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Events Calendar - 1998

Bracknell Branch

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

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| 17 th April | Members Evening | |
| 15 th May | Branch General Meeting, | |
| | followed by "The Dashing Lieutenant" | George Spong |
| 19 th June | "Making Sense of the Census" | Tom Doig |
| 17 th July | to be announced | |

Newbury Branch

United Reform Church Hall, Cromwell Place, Northbrook Street, Newbury
7:30pm

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| 11 th March | "North London" | Lilian Gibbens |
| 8 th April | "From Peninsular to Passchendale: British Army Records" | Brian Oldham |
| 13 th May | "Wealth, Poverty and Social Conflict in the Newbury Cloth Industry, c.1500-1650" | Christine Jackson |
| 10 th June | BFHS Annual General Meeting | |

Reading Branch

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

Please note that Reading Branch meetings are now held on the last Wednesday of the month.

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| 25 th March | "Researching from Home" | Richard Moore |
| 29 th April | Branch General Meeting followed by "Dating Old Photographs" | Jean Debney |
| 27 th May | "From Mafeking to Monte Casino: British Army Records" | Major Brian Oldham |
| 24 th June | "Heraldry Can be Fun" | Colonel Ian Swinnerton |
| 29 th July | Visit to Stratfield Saye. Travel by bus only. Price £13.50 a head payable in advance. Application forms at meetings or from John Pollock (0118-947-2750). | |

Slough Branch

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

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| 31 st March | "Tracing Your London Ancestors" | Mrs J. Cox |
| 28 th April | "Sources for Researching Family History at the PRO at Kew" | Dr. Christopher Watts |
| 26 th May | Branch General Meeting followed by discussion of members' heirlooms. | |
| 30 th June | "Heraldry and Livery Buttons" | Mrs Pam Lindsey |

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Chairman's Comments

By Ivan Dickason

May I wish you a belated Happy New Year.

Members will recall that Jan Jones relinquished her role as Chairman of the Society in June last year due to ill-health. Regrettably, Jan's health continued to deteriorate and she passed away on 15th January, 1998. June and I attended the funeral in St. Mary's Church, Purley with many other members of the Society.

Jan was a modern, forward-looking lady whose motto in life was '*lets get on with it...*'. She was lucky enough to live in an old building in Purley that had a real history. I particularly recall a Reading Branch meeting when Jan stood in at short notice as a speaker and spoke for an hour on the long and varied history of her house and some of its illustrious previous residents.

A fuller appreciation of Jan's work for the Society and for other local history groups appears elsewhere in the magazine. She will be greatly missed by all. Her photograph appears on the front cover of this issue.

Some years ago the Society had a Computer Group that lapsed. The Society has decided to reform the Group.

The September 1997 Magazine contained an article by Robert Clayton concerning computers in genealogy. He made the case for widening the discussion within the Society about computers and genealogy. Some 55.8% of the membership replied to the questionnaire that

appeared on the reverse of the June 1996 membership renewal notices; 65% of the respondents said that they own or use computers - presumably in their family history. That is to say, one third (33.48%) of the membership use computers. An analysis of the completed questionnaires showed that a total of 165 members who reported that they used computers in their genealogy live in areas whose postcodes include "RG" and "SL". (With some anomalies, these codes represent Berkshire).

The Executive has accepted that this shows a substantial interest in computers in genealogy among the membership in general and in Berkshire in particular.

A steering Committee has been set up to think about a programme of events; how the Group will interface with the Projects Group and how the Group can help the Society's general work. Notice of an initial open meeting of the new Computer Group is included in '*Computer Forum*' elsewhere in the magazine. Please do not forget to let us know if you will be attending that meeting.

Have a very happy Easter.



Editor's Notes

Thank you once again to all contributors to this issue. The next three deadlines are:

25th April (June 1998)

25th July (September 1998)

31st October (December 1998)

If you use a computer I should be pleased to receive your article on a 3½" disk in most IBM-compatible formats, (please enclose a printed copy of your article), or e-mail me on sharrington@compuserve.com. I am of course always delighted to receive articles, letters,

comments or general feedback in whatever format you are able to send them! **I am still running a bit short of articles, so please start typing/writing now.**

The source for "*How Wokingham got its Nickname of "Louse Town"*" which was printed in *Berkshire Family Historian (Vol. 21 No. 1 Sept. 1997)* was "*Historical Sketch of Wokingham*" by Arthur T. Heelas (c.1930).

Jan Jones née Ash (1949-1998)

An Appreciation by Jean Debney

When Jan Jones lost her two-year fight against cancer on 15th January 1998, Berkshire Family History Society lost one of its brightest stars - and we all lost a good friend. Jeanette Ash was born in Harrow where her father was a chef. As his work took him round the country establishing service stations on the early motorways and later as a Corporate Catering Manager with Marks and Spencers, Jan, with her elder brother, two sisters and their Mum followed. This meant that she attended assorted schools in Hatfield, St Albans, Chesterfield and Knutsford. After obtaining a Diploma in Hotel and Catering Management at Wolverhampton College she became assistant manager at a hotel in Harrow-on-the-Hill - the highest position in the hotel trade for a woman in the 1970s. Frustrated, she obtained a Diploma in Marketing and on the day she joined her new company, Rick Jones who had just left, called to see his former colleagues - they met and, in 1971, were married.

By this time, Jan was in software sales at IBM with whom she stayed for 15 years - with a gap to look after their children, Ian and Katie. In January 1985, the family moved to the Gatehouse in Purley-on-Thames and acquired a golden retriever puppy, called Marston, who cried at night. To stop him wandering he slept in the playpen and on several mornings Jan was found sleeping with him to keep him company. At home, Jan enjoyed good music, good food, good wine, the occasional G & T - and getting her own way.

Jan's interest in family history started when, soon after her father's death, her mother showed her family photographs and papers. The following autumn she joined my family history class in Tilehurst - and promptly added local history to her interests, especially the history of her house. In the late 1980s, she researched and wrote a historic tour of Painswick, Gloucestershire for the benefit of guests at her brother's hotel.

She joined Project Purley (Local History Society) in January 1986 and was elected Secretary at the next AGM - a post she held enthusiastically and efficiently for four years until she returned to work. She was co-author, with John Titterton, and narrator of the script written to celebrate the 200th anniversary of a Court Baron held in the manor of Purley Magna in October 1786 and re-enacted by Project Purley in October 1986. In June 1996 and August 1997 she cajoled and organised the displays created by Project Purley members to celebrate respectively the opening of the recently moved manorial Barn in Purley and, in the Sulham House stables, for the 500th anniversary of the Wilders in Sulham.

She joined Berkshire Family History Society in 1986 and attended many functions and helped where she could. She was actively involved in the Parish Register Transcription Project and at the Reading Branch meeting in December 1996 she stepped in at the last minute to replace an absent speaker and gave an interesting talk about the history of her house. She was a competent and practical Chairman for only a year until June 1997 when she resigned as her health was causing further concern.

Refusing to give in, Jan attended Family History Forum classes in Caversham until the end of last November and, after enjoying Christmas and New Year with her family, was admitted to the Duchess of Kent Hospice in Reading where she died. She is buried in the churchyard at Purley Parish Church.

Her family interests included her mother's maiden name, Toy of Cornwall - and she spent many happy hours "*playing with her Toys*". She steadfastly refused to do anything about researching the Jones family.

We extend our sympathy to her husband, Rick, and their children, Ian and Katie.

As the request of her family, donations to the Macmillan Nurses Fund are requested in her memory and a collection was made at the Reading Branch Meeting.

Dates for Your Diary

- Sat. 7th Mar. 1998* Berkshire Family History Society Open Day at Kingsway United Reform Church, Church Street, from 10am until 4pm. Attractions include BFHS Bookstall, 1881 Census Index for England and Wales, Rallymaps of West Wellow, Bill Lloyd Books, Slough Civic Society, Slough Museum, Preview of Book of W.W.1 Casualties of Slough, and a chance to add your family knowledge to the project.
- Sat. 7th Mar.* “*Finding Your Poor Ancestors - An Introduction to Poor Law Records*” Day School to be held at the Caversham Centre, Reading, (0118-941-3223). Tutor: Jean Debney. Cost £14.90.
- Sat. 4th Apr.* “*The Demise of the Peasant Farmer? The Impact of Enclosure c.1450-1750*” A day school to be held at Rewley House, Oxford. Director of Studies: Christopher Day. Apply to Local History Course Assistant, OUDCE, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JA (tel: 01865-270369).
- 28th Mar.* “*On the Ancestral Trail*” Hampshire Genealogical Society Annual Conference to be held at Boldrewood Conference Centre, Southampton Medical Complex. Further details from Mike Hobbs, 124 Winchester Road, Shirley, Southampton, SO16 6US.
- 17th Apr to 19th Apr.* “*A Moving Experience*” The Joint Cheshire Family History Weekend (Spring FFHS Conference) at the Crew Campus of Manchester Metropolitan University. Further details from Mrs D.M.Brown, 7 Westway, Heswall, Wirral, Merseyside, L60 8PJ.
- 2nd May to 3rd May* *The Society of Genealogists Family History Fair* from 10am to 5pm at the Royal Horticultural Society New Hall and Conference Centre, Greycourt Street, Westminster. Further details and advance tickets (£4) from Family History Fair, Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London, EC1M 7BM.
- Sat. 27th Jun.* Gathering for those interested in surname **Foreman** to be held at Hurst Community Centre, Hurst Road, Bexley, Kent from 10am to 4pm. Tickets available at £2.50 from Mrs Judith French, 25, Lambaide Avenue, Eltham, London, SE9 3HH, cheques payable to “Foreman”.
- 15th Aug. to 22nd Aug.* Twelfth Family History in Wales Course at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. Brochures with full details of the programme, accommodation and costs available from: The Course Directors (FHW98), The Department of Continuing Education, University of Wales, 10-11 Laura Place, Aberystwyth, SY23 2AU, Wales.
- 4th Sep. to 6th Sep.* “*Digging up your Family History*” 1998 East Midlands and Federation Family History Conference, hosted by Nottinghamshire Family History Society at Nottingham University. Further details from Mrs Kathy Orford-Perkins, 4 Linden Court, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 2AG.
- Sat. 28th Nov.* “*Berkshire and South Oxfordshire c.1840-1930: Place and People*” a day school to be held in the Lecture Theatre, Bulmershe Court, The University of Reading, Woodlands Avenue, Woodley, Reading. Director of Studies: Joan Dils. Further information from The University of Reading, Centre for Continuing Education, London Road, Reading, RG1 5AQ (Tel: 0118-931-8347).

