAVERS	Ludham	NFK	Pre 1841
2509	BECKE	Hannover	GER	1908+
2720	BELFIELD	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1880
2720	BENJAFIELD	Anywhere	SOM	Pre 1850
1860	BERRY	Anywhere	DEV	All
2827	BETCHETTI	Anywhere	WRY	1875-1925
2454	BIGGS	Wheeler End	BKM	Any
2720	BLOOMFIELD	Anywhere	SFK	Pre 1850
2296	BO(U)LTWOOD	Kelvedon	ESS	Pre 1790
2230	BOND	Hampstead Norris	BRK	1700
2230	BOSLEY	Easthampstead	BRK	1800
1805	BOYER	Anywhere	CON	19C
1805	BOYER	Hollingworth/Tintwistle	CHS	19C
2833	BRADLEY	Anywhere	BRK	1765+
2720	BRIDGE(S)	Anywhere	NFK	Pre 1800
2713	BRIGGS	Beaconsfield	BKM	Pre 1820
2821	BRINER	Anywhere	MDX	Pre 1841
2509	BRISTOW	Watford	HRT	1888
2720	BROWN	Sulhampstead	BRK	Pre 1850
2827	BRYAN	Anywhere	BRK	1800-1850
1622	BULL	Reading	BRK	C1759
2410	BULPIT	Hungerford	BRK	Pre 1770
2693	BURFOOT	Upton cum Chalvey	BKM	1775-1890
2714	BUSHNELL	Anywhere	ALL	ALL
2827	BUTLER	Anywhere	BRK	1800-1850
2827	CATBY	Anywhere	BRK	1770-1820
2809	CHASTELL	Waltham St Lawrence	BRK	1887
2410	COLLINS	West Ilsley	BRK	Pre 1650
2705	COLLINS	Anywhere	BRK	1800-1860
2713	COLLINS	Chalgrove/Chargrove	OXF	18C-20C
2713	COLLINS	High & West Wycombe	BKM	18C-20C
2230	COOK	Easthampstead	BRK	1835

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2296	COTTEE	Ewell/Croydon	SRY	1840+
2686	COWDEROY	Stanford-in-the-Vale	BRK	1700-1800
2686	COWDEROY	Lambourn	BRK	1600-1800
2296	COX	Hampstead	MDX	Pre 1850
2296	COX	Bexley/Chatham	KEN	18-19C
2296	CULL(E)Y	Pewsey/Shalbourne	WIL	17-18C
2686	DANN	Horsmonden	KEN	1700-1800
2686	DANN	Maidstone	KEN	1800-1900
2720	DANN	Anywhere	ESS	1810+
2713	DARVEL	Hughenden	BKM	Pre 1730
2693	DAVIS	Iwerne	DOR	1765-1839
2693	DERRY	Colton	STS	1700-1800
2230	DIAPER	Binfield	BRK	1780
2702	DUNSDON	Anywhere	WIL	1600-1860
2702	DUNSDON	Anywhere	BRK	1500+
2454	DUTTON	Stokenchurch	BKM	Any
2658	DWYER	Stredegar	GNT	1883
2809	EDMEADS	Anywhere	ESS	C 1835
2809	EDMEADS	Anywhere	KEN	C 1835
2696	ELEY	Great Braxted	ESS	Pre 1833
1860	ERBY	Anywhere	LND	All
2696	FARLEY	Plymouth	DEV	Pre 1870
2509	FINCH	Leighton Buzzard	BDF	1862
2606	FISHER	Anywhere	BRK	1759-1843
2696	FREEMAN	Shrivenham	BRK	Pre 1800
2813	GARNER	Anywhere	LIN	All
2799	GIBBS	Bledlow	BKM	Pre 1825
2799	GIBBS	Reading area	BRK	1895-1920
2799	GIBBS	Great Milton	OXF	Pre 1800
2720	GILES	Englefield	BRK	Pre 1800
2705	GILKERSON	Reading	BRK	1800-1880
2705	GILKERSON	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1800
2821	GUE	Anywhere	ALL	ALL
2696	HAINES	Swindon	WIL	1840-1950
2829	HAMMOND	Leeds	NYK	1800-1940
2829	HAMMOND	Bethnal Green	LDN	1800-1940
2829	HAMMOND	Blackpool	LAN	1800-1940
2606	HARRIS	Anywhere	BRK	1829-1848
2230	HOBSON	Hampstead Norris	BRK	1700
2720	HOCKLEY	Farnborough	SRY	C1810

