



Berkshire
Family
Historian

Volume 18 - No 4 - June 1995





Events Calendar - 1995

Bracknell Branch:

Priestwood Community Centre, Priestwood Court Road, Bracknell @ 7:15pm for 7:45pm

16th June	"The Folklore of Death in Rural Areas"	Tom Doig
21st July	"Family Information on Computers"	Douglas Jackson
August	No Meeting	

Newbury Branch:

United Reform Church Hall, Cromwell Place, Northbrook Street, Newbury @ 7:15pm for 7:45pm

14th June	Branch Annual Meeting + "How To Keep Records" ..	Members
July	No Meeting	
August	No Meeting	
13th September	"Beginners Evening"	Polly Lawrence
11th October	"Irish Records"	Bill Davis
8th November	to be advised	
13th December	Inter-branch Quiz and Christmas Party	
10th January	"Boats & Boaters"	Avril Lansdell

Reading Branch:

BFHS Research Centre, Prospect School, Honey End Lane, Reading @ 7:15pm for 7:45pm

23rd June	Society AGM + "Wills - what they contain & where to find them"	Dr Robert Mesley
28th July	Transcribing Session at Ufton Nervet St Peter	
August	No Meeting	
29th September	"Beginning Family History"	Lillian Gibbens
27th October	"Fashion á la Carte - Dating Photographs by Costume"	Avril Lansdell
17th November	"Was Your Granny a Suffragette?" The Fawcett Library as a resource for Family History	D Doughan
8th December	Christmas Meeting	

Slough Branch:

St Andrew's Church Hall, The Grove, Slough @ 7:30pm for 7:45pm

27th June	"Women in the 1800's"	Tom Doig
25th July	"Victoria County Histories - How to Use this Vital Source"	Richard Moore
August	No Meeting	
26th September	"Getting To Know One Another"	Members
31st October	To be advised	
28th November	"Families of Slough"	Rev Derek West
12th December	Christmas Party	
30th January	"Bring an Heirloom & Talk About It"	Members

BERKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORIAN

Volume 18, 1994/5

Part 4, June 1995

Contents:

Chairman's Comments	Michael J Sheppard	143
Victorian Virtues, Vices and Virtuosity - Programme of Speakers		144
Volunteers Needed		145
Dates for Your Diary		146
Editor's Notes		147
Your Research Centre	Ed Pearce	148
Berkshire Name Index		149
Ex Libris	Chad Hanna	150
Bookstall Secretariat		155
A Reminisce of Littleheath & Sulham	Dawn Garlick	156
Langley Marish	Gladys Charlton	160
Nineteenth Century Army Connections	Pam Roberts	162
1881 Census Update	Margaret Pyle	163
Larger than Life	Julie Goddard	164
Continue to Cast The Bread	John Talbot	169
The Hines of Brimpton Mill	Roy Dunstan	170
Berkshire Record Office News	Elizabeth Hughes	173
A Rough Guide to Computers - A Personal View	Chad Hanna	174
Overseers Project Update	Brian Hunt	178
Report on Federation Conference at Isle of Wight	Cliff Debney	179
Berkshire Strays		180
Bookends	Julia Cox	186
	Jean Debney	
Bookstall Manager		
Jean's Miscellany	Jean Debney	192
Members' Interests	Robert Houseman	193

Copyright 1995. All articles in this magazine are copyright to the Society and to their contributors, unless otherwise stated, and may not be reproduced without written consent of the Society.

The opinions expressed in the letters and articles in this magazine are those of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor or the Society.

The inclusion of advertisements in this magazine does not imply any recommendation or otherwise by the Editor or the Society.



Berkshire Family History Society
A Family History Weekend

8 – 10 September 1995
at the University of Reading

**Victorian Virtues,
Vices and Virtuosity**

The programme includes lectures on

- *Victorian Entertainment*
- *The Victorian Funeral 1837-1902*
- *Working Class Communities*
- *The effects of the New Poor Laws*
- *Hospital Records*
- *The Victorian Electricity Industry*
- *The Victorian Postman's Lot*
- *the variety of Victorian Records*
- *Highclere, A Victorian Castle and its Estate.*

Coach trips to Windsor, Highclere Castle and Berkshire Record Office.



It's no good! I must go to the
Berks FHS Conference on
8 - 10 September 1995.

For further details please send SAE to:
Joyce Wells, 15 Wellington Close, Shaw
Newbury, Berkshire, RG13 2HG
enclosing a stamped self-addressed
envelope

Chairman's Comments

By Michael Sheppard

My wife Shirley and I attended the Seventh British Family History Conference hosted by the Isle of Wight Family History Society and the Federation of Family History Societies. It was held at Upper Chine School in Shanklin from Friday 31st March to Tuesday 4th April. This was a five day conference, such as is held every two and a half years. Their theme was "*The Cherry Stone Conference*", combining Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor, Rich Man, Poor Man, Beggar Man, Thief. A series of lectures with one of these as their theme was held over this long weekend. Over 300 people attended this conference. In addition to myself and Shirley, Berkshire was represented by Jean and Cliff Debney, Chad and Lesley Hanna and Gwen Hardwidge. These conferences give the Family Historian an excellent opportunity to mix and talk with like-minded people from all over the United Kingdom and beyond.

All this leads me up to the Autumn Conference that the Berkshire Family History Society is hosting with the Federation of Family History Societies. As you know it is being held at Reading University from Friday 8th September to Sunday 10th September, with a Victorian Theme. As you will see from the Programme of Events printed elsewhere in the Magazine, there are a large number of interesting speakers over the weekend. We are also looking for plenty of volunteers to help with the Conference. If you have not booked yet, please get in touch with Joyce Wells for a booking form.

The Research Centre is now open at Prospect School and there are several articles about it in the Magazine. If you are able to help, please contact Ann Armstrong on Reading 421427.

As well as volunteers to help with the Research Centre, the Society is also looking for other volunteers. Jean Debney, who runs the Bookstall for Reading meetings and orders all new stock and distributes to the Bookstalls at the other three branches as well as handling all all postal orders, needs people to help her on a regular basis with the volume of correspondence. Further details appear elsewhere in the magazine.

Jean also feels that the time has come for her job of Bookstall Manager to be passed over to someone else; further details in the Magazine. So, please, if you feel able to run the Bookstall, contact either Jean or myself or a member of the Executive Committee. This is an important role within the Society and contributes greatly to our funds, which in turn allow us to stock the Library which has formed the basis of our Research Centre.

Finally, don't forget the Society AGM, which this year is being held at the Reading Meeting on the 23rd June. Come along, this is your chance to put your queries and questions to the Executive Committee.

Victorian Virtues, Vices and Virtuosity

8 - 10 September 1995 - University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading, Berkshire

Programme of Speakers

Friday 8 September

20.00 Catherine Hail The Theatre Museum
Legs and Limelight - Actors in the Archives
Victorian Entertainment

Saturday 9 September

09.30 Julian Litten Victoria and Albert Museum
Horse Plumes and Velvet Palls
The Victorian Funeral 1837-1902

or

The University of Birmingham
School of History
Dr Carl S A Chinn
Back to Back and Up the Yard
Working Class Communities 1880-1950

11.00 Jean Cole Family Tree Magazine
No Jam on Their Bread
or
The effects of the New Poor Laws

Janet Foster Consultant Archivist
Hospital Records

afternoon: **Excursions to Windsor, Berkshire Record Office or Highclere Castle
or visit the Museum of English Rural Life** (or attend FFHS Council meeting)

20.00 **Victorian Banquet and Victorian Parlour entertainment**

Sunday 10 September

09.30 Dr B P Bowers The Science Museum
The Victorian Electrical Industry
or
Evidence, sources and archives

Kevin Squelch The Post Office Archives and Record Office
A Postie's Life for me
The Victorian's Postman's Lot

11.00 Dr Peter Durrant County Archivist, Berkshire
Victorian Records - A Celebration of Variety
or
Jennifer Thorp Archivist
Highclere: A Victorian Castle

Lots of
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
to help at the

Federation of Family History Societies Conference

**To be hosted by
The Berkshire Family History Society**

at Reading University, Whiteknights

8 - 10 September 1995

**Stewards/Guides
Stand Co-ordinator
Exhibitors' Co-ordinator
Excursion Guides
Helpers on BFHS stands
Drivers
Registration and Information desk
etc. etc. etc.**

Help would also be appreciated before the Conference

Please help your Society make this Conference a success

Let one of the following know if you will be able to assist:

Joyce Wells 01635 49155 Mike Sheppard 01635 46897
Margaret Pyle 01734 695236 Mary Loosen 01635 48332

Or any Society Officer

Dates for Your Diary

The following events are taking place around the country. If you can help with the Bookstall at any of those marked with an * please contact Jean Debney on 01734-413223. Volunteers for the Bookstall and various other volunteers are also needed at the Conference which BFHS are hosting at the University of Reading. For further details of those marked (1), please contact the Institute of Genealogical and Heraldic Studies (IHGS), 79-82 Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA and for those marked (2) please contact the Society of Genealogists (SOG), 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA. For details of those marked (3) please contact The Course Directors (FH), The Dept. of Extra-Mural studies, University of Wales, 10-11 Laura Place, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 2AU.

- Sat 17th June* Wiltshire FHS Open Day at Malmesbury, Wilts.*
- Sat 15th July* Buckingham FHS Open Day at Olney, Bucks*
- Sat 5th August*
- Sat 12th August* SOG Study Days - Beginners and Library Course. Tutors: Various. Cost £30. (2)
- Sat 12th to Sat 19th Aug* Tenth Family History in Wales Course at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. (3)
- Fri 8th to Sun 10th Sep** FFHS & Berkshire FHS Weekend Conference at University of Reading
- Fri 15th to Tues 19th Sep* Occupations and the Sources relating to them. Course at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. (3)
- Sat 9th Sep* IGHS Day Course - Manorial Records (1)
- Sat 16th Sep* Kent FHS Open Day at Chatham Maritime, Kent*
- Sat 23rd Sep* Hampshire GS Open Day at West End, Southampton.*
- Sat 23rd Sep* Oxford FHS Open Day*
- Sat 23rd Sep* SOG Study Day - Tracing the History of Your House. Tutor: Sue Andrews. Cost £15. (2)
- Sat 11th Oct* IGHS Day Course - The Family History Library. (1)
- Sat 28th Oct* FFHS North West Group at Stockport Town Hall, Stockport. 10am-4:30pm. Further details (upon receipt of an SAE) from Mr E.W.Gullick, 4, Lawrence Avenue, Simonstone, Burnley, Lancs BB12 7HX.
- Sat 28th Oct* SOG Study Day - Researching Welsh Ancestry Tutors: Sheila and John Rowlands Cost £15. (2)
- Sun 29th Oct* Family History Fair, Sports Centre, Bracknell*
- Sat 4th Nov* SOG Day Conference - Birth and Death: the two great certainties at the Conference Centre, New Horticultural Hall of the Royal Horticultural Society, London SW1 (SOG

Library will be closed that day) Cost £24. (2)
Sat 11th Nov SOG Study Day - Maps for the Family Historian. Several Tutors. Cost £15. (2)
Sat 25th Nov SOG Study Day - Roman Catholic Sources. Tutor: Michael Gandy. Cost £15. (2)

The following three Adult Education courses are taking place in Reading in the Autumn Term. Further details of these and other courses will appear in "Focus" - the Adult Education supplement which is delivered with the Reading free midweek papers.

Family History for Beginners Caversham Centre, Reading - Mondays 2pm-4pm Tutor Jean Debney

Family History Forum, Caversham Centre Reading - Thursdays 9:30-11:30 and 2pm-4pm (two separate sessions) Tutor Jean Debney

Editor's Notes

Thank you once again to all those contributors to this magazine. Please keep the articles coming in. **The deadline for the September magazine is 21st July and the deadline for the December magazine is 21st October.** If you have an IBM-compatible computer, you can send your articles on disk. My Desk Top Publishing System can understand most common word processing formats such as WordPerfect, MSWord and AmiPro or as an ASCII Text file. Please include a printed copy as well. However if you do not have access to a computer, please do not worry!

There are several fliers with your magazine this time; the Booklist of books available either at Branch Meetings or by post, and the Membership Renewal Form. This magazine also contains several appeals for volunteers; please do consider whether you can make some time over the weekend of the 8th - 10th September to help out the Society with the Conference at the University of Reading. I have included several items about the Research Centre, which has been open now for three months. Please come along and see what we have on offer at Prospect School.

The March Magazine included some raffle tickets with the prize of a patchwork quilt. The funds raised will go towards the upkeep of the Research Centre. The raffle tickets had to be inserted at the last minute, so I was unable to include an explanation of their presence. However, if you are able to, please help to support the Society by selling the tickets to your friends and relations.

Unfortunately "*Q & A with Jean*" has had to be held over until the September magazine when it is hoped to produce a "*bumper bundle*". The reason is that Jean Debney underwent major surgery in early April; she planned to compile the article whilst convalescing but, to her disappointment and frustration, now finds that this is not possible at present due, she says, to cotton wool instead of a brain. At the time of writing she finds that her best activities are doing a jigsaw, knitting blanket squares for Oxfam and going to sleep. She apologise to everyone for any delay in dealing with their enquiries. Get well soon Jean.

Your Research Centre

By Ed Pearce

The BFHS Research Centre - fruit of twelve months intensive search, negotiation, stocking and equipment - opened on 1st March, providing a home at last for the Society's extensive record holdings and affording, to numerous members, space again in their garages, lofts and even bathrooms!

At time of writing (late April) it is open on Tuesdays (7pm-9.30pm) and Wednesdays (10am-4pm), though additional sessions may have been added by the time this note appears.

So far, in addition to the twenty or so members who have volunteered to staff the Centre, there have been over 100 member visits, whilst ten visitors have come for a session as temporary members.

If you haven't yet visited, (or volunteered!) do try to come along - there is a wealth of material to which the Society has hitherto only been able to provide occasional and limited access. The Library is extensive and comprehensively indexed and there are six fiche-readers for the increasing variety of material now produced in this format. In particular, the 1881 Census Index (34

English and Welsh counties plus Channel Islands, Isle of Man, and Royal Navy, currently available), under its four separate index arrangements as Surname, Birthplace, Census Place and "*As Enumerated*", can be a fruitful source of information.

We also have the "*Berkshire Name Index*" (100,000 slips), Transcripts of Monumental Inscriptions and Parish Register Transcripts and a large number of members' "*birth briefs*" and pedigrees...

To members, it's free, you can park, sample the bookstall, use a photocopier, and have a cup of tea or coffee.....!

The location: Prospect School, Honey End Lane, Bath Road (A4), Reading.

If you are coming from a distance, by car, brief directions are: M4 Junction 12, transfer to A4 and at 2.2 miles towards Reading turn left into Honey End Lane.

For more detailed direction, telephone: Robert Houseman 01734-503072 or Ed Pearce 01734-473054.

To volunteer, telephone: Ann Armstrong 01734-421427

Alex Greenwood (3064), RR1 Box 40, Madrona Drive, Nanoose Bay, B.C., VOR2R0, Canada:

"Some years ago, whilst writing my family history, I came across the Wallingford Sessions Book of 1793-1836 and it records under the date of 3rd Jan 1834 the following:-

'At this court James Hedges was found guilty of larceny on a Bill of Indictment for having on the 17th day of November feloniously stolen, taken, and carried away five ducks, the property of Charles Greenwood. The said James Hedges for

his said offence shall now be transported for the term of fourteen years to such parts of His Majesty's Dominions beyond the seas as His Majesty by and with the advice of his Privy Council shall order and direct.'

This young man was one of the convicts shipped to New South Wales in Australia. Hedges had a previous conviction of theft and so the sentence was particularly harsh. There are members of the Hedges family still living in Wallingford. The Charles Greenwood (1769-1835) was my great great grandfather."

Berkshire Name Index

The Berkshire Name Index has been growing over the course of the Society's existence and has been stored in various houses over the years and it has not been possible to bring the complete index to many events. Tom and Rita Hine have been responsible for the index for the last five years or so and have been kept busy answering queries and adding more slips. However, following the acquisition of the Research Centre, it is now accessible to all who visit the Centre. Postal enquiries will now be dealt with by Mrs Pat Deane, 183 Long Lane, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire, RG31 6YW. Charges are £1 for 5 names and 50p per name thereafter. Please include an SAE.

The following is a brief preliminary listing of the contents, although if you discover that there are other things contained within it, please let us know!

The Index comprises approximately 100,000 slips. In due course it is intended to computerise these but for now they are in various separate drawers in the Research Centre.

1 - The Main Index

Miscellaneous index of Berkshire strays, some family trees, Berkshire Overseers' records, Sulhamstead Bannister (baptisms 1654-1837) and much more.

There are two sizes of slips!

a. - large slips (5" x 4" - created 1970s) - kept in double fronted drawers with RED spot

b. - small slips (5" x 3" - created from c1980) - kept in fourteen single drawers with GREEN spot.

2 - Hampstead Marshall - St Mary: - comprises two drawers for the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1612-1837.

3 - Hungerford - St Lawrence: - comprises four drawers of Baptisms 1700-1899 - some slips from this section have been incorporated into the main Berkshire Name Index.

4 - Hungerford - Wesleyan Methodist: - comprises one double drawer of baptisms between c1868 and 1913.

5 - Inkpen - St Michael: - comprises four drawers containing slips for the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1633-1812.

6 - Padworth - St John: - comprises one drawer containing slips for the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1607-1837.

7 - Wills Beneficiary Index: - one drawer, with entries mostly relating to Wantage area.

8 - Tudor Index (1540-1640): - two drawers containing material from Parish Registers and other miscellaneous sources.

9 - There are also various family trees and members' pedigrees and birth briefs.

Ex Libris

By Chad Hanna

Now the Society's principal library has a 'fixed abode' in the Research Centre at Prospect School, it seems an appropriate time to tell you about the library, why there is a library, what is in the library and how the library works.

It is important to tell you about the library, because the need to find a home for the library was the main reason why the Society has invested in its own Research Centre. The Research Centre is good because it makes it easier to consult the library.

