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Events Calendar - 1998/99

Bracknell Branch

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

18 th December	"An Elephant Hunt", a practical exercise in family history	
15 th January	"The Manor, its People and its Records"	Peter Park
19 th February	"Australian Research in London"	Peter Bennett
19 th March	Members Evening	
16 th April	"The use of Newspapers in Family History"	Marion Brackpool

Newbury Branch

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

9 th December	"The Oldest Profession"	Beryl Hurley
13 th January	"Fire Insurance Records for Family Historians in England & Wales"	David Hawkins
10 th February	"Hatred Pursued Beyond the Grave - tales from probate litigation"	Jane Cox
10 th March	To be arranged	

Reading Branch

BFHS Research Centre, Prospect Technology College, 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.

9 th December	"Thackeray transport ventures in Reading"	Paul Lacey
27 th January	"Genealogical Computer Packages"	Eric Probert
24 th February	"The History of Reading School"	Michael Naxton
31 st March	"What's New at the Family Records Centre"	Margaret Brennand
28 th April	Branch AGM followed by "Tithe Maps and Awards c.1840"	Jean Debney

Slough Branch

St Andrew's Church Hall, 2, Merton Road, Slough
7:30pm for 7:45pm

15 th December	Christmas Party	
26 th January	To be arranged	
23 rd February	To be arranged	
30 th March	To be arranged	

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If anyone has a suitable photograph for inclusion on the front cover please let the Editor know.

The cover this time shows two lads from Blewbury, a photograph taken in about 1904/1905. The boy on the left was Claude Upstone and his friend Wilfred Ashridge. It is reproduced by permission of Marian Beck, who is Claude Upstone's niece.

Chairman's Notes

By Ivan Dickason

The Society and a large number of volunteers were busy on Saturday 10th October, 1998 and during the following seven days.

Firstly, it was the second Saturday opening of the Research Centre. I would remind members that the Saturday openings are experimental. The Executive Committee will be monitoring usage of the Research Centre during the Saturday openings and if the number of visitors does not justify the additional expense then it is likely they will cease. It is up to you, the members. The dates of further planned Saturday openings are given elsewhere in this magazine.

Secondly, the Society hosted the third Annual Meeting of the Central Southern Group of the Federation of Family History Societies. There are twelve societies in the group ranging from Bedfordshire in the North to Eastbourne in the South and from London and North Middlesex in the East to ourselves in the West. Sixteen people representing seven societies attended this year's meeting at Earley St. Peter's. It was my privilege to chair the meeting.

The following topics were discussed during the morning session: how to find - and keep - volunteers; in what physical form should societies issue their publications; the use of credit cards for payments to societies; and how societies should use the Internet. We also considered the possibility of holding a combined Family History Fair. In the afternoon, a guest speaker, Mr. Barney Tyrwhitt-Drake, talked about and displayed his census transcription software. Some representatives then went to see the Research Centre. I understand they were greatly impressed by what they saw.

It was an interesting day. There is no doubt there are tangible benefits from participating

in such a group.

Thirdly, Saturday 10th October marked the opening of the second Family History Week presented by the Society in the Nicholson Shopping Centre at Maidenhead. The event was staged in conjunction with the Maidenhead Heritage Trust. We mounted a display comprising much of our collection of family history display panels and we also took along a section of the bookstall with material targeted at beginners in family history. The 1881 Census indexes and transcripts for Berkshire were there all the week for visitors to use. For the Friday and second Saturday we also took along the 1881 Census indexes and transcripts for the remainder of England and Wales. These were very popular.

The event created great interest in Maidenhead. Some 400 people visited the Family History Week during the seven days we were there. There were good sales from the bookstall and a large number of membership forms and Research Centre leaflets were given away. Hopefully, this will result in a number of extra visitors to the Research Centre and, perhaps, some new members.

Cliff and Jean Debney were again responsible for setting up the display. Thank you, Cliff and Jean. I would also like to thank the members who volunteered to look after the display and to help visitors during the week. Having done some sessions myself, I know how challenging it can be to field questions from the public.

We have been invited to go again next year. However, to do justice to this wonderful opportunity of advertising the Society, we need a volunteer - or, preferably, two - who can take charge of the organisation and presentation of the material for the display.

For this and other events we need to increase the number of display panels held by the Society. Many of you have material that is suitable for making interesting and attractive displays on family history matters. Elsewhere in this magazine there is a preliminary announcement of a competition for you to win valuable prizes for new display panels.

On a completely different matter, some 230 members have so far returned the completed Computer Group questionnaire that was

included in the June magazine. I was struck by the large proportion of respondents who gave e-mail addresses. Thanks to the enthusiasm of Eddie Spackman the Society now has a budding electronic newsgroup. An article giving more information about this interesting development appears elsewhere in this magazine.

June and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

COMPETITION!

In 1999 the Society is holding a competition for members to display their family history knowledge in their own way.

The rules are quite simple:

- produce a display mounted on 1, 2 or 3 card(s) of A2 size (the dimensions of A2 size are 594 mm x 420 mm or 23½" x 16½");
- submit them to the Research Centre before 31st May 1999;
- all the entries will be shown at the AGM in June 1999;
- the best entries will be judged by a panel drawn from members of the Society;
- the presentation of valuable prizes will be made after the AGM in June 1999.

The following guidance may be helpful:

- winning display panels are likely to be more than a family tree. The judges will be looking for evidence of some further research to find and display additional information about your ancestors. For example, they may have been in the services; they may have been in the police and/ the territorial army; perhaps they were awarded medals; they may have been in prison; perhaps they were convicts, etc. Each of these examples could generate an attractive display.
- the Society would like to retain the best entries for use when we are invited to mount exhibitions and for display in the Research Centre.
- the restriction on size is necessary to ensure that the display panels can be readily stored and transported.

The closing date and instructions for submitting entries together with details of the prizes will appear in the March Edition of the *Berkshire Family Historian*.

Overseas members may send the display material to the Research Centre with a sketch of the layout and we will mount the display for you.

Dates for Your Diary

- 9th Jan. - 10th Jan* "Women and Children in Local History Sources 1500-1800" course to be held at Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford. Tutor: Nesta Evans. For further details contact OUDCE, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JA. Tel: (01865) 270368.
- Sat. 16th Jan. 1999* "Military Ancestors" day school which aims to introduce family historians to the records of military service, organised by the IHGS. Fee £32; closing date 31st December 1998. For further details contact the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies (IHGS) at 79-82 Northgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1BA, tel. 01227-768664, e-mail: ihgs@dial.pipex.com.
- Sat. 23rd Jan.* "Your Family History II: getting unstuck" day school at the University of Reading from 10am to 4.30pm. Tutor: Polly Lawrence. Fee £14.¹
- Sun. 31st Jan.* Family History Fair at Bracknell Sport Centre, Bagshot Lane, Bracknell: 10am - 5pm; admission £2.
- Sat. 6th Feb.* "Wills, inventories and accounts" day school at the Berkshire Record Office, Shinfield Park. Tutors: Peter Durrant and Joan Dils. Fee £13.¹
- Sat. 27th Feb.* "Organising your family history records - with and without a computer" day school at Caversham Centre, Church Road, Caversham from 10am to 4pm. Tutor, Jean Debney; For further details phone: 0118 947 7646.
- Sat. 20th Mar.* "Family History Workshop" day school at Newbury College from 10am to 3.30pm, fee £20. For further details please ring either 01635-35353 or 01635-37000 ext. 215.
- Sat. 27th Mar.* Second Midlands Family History Fair hosted by Leicestershire and Rutland FHS at the De Montfort Hall, Regents Road, Leicester. Further details from Miss D Merryweather, 11 Faldo Close, Rushey Mead, Leicester, LE4 7TS.
- 9th Apr. - 11th Apr.* "Cabbages and Kings" Family History Conference hosted by the Hampshire Genealogical Society in association with the Federation of Family History Societies at Sparsholt Agricultural College, Winchester. Further details from Mrs J Renton, 27 Lodge Road, Locks Heath, Hampshire SO31 6QY.
- Sat. 29th May* **Berkshire Family History Society Open Day at Prospect Technology College, Honey End Lane, Reading. Admission £1 to non-members.**

'Family History Induction Days' for family historians (maximum 12) will be available at PRO/Kew on Wednesdays 27th January and 24th February 1999. For further details contact Stella Colwell at Kew on 0181 876 3444 ext. 2254 or write to her at the Public Record Office, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU.

1. To enrol for courses organised by the University of Reading, Centre for Continuing Education, London Road, Reading, RG1 5AQ contact Sarah Liddell on 0118-931-4405.

Editor's Notes

In the September issue of the "Berkshire Family Historian" Jacqueline Harbor contributed an article "Reading Cemetery: Tales from the Tombstones" in which she mentioned that if anyone thought their ancestor might be buried in Reading Cemetery, she would be search her index for the cost of a SAE. Unfortunately, I forgot to include her address which is:7 Hemdean Rise, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire, RG4 7SA.

Thank you once again to all contributors to this issue. I am, as always, still needing articles. The next two deadlines are 27th January for March 1999 and 20th April for June 1999.

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, items for the Help Wanted pages, comments or general feedback in whatever format you are able to send them!

BERKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Present

Open Day '99

at

Prospect College, Honey End Lane, Reading
Saturday 29th May 1999

£1 ADMISSION - FREE TO BFHS MEMBERS

LARGE FREE CAR PARK

Family History Research Help Desk

Comprehensive BFHS Bookstall

Research Centre will be open

Other Family History Societies Attending

Light Refreshments available

John Bleloch has been researching the Bleloch/Blelock/Blelloch/Blellock family for many years and has learnt a great deal about its history and fortunes in the period from 1600 to the present day. If anyone has an interest in or connection with the family he would be delighted to hear from them and would be most happy to share his knowledge of the family.

The article below is John Bleloch's story which shows something of what it would have been like to serve in the army from 1840 to 1861.

Sergeant John Blelloch

The Life and Travels of a Nineteenth Century Soldier.

By John W. Bleloch

John Blelloch was the eldest son of Thomas Bleloch and Christian Robertson. He was born at Torryburn in 1823 and was baptised on 9th July of that year. He married Isabella Chrichton on 24 February 1862 at Dunfermline. This was shortly after his discharge from the army. They had three children. John died in February of 1907.

The Dunfermline Press of 23rd February 1907 records the life of John Blelloch in some detail, and gives a graphic picture of the hardships of travel, of the long separations from family and home that were the lot of a soldier in the early and middle Victorian years.

The entry reads:-

Death of a Crimean and Indian Mutiny Veteran

Sergeant John Blelloch

"The death occurred at 7 Bothwell Street, Dunfermline, on Thursday evening of Sergt John Blelloch, who had reached the advanced age of eighty-four.

It is fourteen years since the deceased retired from his position as timekeeper in St Leonard's works, where he had been employed for close on three decades. For the last three years he had been confined more or less to the house. Although old age had brought with it the customary frailties John enjoyed remarkably good health till he had reached a stage far beyond the allotted span and he was a living example of the powerful physique which enables the Highland Regiments to endure the hardships of war, of the brunt of which he bore an ample share.