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2606	HUNT	Hungerford	BRK	1820-1993
2606	HUNTER	Anywhere	BRK	1812
2296	KEEL(E)Y	Westminster	MDX	1827-1920
2713	KNOTT	Basildon	BRK	Pre 1720
2813	LAMBERT	Anywhere	DBY	All
2606	LEWIS	Anywhere	BRK	1840
2454	LOVEGROVE	Moulsford	BRK	Any
2454	LOVEGROVE	Ardington	BRK	Any
2791	LYNE	Anywhere	LND	1850-1993
2791	LYNE	East London	MDX	1850-1993
1622	MAISH	Mildenhall	WIL	1807+
1622	MARSH	Marlborough	WIL	1846+
1622	MARSH	Mildenhall	WIL	1807+
1622	MARSH	Ramsbury	WIL	C1777
2698	MAYNE	Anywhere	BRK	1730-1800
2658	MCCARTHY	Stredegar	GNT	1883
2811	MERRIMAN	Enborne	BRK	1500-1800
2296	NASH	Overton	HAM	Pre 1780
2791	NIPPRESS	East London	MDX	1800-1993
2791	NIPPRESS	Swindon	WIL	1750-1850
2791	NIPPRESS	Anywhere	LND	1800-1993
2791	NIPPRESS	Abingdon	BRK	1750-1850
2791	NIPPRESS	Fairford	GLS	1750-1850
2296	PAGE	North Weald	ESS	Pre 1860
2658	PARTRIDGE	Ruscombe	BRK	1840
2693	PERKS	Wolverhampton	STS	1700-1800
2705	PLEASS	Easthampstead	BRK	1810-1950
2705	PLEASS	Reading	BRK	1850-1880
2833	PLUMMER	Anywhere	MDX	1800+
2720	PRIEST	Barking	ESS	Pre 1850
2819	PRINCE	Newbury	BRK	1790-1870
2819	PRINCE	Leckhampstead	BRK	Pre 1870
2819	PRINCE	Chieveley	BRK	Pre 1797
2702	PRIOR	West Hanney	BRK	1800-1900
2702	PULLEN	West Hanney	BRK	1790-1900
2696	REEVES	Portsmouth	HAM	1860-1993
2799	ROSE	Reading area	BRK	Pre 1825
2799	SAWYER	Marlow	BKM	Pre 1825
2799	SAWYER	Cookham	BRK	Pre 1800
2835	SAY	Anywhere	BRK	1700+

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2658	SCARBOROUGH	Anywhere	LND	1793
2829	SHEPHERD	Appleton/Eaton	BRK	1800+
2807	SHRIMPTON	Anywhere	ALL	All
1805	SIMONS	Anywhere	CON	19C
1805	SIMONS	Hollingworth/Durinfield	CHS	19C
2702	SMITH	Lee/Lewisham	LCC	1885-1920
2813	SMITH	Anywhere	DBY	All
2835	STOCKWELL	Anywhere	BRK	1700+
2702	SWEET	Lee/Lewisham	LCC	1890-1920
1622	TAYLOR	Speen	BRK	17C-18C
2698	TENCH	Anywhere	BRK	1730-1800
2509	THOMPSON	Bethnal Green	LON	1869-1940
2811	TOWNSEND	Newbury	BRK	1500-1800
2811	TOWNSEND	Enborne	BRK	1500-1800
2821	TWINE	Anywhere	SSX	Pre 1781
2821	VISOR	Anywhere	WIL	Pre 1793
2821	VISOR	Anywhere	GLS	Pre 1793
2821	VIZOR	Anywhere	GLS	Pre 1793
2821	VIZOR	Anywhere	WIL	Pre 1793
2813	WALKUP	Anywhere	DBY	All
2606	WALL	Anywhere	BRK	1864
1805	WATTS	Cradley Heath near by	WOR	19C
2720	WEBSTER	Anywhere	MDX	Pre 1850
2827	WELCH	Anywhere	NRV	1800-1875
2833	WELMAN	Anywhere	BRK	1765+
2702	WHEBELL	Eltham/Lewisham	LCC	1890-1930
2821	WIATT	Anywhere	ESS	Pre 1714
2821	WIATT	Anywhere	SFK	Pre 1714
2720	WICKS	Stratfield Mortimer	BRK	C1800
2606	WILKINS	Anywhere	BRK	1904
2819	WINCHCOMBE	Harmondsworth	MDX	1891-1930
2720	WING	Anywhere	LIN	Pre 1840
1622	WINTERBOURN(E)	Bucklebury	BRK	All
2454	WOOD	Amersham	BKM	Any
2410	WRIGHT	Kintbury	BRK	1720-1760
2410	WRIGHT	Hungerford	BRK	1695-1715
2821	WYATT	Anywhere	SFK	Pre 1714
2821	WYATT	Anywhere	ESS	Pre 1714

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