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# PROGRAMME SUMMARY TO APRIL 1995

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

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| 16th December      | Inter Branch Quiz                      |                    |
| 20th January, 1995 | "Why I Can't Find Them"                | - Dr Robert Mesley |
| 17th February      | "Was Your Granny a Suffragette?"       | - David Doughan    |
| 17th March         | "Photographs and the Family Historian" | - Paul Blake       |

**Newbury Branch:** Monthly Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm for 7.45 at the United Reform Church Hall, Cromwell Place, Northbrook Street, Newbury

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| 11th January, 1995 | "I Will Make You a Name" - Commonwealth War Graves Commission |                   |
| 8th February       | "What's in a Name" - History & Meaning of Surnames            | - Jean Debney     |
| 8th March          | "Non-Conformist Records"                                      | - John Hurley     |
| 12th April         | "Record Keeping"  | - BFHS Members    |
| 10th May           | "Poverty in Newbury" (Examination Books)                      | - Audrey Franklin |
| 14th June          | Branch Annual Meeting (tbc)                                   |                   |
| 12th July          | no Meeting  |                   |
| 9th August         | no Meeting  |                   |

**Reading Branch:** Monthly Meetings are normally held on the last Friday of the month at 7.15pm at the Park United Reform Church Hall, Wokingham Road, Reading

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|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 27th January, 1995 | "The Changing Face of Reading"      | - Doug Noyes       |
| 24th February      | "Choosing a Family History Program" | - David Hawgood    |
| 24th March         | "More Grave News" + Members Talks   | - Chad Hanna et al |

The following Meetings may be arranged to take place in Prospect School, Honey End Lane, Reading

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| 28th April | to be advised                                 |  |
| 26th May   | to be advised + Reading Branch AGM            |  |
| 23rd June  | to be advised + Society AGM                   |  |
| 28th July  | Transcribing Session at Ufton Nervet St Peter |  |

**Slough Branch:** Monthly Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm at St Andrew's Church Hall, The Grove, Slough

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| 31st January, 1995 | "Bring an Heirloom and Talk About It"                      | - Members          |
| 28th February      | "Village History Illustrated"                              | - Mike Hallam      |
| 28th March         | "Women in Family History"                                  | - Audrey Brown     |
| 25th April         | "Poor Law Records"   | - Stephen Humphrey |
| 30th May           | "Newspapers for the Family Historian"                      | - Marion Brackpool |
| 27th June          | to be advised  |                    |
| 25th July          | "Victoria County Histories - How to Use this Vital Source" | - Richard Moore    |

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*The deadline for articles for the March issue is the 20th January, 1995. All contributions gratefully received.*

*The front cover is one of the county advertisements found in "Kelly's Directory of Berkshire, Bucks and Oxon" for 1891.*



## Chairman's Comments

*By Michael Sheppard*

As we are fast approaching 1995, I thought it might be appropriate to look forward to next year when two very important events will occur.

Firstly, by the beginning of 1995, Berkshire Family History Society will have its own premises. We are taking the lease on a suite of rooms at Prospect School, Honey End Lane, Reading. This will enable us, for the first time, to house all our indexes and reference books under one roof. It will then be up to you the members to make good use of this facility. As to when and what times the premises will be open, this will be announced shortly.

Secondly, in the Autumn, Berkshire Family History Society is hosting the Federation of Family History Societies Weekend Conference. This is being held at the University of Reading from Friday 8th September to Sunday 10th September 1995. This is your chance to meet other family historians from all over Great Britain, and possibly further afield. It is also a good opportunity to listen to some excellent lectures.

The Booking Form is now available, from Joyce Wells, 15 Wellington Close, Shaw, Newbury, RG13 2HG. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. The cost of the whole weekend (residential) is £156. There are daily rates if you do not wish to stay the nights at the University of Reading.

To mark their 21st Anniversary, the Federation of Family History Societies are launching a competition entitled "*Threads of Family History*". The judging will take place during our Conference in September 1995, so it would be good to see some entries from BFHS members. Details of the competition and the rules will be found elsewhere in this Magazine.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## Editor's Notes

Thank you once again to all contributors to this magazine. As usual I still need plenty of articles, particularly as the next two magazines are scheduled to be "extra long". I should particularly like to be able to feature a particular Berkshire village in each issue, so if your family history researches have led you to have an interest in one village, then why not consider writing an article about that place. The deadline dates are as follows: **March 95 - 20th January 1995, June 95 - 21st April, 1995 and September 95 - July 95.**

Thank you also to everyone who offered to index the magazine; that is now proceeding OK. However, if you were thinking that that sounded like an interesting project that you could complete at home, please contact Chad Hanna or me as there are other small projects which could be undertaken.

Again another thank you for all the petrol coupons that have been sent to me for converting into raffle prizes for the BFHS tombola at the FFHS September 1995 Conference. If you have any more, please send them to me or pass them to your Branch Chairman. We would also be grateful for good quality tombola prizes (have you a cupboard full of unwanted Christmas presents?).

# Search for the Taylor Family of Newbury

By Peter Breen

I have been studying my family history for some fourteen years and whilst I would claim amateur status only, the first advice that I would give to anyone starting out on the same search would be for them to contact all/any living relatives and gather every piece of information (however trivial or far-fetched it might seem) the "gems" can be sorted out afterwards.

Both of my grandfathers died before I was born, one grandmother when I was aged two, and the other when I was aged ten - I was still too young to appreciate the opportunity that I was missing, but as she lived abroad, I never met her anyway. Not suprisingly all but one of my great-grandparents died before my birth. This sole survivor was my mother's maternal grandmother, "Nana" Skilton who was born Alice Maud Taylor, in Newbury in 1875.

I can only remember the last occasion that I met her, a few days before her death at the age of 92, following an accident at her home, when she suffered considerable burns to her leg. My parents took me to visit her in hospital several days after she was admitted, and although I was only seventeen years old at the time, I can still clearly remember the ward full of elderly women, who had no visitors and sat and watched us in silence. In the years since then I have become more fully aware of the difficulties that many people in the nursing profession face every day.

My mother (born Irene Hanbury) has provided me with a great deal of family history information. Shortly after the war, when she was in her twenties and not yet

interested in the history of the family, she met Lina (Emma Selina) Hanbury, who it turned out, was the sister of my mother's grandfather. I'm sure that most people have one particular ancestor who is more intriguing than the others (usually the one who causes the greatest puzzle[s]) and in my case this is Lina's father, Henry Howell Hanbury, who died on Christmas Eve, 1903, aged 68, at the Lambeth Workhouse Infirmary, South London. I have extensive details of his life after 1861, but cannot find the details of his birth and/or baptism, nor his early life. The census returns state that he was born in St Martins, London - from other information that I have I suspect that this would be St. Martin in the Fields. Just as puzzling is the disappearance after the 1891 census of Henry's wife Emma (aged 52 on the census, but actually born Emma R, in 1835/6 in Swavesey, Cambs.) and his two other daughters Alice Amelia (19) and Maud Mary (14). If only my mother had asked a few simple questions. Needless to say, I never met Lina - she died, aged 95, when I was only fourteen years old.

My aim in writing this article is the hope that there might be someone out there who can help me with my research into the Taylor family of Newbury, in particular William, who was born in 1808, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth née Buckingham or Beckingham, who married at St Nicholas Church, Newbury in 1801. In due course William "married" Ros(h)anna Mat(t)hews, although I can find no record of this event, despite checking the Berkshire Marriage Index. I only know her surname from her son's birth certificate.

Rosanna died in 1854, aged 46, which indicates that she might be the Rosanna Mat(t)hews baptised at Enborne in 1808, the daughter of Rosa and Richard - also, the 1851 census shows that Rosanna was born in Enbourn (sic).

William and Rosanna had a number of children, all born in Newbury, and all but one of whom survived into their teens at least. The others were Eliza (born 1833), William Charles (1835), Edwin (c.1838), Daniel (1840), Mary Ann (1842) and finally Alfred (1846), the father of Alice Maud.

William's family lived at Kimber's Yard or Court, Bartholomew Street, appearing in the 1841, 1851 and 1861 census, during which time William graduated from shoemaker to master cordwainer. I would be very interested to hear of any details of Kimber's Yard, and, in particular, the whereabouts of any known photograph of this period. I have just discovered on the 1881 Census Index that William, aged 73, was living at 4, Raymonds New Alms, with his second wife Elizabeth, aged 57, and his daughter Alice, aged 17.

William's son Alfred married another Matthews girl, called Rhoda, at St Philip's Church, Kensington, London in 1866. Rhoda's father is noted on the marriage certificate as Isaac Matthews, a tailor. I can only guess at Alfred's time in the capital, as the 1871 census shows that he and his wife (aged 28) were back living in Kimber's Yard - Alfred is described as a carpenter and joiner (journeyman). The 1881 Census Index has also disclosed the whereabouts of Alfred who was living with his wife Rhoda at 2, Essex Place, Newbury and their children (all born in Newbury, except the eldest who was born in Hoxton, London) were Eliza Amy (aged 14), Emily Annie (10), William Alfred (8), Alice

Maud (5), Rosanna Edith (4) and Adelaide May (1).

I have been unable to discover the details of Rhoda's family, but I have found (thanks to the BFHS Name Index) an entry for Taylor's Buildings, in Newbury (is the name worth researching?) in the 1851 census, for Sophia Mathews, described as 47 years old, wife (with no mention of her husband) and her three daughters, the oldest being Rhoda, aged nine, born Newbury. Can anyone throw any light on this family, or link it to Isaac? This may well be another Rhoda as the 1871 and 1881 census returns show my Rhoda as being born in Tipton, Staffordshire.

My mother has told me that, as a child, she was told by Alice Maud of her own childhood - that she had a strict "Victorian" upbringing (the children only spoke when they were spoken to), and also that her father was deeply religious, as well as being actively involved in the town's civic affairs. I have a copy of the 1881 census entry for Alfred, where he is described as a buildEr and (the writing is not very clear) a Primitive Methodist Local Preacher - the 1883 Directory lists Alfred Taylor, builder, of Craven Road, but also indicates the presence of a Primitive Methodist Chapel in Bartholomew Street. Does anyone know of any sources for further research? Alice Maud married Thomas Skilton at Walthamstow, London in 1898, her father, Alfred, is described as a builder.

In "*Newbury Roundabout II*" there are several mentions of James Bicheno, who served as a Baptist Minister, in Newbury from 1780 to 1807, and died in the town in 1831 - he was a cousin of Sarah Bicheno, who married Joseph Randall in March 1790, at Over, in Cambridgeshire. Their granddaughter Emma was to become the wife of Henry Howell Hanbury. (If anyone

would like to know more about the Bicheno family of Over, I can supply details of a very interesting and informative book). A further coincidence: Henry Hanbury, the son of Henry Howell Hanbury, married Lily "Eliza" Barelli, in 1889, at St Saviour, Southwark - the Bar(r)elli family were prosperous merchants, of Italian origin, living in Brisol and Bath at the start of the nineteenth century, and often travelled by coach from the West Country to business premises in London, and must have stayed regularly in Newbury. The Catholic Record Society publication (Vol. XXXII) relating to the Catholic Registers of Reading, Berks, mentions the Barelli family in several places. I wonder if the Barelli, Bicheno or

Taylor families knew each other nearly two hundred years ago.

Finally, I'd like to return to William's father, Daniel. I have another entry in the 1851 census index for a Daniel Taylor, aged 78 or 79, described as a carpenter, born at Stockcross, Berkshire and living in St Bartholomew's Almshouses. This may be my Daniel, but unfortunately, my only opportunity to visit the Berkshire Record Office was during the September closure.

If anyone is able and willing to carry out any research for me, I would be pleased to carry out reciprocal research for them in the Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, which is less than ten minutes journey from where I live.