While yet a lad of between sixteen and seventeen years of age, John Blelloch was induced to accept the "Queen's Shilling" on 6th January 1840. He enlisted in the 91st

Argyllshire Regiment, which was then stationed at the Cape. At the depot at Aberdeen he obtained his preliminary instruction, after which he was sent, along with the garrison, to the south of Ireland. In May 1843 he volunteered into the 42nd Royal Highlanders, on the formation of a reserve battalion of that regiment, the headquarters of which at the time were at Stirling. The reserve battalions had been formed for special duty in Malta, and Blelloch, previous to leaving for service abroad, paid a hurried visit to Dunfermline, where he saw his parents for what proved to be the last time. After two years at Malta, the regiment was ordered to proceed to the Bermudas in March 1847. In June 1851, when two reserve battalions of the 42nd were amalgamated the venue of service was transferred to Halifax, Nova Scotia from which station one of the five companies, that to which Blelloch belonged, was sent to

Charlotte-town, Prince Edward Island, north of the St Lawrence. In June 1852 the regiment returned to this country. For Belloch it was destined to be a sad home-coming. During his absence his father had died and his mother and other members of the family had sailed for America to join a relative there.

On the breaking out of hostilities in the Crimea, Belloch's regiment was ordered to the seat of war, arriving at Constantinople on 9th June 1854. Subsequently embarking [for] Scutari his company joined the Division which consisted of three battalions of Guards, and the 79th and 83rd Highlanders, commanded by the Duke of Cambridge, with Sir Colin Campbell in command of the Highland Brigade. After being reviewed by the Sultan, the regiment sailed for Varna in the Black Sea, encamping about two miles outside the town. With his comrades Belloch took part in the fight on the heights of Alma on 30th September 1854 and he was one of those who, three days later, experienced the memorable flank movement round Sebastopol to Balaclava. He took part in the Balaclava battle, and was one of the gallant fellows who, fighting against heavy odds, and suffering terribly from the effects of deprivations, made an unsuccessful attack on Sebastopol a few days later. During the progress of the siege he had the misfortune

I have not been able to find out what happened to Sergeant John's family, who left for America while he was away in Canada, nor do I know what happened to his children. That is the fascination of genealogy, there are always other leads to be followed if only time can be found to do it.

1881 Census Surname Index - The consolidated version covering the whole of England and Wales alphabetically by (1) surname and (2) birth place is due at the Family Records Centre by the end of November 1998.

There is a new noticeboard just outside the census and wills reading rooms on the first floor of the FRC which will announce new surname indexes and other recent acquisitions. [JD]

The 1997 indexes to births, marriages and deaths are now available in the Public Search Room at Myddleton Place. [JD]

to receive a fracture of his left leg, which resulted in his detention in hospital for three months.

Belloch had not been a year home, when with his regiment he was ordered to India, where the Mutiny had broken out. He took part in the capture of Cawnpore and the relief of Lucknow. Falling sick, he was ordered home, where he arrived on 2nd February 1861. He was discharged at Stirling on 28th October 1861, after a service of nearly twenty-two years.

Deceased retained almost a lifelong friendship with the late Sir Arthur Halkett, who carried the colours of the 42nd at Alma, Balaclava and Kertch, and he was one of the interesting group of Crimean veterans whom Sir Arthur entertained at Pittarane some years before his death. On the occasion of Sir Arthur's funeral Major Rose, one of the officers who attended paid a visit to Sergeant Belloch, who interested his visitor by personal recollections of the Major's father, whose acquaintance he had made in the Crimea.

Sergeant Belloch was pre-deceased by his wife some years ago. He was an elder in Queen Anne Street Church, and he acted for a period as treasurer of the sessions poor fund. He enjoyed an army pension of 1s 3d per day and latterly, during the last two years that amount was doubled."

Just One Long Holiday, With Pay

By Lisa Spurrier

This was how Charles Hazell, postmaster at Littlewick Green, White Waltham, described his 55 year "life on the land", in 1946. Born one of 14 children in Littleworth, Faringdon in 1881, he began working as a farm labourer at the age of 11, while simultaneously learning rural crafts such as hedging, shearing, ditch cleaning and gardening from his father in the evenings. He had begun keeping rabbits for sale at the age of 8. He went on to become a respected farm manager, and was even offered a job as lecturer by the Ministry of Agriculture - an offer he refused because of his love of the practical work. He was also a judge at rabbit and poultry shows. His one regret was that he never had the capital for a farm of his own. In retirement he set down his advice as to agriculture, horticulture and animal breeding "*for pleasure and profit*", combined with reminiscences of his own experiences. This volume, recently deposited in Berkshire Record Office² gives a vivid idea of life for agricultural labourers in the 1890s, surely of particular interest to family historians with ancestors employed in this way, written with idiosyncratic spelling and almost no punctuation. In the extracts which follow, I have left the former unaltered, but have inserted the latter.

"We will go back 50 odd year if my Memory is correct, which I think is. I will open the Ball by giving prices for work, both Piece work and day work, the price of Groceries & Fruit, Vegetables & etc.

Most Farmers payed labourers 10/- to 12/- per week. Some had a cottage, others payed their own Rent. The usual Rent of a cottage in a village was 10d and 1/- upward. The cottage we had was quite good, 3 Bed

Rooms, large flower Garden, with a slab stone court yard, & Conveniences with a very nice Fruit & Vegetable Garden about 20 pole and an allotment of quarter of an Acre. And the all in was £5 pounds per year. Today I should roughly say the fair rent would be £50 pounds. Almost every convenience at most houses was what they call an hovul. And usually a well built stone wall & Tiled roofed pig sty. Every villager kept pigs, chicken, Rabbits, Bees, as had got that convenience. Day men worked from 7 a.m. till 5 p.m., cattle men from 4 a.m. till 5 p.m. and then rack up about 8 p.m.

Carter and Cowman had 14/- per week & their house and £3 bonus at the end of Harvest. The Cowman had a little extra 6d each calf and I believe the Carter had 5/- for each foal. Such men as Cowman Carter and Shepherd usually had their pint of beer a day. Once a year Harvest home, a great spread for every one of every thing that you could desire and clay pipes & Tobacco. Piecework was done in most spears of life on the Farm, Hoeing Sweeds, Flat Hoeing 4/- per Acre, Cutting out 4/6 per Acre. Mangold was 6/- per Acre to cut out, flat hoeing was 4/- [per Acre]. Turnips was cut out & hoed, and the two operation was 7/- to 8/-. Wheat was cut with hook & stick, if it stood up well 8/-, if bad work anything up to about 16/-. Barley, & sometime Oats, was mowed with a sythe, and tied up for 6/- to 10/- per Acre. If the Ripping Machine cut the Wheat, Barley or Oats, it was 4/6 per Acre, to tie it up, stook, and keele Rake the acre. Rick thatching was done by the square, I am sorry to say I don't know how much per rick. This a man & boy always aimed at doing one rick daily, earning 10/- between

² D/EX 1505/1

them. Mangold pulling & clipping of Tops, 4/- per Acre, cleaning at the same time 7/6. Hedging & ditching, that was to lay a high Hedge with heather & stakes, 2/6 per Chain 22 yards, Ditching 1/- per Chain. Clipping low hedges ever year was 6d per chain, bad cases a little more. Sheep Sheering by hand was 4/6 per Score, and plenty of Bread & Cheese, Beer and Tea at 4 p.m. Going back over 50 years, the old saying the good old times. But I must say never better than now. True. All Household good and foods was always plentyful. One pint of Beer was 2d, but if you had a Barrel of Beer in their was prices from 8d, 1/- and 1/6 per gallon Mangold growed by Allotment Holders was sold usually 6d a large wheelbarrowful or 10/- per ton ... Ringing young pigs 1d each, for large pigs 2d, castorating 4 to 6 weeks pigs 2d each. A Days work for digging 10 pole of Allotment 2/6. To dig up 10 Bags of Potatoes & get them home 2/6. Killing Bacon pigs 1/6, Porkers 1/-. Plucking chicken 3d, pluck and draw 4d."

Hazell's own inclinations were towards what he called the "natural" way - what we now think of as organic farming. For instance, he thought cattle should be fed on "Grass of a nice texture", which he called "Nature's food for Cows", with "sweet mellow meadow hay" in winter, since "pure herbage naturally makes pure milk". He also advocated allowing hens to bring up their chicks naturally. He did approve of some changes, particularly in social matters:

"From experience I must say Farmers of today are improving both in their habit and in Farming. To tell the story more plainly, the Farmer and his men are more friendly. Jack seems as good as his Master, treated with more respect. He is housed better and payed a living wage. Their is no doubt the fall of labour was not altogether war, but the way men was treated housed and payed.

Every time the labourer is worthy of is hire. And looking back you can see treatment was very bad, Smith Jones and Brown was just Slaves to some Farmers. But today don't it sound better, Tom Dick and Harry. The Wiltshire Farmer said to his new Man, What's your name, and he said is Surname to the Farmer. No no said the Farmer, I call my men their proper Christain Name. This farmer was admired and respected more than any man I ever knew, not exactly because he always spoke to them in this proper manner, but because he was a very highly Educated sensible man and put all men as human...

The song used to be sung, We are all Jolly fellows that follow the plough, I believe that was so. I well can remember 4 or 5 Double Teams at Plough in one field and the men & youths allways seemed singing or whistling. I am afraid that day is over, not many horses. But probably their was a certain amount of Cruelity, Horse worked & Sweet from morning till night, whereas today Macanical Machinery such as Tractors can be worked day and night with great success, and no getting tired and the driver rider saving those days of walking 10 to 20 a day...

I have said quite a lot about the Olden days, when Farming was done well & Proper. But as years went on Farms got very bad pested up... The cry was more labour but it was too Late. Farmers drove good honest young men to the Towns & Cities. Their only crave was to keep the poor man down... they would not budge from that mean miserable fixed wage. And in the Majority of Cases, fairly big farms had to be run with nothing but a lot of old men... it brought them to the Wall. The World War 1939 brought them back to see their folly. Treat men well, give them their fair share of liberty as all other trades & Professions and a fair living wage.

The tide is turned, prosperous Farmers

working in Armony with good young men, paying a fair wage for a fair day's work."

He was keen on the provision of allotments to poorer men, allowing them to grow their own fruit and vegetables, and noted with pleasure the way evacuees during the Second World

War who had never left the cities came to appreciate the joys of gardening. Striking less of a chord today is Hazell's disapproval at leaving common land on the Downs uncultivated, which he thought a great waste!

Saumarez Mountstevens

By Ron Dobrée

Following Jacqueline Harbor's article, I may be able to offer a clue to Saumarez Mountstevens.

The de Sausmarez or Saumarez family are well known to Guernsey family historians. They are supposed to have originated from Michel de Saus marais (Michael of the Salt Marshes). (I use the word "supposed" as pre-Reformation records in Guernsey are not common). Like many Guernsey families they had a strong sea-faring tradition. A Philip Saumarez (he dropped the "de" of de Sausmarez because of anti-French feelings in the Navy at the time) accompanied Anson in his circumnavigation of the world (1739-44) and was his second-in-command when the sole surviving ship of his small fleet captured the Spanish Manila Treasure galleon in 1744. (Prior to that Anson nearly lost his ship and everything else when it broke its anchor cables in a storm on 22nd September 1742 while most of the crew were ashore on Tinian Island near Guam during a repair session. Fortunately Philip de Sausmarez was still on board with 108 men (normal crew 400) and they reappeared on 10th October to rescue the Admiral and crew).

While the Spanish galleon provided some £800,000 of treasure (at 1744 values) and comprised 32 wagon loads when taken from Portsmouth to the Tower of London, it caused law cases which went on for two years as the

supernumeraries (survivors from the rest of the fleet) tried to claim shares as extra officers of the *Centurion*. Philip eventually died in action in 1747

A James Saumarez born 10 years later was another significant sailor in the family. He entered the Navy in 1770, and rose to be Vice-Admiral in 1832. On the way he participated in the Battle of St Vincent and was second in command in 1798 at the Battle of the Nile. He also spent 10 years from 1803 until 1813 in the Baltic, many of them enforcing the blockade against France. He became 1st Baron de Sausmarez in 1831.