How Big is the Library?

The Society now has over 4,000 items in its own library system, a good number of which, like the recent 1881 census index, are on microfiche. Remember that this does not include the magazine library which contains the magazines of about 90 other family history societies often going back more than ten years.

Who Looks after the Library?

The size of the library means that it needs a fair amount of care and attention. At the moment, this comes from Lesley Hanna, the Society Librarian who deals with accessing new books into the library and the organisation of the library and Beryl Gorse, who as Magazine Librarian and Secretary, liaises with other Societies to make sure we exchange magazines, and where appropriate, subscribe for additional magazines. Jean Debney continues to be responsible for buying

many of the new books that come into the library. Each branch should have its own librarian to deal with the branch library at meetings and looking after it between meetings.

Of course, in the Research Centre, we now have a group of volunteers to act as library assistants and help visitors try and find the information they want. A number of other people, such as Rhoda Cope, provide advice and help when needed.

Where did the Library come from?

The library was started early on in the life of the Berkshire Family History Society using some of the proceeds of the bookstall. It grew steadily over the years to fill more and more plastic crates to the point a year or so ago when twenty crates were not enough. There was also no way that a single car could bring all the library to a meeting – it required a carefully co-ordinated plan to get most of the library to annual events like the symposium and open days. At Reading, members were asked to take the crates away at the end of meetings and bring them back to the next meeting – needless to say, this system was not ideal!

Branch Libraries

The inauguration of a Newbury Branch in February 1987, followed a few months later by the merger with the Windsor, Slough and Eton Family History Society, made further demands on the library. The Slough Branch came

with a reasonable size library of its own, and even now with its 250 items is the second largest Society library. For better or worse, the Slough Branch library is constrained to fit in a cupboard at the meeting place, which means that some new items must replace older books which must then move onto another home.

The Newbury Branch library is the next largest with about 150 items having been set-up from scratch when the branch was formed. The Bracknell Branch library, with over 100 items, is the smallest of the four libraries and didn't get started as soon as it should have. As I saw it, there was a "Catch-22" situation – the Society would supply a basic branch library when a branch librarian was found – but nobody would volunteer as branch librarian until there was a branch library to look after! Fortunately, that is now past history and the Bracknell Library has grown rapidly, mainly due to kind donations from members who go the Bracknell meetings.

How big should a branch library be? It must ultimately depend on the space available and the willingness of the branch librarian to look after it – but 150 publications would seem to be about right and it should be possible to rotate some of these between the branch libraries to make it appear to be more.

What can you find in the Library?

Why should you go to look at the Research Centre Library when there are so many other family history resources available in the area, namely the Latter Day Saints' Family History Centre at

Tilehurst, the Reading Central Library, the Berkshire Record Office and the Reading University Library?

The Research Centre Library, like the Society, has two aspects. One – for Family Historians who live in Berkshire, wherever their interests may lie. two – for Family Historians who are interested in Berkshire, wherever they may live. This means that the Library contains a lot of information about counties besides Berkshire, and one of the aims is to hold the best set of census indexes in the area (over 850 items in the library are about the census). The Society does buy many of the publications of other family history societies, almost on principle.

This doesn't really help people who live outside Berkshire and who want to find out more about Berkshire people. Of course, the library has a good collection of monumental inscriptions, but the collection in Reading's Local Studies Library is more comprehensive. The library has the results of the Overseers' project, but this is also available at the Record Office. The Library does have a good collection of local histories and church guides and is interested in expanding this collection.

Finding the Book you want.

Most family historians have a collection of books which are important for their own research but few resort to cataloguing their own library – because they know what they've got and where to find it. I gave up counting the books in my own library over 20 years ago (it was about 2,000) but I know where to find the books that interest me.

However, this wouldn't help anybody else to use my book collection.

For the Society's Library, a catalogue which lists all the publications is essential. Each item that goes into the library is given a unique number, the accession number, and the author, title, date, price and the name of whoever supplied the book goes into the computer's database. This information could be used to help you find a book by title or by the name of the author – but suppose you were interested in the history of Methodism in Berkshire, a list of titles would not help you realise that "*As Stupid as Oxen*" was about the Reading and Silchester circuit. The classified catalogue can help, because all the Berkshire books are in category 2, and within that all the books about non-conformity, which includes Methodism, are in sub-category T. The books are organised on the shelves in the same way as in the classified catalogue, so you would find "*As Stupid as Oxen*" amongst other non-conformist Berkshire books, like *Baptists of Berkshire* and *Quakers in Newbury*. So each book that is accessed is given a category number and sub-category letter, together with a three letter Chapman county code, where appropriate, and this guides the organisation of the books on the shelves.

No classification system is perfect. For instance, do you catalogue a list of emigrants from Kent to Sydney under Kent or Australia? – we chose Kent as this was closer to home, but ideally it should appear under both Kent and

Australia. How do you classify the *National Index of Parish Registers for Kent, Surrey and Sussex?* – in this case, it is the General category, 1, in Sub-category D for Parish Register Lists and Transcripts, but ideally it would appear under Kent, Surrey and Sussex in category 3 (Other counties), sub-category D. The classification of books is often a topic for discussion at home, as we must classify new books in a way that is consistent with what has gone before. Another point – you probably have some large books, perhaps an atlas, in your own collection. It's frustrating that you can't put in on the shelf where it really belongs because it's too big to fit and even if you've got adjustable shelves you don't want to waste all that space. What do you do? Simple – you put all the big books together on a shelf of their own. If you have a collection of microfiche or computer disks do you put them on the shelf with the books? No – because you'd waste a lot of space and it wouldn't really help you to find the fiche. The same applies in the Research Centre Library – A4 books and leaflets have to go on the bottom shelf, fiche have to go in their own drawers or binders. A location code in the catalogue tells you whether the item is large or is filed with the fiche. Again there are some exceptions, the booklet of instructions for using the 1881 census index is filed with the fiche, although it is not on microfiche, and similarly, fiche which come in A5 binders are filed with the rest of the books which are a similar size.

How do you find a book? There are a number of ways:

You can let serendipity take its course and just browse the shelves. Books are basically shelved by county and within that by subject.

If you are looking for a particular book, you can look it up in the title list or author list and then use the County, Category, Sub-category and location to guide you to the right place on the shelves.

If you are looking for a book about a particular subject, use the classified catalogue to see what is available and where it is.

The classification system is likely to get some fine-tuning over the next few months, and a major overhaul is not out of the question, but not yet!

The Move into the Research Centre.

The first stage of moving the library into the Research Centre was to collect together as many of the books as possible and perform the first real stock check for two or three years. This took several days and resulted in a list of 190 missing books. Stock checks at the Newbury and Bracknell branch libraries and further investigation turned up about thirty of these books. Another 10 were out on loan which left 150 unaccounted for – where are these books? There are two answers, first many of the items were leaflets which have probably been discarded and probably shouldn't have been accessed into the library in the first place, second the wanderings of the Reading Branch library crates in the wilderness over the past couple of years has probably led to

a couple of cardboard boxes, full of books, being looked after by some kind member until the next Conference or Symposium!

Arranging the books on the shelves was fun! The biggest problem was how to separate the various categories, sub-categories and counties so that people could find what they were looking for. Bookends would have been expensive and taken a lot of space, and labelled and painted wooden blocks were a possibility but would not help support the books. The final answer was to use A5 cardboard magazine files, these can hold and support the many small leaflets and booklets and provide space for useful sized labels to guide you when you're looking along the bookshelf.

Putting microfiche in drawers is easy and doesn't take a lot of space. However, finding the fiche you want, putting it back in the right place and checking that the fiche are in the right place is very time-consuming. Fortunately the Society has been given a large number of microfiche filing panels which can be put into sturdy four ring binders. These are a godsend and are very easy to use. Currently we only have enough filing panels for the 1881 census indexes and some of the IGI and more would be very welcome (with or without binders, carousels or anything else that goes with them).

After the Research Centre opened

After the Research Centre opened on 1st March, there have been a large number of welcome donations from members and others. The late Mrs Violet M.

Howse left a large number of books to the Berkshire Record Office with instructions to offer those they didn't need to the Society. This has been an important addition to the collection, especially in the area of the Vale of White Horse. The Oxfordshire Family History Society has also donated a large collection of its own publications including many monumental inscriptions and parish register transcripts for the part of Berkshire transferred to Oxfordshire County Council's control in 1974. We have also gained a set of eight volumes giving a contemporary blow-by-blow account of the First World War.

More books are very welcome, as long as they're likely to be helpful to members of the Berkshire Family History Society. Either send the books to Lesley Hanna at 161, St Peter's Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 1PG or put them into the donations box at the Research Centre along with your name and address, so that we can send you a proper thank you after we access them into the library.

What's Next?

The next major task is the incorporation of the magazine library; will it be mixed in with the rest of the library or kept separate? We haven't decided yet.

One of the difficulties we're finding with the 1851 census indexes is finding the index which corresponds to a particular area. Lesley is now working on a gazetteer for all the census indexes in the library. Given a place and county, this will tell you which booklet contains

the index and which binder contains that booklet, so that you can find it on the shelves or amongst the fiche.

Once the burst of new donations and a few purchases have been taken care of, a new set of catalogues will be produced. We plan to make copies available on fiche.

Another important task is the reorganisation of the family-based material. The books are easily available on the shelves, but loose notes in envelopes are less easy to organise. We're really awaiting the donation of a filing cabinet for this sort of material.

A Lending Library?

All the branches have lending libraries, except for Reading branch, who "donated" its library to the Research Centre. Most of the books in the Research Centre need to be available for reference and now that the Research Centre is open there is more time for reference. The Reading Branch committee is committed to having a lending library and some books which really need to be read from cover to cover, along with some duplicate books, are likely to form the basis of the lending library.

What do you think of it, so far?

A lot of work has been done, and a lot of work remains to be done. If you use the Research Centre library, you will find that it has good and bad points. Please help us, and eventually yourself and others, by noting suggestions and difficulties in the day book.

Did you go to the 1994 conference in the Holt School?

Did you help by taking a plastic crate or cardboard box of books home?

Do you still have the crate or box of books?

If so – could we please have it back!

Phone Lesley Hanna on 01734 663585 or write to her at

161, St Peters Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 1PG

to make arrangements for them to be collected.

BOOKSTALL SECRETARIAT

The time has come to build up a team of helpers to deal with the increasing correspondence that arrives through my letter box. My lecture programme is increasing and I find that there is less and less time and energy to deal with the above, which is to the detriment of the Society and my family and social life.

The team is needed to help with the Bookstall and Society mail in the following fields:

Deal with mail orders

Answer basic enquiries

Help - as far as possible with - research problems

Cope with other miscellaneous correspondence

Volunteers are not expected to be family history or business specialists, just keen to help the Society and its members and to learn at the same time.

The amount of mail received varies during the year but increases after each Berkshire Family Historian is published, especially after a new booklist is printed and with each new Society publication.

Please contact Jean Debney (address on back cover) if you are able to help.

A Reminiscence of Littleheath and Sulham

By Dawn Garlick

Sulham? Never heard of the place! It's not surprising. Sulham Valley and the hamlet are found between Tilehurst and Pangbourne unspoilt and hardly changed. You can walk through Sulham and imagine how it was a hundred years ago, or even ninety years ago when my Grandfather, Frank Frederick Mariner Stacey, attended the school there, was a choirboy at the church of St Nicholas (1), and when he used to run ahead of the family, across the fields from Littleheath, to ring the Church Bells on Sunday. It was about an hour's walk to Sulham, down Kiln Lane, over the stile, down the path by the woods, through the kissing-gate, across Kill Horse (always pronounced Kilhoss), to Nunhide Lane and to the Church.

At the bottom of Sulham Hill, in the water meadows, the Pang and the Sulham Brook run side by side, in the meadows horses and cows graze. Sulham was the home of the Wilder family who were the main land owners in the Sulham area for 300 years. St Nicholas' Church was rebuilt by the Reverend John Wilder in 1838, who was Rector there for 56 years. (2) Many of the cottages in the area were built for Wilder workers or rented out.

Littleheath, another small hamlet, stretched along a single road and two little lanes called Beales and Kiln Lane. Nowadays the Littleheath Road is a road divided into two, on one side you have

the 'Green Belt', on the other is the encroaching boundaries of Tilehurst, and masses of houses. At one time this was fields and birchland, reputed to be the highest place in Berkshire with the clearest air.

My Mother, Valerie Ashby (née Stacey), and I have written this together to show how the name Wilder was such a large influence in our family, the Stacey's, lives. My Mother's great grand-parents, Thomas William Stacey and Ruth, lived in the Old School House at Littleheath. They rented the thatched cottage and small holding, which was between the two lanes, from the Wilders. This was where Elizabeth Ruth Coates (née Stacey), my mother's Grandmother, of whom I hold such fond memories when growing up, and her brother and sisters spent most of their childhood, where her son Frank Frederick Mariner Stacey was born, and bought up by Thomas William and Ruth, his grandparents. They all walked across Kilhoss to go to School and Church at Sulham! A sign of the times - children wouldn't be allowed to do this nowadays.

Attached to the cottage was a schoolroom consecrated for church services, where the Reverend Wilder came to take service once a month. Over the years the hall saw many uses: a church meeting place; a school; also during World War II a class of London schoolboys used the hall as a classroom,

the boys and Master being billeted around the area after being evacuated from London; there were numerous other functions including the Women's Institute, Polling Station at elections, Whist Drives, Sunday School started by Sarah Wilder, and also a local library, (two boxes of books were kept there and changed every three months by the Library Service).

Elizabeth Coates also had a small "shop" at the cottage, where the locals could come and buy nuts, crisps or bottles of pop, (purchased from Tunbridge Jones who were based off Castle Hill in Reading). They came to the door which invariably stood open and ring a small brass "ding" bell to attract attention from within.

My Mother lived in Littleheath, on and off, for most of her life. She lived with her parents, Frank and Florence Stacey, in a cottage in Beales Lane until the age of five when the family moved to Henley, but every school holidays the children were back staying with their grandmother, Elizabeth Ruth Coates at the Old School House. The Old School House was demolished in the 1970's after ERC died aged 91.

Once a year, May Day, the children of the area, including Littleheath, were invited to Reverend Wilder's House in Sulham Lane for a 'bun fight'. They were given a tea, had races and party games for entertainment. Their favourite walk was through the chestnut woods where the graves of the Wilder family pets could be found; all had headstones. In the spring there were primroses and bluebells and sometimes

you could see a deer if you were lucky. When they grew older they played hide and seek across the road from the Old School House, in the fields and birchlands, proper tomboys. In late August they went blackberrying, and sold their baskets of blackberries to the people of Littleheath. If they were lucky they got sixpence for about 10lbs of blackberries. This was great as they had a 1d each to spend on sweets when Mr Collyer's van came on its twice weekly visit.

There was also the Chicken Man who came all the way from Silchester in his van, and my Nan always had an old boiler. I remember, with near horror, the hanging defeathered chickens and as a small child standing beside my mum as she drew and cleaned it, the fascination of seeing the "eggs with no shells" and till this day I remember the odd and distinctive smell. I expect many of you have probably done the same but how many children see these things nowadays?

St George's Scouts camped across the road during the holidays. They drew their water from the well in the Old School House garden. My mother remembers one year, some new youngsters came and they had not secured their tent. Jack Coates kept pigs and one pig used to 'play havoc' if she had a chance. The boys had left their food open and she came out of the tent with a jam jar stuck on her nose.

On a visit to the Berkshire R.O. I looked through the School Records Index, where there is an entry for the School of St Nicholas, Sulham, (3) (picture

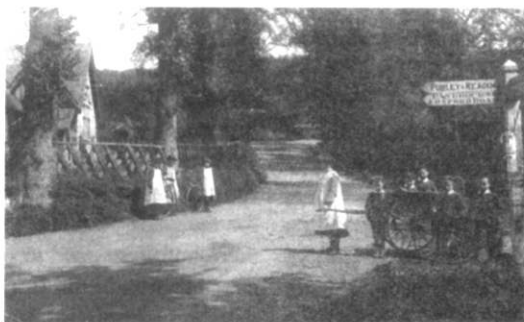
approximately 1912). A logbook is held but no attendance register. The logbook gives details of the day-to-day running of the school and subjects taught in a year; details on attendance, (the Littleheath children were frequently checked on by Mr Smith, the Attendance Officer); how bad weather affected the numbers; the holidays the children had for religious festivals. When reading the entries, you sense the exasperation of the Head Tutor, (Miss Edith Grist, Jan 1893-Sept 1894 and Miss Emily Harms from Sept 1894) when children were excused from school lessons yet again *'because of tennis tournaments at the large houses in the vicinity'*. It also mentions the celebration of May Day, when the children made garlands and went to Sulham House to sing then were given tea, and afterwards visited every house in the village.

The logbook mentions children, by name, who achieved well over the year, and who were commended for their work. The child who was felt to have achieved the most was awarded the

Bishop's Prize. Looking through the years you can imagine my delight on finding not only my great grandmothers sisters, Agnes and Hilda, being commended and eventually Agnes receiving this prize in 1903, and then in 1912 my grandfather received the prize, a small Bible, especially delighted as the previous year he had been pipped at the post. We still have the Bibles in our family.

I am also including a picture of the Stocks at the bottom of Sulham Hill, taken pre-1912. (4) The stocks were in the lane by the school, one wonders why stocks were needed in such a small *'idyllic'* place; were they there to keep the children in order? The stocks were apparently not the original ones which were at the Rectory. When John Wilder came back from his wedding, (5) the estate carpenter, as a surprise had put up a new pair painted grey. Another picture shows some children at about the same time, in the lane by the stocks with the school just in the left background. I wonder who they were!





Footnotes

1. St Nicholas at Sulham is the mother Church for some thousands of American Wilders whose forefathers left this Parish in 1622 (Norfolk, Virginia) and 1638 (Hingham, Mass.) and many other families in distant parts of the world. Baptismal and Burial Registers date from 1720 and Marriage registers from 1730. Fire at the Sulham Rectory destroyed the earlier records. This was extracted from a pamphlet found in the County Local Studies Library at Reading about St Nicholas Sulham written by M Moon in 1985. His wife is Iris E Moon (née Wilder).

