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Events Calendar - 1996/1997

Bracknell Branch

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

20 th December	to be announced	
17 th January	"Victoria County Histories"	Richard Moore
21 st February	"Lloyd George's Domesday"	Peter Park
21 st March	to be announced	

Newbury Branch

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

11 th December	Christmas Party + Antiques Quiz with Mark Law	
8 th January	"Occupational Costume - Working Class People in Photographs"	Avril Lansdell
12 th February	"The Society of Genealogists"	Chris Watts
12 th March	"The Berkshire Record Office: Past, Present and Future"	Dr Peter Durrant
9 th April	"The Transportation of Convicts to Australia" ..	David Hawkins
14 th May	"The Defenders of Rorke's Drift"	Rev. Derek West
11 th June	Branch AGM	

Reading Branch

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

6 th December	Christmas Meeting including a slide show by Doug Noyes "The Changing Face of Reading Part 3"	
31 st January	"The Berkshire Record Office: Past, Present and Future"	Dr Peter Durrant
28 th February	"Bawdy Courts - What's in it for Family Historians?"	Joan Dils
28 th March	"The Poor Irish in England"	Mike Gandy

Slough Branch

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

10 th December	Christmas Quiz for all BFHS members - Refreshments provided	
28 th January	"Bring an Heirloom and Tell us about it" Members meeting	
25 th February	"When Langley Lost its Greens (Parliamentary Enclosure)	Judith Hunter

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Chairman's Comments

By Jan Jones

Autumn seems to be the season for Family History Open Days. I have attended several recently and of course have spent far too much money on fiche and books that might just refer to obscure branches of my family. However, they are always tremendously enjoyable and informative. There are usually half a dozen Family History Societies there beside the host FHS, and as well as meeting new people and renewing old friendships, it is a very good way to see what projects everyone is undertaking and what they have managed to publish so far. Most Open Days have a selection of other stalls. Normally I spend hours browsing through the second-hand books and the old photographs or postcards and there is usually the chance to do a little research on the host county. If you haven't been to one, I highly recommend them. Berkshire FHS will be holding one at St Nicolas Church Hall in Newbury on the 1st of March. Try and come along if you can.

In October I stood in for Jean and Cliff Debney and took our bookstall to the Oxford FHS Open Day. The first thing I learnt was just how hard Jean and Cliff work for the Society and how organised you need to be! I realised I would not be able to cope on my own and sent out a plea for help. Several local members agreed to help and my thanks go out to them. Our Society depends on its volunteers, so if you can help, whether it be making the tea on open days, staffing our Research Centre or project work, please volunteer. We need every one of you!

Talking of volunteers, we have been asked by the Church of the Latter-Day Saints if any of our members would be willing to

help with preparing documents for photographing. They are assisting the Public Record Office to microfilm the Burnt Documents WO363. The work will be carried out at the PRO's outstation at Hayes. By the time you read this I should have more details on what is involved, so if you can get yourself along to Hayes and would like to volunteer or at least know more about the project, please give me a ring on 0118 984 3779.

The Society, of course, relies on many volunteers, two of whom are Andy Morris and his son Jonathan. Unfortunately due to work commitments, Andy feels that he can no longer run the Bookstall at Slough. On behalf of the Society I should like to thank him and his son for all their hard work. This means that we are looking for someone who could take on the Bookstall at Slough. If you are interested, please contact me or Barbara Swiatek.

Finally, do you remember the unidentified ginger beer bottle I dug up in my garden? Ed Pearce tells me the company was Tunbridge and they were based just off Castle Street in Reading. Since finding out I have looked up both the family and the company in several reference books, and even took a wander down Castle Street, imagining the time when the Tunbridge drays pulled their loads out through the wrought iron gates and away up Castle Hill. It is a very interesting and attractive part of Reading which I have always rushed past on my way to the car park. If you get the chance, go and have a wander. You see, getting side-tracked is very good for you.

Dates for Your Diary

The following events are taking place around the country. For further details of those marked ⁽¹⁾ contact the Local History Course Secretary, OUDCE, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JA, (tel: 01865-270369).

- Thurs 9th Jan. 97* **Start of BFHS Research Centre opening on Thursday evenings 7pm-9.30pm.** BFHS Research Centre opening times are thus Tues 7pm-9.30pm, Weds 10am-4pm, Thurs 1pm-4pm and Thurs 7pm-9.30pm.
- Weds. 15th Jan 97* Project Evening at BFHS Research Centre. For further details contact Chad Hanna.
- Sat 18th Jan. - Sun. 19th Jan. 97* Practical Weekend on "*Using Title Deeds*" to be held at Rewley House, Oxford. ⁽¹⁾
- Sat 1st Feb. 97* Day School "*Making More Sense of the Census*" from 10am-4pm to be held at Caversham Centre, Reading. (0118-947-7646). Tutor: Jean Debney.
- Sat. 8th Feb. 97* Day School "*Presenting the Results of Local History Investigations*" to be held at Rewley House, Oxford. ⁽¹⁾
- Sat. 1st Mar. 97* **Berkshire Family History Society Open Day to be held at St. Nicolas Church Hall, Newbury from 10am-4pm.**
- Sat. 1st Mar. 97* Day School "*Records of the Old Poor Law*" from 9.30am-4.30pm to be held at Berkshire Record Office, Reading. ⁽¹⁾
- Sat 8th Mar. 97* Day School "*In a 'manor' of speaking - An introduction to Manorial Records*" from 10am-4pm to be held at Caversham Centre, Reading. (0118-947-7646). Tutor: Jean Debney.
- Sat. 5th Apr. 97* Day School "*Future Generations: Historical Aspects of Childhood*" from 9:30am-4.45pm to be held at Rewley House, Oxford. ⁽¹⁾
- Sat. 12th Apr. 97* First Midlands Family History Fair, hosted by the Leicestershire and Rutland FHS to be held at the De Montfort Hall, Leicester from 10am-4.30pm. Admission £1.50
- Fri 25th Apr.-Sun. 27th Apr. 97* Weekend Conference "*The Changing English Village 1700-1900*" to be held at Rewley House, Oxford. ⁽¹⁾
- Sat 3rd May-Sun 4th May 96:* Society of Genealogists' 1997 Family History Fair to be held in the Royal Horticultural Society New Hall & Conference Centre, Greycoat, St, Westminster, London. Advance tickets available from the SOG at 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Rd, London EC1M 7BA.
- Sat. 28th Jun. 97* Berkshire Family History Society One Day Conference "*Berkshire Forever*" to be held at Prospect School, Honey End Lane, Reading. Further details in March 1997 Magazine.

The Last Miller of St Giles?

By Pat Straughan

Unlike some ancestors, who seem to have made an art of evading the census enumerator, Superintendent Registrar and every possible religious authority, my great-grandfather Benjamin Bloomfield was a comparatively easy person to trace through the standard family history sources. The process of finding out more than the basic information proved to be dependent on luck (good and bad) and other people's help, rather than on systematic searches.

Benjamin's origins were in the South Norfolk/Suffolk border area. Baptised at Pulham St Mary on 26th June 1831, he was one of seven children born to William Walker Bloomfield and his wife Henrietta (née Alden). William was at that time a Naval Pensioner, having served under Nelson's command, and Henrietta's family were long-established agricultural workers in the area.

The 1841 Census for the adjacent village of Pulham Market shows Benjamin living with his family. By 1851 he was working and living in nearby Starston as a journeyman miller. This was to be his trade for the rest of his life.

We will probably never know what prompted Benjamin and his future wife, Susannah Thirkettle, to leave South Norfolk for London in the mid-1850s. Susannah may have thought Benjamin a good "catch", a man with a trade and above the agricultural labourer class. The youngest of thirteen children, the eight-year-old and her mother had been left paupers when her father died of dropsy and asthma in 1839.

Whatever the attraction of the big City, they did not linger for long. After their marriage in October 1855 at West Ham and

the birth of their first son, William, the following year, the couple moved to Reading where Benjamin had obtained employment at St Giles' Mill in Mill Lane and soon became Foreman. All of their subsequent children were born in Reading and the family appeared regularly in the Census for Mill Lane.

By 1881, Benjamin had been joined by his brother John and nephew Henry from Norfolk. Henry was actually working in the Mill with Benjamin. Two of Benjamin and Susannah's sons, William and Alfred, were employed in Reading's biscuit industry, perhaps using the flour which their father produced. Some of their descendants still live in Reading.

For some time after I had recorded this basic information, it seemed that this would be the extent of my knowledge about the Bloomfield family. My first piece of help came from a fellow BFHS member, Beryl Griffin, with whom I had corresponded about our mutual interest in the name Prior. Beryl sent me a cutting from the Reading Chronicle *Midweek* edition which referred to a lady who had formerly been Betty Bloomfield. I was able to contact this lady and was delighted to discover that she was the half-sister of one of Benjamin's great-granddaughters.

The next piece of help came from the former Betty Bloomfield herself. She sent me another newspaper cutting, this time from an edition of the *Reading Evening Post* dated May 1994. It was a copy of a letter from a man who claimed to be Benjamin's grandson and was written in response to a photograph of St Giles' Mill which the newspaper had published. The writer stated that Benjamin had been Foreman at the Mill for forty years and had

then bought it. The Mill was demolished in 1901 to make way for the tram depot. Other information, relating to Benjamin's membership of the Police Fire Brigade and his involvement in the founding of the Reading Co-op, was given. There were also a few details of Benjamin's father's naval career which I have since followed up and partially substantiated.

Since the newspaper did not publish the writer's full address and I could not trace him through the telephone directory, I wrote to the Editor explaining why I wanted to make contact. This was to be my only real piece of bad luck so far: my letter was not even acknowledged. If anyone knows a Mr B. Parker of Mortimer who used to be a leading fireman at the St Mary's Butts Station at the beginning of the Second World War, please let me know. I have tried to trace him through the Fire Brigade Pensions records without success.

A second BFHS member then provided more help. I wrote to Pat Deane after noticing her entry for the name Thirkettle in the *BigR*. Through Pat, I discovered that there were photographs of St Giles' Mill and Mill Lane.

Next I tried to find out about the Police Fire Brigade from the Thames Valley Police Museum. They were able to provide some useful general information but nothing specifically about Benjamin. Jean Debney suggested that I should try Reading Local Studies Library for information about the Mill, the Reading Co-op and the Police Fire Brigade.

The Local Studies Library holds original photographs of St Giles' Mill and Mill Lane, taken shortly before they were demolished, and I was able to obtain copies of these. They also had some general information on the foundation of the Reading Co-op but there seems to be no record of the original members.

I can't help feeling that someone somewhere knows much more about Benjamin than I do and has documentary evidence. (Or, to coin a phrase, "*The Truth Is Out There*"). That Benjamin was a miller and worked at St Giles' Mill for nearly half a century is a matter of record. It is also a matter of record that a mill stood on this site at the time of the Domesday Book. What I would like to know is - was Benjamin really the "*Last Miller of St Giles*" and much more?

