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Bracknell Branch:

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

15th March	"Wicked London"	D R Webb
19th April	"Seasonal Ceremonies"	Jim Golland
17th May	to be announced	
21st June	"19C Country Life"	Avril Lansdell
19th July	to be announced	

Newbury Branch:

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

13th March	"East London Research"	Lilian Gibbens
10th April	"The Poor Law"	Jean Coles
8th May	to be advised	
12th June	Branch AGM - Members Evening	

Reading Branch:

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

29th March	"Quaker Records"	Edward Milligan
26th April	to be announced	
31st May	Branch AGM + "From Peninsular to Passchendaale" ..	Maj Brian Oldham
28th June	"The Breadwinner"	Meryl Catty

Slough Branch:

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

26th March	"Victorian Way of Death"	Tom Doig
30th April	"Heraldry"	Mr Whitefoot
28th May	Branch AGM + "Coroner Records"	Mr Corner
25th June	"Getting the Most from the GRO"	Audrey Brown

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Chairman's Comments

By Chad Hanna

A New Old Chairman!

I must first answer your unasked question, "*What happened to Mike Sheppard? I thought he was the Society Chairman.*" Sadly, Mike has resigned as chairman, as he felt unable to commit the necessary time with an illness in the family, and the pressure of other interests. I can only be sympathetic, as I was faced with a similar situation and running out of puff when I resigned as Society Chairman a few years ago. The Executive Committee has asked me to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting in June. Perhaps my task should be that of a caretaker, simply chairing the Executive meetings every six weeks or so and writing '*something*' for the Journal until the next real chairman turns up in June – but somehow I don't think that'll be the case.

What is the job of a chairman? The list of things that must be done is not very long:

- Chair the executive committee meetings every 6 weeks
- Write a short '*sermon*' for the magazine every quarter
- Make a report at the Annual General Meeting.

Other than writing this little homily, the Society Chairman has quite a low profile, particularly amongst those who attend branch meetings. For example, when I told someone I had been '*promoted*' to Society Chairman, he told me he thought I was already the chairman (I'm also the Reading Branch Chairman).

I feel the main purpose of the chairman, is to supply the '*vision thing*' and to have a strong idea about where the Society and other Family History Societies are going. For example, how are we going to follow the success of the 1995 weekend conference? We have missed the opportunity to arrange a one day conference this July and I hope we will be able to arrange some sort of open day later on in the year.

By the way, both men and women are Chairmen in the Berks FHS. We may be a little old-fashioned, but none of those who revised the constitution liked the sound of either '*Chair*' or '*Chairperson*', and it is probably time for the Society to have a '*Madame Chairman*' once again.

Book Lovers Wanted!

If you don't see yourself as chairman material, you might like to help with the Society's bookstall, as Jean Debney, the Society Bookstall manager, will be moving onto other things after June. I am sure you would all agree that Jean has filled this role admirably for many years and that she'd be a '*hard act to follow*'. What's the answer? – replace her by several people! Jean has described the main parts of her job and I've summarised this below.

Stock control – this involves ordering from suppliers, like Phillimore's or the Federation of Family History Societies and supplying stock to the Society bookstalls. Records need to be kept to make sure we neither run out of stock nor keep too much stock. The amount of time that is needed could be fitted around other things.

Mail orders – this is essentially the same job as a bookstall manager at a branch meeting, except that you'll have to wrap and take the books to your local Post Office instead of to the branch meeting. This takes about three hours a week.

Research Centre bookstall – about an hour a week is needed to collect and replace stock on the Research Centre’s bookstall and keep it tidy. Unlike the other bookstalls, the money is banked by someone else, the Research Centre co-ordinator.

Correspondence – less than a hour a week is needed to deal with general correspondence, which involves answering mainly simple queries and sending information leaflets. This sometimes needs co-ordination with the Berkshire Name Index (Pat Deane) and the 1851 Census (Geoff Mather).

I know you’ll agree that the Society’s bookstall is a very important part of our service to our members and it would be very sad if there was an interruption in service after June. Please contact Jean Debney or myself if you can help in any way with one or more of the tasks I’ve described.

Old Poor Law records to be published by Berkshire Record Society

Talking of books, you may have seen several articles by Brian Hunt over the past few years describing progress with our project to calendar the valuable records of the Old Poor Law (before 1834). You can now look forward to reading the results in your own home later this year when the first volume of Poor Law Records is published by the Berkshire Record Society. You will be able to obtain this well-produced volume for the same price as members of the Berkshire Record Society as long as you pay for your copy before publication. Of course, copies will be available at the usual price after publication. You can order your copy using the information included with this Journal.

Berkshire Family History Society AGM

The 21st Annual General Meeting of The Berkshire Family History Society will be held at 7:15pm, on Tuesday 25th June, 1996, at St Andrew’s Church Hall, The Grove, Slough, Berkshire

Agenda:

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 1995 Annual General Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman’s Report for 1995-1996
5. Treasurer’s Report for 1995-1996
6. Election of President and Vice President
7. Election of Officers for 1996-1997
8. Accept the Branch Committee Appointed Ex-officio Members
9. Election of Executive Committee Members for 1996-1997
10. Nomination of Auditors for 1996-1997
11. Any Other Business

A Nomination Form for Election to the Executive Committee is given at the back of this Journal.

An Educating Life

By Stuart Eagles

Edwin Kingham Eagles was baptised at West Ilsley Parish Church on 12th May 1900, the first child and only son of Joseph Kingham Eagles, the local grocer and postmaster, and Kate Susannah Taylor. When his grandmother, Sarah, died on 20th April 1902, he was left five pounds, a material benefit deprived of sisters Susan Amy (born 1902), Mary Elizabeth (1911) and Kate Susannah (1915) because they were born after their grandmother's death.

The logbook of West Ilsley Church of England School traces his schooling and early training. On the 18th June 1907 an entry by the headmaster reveals that he was recommended for the Bishop's Prize, but greater success was not far off. On 3rd June 1911 he won the Diocesan Prize and on 8th December the same year he was awarded a prize for "*perfect attendance*". This is an early indication of the strong personality and sound mind that he demonstrated in later years.

Just a matter of weeks before the commencement of the Great War, on 1st July 1914, Edwin began work at the school of his education as a pupil teacher, under the Berkshire Education Committee Scheme. The school logbook now offers rather more descriptive entries. When Edwin was nearly fifteen, on 3rd February 1915, the headmaster recorded that:

"[Edwin's] voice is breaking. This and a severe cold has made teaching impossible in the past month."

Indeed, by the 11th the records show that the cold forced him to absent himself from school, and he had further bad luck when he suffered "*a bicycle accident on July 24th [1915] causing a broken collar-bone*".

In the next two years Edwin took and passed a series of examinations: the Preliminary Certificate (for teaching) and the Cambridge Local Junior and Senior exams, in the latter of which he was tested on Religious Knowledge, Arithmetic, English Language and Geography. This is most notable, not least because the logbook shows that he was absent from school for a week in March owing to his father's illness. On 10th May, 1917, his father died and his funeral, on the 14th, was presumably well attended, because in addition to his duties as grocer and postmaster, Joseph was also village churchwarden and manager of Edwin's school. On 27th May, 1918, Edwin left West Ilsley Church of England School to await the call from His Majesty's Forces to join in the war effort, having celebrated his eighteenth birthday only a couple of weeks before.

On 12th January 1920 he applied for a place at Reading University on a degree course in arts. He wrote on his application form that: "*failing exemption from matriculation... I wish to enter for a two year course.*" It was this two year course on which he embarked on 7th October 1920. He was to train as an Elementary School teacher and pursue a Diploma in Letters in the Faculty of Letters, under his Tutor, Mr Peyton. As a full-time student he took rooms on campus, at St Patrick's Hall.

His entrance into Reading University was also subject to a report from West Ilsley School's headmaster, Charles Fuller, who by 1920 had moved onto The Council School, Harwell. He revealed that Edwin was studying with a view to becoming a professional teacher and that he had been instructed in Mathematics, English Literature, History and Geography and

shown himself to "be strong all round". One somewhat puzzling answer written on the form by Mr. Fuller was in reply to a question enquiring about Edwin's health: "No," he wrote, Edwin's health had not interfered with his performance, but he went on, "I cannot say how his health was during his Pupil Teachership".

Edwin's personal timetables show exactly what he studied, when he studied it, and from whom he was taking instruction. Each day was split into six one-hour periods running from nine in the morning until four-thirty in the afternoon, with a one-and-a-half hour lunch-break from one until two-thirty. In the two year course he studied a multitude of subjects; Education (Mr Cooke), Woodwork, Zoology (Professor Cole), Psychology (Mr Walters), English (Professors Davis and Morley and Mr Clark), Geography (Messrs Spicer and Potter), Elocution (Miss Ashford), History (Professor Stewton), Botany, Physical Training, Reading (Miss Haslam) ... and from the second year: Drawing (Professor Seaby), Music (Mr Daughy), and Hygiene (Mr Thomas). Some work was done on Saturday mornings, too, with Choral from nine till ten and in the Summer Term, 1920, Education from ten till eleven. In the second year of the course Edwin was given practical experience in teaching with demonstration schools which lasted from nine until one every Friday. He also attended Mr. De Burgh's lessons on Plato from 5:15 until 6:15 every Friday evening.

Edwin's course at Reading University (which until its charter was granted in 1926, making it a University, was usually known as University College Reading) ended in June 1922. He gained his Diploma in Letters with Distinction in Geography. Having studied a comprehensive diet of subjects he was well grounded in the skills required of an

Elementary School teacher. On 10th July 1922 he commenced work as an Assistant Master at Wescott Road School in Wokingham and later in the same month the school logbook shows that he was given leave of Absence to oversee the "school camp". The following July he spent eight days on "a practical course in geographical surveying" apparently adding to his already formidable understanding of the subject. He did not stay at Westcott Road for very long and was appointed headmaster of Beedon School on 21st December 1923, a post he held from 7th January of the following year until 30th November 1926.

Following that he was schoolmaster of the Cathedral High School, Bombay, India until 1939. During his time in India, he married Constance Ethel Butcher, with whom he remained for the rest of his life.

Edwin was, like myself, bitten by the bug of genealogy. His extant notes trace his ancestry to 1789 - as far back as I have been able to trace. But, alas, it was only through lateral family history (tracing the descendants of great uncles and aunts) that I found his notes confirming all that I, too, had painstakingly researched!

On 9th January 1939 he succeeded Mr Maidment as headmaster of Palmer Church of England School, Wokingham, then, unlike now, housed in the Victorian building in Palmer School Road. Two relevant "School Reports and Statements of Accounts" are available. The report for 1938 [BRO ref.: 88/SCH/49/18] thanked the former headmaster for his work, then gave this brief history of Edwin:

"His successor is Mr. E. K. Eagles, a Berkshire man born and bred, who has had experience not only in this country (part of the time as a headmaster) but also in India ... We feel confident that under him the school will continue to thrive, and we hope

that he and his wife will be happy in Wokingham."

The 1939 report [same BRO reference as above] stated:

"In direct contrast to the school's experience for many years, the year 1939 brought with it many changes. To begin with, our new headmaster, Mr E.K.Eagles, came into residence (his house having been thoroughly repaired and improved by the installation of electric light, bathroom etc.) and began work."

One of Edwin's innovations seems to have been to split the upper school into houses in order *"to promote competition by keenness in both work and play"*. Green House won the football competition and Yellow House won the Athletic Sports' Day on 16th May 1939. The 1938-9 Football League Championship was won by Palmer School. Then, in September, war broke out and radical changes had to be made. Local children used the school in the morning, but in the afternoon evacuees from St. Agnes, Kennington occupied it. The report reads:

"our teachers did their best to employ the time with country rambles and games, and, later on, with knitting-parties, etc."

The school logbook in which Edwin recorded the activities of the school is held at the Berkshire Record Office [ref.: 88/SCH/49/2] but is closed to public consultation until 1998. However, by kind permission of the school's present headteacher, Mr Russell Palmer, I have been allowed to consult it. Much of it describes day-to-day events: the awarding of prizes, the admonition of certain naughty boys and girls, report of the Rev T.P.Backhouse on 27th July 1939 noted that *"the new headmaster has clearly made an excellent start"* to his handling of religious instruction.