Berkshire Record Office after 1st April 1998

On 1st April 1998 Berkshire County Council, which runs Berkshire Record Office, will cease and its functions will be taken over by six new Unitary authorities. Shire Hall, in which the office is located, has been sold to the engineering firm Foster Wheeler. How will this affect Berkshire Record Office and its users?

• Where will the Record Office be located?

It will remain on the same premises until the year 2000. The address for postal enquiries will be Berkshire Record Office, Shinfield Park, Reading, Berkshire RG2 9XD (the use of the name 'Shire Hall' in the address will be dropped). In 2000 we hope to be moving into a new purpose-built building closer to the centre of Reading.

• Will parking and public transport still be available?

There will still be public parking at Shinfield Park and buses will continue to run to the building from the station.

• Will the telephone number be the same?

No, from 1st April the new telephone number for enquiries will be 0118-901-5132. The new number for fax messages will be 0118-901-5131.

• Will the service in the Record Office be the same?

Yes, Berkshire Record Office will continue to offer a county-wide service on behalf of the six Berkshire unitary authorities, and will have the same opening hours, namely Tuesday and Wednesday 9.00-5.00, Thursday 9.00-9.00, and Friday 9.00-4.30. We will continue to take bookings by telephone on Monday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.30. We will also continue to accept records as gifts or on deposit as before.

• Will other facilities still be available?

Access to parts of the building other than the Record Office, including the restaurant and shop, will be restricted. Visitors are advised to use local pubs (for which a car will be necessary) or to bring their own sandwiches and drinks.

If you have any further queries, please write or telephone us on 0118 923 3182.

Changes in Certificate Fees

From 1st April the price of full certificates of births, deaths and marriages from the General Register Office (Family Records Centre) and from local Register Offices will be increased to £6.50. Postal requests to Southport with full reference will be reduced to £9.50. The cost of a short birth certificates will be the same as a full birth certificate.

Will Indexes on the Move

The Reading Rooms at Somerset House are due to close and will be re-located to First Avenue House (at the top of Chancery Lane on High Holborn) in June 1998. The fax system will continue to operate.

However, will indexes are also available elsewhere, including the Berkshire Record Office. The Family Records Centre has ordered a set of microfiche will indexes covering the years 1858-1943 which should be in the Wills Area on the First Floor by early Spring.

Caring for the Haddaway Children after the Deaths of their Parents in 1837/1838

By Len Wigg

Introduction

My father Henry James Wigg died in 1961. Among his papers were some old documents from the 1840-1851 period concerning a family called Haddaway. At that point I did not know who these people were; but I just put the papers away. Years later I became infected with the family history research bug and, following some visits to the Berkshire Record Office, I discovered that my great-grandmother was a Mary Haddaway, born about 1830, who had married John Wigg in 1855 at Binfield. She was hardly mentioned in the documents, but clearly they had to do with caring for her and her brothers Robert Daniel, James and John following the death of their parents, although there was no date given for this. The abstracts below contain a number of different names. I began by using the good selection of transcripts available at the BRO in order to discover who the family was.

The Family Members

Robert Haddaway was buried at Waltham St Lawrence on 28th August 1837.¹ He was the fourth son of James Haddaway and Mary née Bayley who had married at Waltham St Lawrence on 26th November, 1778. They appear at Binfield in the 1801 census. Robert was baptised 20th June, 1789; he married Mary Burgess, daughter of Daniel and Sarah at Binfield on 23rd September, 1822. Mary was buried in the same churchyard as her husband, on 20th December, 1838.² They had lived at Bartlett's Farm, Hurley. Their family baptised at Hurley were Daniel Robert³ (26th June 1827), John (31st May 1830) and James (30th September 1832). Mary was born about 1831, based on her age in census returns and stated on her death in 1903 in Wokingham. Her baptism was not recorded at Hurley and as yet I have not found an entry for her in any of the local parishes.

Robert and Mary both made wills, proved at Prerogative Court of Canterbury, which are on film at the Family Records Centre. Robert made his will on 26th April, 1826, appointing William Willcox of Bracknell, a saddler, and Mary, his wife, as executors, with William Walling, a farmer of Warfield as a witness. He died on 28th August, 1837 of heart disease at Hurley, and fortunately for me it was officially registered so I could find it in GRO indices. Mary's will was made after her husband's death, on 21st November, 1838, and about three weeks before her own death of consumption. Her death certificate shows that she died at Knowle Hill on 14th December and her sister Jane, who was then Mrs Douglas, was present at the death and was the informant to the registrar at Cookham. She appointed Josiah Goodchild, a farmer of Hurley and her brother-in-law, William Douglas of Hurst, as her executors. Both of these names are in the documents, and until I discovered the wills I had no idea who they were. Her mark was witnessed by Charles Cave, solicitor of Bracknell, and Sarah King. Before probate was granted, Sarah had to make an oath on 5th March, 1839 before the Vicar of Hurley that she was one of the witnesses. The will was proved four days later and administration was granted to the executors named by Mary.

Robert's will has a very lengthy postscript added in the margin which is concerned with Mary's death before the administration had been completed. In the end, her executors took over the administration of her late husband's will as well.

¹ Entry no 361.

² Entry no 384

³ Sometimes the names are reversed.

On a subsequent visit to the Family Records Centre I decided to look for the Death Duty payment. First you have to look in the year index in IR27 which then provides the folio reference for the detailed statement in IR26. It was well worth the effort to find both and discover the estate was valued at £592-10-11. The children are named here - a useful cross-reference - and they were to inherit equal portions on attaining the age of 21.

Partial Abstracts from the Documents at the BRO⁴

There are accounts prepared by Joseph Darvall, an attorney at Forbury Green, Reading, for the executors. These are interesting in that they show that the hourly professional pay rate in 1840. Thus Joseph charged £1-1-0 for six hours of his time and the same for four hours of his and a clerk's time. Because the two deaths occurred within 18 months, the farm and livestock had to be sold and it posed some difficulties in administering the two estates as we have noted above on Robert's will in PROB 11 and the duty in IR26.

On 24th July, 1841, after Mr Goodchild had at last obtained most of the necessary receipts which he had been asked to provide, Mr Darvall records:

Attending him this day on his calling and going into the Account engaged several hours when we discovered that it would be impossible to arrive at a correct balance if the accounts were stated separately and he instructed me to see the Comptroller thereon next time I went to London.
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On 13th August he went to London and received some advice. He then records:

August 20th: Attending Mr Goodchild on his calling informing him thereof and advising as to his accompanying me to Town when he said that he was engaged with the Harvest and could not go for some weeks.

Several other entries concerning letters to the Stamp Office etc., then:

November 8th: Journey to London accordingly with Mr Goodchild and Attending at Somerset House with the Wills Accounts and all other Papers when the Officer of the Department said he would allow us to throw both the accounts into one headed in a particular way
£1-1-0

Railway Fare and Expences £1-2-0⁵

The second set of accounts are those listing the payments for board and lodging for the children with various people, but mainly Mrs Douglas (their aunt and wife of one of the executors) and members of the Moule family who were tailors in Reading, with whom the boys became apprenticed in turn. In the first set of legal accounts there are details of the fees charged by Mr Darvall for drawing up these apprenticeships, for Robert Daniel in 1842 and John in 1843.

The lodging accounts begin:

The Estate of the Late Mrs Mary Hadaway Dr. to Josiah Goodchild 1842

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| <i>Jan</i> | <i>6th</i> | <i>Paid Mrs Douglas ½ year for the two Mary and James from July 6th 1841 to Jan 6th /42</i> | <i>£10</i> |
| | <i>22nd</i> | <i>Nighton bill for the two</i> | <i>£37-11</i> |
| <i>May</i> | <i>21st</i> | <i>John (crossed out) Daniel Haday</i> | |

⁴ BRO Ref no D/EX/1177

⁵ This is the first time railway travel was mentioned, the line having reached Reading the previous year. Before all of the administration had been completed three other journeys were required and by March the following year the expenses claimed had increased to £1-7-4!

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| | | <i>Wm. Moule, Reading first part</i> | £10 | £22-10 |
| July | 27 th | <i>Mrs Douglas ½ for two</i> | | £10 |
| Nov | 3 rd | <i>Nighton John</i> | | £8-19-10 |

The lodging accounts show the movements of the family and also the purchase of various necessities, such as a jacket from Mr Heelas. They continue:

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| 1844 | July 6 th | <i>Mrs Douglas for Mary H 3 months & for James 6 months to this date. Mary have left to go to Mrs Lawrence at Binfield</i> | £10 | - | - |
| 1846 | Feb 14 th | <i>Misses Tovey & Cockrane for the Indenture of Mary Hadaway</i> | £18 | - | - |
| 1847 | Aug 3 rd | <i>Paid to Mr C Moule for James Indenture the whole term</i> | £45 | - | - |
| 1847 | Dec 26 th | <i>Mrs Lawrence for Mary</i> | | 8 | 3 |
| | | <i>Mrs Webb bill for Mary</i> | | 6 | 11 |
| 1848 | May 20 th | <i>Paid Miss Toovey & Co for Mary Hadaway first payment</i> | £15 | - | - |
| 1849 | Mar 29 th | <i>Paid Mr C. Moule for John and James Clothes</i> | £8 | - | - |

The last entry on this sheet mentions that Daniel was placed with a Mr Fricker for £15.

There is also a sheet headed "*Mr Joseph Goodchild Dr to R Leaver*" which shows about 40 entries for the year 1842, including on 4th May a payment of 9/6 for new shoes for Master R Hadaway and on 20th June 1/- for mending Master J Hadaway's shoes. R. Leaver was presumably the cobbler for the Goodchild family. These details might be very interesting for anyone researching this trade or the way small traders had to wait a long time for payment.

Who are the People mentioned in the Documents?

In the 1841 census for Binfield, Mary, aged nine, and James, aged eight, were living with William Douglas and his wife Jane at Binfield.⁶ From the will we know that Jane was Mary's mother's sister. Jane had married William at Binfield on 15th June, 1829. Jonah (sic) Goodchild was a farmer listed at Hurley, with a wife Mary, plus Sarah and Martha Young living with them.⁷ I do not know how Mrs Lawrence at Binfield came to provide lodging⁸ or where Mrs Webb fits in. However there was a widow Sarah Webb, aged 65, living in Binfield or Mary Ann Webb, aged 56, who was an innkeeper at *The Roe Buck*.⁹ Maybe the Goodchilds having the two Young children meant that they did not have room for more lodgers. By the 1851 census Mary had moved to live with Mary Jones, a widow of 77, in Reading St Mary's at 10 Trinity Place where she was described as a dressmaker.¹⁰

Thus far I have been unable to find the name Nighton, but Pigot 1844 has a hat manufacturer named Notton in business at 34 Broad street. Might this be the same family? Also I have not found the dressmakers, Toovey and Cockrane, to whom Mary was apprenticed. They do not appear in Pigot. However there was a Toovey family fairly near in St Mary,¹¹ who may have been related.