What connections do these have with Reading Cemetery and the Mountstevens family? I don't know, except that I note that in this century a great-great-grand-daughter of this James Saumarez married a Brigadier Palmer. Was he a local Palmer? I also know that Haviland Durand (Vicar of St Peter's, Earley until 1884) was a Guernseyman: the Saumarez name would be well known to him. I would be interested if anyone can establish a local connection, as the Saumarez name is also prevalent within one branch of my family.

(I must acknowledge Log of the Centurion, ed. Leo Heaps, 1973, and The Saumarez Papers, pub. The Naval Record Series, for some of the above information).

The Berkshire Record Office is now run by Reading Borough Council on behalf of all the unitary authorities in Berkshire. The new telephone number is 0118-901-5132. **Please note that visitors will no longer have access to the shop and restaurant.**

“My dearest Betsy”

Colin Brown (813) of “*Lynwood*”, 4 All Hallows Rd, Caversham, Reading RG4 5LP who is also interested in postal history has the following letter of 1785. He thinks that perhaps Thomas may have been taken by the Press Gang, or had fallen in love with “*the wrong*” person. The letter is addressed to “Mrs Connell at Home of Mrs Hayes Neice, The Grand Coffee House, Cork”.

“*Dunkirk, February ye 19, [17]85*

My dearest Betsy

At this moment I take pen in hand to write you With the greatest reluctance, merely as its not in my Power, to send you any relief the trifle that Would be in my power to send I [could not.....] A bill for O, my darling girl our seperation Is long & I am convinced at this inst. the situation of My only [...] must be miserable miserable beyond Description heaven has decreed it, & to my sorrow it must be so but must I live without hope am I never ever To see a scrawl from my heart and soul propitious god Believe a distressed man and resign to him his sole Treasure oh my dear Betsy pardon a distracted brain Make allowances for an unhappy man O Connell have You lived to undergo so awful a scene, deprived of your Only comfort good god, is it possible my life is in living heaven Forbid she should not let me live to see her now. Let me live to see her happy & I abandoned to the greatest torments let Me only see her then I am happy. O happy. happy beyond Description. O ye gods, what havoc have you made of But poor T C feels all

A few days before I left London I wrote you But what I said I know not. I do not my dear Betsy my not hearing from you so long deprives me of reason. It s impossible my heart I can hear from you know, unless Fortune should throw us on the coast of Ireland pray heaven it Might be so O my life my hearts so full I cannot Say as much as I could wish & we sail from here tomorrow Who knows but the great god may throw us in to some Part of Ireland at all events, this voayge will determine Our fate wch I am sure will bring us together O my god Should I live to that day Pray heaven bless you and be your guide & comfort, relieve you in your present distress & once more throw you in the arms Of him who will ever admire & adore His darling Betsy till death.

Thomas Connell

PS If an opportunity should Offer for gods sake write me to Tobago. Admit to the care of Captn Bannisen.”

*Admire & adore your adoring Father
His darling
Betsy till death
Thomas Connell*

Finding Berkshire Men during the Napoleonic Wars (1793-1815)

By Barbara Chambers

The chances are very high that some members of your family were in either or both the Militia and the Army during this period. As a good number of men served their time and returned home, even a diligent researcher would be none the wiser; others simply disappeared without trace. Many people therefore believe they *'have no connection with the Army'*.

This article is designed to *'whet your appetite'* but be warned, like all family history research, it carries a health warning as it can be contagious. My own experience should act as a warning. I began with a relative who I found had served in the 1st Foot Guards.

For a number of years I have been carrying out research on the men who made up the 1st Regiment of Foot Guards later to become the 1st or Grenadier Foot Guards. The majority of the period covered by the research involves the time of the French Wars, which lasted from 1793 to 1815. Commonly known as the Napoleonic Wars, the war was divided into three phases, the first phase from 1793 to 1802 being the French Revolutionary Wars, followed by a brief period of peace. The second phase was from 1803 to 1814, and within this time from 1806 to 1814 came the Peninsula Wars. Another period of peace followed, and the final phase in 1815 was known as the 100 Days War and involved the decisive battle of Waterloo.

My research has shown me that over the period of 22 years many thousands of men served in the Army and Militia Regiments. Casualties in the army were high as much from sickness as from fighting, and recruitment both for the army and militia was happening constantly.

It was not until I began my in-depth research into the men of the 1st Foot Guards that I realised the sheer numbers involved. This war had been known as the *'Great War'* up until the First World War. The 1st Foot Guards alone had in excess of 11,000 men serving during a period of twenty years. As there were well over 100 Regiments in the Army at this time, the numbers involved were considerable.

Throughout the period of the war men were enlisted and discharged, and the Government, ever the optimist, when peace was signed in 1802, ran down the army by discharging large numbers. As a result in 1803 there was a massive recruitment campaign due to the very real threat of invasion. Despite this threat the Government of the time were very much against general conscription into the Army. However 50,000 militia men were mobilised for home defence, many of these drawn by ballot. Each parish was required to supply a stated number of men for their county militia. They generally served for five years and were aged between 18 and 45. In May 1803 when war was declared on France a further 25,000 militia were raised. In addition men between 15 and 60 were encouraged to volunteer for one of the hundreds of volunteer units which sprang up at this time for home defence duties. These volunteers were exempted from the mass levy of 50,000 men whom the Government hoped to raise by ballot to make up an Army of Reserve to serve in this country.

Many of these reservists encouraged by a bounty subsequently volunteered to serve for an unlimited period of time with other Regiments. Later, as casualties began to

mount, the Militia men were encouraged to volunteer for the army, many of those enlisting for a seven year period with a bounty offered as encouragement. By 1812 a considerable number of the army recruits came from the well-trained Militia Regiments.

Army of Reserve

The men drawn by ballot for the Army of Reserve in 1803 were allocated by counties to specific Regiments. The men from the counties of Berkshire, Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire were sent to the reserve of the 66th Regiment of Foot, then based at Winchester. According to the Act of Parliament of 6th July 1803 the County of Berkshire was required to provide 443 recruits. A number of other regiments, including the 1st Foot Guards, recruited from the 66th Regiment reserve. So this would be one area of research for local men.

Militia

I looked briefly at the Royal Berkshire Militia monthly returns for 1813 held at the Public Record Office when they were serving in Ireland. Although men generally joined their county militia it is also possible that they were in adjoining county militia. I have found some Berkshire men in the Oxfordshire Militia.

*Royal Berkshire Militia*³

Between March and December 1813 the Militia were stationed in Athlone. In April 1813, 76 volunteers went to various Regiments of the line, the details being listed in the returns. In December 1813, 155 volunteers were sent to various Regiments including many to the Royal Waggon Train (the forerunner of the Royal Army Service Corps). This pattern of recruitment would have been repeated in earlier and later years.

³ WO13/143

1st Foot Guards

So far around 67 men who give Berkshire as their place of birth have been identified as serving with the 1st Foot Guards. Only around a quarter of those who served with the Regiment received a pension and their service could therefore be identified at a later date by the term '*Chelsea Pensioner*'⁴ or '*Pensioner*' against their name in various records. There were others who survived and served their time before returning to resume a normal life with no-one the wiser and there were many others who never returned home.

Some Berkshire Men who Served with the 1st Foot Guards

Private William Saunders, a labourer from West Challow, Berkshire, enlisted in the 1st Foot Guards on 26th November 1803. He was 22 years old and described as 5'6¼", with dark hair. He died at Chatham on the 17th February 1809, shortly after the Regiment returned to Britain from Corunna. From his place of enlistment I would guess he was one of the balloted men who went into the 66th Regiment and volunteered from there. This can be confirmed by checking the Pay and Muster Rolls for the 66th Regiment of Foot in 1803, which are at Kew in WO12.

Private William Jerman/Jermain, a labourer from Wingfield [Winkfield], Berkshire, enlisted in the 1st Foot Guards on 23rd June 1800 in London, aged 17 years. He was discharged with a Chelsea out-pension in December 1822. His description at discharge was 5'7" with brown hair, blue eyes, a fresh complexion. He was at the Battle of Corunna

⁴ The term Chelsea Pensioner at this time referred to any man discharged from the Army who received a pension at his discharge or later. He was not what we would now think of as a Chelsea Pensioner, the men who reside at the Royal Chelsea Hospital. He would live where he liked and draw a regular pension from the district that he lived. Some men, though not many, went on to become In-Pensioners and they would reside at Chelsea Hospital.

in 1809 and later received a medal. He died in London on 29th June 1850.

Private Thomas Duck, a coachmaker from Wantage, Berkshire, enlisted in the 1st Foot Guards on 18th December 1813, whilst serving with the Oxford Militia at Cork. He was 20 years old, 5'7" with brown hair and a fair complexion. He served with the Regiment at the Battle of Waterloo where he was wounded and later received a Waterloo medal. He was discharged on the 25th February 1820, but was not recommended for a pension. He would have been 27 when he was discharged.

Nathaniel Loaring, a labourer from Windsor, Berkshire, enlisted on 27th March 1811 in London aged 11⁵ years, described as 5', with light brown hair and a fair complexion. He died at Windsor on 10th May 1830. From his age it is quite likely that he was the son of a serving soldier, which may also account for his place of birth. There is another Nathaniel Loaring serving in the Regiment, who is quite probably his father and it should be possible to prove or disprove this. The elder Nathaniel came from Somerset.

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⁵ It was not unusual for sons of soldiers to join as Drummers, he would receive education, while he was young, many went on to do quite well in the Regiment.

Are Mackrells Macklins?

By Sue Ritter

I've caught a very fishy problem from the Internet! Courtesy of the BFHS website (keep up the good work) I obtained Volume 2 of the 1851 census.

Why? Great-great-great-grandfather John Macklin was born in East Garston in 1811/12. He and his wife Charlotte, 18 years his junior, lived in Berkshire until 1853/4, until they moved to Colchester where John worked as a miller. Their son, William John was born in 1847/8 and daughter Ellen in 1850 at East Garston.

Having faced the usual difficulties:- three generations of William Johns; illegitimate births, economy with the truth re age at wedding, and an apparent pre-disposition to alter one's first names - great expectations greeted the arrival of the Census

The first impression was of doom. However, on further study there may be a solution, for sharing the correct folio no. are:

Henry Mackrell 70

John Mackrell 39

Charlotte Mackrell 22

William Mackrell 3

and **Ellen Mackrell 4m**

This fitted the information which I knew was correct. Furthermore, John and Charlotte named their second son Henry.

So is this a case of the enumerator mishearing the family name? Was there an error in transposition? If any readers have met and solved this dilemma (particularly with reference to Macklins) please help.

I agree that Mackrell isn't Mackerel but if the Census can do it, so can I - and when milling went into decline members of the family sold fish!

A Sailing Ticket Puzzle

By Ruby Bateman

I have been given this copy of a sailing ticket of my son-in-law's family who emigrated to New Zealand. Can any one solve a puzzle? Did the Governments of the 1800's help emigrants with grants to be paid back in later years? These two were servants and would not have the money for the fare. Or could it have been another sort of assisted passage to colonise the country. I know that in the early 1900's Societies persuaded people to go to Canada and America, which would have been cheaper, but how did they find the large sums for their passage?

The ticket cost £34 including Government dues and lead money paid back to the New Zealand Government, £20 in January 1907. The amount of food provided is interesting.

Any information would be helpful.

PASSENGERS' CONTRACT TICKET.

1. This Contract Ticket is this form must be taken in every Passenger engaging a passage from the United Kingdom to any place out of Europe, and not being entitled to the Mediterranean Sea.