Royal Berkshire Regiment

By John Chapman

Do you have any ancestors or family members who fought with Royal Berkshire Regiment in the First World War? The Kitcheners' Battalion Project at Reading University would like to hear from you if you have. About 60,000 men were involved with the Regiment and our database has details of over 16,000 of them plus many more whom we have not yet had time to enter. It includes all the Regulars of the 1st and 2nd Battalion who had enlisted before the war and almost all the Kitchener men who enlisted before the 5th, 6th and 8th Battalions went overseas in 1915. Our records also include all the men who died and about 90% of the officers.

The gaps are mainly men who joined later in the war or who were transferred from other Regiments. Anyway there is a good chance we might have more information about your relatives and we would like to add your information to our database. Enquiries to John Chapman, 5 Cecil Aldin Drive, Tilehurst, Berks enclosing an SAE.

The 'two fathers' of Mary Wood

By Michael Dumbleton

Norman Hidden's letter referring to the different names for Henry Hidden's father given on his two marriage certificates (*Berkshire Family Historian* vol. 20/1 p57) illustrates the caution with which even a marriage certificate needs to be read. An example comes from my own family. The birth certificate of my father's mother Mary shows that she was born at Darlaston, Staffordshire, in 1868 and that her father was Edward Wood. This is confirmed by the record of her baptism. She was orphaned by his death in 1876 followed by that of her mother in 1882. Mary was then aged fourteen, working as a milliner and dressmaker. She went to live with her aunt Mary Horton, but her sister Elizabeth aged twelve and her brother William aged seven went to an orphanage. In due course, Elizabeth was sent to Canada as a domestic servant and William was apprenticed as a tailor. When Mary married George White Dumbleton at Wednesbury, Staffordshire, in 1896 her marriage certificate gave her father's name incorrectly as William Wood, which was the name of his brother, Mary's uncle. Elizabeth was returning from Canada for the wedding when her ship was 'cut in half' by another vessel in fog in the mouth of the St Lawrence River, and she only reached England in time for the christening of her sister's first child in 1898. I must follow up Pennie Redmile's reference to child immigration to Canada (*ibid.* p48).

Elizabeth married Albert Unthank Addison in Camberwell Register Office in 1901, and her marriage certificate, like her sister's, gives her father as William Wood, but in this case her uncle's name was deleted and that of her father Edward was substituted, the amendment being validated by the initials of the registrar.

My suggested explanation for these errors is that in each case, the father being dead, the uncle acted *in loco parentis* by 'giving the bride away'. In the vestry, his name was asked and inserted into the register on the assumption that he was the father. In the case of Elizabeth the mistake was realised immediately, and the correction was made. I wonder if anyone else can cite a similar occurrence of this twice-repeated error. It illustrates the soundness of Jean Debney's rule-of-thumb for the family historian: *Never accept anything as true unless you can prove it from another source* (*ibid.* p47).

Maureen Criddle of 22 Church Road, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 3LQ sent the following marriage which she noticed in the *Folkestone Chronicle* for the 15th December 1860 whilst working her way through the 'hatch, match & dispatch' notices:

"On the 8th instant at London, Mr Frank Goswell, private secretary to Charles Doridant, m esq., Pavilion Hotel, to Maria, eldest daughter of Mr Hutchinson of Reading, Berks" [JD]

Terry Nevitt of 123 Friary Road, Peckham, London, SE15 1PY has written to inform us that the "Nevitt/Knevett Study Group" has been formed and intends to bring out their Newsletter, "The Nevitt Historian" twice a year. Any enquiries can be addressed to Terry at the above address and new members are very welcome.[CH]

Lancashire Record Office

The Public Search Room will be closed the first FULL Week of each calendar month. Daily opening hours unchanged. Tel: 01772 263 039. [JD]

Research Centre News

By Cliff Debney

The Research Centre belongs to and is for the use of ALL members of the Society, no matter where they live or attend meetings. Most of the volunteers live in the Reading area, as they can quickly and easily get to the Centre, but that does not make it part of Reading Branch. Similarly, the Reference Library and main Bookstall, which used to be housed at Reading before the formation of the Branches, has always been viewed as a SOCIETY asset. In the last few days I have been, to say the least, very disappointed to hear that the Research Centre is viewed by some members in at least one Branch as being part of the Reading Branch only. Nothing could be further from the truth - **IT BELONGS TO US ALL.**

In my last report I commented on the way you have welcomed the extension of the opening hours to include Thursday afternoons. We have conducted a survey of the volunteers and some members, and instead of extending Thursday opening to all day, as first planned, we will be open on Thursday evenings 7pm to 9.30pm commencing on 9th January 1997. May I remind you that the school closes for Christmas from 9.30pm Thursday 19th December until 7pm Tuesday 7th January 1997.

I repeat my plea for more volunteers to share the load as we now need ten a week. Ivan and June Dickason love members who volunteer regularly once a month (and many do) but they also like those who can only do an occasional duty to fill any unexpected holes, and give the regulars an occasional break. Any new volunteer will share their first duty with an old hand who knows the ropes.

You can also attend a Library Tour during which new volunteers will receive special training so they are prepared for their first duty. We are continuing to hold Tours all next year, again alternating afternoons and evenings on the third Monday of each month. The dates and times are as follows:

- 20th January 7.30pm
- 17th February 2.00pm
- 17th March 7.30pm

I am please to announce that Linda Gregory is our new Research Centre Bookstall Manager, which has at last allowed Jean Debney to retire from all regular Bookstall duties. Welcome Linda, I'm sure the users of the Centre will keep you as busy as they kept Jean with their constant demand for publications.

Since writing for the last magazine, Lesley and Chad have produced a Library Catalogue devoted entirely to our holdings of Census material. As usual this catalogue states whether the holding is a booklet or microform, usually fiche, giving the year of the Census transcribed as well as the name of the society who have produced it. If you have any purchased Census transcripts you no longer need, please send them to Lesley, as we still have some gaps to fill in our policy of holding a full set of published 1851 Census indexes for the benefit of our members.

Finally may I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a very genealogically prosperous New Year.

Research Centre Library News

By Chad Hanna

1881 Census

The Lancashire 1881 Census Index has just arrived and should be in the Research Centre by the time the magazine reaches you. Please phone Lesley or myself before making a special trip to the Research Centre. The two missing fiche for Middlesex have arrived.

1851 Census

Our 'wanted' page in the September journal produced an excellent response. Mr Webb has helped us out with the Sussex Census, Jacky Holcombe has helped with the Devon 1851 census, and Vol 15 for Suffolk has made an appearance.

There have also been many other donations which Lesley and I are accessing at the moment.

Holden's Directory 1811

By Jean Debney

The following information about Abingdon, Berkshire in 1811 has been extracted from Holden's Directory of the United Kingdom, a facsimile edition of which has been produced in three volumes. A copy has been purchased by BFHS for the Society Reference Library and can be seen at the BFHS Research Centre at Prospect School, Honey End Lane, Tilehurst. Copies can be purchased from Michael Winton, Eagle Cottage, 33a Newmarket Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 2HN, price £43.50 + p&p £4.70.

Please note that although Holden's Directory potentially covers the whole of the "United Kingdom and Wales", including Scotland, Ireland and the Channel Islands, its coverage is relatively limited:

- *Vol. 1: London Business and Private Alphabets*
- *Vol.2: Manufacturing and Commercial Towns (Note nothing for Berkshire)*
- *Vol.3: Towns (presumably those not in the above category) and London Public Bodies*

Note: Berkshire - Abingdon, Newbury. Reading and Windsor only.

Finally apologies to the member who, following the mention in the September 96 Berkshire Family Historian, made a special journey from St Albans to look for an ancestor in Maidenhead which, sadly, is not included.

Abingdon, 1811

The following information relates to Abingdon and has been abstracted from Holden's Directory 1811, part 3 (facsimile edition 1996).

Distance from London 56 miles and from Oxford 6 miles. Is a place of considerable trade, assisted by the river Thames, by which malt and corn are sent in great quantities to London. Here are likewise manufactories of sailcloth and sacking.

Market Friday; Fairs first Monday in Lent, May 6th, June 20th, Aug 5th, Sept 19th and Dec 11th.

Baker, Thomas	grocer	Latham, John	grocer
Ballard, William	veterinary surgeon	Mattingly, Kent	
Bayley, Charles	linen draper	& Co	bankers
Baynes, John	cutler	Mercer, Thomas	druggist
Belcher, William	sacking manufacturer	Morland, Benjamin	solicitor
Child & Spendlove	bankers & brewers	Petty, Benjamin	tailor & man's mercer
Cole, J & E	grocers	Petty, William	tailor
Collier, Job	linen draper	Piesley, John	sadler
Copeland, John	ironmongers	Pope, Charles	Crown & Thistle
Covington, T & W	men mercers	Prince, John	sacking manufacturer
Cripps, Baker & Co	bankers	Ramsey, John	brazier, appraiser & auctioneer
Cropp's & King	grocers	Rowland, James	grocer
Curtis, William	academy	Sellwood, Samuel	solicitor
Davis, William	liquor merchant	Sherwood, Thomas	surgeon
Edgington, Richard	grocer	Sills, Joseph	banker & wharfinger
Evans, B J	hatmaker	Tomkins & Harris	mercers
Faulkner, William	manufacturer	Tunmer, R	druggist
Fletcher & Copeland	coal merchants	Waite, John	sacking manufacturer
Fletcher & Son	sacking manufacturer	Waite & Sons	tanners
Gidden, Thomas	coach currier	Waite, W W	printer & stationer
Goodall & Alemond	wholesale grocers	Westbrook & Son	sacking manufacturer
Harris & Westbrook	auctioneers	Westbrook, Thomas	coach proprietor
Jackson, George	sacking manufacturer	Westbrook, William	Lamb Inn
Jones, Thomas	mealman	Willson, Thomas	currier
Keates, George	carrier to London by water to Brook's Wharf	Bankers	
Keats, John	sacking manufacturer	Child & Spendlove	
Kendall, R B	currier & leather	Cripps, Baker & Co	
Kent, Benj. & John	carriers to London by and to the New Inn, Old Bailey	Knapp, Tomkins & Co.	
King, Richard	New Inn	Mattingly, Kent & Co.	
King, Thomas	grocer	Inns	
Knapp, Tomkins		Crown & Thistle	Charles Pope
& Co	bankers	Lamb Inn	William Westbrook
Knight, Thomas	grocer & tallow chandler	New Inn	R King
Latham, James	linen draper	Coach	
		To the Old Bell, Holborn by T Westbrook	
		Waggon	
		To the New Inn, Old Bailey by B & J Kent	

Oddments Found In Crowthorne House

By Coral Mist

Some years ago my son was working for "Norris Builders" (no longer in existence) and he helped demolish a bungalow in Crowthorne which we think was Silverdale, Pinehill Road (we are not too sure) and he brought home a box they found in the attic. I, on my part, put it away safely and promptly forgot it. Looking for something else, I came across it again.

Below is a list of items in the box which could be identified and mainly relate to a Mr G Beeson. There were also other items including photographs, postcards and newspaper cuttings. If these items belong to your family please contact me at 2 Horewood Road, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 7LY, otherwise they will be placed in the BFHS Research Centre at Prospect School, Tilehurst, Reading.