During those war years many amusing little entries appear - such as that in 1940 when a number of children were sent home for forgetting to bring their gas masks. Amusing now - looking back fifty-five years - but, of course, far from amusing at the time. In December 1940 Edwin notes that the policy of forcing pupils to remain on school premises during lunchtime, when they provide their own packed lunches, was to be discontinued, owing to a directive from the Department of Education. Scrawled in the margin is a message that this directive was later contradicted by the Education Secretary! Such inconsistency must have been annoying in those testing years.

One notable feature of Edwin's headteachership at Palmer School was that, but for meetings and conferences, he was away only once, for any period of time, until 1955, and that was from 4th March until the 22nd March 1940 when he had mumps. During his absence, on the 18th, the school was broken into, so perhaps it is just as well he didn't have much time off for illness!

It is worth noting down the various meetings he attended as it illustrates the duties of a headteacher at this time. He attended many managers' meetings, meetings of the LEA at Reading, a conference in London (1944), various speech days, a needlework lecture in Woodley (1947), a course at Newbury, and meetings of the Film Group, Visual Aids Committee, Music Festival Committee and the County Drama Committee. On 24th June 1938, he accompanied another teacher and fifteen pupils on a visit to the House of Commons, where, presumably, they acquired some idea of the workings of Parliament. On 3rd November 1952 he made an obscure reference in the logbook. to having given evidence in the juvenile

court - but on what matter we do not know. There is also other material provided by a few miscellaneous records in the possession of the Berkshire Record Office. These relate to Edwin's tenancy at The Master's House, Palmer School (now the Warden's House) in Wokingham. It seems that at the beginning of the Autumn Term in 1948 the school managers increased the rent on the property to "forty-four pounds plus rates". This provoked a rather heated letter from Edwin to Miss Barnett and the school managers [BRO ref. 88/SCH/49/19]. He wrote:

"No doubt The Managers have legal authority for this increase; although the agreement was for a fixed charge, and it seems to me that a new agreement will have to be made."

On 4th April 1949 a new agreement [reference as above] was made between the two parties, fixing the forty-four pound rent (excluding all rates and taxes). One interesting clause demanded that Edwin:

"properly cultivate the garden and prune and preserve all fruit trees and bushes therein and ... replace any such trees that may be destroyed or perish."

It's comforting that happy endings are not merely the preserve of the fairy tale and indeed Edwin and Constance were to remain in the Master's House until his retirement in 1956.

The school logbook records on 7th March 1955 that Mr. Eagles was absent because he was "ill in hospital". Not until 6th September is his writing to be seen in the logbook again, and it was also the last time. For having returned he soon fell ill once again and when he did return, on 25th June 1956, it was for "light duty"; one and a quarter hours three times a week - Monday, Tuesday and Friday. On 10th September one more period was added, on a Thursday morning, but this part-time headteachership

could not be sustained for long. His successor, Paul Green, recorded on 30th April 1957 that "Mr Eagles, Headmaster, retired 31st December 1956." Why there was such a delay in recording the matter can be explained by virtue of the fact that the logbook was not then being kept by the official headmaster. Eighteen years of Edwin's life at the school had now come to an end.

One of the more alarming findings of family history can be the discovery that branch of one's family has a propensity to suffer from particular medical problems. Edwin, or "King" as he was often called, was typical of the Eagles male in that he suffered a series of strokes, the first of which had precipitated his early retirement. He and his wife, Constance, went to live in West Ilsley with Edwin's unmarried sisters, Susan Amy and Mary Elizabeth Eagles. He subsequently suffered three further strokes, partly as a result of high blood pressure. It was that final stroke that caused him to slip into a coma. He never recovered and died, aged sixty-two, on 19th June 1962. On Saturday, 23rd June 1962 the following notice appeared in the "Reading Mercury":

"EAGLES - On June 19th 1962 at his home, High Trees, West Ilsley, Edwin Kingham, late headmaster of the Palmer School, Wokingham. Funeral, All Saints' Church, West Ilsley, Saturday, 2pm."

His wife, Constance, joined him on 14th July 1982, having died at Smallfield Hospital in Horley, Surrey.

Unwanted Marriage Certificate

John Sharp and Elizabeth Granger in 1845 in Heanor, Derbyshire (Basford RD)

If you think this is "yours", contact Jean Debney with some proof (address on back cover).

What's In a Name?

By Avril Ison

Stephen Edmund Barrett signed his name with confidence - an open, well formed "*hand*" for a young lad beginning his apprenticeship. There was no hint of intimidation in the pen strokes he made. He knew where he was going. His future work, with pay, was secure for the next six years.

The Trustees of the Reading Church Charities did their bit by honouring the late Mr John Hall's bequest to them. They dutifully paid the sum of £20 as premium to the lad's prospective Master, Henry Ebenezer Greenslade, Steam Lithographic Printer.

By 1886, when this "*deed was done*", Steam Lithography was much in demand. Types of print were numerous and frequently shown to best effect on handbills, advertising the services of local crafts and trades people. Theatres and Music Halls popularised the many types available to the Victorian Printer. Being "*top of the bill*" provoked the largest and most eye catching characters the typesetter could muster, to please the Promoter of the show.

To be a printer in a killingly hot atmosphere was not easy. At the end of a day spent counting sheets, feeding machines, mending them, listening to the terrific clatter of them as they supplied an ever increasing demand, the workers went home for a good evening meal and "*a bit of shut eye*", as my father used to say.

In return for all this apprenticing, Stephen agreed to:

- Serve his Master faithfully, and keep his secrets,
- Gladly keep his lawful commands everywhere,
- Do no damage to his Master,
- Notify his Master should he see others wasting his Master's goods,
- Not unlawfully lend out his Master's property,
- Not contract Matrimony within the said term, i.e. six years,
- Not to play cards or any unlawful games, whereby his Master or others may suffer loss during the said term,
- Not to haunt Taverns or Playhouses,
- Not to absent himself unlawfully from the said Master's service, day or night.

In all things Stephen agreed to behave himself towards his said Master and all his family, during those six years, as a faithful apprentice.

All these prohibitions contained in this 1886 Indenture, were by this time generally in printed form in beautifully scripted Copperplate on straightcut paper. The earlier Deeds of Apprenticeship were generally all written in a Secretary Hand, e.g., the Hungerford Indenture of 20th September 1673 deposited at the Berkshire Record Office (ref D/P/71/14/2).

As Stephen was a minor, his Mother - signed by her as Mary Prentis, but addressed throughout as Mary Barrett - pledged her support through Covenant with the said Henry Ebenezer Greenslade. She promised to find and provide for her son:

1. Sufficient and proper meat, drink, lodging and apparel of all sorts plus washing and mending the same.
2. All other necessaries whatsoever, in sickness and in health, during the said term.

All these promises were properly witnessed by Alfred Day, Clerk to the Reading Solicitors' firm, Messrs Blandy and Witherington, on 7th January 1886.

Master Greenslade had his promises to make also. Firstly, he promised to teach and instruct his new apprentice in the art of a Steam Lithographic Printer. Secondly, he needed to pay the lad a proper living wage. Thirdly, he promised not to assign or part with the said apprentice to any other Master during those six years, without the written consent of the Reading Church Charities' Trustees.

Parents in my day breathed a sigh of relief and so did their offspring, when they were happily placed in a secure job. What pride there was when the first pay packet was brought home! The large lettered name of the recipient was boldly written in pen and ink on the front.

Apprenticeships were so valued. After six years of learning a trade, the young craftsman began to take a pride in his performance and enjoyed the experience he had acquired. Also during that time, he had brought home a wage. He paid towards his keep, besides having a little money of his own to freely spend.

What was the going rate for our young Apprentice? So long as he continued to serve under the above apprenticeship and he satisfied his Master, then he would receive payment during:

1. The first year, the sum of three shillings and sixpence.
2. The second year, four shillings per week.
3. The third year of the said term, the sum of 5s 6d.
4. The fourth year - 7s 0d.
5. The fifth year - 8s 6d per week.
6. The sixth year - 10s 0d per week for the final year of the said term.

Of course there was a Proviso. If the apprentice was sick for one calendar month, then his wages would be paid up to the end of that time, but not any longer, until he was able to resume his employment again.

In response to our sending "*The Secretary Hand ABC*" to a Lawyer friend, he kindly supplied us with an old 1879 Lease written in Copperplate. He told us that it was rare that today's lawyers were expected to deal with deeds written in Secretary Hand. He asked us if we knew why the document was a Deed of Indenture and what was the opposite of such a Deed? The reply was as follows:

According to my, then, information on Indentures, our friend's deed complied with the following criteria, i.e.

- a. This deed was executed between two or more parties.
- b. Each party mentioned must have received a copy as
- c. There was a wavy or indented cut line, where another copy had been written on supposedly the same piece of parchment.
- d. When brought together these copies would be identified as "*tallies*".

We usually associate indentures with apprenticeships. As our friend pointed out, I omitted to state that the reason for such documents was the high level of illiteracy in bygone days.

As far as is known, there is no opposite of such a deed. However, there is the Deed Poll. This is a deed by one person or several with but one interest. Here, the word "*Poll*" means to "*cut smooth*". This distinguishes it from the Indenture which involves more than one party's interests.

And what of our young apprentice? Did he stay the course and did his Master retain for that time? Here are the actual words of Mr Henry Greenslade.

January 1892
This is to certify that J. C. Barrett
has served the full time of his apprenticeship
with me (six years) he has conducted
himself to my entire satisfaction, is a good
workman, steady & reliable.
Henry C. Greenslade

If any member of the Barrett family recognises the above extract, please notify the Editor, so that we can exchange details. If there is no response, the document will be deposited with the Berkshire Record Office.

Thanks are due to:

1. Our Lawyer Friend
2. The Berkshire Record Office, Dr P. Durrant and Alf Ison for permission to refer to the Hungerford Apprenticeship Indenture, ref: D/P/71/14/2 which can be seen in
(1) BFHS Magazine Vol 5, No1 Summer edition - 1979, illustrating Dr Durrant's article or
(2) "A Secretary Hand ABC" by Alf Ison, 1st Ed. 1982.
3. "The Dictionary of Genealogy" by Terrick Fitzhugh

Editor's Notes

Thanks once again to all those who have contributed to this magazine and also to anyone who has sent an article which has not yet appeared. As always, however, we still need more articles, particularly as the next two magazines should be "bumper" issues of 72 pages each! For all those computer owners out there, please remember that you can send your article in on disk (which does save time retyping), but please also include the printout in case I am unable to read the disk. In the past we have featured death and marriage (not together) in the magazine, so I thought that the September magazine could include tales of your ancestors' births. The deadline dates are as follows:

June 96	26 th April
September 96	26 th July
December 96	25 th October

The illustration on the front cover is an example of the typefaces available to printers in the late nineteenth century (c.1887) and is taken from Avril Ison's article "What's in a Name?".

Catherine

Dates for your Diary

The following events are taking place around the country:

Sat 4th May-Sun 5th May 96: Society of Genealogists' 1996 Family History Fair - 10am-5pm in the Royal Horticultural Society New Hall & Conference Centre, Greycourt, St, Westminster, London. Advance tickets available from the SOG at 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Rd, London EC1M 7BA

Sat 29th Jun - Sun 30th Jun 96: Yorkshire Family History Fair to be held in the Tattersall's Stand at York Racecourse. Day tickets available from Mr S Merridew, 206 Moseley Wood Gardens, Cookridge, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS16 7JE.

Sat 3rd Aug-Sat 10th Aug 96: Eleventh Family History in Wales Course at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. See below for details of where to apply.

Fri 6th Sep-Tue 10th Sep 96: Weekend Second Stage Course on "People, Places and Pedigrees" These residential courses are accredited by the University and people are welcome to attend them either to gain academic credits (10 credits at Level 1) or for personal satisfaction. Special consideration is given to the needs of overseas participants. Full details of this course and Eleventh Family History in Wales course available from: The Course Directors (FH), The Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Wales, 10-11 Laura Place, Aberystwyth, SY23 2AU, Wales

I have been notified of the following courses in family history which are being run under the auspices of East Berkshire College Adult Continuing Education. Full details of enrolment, fees etc. are available from Adult and Continuing Education, Langley Centre, East Berkshire College, Station Rd, Langley, SL3 8BY. (Tel: 01753-793000):

- Langleywood School, Langley, Slough to be held on Tuesdays 7:30pm-9:30pm from 17th September for 12 weeks.
- Ascot Heath C of E Junior School, Ascot to be held on Wednesdays from 7:30pm-9:30pm from 18th September for 12 weeks.