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## Aid in Indexing

*By Tony Rydings*

There must be dozens of persons in the British Isles who are engaged in the indexing of family history materials, but the majority do not have any training in the art, nor do many even know of the existence of the Society of Indexers. The Society (henceforth SI for brevity) was founded in 1958, and now has members in many parts of the world, being affiliated with similar societies in Australia, Canada and the USA. Many indexers tend to specialize in particular subjects, but only recently has the SI decided to encourage groups which share such interests. The Genealogical Group is one of these, and is still in the process of finding its feet.

In general terms the Group hopes to bring together those indexers who have specialist knowledge, and those who are embarking on family history projects in which

indexing is an important part, so that a body of expertise may be formed, which may then be shared with others. Although the initial steps have been taken under the aegis of the SI, we have had interest from the Federation of Family History Societies, and are making contact with the Society of Genealogists and other societies having similar interests.

To give some idea of the kinds of indexing which may be included within the Group's activities, the following list has been compiled:

Genealogical Indexing: Types of Materials

1. General books on genealogy
2. Registers of births, deaths and marriages
3. Court rolls
4. Collections of (historical) documents
5. Catalogues of books on genealogy and

related subjects

6. Works on local history
7. Family histories, including individual biographies
8. Periodicals on family history, including publications of societies
9. Bibliography of works on family history
10. Works on computers in family history
11. Wills and administrations
12. Ecclesiastical records, including tithes
13. Monumental inscriptions
14. Land Records
15. Heraldry
16. Royalty, nobility, gentry
17. Trades and occupations

These are not listed in any particular order, and there is some overlapping between headings, but the list may give some idea of the wide scope of materials within the subject area. The final three headings are often included in general works on genealogy and family history, although they are really specialities on their own.

The programme on which the Group is

working so far includes making known the existence of the Group to all persons engaged on indexing of family history materials, and others who might be able to help us and agreeing on the range of subjects and activities to be covered by the Group.

In the future we hope to compile a manual for indexers and compile a thesaurus of terms used in indexes in the range and keep a record of current indexing projects and their editors or supervisors.

The membership of the Group is about 20, out of the SI membership which approaches 900, and our members are widely scattered in the British Isles, which means that we are not yet able to hold meetings, but rather to function through correspondence. We hope to hold meetings once our membership increases. Similarly, there is no subscription to the Group, but this will have to change as our activities are extended.

If you would like to know more please contact Tony at 29 Eastwood Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 8YJ.

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## Threads of Family History

Textile crafts have always been important to people. Both men and women took pride in the production of distinctive decorated textiles of all forms, from lace makers or knitters producing for mass markets, to the individual mother smocking a garment for her new baby. Some of their work has survived to become our precious heirlooms.

This competition offers the opportunity for today's family historians to create an heirloom for future generations, taking inspiration from past generations. You are not expected to be an expert craftsperson,

but you are asked to produce a piece of work which links the textile craft to family history, and which has your own family history as its starting point. This is why the entry form asks for a short written explanation to accompany your work, giving its genealogical source, inspiration or starting point.

Entries are invited in two categories: Individual entries or Group work. These will each be subdivided into work based on a) original designs or b) published patterns or purchased kits. Prizes will be awarded in each of these four categories. The entry



fee is £5 for individuals and £10 for Groups. All entries will be displayed as part of the 21st anniversary of the Federation of Family History Societies. Judging will take place during the Conference hosted by the Berkshire Family History Society, at the University of Reading, 8th-10th September, 1995, by a panel of judges specially selected to include experts on textile crafts and family history. They will consider each entry 50% on genealogical content and 50% craftsmanship and design. Good presentation is important. The decision of the judges will be final.

Delivery of entries will be in August 1995 and full delivery instructions will be sent with the acceptance of entries.

#### Conditions of Entry

1. Each entrant must be a member of a Federation of Family History Societies' member society and for group entries all members of a group must be members of the same FFHS member society. The FFHS reserves the right to check with societies of which entrants claim membership.

2. Entries are limited to one per person or per group. A group member may also submit an individual entry but no person may be a member of more than one group. An FFHS member society may submit a Society entry but this shall not prevent a group, groups or individuals from the membership of that Society from also submitting entries.

3. The size of entries shall not exceed 8 square feet (including frame) for individual entries and 36 square feet (including frame) for group and or/or society entries.

4. Entry fees must be paid in Sterling. Please make cheques payable to "FFHS Threads".

5. Entrants are responsible for the

insurance of their work in transit to the Federation.

6. Entrants will be asked to send a photograph or slide of it with their entry. This will be used to identify entries in case labels become detached and will be used for identification purposes in the event of an insurance claim arising.

7. Entries should be submitted ready for hanging, whether framed or otherwise, where practicable. NO GLASS PLEASE. Entries such as cushions, book covers etc. will be displayed on tables.

8. All pieces must consist of at least 75% fibre, spun/unspun, woven, felted, knitted with threads and/or yarns, and any combination of these is acceptable. Fabric paints, crayons, beads, sequins etc. must be kept to a minimum if used at all.

9. The FFHS reserves the right to retain entries for display at additional venues until the end of May 1996.

10. The FFHS reserves the right to refuse any entry not conforming to these conditions, to restrict the number of entries exhibited and to refuse any entry which the Organising Committee feel should not be exhibited for any reason.

11. The decision of the Organising Committee of the FFHS is final.

12. A signature on the application form indicates acceptance of these conditions and agreement to abide by them.

For any further details and an entry form please contact Mrs Jill Valentine, 157 Kent House Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1JZ. Please enclose an SAE 9" x 4" or 2 IRCs.

# The Army in Berkshire in 1887 (Part 2)

*Compiled by Jean Debney*

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Capt. A.F. Walter, commanding

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**N Company** - Headquarters, Windsor Great Park

Capt. F. Simmonds

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Sandhurst Military College, first established at High Wycombe (Bucks) in 1799, transferred in 1802 to Marlow (Bucks) and finally settled in Sandhurst (Berks) in 1812; it is about 2 miles from the church of St Michael, Sandhurst and is situated in beautiful park-like grounds; the buildings comprise a central block, with a portico of the Doric order and two wings; the chapel is peculiarly chaste and contains an organ and some tablets in memory of former governors and others; there is a well-furnished library, with portraits of George III and Queen Charlotte and of previous governors; there are 300

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### *Staff College (locally at York Town, Surrey)*

The Royal Staff College is a handsome building of yellow brick with stone facings and was first occupied in 1862; it is designed to hold 40 officers (2 years) for their instruction in the scientific branches of military education, who are only admitted after examination, with the view of qualifying themselves for staff appointments; the building contains a library, mess room, besides halls of study; the establishment consists of a commandant and ten professors and the course of study comprises Staff Duties and Administration and Law, Military History, Fortification, Military Drawing, Surveying and Reconnaissance, French, German, Russian and Applied Sciences.

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Lieut-Col. J.D. ROTHWELL\*, R.A.

**Footnote**

1. The entry under Wokingham is listed as "Berkshire (1st) Rifle Volunteers (L Co.)"

# Mistresses and Maids: Domestic Service in Berkshire 1840-1914 (Part 2)

by Pamela Horn

Stringent rules and regulations normally governed the conduct of the servants in large households. At Englefield, the maids were apparently all required to be Protestants, and to attend family prayers every day. They were firmly informed that if they were ill the employer would not pay any apothecaries' bills, and in the 1850s it was a common condition of service that they would not be supplied with tea or sugar, presumably on account of the cost. <sup>12</sup> Careful records of individual workers were kept in the servants' book - like that relating to Eliza Ford, who was hired in 1855 at the age of 21 to serve as stillroom maid for £8 a year, without either tea or coffee. In March 1857 she was promoted to the post of under-laundrymaid and remained in that position until January 1859, when she left the household. There was also Elizabeth Morris, who was appointed to her first place in October 1860, as fourth housemaid. She was paid £10 a year and was the daughter of Sir Charles Russell's butler from Swallowfield Park. In November 1861 she was promoted to third housemaid's position, at £12 a year, and left in November 1862. Many of the maids remained for a year or two only, before moving elsewhere, and some stayed for mere weeks - like Mary Reeves, second laundrymaid, who came in July 1861 and left the following October. Such brief stays might be because the servant concerned was not up to her work, but for some it was perhaps a way of getting promotion or of showing their independence in a job which by its very nature left little freedom of action. <sup>13</sup>

One girl who joined the staff at Wasing Place near Reading in 1905 remembered a list of rules and penalties hanging in the servants' hall. Among them were strict regulations concerning economy and cleanliness: *"if anyone shall take anything belonging to the hall out, or displace anything, cut more bread than is necessary, make unnecessary waste, wipe their knives and forks on the table cloth, or hand towel, say anything indecent at meal times, give the lie at any time, shall forfeit the sum of two pence... if anyone be heard to swear he shall forfeit for every oath the sum of one penny... if anyone shall by accident, or otherwise, break any utensils, it shall be left to the decision of our mistress, whose decision shall be final."* <sup>14</sup> However, in some households greater laxity prevailed. This is shown in a letter written by a kitchen maid employed by a Mrs Wedderburn at Haines Hill, Twyford, to a friend and former fellow servant working for a family at Hungerford. The letter was sent in July 1898 and in it the writer assured her friend, Alice, that she could *"swim in beer"* if she wished: *"plenty kicking about. I wish you were here... It seems a treat to be away from Throckeevan. Mrs. Wilton [the Throckeevan cook-housekeeper] would have a fit if she had a fire going like we do. I put three scuttles of coal at once, the scuttles are three times as big as the one at Throckeevan. ... I share my room with my scullaray [sic] maid, a very nice girl she is. You must come and see me. I will then give you some dripping to give Mrs. Wilton ... I never let on about the grub we had there to*

*these servants. I would not let them know I was in such a show. Our cook housekeeper is a better Lady than Mrs. Wilton. You can tell Mrs. Wilton I dont need to drink on the sly here as I [get] more than enough ... I shall get as fat as a pig here I know. I am to have half the dripping money I sell, nice is it not? I feel more happier here in this day or two than I did all the time at Throckeevan."* <sup>15</sup>

Apart from directing other female staff members, the housekeeper was expected to supervise the behaviour of the juniors. At Englefield she must "*keep order and quiet in the Family*", (an interesting word to apply to the servants) and not "*let the Maids go out without ... leave, & ... take care that they are dressed quietly*". Supervision of the household linen and the china closet, as well as superintendence of the stillroom department, where cordials, preserves and sweetmeats were made and stored, were other duties. Many housekeepers were expected to look after household stores and to order fresh supplies when needed, but at Englefield Mr Benyon himself was responsible for issuing stores to his housekeeper once a month and in limited quantities. He alone ordered replacements, thereby hoping, it is presumed, to deprive a dishonest housekeeper of the opportunity of cheating him.

Unlike the junior servants, who moved about frequently, senior staff often remained for years. Susan Clarke, who came to Englefield in 1854 after serving in the household of Lady Moncrieffe, remained with the Benyons for over twenty years. A successor, Mrs Mun, stayed for over seven and Mrs Hobart, the housekeeper in 1891, had come to Englefield after serving fourteen years with Lord Hotham. <sup>16</sup>

Nannies, too, often stayed in a family for years, even when the children for whom they had cared had grown up. Some moved from the nursery to the post of housekeeper and many enjoyed close and long-term ties with their former charges, acting as substitute mothers. <sup>17</sup>

Lady's maids were other important members of a household on account of their close contact with the lady of the house and her daughters. They were found only in the house of the rich, and a number underwent special training in dressmaking and millinery before taking up their chosen career. At Englefield, where Mrs Benyon and her unmarried daughter had a maid apiece, they were clearly recruited by these ladies on an individual basis for neither they nor their earnings are mentioned in the servants book. Often ladies' maids were drawn from a higher class of society than most of the female staff. At Nuneham Courteney on the Oxfordshire/Berkshire border, Harcourt family records reveal that three of the applicants for the post of lady's maid in the late nineteenth century were respectively the daughter of a cashier in a Liverpool timber merchant's office, a city clerk and a gamekeeper on a Scottish estate. The most sought-after lady's maids, however - at least amongst the fashion conscious - were Frenchwomen, who were preferred for their superior skill in dressmaking and their vivacity. <sup>18</sup>

The cook, the third of the senior servants, was, unlike the housekeeper and the lady's maid, found in a wide range of households, as was the housemaid. Not suprisingly skills varied widely, and there was a world of difference between the dishes produced by a "*plain*" cook working in a two or three servant household and those of the "*professed*" cook in a large establishment, with a staff of kitchen and scullery maids

under her direction.