- Letter to G R BEESON, Silverdale, Pinehill Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire - 2 Jul. 1938 from Hampshire General Friendly Society re: Dental treatment for above. Winchester - 1½ stamp
- Letter to CHAIRMAN BRITISH LEGION - 28th May 1957 from British Legion, Pall Mall re: J V PARSLEY, Flat 8, Walleby House, Crowthorne, re: Pension for skin disease contracted in Navy-.plus draft letter to British Legion.
- Letter to CHAIRMAN, BRITISH LEGION - from British Legion, Pall Mall re: J V PARSLEY dated 11 June 1957
- Letters (3) in same envelope - one to Ministry of Pensions from G R BEESON re FRED BENNELICK, 1 Cambridge Road, Crowthorne re: A motor propelled vehicle - 2 letters from War Pension Welfare Service re: FRED BENNELICK dated 16 August 1957, 2 September 1957
- Letter to HONORARY SECRETARY from British Legion, Pall Mall re: J CUMMINGS, 5 Sandhurst Lodge. Crowthorne re: House Purchase dated 5 February 1958
- Letter to HONORARY SECRETARY from British Legion, Pall Mall re: MR E HILL, 1 Columbia Villas, Yorktown Road, College Town, Camberley re: Loan owed dated 12 February 1963
- Letter to G R BEESON, British Legion Club, Wellington Road, Crowthorne dated 7 September 1970 from MRS G N RANDALL, 9A Wellington Road, Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey re: their new public house.
- Letter from PHYLLIS BELCHER who was Slough Agent for cabaret artistes asking for bookings dated 14 June 1965 - no envelope
- Letter from CROWTHORNE BRITISH LEGION re: a visit from WOKINGHAM BRITISH LEGION - no envelope dated 1 September 1964
- Letter to MR BENNELICK, BRITISH LEGION CLUB, CROWTHORNE from JOHN C SARGEANT re: Gents Toilets - no envelope dated 1 October 1964
- Letter from BRITISH LEGION, SILVERDALE, PINEHILL ROAD, CROWTHORNE - draft letter to ? re: a Legion member buying a new house - no envelope dated 22 September

- Letter to MR BEESON from NORMANDY BRANCH, BRITISH LEGION with cutting from Surrey Advertiser re: Inter-County quarter final snooker pairs match between Surrey and Berkshire - no envelope dated 19 February 1967
- Letter to SPECIAL CONSTABLE BEESON - list of duties - no envelope or date
- 25 November 1960 - Agenda for Annual Meeting Crowthorne British Legion - typed
- 14 February 1961 - Agenda hand-written
- 29 November 1963 - Agenda for Annual Meeting, Crowthorne British Legion - typed
- 29 November 1963 - Two Ballot Papers for the AG.M for Committee Members
- 8 September 1970 - Agenda hand-written
- 10 December 1970 - Agenda for Annual Meeting Crowthorne British Legion - typed
- 14 November 1972 - Letter hand-written - re: Committee and Mr & Mrs Smith regarding shortage in stocktaking
- 16 March 1965 - Notice that JACK REA & JOYCE GARDINER snooker champions, putting an exhibition on at Crowthorne British Legion
- 1 September 1966 - Notice that JACK REA & JOYCE GARDINER snooker champions putting an exhibition on at Crowthorne British Legion
- 4 October 1966 - Programme re: Snooker champions JACK REA & JOYCE GARDINER putting on a exhibition at Crowthorne British Legion
- 29 December 1939 - Article cut from THE TIMES re: Storing motor cars,
- Terms of reference for Treasurer - typed
- Terms of Stewards duties
- Two Fault-finding Charts for motor cars
- The Rates and subscription cards for British Legion Club, Crowthorne - one with G R BEESON inside
- Soldiers Welfare (3rd Edition) 1944 notes for Officers LT. OWEN
- Notes and Instructions - Method of keeping Accounts for Regimental Funds - The War Office 31 December 1939
- Vehicular Accident Report Book - Berkshire Constabulary - inside hand-written S BEESON, Crowthorne Section duties
- 1966 Fixture List for Crowthorne British Legion Bowling Club
- 25 February 1964 letter to Secretary British Legion from W R BROWN re: Stewards vacancy
- Card from Ministry of Pensions thanking Chairman British Legion for letter dated 16 May 1953 attached to 2 pieces of paper re: MR PRICE wanting a invalid chair
- Appointment Card for MR BEESON on Wednesday 16th March at 6.30pm - Norman Prince & Samuel Rosenthal Opticians
- Identity Card - GEORGE R BEESON, Silverdale, Pinehill Road, Crowthorne then to Camusdarach, Morar, Inverness-shire and then back to Crowthorne

- Beret - KINGS SCOTTISH OWN BORDERERS
 - TUBE FROM AUSTRALIA addressed to LIEUT. A. H. PERKINS, The Retreat, Milton Road, Wokingham, Berks - inside is a scroll dated 12 June 1924 from Victoria Barracks, Brisbane to the above ALAN HOWARD PERKINS - Commission as an Officer In Australian Military Forces 14 March 1922
 - 9 June 1939 - Berkshire Constabulary Air Raid Anti-Gas Training Precautions - 7 pages
 - 11 July 1939 - Letter headed Berkshire Constabulary to Chief Constable's Office, Reading
 - SGO Communications card (Police) April 1962 - 316 BEESON
 - 24 Jy 2? Postcard of Falls of Morar to MR G BEESON AT ST ENODOC, WELLINGTON COLLEGE, BERKS with message "FROM VIVIEN TO BEESON" in pencil posted Morar, Inverness-shire
 - Postcard of a house in an envelope with on the back W G MILLARD, THE POSTCARD KING, WINCHESTER, 3 MARKET ST.
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The Journey To Work In The Twentieth Century A Request For Information

Following the success of the *Residential Histories Project* which owed a great deal to the assistance provided by large numbers of family historians, we have recently begun work on a new research project. This has developed out of the migration project and is funded for three years by the Leverhulme Trust. The study focuses on women and men who began work between 1890 and 1990 in seven parts of the country, namely: London; Manchester and Salford; Glasgow; Cardiff; Leicester; Norwich and Aberdeen. Although we are interested in people who began work in these specific areas, we are interested in their details regardless of where they moved for work in later life. We are collecting information on occupational history, residential history and the journey to work for all people included in the study.

Your Family History Society has kindly allowed us to place this request in your magazine as a way of contacting family historians who may be able to provide us with information on individuals who began work in these areas in this period. If you have information (or know of other people who may be able to help) we would like to hear from you. It would be particularly helpful if you could tell us how many people you are able to provide information for. Once you have contacted us, we will send you forms, detailed instructions and a stamped-addressed envelope for their return.

We must emphasize that any information which is provided will be used only for the purposes of academic research and confidentiality will be strictly maintained in future publications. In addition to other publications, we will be happy to write a short piece for your magazine so that you will know the outcome of the research.

If you think you can help with the project in any way please contact Jean Turnbull as soon as possible at the address given below. Following your letter or telephone call she will send you forms and detailed instructions. If you wish to know more about the project please do not hesitate to contact us.

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New Parish Register Project

By Chad Hanna

Elsewhere in this journal, Robert Clayton has summarised the results of analysing the questionnaire included with the renewal form in the June journal. The response has been excellent and the information will also be very useful in this project, although we are only just beginning to get to grips with it. Work on the trial parish of Kintbury has been slower than hoped, which means that we have not been able to involve all the enthusiastic volunteers just yet.

The printout for Kintbury is now being checked against the fiche of the original parish registers. This first set of printouts must be checked very critically as this will determine what guidance we give to the other checkers. We are very lucky that Talbot Green is performing this onerous task.

Talbot presented his initial findings at the October Project Meeting, and the main points were:

- In Kintbury, the register begins in 1558 using dates where the year starts in January. After 1592 the start of the year moves to Lady Day, before returning to January 1st in 1752. Was this practice widespread?
- Dates can be a problem, particularly where the original register refers to a Saint's Day or a moveable feast like Easter. In some cases, the date in the register refers to the "last day".
- If we are pedantic, a transcript is "an exact copy of the wording of the original document" (according to Fitzhugh's *Dictionary of Genealogy*) so we are in fact producing an abstract because we are using a standard layout which does not vary at the whim of the parish clerk or from parish to parish but does include all the relevant information.
- However, these abstracts should be true to the original. Some of the typescripts we are using have modernised spellings and expanded abbreviations without making this clear. Where interpretations are necessary, or abbreviations are expanded, this must be clearly indicated alongside the original. Both the County Archivist and the Project team are firmly agreed on this.
- The scanning and OCR process is very effective for many typescripts, particularly with the 'verify' program which draws attention to suspect records. We are now encouraged to press ahead with this as fast as possible so that we can have a searchable database on computer at an early stage.
- As expected the fiche copies we are using for checking have their limitations and we will need to check against the original registers, particularly the early ones. Checking by going backwards in time has the advantage that you begin with the easier styles of handwriting and can stop checking against the fiche when the work becomes too laborious and error-prone.
- We need a very clear system to indicate corrections on printouts during checking so that there is no confusion when the corrections come to be made. Rather than invent a new system we are going to use the one described in the British Standard for Correcting Proofs, namely BS5261: Part 2. This is likely to parallel similar standards in use throughout the English-speaking World. We plan to provide a simple guide and example sheet to help the checkers.

- Getting to grips with old handwriting is helped by reading one or two books on the subject. Good handwriting can always be read given time, if necessary by comparing letter shapes to those in other, more recognisable, words.

We will be in a position of sending out some printouts and fiche for checking in the New Year. All this care and preparation is important if we are to have a set of Parish Register abstracts we can all be proud of.

Summary of Project and Computer Questionnaire

By Robert Clayton

Firstly, on behalf of the Project Committee, I must thank all of you who submitted completed questionnaires with your latest renewals.

An analysis was made of all questionnaires submitted, regardless of whether members completed one question or all eleven. Even one answer gives some insight into what you, the members, want from your Society. Four of the questions are represented graphically on the next page so I shall mainly concern myself with a commentary on the remaining questions.

The majority of those who stated how much time they could spend on projects said they could offer up to five hours each month. Very few said they could organise projects, whilst the majority were prepared to check work. Roughly equal numbers could transcribe and enter data.

The parishes in which members were most interested were, predictably, far and wide across the county. A number mentioned the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire borders rather than specific parishes.

65% own or have access to a computer. Just over 50% stated that the computer was IBM-compatible, with Amstrad PCW second (6%) and Apple Mac (4%). Printers were the most popular add-on to member's computers with 39% having a printer. However, 19% have a CD-ROM drive and this has implications for future developments and publications. 11% said that they would prefer an annual CD-ROM

- see Question 1 pie chart on the next page. Word processors were the most used programs. This isn't surprising as most computers, however big or small, have a word processor for them. Approximately equal numbers of computer users are using databases/spreadsheets and Family Tree Programs.

The extra comments which were made mainly concerned members' inability to help because they live so far away from the records. This shouldn't be an obstacle to anyone helping with a project as paper and computer material can be posted to far away places and transcribed, checked and entered on computer in members' homes.