Warwickshire Record Office have announced that **NO** admission charges will be imposed. (*FFHS Newflash 12/95*) [JD]

Public Record Office, Kew - records are being moved from Chancery Lane to Kew. It is anticipated that Kew will be closed for two separate weeks sometime this year - so phone before you visit to (1) check they are open and (2) the records you want to use are available. A Hotline for information about the latest situation has been set up: phone Trish Double on 0181-876-3444 ext. 2882. (*FFHS Newflash 12/95*) [JD]

A New Family History Society has been established for those interested "In the Tracks of the London and South Western Railway (*LSWR*) Its purpose is to help members' research with details of records, etc. Further details from Mr J F Engert (Plus S.A.E.) at: "Lundy", 31 Tennyson Road, Eastleigh, Hants, SO50 9FS

Research Centre Library News

By Chad Hanna

Since the December magazine went to press, a great deal of information has been added to the Research Centre library. There have been about 300 additions including:

- 1881 Census index fiche for **Staffordshire, Cheshire, Norfolk and Yorkshire. Surrey** is likely to be next, followed by **County Durham** in mid-February, **Kent** at the end of March, **Middlesex** in June, ending up with **Lancashire** in July. These dates are estimated times of arrival - so please phone Lesley or me before making a special trip.
- A copy of the **1988 IGI** (International Genealogical Index) for the UK and Ireland (we already have Kentucky) has been handed to us by Reading Central Library.
- Reading Library have also given us a set of microfilms of **Berkshire Census Returns** for 1851, 1861 and 1871. These have been well-used at Reading Library and they now have new films for their (and your) use.
- The **1995 GRD** (Genealogical Research Directory) has also joined our extensive collection of earlier editions. This will complement the British Isles Genealogical Register (BIG R), where we hold the complete edition on microfiche.
- The collection of **Berkshire Old and New**, the journal of the Berkshire Local History Association has been augmented with the 1994 and 1995 issues.
- **Hearth Tax Assessments** published by the **Derbyshire and Hampshire Record Societies**.
- Will abstracts for the **Templer** family and two newsletters for the **Pleydell** Society.

We are grateful for a number of recent donations, including those from Alan Baird, Dorothy Blackman, Margaret Hassard-Short, David Cruse, Jean & Cliff Debney, June Maxwell Drummond, John Gurnett, David Jarman and P.C. Keating.

When the Research Centre library occasionally receives a donation which duplicates an existing publication, it is transferred to one of the branch libraries. An example is the Shoreditch 1851 Census Index booklets donated by David Cruse. These are being transferred to Bracknell Branch as the Research Centre already has the same material on microfiche.

Remember the library aims to satisfy the needs of both Berkshire Family Historians and Family Historians in Berkshire, so there will be something to interest you.

Monumental Brasses in Berkshire Churches

Michael Dumbleton of 25 Warfield Rd, Bracknell, Berks, RG42 2JY wrote to point out a few omissions from his article which appeared in Berkshire Family Historian Vol.19, No. 1, September 1995:

“Page 1, foot of column 2, The Fetyplace brass was stolen from **Marcham**

Page 12, para 2. After ... ‘St Lawrence and Easthampstead with 24’ insert **‘each, and Wantage with 20. The largest numbers of recorded lost brasses and indents are for St George’s Chapel Windsor with 52, Reading St Lawrence with 22, and Bray and New Windsor with 12 each.’**

Page 13, sentence 3. After ... ‘butterfly head-dresses,’ insert **‘and hair dragged back from their forehead. Margaret Andrew at Cookham, 1503, in a pedimental or kennel head-dress.’**”

Research Centre News

By *Cliff Debney*

The number of members and visitors using the Research Centre has increased since the previous edition of the magazine was issued and the Centre was full on three Wednesday mornings in January. This can only be because we have not only reminded you of the existence of the Centre but, more particularly, what is available to help YOU in your researches. Elsewhere you will find a report on the latest acquisitions to the Reference Library.

At the beginning of December we bought a Fiche Printer/Reader which is proving very popular, especially for taking home copies of the 1881 Census indexes. The charge is 30p per copy (DIY) but if you apply by post, to Ivan and June Dickason, the charge is 50p per page with a minimum charge of £1. If, before placing an order, you want to know how many pages of 1881 fiche of a particular county contain the surname of your particular interest, the search fee is £1 per name including one page of print-out. Please write to Ivan and June at 1 Mower Close, Wokingham, RG40 1RZ, enclosing an SAE.

Due to the increase in the number of visitors to the Centre, from 4th April 1996 we are opening on Thursdays and will then be open:

- **Tuesdays** 7:00pm-9:30pm
- **Wednesdays** 10:00am-4:00pm
- **Thursdays** 1:00 pm-4:00pm

We still need volunteers and welcome any who can spare two or three hours for either a daytime or evening duty. Please contact Ivan and June Dickason (01734 786785) to tell them when you are available.

It has become obvious that the contents of the Reference Library and their location are a mystery to many researchers, even on their second or subsequent visit. We are now holding "Library Tours", alternating afternoons with evenings, on the third Monday of each month. The next tour is to be held at 2pm on Monday 18th March, followed by 7:30pm on Monday 15th April, 2pm on 20th May, 7:30pm on 17th June, etc.

The Exchange Magazine Library is now available for research. It comprises magazines issued by other Family History Societies and extends from 1975 when we began to exchange our magazine, nationally at first and shortly afterwards internationally. The magazines are in binders which (usually) hold twelve issues, all over two years old. Under two years old they are not yet archived.

The Bookstall in the Research Centre has been extended and now holds almost the complete range of material available for sale. If you think we should be stocking a greater range of material please tell Jean Debney what that should be, remembering that all sales help finance the running of the Society, including the Research Centre.

Tony Gamester, (2924), Cromlech, Blay's Lane, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey TW20 0PH has a copy of *Hampshire Marriage Allegations 1689-1837*, Vol.1: bride-grooms A-L (Harleian Society, 1893) which he is willing to consult for BFHS members in return for the cost of postage and any photocopying.

An Excellent Way to Start

By John M Pollock

I had intended to start research into my family history when I had completed an Open University Degree. Then the OU introduced a course "*Studying Family and Community History*" which enabled me to start a couple of years early. I recommend this to both beginners and experienced family and local historians who want to advance from the construction of a family tree towards a comprehensive history of their ancestors, or to understand the societies in which they lived and earned a living.

The main course material is four excellently produced books¹, all well illustrated, and a reader² containing articles on theory and research papers on demography and case studies. These are supplemented by audio tapes, booklets and additional articles. Virtually all the course material is written in plain English, mostly by people who have studied their own family history or the communities in which their ancestors lived and who combine the professions of historian and social scientist.

Volume 1 starts with family trees. It then introduces sources from CEBs to letters, research strategies and the history of the family over the past 200 years. It also enables students to place their own research in the context of social developments like the industrial revolution. It continues with case studies related to theory, culminating in a report on how families lived in Katherine Buildings, East Smithfield, during the 1880s.

The first subject of the second volume is migration: within the UK, emigration and immigration. Again, there is a mixture of theory, research methods and reports and case studies. The rest of the book covers life, both social and economic, in cities, towns and villages. It culminates in a short history of Jewish East London, 1850-1950 as a typical example of the development and dispersion of immigrant communities.

In the first half of Volume 3 the authors look at work, starting with an introduction to changes over the past 200 years, continuing with case histories and concluding with occupational profiles in different communities. Next come chapters on the vexed subject of social class and mobility, and national and local elections. These are followed by religion and cultural life. Finally there are suggestions on what one should do with one's research and a reminder of the responsibilities of historians.

Volume 4 brings together the information on sources and methods, again with examples. There are chapters on collecting, transcribing and using oral sources, quantitative techniques and computing, writing and publishing work, and other forms of presentation. Finally, there is a guide to record offices and other sources plus a list of reference and bibliographical resources.

¹ Vol.1 - *From Family Tree to Family History*, eds Ruth Finnegan and Michael Drake

Vol.2 - *From Family History to Community History*, ed W.T.R.Price

Vol.3 - *Communities and Families*, ed John Golby

Vol.4 - *Sources and Methods: A Handbook*, eds Michael Drake and Ruth Finnegan

Published by Cambridge University Press in association with The Open University, price £11.95 each from bookshops.

²Time, Family and Community, ed Michael Drake, published by Blackwell in association with The Open University, price £13.99

During the course we completed five assignments, all of which required some research outside the course, and six computer-marked exercises, which ensured that we did study all our material. Our work culminated in a research project, which we were allowed to choose for ourselves. Subjects included a study of migration to and from a small village, the increase in literacy during the nineteenth century, a comparison of the social status of Oxford College and household servants. I chose to research into the migration and occupations of members of my own family. The result was that I achieved what I wanted to much better than if I had not studied the course. Unlike most academic courses we “*have done*” rather than “*know about*” the subject.

For further information on the course, reference DA301, write to The Open University, General Enquiry Service, PO Box 200, Milton Keynes, MK7 6YZ.

Help!

Mr B.L.Taylor of 50 Wendan Road, Newbury, Berks, RG14 7AF has a problem with his great-grandfather, William Taylor:

“He lived in the Sunninghill area of Berks from 1861 until his death in 1875 aged 43. In the Census returns his place of birth is given as the city of Oxford and his trade as carpenter/joiner. In 1864 he married Caroline Gough at Warfield; his father Thomas Taylor was present at the wedding and his trade was also given as carpenter. The age at death and those given in the census returns are consistent with a birth between June 1831 and April 1832. I have unsuccessfully searched the following sources for details of his birth or whereabouts of William or his father Thomas prior to 1861:

1. Oxford City Baptisms 1800-1837
2. Index for the 1851 Census for Berkshire and Oxfordshire
3. The computer based IGI for the whole of England.”

Mrs A Merritt (2857) of 65 Styvechale Ave, Coventry, CV5 6DW is looking for help with a family story:

“There is a tale in the family that The Bell at Boxford was in Merritt hands about 300 or 400 years until the 1940s. Frank Merritt in the 18th or 19th century left a gallon of guineas. I have paid two visits to the Berkshire Record Office and found that there were Merritts there, but they did not seem to know whether their surname was Merritt or Hostler. I should be grateful for any help or suggestions.”

Gladys Charlton of 10 Norton Close, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, GL54 5HS has a small local library near her, which has a copy of some parish registers for Winchcombe, which she is willing to check for anyone who may have connections.

John Gurnett of Purley Lodge Cottage, Purley Village, Pangbourne, Berks, RG8 8AT is doing a research project and would be grateful if anyone could let him have any old and unwanted copies of the Society of Genealogists magazine. He will either pay postage or collect them from members who live in the Reading area.

Jacqueline Harbor of 7 Hemdean Rise, Caversham, Reading, RG4 7SA wrote in response to the article by Bernard Slatter in the December issue of the “Berkshire Family Historian” to let him know that Park Road, Tilehurst, where Bernard’s ancestor lived, had become Chester St by the 1880s and 90s.