Finally, particularly in smaller households, the relationship between mistress and maid could vary considerably. In some cases, especially where young servants were involved, mistresses could overwork and ill-treat them.<sup>19</sup> In other instances warm bonds of friendship could develop which lasted for years. That was true of the link between Mary Russell Mitford, the Berkshire author of *"Our Village"*, and her much-loved maid Kerenhappuck Taylor, usually known as K. K. She was born in Manchester and had worked in a shop in Buckinghamshire before joining the Mitford household at Three Mile Cross in the later 1830s. Unfortunately during the autumn of 1842, while Dr Mitford, Mary's father, was lying ill with a stroke, K. became pregnant by the family's single male servant, Ben Kirby. After Dr Mitford's death her condition became apparent, and following a trip to Bath with her mistress, she left the household - although Ben was allowed to remain. However Miss Mitford did not forget her maid and in 1846, she decided to re-employ her, to the surprise and disapproval of her friend, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, who wrote: *"so you have K. with you again, and her child. ... now that I am too far away to scold you! But ... dear, dearest Miss*

*Mitford, you will not lean your trust too heavily when the ice has once failed you ... Tell me ... if K. is really settled with you, and if you are happier and in greater comfort since her return - which will reconcile me after all."*<sup>20</sup>

In the event K. was to remain with Miss Mitford until the latter's death in 1855. On 12th August, 1852, she married Samuel Sweetman, the groom-cum-gardener, who had replaced the errant Ben. Sam and K's first child, a daughter, was born on 2nd January, 1853 and named after Miss Mitford. K. herself subsequently became the residuary legatee of her mistress's estate, receiving about two thousand pounds, while her illegitimate son, Henry, received £500 to be held in trust until he was twenty-one. There were no other major bequests and some of Henry's money was later used to enable him to train for the Anglican ministry.<sup>21</sup> It is clear that Miss Mitford's affection for her servant enabled her to overlook conduct which to many Victorian ladies would have been worthy only of condemnation and instant dismissal.<sup>22</sup> Although such an example of loyalty was rare in mistress/servant relationships, instances of lifelong attachment by servants to a particular family were by no means uncommon.<sup>23</sup>

### Footnotes

12. See Servants' Book for Englefield House, D/EBY/A130 at Berkshire Record Office

13. Pamela Horn *"The Rise and Fall of the Victorian Servant"* (1990 ed), pp 135-137

14. Pamela Horn, op. cit., pp 227

15. I am indebted to Mrs C E Gower, Upper Bucklebury, near Reading for this letter. The original was slightly damaged and the signature is illegible.

16. See Servants' Book for Englefield House, D/EBY/A130 at Berkshire Record Office

17. Pamela Horn, op. cit., pp 78-79

18. Pamela Horn, op. cit., pp 67

19. Pamela Horn, op. cit., pp 137-139

20. Copies of letter from E B Browning to Mary Russell Mitford in British Library, Add.MSS.42.229 Vol. II, pp

155-156, letter dated 19th Dec, 1846, written from Pisa.

21. Pamela Horn, *"Life in a Country Town: Reading and Mary Russell Mitford (1787-1855)"* 1984, pp 12. Vera Watson, *"Mary Russell Mitford"* 1949, pp 274.

22. On 20th August, 1847, for example, Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote from Florence, admitting that it would be *"so very painful not to trust those who are about me ...; But of course you know best ... and having the assurance of her repentance and reformation, perhaps it is reasonable in you as well as generous and kind"*; see Add.MSS.42.229, Vol. II, pp 226, at the British Library. For her affection for K. see, for example, the Rev A G L'Estrange ed., *"Life and Letters of Mary Russell Mitford"* Vol III, (1870), pp 202.

23. Pamela Horn *"The Rise and Fall of the Victorian Servant"* pp 140-142

# The Story of a Single Parent

By Ruth Marler née Holloway

Mary Ethel Holloway was the last child born to Charles Holloway and Mary Ann (née Richardson) at Eggleton Cottages, Winkfield Row, when their eldest child was eighteen. She was the tiniest baby that the vicar had ever christened. Her mother said that when she was born she could have fitted into a quart jug.

When May was thirteen, she left school and went to help her eldest brother Harry and his wife, Valentine, who had had three children in three years. Harry was a gardener at a place near Shenfield and Hatton Station and Val had been a ladies' maid. May went to them as a mother's help, but ended up as a drudge. Val never gave her any money, she was dressed in cast-offs that were way too big for her and was only given a monthly stamp to write home and then her letters were read by Val. After about two years, her sister Rose visited her and was so appalled at May's conditions that when she returned home, she asked her mother to write and say that May was needed at home.

Subsequently, May had several jobs in Bournemouth, Lichfield, London and Papworth Hall, Cambridge. Then in 1908 she gave birth to a son, Fred Holloway, in Wargrave workhouse. It is not known whether her boyfriend, who emigrated to Canada, was the father. Fred was sent to live with his Aunt Alice and her husband, Bill James in Sonning.

In September 1908, May (now aged 23) took up a position as housekeeper to Charles Widdows and his wife (who was paralysed as a result of a severe stroke) at Laurel Cottage (now No. 67) London Road, Twyford. Charles Widdows was

Registrar and Relieving Officer for the area from Henley to Ascot. He was appointed in 1898 or possibly earlier and remained so until his retirement at the age of about 75 in 1927 or 1928. One of the front rooms of his house served as an office and he had a pony and trap in which to do his rounds.

In 1911 (while Mrs Widdows was still alive) May had a son, Maurice Edgar Holloway, in Wokingham Infirmary. Charles Widdows was the father. When Maurice could speak, he was taught to call Mrs Widdows "*Grandma*". Mrs Widdows died in 1914 or 1915 and on 19th February 1920, May gave birth to Molly Eena Holloway in Laurel Cottage.

At the age of fifteen, in early October 1926, Maurice joined the Navy and went to Shotley to train. May was miserable and worried about him, and "*Mister*" (as Charles Widdows was called by the children), tried to comfort her and promised that he would buy him out if he was unhappy as he wanted to get away from Twyford, where he was known as a bastard. The family always thought that worrying about Maurice and the fact that she was now forty-two, caused her youngest son Malcolm Edward Holloway to be born over two months prematurely on 12th October, 1926, weighing only four and a half pounds. Although the three children had no father named on the birth certificates, he actually signed them in his official capacity as Registrar!

In early March 1929, Maurice joined HMS Benbow and went away with the Mediterranean fleet for two and a half years. Molly went down with typhoid fever although diagnosis took some time as there



was no epidemic. On Sunday 31st March, May's 45th birthday, Molly began to feel better but May began to faint and feel ill. By the end of April, she was so weak that she was taken to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading and Charles was left with nine year old Molly and two and a half year old Malcolm. Molly managed to look after the house and fed them all on milk puddings, stewed rhubarb, boiled potatoes and corned beef. On the night of 30th May, "Mister" sent Molly for the doctor as he was in great pain and vomiting. The doctor came and gave him an injection and sent Molly for Mrs Elizabeth Fullbrook who was the nurse from the village. "Mister" also sent Molly to ask his friend George if he would milk the cow in the morning.

Molly put her baby brother "Malc" to bed and fell asleep herself. When she awoke it was the morning of 31st May, 1929 and George, Mrs Fullbrook and the doctor were all there. "Mister" was groaning and saying, *"I'm dying and I haven't made a will"*. The doctor sent Molly to fetch pen and paper from the office and said that he would write the will and that George and Mrs Fullbrook could witness it. Charles Holloway said: *"I leave everything to dear May. My family have not been near me for years. May has earned it and done everything for me"*. Charles and May had not married, despite living together for twenty years.

Molly was despatched to the Post Office to send a telegram to her Aunty Rose and later that day she arrived with "Granny". They got the range going and "Granny" (who was now almost eighty) said that she would stay with Molly and Malcolm. A little while later, a taxi cab drew up and May was helped up the front path and into the house. She was skin and bone and could not walk unaided as she was so weak. She had

discharged herself from hospital to be with her children. As they were sitting discussing what was best to do, a messenger came from the doctor's house to say that Mr Widdows had died on the operating table at the Royal Berkshire Hospital of a strangulated hernia.

Charles Widdows' friend lodged the will at the solicitor's house (he lived in Twyford but had an office in London). Later the solicitor contacted Percy Widdows (Charles' eldest son) to go to the hospital about arrangements. Percy had not seen his father for so long that he did not recognise the body. The funeral was held a few days later, May was too weak to go and afterwards the Widdows family met at the Station Hotel for refreshments and for the reading of the will. They were extremely angry and said that they would contest the will, which they did. Several weeks later, Sidney's wife (who had been friendly with May and had sent her daughter to spend summer holidays with her grandfather) told May that all the way to the funeral, the family had discussed what they would do with the house, money and animals. Their opinion was that May should find a job somewhere and that the children should be put in an orphanage.

There was a court case (Holloway against Widdows) heard on 26th May, 1930 where the Widdows family tried to maintain that "Mister" was senile and out of his mind when he made his will. The doctor, George and Mrs Fullbrook all had to go and give evidence and May won the day. In the meantime, the Navy sent Maurice home on compassionate leave with a posting to Portsmouth for a year.

The Sunday after "Mister" died, Molly and Malcolm were introduced to "Cousin Fred" who was really their half-brother.

Laurel Cottage was sold by auction and

May bought a bungalow at Cowplain, near Waterlooville, Hampshire, so that when Maurice was in Portsmouth, he could easily visit. May and her children left Twyford on 8th August, 1930 for a new life to be Mrs Holloway, a recently widowed lady with a grown-up son and two younger children.

As with most similar stories, the true identity of Fred was only revealed to my father (baby "Malc" above) in the early 1970s, several years after the death of May. The mystery of why the inherited family cutlery was engraved with a "W" and not an "H" was also finally solved!

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## Berkshire Record Office News

*From Elizabeth Hughes*

The Record Office has at last taken up residence in its new accommodation and I hope that anyone who has visited us since we reopened on 4th October will agree that the higher ceiling, lighter walls and increased floor space have greatly improved the working environment in the searchroom. The new index drawers have allowed the cards to expand into more space so that they are easier to consult and the library has been rearranged to make browsing easier. The microform readers, together with the film and fiche are now all at one end of the room. The fiche now includes the National Probate Indexes 1858-1934 and at last the St Catherine's House Indexes of Births, Marriages and Deaths, covering the period 1837-1983. These are, of course, very popular, and although we now have twenty microform readers, we **STRONGLY ADVISE** visitors to book a seat in advance to avoid disappointment.

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Another recent acquisition is a microform reader-printer. Staff are currently familiarising themselves with its workings so that, by the end of November, we should be able to launch self-service copying for records on fiche only. Record Office staff will continue to make print-outs from film.

We also have a new reception area and Lesley Skinner has been appointed as a part-time receptionist. She will be staffing the front desk from 10am to 3pm, which is generally our busiest period, answering the telephone and helping with searcher registration and sales of photocopies, print-outs and other items. This will leave the other duty staff with more time to help visitors in the searchroom. The reception area also boasts two (reasonably) comfortable chairs which visitors can use if they do not wish to take their sandwiches up to the restaurant.

