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

21 Jan	Happily Ever After	Beryl Hurley
18 Feb ***	Grave News of Berkshire	Chad Hanna
18 Mar	The Actress and the Chauffeur	Mrs Y J Bunting

Newbury Branch

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

8 Dec	Members Evening and Christmas Social	
12 Jan	Local Newspaper	Penelope Stokes
9 Feb ***	Maps	Marjorie Moore
9 Mar	Making Sense of the Census	Jean Debney

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.

10 Dec	Members Evening and Inter Branch Quiz	
28 Jan	The Huguenots: a Survey	Jean Tsushima
25 Feb ***	And that's the truth 'cos I was there	Doc Rowe
25 Mar *!*	Hospital Records for the Family Historian	Janet Foster

Slough Branch

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

7th Dec	Christmas Social	
25 Jan	Members Evening - Bring Your Heirlooms	
22 Feb ***	Books	Bill Lloyd
29 Mar	A Day in the Life of a Census Enumerator	Jean Cole & Mike Shepherd

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The deadline for the March issue is the 14th January 1994. All contributions are gratefully received.

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Chairman's Comments

By Michael J. Sheppard

Hello! Is there anyone out there? The reason I ask is because I have yet to receive any comments or suggestions that I asked for in the June 1993 edition of the "Berkshire Family Historian". The BFHS is run by you the members, but if you do not communicate with us on the Executive committee, how do we know what you members want of your Society?

Only six members of BFHS attended the Federation half yearly Conference in September, hosted by the Suffolk FHS. Perhaps you are unaware of what takes place at these conferences. It is not at all like the Political Conferences that are shown on television in the autumn. For a start all the participants have an interest in Family History, so you are bound to meet like-minded people, and you will not be left on your own. Then there is the lectures, usually on a theme and with a choice of at least two most of the time. There is also the Federation Bookstall to browse through plus the many exhibitions laid on to attract your attention. You do not have to attend the banquet on the Saturday night, but it can be most entertaining. At Suffolk's banquet the after-dinner speaker was the "Cooking" Canon John Eley. Unfortunately, half way through his speech the fire alarm went off and we all had to evacuate the Hotel for what was later found to be a false alarm. So keep a look out in the "Dates for your Diary", you don't know what you are missing, family history can be fun!

Finally, may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Editor's Notes

Thank you for all the articles I have received for the March issue. The deadline is the 14th January for the March issue and the 29th April 1994 for the June magazine. Not only articles are needed but illustrations, so if you have an interesting photograph and would like to see your ancestors achieve fame, please send them in. However, please send copies rather than your only one!

Notes on Contributors

After nearly 40 years as a Supplies Officer in the National Health Service, redundancy gave **Ron Day** more time to "spend with his family" and to seek out the family he never knew.

Julie Goddard is a Professional Librarian and a member of the Goddard Association.

John Gurnett is a radio producer. For five years he was secretary of the Society, and then he became editor of this journal. For the past two years he has been studying farming in Berkshire at the turn of the century for an MA in Landscape History.

Dennis Luke is 71 and has followed his family history hobby as and when time permitted for over 30 years. He keeps a calendar for each of the 80-odd ancestral lines of his children in which he records ancestral and non-ancestral events of each surname and is currently converting these considerable manuscript records to computer disk.

Kerrie Price is a Graphic Designer and has lived in Berkshire most of her life, growing up in Eton Wick. Her family have a strong tie to Eton, Eton Wick and Windsor. She has been researching her maternal line for about four years and is now stuck in West Ilsley at around 1786.

Berkshire Record Office News *from Elizabeth Hughes*

Records recently received and catalogued have included additional parish registers for Bracknell Holy Trinity, Clewer St Andrew, Crowmarsh and Newnham Murren. Particularly pleasing was the deposit of two registers of Long Wittenham, covering marriages 1813-1844 and burials 1844-1979 which had been feared lost. They were found in the rectory of an Essex parish when a former incumbent died, and were kindly returned to the parish by the Rural Dean of Rochford Deanery. We also received the parish registers of Fyfield, which were badly damaged in a fire in 1893. We hope to be able to microfilm them so that the information in them can be made available.

We also have a programme this year to catalogue the Petty Sessions/ Magistrate court records which we hold, and this is beginning to bear fruit, with Reading County Petty Sessions already available and several more in the pipeline.

received during the past few months was a collection which the Record Office bought with the help of grants from the Museums and Galleries Commission/Victoria and Albert Museum Purchase Grant Fund and Friends of the National Libraries. The papers from the archives of the Trumbull family of Easthampstead Park, include detailed accounts of farming practice, estate management and family life in the eighteenth century and complement records that the BRO already holds. We hope to have them catalogued and available early in 1994. On the library side, we have recently received the kind donation of a microfiche copy of "The Return of Owners of Land for Berkshire, 1873." The return lists some 2,750 named individuals and the extent and value of the lands owned, but not their location. More information of the Record Office library in a future magazine.

News from Margaret Smith, the Senior Librarian: Local Studies, at the County Local Studies Library, Reading.

An information leaflet has recently been published by the County Local Studies Library. Sources for family historians are mentioned briefly. The sources and services listed in the leaflet are actually a summary of what regular readers of the "Berkshire Family Historian" will have seen in the March and September 1993 issues, when the Library was described in more detail.

The leaflet also includes information about how to get to the Library by car or by rail, and access for the disabled. There is an insert giving opening hours and telephone numbers. Copies of this leaflet are available from Berkshire Libraries. If you would like a copy sent to you, please send a stamped addressed envelope or International Reply Coupon to County Local Studies Library, Abbey Square, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 3BQ.

The Diary of John Clark

By Kerrie Price

The following is an extract from a diary written by my ancestor John Clark. He was born at West Ilsley in 1787. His account of his early life shows how he moved around in an effort to find fulfilling employment.

"John Clark was born at West Ilsley, a small village in Berkshire on the 13th of May 1787 of honest and industrious parents. My father was a malster to a gentleman for many years. My mother kept a school and was very much respected by the whole parish. I am the eldest son and have one brother alive. Two died in their infancy and one sister which died at the age of seventeen weeks. My mother died when I was about 10 years of age when my sorrows began. I went to live at Market Ilsley with one Dr. Hampstead and stopped with him about a 12 month where I was worked too hard for a boy of my years and sometimes sent on foot 8 or 10 miles after 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon with medicine through the woods and cross country roads and when I came home was ill used by the man servant for being gone so long and so at last I committed an error to get sent away and so I was sent home to the place of my Nativity once more and for the least fault I was sure to get a severe flogging from my father for he was a very severe man and I was not the favourite though eldest of the two (here I shall remark that it is not my maxim to have any favourite Children where I can vouchsafe for their all being my own as I truly believe we were both the

same father and mother and likewise I also believe I am the father of my own three boys and girls. Therefore let the eldest receive the first benefit and I also hope my children will adhere to the same rule and I likewise hope the elder will do his or her best to help the younger in the case of necessity, I hope this advice will not be lost to any of my children.)

To proceed with my narrative, I was sent home and obliged to go to work at farmers work for about fourpence a day and in the winter I worked with my father in the malt house and after a time the gentleman took me to go out shooting and Coursing and to take care of his dogs which I liked very well and so I kept on for some time and then he put me to assist the wheelwright which I was very fond of and I believe I should have learned the trade for the man was very partial to me but alas poor Jack my father took in his head that he would leave his place so he told his master and he said he would not employ his boys and then my younger brother was to be apprenticed and me turned out on the wide world to shift. My brother was sent to a village called Pease More to serve his time to a shoe-maker and my Father went to Windsor for malting for Mr Ramsbottom & Co. Poor I was left at West Ilsley to work for the farmers for three or four shillings per week. Well I stopped at Ilsley for about a 12 month and came a letter from Windsor to say I was to come to Windsor. So off I trudged and when I came to Eton I found all tolerable well and I was to go to Clever to be a Bakers Boy, but I was

not strong enough for my Master was Baker for the Army and we used to bake bread for the soldiers laying at Windsor, both foot and horse and it was too much for me though he was an excellent Master and the best of living. Here I was innoculated for the Small Pox but I had been vaccinated before and it did not take. It is the general opinion of Country People that any persons going into a town are sure to take the Small Pox but since vaccinations have been so common I think it is not so much thought of. So after I had been at Clever some where about three months I left and went to live with one George Hurst - Baker at Eton and he was a very good Master. But a very bad Mistress I had to contend with and I stopped with him for about a year and then left him and went to live at Langley in Buckinghamshire and here I lived but a short time when I was taken ill and returned home to my father at Eton. I went to making kindling or small faggots of wood at Eton for some time. But I was never happy or contented at anything my mind was always roving. My Father married again which I did not like at first but I was afterwards glad of it for she was a very good sort of woman and behaved better to me that I could expect or at least more than I deserved and I believed it was that affair that stopped me from roving for a time. My Father's partner was at that time taken ill and I took to his place and then I had 13/- a week which was good wages for a boy about 14 years of age. I worked at the malthouse the remaining of the season

and then I was taken to work in the Brewhouse at the same wages which to me was a very bad job for I soon began to be too fond of that liquid called Beer. But I stayed in with my Father but I did not like to be confined to the Malthouse for I used to get over to the Brewhouse all opportunities and now I know it was very wrong of me for the work was much harder for my Father. But I was glad when the season was over to get back to the Brewhouse again. I went on pretty well for some time. The foreman's name at the firm of Ramsbottom & Baverstock was Mr Golding and him and me was very good friends for a long time. But I drank too freely of quum ale and him and me had a fall out and I was discharged.

So not to be down hearted off I goes and gets a basket and carries muffin cakes and pies for some time and then I takes a start down to Ilsley once more and hires myself to Mr Adnoms - Malster to make malt for the season. I cannot say that I neglected my work but I was very glad when the season was over for I liked to be at a Publick House every opportunity and then I had nothing to do so I takes it in my rambling head to start up towards London to see if I could get work at haymaking or anything, no matter what to me, for no place was to hold me long, yet the time was not quite arrived for me to have done with my roving so I first went to mowing but not being very expert at that business I left that and took to loading cart which I managed very well. But it was a wet haymaking time so we could not hardly earn enough to live

upon. After haymaking time was over I was hired to look after a horse and cart at 15/- per week and here I might have done very well but it would not do it was not in my book of fate the leaf was torn out so I got with the young man that worked with me and we agreed to list in the 15th Light Dragoons recruiting at Knightsbridge. So we were both taken to the rendezvous and had the shilling given to us. Next day we were examined by the Dr. and past him but when I came to go under the Standard I was found wanting not in weight but in height so I was deprived of a Bounty of 15 guineas and a fine suit of clothes which my companion got. But I did not stop here. Sea was in my mind before I listed and still it there

remained which I communicated to an acquaintance in the Life Guard and he wished me to go on board the Enterprise the receiving tender laying off the Tower Stairs in the Thames below London Bridge which I agreed to."

The diary continues after this with an account of his exploits on board ship eventually bound for South America.

John subsequently married Ann and the dates of birth of Thomas Clark born Dec 3rd, John Clark, born Oct, Harriet Clark, born April 11th 1822, George Clark born July 14th 1824 and Ann Clark born May 2nd are recorded at the end of the diary. I should be delighted to hear from anyone else who is interested in this family or any of the other people mentioned.

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A Record Society for Berkshire

By Dr Peter Durrant

In the March issue of the *"Berkshire Family Historian"*, I wrote about plans to set up a Berkshire Record Society. Since then a great deal of progress has been made, and the Society has now formally come into being. It was launched at a meeting held at Shire Hall, Reading, on 21st October 1993. Several representatives of the BFHS were present.

The purpose of the Berkshire Record Society will be to publish editions of some of the many important historical documents held in the Berkshire Record Office and elsewhere, with the object of making them more widely available and of encouraging historical research of all kinds, including family history research.

In common with other record societies, the first priority will be a reliable text. However the work of a record society does not end there. Each text will be annotated to explain references and elucidate obscurities in the document, to identify people and places where appropriate, and if necessary to draw attention to doubtful readings. It will also be prefaced by an introductory commentary which will help to explain the background of the document, its context and its significance. The introductory commentaries to several record society volumes in other counties have become classics in their own right and are of enormous value in helping those unfamiliar with the document to understand more about it.

An exciting range of documents has been lined up for publication in the first five years. The first volume, to be issued in the autumn of 1994, will be the correspondence of the Foundling Hospital Inspectors in Berkshire, 1758-1768. In common with similar charitable institutions in the eighteenth century, the London Foundling Hospital put orphan children out to nurse - in effect finding foster homes for them. Unusually for this period, the London Foundling Hospital dealt with thousands of

children and fostered them as far afield as Berkshire. The inspectors' correspondence deals with the organisation of this amazing task, and contains a great deal of detail about the children and the families who took them in - including names of individuals - and shows the impact this had on local communities.

Following on from this we plan to publish the splendid series of glebe terriers surviving from Archbishop Laud's visitation of Berkshire in 1634; selected probate accounts from the rich set among the Archdeaconry records; documents relating to the notorious 'Swing' riots which swept Berkshire in 1830, again with many individuals identified by name; and of course documents from the Berkshire Overseers Project.

Many of these texts will be of great value to the family historian and the Berkshire Record Society has already made a decision to consider the needs of the family historian as a matter of policy when selecting texts in the future.

The Berkshire Record Society plans to publish volumes at the rate of one per year, starting in the autumn of 1994. For your subscription (£14.50 for individuals, £24.50 for societies and institutions) you will receive one copy of each volume, free, as it is published. You will also receive an annual newsletter, keeping you in touch with the Society's plans and progress. Volumes will not normally be available to non-members - so it is all the more important to subscribe!