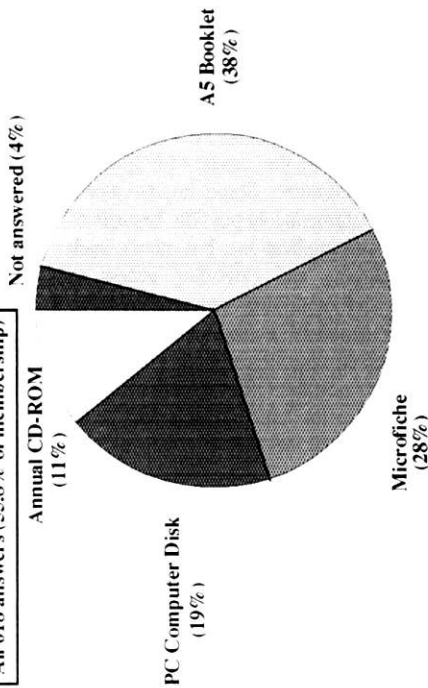
The next stage is to contact those who are willing to help with projects and to discuss the possibilities for future publications.

I hope that you have been able to see what the result of a few minutes of your time has produced and how valuable it might be.

Project Meetings at the BFHS Research Centre will be moving to the third Wednesday in the month from January onwards because the Centre is being opened on Thursday evenings. The first one will be 15th January.

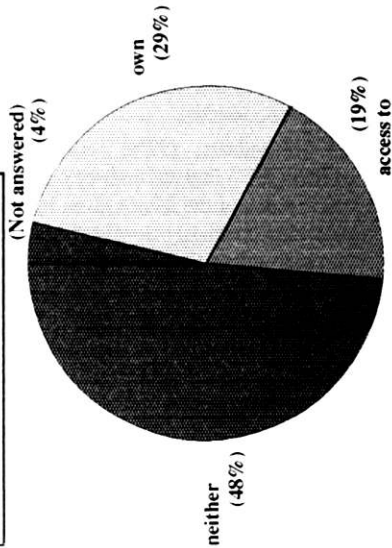
Glamorgan FHS have donated an alphabetical print-out of Berkshire Strays found whilst transcribing their 1851 census which will be placed in the Research Centre. [JD]

All 618 answers (55.8% of membership)



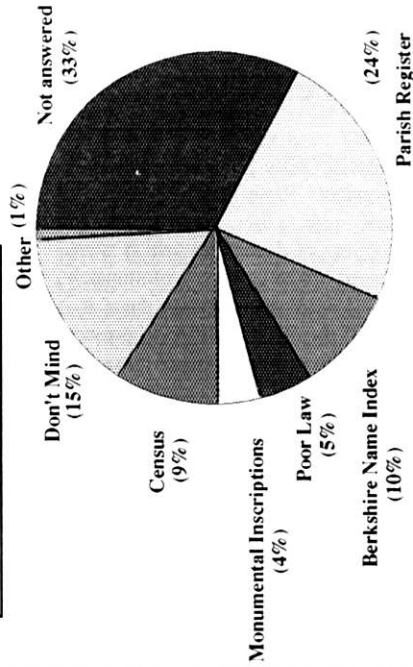
Question 1 - How would you prefer the Society to publish Project information ?

All 618 answers (55.8% of membership)



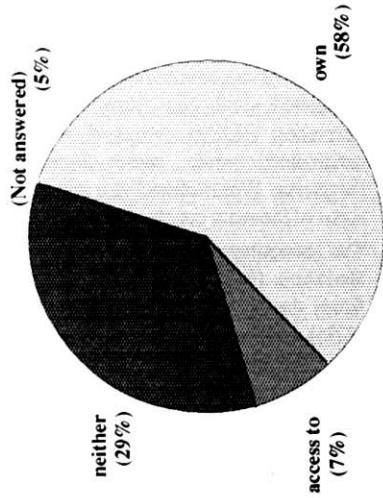
Question 6 - Do you own, or have access to, a microfiche reader ?

All 618 answers (55.8% of membership)



Question 4 - Which of these projects are of particular interest to you ?

All 618 answers (55.8% of membership)



Question 7 - Do you own, or have access to, a computer ?

Berkshire Record Office News

By Elizabeth Hughes

User Survey

Analysis of the user survey has now been completed, and has thrown up some interesting findings, some of which we anticipated, while some were more surprising. What follows is a summary of some of the main conclusions.

The majority of our users come from Berkshire (64%). Of these, most come from the Reading (30%), Wokingham (27%) and Newbury (24%) districts. The vast majority travel to the Record Office by car (86%). Although many individuals and group members have visited record offices before, 29% of individuals are first-time visitors and 9% have never been to a record office, and are therefore not familiar with sources and procedures.

Most individuals who visit the Record Office (78%) are researching family history; groups are chiefly concerned with the history of a locality (83%).

Visitors consult a wide variety of sources at the Record Office, but by far the most heavily-used source is the St Catherine's House Index of births, marriages and deaths, consulted by 54% of visitors. In fact, for 34% of individuals, the Index is the only source consulted.

Most individuals (97%) and group members (53%) find staff advice clear and helpful. Much of the advice given by staff relates to holdings, as listed in our catalogues. While 69% of individuals find catalogues easy to use and only 2% difficult to use, 70% of group members find them fairly easy and 15% difficult. Comments made suggest that careful explanation of the catalogues by staff, backed up by written instructions, are important.

Most Record Office procedures are felt to be convenient. Those which arouse most comment are the restrictions on photocopying of documents which would be damaged by the process. Unfortunately, these restrictions are necessary since it is the duty of the Record Office to preserve records for future generations of users. The Office is undertaking a programme of microfilming heavily-used documents not only to save them from wear and tear, but also to enable copies to be taken from them.

Most visitors and groups are satisfied with the environment and equipment in the Record Office. However, one issue which causes particular concern is the seating and work space, particularly in the microfilm area. This has inevitably increased as use of the Record Office has continued to rise.

On the subject of communication, 26% of individuals and 45% of group members learn about Record Office developments through the *Berkshire Family Historian*!

We are currently looking at how we can use the results of the survey to help us to plan for the future. Some improvements will not be immediately possible because of the financial implications, but others, such as simplifying and extending access to records and modifying some procedures, will be seriously considered. We have already taken note of comments about the inability to ring the Office on Mondays to book a place for later in the week. From October, it will be possible to ring the Office on Monday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.30, when staff will be able to take bookings.

Just catalogued

Several additional collections of nonconformist churches have been made available for study.

These include the records of Newbury and Hungerford Methodist Circuit (c. 1936-1977); Reading and Silchester Methodist Circuit (1982-1994); Hosier Street Congregational Methodist Chapel, Reading (c. 1850-1972); Oxford Road, Reading, Methodist church records (1909-1988); Reading District Baptist Council (1942-1963); South-East Berks Methodist Circuit (1993-1996); and Rose Street, Wokingham, Methodist church records (1864-1996).

Additional records deposited by Wokingham All Saints Parish (1862-1993) were also catalogued, including registers of banns of marriage 1971-1993 and registers of confirmations 1959-1973. We have also received parish magazines from Aldermaston (1931), Brimpton, Wasing and Midgham (1952), East Hendred (1994-1995), and Reading St Giles (1990-1995).

Records of Reading, St Mary (Castle Street) are also now available. This collection, which covers the period 1798 to the 1990s, including baptism registers (1884-1947) and marriage registers (1914-1961); churchwardens' accounts (1798-1844) and fabric accounts (1840-1882); trustees' minutes (1838-1969); Sunday

School teachers' minutes (1847-1860); and parish magazines (1891-1904, 1917, 1933-1973). St Mary's, or Cadogan Chapel, was founded in 1799 by evangelical churchmen who had seceded from Reading, St Giles, following the death of its evangelical rector, William Bromley Cadogan. Nonconformist ministers preached there until 1820. In 1837 the church returned to the Church of England as a proprietary chapel owned by independent trustees.

We continue to receive transcripts of records, which often prove invaluable to visitors to our searchroom. Among those newly available are Aston Tirrold baptisms (1607-1995), marriages (1607-1995) and burials (1607-1994); Newnham Murren baptisms (1685-1957), marriages (1685-1957), banns (1756-1826), and burials (1678-1992); Sutton Courtenay baptisms (1539-1867), marriages (1538-1904) and burials (1540-1888); Faringdon Union births (1835-1872) and deaths (1875-1913); Hungerford Wesleyan Methodist circuit baptisms (1837-1903); Newbury Wesleyan Methodist circuit baptisms (1838-1852); Newbury Primitive Methodist circuit baptisms (1832-1869); and the South Ascot Roll of Honour (1914-1918). The latter was transcribed in order to make the information in this fragile document generally available.

FAMILY HISTORY FAIRS 1997

BRACKNELL, SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE, Bagshot Road SUNDAY JAN 26th

CRAWLEY, HAWTH THEATRE, Hawth Ave, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

KIDLINGTON, EXETER HALL, Oxford Rd, SUNDAY MARCH 9th

BASINGSTOKE, VIABLES CRAFT CENTRE, Harrow Way, SUNDAY APRIL 20th

TONBRIDGE, KENT, ANGEL LEISURE CENTRE, Angell Lane, SUNDAY JUNE 1st

10am to 5pm Admission only £1

Tel:01344-51479



Berkshire Family History Society
1997 Open Day

10 am - 4pm Saturday, 1st March
at St Nicolas Parish Hall,
Bartholomew Street, Newbury



*Well I'm going to find out what my descendants are doing
at the Newbury Open Day!*

**Celebrating the 10th anniversary
of the founding of the Newbury Branch
of the Berkshire Family History Society**

Free Admission

Society stands

- ◆ Society Bookstall
- ◆ A large part of the Society Library including the 1881 Census index for England and Wales, published 1851 census indexes for England, and the 1988 International Genealogical Index for the United Kingdom.
- ◆ Advice on your Family History Research
- ◆ Printouts from the Berkshire 1851 Census transcript
- ◆ Project displays

Other Attractions

- ◆ Neighbouring Family History Societies, such as Wiltshire Family History Society and Hampshire Genealogical Society
- ◆ Brian Brinkley Postcards
- ◆ S&N Enterprises (Computers and Software)
- ◆ Rallymaps of West Wellow
- ◆ Bill Lloyd Books
- ◆ Machine breaker indexes and books
- ◆ Convicts transported to Australia
- ◆ Index of 1st Foot Guards during the Napoleonic Wars.

Local Family History Societies and the Berkshire Record Office and Library Service have also been invited.

Light refreshments will also be available.

Car Parking

St Nicolas Church and Parish Hall is in the heart of Newbury beside the Kennet river and Newbury railway station is within easy walking distance.

If you come by car you must use the public car park – there are several car parks nearby, the nearest being opposite in Bartholomew Street.

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Was Jane Jacobs a Carpenter of Windsor in 1851?