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## 1881 Census Transcription Microfiche

*By Margaret Pyle*

A small number of members have kindly donated money to purchase some of the microfiches of the 1881 Census. The counties which are being purchased will be available only for the use of members of the Society. Details of arrangements and printout costs will be announced in due course.

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*Friday 13th - Sunday 15th January 1995* - The 17th Century Great House - Rewley House, Oxford

*Saturday 14th January 1995* - Genealogy - Keeping Your Records (9.30-3.30pm): Tutor Alf Ison - at Caversham Centre.(1)

*Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd January 1995* - Tudor and Stuart Handwriting - Rewley House, Oxford

*Saturday 11th February 1995*: Reading Old Handwriting, including the Victorian period - Tutor: Alf Ison at Caversham Centre.(1)

*Saturday 11th February 1995* - Computers and Local History - Rewley House, Oxford

*Saturday 25th February 1995* - What's in a word? - Rewley House, Oxford

*Saturday 4th March 1995* - Maps for the Local Historian (9:30-5pm) :Tutor Judith Hunter at University, London Rd, Reading (2)

*Saturday 11th March 1995* - Introduction to Family History (9.30-4.30pm) :Tutor Jean Debney at Caversham Centre (1)

*Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th March 1995* - The Gentry - Rewley House, Oxford

*Saturday 18th March 1995* - Quarter Sessions Record - Berkshire Record Office, Tutor Dr Peter Durrant

*Saturday 25th March 1995* - BFHS Open Day at Earley St Peters Church Hall 10am-4pm

*Saturday 25th March 1995* - Family and Household Revisited - Rewley House, Oxford

*Saturday 31st March - Tuesday 4th April, 1995* - 7th British Family History Conference, Isle of Wight

*Saturday 29th - Sunday 30th April 1995* - The Thatched Roof in England - Rewley House, Oxford

*Saturday 6th May 1995* - Wartime Reading (2-5pm): Tutor Joan Dils at Blake's Lock Museum, Reading (2)

*Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th May* - Society of Genealogists Family History Fair, London tickets in advance £3.

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Mrs D I Dunphy of 27 Hillingdon Avenue, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3RB noticed the following entry amongst baptisms in the Parish Register of St Leonard, Shoreditch, London (microfilm reference X94/33):

*"Susanna d. of John and Mary Hewett supposed to be about 30 years of age, privately baptised at Abbingdon in Berkshire and admitted into the church 1 July 1764"*

# Bookends

Compiled by Jean Debney and Julia Cox

**Berkshire 1851 Census Index (Volume 8:1) - Reading St Mary and Southcote** (BFHS 1994); *A5, red card cover, 52pp; price £2.75 + P & P 45p UK, 85p overseas surface, £1.75 airmail.*

At last it's arrived - everyone has been asking for this one. Includes 9,000 names arranged by surname, forename and folio number; map of Reading 1840; streets indexed alphabetically & by folio number; Vol.8:2 (Reading St Giles, St Lawrence, the Gaol and Whitley) is due in 1995. [JD]

**Early Medical Services in Berkshire and South Oxfordshire from 1740** by Margaret Railton (Polmoood Publications, 1994); *256pp, hardback, 80 illustrations & facsimile documents; Price £10.95 + P & P £2.25 UK (extra O/S).*

All proceeds from this publication will go to the Berkshire Macmillan Cancer Care Fund, Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed and Pine Lodge, Thames Valley Hospice, Windsor. Please make cheques payable to Polmoood Publications and send to Bentleys, Waltham St Lawrence, nr Reading, Berks RG10 0PL. Also available from Blackwells, Reading. This book charts the development of health care before and after the New Poor Law Act of 1834 and the evolution of the National Health Service. [JD]

**Reading - A Pictorial History** by Stuart Hylton (Phillimore 1994) *Quarto, 128pp, 180 illustrations; price £12.95 + P & P £1.35 UK, £2.25 overseas surface, £5.75 airmail.*

A concise account of the town's history in peace and war illustrated with pictures,

some pre-dating the camera. [JD]

**The Story of Earley St Peters** by Lesley Hanna

(Earley St Peter's Church Council, 1994); *A5 booklet with coloured photographs of the church on the card cover; colour & black & white photos, illustrations, map, table, lists of names; price £5.00 + P & P 50p UK, 90p overseas surface, £1.95 airmail.*

The parish of Earley St Peter lies east of Reading and was created in 1843 from Sonning parish. Lesley has traced the history and development of the church and included many potted biographies in this fascinating booklet. I was amused to note that the section on music contains a bit on "how not to clean an organ"! [JD]

**Stanford Dingley** ed. by Joan Dils

(Reading University 1994); *A5 booklet, pale grey & purple card cover, line drawings, maps, charts, tables and index, 43pp; price £2.50 + P & P 45p UK, 75p overseas surface, £1.60 airmail.*

This is a general history of the families who lived in the parish in Tudor and Stuart times. Researched and written by members of an extra-mural class organised by the Department of Extended Education and skillfully edited by Joan Dils. Rather unusually the "footnotes" are set in the wide left-hand margins which makes them easy to locate. [JD]

**The Inns and Public Houses of Wokingham** by Dennis Ayres and Judith Hunter

(Berkshire Books 1994); *A5, white and blue card cover; 101pp, illustrated with maps, line drawings, etc, alphabetical list*

*£2.50 airmail.*

Based on an original manuscript researched by Anthony Cross, who died in 1986, the authors have produced a fascinating book about an important aspect of Wokingham's history from the 16th century to the present day. [JD]

**Pigot's Directory of Durham, Northumberland and Yorkshire 1834**

*(facsimile text edition, M Winton 1994) 556pp; price £13.75 + P & P £3.20 UK, overseas surface £3.70, £8.50 airmail.*

Fascinating facts and details are to be found in this limited edition so order your copy now before it goes out of print. [JD]

Still available - **Berks, Bucks, Gloucs, Hants and Oxford 1830** at *£9.50 + P & P £1.40 UK, £2.20 overseas surface, £5.10 airmail.*

**London and Middlesex - A Genealogical Bibliography** compiled by Stuart A Raymond

*(FFHS) 128pp, £7 + P&P 65p UK, £1.05 overseas surface, £1.80 airmail*

A list of published works about London and Middlesex. Has a wealth of information. Arranged according to subjects and then alphabetically, eg categories include family histories, maps, MIs, immigration and migration. Useful place name and family name indexes at back. [JC]

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**Occupations - A Preliminary List - An Introduction to ...** by Joyce Culling

*(FFHS), £2.50 + P&P 40p UK, 60p overseas, £1.25 airmail arranged in dictionary form and includes occupations in Latin*

An interesting and amusing book. For example did you know that a loblolly maker was a surgeon's assistant on board ship or that a maisemaker was a 16th century Norfolk term for someone who made measures for weighing herring catch. [JC]

**Current Publications by Member Societies** (8th ed. orange card cover) and **Current Publications on Microfiche by Member Societies** (2nd ed. lilac card cover)

*(both FFHS, 1994) A5 booklets, covers with familiar design, 80 & 76pp; price £4.95 each + P & P 50p UK, 90p overseas surface, £1.95 airmail per copy.*

Census indexes, registers, monumental inscriptions, directories, etc. etc. all listed alphabetically by the family history societies who produce them. This increasingly popular series now includes more useful titles than ever before as societies get their publishing act together. [JD]

**An Introduction to Church Registers** by Lilian Gibbens

*(FFHS 1994); A5, mauve on cream card cover; 43pp; 15 illustrations. Price £2.50 + P & P 35p UK, 55p overseas surface, £1.20 airmail.*

This booklet, designed for beginners,



describes both parish and nonconformist registers including Catholic for England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and refers, of course, to the IGI. Sad omissions are Dr William's Birth Registers (1716-1837) and the Wesleyan Methodist Metropolitan Registers (1773-1838), both now in the Public Record Office. Detailed references at the back include lots of titles for further reading and the clear example documents will be a great help to all researchers. [JD]

**Company and Business Records for Family Historians** by Eric D Probert

*(FFHS 1994); A5 booklet, grey card cover with fussy business adverts which "hide" the mauve-printed title, etc. Illustrated with facsimile documents, useful addresses, further reading, index; 80pp; Price £3.95 + P & P 45p UK, 75p overseas surface, £1.60 airmail.*

This is a brand new subject for family historians and includes guidance on how to find out which companies existed, name changes, locating surviving records, useful addresses of repositories, etc. plus suggestions for further reading. A very useful guide on how to find information on your ancestor's business activities. I found that the use of large print and small margins detracted from what was otherwise a very useful book. [JD]

**Victuallers' Licences - Records for Family and Local Historians** by Jeremy Gibson and Judith Hunter

*(FFHS 1994); A5 booklet, pale orange card cover illustrated with detail from Hogarth's "Beer Street"; 56pp; price £2.50 + P & P 45p UK, 75p overseas surface, £1.60 airmail.*

Another new title, this latest "*Gibson Guide*", which includes county by county lists of sources for England, Wales and Scotland, is for all who have enjoyed a

glass of something sustaining at a local hostelry or whose ancestor may have been a landlord. There is an excellent introduction to the history of licencing from c1550 and the records produced, plus a glossary of Latin and English terms used for innkeepers. For reasons of space and cost, the authors have not included the detailed lists provided by some repositories and suggest that you ask to see them, where available. [JD]

**Census Returns 1841-1891 on Microform - a Directory to Local Holdings in Great Britain, Channel Islands and Isle of Man** by Jeremy Gibson and Elizabeth Hampson

*(6th ed FFHS 1994); green card cover, 56pp; price £2.50 + P & P 45p UK, 75p overseas surface, £1.60 airmail.*

New edition which includes the 1891 Census, plus corrections, updates and additions, etc. by county and country. Sharp-eyed readers will notice "*microform*" in the title which reflects the increasing use of microfiche as well as microfilm for records. [JD]

**Militia Lists and Musters 1757-1876** by Jeremy Gibson and Mervyn Medlicott

*(3rd ed FFHS 1994); A5, pink card cover, 48pp; price £2.50 + P & P 45p UK, 75p overseas surface, £1.60 airmail.*

New edition covering Great Britain and Ireland. Recommended reading is the introduction by Mervyn Medlicott which describes this useful source of names for family historians. [JD]

**Marriage, Census and other Indexes for Family Historians** by Jeremy Gibson and Elizabeth Hampson

*(5th ed FFHS) 64pp, £2.50 + P&P 40p UK, 60p overseas, £1.25 airmail. Arranged alphabetically*

A very useful book, which tells you where

to find a variety of usual and unusual indexes, including Boyd's, St Catherine's House, IGI, as well as for everything from combmakers, tobacco pipemakers and from coastguards to migration/emigration indexes. [JC]

**Probate Jurisdictions: Where to Look for Wills** compiled by Jeremy Gibson

*(4th ed FFHS) 72pp, £3.50 + P&P 60p UK, 90p overseas surface, £2.15 airmail.*

As the title implies this is a guide to where to find wills proved both before and after 1858. Arranged alphabetically with maps by county and covers England, Wales, Scotland, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Northern and Southern Ireland. Also includes a useful glossary of terms used in probate etc. [JC]

As usual, the compilers would like to be informed of any additions, omissions or errors users may find in these, or any other, "Gibson Guide".