The Society needs about 300 members to be able to go ahead with its plans, and it needs to recruit them by March 1994 in order to be able to issue its first volume in October. We hope that many members of the BFHS will also become members of the Berkshire Record Society. Elsewhere in this issue of the *"Berkshire Family Historian"* you will find an application form. Please complete it and send it back. Your support will help this very worthwhile venture to succeed.

Newbury Child Migrants of the 1830s

By Pamela Horn

When mechanized cotton spinning began its rapid expansion in the North of England at the end of the eighteenth century one of its first requirements was for a large labour force. It was soon discovered that many of the simpler tasks could be performed by children's nimble fingers and hence growing numbers of employers turned to the nation's workhouses to recruit young and biddable so-called '*apprentices*'. Initially several thousand of the children came from London but in 1816 it became illegal to send apprentices from the capital's workhouses to employment more than forty miles away. ¹ Factory owners had, therefore, to look for alternative sources of labour and it was in these circumstances that Newbury became involved in this 'traffic in children' during the 1830s.

The issue was first discussed by the Newbury Board of Guardians in November 1835, in response to an appeal by a Mr Muggeridge of the Manchester Migration Office for suitable children to work in cotton mills. Richard Muggeridge had been appointed earlier in that year by the Poor Law Commission in London to encourage migration from rural poor law unions to the industrial North. At first the Newbury Guardians took no action but in July of the following year they reconsidered, agreeing to provide details of '*the healthy children in the workhouse*' and requesting Mr

Muggeridge '*to use his best endeavours to obtain good situations for them.*' ² From the point of view of the Guardians - and the ratepayers of the Newbury union - the scheme had the merit of ending their financial responsibility for the maintenance of the pauper children involved.

Negotiations continued until late September when four female orphans from the workhouse were selected to be sent north. They were Caroline Rhodes, who came from Speen, Maria King, Mary Ann Gough and Caroline Gough; in addition, the parents of four other poor children were approached for their agreement that their offspring should be despatched as well. These were Mary and Ellen Challis, the daughters of a local bricklayer, Jane Skinner and Sarah Clack. ³ The desired parental consent was given - whether under pressure, it is impossible to say - and plans were made for all eight children to go to Samuel Greg's isolated water-powered cotton mill at Quarry Bank, Styal in Cheshire. They were to live in the apprentice house there, along with about sixty other children, most of whom came from Liverpool or from Cheshire. ⁴ The youngest of them seem to have been Maria King and Caroline Gough, who were aged about nine and the oldest was Mary Ann Gough, who was almost thirteen.

The girls' departure from Newbury was slightly delayed because some of them were ill with measles, but on 8th November 1836, the travel arrangements were finalised with Messrs Pickford's entrusted with the task of transporting

them, along with their escort, Henry Cook, at a total cost of £10 19s 3d. 5 New outfits of clothing were also supplied to each of them at a further cost of £4 11s 4d. These probably comprised two shifts, two pairs of stockings, two frocks or bedgowns, and two aprons, since this was the clothing specified by the Gregs for girl apprentices on a previous occasion. 6

The children travelled in mid November and about four months later the workhouse master, Mr Pearce was sent by the Guardians to Quarry Bank to check up on their welfare. Presumably his report was satisfactory because a few weeks later, when Mr Muggerridge again wrote asking for additional recruits for the Greg mill, the matter was given favourable consideration. However, it was not until the spring of 1839 that five further girls were actually sent. They were Helen Challis aged 11, Rosa Gough, aged 10, who was a younger sister of Mary Ann and Caroline, Charlotte Alexander, aged 12, Mary Davis of Welford, aged 11, and 12-year-old Mary Hearman (or Heartman), who was probably a Newbury labourer's daughter. 7 As before, they were provided with new outfits of clothing and their travelling costs of £18 were also met. 8

In all cases the girls were required to work for the Gregs for a trial period of about six months before formal apprenticeship indentures were signed. For the first group of girls, these were completed on 10th July, 1837, and for the second batch on 15th November, 1839. The length of the apprenticeship

varied according to the age of the girls, with the term ending in each case when the girl concerned reached eighteen. So while Mary Ann Gough was bound for only five years, Sarah Clack, Mary Ann Challis and Caroline Rhodes had to serve seven years, and Mary Davis and Mary Heartman six years three months and five years two months respectively. 9 The indentures of the remaining seven have not survived.

The girls had to promise to serve their masters '*faithfully and diligently*' while they learn the '*art ... or employment of a cotton spinner or ... such other occupation or employment*' as the Gregs thought proper. The latter, for their part, undertook to provide the youngsters with '*meat, drink, washing, lodging and wearing apparel*' during their term.

In the apprentice house the girls slept on straw mattresses in a large dormitory, two to a bed, and with clean sheets provided '*oftener than once a month*'. The dormitory itself was whitewashed once a year and the blankets, rugs and floors were kept '*perfectly clean*'. 10 Fresh clothing was supplied each Sunday and new outfits provided as and when needed. The house was supervised by a master and mistress, and it was one of the latter's duties to teach the girls to sew when they had finished work for the day. In this way they not only made their own clothes but the boys' shirts as well. 11 In 1841 there were 67 girls living in the apprentice house, including those from Newbury, and they comprised about a sixth of the total mill labour force. 12

For the Berkshire children the move

from a quiet country town to the noise, heat, dust and smell of a cotton mill, even one located in a village, must have been bewildering, as must the very size of the labour force. Yet there was little they could do about it. It is significant that in July 1843, when Mr E W Gray, a Newbury JP and vice-chairman of the Board of Guardians, visited them at Quarry Bank they remained silent when he asked if they had any complaints to make. They only expressed a wish to see or hear something of their friends and relatives and this he agreed to arrange. But more than one young worker was terrified when first encountering the rows of rattling spinning machines.

[To Be Continued]

FOOTNOTES

1. "Report on the Number and State of Parish Apprentices", Parliamentary Papers 1814-15, Vol V, p5 shows that 2,026 London children were bound apprentice from London workhouses to textile concerns outside the capital between 1802 and 1811 alone; 1,493

went to cotton enterprises. See also 1816 "Act to regulate the binding of Parish Apprentices".

2. Newbury Board of Guardians Minute Book (NBGMB) 1835-38 at Berkshire Record Office G/N/1/1, entry for 3rd November, 1835 and 19th July 1836. J T Ward "The Factory Movement" (1962) p 132.

3. NBGMB, entry for 20th Sept, 1836 and Newbury baptismal register entries on MF/10195/E at Berkshire Record Office; Mary Ann and Ellen (or Eleanor) Challis were the daughters of Thomas and Mary Challis.

4. See summary of Quarry Bank apprenticeship indentures at Manchester Record Office; in 1834 alone, 21 pauper apprentices were bound from Liverpool, most of them for 8 or 9 years.

5. NBGMB, entries for 8th and 29th November and 27th December 1836.

6. See letter from Samuel Greg to the vicar of Biddulph near Congleton, 27th February 1817 in C5/8/9/1 at Manchester Record Office.

7. NBGMB, entry for 16th May 1837 and Minute Book G/N/1/2, entry for 12th March, 1839.

8. NBGMB entry for 2nd April, 1839

9. See apprenticeship indentures in C5/5/3 and C5/5/4 at Manchester Record Office. NBGMB entries for 20th June and 18th July, 1837 and 5th November 1839.

10. Deposition of Thomas Priestley at Manchester Record Office, August 1806 in C5/8.

11. "The Apprentice System at Quarry Bank Mill, Styal" (Quarry Bank Mill Trust, 1988), section on Education.

12. See 1841 Census return for the township of Pownall Fee, HO 107/115 and Mary B Rose "The Gregs of Quarry Bank Mill" (1986), p69. In 1840 there were 435 workers at the Mill.

Letters to the Editor

Tom Hawkins of "Brelades", Burnham Road, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon, Essex, CM9 6SS writes:

"You will be interested to know that following the publication of my enquiry in the September edition of the *"Berkshire Family Historian"*, I heard from Ann Preston, a member of the Society and granddaughter of my great aunt Jane. Now I know that the marriage of Vincent Hawkins and Ann Mulcock was at the Faringdon Methodist Chapel. Also the story in her family was that Vincent lost his leg in the Crimea war. I hope to check up on this at the PRO Kew.

We have also heard from a descendant of Vincent's brother Henry, a lady who lives at Colchester."

Julia Cox of 21 Hildens Drive, Tilehurst, Reading, RG3 5HW writes:

"I am quite willing to share my car (in return for petrol money) to Oxford for those wishing to visit the Oxfordshire Record Office (for parish registers etc) and Oxford Central Library where census from Oxfordshire and surrounding counties and the St Catherine's House Birth, Marriage and Death indexes are available on microfiche. Phone no is 0734 413533 to arrange a suitable day."

"Help!"

M Ann Charlton (2176) of 'Headbro', Stroud Farm Road, Holyport, Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 2LH, is trying to trace the parents of her great-grandfather, Edward Wilmot SEALE, born 1807, Malmesbury, Wilts, died 1867 Wargrave Berks. His father was Edward SEALE, auctioneer. His first wife was Charlotte DUCKER by whom he had several children including Edward Wilmot SEALE who married Mary Elizabeth and had four children - Charles Walter (b.1863), Mary Eliza (b.1864), George Charles (b.1866) and Robert Richard (b.1872) - all baptised at St Mary's Church, Marylebone, London. Edward Wilmot SEALE was living at Lincoln's Field in 1886 and Bedford Court Mansions, Bedford Avenue in 1901. Edward married secondly Eliza Holford CROOK, daughter of Edward CROOK, by whom he had two children Francis Vernon Holford (b.1862) and Ernest Oliver (b.1864). Edward had a brother, Edmund SEALE whose birth, marriage and death cannot be traced. Ann would be grateful for any information about any of the above including any descendants of Edward Wilmot SEALE by his two wives.

Brian Curry (2690F) of 9 Minster View, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1BA has traced the CHAMBERS family back to the marriage of Richard CHAMBERS to Mary WHEELER at Wokingham on the 12th October 1740. In 1766 there is a marriage of Richard CHAMBERS to Elizabeth FIELD. Richard was buried on 4th November 1795, aged 81, which indicates a date of birth of 1714. No record of his baptism, and, therefore, of his parents can be found. There were nine CHAMBERS children baptised at Wokingham between 1676 and 1693, so it appears likely that Richard was also born in Wokingham.

Can anyone help Brian?

Mrs Eileen Bearman (2770) of 6 Keswick Close, Tilehurst, Reading, RG3 4SD has only recently joined the BFHS and has immediately hit a problem which she hopes that someone can help her with. She was born in the Newington Institution in Southwark, South London in 1926 and immediately adopted. She has now obtained a copy of her original birth certificate which gives her mother's name as Alice HINES. The Greater London Record Office were very helpful and found a record of her birth from the Newington Institute giving her mother's age as 23 and her home address as 20 Canvey Street, Southwark. The address was checked in the local electoral register for that year and gave the name of Alice's parents as Charles and Emma. When Eileen looked for the birth of her mother at St Catherine's House, she found two Alice HINES born in 1923, one registered in Woolwich and the other in Southwark. She ordered both certificates and found that both had parents named Charles and Emma. Can anyone help her decide which of these two girls is her mother?

Peter Squelch (2841) of PO Box 41815, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa is researching his own name and has gone back to 1565 so far but would like any help with ancestors whose names are SQUELISH, QUELSHE, QUELSH, QUALCH, QUELTCH, QUELK, QUELSE, QUECH, QUELLCH, SQALCH, SQUEALCH, SQUILCH, SQUILICH, SQUALCE, SQELCH, SQLCH, SQUECH, SQUICH, SQUISH, SQUESH, AQUALISH, SPAISH, SPASH and SPACH. This is a lesson to us all that when researching our names we must consider every possible phonetic spelling.

Relative Strangers

By John Gurnett

Tell any town dweller that you are thinking of moving out into rural parts and they will warn you with those well trodden townie clichés: country folk are unfriendly, they dislike foreigners. This is usually after explaining why they have fallen out with their neighbours over whose side of the fence belongs to whom and who is responsible for repairing it. There is nothing quite as unfriendly as the suburbs; each little matchbox of a home containing a family unit, cut off from its neighbours, with little contact with the outside world - apart from the television set in the corner of the room.

Perhaps the same kind of isolation occurs in the country, but village people, at least, get to know their neighbourhood and after two or three visits to the local pub a whole army of people become acquaintances, if not exactly friends.

Living in a rural community you are much more likely to bump into people with similar interests and tastes. When I moved out of London fifteen years ago, word went around that I was interested in family history and before you could recite the descent of David in the House of Israel, two or three people came knocking at my door telling me about the local family history society and the most bizarre caller of all came to ask if I was related. We compared family charts and sure enough there it was, we shared a joint great-great-great-grandfather. I had acquired instant relatives!

Then it struck me - are we not all related? In theory the number of our ancestors doubles with each generation. If there are about three generations to every century; 24 generations would take us back 800 years and 16,777,216 ancestors! However,

the population of twelfth century England was a mere two million. The answer lies in intermarriage or cousins, either once or twice, or sometimes even thrice removed. Disregard those and give or take the odd case of incest and illegitimacy we may end up with a more realistic figure. Even so, relatively speaking, if you move to a new district, it should not take all that long to dig up relatives in the immediate vicinity.

A common cliché about society a hundred years ago is that people remained in the same area. We all come from rural parts, it is claimed, and lived and died within the confines of the same parish. Anyone looking through the parish registers from those times is soon disabused of that idea. Whole families moved around with alarming regularity, in fact they seemed to have spent more time moving than settled in one spot. The nation seems to have been composed of itinerants always seeking fresh pastures where the grass was greener. Thus leaving town today, you are quite likely to move within shouting distance of one of your ancestors. A little digging around amongst members of your own family may provide a few surprises, Aunty Glad came from Buckinghamshire, Uncle Fred from Northampton and two brothers settled in Suffolk with another in Kent.