2. The Visiting Book for the vessel shall be placed in the body of the Ticket.

3. All the tickets must be correctly filled in, and the Ticket must be properly signed with the Christian name and surname and subject in full of the party leaving the coast.

4. The day of the month on which the Ship is to sail shall be inserted in words and not by figure.

5. The fare must be inserted, the Ticket must be signed both by the Passenger, and any children, adults, or women, made in full.

Ship *H. Calcutta* of *Class 3* Tons Register, to take to:
 Passengers at *Southampton, Dover, London* for *Wellington, New Zealand*
 on the *fourteenth* day of *April* 187*3*

1. I signify that the performance in the margin hereof shall be provided with a Steerage Passage to, and shall be landed at, the Port of *New Zealand* in the Ship *H. Calcutta* with not less than *Fifteen* Cubic Feet for *each* *English* Adult, and shall be victualled during the voyage and the time of detention at any place before its destination, according to the submitted Scale, for the sum of *£34.0.0* including Government dues before embarkation, and lead money, if any, at the place of landing, and every other charge * except freight for excess of baggage beyond the quantity specified, and I hereby acknowledge to have received the sum of *£* *34* *0* *0* payment.

NAME: *William Savage* 21/1
 Address: *Dorset* 21/1

The following quantities, at least, of Water and Provisions (to be brewed daily) will be supplied by the Master of the Ship, as required by Law, viz., to each Passenger: *Adult* Three Quarts of Water daily, and an additional quart of Water daily when the Ship is within the Tropics, exclusive of what is necessary for making the articles required by the Passengers Act, to be found in a cooked state, and a Weekly Allowance of Provisions according to the following Scale:-

Scale of Provisions for each Adult Passenger per Week.

ARTICLE	Quantity	ARTICLE	Quantity
Preserved Meats	1 lb.	Butter	3 lb.
Salt Beef	1 lb.	Milk	1 gallon
Salt Pork	1 lb.	Tea	1 lb.
Cheese	1 lb.	Starch	1 lb.
Biscuits	3 lb. 10 oz.	Flour	1 lb.
Wine	1 quart	Yeast	1 lb.
Beer	1 quart	Spices	1 lb.
Port Wine	1 quart	White Sugar	1 lb.
Brandy	1 quart	Water	3 quarts
Liquor	1 quart	Lead	1 lb.
Hotels	1 quart		

Children between one and ten years of age to receive one-half each, instead of full rations, every day; and in addition to the articles in which they are entitled by the above-schedule, a portion of a pint of preserved milk daily, and every alternate day one egg, and 8 oz. of preserved butter - public. Children under one year, 3 quarts of water daily, and if above four months old, half a pint of preserved milk daily, and every alternate day one egg, and 3 oz. preserved soap, 1 lb. 10 oz. tea, 1 lb. 10 oz. starch, 1 lb. yeast, 1 lb. 10 oz. flour, 1 lb. 10 oz. sugar, 1 lb. 10 oz. salt, and 1 lb. 10 oz. wine.

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In the sum of *£* *34* *0* *0* to be repaid to the Government in the Colony.

Provisionary Notes to be signed before sailing.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.
 This ticket is valid only for the passage to the Port of New Zealand, and is not valid for any other purpose. The Passenger is bound to pay the fare, and to be ready to receive the vessel at the Port of New Zealand, and to be ready to receive the vessel at the Port of New Zealand, and to be ready to receive the vessel at the Port of New Zealand.

Witness my hand and seal this 17th day of April 1873.

Wm. Savage
Wm. Savage

Serendipity and the Internet: Tracing the Purver Family in Berkshire and Canada

By Pat Straughan

The name Purver and its variants: Purvey, Perveur etc. is not common. The 1881 Census for England shows fewer than 60 households with Purver families or individuals. Over half of these give places of birth in Berkshire or Hampshire, with the remainder mostly giving Wiltshire, Sussex or Surrey as their county of origin. Other evidence, such as the General Register Index and the IGI, confirms the trend, with some earlier references in Cambridgeshire.

Despite the apparent rarity of this name, when my maternal aunt, Phyllis May Fuller, married Leonard Somerville Purver in 1939, she was told that she had Purver ancestors of her own. I have been trying to find out whether they are related other than by marriage for about 15 years. Leonard once told me that he had relatives in Canada and that one of them had been "over here" doing family history research. The advent of the Internet and a little serendipity has now made it possible to link the strands of the Purver family together.

Tracing my maternal line was relatively easy. My great-great-grandmother Harriet Purvey married Charles Prior at St Giles, Reading in 1854. She had been born at Theale in 1833, the eldest of seven daughters born to Thomas and his wife Harriet (née Staples). Thomas and Harriet were married at Tilehurst in 1832.

The 1851 Census for Reading St Giles records that Thomas Purver was born in Reading in about 1811. Documentary evidence shows that he seems to have followed various occupations. In 1851 he was a hammerman at an iron foundry. In 1849 and 1854 he was a labourer, but in 1835, 1841 and 1842 he was a horse-

keeper. This latter trade was, many years later, to prove an important clue in establishing the relationship between the two branches of the family.

A look through the parish registers of the main Reading parishes shows that four sons and a daughter were baptised at St Mary's, children of Thomas and Harriet Purver/Purvey: Thomas in 1812, John in 1815, William in 1818, George in 1820 and Hannah in 1823. A marriage for Thomas and Harriet has not been found, although there is a record of a Thomas Purver marrying an Ann Harriet Huse [sic] at St Lawrence's in 1801.

The 1851 Census for St Mary's parish shows a Thomas and Harriet Purves or Purver living in Wine Court, both aged 70, both born Upton, Hampshire. This could either be the non-parochial village split between Hurstbourne Tarrant and Vernham's Dean lying just off the Andover-Newbury road or else Upton Grey, near Basingstoke. This remains to be investigated.

Having used the traditional research methods, serendipity and the Internet now played their part in joining the two parts of the family.

"*Surfing the net*" one evening, I linked into Rootsweb and looked at the various names within counties which people were searching. I came across one David Warrilow of Oregon who was searching the name Purser in Berkshire around 1850. The 1851 Census for Berkshire contains no Pursers. Could your Purser be a Purver, I emailed to David? Yes, came back the reply - my great-grandmother was Margaret Purver, born 1851 in Reading.

Margaret was the daughter of George Purver, born 1820 in Reading. The family appears on the 1851 Census at Boarded Lane in St Mary's Parish. George was a horse-keeper. His 1842 marriage to Caroline Axam at Aldworth shows that his father was Thomas Purver, horse-keeper.

So, David Warrilow is my fourth cousin, once removed, according to the computer program which works these things out. But what about the cousinship between my aunt and her husband? Fortunately, David is also a keen net surfer. Although now living in America, he was born in Canada. He had established contact with two brothers, Bill and Ron Purver of Vancouver and Ottawa respectively.

Bill and Ron are the great-great-grandsons of George Purver and Caroline née Axam. Like David Warrilow, they are my fourth cousins, once removed.

George and Caroline had seven children. Their third child, Thomas, born in Reading in 1848, married Esther Saunders at Nettlebed, Oxfordshire in 1872. Thomas and Esther's seven children included William Harrington Purver born at Nettlebed in 1879.

George and Caroline's youngest child was John William Purver born in Reading in 1856. John William married Esther Wheeler in Reading in 1881 and their four children included John William junior born 1884 and Jessie May born 1894.

On 27th December, William Harrington

Purver married as his second wife his first cousin Jessie May Purver. William had been living in Canada but returned to England to fight in the Great War. After their marriage, they lived for several years in Reading where their son Gordon was born. Subsequently they moved back to Canada, where their grandsons Bill and Ron were born.

John William Purver junior married Christiana Horsley at Reading in 1910. Among their five children was Leonard Somerville Purver born 1912.

So, again according to my faithful computer program, Leonard and Phyllis were third cousins once removed, as well as husband and wife. The "*relative in Canada*" who had been doing family history research proved to be Ron Purver, and I was pleased to meet him for the first time earlier this year. I am grateful to him and to David Warrilow for much of the information given here.

My computer program has a problem. It is very unhappy that William Harrington married Jessie May and that Leonard married Phyllis because it means that I am doubly related to them and all of their descendants. Trying to draw a sensible tree seems impossible. Now ... let's see if serendipity and the Internet can sort out whether the Thomas and Harriet in Wine Court are "*mine*" and if so, where did they come from?

A Computers in Family History Conference will take place in Manchester on Saturday 24th April 1999 and is being run jointly by Manchester and Lancashire FHS and the Society of Genealogists.

The venue will be the University of Salford and there will be an exciting programme of lectures, demonstrations of genealogy software and workshops on aspects of genealogical computer including the Internet. Books, equipment and software sales will be on offer. The University campus is easily accessed by public transport and there will be car parking available both on and off campus.

The cost will be £18.50 including refreshments and a buffet lunch. A provisional programme and application form may be obtained by sending an SAE (min. 9" x 4") to The Conference Manager, Manchester & Lancashire FHS, Clayton House, 59 Piccadilly, Manchester, M1 2AQ.

Computer Forum

By Eddie Spackman

E-mail list/Discussion Group

Some good news. We have now established an e-mailing list for the society. By using me as the 'post-office' it can also be used as a discussion group. **If you have an e-mail address and are not already receiving messages from the group please contact me at the address below.** I am operating it exclusively for the benefit of the Society.

Discussions started at the beginning of November. It has been active and information is being exchanged. What is the purpose of this list? There are several:

- to discuss topics chosen by the members themselves (but they must be confined to computing and family history).
- to pass on information about society affairs and family history events (e.g. forthcoming meetings) - Jocie's talk was advertised in this way.
- to make known new resources (e.g. at the Research Centre, on the Internet, at Public Record Offices etc.) - the new LDS Vital Records CDs are an example.
- to discuss family history matters of general interest to members.

There are other discussion lists and forums - like the Rootsweb-hosted discussion groups for Berkshire and Wessex. It is not intended to duplicate their function. However, ours is a closed list for members only, and this makes it is very unlikely that information will be picked up and used by unscrupulous 'professional' researchers.

E-mail is a quick method of making contact with our members worldwide and I will pass on any information as soon as I receive it - preferably by e-mail or on 3 ½" diskette.

This is a new venture for the society and we

wait to see how it develops. One of our members is considering doing the same for Alberta Genealogical Society in Canada and is watching us closely.

Directory of E-mail Addresses

A directory has been produced and sent to all those for whom the society has an e-mail address. Names and e-mail addresses are only included for those who give their permission.

It has been suggested previously that the Directory would be included in this magazine. This has not been done because it is not clear what purpose this would serve. It is perhaps not a good idea to have such a list available to 'all and sundry'.

Directory Slip Survey

Over 250 completed 'Directory slips' were received out of a total Society membership of around 1500. There must by now be a lot more of the society who are 'hooked up' - let me know when you are. 140 have e-mail addresses and the most popular Family History programs are: Family Tree Maker (72), Brothers Keeper (46), Reunion (34), PAF (25) and Family Tree (13).

It is interesting to note where the replies came from: 113 have a Reading postcode, and overseas members are in Australia (13), Canada (9), USA (2), Belgium (1) and New Zealand (1). Contact by e-mail was very soon established with the New Zealander - who must be our most 'far flung' member.

The e-mail/discussion group should be of great value to overseas members. All those on the e-mail list received, for instance, a copy of the handout provided at the recent meeting given by Jocie only 50 hours later. We could not achieve that for those who were not at the meeting by using 'snail mail'.

Meetings

On 4th November, Jocie McBride gave a very informative talk and demonstration on how she uses the Internet. As she said, "*this was her way of using the Internet*"; there will be many others.