**Family History News and Digest (Vol.9 no.4)**

*(FFHS Sept 1994); A4, pale green card cover illustrated with a ?Stuart Parliament (couldn't find anything about it inside); price £1.40 + P & P 60p UK, 95p overseas surface, £2.10 airmail.*

Twice yearly official publication of the Federation FHS, the feature article this time is Parliamentary Ancestors by R G Thorne; also included, apart from the "Digest" of articles in FHS journals, etc. and "News" from Societies and record offices, publication reviews, etc. is an article about conservation guidelines for churchyards. [JD]

**RAF Records in the PRO** by S Fowler, P Elliott, R Conyers-Nesbit and C Goulter

*(PRO Readers Guide no.8, 1994); A4, 137pp, blue laminated card cover with RAF badge and roundel, illustrated with*

*photos, facsimile documents and charts; price £8.95 + P & P £1.60 UK, £2.60 overseas surface, £6.70 airmail.*

Since struggling with the AIR records at Kew to research my father's cousin who served in WWI I welcome this publication with information about the organisation of the RAF, classes of records, etc. It is helpfully divided into four sections: 1. up to 1918, 2. the Inter-War years, 3. WWII and 4. the Post-War period. As with other recent PRO publications, I do wish they had made it A5-size which would fit on my bookshelf and in my research bag. [JD]

**Computers in Genealogy - Beginners' Handbook**

*(SOG 1994); A5, laminated pea green cover, 66pp; price £3.50 + P & P 45p UK, 75p overseas surface, £1.60 airmail.*

Described in the blurb as "A collection of articles for beginners to help in the choice and use of computers" it includes "Computers for the terrified", "Making friends with a computer", Personal Ancestry File, the Data Protection Act, etc. A useful publication for potential and current computer users. [JD]

**Spreadsheet Family Trees** by Guy Lawton *(Hawgood 1994); A5, pale blue card cover 32pp; price £3.00 + P & P 35p UK, 55p overseas surface, £1.20 airmail.*

Family historians who have used spreadsheets on computers will understand the methods described by the author to produce good drop-line family trees using Lotus 1-2-3 or equivalent computer package. [JD]

Other books in brief [from FTM Sep 94 ]:

**Genealogical Sources in France** by Patrick Pontet (of Anglo-French FHS), 31 Collingwood, Admirals Way, Andover, Hants SP10 1PU; price £1.50 + P&P 30p (no overseas prices quoted)

# Q & A with Jean

*Compiled by Jean Debney*

**Q - Arthur Meen (1445) of Twyford, Berks writes: "I have found a reference (at folio 108) to an ancestor in the latest volume of the Berkshire 1851 Census Index of Reading St Marys, volume 8:1. The street index by folio number on page iii indicates that they were probably living in Lemon Court. Although this volume includes a contemporary map of Reading I could not locate this court. Where is, or was, this street located in Reading?"**

**A -** The answer lies partly in a closer inspection of the street names in the adjacent folio numbers to discover a street which exists on a modern map. For a more detailed answer, the description of the Enumerator's District at the beginning of each section of the Returns often gives very useful information about the area covered. In this case your folio number lies between f.104-129 which was described as *"That part of the Parish commencing at Johnson's Warehouse, Castle Street, taking an easterly direction and including Middle Row, Butts, that part of the Butts to the south side of Hosier St; then taking the south side of Hosier Street and terminating at the end of Grape Passage and includes Hosier Passage, Hosier Court, Flint Court, Pipe Court, Vine Court and all the courts along Castle Street and Hosier Street."*

This description includes many streets and courts now lost by slum clearance and modern road improvements but there are sufficient remaining to identify the area as lying just west of St Mary's Church bounded on the east by St Mary Butts, on the south by Castle Street and on the west (approximately) by the streets now covered by the modern Inner Distribution Road. The order of the addresses at f.108 are Plumb Court, Castle Street and then Lemon Court, all on the north side of Castle Street.

**Q - Peter Duggan (1878) of Reading, Berks writes: "An ancestor who died in 1790 left in his will two farms and a holding in 3% East India Stock. I have been unable to trace either his marriage or his birth. Are there any other records relating to these properties which might help?"**

**A -** Although you do not mention it, I assume you have looked in all available records, eg. IGI, parish and nonconformist records for the area, miscellaneous indexes in the relevant county record office, wills of other family members (including the distaff line), etc. As it appears from his will that he died a man of substance he is unlikely to appear in Poor Law Records as a recipient - although he might have been involved in a bastardy order as a young man or subject to a removal order - the latter may give details of parents, age, parish of origin, etc.

Most counties have a marriage index, details of which are listed in the *"Gibson Guide - Marriage, Census and other Indexes"*. Contact the one in "your" county and, if unsuccessful, spread your net to adjacent counties. Also, don't forget that London was sometimes an attractive venue for a marriage even in the 18th century.

Other possible records include the Bank of England will extracts (1717-1845) which are in the Society of Genealogists' Library in London. There is a typescript index (1807-45)

which is also on microfiche and BFHS has a copy in the Reference Library (ref. 1/W/2775). [For further details see "*Using the Library of the Society of Genealogists*" (p4) on BFHS Booklist].

Apprenticeship Indentures were taxed between 1710 and 1810 and are indexed to 1774. The records are at the Public Record Office at Kew and copy indexes can be seen there and at the SOG. They give the name and sometimes address and occupation of the apprentice's parent, usually the father.

Surviving manorial records in county record offices contain a wealth of information of the names and ages of quite ordinary men, women and children who held a lease (usually copyhold) from the Lord of the Manor. Initial enquiry should be at the appropriate CRO then, if unsuccessful, to Quality Court, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HP who hold the Register (lists and locations) of surviving documents, but not the actual records themselves. Local CROs also hold estate papers or title deeds which, if they exist, may include copy deeds to your ancestor's property.

*"The Family Tree Detective"* by Colin D.Rogers contains many suggestions of how to solve genealogical problems. You should be able to obtain a copy of this through the inter-library loan service.

**Q - John C Higgs (1219) from Barnsley, W Yorks sent me a long letter, after reading about Mrs Elizabeth Paczek's problems with surname spellings, from which the following is an extract:**

**"The difference in the surname spellings could be put down to phonetics. My articles in the Berkshire Family History Magazine [BFHS 12/1 (Sep 1988) pp21-23 & 12/2 (Dec 1988) pp53-55] illustrate some of the problems of interpreting records made by the clergy and their clerks who had to produce phonetic spellings of the spoken word to record the names of their (often illiterate) parishioners.**

**My mother's maiden name was Crowther and her family has been traced back to 1735 in Darton, nr Barnsley, Yorkshire. In Darton churchyard is a gravestone recording the death of my 4 x Gt-grandfather in 1808 as "*John son of John Crowther*". I obtained a copy of his will dated 1808 from the Borthwick Institute, York which mentions "*Crowder*" twice in the text and is signed "*John Crowder*." This spelling is repeated in the grant of probate to his widow, Sarah, the sole executrix. The document is endorsed on the outside: "*John Crowther's Will*". The text of the will and the probate are in the same hand and the document is folded into three or four so as to go into a foolscap envelope. The writing appears to be that of John Pickles, then vicar of Darton and I think that, rightly or wrongly, he must have shown the Testator how to write '*John Crowder*'."**

**A - Your comments about the use of the spellings Crowther and Crowder for the same person are very interesting and set my mind ticking. I notice that you did not mention how the name was spelt in any related parish register entries.**

In the absence of written information, the clerks, etc. were forced to interpret the spellings of strange sounding dialect words for which they had no known formula. The clergy usually received a classical education which included Greek and Latin. They were then appointed to parishes often far from their native county. Here they had to try and record

names spoken in an unfamiliar dialect, so they improvised. A change of incumbent, or possibly of the clerk making the records, could and often did, lead to a "change" in the spelling of a name. In addition, lists compiled by local people may contain spellings that are different again! Only detailed local knowledge of names can result in the correct transcription of documents and compilation of indexes. The parish registers in the IGI are usually transcribed by Americans who do not necessarily have such knowledge. Therefore we should always go back to the original records to find the truth.

In my researches into my husband's Welsh ancestors whose surname was Rhydero - later "*corrected*" c1850 to Rhyddero - I discovered that the Celtic "D" or "DD" is pronounced with a harsh "th" as in 'the' and 'this'. Your spelling variation of Crowder - v - Crowther therefore appears to be the spelling interpretations of two men with different dialectical backgrounds - ie. the vicar and the clerk of the probate court.

PS. The copy wills you saw appear to be "probate copies" - made by the clerk of the court from the originals which, in these cases, were handed back to the Executor. Only on the original will, which was signed by the testator, will the probate clause be written in a different hand - and at a later date of course. These copy wills would be folded into three or four by the probate court for filing purposes: only if a record office has carried out conservation would they be likely to be stored flat.

**Q - Sheila Smith of Inverness-shire, Scotland wrote as follows: "The will of Richard Sury of West Hanney, Berks of 1551 refers to his 'son John of (illegible), his eldest son John of Letcombe Basset and his youngest son John'. So he certainly had two and possibly three living sons all called John. This is confirmed by John of Letcombe Basset's will of 1586 where he refers to his brother John. I know children were often named after deceased siblings but have not come across this before and wondered whether it was a common occurrence?"**

A - Life in the past was often short and brutal and in order to ensure an heir had the 'right' name, fathers might call successive children, usually sons, by the same name. This leads to some confusion in genealogical terms when more than one son survives unless, as in this case, additional identification in the form of position in the family or residence are given. Until records of such occurrences are collated it is not possible to say how frequently the situation occurred.

**Q - Michael Barefoot (548) of Bovey Tracey, Devon has written to ask: "Is there any 'official' or generally accepted method of showing birth, baptism or burial. I am well aware of 'CMB' but one sometimes comes across births and deaths prior to 1837. Some use abbreviations in the lower case but this is a lengthier system and there is often doubt: for instance, is 'bp', 'bap', 'bapt' or even 'chr' for baptism? There is a system for the IGI, but not being much concerned with death, they put death and burial together and these two may be some distance apart - not in time but in space.**

In order to overcome this problem I have devised a method which avoids the problem of what 'B' stands for. By using the word 'interment' for 'burial' we have 'BCMDI' which follows the whole process from the cradle to the grave; but will it catch on?

**It is not really part of the above but I am well aware that Mr Fitz-Hugh recommends 'f' for funeral. However, many people, certainly Americans, think of the funeral as a service rather than a burial.**

**A -** Not so much a question, more a matter of airing a perennial problem for family historians - especially newcomers who often seem to devise their own confusing method. Personally I mainly stick to the list of abbreviations given in George Pelling's *"Beginning Your Family History"* and use 'b' for born, 'bp' for baptised, etc. plus, where relevant, the two-letter codes used by modern census transcribers: 'fa' = father, 'mo' = mother, etc. However, other Berkshire Family Historians might like to write and let me know their views.

*Follow up to "Historical Engraver" (Q&A vol 17/4, Jun 1994, p156)*

**Sheila Smith (2779) of Inverness-shire, Scotland has made the following discoveries about the trade of "historical engraver":**

**"My library did not have the particular directory to which you referred but they did have "A Dictionary of British Steel Engravers" by Basil Hunnisett in which I was delighted to find my engravers listed, together with the information that examples of the work of many of the listed engravers might be found at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.**

**The V & A have been extremely helpful and tell me that they have some prints by my folk which I have arranged to photograph when I am in London in November. Also their definition of the occupation is the only comprehensive one I have received:**

*"... The term historical engraver suggests to me a printmaker who produced prints of history paintings. When speaking about art 'history paintings' [this] covers not only actual incidents in world history but equally importantly stories from the bible and classical mythology. Throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries history painting was viewed as the most elevated genre of painting with uplifting moral qualities which were thought to be missing in other forms of painting such as portraiture, landscape or still life. An engraver might produce prints which were his own composition but there were many printmakers who were employed to translate paintings in oil and watercolour by other artists into copper plate engravings in which the image is made up of a network of lines."*

**A -** Thank you very much for this information which I shall file in my card *"Information"* box. The book produced by your library is listed in Stuart Raymond's Bibliography of *"Occupation Sources for Genealogists"* but for reasons of space I did not list the four titles given under 'Engravers', nor the fact that there is more information under 'Artists'.