One Thing Leads to Another

By Dorothy Wise

It all began with a date stone, the kind you sometimes see on very old houses. Our old house had just such a stone and the date on it was 1763 plus the initials D.T. and if that had been all I would probably have thought no more about it, other than that it could represent the age of the house. However, it was a very precise date giving not only the year but the month and the day. In full and beautifully carved it read: "*D.T. MAY th 6, 1763*"

I began to wonder, who was, or who had been, D.T. and what had happened on May the 6th 1763? In addition to the date stone I found other initials scratched here and there, usually at a child's height from the ground. For example on a corner stone at the back of the house I found E.T. and then one evening while up in the attic bedrooms with a candle (for in those days we had no electric light) I suddenly discerned on the soft white plaster of the chimney more initials, this time W.T. and there was more, "*May the 8th 1774*" and a little higher up as though the child had come back ten years later, I read again "*W.T.*" and "*May the 8th 1784.*"

I had to find out more. There were times when I thought I heard children's laughter coming from the attics. So the parish records seemed a good place to start which in those days (the 1950s) were still kept in the church. I asked the vicar if I could have a look at them and he kindly got them out of the parish chest. I looked first in the register for marriages and turned back to 1763 and there I discovered that a young man, Daniel Tayler, from the parish of Grafton, Oxfordshire, (our parish) had married a young woman Elizabeth from the same parish, on May the 6th! I was delighted. Then I looked into the register

for baptisms and found that a year later they had had a son, John. I kept looking and after John came Edith and that explained the E.T. on the back of the house, and more, for in the meantime, anxious to have a bathroom installed in a little back room, I had discovered a window on which had been written with a diamond, "*Edith Tayler of Grafton*". After Edith came Mary, Robert, Thomas, William, (he who had recorded his birthday on the attic wall), Daniel, James, Elizabeth, Anne and Susannah. I suppose I could have stopped there, but at the years passed I discovered so much about the children. Thus I found out that Mary had married a glazier and had moved to Turnham Green, John had become a farmer, Edith had married a Mr Pitt who died after a few years leaving her with three children to bring up. This piece of information I discovered by accident in the Bodleian Library when I found Daniel's will. He died in 1802 and made provision for Edith's children. I now have a copy of Daniel's will.

Perhaps the greatest surprise to me was that the two boys William and Daniel had become sea captains. On a plaque on the wall of the church, dedicated to Daniel and Elizabeth, is also the commemoration of the deaths of both those boys within three months of each other, in 1799 and just before Christmas. It reads:

"to the memory of Captain Daniel, his ship struck by lightning, off Cape Coast Castle, Africa, and Captain William, drowned on a voyage out to Africa..."

By this time I felt I knew the family and I could feel for them at hearing this news. James too died at the age of 21 "*of yellow fever, in the Barbados*". The rest of the children survived into old age, in fact John

died just three months short of his 100th birthday.

Eventually I wrote about this family in an article called *"Ghosts Haunt My House"* and it was published in *"The Farmer & Stockbreeder"*. There the story could have ended but it did not for someone who was a descendant happened to see my article and she sent me a letter that opened up a whole

new generation to me, helping me to trace the family not only back to 1690 or thereabouts, but also in reverse down to today and the descendants of Daniel and Elizabeth who live in, and around London and in Australia and New Zealand. So as I said at the beginning, *"One thing leads to another!"*

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Sweat shirts and T-shirts with the "BFHS" logo in gold (yellow) - as per the front cover of this journal plus the words "Berkshire Family History Society" added underneath - are now available in the colours and sizes listed below. You can order yours at Branch meetings, the Society Research Centre or by post. Since we have only been able to order a limited number of garments for the time being, we cannot guarantee to supply you with your exact choice, but we will do our best: please therefore specify 2nd and 3rd choice of colour on your order.

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Pamela Roberts of Sandycombe, 8, Parklands Ave, Goring-by-Sea, BN12 4NH sent in the photograph below. She would like to know if anyone recognises it or anything about it. For example is the photo taken at the back of St Helen's Church, Abingdon? If not has anyone any suggestions as to where it might be? Is 1892 a likely date for it? Does anyone recognise any of the people from other family photos? The family names could be Roberts or Wyatt. Could this be a double wedding, the two brides and grooms standing behind the two couples of bridesmaids? If this is so what was the role of the man seated in the middle?



LONDON & SUFFOLK POLLBOOKS

Pollbooks list the names and homes of voters in 18th & 19th century Parliamentary elections. They are invaluable sources for identifying the homes of family names. Many were printed, but few survive in more than a handful of copies. In order to make them more widely available, they are now being made available as facsimile reprints. Please note these are *not* fiche, but easily readable books! Volumes available are:

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Special Offer to BFHS members

Calendar of Berkshire Overseers' Papers

In the autumn of 1996 Berkshire Record Society will be publishing its third volume, a *Calendar of Berkshire Overseers' papers*. These papers comprise settlement certificates and examinations, removal orders, apprenticeship indentures, bastardy papers, and other similar documents: case papers of individuals who appeared before the overseers when in need of relief. Dating from the 18th and early 19th centuries, these documents contain hundreds of names and provide personal details - in the case of settlement examinations often quite detailed life histories - of individuals who otherwise left little mark in the records. As sources for family history they are extremely valuable.

The calendar will contain an abstract of several hundred documents from the Kennet Valley parishes in Berkshire - parishes between Newbury and Reading - but because of the nature of the documents, will contain information about people from far and wide. Both Jersey and Scotland, for example, appear in documents from Chieveley which will be included. The abstracts will contain all names and personal details and a summary of the other personal particulars in the documents: all the essential information will be there. An index will be incorporated.

Because this volume relies on work carried out in the BFHS-supervised Overseers Project, the Record Society, by arrangement with the BFHS, is offering BFHS members copies of the book at a substantial discount. Normally priced at £25.00 to non-members of the Record Society, it will be available to BFHS members, if ordered in advance of publication, for only £14.50 - a saving of nearly 40%.

An order form can be found on the next page. To take advantage of this offer you should return it, enclosing your cheque and quoting your **BFHS membership number**, to Peter Durrant at the Berkshire Record Society, Berkshire Record Office, Shire Hall, Shinfield Park, Reading, Berkshire, RG2 9XD by 30 June 1996.



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Ken Shepherd Archive

The Royal Borough Collection at Windsor is pleased for people to use the Ken Shepherd archive. Ken Shepherd researched a great deal of information on all those commemorated on the 1914-1918 War Memorials in Clewer, Dedworth, Windsor and Eton Wick. Some of the men will have served in Berkshire Regiments, but not all. Please note that the archive does not cover men who served in Berkshire Regiments who are commemorated on other memorials. The address for postal enquiries (including an SAE), if you think that you are interested in someone in the Clewer, Dedworth, Windsor or Eton Wick area is: The Hon Curator, c/o 26 Wood Lane, Slough, SL1 9EA.

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Bookends

Compiled by Julia Cox and Jean Debney

Unless otherwise stated, all the following are available from the bookstalls at BFHS branch meetings or by post from the Bookstall Manager (address on back cover).

A History of Berkshire by Judith Hunter
(Phillimore & Co Ltd, 1995); Hardback 144 pp, index illustrations include sketch maps; price £14.95 + p&p £2.30 UK, £2.90 overseas surface, £8.60 airmail.

This is the latest in the Darwen County History series which began in the early 1950s. In seven chapters, the author chronicles the history of the ancient county of Berkshire from its creation in the mid-Saxon period until the Vale of the White Horse was lost to Oxfordshire in 1974. The text is informative and easy to read and there are plenty of pictures to catch your attention.

The sources for the illustration are given but regrettably no other detailed references are included. Also a map of the county and the accompanying text on pages 11-12 do not appear to be in agreement about when Caversham became part of the county. [JD]

Elizabethan Hungerford by Julie Shuttleworth

(Hungerford Local History Group, 1995); A5, 54pp; price £3.00 + p&p 45p UK, 75p overseas surface, £1.25 airmail.

This interesting local history booklet is the result of another enthusiastic evening class, this time led by Julie Shuttleworth who wrote the text. The class only ran for one term in the autumn of 1993 but ten members continued to meet informally until October 1995 when they finally "got it all together".

There were many documents available for that period which the group used for their research under three main themes: the town and the landscape; living in Hungerford; and 'the pillars of the community'. [JD]

Burnham, Cippenham and Hitcham War Heroes by Dorothy Blackman

A4; 116pp; available from Slough Museum price £7.50 or from by post from the author at 21 Iona Crescent, Cippenham, Slough, SL1 6JH price £8.30.

Dorothy Blackman has researched the lives and families of every man mentioned on these three memorials for WW1 and WW2, interviewing relations and descendants and many other sources which are quoted.

A copy has been donated to the BFHS Research Centre by the author. [CH]

Habgood Versus Habgood in Chancery by Judith Habgood-Everett

(Latton Publications, 1995); A5 190pp; 6 Appendices, Bibliography, Index; Price £10.50 (inc. UK p&p) from the author, 5 Woodburst Ave, Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent BR5 1AR

This is a family history with a difference: a wealthy man, William Habgood, committed suicide in 1803 and his three children were exploited for their fortunes by unscrupulous men. The story includes bankruptcy, seduction, multiple bigamy and imprisonment, to mention but a few juicy bits, which were mostly discovered from legal records. There are 150 endnotes (called "footnotes" by the author) and the six appendices include full transcripts of some documents and indices of tradesmen and other names.

According to the information sent with this publication, some of the descendants settled in Faringdon, Berkshire and married into local families. [JD]

Tracing Ancestors in Bedfordshire by Colin R Chapman

(Lochin Publishing Society, 1995); A5, index, 60pp; price £4.50 + p&p 50p UK, 75p overseas surface, £1.80 airmail.

"If you have ancestors who lived in Bedfordshire, or if you want to use sources in Bedfordshire today to trace ancestors whose origins were elsewhere, this book will be especially useful to you." This quotation from page 1 says it all. Apart from good basic guidance for beginners, there is lots of purely local information - a county map, addresses, details of parishes, hamlets, hundreds, etc.

Still available in the same series *Tracing Ancestors in Northamptonshire* (price as above). [JD]

Cheshire Genealogical Bibliography: Part 1, Genealogical Sources; Part 2, Family Histories & Pedigrees, by Stuart A Raymond

(FFHS 1995); prices (1) £9.50 + p&p 70p UK, £1.10 overseas surface, £2.55 airmail, & 2) £7.00 + p&p 50p UK, 80p overseas surface, £1.65 airmail.

Shows what is accessible on Cheshire and in published form. Covering everything from general histories of places and Cheshire families to occupations, periodicals, etc. Licensed tobacconists in 1633 and Cheshire Archers in the Scottish Wars 1400 being the more unusual! [JC]

Basic Facts about Family History Research in Yorkshire by Pauline M Litton

(FFHS 1995); price £1.25 + p&p 35p UK, 60p overseas surface, £1.30 airmail.

Informs genealogists researching Yorkshire ancestors what records there are and where they are held. [JC]

Was Your Grandfather a Railwayman? by Tom Richards

(3rd ed, FFHS 1995); price £4.95 + p&p 70p UK, £1.10 overseas surface, £2.55 airmail.

Well no he wasn't, but a few of my ancestors were, so this book should prove a useful resource in finding out more about their employment conditions, what railway they worked on and if they appeared in staff journals etc. Also gives details of how to find out about railway staff abroad. [JC]

Basic Approach to Latin by Michael Gandy

(FFHS 1995); price £1.25 + p&p 35p UK, 60p overseas surface, £1.30 airmail.

Useful guide for the terrified! [JC]

Basic Approach to Keeping your Family Records, by Iain Swinnerton

(FFHS 1995); price £1.25 + p&p 35p UK, 60p overseas surface, £1.30 airmail.

Suggests different methods for keeping detailed records and family trees. [JC]

Basic Facts about Sources for Family History in the Home by Iain Swinnerton

(FFHS 1995) - £1.25 + p&p 35p UK, 60p overseas surface, £1.30 airmail.

Suggests documents to look for around your own and your relatives' homes from school prizes and ration books and everything in between. A useful reminder not to overlook the obvious. [JC]

Dating Old Photographs by Robert Pops

(2nd ed. FFHS 1995); price £4.95 + p&p 60p UK, 95p overseas surface, £2.15 airmail.

Very interesting book, whether you have old photos or not! Covers the technical side of early photography and how to look after your latest photos as well as the oldest. Also includes an excellent quick reference dating chart. My father having just inherited a lot of old photos and postcards from my late gran, this book will be very useful. [JC]

Oral History, by Robert Perks

(*Historical Association, Helps for Students of History no.94, 1992, 2nd rev ed 1995*); A5, 44pp; price £3.95 + p&p 45p UK, 75p overseas surface, £1.25 airmail.

Although written with local historians in mind, this small booklet should be an invaluable aide-memoire for all family historians to read and inwardly digest before setting out to "grill granny" or "ask auntie" about their memories.