⁶ HO/107/15/2 f7v

⁷ HO/107/11/6 ff

⁸ Pigot's Directory lists a Joseph Lawrence as a builder, undertaker and paperhanger in the village.

⁹ HO/107/1694 f455 and f460v

¹⁰ HO/107/1692/f226.

¹¹ HO/107/1692/f214

The accounts show that all of the boys were apprenticed at Messrs. Moule as they became old enough. In 1851, at 43 Minster Street, we find James still an apprentice at this firm of tailors, employing three men. There is also a Sarah Haddaway, aged 18, working as a house servant.¹² She said her birthplace was Reading, so I presume she was a daughter of one of Robert the elder's brothers, but I have not found her baptism yet to confirm this.

On 14th January 1855 Mary Haddaway married John Wigg of Warfield at Binfield. In 1881 I had been puzzled to find a Jane Douglas living with the family at Peach Street, in Wokingham.¹³ Now I know who she was - Mary's aunt who had given her a home when her mother died 43 years before. As to the rest of the family: Daniel (Robert) appears in the 1881 census, living at Reading St Giles; the family legend is that John emigrated to America, but I have not been able to confirm this yet; James was buried at Binfield on 4th January 1870 and Mary was buried at All Saints, Wokingham on 14th October 1903.

Sources

- Haddaway papers BRO Ref
- Parish registers of Hurley, Waltham St Lawrence, Binfield, Wokingham All Saints.
- PCC wills PROB 11/1890 and PROB 11/1908.
- Death Duty registers IR27/245 and 249, IR26/1485 and 1517.
- Census: 1801 Binfield D/P/18/18/3, 1841 Binfield, 1851 Reading, 1881 Wokingham
- Pigot & Co Directory 1830 & 1843.

Reading Local Studies Library News

By Margaret Smith

By the time you read this, Berkshire County Council will have been abolished. Its services, including libraries, will have been transferred to the six unitary authorities. The services provided in Reading will be provided by Reading Borough Council. Only the administrative county council will have disappeared; Berkshire remains for historic and ceremonial purposes. The stock of the local studies library which contains a lot of material relating to Berkshire, as well as to Reading and district, is staying intact.

Our phone number will have changed. The new number from 1st April is 0118-901-5965. To those who say "*Oh no, not again*" (Reading area codes having changed twice in the last two years), the reason for the most recent change, which affects only Reading Libraries, is twofold. Firstly, the present telephone system at the Central Library is over twelve years old, and secondly, all the libraries' lines need to tie to the Reading Borough Council system.

For those with access to the Internet, our e-mail address is: reading.ref@dial.pipex.com

Monuments in St Lawrence, Reading, recorded by Rev C.Kerry in "*The Municipal Church of St Lawrence, Reading*" (1883)

1. On a marble gravestone:

"ANTONIUS MASONUS DE MARGARETA / conjuge sue charissima / quæ obiit Martii 6th / 1630. / "Here and in Heaven, rest my blessed wife / Who was the crowne and comfort of my lufe, / In grace by grace to glory let me follow / My spouse, Thy saint O Thou whose name I hallow."/

2. On the south wall of the chancel: a hand holding a laurel wreath at the top, the figure of a woman kneeling at a desk above the following inscription (in Latin)

"Martha, wife of Charles HAMLEY ...? (Cornub.) lies buried here. She was the daughter of Thomas SEAKES of Henley on Thames, Oxon, and died on 16 Jan 1636. This monument was erected by Charles, her husband, in memory of her who left no children but chiefly as a proof of a very great love"

¹² HO/107/1692/6

¹³ RG/11/1310/127 p10

Patronage and Nepotism

By William Moore

How nice it can be to see the inclusion of occupations in a family tree. It is not always easy to manage, but their presence can inject so much more life into one's efforts. With a little study they may even show something of the social conditions and practices of our ancestors. In my own case I wondered if in the past my family was tainted by indulging in nepotism.

The best definition of nepotism that I have found came oddly enough from Brewer.¹⁴ being:

"An unjustifiable elevation of one's own relations to places of wealth and trust at one's disposal."

Dr. Johnson¹⁵ simply says: "*The Fondness of nephews*". This not so puzzling when one understands that up until the sixteenth century a nephew could be a grandson, a brother or almost any other relative. In fact it was a common practice amongst the early Popes to favour their natural sons, whom they called their "*nephews*". Johnson quotes Addison saying that the glories of Rome were due to the centralisation of architecture and sculpture as a result of nepotism. The operative word in Brewer's definition is obviously **unjustifiable**. Not all nepotism need be a bad thing.

In many families the occupations will show parents and children employed in the same trade or profession. This is usually a perfectly normal and acceptable social process. It is now becoming less common, but in the past was often found in certain districts, especially where the workers were miners, farmers or fishermen. Similarly

factories, farms, and doctor's practices were commonly passed on to a younger member of the family in a perfectly agreeable fashion. When, however, we come to look at some of the hereditary appointments, even in fairly modern times, things are not always quite so good. It is with positions such in as the Royal Family, the House of Lords, and Government offices that the old habits may not meet with our approval. I have taken a look at my own family to see if it did me any discredit in this respect.

Many of my related families inclined towards a single trade or profession. The Bicknells were serge-makers; the Thornhills cutlers; the Beckwiths engravers, and the Prices bankers. So far as I can tell nothing was very improper with this. The passage of a trade from father to son often led to a long-established firm, that was considered something to be admired. Surely this cannot be called nepotism in any derogatory sense.

Chivalry

The first questionable example that I have found may fall into the hereditary class. A very early ancestor of mine was one Richard Champney. There is some doubt about the origin of his surname. Some say that they held the honour of champions and others that they came from Champagne in France. I like to think that he, or his forebears, were professional champions. This is not an occupation that I would have relished and I am certainly not ashamed of them. It is known that Richard was Gloucester Herald (1431) and Gloucester King at Arms (1483), but the title lapsed on his death.

¹⁴ Brewer E. Cobham *A Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*

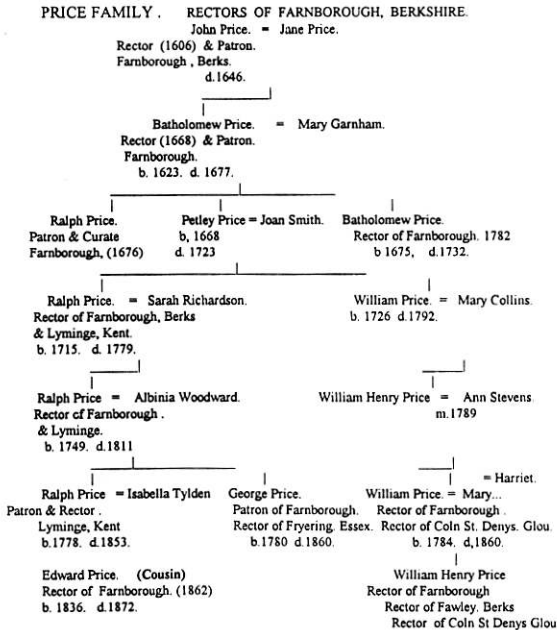
¹⁵ Samuel Johnson *A Dictionary of the English Language*. 1785.

Patronage in the Church.

Strangely it was when I came to the Church that things became rather more suspect. Ecclesiastical Patronage has been a well established principle within the English Church since the days of the Anglo-Saxons. In early times the patron might well have built and maintained the church at his own expense and consequently became the owner of the property which he could sell or treat as any other belonging. He had every right to pass on the advowson to any member of his family and in most cases he could choose the incumbent, without the consent of the bishop. These rights persisted with little change for many generations and could be much to the

advantage of the parish which was usually protected by a person of some wealth. Abuse of the rights did exist but were slowly eliminated.¹⁶

My 7x great-grandfather, John Price, who was the rector of the parish of Farnborough in Berkshire, purchased the advowson of this parish by means of the considerable fortune that he acquired from the sale of inherited family estates. Later his great-grandson, Ralph, was to add a second patronage, by the purchase of the advowson of Lyminge in Kent. The money for this was probably obtained from his wife, who was a co-heiress to her father who owned a coal mine in Derbyshire.



¹⁶ Steinberg, Dictionary of British History. 1974.

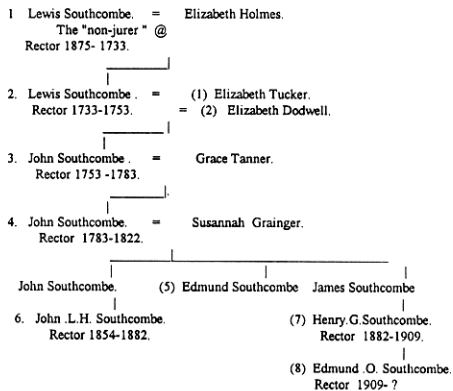
You will see from the Price tree that there were eight rectors in seven generations. This seems to have been a very cosy arrangement made possible through wealth without any consideration for ability. In this case there is nothing to suggest that they were not well qualified to carry out their work. They took care of the fabric of the church and supplied it with articles of communion plate.¹⁷ The continuity of these rectors of the Price family, over several generations, may well have created a favourable bond with their parishioners and it is known that there were other members of the family in the district, all of whom left money to the parish in their wills.

The story of the Prices was not unlike that of the Southcombes, to whom I have connections by marriage. It was in the parish of Rose Ash in Devonshire that the Southcombes supplied eight rectors in seven generations. This did not always come about by normal means. It seems that by swapping parishes before they died they managed to make sure that the vicarage of Rose Ash remained in the family.¹⁸

Lewis Southcome III, the first Southcome to be rector of Rose Ash, refused to swear allegiance to King William and became one of the number of clergy to be called "*Non jurors*". They were considered to be "*Jacobites*" who believed firmly in the divine right of kings. He was a most remarkable man whose story is told elsewhere.¹⁹ He was the pastor, surgeon and psychiatrist²⁰ for this little parish and obviously did much for its welfare.

SOUTHCOMBE, DEVONSHIRE
THE RECTORS OF THE PARISH OF ROSE ASH

The Southcombes lived in Rose Ash for at least eleven generations and eight of them were rectors of the parish during seven generations.



@ He refused to swear allegiance to William & Mary..

¹⁷ *Victoria History of Berkshire.*

¹⁸ Helen Saunders, *Southcomb of Rose Ash.* see below.

¹⁹ Helen Saunders, *Notes on the History of a Devon Parish.* (Transactions of the Devonshire Association for the Advancement of Science, Literature, and Art. 1900.).