There is a story, true I guarantee, about two genealogists who turned up for a conference. Sitting next to each other they began to swap family interests - within a couple of minutes they found they had two ancestors in common, two hours later they found a few more.

Perhaps that is why family history is so popular nowadays. Everybody is looking for some roots in the community, something they can call home. Once it was an ambition to pin up a coat of arms in the hall, now it is to display a family tree

stretching back before William the Conqueror, although few can actually do so. Modern family historians, however, are more concerned with putting leaves on their tree; explaining how and why, and what an ancestor did, rather than just a bare recital of names and dates on a chart.

Historians should be grateful for the public servants of the past who diligently noted down the minutist detail of the behaviour of our ancestors. When and where they went

to church, their occupations, their criminal and sexual proclivities, and when they were destitute and the amount of parish relief they received.

So moving out into the country is not quite like going to a foreign land. Our ancestors shared the same common background and heritage as the present inhabitants, as a trip round the local churchyard will soon reveal. Strangers we may be but brothers and sisters for sure.

Looking for a good Brickie?

By Ron Day

In days when there are more cowboys about than in the whole of Texas, it is perhaps, reassuring to find a good bricklayer. I know such a man, but the snag is that he would be well on his way to his three Royal telegrams by now.

According to the 1851 Census, John Day was born in Reading about 1775. Just when he left or why is not known, but by 1841, he had settled in a house in Holborn, London, with his wife Mary, son David, daughter-in-law Charlotte and grandson David.

Initially, John and his son David were bricklayers, but in the mid-1800s the family got "respectable" and became undertakers. They carried out this trade from the same address until 1945 and much is known about the family throughout that period.

I have been unable to trace John Day in Reading, despite amassing plenty of information on the name "Day". The IGI offers three possible baptisms:-

*26th Dec 1774 - John and Mary
of Cholsey*

*10th May 1775 - John and
Mary of St Mary's Reading*

*20th May 1775 - George and Mary of
Waltham St Lawrence*

I tend to favour the pair from St Mary, because the 1851 census for Soho, London stated "Reading". Early census returns for this parish turned up the odd bricklayer with the same name and a couple of pork butchers, but no clear link.

So there we are - can anyone help me find my roots? Alternatively has anyone lost a John Day in the fleshpots of London? Either way I can offer a further 8 generations to add to their tally.

I have an almost complete index of 900 Days taken from the 1851 census for London boroughs in the former County of Middlesex. If anyone is interested please send an SAE to Ron Day (2750), 136, Woodmansterne Road, Streatham Vale, London, SW16 5TZ.

Payment for certificates at St Catherine's House can now be made by Access, Visa, Mastercard and Eurocard as well as by cash or cheque accompanied by a cheque card.

The problem with asbestos at Hayes (part of the PRO) has turned out to be more serious than at first thought. Property Holdings have applied to the Treasury for a grant and it is envisaged that the work will take between six and eight months. This means that no documents can be produced from Hayes for the foreseeable future.

Seven Farm Diaries - 1921

By Dorothy Wise

1921 is the final year from which a diary kept by Henry George Wise survives. Many changes had taken place and more are apparent in this diary. However the agricultural life continued at Dean Court Farm, with the entry for January 1st recording:

"Carter Cox with two horses and waggon fetched a load of bean haulm from Chorley field".

(Haulm is an old word used for beanstalks).

Eric and Hector who were now 20 and 18 were *"bush burning and trimming swedes"*.

Milk yields recorded during January and February are shown to increase gradually, and the men's wages are as follows:-

*"Phipps.....£2-6-5d
Cox.....£2-6-5d
Hector.....£1-10-0d
Eric.....£1-10-0d
Dorothy.....£1-10-0d
Irene.....£1-10-0d
Yeatman.....£2-3-5d*

From this Diary we can see that the family was disintegrating. In 1917 Henry George, unable to see into the future, and with his four oldest boys involved in the war, gave up the tenancy of Wokefield Farm which the family had had since 1843 and Aunt Sally and the two youngest sons had come to live at Dean Court Farm near Oxford. After

the Armistice in 1918, Randal came home and set about finding another job. He wanted to marry his sweetheart Nancy and settle down. Frank had married Emma in 1915 and he farmed at Grafton about 20 miles away from Dean Court. Jack was soon to emigrate to Queensland, Australia. Bert continued in dentistry in Reading.

Further changes occurred on April 9th when:

"Bert Fenemore, Eric, Dorothy and Irene sailed for Canada. They went by the 7am train from Oxford."

We can only guess at the sadness felt by those left behind, Father, Mother and Aunt at the departure of these two girls. Alethea had already married and emigrated in 1920 to Sydney Australia, buoyed up with ideas of a golden future that did not materialise.

Both women undertook to milk a quota of cows apiece, Hector remembered that Aunt always took the precaution of tying her cows hindlegs together with a long white silk scarf!

At the end of May the Salt People came and camped in *"Little Clambria"* a field at the foot of Cumnor Hill. They paid H.G. £1 per week. While there they distributed rock salt and block salt to farmers and shopkeepers.

Harvest and haymaking came and went, some things never change and there were strands of continuity in their social life in that many of the friends recorded as visiting on Sundays from 1903, such as Nellie Goodchild and various nieces and nephews like my mother (she took

me to Dean Court Farm when I was two) and Fred and Crissie, the Tilehurst cousins, still "*came to tea*" and "*came to stay*". They continued to visit the family even in the 1940s, by which time I had grown up and married Hector. However, no one is now recorded as "*going to Church*" or "*going to Chaple*" as before the war.

Early in November it rained heavily so that work could not be done in the fields, though some fencing was done and a load of barley was loaded up and taken back to Abingdon. Aunt went to Tilehurst for a few days, but was back for pig-killing on November 17th.

From the entry for December 21st we learn that:

"Eric and Irene returned from Canada at 10 o'clock am. Hector doing cows and pigs etc. Eric helped him."

Bert Fenemore returned from Canada the following year and married Irene. They subsequently farmed in Berkshire. The entry for Christmas Day, which was the last at Dean Court, reveals that a large number of the family were reunited. Henry George writes:

"Fred and Crissie came at night and George Davey [local harness maker] came and brought his violin. Company and family here include, self, Mother, Aunt, Irene, Eric, Hector, Frank, Emm and family [two little girls], Bert, Vie and family, [two little boys], seventeen in all, Randal and Nancy not here."

Deed of Covenant

If you are a UK tax payer and you have not already made out a Deed of Covenant in favour of the BFHS, could you please consider doing so as soon as possible.

It will cost you nothing. You can still pay your subscription by cheque or Standing Order, and if unforeseen circumstances in the future years mean that you want to cancel your Membership, the Society will waive its right to payment of any sums still due under the Deed.

The advantage to the Society, however, is considerable. Based on current levels of subscription, we can recover each year £2.33 (Ordinary Membership) or £2.67 (Family Membership when taken out in the tax payer's name) from the Inland Revenue against each and every Covenant we hold

Only 15% of our 1,300 Members have currently signed such a Deed and we can surely improve on that figure - you can calculate for yourself the potential advantage to the Society if you could increase this figure to 50% or more of the Membership. Instead of a £465 Tax Rebate (1992 figure) we could benefit by five times that amount. Indeed, done on a large enough scale, it might even mean that Subscriptions could be pegged at their existing level for an extra year

So please don't delay. There is a Deed of Covenant form enclosed with this edition of the Berkshire Family Historian with details of who to return it to.

Good news too for those making Covenants. The Inland Revenue has modified its procedure so that all new Covenants do not need to be renewed after the four year basic term has expired - they continue automatically until terminated by the Covenantor

Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

By Julie Goddard

In 1798 the *"Gentleman's Magazine"* reported the death on June 19th, in his 97th year, of William Jennens "of Acton place, near Long Melford, co., Suffolk, and of Grosvenor-square, esq." He was the son of "Robert Jennens esq., aide-de-camp to the great Duke of Marlborough (by Anne his wife, daughter and heir of Carew Guidcott esq.,)". William III was his godfather and he had been a page to George I. He was of a miserly disposition and as well as inheriting a fortune from his father, he amassed one of his own. The magazine takes a whole column to list his stocks, shares and properties and guesses at his fortune being not short of two million pounds.

What has this to do with Berkshire? Well, Mr Jennens made a will, but did not have his spectacles with him at the time he was supposed to sign it and never did so. It was found in his pocket after his death. He therefore died intestate. There are certain legal procedures to be followed when anyone dies intestate without making a will to dispose of his real estate and personal property and a set list of relatives, in order of precedence, who are entitled to inherit. (Not the same order of precedent as nowadays). It was known that William Jennens was an only child and had inherited from his father. However, William had lived to such a great age that he had outlived most of his contemporaries. It was acknowledged that his father was named Robert, but there were several of this name in the known Jennens pedigree and opinions differed over which he had been.

The claimants to his fortune cited in the *"Gentleman's Magazine"* say that he was

the son of Humphrey Jennens who married Mary Millard. As descendants of Humphreys's other eleven children they claimed that they were the nearest relatives. Humphrey was the son of the second marriage of John Jennens who died in Birmingham in 1653. John had five children by his first marriage and they left descendants. The eldest child of the first marriage was a John Jennens who is said to have married a relative, Jane Ambrose at East Garston in 1636. They had a son, Robert, in 1644 and he, in his turn had a Robert in 1672, who it is alleged by claimants on "the other side" as it were to have been the father of "William the Rich". Unfortunately for those who are wishing to establish their eligibility for a share in the fortune, the East Garston parish registers are incomplete and there is a large gap both sides of 1636. This is the Berkshire connection.

A John Jennens, who it is claimed was the one who married at East Garston on 15th May 1636 (a date established by family papers and traditions and which appears on the IGI), was Mayor of Reading between 1646 and 1653, having left London for the country in 1642 when the Civil War was imminent. Three of his children were born in Berkshire; William (1643), Robert (1644), and Roger (1653). Robert married Jane Truelock at Aldworth 29th Jan 1669 and their children, who were baptised at Sutton Courtney, were Martha (1670) and Robert (1672). Martha died as an infant, leaving only Robert to inherit his father's share of the family fortune, which included the iron foundries in and around Birmingham and land in Derbyshire.

If any Berkshire Jennings, Ambrose or Truelock readers wish to investigate

whether they might have been at one time entitled to thousands, if not millions, of pounds then the book to consult if they can beg, borrow or steal a copy is "*The Great Jennens Case, being an epitome of the history of The Jennens Family*", compiled on behalf of the Jennens family by Messrs Harrison and Willis, published in Sheffield in 1879. However, Charles Dickens knew of the many court actions resulting from the differences of opinion as to who should

inherit the fortune, and based part of his book "*Bleak House*" on the intricacies of the Chancery Courts. Near the end of the book the lawyers leave the court, gleeful at having delayed and intrigued so much that they had wasted the fortune of "*Jarmdyce*" in fees.

Editor's Note: Unfortunately, although I am descended from the Trulocks of Sutton Courtney, I don't think the Jane mentioned in this article is a direct relative!

John William Brooks 1921-1993

With the death on 27th October of John Brooks, the BFHS has lost an outstanding member.

Following his retirement as an airline pilot, he threw himself into his many hobbies and interests. He compiled the Berkshire Marriage Index singlehandedly and also added other indexes to it, including that of Berkshire Marriage Licences (approaching half a million entries).

He was made an honorary life member in recognition of this work. He generously allowed members to have free access to it; non members paid a small fee which went into the Society's coffers.

He was a valued speaker at BFHS meetings and contributed many articles (on varied topics such as army and navy records and overseers records) to our magazine over the years.

All the above would count as a tremendous achievement but there was so much more. On a few visits made by some BFHS members many years ago to his home, we saw evidence of his skill in woodworking - beautiful dolls furniture. Later, he presented a gavel made by himself for use at BFHS meetings which is still in use. We learnt that he made the

cabinets in which he stored the indexes. In recent years he transcribed and typed numerous parish registers - especially ones in poor condition with difficult handwriting. His helpers included Arthur Ruffell, Irene Littleby, Gwen Prince and Val Ayres.

He was very knowledgeable about philately and the history of the post in Britain. At his funeral, a former churchwarden of Cookham parish church spoke of his many historical achievements which included the writing and illustrating of a guide to Cookham parish church which is now in a revised third edition. In the lengthy obituary in the Maidenhead Advertiser, mention was made of his wonderful watercolours of which there had been recent exhibitions.

During the War he served as a fighter pilot and was decorated twice for bravery. He flew first with Hurricanes and was in the aerial battle over Dieppe. Later, piloting Spitfires, he took part in the aerial defence of Malta.

He was a man of great kindness and generosity of spirit and the Berkshire Family History Society will always be indebted to him.

Liz Longhurst

Members' Pages

Compiled by Robert Houseman

Members' Interests:

I am very glad to see that there has been such a tremendous response from Members requesting the publication of their Interests - we have included 583 Surnames this month which must be a record, but once again we have run out of space. And due to this response I have had to alter the format again in order to cope with this huge number. Comments on the current format have been favourable, and thank you George, of Malta, and Roy, of Thailand, for your very encouraging comments

Dates For Your Diary:

I have been informed of the following events around the Country. If you want any more details, please see your Branch Chairman or write to me with a SAE:

Saturday 15th January, 1994 - One Day Seminar on the "Practical Reading of Documents" which will be held at the IHGS, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA between 10:00 and 17:30. Course fee and lunch: £28.50.

Saturday 9th February, 1994 - One Day Seminar on "Pedigree Construction" which will be held at the IHGS, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA between 10:00 and 17:30. Course fee and lunch: £28.50.

Saturday 26th March, 1994

East Surrey Family History Society Open Day & AGM - details to follow.

Friday 31 March - Tuesday 4 April, 1994
7th British Family History Conference
-Isle of Wight - details available after Nov '93.