She used a linked set of 4 PCs and provided an excellent simulation of the way the Internet and e-mail work to around 30 of us. I think that this was more satisfactory than using a telephone link that may have suffered from all sorts of quirks - as these things are prone to do during demonstrations.

Although this demo was largely aimed at the beginner and those who may not even have a computer, I, as someone who must call himself '*experienced*', still found it compelling to watch. I learnt, for instance, of the list of '*Trades and Professions*' accessible from the GENUKI pages which will prove useful to me.

The talk included humour. Jocie showed some extracts from a '*school punishment book*' and '*rules for teachers*' from some 100 years ago or so which some kind soul has transcribed onto a Web site. Such information is useful to the Family Historian as it includes lists of names and some additional information.

Thank you Jocie for a very interesting evening.

Next Meeting

No further meetings of the Computer Group have yet been planned. However, the next Society meeting of specific interest is on "*Genealogical Computer Packages*". It will be given by Eric Probert on 27th January 1998 and is a Reading Branch Meeting.

Non-e-mail members

The usage of computers and in formation available through the WWW (World Wide Web) on the Internet is increasing at (some of us will say) an alarming rate. The WWW already provides a huge new resource for family history and is quickly becoming, if not so already, indispensable. It will continue to grow extremely fast for many years. Despite the fact that some describe the WWW as the World Wide Wait it does in fact provide extremely rapid means for communication and information exchange. It does not provide an alternative for serious researchers who will still have to look at original documents but it will help them decide which to look at.

If you have a question for the Computer Forum which you would like answered and do not have e-mail, then please send it to the Editor and your query will be forwarded.

Eddie can be contacted on:

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DID MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY EMIGRATE TO NSW?

KEVIN HERRING will be pleased to help you to continue your research. I specialise in tracing the history of land ownership within NSW and also hold/have access to a wide range of genealogical and historical records which also assist in tracing immigrants and their descendants. Shipping, birth, death and marriage records, death duty and bankruptcy files, and land title records are but a few of the resources held/available. Regular visits are made to major resource centres. A range of genealogical resources are also held for Victoria and Tasmania.

For a prompt, personal and professional service please write to:

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Please enclose \$A15 for preliminary evaluation.

Research Centre Report

By Cliff Debney

You will all be pleased to know that the income from the Centre is still rising, although the numbers visiting appear to be levelling off. As we are able to compare both numbers of researchers and income month by month since November 1995, it is easy to see both the general and monthly trends. Immediately after a *Berkshire Family Historian* is issued there is a rise in the number of researchers, which slowly decreases over the next two months until the next Magazine; and the numbers attending the monthly library tours follows the same pattern. The number of new members joining at the Centre is still rising, which we believe is because the Centre is meeting the needs of our members, and others, to research their family histories, not only for Berkshire but the UK and overseas.

Saturday Openings

As announced in the June and September Magazines, the Research Centre has been open on the **second Saturday of each month**, commencing in September, from 10 am to 4 pm. To our disappointment, the September opening was a complete flop - nobody came - and only four (locals) came in October.

We have decided to continue the experiment for a longer period and are currently waiting for the school to confirm we can extend our bookings until July 1999. On the assumption they will, and we have no reason to think otherwise, the Centre will be open on the second Saturday of each month in 1999 as follows:

9 th January	13 th February	13 th March	
10 th April	8 th May	12 th June	10 th July

Library Tours

Please note the following dates and times for the **third Monday of each month**:

18 th January	7.30pm
15 th February	2pm
15 th March	7.30pm
19 th April	2pm.

“Private” tours outside normal Centre opening hours can be arranged by your Society Branch, family history class tutor, etc. Please note that the maximum tour number is 12. Contact me to book a date and time.

Reference Library

Lesley Hanna, with Chad’s help, is gradually re-organising the Reference Library layout to ease pressure of space in some sections. If you cannot immediately find a book in the “old place”, do look around - or ask the Library Assistant - and in doing so you may even find something else of even greater interest. A new catalogue is now available in the Centre which is arranged in three ways, viz.: by Title, Author, and Subject. An updated Census Catalogue is due shortly (as is a catalogue of our parish register transcript holdings) which is sorely needed after the recent dramatic increase in our holdings for England and Wales, mainly of 1851 indexes for English counties. Remember that census indexes can be in either booklet or fiche form, so if you cannot find the county of your interest in one format, try the other. Note, the 1851 Census indexes for Devon, Warwickshire and Norfolk are on fiche and in the same format as the 1881 Census indexes.

Lost Property

Since the Society Research Centre opened in the Spring, 1995, we have acquired many items of lost property such as notebooks, etc. Some are later reclaimed, but we are gradually holding some potentially valuable family history items, among which are these three photographs:

1. Four girls in uniform with a fire tender, etc.: *"The opening of Staverton Lodge, Maidenhead, by the Mayor and*

Mayoress of Wokingham: Molly EAGLES, Tailoring; Freda JACOB, Control; Sally LAWS, Dispatch Rider and Betty BALLARD, Water Office."

2. A Carte de Visite of a young man in a velvet collared coat: *"A. F. Salisbury, Pawtucket, RI"*.
3. The seated *"Eva Mercy Somerville & Henry Neville"*.



Figure 1



Figure 2

If you recognise any of these, please contact me to arrange either for personal collection from the Research Centre or, if by post, please enclose sufficient postage.



Figure 3

The next time you visit the Centre, don't forget to ask the volunteers to check the lost property drawer - and make a New Year Resolution to **ALWAYS** put your name and address on any notebook, etc. you bring with you and **ONLY** bring copies, **NEVER** original items!!

Bookstall News

By Sally Pellow

New titles: local histories

Do you have ancestors who served in the First World War in the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th Kitchener Battalions of the Royal Berkshire Regiment? A series of four titles written by the Kitchener Battalions Project covers the contribution made by those battalions: the first, **Responding to the Call**, has just been reprinted, and the fourth, **Their Duty Done**, has been published this month.

The books cover the action taken in the war in more detail than many official histories. As well as intelligent explanations of the battle plans and the conditions, there are many quotes from the men themselves, some taken from letters sent home, and some from those who survived the war. The accounts are moving and simply put. There are also lots of photographs, many of which must have been taken by the men during the time spent in the trenches. The maps are clear and easy to follow. At the end of each book there are appendices which show you how to find the battlegrounds today, give a list of names of those killed and injured, and also brief biographies of many of the men involved.

Other battalions mentioned, who fought with the Royal Berkshire Regiment, are the 7th Norfolk, the 7th and 8th Suffolks, the 9th and 10th Essex, the Black Watch, the London Scottish and the 9th Royal Fusiliers. Anyone with an interest in the First World War would be pleased to own copies of these books, which are extremely easy to read, and very detailed.

Responding to the Call (£4.95) covers the formation of the 'pals' battalions following the appeal by Lord Kitchener, and covers the period from August 1914 to the end of 1915. It covers the involvement by the Royal Berkshire Regiment in the Battle of Loos in September 1915.

On the Somme (£5.95) takes you through the Battle of the Somme in 1916, with action by the 6th Battalion in Montauban, Delville Wood, Thiepval and Schwaben Redoubt; by the 5th Battalion in Ovillers and in the German counter-

attack, and by the 8th Battalion in Pearl Alley, on the Intermediate Line and in High Wood.

Arras to Cambrai (£7.95) covers 1917 and the battles in the Ancre Valley, the 5th battle at Arras, the 3rd Battle of Ypres, Passchendaele and finally Cambrai.

Their Duty Done (£7.95) leads you through the German Offensive of 1918 including the action of Hangard Wood, then the final Allied offensive and the Battle of Amiens, with the advance to Péronne and the attacks at St Pierre Vaast Wood. It ends with the disbanding and dispersement of the battalions. [SP]



This was Tilehurst by Sue Handscomb £6.95

This is a lovely selection of more than 130 photos and old postcards of Tilehurst. Sue Handscomb, a local author who has already published one book on Tilehurst, has collected photos of places, work outings, sports teams and other events from the 1880s onwards, and by researching the photos and the files in the Berkshire Record Office, has been able to identify each view and many of the houses. She has carefully matched the pictures to the individual roads and has arranged the book in alphabetical order of the roads. If you have family who lived in Tilehurst at any time in the first half of this century, this book will fascinate you. [SP]



Salt of the Earth, a stroll down memory lane by Dorrie Minall £6.99

(available from the author, Mini Books, 8 Chilton Close, Benson, Wallingford, OX10 6LG)

Once I had read the opening lines of chapter one, I was hooked on this fascinating "stroll down memory lane". Using her own memories in creating this story, the author has used an easy, narrative style to describe family life through three generations in the first half of this century in the overcrowded courts and alleys of Coley, an area west of Reading and now mostly under the Inner Distribution Road.

Woven between references to many of the streets and places in Reading and Coley is gossip, squabbles, family life, poverty, men leaving to fight in The Great War, a wartime wedding in St Marys, life - and death - from consumption and the 'flu epidemic, a French-Canadian soldier, a baby, soldiers returning from the War, working at the "Biscuit Factory" and the "Brewery", Saturday night drunks - on to the Second World War and pinching buckets of coal from the yards, GI soldiers, more babies - and a final glimpse at families rehoused from the congested area, demolition, and much, much more ...

For those who can remember the earlier times, as well as for younger readers, this books gives a glimpse of our ancestors' struggle to manage and make ends meet. [JD]



Beef, Bacon and Bag Pudding - Old Berkshire in the Civil War, by David Disbury £4.95

Sooner or later, most family historians find themselves attempting to trace their ancestors through the gap in various records during the hiatus of the Civil War and Commonwealth period, which occurred between 1640 and 1660. David Disbury is a member of our Society who has written an informative account of this period, not only as it relates to Berkshire but also outside the county. It is well-researched and easy to read. It is interesting to note that, although the Civil War took place over 350 years ago, whenever it is mentioned many people still take sides either for King or Parliament!

Originally privately published in 1978 in A4 format as "*Berkshire in the Civil War*", the title of this new edition - which includes a new appendix - is taken from the writings of Bulstrode Whitelock of Henley-on-Thames, Oxford, a leader in the Civil War. The overall impact is a little spoilt by several 'typos' from uncorrected computer scanning which are especially noticeable in the "*Notes to the Text*". The author tells me these were outside his control. On the bottom right-hand corner of each page are pictures of 17th century musket

drill which "move" when you flick through - but, as I'm left-handed, my drill went backwards! [JD]



Before the Fountain - a view of Victorian Woolhampton and Midgham by John Grigg £5.80

As We Were, 1901 to 1930 - a view of Edwardian Woolhampton and Midgham by John Grigg £7.00

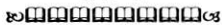
Here are two more good local histories with lots of names and local detail compiled by John Grigg, an enthusiastic local historian, from research into contemporary sources such as local newspapers, directories, census returns, school log books, etc., combined with oral history and items loaned by local residents which cannot be found in any "official" records. Both are well illustrated with photographs and good sketches and contain a chronology of dates and events for their relevant period. And, for those of us who have forgotten - or perhaps never known - the 'old' measurements, the 'Victorian' book includes a glossary. [JD]



Other new titles:

Contiguous Parishes: I spent some time recently hunting long-dead ancestors in a particular parish, then realised that I needed to look at the surrounding parishes. However, I wasn't sure which they were, and had to squint at maps pinned high on a wall... If I had brought my copy of Contiguous Parishes for that county, I could have looked it all up without any delay. The Contiguous Parishes series is a range of A5 booklets, one for each county, which lists all the parishes of that county in alphabetical order, and against each parish lists all the parishes whose boundaries touch it. Simple. Each booklet costs only £1.00, except for Norfolk which is £2.00; the parishes covered have been extended since I wrote the booklist in September and now cover (from top to bottom) Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cheshire, Cornwall, Cumberland, Devon, Dorset, Durham, Essex, Flint and Denbighshire,

Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Kent, Lancashire, Merioneth and Montgomery, Monmouthshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Somerset, Staffordshire, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Westmorland, Wiltshire, Worcestershire, and Yorkshire East, North and West Ridings (in three separate books). [SP]



Looking at Old Photographs by Robert Pols £5.95

In this book, Robert Pols takes 36 examples of Victorian and Edwardian photos, whether postcards, photos or cartes de visite, and by analysing the pose, clothing, props and photographer's details teaches you, the family historian, how to date your own old photos and how to make assumptions about the people involved and the reasons for the pose. If you enjoy Jean Debney's analyses of old photos in Practical Family History magazine, this is definitely the book for you. [SP]



Photography for Family Historians by Robert Pols £4.95

The opening chapter of this book claims that it is not for experts, but aims, simply, to assist the ordinary family historian to take better photographs. I would have to disagree with this, the long-winded chapters on each subject would, I believe, send any amateur photographer scuttling back to his tried and tested Box Brownie. If anything, there is too much technical information to absorb, though at times some points are so basic as to be insulting to the reader.