²⁰ Lewis Southcomb, *Peace of Mind and Health of Body* 1750.

Civil and Political Patronage and Nepotism

On the other side of the coin my great-great grandfather Henry Darlot fell foul of the system of nepotism; so rife in his day. It appears that he was an able Deputy Comptroller of the Foreign Post Office, where the Comptroller, Lord Stanhope, was the holder of a sinecure and did practically no work.²¹ In charge of the General Post Office at that time was Henry Freeling and Darlot was convinced that he was the victim of a dirty tricks scheme in which Freeling tried to discredit Darlot by means of a forged letter. In this way Henry Darlot thought that Freeling intended to get his son into the job of Deputy Comptroller. This led to a nasty court case in which Henry Darlot, after being let down by Lord Richmond, the Post Master General, failed to prove his case.²² This finished his career in the Post Office and he died in France a disappointed man.

At this time appointments to posts in ministerial and civil service jobs were frequently made by the Crown and senior ministers in order to control Parliament. It would be interesting to know how Richmond and Stanhope voted. Efforts were made by Pitt to clean things up at the end of the eighteenth century, but it took until 1870 before Gladstone introduced an examination for entry to the Civil Service.

Nepotism in the Ecclesiastical Courts

The Moores for several generations were engaged in the practice of ecclesiastic law. An entry in *Johnson's London Commercial Guide* for 1817 states that, in the Ecclesiastical Department, out of a total of

thirteen Registrar posts, there were ten held by five men of the name of Moore. These gentlemen, however, had eight Deputies, only one of whom was a Moore. He was in fact my 3x great-grandfather and another William Moore. This was the position at the time when John Moore was Archbishop of Canterbury and three of the Registrars happened to be his sons. The other two may have been his relatives, but I have no evidence that this was the case. I do know that past members of my family always said we were not related to the Archbishop, who was an eminent primate but obviously indulged in nepotism. I suspect that his sons performed few duties and had no legal qualifications, but I may be proved wrong. My ancestor was a proctor of Doctors Commons at that time who probably did most of the work.²³

An inspection of my Moore family tree (see below) shows the appointments that several of them held in the Ecclesiastical Courts of the Province of Canterbury. Some of them were proctors; doing the work now done by solicitors. Squibb²⁴ gives several examples of the connections of advocates and proctors practising in the Court of Arches and at Doctors Commons. He quotes Wilson,²⁵ otherwise *Lynx*, who decried this as an evil practice and gives many other examples. As the proctors employed the advocates nepotism may well have existed. Steerforth says in *David Copperfield*²⁶

"Proctors employ advocates. Both get very comfortable fees, and altogether they make a mighty smug little party. On the whole, I would recommend you to take to Doctors

²³ J. Titford *Proctors Family History Magazine*. Jan. 1991

²⁴ G.D. Squibb *Doctors Commons* (Clarendon Press, 1977)

²⁵ W.D. Wilson, alias "*Lynx*" *A Plea for the Suppression of Patronage, the Bane of the Civil Service*

²⁶ Charles Dickens, *David Copperfield*

²¹ Family papers and Post Office Archives *Henry Darlot*.

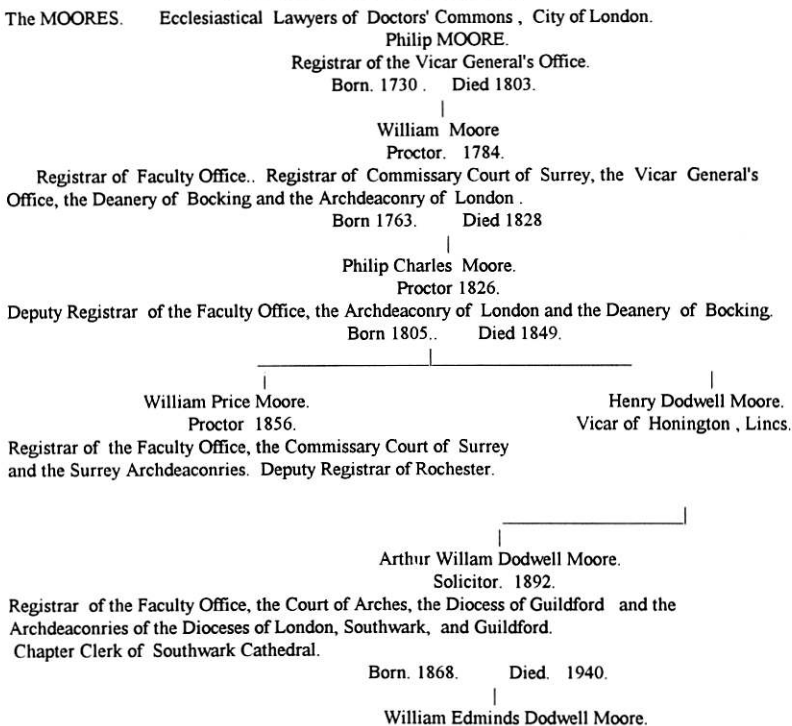
²² *Observer* 1833. Darlot v. Freeling.

Commons kindly, David. They plume themselves on their gentility there I can tell you, if that is any satisfaction."

I feel no guilt about my proctor ancestors as I am sure they were all able and well

qualified men doing a specialised job and who although they were quite well off were certainly not unduly rich. They obtained their appointments through training and ability. As for me - I resisted parental pressure to join their ranks.

Moore Family Tree



James and Little Tom

By Robin Mosses

My fascination with James Seaward began in the early 1950s when I heard a sermon at St Peter's Farnborough, Hampshire, given by a preacher from Eversley. He told of an incident which had inspired a predecessor of his, Charles Kingsley, to write "*The Water-Babies*". The preacher had visited James (probably shortly before his death in 1921), in Wokingham, where he worked as an adult sweep.

I subsequently moved to Binfield and in 1977 an article was published, about life in the village eighty years earlier. Although written from memory, names of tradesmen etc. matched contemporary *Kelly's Directory* entries remarkably well. The article also recalled regular visits of a Wokingham chimney-sweep (frustratingly unnamed). Unfortunately the author died before I could ask. Little did I know that this was just a start of problems to try to discover the secrets of James Seaward's elusive past. Kelly lists two Wokingham sweeps at this time.

After a few years had passed I wrote a request, for publication in the Parish Magazine; someone in the village might just remember the sweep's name from (then) a little over sixty years previously. The village had forgotten, but the magazine is read wider afield (in time!). An Alton man wrote saying he was born in Binfield in 1900, remembered the sweep, his name and his mother telling him of the Water-Babies connection.

James' secrets included where he was born. However, publication (1982) of the 1881 census revealed it to be Kingsclere, Hants. Two records have been found for there, including an 1851 census entry at the age of six. Then the trail goes cold.

His own version is that he became a boy-sweep and then an adult one. He certainly gave, in a reported lecture, a vivid account of life as a boy-sweep. If he were also the prototype for Tom, then certain dates and his age would have to match, which they do. Yet there are some odd things. Local historians, contemporary with his adult life, e.g. Ditchfield, Savory, Ball and Heelas seem not to mention him. They weren't above recording traditions and much of their material has survived. Also Kingsley's widow published in 1877 a biography of Charles - his letters and memories of his life. Charles had died in 1875. James Seaward isn't mentioned, although she, and Charles, must have known about the tradition associated with a sweep in nearby Wokingham. Or did they?

Although Seaward's adverts claim establishment in 1861, his first entry in Kelly, as being at Rose Street, Wokingham, is 1877. This is followed by census entries for 1881 and 1891. Where was he living or based between 1851 and 1877? It wasn't even elsewhere in Wokingham in either 1861 and 1871. If anyone comes across him between 1851 and 1877, then please let me know; his surname may be spelt Seward.

There are other mysteries too, it's easy to get side-tracked! Where was he married (thrice), and the children of his who died young, buried? Not at All Saints, Wokingham, where James was buried. Has anyone found his grave? Why All Saints? One obituary says he was active in the life of St Paul's Wokingham, but there are no church register records of the family there.

He had been a Wokingham Councillor and then, until his death, an Alderman, but he kept secrets about certain aspects of his past. It almost seems as if his ghost is doing likewise. Any information welcome, including any pre-1900 references to *The Water-Babies* connection. My telephone number is 01344-420939.

Monumental Inscriptions at Hemdean Road Cemetery, Caversham

By David and Carol Wright

Following the completion of a number of MI recording projects, notably the one at Reading Cemetery, which have recently been published by the Society, we decided a couple of years ago to undertake the recording of MIs at the Reading Borough cemetery at Victoria Road, off Hemdean Road, Caversham. As we are now close to the end of the project, we thought that members might like to know something about the project and how they can obtain details of the burials that have been recorded to date.

The cemetery, established in 1885 when space ceased to be available for new plots in the churchyard at St Peter's, Caversham, has some 3,150 plots. There are approximately 6,900 interments and almost 300 cremated remains are deposited. The records showing the addresses of purchasers of plots indicate that the cemetery served a wide area of Berkshire and South Oxfordshire although understandably the majority are from Reading, Caversham and the immediate surroundings. The number of interments reached a peak in the 1920s at more than 150 a year but they had fallen to around 20 or 30 a year by the 1960s and are now infrequent. The last new plot to be opened appears to have been in 1981 and burials can now take place only in family graves.

In order to help with plotting for the MI recording project, we decided to extract grave numbers, names and locations from the Graves Register and maps which Reading Borough's Graves Superintendent, Mr Bruce Thomas, kindly made available. The Graves Register comprises six hand-written ledgers with indexes which contain

a wealth of information, much of it helpful to family historians. As well as the full names of those interred and the year of interment, the Register also contains the names and addresses, and occasionally the occupations, of those who purchased plots, together with date of purchase. Other information usually included was the class of the plot (the more expensive ones being alongside the paths), whether it was in consecrated ground or not and the depth of the grave.

We felt that it would provide a helpful complement to the MI records to extend the scope of our work by abstracting all the information from the Graves Register of potential interest to family historians. This has now been done, providing a 267 page record of all the burials at Hemdean Road plus associated name, location and occupational indexes. A disk of the full transcription of the Graves Register and a hard copy of the name index has been given to Mr Thomas to help him and his staff answer the many enquiries they still receive. Once the explanatory notes have been completed a copy will be made available to the Berkshire Family History Society for reference and/or publication if appropriate.

The plotting and recording of the MIs took place at regular sessions during 1996 and 1997 and at the two July meetings of the Reading Branch. We have now completed all but one of the 13 sections into which the cemetery was divided for the purpose of this project. The material for 11 of the sections has been checked, input, rechecked and indexed. It is planned to record the remaining section as soon as the weather

permits in 1998 with the aim of having the project available for reference during the year.