Saturday 2nd July, 1994

BFHS Symposium - The Holt School, Wokingham - details to follow.

Wednesday 13th July, 1994

BFHS AGM at Newbury Branch - 7.15pm.

But this also gives me the opportunity to tell you about an event that we are putting on with the **Catholic Family History Society**. A joint One Day Conference will be held on **Saturday 16th April** at Presentation College, Southcote Lane, Reading from 10:30 - 17:00 entitled '*You Have Got More Catholic Ancestors Than You Think*'.

There are three excellent speakers for the day - Michael Gandy, who is Chairman of the Catholic FHS, will be speaking on "*Records for Catholic Ancestry in England and Wales*", Tony Hadland, author of 'Thames Valley Papists', who will give a talk on "*Catholics in the Thames Valley*" and Mary Casteleyne, who is the Librarian of the Irish Genealogical Research Society in Eaton Square, London, and will be speaking on "*Tracing Your Irish Ancestry*".

In addition to listening to these fascinating topics, we will be able to buy books from the bookstalls and enjoy a lunch which will be provided. The entry cost of the event is only £6 per person and £4 buys you lunch. An Application Form is enclosed with this Magazine which needs to be returned to the Secretary by 19th March.

Don't miss this opportunity to do some additional research and meet these very knowledgeable people

Competition:

Did you see the BFHS display at the July Symposium or the SOG Fair in May?

Do you think that it could be improved in any way?

How would you like to win a cash prize by designing part of this display?

You *would*? . . . then read on!

Your Society visits many neighbouring Societies and other venues around the Country every year in our continuing effort to promote Berkshire Family interests and research, and

our Display Board, which travels with us, is a vital element in this promotion.

These Display Boards are the only 'advertising' media that a potential new Member will see at these Open Days, and the current displays need a bit of a revamp to show the wide range of interests that you, our Members, have. So, we need to enhance, brighten up, expand and generally smarten them up.

The Executive Committee have decided to hold a Competition where you can win a cash prize by designing and producing a panel for display at these events.

Entries should be based on single A2 (landscape) panels, measuring 16½" high x 23½" wide, and mounted on cartridge paper which is available from good stationers.

So this is your chance to have *your* display at all events country-wide wherever we promote the BFHS

Suggestions for items on your display:

-what has drawn you to look at other Society display boards at recent events you have attended and then put these good elements into *your* display

-items should be illustrative, interesting, attractive, amusing(!)

-colour and/or black 'n white

-they do not have to relate to Berkshire

-photos (places, family groups, unusual locations, 'then & now', people in ceremonial dress and/or uniform, Wedding groups, etc)

-family trees

-unusual objects, documents, proclamations, etc

-each item should be suitable labelled

Entries are welcomed from out-of-County as well as Berkshire-based Members, and overseas Members are strongly encouraged to 'have a go!' We regret that we can't mail back entries without covering postage being submitted with the entry. And please send your entry safely - we don't want the Post Office to mess things up for you!

Where to send your entries:

Entries can either be taken to your nearest Branch or mailed to the Secretary. Three Semi-Finalists will be chosen from each Branch and three from the Secretary's Post Bag

The Closing Date for entries mailed to the Secretary is Saturday 13th March. The Closing Date for Branch entries is the Branch February Meeting.

The Prizes:

The Grand Final will be at the Reading Meeting on 25th March, 1994; the judges will be our President, Lady Palmer, our Vice President, Dr Peter Durrant, and the well known author, Jeremy Gibson.

The Branch and Secretary's Post Bag Semi-Finalists will receive credit Vouchers which can be used towards purchases on the Bookstall or your Annual Subscription to the value of £5, £4 and £3 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively. These 15 Semi-Finalists will then go forward to the Grand Final.

The prizes for the three Finalists will be credit Vouchers to the value of £10, £5 and £3 to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places - the overall winner will also receive a framed Certificate acknowledging the winning entry, and all three Finalists will feature in a write-up in the next Magazine

We reserve the right to display all 15 Semi-Finalist winning entries for a period of one year and entrants are restricted to BFHS Members and their children

Some helpful tips and pointers:

(1)do have a nice bold title to attract the eye

(2)use copies of photographs, documents, family trees etc - not the originals, as we can not guarantee their safety

(3)do fix items securely on your display - we don't want them dropping off!

(4)make sure that illustrations, etc, have an appropriate caption - let people know what/who/where it is

(5)print your name, address and Membership No. on the reverse

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Project Evenings have been arranged by Reading Branch which will take place at Earley St Peters at 7.30pm on Tuesdays 1st February 1994, 1st March 1994 and 5th April 1994.

Quaker Family History Society

During the 1650s a new religious movement swept the contry and many thousands of families, chiefly farmers and tradespeople, became Quakers. Within a few years there was a meeting in most market towns of England and Wales and their records survive in large numbers and are widely known for their detail and completeness.

A few of us with Quaker ancestry have decided to found a Quaker Family History Society providing all the usual services. Please can we have some enthusiastic members!

Annual subscription £8.00 to Dr Margaret Bennett, 486 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, London, E10 7DU. All initial subscriptions will be counted from 1st Jan 1994.

Correspondence or material for the magazine to Michael Gandy, 3 Church Crescent, Whetstone, London, N20 0JR.

Document Workshops at Kew

The following document workshops, which will be held in the Group Visits Room at 1pm, have been organised for the next few months. They normally last about an hour and include a fifteen minute introduction, an explanation of the records supplied and a chance to look at the display and ask questions.

10th Jan 1994 - The Fate of the Russuan Royal Family

9th Feb 1994 - Records of Naval Courts

8th Mar 1994 - Records of Early Secret

Intelligence

The following lectures have been organised by the SOG and the PRO which will take place at Chancery Lane at 1pm.

19th Jan 1994 - Legal Records

13th Apr 1994 - State Papers

22nd Jun 1994 - Tudor Taxation Records

The PRO at Kew has been very busy recently and there have been queues for seats. It is not possible to predict when this will happen, but Mondays and Fridays are normally quieter than other days.

A Register of Gypsy and Traveller Research is being compiled to assist Family Historians who are researching Gypsies, travelling showmen and other travelling families. If there is sufficient interest, the register will be made available in the form of a low cost directory. For details send SAE to Mrs Janet Keet-Black, 6 St James Walk, South Chailey, East Sussex, BN8 4BU

Gloucester Record Office will be closed to the public for building works until Tuesday 4th January 1994, whilst improvements are made to the Searchroom.

Peter Shilham found the following whilst indexing the **1851 Census for St Saviour Southwark** (HO 107/1558 folio 50a) for the SELON index:

18 Fishmonger Alley - William Sargood - Lodger in Privy at back of House - age 14 - Runs of errands for the neighbouring poor - born Berks Reading.

Bookends

by *Jean Debney and Chad Hanna*

Land and Window Tax Assessments by *Jeremy Gibson, Mervyn Melycott and Dennis Mills* published FFHS 1993. *Beige A5 card cover 52pp with bibliography. £2.50 p&p 35p UK, 60p surface, £1.25 airmail*

This reference guide outlines the history of the land tax (1692-mid-20thc) and the window tax, and then goes on to list the holdings of the counties of England, Wales and Scotland. The survival of the Berkshire records seems to be very poor with only odd years for parishes in the West of the County, except for the records held at the PRO at Kew. The tax assessments will give you information about heads of households. CH

An Introduction to ... Using Newspapers and Periodicals by *Colin R Chapman* published FFHS 1993. *Green A5 card cover 30pp with bibliography. £1.95 + p&p 35p UK, 60p surface, £1.25 airmail*

Colin Chapman has written an excellent guide to the history of newspapers and related periodicals, explaining their strengths and limitations as far as family historians are concerned. Although there is a short list of periodicals of particular interest to genealogists, readers looking for a reference guide to local papers are directed to Jeremy Gibson's 1991 guide. CH

An Introduction to ... Reading Old Title Deeds by *Julian Cornwall* published FFHS 1993. *Blue A5 card cover 39pp £1.95 + p&p 35p UK, 60p surface, £1.25 airmail.*

This book "conveys" a great deal of understanding about the various forms of title deeds and why particular legal formulae of words were invented and used. The booklet uses selected examples of the various forms. For me, I finally came to understand the term "copyhold" and what a "foot of fine" was. If you need to read title deeds, you should look at this

book first. CH

Buckinghamshire - A Genealogical Bibliography by *Stuart Raymond* published FFHS 1993. *A5 card cover 57pp with Place and Name index. £5.00 + p&p 45p UK, 75p surface, £1.75 airmail.*

Another neighbouring county now has its Genealogical Bibliography, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire having already been published and Hampshire is planned. This is a list of publications and in some cases articles, classified by County History, Bibliography and Archives, Periodicals, Pedigrees, Occupations, Parish Registers, Probate, Monumental Inscriptions, Name lists, Maps and Directories, Religious Records, Estate and Family Papers, Administration and Education. You should look at this if you are carrying out research in the Buckinghamshire area. CH

An Introduction to Wills, Probate and Death Duty Records by *Jane Cox*; *A5 sepia brown & yellow card cover, 44pp, contents, glossary, illustration & 4 copy documents; FFHS 1993; price £2.50 + p&p 45p UK, 75p overseas, £1.75 airmail.*

Wills are *an important source material for family historians ... the study of local history, social and economic history, and are fascinating for anyone intrigued by the past.* (p6)

Jane Cox is well-versed in her subject as she was a Principal Assistant Keeper at the Public Record Office and is the author of several books. In this introductory booklet, she deals in a straightforward manner with the various probate records and where to find them both before and after the "magic" date of 1858 when the jurisdiction of the (mainly) ecclesiastical courts came to an end and the Principal Probate Registry took over.

The text includes sections on finding early probate records up to 1857, what to expect at Somerset House (post 1858 wills) and a list of names and addresses of the District Probate

Registry offices. Several pages are devoted to a little used, but invaluable, source: the Death Duty records (1796-1904) which can be seen at Chancery Lane; the indexes can be used as a central probate index for England and Wales and the registers themselves often provide additional information not found in the will, etc. There is a piece on litigation - chancery records - plus some research tips and a helpful glossary of some common probate terms and abbreviations. The text is scattered with the titles and authors of other publications on the subject plus many useful addresses. JD

Computer Programs for the Family Historian on IBM Compatible PCs: Vol.8 - More Shareware & Shareware Programmes by John Bloore; A5, dark red card cover, iv + 42pp; BMSGH 1993; price £2.50 + p&p 45p UK, 75p overseas, £1.75 airmail.

As more people are acquiring computers, the demand for information about the programmes available for family historians is increasing. This new volume includes reviews of PEDSPECS version 2.1. (a Utility for use with PEDIGREE), THE CUMBERLAND SUITE (shareware Easy Family Tree Programmes), NOACH (or NOAH in English), ACCEPT version 5.0. and PARENTS, version 2.1. An index to the computer programmes dealt with in the earlier volumes 1-5 & 7, plus 8, is on pages ii-iii, and list of other reviews for PC programs published in "Computers in Genealogy" is on page iv. JD

Practice Makes Perfect - A Genealogical Workbook, compiled by members of the Education Sub-Committee, FFHS, 1993; A4, white card cover; 84pp; Price £4.95 + p&p 90p UK, £1.60 surface, £4 airmail.

Questions - and answers - ranging from (variably) easy multiple choice questions and those requiring short answers, through to more complex examples where a pedigree has to be constructed and sources suggested for further research. A good way to test your knowledge

and teach you something in the process. JD

Tracing Your British Ancestors by Colin R Chapman (Lochin Publishing 1993) A5 cream card cover with outline map of Great Britain, 108pp, index; price £3.99 + p&p 65p UK, £1.10 surface, £2.50 airmail.

Another in the series written for social, local and family historians world-wide. This inexpensive but detailed guide is written from the author's own experience of research and lecturing worldwide. Many different sources are discussed and examples given which means there is plenty here for both the beginner and the more experienced family historian. JD

BERKSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY

Thames Valley Papists - from Reformation to Emancipation 1534-1829 by Tony Hadland (1992), hardback, 203pp, maps, line drawings, 4 appendices (including a bibliography and useful addresses) plus a good index; price £14.95 + p&p £1.70 UK, £2.80 surface & £7.20 airmail.