The author, a member of the Oral History Society and associated with the British Library National Sound Archive, has packed this small booklet with plenty of expert advice. The text is interspersed with extracts from interviews. Lists of references, further reading and names and addresses ensure that the reader has plenty to enable him to expand his knowledge of the subject. [JD]

Sources for Labour History, (PRO Reader's Guide No.12) by Simon Fowler

(*PRO Publications, 1995*); A4, 75pp; index; price £10.95 + p&p £1.10 UK, £1.90 overseas surface, £4.90 airmail.

This book looks at records for the history of the labour movement in the public record office and elsewhere. They include those

for trade unions, industrial relations and disputes, conditions of employment, the employment of women and the political wing of the labour movement. There is also a list of useful addresses and a booklist for further reading. [JD]

The Protestation Returns 1641-42 & other Contemporary Listings by Jeremy Gibson & Alan Dell

(*Gibson Guide, FFHS 1995*); price £3.95 + p&p 60p UK, 95p overseas surface, £2.15 airmail.

Excellent introduction to the various records and their background. Includes mention of the Collection for distressed Protestants in Ireland. Covers England and Wales in County order. [JC]

Quarter Sessions for Family Historians by Jeremy Gibson

(*Gibson Guide, 4th ed. FFHS 1995*); price £2.50 + p&p 50p UK, 80p overseas surface, £1.65 airmail.

For England and Wales only. Lists what each county holds. Covers a variety of topics including:- Alehouse Keepers Licences, Vagrants Register, Bastardy Examinations, as well as the more normal session rolls, papers minute books etc. [JC]

The Ancient Order of Foresters is a Friendly Society founded in Yorkshire in 1790 as the "*Ancient Royal Order of Foresters*"; in 1834 it was reorganised as the "*Ancient Order of Foresters*". Before the advent of state benefits, it was one of various self-help groups that, in return for a few weekly pence, provided its members with assistance when they were in trouble, sick or died.

By the nineteenth century, the Courts (or branches) had spread world-wide; these were divided into Districts and overseen by Head Quarters or High Court.

Further details can be obtained from the Ancient Order of Foresters Heritage Trust, Co-ordinators Sr. Audrey Fisk and Br. Roger Logan, 12 College Place, Southampton, SO15 2FE.

(*Adapted from Cambridge FHS, Vol. 10/3, August 1995, p.99*)

For details of other Friendly Societies, write to the Registrar of Friendly Societies, 15-17 Great Marlborough St, London W1V 2AX; or for Scotland, The Registry of Friendly Societies, 19 Heriot Row, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH3 6HT. (*From Family Historian's Enquire Within, p103*) [JD]

Binfield South Post Office

By Robin Mosses

How can the location of a sub-post office, that existed as recently as 1903, be lost? Well, it happened, and interestingly the solution was genealogical.

Mr Homer-Wooff, who published "*The Postal History of Bracknell*" (and postal histories of several other Berkshire towns, incidentally), hadn't managed to locate it. He gave me two clues - it might have been in Priestwood (part of which was in Binfield parish prior to 1954) and secondly to look for a post-box (or former site of one).

Binfield sub-post office was near the Jack O' Newbury Public House and, because subsequent Victorian development was further south, became less and less convenient.

Binfield South PO was short lived (thus unrecorded on O/S maps). Only one Kelly's Directory (1903) mentions it (under a Mrs E Lawler) and there are two mentions in the minutes of Binfield Parish Council. I also noticed that a later postmistress (1907) for Binfield PO was also surnamed Lawler (who didn't hold the post for very long) - might they possibly be related? That's about the sum total of clues on which to work. Where does one go from here?

Registers of electors (certain females could vote in county council elections, even then), I thought. Now I expect you know the feeling when you discover that the Binfield register for 1903 is the one that is missing! Also there are no Lawlers in either the Binfield or Easthampstead registers for 1902 or 1904.

The 1901 census returns are not yet available and in any case the PO seems to have operated only from about 1902 to

1903. There are times when one just has to give up (because one is getting precisely nowhere), but I had one last thought - and everything fell into place. I also realised what clues I had missed.

I looked at the 1891 Binfield census returns, and eventually found the Lawler family headed by Mrs Elizabeth Lawler (47), general shopkeeper along with her children Charles (14), Lizzie (12), Isabella (10) and Sydney (7). This would mean that by 1903/4 Elizabeth would have been 60 (retirement age?) and Isabella, who undoubtedly helped in the shop (and the PO side?), would have reached the age of about 22.

I had missed some clues such as relocation of a postbox to right opposite Mrs Lawler's shop at The Royal Standard crossroads, and also relocation of Binfield PO about this time. Binfield and Binfield South post offices had combined, moved to near the Victoria Arms Public House, and put in charge of Miss Isabel Lawler.

I had also failed to notice that the person who shortly followed Miss Lawler was Isabel North. There had been a marriage to a Mr North!

There was one Stanley Ball who made copious notes about Binfield's history (Berkshire RO D/EX 749 series), including mundane things like where village post offices are/were. One of his entries reads: "*Mrs Isabel North, wife of Mr H.North, retired in 1943 after being postmistress for 38½ years*", Mr Ball also recorded, in his notebooks, the family trees of some two hundred local people. This is over twice as many as those listed in Research Centre Guide No. 1.

Berkshire Record Office News

From Elizabeth Hughes and Bob Hale

Among the records catalogued and made available over the past few months are Quarter Sessions rolls for the period 1889-1920; a terrier of land in Garford and Frilford, c. 1821; records of the Wilder family of Sulham, 1688-1755; the diary of Joan Evelyn Daniels, a Reading Schoolgirl, 1918; and the admissions register of Newbury County Girls' School, 1904-1913, 1925-1945.

Parish Registers have been received from Kintbury (marriages 1957-1981, burials 1926-1972) and Avington (baptisms 1813-1965, marriages 1839-1967, burials 1814-1994), and these are also now available, as are the copies of the 1841-1881 census returns on film. Although Slough and Caversham are not covered by the films, a number of parishes in the counties bordering on Berkshire are, particularly in Oxfordshire and Wiltshire. This is because census registration districts, which were based on Poor Law Unions, often straddled county boundaries.

We have just received a further instalment of fiches of the St Catherine's House Index of births, marriages and deaths, so that we now cover the years 1837 to 1992 inclusive. As noted in the last *Berkshire Family Historian* the quarterly indexes gave way to annual indexes in 1984, and this is reflected in the fiche - so you should normally only have to check one fiche per

year (beware, though - there are supplementary indexes for some years!).

"*Berkshire's Sporting Past*" was the subject of Berkshire Record Office's exhibition in Shire Hall during February and March. A dozen different sports were illustrated in all parts of the county over the past 400 years. There was more good behaviour than bad, but football violence is clearly nothing new: the oldest document on view was the North Moreton parish register with the burial of two men stabbed to death in an argument while playing football in 1598! There were posters advertising racing from Ascot Heath, detailing all the runners in June 1818, and for the Newbury Swimming Gala of 1907 at which "*Varsity dress*" was to be worn. Among several old photographs on display was one of the famous cricketer W.G. Grace, who also played for England at bowls, as a guest of Hurst Bowling Club in 1905. Another showed the very first British Olympic marathon in 1908, which started from Windsor Castle. Cricket (which is ardently followed by some of the Record Office staff) also featured: cricket accounts from the 1920s in Wokingham showed that bets laid on the team there financed half its expenses, and a cricket scorebook from the 1850s revealed how Hungerford Park almost beat the celebrated touring All England Eleven.

Subscriptions paid in US Dollars

The Society is sorry but it is no longer able to accept subscription payments in US\$. Very few members actually used this facility and the costs of cheque clearance and administration have now made it uneconomic. However the Executive Committee have decided that, if overseas members wish to save exchange costs by paying up to three years in advance, those advance payments will not be affected by any subscription increase during the period they cover. The society apologises to the members concerned, and hopes that they can make alternative arrangements for payment in Sterling without difficulty.

BT Archives

BT Archives are responsible on behalf of the Public Record Office for historical telecommunications records up to August 1984 which are classed as public records under the Public Records Acts, 1958 and 1967; they also preserve the historical records of BT as a public limited company.

The major collections consist of;

1. Historical telephone directories - a “*near complete collection*” from 1879 “*for the whole country*”.
2. Post office collections - records, formerly held in the post office archives, of private telegraph and telephone companies and their successors from early 19th century to 1969.
3. Photographic library - pictures of equipment, engineers, telephone operators at work, vehicles, street furniture, etc. Copy prints to order.
4. Other collections - miscellaneous historical material including some from early colonial and commonwealth services.
5. Library - printed journals and periodicals
6. Library - historical & scientific books, etc. from the 18th century
7. Library - local histories
8. Library - BT publications and reports

BT Archives and Historical Information Centre, Room G09, Telephone House, 2-4 Temple Avenue, London EC4Y 0HL. Telephone: 0171-822-1002.

Open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm by appointment only.

Please note that from 2nd October 1995 BT Archives are no longer able to deal with postal research enquiries. [JD]

Parish Register Searches

The Church Commissioners have announced that from 1 Jan 1996 the charges made for searches in baptism, marriage or burial registers before 1 July 1837 will be unchanged from 1995, i.e.:

1. If the approximate date is known - £11.00 for the 1st hour (inc. 1 copy entry) + £9.00 for each subsequent hour or part of an hour + £11.00 additional copies of entries.
2. General search in a register: fee negotiable.

Note: under the terms of the “*Parochial Registers Act*” 1978 these charges should only to apply to those registers still in parochial custody or in a privately-run diocesan record office and not those deposited in a diocesan record office run by a local authority. However, be warned - and always make sure you negotiate with the incumbent about any fees before you commence searching.

PS. The above was taken from the “*table of parochial fees*” which includes those current for modern baptisms, marriages and funerals (including burials) and monuments. If you would like a photocopy please send a large s.a.e. + extra 19p stamp to Jean Debney.

Letters to the Editor



Rosemary Miles of 13 Bowling Green Rd, Thatcham, Berks, RG18 3BY wrote in response to the article about the conference in the December 1995 edition of the "Berkshire Family Historian":

"I read with great interest Joyce Wells' report on the September conference, 'Victorian Virtues, Vices and Virtuosity'. She must be congratulated on her organisation of what was obviously a most successful and interesting Conference - I wish I had been there.

There was obviously a great deal of disappointment within the Society that there were not more Berkshire Members of the BFHS attending such a prestigious event, which had involved such a lot of time and effort to arrange.

It should be considered though (and not only by the BFHS) that apathy isn't always the reason for an apparent lack of commitment and support. There are members who, from necessity, have to work at weekends; those with partners who are not enthused with the same fascination for family history; those for whom the dates were not convenient, but most importantly, those members - and there must be a goodly proportion of the membership to whom this applies - who are on fixed or low incomes, who would have liked to have been there, but simply could not afford the delegate fees, the travelling expenses and the inevitable extras involved!"

Doris Spratley (3003) of 107, 3015 - 51st Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, T3E 6N5:

"Recently, I was fortunate enough to make the voyage on the RMS St Helena from Cardiff to Cape Town, via the island of St. Helena. In the garden behind the administration offices, I found a monument, the base of which was four-sided and carried the following inscriptions:

This column was erected by the Commander, Offices and Crew of H.M. Brig, 'Waterwitch' in memory of their shipmates who died serving on the coast of Africa, A.D. 1839-43:

Clarence Taylor, Mate, son of Wm. Taylor of Purbrook, Hants, died Sierra Leone while in charge of a prize crew, 25th August, 1839, age 25 years.

Matthias Lovegrove, Gunner, died at Ascension while in charge of a prize crew, 21st August, 1841, age 32 years.

James Francis, Bosun's Mate, died Sierra Leone, 22nd August, 1839, age 40 years.

Thos. Bush, A.B., died St Helena 11th July, 1841, age 29 years, from the effects of an explosion on shore, after a gallant attempt to rescue a watering party on the coast of Africa.

Side two read:

Erected by Henry J. Matson, Lt. Com.; Fredk. R. Sturdee, 2nd Master; Andw. B. Curror, Asst. Surgeon; Charles Williams, Gunner and ship's company, paid off 4th July, 1843.

James McKeachie, A.B., died St Helena, 6th June, 1840, 25 years.