If, in the meantime, any members would like to have information about Hemdean Road burials, please write with a stamped addressed envelope to us at 45 Picton Way, Caversham, Reading, RG4 8NJ and we will be happy to search the Graves Register and the MI records which have been completed to date. For those members who are not familiar with the area, the Hemdean Road cemetery should not be confused with the Henley Road cemetery which is the municipal cemetery and crematorium currently in use for the Reading district since the 1920s.

The MI recording owes much to the efforts of an unfortunately small but dedicated band of people, few of whom have any local family history interest. We will try to make sure that the regular helpers are aware of the dates for completing the project and we would, of course, be delighted to see any new faces.

The illustration below shows part of the Table of Fees at Hemdean Road Cemetery (BRO Ref D/P162/7/10/14). Although it is undated, it is likely to date from when the cemetery was opened in 1885 or from the subsequent years of the 1890s and turn of the century. It is reproduced by kind permission of the County Archivist, Berkshire Record Office.

CAVERSHAM BURIAL BOARD.

TABLE OF FEES.

| | Board Fees for Parishioners. | Board Fees for Non-Parishioners who may be buried by permission of the Board. |
|--|------------------------------|---|
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| CLASS 1. | | |
| In Unselected Ground. Child under 12 years | 3 0 | 12 0 |
| Ditto Adult | 4 0 | 16 0 |
| In Reserved Ground. Child | 6 0 | 1 4 0 |
| Ditto Adult | 8 0 | 1 12 0 |
| Purchase of exclusive Right of Burial | 2 0 0 | 4 0 0 |
| Forming a Brick Grave. | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Each Re-opening | 10 6 | 2 2 0 |
| Still born Infant | 2 6 | 10 0 |
| Permission to select Site | 5 0 | 5 0 |
| CLASS 2. | | |
| In Unselected Ground. Adult or Child | 10 0 | 2 0 0 |
| In Reserved Ground. Ditto | 1 0 0 | 3 0 0 |
| Purchase of exclusive Right of Burial | 4 0 0 | 8 0 0 |

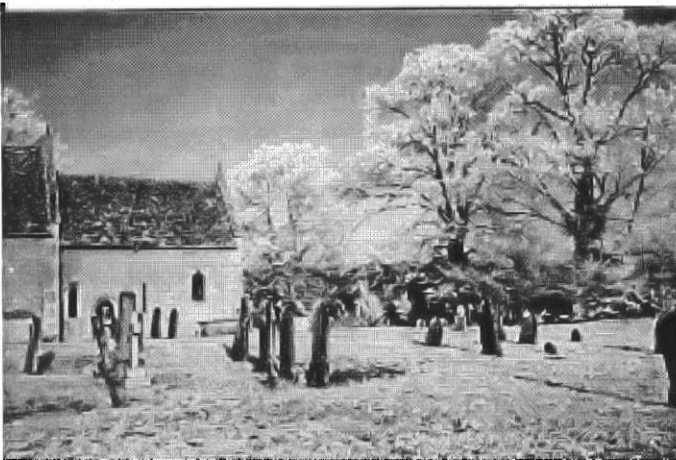
The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies has a number of courses available in 1998, including Wills and Probate, Beginning Your Family History, Census Returns for Family Historians and Nonconformity. For further details write to the IHGS at Northgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1BA. Tel: 01227-768664. E-mail: ihgs@dial.pipex.com.

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Gravestone Survey

By Dorothy Wise

I think it was in 1989 that a group of Clanfield (Oxon) W.I. members set about the task of recording the inscriptions on the old gravestones in our churchyard. With the aid of a very long tape measure, we measured and drew the outline of the church



itself and the yard surrounding it onto graph paper and then plotted and numbered all the old graves.

Our leader and co-ordinator was Catherine Malins Smith and she gave us each a group of headstones to record. We not only recorded the names and the dates but we also drew the shape of the gravestone on to a sheet of A5 and then handed Catherine our efforts and she filed them away in a folder. The work took time and could only be done in warm and preferably sunny weather.

We made good progress the first year and the second year and then sadly Catherine became ill and eventually she died. This caused great sadness and our efforts for the time being came to a halt and were almost forgotten.

Then last year one or two of us began again where we had left off and by the end of the summer the whole project was completed.

Some of the inscriptions were comparatively easy to read but some were decidedly not. Wind and rain and frost over the years had taken their toll and lichens had in some cases covered the lettering. We discovered that the slant of the sun made a great difference when trying to decipher

an almost non-existent inscription.

One stone I remember, an eighteenth century one appeared to have nothing on it at all. Then one morning I chanced to be walking through the churchyard and the bright sunlight, slanting across this stone showed up clearly some lettering and I could see the name **Stephens** and more, so I ran to get pencil and paper.

Most of Clanfield's old families are buried in family groups and this Stephens was in amongst others of that name. The Knapps are there in a group as are the Adams, Collets, Clarks, Newmans and Yeatmans. The latter is a very old Clanfield name and I have come across several generations of Yeatmans or Yatemens when I have been looking through Clanfield's Parish Records but one hitherto unknown one turned up in an unexpected way.

One of our group drew my attention to a very small headstone half buried in a corner of the churchyard. Some lettering was visible but none of it made sense except the letters **M A N**. We used to gaze at it every time we passed it and one afternoon I thought I could see the name **Inigo**, but wasn't sure. We dug down a little to

see if the lettering below ground was any clearer, it was, but we could make nothing of it unless the last letter was a small 'd'? It looked like "jCSCSCd" only not as clear as that. I took several photos at different times of day, and two out of the half-dozen or so taken turned out to be more than helpful. Suddenly I realised that our ancient inscriber was making his 'e's like capital 'C's and so suddenly I recognised the word 'desesed' but you have to realise that those 'e's were writ large and the 'D's were small 'd's. I could then read the whole inscription.

**Here Lieth
Buried
Inigo Yeatman
Desesed
V + 2 Nov. M?**

We think the date is in Latin Numerals and it is probably 1600. 'Probably' because expert opinion has dated the stone to between 1580 and 1630. We were told that headstones in the churchyard did not exist much before 1580. My own feeling is that there may have been wooden crosses, which would have disappeared in time.

The wealthy of course were buried inside the church.

We found one other very old headstone more than half buried and on digging down carefully we were able to read:

**HERE LIETH THE BO
DY OF WILLIAM
NORDEN WHO
DECEASED THIS 8th
DAY OF AUGUST
~1660~**

It is interesting to realise that Inigo was an Elizabethan and William Norden had lived through the Commonwealth period and very likely saw something of the battle between the Cavaliers and the Roundheads at Radcot Bridge.

Our work now completed will be recorded on fiche and copies sent to the Genealogical Society for the benefit of genealogists and local historians and to the Oxford Archives. A booklet with an index of the names recorded will also, I am told, be made available to us here in Clanfield.

FAMILY HISTORY DAY COURSES

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Bookends

By Jean Debney

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

Forward to the Past-Another Journey in Ancestry, by Rae P. Collins

(Alan Sutton Publishing Ltd, 1995); includes family trees, 156pp; price £8.99. (available in bookshops)

At first glance this appears to be a "how-to-do-it" book but, despite the title and lack of any specific information in the contents list, it is really the history of the Wasey family. In part I the author relates the details of the records used in her research; Part II is the history of the Waseys from Norfolk through nearly four centuries, and Part III includes details of the distaff side. Several Waseys were in Berkshire during the last century - including John Thomas of Newbury, Deputy Lieutenant and Magistrate for the county and Rev. John Spearman of Compton Parva - hence the deposit of this copy with Berkshire Family History Society Research Centre.

An Introduction to ... Reading Old Title Deeds, by Julian Cornwall

(FFHS 2nd ed 1997); 52pp; Price £2.50+ P&P 50p UK, 80p overseas surface, £1.50 airmail.

Originally published under the title "How to Read Old Title Deeds", this edition includes some minor amendments and an expanded glossary. It is an excellent guide to interpreting the legal formulae and extracting the vital information from the records of real estate which contain so many names and other details.

Bishops' Transcripts and Marriage Licences, Bonds & Allegations - a guide to their location and indexes, comp. by Jeremy Gibson

(FFHS 4th ed 1997); 56pp; price £3.50+P&P 50p UK, 80p overseas surface, £1.70 airmail.

This expanded edition now includes maps plus up-to-date information about the records,

transcripts and indexes etc. to be found in the county record offices of England, Wales, Ireland and the Isle of Man - and also in the Society of Genealogists. As always the introduction contains important general information. For the benefit of beginners, Bishops' (or sometimes Archdeacons') Transcripts are the duplicate copies of parish registers required to be made from the time of Elizabeth I. Marriage Licences, obtained from the ecclesiastical courts, enabled couples to marry without calling the Banns and sometimes in the church of their choice.

Coroners' Records in England and Wales, by Jeremy Gibson & Colin Rogers

(FFHS 2nd ed 1997); 48pp; price £2.95+P&P 50p UK, 80p overseas surface, £1.70 airmail.

Updated information county-by-county, with a very good introduction, glossary and bibliography make this a vital source reference book for any family historian whose ancestor died in mysterious circumstances at any time after the twelfth century when coroners were first appointed. For example, if a coroner is the informant on a death certificate this guide could lead you to further information. [JD]

Maritime Sources in the Library of the Society of Genealogists - Library Sources no.10, comp. by John Hailey

(SOG 1997); 32pp; price £2.50+P&P 45p UK, 65p overseas surface, £1.30 airmail.

Anyone who has used the library of the Society of Genealogists will know that it is absolutely stuffed with genealogical material and, in an effort to aid researchers, the SOG is now busy producing new "Library Sources". Most places in England are close to water and many of our ancestors may have "messed about in boats". The two sections in this guide cover the British Isles and Overseas with subsections dealing with

such diverse topics as cemeteries, pirates and smuggling, ship-building and whaling, etc. - as well as the Royal Navy of course. Although some items listed are unique to the SOG, this guide also identifies sources that may be available elsewhere.

The Genealogical Services Directory 1998, comp. by Robert Blatchford and Geoffrey Hislop

(GR Specialist Information Services, 1998); price £3.75+P&P 90p UK, £1.50 overseas surface, £3.60 airmail.

When the first edition of this publication landed on my desk last year, my reaction was "*Oh no! Not another one on the 'family-history-bandwagon'...*". However, the arrival of this enlarged edition encouraged me to take a closer look. Addresses (FH societies, Registrars, LDS libraries, etc.), information and advertisements - many cross-referenced - are divided into eleven sections covering the British Isles, Australasia, South Africa and North America. Eighteen short but informative articles appear throughout of which three are Yorkshire-based (as are the compilers!) with others for Scotland (2), Wales (2) and Ireland. Overseas will presumably be covered in future editions.