There are lots of names, details and dates in this fascinating book about those in Berkshire and South Oxfordshire who remained Catholic after the Reformation. A must for anyone with ancestors in the area between the dates covered by this publication. JD

Sandhurst and Crowthorne in Old Photographs by Kitty Dancy and Allan Brooker published Berkshire Books 1992. A5 limp cover 159pp. £7.95

After a five page introduction, this book contains many photographs, often two per page, mainly of early twentieth century Central and Little Sandhurst and Crowthorne as well as the Royal Military College, College Town and a few from Broadmoor Hospital. A few photographs, especially team and staff photos include names in their captions. A personal name index would have been a useful addition. CH

Sandhust in Old Picture Postcards by *Kitty Dancer and Allan Brooker published European Library 1992 Hardback 92 photos. Price £7.95*

This book is much more "focussed" than the previous book, just postcards and just Sandhurst. In the little time available I haven't been able to determine the amount of overlap between the two books, but I'd choose "Old Photographs" for myself and the better bound "Old Picture Postcards" as a present for someone else! **CH**

Twyford's Horticultural History, local nurserymen past and present, by *Wendy & David Bowie (Twyford & Ruscombe LHS 1992); A5, golden yellow card cover, 56pp, illustrated with photos, line drawings, maps, copy documents; price £2 + p&p 45p UK, 75p surface & £1.75 airmail.*

Interesting histories of local nurseries past and present but no index. However, a quick trawl through the contents page plus the text revealed the following names, amongst others: AGAR, BARKER, BAZELEY, BEALE, BROOKS, CANE, CARLILE, CRISP, DEE, FANE, FAWDRY, GREENFIELD, HICKS, HOLLIMAN, HYDE, JARVIS, KENNEDY, LADD, MUNDAY, PINCKNEY, READING, RICHARDSON, ROGERS, ROWLEY, SUTTONS of Reading, TREACHER, WATERER, WHITFIELD and WILSON. **JD**

AMENDMENT / CORRECTION

The Wokingham Historian No.6, NOT no.5, was reviewed in "Bookends" in the last edition of the Berkshire Family Historian, Vol.17/1 p.24, - sorry about that. **JD**

LOCAL HISTORY - GENERAL

Tithe Maps, Apportionments and the 1836 Act by *Eric J Evans, (Phillimore & Co.Ltd. for the British Association for Local History, 1993) quarto, 32pp. 4 illu. limp; price £4.50 + p&p 45p UK, 75p surface & £1.60 airmail.*

Following the Tithe Apportionment Act of 1836, large scale maps with an accompanying apportionment (details of owners, occupiers, land use, etc.) were produced for many parishes in England and Wales until the early 1850s. When this information is combined with data from the 1841 Census Return it may be possible to locate where your ancestors lived and what property they held. This small reference booklet gives a concise account of the records which are a key source for both family and local historians; they are to be found at both the Public Record Office and local county record offices. **JD**

Aynho - A Northamptonshire Village by *Nicholas Cooper (Banbury Hist.Soc.20, 1984) hardback 340pp, illus., maps, index; special purchase price £5 (was £9.95) + p&p £1.70 UK, £2.60 surface, £6.70 airmail.*

Social history of the village from the earliest days of civilisation until recent years.

MISCELLANEOUS

Family History Diary 1994(*Institute Heraldic & Genealogical Studies, 1994*), slim, navy-blue leatherette, price £4.25 + p&p 35p UK, 60p surface, £1.25 airmail.

Week-to-a-page diary and year-planner for 1995 plus lots of family history info: diary of 1994 events, useful addresses + secretaries of FHSs, documentary & historical events, relationship chart, wine vintage chart and calorie count. **JD**

The PRO Bookshop have extended their range to include bone china mugs adorned with royal signatures in gold and a series of Christmas cards with illustrations from the archive collections.

Q & A with Jean

Compiled by Jean Debney

Q - Surname History Documents

Miss Iris Prout (2671) of Southampton, Hants writes as follows:-

"How much authenticity is there in the documents which one can purchase which are supposed to give the origins of surnames?

On a visit to the USA in 1991 I purchased a "Family Name History" which went as follows: *"Surname originally PROUTY, evolved from late old English PRUT or PRUD; earliest recorded instances William PRUTE Devon 1207, Thomas Le PRUTE Gloucs 1274, and Robert PROUTE Somerset 1280."* I was quite happy with this as I have always felt strongly towards the West Country.

About 3 weeks ago my curiosity got the better of me and I purchased another one in England. This said that the various spellings were PROUD, PROUDE, PROUT and PROWD and their researchers said the first recording of the name was in Shropshire, but no date given; they go on to say there was a William PROUT settled in Virginia in 1653, Thomas PROUT Barbados 1678, William PROUD Maryland 1774 and Henry PROUD Philadelphia 1856.

What is one to believe?

A - All of the above information is true as it has been obtained from genuine sources. However, you cannot accept any of it relates to your family until you have researched backwards and discovered that one or more of the references given tie in with your own investigations - then you can believe it.

What these companies do - quite legitimately - is to consult various reference

books which are freely available on Reference Library shelves, etc. and feed the information into a computer, and then produce a "certificate", for which they receive the appropriate fee. These look good when hung on the wall but the information probably bears no relation to your own family history. However these documents often provide clues as to which part of the country you could direct your researches when your own trail turns "cold".

One of the things that most people forget when consulting surname dictionaries, etc. is that spelling was variable in the early middle ages when most (southern) English surnames were adopted. In addition, due to dialect and illiteracy, etc. many names may have changed beyond recognition before they reached the form we use today. This makes their "meanings" interesting but not absolutely proven.

In compiling their dictionaries, scholars base their information about the origin of names on the various spellings recorded in printed mediaeval records, taxation lists, etc. plus their knowledge of language development from Anglo-Saxon to Middle English, European languages, dialect, misspellings, etc. It is not an exact science and there is a definite possibility that modern family historians may, as a result of their own researches, overturn some of the theories printed in the current surname dictionaries.

I consulted the surname dictionaries etc. on my own shelves. Most of the references to the name PROUT (plus the various spellings) confirm the information you have been given. As a rule the sources agree that it is a nickname meaning proud, haughty or arrogant and originates from the Old English words "prut" or "prud", although one source suggested it was

Norman (French).

Early references from the 13th and 14th centuries include Oxfordshire, Wiltshire, Somerset and Gloucestershire and later ones from London and Kent. Sir William ADDISON in *Understanding English Surnames* (Batsford 1978) also suggests that the Gloucester clothier family of PROUT may originate from Flemish weavers brought to England by Edward III (1327-1377) or from the later Huguenot migration after the Edict of Nantes in 1685. The surname is also found in Cornwall (*A Handbook of Cornish Surnames* by G PAWLEY WHITE, 1972) and Ormond, Ireland from the 13th century (*Surnames of Ireland* by E MacLYSAGHT, 6th ed.1985) although rare there today.

Printed pedigrees for **PROUDE** are listed in George W MARSHALL's *The Genealogist's Guide* (prior to 1903) and for **PROUD** in J B Whitmore's *Genealogical Guide* (1900-1950).

It is always worth checking Members Interests' lists to see who else is working on your surname. BFHS (1991) lists two members: Mr R PROUT (114) of 4 Shakespeare Road, Popley, Basingstoke, Hants RG24 9DH is interested in any Berkshire PROUTs between 1700-1990; and Mrs S A BALL (749) 38 Brighton Road, Reading, Berks RG6 1PS is interested in any references to the name to 1720.

Q - A Soldier in the Census Return

Joy M Lane (221) wrote from Ontario, Canada as follows:-

"The 1851 census showed that William MANNING of Winkfield was "a soldier home on leave". What regiment/s would have been in that area in 1851 and where could I find out more about the regiment, and what hostilities there may have been at

the time?"

A - My first thought was to suggest consulting the *Army Lists* for 1851 which would indicate which regiments were in East Berkshire on Census night and my second thought was to turn to *My Ancestor was in the British Army* which has a whole section for this very problem!

On page 21 the WATTS brothers say that the whereabouts of every regiment on the census nights from 1851 to 1891 has been compiled by Mr H J C HOLYER, 10 Masonsfield, Mannings Heath, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 6JP; all enquiries to be accompanied by £1 plus SAE/IRCs. On page 24 they add that the location of regiments at a given time can be found at the Public Record Office at Kew in the Monthly Returns (WO 17) or Monthly Returns, Distribution of the Army (WO 73); these list the regiments in numerical order, but WO 73 also includes the distribution of the Army by station which could be useful for you.

They go on to suggest consulting the indexes to the Regimental Registers (1761-1924) and Chaplains Returns (1796-1880) at St Catherine's House, London, for details of births/baptisms, marriages and deaths/burials of soldiers and their families. Their extensive bibliography includes *In Search of the "forlorn hope": a comprehensive guide to locating British regiments and their records (1640-WWI)* by John M KITZMULLER II (Manuscript Publishing Foundation, Salt Lake City, 1988). This sounds a very useful publication and copies may be available in the SOG Library (London), Mormon Family History Centres or through the inter-library loan service.

Once you have located which regiments were in the area, the next stage is to consult the quarterly muster rolls to ascertain which

one includes William. Then, by following the appropriate regimental muster rolls forward and backward, it should be possible to trace his army career, date and place of enlistment, age, birthplace and previous trade, plus a note at the end of the quarter in which he died or was discharged. These documents are also in the PRO at Kew in class WO 12. (1)

Sandhurst Military Training College is included in the Berkshire 1851 Census Index Vol.11 (Easthampstead Registration District) while the Infantry Barracks at Windsor Castle and the Cavalry Barracks at Clewer are in Vol.12 (Windsor RD), both of which are close to Winkfield. Volume 11 showed that the only William MANNING in Winkfield was just 2 years old - a bit young for the army! A call to Geoff Mather, who compiled the index, confirmed that there was a MANNING family living in Winkfield St, Winkfield in 1851, consisting of parents James & Jane with several children, including William, plus an elderly couple in the next schedule who could be James' parents. There was no mention of the army and he suggests that perhaps you mean the 1871 census when William would have been 22? This would make no difference to the suggestions given above but does emphasise the importance of recording correct dates, etc. in your work.

The various regiments of the 19th century Army were posted to different places in Britain and the Empire on a routine basis where they would be available in case of hostilities. Their whereabouts and date of moving are recorded in the annual *Army Lists*. This means that a soldier listed in a census return is not there because of local hostilities but simply that his regiment may not be far away.

1. Further details of these and other army

sources are given in My Ancestor was in the British Army by M J & C T WATTS (SOG 1992) and Army Records for Family Historians by Simon FOWLER (PRO Readers' Guide No.2, 1992). Both volumes can be purchased at meetings or by post (see address on back cover).

Q - Finding a Shipwreck

Mrs Jean Tinson of Woodley, Berks has the original certificate of her husband's paternal grandparents, who were married on the 12th April 1875 at Port Louis, Mauritius and would like to find out more about the truth of the following family legend:-

Apparently, the bride was a passenger on a ship bound for Australia which was wrecked off the coast and there she met and married a soldier and so did not reach Australia. Jean asks where can she find out more about the shipwreck and are there any passenger lists, etc. that might give her more information?

A - My world atlas revealed that Mauritius is an island in the Indian Ocean about 600 miles east of the larger island of Madagascar which itself is about 600 miles off the east coast of Africa.

I consulted quite a long section about "emigration records" in *The Family Historians Enquire Within* by Pauline SAUL & F C MARKWELL (FFHS 1991), *Emigrants: documents in the Public Record Office* (PRO Records Information Lft.no.71), and "ships' passenger lists" in the *Dictionary of Genealogical sources in the Public Record Office* by Stella COLWELL, all of which list the various classes which contain names. However, despite so much information being available from the 17th to 20th century the sad fact is that there does not seem to be anything for the period you are interested in.

So what about the ship itself? Since you do not know its name I suggest you try the indexes to *The Times* newspaper, (which, apart from the Newspaper Library at Colindale, London, can be found locally in Reading Reference Library or Reading University Library,) and work backwards from the date of the marriage to discover a report which would name the ship concerned. Once you have a ship's name and date of its wreck, further information might be discovered from Lloyds' Marine Collection at the Guildhall Library, London. This includes the *Vessels Books* (1873-1954) of ships posted missing but whose fate was unknown, and also *Lloyd's Loss & Casualty Books* (1837-1972, indexed from 1852). In addition, the National Maritime Museum holds the *Wreck Registers* (1855-1898) which are arranged alphabetically over a period of years.

Further details about shipping can be found in **My Ancestor was a Merchant Seaman* by C T & M J WATTS (SOG 1991) and **A Guide to the Lloyd's Marine Collection at Guildhall Library* comp. by C.A.HALL (GHL 1985 and now out of print).

A Further Follow-on to "Where is it in Reading?"

I have had two further letters about "Lambeth Hill. (See Berkshire Family Historian, Vol.16/4, June 1993 p.142 & Vol.17/1, Sept 1993 p/23)

(1) Mrs Beryl GRIFFIN (715) of Newmarket, Suffolk wrote to say: "The Booklet *A Short History of Shinfield Parish* by P.J.JEFFERIES mentions Lambeth Hill on page 11. It talks about the provision of land or parish cottages in 1700 (rather like a council housing scheme) where families could grow vegetables and keep livestock. It goes on to say that "by 1836 there were fifteen of these, nearly all built on the edge of the commons as at Shinfield Green,

Lambeth Hill, Spencers Wood and Great Lea. Some were little more than shacks and in 1806 the Lord of the Manor insisted on them being moved as they offended him." It reads rather strangely regarding the dates but I presume they mean the scheme began in 1700 and from 1806 cottages had begun to disappear leaving fifteen in 1836. The booklet has a map on the front and I wonder whether the original would show more detail. It also lists the number and sources of the information in the appendix."

(2) Mrs Margaret FARMER (2492) of Victoria, Australia, who sent in the original enquiry, wrote by the same post as follows: "In May this year I wrote to the Berkshire Record Office to enlist their help and they searched their records without success. However, they referred me to David CLIFFE at the County Reference Library who, for a fee, was able to unearth information about "Lambeth Hill" for me. His results vindicate your hunch that it may be connected to Lambwood Hill in Grazeley. He found it listed in Snare's Reading Directory 1842/3 as being within the Reading postal area. Further research revealed it to relate to the area known as Lambwood Hill on an 1846 map also by Snare. He has sent me copies of the Ordnance Survey maps, so I plan to visit the area in a week's time, God Willing.

David also sent me copies of the 1841 Census for Lambeth Hill, which lists a family headed by Edward JOHNSON. Meantime, I wrote to Buckinghamshire Record Office who unearthed the birth of Ann WATSON (not MARTIN), illegitimate daughter of Esther WATSON in 1830.

Progress is being made but I have still not been able to find Robert's birth on the IGI, so I shall write to the GRO in Southport, Merseyside, for a copy of his birth certificate as has been suggested."

Richard Luke (1827-1899) from Navy to Railway Engineer

By Dennis Luke

The earliest of my Luke ancestors that I have been able to trace were Cornishmen. John Luke and Constance his wife had seven children baptised in Redruth, Cornwall, between 1632 and 1655. Subsequent families also had their children baptised in Redruth until Edward Luke and Jane Bennatts had their children baptised in the adjacent parish of Camborne between 1771 and 1793.