2. The following are Rectors of Sulham, the year of taking up office, and the numbers of years served:

Henry Wilder 1785 29 years

Frederick Beadon 1814 9 years

Henry Watson Wilder 1823 13 years

John Wilder 1836 56 years

Henry Beaufoy Wilder 1892 14 years

Henry Charles Wilder 1908 35 years.

Henry Charles Wilder died in 1948. On the 13th July 1943 G A Walter, the Rector of Tidmarsh, was also instituted as the Rector of Sulham.

3. Logbook for the School of St Nicholas Sulham 1892-1913 at BRO Ref: C/E L46 (An index of people mentioned in the logbook and a sheet of interesting snippets will be given to the BFHS Research Centre).

4. The pictures are from a large collection of Postcards collected by my Gt. Grandmother Elizabeth Ruth Coates from the beginning of the 1900's.

5. John Wilder was married twice. Firstly to Mary Heathcote, 1841 to 1856 and then to Mary Hood Dene in 1866. They had no children.

6. A very grateful thank you to my Mum, Valerie Ashby, for her patience with me when putting this article together.

Langley Marish

By Gladys Charlton

Langley, or Langley Marish to give it its correct title, is now part of Slough but there was a time when it was a separate entity. Langley Marish consisted of a number of hamlets, namely George Green, Horsemoore Green, Middle Green and Sawyers Green. These were clearings in Langleah or Long wood from which Langley takes its name. The name Marish comes from the name of the person who leased the Manor from the King and in 1282 it was Christine de Marisco.

The chief landowners and others in the parish made sure that there was a centre where people could meet to talk, argue and discuss problems, and in particular, to worship God. In the Middle Ages this place was the church which was usually in the centre of the parish. Later on there were additions of a vicarage, almshouses, schools and usually a pound where stray animals could be locked in until their owners claimed them and paid a fine for letting them stray. In Langley the pound was at the corner of St Marys Rd and Langley Rd. Later on when the fields were hedged there was no need for the pound and it was made into two houses. The Seymours acquired the freehold of Langley Marish in 1674 and they, along with the Kidderminster family, were responsible for the building of the almshouses so that the poor folk of the parish had somewhere to live, and each house had its own well. Other people saw to it that the poor had a supply of

coal for the winter (the price of coal in 1893 was 17s 3d per ton!). Other charities gave clothes, bread and money for the poor. I don't know if it is still there but there used to be a bread shelf over the small altar immediately inside the church door.

The poor children's education was taken care of when, in 1830, C.T. Depree had a school house built at the cost of £300. It was intended for use as a Sunday School but soon became used as a Day School as well. He also invested £100 so that the school would have an income. There were two schoolrooms, one for the boys and one for the girls. The school master and mistress lived rent free in a nearby cottage.

In 1847 a new school was built as well as a three roomed cottage for the master. The old school was then used as a girls school. In the old school above the two classrooms were three rooms which were occupied by the school mistress who received a salary of £30 a year. When the Education Act came into being in 1870 these two schools were too small for the number of children who now had to attend school compulsorily. A school board was formed to look after the schools and they decided that the best thing to do was to knock down the boys' school and rebuild on the same site by the canal. It opened in 1875. The infants were taught in schools nearer home. When the canal was cut in 1881 it was arranged that a place should be dug into

the bank. This was gravelled at the bottom and used as a swimming bath. Indeed my own father-in-law learnt to swim there. The lads of the village must have also used it for skating when the canal froze over for my father-in-law certainly skated from Langley to Paddington when he was older. The boys also played football and did physical exercises, military style. They had School Inspectors in those days and if pupils were not up to the required standard the Government grant was cut and holidays cancelled! There was a charge of 2d per week for the first child and 1d per week for each child thereafter. The children were a cross section, as usual, some being very industrious coming into school early to get on with their work. Some children walked as much as nine miles to and from school each day. One who left in 1883, Alice Ackerman by name, was never absent and by the time she left school she had not only walked three miles there and back every day but had made over three thousand attendances (nine thousand miles).

In 1883 Mr Tomkies the school master encouraged the children to buy books. He started Book Clubs, ten children per club, who paid 1d each per week. He then bought a tenpenny book, usually a reader, and thus was started the nucleus of the school library. The boys were encouraged in gardening and woodwork whilst the girls did Domestic Science and sewing. Sometimes entries were made in the Colnbrook Show and they usually came away with prizes.

A local newspaper records that 51 girls

were given a bonnet and shawl each in 1885. Mr Tomkies recorded that all the boys wore collars and the girls tuckers with frills round their necks.

In spite of the difficulties of finding the pennies for the childrens education most parents seem to have managed it. The school appears to have been a happy one, certainly under Mr Tomkies, who worked hard to give the children a broad education which was unusual in those days. Whilst the children were well taken care of the adults were also given help. A Langley Poor House was built in 1784 near Horsemoor Green on the site of an old gravel pit. It can be assumed that the inmates were fairly well looked after for the records show yearly appointments for people to clothe and feed them, as well as a doctor being appointed. In 1785 the Colnbrook doctor who was appointed was paid twelve guineas per year to look after the inmates and in 1822 this rose to £25 a year with nine shillings for each child delivered. They were also taken care of when they died for the parish paid for burial expenses. So the poor of Langley were taken care of from the cradle to the grave which says a lot for the caring people of the parish.

Langley Marish is now just another suburb of Slough but I think that the "bad" old days at least in that parish can be seen as the "good" old days in many ways.

I found all this information in a little book in Slough library but when I went back to have another look at it was no longer available, so, I am unable to offer my thanks to the author who has given me so much background information about the area in which my husband's ancestors lived.

Nineteenth Century Army Connections

By Pam Roberts

The photograph shown on the cover of the magazine is of my great-grandparents, William Henry Roberts and Jane Emery Bridgeman, who had very close links with military life.

Jane was the posthumous daughter of William Emery Bridgeman and Joan Howe. She always maintained that her father had fought at Waterloo and that a small painting of him, in his Lancers' uniform, hung in a public house in Abingdon. This I have been unable to find, but I consulted Dwelly's, *"Muster Rolls of British N.C.O.s and Men present at the Battle of Waterloo"*, discovering there four men named William Bridgeman.

My next step was to consult the PRO at Kew for soldiers' service records. It was difficult to sort out the four men, as the place of birth was not always given.

William Bridgeman of Sutton (Courtney), Berks, enlisted at Radipole on 17th March 1809 for limited service in the 16th or Queen's Light Dragoons. The bounty paid to the recruit was £8-3-0 and to the bringer of the recruit £4-5-0. William's pay rose from £3-15-0 per quarter to £9-15-0 per quarter on discharge, as a sergeant saddler in 1819. I am sure that he did not fight at Waterloo, as I found that his company was in Hounslow Barracks, in June 1815.

I can only speculate on his cause of death, at such a young age, but he was buried in Sutton Courtney churchyard, where his tombstone is inscribed:-

"In Memory of William Emery Bridgeman who died July 17th 1821, aged 34. A sudden change alas! With grief I tell He had not time to bid his friends farewell. Reader prepare thyself, make no delay 'Tis God alone that knows our dying day."

How true is that last line, since the parish records state that William Emery Bridgeman was buried on 10th July 1821, a week before he died!

Mystery surrounds much of William's life. He was baptised on 22nd November 1786 in Sutton Courtney, Berks, with the name of William Emery. His mother, Elizabeth Emery née Clement, was the daughter of a wealthy farmer, Stephen Clement. Her first marriage was to William Emery, by whom she had issue, who all died in infancy. Her husband William Emery died seven years before her son, William Emery, was born so as an illegitimate child he took his mother's surname.

Elizabeth never remarried and was buried as Elizabeth Emery. William, however, enlisted as William Bridgeman but was married in the name of William Emery Bridgeman, during his military service, to Joan Howe, on 23rd March 1814.

I do not know who brought him as a recruit to serve in the 16th Queen's Lancers, but I suspect it to have been a Bridgeman.

Beside William's rather ornate tombstone is another matching one,

perhaps that of his father. It reads:-
In Memory of John Bridgeman Who died 30th November 1800. Aged 57.
Evidently, he cannot have presented William as a recruit, as he was already dead, but another of his family may have

done so.

Jane Emery Roberts née Bridgeman was very proud of the father she had never known and doubtless encouraged two of her tall sons to take up a military career.

1881 Census Update

From Margaret Pyle

New Releases

I am pleased to report that the Counties of Derbyshire, Essex, Hampshire and Nottinghamshire have been published and are now available for consultation at the Society's Research Centre, Prospect School, Reading. Donations for Hampshire and Nottinghamshire fiches have been received but if there are members who wish to make a donation towards the cost of the Derbyshire fiches, they are £20.75 or for Essex £25.75.

Update on Future Releases

It has been reported that the Counties of Cumberland, Durham, Sussex and Northumberland will be published by the end of summer 1995. The counties of Cheshire, Middlesex, Norfolk,

Staffordshire, Surrey and Yorkshire, are shortly to go to the computer for final processing. It is predicted that they will be available in late 1995. The costs of these counties will not be known until publication.

Sponsorship

Your sponsorship for the general cost of the counties to be published would be welcome. Please note that these census fiche are only available for purchase by Societies and libraries, etc and not by individuals. If you wish to sponsor a county or send a donation, please contact me - address on back cover of magazine. Please make cheques payable to BFHS and mark envelope "1881 Census"

News from the Newspaper Library at Colindale

Work is in progress to incorporate the card catalogue, etc. of records received up to 1958, with the computer print-out of material received since that date. It is anticipated that by 1996 the complete catalogue of the Newspaper Library will be available on the British Library's Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC).

Since 1988, the number of Readers' visits have increased by more than 50% to nearly 39,000 a year and the facilities in the Reading Rooms are fast reaching capacity. This means that on some days visitors have to queue for access to the Reading Rooms and have to wait for a microfiche/film reader to become available. There are no plans at present to upgrade the facilities. [JD]

From Newspaper Library Newsletter, No.18 (Winter 1994/5).

Larger than Life

By Julie Goddard



Hannah Snell c.1750

Today the name of Hannah Snell means little to most people, but there was a time when it brought a smile or a smirk to the lips of men and a cry of horror from the women.

Hannah was born in Worcester on St George's Day 1723 in the days when men were men and women were second class citizens who knew their places. She was the last of nine children born to Samuel Snell by his two wives. Samuel was a hosier who came from a

distinguished military family. Hannah was the petted youngest, a lively and energetic child, who delighted in hearing stories of the wars and playing at soldiers with her brothers and sisters all of whom either married into the army or became soldiers. Her childhood came to an end when her parents died suddenly when she was seventeen. Her sister Susannah, older by forty-one years, married and living in Wapping in the London Docklands, took her in. However, Hannah soon got into trouble and became pregnant by a Dutch sailor. Having gone through a dubiously legal ceremony with her, James Summs disappeared leaving Hannah to give birth and then to lose her daughter when she was only a baby. Whether she was seeking consolation or revenge we do not know, but she borrowed her brother-in-law's clothes and name and dressed as a man for her safety, set out for Coventry where she believed her husband was now living.

On reaching the town she found it in turmoil. It was 1745 and news had come that Bonnie Prince Charlie was marching south from Scotland, intent on claiming his throne from "*German George*", as the king was called. Recruiting officers were busy enlisting every able bodied man - and Hannah qualified. Fitted

out in a smart new uniform she marched north with her troop.

At Carlisle it was learned that the Prince had retreated and a halt was called while new plans were made. Unfortunately for Hannah's military career, she then fell out with one of the officers and received a whipping, luckily being still able to conceal her sex. Thoroughly disenchanted with the military life, she deserted and set off south again. Domesticity in her sister's house did not appeal, so, still dressed as a man, she made for Portsmouth. Here the Admiralty were looking for soldiers and sailors to go to India to fight the French for the lucrative trade markets there. Hearing their destination, many of the sailors had fled. Press gangs were looking for substitutes. Hannah was accepted with no trouble and off she went to sea. Concealing her femininity might have thought to have posed great problems to her in the close confines of a small ship, but she made herself indispensable to the officers and was given a small space for herself as their personal servant.

The English ships took so long to reach India that the French were forewarned and ready. A description of Hannah's adventures while fighting there fill a small book, but she survived several wounds which she had of course to treat herself, not being able to have a doctor examine her. She survived and eventually arrived back in England in 1750, having learnt on the way that her husband was dead. Whether she decided that her quest was at an end, or whether she saw another way of

supporting herself, but waiting only to visit Susannah and James Gray and to collect her pay and discharge papers, she declared her sex and offered to tell her adventures. Everyone was amazed! To have been amongst men for so long without having been suspected of being a woman - that inferior creature! So many people wanted to hear her story that she went upon the theatre stage, giving displays of her expertise at drilling every night. Through friends she got a pension from the Duke of Cumberland and another was granted to her as a wounded former soldier as a Chelsea Hospital out-pensioner. She had her portrait painted several times and dictated her story for publication. For a time she kept a pub in Wapping whose sign read "*The Widow in Masquerade*" on one side and "*The Female Soldier*" on the other. However, she soon got itchy feet and left London to roam the countryside still dressed as a man - for which she had to have official dispensation.

On 3rd November 1759, aged 36, she married Richard Eyles in St Nicolas's Church, Newbury. He was described as a "*sojourner*" but probably belonged to the large Berkshire Eyles family. They must have lived in the area for sometime, because a son, Thomas, was baptised at St Nicolas in 1763. However, her second son, George Spence Eyles, was born in 1765 in London. Her husband died, perhaps worn out with all this moving, and Hannah married again, this time to Richard Habgood at Wickham Chapel, in the parish of Welford in 1772.

Hannah could not keep still. There is an account in a contemporary book that one of her sons was supported in his education by "*a titled lady*", so she did not just abandon them. In 1778 the diarist, Rev. James Woodforde, made a special visit to the White Hart at Weston Longeville, Norfolk, to see her. She was earning money by selling ribbons and telling the story of her life, perhaps not exactly as it really happened, but she wanted to keep her audience happy.

Unfortunately Hannah's eccentricities became more and more pronounced. It may be that she was suffering from recurring bouts of malaria, caught in India. In 1785 she was given an additional pension to pay for medical treatment, but eventually she was put in the Bethlehem Hospital in London, more commonly known as Bedlam, where, alongside other "*lunatics*", she formed one of the sights that Georgian tourists liked to say that they had seen. She died on the 8th February 1792 and, according to her wishes, she was buried as a soldier in the graveyard at the Chelsea Hospital, near to Mrs Christian

Davies, whose adventures rival hers for attention.

Nowadays when women are free to take up nearly any career and can travel freely, perhaps the exploits of Hannah seem commonplace. But for a woman in her day and age to do them required courage, energy and stamina. Astonishingly enough I have recently discovered that she left descendants through her son George Spence Eyles. I asked this descendant, Mrs Anne Bradshaw, whether Hannah's genes which gave such great energy had come down through the years and she revealed that she, herself, had worked her way around America for eighteen months and wondered if that was indicative that they had! Most of the descendants of George Spence Eyles are now known to each other through the endeavours of one who lives in Australia, but we are wondering if there are any descendants of Hannah's son Thomas Eyles. If anyone recognises that they are I should be delighted to put them in touch with Anne Bradshaw and her cousins.

Family Bible Inscriptions Index - Write plus SAE. for details to Mrs Rena King, 16 Upper Shot, Cheshunt, Herts EN7 6DR. The index, started in 1982, now has 4,000 surnames on a database; for a small fee per surname she will provide a printout of references found including a list of other surnames in the inscription. For a further fee she will provide a photocopy of a page with the name and address of the informant. [JD]

(From The Genealogists Magazine, Vol.25.1, March 1995, pages 8-9)

Helen Relf of 4, Blacklands Rd, Upper Bucklebury, Reading, Berks, RG7 6QP, came across a postcard of a group of schoolchildren on Tunbridge Wells with the writer of the postcard marked. It is dated August 1912 and written by "Cissy" to her grandmother, Mrs Harman, at "Dunstan", Thatcham, Berks. Helen is willing to pass this on to a relative.

Attention All BFHS Members Living in Berkshire

YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

The September Conference:

If you would like to offer your help and assistance with the September Conference at Reading University on 8th - 10th September, 1995, then please contact Mrs Joyce Wells, at 15 Wellington Close, Shaw, Newbury, Berkshire RG13 2HG - she is waiting to hear from you even if you can only manage an hour's help - every bit is extremely welcome

The Research Centre:

We are looking for more Members to join our Team of Volunteers to man the Research Centre. We already have a large number of willing hands but we want to increase this number in order to open on more weekdays than we do at present

The task of Research Centre Volunteer is very rewarding, and our current Team get a lot of satisfaction out of helping and assisting others with their research queries, as well as having access to the latest additions to the Centre

If you are available to help, even for occasional sessions, then please do contact Ann Armstrong, (Research Centre Rota Secretary) at 8 New Lane Hill, Tilehurst, Reading (tel: 01 - 734 - 421427) who will be happy to take your name and give you all the details

MANY THANKS

BERKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Registered Charity No.283010

FAMILY HISTORY NEWS & DIGEST

Please send **Family History News & Digest** to: Membership No.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Dr

Address

..... Post / Zip Code

I/We enclose the appropriate fee (please tick):

£3.00 collected at branch £4.20 posted U.K.

£4.90 EEC Countries & 0/S surface £7.30 0/S Airmail

The Family History News & Digest is the twice yearly (April & September) official publication of the Federation of Family History Societies. It contains information about the activities of Family History Societies, abstracts of articles in Society Journals, Society addresses and much else that an active Family Historian needs to know about.

BERKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Registered Charity No.283010

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

Prices:

Collected: £1.75 per month collected from meeting

Posted: £20.00 for 12 issues, British inland rate

£24.20 for 12 issues, EEC Countries

£25.25 for 12 issues, Overseas Surface

£33.86 for 12 issues, Overseas Airmail

[Half price for 6 months]

Please send **Family Tree Magazine** to: Membership No.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Dr

Address

..... Post / Zip Code

Total Enclosed: Date:

I wish to subscribe / resubscribe to Family Tree Magazine
for issues commencing with issue

Please send this form with your remittance by Sterling Cheque made payable to **BFHS** to your **Membership Secretary** or to **Mrs Jean Debney, BFHS Bookstall Manager**, 8 Huckleberry Close, Purley on Thames, Reading, Berkshire RG8 8EG

Berkshire FHS funds will then benefit from this subscription

Continue to Cast the Bread*

By John Talbot

Over recent years more and more letters of complaint have been printed in Family History publications regarding instances where information has been sent off to researchers who appear in the Help Wanted columns and no acknowledgement of any kind is received. To those who may have felt aggrieved at being at the receiving end of an apparent lack of basic good manners I address this article.

My fishing for information tends to be more of the trawling variety than rod and line, and I extract anything and everything that could possibly have any connection with the geographical area in which I am interested, plus any name that appears within my family. In addition I look out for a few names in which friends and fellow researchers have an interest. Time at Record Offices etc. is precious, and I do not wish to waste that time working out whether a particular subject comes within my range of interest. Far easier to jot it down and then sort it out afterwards. The result of this method of working is that I have amassed quite a lot of information of varying degrees of usefulness and uselessness.

From time to time I have noticed a request for help on a particular name or subject; if I have any information which might have some relevance, then I send off a letter. What follows seems to be a fairly common pattern - about 50% do not even bother to

acknowledge receipt of the letter. Like Ko-Ko, "I've Got A Little List!"

However, all need not necessarily be Doom and Gloom. In the latest edition of the *Berkshire Family Historian* (Vol. 18 No. 3) I noticed that a lady in New Zealand, Cynthia Thompson, has an interest in a name which does not appear on "my" tree but is one on which I have some information. I sent it off to her and within a comparatively short time I received a reply. The envelope contained an interesting letter from the lady herself, a handful of British Postage Stamps, and a photocopy of a letter, written in 1902 from John Talbot in Harwell to his Cousin Lizzie and his Uncle Jim in New Zealand. John Talbot is "one of mine" and the Uncle Jim in New Zealand is the great grandfather of my correspondent, (thank you Cynthia). I am delighted that the No Reply Brigade didn't put me off and that I continued to send out information, for I feel more than adequately compensated.

(At this point, please wait for one moment while I put my tongue firmly into my cheek.) There seem to be Indexes and Lists of all kinds within Family History Circles, has anyone considered creating an index of people who do not bother to acknowledge letters?

* *Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days.* (Eccles. xi, 1).

Joan Beasley (854) of 18 Glebe Lane, Sonning, Reading, Berks, RG4 0XH at a market stall found a Certificate of membership of the Army Cadet Force for Edward Paxman of "Claumont", Langley Hill, Calcot, Dated 28th February, 1943, which she is willing to pass on to anyone researching Edward's family.

The Hines of Brimpton Mill - A Further Report

By Roy Dunstan

Twelve years ago I wrote an article about Hyde End Mill at Brimpton in Berkshire and our ancestral family who operated the Mill during the nineteenth century which was published in the 'Berkshire Family Historian' in 1982. It was several years before it came to the notice of Thomas Mann Hine. He is a great grandson of Richard John Hine, the elder son of Richard and Esther, and brother of our migrant ancestor, William. Cousin Tom and his wife Rita are keen genealogists and we have now been corresponding for over three years. They live at Purley, near Reading, and not far from Brimpton.

What follows now is in part a re-statement of what was recorded in the first article, but augmented with additional information gathered since then.

Firstly, here is a brief description of Brimpton from a publication early this century:-

Brimpton, an agricultural village with a population of about 650, stands on the ridge of the old Roman road running from Speen to Silchester. To the north is the lovely Kennet valley, with Bucklebury and Midgham heights in the distance. Brimpton Hill on the River Kennet is mentioned in Domesday Book as being worth twelve shillings. The present structure dates from 1731. To the south is the Enborne valley with the Hampshire hills as a background. Snowdrops, Lilies of the Valley, Solomon's Seal, grow in profusion in

their seasons, and here and there on the banks of the Enborne may be found the beautiful American Balsai, which has become naturalised, with its bright pink and orange flowers. Hyde End, on the River Enborne, at this point the boundary between Berkshire and Hampshire, was the property of the Hyde family for hundreds of years. Tradition has it that Ann Hyde, wife of James II, stayed at Hyde End House. A short distance from the house is the Hyde End hill.

The present church at Brimpton was built in 1870 by the Earl of Falmouth, patron of the living at that time, replacing an old brick one with a square tower, which had fallen into disrepair. It has a lofty shingled spire, an exact replica of Midgham, Kingsclere and Woodlands church spires, all designed by the same architect and standing in almost a straight line across the valleys. The Earl, who was lord of the Manors of Brimpton and Shalford, also gave and endowed six almshouses, and a plot of land for a parish school, which was supported by voluntary subscriptions.

Hyde End Mill

Thanks largely to Tom, we have made several discoveries about the Hine family and about Hyde End Mill in particular. As reported in the first paper, the mill was converted into a trout hatchery and the mill building itself was later demolished, though other buildings survive. Tom and I visited the

mill site again in May 1992 in the hope of finding out more about the mill. The foundations seen in 1980 are no longer evident and it was difficult to visualize how the mill functioned and where the water channels were located. We were delighted when the current tenant of the mill cottage showed us a photograph lent by a local resident who stated that it was a copy of a photo of the mill taken while it was still operating.

To check the authenticity of this, we took it to Mr. Ken Major, an expert on local mills. He had not seen the picture before and was quick to state that it was not of any of the other mills in the area. He accepted the photo as genuine and was very pleased to copy it for himself and us.

Some weeks later, Tom visited the Records Office and located a series of large scale survey maps of the locality, produced in 1872/4. One of them shows the mill area in detail and reveals that it was already operating as Hyde End Fishery. Tom made a sketch of the plan (see illustration). The location of the mill building is clearly shown and is consistent with the old photo.

Tom and I had also visited another old mill, nicely restored and in use as offices, at nearby Woolhampton. It happens that this mill also has Hine associations, but more of that later. Next door to the Woolhampton Mill we met Mr. Phil Dollin, an artist, who showed us prints of pen and ink drawings of his, including ones of Woolhampton Mill, both plain and coloured.

Hine Ancestry

Our family tree now starts with a Peter

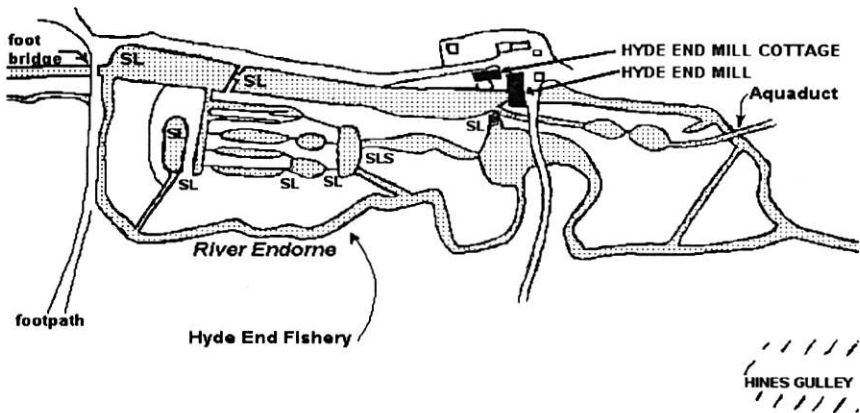
Hine, born around 1620, who had five children. the youngest, George, born in 1655, married Sarah (unknown) and had six children. the fifth was Joseph, baptised in 1694, and he married Rachel Hine. There were nine children of this marriage. After three girls, a son Joseph was born on 4th April, 1750, and it was he who married Hannah Drew at Aldermaston on 29th April, 1755. The eldest of their four children was John, baptised at Aldermaston on 12th March, 1756. John married Elizabeth Taylor, also of Aldermaston, on 21st July, 1785. They had three sons - Richard (who died as an infant), Richard, and John, and a daughter Mary. The second Richard, baptised at Brimpton on 25th December, 1789, was our miller ancestor.

Richard married twice. His first wife was Elizabeth Rebbits of Kingsclere and the marriage was at Cookham on 8th June, 1808. We have now discovered that they had three children - Elizabeth, Olive and Caroline. Caroline's name appears as the informant on her father's death certificate in 1838. In the following year she married Henry Everard, who was the miller at Woolhampton Mill. Richard married again after his wife died, this time to Esther Raggett on 22nd October, 1819. They had six children - Mary Anne (bap. 1821), Esther (1824), Flora (1826), Louisa (1828), Richard John (1831) and William (1834). Stated to be a labourer in 1821, Richard's occupation was subsequently shown as miller. His name first appeared as a miller at Hyde End

Mill in an 1823 Directory. He died on 21st September 1838 and his wife then carried on the work.

The family tenancy of Hyde End Mill, begun about 1822, continued for many years after Richard's death. Esther is recorded as the miller in the Census Returns of 1841, 1851 and 1861, while Directory entries continued to show her in charge until 1867, which seems to be the end of the family's tenure. Esther's age in 1861 was given as 65 and we haven't a record of her death. It is interesting that in 1851, the children were listed as mill workers, but in 1861, only daughter Louisa was at home and

there were two male mill workers employed. By this date, William had migrated to Australia and Richard John had taken over the operation of the Brompton Mill on the River Kennet, previously worked by Joseph and Esther Hine (possibly a related family). Richard John's sister Esther kept house for him. In the following year, however, (1862), Richard John married Amelia Anne Mann of the Isle of Wight and, by the time of the 1871 Census, he was a Flour Factor living with Amelia and three children at 38, Madeira Place, Newbury. The Hine family's involvement with mills was over.



Copied from O/Survey Map 1872/4

('SL' = SLUICE GATES)

Berkshire Record Office News

From Elizabeth Hughes

Microform

The 1891 census fiche for Berkshire and the fiche of the 25" first edition Ordnance Survey maps of the 1870s and 1880s, together with microfilm copies of the books of reference to the maps, have now been indexed by place and are available for consultation. Also recently acquired is a copy of Berkshire section of the extremely useful fiche index to the 1881 census. Copies of the census returns for 1841-1881 are on order from the Public Record Office, but have not yet arrived at the time of writing. These will be on film.

The self-service reader printer is now in operation for visitors to make copies from microfiche on the spot. Copies of records on microfilm will continue to be made by Record Office staff.

New Acquisitions

We have been pleased to receive a number of parish registers dating back to the early nineteenth century. These include Sulhampstead Abbots (Chr 1959-1979, Mar 1882-1994, Bur 1813-1995); Sulhampstead Bannister (Chr 1813-1994); and Ufton Nervet (Chr 1882-1991, Mar 1837-1987, Bur 1813-1900). We also had the first deposit of records from Southlake St James (Woodley); a register of marriages 1981-1992. A large collection of Speen parish records has just been catalogued, including a draft or duplicate register of baptisms and burials, 1789-1812 and 1847-1894, an incumbents' account book 1789-1800, a terrier with summary of owners and occupiers 1851, church rates for 1734 and 1852, churchwardens' account books 1623-1906, vestry minute books 1818-1858, an overseers' account book 1836-1847, the enclosure and tithe awards and maps 1780 and 1848, and transcripts of parish registers to name but a few.

Other records now available include admissions registers for E.P. Collier Infants and Juniors, Reading, 1938-1958, and the Princess Margaret Rose School, Windsor (formerly Clewer St Stephen Senior Girls' School) 1930-1978.

International Conference of Mobility and Transport

During the week of 16th to 21st July 1995, Shire Hall will be the venue for the 7th International Conference of Mobility and Transport. During this time parking will be very difficult and there will be severely reduced facilities for non-delegates (including staff!). The Record Office will be open during this time, but we would ask you to consider avoiding that week if parking and canteen facilities are particularly important to you.

A Rough Guide to Computers - A Personal View

by Chad Hanna

Over 40% of you now use computers for family history – that is, if the results of the questionnaire at the September 1994 branch meetings are anything to go by. Another 10% of you are thinking about getting a computer in next year or so. With so many family historians now using or thinking about using computers, now is a good time to offer some advice. Some of you may like to look back to my last article about computers which appeared in Volume 13 page 112 of the *Berkshire Family Historian* (June 1990).

Many people know that I know something about computers – I should do as I've been using them professionally since 1974. This means I'm often asked questions about computers and computer programs and I thought it would be helpful to collect together the common questions and answers into a magazine article. I also carried out a survey for the Project and Publications committee at the September 1994 branch meetings, so I also have a good idea about what those who attended the meetings are using.

I've used a fair amount of computer jargon in this article, and I'm not going to apologise for that. At this stage, family historians seem to fall into one of two camps, those who are never going to use a computer and those who are, or are thinking about it. This second group shouldn't have too much trouble with the jargon in this article, which in any case matches the jargon used in most advertisements.

What Computer Should I Buy?

First, do you need to buy a computer? You may already have a computer that could be used for family history. Word processors are available for almost all types of computers and there are family history programs available for most types of computer. A good place to find out if there is a family history program for your computer is the March 1995 issue of *Computers in Genealogy* published by the Society of Genealogists. This contains the most recent annual survey of genealogy programs.

If you must buy a new computer for your family history you should almost certainly buy a Personal Computer that runs Microsoft Windows. If you can, do buy a 'multi-media' computer with a CD-ROM drive and a sound card. I found there was nothing quite so satisfying as looking up the sound a bassoon made in the free Grolier Encyclopaedia Compact Disc that came with my sound card, unless of course it was the animation of a heart pumping! Computers with CD-ROM drives are serious competition for paper encyclopaedias. Do not buy a new computer with less than 4 Mbytes of memory, preferably 8 Mbytes, or less than a 250 Mbyte hard disk drive.

Buying a computer secondhand is clearly a bit of a gamble, unless you know the

computer's history. Clearly, if you can buy your old computer from work when a new computer is installed you do know what you're getting, and your employer is likely to accept any reasonable offer. I believe the second hand price of a computer should be about half the price of the new price of a **current** equivalent machine. If there is no equivalent new machine, say a '286, then I would classify any obsolete parts as free. What does this mean? Say £25 for the case and £5 for the keyboard. £50 or so for a 14-inch VGA colour monitor, perhaps £80 for an SVGA monitor. Memory does hold its resale value fairly well. 4 Megabytes of memory (RAM) is worth nearly £100. How much for a hard disk drive? This is difficult to say as prices are falling rapidly, but if new disk drives are costing about 20-25 pence a Megabyte (for an 850 Mbyte drive) then £20 for an old 80 Mbyte drive would seem to be a lot of money.

In summary, for less than £200 you should be able to buy a second hand computer capable of running any of the best DOS-based Family History Programs.

Where Should I Buy It?

Your peace of mind should be the most important guide here. I wouldn't recommend that most people should buy a computer the way I've tended to buy computers, a bit at a time, by mail order. It's OK for me, because I know how to put it together and what to do when it doesn't work!

Mail order is a quite a good way to buy computers, only beaten by going to the Mail Order company yourself and taking your new computer away with you. Doing it this way, I find that I get competitive prices and people who know what they are talking about.

You can also go to a local computer shop, like MicroWise in Reading or the Byte Superstore in Slough. I find going to the Byte Superstore a bit like going to a horror movie, I'm frightened by most of the prices – although the prices for complete computers do seem to be reasonably competitive. You do get local service in a shop like MicroWise and you may feel a lot happier buying your computer from a local computer shop. I must admit that the MicroWise assistants seem to annoy me, because they automatically assume I know little about computers – but it might suit you.

Currently, you should budget to pay about £800 for a new computer, and add £150 for a 'multi-media' computer – more if some CDs are included with it. Add £100 or so, if you want to buy it on the high street. Then add Value Added Tax at 17.5%. As times goes on, prices stay about the same but you do get a lot more for your money.

Should I Buy Everything In One Go?

I don't! As prices of computer equipment continue to fall and performance and facilities continue to improve, I would say, "*Don't buy anything you are not certain you'll use in the next six months.*" However, if you would need to pay someone else to update your computer you might like to make that a year instead.

Similarly, don't expect your computer to hold its value – your computer will be worth half as much as it is now in a year's time – but it should run your family history program for years to come.

What Family History Program Should I Buy?

If you've bought a new computer then it probably runs Microsoft Windows. For most people Windows programs are easier to use than DOS programs and you should buy a Windows based family history programs, unless you've got a good reason not to.

Do have a look at some of the books which are available from the Society's bookstall, particularly:

Computers In Genealogy – Beginners' Handbook (Price £3.50).

Dated 1994, this is collection of useful articles from earlier Computers in Genealogy magazines giving different views of using computers for family history.

Computers for Family History - An Introduction by David Hawgood (Price £3.50, published 1994)

This is a good introductory book which lays the groundwork for using computers, including word processors and databases.

Genealogy Computer Packages by David Hawgood (Price £3.00, published 1993).

This concentrates on Family History programs and provides a list of programs and their suppliers after a short introduction. The personal view inside the back cover is a useful summary.

Gedcom Data Transfer - moving your family tree by David Hawgood (Price £2.50, published 1991)

This is really aimed at those of us who want to share our computerised information with other researchers or want to use another family history program after the one we started with.

Computer Programs for the Family Historian - Vols. 1-9 by John Bloore (Price £2.50 each).

These booklets contain reviews of the different family history programs available. *Reunion* and *Family Tree Maker for Windows* are probably the most popular commercial Family History programs, but I would suggest that it is worthwhile getting hold of some demonstration and shareware programs and have a play with them before you decide. Sue and Nigel Bayley at S&N Enterprises, 5, Polden Close, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 9HN (Tel: 01252-510486) sell both Windows and DOS trial packages which include several programs. Trevor and Mary Rix at TWR Computing, Clapstile Farm, Alpheton, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 9BN are another pair of family historians who sell computer programs.