The cover design includes plenty of easy-to-read information but the colour is depressing: the use of a brighter and different colour each time will make this publication more "*appetising*" in a bookstall display, differentiate between the volumes and encourage would-be purchasers. If the compilers can keep up the good work with regular future editions, this may become a "*must-have*" for all family historians, especially as a companion to the surnames listed in the annual *Genealogical Research Directories*.

Wedding Fashions 1860-1980 (History in Camera), by Avril Lansdell

(Shire Publications Ltd, 1983, 2nd ed. reprint 1997); 112pp; price £4.99+P&P 70p UK, £1.15 overseas surface, £2.65 airmail.

Old photographs are important artefacts found in many family history collections and any guide that enables one to identify the possible date - and perhaps therefore the sitters - is invaluable.

This popular guide, written by the former curator of Weybridge (Surrey) Museum, an expert in costume and social history, is lavishly illustrated with examples of the most important event in many people's lives.

Arras to Cambrai - The Kitchener Battalions of the Royal Berkshire Regiment, 1917, comp. by Colin Fox et al

(1997); 75pp; price £7.95 + p&p 80p UK, £1.50 overseas surface, £3.40 airmail.

The 5th, 6th and 8th Battalions - known as the Kitchener Battalions - of the Royal Berkshire Regiment played a major part in the battles on the Western Front. This is the third volume produced by this group²⁷ and covers the history of the battles in which they took part in 1917. The five appendices include an appreciation of Captain Harold Ackroyd, VC, MC, RAMC, biographies of twenty men (some with photographs), the battlefields today, a detailed list of casualties and commemorations and a list of the honours and awards won in that year.

The Tilehurst we Remember - Personal Reminiscences

(The History of Tilehurst Group, 1997); 57pp; price £4.50+P&P 50p UK, 80p overseas surface, £1.90 airmail.

Compiled from interviews with six elderly residents with early memories of the pottery industry and nurseries which thrived in bygone Tilehurst, this slim booklet does not claim to be factually correct but does recall details of an age long gone. It is illustrated with a sketch map locating major parish landmarks and where the interviewees lived, together with some line drawings.

From 28th February, the address for enquiries to the British Red Cross Archives is British Red Cross, National Headquarters, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1Z 7EJ. Tel: 0171-201-5153.

²⁷ The first publication covering 1914 is out of print, but the second, "Responding to the Call", covering 1915-16 may still be available at £3.95 from the BFHS Bookstall.

Berkshire Record Office News

The following items are reproduced from The Berkshire Echo - The Newsletter of Berkshire Record Office (No.4 Winter 1997/1998)

What's New

Firstly, we have separated out microfiche of particular classes of record and put them together (e.g. parish registers, title maps, electoral registers and probate). Secondly, we have rearranged the parish register fiches in parish name order; and thirdly, we have created new, simpler parish register lists.

There have been some changes of staff. Katie Willis and Jean Hackett have left and we now have a new Archives Assistant, Gill Gough, who joined us from the Library Service in December.

Just Catalogued

The pride of place goes to Church records as we have had some very fine deposits. The records of Coleshill parish, 1768-1994 (D/P 40), include registers of burials 1813-1986, and baptisms 1887-1990, as well as some interesting poor law material. The Brightwell parish records, 1639-1997 (D/P 25), include charity accounts from 1837 and a survey of parishioners in 1884-6, which gives notes on character such as "*fond of drink*", "*steady*" or "*shiftless*". Best of all is the volume of parish memoranda kept by rector Thomas Wintle, 1775-1814, including details of the process of the enclosure of 1810-1812.

Sotwell parish records, 1830-1982 (D/P 114), include a fascinating perambulation of the parish in 1830, noting the non-conformist chapel in Chapel Lane. Also received was a draft register of baptisms and burials for Arborfield, 1804-1831 (D/EX 1472).

Non-conformity is also strongly represented with the records of Newbury Congregational (now URC) Church, 1696-

1995 (D/N 32) -the oldest archival material deposited at the BRO for any Congregational church. The vicissitudes such records are subject to are reflected in the story of the earliest church book, 1696-1734, which remained in the hands of the minister's family. A descendant of this family married a later minister of the church, and he restored the book to its proper place in the archives. This volume traces the splitting of the congregation into Presbyterian and Independent/Congregational churches in 1696-7, and a later book has one of the earliest records of Methodism in Newbury, with the 1789 withdrawal of member William Perkins, "*he having become a member of Mr Wesley's Society*".

The largest individual collection to be made available recently consists of the papers of the Treacher family of Sonning, 1662/3-1922 (D/EX 1457). As successive Treachers served as surveyors to the Thames Navigation Commission, 1791-1862, there are papers relating to that, as well as private papers. These include James Treacher's voyage to Jamaica in 1814-5, and the diary of his nephew John (b.1816), 1837-1842, which includes comments on the immorality of the people of Sonning.

We have catalogued the memorandum book of John Watts, twice mayor of Reading in the 1720s, and chamberlain of the hall revenues, 1724-1727 (D/EX 1456). We have also acquired some fine maps of Reading, 1792-1964, especially for the Whitley / Coley areas (D/EX 1455).

An interesting collection of Reading photographs and promotional artwork has been deposited by Vincents, the Reading

coachbuilders and horsebox manufacturers, 1903-1972 (D/EX 1401). Albums of 19th and 20th century photographs of Pusey and Hatford, and drawings and photos for other Vale parishes supplemented the papers of local historian Violet Howse (D/EX 1303), and a couple of additional 1st edition OS maps for Newbury have been slotted into

the searchroom series. Also catalogued were an 1812 poll book of Reading Borough (D/EX 1460), papers relating to Reading Gaol, 1857-1949 (D/EX 1444), and the papers of William Wing of Caversham, architect and surveyor, c. 1882-1905 (D/EX 1468).

The following is a transcription of a leaflet sent to Mrs Kim Tomlinson (1398) by a second cousin of her father-in-law. It was written by Denis' father - George Tomlinson after one of the fêtes organised to raise money to build White Waltham Chapel Hall. George was a stalwart supporter of the Chapel and he and many members of his family have lived in and around White Waltham since the 1840s.

Waltham Fête 1930

By George Tomlinson

A for ambition that prompted the fete,
And Ash with the switchback that went such
a rate.
B is for Butcher, for Bennett and Brooks,
And B for the Bandsmen who boast of good
looks.
B for the buns that the people enjoyed,
B is for Bushnell, and **B** is for Boyd.
C for the Cocoa-nuts, also for Clark,
Who shouted for clients until it was dark.
And **C** is for Collier, so busy and bright
Who worked like a Trojan, all day all night.
D for the dancers, and **D** for display,
D for the dartboard, Miss Rose made it pay.
D is for Deacon in charge of Aunt Sally.
E for enjoyment we found in "Kidde Alley".
F for the fashionable frocks that were worn,
And **F** is for Frank with the gramophone
horn.
G for the ghost which gave us a fright,
And **G** is for Golding who guessed the weight
right
H for the hundreds who came to the fete,
And **H** is for House whose selling was great.
I for the ice-cream so sweet and so cold,
J for the judges so brave and so bold
K for Kidde Alley which gave us such
shocks,
And **L** for the Ladies who washed up the
crocks.
M is for Mumford, the clerk of the course,

Who shouted, and shouted until he was
hoarse
N is for Nutley who lives on the spot,
And always comes forward and helps us a lot.
O for the opener who gave us a speech,
And **P** for the prizes presented to each.
P for the policeman so tall and so big,
And **P** is for Pithers, and **P** for the pig,
Q for the questions poured forth by the kids,
Who asked father for coppers, then shillings,
then quids.
R for refreshments, and the runners in heats,
S for the sweethearts who sat on the seats,
And **S** is for Skinner who lives up the lane,
And Stacey who managed the great
gamaplane.
T for the treasurer, beaming with joy,
And **T** is for Ted with the old butcher boy,
U for the undies that were sold at the stall,
V for the Villagers, God bless them all.
W for Whitsun, and **W** for White,
Who always keeps smiling so merry and
bright.
W for Wilson, game to the end,
X is for excuse if I've missed a friend.
Y for the Youngsters who scamper and run,
And **Z** for the zeal in the Whitsuntide fun

Q & A with Jean

By Jean Debney

Q Jean Willes (3099) of Caversham asked "Why was Hampshire formerly known as the County of Southampton and when did it change to Hampshire? Also why is it abbreviated as Hants?"

A Hampshire is an Old English word which means the "scīr or district based on Hamtun". The latter is the old name for Southampton, which itself means "estate or settlement (tun) on a promontory, river land or water meadow (hamm)". In the 8th and late 9th centuries the name was recorded as "Hamuntunscir" and about 1050 as "Sudhamptonshire".²⁸

The abbreviation "Hants" is derived from the Anglo-Norman spelling, Hantescire, recorded in the Domesday book (1086). My reference books do not give any indication when the official use of the name "County Southampton" was dropped from official documents in favour of "Hampshire".

Q Jane Arch (3258) of Sonning Common, asked "During research into my Welsh ancestors I have found the forename "Garfield" - is this a Welsh name?"

A Sorry - Garfield does not appear to be a Welsh name. It is a masculine first name that was originally an English local surname derived from a person's residence or "address" - for someone who lived near a triangular field (from the Old English words gāra (gore) + feld). As a surname, it can also be found as an Anglicised form of a similar sounding Jewish surname.

In family history, the custom of using a mother's, or other relation's, surname as a forename for descendants increased in popularity from the late eighteenth to the nineteenth centuries and can often be used to prove a family relationship. Further research will show if the use of the name "Garfield" in your family comes from this source, or because the parents chose it apparently at random for their child.

Q Hilary Roberts (3465) of Henley, Oxon: "I have a copy death certificate dated 1900 for a man aged 51 who died of "Cirrholic kidney, uraemic coma" - what is this?"

A This is a good example of a Registrar struggling to copy a doctor's handwriting without knowing the words used. The cause of death should read "Cirrhotic kidney, uraemic coma". According to my medical text books, cirrhosis is not a disease of the kidneys but of the liver where normal cells die and are replaced by fibrous tissue leading to malfunction. My book lists the causes of the condition as excessive alcohol especially with a poor diet, infectious hepatitis, parasites, tuberculosis or venereal disease. Treatment at the turn of the century consisted mainly of rest and a suitable diet - and, where appropriate, no alcohol. As the situation progressed, so the kidneys failed causing dropsy (oedema) and an increase of toxins in the blood leading to coma followed by death - hence the doctor's final diagnosis.