Some of the sons of Edward and Jane were miners and left the Redruth/Camborne mining area during the Napoleonic Wars. My ancestor Joseph Luke joined the Royal Regiment of Miners in 1804 which was a Cornish militia regiment. However, due to the invasion threat from the French, the regiment served outside the county. Joseph served in Pembrokeshire, Kent and Ireland, where he married Elizabeth Oakes and had one son. At the end of 1813, the Regiment returned to England to be disembodied (ie to revert to a part-time militia again). In January 1814 Joseph joined the Royal Corps of Sappers and Miners, which was a regular army unit for other ranks working under the direction of Royal Engineer officers. In the mid-nineteenth century the Sappers were merged with the Engineers.

Between 1814 and 1826 Joseph served in various places in Sussex and Kent and Elizabeth had children there. At the end of 1826 his company were posted to Gibraltar. Elizabeth gave birth to Richard, the seventh of their children on

12th April 1827 and he was baptised at the Gibraltar Garrison Church. The married quarters at Gibraltar were not very healthy as an open sewer ran through the lines and although Elizabeth had two more children whilst in Gibraltar both of them died there. Joseph's Company was employed at Gibraltar on improving the tunnels which constituted an important part of the defences of the Rock. In 1830, while on duty blasting rocks, he was blown up by gunpowder, the shock of which so much affected his general health that he was immediately taken into hospital where he remained for six weeks. While there his Company returned to England but he remained in Gibraltar and did a double tour of duty. In 1826 his Company were posted to Gibraltar and did a double tour of duty. In 1837 and appeared before a Corps Medical Discharge Board the following year; it declared him unfit for further military duty but able to contribute something towards his livelihood. He became a Chelsea Out-Pensioner, took a ticket to Truro and received his pension of 1/1½d per day per day through the Bristol Pension District. Family legend has it that Joseph's Commanding Officer was a partner of Brunel and gave him an introduction which enabled him to obtain work on railway construction. (Brunel was a contractor for and not an employee of the Great Western Railway). As yet I have been unable to trace Joseph in the 1841 census, but as one of Joseph's sons, George Oaks Luke was attested for the Royal Marines at

Bath in 1840 and another event involved Richard in 1845, I imagine that they were living in the Bath area.

Richard spent the first ten years of his life with his parents in Gibraltar and it is assumed that he stayed with them for several years following the latter's discharge from the Army. Unlike his father he could read and write, presumably having been taught at an Army school for the children of soldiers. I have been unable to trace Richard's marriage to Mary (Ann) Nichols but an adult baptism in 1862 indicates that their son Albert was born at Wooley near Bath in 1845 and a further adult baptism in 1863 indicates that their son George was born at Exeter in 1847.

The earliest document in my possession registering the birth of their children is that of my ancestor Edward on 14th April 1849. Richard was then shown as a labourer living at Whitehall, Taunton, Somerset. Whitehall is a street alongside the railway line near the station. They had another son, Joseph, in 1851 and in the census on 30th March 1851 Richard, Mary, Albert, Edward and Joseph are shown living there. Richard's occupation is shown as railway labourer. A further child Jane, was born in Taunton in 1853.

However, in 1855, their next child, Mary Ann, was born at Bedminster (Bristol) and Richard is shown as a blacksmith. By 1858 Richard was working as a railway labourer at Tilehurst, Berkshire, possibly as a foreman. The family appear to have got religion for the children Jane and Mary were baptised in the Tilehurst Parish

Church at the same time as the newest baby, Thomas. The next child, Elizabeth Louise born at the end of 1858 was also baptised there the following year. On her birth certificate Richard is shown as a railway labourer.

By 1861 Richard's circumstances had improved, for he had been taken on the staff of the Great Western Railway as an Inspector. The 1861 Census has him living at 20 Weldale Street, Reading, with his wife, seven of his children and his widowed father Joseph. He then moved to Slough as a railway inspector. Their next four children, Alice (1862), John Albert (1864), Clara (1865) and Arthur (1867) were baptised in the local Chalvey church, as were the two oldest boys, Albert and George. Sadly, Albert, 17, died there and was buried in 1862 in what became the Luke family grave at St Marys Church Slough; shortly to be joined by his grandfather Joseph Luke, who died, aged 82, of chronic hepatitis the following year. In 1870 Richard's wife, Mary, 46, died at Station Bank, Slough, of "Inflammation of Liver, probably Abscess, Jaundice" and was buried in the Luke family grave at St Mary's Slough.

In 1868 Richard's son, Edward, a bricklayer, married Emily Butler at the Parish Church of Upton-cum-Chalvey and a son, William Albert was born and baptised there the following year. By the 1871 Census Edward was dying, Emily was pregnant again and Edward's sister Mary Ann was with them in Slough presumably helping to nurse the invalids and their son. Edward died of phthisis that May at the age of 22 and

Emily gave birth to their second son, Edward Richard George in August. Emily died of the same disease in Slough Workhouse in 1881.

By 1870 Richard had been promoted to Civil Engineer in the Great Western Railway and was stationed at Paddington. With six children under 14 on his hands he needed to marry quickly and at the end of the year he married a Devonshire widow, Margaret Hatch, née Winter at Bedminster (Bristol), and in the 1871 Census we find them with six of Richard's children living at 3 Caves Terrace, Hammersmith.

By the 1881 Census Richard was living at 1 Leamington Park Villas, Acton, with his wife, Margaret, five of his children and three of his grandchildren (including Edward's children William Albert and Edward Richard George). Richard was shown as a Civil Engineer. In 1886 he was promoted to be a G.W.R Divisional Engineer and when he retired in 1894 he was its London Divisional Engineer. At the 1891 Census he was still living there with three of his children, two of his grandchildren (neither of whom were Edward's children) and one of his wife's grandchildren.

His grandson, Edward Richard George, a carpenter, married Ellen Hughes in Reading in December 1893. In November 1894, William George, my father was born. Sadly Ellen, died aged 28 of Phthisis at Reading in August 1896. Edward Richard George, aged 26, died at the Acton house of his grandfather, Richard, of the same illness in November 1896. That left my father

an orphan before he was two years old and Richard arranged for him to be brought up by his youngest son Arthur and his wife who had not yet produced issue although they were soon to acquire their own daughter and son before the decade was out.

Richard, aged 67, resigned from the G.W.R. on 31st July 1894. His second wife, Margaret, died before 1896 and one of his sons, John Albert, who held the post of draughtsman at Paddington, died at the end of 1894 when aged only 30. All in all Richard's last few years were tinged with sadness. He died on 20th September 1896 aged 72 at his home in Acton of Cirrhosis of Liver.

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1437	ADAMES	Plymtree	DEV	1525-1583	1805	ANDREWS	Netherton area	WOR	19C
1622	ADAMS	Bucklebury	BRK	18C-19C	2863	ANGEL	Bath area	SOM	17c-18c
2754	ADAMS	Bucklebury	BRK	17C-20C	2786	ANGELL	Hungerford	BRK	1813-1880
2754	ADAMS	Cumnor	BRK	17C-20C	2786	ANGELL	Ogbourne St Gge	WIL	1750-1800
2843	ADAMS	Lifton	DEV	1790-1820	2786	ANGELL	Portsea	HAM	1860-1900
2754	ADAMS	Long Wittenham	BRK	17C-20C	1437	APLIN	Seaton/Beer	DEV	1720-1850
2606	ADEY	Anywhere	BRK	1799-1866	2693	ARNOLD	New Hadley	SAL	1870-1841
2732	ALDER	Sutton Courtney	BRK	Pre 1805	1437	ARTIS	Beccles	SFK	1700-1790
2758	ALDRIDGE	Feltham	SRV	1870+	2744	ATKINS	Portsea	HAM	Pre 1773
2597	ALDRIDGE	Sratfield Mortimer	BRK	Pre 1871	2847	ATKINS	Reading	BRK	1750-1850
2758	ALDRIDGE	Teddington	MDX	Pre 1870	2744	AVIS	Otley	SFK	Pre 1808
1437	ALLMAN	Gt Yermouth	NFK	1700-1790	1437	BACCHUS	Reading	BRF	1560-1735
2734	ANDERSON	Elgin	MOR	c1840	1437	BACKHOUSE	Reading	BRK	1617-1771
2749	ANDREW	Kinculdy	SCO	1750-1850	1437	BAKEHOUSE	Bix	OXF	1682-1858
2722	ANDREWS	Maidenhead area	BRK	1850-1993	2843	BALCHIN	Guildford	SRV	1750-1880

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2861	BALDWIN	Burnham	BRK	Pre 1851	2713	BROWN	Fingest	BKM	Pre 1860
2861	BALDWIN	East Burnham	BRK	Pre 1851	1437	BROWN	Gt Yarmouth	NFK	1700-1800
2720	BALLARD	Sulhampstead	BRK	Pre 1850	2713	BROWN	Hambleton	BKM	Pre 1860
2720	BALLARD	Ufton Nervet	BRK	Pre 1800	2713	BROWN	West Wycombe	BKM	Pre 1860
2720	BARHAM	Mendham	SFK	1710-1810	2296	BROWNETT	Fulham	MDX	1920+
1437	BARLOW	Reading	BRK	1810-1845	2845	BRUNSDON	Anywhere	ALL	All
2282	BARNES	Farnham Royal	BKM	1740-1820	2716	BUCKMASTER	Ockham/Ripley	SRV	19C
2863	BARTLETT	Bisham	BRK	16c-18c	2732	BUCKNER	Sutton Courtney	BRK	Pre 1835
2744	BARTLETT	Portsea	HAM	Pre 1812	2821	BULL	Anywhere	OXF	Pre 1744
2720	BARWELL	Anywhere	MDX	Pre 1850	2821	BULL	Anywhere	NTH	Pre 1744
2696	BASKERVILLE	Plymouth	DEV	Pre 1850	2821	BULL	Anywhere	BKM	Pre 1744
2696	BASKERVILLE	Portsmouth	HAM	1850-1950	2821	BULL	Anywhere	BRK	Pre 1744
1437	BATSTONE	Rockbeare	DEV	1695-1750	2821	BULL	Anywhere	HRT	Pre 1744
2875	BATTEN	Anywhere	BRK	1650-1800	2821	BULL	Anywhere	BDF	Pre 1744
2698	BAYLEY	Anywhere	BRK	1650-1780	2282	BULL	Barking	ESS	1880-1900
2698	BAYLEY	Bethnal Green	MDX	1758-1993	2734	BURDEN	Semley	WIL	c1700
2698	BAYLEY	Shoreditch	MDX	1758-1993	2693	BURFOOT	Cippenham	BKM	1775-1899
1437	BEAKHOUSE	Rotherfield Grays	OXF	1816-1993	2693	BURFOOT	Eton Wick	BKM	1800-1899
2696	BEAM(E)S	Longcot	BRK	1850-1880	2863	BURGOYN	Linton	CAM	16c-17c
2696	BEAM(E)S	Stratton St Margt.	WIL	1800-1900	2833	BURROWS	Anywhere	HAM	1780+
2887	BEARBY	Anywhere	ALL	All	2296	BUSHELL	Lambeth	SRV	1870+
1437	BEARD	Shiplake	OXF	1600-1834	2749	CALVERT	Anywhere	NRY	1700-1810
2658	BEAVERS	Easthampstead	BRK	1860	2749	CALVERT	Tasmania	1830-1980	
2658	BEAVERS	Ruscombe	BRK	1860	2749	CAMPBELL	Paisley	SCO	1700-1850
2758	BECK	Alconbury	HUN	All	2863	CANNINGS	Batheaston	SOM	17c-19c
2282	BECKFORD	Hurley	BRK	1790-1830	2821	CARRICK	Anywhere	ERY	Pre 1727
2865	BEECH-ANSLEY	Audley	STF	1825-1860	2658	CATHERINE	Anywhere	LND	1793
2865	BEECH-ANSLEY	Old Windsor	BRK	1790-1850	2851	CAWDEROY	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2658	BEECHER	Stredegar	GNT	1871	2851	CAWDRAV	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2410	BEESELEY	Sunningwell	BRK	Pre 1655	2851	CAWDRAV	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2754	BELCHER	Anywhere	BRK	17C-18C	2887	CHAMBERS	Anywhere	ALL	All
2754	BELCHIER	Anywhere	BRK	17C-18C	2720	CHANNING	Bristol	SOM	c 1820
2887	BELL	Anywhere	ALL	All	1437	CHOWN	East Devon	DEV	1550-1993
2282	BELSEY	Folkestone	KEN	1780-1900	2691	CLARK	Eton	BRK	1810-1900
2282	BELSEY	Norwood	SRV	1800-1850	2691	CLARK	Maidenhead	BRK	1820-1900
2606	BENSON	Kintbury	BRK	1812-1993	2691	CLARK	Peasemore	BRK	1850
2875	BERRY	Anywhere	BRK	1750-1890	2691	CLARK	West Ilsley	BRK	1820
2724	BERRY	Liverpool	LAN	1890+	2691	CLARK	Windsor	BRK	1810-1900
1622	BES(S)ANT	Preshute	WIL	All	2686	CLEMENTS	Stanford-the-Vale	BRK	1700-1800
2827	BETCHETTI	Anywhere	NRY	1820-1900	1437	CLIFTON	Gt Yarmouth	NFK	1635-1900
2843	BETTS	Leigh	KEN	1790-1820	2863	CLINKABERRY	Bisham	BRK	17c-19c
2843	BETTS	Tonbridge	KEN	1820-1860	2720	COCKERTON	Anywhere	ESS	17C
2887	BINNS	Anywhere	ALL	All	2606	COLB(O)URN(E)	Kintbury	BRK	1777-1993
2813	BIRK	Anywhere	DBY	All	2713	COLLINS	Hambleton	BKM	18C-20C
2509	BLAKE	Anywhere	BRK	All	2713	COLLINS	Hughenden	BKM	18C-20C
2887	BLAMIRE	Anywhere	ALL	All	2713	COLLINS	Hughenden	BKM	18C-20C
2713	BOLTON	Amersham	BKM	18C	2847	CONELLY	Anywhere	IRL	1750-1850
2887	BOOTH	Anywhere	ALL	All	2863	COOK	Bisham	BRK	16c-18c
1437	BOUCHER	Exminster	DEV	1727-1818	2716	COPEMAN	Sandown	ESS	19C
2758	BOWES	Leeds	YKS	Pre 1850	2716	COPEMAN	Willingale Doe	ESS	19C
2758	BOWES	York	YKS	1850+	1805	COPELEY	Wortley	WRY	18C-19C
2705	BOWLES	Anywhere	BRK	1800-1850	2851	CORDEROY	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2696	BOWLES	Hampton	WIL	1800-1850	2851	CORDROY	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2696	BOWLES	Stratton St Margt.	WIL	1850-1920	2851	CORDRY	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2705	BOWLES	Winsley	WIL	1800-1830	2851	COUDEROY	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2875	BRADSHAW	Anywhere	DUB	1700-1800	2851	COUDRAY	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2843	BRAY	Poundstock	CON	1700-1820	2851	COUDROY	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2606	BRAZIER	Anywhere	BRK	1794-1845	2851	COWDEREY	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2744	BREACH	Portsea	HAM	Pre 1772	2851	COWDERY	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2702	BREAKSPEAR	West Hanney	BRK	1840-1900	2851	COWDRAY	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2705	BRIANT	Anywhere	BRK	1800-1850	2851	COWDROY	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2713	BRIGGS	Hughenden	BKM	Pre 1820	2851	COWDRY	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1700
2713	BRIGGS	Penn	BKM	Pre 1820	2851	COWEROY	Anywhere	ALL	All
2887	BRILL	Anywhere	ALL	All	2843	CRAZE	Stoke Damerel	DEV	1800-1860
2713	BRISTOW	P. Risborough	BKM	Pre 1711	2843	CREE	Harborton	DEV	1750-1800
2728	BRITTAIN	Anywhere	BRK	1750-1800	2728	CREW	Shrivenham	BRK	1750-1830
2282	BROOKER	Maidenhead	BRK	1780-1820	2728	CREW	Watchfield	BRK	1750-1830
1622	BROOKS	Wantage	BRK	c 1756	1437	CROCKFORD	Hurst	BRK	1750-1890
2887	BROWN	Anywhere	ALL	All	2720	CUNDY	Anywhere	ESS	1750+