By the way, we've bought a copy of *Reunion*, but we mainly use *Pedigree* and have

an old copy of *Personal Ancestry File*.

What About the Internet?

The Internet recently celebrated its 25th birthday, but you'd think it had been invented yesterday from the way people talk about it in the newspapers and on television. What is it and can it help family historians?

The Internet is like the world's telephone system in that it is a collection of networks which can talk to each other using agreed protocols (computer language). Like the world's telephone system, no-one runs the Internet, although interested and knowledgeable people can shape its future path.

In the same way you get your telephone service from a telephone service provider, which in Berkshire is normally British Telecom but could be your cable TV company, you get your Internet service from an Internet provider. I use Demon Internet Services, but you could use CityScape, Pavilion or a number of others.

As a genealogist, the Internet provides you with three things:

Electronic mail – you can send an electronic mail message to almost anyone of the 25,000,000 people world-wide thought to be using the Internet for the cost of a local or short distance telephone call.

Newsgroups – these are electronic newspapers to which you can subscribe and contribute. There are several genealogy newsgroups in the 'social' hierarchy. These include soc.genealogy.misc, soc.genealogy.methods, soc.genealogy.surnames, soc.genealogy.computers and so on. There will soon be a UK and Ireland genealogy newsgroup which will help counteract the almost overwhelming American bias of the existing newsgroups.

The World Wide Web - this is what is called a hypertext system and is a way of publishing information. Hypertext documents are like short articles but the cross-references to other articles appear in a different colour and really work! In other words, I can click on the cross-reference and immediately jump to the article that is being referred to. The address (Uniform Resource Locator) for the UK genealogy web pages is <http://cs6400.mcc.ac.uk/genuki/> -these are currently being developed.

Is CompuServe the Internet?

The short answer is, 'not yet'. CompuServe Information Services has its own genealogy forum but I have not investigated this. CompuServe does have connections with the Internet and more and more of the Internet facilities are becoming available to CompuServe users.

Finally

I do hope you find this very quick trip around family history and computers helpful. If you do have access to the Internet you can send me electronic mail at chad@vellum.demon.co.uk.

Overseers Project Update

By *Brian Hunt*

Since my last report on the Overseers Project we have had only the one "work-in" at the BRO (on Saturday 4th March). We again had 16 to 20 people attending, most of them staying all day.

One of our BFHS members (Trevor Matthews) from Grove, Wantage, has been transcribing the bulk of the Wantage records from film at home, or on many personal trips to the BRO. Peter and I therefore decided to concentrate on Volume 14 making it comprise virtually the whole of Wantage - so that Trevor could see the fruits of his labour at the earliest opportunity. I got cracking on the typing-up, and a great deal of this was checked against the original documents at the 4th March session. So the latest situation is as follows:

Volume 23 - Kintbury/Hungerford	issued Dec 1994
Volume 11 - Shinfield/Sonning/Swallowfield/Wokingham	issued Jan 1995
Volume 14 - Wantage (all bar docs in bundle 13/1)	in progress
Volume 10 - Easthampstead/Warfield/Winkfield	in progress
Volume 3 - Thatcham and Newbury	in progress

Of the volumes "in progress", there is still some checking, editing, and all the indexing to be done on Volume 14, but that will be the next to be issued. Difficult to forecast a date with all the other Spring and Summer jobs cropping up, and this will be the biggest volume so far. Volume 10 is temporarily taking a back seat (for the Wantage reasons given above), whilst Volume 3 will also be a very big task. It will fill in a rather annoying gap left in the issue of the first ten volumes in the list. Copies of each of the ten volumes completed so far have been placed in the BFHS Reference Library, the Berkshire Record Office and the Society of Genealogists Library.

Sheila Coates of 57 Dalebrook Road, Winshill, Burton-upon-Trent, Staffs, D315 0AB wrote:

"While researching the Family History of my husband's family I went to the Churchyard of St Marks Church, Winshill, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs - which would have been Derbyshire at the time of Burial. There they have put the Gravestones from the front of the Church around the edge of the Churchyard. Among them I found one which did not quite fit - "*Sophia Ellis, age 74, Died July 10th 1876, from Abingdon, Berks.*" Whether she lived in the district or had died while visiting I do not know but I thought it may be of help to someone who may have lost the lady. I have a photograph of the gravestone and would be quite willing to pass this on to someone who can provide proof of a link."

Report on Federation Conference at Isle of Wight

By *Cliff Debney*

This Spring Family History Conference was different from all the previous FH conferences as I have learnt to expect, and yet they are similar in many ways. There I renewed acquaintance with many old family history friends and met many new to conferences.

This time the accommodation was a boarding school, which makes a nice change from the single rooms of a university student. The school was located in a Chine on the west side of Shanklin, with a stream running through the grounds. Our rooms were in a house at the top of a hill and from our windows we looked out to sea. Lectures were held in the modern separate lecture theatre and a hall in the main house, meals in the main dining hall (and good food it was too) and bookstalls both in the main house and in the lecture theatre. Then there was a bar, and the Saturday evening conference Banquet when some dressed up in "*Victorian*" costume, which all added to the enjoyment. Time was at a premium to do everything and see and talk to all and sundry, even during the tea and coffee breaks.

The conference theme was '*Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor, etc.*' and the talks ranged from army to criminal records, via the manorial system, quarter sessions records, probate inventories, etc., etc., all of interest to family historians. There were also some alternative talks with a slant towards IOW local and family history. Added interests were two displays, one on Victorian and early 20th century clothing which kept Jean quiet for a while and the other on tools, mostly carpenter's but with some mechanical engineer's, which did the same for me.

This particular conference lasted until Tuesday lunchtime but we had to leave on Sunday afternoon to catch the ferry back to the mainland. It was a good conference, never enough time to do everything or talk to everyone one wished.

Family history conferences are always happy and friendly affairs; why not try the next one? See you in Reading in September!

Kenneth Vance Graves, 261 South Street, Wrentham, MA 020931504, U.S.A. wrote on behalf of the Graves Family Association.

"We are very interested in contacting everyone who is either descended from a Graves, Greaves, or Grave ancestor, or is interested in the family name. We are also anxious to learn as much as possible about the various families of this name in England. We are trying to compile all information on the families, gradually publish it to make it available to everyone, and help all descendants find their earlier ancestry and how their part of the family connects to others. If any of your members are Graves/Greaves descendants or are interested in helping our search for family information, we will be happy to share any information we already have, and will also be happy to pay for any costs associated with providing us with information."

Berkshire Strays

Received April 1995 from Isle of Wight Conference

ANDERSON, Mary J, Census 1861, Female Orphan Asylum Holy Trinity Lambeth SRY, 11 schoolgirl b Reading BRK, Ref RG 9/351/18, [E HAILSTONE 0195],

ANDREWS, (male), born 11 Jul 1858, at Reading BRK, to wife of Mr Robert ANDREWS late of Folkestone [KEN], Ref Folkestone Chron 17 Jul 1858, [M CRIDDLE Folkestone KEN 0495]

APERTON, William, Census 1851, E Markham NTT, 35 b Newbury BRK, Ref HO 107/2121/770, [0495]

BAILEY, William, Census 1861, 12 Gloucester St S Thos Lambeth SRY, hd m 23 engineer b Kintbury BRK, Ref RG 9/350/150,,

BARRATT, Nicholas, marr 20 Jul 1735, Shalbourne WIL, of Chadsworth(sic) BRK, & Mary NORRIS [0495]

BENTLY, Mary, Census 1851, Grittleton WIL, sv 40 b Newbury BRK (hd NEELD), Ref HO 107/- house 0001, [0495]

BLANDY, Elizabeth, mar 12 Mar 1719, Fleet [LND], sp of "Inglewood, Kinsbury" [sic; note at side "Newbury BRK"], & Wm SHAW Esq ba of Cheshunt HRT, Ref RG 7/42 p89, [0495],

BOX, Alfred, Census 1891, 7 Priory Rd Tottenham MDX, hd mar 42 traveller b Maidenhead BRK (+wife & fam) Ref: RG12/1076/107 [0495]

BRITTON /BRITTAN?, George Mattingley, marr 15 Jan 1871, Abbeycwmhir RAD WLS, of Reading BRK s/o Francis (wheelwright) [bride not named] [Powys FHDS 0495]

BURCE, Mary, mar 1706, Inglesham WIL, of Childrey BRK, & Thomas COX yeo of Sevenhampton Highworth WIL,, [B COX 0495]

BYE, Elizabeth, mar 17 Jul 1709, Highworth WIL, of Buckland BRK, & Thomas COX husb of Faringdon [BRK],, [B COX 0495]

CARSE, Sarah, bap 25 Mar 1825, Prot Diss Cong Morpeth NBL, born 21 Mar 1825 Morpeth NBL dau of Willm CARSE gardener native of Coopen NBL & his wife Sarah HARDING native of Madenhead(sic) BRK,, [NBL & DUR FHS 0495]

CHALLENGOR, Bromley jnr, marr 26 Jun 1878, S Saviour Shanklin IOW, 27 ba solr of Abingdon BRK s/o Bromley (solr), & Martha Matilda CHILDS 29 sp of Shanklin IOW d/o Henry (gent) [0495]

CHAMPION, John, Census 1851, Seagry WIL, lg 25 b Shaw BRK [hd TEAGLE], Ref HO 107/- house 19, [0495]

COPAS, John, Census 1871, 143 Keppel St Chelsea MDX, 38 coachman b Thatcham BRK (+ fam), Ref RG 10/-, [0495]

COX, Anne, (see Anne SMITH mar 1726)

COX, Elizabeth, (see Elizabeth BYE mar 1709)

COX, Mary, (see Mary BURCE mar 1706)

COX, Philmore, Mar 2 Oct 1726, Highworth WIL, lab of Buckland BRK, & Anne SMITH svt of Buckland BRK,, [B COX 0495]

COX, Thomas, Marr 17 Jul 1709,

Highworth WIL, husb of Farrington [BRK], & Elizabeth BYE of Buckland BRK,, [B COX 0495]

DAY, James, Census 1891, 73 Freeling St Thornhill Ward SW Islington MDX, bro ba 36 carman b Newbury BRK (+ bro & fam) Ref: RG 12/157/63 [0495]

DAY, John, Census 1891, 73 Freeling St Thornhill Ward SW Islington MDX, hd m 38 carman b Newbury BRK (+ wife, fam & bro) Ref: RG 12/157/63 [0495]

DAY, Rachel, mar 28 Apr 1806, Ottery S Mary DEV, of Merketelsy [?Mkt Ilsley] BRK, & Thomas STOPS of Eylesbury [?Aylsbury BKM] pte at Barracks of Bucks Militia,, [0495]

DAY, Thomas, Census 1861, 11 John St S Hackney MDX, hd m 44 Dairyman b BRK (+ wife & dau) Ref: RG 9/163/12 [0495]

DEW, Ann, mar 21 Sep 1768, Cranborne DOR, of Hanny BRK, & Harry DEW Mercer otp mar by lic wits E WEST & Wm SHEARS,, [0495]

DORE, Ann, Census 1851, 171 Fore St St Mary Arches Exeter DEV, un 20 b Newbury BRK, Ref HO 107/-, [0495]

DOWEDSWELL, M J, Census 1891, Selbourne Durham Rd Wimbledon SRY, wf m 43 b Barborfield(sic) BRK (+ husb Jonathan & son M J), Ref RG 12/604/100 [DOR FHS 0495]

DRAKE, Emily F, Census 1891, Ivy Cottage Fulham Rd Fulham {LND}, 17 un Genl svt b Windsor BRK, Ref RG 11/72/36, [0495]

EARLY, Joane, marr 25 Jun 1657, Chilton Foliat WIL, of Hungerford BRK, & Rowland JHONES Banns 17 May [0495]

EVANS, -, c1684,, DD Prebend of Windsor

BRK (See Rebecca EVANS)

EVANS, Rebecca, mar 24 Jun 1684,, dau of - EVANS DD Prebend of Windsor BRK, & Charles NAILOR aged 28, Ref Visit.Hunt.1684 Harl.Soc.NS v13 p76 [J DEBNEY 0195].

FOWLER, Ernest Kingsford, Mon Inscip 19 Jan 19902(sic), S James Anglican Cem Sutton West Toronto Ontario CANADA, of Compton Beauchamp BRK, Ont.GS, [0495]

GARLAND, Hunfrey, Mar 10 Sep 1741, Fleet [LND], Lab wid of Newbury BRK, & Jane ALLEN wid of Bristol, Ref RG 7/161 p125, [0495]

GRAY, George William, marr 27 Dec 1892, All SS Ryde IOW, 42 ba Certfd teacher of Sunningdale BRK s/o Abraham (florist), & Kate DOWN 33 sp of Ryde IOW d/o John (estate agent) [0495]

GRIEVSON, John, mar 22 May 1819, Heighinton DUR, of Reading BRK, & Mary TEMPLE of Reading BRK,, [NBL & DUR FHS 0495]

HAILSTONE, William, mar 27 Jul 1871, Christchurch Sandown IOW, 28 of Reading BRK, & Mary Jane WHITTICOM 28 of Gatton Sandown IOW,, [0495]

HALSTED, Laurence, Visitation of London 1633-5, of Sunning BRK, Ref Visit.Hunt.1684 Harl.Soc.NS v13 p62, [J DEBNEY 0195].

HARDING, Sarah, mother 1825 (see Sarah CARSE)

HATTON, William, Census 1891, Oxon, builders lab b Faringdon BRK (+ wife Enna 55 b GLS), Ref RG 12/1163/72), [0495]

HEIRONS, Thomas, marr 21 Feb 1878, Christchurch Sandown IOW, of Reading

BRK, & Emma WOODS of Sandown c1666] IOW,, [0495]

HIDE, John, mar 10 May 1709, Fleet [LND], ba husb of Thatcham BRK, & Eliz POCOCK sp of Newbury BRK, Ref RG 7/19 p81, [0495]

HOPSON, Thomas, Census 1851, E Markham NTT, 22 b Newbury BRK, Ref HO 107/2121/770, [0495]

HUNT, Mary Ann, Census 1891, 11 Pitville? St Darwen LAN, wf (of Hy b GLS) 44 b BRK, Ref RG 12/3426/64, [0495]

JAFFERIS, William, bur 27 May 1793, Longcot BRK, age 2wks s/o Aaron lab, & Mary (formerly FISHER) of S Serney [?S Cerney GLS],, [0495]

JEFFREYS, Ann, Census 1861, 60 Edgware Rd Marylebone MDX, wf m 48 milliner b Wantage BRK (+ hus & fam) Ref: RG9/78/14 [0495]

JONES, David Rugers, marr 6 Nov 1889, Christchurch Sandown IOW, of Newbury BRK, & Mary Ann HOPKINS wid of Sandown IOW,, [0495]

JONES, William, Census 1851, E Markham NTT, 37 b Alysbury BRK(sic), Ref HO 107/2121/770, [0495]

KITCAT, A J Winton, Census 1891, 19 Bergholt Cresc Stamford Hill Hackney MDX, bd un 29 Mercantile Marine Sub Lieut Royal Naval Reserve b Swallowfield BRK, Ref: RG12/183/28 [0495]

KITCAT, James B, Census 1891, 31 Bergholt Cresc Stamford Hill Hackney MDX, hd m 60 Insurance agent & traveller b Reading BRK (+ fam), Ref: RG12/183/29 [0495]

LEMAN, Rebecca [see Rebecca VACHELL

LINSTEAD, Elizabeth, died 10 Jul 1858, at Hermitage BRK, in 28th year beloved & affectionate wife of Mr James LINSTEAD of Cheetham Manchester & late of Folkestone KEN, Folkestone Chron 17 Jul 1858, [M CRIDDLE Folkestone KEN 0495]

LYDIA, Elz, mar 1 Nov 1725, Fleet [LND], sp of Hungerford BRK, & Samuel PARKER ba lab of Stanford ESS, Ref RG 7/35 p23, [0495]

MASON, Frederick, Census 1851, Worksop NTT, 33 b Reading BRK,, Ref HO 107/2122/90, [0495]

MILES, Henry, mar 22 Sep 1831, Ashmansworth HAM, of Breakwater BRK, & Hannah RAY,, [0495]

NAILOR, Rebecca, mar 1684, [see Rebecca EVANS of Windsor BRK]

PEARSE, Ann, Census 1851, 171 Fore St St Mary Arches Exeter DEV, wf m 22 b Newbury BRK, Ref HO 107/-, [0495]

PENNEY, Ann, Census 1851, E Markham NTT, 40 b Bean [?Beenham] BRK, Ref HO 107/2121/750, [0495]

PINDER, Richard, Census 1851, 191 High St S Petrox Exeter DEV, son (of Cath P) un 43 clothier b Wantage BRK, Ref HO 107/-, [0495]

PINDER, Susan, Census 1851, 191 High St S Petrox Exeter DEV, da (of Cath P) u 40 b Wantage BRK, Ref HO 107/-, [0495]

POCOCK, Elizabeth, mar 10 May 1709, Fleet [LND], sp of Newbury BRK, & John HIDE ba of Thatcham BRK, Ref RG 7/19 p18, [0495]

PRICE, William, marr 6 Jan 1874, Ryde

IOW, F/A wid Esq.? of Winkfield BRK son of Thomas, & Georgina YOUNG F/A sp of Ryde dau of George,, [0495]

RG10/269/20 [0495]

PRYCE, Charles Alfred, mar 25 Apr 1882, S Saviour Shanklin IOW, 30 ba solr of Abingdon BRK s/o Edward (gent), & Ellen CHALLENGER 26 sp of Shanklin IOW d/o Bromley (solr) [0495]

RAPLEY, Celina, Census 1861, Female Orphan Asylum Holy Trinity Lambeth SRY, 12 schoolgirl b Reading BRK, Ref RG 9/351/18, [E HAILSTONE 0195]