Q Anne O'CALLAGHAN (2583) of Caversham: "When one of my ancestors died aged 84 in 1888, the cause of death on her certificate was given as "Asthenia" or "Astheria" - what did she really die of?"

The word should read Asthenia and is a Greek word meaning a loss of strength or vitality - in other words, she lay down and died. However, the use of such terms enhanced the mystic of

²⁸ Pronounced Southamptonshire

the Victorian medical profession

Q Margaret Thorogood (3179) of Earley, Reading recently noticed the following advertisement:

“Due to the recent additional Duty of 100% on glass, Mr LIGNUM, Surgeon, Manchester, is reluctantly obliged to advance the price of Antiscorbutic Drops to 6s and the large bottle to 14s”²⁹

This set me looking for details of a duty on glass - no mention of it under “window taxes” in the Family Historians’ Enquire Within by Pauline Saul (1995) or the Local Historians’ Encyclopaedia by J.Richardson (1993 reprint). The most comprehensive notes were in Genealogical Sources in the Public Record Office by Stella Colwell (1992), but nothing remotely to do with glass, except as in windows. Do you have any other ideas? I thought I would write to the Glass Museum in Kingswinford, Cheshire with an SAE for information.

A As all good researchers should do, I checked the sources you mention, as well as the introduction of the Gibson Guide to “Land and Window Taxes”, and, although there are some interesting entries under “glass”, and of course “window tax” (1696-1830), there is no mention of any direct tax imposed on glass in 1813.

However, Volume 10 of the Encyclopaedia Britannica revealed that an Excise Duty was imposed on glass by weight in 1745-6. Furthermore in 1777 the previously exempt opaque white “enamel” glass was included. Four years later the tax was increased but no further acts were mentioned until 1845 when the excise duty was removed. During this period, as one can imagine, glass-ware became lighter and smaller and the industry was seriously impaired. Details of many public and private acts have been printed as Statutes of the Realm or Statutes at Large - copies of which can be found in large reference libraries.

Distribution of Berkshire Surnames

Terence Lanfear (3261) of 23 Graig Lwyd, Radyr, Cardiff CF4 8BG wrote regarding the surname Lanfear:

“The surname LANFEAR has been subjected to many mutations over the years so far I have recorded at least 40. Some believe it originated as LAMPHERE in the Languedoc area of France. The name appears first in Wiltshire in the sixteenth century and then spread to Berkshire and Hampshire; it is now found throughout southern England and Wales, but remains rare in the north.

The earliest known references are of a will dated 1579 for Robert LANFIRE of Heddington and the baptism of Ann LANFEERE at All Cannings 1582, both Wilts. The name spread to the Chippenham area where it was spelt LANFYRE, LANFIER, LANGFER, etc. and in Lyneham in 1605 as LANFEARE, the first recorded use of “EA”.

The Dictionary of National Biography lists John LAMPHERE, (1614 1688) educated at Winchester, Hants. The earliest wills include Alice LAMPHER of Lymehouse, London (1627), Nicholas LANFIER of Reading, Berks (1650) and William LAMPHERE of Winchester, Hants (1656). Frances LANTSEERE and her brother John LANTFERE were

²⁹ York Herald & General Advertiser, 9 Jan 1813, page 4, bottom right hand side

baptised at Newbury, Berkshire in 1605 and 1609 respectively; this family also spelt their name LANFREE.

An interesting will, dated 1665, is that of Richard LAMPHEARE of London which refers to "my sonne George now in New England". American records say that George LANPHEAR was born in Berkshire in 1631 (although no record of his baptism has been found) and settled in Rhode Island where he founded a large family with descendants throughout the USA: most Americans now spell their name LANPHEAR and trace their ancestry back to this George.

Although the name mostly occurs as LANFEAR in 18th century Wiltshire, illiteracy led to many variations in the 19th. For example, my great-great-grandfather, Nicholas, was recorded as LANDFERE when he married in 1818 and LANDFAIR, LAMPHER, LANDFIER, LANDFAR and LANDFIAR at his children's baptisms. In Cheltenham, Gloucestershire he is called LANDFEAR in his poor law settlement examination in 1826 and also when he was convicted of stealing and transported to Tasmania in 1832/3. The only possible death record found for him so far is of a Nicholas LANGFIELD in Albury, New South Wales, Australia. Searches for his baptism have been unsuccessful."

Thank you for this information about your family name which is most interesting. From the amount of detail supplied I think you may be in a position to register this with the Guild of One Name Studies.³⁰ Not unexpectedly, I was unable to find any of your spellings in my reference books, but a couple of ideas came to mind which might be worth considering.

First, P H Reaney³¹ suggests that LANPHEAR, etc. may be an early misspelling, with a silent final "D", of LANGFORD, a place in Norfolk, or of LONGFORD, places in Derbys, Gloucesters, Herefords, Shrops and Wilts, all from the Old English meaning literally "long ford". To support the above suggestion, Reaney quotes "Osm de Langeford" of Wiltshire in the Pipe Rolls of 1130 and "Henry de Longeford" in the Feet of Fines for Lancashire in 1242.

Second, there are several places in Wales called "LLANFAIR" which is Welsh for the parish or church of St Mary and also "LLANFOR", the big church³². The Welsh have for centuries driven their cattle to English markets along the green drove roads and perhaps someone from one of the above villages stopped off in Wiltshire, married a local girl and produced a family and, in order to identify him, was referred to by his place of origin and the name stuck.

The Pleydells in Dorset

Conference to be held on Sat 30th and Sun 31st May 1998 at the Carey Hall, Mistover Road, Wareham, Dorset. The Pleydell Society was founded in 1984 by a group of genealogists and family historians who had Pleydell descent but did not then know if they were related. For further details of the Society and Conference contact the Chairman, Mr Geoffrey Pleydell, Cotter Cottage, Bug Hill, Woldingham, Surrey, CR3 7LB or e-mail the Conference Press Officer: David.Jarman@btinternet.com.

³⁰ For details of the Guild of One-Name Studies write, enclosing an sae, to Box G, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA

³¹ *A Dictionary of English Surnames*, by P H REANEY & R M WILSON (3rd ed. OUP, 1995)

³² *Welsh Place Names and their meanings*, by Dewi DAVIES (Aberystwyth, nd.c.1985); Reader's Digest Complete Atlas of the British Isles (nd.c.1964)

Birth Year Calculator for the 1881 Census

By John Gurnett

I use the 1881 census a lot and when trying to work out the year of birth I always get into a terrible tangle. If somebody is 62 were they born in 1817, 1818, or 1819? Eventually I came up with this quick table which enables me to work out an estimated date of birth from the age. I hope it's as helpful to you as it has been to me. It works just as well for the 1891 census - just add 10 years onto the birth year.

| Age | Birth year | Age | Birth year | Age | Birth year | Age | Birth year |
|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|
| 1 | 1879-80 | 26 | 1854-5 | 51 | 1829-30 | 76 | 1804-5 |
| 2 | 1878-9 | 27 | 1853-4 | 52 | 1828-9 | 77 | 1803-4 |
| 3 | 1877-8 | 28 | 1852-3 | 53 | 1827-8 | 78 | 1802-3 |
| 4 | 1876-7 | 29 | 1851-2 | 54 | 1826-7 | 79 | 1801-2 |
| 5 | 1875-6 | 30 | 1850-1 | 55 | 1825-6 | 80 | 1800-1 |
| 6 | 1874-5 | 31 | 1849-50 | 56 | 1824-5 | 81 | 1799-1800 |
| 7 | 1873-4 | 32 | 1848-9 | 57 | 1823-4 | 82 | 1798-9 |
| 8 | 1872-3 | 33 | 1847-8 | 58 | 1822-3 | 83 | 1797-8 |
| 9 | 1871-2 | 34 | 1846-7 | 59 | 1821-2 | 84 | 1796-7 |
| 10 | 1870-1 | 35 | 1845-6 | 60 | 1820-1 | 85 | 1795-6 |
| 11 | 1869-70 | 36 | 1844-5 | 61 | 1819-20 | 86 | 1794-5 |
| 12 | 1868-9 | 37 | 1843-4 | 62 | 1818-19 | 87 | 1793-4 |
| 13 | 1867-8 | 38 | 1842-3 | 63 | 1817-18 | 88 | 1792-3 |
| 14 | 1866-7 | 39 | 1841-2 | 64 | 1816-17 | 89 | 1791-2 |
| 15 | 1865-6 | 40 | 1840-1 | 65 | 1815-16 | 90 | 1790-1 |
| 16 | 1864-5 | 41 | 1839-40 | 66 | 1814-15 | 91 | 1789-90 |
| 17 | 1863-4 | 42 | 1838-9 | 67 | 1813-14 | 92 | 1788-9 |
| 18 | 1862-3 | 43 | 1837-8 | 68 | 1812-13 | 93 | 1787-8 |
| 19 | 1861-2 | 44 | 1836-7 | 69 | 1811-12 | 94 | 1786-7 |
| 20 | 1860-1 | 45 | 1835-6 | 70 | 1810-11 | 95 | 1785-6 |
| 21 | 1859-60 | 46 | 1834-5 | 71 | 1809-10 | 96 | 1784-5 |
| 22 | 1858-9 | 47 | 1833-4 | 72 | 1808-9 | 97 | 1783-4 |
| 23 | 1857-8 | 48 | 1832-3 | 73 | 1807-8 | 98 | 1782-3 |
| 24 | 1856-7 | 49 | 1831-2 | 74 | 1806-7 | 99 | 1781-2 |
| 25 | 1855-6 | 50 | 1830-1 | 75 | 1805-6 | 100 | 1780-1 |

Ancestor Rose

A new variety of a patio rose is being grown ready to be launched in 1999 to coincide with the 25th Anniversary of the forming of the Federation of Family History Societies. The rose - a pink Patio Rose - is called 'Ancestor' and has a pedigree going back more than 40 years.

Initially "Ancestor" will be sold only by Mail Order. Family Historians will be able to order bushes via the FFHS on special order forms that will be available from April 1999 onwards. The price of "Ancestor" will be £6.95 for one bush or £18.95 for three bushes (inc. p&p).

If you would like one please contact Mrs Maureen Bullows, The Orchard, Penmark, Barry, S.Glamorgan CF62 3BN. Your response is an indication of interest and not a firm order. Regretfully it will not be possible to send bushes to overseas members. [FFHS Newsflash]

Computer Forum

By Robert Clayton

I received five requests for copies of the article referred to in the last issue (Vol. 21 No.2 - page 73) which was too difficult to produce in the journal because of the special characters used. There are plans to do a similar article on using a Windows word processor to produce family trees, so if you have any experience of doing this then please let me know.