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2786	CURTIS	Portsea	HAM	1850-1900	2734	GIR	London	LDN	c1905
2749	CUTHBERTSON	Paisley	SCO	1700-1850	2515	GODDARD	Chilton	BRK	1600-1700
2693	DAVIS	Eton Wick	BKM	1852-1861	2515	GODDARD	East/West Ilsley	BRK	1600-1700
2702	DAWSON	Grove	BRK	1850-1900	619	GODLEMENT	Bray	BRK	18C-19C
2750	DAY(E)	Anywhere	BRK	All	619	GODLEMENT	New Windsor	BRK	19C-20C
2847	DEAN	Anywhere	ENG	1750-1880	2863	GODWIN	Bathford	SOM	17c-19c
2716	DEATH	East London	LDN	19C	2732	GOLDNEY	Wingrave	BKM	All
2744	DEMANTON	Newbourne	SFK	Pre 1863	2799	GOLDSMID	St Pancras	MDX	Pre 1800
2716	DENMAN	Crawley/Slaugham	SSX	19C	2296	GOLDSMITH	St Mary Cray	KEN	18-19C
2744	DENNINGTON	Newbourne	SFK	Pre 1863	2863	GOOSE	Walsoken	NFK	17c-19c
2754	DENTON	Anywhere	BRK	17C-20C	2230	GOUGH	Easthampstead	BRK	1812
2282	DERBY	Mile End	MDX	1840-1890	2713	GRANGE	Mentmore	BKM	18C
2732	DEVERELL	Anywhere	BRK	1500-1865	2811	GRAY	Enborne	BRK	1500-1800
2282	DEVONSHIRE	Bray	BRK	1800-1830	2811	GRAY	Newbury	BRK	1500-1800
2282	DEVONSHIRE	Farnham Royal	BKM	1700-1850	2597	GREEN	Abingdon	BRK	Pre 1861
2282	DEVONSHIRE	Hackney	MDX	1860-1890	1622	GREEN	Bucklebury	BRK	1830+
2282	DEVONSHIRE	Maidenhead	BRK	1780-1820	2597	GREEN	Hurley	BRK	1853 +
2282	DEVONSHIRE	Stoke Poges	BKM	1750-1850	1622	GREEN	Newbury	BRK	Pre 1830
2282	DEVONSHIRE	Woodford	ESS	1870-1920	2746	GREGORY	Portsmouth	HAM	1881
2282	DICKINSON	Poplar	MDX	1800-1900	2296	GREY	Liddington	WIL	17-18C
2744	DIEHL	Isle of Wight	IOW	Pre 1859	2742	GUNTER	Ashbury	BRK	18c-19c
2843	DODDRIDGE	Ugborough	DEV	1775-1860	2742	GUNTER	Idstone	BRK	18c-19c
2720	DODSON	Anywhere	ESS	1700-1840	2696	HAINES	Wantage	BRK	Pre 1840
1437	DOWSETT	Rochford	ESS	1750-1830	2746	HALL	Southampton	HAM	1904
2702	DUNSDON	Anywhere	ESS	1800+	2847	HALLOREN	Anywhere	JRL	1750-1850
2702	DUNSDON	Anywhere	LCC	1800+	2821	HARRINGTON	Anywhere	MDX	Pre 1853
2702	DUNSDON	Anywhere	All	All	2871	HARRINGTON	Lee	KEN	All
2702	DUNSDON	Anywhere	OXF	1600+	2887	HARRIS	Anywhere	All	All
2702	DUNSDON	Greenwich	LCC	1900-1930	2758	HARRIS	Kensington	MDX	19C
2702	DUNSDON	Lewisham	LCC	1900-1930	2713	HATCH	Burnham & Iver	BKM	18C
2702	DUNSDON	West Hanney	BRK	1500-1900	2296	HATT	Speen	BRK	Pre 1740
2754	EAGLES	Bucklebury	BRK	17C-18C	2744	HAYS	Welford	BRK	Pre 1796
2875	EASDON	Anywhere	All	17C	2713	HEARN	Sulstead Abbots	BRK	18-19C
2713	EATON	St Pancras	LDN	Pre 1831	2726	HEDGES	Cumnor	BRK	1800-1900
2509	ECKERT	Hanover	GER	1860-1910	2726	HEDGES	Cumnor	BRK	Pre 1800
2809	EDMEADS	Anywhere	ESS	c 1835	2843	HERBERT	Rotherfield Greys	OXF	1770-1800
2786	EDMONDS	Hungerford	BRK	1810-1830	2744	HERBERT	Welford	BRK	Pre 1796
2722	EDWARDS	Finstock & area	BRK	All	2696	HERRING	Plymouth	DEV	Pre 1880
2597	ELDRIDGE	Stratfield Mortimer	BRK	1811 +	2696	HERRING	Portsmouth	HAM	1880-1930
2696	ELEY	Portsmouth	HAM	1833-1860	2887	HILEY	Anywhere	All	All
2758	ELLERINGTON	Anywhere	ERY	19C	2698	HILL	Anywhere	BRK	1730-1800
2875	ELMS	Anywhere	BRK	1700-1850	2863	HILLS	Linton	CAM	16c-17c
2698	EMMERY	Anywhere	BRK	1730-1800	2282	HOARE	Bray	BRK	1700-1820
2754	ENGLES	Bucklebury	BRK	17C-18C	2691	HODGE	Anywhere	SOM	1900
2720	EVANS	Crickhowell	WLS	Pre 1860	2691	HODGE	Eton	BRK	1900
2713	EVERSLIE	P. Risborough	BKM	Pre 1610	2827	HOGG	Anywhere	WRY	1800-1900
2296	EWINS	East Stratton	HAM	18C	2887	HOLDEN	Anywhere	All	All
2282	FARRINGTON	Hedgerley	BKM	1700-1800	2754	HOLDER	Anywhere	BRK	18C
2749	FAWCETT	New South Wales		1880+	2744	HOLLAND	Portsea	HAM	Pre 1806
1437	FERMER	Reading	BRK	1590-1650	2713	HOLLOWAY	Waltham St Law.	BRK	Pre 1770
2509	FICKEN	Anywhere	LON	1838	2786	HOLMAN	Portsea	HAM	1850-1900
2713	FINDALL	P. Risborough	BKM	Pre 1671	2722	HOLYFIELD	Anywhere	OXF	1830-1980
2817	FITCH	Anywhere	MDX	1900	2722	HOLYFIELD	Anywhere	BRK	1830-1980
2817	FITCH	Anywhere	SRY	1900	2410	HONEY	Inken	BRK	Pre 1800
2817	FITCH	Anywhere	NFK	1900	2410	HONEY	Lambourn	BRK	Pre 1800
2887	FLINT	Anywhere	All	All	2410	HONEY	Sunningwell	BRK	1600-1700
2696	FORD	Keynsham	SOM	Pre 1850	2843	HOOK	Tonbridge	KEN	1700-1820
2696	FORD	Swindon	WIL	1850-1900	2843	HORSWILL	Diptford	DEV	1750-1820
1437	FOREMAN	Gt Yarmouth	NFK	1750-1928	2827	HORTON	Anywhere	BRK	1700-1815
1437	FOREMAN	Pakefield	SFK	1520-1993	2720	HORWOOD	Edwinstowe	NTT	c 1810
2843	FOREMAN	Tonbridge	KEN	1750-1800	2827	HOSTON	Anywhere	LAN	1775-1875
2734	FORWARD	Cuckington	SOM	c1750	2758	HOVELL	Arbroath	FOR	Pre 1850
2855	FOSTER alias SMITH	Thatcham	BRK	1706-1820	2758	HOVELL	Kensington	MDX	1850+
2713	FROUD	Basildon	BRK	17C-20C	2744	HOWARD	Burnham	BKM	Pre 1753
2713	FROUD	Purley	BRK	17C-20C	2713	HUNT	Purley	BRK	Pre 1731
2713	FROUD	Upton Nervet	BRK	17C-20C	2754	HUSSEY	Becham	BRK	17C-18C
2809	GAMBLIN	Waltham St Law.	BRK	1887	2686	ILES	Compton B/champ	BRK	1600-1800
2696	GILES	Seno & Ripley	SRY	Pre 1860	2696	ILES	Stratton St Margt.	WIL	1780-1900
2705	GILKERSON	Easthampstead	BRK	1880-1950	2758	JACKSON	Clerkenwell	MDX	19C