James Lumber, Marine, St. Helena, 4th May, 1843, aged 24 years.

Side three read:

(nothing to state by whom erected)

Samuel Knight, Marine, drowned in an attempt to board a slave vessel, 10th February, 1842, age 24 years.

William Plant, Bosun's Mate, in England on return from the U.S.A., 1st February, 1841, age 42 years.

Thos. Gibbs, Ord., died at sea 10th October, 1839, 24 years.

James Eddington, Boy, died at sea 24th December, 1839, 18 years.

James Collins, Boy, died at sea, 12th February, 1842, 17 years.

Side four was blank.

In the courtyard of the South African Cultural History Museum in Cape Town, I found a low, rectangular-shaped marble monument, the inscription on which read:

Diana, wife of Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to the Government (Governor?) of Bombay, who departed this life 25th (or 28th) October, 1816, 36 years and 5 months.

There is a notation which reads that her remains were buried in the Somerset Road Cemetery with the tombstone at the Museum being designed by Sir Francis Chantry, 1781-1841."

Mrs Ann Church of Windyridge, 32, Parsons Heath, Colchester, Essex, CO4 3HX has come across the Royal Berkshire Militia twice in different places. The first was at Ashburton, Devon where a number of Militiamen married local girls in 1796 and the second at Weeley, near Colchester, in Essex, where they were stationed in 1811. Mrs Church has not looked at the Banns or Marriages there. Ashburton is on the IGI which should show the full date:

"Ashburton, Devon - Banns and Marriages 1796. The Banns book shows the groom in

each case as 'sojourner in this parish and belonging to the Berks Militia', the Marriage entries show 'of the parish of - ': The Brides were all 'of this parish':

George Beard Bachelor of Woodley and Elizabeth Soper widow

Edward Lee of Wantage Bachelor and Priscilla Friend spinster

Walter Milsom of Cuxham [?] and Elizabeth Blatchford

James Northclift of Sunninghill and Martha Combs spinster (register signed James Netherclift)

Thomas Stokes of Windsor and Grace Norish spinster

George Weeks of Redding and Mary Buffet spinster.

Weeley, Essex - all entries show 'Royal Berks Militia, Weeley Barracks.'. The following baptisms all took place in 1811:

April 7 born April 3 John Lawrence parents James and Ruth (late Leating)

July 7 born June 17 Henry Westall parents James and Mary (late Wiggins)

July 7 born June 19 James Crosswell Allam, parents William & Ann (late Leamber)

July 21 born Sept 21, 1810 Sophia Jones parents John and Mary (late Viant)

The following Burials took place in 1811:

July 11 Joshua Darling an infant

Sep 5 Sarah Smith an infant

Sep 6 William Bunce a private

Sep 12 David Morse a private

Oct 29 Joseph Briant corporal

Nov 1 Charles Stephens infant son of Paymaster Stephens

Nov 23 John Layley private"

Q and A with Jean

By Jean Debney

Salvation Army Records

Q Ann Willis (1737) of Wokingham, Berks asked: "My ancestor was in the Salvation Army in the nineteenth century. Where can I find information about his service?"

A According to the entry under "missing persons" in the "Family Historians Enquire Within" (FFHS 1995), the Salvation Army will search their papers for "some sketchy records of their soldiers" and "better ones of its full time officers". Write, plus SAE or 2 IRCs to the Salvation Army Heritage Centre, 117-121 Judd Street, Kings Cross, London WC1H 9NN. There is also a small museum at this address which is open to the public Mon-Fri 9.30am-3.30pm and Sat 9.30am-12.30pm. Please let me know, Ann, if you find anything.

Court of Conscience

Q Judith Lawrence (3085) of Earley, Reading, Berks asked: "several members of my family were builders in Gloucester. A cousin has told me that some are named in the records of the "court of conscience". When I phoned the Gloucester Record Office for details they quoted from their catalogue: "the court of conscience was a type of small claims court in the city of Gloucester established in 1689 for reclaiming debts under 40s; it was presided over by a panel of three, usually the mayor and two alderman, and operated until c1846." Can you tell me something about this court and where can I find further details?"

A Judith is a member of my family history forum group and her question set us all thinking. There was no reference

to this court in my usual starting points - "Family Historian's Enquire Within", "Local Historians Encyclopaedia"; "The Dictionary Of Genealogy"; and "Webster's Dictionary" only had "Conscience Clause , A general term exempting persons whose religious scruples forbid compliance therewith (as from taking religious oaths)"

Margaret Thorogood, another member of the group checked her 'very old encyclopaedia' and could only find "conscience clause" as above. However, she also discovered in "sessions records of St Albans, 1770-1840": **Easter sessions 1782 - ordered that persons committed to the gaol by the court of conscience shall pay 5s for their discharge and no more.** (Hertford County Records, IV, 18)

Pigot's Directory for Gloucestershire, 1830, mentions a "court of requests" which met once a month in Gloucester, before the mayor and aldermen, to recover debts under 40s.

Can any of our readers confirm whether the "Court of Conscience" is an alternative name for the "Court of Requests", a small-claims court? Also, apart from those mentioned above, are there any references to this court in other counties?

Trade Directories & Reading Cemetery

Q Margaret Hall (2782) of Abingdon, Berks left a question in the Research Centre Day Book: "I am trying to trace my ancestor, William Morris listed as a builder when his daughter, Emma, married William Pegler in Sulham, Berks in 1851. Where can I find trade directories which might list the father, William. Also, Emma died in 1855, aged

33 years, and was buried in Reading Cemetery. When I visited the grave I was unable to read the inscription on the stone. Where are the cemetery records kept and is there a list of monumental inscriptions that might help?"

AThe best collection of Berkshire directories is in the Local Studies Library in Reading Central Library. They include those for the county and also for large towns with their surrounding villages, e.g. Reading. Other libraries in the county hold copies mainly relating to their areas, e.g. Newbury, Windsor, etc. Berkshire Record Office at Shire Hall also has some directories and a few, mostly 20th Century, are in Reading University Main Library. Further copies are in collections outside Berkshire. A useful finding aid is *Directory of Berkshire Directories* (BLHA 1983) in the BFHS Research Centre (ref: 1/J/418) - it is A4 format and probably with the large books on the bottom shelf in the Research Room.

Reading Cemetery Burial Registers for consecrated and unconsecrated ground, plus Order Books and a plan of the cemetery, etc. are in Berkshire Record Office. The Grave Plot Register and modern records are still at the Cemetery Office, Hemdean Road, Caversham, Reading, Berks. I can supply a typescript page of notes and a cemetery plan for 20p plus SAE. (or 2 IRCs). Berks FHS has now transcribed the monumental inscriptions and work is in progress to make them generally available. In the meantime, enquiries can be sent (plus SAE) to David Watkins, 31 Fairwater Drive, Woodley, Reading, Berks RG5 3JG. A useful article is *Reading Cemetery: A Private Enterprise*, by Pat Smart in "*Berkshire Old & New No.5*"

Old Occupations

QPat Deane (1200) of Tilehurst, Berks asked: "an early 19th century birth certificate gives the father's occupation as "shoe clicker". What did he do for a living?"

AA "clicker" is one who cuts out small pieces of cloth, paper, cardboard or leather with a small knife or a die-cutting machine that makes a clicking noise - hence a "shoe-clicker" is one who cuts out leather shoe-uppers. A "clicker" is also one who 'touts' for custom outside a shop.

A Lost Rear-Admiral

QJocie McBride (3201) of Henley on Thames, Oxon. asked: "I am currently researching the life of my husband's ancestor, Rear-Admiral John Wentworth Holland, RN. I have traced his career in the Royal Navy from his entry in 1779 until 1809. He wrote his will in 1830 when he was living in France and his death, in 1841, is recorded on a memorial in Bath. What did he do after 1809? I am particularly interested in the period between 1819-1823 when he had three illegitimate children by a Miss Harding, one of whom was my husband's gt-gt-grandfather.

AIt is difficult to know where to start when dealing with such a large subject as "*Royal Navy records*". It is apparent from information you supplied that you have already consulted some records in the Public Record Office (PRO) at Kew which is the prime source of information for the Royal Navy. Suggestions of which class(es) to consult can be found in the "*Family Fact Sheets*" and "*Records Information Leaflets*" (free on personal collection only) and books (see BFHS booklist for some of these). A couple noted from "*Tracing Your Ancestors in the PRO*" (HMSO 1990), Sect.19, are:

Address book for commissioned officers, etc. in 1837 (PMG 73/2); Registers of Officers' on Half Pay 1693-1836 (ADM 25/1-255) and 1836-1920 (PMG 15). In the Reference Room are printed books and other finding aids on the open shelves which include Campbell's *Lives of the British Admirals* (Up To 1816) And Marshall's *Royal Naval Biography* (up to 1835); there is also a card index to officers' service records in ADM 196.

The Society of Genealogists' leaflet no.20: *Navy Research, Selected Bibliography* (20p + p&p)³ is a another good starting point for books, etc. and addresses. Also, at the time of writing, a series of articles on "Royal Naval Records" by Tom Woods commenced in the February 1996 edition of the "Family Tree Magazine".

Your Rear-Admiral almost certainly came ashore on "half-pay" when the navy was reduced at the end of the wars with France in 1815: i.e. he was pensioned off but had to be willing to go to sea if required. While alive he should be in the printed Navy Lists, 1782 to date (copies at PRO Kew, large reference libraries, etc.) and may have an entry in the "Dictionary Of National Biography." Apart from his sojourn in France, he may be listed ashore in local directories, electoral registers (from 1832) and the 1841 census return, etc. Check local newspapers for an obituary - see the Gibson Guide "Local Newspapers" for titles in Bath, Somerset - also "The Times" which is held locally on microfilm in Reading Central and University Libraries. The Society of Genealogists have a collection of Monumental Inscriptions in their library which are listed in a two-part

³ -- titles available from BFHS bookstall at meetings or by post (address on back cover); details in booklist included in June 1995 edition of the magazine and in new members' packs.

guide³ and include those for parishes in Bath.

Tom Walker (3064) of Reading, Berks: wrote in response to the item about higglers in the December 1995 edition of the *Berkshire Family Historian* (p.88):

"In some parts of the world "higgler" is not an out-of-date word but still part of normal language: in Jamaica it is an everyday word and still in current use. It is applied mainly to "traders" who sell from suitcases, etc. Outside shopping centres or other areas where there are lots of people, such as bus stations. The kind of goods sold can vary from shoes and clothes to food, electrical and other domestic items. In recent years there has been a massive trade for Jamaicans who travel to Miami to purchase easily sold electrical and other items which are then imported into Jamaica and sold at a profit. This is all fits in very well with the definition you gave of "to bargain or sell for a small advantage"

Change in a London Library

The London Borough of Camden consists of the former Metropolitan Boroughs of St Pancras, Hampstead and Holborn. In December 1995 the two parts of the Local Studies and Archives Centre were combined when material from the Swiss Cottage Library was moved to Holborn Local Studies and Archives Centre:

Holborn Library, 32-38 Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8PA (tel. 0171-413-6342/8); open Mon. 10-7pm, Tues: 10-6pm, Wed closed, Thurs. 10-7pm, Fri. 10-1pm, Sat 10-1pm & 3-5pm - opposite north entrance to Grays Inn, near Holborn and Chancery Lane Underground Stations. (*Notice In Family Tree Magazine, Nov. 1995; London Local Archives Directory (1994)*) [JD]