RELf, William, Census 1891, Upper Holloway Ward Islington MDX, hd m 56 Journeyman baker b ShAlbourn? BRK (+ wife & fam) Ref: RG12/151/164, [0495]

RHODES, John E, mar 10 Feb 1897, S Johns Oakfield Ryde IOW, of Wargarve BRK, & Beatrice Zoë SUTTON 24 of Ryde IOW,, [0495]

SANDERS, Henry James Moore, mar 26 Apr 1900, S Mich Swanmore Ryde IOW, 31 ba Clerk in Holy Orders of Challow BRK s/o Wm (gent), & Grace Desborough VINCENT 30 sp of Barfield IOW d/o Charles (solr) [0495]

SAVAGE, George Purcy(sic), marr 24 Sep 1879, All SS Ryde IOW, F/A wid Builder of S Giles Reading BRK s/o George (builder), & Selina MOORE F/A wid Publican of Whitley BRK d/o George HEDGES (thatcher) [0495]

SHEPPARD, Henry, Census 1891, 3 Station? Bldgs Myddleton Rd Tottenham MDX, sv ba 29 Greengrocer's asst b Newbury BRK, Ref: RG 12/1080/50 [0495]

SHEPHERD, Robert, Census 1871, 2 Montrose Villas Lwr Holloway W Islington MDX, hd m 52 Lab Board of Works b Challow BRK (+ wf & son), Ref

SIMMONDS, Alfred Brown, marr 13 Sep 1888, All SS Ryde IOW, 41 wid Innkeeper of Twyford BRK s/o Charles (mechanic), & Emily MEDCRAFT 27 sp kitchen maid of Ryde IOW s/o Joseph (bookmaker), [0495]

SKITTLE, Eliza, Census 1881, Gloucester St GLS, sv 22 b Craves BKM? (hd Benj TRIMMER), Ref RG 11/2531/89, [0495]

SMALLBONE, Donald William, Death notice 24 Jan 1991, Vancouver BC Canada, b Abingdon [BRK] England, Ref Province

SMITH, Anne, Mar 2 Oct 1726, Highworth WIL, svt of Buckland BRK, & Philmore COX lab of Buckland BRK,, [B COX 0495]

SMITH, Edwin, marr 14 Dec 1867, S Thos Ryde IOW, 24 ba carpenter of Reading BRK s/o George (builder), & Annie Maria KNIGHT 26 sp of Ryde IOW d/o Wm (gardener) [0495]

SMITH, Joshua, marr 8 Sep 1870, S Thom Ryde IOW, F/A ba Builder's foreman of Newbury BRK s/o Edward (iron manager), & Charlotte Mary BRADING F/A sp of Ryde IOW dau of Daniel (mason) [0495]

STEVENSON, John, bur 30 Sep 1830, S Law Upway DOR, 42 of Binfield Place BRK, [S&D FHS 0495]

STOCKBRIDGE, James, Census 1851, Askham NTT, 46 b Haversham [?Caversham] BRK, Ref HO 107/2121/612, [0495]

STOCKBRIDGE, Rachel, Census 1851, Askham NTT, 40 b Littlewick BRK, Ref HO 107/2121/612, [0495]

STOPS, Rachel, (see Rachel DAY mar 1806)

TEMPLE, Mary, mar 22 May 1819,

Heighington NBL, of Reading BRK, & John GRIEVSON of Reading BRK., [NBL & DUR FHS 0495]

TOWNSEND, Jane, Census 1861, Female Orphan Asylum Holy Trinity Lambeth SRY, 12 schoolgirl b Clifton BRK, Ref RG 9/351/18, [E HAILSTONE 0495]

TRIGGO, Fanny, Census 1881, 55 Pitfield Servants Home St Leonards Shoreditch LND, sv un 18 b Windsor BRK, Ref RG 11/-, [0495]

TURNER, Charles, mar 16 Mar 1886, S Johns Oakfield Ryde IOW, 24 of Reading Barracks BRK, & Ella THORNTON, 22 of Ryde OPW., [0495]

VACHELL, Rebecca, pre-1666, of Warboys [HUN], d/o Sir Wm LEMAN & Rebecca PRESCOTT & wf of Tanfield VACHELL of Coley juxta READING BRK, Ref Visit.Hunts.1684 Harl.Soc.NS v13 p70, [J DEBNEY 0195]

VACHELL, Tanfield, pre-1666, of Coley juxta Reading BRK, mar Rebecca dau Sir Wm LEMAN & Rebecca PRESCOTT, Ref Visit.Hunts.1684 Harl.Soc.NS v13, p70, [J DEBNEY 0195]

WATERMAN, Eliz, c1663., dau of Jno W of

Holt BRK mar Samuel ELLYOT of S Ives HUN & has issue, Ref Visit.Hunts.1684 Harl.Soc.NS v13 p56 [J DEBNEY 0195]

WATERMAN, John., c1663, of Holt BRK, his dau Eliz (qv)

WHITACRE, [fem], mar [c1676], of Windsor BRK, & Peter FULWOOD of Stamford LIN M.D. & has issue, Ref Visit.Hunts.1684 Harl.Soc.NS v13 p59 [J DEBNEY 0195]

WICKENS, James, Census 1861, Middleham YKS, 28 stable groom b Maidenhead BRK (with wf b Cookham & chldn b Cookham, M'ham & Maidenhead BRK), [CLV FHS 0495]

WILLIS, John, Census 1851, Worksop NTT, 30 b Newbury BRK, Ref HO 107/2122/58, [0495]

WITHER, Mabel, mar 18 Jun 1892, Christchurch Sandown IOW, 24 of Newbury BRK & John Philip Francis HOOPER 25 of Sandown IOW., [0405]

YORKE, Henry, marr 5 Aug 1868, S Thos Ryde IOW, 25 ba draper of Reading BRK s/o George (farmer), & Emma CHARTERS 28 sp of Ryde IOW d/o George (?... maker) [0495]

The Cornwall Family History Society are holding their AGM as part of a Weekend Conference during the weekend 11-12 November 1995. The event is to be held at the Riviera Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall. There will be a series of interesting talks including one on dating old photographs. There will also be an opportunity to browse our various stands and access our computer database of names.

All of this with traditional Cornish entertainment and hospitality.

Details can be obtained from:

David Holman
3 Harbour Court
North Parade
Portscatho
TRURO
Cornwall TR2 5HH

BOOKSTALL MANAGER

We are looking for a Bookstall Manager who can take over the post from Jean Debney next year. Jean, with help from husband Cliff, has run the Bookstall since she set it up in 1980 and now feels it is time to hand over the reins.

There are presently five main outlets, the four Branches each with its own manager together with the Research Centre, which is still building up and needs a manager.

In a nutshell the job involves purchasing stock, distributing it as required to the Branches and Research Centre, and organising postal sales and Open Days, both our own and visits to other societies by invitation.

A suitable person is one with an energetic mind, who enjoys meeting and working with people and preferably has some organising ability. The sooner a volunteer surfaces, the easier the handover will be. The Bookstall produces a very important contribution to the Society's funds, which it cannot do without.

Please volunteer NOW.

If you can help please contact Jean Debney (address on back cover).

The Miller By Walter Hawkins

"Though the mills of God grind slowly,
Yet they grind exceeding small"
The mills of the gods run ever,
They grind for good and all.

He who take his grist to the Miller
May oft-times have to wait,
But his load will come back sometime
As sure as the hand of Fate.

The old mill stones keep turning,
They grind and grind and grind,
Whatever you take to the Miller
Will always come back in kind.

If hate is the grist you take to be ground,
Hate will come back to you,
For every account shall be settled,
No matter how long overdue.

But if 'tis love, friendship and kindly deeds
That you take up to the mills
Full measure in kind will come back to you
From the Miller beyond the hills.

The above poem was sent in by Tom Hawkins of "Brelades", Burnham Road, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon, Essex CM9 6SS. It was printed in his local Purleigh, Essex, Parish Magazine. Tom would like to find out more about the author and the date of the poem.

Bookends

Compiled by Julia Cox and Jean Debney

Please note that unless otherwise stated, items listed are available from the Society Bookstall at meetings or by post (address on back cover)

Maidenhead, Reading, Windsor and Windsor Castle 1897 - large scale reproduction Ordnance Survey maps (by Alan Godfrey)

£1.85 each + P&P 25p UK, 60p overseas surface, 70p airmail. [JD]

Mortimer Through the Ages

(Mortimer LH Group, 1994); A5 beige card cover, illustrated with maps & line drawings, 96pp; Price £4.95 + P&P 65p UK, £1.10 overseas surface, £2.50 airmail.

The description on page 2 says it all: "*Mortimer is one that does not respect county or parish boundaries but includes parts in both Berkshire and Hampshire - Stratfield Mortimer, Mortimer Common, Mortimer West End and Wokefield*". Lavishly illustrated with cartoon drawings and other pictures, this traces the development from pre-history to post-1960, easy to read and sub-divided into short chapters listed on the contents page. Parish histories like this are constantly in demand by family historians - how about tackling your parish of residence / interest? [JD]

Oxfordshire and North Berkshire Protestation Returns and Tax Assessments 1641-2 ed by J Gibson

Oxford Record Society Vol.59 (1994); 320 pp., illustrated & indexed; £15.00 + P&P £2.00 UK; published in association with Banbury Historical Society (vol.24)

Copies from Oxford Record Society, c/o Bodleian Library, Oxford OX1 3BG.

This lists the surviving Protestation Returns and Tax Assessments, with names of all adult males, made by order of Parliament in 1641-2. As well as the Oxfordshire Divisions, it includes the Abingdon Division (Moreton, Ock & Hormer Hundreds); this was, historically, part of Berkshire but, since 1974, is in Oxfordshire. The introduction is well worth reading for it explains exactly why and how these lists were created. The originals are in the House of Lords Record Office, London. [JD]

The Story of Willie Wimmera by Adam Stout

(Two Rivers Press, 1995) 16pp Price £2.00 + P&P 25p UK

Copies available from Two Rivers Press, 145 Liverpool Rd, Reading, RG1 3PN or from Blackwells, Reading

The story of Willie Wimmera, an aboriginal child who was brought to Reading, by missionaries and died in Reading in the 1850s, aged 11. He was buried in Reading Cemetery. [CH]

Militia Lists and Musters 1757-1876
by Jeremy Gibson and Mervyn
Medlycott

*(3rd Ed, FFHS) 48 pp price £2.50 +
P&P 45p UK, 75p overseas surface,
£1.60 airmail.*

Covers the areas of England, Scotland,
Ireland, Channel Islands, Wales, Isle of
Man. Listed alphabetically by county.
Covers Militia ballot lists, defence lists
and other forces. Excellent five page
introduction including amongst other
things all the relevant Acts of
Parliament and why militias were
raised, what you can expect to find in
the registers and, interestingly enough,
those men who were exempt and why.
[JC]

An Introduction to Church Registers
by Lilian Gibbens

*(1st Ed, FFHS, 1994) 43 pp price £2.50
+ P&P 35p UK, 55p overseas surface,
£1.20 airmail.*

Covers the history of registers including
the Acts that brought them about,
different types of registers and where to
find them. Excellent for beginners. [JC]

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

*(1st Ed, FFHS, 1994) 80 pp price £3.95
+ P&P 45p UK, 75p overseas surface,
£1.60 airmail.*

Not just useful for those genealogists
who think that their ancestors may have
owned or directed companies but also
for those who think that their ancestors
may have worked for a company, had
shares in them or had dealings with

companies in any way. Lateral thinking
needed! [JC]

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

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

Self-explanatory really, divided into
countries and then alphabetically by
county. Very useful guide especially if
your ancestors are scattered far and wide.

One minor criticism, the preface fails to
point out one important point:- if your
ancestors, like mine, lived on county
borders then census records can often be
found in both counties, I saved myself a
trip to Winchester by going to the Local
Studies Library at Reading Central
Library. In this booklet it doesn't state
that Reading Central Library has a few
Hampshire records, so it is always
worth phoning up, it could save time
and petrol!

On a more contentious issue isn't it
about time that we could look at census
details a lot earlier, I was celebrating my
grandma's 100th birthday on April 5th
and it dawned on me that she couldn't
have easy access to her own records
until she was 106 - quite ridiculous, I
feel the government are far too
protective, let's have it reduced to 70
years. [JC]

**Current Publications by Member
Societies and Current Publications on
Microfiche by Member Societies**

(both FFHS, 1994) 80pp & 76pp. price £4.95 each + P&P 50p UK, 90p overseas surface, £1.95 airmail per copy.

Includes England, Wales and Ireland by county alphabetically, as well as Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada, plus a variety of other bodies. Gives prices, how to order and contact name and addresses. I did find some of the foreign ones intriguing including New Zealand river drownings 1840-1887. [JC]

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

(1st Ed, FFHS, 1994) 56 pp price £2.50 + P&P 45p UK, 75p overseas surface, £1.60 airmail.

Detailed eight page introduction and glossary of victuallers' terms at the back. Covers England, Scotland and Wales alphabetically by county. [JC]

My Ancestors were Baptists by Rev Geoffrey Breed

(SOG, 3rd ed.1995) A5, pink laminated cover, 97pp. Price £4.99 + P&P 45p UK, 90p Overseas surface, £2.15 Airmail.

First published in 1986, the four appendices in this edition have been rewritten to include updated dates and details of the Baptist registers at the Public Record Office (in classes RG4 & RG8), records in the Society of Genealogists Library, the Gospel Standard Baptist Library and the Strict Baptist Historical Society. Some of my

husband, Cliff's, ancestors were Baptists in the 19th century, including his gr-gr-grandfather who was a minister. I really must try and find the time to consult some of the records mentioned.

Other titles in this useful series for non conformist records are "*My Ancestor was a...*" Congregationalist, Methodist, English Presbyterian /Unitarian and Quaker. A new edition of Jewish records is due later this year. [JD]

General Register Office One-Name Lists in the Library of the Society of Genealogists

(*Library Sources No.4, 1995*); A5 yellow paper cover, 14pp; £1.65 + P&P 35p UK, 75p overseas surface, £2.15 airmail.

As a Member of the Guild of One-Name Studies, I have been collecting all Debney records for the past 20 years, including a complete list of the birth, marriage and deaths from the indexes in St Catherines House. Others have been doing the same to a greater or lesser extent and deposited copies at the SOG. If you are lucky and find "*your*" name in this list, then you will probably save yourself much time (and energy) lifting the heavy volumes off the shelves in SCH, searching the equivalent indexes in Edinburgh, Scotland or the miscellaneous overseas list. The indexes have varying coverage and this list only includes those indexes currently located at the SOG but the production of this slim but useful finding aid will, hopefully, encourage others to deposit the results of their own research. [JD]

My Ancestor was in the British Army
by Christopher T & Michael J Watts

*(2nd ed.1995) £5.50 + P&P 70p UK,
£2.15 overseas surface, £3.10 airmail.*

Reprint of 1992 edition plus short
addendum. [JD]

**National Index of Parish Registers,
Vol.6 part 2: Nottinghamshire** by W
Trevor Stott

*(SOG 2nd ed.1995) £9.95 + P&P 70p
UK, £2.15 overseas surface, £3.10
airmail.*

Full details of dates and location of
copies of the parish and nonconformist
registers of Notts originally published in
1988. Other counties available, send
sae for details. [JD]

**Non-Conformist, Roman Catholic,
Jewish & Burial Ground Registers**

*(2nd revised ed.1994) Guildhall Library
Research Guide 6. A5 orange card
cover with illustration; 30pp Price
£3.25 + P&P 35p UK, 55p overseas
surface, £1.20 airmail*

Can't find your ancestor who was
"somewhere in London" , this list of
holdings at the Guildhall Library,
London may answer your question and
enable you to plan your research before
you get there - thus saving you a lot of
time or a possible wasted journey. [JD]

**A Guide to Lloyd's Marine Collection
& related marine sources** comp. D T
Barriskill

*(2nd revised ed.1994) Guildhall Library
Research Guide 7. A5 blue card cover
with illustration; 59pp inc.index; price*

*£4.25 + P&P 50p UK, 75p overseas
surface, £1.75 airmail.*

If your ancestor went down to the sea in
ships - or perhaps just a 19th century
fishing boat - there may be something
for you in this detailed guide; the
appendix includes sources of
information NOT held at GHL. See
also comment above. [JD]

**London Local Archives - A Directory
of Local Authority Record Office &
Libraries**, ed. E Silverthorne

*(3rd ed.1994) A4 red card cover with
photograph, maps, place index, 44pp.
Price £3.75 + P&P 50p UK, 75p
overseas surface, £1.75 airmail.*

Details of names, addresses, telephone
numbers, facilities, status, area, access,
special collections, publications and
local societies of record offices and
libraries both in inner & outer London;
eg. Essex, Herts, Kent & Surrey record
offices, Bethlem Royal and Great
Ormond Street Hospitals, etc. Can you
afford to be without it if you have
London ancestors? [JD]

Records of the Church of England by
S Bourne & A H Chicken

*(2nd rev.ed.1991); A5, red card cover,
42pp; price £3.00 + P&P 45p UK, 80p
overseas surface, £1.40 airmail.*

If you thought the Church of England
records start and finish with parish
registers, then this booklet is essential
reading. It outlines the history, structure
and hierarchy and the dioceses of the
Established Church 1538-1900 and then
goes on to deal with the records of the
Church as Registrar, poor law

administrator, probate authority and educator; also dealt with are other parish records (churchwardens, vestry, etc) plus those dealing with finance and administration, ministers, central government and church membership and the Church Commissioners. [JD]

Records of the Medical Profession by S Bourne & A H Chicken
(1994); A5, green card cover, 48pp; price £3.00 + P&P 45p UK, 80p overseas surface, £1.40 airmail.

The contents of this booklet are set out in a similar way to the one above: after a brief history of medicine, there follow sections dealing with the records of

medical practitioners, nurses and midwives, hospitals and patients. The only adverse comment I have to make about the two publications are that they do not include a title page or details of the publishers, both of which are a necessary part of any book. [JD]

Gasworker Ancestors, how to find out more about them - a guide to genealogical sources for the British gas industry by David Lovestead

(1994); A4, 47pp. £4.50 + P&P 50p UK

Copies available from DCS, 48 Flowery Field, Woodsmoor, Stockport SK2 7ED.