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2821	JACOB(S)	Anywhere	BRK	Pre 1802	2875	MERRITT	Anywhere	BRK	1700-1850
1437	JAMES	Maidenhead	BRK	1777-1993	2863	MESSER	Bath area	SOM	17c-18c
2296	JEFFERY	St Marylebone	HAM	Pre 1740	2606	MILLER	Anywhere	BRK	1858-1934
2744	JOHNSON	Welford	BRK	1700-1829	2744	MILLIGAM	Aslacton	NFK	Pre 1863
2821	JOLLEY	Anywhere	SFK	Pre 1794	1622	MILLS	Kintbury	BRK	c 1759
1437	JONES	Binfield	BRK	1750-1887	2758	MINALL	Wargrave	BRK	All
2296	KEEL(E)Y	Manchester	LAN	Pre 1828	2296	MINCHIN	Liddington	WIL	Pre 1740
2728	KEEP	E Lockinge	BRK	1800-1880	2716	MITCHELL	Crawley/Slaugham	SSX	19C
2734	KEMP	Eltham	KEN	c1866	2843	MITCHELL	Ugborough	DEV	1800-1825
1437	KIMBLE	Speen	BRK	1780-1850	2821	MORLEY	Anywhere	BDF	Pre 1799
2887	KING	Anywhere	ALL	All	2821	MORLEY	Anywhere	CAM	Pre 1799
2686	KINGSTON	Kensington	MDX	1600-1800	2821	MORLEY	Anywhere	HRT	Pre 1799
2827	KIRBY	Anywhere	BRK	1841-1883	2863	MORLEY	Gt/L Abington	CAM	16c-19c
2827	KIRBY	Anywhere	WRY	1875-1900	2749	MORRISBY	Anywhere	NRV	1700-1784
2597	KNIGHT	Burghfield	BRK	Pre 1776	2749	MORRISBY	Norfolk Island		1789-1815
2597	KNIGHT	Reading	BRK	Pre 1851	2749	MORRISBY	Sydney, New South Wales		1788-1820
2597	KNIGHT	Stratfield Mortimer	BRK	Pre 1833	2749	MORRISBY	Tasmania		1820+
2597	KNIGHT	Wargrave	BRK	Pre 1835	2758	MORRISH	Kensington	MDX	All
2809	KNOPP	Anywhere	MDX	1869+	2861	MORSE	Faringdon	BRK	Pre 1879
2809	KNOPP	Anywhere	ESS	c 1869	2861	MORSE	Great Coxwell	BRK	Pre 1879
2509	LAMPE	Hanover	GER	1854-1879	2861	MORSE	Little Coxwell	BRK	Pre 1879
1805	LANE	Swallowfield	BRK	18C-19C	1437	MOSS	Reading	BRK	1780-1900
2827	LARKIN	Anywhere	MDX	1810-1900	2871	MURPHY	Sandhurst	BRK	All
1437	LASKEY	Tedbum St Mary	DEV	1770-1867	2749	MURRELL	Ballerat, Queenstand		1850-1950
2843	LAVELL	Shiplake	OXF	1730-1840	2749	MURRELL	Kings Lynn	CAM	1860
2843	LAVELL	Sonning	OXF	1730-1840	2749	MURRELL	Linton/Skipton	NRV	1850-1950
2696	LAVERICK	Bellington	DUR	Pre 1840	2871	NEALE	Chelsea	LND	All
2696	LAVERICK	Swindon	WIL	1840-1920	2734	NETLEY	Pulborough	SSX	1800-1900
2843	LAWES	Shiplake	OXF	1780-1820	2597	NEW	Burghfield	BRK	Pre 1830
2696	LAWRENCE	Longcot	BRK	Pre 1870	2597	NEW	Sulhampstead	BRK	Pre 1830
2282	LAWRENCE	Old Street	MDX	1800-1850	1437	NEWBERRY	Clyst Honiton	DEV	1758-1873
2696	LAWRENCE	Shrivenham	BRK	Pre 1840	2843	NEWCOMBE	Ugborough	DEV	1800-1850
1622	LEWIS	Lydiard Millicent	WIL	1772-1776	2799	NEWTON	Chelsea	MDX	1800-1900
1622	LEWIS	Warminster	WIL	Pre 1772	2799	NEWTON	City of London	LND	Pre 1800
2821	LING	Anywhere	ESS	Pre 1837	2734	NOBES	Anywhere	BRK	c1775
2746	LLOYD	Whippingham	IOW	1949	2762	NOBLE	Greenwich	KEN	1844-1857
2746	LLOYD	Whippingham	IOW	Pre 1793	2762	NOBLE	Kilburn	MDX	1864-1873
2509	LODDEKE	Hanover	GER	1860-1884	2762	NOBLE	North Curry	SOM	1842-1844
1437	LOMAS	Teignmouth	DEV	1798-1835	2762	NOBLE	Paddington	MDX	1858-1864
2296	LONG	Speen	BRK	Pre 1800	2762	NOBLE	Weymouth	DOR	1870-1881
2691	LOVE	Eion	BRK	1900	2762	NOBLE	Willsden	MDX	1873-1875
2691	LOVE	Windsor	BRK	1900	2515	NORRIS	Chilton	BRK	1600-1700
1622	LOW	South-Hinksey	BRK	c 1684	2515	NORRIS	East/West Ilsley	BRK	1600-1700
2734	LUCINI	London	LDN	c1905	2843	O'BRIEN	Anywhere	CRK	1800-1870
2746	LUCKHURST	Portsmouth	HAM	1881	2716	OLINSKI	East London	LND	19C
2744	LUFF	Eastbourne	SSX	Pre 1778	2722	OLIVER	Finstock & area	BRK	1830-1890
2833	LUNN	Anywhere	BRK	1765+	2742	PAIN	Ogbourne St Gge	WIL	17c-18c
2863	LYDIARD	Batheaston	SOM	17c-19c	2813	PALEY	Anywhere	LIN	All
2734	LYFORD	Anywhere	ALL	All	2713	PALMER	Basildon	BRK	Pre 1750
1622	MAISH	Ramsbury	WIL	c 1777	2758	PARTRIDGE	Deptford	SRY	Pre 1850
2734	MARGUERETTAZ	London	LDN	c1910	2658	PARTRIDGE	Islington	LND	1879
2799	MARLOW	Reading area	BRK	Pre 1850	2658	PARTRIDGE	Ruscombe	BRK	1840
2716	MARSHALL	Bishopsgate	LND	1881+	2758	PARTRIDGE	Wargrave	BRK	19C
2716	MARSHALL	Southwark	LND	1890+	2843	PATRICK	Ipsden	OXF	1810-1890
2716	MARSHALL	Windsor	BRK	1800-1880	2843	PATRICK	Rotherfield Greys	OXF	1790-1810
2722	MASTERSON	Anywhere	ESS	1700-1870	2843	PATRICK	Streatley	BRK	1770-1790
2722	MASTERSON	Maidenhead area	BRK	1895-1960	2863	PAYNE	Bisham	BRK	16c-18c
2696	MATTHEWS	Buscot	BRK	Pre 1840	2693	PERKS	Wolverhampton	STS	1837-1841
2696	MATTHEWS	Longcot	BRK	1840-1860	2606	PHILLIPS	Cheiveley	BRK	1759-1993
1622	MAY	Inkpen	BRK	All	2843	PHILLIPS	Shevick	CON	1750-1800
2749	MAY	Northill	BDF	1800-1850	2843	PHILLIPS	Stoke Damerel	DEV	1800-1900
1622	MAY	Reading	BRK	c 1755	2863	PIERSEY	Bisham	BRK	16c-18c
2843	MCDERMOTT	Anywhere	OFF	1800-1885	2724	PITHERS	Taplow	BKM	1850-1945
2734	McGEE	Manchester	LAN	c1880	2693	PITT	Hitcham	BKM	1800-1700
2875	McLEAN	Anywhere	DUB	1700-1800	2744	PIZEY	Burnham	BKM	Pre 1784
2716	McLELLAN	Anywhere	KKD	Pre 1860	2705	PLEASS	Anywhere	SOM	Pre 1800
2282	MERRICKS	Anywhere	SSX	1780-1850	2705	PLEASS	Warfield	BRK	1800-1850
2282	MERRICKS	Clerkenwell	MDX	1830-1890	2863	PLEDGER	Gt Abington	CAM	16c-18c
2811	MERRIMAN	Newbury	BRK	1500-1800	2863	PODD	Bisham	BRK	16c-18c

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1437	PRIDDIS	Aylesbeare	DEV	1780-1825	2720	SWAIN	Aldermaston	BRK	1750-1850
2887	PRIESTLEY	Anywhere	ALL	All	2720	SWAIN	Reading	BRK	1850-1880
2819	PRINCE	Peasmore	BRK	Pre 1800	2720	TAINTER	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1670
2819	PRINCE	Winterbourne	BRK	Pre 1797	2875	TAYLOR	Anywhere	GSY	1700-1850
2819	PRINCE	Winterbourne	BRK	1797-1895	2606	TAYLOR	Newbury	BRK	1857-1993
2698	PRIOR	Anywhere	BRK	1730-1800	2282	TEAROE	Graveney	MDX	1780-1850
2887	PRITCHARD	Anywhere	ALL	All	619	TEGG	Bucklebury	BRK	18C-19C
2841	QUELCH	Anywhere	HRT	Pre 1900	619	TEGG	Mitcham	SRY	19C-20C
2841	QUELCH	Anywhere	SSX	Pre 1900	2746	THOMAS	Southampton	HAM	1964
2841	QUELCH	Anywhere	MDX	Pre 1900	2696	TILLEY	Swindon	WIL	1870-1930
2841	QUELCH	Anywhere	SRY	Pre 1900	2758	TILLOTSON	Sheffield	SYK	All
2841	QUELCH	Anywhere	BRK	Pre 1900	2597	TINCEY	Sutton Courtney	BRK	All
2841	QUELCH	Anywhere	ESS	Pre 1900	2597	TINSEY	Sutton Courtney	BRK	All
2841	QUELCH	Anywhere	LND	Pre 1900	2597	TINSON	Sutton Courtney	BRK	All
2841	QUELCH	Anywhere	KEN	Pre 1900	2726	TIPPING	Anywhere	OXF	1800-1900
2754	RHUMBALL	Anywhere	BRK	17C-19C	2726	TIPPING	Anywhere	BRK	1800-1900
2746	RICHARDS	Cowes	IOW	1906	2887	TOBUTT	Anywhere	ALL	All
2699	ROBSON	Newbury	BRK	1939-1949	2863	TOFTS	Linton	CAM	16c-18c
2799	ROSE	Caversham	OXF	Pre 1825	2758	TOMPKINS	Kempston	BDF	Pre 1850
2799	ROSE	Caversham	OXF	1875-1910	2875	TRICKETT	Anywhere	WAR	1700-1800
2799	ROSE	Reading area	BRK	1875-1910	2863	TROTMAN	Bath area	SOM	17c-18c
1437	ROW	Litcham	NFK	1725-1993	2861	TURNER	Faringdon	BRK	Pre 1879
2724	ROWBOTTOM	Liverpool	LAN	1890-1980	2861	TURNER	Great Coxwell	BRK	Pre 1879
1437	ROWE	Alphington	DEV	1710-1850	2713	TURNER	Hughenden	BKM	Pre 1741
2843	ROWLES	Sonning	OXF	1700-1760	2861	TURNER	Shrivenham	BRK	Pre 1879
2758	ROYSTON	Barnsley	SYK	All	2696	TURNER	Swindon	WIL	1840-1860
2754	RUMBALD	Anywhere	BRK	17C-19C	1622	UNDERWOOD	Inkpen	BRK	All
2754	RUMBALD	Anywhere	BRK	17C-19C	2833	VATT	Anywhere	SOM	1800+
2754	RUMBOLD	Anywhere	BRK	17C-19C	2887	WALFORD	Anywhere	ALL	All
2282	SABBERTON	Lothbury	LND	1700-1750	2282	WALTER	Gt Staughton	HUN	1750-1850
2282	SANDERS	Bethnal Green	MDX	1800-1900	2282	WALTER	Gt Parndon	ESS	1700-1800
2282	SANDERS	Potters Bar	HRT	1850-1900	2282	WALTER	Harlaxton	LIN	1700-1750
1437	SARGEANT	Binfield	BRK	1750-1993	2282	WALTER	Patching	SSX	1840-1900
2887	SCOTT	Anywhere	ALL	All	2282	WALTER	Stepney	MDX	1700-1900
2746	SCRACE	East Cowes	IOW	1949	2282	WALTER	Woodford Halse	NTH	1800-1900
2606	SEYMOUR	Anywhere	BRK	1850-1901	1805	WATTS	Cradley Heath	STF	19C
2887	SHEARD	Anywhere	ALL	All	2871	WATTS	Sandhurst	BRK	All
2863	SHEPARD	Royston	HRT	17c-19c	2887	WEATHERHEAD	Anywhere	ALL	All
2696	SIM(P)KINS	Castle Eaton	WIL	1810-1830	2230	WEBB	Hampstead Norris	BRK	1700
2703	SIMMONDS	Anywhere	ALL	All	619	WEIGHT	Anywhere	ALL	All
2728	SIMS	Anywhere	BRK	1800-1880	2833	WELLMAN	Anywhere	BRK	1765+
2282	SMITH	Bristol	GLS	1800-1850	2871	WERNHAM	Sandhurst	BRK	All
2855	SMITH	Bucklebury	BRK	1706-1820	2713	WESTFIELD	P. Risborough	BKM	Pre 1780
2863	SMITH	Shustoke	WAR	17c-19c	2716	WESTWOOD	Sandon	ESS	19C
2855	SMITH alias FOSTER	Thatcham	BRK	1706-1820	2863	WHITE	Kingston	SRY	17c-19c
2855	SMITH	Thatcham	BRK	1706-1820	2817	WHITELY	Anywhere	YKS	1875
2887	SOUTHERN	Anywhere	ALL	All	2817	WHITING	Anywhere	BRK	1800
1437	SOWELL	Gt Yarmouth	NFK	1700-1900	2742	WILD	Ogbourne St Gge	WIL	17c-18c
2841	SQUELCH	Anywhere	SRY	Pre 1900	1437	WILDING	Shoreditch	LDN	1775-1900
2841	SQUELCH	Anywhere	LND	Pre 1900	2713	WILKINS	Fulbrook	OXF	Pre 1731
2841	SQUELCH	Anywhere	KEN	Pre 1900	2716	WILLIAMSON	East London	LND	1850+
2841	SQUELCH	Anywhere	SSX	Pre 1900	2716	WILLIAMSON	South London	LND	19C
2841	SQUELCH	Anywhere	BRK	Pre 1900	2744	WINTER	Taplow	BKM	Pre 1784
2841	SQUELCH	Anywhere	HRT	Pre 1900	1622	WINTERBOURN(E)	Speen	BRK	All
2841	SQUELCH	Anywhere	MDX	Pre 1900	1622	WINTERBURN(E)	Speen	BRK	All
2841	SQUELCH	Anywhere	ESS	Pre 1900	2509	WITHERS	Battersca	SUR	1908+
2282	STANNETT	Burnham	BKM	1700-1800	2887	WOOD	Anywhere	ALL	All
2833	STEELE	Anywhere	HAM	1800+	2702	WOOD	West Hanney	BRK	1870-1900
2833	STEELE	Anywhere	SOM	1780+	2597	WOOLVERT	Burghfield	BRK	Pre 1761
2716	STEINES	Bermondsey	LND	c 1860	1622	WORREL(L)	Bucklebury	BRK	All
2716	STEINES	Bethnal Green	LND	1862-1865	1622	WORREL(L)	Bucklebury	BRK	All
2716	STEINES	Fulham	LND	1868-1930	2813	WRENCH	Anywhere	LIN	All
2597	STEPTOE	Abingdon	BRK	Pre 1855	2749	WRIGHT	Birmingham	WAR	1800-1900
2843	STOCKLEY	Hornsey	MDX	1790-1900	2863	WRIGHT	Kings Lynn	NFK	17c-19c
2720	STRAWFORD	Anywhere	WAR	Pre 1880	2749	WRIGHT	New South Wales	NSW	1880+
2720	STRAWFORD	Anywhere	WOR	Pre 1860	2728	WRIGHT	Shrivenham	BRK	1750-1820
2863	STRETCH	Anywhere	HRT	17c-19c	2875	WYKES	Anywhere	LEI	1600-1730
2282	SULLIVAN	Bethnal Green	MDX	1840-1880	2742	WYLD	Ogbourne St Gge	WIL	17c-18c
2887	SUTTON	Anywhere	ALL	All	2847	YARDE	Anywhere	ENG	1750-1800

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