The most helpful chapter in this book, I think, is the one dealing with care, storage and documentation of photographs to make up your family history archives. Hints on restoring and preserving old photographs and useful addresses of specialist suppliers of archival quality storage materials are extremely useful to family historians.

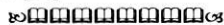
All in all though I think this book is more suited to amateur snappers wanting to be serious photographers than family historians just

wanting some half-decent photographs for their family archives. [JT]



Basic Facts about...Tracing Your Catholic Ancestry in England by Michael Gandy £1.50

The 'Basics' series is for those beginning to explore a subject area, and are ideal for the newcomer to Family History. Michael Gandy is the foremost author on Catholic Ancestry in this country. This new addition to the Basic Facts series covers the history and records of Catholicism, mainly in England, but also in parts of Scotland. [SP]



Basic Facts About ... Using Wills after 1858 and First Avenue House by Audrey Collins £1.50

The indexes of the Principal Probate Registry of the Family Division were moved, in May 1998, from Somerset House (where they had been for 140 years) to First Avenue House and this latest title in very useful "Basic" series is an important new publication. As always, information is brief and to the point. Included is a map of the relevant part of London, how to get there by bus or underground and facilities available at the new location. There are also details about what the indexes contain and the documents to which they refer, how to view or obtain copies of records on personal application or by post (with the address), useful addresses and bibliography - there is something here not only for the beginner, but also for the more experienced family historian who needs to catch up with the changes. [JD]



An Introduction To...Using Computers for Genealogy (2nd ed) by David Hawgood £2.95

If you have started your study using the 'Basics' series above, then the 'Introduction To' series is for the reader who is looking for more detailed information. David Hawgood first published this book in 1994 and has now brought out the revised edition. He assumes that you are a complete novice at computers, and explains why you might want to use a computer, and what it could do for you; he then goes on to

cover the range of computing terms you might encounter, even explaining the layout of the standard keyboard! There is an excellent index, and he covers all aspects of types of software and equipment. Very good. [SP]



Specialist Indexes for Family Historians by Jeremy Gibson and Elizabeth Hampson £3.50

Gibson Guides are how we describe the series of books by Jeremy Gibson, sometimes in conjunction with other authors. They are authoritative and extremely detailed, and cover a single subject in some depth. This book began life as part of *'Marriage, Census and Other Indexes'* but the number of specialist indexes which the authors have tracked down - or which have been produced in recent years by Family History Societies - now justify a separate book. The book lists these indexes, such as monumental inscription records, lists of lawyers or strays indexes, and covers each county in detail, ending the book with indexes which cover the whole country. Once you have tracked someone down through the census and the parish records, this book will point you in the right direction for more places to look. [SP]



Land and Window Tax Assessments (2nd ed) by Jeremy Gibson, Mervyn Medlycott and Dennis Mills £3.95

Another Gibson Guide, on the specialist subject of the Land Tax which lists names of proprietors of land in a parish from the late 17th Century to the mid 20th Century; and also on Window Taxes from 1696 to 1851. A county by county list on the available holdings, and just to help you, maps of each county to establish which *'hundred'* or area might be the appropriate one for you. First published in 1993, this gives an updated list of holdings and addresses. [SP]



More Sources of World War I Army Ancestry (3rd ed) by Norman Holding £5.45

This book is the third in the series on this subject, anyone starting from scratch in family history research and the First World War era in

particular would do well to read the first two books in the series, but if that is not possible, there is a short synopsis at the beginning.

I found this book fascinating to read, it opens with an historical background to the various army regiments, how the regiments formed, the differences between regular soldiers, the militia and the yeomanry, and even the role of the volunteer, through the changes of 1908 and 1914 to 1918.

The book covers, through a number of chapters, every conceivable source of military and civilian information imaginable together with detailed photographs, diagrams, sketches and descriptions to aid the reader. This is an excellent reference book in itself but also contains an extensive bibliography of other books on the same or associated subjects.

Altogether this book is well worth the money and a must for anyone with an interest in World War One, but more especially for family history researchers looking into their predecessors' military history. [JT]



Sources for Irish Genealogy in the Library of the Society of Genealogists (2nd ed) comp. by Anthony J Camp £4.00

Here is another extremely useful catalogue to a particular section of the largest genealogical library available to those lucky enough to be researching from England. Comprehensively expanded from the small leaflet first published in 1990, this edition is arranged by subject and then by each Irish county, including Northern Ireland as well as Eire.

As with the other SOG Library Sources, it can be used in two ways: firstly, what is in the SOG and, secondly, what records exist that you might find elsewhere.

Don't forget to read the *"Introduction"* where you will find, among other important information, details of Irish bibliographies, the Library shelf references for Ireland, and a list of other SOG Catalogues which refer to Irish material. [JD]

Books reviewed by Jean Debney, Julie Tivoli and Sally Pellow

Berkshire Record Office News

The following items are reproduced from The Berkshire Echo - The Newsletter of Berkshire Record Office (No 7 Autumn 1998).

Just Catalogued

Business records are generally underrepresented in our holdings, so we were delighted when the Reading Co-operative Society decided to deposit its records here. They have now been catalogued (D/EX 1497), and cover the period 1865-1997. The early minutes hold considerable detail of business decisions. As well as Co-op shops, the Society started a bakery in Sackville Street, Reading, in 1887, a restaurant/hotel in Cheapside in about 1918, and a dairy in 1933. In the 1890s they started buying houses to rent or sell to members on hire-purchase principles. There were strong links with the labour movement - as early as 1894, the Society assisted striking Welsh slateworkers, and later employees were obliged to join a trade union. Societies based in Newbury and Maidenhead were incorporated in 1884 and 1927. The business was run solely on behalf of local members, who received regular dividend payments, up to 1965, when it was amalgamated with the national organisation.

Other business records deposited recently are those of the Talbot Serpell Transport Company of Reading, 1922-1946 (D/EX 1489) and stock and shareholder records of the Didcot, Newbury and Southampton Railway, 1881-1923 (D/EX 1495). Other voluntary organisations to place their records in our care included the Maidenhead Constitutional Club (for local Conservative supporters), 1892-1994 (D/EX 1498), Reading Swimming Club, 1903-1990 (D/EX 1592), and Reading and District Boy Scout Association, 1909-1938 (D/EX 1500). The latter rather startlingly

reveal the early use of carbines for drill by the young Scouts! Progress Theatre, Reading, has added additional records, 1947-1994 (D/EX 1151).

Official records are represented by a fine collection from Wargrave Parish Council, 1818-1988 (CPC 145), including the original parish enclosure maps and award of 1818. The minutes of December 1914 include the Council's decision to refuse the requested use of the District School as a place of isolation for infectious diseases since it was already being used as a school, a rifle range, a store for fire brigade equipment, and a temporary reading room for billeted soldiers. The records of Reading National Savings Committee, 1931-1969 (P/NS 2) reveal official efforts to encourage saving. We have also received a copy of the admission registers of Childrey Council School, 1913-1972 (D/EX 1501). Finally, a draft petition from the ratepayers of Reading for the town to be brought under the Public Health Act of 1848, 1849 (D/EX 1459) has been catalogued.

Some interesting parish records have come from Cold Ash, 1865-1992 (D/P 130D), including registers of baptisms 1865-1968, and burials 1865-1992, and records of St Mary's Home for Girls, Cold Ash 1891-1932. The records of Caversham St Barnabas (Emmer Green), 1918-1997 (D/P 162D) include marriage registers 1944-1996, and references to Teenage Dances held in the church hall in the 1950s. The Tidmarsh register of banns 1898-1997 (D/P 131) includes entries for Sulham. Thatcham United Reformed (formerly Congregational) Church has deposited its records, 1807-1985 (D/N 37). These

include baptisms 1807-1836, 1849-1880, 1945-1973, marriages 1860-1880, deaths, 1819-1821, and burials 1851-1871, many of the entries relating to Bucklebury, including the burial of the latter's celebrated minister John Morton in 1871. Those interested in registers will also be interested to note the inclusion of details of a marriage in Castle Street Chapel, Reading in 1867, apparently omitted from the proper register.

The large estate collection of the Mount family of Wasing has been supplemented by the addition of newly-catalogued deeds and estate papers relating to property in Brimpton, Speen, Oare, Thatcham and Wasing, 1597-1874 (D/EMT). Other deeds and papers have been received relating to property in Ascot 1923, and Cookham 1878 (D/EX 1523), Bray 1679-1742, and Hurley 1615 (D/EX 1491), Maidenhead 1884 (D/EX 1520), Shinfield 1793-1886 (D/EZ 120), Shinfield 1921-1945, and Tilehurst 1905-1972 (D/EX 1494), Waltham St Lawrence 1612-1927 (D/EX 1484), and West Berkshire parishes, 1745 (D/EX 914).

Bowled Over

Many people are familiar with County Quarter Sessions papers and the wealth of material they contain. Fewer, perhaps, are aware that many boroughs also held Quarter Sessions courts which covered crimes committed within their boundaries.

The Maidenhead Quarter Sessions minutes of 14 July 1749 (M/QS 1) record the conviction of Edward Parrier for "*keeping and maintaineing a Comon Bowleing Alley for playing a Game called Nine pins prohibited by Law And for which Offence he and his two Suretys stood on their Recognizances*". He was fined £5. The law against which Parrier offended seems to have been the "*Bill for the maintaining Artillery, and the Debarring of unlawful*

games"⁶ of 1541. This prohibited "*bowling, coyting [quoiting?], cloysh-cayls,*"⁷ *half bowl, tennis, dicing table or carding*" on the grounds that archers could not afford to keep up their bows because of the gambling associated with such games. Gaming also incited the archers to violence and kept them from church on Sundays.

The Unrelated Certificates Index is operated by the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry to give a home for those unwanted birth, marriage and death certificates for the British Isles that we all unfortunately have. These are certificates that researchers have purchased but are of no use or no longer required. From each certificate every legible name is entered in a database. The collection currently is estimated to hold approximately 100,000 names.

Gifts of certificates for inclusion in this index are most welcome. Likewise enquiries of the index are most welcome. For obvious reasons this is a postal enquiry service only.

For a donation of £3 with an SAE, I can do a general search of the index for up to three surnames with a few named variants. A computerised print-out is provided. Should any entry be of particular interest, I can then provide a full transcript of the certificate at a cost of £1 each.

For any members who do donate certificates my thanks in advance. I am sorry but with the pressure of operating this index I am not able to acknowledge every donation.