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3182	ALDRED	Chelsea	MDX	1824-1864	3132	BIRD	Bristol	SOM	1700-1995
3144	ALLBRIGHT	Newport Pagnell	BKM	1700-1800	3129	BISHOP	London	MDX	C1850's
3144	ALLBRIGHT	Northampton	NTH	1825-1900	3205	BISHOP	Reading	BRK	Pre 1847
3169	ALLEN	Hesley	SOM	1700-1800	3137	BLACKBURN	Devizes	WIL	1750-1850
3159	ALLEN	Stratfield Saye	HAM	Pre 1780	3121	BLAKEWAY	Anywhere	ALL	1800-1920
3169	ALLEN	Tewsbury	GLS	1700-1800	3121	BLAKEWAY	Bombay, INDIA		1800-1920
3159	ALLEYWAY	Reading	BRK	Pre 1812	3219	BOLTON	Reading	BRK	1800-1900
3182	ALLIN	Harleston	NTH	1788-1826	3219	BOLTON	Whitley	BRK	1800-1900
3134	ANGELL	Portsmouth	HAM	1800-1900	3209	BOSELY	Hagbourne	BRK	1600-1680
3137	ANSTIE	Devizes	WIL	1700-1995	3146	BOWYER	Lambeth	SRY	1700-1900
3144	ATTWELL	Reading	BRK	1750-1880	3132	BOYMAN	Anyhere	KEN	1600-1900
2422	BAKEWELL	Anywhere	LND	Pre 1850	3219	BRADFIELD	Reading	BRK	1800-1860
2422	BAREFOOT	Reading	BRK	Pre 1850	3219	BRADFIELD	Whitley	BRK	1800-1860
3140	BARKER	East Berkshire	BRK	1534-1995	3168	BRAVANT	Lambourne	BRK	1800-1875
3159	BARNS	Stratfield Saye	HAM	Pre 1810	3182	BRAY	Fulham	MDX	1842-1842
3199	BASON	Anywhere	WIL	1550-1770	3146	BRICKELL	Lambeth	SRY	1700-1800
3132	BASS	Anywhere	BKM	1700-1900	3199	BROAD	Anywhere	WIL	1550-1770
3220	BATES	Anywhere	LND	1700-1996	3124	BROOKS	Reading	BRK	1890-1995
3168	BATTEN	Enbourne	BRK	1650-1900	3146	BROWN	Henley-on-Thames	OXF	1700-1900
3168	BATTEN	Kingsclere	HAM	1800-1850	3129	BROWN	London	MDX	C1835
3168	BATTEN	Kintbury	BRK	1650-1900	3146	BROWN	Reading	BRK	1700-1900
3168	BATTEN	Newbury	BRK	1650-1900	3182	BROWN	Wellington	SHR	1801-1801
3168	BATTEN	Speen	BRK	1650-1900	3124	BUCKNER	Reading	BRK	1890-1995
3178	BEALE	Rolvefen	KEN	1700-1995	3177	BUNCOMBE	Tredegar	WLS	1700-1880
3124	BEASLEY	Reading	BRK	Pre 1900	3170	BURTON	Reading	BRK	1800-1875
3129	BEBRAA	Maidenhead	BRK	C1840's	3212	BUTLER	Chaddleworth	BRK	1700-1825
3229	BELCHER	Anywhere	OXF	1850-1925	3132	BUXEY	Hungerford	WIL	1800-1900
3253	BELCHER	Anywhere	OXF	1600-1995	3132	CARVER	Lowestoft	SFK	1700-1900
3229	BELCHER	Anywhere	BRK	1850-1925	3146	CASTLE	Reading	BRK	1700-1900
3139	BELCHER	Chilton	BRK	1700-1890	3146	CASTLE	St Pancras	MDX	1800-1930
3253	BELCHER	Wantage	OXF	1600-1995	3164	CATHEW	Devonport	DEV	C1790
3229	BELCHIER	Anywhere	BRK	1850-1925	3209	CHALK	Frlsham	BRK	1700-1750
3229	BELCHIER	Anywhere	OXF	1850-1925	3212	CHAMPION	Phillack	CON	1700-1810
3213	BENNETT	Chipstead	SRY	1700-1840	3134	CHANDLER	Woolthampton	BRK	1700-1850
3144	BENWELL	Basingstoke	HAM	1770-1850	3148	CHAPMAN	Bradfield	BRK	1700-1807
3144	BENWELL	Manchester	LAN	1880- '910	3138	CHARD	Anywhere	HAM	1600-1995
3170	BERNARD	Reading	BRK	1800-1910	3156	CHMAPION	Croydon	SRY	1750-1880
3199	BIGGIN	Shaftesbury area	DOR	1550-1670	3156	CHMAPION	Havant	HAM	1750-1880
3137	BIGGS	Camerton	SOM	1700-1800	3136	CHURCH	Chelsea	MDX	1800-1900
3137	BIGGS	Paulton	SOM	1700-1800	3136	CHURCH	Wandsworth	SRY	1900-1995

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3136	CHURCH	Wantage	OXF	All	3165	GALT	Banbury	OXF	1870-1920
3199	CLARGO	Anywhere	OXF	1550-1800	3205	GARDNER	Harwell	BRK	Pre 1858
3199	CLARGO	Anywhere	BRK	1550-1800	3134	GARRARD	Woolhampton	BRK	1700-1850
3199	CLARGO	Anywhere	WIL	1550-1800	3172	GEARING	Anywhere	BRK	1700-1900
3253	CLARK	Anywhere	BRK	1600-1995	3172	GEARING	Anywhere	OXF	1700-1900
3134	CLARK	Culmstock	SOM	1800-1900	3172	GEERING	Anywhere	OXF	1700-1900
3253	CLARKE	Anywhere	BRK	1600-1995	3172	GEERING	Anywhere	BRK	1700-1900
3144	CLARKSON	Bedale	NYK	1700-1800	3172	GERING	Anywhere	OXF	1700-1900
3144	COLES	Greens Norton	NTH	1700-1800	3139	GIBBS	Lewes	SSX	1700-1850
3144	COLES	Wappenham	NTH	1700-1800	3139	GIBBS	New Haven	SSX	1700-1850
3205	COLLINS	Iffley	OXF	Pre 1850	3253	GILES	Anywhere	HAM	1600-1995
3164	COLLINS	Kingsley	HAM	C1800	3253	GILES	Anywhere	BRK	1600-1995
3139	COLLYER	Basingstoke	HAM	1800-1860	3209	GLASS	Thatcham	BRK	1750-1800
3164	COLSON	Hursley	HAM	C1798	3253	GODDARD	Anywhere	HAM	1600-1995
3164	COLNOY	Hammersmith	MDX	C1825	3253	GODDARD	Anywhere	BRK	1600-1995
3164	COOK	Anywhere	BRK	C1845	3160	GODDARD	Buscot	BRK	1750-1850
3129	COOK	Tyrone	IRL	C1820	3160	GODDARD	Coleshill	BRK	1700-1750
3137	COOMBES	Corsley	WIL	1700-1800	3160	GODDARD	Leigh	WIL	1800-1900
3134	CORPS	Reading	BRK	1700-1850	3160	GODDARD	Longcot	BRK	1750-1850
3231	COULDREY	Ardington	BRK	1600-1994	3160	GODDARD	New Swindon	WIL	1850-1950
3134	COVINGTON	Abingdon	BRK	1700-1850	3086	GODMAN	Pewsey	WIL	1550-1750
3177	CREED	Anywhere	IRL	Pre 1848	3159	GOODCHILD	Stratfield Saye	HAM	Pre 1774
3137	CROCKWELL	Newbury	BRK	1750-1800	3086	GOODMAN	Anywhere	HAM	1550-1750
3132	CROFT	Stanningley	YKS	1800-1900	3086	GOODMAN	Pewsey	WIL	1550-1750
3086	CROSS	Anywhere	GLA	1700-1900	3086	GOODMAN	Stratton-s-M	WIL	1700-1900
3144	CROXON	Marlow	BKM	1750-1880	3086	GOODMAN	Uffington	BRK	1600-1890
3144	CROXON	Reading	BRK	1750-1880	3139	GOSWELL	London	MDX	1700-1900
3144	CROXON	Marlow	BKM	1750-1880	3191	GOULD	Hammersmith	LND	1850-1920
3144	CROXON	Reading	BRK	1750-1880	3170	GOURLEY	Newcastle-on-Tyne	NBL	1800-1910
3182	CULLEN	Westminster	MDX	1826-1826	3124	GREEN	Reading	BRK	1858-1995
3199	CUMMINS	Wyllye Valley	WIL	1550-1775	3165	GREENAWAY	Reading	BRK	1800-1900
3146	CURLE	Shoreditch	MDX	1800-1900	3146	GRIFFITHS	Stratford	ESS	1700-1880
3146	CURLE	Stratford	ESS	1800-1900	3146	GRIFFITHS	Wadsworth	SRV	1850-1950
3156	CUTHILL	Anywhere	ANS	1700-1900	3213	GRWIN	Bray	BKM	1600-1900
3156	CUTHILL	Anywhere	KCD	1700-1900	3165	GUTHERIDGE	South Stoke	OXF	1800-1830
3177	DAVIES	Llanely	WLS	1800-1940	3182	GUTHRIE	Northington	HAM	1822-1867
3144	DAVIES	St Asaph	CWD	1700-1850	3170	GUTTERIDGE	Reading	BRK	1800-1910
3213	DAVIS	Chipstead	SRV	1700-1840	3177	HAGLAND	Anywhere	Mon	Pre 1902
3164	DEANE	Anywhere	INDIA	C1880	3199	HAIME	Shaftesbury area	DOR	1550-1750
3164	DEANE	Woolwich	LND	1890	3169	HAINES	Tweetsbury	GLS	1700-1900
3134	DEMONTIERS	Reading	BRK	1700-1850	3177	HALE	Bedwelty	WLS	1600-1940
3124	DIBBEN	Reading	BRK	1858-1995	3209	HARBOTTLE	Lambeth	SRV	1780-1840
3191	DICKER	Kensington	LND	1850-1900	3132	HARFORD	Bristol	SOM	1700-1900
3159	DOWLING	Reading	BRK	1800-1882	3144	HARMAN	Marlow	BKM	1700-1800
3220	DU JARDIN	Anywhere	LND	1700-1996	3212	HARRISON	Wootton Wawen	WAR	1650-1800
3199	EARWAKER	Anywhere	ALL	1550-1750	3144	HART	Trevethin	MON	1750-1850
3169	EATON	Anywhere	BRK	18001995	3209	HASKER	Thatcham	BRK	1650-1700
3177	EDMUNDS	Anywhere	WLS	1800-1930	3212	HAWKINS	Welford	BRK	1800-1860
3165	ELLIOTT	Reading	BRK	1844-1890	3164	HAYES	Otterbourne	HAM	C1766
3170	ELLISON	Newcastle-on-Tyne	NBL	1800-1875	3170	HAYES	Reading	BRK	1800-1875
3134	ELTON	Warfield	BRK	1750-1850	2422	HAYES	Turville	BKM	Pre 1850
3132	ENGLISH	Southwark	SRV	1800-1900	3212	HEATH	Hampton-in-Arden	WAR	1650-1800
3124	EVERETT	Reading	BRK	1858-1995	3156	HENWOOD	Bradfield	BRK	1700-1880
3124	EVERETT	Shoreditch	MDX	1831-1995	3183	HERRING	Newbury	BRK	1700-1800
3220	FAGE	Anywhere	LND	1066-1996	3183	HERRON	Newbury	BRK	1700-1800
3129	FERNLEY	Stockport	CHS	C1840's	3156	HEVRIGE	Anywhere	BRK	1700-1850
3191	FERRIS	Bristol	SOM	1800-1900	3165	HIGGS	Cholsey	BRK	1750-1900
3191	FERRIS	Westbury on Severn	GLS	1800-1900	3159	HIGGS	Reading	BRK	Pre 1800
3231	FLOOD	Exeter	DEV	1600-1994	3165	HIGGS	Reading	BRK	1825-1900
3132	FO(R)STER	Merton	SRV	1700-1900	3165	HIGGS	South Stoke	OXF	1800-1900
3138	FOOKES	Anywhere	DOR	1600-1995	3182	HOAD	Bramshott	HAM	1754-1754
3138	FOOKES	Portsmouth	HAM	1600-1995	3182	HOAD	Wotton	SRV	1754-1818
3159	FORD	Silchester	HAM	1762-1883	3182	HOAD	Floore	NTH	1787-1850
3138	FORSYTH	Inverness	INV	1600-1995	3132	HOLDSWORTH	Bramley	YKS	1800-1850
3138	FORSYTH	Moray	MOR	1600-1995	3156	HOLGATE	Anywhere	ESS	1700-1850
3199	FOYLE	Shaftesbury area	DOR	1550-1670	3209	HOLLINGTON	Bethnal Green	MDX	1770-1820
3132	FRENCH	Anywhere	BKM	1700-1900	3159	HOLLOWAYS	Stratfield Saye	HAM	1702-1844
3164	FULLICK	Bramshott	HAM	1500-1600	3213	HOSEIER	Heckmondwicke	WYK	1700-1865
3164	FULLICK	Headley	HAM	1500-1600	3159	HOWELL	Bethnal Green	LND	Pre 1796
2422	GAINS	Upton Grey	HAM	Pre 1850	3212	HOYLE	Burnley	LAN	1700-1800
3199	GALLER	Shaftesbury area	DOR	1550-1740	3205	HUGHES	Kingsclere	BRK	Pre 1831