By Rev Peter Jacobs

Looking into family history can be an intriguing pastime. Jane was married to James Jacobs in Old Windsor Church on 14th October 1816. Unfortunately, James died of cholera in 1859. It was a disease which swept through the area at that time. When Jane filled in her 1851 Census she indicated her occupation, a "*Carpenter*". She lived with her children in Bier Lane, Clewer, which is just outside Windsor. By 1861 one of her sons must have left his job as a printer to take up an occupation shown in the Census as "*Beer Retailer & Carpenter*", still living in Bier Lane. I presume the "*Carpenter*" part was his mother!! The family memory tells me that this son James had a son Herbert who had a fly business (a fly was a type of coach / 1880's taxi!). He is reputed to have sired eleven children, but this is for me to investigate further.... James had another son Horace, my grandfather, who became a compositor when he completed his apprenticeship at Oxleys, Windsor. Of the two daughters of James, one was Florence who married a Henry Sutton of Eton and the other was Jessie. Again, this calls for further investigation. Cousin Arthur ran a boatbuilding business which also hired boats from Windsor Bridge that came to an end, under his name, sometime in the 1920s.

As I said, an intriguing time looking into the past. One never knows what to expect and that, it seems to me, is a good reason to keep on going!!

By the way Jane died in Market Street, Windsor, on 7th April 1883 at the ripe old age of 84.

Age at First Marriage

By Brenda Leach

In the *Berkshire Family Historian* (September 1996 issue) on page 47, there was a reply by Jean Debney regarding the age of a woman having a baby (aged 42). In my husband's ancestry, he has the following:

Anne Atkins	born	28 September 1804	
	married	25 September 1847	(spinster aged almost 43)
			(her husband was a bachelor aged 46)
	only child born	25 February 1849	(mother aged 44)

All the information above is recorded (and verified wherever possible) in her family Bible, plus census (1841 and 1851) and the relevant certificates.

The information in the Bible was recorded by the local vicar as poor Anne lost her mother when she was only 18 months old.

"But for that one little seed, my husband would not be here!!!"

Gloucestershire FHS 1851 Census Transcription

Piece 1961 is now available, on fiche, produced by Gloucestershire FHS 1851 Census Transcription and Indexing Project. It is priced at £10.00 plus 50p UK postage or £1.50 elsewhere. Piece 1961 completes Gloucester City and also includes Twigworth, Churchdown, Barnwood, Huccicote, Down Hatherley, Norton, Sandhurst, Ashleworth, Maisemore and Lassington. Sets are available from:-Mr D Perry, 35 Williams Orchard, Highnam, Gloucester GL2 8EL. [CH]

Reading Under Siege

By Peter Foreman

My 8 x great-grandfather, Thomas Backus, was baptised at St Giles', Reading, in 1585 as were his brothers John and Edward. The surname then changed to Backhouse for their children and, perhaps like Barkshire for Berkshire, to Beakhouse since the early 1800s. From 1837, all registered Beakhouses appear to belong to this family. John married Ann Bye and, like Edward with his son also Edward, continued to live in Reading. Thomas married Ann Ferner and had their first child Mary in Reading where she married and lived with Peter Woods but Thomas and Ann moved to near Henley at Bix and then Grays.

In April 1643 Reading was a garrison town under arms in support of King Charles and besieged by the Commander-in-Chief of the Parliamentary forces. John was worried that the town would be taken by assault and his house rampaged by the common soldiers. The King's soldiers had often threatened him knowing that he was a man thriving in the world. He therefore put his divers bonds, bills and other specialities including £100 in cash, rings and such-like valued in all at £400 and more into a locked box which he carried to brother Edward. Then they, with Edward's son, Thomas, Peter Woods and also a Thomas Heussey of Reading, hid the box in or about Edward's house or in some secret place within the fortifications of Reading. John did not tell his wife or others dwelling in

his house of what he had done in case they were forced to disclose his actions.

Unfortunately John died about two months later but just before he did he told his wife what he had done and that the others knew where the box was hidden. However, the others would not acquaint her, the executrix, or her new husband, a Robert Evans, tanner of Reading, what was in the box or who then had possession of it. Therefore the couple made a request for permit to subpoena under penalty for the accused to appear in the High Court of Chancery to make a true statement.

No information has been found as to the outcome but the widow of the son of Thomas left a will referring to pewter plates which have been split amongst part of the present generation and said to have been presented by King Charles II to supporters of his father. So perhaps the missing assets found their way into the royal coffers!

It is interesting that Ann Ferner's surname survived as a Christian name to at least 1853, although in that line there is a missing link between Ferner Bakehouse married in Ibstone in 1757 not far from the Henley family and Feemer Bakhouse married in 1800 at Eversley, Hants. Any news of those in-between would be most welcome.

Finally my thanks go to relative Jennifer Tombs for her help.

Berkshire Stray in Yorkshire

Joyce Hidden of 99 Pole Barn Lane, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex CO13 9NQ found the following in the Parish Register for Barwick-in-Elmet (Leeds, W. Yorkshire):

- 1) 1784 bapt October 10: *Ruth d/o John Butler of Scholes, pipemaker, from John and Sarah Butler, Scholes; and of Hannah Butler, from John and Ann North of Newbury, Berkshire. (Born Sept 7).*
- 2) 1786 bapt June 4: *Thomas s/o John Butler etc. and Hannah etc. (Born April 26).*

Q and A with Jean

By Jean Debney

Following my article in the "Berkshire Family Historian" (Vol.19 part 1, Dec 1996) about "Parish Relief in Purley c.1828" I was contacted by Tony Bernard (3170), 6 Linkway, Edgcombe Park, Crowthorne, Berks RG45 6ES, who wrote as follows:

Q "My paternal grandmother was a Gutteridge from Reading. Her parents (Henry Gutteridge and Hannah Elizabeth née Burton), also from Reading, were married in 1871 and their witnesses were John and Eliza Lambourne. I had no idea that there was a possibility of a blood connection between the Gutteridge, Burton and Lambourn/e families. Or was there? How was it that you managed to select the Lambourn, Sherman, Gutteridge and Hamblin families for mention? Was this by chance?"

A My interest in Purley developed when we moved here in 1979 and I decided to research its history. This involved transcribing the church registers, census returns, wills, etc. plus some material for the neighbouring parishes of Sulham and Tidmarsh. From this information I have, as far as possible, compiled numerous family group cards. (See below for an example of a family tree compiled from my records.) This exercise has demonstrated the large number of families and individuals who flitted in and out of the parish records mostly in their eternal search for work. Starting in 1980 and using this data I wrote over a hundred stories for the parish magazine under the general heading of "From my History Notebook".¹ *Parish Relief in Purley c.1828*, in the *Berkshire Family Historian* of September 1995 (Vol. 19 no.1), was adapted from one of that series.

Most of the surnames mentioned in the article are to be found elsewhere in Berkshire records as well as the surrounding counties. Several, apparently unrelated, Gutteridge families lived in Purley at various times between 1663 and 1792. The same applies to the Hamlin/Hamblin/g between 1753 and 1871, with an isolated burial of a six-year-old girl, Irene Grace Hamblin, in 1907. Joseph Lambourn (m.1772, d.1799) was the only one of his name in Purley: after his death and that of his only daughter's husband, the parish "relieved" the two widows, Dames Lambourn and Buckland (see below).

Evidence suggests that the ancestors, and descendants, of these and other families can be found in the adjacent parishes of Pangbourne, Tilehurst and Reading etc. as well as further afield and on the other side of the River Thames in Oxfordshire: the north boundary of Purley is formed by the River.

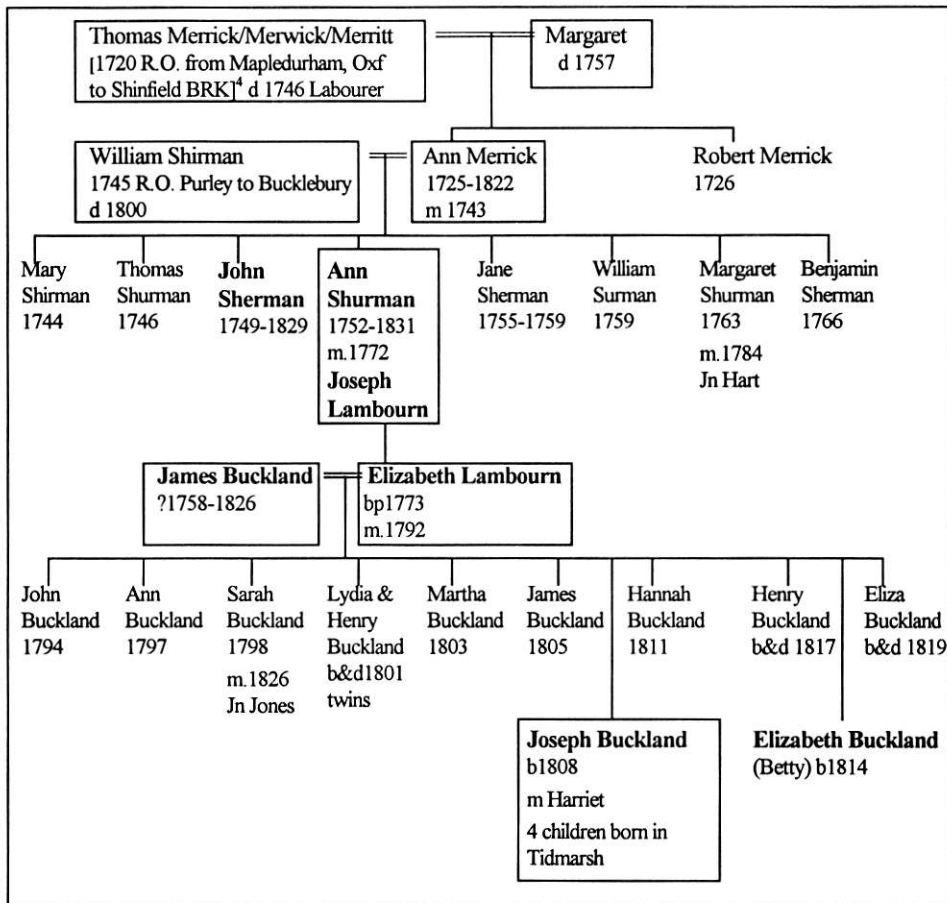
If anyone has information that could link these Purley families to Tony's, I am sure he will be glad to hear from you (enclosing an SAE) - and so would I.

The following tree shows the relationship of some of the people mentioned in the article. The dates relate to baptism, marriage or burial at Purley² unless otherwise stated. Details of those named in Purley Poor Law Overseers Accounts³ are in Bold.

¹ Copies of the "Purley News" should be available in the Reading Local Studies Library.

² BRO: D/P 93/1/1-5 - Purley Parish Registers

³ BRO: D/P 93/5/1 - Purley Poor Law Overseers Accounts



QA member at the Reading Branch meeting last September asked how to go about researching her family history in Italy.

AThe entry in *"The Family Historians Enquire Within"* has several helpful suggestions for further reading. In addition, an article entitled "Research in Italy", with a map of the *"Ancêtres Italiens"*, is in the *Genealogical Research Directory* (1992 ed.) pp.9-12. It is worth noting that prior to the formation of modern Italy in 1866, when civil registers of birth, marriage and death commence, it consisted of several separate states and today is divided into 20 regions.