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**Mrs Alma Merritt (2857) of 65 Styvechale Avenue, Coventry, CV5 6DW has noticed a couple of discrepancies in brides' surnames whilst transcribing parish registers in Coventry:**  
*5th July 1757 - According to the Church official the Bride's name was Tabitha Macbraid. The bride however, signed as Isabella McBride.*

*On another occasion the name of the bride according to the Church official was Voice, whilst she herself signed as Vaux*

# NEWS-VIEWS-COMMENTS-LETTERS

*Contributed by Jean Debney, Catherine Harrington and BFHS members*

*Dorothy Wise (928) of Clanfield, Oxon, has written to donate a copy of "Wokefield" by Jim and Dorothy Wise to BFHS Reference Library which is based partly on the Seven Farm Diaries which were published in the "Berkshire Family Historian" between March 1992 and December 1993:*

"I thought the enclosed book might be useful to members whose ancestors lived in the Reading area, particularly around Wokefield, Burghfield and Mortimer. Back in 1940, I married my mother's cousin, Jim Wise, the youngest of nine and went to live with my in-laws. I became interested in the family, began asking questions and gradually built up a mass of information. Before he died in 1976, Jim wrote down his childhood memories in several exercise books. Now that I am in my 70s I thought I'd better get everything into some sort of order and get a book made of it all for my children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces. I had 100 copies privately printed and this is one of them."

*John Pither of "The Cottage", 41 Kivernell Rd, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants, SO41 0PP sent a copy of the letter he wrote to the United Reformed Church (Wessex) Trust Ltd, about the removal of human remains and tombstones from the Broad St Congregational Chapel as he was interested in the Mr & Mrs Pecover mentioned :*

"I am a descendant of one of the few families with this name who lived in Reading during the last century. My ancestor, Henry Pecover, lived in Broad Street and he and his five brothers and sisters were all christened in the Chapel at the beginning of the 19th Century. Henry and his wife had an ironmongers shop at No 40 Broad Street, this shop was first opened by his father Joseph in about 1810 and continued in the family until the end of the century. Edward Pecover, Henry's brother, had a tailors business at No 73 Broad Street. Another name which I know a little about is the Revd William Legg. I believe he was minister of this chapel and his remains are buried in the graveyard attached to the Congregational Chapel at Mortimer West End, Hampshire, alongside that of my great-great grandfather Abraham Pither."

*Talbot Green (2762) of 54 Elms Road, Wokingham, Berks, RG11 2AA wrote to comment on the usefulness of the Royal Navy returns for the 1881 Census mentioned by Jean Debney in her "Q&A" in the September 1994 edition of the "Berkshire Family Historian":*

"The Admiralty was bombed in 1941 and set on fire; all the old ships' ledgers, muster books etc etc used to line the administrators' offices and no one had time to rescue them. From about 1879, I think, to about 1912, very little now survives showing just which ships members of the lower deck served on; for the officers - like my great-grandfather - the Navy Lists show the ship etc he was appointed to. In the earlier ships' books they recorded precisely which ship a man "joined from" and which he was "discharged to"; you can thus trace his movements once you know a particular ship. However going into Haslar Hospital doesn't comply with these rules, I discovered.

Of course, if you've no idea what ship your ancestor was on, you'll have a big problem - until they've computerised and indexed the 1881 census. What you'll miss is all the little

juicy details like the 8/6 great-grandfather drew for B&B on 7/8th September 1876 after using his Queensland Government Railway free pass when HMS Pearl visited Brisbane: the Australian Railway Historical Society's Division have supplied me with a timetable for the trains that day."

*Mrs Beryl Griffin (715) of Bernevyll, 54 Edinburgh Road, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 0QD wrote following a visit to Overloon in Holland for the 50th Anniversary of its Liberation. Whilst there they visited the War Cemetery and noticed the following headstone:*

"5343772 Pte W.H.Martin, Royal Berks Regiment, Attached the Suffolk Regiment, 12 October 1944, age 29.

Should anyone claim Pte Martin it is possible that I may be able to get Dutch friends to photograph the headstone for them if they let me know. The grave was on Row 2E (8)."

**The Reading Reference Library and County Local Studies Library** are at Reading Central Library, Abbey Square, Reading RG1 3BQ. Tel No 0734-509245, Fax No 0734 589039. Opening hours are as follows:

**Monday: 9:30-5; Tuesday: 9:30-7; Wednesday: 9:30-5; Thursday: 9:30-7; Friday 9:30-7 and Saturday: 9:30-4.** Please note that The Times is only available from 1883 (on microfilm) and not from 1844 as stated on p7 of the September 94 edition of the "*Berkshire Family Historian*".

**Quaker Connections:** Magazine nos. 1 and 2 (March and July 1994) of the newly formed "**Quaker Family History Society**"; the BFHS has been presented with these complementary copies for our library. Recommended if you either (1) have, or suspect you have, Quaker ancestors or (2) you enjoy reading a good family history journal. There is also an article on Quaker Records (part 1) by Eric G.Bartlet in Family Tree Magazine, Nov 1994 (11/1) p21.

**The Crimean War (1853-1856)** - if you had an ancestor who served in this war write to the Crimean War Research Society, David Cliff, secretary, 4 Castle Estate, Castle Lane, Ripponden, W.Yorks; or to Ken Horton, 15 Bartestree Close, Matchborough East, Redditch, Worcs. B98 0AZ. In both cases send SAE or 2 IRCs. [FTM Oct 94, 10/12, p24]

**Romany and Travellers Family History Society** - another new society to help those with specialist needs; membership £6 p.a; for details write, enclosing SAE, to Janet Keate-Black, 6 St James Walk, South Chailey, E Sussex, BN8 4BU.

## Clay Pipe Makers

The Shire Publication "*Clay, Tobacco Pipes*" by E G Ayto, price £2.25 (+P&P) has the following information about Clay Pipe Makers: Tobacco was introduced to England from America c1558. The earliest clay pipes were spoon-shaped but by 1580 a bowl shape about 1/4" in diameter had been developed which held the tobacco better; later pipes were larger with longer stems as the makers' skills improved. James I granted a Charter of Incorporation to the Tobacco Pipemakers of Westminster in 1619 which was renewed by Charles II in 1663. By c.1650 there were about 1,000 pipemakers in London alone. The industry had almost died out by 1914 but some clay pipes continued to be produced for children to blow bubbles. There are societies for Clay Pipe Research, an International Collectors Circle and another for Pipe Smokers Emphemera.



Peter J Hammond, 81 Ena Ave, Sneinton Dale, Nottingham NG2 4NA has collected information, mainly from census returns, of thousands of tobacco pipe makers all over England, mostly in major cities. Send an SAE for further details.

### **News on Berkshire Family History Society Subscriptions from Roy Croton (Society Treasurer):**

In July 1995 it will be four years since we last raised our subscription rate. This year our forecast budget, 1994/5, for expenditure equals that of our forecast income (some £12500). Although the Society has reserves of approximately one year's expenditure, the Executive Committee feel it would be unwise to use this for the day to day running of the Society. It has therefore been decided to increase the annual subscription by **£2** across the board with effect from **1st July 1995**.

### **St Catherine's House News**

There are now more seats and table space available, as well as lockers and coat racks up the steps near the Cashiers' section. They have also introduced "*Anniversary Wedding Certificates*" for Golden and Diamond Weddings. These are printed on high-quality paper with the official seal of the GRO and The Royal Arms in colour, and mounted in a leatherette frame in a presentation box and cost £40. Application forms are at the Enquiry Desk at St Catherine's House or telephone 051 471 4256 for a form; send with payment to the General Register Office, Commemorative Certificate Section, PO Box 2,

### **Public Record Office News**

As the building work progresses at Kew, archives are being checked, repaired and moved from Chancery Lane to Hayes for interim storage. Items are also being relocated within Kew itself but these will only be "AWOL" for about three weeks. Typescript lists of the records involved are available on request in the shop at Chancery Lane and at Kew. The Chancery Lane lists for October and the Kew list for 14 Nov to 18 Dec 1994 do not appear to include any records of immediate interest to family historians. No doubt there will be occasions in the future when the item/s we want will be "in transit" somewhere. In the circumstances, you would be well advised to telephone 0181-876-3444 ext.2524 before any intended visit to ensure that the records you wish to see are in fact available. In January, microfilm records at Chancery Lane (except Census) will be transferred to the Rolls Chapel near the shop, after it has been vacated by the LDS Family History Centre. The car park at Kew has been further reduced and from December 1994 a new entrance for cars will be available "*some 400 yards up the South Circular Road in the Mortlake direction*" (see FTM Nov 1994 p8) although the Ruskin Road entrance will still be available for pedestrians.

### **Norwich Record Office and Library News**

Family historians everywhere must have heard, with horror, about the disastrous fire at Norwich Library on 1 August this year when a faulty electrical switch led to the destruction of over 100,000 books plus the only catalogue which listed them. Although the Record Office in the basement was a fire-proof strongroom the intense heat buckled the walls and water leaked in. Documents are now being freeze dried but the record office

will remain closed for an indefinite period. Items on microfilm can be seen Mon-Fri 9.15-5pm and Sat 9.15-12 noon at the temporary CRO in Shirehall Chambers, Market Avenue, Norwich, NR1 3JQ. Tel 0603-761349 for enquiries and appointments.

### **Winterbourne Families 1800-1900**

Malcolm Smith (318) of 15 Ainslie Wood Garden, Chingford, London E4 9BL is willing to supply to any member of the BFHS upon receipt of 3 second class stamps per name a copy of the information he has collected on the following families in Winterbourne near Newbury between 1800 and 1900: Atkins, Baily, Ball, Barrett, Bartholomew, Beckett, Beezley, Brown, Canning, Carter, Chamberlain, Champion, Clements, Clifford, Collins, Cooper, Deacon, Dove, Egleton, Emans, Farmer, Fidler, Fisher, Gearing, Gibbs, Goodchild, Gregory, Hatten, Hazell, Herbert, Holder, Hurst, Jenner, Jennings, Kemp, Kimber, Knight, Marshall, Marting, Pauling, Pearce, Pickett, Pocock, Prince, Prouting, Seymour, Sims, Smith, Stallard, Westripp, Whale.

### **Woolwich Arsenal Gunners**

Ralph Bradbury (2400) of Tilehurst, Berks, has an ancestor said to have been employed at the Woolwich Dockyard in the 1850s. He contacted Alan Turner of the Woolwich Arsenal Historical Society at Room 132, Building 22, Royal Arsenal West, Woolwich, London SE18 6ST. Alan has collected information on the Arsenal which he is willing to share and he was able to supply Ralph with a picture of his grandfather in the 1880s.

### **Clinkaberry and variants**

*Mr L C White, (2863) of 6 Clovelly Way, Orpington, Kent BR6 0WD wrote with a query which he hopes other members will be able to help with:*

"I was quite excited when I discovered in the course of my researches that my great-grandmother was an Emma Clinkaberry who was baptised at Bisham, Berks on 7 May 1837. I have been able to trace my Clinkaberry line (with variations) back to the baptisms of the children of John Klinkaberry around 1720 in Bisham, but beyond that I cannot go. I understand that the name Klinkaberry derives from the German name Klingenberg and in this connection Len Metzner of the Anglo-German FHS (of which I am also a member) has been extremely helpful. As background, he told me that when George I, the first Hanoverian king, came to the throne in 1714, many Hanoverians settled in this country believing that they had dual nationality. Oddly enough they seemed to have settled in the area around Windsor. I still have a couple of lines to follow up, but it did occur to me that there may be others with Hanoverian ancestors in Berkshire who have met the same problem and, hopefully, have solved it. If there are, I would love to hear from them. I do know of another researcher of the name of Lovenbury in Bisham which comes from the German Loewenberg, but he is in the same position as me."

[Jean Debney adds: My Webster's dictionary says "*Klingen*" is a German or Yiddish verb meaning to sound or clink and "*Berg*" is German for a mountain or hill. This would suggest that there should be a place somewhere in Germany from which this name derives. My world atlas does not have sufficient detail to list this one. Although the name does not appear in my book of Polish surnames, it does list "*Klinger*" as being a German / Jewish place name often applied to a junk dealer. "*Webster*" also lists the verb "*Clinken*" as existing in Middle English meaning to give out a short sharp metallic sound (eg coins clinking on to the floor); it is also a dialect word meaning to throw oneself quickly down or to strike or beat sharply, ie. to slap. Another archaic meaning is to make words into a rhyme or jingle.]