The following books were received recently and will be reviewed next issue:

The Family Historian's Enquire Within by Pauline Saul
(FFHS, 5th ed 1995); A5, yellow laminated card cover, index, 286 pp; price £7.95 + P&P £1.05 UK, £1.90 overseas surface, £4.70 airmail.

How to tackle your family history, a preliminary guide for the beginner
(FFHS, 3rd ed 1995); A5 lft, 7 pp; price 65p + P&P 25p UK, 60p overseas surface, 70p airmail.

Beginning your family history by George Pelling
(FFHS, 6th ed 1995); A5, red laminated card cover, illustrated, index, 88 pp; price £3.25 + P&P 65p UK, £1.10 overseas surface, £2.30 airmail.

An introduction to Civil Registration by Tom Wood
(FFHS 1994); A5, green card cover, 55 pp; price £2.50 + P&P 45p UK, 80p overseas surface, £1.40 airmail.

An introduction to using Computers for Genealogy by David Hawgood
(FFHS 1994); A5, orange card cover, index, 51pp; price £2.50 + P&P 45p UK, 80p overseas surface, £1.40 airmail.

Basic facts about Heraldry by Iain Swinnerton
(FFHS, 1995); A5 grey card cover with maroon printing, 16pp; price £1.25 + P&P 40p UK, 60p overseas surface, £1.25 airmail.

Genealogical Bibliography of Hampshire by S A Raymond
(FFHS, 1995); A5, two-tone pink card cover, index, 103pp; price £8.40 + P&P 65p UK, £1.10 overseas surface, £2.30 airmail.

Genealogical Bibliography of Lincolnshire by S A Raymond
(FFHS, 1995); A5, two-tone pink card cover, index, 108pp; price £7.50 + P&P 65p UK, £1.10 overseas surface, £2.30 airmail.

Records of the Royal Marines by Garth Thomas
(Public Record Office Readers' Guide no.10, 1994); A4, dark laminated cover; price £8.95 + P&P £1, £1.80 overseas surface, £4.50 airmail.

Family History News & Digest, Vol.10/1
(FFHS Apr 1995); A4, dp pink card cover, 48pp; price £1.50 + P&P 60p UK, 95p overseas surface, £2.15 airmail.

Grand Draw

**for magnificent Patchwork Quilt entitled
"A Trip Around the World"**

(measures 65" by 110")

**Proceeds towards the upkeep of the BFHS
Research Centre
Tickets only 50p.**

**Further tickets available from:
Robert Houseman, The Corner House, Shaw Road,
Reading RG1 6JX**

**Winning ticket to be drawn at the
BFHS/FFHS Conference at University of
Reading on 10th September 1995**

Jean's Miscellany

Did You Know That ...

- The first public showing of a moving film was on 22 March 1895 at 44 Rue de Rennes, Paris, France. It was shot by the Lumière Brothers of the workers leaving their photographic factory. So alarmed were the audience that it is said that they jumped up from their seats to avoid the oncoming crowd on the screen.

(From ITN Book of Firsts by Michael Harris, 1995)

- Quill pens made from the wing feathers of swans, geese, turkeys, peacocks and crows were first used in the 5th century. They were cut with a penknife which did not originally fold up. It was only in this century that the folding penknife included such useful items as a pick and other useful attachments.

- Watermans patented the first non-leaking fountain pen in 1884; Swan 'eye-dropper' pens, with a rubber inner tube for the ink, date from c1910. Fountain pens were treasured possessions until the 1960s when many schoolchildren possessed the cheaper Conway Stewart which were produced in many unusual colours.

- Lead pencils were first used in the 1500s when graphite was discovered in Keswick, Cumbria. You can find out more at the Cumberland Pencil Museum in Keswick.

- Propelling pencils were invented in 1822 by Sampson Morden.

- When ballpoint pens that could write under water were invented in the 1940s they cost £2.10s which was more than a week's wages. Today mass production and cheap prices have caused a writing revolution pushing all the messy paraphernalia of ink pots and metal nibs into oblivion.

The Southampton Library Family History Club was set up in September 1993 and is aimed initially at those who are about to start their family history. The Club has now produced its first Member's Interest List - if you want to enquire about any names on this list please send details and an SAE to Robert Houseman at The Corner House, Shaw Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 6JX. If you wish to correspond with a Southampton Club Member, either for the purpose of seeing or offering information, please write to the member concerned c/o Richard Preston, Special Collections Library, Southampton Central Library, Civic Centre, Southampton S014 7LW.

A Howman Family Bible has been given to Robert Houseman with the following family details in the back:

Charles Henry Howman married Elly Eyers in St Giles, Reading, on 10th July, 1897

Bernard Charles Howman was born on 20th July, 1898

Ellen Jane Howman was born on 20th May, 1901

George Smith Ellen married Jane Howman in St Lukes, Reading on 30th January, 1926

Joane Margaret Smith was born on 12th May, 1931

If any Member is researching any of these names and would like to see this Bible please do contact Robert Houseman, The Corner House, Shaw Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 6JX (01-734-503072)

Members' Interests

Compiled by Robert Houseman

WE ARE SAD TO NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING MEMBER HAS PASSED AWAY:

1216 Mr P R J **BARKER**, 3 Millers Way, Honiton, Devon EX14 8JB

SPECIAL APOLOGIES TO:

Mr JG **WILLINGHAM**, of Flat 1, 35 Queens Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon BS23 2LH who submitted his interests in August 1994 but were lost by the Society

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

0009 Mrs J **NEWLAND**, Flat C4, Argyll House, Seaforth Road, Westcliffe on Sea, Essex SS0 7SJ
0159 Mr R A **DUNSTAN**, 16 Fonti Street, Eastwood, NSW 2211, AUSTRALIA
0419 Mr D P **MILTON**, 685 Pena Lane, Lake Hauasa City, Arizona 86406, USA
1025 Mrs P M **STRAUGHAN**, Thrift Cottage, Common Road, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0JE
1114 Mrs M M **HARRIS**, "Westerwood", Gough's Lane, Warfield, Berkshire RG12 2JR
1416 Mrs J **RUSHTON**, 14 River Reach, Teddington, Middx TW11 9QL
1515 Mrs N L **HYDE**, 12 Bunkers Hill, Wash Common, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 6TF
2721 Mr & Mrs D **SMITH**, 17 Haywood Way, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire RG30 4QP
2764 Garfield **CLACK**, 243 Patricia Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 1A5, CANADA
2776 Revd R G **HIRST**, The Vicarage, Torpenhow, Carlisle, Cumbria CA5 1HT
2841 Mr P J **SQUELCH**, 2 Oak Farm Cottages, Giggers Green Road, Aldington. Nr Ashford. Kent TN25 7BT
2930 Mr & Mrs B **HORNSBY**, 35 Lightwater Meadow, Lightwater, Surrey GU18 5XH
2951 Mrs S R **LEWIS**, 20 Highbury Park, Warminster, Wilts BA12 9JF

MEMBERS SUBMITTING THEIR INTERESTS:

(* Member of Guild Of One Name Studies)

1025 Ms P **STRAUGHAN**, Thrift Cotage, Common Road, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0JE
1172 Mrs S **BREWER**, 15 Ventnor Road, Apse Heath, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 0JT
2420 Mr P **JACOBS**, 182 Dargate Road, Yorkletts, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3AH
2850 Mr & Mrs **COVER**, The Moors, Filkings, Glos GL7 3JJ
2957 LA **PINHORNE**, 12 Arundel Road, Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 4OL
2967 Mr JG **WILLINGHAM**, Flat 1, 35 Queens Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon BS23 2LH
3006 GE **HAWKINS**, PO Box 552, Adelaide St Sta, Toronto, Ontario M5C 2J6, CANADA
3012 Ms M **HOPKINS**, Big House Farm, Wood End, Fillongley, Coventry CV7 8AW
3016 Mrs MJ **BUSHELL**, 'Lomas', Wick Road, Bishop Sutton, Bristol BS18 4XQ
3018 Mr RM **HOME**, 12 Circuit Lane, Reading, Berkshire RG30 3HA
3022 Mr WS **JOHNSON**, 42 Heath Road, Bradfield, Reading, Berkshire RG7 6HQ
3030 Mrs H **DOLTON**, 38 Tower Road, Twickenham, Middx TW1 4PE
3042 Mrs GM **COUPER**, 17 Pine Close, Horsell, Woking, Surrey GU21 4SJ
3048 Mrs S **GOODE**, 5 Carrington Crescent, Tadley, Hampshire RG26 4XE
3055 Dr MJW **STRATFORD**, 10 Ashford Road, Fulshaw Park, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 1QE
3064 Mrs A **CLARK**, 75 Torc Avenue, Amington, Tamworth, Staffs B77 3ER
3067 Mrs S **WINFIELD**, 42 Lancot Road, Witney, Oxon OX8 5AU
3075 Mr & Mrs A **LANGFORD**, 20 Fullbrook Crescent, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire RG31 6RX
3079 Rev P **MINALL**, Amberwood, Knapp Lane, Painswick, Stroud. Glos GL6 6YE

3085 Mrs J LAWRENCE, 16 Clevedon Drive, Earley, Reading, Berkshire RG6 2XE
 3089 Mr G PRINCE, 15 St Nicholas Avenue, Barnes, Sunderland SR3 1YG
 3095 Mrs A LEE, 10 Munday Way, Medina 6167, WEST AUSTRALIA
 3099 Mrs J WILLES, 19 The Horse Close, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire RG4 8TT
 3103 Mr JM POLLOCK, 221 Hemdean Road, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire RG4 7QX
 3107 Mrs F TWYDELL, 12 The Furrows, Harefield, Middlesex UB9 6AT
 3119 Mrs J MOSS, 3 Court Orchard, Newton St Cyres, Devon EX5 5BJ
 3121 Mrs E SIMPSON, 14 Ladymask Close, Fords Farm, Reading, Berkshire RG31 7QB
 3131 Mrs JM TAYLOR, 3 Wiggett Grove, Binfield, Bracknell, Berkshire RG42 4DY

No.	Surname	Place	Code	Period	No.	Surname	Place	Code	Period
3042	ABERY	H/stead Norreys	BRK	1750-1875	3131	COLLINS	East End	LDN	1820-1870
1025	ALDEN	Anywhere	NFK	1700-1800	3075	COLLINS	South Hackney	MDX	1500-1900
3042	ARBERRY	H/stead Norreys	BRK	1750-1875	3048	COOK	Basingstoke	HAM	1600-1875
3131	ARKLE	Anywhere	NRV	1650-1750	3048	COOK	Rodmartin	GLS	1600-1900
3085	ARNOLD	Bromley	KEN	1850-1910	3075	COOK	Shipton-on-Stour	WAR	1500-1820
3095	ATTWOOD	Anywhere	HAM	1700-1860	3042	COUPER	Wick	CAI	1700-1850
3075	AUSTIN	St Osyph	ESS	1500-1900	2850	COVER	Hartley Wintney	HAM	Pre 1840
3042	AWBURY	H/stead Norreys	BRK	1750-1875	3006	COX	Brimpton	BRK	1750-1881
3131	AYRES	Ibston Common	OXF	1750-1850	3022	CROOK	Clyst-St-Mary	DEV	1500-1920
3107	BAILEY	Ealing	MDX	1800-1900	3131	CURTIS	Heston	MDX	1750-1850
3107	BAILEY	West Ashton	WIL	1846-1950	3107	DALE	Nottingham	NTT	1800-1900
3048	BALLARD	Basingstoke	HAM	1600-1850	3131	DARCY	Eton	BKM	1750-1850
3099	BASING	Basingstoke area	HAM	1820+	3095	DIBLEY	Newbury	BRK	1600-1830
3099	BASING	Boxford	BRK	1500+	3016	DOWDY	Newport Pagnell	BKM	1800+
3099	BASING	Newbury area	BRK	1750+	3016	DOWDY	Northampton	NTH	1800+
3075	BEAL	Finmere	OXF	1500-1820	3107	DOWLING	Brentford	MDX	1800-1900
3075	BEALE	Finmere	OXF	1500-1820	3055	DROUGHT	Tullamore	OFF	1700-1800
3055	BECK	Belfast	DOW	1700-1850	3030	DULEY	Bray	BRK	Pre 1750
3055	BECK	Newtownwards	ANT	1700-1850	3030	DULEY	Coinbrook	BKM	1750-1870
3018	BEES	Burnham-on-Sea	SOM	All	2850	DUNFORD	Reading	BRK	Pre 1850
3121	BELCHER	Suttonwick	BKM	1800-1900	3030	DUNNE	Hunstanton	NFK	1800-1860
2967	BERRY	Wantage	BRK	1880-1900	3085	EDNEY	Durston	SOM	1750-1880
3075	BERRY	Whitechapel	MDX	1500-1900	3085	EDNEY	North Curry	SOM	1750-1880
1025	BISHOP	Norwich	BFK	1800-1850	1025	ELSOM	Anywhere	LND	1800-1850
2850	BLAKE	Pangbourne	BRK	Pre 1850	3048	ELWICK	Basingstoke area	HAM	1600-1900
1025	BLO(O)MFIELD	Bedingham	NFK	1700-1800	3075	ENOCK	Banbury	OXF	1500-1820
1025	BLO(O)MFIELD	Reading	BRK	1855-1910	3075	ENOCK	Deddington	OXF	1500-1810
3067	BOTWRIGHT	Hammersmith	LND	1891+	3085	FINCH	Crech St Michael	SOM	1830-1990
3055	BRADLEY	Bath	SOM	1700-1850	3085	FINCH	Hittisleigh	DEV	1750-1850
3119	BRASHER	Peckham	LND	1850+	3075	FLETCHER	Aston, B'ham	WAR	1500-1900
3099	BROWN	H/stead Norreys	BRK	1700+	3075	FOOD	Birmingham	WAR	1500-1900
3119	BROWN	Peckham	LND	1850+	3075	FOOD	Handsworth	STS	1500-1900
3099	BROWN	Yattendon	BRK	1750+	1025	FULLER	Paddington	MDX	1800-1860
3064	BROWNLOW(E)	Anywhere	BRK	Pre 1900	3095	FULLER	Sheffield	WRY	All
3030	BULL	Westminster	MDX	1840-1880	3095	FULLER	Soham	CAM	1700-1850
3075	BURKE	Aldgate	MDX	1500-1900	3075	GEE	Heyford	OXF	1500-1830
3075	BURKE	Aston, B'ham	WAR	1500-1900	3042	GEER	Folkington	SSX	1500+
3075	BURKE	Bethnal Green	MDX	1500-1900	3064	GIBBENS	Abingdon area	BRK	Pre 1900
3075	BURKE	Hoxton	LCC	1500-1900	3099	GILES	East Garston	BRK	Pre 1800
3016	BURTON	Epsom area	SRY	1800-1950	3048	GOODE	Anywhere	GLS	1600-1900
3016	BUSHELL	Birmingham	WAR	1800-1900	2850	GRANT	Creggan	INV	Pre 1800
3030	BUTTERS	Westminster	MDX	1820-1900	3075	GREEN	Whitechapel	MDX	1500-1900
3131	CARTER	Anywhere	NRV	1650-1750	1025	GUTTERIDGE	Caversham	OXF	1800-1850
3107	CHANNON	Shaiford	SRY	1880-1915	3012	HAMBLIN	Kintbury	BRK	1800-1935
3095	CHARTERS	Portsmouth	HAM	1700-1830	3121	HARRIS	Anywhere	GLS	1800-1850
3099	CHOULES	Anywhere	BRK	1800+	3121	HARRIS	Drayton	BKM	1830-1900
3099	CHOULES	Anywhere	WIL	1600+	2967	HARRIS	Wantage	BRK	1880-1930
3067	CLACK	Faringdon	BRK	1777-1922	3075	HARRIS	Witney area	OXF	1500-1820
3042	CLAPHAM	Boddington	GLS	1780-1850	3067	HARTLEY	Hammersmith	LND	Pre 1900
3042	CLAPHAM	Elkstone	GLS	1750-1780	3075	HATHERILL	Bethnal Green	MDX	1500-1900
3048	CLEEVE	Basingstoke	HAM	1600-1900	3075	HATHERILL	Upton Park	ESS	1500-1900
3055	CLOTWORTHY	Belfast	DOW	1700-1850	3006	HAWKINS	Brimpton	BRK	1750-1881
3055	CLOTWORTHY	Newtownwards	ANT	1700-1850	3006	HAWKINS	Thatcham	BRK	1881-1900