A number of members have contacted me (both written and e-mail) to give support and suggestions regarding the proposed Computer Group. Thank you to all those who did contact me and you will be able to follow developments in this Forum in the coming issues. I listed the possible activities a Computer Group might undertake in the last issue (Vol. 21 No.2).

The next step is to form a Steering Group who will discuss the activities of the Computer Group and build the framework for the Group. By the time you receive this journal the February meeting will have taken place, but anyone in the Society with an interest in what the Computer Group should do is invited to the next meeting on Wednesday 18th March at 7.30 at the Research Centre. Please contact me in advance if you would like to attend so that I can have some idea of numbers. If you can't attend but have some ideas please send them to me (postal and e-mail details below) by Wednesday 18th March. There may be more meetings before the Computer Group is formally started and

details of any future meetings will be announced in this Forum.

You may be interested to know that Berkshire County Council has a website. It can be found at:

<http://www.berkshire.gov.uk>

It doesn't have anything, as yet, about the Record Office but if you don't live in Berkshire you may find something useful there. Please let me know if you do !

I am also trying to find out from members what information they would like to see available on computer. We can't promise to produce it all but we will try and do what we can in the future. Having information on a computer in the Research Centre is already under discussion and many people have said it would be a good idea to have a BFHS web site.

Finally, I still have one copy of Family Tree Maker for Windows left. It is United Kingdom Version 2.0 and for sale at a reasonable price. If you are interested then please contact me.

The address for ideas, articles, questions and information is:

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Bookstall Stock Controller

An energetic business-like person is required by the Berkshire Family History Society to take charge of the Society Bookstall.

The job involves purchasing stock for the main Bookstall in the Bookstall in the Research Centre and for the four Branch Bookstalls and keeping track of sales. There will be liaison with suppliers; making decisions about new publications for the Bookstall and dealing with invoices etc.

Some organisational ability is required.

The Bookstall produces a very important contribution to the Society's funds.

If you are interested please contact Ivan Dickason on 0118-978-6785.

Help Wanted!

Peter West (3551) of P.O. Box 996, Gawler 5118, South Australia would like some help as follows and will refund any expenses incurred by any member able to help:

“The 1851 census shows my great-great-grandfather, Joseph West, living in Irish Lane, Hounslow, aged 60, place of birth Warfield, Berks. I have searched a copy of the a film of the Church records provided by the Mormons listing baptisms for the Warfield Church around the 1790 period - however quality was poor and I was unable to find any record of his name. I have found his marriage at Warfield in 1819, so there is some family connection to the area.

Joseph had one son, Thomas (born 1824, Iver, Bucks). I notice from the IGI that there was a Thomas West married at Warfield in 1792 and it is possible that my great-grandfather was named after Joseph’s father. There are however no entries in the IGI to indicate that the Thomas West who married in 1792 had any children.

The IGI indicates that there was a strong West representation at Warfield during the 1700-1800 period and I wonder if there are other members who may have, during the tracing of families, located the birth of a Joseph West at Warfield.”

Evelyn Werry, (3553), of 635 Richmond Street, Apt. 1, London, Ontario N6A 3H7, Canada would appreciate any information on the following family:

“Harriet Jones née Tuck, baptised 7th October 1818 at St. Matthew’s, Bethnal Green. She married David Jones on 19th January 1840 at St. Sepulchre, London and they had the following children: Henry (born 1845, London), Theophilus (born 1846, London), Emily (born 1848, Wokingham), Sarah (born 1852, Wokingham), Agnes (born 1850, Wokingham) and Arthur (born 1859, Reading).

On the 1861 Census they are living on Star Lane, Wokingham together with Harriet’s brother Edward Maylin Tuck. Harriet is shown as a widow. I would like to find them on the 1851 census, to determine the birth place of David Jones. Also I would like to find David Jones’ death, which might also be in Berkshire. David, Harriet and two of their children were Tailors.”

Nick Brand of 39, Sutherland Crescent, Dundee DD2 2HP Scotland, who is a member of the Tay Valley Family History Society in Tayside, Scotland would like some help with one set of his grandparents who lived in Berkshire:

“My grandfather, David George Pembroke, was a Reading man, who was born on 13th December 1901, and I believe that he attended Mortimer St. Mary’s school, as I have a certificate marked “*Diocese of Oxford*” stating that it was presented to him after an examination there on 17th March 1914, and signed by R. Nixon, Diocesan Inspector.

He married Mary Ethel Andrews in Earley Church, Reading, on 6th April 1929. She was from Bourton, in Dorset, so I assume that since they were not married there, that Earley Church was my grandfather’s local parish. He was a gamekeeper, and lived in Keeper’s Cottage, Pingewood, Burghfield, until his death in 1960. My mother, an only child, was born there on 29th November 1932. Her birth was registered 6th January 1933 by Stanley C. Davis, Registrar for the sub-district of St. Giles in Reading C.B.

He died on 18th July 1960, at Keeper’s Cottage, Pingewood, Burghfield, and the death was registered the following day by R. D. Fulbrook, Deputy Registrar.”

Research Centre News

By Cliff Debney

In the December magazine I said that the Research Centre now held a list of articles which had appeared in the *Digest* section of the Federations' *Family History News and Digest* half-yearly journal. I regret to say that I misled you. I was hoping the list would be available in January but due to pressure of other work it still hasn't reached the stage when it can be made available. Hopefully it will be in the Research Centre by the time you read this article.

The New Year has started with a bang as far as Library Tours are concerned as there was a record number who attended on the 19th January. It goes to show how much interest there is in finding out what the Reference Library holds and therefore how your research can be expanded without travelling to London, or even further afield. The next scheduled tours are:

- 16 March 2 - 4pm
- 20 April 7.30 - 9.30pm
- 18 May 2 - 4pm
- 15 June 7.30 - 9.30pm
- 20 July 2 - 4pm
- 17 August 7.30 - 9.30pm

I am continuing to take bookings for "private" tours - a reminder here that a private tour can only take place when the Centre is normally closed.

The normal opening times are:

- Tues 7.00 - 9.30
- Weds 10 - 4pm
- Thurs 1 - 4pm and 7 - 9.30pm

Wednesday is still the most popular day to visit the Centre but Thursday is not that far behind when the numbers for the two separate sessions are added together. It appears there is a demand to open the Centre more each week but this isn't possible with the present number of Library Assistants. As you are probably aware, we need two Library Assistants for each and every time we open - four on a Wednesday - a total of ten a week, i.e. between forty and fifty a month. Why not give other researchers the benefit of some of your time, once a month for up to three hours, as you have benefited from the work of others. If you are unable to help during the times we are open at present, please let June and Ivan Dickason know when it would be convenient for you to help, without any commitment at this stage, as it may enable us to open the centre to give YOU even more research time each week.

As those who regularly use the centre during the day know, it hasn't always been possible to park in the school grounds. I have approached the school and they are now leaving our two marked-out places for our use only, which will hopefully ease the day-time parking problem.

Visiting Churches

By W.G. Bradfield

When researching my family tree, I have visited several churchyards and cemeteries to find gravestones of deceased relatives. Whilst some have been difficult to read, it has been surprising how much information has been found which has amplified the somewhat stark information in church records, censuses etc. Sometimes within the church itself, there may be family plaques.

I also make a point of photographing anything of interest.

The visitors book may also contain names and addresses of relatives visiting the church. I enter my details in the book and on one occasion this quickly led to my tracing a branch of my family because an elderly resident in the village put me in touch with them.

Did you know that ---

--- a **tapisier** is an occupational word for an upholsterer or tapestry maker.

Members' Interests

Compiled by Robert Houseman

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

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| 3671 | BLANCHENAY | Combloux, Savoy | FRA | 1066-1550 | 3547 | DAVID | Anywhere | HAM | 1800-1880 |
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| 3675 | FIELD | St Leonards | LND | 1817-1900 | 3602 | HUDDY | Probus | CON | 1700-1895 |
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| 3501 | FISHER | Anywhere | BRK | 1750-1900 | 3705 | HUSE | Bray | BRK | 1700-1850 |
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| 3501 | GORING | Anywhere | LAN | 1750-1900 | 3643 | KNIBBS | Eton | BRK | 1836-1890 |
| 3602 | GOTT | Texas | USA | 1800-1910 | 3650 | LAKE | Bisham | BRK | 1700-1770 |
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| 3633 | GUNTER | Kinbury | BRK | 1560-1700 | 3615 | MAISEY | Abingdon | BRK | 1830-1998 |
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| 3665 | HAMBLIN | Hampstead Norreys | BRK | 1880-1950 | 3501 | MARLOW(E) | Offley | HRT | 1750-1900 |
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| 3574 | HARDEN | Rolvenden | | 1790-1880 | 3574 | MAYOH | Turton | | 1795-1920 |
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| 3643 | HESTER | Thame | BRK | 1820-1890 | 3675 | MOORE | Siebeck | PEM | 1700-1900 |
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| 3494 | HORNE | Englefield | BRK | 1850-1990 | 3643 | NORRIS | Hendred | BRK | 1760-1840 |
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| 3675 | PHAIR | Anywhere | DOW | 1600-1998 | 3693 | WARD | Hungerford | BRK | 1750-1850 |
| 3650 | PHILLIPS | Bisham | BRK | 1780-1855 | 3693 | WARD | Lambourn | BRK | 1750-1850 |
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| 3707 | SYMONS | Anywhere | CON | 1600-1900 | 3547 | WOOTTON | Cannock | STS | 1800-1880 |
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Berkshire Family History Society AGM

The 23rd Annual General Meeting of The Berkshire Family History Society will be held at 7:45pm, on Wednesday 10th June, 1998, at The United Reformed Church Hall, Cromwell Place, Northbrook Street, Newbury, Berkshire

Agenda:

1. Apologies for Absence
 2. Minutes of the 1997 Annual General Meeting
 3. Matters Arising
 4. Chairman's Report for 1997-1998
 5. Treasurer's Report for 1997-1998
 6. Election of President and Vice President
 7. Election of Officers for 1998-1999
 8. Accept the Branch Committee Appointed Ex-officio Members
 9. Election of Executive Committee Members for 1998-1999
 10. Nomination of Auditors for 1998-1999
 11. Any Other Business
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10.00 - 5.00

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You may use the £5 voucher in Don's leaflet or Book catalogue towards £30 of books or enrolment there at future day courses. (See advert on page 103).

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10.45 - 11.45 **Series of books and microfiches important to the family historian.**

12.30 - 1.15 **Major Family History Publications and especially recent ones.**

2.00 - 2.45 **Maps and Local Histories for the Family Historian.**

3.45 - 4.30 **Research & Recording Aids for the Family Historian.**

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Date:, 1998

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