# Members' Interests

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2756	ALDERMAN	Anywhere	EDB 1700-1900	2963	BADCOCK	Anywhere	BRK 1750-1900
2756	ALDERMAN	Anywhere	MLN 1700-1900	3017	BALSOM	Anywhere	DEV 1700-1900
2946	ARGYLE	Sutton Courtney	BRK 1700-1800	2963	BANKS	Anywhere	MDX 1750-1900
3011	ARISS	Bodecote	OXF 1500-1900	2916	BARNFIELD	Cranham	GLS 1760-1880
2999	AYERS	London	LND 1800-1870	2999	BARRETT	Chichester	SSX 1800-1900

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3037	BARTLETT	Farnham	SRY Pre 1884	2926	EDMONDS	Reading	BRK 1860+
3027	BATTEN	North Stoneham	HAM 1700-1850	2950	ELLIS	Mirfield	WYK 1800-1900
2944	BECKWITH	Croydon	SRY 1880-1950	3001	ELLIS	Southall	MDX 1836-1994
2944	BECKWITH	Halstead	ESS 1700-1900	3001	ELLIS	Ware	HEF 1836-1994
3025	BEECROFT	Northampton	NTH 1700-1900	3015	EVANS	Anywhere	BRK 1750-1850
3025	BEECROFT	Reading	BRK 1900-1945	3015	EVANS	Anywhere	HAM 1750-1850
2950	BELCHER	Chelmsford	ESS 1800-1890	2999	EVEREST	Victoria	LND 1800-1890
3037	BLUNDY	Bordon area	HAM 1890+	2868	FERRYMAN	Reading	BRK 1700-1899
3037	BLUNDY	Grimsby area	LIN 1861-1890	2892	FINCH	East Wellow	HAM 1700-1850
3037	BLUNDY	Peasemore	BRK Pre 1702	3001	FISHER	Anywhere	LIN 1850-1987
3037	BLUNDY	Shaibourne	WIL 1702-1860	3001	FISHER	Lambeth	SRY 1850-1987
2892	BOYLING	Windsor	BRK 1750-1890	2960	FORDER	SE Norfolk	NFK 1680-1870
3011	BRITNELL	Bredlow	BKM 1500-1860	2995	FOSTER	Anywhere	STS 1600-1700
3025	BROADWATER	Oxford	OXF 1700-1900	2963	FOWLER	Anywhere	MDX 1800-1900
2944	BROCKMAN	Thanet	KEN 1700-1900	2963	FOWLER	Anywhere	BRK 1800-1900
3011	BRYANT	Lacivet	CON 1500-1830	3019	FOXALL	Little Aston	STS 1750-1800
2995	BUNCE	Anywhere	BRK 1800-1900	3019	FOXALL	Tredegar	MON 1800-1900
2942	BUNCE	Stanford Dingley	BRK 1750-1840	2868	FRANKLAND	Bradfield	BRK 1700-1899
2942	BUNCE	Thatcham	BRK 1750-1810	2950	FRENCH	Deal	KEN 1800-1900
2946	BUNYAN	Barkey	HRT ALL	2950	FRENCH	Reigate	SRY 1800-1890
2932	BURGE	Kentish Town	MDX 1750-1840	2924	GAMESTER	Ashbury	BRK Pre 1712
3019	BURGESS	London	MDX 1800-1850	2924	GAMESTER	Hungerford	BRK Pre 1712
2963	BUTLER	Anywhere	BRK 1800-1900	2924	GAMESTER	Newbury	BRK Pre 1712
2963	BUTLER	Anywhere	BKM 1800-1900	2924	GAMESTER	Sandleford	BRK Pre 1718
2926	CAMPBELL	Reading	BRK 1860+	2924	GAMESTER	Thatcham	BRK Pre 1712
2756	CARTER	Beenham	BRK 1700-1900	2924	GAMESTER	Uffington	BRK Pre 1712
3015	CHAMBERS	Anywhere	LIN 1750-1850	2924	GAMESTER	Wantage	BRK Pre 1712
2946	CHILDS	Steventon	BRK 1700-1800	2924	GAMESTER	Woolhampton	BRK Pre 1712
2916	CHILDS	Swallowfield	BRK 1700-1870	2960	GASCOIGNE	Anywhere	DBY 1680-1780
2960	CHIPPINDALE	Guiseley	WRY 1680-1900	2960	GASCOIGNE	Anywhere	YKS 1780-1900
2868	CHURCH	Brimpton	BRK 1700-1899	2960	GASKIN	Anywhere	DBY 1680-1780
2946	CHURCH	Sutton Courtney	BRK 1700-1850	2892	GAWN	Southampton	HAM 1800-1900
2946	CLEMONE	Sutton Courtney	BRK 1600-1750	2916	GAY	Ipswich	SFK 1840-1870
2916	CLIFFORD	Shire Newton	MON 1790-1870	2916	GAY	Midsomer Norton	SOM 1780-1840
2868	COGGINS	Binfield	BRK 1700-1899	2995	GAYES	London	LND 1700-1800
2868	COGGINS	Bradfield	BRK 1800-1899	2892	GIBBS	Newbury	BRK 1600-1850
2950	COLDWELL	Leeds	WYK 1700-1790	3011	GILES	Canterbury	KEN 1500-1830
3037	COLEMAN	Kingston	SRY Pre 1900	2963	GILL	Anywhere	YKS 1700-1900
3025	COLLCUTT	Oxford	OXF 1700-1900	2892	GLASSPOOL	Owslebury	HAM 1750-1850
3037	COLLIS	Bishops Waltham	HAM Pre 1828	2916	GOOD	Paddington	MDX 1840-1910
3019	COMPTON	Yeovil	SOM 1800-1850	2942	GOSWELL	Goring	OXF 1700-1740
2944	COOK	Shefford	BRK 1800-1870	3017	GRADIDGE	Hursley	HAM 1700-1770
2916	COOK	Tetbury	GLS 1790-1890	2756	GRAHAM	Anywhere	BFS 1800-1900
2756	COSGROVE	Anywhere	LDN 1800-1900	2756	GRAHAM	Anywhere	ANT 1800-1900
2756	COSGROVE	Anywhere	MDX 1800-1900	2756	GRAHAM	Anywhere	CKF 1800-1900
2946	COTTRELL	Brightwell	BRK 1700-1820	2892	GRANT	Corsley	WIL 1750-1850
3025	COUSINS	Oxford	OXF 1700-1900	2892	GREENING	Dorchester	DOR 1750-1900
2920	COWDEROU	London	LND 1840-1950	2999	GREGORY	Marcham	BRK 1700-1900
2920	COWDEROY	Anywhere	BRK 1700-1860	3019	GREY	Kingswood	GLS 1750-1800
2950	COWGILL	Dewsbury	WYK 1790-1970	2916	GRIBBLE	Tetbury	GLS 1770-1880
2916	COWLING	Cold Norton area	ESS 1800-1870	3015	GRIFFITHS	Anywhere	NTH 1800-1870
2950	CRAWSHAW	Dewsbury	WYK 1760-1900	2916	GRIVELL	Tetbury	GLS 1770-1830
3021	CRESSWICK	Shoreditch	MDX 1750-1850	3001	GROVE(S)	Dudley	WOR 1847-1902
2950	CUMMINGS	Huddersfield	WYK 1800-1890	2999	GRYLLS	Eastbourne	SSX 1800-1900
2995	DAVID	London	LND 1700-1800	2999	GRYLLS	Portsmouth	HAM 1750-1850
3019	DAVIES	Tredegar	MON 1800-1850	2756	HAMITTON	Anywhere	ANT 1800-1900
3027	DAY	East Lockinge	BRK 1700-1800	2756	HAMITTON	Anywhere	CKF 1800-1900
2934	DEAN	Christchurch	HAM Pre 1834	2916	HAMPTON	Nazeing	ESS 1790-1870
3011	DOSELL	Broughton	HAM 1600-1715	3017	HANCOCK	Speen	BRK 1600-1800
2756	DOWIE	Anywhere	CLK 1800-1900	3037	HANKINS	Wonersh	SRY Pre 1881
2756	DOWIE	Anywhere	ROX 1800-1900	3019	HARRIS	Uley	GLS 1650-1800
2926	DYER	Reading	BRK 1880+	2999	HEMMINGS	London	LND 1700-1890
2892	DYER	Southampton	HAM 1750-1900	3021	HEROD	Stepney	MDX 1750-1850
2995	EASTGATES	London	LND 1700-1800	3011	HICKMAN	Hursley	HAM 1500-1769