⁴ BRO: D/P 110/13/24 - Shinfield Poor Law Removal Order

QMrs Lee Rayner of Hoddesdon, Herts wrote: My mother's maiden name was Diggins and I always assumed that the family roots were in East and South-East London where she grew up. I wasted a lot of time looking for Grandfather Diggins' birth certificate in London, only to find eventually that he was born in Brighton, Sussex. Then the 1881 census revealed that his father was born in Brimpton, Berks. Great-grandfather married in 1874 in St Marylebone, London aged twenty giving his occupation as 'butler' and by the late 1870s was a plasterer's labourer in Brighton, Sussex. The 1881 census revealed several other Diggins plasterers and labourers living nearby but all born in Sussex with no obvious connection to my family.

The coincidence of this fairly unusual name does seem rather extraordinary in such close proximity. I have searched in vain for the missing link and don't know what to do next. I did wonder whether a relative of his father or grandfather had ventured further afield in the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century but, without literacy or easy transport, how would their family links have been sustained over a long period?

William Diggins	b.Brimpton, Berks - ag.lab mar 29 Sep 1851 Wokingham, Berks to Harriet Ann Malt, b Axford, Wilts
William Diggins	born 16 Nov 1854 Brimpton, Berks (& others) mar (1) 10 Feb. 1874 St Marylebone, Mdx to Thirza Biggs, b 8 Feb. 1854 Roxeth, Hendon, Mdx mar (2) Caroline Verrinder
James Diggins	b 5 Sep 1883 Brighton, Ssx (& others) mar 30 Mar 1902 Stepney, Lnd Jane Elizabeth Arnold, b 28 Dec 1882 Plaistow, Lnd
Jenny Alice Diggins	b 1 Aug 1905 St Geo. in E, Lnd (& others) mar Leonard Clarke, b 22 Dec 1903 Camberwell, Sry
Leone Jeanne Clarke	b 25 Feb. 1935 Streatham, Sry mar 14 Jul. 1956 to Gordon Rayner

ANever under-estimate the distance a family will travel in their search for employment. The average journey on foot was twenty miles a day which, by the end of a week, could total 140 miles. Allowing for periods of rest and work to pay their expenses, vast distances could be covered in a few weeks. Also railways were relatively cheap and, by the second half of the nineteenth century, London and other towns were suffering from what has been described as "*Victorian Elephantiasis*". This meant plenty of work building new houses, etc. One of my great-grandfathers, a carpenter, brought his family from Brighton to Paddington, Middlesex, another moved from Scotland to the same area where he was a painter until he died of (probably) lead poisoning and Cliff's great-grandfather was papering and decorating in Brighton! "*My Ancestor was a Migrant*"⁵ has lots of suggestions for finding wandering families.

As for the connection between your great-grandfather Diggins born in Berkshire and his Sussex-born neighbours - only by following them ALL up and drawing lots of family trees will you be able to find a connection, if any. Comparing the number of Diggins entries in

⁵ Available from BFHS Bookstall

Berkshire and Sussex IGI, plus neighbouring counties, will give some indication of the frequency or rarity of a name in a given area. Diggens, a widespread surname, is a pet-form of Richard, a Germanic personal name popularised after the Conquest by the Normans, which means "powerful brave". It may be spelt in many different ways, eg: Diggens/ins/ings/ons or Dickens, etc. (and without the 's') which all sound similar - I have also noticed this spelling variation with Wiggins and Wickens in Berkshire records.

After all this, my advice would be to continue researching your known family - wherever it may lead you. However, you should always note any other "interesting" names, etc. found during research, just in case they eventually "fit in" somewhere: it may avoid having to cover the same ground in the future.

QN.P.Figgis of Dyfed, Wales writes as follows: "I have a reference to a boy, born 1878, who was educated at Cordwalles School, Maidenhead, Berks. He later went to HMS Britannia and became an officer in the Royal Navy. I have looked in the "Victoria County History for Berkshire" and also a modern schools directory but was unable to locate a reference in either. Presumably the school is now closed or perhaps changed its name? Was it a "services" school?"

A According to our modern Ordnance Survey (OS) map there is a "Cordwallis" Road and Street on the north side of Maidenhead, and also a Cordwalles Road in Camberley, Surrey. However, the Maidenhead address may have changed its spelling as the 1887 *Kelly's Directory of Berkshire* lists several tradesmen in Cordwalless Road. There was no reference in this Directory to a school in this road or elsewhere that might "fit".

The Alan Godfrey reproduction OS Map of Maidenhead, 1897⁶ shows a large establishment on the North West of the town called Cordwalles College. On the reverse of the map is brief history of Maidenhead and a section from the 1902 *Kelly's Berkshire Directory* which lists "Rev Charles William Hunt, BA, Boys' Preparatory School, Cordwalles, Marlow Road, Maidenhead".

It occurs to me that the name "Cordwalles" may either commemorate an army officer - Aldershot and Sandhurst Military Academies are not far away - or an admiral in the navy, especially in view of the later career of your research enquiry.

For further details about this College, I suggest you write (enclosing an SAE) to Brian Boulter, an active member of the Maidenhead Archaeological & Historical Society, 43 Bannard Road, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 4NP.

Dear Aunty Jean, can you explain this repeat marriage? We can't. Jan Hutt, London Hospital Medical College.

The above arrived enclosing two photocopies of a certificate relating to the marriage of Phillip Leonard Abbott and Annie Moss Luke in Cornwall in 1892; they were obtained from the General Register Office (SCH) and are written in different hands but with consecutive register entry numbers and identical information, except that the bride's father is a 'master mariner' in no.338 and a 'mariner' in 339 The only suggestion I can come up with is that an overzealous clerk entered the details without first checking it had already been done!

⁶ Available from the BFHS Bookstall

Maycock Family

By Elizabeth Maycock

[Editor's Note: I received the following, from Elizabeth Maycock, in response to the article written by Sarah Brewer in the June 96 Berkshire Family Historian (Vol.19 No.4) about the Maycock family. I sent a copy to Sarah and her reply is included below as indicated].

While not wishing to discourage anyone's romantic feelings about family history, in the interests of accuracy and from my own acquired knowledge, there are some points I should make clear. I have taken time before writing and I have sources for all my statements.

I know of no Maycock - Parris marriage in our family. I would not rule out the possibility as there are unrecorded marriages in the tree, but there were thousands of white settlers in Barbados, including a small elite group of wealthy planters, whose marriages were often arranged to gain property or powerful allies.

Sarah's version of the Maycock history in Barbados is somewhat telescoped and inaccurate. The first three out there were all called Thomas and certainly the first one arrived just at the right time for sugar-planting. By 1640 he already had more than ten acres of land. Certainly he became a member of the Assembly (the lower house) and was very wealthy. The idea that if one was a member of the Assembly one had to uphold the government against those who rebelled is an over-simplification. There were members of both Royalists and Parliamentarians in the Assembly - e.g. Maycocks and Alleyne's. What one voted for in the Assembly depended often, I am sorry to say, on one's own interests, whether one was for or against the Governor, and who one's friends were. The third Thomas, who was a member of Council (the upper house) and Treasurer of the Island, constantly misused his high office. He could have taught Robert

Maxwell a thing or two and eventually died deep in debt, having squandered the family fortunes, and even had his land sequestered for a time for alleged vote-rigging.

I don't know of any family legend that Charles II granted land to the first Thomas for loyalty. He didn't need to. By 1679 Thomas had 399 acres, 6 white servants and 129 slaves. He was busy buying this land all through the time of the Commonwealth and after Charles II returned.

You say that they were members of a Gloucestershire land-owning family. If you are able to prove this I would be immensely interested as I have never been able to find their English origin. The third Thomas had an estate in Gloucestershire, but he bought it from a fellow planter.

The Maycocks did not themselves establish Fort Maycock, now a ruin. It was one of the most northerly of the defensive chain, stretching right down the west coast. It is so-named because it is at the south end of Maycock's Bay - old Mr Maycock's land was above the bay. I have been there. Public money for the upkeep of these forts sometimes "*disappeared*".

"*Lemon Arbour*" (not "*Grove*") came much later. It was the last plantation they owned and we still have a very faded photo of it. It burnt down before they finally returned to England to live.

The Barbados phone book had 3 pages of Maycocks and 16 of Alleyne's when I looked in it - all black to the best of my knowledge.

Finally, I expect you have discovered that

Maycock has been a relatively common name in England for a long time. It is mentioned as an uncomplimentary term in both Chaucer and Shakespeare - "*he is but a mai cock.*"

Sarah's response was as follows:

"*Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.*"

Help Wanted

Sandy Ogden (3343) of 14125 Durham Rd. #57, Box 137, Blackstock, Ontario L0B 1B0 would like to hear from anyone related or researching the following family: Samuel Sims (b.1804?, Bradford, Wiltshire) married Sarah Everett (b1807?, Wantage, Berkshire), children (all born in Wantage): Mary (1824), James (1825), Matilda (1827), George (1828), John (1830), William (1833), Hannah [Emma] (1835), Joseph (1837), Ellen [Helen] (1839), Amos (1839), Emma (1840), Alfred (1841), Fanny, my 2xgreat-grandmother (1844), Jane (1845) and Martha (1850).

Temporary Closure of Newbury District Museum

Newbury District Museum, The Wharf, Newbury, Berks, RG14 5AS (Tel: 01635-30511), will be closed from 6th to 26th January 1997. Museum staff will not be available to deal with enquiries during this period, but an answerphone will be in operation. During the three weeks when the museum is closed, it will be spring-cleaned, redecorated and some small changes will be made to the displays. [CH]

Public Record Office, Chancery Lane

From the 6th December 1996, all Reading Rooms at the PRO, Chancery Lane were closed permanently with the exception of the CENSUS ROOMS.

Chad Hanna has been appointed the FFHS Internet Liaison Officer - society information or updates for the Federation Internet site can be sent to Chad whose e-mail address is chad@vellum.demon.co.uk. [JD]

WANTED - COMPUTER



Have you a spare 386 computer or better?

The BFHS needs one (or more) for use in the Research Centre which would be used for cataloguing, project work, a computer group and so on.

If you can help please contact Chad Hanna on 0118-966-3585.

Bookends

Compiled by Julia Cox and Jean Debney

Unless otherwise stated, all the following are available from the bookstalls at BFHS branch meetings, the Research Centre or by post (write to The Berkshire Family History Society, c/o Prospect School, Honey End Lane, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks, RG30 4EL).

Family History News & Digest Sept 1996

(Vol 10 No 4) (FFHSPL⁷); A4 pink card cover, 48pp "News" + 16pp "Digest"; £1.60 + p&p 60p UK, 95p Overseas Surface, £2.15 Airmail

The feature article in this twice-yearly official journal of the Federation of FHS is *Records of Apprenticeship*, by Lilian Gibbens, which is well-written and includes much useful guidance about this under-used source. The News includes reports and secretaries' addresses for all UK and overseas member societies; new publications with some reviews; diary of events; record office news; plus details of a police museum; transport history; and an Irish index. The pull-out Digest has abstracts from journals by subject: e.g. adoption, apprentices, etc. etc. [JD]

Basic Facts About... series editor Pauline M Litton

(FFHSPL 1996); A5, introduction, useful addresses, bibliography, 16pp; price £1.25 each + p&p 50p UK, 60p Overseas Surface, £1.25 Airmail

Two or three more titles in this 'small but beautiful' series, all skilfully edited to a basic but detailed format with information for beginners and experienced family historians:

Using Baptism Records For Family Historians by Pauline M Litton;

Includes basic questions, private, public, double, late, missing and multiple baptisms in parish and non-conformist registers, indexes and location of records. [JD]

Using Marriage Records for Family Historians by Pauline M Litton with Colin R Chapman

Includes basic questions, civil registration, parish registers, bishops' transcripts and marriage licences in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, age at marriage and indexes. [JD]

Excellent beginners guide for those tracking down marriages. Gives useful pointers in tracing that more elusive marriage. Summarises the relevant legislative acts. [JC]

Using Record Offices for Family Historians by Tom Wood;

Includes preparations beforehand, reserving a place, "do's and don'ts", rules and regulations, using your time efficiently, getting help, making notes and alternatives to county record offices. [JD]

An Introduction to Using Newspapers and Periodicals by Colin Chapman

(FFHS revised 1996): 31pp; price £11.95 + p&p 40p UK, 75p overseas surface, £1.45 airmail.