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3138	HURST	Ealing	MDX	1700-1995	3146	PATCHING	Nevada	USA	1840-1940
3138	HURST	Hackney	MDX	1700-1995	3146	PATCHING	St Pancras	MDX	1800-1900
3199	HYETT	Anywhere	HAM	1550-1750	3146	PATCHING	Tunbridge Wells	KEN	1800-1900
3169	IVES	Oxford	OXF	1700-1900	3177	PAYNE	Bedwelty	WLS	1600-1940
3168	JACKSON	Uffington	BRK	1800-1850	3253	PEARCE	Anywhere	LND	1600-1995
3168	JACKSON	Wootton Bassett	WIL	1750-1850	3156	PEARCE	Anywhere	BRK	1700-1850
3134	JAMES	Abingdon	BRK	1700-1850	3253	PEARCE	Canterbury	KEN	1600-1995
3143	JAMES	Newport	GNT	1820-1995	3212	PEARCE	Chaddlesworth	BRK	1700-1800
3177	JARVIS	Port Talbot	WLS	1800-1940	3253	PEARCE	Chiswick	MDX	1600-1995
3182	JENKINS	Wotton	SRV	1780-1780	3139	PERRY	Honiton	DEV	1650-1800
3182	JENNINGS	Chiswick	MDX	1758-1915	3178	PILCHER	Rolveden	KEN	1700-1995
3231	JEWELL	Lee	LND	1600-1995	3225	PLUMERIDGE	Anywhere	BKM	1700-1950
3159	KEEP(E)	Statfield Saye	HAM	1610-1752	3225	PLUMERIDGE	Bisham	BRK	1700-1950
3143	KIRKBY	Kendal	WES	1700-1995	3225	PLUMRIDGE	Anywhere	BKM	1700-1950
3137	KNIGHT	Calcutta	IND	1850-1900	3225	PLUMRIDGE	Bisham	BRK	1700-1950
3137	KNIGHT	Devizes	WIL	1800-1913	3253	POCOCK	Anywhere	BRK	1600-1995
3164	KNIGHT	Hammersmith	MDX	C1815	3129	POLLETT	Stockport	CHS	C1860
3137	KNIGHT	Newbury	BRK	1650-1800	3253	POWELL	Anywhere	SRV	1600-1995
3137	KNIGHT	Putney	LDN	1880-1950	3231	POWELL	St Leonards	HEF	1600-1995
3137	KNIGHT	Singapore		1850-1920	2422	POWELL	Upton Grey	HAM	Pre 1850
3137	KNIGHT	South Africa		1800-1900	3164	POYER	Carew	PEM	C1782
3118	KNOELL	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1900	3177	PRATLEY	Oxford	OXF	1700-1900
3118	KNOLLES	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1900	3177	PRICE	Anywhere	MON	1600-1900
3118	KNOLLIS	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1900	3177	PULLMAN	Port Talbot	GLA	1600-1990
3118	KNOLLYS	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1900	3146	QUADLING	Breckland	NFK	1700-1900
3118	KNOWLES	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1900	3203	QUELCH	Hungerford	WIL	All
3118	KNOYLE	Anywhere	ALL	Pre 1900	3203	QUELCH	Reading	BRK	All
3139	LACEY	Anywhere	SSX	1800-1900	3129	RALLEY	Bedworth	WAR	C1840
3134	LANGFORD	Abingdon	BRK	1750-1850	3129	RALLEY	Birmingham	WAR	C1820
3124	LANGLEY	Wokingham	BRK	Pre 1900	3086	RANDALL	Anywhere	SOM	1700-1880
3134	LAWRENCE	Woolhampton	BRK	1750-1900	3086	RANDALL	Caerphilly	GLA	1700-1900
3156	LEADER	Anywhere	ESS	1750-1850	3146	RAWLIN(G)S	Stratford	ESS	1700-1800
3129	LEAVER	Maidenhead	BRK	C1860	3220	REARDON	Anywhere	LND	1700-1996
3137	LLOYD	Reading	BRK	1850-1950	3137	REBBECK	ALL	ALL	ALL
3186	LOCKE	East Hendred	BRK	1900-1951	3177	REES	Bedwelty	WLS	1700-1900
3186	LOCKE	Malvern	WOR	1904-1920	3164	RICHARDS	Pembroke	PEM	C1784
3186	LOCKE	Worcester	WOR	1800-1905	3253	RICHARDSON	Anywhere	HAM	1600-1995
3134	LOWTON	Culmstock	SOM	1800-2900	3170	RICHARDSON	Newcastle-on-Tyne	NBL	1800-1875
3159	MAJOR	Reading	BRK	1796-1858	3191	RICKUS(S)	Wolverhampton area	STS	1800-1900
3182	MARKHAM	Chiswick	MDX	1777-1777	3213	RIPLEY	Leeds	WYK	1700-1900
3209	MARTER	City of London	LND	1750-1800	3165	RIVERS	South Stoke	OXF	1825-1850
3129	MARTIN	KI Perlin	POM	C1860	3169	RIXON	Oxford	OXF	1700-1900
2422	MASKELL	Anywhere	LND	Pre 1850	3212	ROBINSON	Long Preston	YKS	1700-1845
3205	MASON	Reading	BRK	Pre 1850	3129	ROGERS	Tyrone	IRL	C1820
3156	MAT(T)HAMS	Anywhere	ESS	1700-1850	3124	ROSE	Purbright	SRV	Pre 1830
3170	McCLUSKEY	Newcastle-on-Tyne	NBL	1800-1910	3134	RUSSELL	Portsmouth	HAM	1800-1900
3199	MERCHANT	Shaftesbury area	DOR	1550-1775	3138	RYDER	Anywhere	KEN	1600-1995
3159	MILES	Hartley West Pall	HAM	Pre 1817	3138	RYDER	London	LDN	1600-1995
3121	MITCHELL	Anywhere	ALL	1800-1920	2422	SALY	Aldbourne	WIL	Pre 1850
3121	MITCHELL	Bombay, INDIA		1800-1920	3138	SANDERS	Holsworthy	DEV	1600-1995
3144	MOORE	Newport Pagnell	BKM	1700-1800	3138	SANDERS	Plymouth	DEV	1600-1995
3144	MOORE	Newport Pagnell	BKM	1700-1800	3209	SANFORD	Thatcham	BRK	1650-1700
3182	MORROW	Anywhere	SCT	1846-1851	3165	SANSOM	Reading	BRK	1815-1845
2422	MUDGE	Aldbourne	WIL	Pre 1850	3159	SAUNDERS	Reading	BRK	Pre 1819
3164	MUSGROVE	DEvonport	DEV	C1790	3199	SAWYER	Avon Valley	WIL	1550-1810
3213	MUSPRATT	Bray	BKM	1600-1900	3137	SAWYER	Urchfont	WIL	1800-1900
3253	NAPPER	Wantage	OXF	1600-1995	3178	SELF	Marlborough	WIL	1700-1995
3132	NEALE	Bermondset	KEN	1800-1900	3205	SEYMOUR	Reading	BRK	Pre 1850
3199	NEEDLE	Shaftesbury area	DOR	1550-1670	3169	SHARP	Anywhere	BRK	1800-1995
3212	NEW	Chaddlesworth	BRK	1700-1800	2422	SHAW	Goning	BRK	Pre 1850
3212	NEW	Farringdon	BRK	1600-1800	3212	SHORE	Birmingham	WAR	1700-1850
3212	NEW	Lambourn	BRK	1800-1840	3169	SKEATS	Anywhere	BRK	1800-1995
3177	NEWCOMBE	Anywhere	SOM	1600-1960	3156	SMETHURST	Anywhere	LAN	1750-1920
3178	NEWMAN	Anywhere	BRK	1700-1995	3156	SMITH	Gt Dunmow	ESS	1700-1860
3164	NEWMAN	Frensham	SRV	C1730	3253	SMITH	Henley-on-Thames	OXF	1600-1995
3178	NEWMAN	Hungerford	BRK	1700-1995	2422	SMITH	Reading	BRK	Pre 1850
3178	NEWMAN	Marlborough	WIL	1700-1995	3156	SMITH	Reigate	SRV	1700-1850
3199	NICHOLAS	Avon Valley	WIL	1550-1750	3231	SMITH	South Shields	CUL	1600-1995
3209	ORGAN	Bethnal Green	MDX	1750-1800	3159	SMITH	Tadley	HAM	1784-1854
3191	PAGE	Wolverhampton area	STS	1800-1900	3146	SOUTHAM	Battersea	SRV	1800-1900
3139	PASSEY	Stepney	MDX	1750-1900	3182	SPACHMAN	Uffington	BRK	181801824

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3156	SPELLER	Anywhere	ESS	1700-1850	3220	VINEY	Anywhere	LND	1700-1996
3213	SPIVEY	Heckmondwicke	WYK	1600-1800	3165	VIVERS	Reading	BRK	1750-1950
3169	STATHAM	Anywhere	SHR	1700-1995	3132	WARNER	Islingtonm	MDX	1800-1900
3199	STOCKER	Thatcham area	BRK	1550-1800	3137	WASTFIELD	Tisbury	WIL	1800-1900
3129	SUFFOLK	Bedworth	WAR	C1840	3205	WATTS	Echingswell	HAM	Pre 1845
3231	SULLIVAN	Cork	IRL	1600-1995	3156	WATTS	Hampstead Norris	BRK	1700-1880
3121	TATLOR	Anywhere	ALL	1800-1920	3129	WEISSE	KI Perlin	POM	C1860
3121	TATLOR	Bombay, INDIA		1800-1920	3205	WEST	Haewell	BRK	Pre 1770
3229	TAWNEY	Anywhere	BRK	1600-1900	2422	WESTON	Reading	BRK	Pre 1850
3229	TAWNEY	Anywhere	OXF	Pre 1800	3159	WHEELER	Mortimer	BRK	1741-1825
3191	TAYLOR	Bagshot area	SRY	1800-1860	3231	WHILTSHIRE	Challow	BRK	1600-1995
3212	TAYLOR	Rowington	WAR	1700-1850	3138	WHITE	Anywhere	HAM	1600-1995
3138	TETLEY	Anywhere	YKS	1600-1995	3164	WHITE	Hursley	HAM	C1830
3138	TETLEY	Liverpool	LAN	1600-1995	3212	WHITE	Leckampstead	BRK	1750-1860
3143	THACKERAY	Kendal	WES	1700-1995	3212	WHITING	Chaddleworth	BRK	1700-1810
3199	THOMAS	Avon Valley	WIL	1550-1750	3129	WHITTAKER	New York	USA	C1860
3168	TIBEL	Newbury	BRK	1700-1800	3182	WILDER	Welford	BRK	1830-1851
3209	TIDBURY	Thatcham	BRK	1600-1650	3177	WILKES	Anywhere	MON	1700-1940
3139	TILLETT	Anywhere	NFK	1800-1900	3231	WILLIAMSON	Banff	SCT	1600-1995
3134	TODD	Rrmenham	BRK	1750-1850	3177	WILSHER	Anywhere	MON	1600-1940
3212	TRESIDDER	Wendron	CON	1680-1800	3139	WOOD	London	MDX	1840-1890
3143	TRIBE	London	LND	1800-1995	3144	WOOD	Newport Pagnell	BKM	1750-1825
3159	TRIGGE(E)	Odiham	HAM	Pre 1817	2422	WOODS	Turville	BKM	Pre 1850
3132	UPJOHN	Clarkenwell	MDX	1800-1850	3191	WYATT	Compton Chamberne	WIL	1800-1900
					3129	WYLIE	New York	USA	C1860

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Nominee's Signature:

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