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2946	HICKS	Sutton Courtney	BRK 1600-1670	3033	MATTINGLEY	Anywhere	BRK ALL
3015	HILL	Colwich	CHS 1700-1850	3033	MATTINGLEY	Anywhere	HAM ALL
2944	HIND(E)S	Thanet	KEN 1780-1880	3033	MATTINGLEY	Anywhere	BKM ALL
3019	HISCOCK	Anywhere	DOR 1750-1850	3033	MATTINGLEY	Anywhere	WIL ALL
3019	HISCOCK	Anywhere	SOM 1750-1800	3033	MATTINGLEY	Anywhere	LND ALL
2942	HOBBS	Bucklebury area	BRK Pre 1820	3033	MATTINGLEY	Anywhere	OXF ALL
2999	HODGES	Brighton	SSX 1700-1840	3033	MATTINGLY	Anywhere	BRK ALL
2950	HODGSON	Kirkheaton	WYK 1750-1850	3033	MATTINGLY	Anywhere	LND ALL
3027	HOLLIDAY	Dorchester	OXF 1800-1900	3033	MATTINGLY	Anywhere	BKM ALL
3013	HOLLOWAY	Binfield	BRK 1750-1994	3033	MATTINGLY	Anywhere	OXF ALL
3013	HOLLOWAY	Sonning	BRK 1900-1994	3033	MATTINGLY	Anywhere	WIL ALL
3013	HOLLOWAY	Sunninghill	BRK 1700-1900	3033	MATTINGLY	Anywhere	MDX ALL
3013	HOLLOWAY	Tilehurst	BRK 1750-1994	3033	MATTINGLY	Anywhere	SRY ALL
3013	HOLLOWAY	Warfield	BRK 1750-1994	3033	MATTINGLY	Anywhere	HAM ALL
3013	HOLLOWAY	Winkfield	BRK 1750-1994	2916	MATYEAR	Anywhere	ALL 1700-1994
3013	HOLLOWAY	Wokingham	BRK 1750-1994	3011	MAUNDER	Bredlow	BKM 1500-1850
2756	HOMEWOOD	Anywhere	KEN 1700-1994	2916	MAY	Hampshire border	BRK 1790-1840
3027	HONEY	Culham	OXF 1750-1850	2926	MAYNARD	Reading	BRK 1880-1900
3027	HONEY	Drayton St Leon	OXF 1750-1850	2963	McGILL	Anywhere	RFW 1800-1900
3019	HOOPER	North Nibley	GLS 1700-1750	2756	McKEEN	Anywhere	ANT 1800-1900
2946	HUGGINS	Sutton Courtney	BRK 1600-1720	2756	McKEEN	Anywhere	CLK 1800-1900
2916	HUMPHREY	Lois Weedon area	NTH 1760-1870	3027	MEEKS	Claines	WOR 1700-1850
2934	HUNT	Anywhere	CHS Pre 1880	2916	METTAYER	Anywhere	ALL 1600-1750
2934	HUNT	Nottingham	NTH Pre 1880	2916	METTINGLY	Anywhere	ALL 1600-1750
2892	HUNTER	Edinburgh	MLN 1700-1860	3015	MILLER	Anywhere	LIN 1750-1850
3037	HUTCHINS	Kintbury	BRK Pre 1841	3027	MILLER	Old Windsor	BRK 1800-1900
2995	IVES	Witham	ESS 1650-1850	3001	MILLS	Littlehampton	SSX 1786-1854
3025	JEFFERY	Northampton	NTH 1700-1900	3011	MOORE	Brentwood	ESS 1800-1994
2995	JESSELL	London	LND 1700-1900	2916	MOORE	Hackney	LND 1800-1890
2960	JOHN(S)	West Cornwall	CON 1580-1790	2924	MORSE	Clanfield	OXF Pre 1870
2932	JOHNCEY	Hereford City	HEF ALL	2924	MORSE	Faringdon	BRK Pre 1870
2960	JOHNS	Paddington	MDX 1790-1860	2924	MORSE	Gt Coxwell	BRK Pre 1870
3001	JOHNSTONE	Winchester	HAM 1850-1900	2924	MORSE	Kingston Lisle	BRK Pre 1870
3037	KETCHER	Guildford	SRY Pre 1815	2924	MORSE	Lechlade	OXF Pre 1870
3015	KEY	Anywhere	NTH 1700-1870	2946	NEVILLE	Steventon	BRK 1700-1800
2950	KIMMINGS	Huddersfield	WYK 1800-1890	2963	NEWTON	Anywhere	BRK 1700-1900
2963	KING	Anywhere	BRK 1700-1900	2963	NEWTON	Anywhere	CHS 1700-1900
2924	KING	Faringdon	BRK Pre 1870	3001	NICHOLSON	Bethnal Green	MDX 1884-1966
2924	KING	Longcot	BRK Pre 1870	2963	NIVEN	Anywhere	RFW 1700-1850
2924	KING	Wantage	BRK Pre 1870	2950	OVEREND	Dewsbury	WYK 1760-1980
2995	KINGSTON	Anywhere	NTH 1700-1799	2946	OWEN	Wallingford	BRK 1700-1820
2916	KYNASTON	Anywhere	SAL 1760-1878	3037	PAGE	East Meon	HAM Pre 1750
3037	LANGRISH	East Meon area	HAM Pre 1841	2916	PARKER	Anywhere	LND 1760-1930
3001	LAURENCE	Hayes	MDX 1802-1857	2916	PARKER	Anywhere	ESS 1760-1930
3017	LIEBENROOD	Anywhere	LND 1730-1770	2916	PARKER	Anywhere	NFK 1760-1930
3017	LIEBENROOD	Anywhere	BRK 1730-1900	2916	PARKER	Anywhere	SFK 1760-1930
3017	LIENEDROOD	Anywhere	WAR 1750-1900	3011	PARKER	Hurst	BKM 1066-1825
3019	LIVINGSTON	Morvern	ARL 1750-1850	2944	PARKER	Ipswich	SFK 1800-1870
2963	LOADER	Anywhere	BRK 1800-1900	2932	PARKER	Wokingham	BRK 1750-1850
3017	LONGUET	Anywhere	MDX 1700-1800	3027	PARVIN	Hambleton	HAM 1750-1900
3017	LORD	Anywhere	NTH 1850-1900	2756	PATERSON	Anywhere	KRS 1800-1900
2995	LOUIS	London	LND 1700-1800	2756	PATERSON	Anywhere	CLK 1800-1900
2868	LOYNES	Reading	BRK 1800-1930	2942	PAWNEY	Thatcham	BRK 1700-1790
3021	LUDLOW	Reading	BRK 1700-1851	3027	PAYNE	Boldre	HAM 1700-1850
2916	LUMMIS	Paddington	MDX 1810-1890	2892	PEARCEY	Owslebury	HAM 1750-1860
2756	LUNN	Anywhere	ELN 1800-1900	3015	PERFECT	Anywhere	NTH 1700-1850
2756	LUNN	Anywhere	CLK 1800-1900	2944	PETTIT	Thanet	KEN 1800-1900
3015	LYNN	Anywhere	CHS 1700-1850	3015	PILSBURY	Anywhere	STS 1700-1900
2950	MAIDMENT	Speen	BRK 1800-1870	3011	PLESTER	Bodecote	OXF 1780-1880
3037	MARSH	Steep area	HAM 1842+	2960	PLUMMER	Deptford	KEN 1780-1830
3037	MARSH	Walberton	SSX Pre 1813	2960	PLUMMER	Lambeth	SRY 1850-1900
3021	MASTERS	Windsor	BRK 1700-1830	2960	PLUMMER	Westminster	MDX 1830-1850
3033	MATTINGLEY	Anywhere	MDX ALL	2916	POTTON	Boreham	ESS 1790-1900
3033	MATTINGLEY	Anywhere	SRY ALL	3019	POVEY	Malmesbury	WIL 1600-1750

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3019	POVEY	North Nibley	GLS 1700-1900	2975	SHURY	Waldrist	BRK 1500-1994
3019	POVEY	Shrivenham	BRK 1500-1600	2975	SHURY	West Hanney	BRK 1500-1994
2932	POVEY	Wokingham	BRK 1750-1850	2926	SIMMONDS	Reading	BRK 1850+
2946	PREW	Stevenon	BRK 1700-1815	2995	SIMS	East Hagborne	BRK 1650-1900
2995	PRUDAMES	Anywhere	ALL 1650-1830	2963	SLEATH	Anywhere	MDX 1800-1900
2892	PURDUE	Newbury	BRK 1700-1880	3001	SMITH	Dudley	WOR 1800-1838
3027	RA(E)Y	North Stoneham	HAM 1700-1850	2960	SOLOMAN	Norwich	NFK 1600-1900
3015	RAFFERTY	Anywhere	ARM 1700-1850	3011	SPIERS	Itchen Abbas	HAM 1500-1892
3001	RAGGETT	Lambeth	SRY ALL	3019	SPRIGGS	London	MDX 1750-1850
3001	RAGGETT	Southwark	SRY ALL	3015	STEPHENSON	Anywhere	LIN 1700-1850
3025	RANDALL	Oxford	OXF 1700-1900	2932	STEWART	Perth	PER 1700-1800
3027	RAY	Otterbourne	HAM 1800-1900	2963	STILL	Anywhere	WIL 1800-1920
2963	REEVES	Anywhere	BKM 1800-1900	2999	SUTER	Amberly	SSX 1700-1850
2960	RHODES	Anywhere	WRY 1830-1900	2999	SUTER	Chichester	SSX 1800-1900
3013	RICHARDSON	Warfield	BRK 1750-1994	2999	SUTER	Havant	HAM 1800-1900
3013	RICHARDSON	Winkfield	BRK 1750-1994	2999	SUTER	Petefield	HAM 1900-1994
2979	RICHINGS	Grantchester	NFK 1835+	2942	SWAINE	Goring	OXF 1700-1770
2979	RICHINGS	London	MDX 1864+	2892	TANNER	East Wellow	HAM 1750-1850
2979	RICHINGS	Stanford in the Vale	BRK 1807-1994	2942	TAYLOR	Thatcham	BRK 1750-1800
2979	RICHINGS	Tubney	OXF 1807-1994	3037	TEGG	Froxfield	HAM Pre 1820
2944	RIDER	East Garston	WIL 1850-1870	3015	THOMAS	Anywhere	CHS 1700-1850
2944	RIDER	Froxfield	WIL 1750-1850	3021	THOMAS	Gt Yarmouth	NFK 1750-1875
2944	RIDER	Greenwich	KEN 1880-1950	3015	THOMPSON	Anywhere	STS 1700-1900
2944	RIDER	Kintbury	BRK 1860-1900	3015	THOMPSON	Anywhere	WMD1700-1900
3027	RO(W)E	Boldre	HAM 1700-1850	2756	THORBURN	Anywhere	WLN 1800-1900
3015	ROLFE	Kingsclere	HAM 1600-1994	2756	THORBURN	Anywhere	SEL 1800-1900
2944	ROSE	Hungerford	BRK 1830-1880	2950	TINKER	Huddesfield	WYK 1750-1890
3011	RUMBOLD	Kings Somborne	HAM 1715-1994	2950	TOMLINSON	Leeds	WYK 1800-1890
2944	RYDER	East Garston	WIL 1850-1870	3011	TOZER	Crediton	DEV 1600-1850
2944	RYDER	Froxfield	WIL 1750-1850	3021	TRINNICK	Shoreditch	MDX 1750-1850
2944	RYDER	Greenwich	KEN 1880-1950	3001	TROMANS	Dudley	WOR 1838-1868
2944	RYDER	Kintbury	BRK 1860-1900	2963	TURNER	Anywhere	BRK 1800-1900
2892	SALTER	Newbury	BRK 1750-1880	2950	TWIBEY	Sprotborough	WYK 1750-1850
2995	SAWYERS	Anywhere	SRY 1700-1850	2946	TYLER	Harwell	BRK 1600-1750
3001	SAYERS	Shermanbury	SSX 1806-1882	2963	UNWIN	Anywhere	MDX 1750-1900
2942	SELLWOOD	Bradfield area	BRK 1700-1842	2963	UNWIN	Anywhere	ESS 1750-1900
2942	SELLWOOD	Stanford Dingley	BRK 1700-1840	2756	VENN	Anywhere	LND 1800-1900
3011	SHARPE	Emberton	BKM 1700-1850	2756	VENN	Anywhere	DEV 1800-1900
3011	SHEPPARD	Airesford	HAM 1500-1882	2960	VENNING	Lambeth	SRY 1820-1850
2975	SHEWRY	Abingdon	BRK 1500-1994	3017	VOSE	Anywhere	MDX 1700-1900
2975	SHEWRY	Buckland	BRK 1500-1994	3017	VOSS	Anywhere	DOR 1800-1900
2975	SHEWRY	Carswell	BRK 1500-1994	3017	VOSS	Anywhere	CON 1840-1900
2975	SHEWRY	Ducklington	OXF 1500-1994	2963	WALKER	Anywhere	MDX 1800-1900
2975	SHEWRY	Duxford	BRK 1500-1994	2934	WARNE	Ringwood	HAM Pre 1826
2975	SHEWRY	Hinton	BRK 1500-1994	2960	WASLEY	Anywhere	CON 1730-1770
2975	SHEWRY	Marcham	BRK 1500-1994	2916	WELCH	Devonport	DEV 1750-1810
2975	SHEWRY	Waldrist	BRK 1500-1994	2960	WELLMAN	Hurst	BRK 1790-1830
2975	SHEWRY	West Hanney	BRK 1500-1994	3027	WHEELER	Dorchester	OXF 1820-1880
2975	SHUREY	Abingdon	BRK 1500-1994	3027	WHEELER	East Lockinge	BRK 1700-1800
2975	SHUREY	Buckland	BRK 1500-1994	2942	WHEELER	Goring	OXF Pre 1820
2975	SHUREY	Carswell	BRK 1500-1994	3027	WHEELER	Upton/Blewbury	OXF 1780-1860
2975	SHUREY	Ducklington	OXF 1500-1994	2868	WHITE	Monkton	DOR 1800-1899
2975	SHUREY	Duxford	BRK 1500-1994	3011	WIGGINS	Bodecote	OXF 1780-1900
2975	SHUREY	Hinton	BRK 1500-1994	2934	WILLIAMS	Ebbw Vale	GNT Pre 1880
2975	SHUREY	Marcham	BRK 1500-1994	2934	WILLIAMS	Nottingham	NTH Pre 1880
2975	SHUREY	Waldrist	BRK 1500-1994	2950	WILLIS	Binfield	BRK 1800-1890
2975	SHUREY	West Hanney	BRK 1500-1994	3027	WILTSHIRE	Worcester	WOR 1700-1850
2975	SHURY	Abingdon	BRK 1500-1994	2892	WINKWORTH	Owslebury	HAM 1700-1880
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