Postal enquiries ONLY to:

**Tony Sargent, 2a, Victoria Road,
Harborne, Birmingham, B17 0AH.**

⁶ 33 Henry VIII c.9

⁷ According to the OED an obsolete game, possibly like nine-pins, although according to Dutch descriptions it closer resembled croquet.

Did This Lady Live in Caversham?

By Sue McPhee

The reverse side of the photograph on the right names the photographer as J Green of Caversham, Reading.

Is she related to a Rankin, McPhee or Cameron from Lochaber?



The woman on the left is Jane McPhee and she looks like a close relative perhaps a sister, daughter, cousin or niece. Jane McPhee (c.1822-1897) was born near Lake Strontian, daughter of Ewen and Flora McPhee (née Rankin) who lived in Banavie (near Fort William) from around

1823 to 1849. Ewen McPhee migrated to Australia in 1849 on the *Blonde* with six of his ten children and minus Flora. Jane lived at Oxley Island near Taree, NSW with two sons Donald and Hugh after husband John McPhee died in the early 1860s. Other members of the family: Janet, later Robertson, and sons, Ewen, Duncan and Alexander, moved to the Clarence and Richmond Rivers in northern NSW. Ewen (snr) died at Liverpool, NSW.

Please send any suggestions to: Miss Sue McPhee, PO Box 481, Potts Point, NSW 2011, Australia. E-mail: suemcp@ozemail.com.au



Help Offered

Tony Gamester (2924) of "Cromlech", Blay's Lane, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey, TW20 OPH would be willing to consult the following volumes for fellow Berks FHS members. Please enclose an SAE.

Returns of Papists 1767 Vol. 2. ⁸	Herefordshire Militia Assessments 1663
The Visitation of Hampshire 1686 and the Isle of Wight	Oxfordshire and North Berkshire Protestation Returns 1641-42
Buckinghamshire Sessions Records 1705-12	Family Names and Their Story by S.Baring-Gould
Vols. 2, 3, 4 & 5 of The Wakefield Manorial Court Rolls for 1348-50, 1331-3, 1583-5 & 1664-5	
English Surnames by C M Matthews	English Surnames by Charles Wareing Bardsley
The Guinness Book of Names 5 th Edition by Leslie Dunkley	

⁸ The only Dioceses which actually name persons are those of Durham, Hereford and Devon & Cornwall.

Let's Get Familia

Last year Familia, EARL's directory of Family History Resources in Public Libraries' was launched. It was the culmination of a year's work by EARL's Family History Task Group - including librarians from West Sussex, Glasgow, Hereford and Worcester, Newport, Westminster, North Yorkshire and Monmouthshire. Familia can be found at <http://www.earl.org.uk/familia/>

The site contains detailed information on family history sources held by each library authority. To date, over 150 library authorities throughout the UK and the Republic of Ireland have provided information for Familia.

Familia contains a wealth of family history information such as whether a research service is provided, Registrar's General's index to births, deaths and marriages, census returns, directories, electoral registers and poll books, parish registers and details of local record offices.

EARL, the Consortium for Public Library Networking, was established in 1995 to develop the role of public libraries in providing library and information services over the network. It now has over 160 partners in local authorities, government, the profession, higher education and the commercial sector including the Library Association, the British Library, the UK Office for Library and Information Networking, the Department for Education and Employment and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Through collaboration, EARL aims to demonstrate and extend the ability of public libraries to deliver networked information and knowledge-based services.

For more information please contact EARL at 4th Floor, Gun Court, 70 Wapping Lane, London, E1 9RL. Tel:0171-702-2020, Fax: 0171-702-2019,

E-mail: infor@earl.org.uk

URL: <http://www.earl.org.uk/>

News from the PRO

For those who wait impatiently for the release, on microfilm, of the surviving 25% of the "burnt" World War I soldiers' documents, currently held at Hayes and only accessible on payment of a large sum of money and proof of direct relationship - which does not guarantee any information even after a wait of some months - microfilming is now progressing with the aid of a lottery grant and assistance from the Mormons.

The following list of anticipated release dates of microfilm at the PRO at Kew has been compiled from information given by Simon Fowler in the November 1998 edition of "Family Tree Magazine":

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A, B, C, D - Spring 1999

E - Available

F - Christmas 1998

G - Spring 2003

H, I, J - Winter 2002

K, L - Autumn 2001

M - Spring 2001

N, O - Available

P, Q⁹ R, S - Spring 2000

T - Autumn 1999

U, V - Available

X, Y - Christmas 1998

W - Spring 1999

Z - Available

⁹ Q is not included in the list.

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Compiled by Robert Houseman

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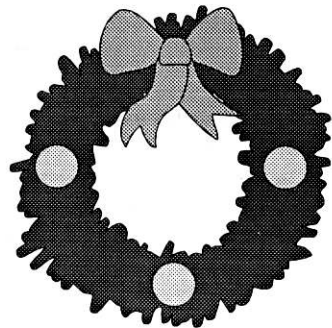
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3838	ALLAR	Anywhere		GTL 1066-1900	3849	ATKINS	Bruton		SOM1800-1900
3800	ALLEN	Maidenhead		BRK 1830-1960	3838	AVIS	Anywhere		BKM1066-1900
3802	ANDREWS	Bray/Cookham		BRK 1700-1800	3502	AYRES	Bray		BRK 1700-1740
3802	ANDREWS	Taplow		BRM1700-1880	3502	AYRES	Cookham		BRK 1740-1800
3812	ANSON	Anywhere		HRT 1775-1826	3843	AYRES	Whitechapel		LND 1066-1998
3840	APPLEGARTH	St Pancras		MDX1850-1998	3810	BAILEY	Anywhere		MDX1800-1950
3271	ARCHER	Gt Marlow		BKM1700-1800	3802	BARTON	Taplow		BKM1750-1850

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3815	BASTOW	Exeter		DEV 1800-1900	3824	COX	Wallingford		BRK 1066-1875
3846	BATEMAN	Bray		BRK 1800-1850	3824	COX	Wrayisbury		BKM1875-1890
3502	BAZLEY	Bristol		SOM1700-1800	3815	CROCKETT	Tring		HRT 1750-1920
3502	BEAZLEY	Bristol		SOM1700-1800	3830	CROSS	Winterbourne Kingston		DOR 1700-1800
3815	BEDFORD	Northchurch		HRT 1650-1900	3860	CURL	Woburn		BDF 1800-1850
2884	BEESELEY	Anywhere		BRK 1650-1750	3846	CURTIS	Anywhere		BKM1750-1860
3830	BENDELL	Kingsclere		HAM1700-1850	3846	CURTIS	Anywhere		BRK 1800-1860
3877	BENNETT	Anywhere		CON 1066-1900	3846	CURTIS	Clewer		BRK 1800-1860
1323	BERRY	Ottery St Mary		DEV 1800-1880	1323	CURTIS	Oxhill		WAR1700-1800
3270	BETTS	Oxford		OXF 1700-1800	3812	CUSACK	Anywhere		LIM 1770-1838
3830	BIRD	Greenham		BRK 1700-1850	3830	DAVIS	Studland		DOR 1700-1998
3271	BLAY	Bray		BRK 1700-1800	3830	DAVIS	Winterbourne Kingston		DOR 1700-1998
3271	BLAY	Gt Marlow		BKM1700-1800	3812	DAVISON	Stepney		MDX1770-1819
3812	BLYTHE	Bristol		GLS 1780-1833	3818	DEBNAM	Anywhere		ESS 1600-1900
3830	BOOKER	Denchworth		BRK 1700-1880	3838	DENHAM	Anywhere		GTL 1066-1850
3860	BOYER	Basingstoke		HAM1880-1950	3810	DENTON	Steventon		BRK 1800-1900
3860	BOYER	Hook		HAM1880-1950	3502	DOUSE	Cookham		BRK 1600-1780
3824	BRITTAİN	Letcombe Regis		BRK 1066-1900	3874	DURNSFORD	Anywhere		BRK 1700-1800
3824	BRITTAİN	Longcot		BRK 1870-1998	3820	EACOTT	ALL	ALL	ALL
3831	BROOM	Anywhere		NFK 1700-1850	3810	EDNEY	Abingdon		BRK 1800-1850
3840	BROWN	Abingdon		BRK 1066-1810	3840	EDNEY	Appleton		BRK 1066-1800
3843	BROWN	Anywhere		BRK 1066-1998	3849	EDWELL	Steventon		BRK 1750-1850
3840	BROWN	Appleton		BRK 1810-1998	3812	ELLIOT	Greenlaw		BEW1800-1858
3840	BROWN	St Pancras		MDX1840-1998	3843	EVANS	Anywhere		BRK 1066-1998
3860	BROWN(E)	Woburn		BDF 1820-1845	3824	FAITHFULL	Anywhere		LND 1900-1998
3815	BUDD	Tring		HRT 1700-1900	3824	FAITHFULL	Houghton		HAM1066-1900
3794	BULL	Anywhere		ESS 1600-1800	3728	FARLIE	Anywhere		LND 1066-1874
3854	BULPIT	Combe		BRK 1600-1998	3855	FIELD	Bethnal Green		LND 1800-1995
3810	BUNYAN	Bethnal Green		MDX1800-1900	3502	FIELD	Cookham		BRK 1700-1800
2844	BURKE	Cardiff		GLA 1800-1900	3824	FINN	Cork		IRL 1066-1900
2844	BURKE	Swansea		GLA 1750-1900	3824	FINN	Poertsmouth		HAM1853-1998
3830	BUTLER	Greenham		BRK 1700-1900	3846	FISHLOCK	East Woodhay		HAM1760-1800
3830	BUTLER	Guildford		SRY 1900-1998	3812	FLINT	Canada		1800-1870
3830	BUTLER	Kingsclere		HAM1700-1900	3815	FLOOD	Exeter		DEV 1700-1900
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3859	CAMPBELL	Dromore		DOW1800-1880	3817	FORD	Theale		BRK 1820-1850
3812	CANE	Stratfield Turgis		HAM1730-1811	3846	FOSTER	Chanbourne		DOR 1740-1800
2884	CANNON	Anywhere		BRK 1600-1800	3817	FOWLER	Charfield		GLS 1810-1840
1323	CARNAL	Ottery St Mary		DEV 1800-1880	3794	FOY	Reading		BRK 1700-1998
1323	CARNEL	Ottery St Mary		DEV 1800-1880	3860	FRUIN	Cookham		BRK 1750-1800
3830	CARPENTER	Weston-under-Penyard		HEF 1700-1998	3794	FULLER	Anywhere		ESS 1800-1900
3818	CARTER	Anywhere		CAM1600-1900	3645	FULLER	Hellingly		SSX 1750-1850
3818	CARTER	Anywhere		ESS 1600-1900	3794	FURNISS	Anywhere		YKS 1700-1998
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3818	CARTER	Anywhere		SFK 1600-1900	3818	GINGER	Anywhere		BKM1600-1998
3818	CHILLINGWORTH	Anywhere		LND 1600-1900	3818	GINGER	Anywhere		BRK 1600-1998
3818	CHILLINGWORTH	Anywhere		MDX1600-1900	3818	GINGER	Anywhere		MDX1600-1998
1323	CHITTEL	Chieveley		BRK 1650-1750	3849	GIRARD	St Georges East		MDX1800-1900
3502	CHITTS	Cookham		BRK 1700-1810	3864	GIRDLER	Kingsclere		HAM1796-1900
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3815	CHURCH	Colchester		ESS 1800-1900	3846	GOFFE	Ringwood		HAM1800-1840
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3818	CLACKSON	Anywhere		LND 1600-1998	2884	GOODCHILD	Winkfield		BRK 1700-1850
3818	CLACKSON	Anywhere		MDX1600-1998	3812	GOODMAN	Ashampstead		BRK 1700-1799
3830	CLARGO	Thatcham		BRK 1700-1850	3830	GOULD	Studland		DOR 1700-1998
3812	CLARK	Bethnal Green		MDX1800-1860	3848	GREEN	Anywhere		ESS 1860-1998
1323	CLARK(E)	Reading		BRK 1800-1840	3271	GREEN	Gt Marlow		BKM1700-1800
1323	CLARK(E)	Coventry		WAR1700-1840	3848	GREEN	Poplar		ESS
3838	CLOUTING	Anywhere		SFK 1066-1900	3838	GREGORY	Anywhere		ESS 1066-1850
3843	COLLENDER	Whitechapel		LND 1066-1998	3877	GRIFFIN	Bray		BRK 1066-1998
3270	COLLINS	Felpham		SSX 1750-1850	3877	GRIFFIN	Cookham		BRK 1066-1998
3843	CONY	Anywhere		BRK 1066-1998	3877	GRIFFIN	Maidenhead		BRK 1066-1998
3877	COOK(E)	Bray		BRK 1066-1998	3877	GRIFFIN	Oakley Green		BRK 1066-1998
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3848	COOPER	Bolton-le-Moor		LAN 1700-1900	3831	HAMMOND	Virginia Water		SRY 1700-1876
3849	COOPER	Lambeth		SRY 1750-1820	3821	HARMAN	Bisham		BKM1700-1800
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3800	CORDERY	Shinfield		BRK 1600-1920	3843	HARRIS	Anywhere		BRK 1066-1998
3824	COX	Camden Town		LND 1870-1876	3821	HART	Anywhere		BRK 1800-1900
3824	COX	Kentish Town		LND 1870-1876	3843	HATCH	Anywhere		BRK 1066-1998
3846	COX	Portsmouth		HAM1800-1850	3502	HATCH	Cookham		BRK 1600-1780
3824	COX	Twickenham		MDX1890-1998	3271	HATHAWAY	Princes Risborough		BKM1700-1800