No.	Surname	Place	Code	Period	No.	Surname	Place	Code	Period
3085	HAYES	Gloucester City	GLS	1750-1990	1172	MAYCOTT	Anywhere	OXF	All
3121	HERBERT	Beedon	BKM	1760-1800	1172	MAYCOTT	Anywhere	KEN	Pre 1850
3131	HESLOP	Anywhere	NRY	1650-1750	1172	MAYCOTT	WEST INDIES	1500+	
1025	HOCKHAM	Anywhere	KEN	1760-1850	3119	MAYCOTT	Faringdon	BRK	1835+
3018	HOLMES	Hadnall	SHR	All	3119	MAYO	Wantage	BRK	1835+
3018	HOME(S)	Hadnall	SHR	All	3103	McCOWEN	Hastings	KEN	1890-1930
3030	HOOD	Lambeth	SRY	1840-1860	1172	McCOCK	Anywhere	OXF	All
3030	HOOD	Marylebone	MDX	1880-1930	1172	McCOCK	Anywhere	KEN	Pre 1850
3030	HOW	Wastminster	MDX	1800-1900	1172	McCOCK	WEST INDIES	1500+	
3085	HUBBARD	Durston	SOM	1780-1920	1172	MEACOCK	Anywhere	KEN	Pre 1850
3042	HUGGINS	Blewbury	BRK	1700-1990	1172	MEACOCK	Anywhere	OXF	All
2420	JACOBS	Windsor	BRK	Pre 1800	1172	MEACOCK	WEST INDIES	1500+	
3016	JEFFERY	Birmingham	WAR	1800-1920	3055	MEHARG	Belfast	DOW	All
3107	JOHNS	Easher	SRY	1850-1950	3055	MEHARG	Newtownwards	ANT	All
3022	JOHNSON	Bradfield	BRK	1500-1900	3079	MINALL	Anywhere	WIL	Pre 1650
3131	JONES	Bethnal Green	LDN	1770-1850	3079	MINALL	Anywhere	BRK	Pre 1850
3095	JONES	Lambourn	BRK	1700-1800	3079	MINOL	Anywhere	WIL	Pre 1650
3095	JUSTICE	Newbury	BRK	All	3079	MINOL	Anywhere	BRK	Pre 1650
3048	KEEN	Basingstoke area	HAM	1600-1900	3006	MITCHELL	Winkfield	BRK	1750-1881
3030	KERROD	Fulham	MDX	1820-1850	3085	MO(O)RE	Stoke St Gregory	SOM	1800-1990
3030	KERROD	Reading	BRK	1700-1820	3018	MORGANS	Llangwm	PEM	All
3012	KING	Welford	BRK	1800-1932	1172	MYCOCK	Anywhere	OXF	All
3089	KINGSTON	Greenwich	KEN	1700-1850	1172	MYCOCK	Anywhere	KEN	Pre 1850
3079	KNAP	Anywhere	BRK	Pre 1650	1172	MYCOCK	WEST INDIES	1500+	
3048	KNIGHT	Anywhere	GLS	1600-1900	3012	NAILOR	Bucklebury	BRK	1800-1960
3107	LAMBILLION	Holborn	MDX	1863-1990	3089	NASH	Wanborough	WIL	1700-1850
3075	LANGFORD	North Leigh	OXF	1500-1820	3012	NAYLOR	Bucklebury	BRK	1800-1960
3075	LANGFORD	Witney area	OXF	1500-1820	3075	NEAL	Middleton Stoney	OXF	1500-1820
3048	LEADBETTER	Anywhere	HAM	1600-1880	3042	NEAL(E)	Handsworth	STS	1850-1900
3048	LEADBETTER	Mortimer area	BRK	1600-1750	3042	NEAL(E)	Kingswinford	STS	1500-1900
3048	LEDBETTER	Anywhere	HAM	1600-1880	3099	NEATE	Compton B'champ	BRK	Pre 1800
3048	LEDBETTER	Mortimer area	BRK	1600-1750	3055	NEWING	Gravesend	KEN	1750-1850
3095	LEE	London	LND	1850-1950	3107	NORMAN	Caxton	CAM	1840-1940
3089	LEFLOT	Anywhere	IRL	1700-1820	3095	NORTH	Newbury	BRK	All
3042	LEVETT	Wilmington	SSX	1600-1950	3107	NYE	Lamberhurst	KEN	1900-1950
3075	LIDSEY	Honington	WAR	1500-1800	3107	NYE	Normans Yalding	SRY	1890-1920
3119	LITTLE	Faringdon	BRK	1835+	3131	ORTON	Anywhere	NRY	1700-1800
3085	LOFTS	Poplar	MDX	1840-1900	3085	OSBORN	Mile End Old Town	MDX	1800-1990
3055	LONGFORD	Dublin	DUB	1700-1800	3042	PAGE	Wilmington	SSX	1600+
1172	MACHOCK	Anywhere	KEN	Pre 1850	3016	PARFITT	Farmborough	SOM	1800+
1172	MACHOCK	Anywhere	OXF	All	3016	PARFITT	Pensford	SOM	1800+
1172	MACHOCK	WEST INDIES	1500+		3075	PAXTON	Finmere	OXF	1500-1820
1172	MACOCK	Anywhere	OXF	All	3016	PEARCE	Ebbw Vale	GNT	1800+
1172	MACOCK	Anywhere	KEN	Pre 1850	3016	PEARCE	Midsomer Norton	SOM	1800+
1172	MACOCK	WEST INDIES	1500+		3107	PETERS	Brighton	SSX	1850-1900
1172	MACOX	Anywhere	OXF	All	2957	PINHORNE	Anywhere	HAM	1840-1900
1172	MACOX	Anywhere	KEN	Pre 1850	2957	PINHORNE	Anywhere	LND	1840-1900
1172	MACOX	WEST INDIES	1500+		3121	POCOCK	Chieveley	BRK	1800-1850
2850	MacPHERSON	Kingussie	INV	Pre 1780	3121	POCOCK	Kingsclere	BRK	1800-1850
1172	MAICOCK	Anywhere	KEN	Pre 1850	3103	POLLOCK	Queens Ferry	WLN	1870-1882
1172	MAICOCK	Anywhere	OXF	All	3067	POUND	Cirencester	GLS	Pre 1900
1172	MAICOCK	WEST INDIES	1500+		3089	PRINCE	Faringdon	BRK	1700-1850
1172	MAIOCOCQUE	Anywhere	KEN	Pre 1850	3089	PRINCE	Reading	BRK	1800-1900
1172	MAIOCOCQUE	Anywhere	OXF	All	3089	PRINCE	Wanborough	WIL	1700-1800
1172	MAIOCOCQUE	WEST INDIES	1500+		1025	PRIOR	North Stoke	OXF	1750-1800
3085	MANFIELD	Hemyock	DEV	1750-1880	1025	PURVER	Anywhere	BRK	1750-1860
3085	MANNING	Heyyock	DEV	1750-1880	3131	RAW	Anywhere	NRY	1650-1750
3099	MARTIN	East Garston	BRK	1700+	3042	REAMES	Bishops Cleeve	GLS	1800-1900
3012	MASKELL	Compton	BRK	1800-1950	3042	REAMES	Churchdown	GLS	1600+
3012	MASKELL	Steventon	BRK	1800-1950	3095	REED	CEYLON		1800-1900
3107	MATTHEWS	Ealing	MDX	1850-1900	3103	RENDALL	Gt Rollright	OXF	1851-1910
1172	MAYCOCKS	Anywhere	OXF	All	1025	RENDELL	Haselbury	SOM	1700-1820
1172	MAYCOCKS	Anywhere	KEN	Pre 1850	1025	RICE	Shoreditch	MDX	1800-1850
1172	MAYCOCKS	WEST INDIES	1500+		2957	RICKETTS	Anywhere	LND	1840-1900
1172	MAYCOKE	Anywhere	OXF	All	2957	RICKETTS	Anywhere	SRY	1840-1900
1172	MAYCOKE	Anywhere	KEN	Pre 1850	3107	RICKFORD	Speen / Shaw	BRK	1800-1848
1172	MAYCOKE	WEST INDIES	1500+		3055	ROBERTSON	Bo'ness	LTN	1600-1850

No.	Surname	Place	Code	Period	No.	Surname	Place	Code	Period
3016	ROBINSON	Gateshead	DUR	1800-1900	3048	TRINDER	Anywhere	GLS	1600-1900
3131	ROBINSON	Ingelby Greenhow	NRVY	1750-1800	3107	TWYDELL	Shillington	BDF	1680-1780
3016	ROBINSON	Wolverhampton	STS	1850+	1025	UPFOLD	Newington	SRY	1800-1850
3075	ROGERS	Princes Risboro	BKM	1500-1830	3030	VARNEY	Kings Cross	MDX	1870-1930
3085	RUSSELL	Bexley Heath	KEN	1850-1900	3095	WAGSTAFF	Anywhere	WRY	All
3131	SAMUEL(S)	Cripplegate	LDN	1750-1850	3103	WALKDEN	Ashwell	HRT	1873-1960
3042	SAUNDERS	Brightwell Baldwin	OXF	1700-1850	3103	WALKDEN	Salisbury Plain	WIL	1841-1881
3006	SCOTT	Winkfield	BRK	1750-1881	3119	WALLIS	Wootton Bassett	WIL	1835+
3048	SHILL	Cirencester	GLS	1600-1900	1025	WARD	Bermondsey	SRY	1820-1870
3055	SINGLETON	Dublin	DUB	1700-1800	3075	WARREN	Leamington Spa	WAR	1500-1850
3131	SINKINSON	Cripplegate	LDN	1750-1850	3048	WATMORE	Eversley	HAM	1600-1850
3022	SMALLMAN	Kinver	SAL	1800-1920	3042	WEBB	Fulham	MDX	1820-1900
3121	SMITH	Beedon	BKM	1700-1800	3042	WEBB	Steatley	BRK	1750-1830
3119	SMITH	Broad Hinton	WIL	1835+	3075	WELLER	Leamington Spa	WAR	1500-1850
3095	SMITH	Sheffield	WRY	1800-1900	3103	WEST	Lichfield	STS	1900-1940
3095	SOLOMAN	NEW ZEALAND		1870-1994	1025	WESTGATE	Anywhere	NFK	1800-1850
3095	SOLOMAN	Truro	CON	1800-1900	3012	WESTON	Sherborne St John	HAM	1500-1850
3095	SPANSWICK	Lambourn	BRK	1700-1850	3055	WHALE	Hilmarton	WIL	All
3131	STANNER(S)	Gt Missenden	BKM	1700-1800	3107	WHEELER	Greenham	BRK	1800-1843
1025	STAPLES	Anywhere	BRK	1750-1830	3131	WHIT(E)BREAD	Heston	MDX	1750-1850
3016	STEPHENSON	Anywhere	SCT	1700-1850	3030	WHITE	Chelsea	MDX	1800-1850
3016	STEPHENSON	Gateshead	DUR	1750-1850	3006	WICKENS	Brimpton	BRK	1750-1881
3121	STONE	Drayton	BKM	1800-1900	3006	WICKENS	Wantage	BRK	1750-1881
3055	STRATFORD	Anywhere	WIL	1700-1800	3042	WIGGINS	Pyrton	OXF	1500+
3055	STRATFORD	Anywhere	OXF	1700-1800	3042	WIGGINS	Watlington	OXF	1500+
3055	STRATFORD	Anywhere	MDX	1700-1800	3085	WILLES	Harwich	ESS	1800-1900
3055	STRATFORD	Anywhere	GLS	1700-1800	2967	WILLINGHAM	Cookham	BRK	1855-1885
3055	STRATFORD	Anywhere	BKM	1700-1800	2967	WILLINGHAM	Maidenhead	BRK	1855-1885
3055	STRATFORD	Sonning	BRK	1700-1800	3006	WILLOUGHBY	Brimpton	BRK	1750-1881
3018	SULSTON	Boarstall	BKM	All	3006	WILLOWGHBY	Wantage	BRK	1750-1881
3075	SWANNELL	Princes Risboro	BKM	1500-1830	3103	WILSON	Market Rasen	LIN	1861-1891
3121	TARRY	Drayton	BKM	1800-1900	3095	WINGFIELD	Hastings	SSX	All
3131	TAYLOR	Shoreditch	LDN	1770-1840	3085	WOODLAND	Woodchurch	KEN	1800-1870
3107	TEW	South Ealing	MDX	1900-1950	3016	WOODWELL	Bray	BRK	1800+
3099	THATCHER	Enborne	BRK	1750+	3016	WOODWELL	Holyport	BRK	1700-1900
3099	THATCHER	Gt Bedwyn	WIL	1790+	3016	WOODWELL	Winkfield	BRK	1700-1900
3099	THATCHER	Hungerford area	BRK	1770+	3085	YORKE	Helsby	CHS	1895-1905
3048	TRENDER	Anywhere	GLS	1600-1900	3089	ZASTROW	Swinemunde	PRS	1700-1850

M. W. MICROFILM SUPPLIES

A leading supplier of all microfiche equipment.

Offer a comprehensive range of new and secondhand microfiche readers, fiche storage binder and panels.

Lamps a speciality for all makes of readers.

For prompt, efficient service and competitive prices ring Margaret on 01582-867045

or write to:

M. W. MICROFILM SUPPLIES
18 Watling Place, Houghton Regis
Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU5 5DP

Index of the Probate Records of the Court of the Archdeacon of Berkshire

Vol II: 1653-1710, Index Library, Vol. 87, British Record Society, 1975; alphabetical sequence of testators, indexes of places and trades; x + 174pp, 8vo, plum cloth gilt.

Copies are in new condition; price £24 plus postage (£1 UK)

Available from:

John Townsend BA, 95 Arbor Lane, Winnersh, Wokingham, Berks, RG41 5JE (Tel 01734-785463)

BERKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society, which started its life as the Reading Amateur Genealogical Society in 1973, emerged under its present name in 1975 to encourage the study of Family History in Berkshire. It aims to promote contacts between members through regular meetings and by the quarterly magazine, *The Berkshire Family Historian*. The Society is a registered Charity - number 283010.

Berkshire Name Index:

This index may be consulted by sending a SAE and a fee of £1.00 for 5 names & 50p/name thereafter, with your Membership No. to: **Mrs Pat Deane, 183 Long Lane, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire RG31 6YW**

Berkshire Marriage Index:

This privately run index to 175,000 marriages in Berkshire between 1538 and 1837 may be consulted at a reduced rate to BFHS Members. Fee: £1.50 per specific marriage enquiry (£2.50 to non-Members) - cheques/PO's should be made out to **Mrs P Knight**. Please send details of the marriage being sought (groom's full name, bride's as known and approximate date) with your Membership No, SAE, additional 2nd Class postage stamp, and cheque/PO to **Mrs Pam Knight, Old Oak Cottage, The Pound, Cookham, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 9QE**. Stray Marriages appreciated and acknowledged. *Postal enquires only ~ blanket searches cannot be undertaken ~ maximum of 3 Marriages per request - allow 28 days for results of search*

Bookstall:

A wide selection of books of interest to family historians is available at meetings and by post. Publication lists are available from the Bookstall Manager **Mrs Jean Debney, 8 Huckleberry Close, Purley, Reading, Berkshire RG8 8EH**

Subscriptions:

The Annual Subscription is payable on 1st July each year and the current rates are:

Ordinary Membership: £9.00 **Family Membership: £10.00**
Overseas Ordinary Membership: £11.00 **Overseas Family Membership: £12.00**
Initial One-off Enrolment Fee for all New Members: £1.50

Cheques should be made payable to **The Berkshire Family History Society**.

Overseas payment can only be accepted by a Sterling cheque drawn on a London Clearing Bank. Requests for Membership details should be addressed, with SAE, to **Robert Houseman, Hon Secretary, The Corner House, Shaw Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 6JX**

Advertising Rates:

£30.00 per full page; £15.00 per half page; £7.50 per quarter page. Requests for advertising should be addressed to the Editor, **Mrs Catherine Harrington, 20 Test Close, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire RG3 4DL**

Directory of Members' Interests:

The directory, compiled from information submitted by Members, gives surnames being researched, together with period and locality and is published from time to time.

1994-1995 Executive Committee Members(*) and Useful Addresses

- President: The Hon Lady Palmer D.L., Harris House, Mortimer, Berks RG7 3NT
Vice-President: Peter Durrant (Dr), County Archivist, BRO, Shire Hall, Shinfield Park, Reading, Berks RG2 9XD
Chairman *: Michael Sheppard, 1 Jubilee Road, Newbury, Berks RG14 7NN (01635-46897)
Secretary *: Robert Houseman, The Corner House, Shaw Road, Reading, Berks RG1 6JX (01734-503072 / FAX: 01734-503756)
Treasurer *: Roy Croton, 18 Maple Crescent, Shaw, Newbury, Berks RG13 1LL (01635-47809)
Editor *: Catherine Harrington (Mrs), 20 Test Close, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks RG3 4DL (01734-431589)
Bookstall Manager *: Jean Debney (Mrs), 8 Huckleberry Close, Purley, Reading, Berks RG8 8EH (01734-413223)
Society Librarian: Lesley Hanna (Mrs), 161 St Peters Road, Earley, Reading, Berks RG6 1PG
Magazine Library: Beryl Gorse (Mrs), 95 Vandyke, Great Hollands, Bracknell, Berks RG12 8UR (01344-422326)
Research Cent Rota: Ann Armstrong (Mrs), 8 New Lane Hill, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire RG30 4JF (01734-421427)

Branch Chairmen:

- Bracknell *: John Elkin, 4 Quintilis, Bracknell, Berks RG12 7QQ
Newbury *: Helen Relf (Mrs), 4 Blacklands Road, Upper Bucklebury, Reading, Berks RG7 6QP
Reading *: Chad Hanna, 161 St Peters Road, Earley, Reading, Berks RG6 1PG
Slough: Barbara Swiatek (Mrs), 48 Farm Crescent, Wexham Estate, Slough, Berks SL2 5TH
Membership Secs *: A-K: Margaret Pyle (Mrs), 136 Nightingale Road, Woodley, Reading, Berks RG5 3LZ (01734-695236)
L-Z: Dawn Garlick (Mrs), 21 Windermere Road, Reading, Berks RG2 7HU (01734-875660)

Ex-officio Executive Committee Member *:

- Andy Morris, 1 Oldway Lane, Cippenham, Slough, Berks SL1 5JZ
Covenant Secretary: Pat Hawes (Mrs), Highlands Road, Rotherfield Greys, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RTD 4PR
Projects Co-ordinator: Chad Hanna, 161 St Peters Road, Earley, Reading, Berks RG6 1PG
1851 Census *: Geoff Mather, 18 Ravenswood Avenue, Crowthorne, Berks RG11 6AY
Publications Manager*: Cliff Debney, 8 Huckleberry Close, Purley, Reading, Berks RG8 8EH
Magazine Distribution: Robert Houseman, The Corner House, Shaw Road, Reading, Berks RG1 6JX
Record Office Liaison: Liz Longhurst (Mrs), 20 Stanhope Road, Reading, Berks RG2 7HL

Publishers: The Berkshire Family History Society

Printers: Richfield Graphics Ltd, 65 Loverock Road, Reading, Berkshire RG3 1DZ

In the event of non-delivery, please return to The Secretary: Robert Houseman, The Corner House, Shaw Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 6JX, United Kingdom