Gives a potted history of printing, the press and associated laws. Informs the readers where to look at copies of old newspapers. Explains how to find newspapers and periodicals by use of published gazetteers and directories. Informs the reader that there are also indexes to certain information extracted from newspapers and these have already been done by local societies, individuals and other bodies. [JC]

⁷ FFHSPL" = The Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd.

Gibson Guide: the Hearth Tax, Other Later Stuart Tax Lists and the Association Oath Rolls, compiled by Jeremy Gibson

(FFHS 2nd ed. 1996); 80pp; price £4.50 + p&p 55p UK, 90p overseas surface, £2.15 airmail.

Covers the period 1660-1715, England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland and where to look for British Subjects overseas. Gives a brief description of the taxes, roll, assessments etc. Mentioned in the book. Organised alphabetically by county showing whether or not the relevant document survives for particular area. If so, your ancestor may appear (even those who were exempt/refused were often listed). [JC]

Gibson Guide: Record Offices, How To Find Them by Jeremy Gibson and Pamela Heskett

(FFHS 7th ed. 1996); 64 pp; price £2.95 + p&p each 50p UK, 75p overseas surface, £1.60 airmail.

Essentially a book of 100 maps giving the up-to-date location of the County/City Record Offices. Gives address, phone no, car parking facilities, public transport, and most importantly for those who do not know the area and go round and round in ever increasing circles, THE ONE WAY SYSTEM!! Shown alphabetically by county and covers England, Wales, Isle of Man and Scotland. Twenty-one major London repositories are mentioned, but not the local ones. [JC]

An Introduction to the British Army its History, Tradition and Records by Col. Iain Swinerton

(FFHSPL, 1996); A5, red card cover, line drawings, 4 appendices & bibliography, 48pp; price £2.50 + p&p + p&p 60p UK, 80p Overseas Surface, £1.85 Airmail.

The author, who served over 30 years in the Regular and Territorial Army, writes with

authority and enthusiasm about its history, structure and development. To help you when searching army records for your ancestor there are tips on identifying a regiment, army ranks, badges and command structure. The appendices list the Army in 1881 and 1996, Victoria's campaigns and some comparative strengths. It complements the guides to army records published by the Society of Genealogists and the Public Record Office. [JD]

Register of One-Name Studies 1996

(12th ed)(Guild of One-Name Studies 1996); 84pp; price £3.50 + p&p 60p UK, 80p Overseas Surface, £1.85 Airmail

Names and addresses of the members who are researching all references to specific surnames in the UK (and some world-wide). This is an important reference work which could assist your own research. [JD]

Genealogy On The Macintosh by David Tippet

48pp; price £3.50 + p&p 60p UK, 80p Overseas Surface, £1.85 Airmail

The author describes his experience with methods and various genealogical packages available for his Macintosh computer and which he finds most useful. [JD]

Writing and Publishing Your Family History by John Titford

(FFHSPL with Countryside Books, 1996); illustrations, index; £4.95 + p&p 95p UK, £1.25 Overseas Surface, £3.15 Airmail

So - you've done some research but it is not yet complete (psst! it never is). However now is the time to start putting it together to produce some tangible results for yourself and others. The author writes from his own experience as a prize-winner with his family history and is a regular contributor to the *Family Tree Magazine*, etc. His approach is easy and includes lots of helpful tips - make it

your "new year resolution" to buy it and get cracking. [JD]

The Compleat Parish Officer

(*Wiltshire FHS, new ed. 1996 - from 7th ed. 1734*); 104pp; price £4.00 + p&p 75p UK, 95p Overseas Surface, £2.20 Airmail

Now re-published in modern typeset, the original 18th century copy was bought for sixpence in the 1930s. It is a handbook to enable the parish officers of the time to interpret the complex Poor Law Acts from 1601; some of the format is still in use today by police and magistrates. It deals with the office of constable, churchwarden, poor law overseer and highway surveyors, the laws and statutes in force, plus their oaths of office. It complements "The Handy Book Of Parish Law" which is also available. [JD]

The Surname Detective - investigating surname distribution in England, 1086-present day by Colin D. Rogers

(*Manchester University Press 1995*); *surname distribution maps, index, 260pp*; price £10.99 + p&p £1.10 UK, £1.50 Overseas Surface, £3.75 Airmail

A useful guide to researching the history and distribution of a surname which may help to pinpoint your own family origins. [JD]

First Name Variants by Alan Bardsley

(*2nd ed, FFHSPL 1996*); 108pp; price £4.95 + p&p 75p UK, 95p Overseas Surface, £2.20 Airmail

Using a variety of sources, the author has compiled an extensive list of first names, diminutives and spelling variations and coded them. This unique booklet is arranged in two parts: (1) identify your name in "First names with codes", note the 3-letter code; (2) turn to the alphabetical "Codes giving variants" which lists all versions with the root name(s) in bold. [JD]

Shadows Of Ancestors, Surnames and Practical Family History Research by Andrew Todd

(*Allen & Todd 1996*); 35pp; price £2.00 + p&p 50p UK, 60p Overseas Surface, £1.25 Airmail

This brief but useful booklet is full of suggestions as to how and why your ancestors' surnames might have been spelt, mis-spelt or changed in the past. [JD]

Researching Family History in Wales compiled by Jean Istance & E. E. Cann

(*FFHSPL with Assoc. of FHSs in Wales, 1996*); *indexed; 87 pp*; price £5.50 + p&p 75p UK, 95p Overseas Surface, £2.20 Airmail

This is a very useful follow-up booklet to *Welsh Family History: A Guide to Research* (1993) which contains detailed information and addresses for Welsh county record offices and libraries. The contents are arranged by region and county, there is a good bibliography, useful addresses and, bringing it right up-to-date, information about the 1996 Local Authority changes. [JD]

Catholic family history: a bibliography:

of general sources (£8 + 80p p&p) of local sources (£8 + 80p p&p) for Scotland (£4.50 + 60p p&p) for Wales (£4.50 + 60p p&p)

(*Published August 1996*) and available from the author, Michael Gandy, at 3 Church Crescent, Whetstone, London N20 0JR

Michael's press release states "The *bibliography of general sources* runs to 151 pages and goes systematically through Archives, History, State Records, Education, the Clergy and a range of other categories. The *bibliography of local sources* goes from Bedfordshire to Yorkshire in 128 pages and the bibliographies for Wales and Scotland have brought together everything on Catholics in these countries.. Everyone should be able to find plenty in them that is new." [CH]

Have You Seen “John Mason”?

By Richard Mason

I began to compile my family tree in 1993, but unfortunately it now appears that I am unable to trace an ancestor's birth or parents in my paternal line. This elusive ancestor was a “*John Mason*” and my search has been made difficult by my distance from Berkshire.

John Mason married Mary George in Wantage Church, Berkshire, by Licence. I obtained a copy of the licence from the Wiltshire Record Office, which merely showed that John was a singleman of Wantage and that Mary was a spinster of Wantage I followed this up by visiting the Berkshire Record Office, along with my adult children, and we have made some nine day-long visits to Shire Hall searching the parish records without any success.

Following this I wrote to the Berkshire Record Office asking for any help that they could give in pointing me towards any records that I might search; they suggested that I return and look at the Settlement records for Wantage and surrounding areas; this I did, with no success. It is now two years since I first started looking for this ancestor and I felt that I had covered all of the avenues that I could on my own.

I therefore engaged a local researcher, Mrs Pauline Wales. She began a search on my behalf starting on 17th July 1995 and continuing until March 1996, but without any success. Mrs Wales worked outwards from Wantage searching records. In December 1995, she wrote wondering if it was worth continuing the search, as she could suggest no way that any find could be related to my “*John Mason*”. However, we went on for a further period, without success. During this search a name was found in the BFHS Research Centre's Berkshire Name Index which referred to a:

“John Mason s/o Richard/Mary Abington, Berks. Bapt. Beechingstore Wilts. 11.4.1755”.

Mrs Wales suggested that I pursue this in Wiltshire, so I sent an enquiry to Dr Carter who runs the “*Nimrod Index*”, whose findings for the baptism of John Mason, baptised 1755 in Beechingstoke, were as follows:-

“I confirm that John's baptism appears in the Transcript for Beechingstoke, stating that the family were of Abington (Abingdon), Berks. John appears to have been born in Manningford Bohun, which was part of the Parish of Woodborough. In 1859, Manningford Bohun became a Parish in it's own right. As the Transcripts we have for Beechingstoke are indexed, I have also checked both Baptisms and Burials for Beechingstoke to see if there are any more entries for “Mason”. I confirm that there are no further Mason entries in either Baptisms or Burials for Beechingstoke 1566-1837. I enclose Information Sheet 1 with details of County Record Office Researchers, as we do not have any Transcripts for “Woodborough”.”

I had the records for Abingdon, St Helen's, which are not deposited at the BRO searched on my behalf, again with no success. I also contacted Mrs. P. Wilson, who co-ordinates the Strays Index for the Wiltshire FHS, hoping that this might throw up someone; again nothing. I have checked all “*Mason's*” on the IGI. Apart from those previously found, nothing further has come to light.

The Wantage Parish records record the death of a John Mason on 26th September 1811, which I have taken to be the “*John Mason*” who married “*Mary George*” in Wantage Parish Church on the 20th January 1775. Thus if anyone has any ideas on my elusive ancestry, please could they contact me?

Editor's Notes

Thank you once again to all contributors to this issue. As usual all contributions are gratefully received for the next issue of the "Berkshire Family Historian". The next two deadline are:

- 24th January (March 1997)
- 25th April (June 1997)

I now have an e-mail address for submitting articles, letters, comments or general feedback, which is as follows:

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Our names are listed as Simon & Catherine Harrington, Tilehurst, Reading in the CompuServe Members Directory. I am, of course, still delighted to receive ordinary post and articles. If you use a computer, I can accept 3½" disks in most IBM-compatible formats. Please enclose a printed copy of your article as well.

The picture on the front cover is of Mill Lane, Reading, North Side showing St Giles Mill c1880 and is reproduced by kind permission of the County Local Studies Library, Reading (reference R/C/MIL).

Finally may I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and successful ancestor-hunting in the New Year.



Berkshire for Ever!