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3815	HAYTER	Salisbury		WIL 1800-1900	3849	MILLS	East Hagbourne		BRK 1810-1890
3818	HEARN	Anywhere		BRK 1600-1900	3849	MILLS	Steventon		BRK 1750-1850
3821	HENBERY	Anywhere		LND 1890-1998	3849	MILWARD	Spitalfields		MDX1800-1900
3818	HERBERT	Anywhere		LND 1600-1998	3270	MONEY	South Bersted		SSX 1700-1875
3818	HERBERT	Anywhere		MDX1600-1998	3859	MONSARRAT	Dublin		DUB 1780-1998
3800	HERBERT	Caste Eaton		WIL 1600-1800	3843	MOORCOCK	Anywhere		BRK 1066-1998
3838	HESK	Anywhere		GTL 1066-1900	3794	MORLEY	Gorleston		NFK 1700-1998
3824	HEWITT	Portsmouth		HAM1750-1920	2844	MORT	Cardiff		GLA 1750-1900
3838	HIGGES	Anywhere		ALL 1066-1850	2844	MORT	Swanse		GLA 1700-1900
3838	HIGGS	Anywhere		ALL 1066-1850	3645	MORTIMORE	Dartmouth		DEV 1750-1850
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3830	HIGGS	Thatcham		BRK 1700-1850	3645	MUSPRATT	King Somborne		HAM1750-1800
3800	HILDERLEY	Shinfield		BRK 1700-1900	3846	MUSSELL	Harbridge		HAM1700-1800
3645	HILTON	Steyning		SSX 1750-1850	3810	MUTTEN	Anywhere		MDX1800-1900
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3843	HOLDERNESS	Anywhere		BRK 1066-1998	3848	NICHOLSON-LAILEY	Anywhere		Anywhere ALL
3645	HOLT	Great Berkhamstead		HRT 1800-1850	3859	NISBET	Lasswode		MLN1800-1998
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3859	HOYLE	Manchester		LAN 1820-1880	3817	O'CONNOR	St George		MDX1850-1920
3794	HUBBARD	Leicester		LEI 1750-1998	3838	OLLARD	Anywhere		ALL 1066-1900
3818	HUGHES	Anywhere		BRK 1600-1900	3838	OSBORN	Anywhere		GTL 1066-1850
2884	HUNT	Old Windsor		BRK 1700-1850	3270	PAIN	Herstonceux		SSX 1650-1750
2844	INGRAM	E/W Knoyle		WIL 1750-1950	3843	PALMER	Anywhere		BRK 1066-1998
3874	INKPEN	Anywhere		BRK 1700-1800	3794	PANKHURST	Anywhere		KEN 1750-1900
3874	INKPEN	Bethnal Green		MDX1820-1881	3728	PARISH	Theydonbois		ESS 1066-1837
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3645	JOWSEY	Anywhere		MDX1800-1850	3848	PEACH	Nantwich		CHS 1800-1880
3810	JOY	Anywhere		MDX1700-1900	3812	PEARCE	Thatcham		BRK 1750-1820
3818	KENNY	Anywhere		ESS 1600-1998	3843	PEAT	Anywhere		BRK 1066-1998
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3865	KESSEL	Anywhere		BRK 1700-1850	3645	PERKINS	Boreham		ESS 1750-1800
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1323	KNAPP	Bradfield		BRK 1700-1800	3812	PIKE	Ashampstead		BRK 1700-1773
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3817	KNIGHT	Chelmsford		ESS 1790-1830	3815	PITKIN	All	ALL	ALL
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3859	LEGGAT	Paisley		RFW 1800-1918	3877	RANSCOMBE	Cookham		BRK 1066-1998
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2844	LIVERMORE	Anywhere		WIL 1800-1900	3864	REID	Strathavon		LKS 1855-1891
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3860	LUFF	New Windsor		BRK 1730-1800	3815	ROWE	Soulbury		BKM1800-1900
3645	LYFORD	Swallowfield		BRK 1750-1850	3800	ROWELL	Pontisland		NBL 1700-1910
3817	MARSHAL	Bucklebury		BRK 1730-1800	1323	ROWLEY	Coventry		WAR 1700-1900
3849	MATTHEWS	Wandsworth		SRY 1820-1890	3818	ROWLING(G)SON	Anywhere		CAM1600-1900
3840	MCCARTHY	St Pancras		MDX1940-1998	3818	ROWLING(G)SON	Anywhere		ESS 1600-1900
3802	MILES	Bray/Cookham		BRK 1725-1825	3818	ROWLING(G)SON	Anywhere		MDX1600-1900

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3815	ROWNTREE	London		MDX1750-1900	3859	WATSON	Barony		LKS 1780-1870
3838	RUSSELL	Anywhere		GTL 1750-1850	3824	WATSON	Wrayisbury		BKM1066-1900
3800	RUTHERFORD	Newbiggin		NBL 1700-1910	3817	WEARE	Bristol		GLS 1700-1920
3831	SALT	Shellingford		BRK 1700-1851	1323	WEBB	Churchover		WAR1800-1850
3854	SALT	Shellingford		BRK 1600-1875	3270	WEBB	Woodstock		OXF 1700-1860
1323	SARGOOD	Chieveley		BRK 1650-1750	2844	WEDGE	Whitechurch		HAM1700-1900
3831	SAULT	Shellingford		BRK 1700-1851	1323	WELLER	Reading		BRK 1700-1850
3817	SAUNDERS	Reading		BRK 1760-1820	3860	WERNHAM	Wallingford		BRK 1800-1880
2884	SHARP	Anywhere		BRK 1650-1750	1323	WHELDON	Coventry		WAR1850-1900
3846	SHEARN	Harbridge		HAM1700-1850	3830	WHITE	Holdenhurst		DOR 1700-1900
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3270	SILLS	Fordingbridge		HAM1760-1860	3645	WHITMOOR	Holdenhurst		DOR 1700-1850
3865	SILVESTER	Anywhere		BRK 1600-1850	3830	WHITMORE	Holdenhurst		DOR 1700-1850
3877	SIMMONS	Dulwich		SRY 1800-1900	2884	WICKS	Anywhere		BRK 1750-1880
3810	SIMS	Anywhere		BRK 1700-1850	3843	WICKS	Anywhere		BRK 1066-1998
3859	SIMS	Norwich		NFK 1780-1880	3855	WICKS	Romford		ESS 1900-1995
2884	SIMS	Reading		BRK 1750-1880	3855	WICKS	W Wretham		NKF 1800-1900
2844	SIVYER	Andover		HAM1750-1900	3270	WILKINS	Didcot		BRK 1700-1950
3270	SKELCHER	Horton		OXF 1700-1800	3848	WILKS	London		LND 1750-1850
3270	SMITH	Breamore		HAM1760-1860	3848	WILLIAMS	Caerphilly		WGM1800-1940
3502	SMITH	Cookham		BRK 1640-1720	2844	WILLIS	Anywhere		HAM1600-1900
3849	SMITH	Gloucester		GLS 1800-1900	2884	WILLIS	Anywhere		BRK 1700-1800
3849	SMITH	Mile End Old Town		MDX1750-1820	2844	WILLIS	Ashmansworth		HAM1600-1900
3840	SPARROW	Appleton		BRK 1066-1798	2844	WILLIS	Facombe		HAM1600-1900
3270	SPOKES	Gt Milton		OXF 1700-1875	3271	WILLIS	Gt Marlow		BKM1700-1900
3859	ST JOHN	East Tuddenham		NFK 1560-1960	3821	WILSON	Anywhere		WIL 1830-1900
3812	STEEL	Stratfield Turgis		HAM1750-1782	3817	WILSON	Bucklebury		BRK 1680-1800
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2884	STEPTOE	Anywhere		OXF 1650-1800	3849	WILSON	East Lockinge		BRK 1800-1920
2884	STEPTOW	Bray		BRK 1650-1800	3645	WILTSHIRE	Urchfont		WIL 1750-1900
3840	STIMPSON	Appleton		BRK 1810-1998	3645	WINTERFLOOD	Chelmsford		ESS 1750-1850
3840	STIMPSON	Frilford		BRK 1066-1825	3831	WIRDNAM	Bourton		BRK 1500-1782
3830	STOCKER	Kingsclere		HAM1700-1870	3859	WOODCOCK	Norwich		NFK 1780-1900
3830	STOCKER	Newbury		BRK 1700-1870	3818	WORBY	Anywhere		LND 1600-1900
3855	STOKES	Woodford		ESS 1800-1995	3818	WORBY	Anywhere		MDX1600-1998
3802	STONE	Maidenhead		BRK 1725-1825	1323	ZOUCH	Alderminster		WAR1650-1750
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1323	SUTCH	Oxhill		WAR1750-1800					
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3810	SWADLING	Anywhere		LND 1900-1990					
3810	SWADLING	Anywhere		MDX1900-1990					
3810	SWADLING	Anywhere		OXF 1066-1990					
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3865	SYLVESTER	Anywhere		BRK 1600-1850					
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3271	TAYLOR	Cookham		BRK 1700-1800					
3838	TERRY	Anywhere		GTL 1750-1860					
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3815	TIMSON	Berkhampstead		HRT 1700-1900					
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3838	TYLER	Anywhere		ESS 1700-1830					
3830	TYRELL	East Woodham		HAM1700-1800					
3810	UNDERWOOD	Anywhere		BRK 1700-1850					
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3818	VERNEY	Anywhere		BKM1600-1900					
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3865	WALLING	Anywhere		BRK 1650-1750					
3865	WALLING	Anywhere		OXF 1650-1750					
3810	WALLIS	Warborough		OXF 1600-1800					
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