Following a pause to catch its breath after the successful 1995 weekend conference, the Society is arranging a One-Day Conference in 1997. This will take place on Saturday 28th June at Prospect School in Reading. The conference will include several talks concentrating on and celebrating the Royal County of Berkshire and is particularly aimed at all with Berkshire interests, particularly out-of-county members. We also plan to make some display space available so that you can exhibit some of your own research.

Please put the date in your new diary right away! A booking form and further details will be included with the March journal.

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3425	ALEXANDER	Anywhere	BRK	1500-1900	3278	APPLETON	Bray	BRK	1066-1800
3425	ALEXANDER	Micheldever	HAM	1700-1800	3304	APPLETON	Stratfield Saye	HAM	1750-1850
3425	ALEXANDER	Monmouth	GNT	1890-1950	3304	ARNOLD	Finchingfield	ESS	1800-1900
3425	ALEXANDER	Winchester	HAM	1600-1700	3346	AVES	Balsham	CAM	1750-1850

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3132	BANNING	Shalbourne	WIL	1750-1800	3427	COOK	Oxford	OXF	1750-1850
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3383	BAZALGETTE	Anywhere	LND	1750-1900	3365	COX	Reading	BRK	1891-1996
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3363	BECK	Anywhere	NFK	1775-1850	3365	COX	Stratton St Margret	WIL	1890-1996
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2896	BEST	Hounslow	MDX	1840-1870	3302	CURTIS	Anywhere	DOR	1600-1800
3346	BETTLES	Denton	NTH	C1900	3268	CUTTS	Ockham	SRY	1800-1870
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3377	BRIMBLE	The City	LND	1500-1800	3274	EDGEHILL	Kensington	LND	1800-1900
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3377	BRIMMELL	The City	LND	1500-1800	3427	ELLIS	Abingdon	BRK	1800-1900
3292	BRIND	Hungerford	BRK	1800-1996	3377	ELLIS	Tubney	BRK	1630-1685
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3425	BROWN	Herne Bay	KEN	1800-1900	3274	FOAL	Marylebone	LND	1800-1900
2896	BRUCE	Hockley	ESS	1800-1850	3032	FOR(R)JSTER	Merton	SRY	1700-1900
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3419	BRYANT	Lanwet	CON	1066-1996	3274	FORD	Reading	BRK	1700-1900
2896	BUCKLAND	Anywhere	BRK	1840-1870	3304	FOWLER	Ramsgate	KEN	1800-1860
3377	BUDDEN	Lambeth	SRY	1860-1930	3132	FRANKEUM	Portsea	HAM	1800-1880
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3306	CHENU	Anywhere	LND	1760-1880	2896	GODDARD	Shaw, Newbury	BRK	1800-1850
3132	CLARIDGE	Ramsbury	WIL	1066-1996	3419	GOLDING	East Garston	BRK	1066-1996
3132	CLARIDGE	Shalbourne	WIL	1770-1800	3353	GOLDING	Letcombe Regis	BRK	1750-1996
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3302	GRAVATT	Anywhere	ESS	1700-1815	3383	LOWE	Coventry	WAR	1700-1800
3306	GREALY	Anywhere	IRL	1800-1840	3363	MacQUEEN	Anywhere	ANS	1700-1800
3264	GRIFFIN	Shrivenham	BRK	1650-1800	3363	MacQUEEN	Anywhere	ABD	1700-1800
3427	GUNNINE	Wallingford	BRK	1850-1996	3132	MARCHANT	Ramsbury	WIL	1800-1847
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3268	HALFACRE	Wokingham	BRK	1006-1777	3236	MARSHALL	Brimpton	BRK	1750-1880
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3377	HARDING	Marcham	BRK	1700-1770	3292	MASON	Hungerford	BRK	1600-1996
3304	HARMER	Hellingly	ESS	1800-1860	3292	MASON	Kintbury	BRK	1600-1996
3292	HARRIS	Boxford	BRK	1600-1996	3292	MASON	Wellford	BRK	1600-1996
3292	HARRIS	Hungerford	BRK	1600-1996	3274	MASTERMAN	Castleford	WRY	1700-1900
3337	HARRIS	Tilghurst	BRK	1800-1900	3346	MAUNDER	Oddington	GLS	1750-1850
3427	HARRIS	Wallingford	BRK	1700-1900	3365	MAY	Shrivenham	WIL	1800-1831
3383	HATTO	Wantage area	BRK	1700-1850	3363	McQUEEN	Anywhere	ABD	1700-1800
3425	HAYES	Faversham	KEN	1750-1900	3363	McQUEEN	Anywhere	ANS	1700-1800
3236	HAZELL	Greenham area	BRK	1800-1860	3189	MEELY	Newent	GLS	1066-1913
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3274	HOLE	Kensington	LND	1800-1900	2896	MIDDLEDITCH	Purleigh	ESS	1800-1850
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3365	HUTCHINS	Rowde	WIL	1790-1850	3304	MORTON	Liverpool	LAN	1800-1830
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3292	INDGE	Hungerford	BRK	1800-1996	3377	MUSSELWHITE	Lambeth	SRY	1860-1930
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3284	JACKMAN	Sunninghill	BRK	1850-1870	3425	NEAVES	Herne Bay	KEN	1890-1920
3346	JACKSON	Islington	MDX	1800-1900	3302	NEEDHAM	Anywhere	DBY	1700-1800
3346	JACKSON	Marlyebone	MDX	1800-1900	3302	NEIL	Whitehaven	CMA	1800-1870
3268	JACQUES	Chippenham	WIL	1066-1850	3236	NORRIS	Hurley	BRK	1800-1900
3425	JELLETT	Crandall	HAM	1750-1890	3274	NORRIS	Tingewick	BKM	1700-1900
3132	JOHNSON	Australia	- - -	1870-1996	3383	NORTHCOTT	Branscombe	DEV	1400-1900
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2896	KEEBLE	Hockley	ESS	1750-1900	3278	PAYNE	Birmingham	WAR	1066-1800
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3302	KILLE	Anywhere	HAM	1500-1720	3189	PEARSON	Reading	BRK	1066-1881
3268	KILMINSTER	Cricklade	WIL	1820-1860	3302	PEERS	Eastham	CHS	1800-1870
3302	KILN	Anywhere	HAM	1500-1720	3236	PERFECT	Penn	BKM	1750-1900
3306	KNIGHT	Lostwithiel	CON	1800-1850	3264	PHILLIPS	Anywhere	BRK	1500-1800
3377	LACEY	Anywhere	NFK	1300-1600	3132	PIKE	Pamber	BKS	1800-1996
3268	LANGLEY	Wokingham	BRK	1770-1830	3126	POUND	Hungerford	BRK	1066-1800
3306	LANGTRY	Tandragee	NIR	1700-1860	3268	POUND	Uffington	BRK	1066-1700
3365	LAWRENCE	Marlboro	WIL	1865-1996	3264	POVEY	Ashbury	BRK	1500-1700
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3383	LAYZELL	Downham	ESS	1500-1900	3337	PRIEST	Wokingham	BRK	1800-1900
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3126	LIGHTOWLER	Barington	DEV	1860-1996	2896	QUILTER	Hockley	ESS	1850-1900

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3383	RAYNER	Rochford	ESS	1500-1900	3347	TILBURY	Anywhere	BKM	1600-1900
3419	REDMAN	Anywhere	SSX	1066-1996	3274	TILSON	Ilkston	DBY	1700-1880
3306	REED	Lostwithiel	CON	1700-1850	2896	TITCOMB	Anywhere	BRK	1800-1850
3306	ROBERDSDS	Norwich	NOR	1750-1850	3419	TOZER	Crediton	DEV	1066-19963264
3126	ROBERTS	Durban, Natal	RSA	1880-1996	3245	TURQUAND	London	MDX	1700-1900
3353	ROLLS	Stanford-in-Vale	BRK	1720-1996	3302	TYRER	Liverpool	LAN	1800-1860
3353	ROLLS	Wantage	BRK	1830-1996	3347	UMPTON	Anywhere	BKM	1700-1900
3264	ROSE	Upper Holloway	MDX	1800-1930	3347	UMPTON-POYNTER	Egham	SRV	1800-1900
3264	ROWLAND	Kempford	GLS	1700-1900	3245	VAN SOMMER	London	MDX	1670-1900
3346	RULE	Balsham	CAM	1700-1850	3126	VIVASH	Ham	BRK	1710-1900
3419	RUMBOLD	Kings Somborne	HAM	1066-1996	3126	VIVASH	Hungerford	BRK	1710-1900
3268	SADLER	Wokingham	BRK	1740-1880	3236	VOWLES	Blagdon	SOM	1800-1910
3306	SAGE	Bristol	GLS	1770-1840	3236	VOWLES	Butcombe	SOM	1800-1910
3264	SAKINS	Isle of Ely	CAM	1800-1930	3126	VYSE	East Garston	BRK	1066-1865
3302	SANDERSON	Leigh	LAN	1800-1850	3236	WAIL	Thatcham	BRK	1066-1790
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3312	SEXTON	Windsor	BRK	1700-1850	3236	WALKER	Hampstead Norris	BRK	1750-1800
3377	SHACHEL	Barton Turf	NFK	1700-1784	3379	WALKER	Maidenhead	BRK	1800-1950
3419	SHARPE	Reading	BRK	1878-1940	3274	WALSH	Featherstone	WRY	1600-1800
3189	SHEPHERD	Reading	BRK	1066-1996	3346	WARD	Balsham	CAM	1600-1800
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3236	SHERWOOD	Reading	BRK	1800-1900	3032	WARNER	Islington	MDX	1800-1900
3302	SHILTON	Farringdon	BRK	1800-1851	3363	WATERS	Anywhere	SFK	1800-1870
3425	SHORT	Maidstone	KEN	1750-1900	3371	WATERS	Compton	BRK	1800-1860
3278	SHIVESTER	Bray	BRK	1066-1892	3346	WATERS	Tilehurst	BRK	C1800
3126	SIMPSON	Christchurch	LND	1800-1900	3312	WATERTON	Berkhamstead	HRT	1730-1900
3322	SINGER	Shoreditch	MDX	1853-1880	3278	WATTS	Bray	BRK	1066-1850
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3312	SKINNER	Islington	MDX	1870-1900	3427	WETHERALL	Blewbury	BRK	1700-1890
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3419	SMITH	Enborne	BRK	1066-1996	3377	WHITING	West Hanney	BRK	1725-1766
3132	SMITH	Pamber	BKS	1800-1830	3126	WICKHAM	Hungerford	BRK	1850-1900
3189	SMITH	Reading	BRK	1066-1996	3126	WIGGINS	Hungerford	BRK	1066-1996
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3264	STRATTON	Longcot	BRK	1066-1900	3371	WORSFOLD	West Burton	SSX	1800-1900
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3371	SUTHERS	Leigh	LAN	1800-1900	3379	WRIGHT	Sunninghill	BRK	1700-1900
3371	SUTHERS	Wigan	LAN	1800-1900	3379	WRIGHT	Winkfield	BRK	1700-1800
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3322	SWEENEY	Whitechapel	MDX	1856-1870	3377	YAXLEY	Barton Turf	NFK	1550-1672
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