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Programme of Events

Monthly Meetings are held (unless stated otherwise) at Arreton Community Hall, Main Road, Arreton, Newport PO30 3AD

Doors open at 2pm talks start at 2:15pm or 2:30pm

Admission members = £1; non-members = £2

DATE	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
Saturday 13 th May	One Day Conference and AGM (See page 5)	
Monday 5 th June	Golden Hill Fort	Dr Ruth WALLER
Monday 3 rd July	'Pon My Puff! A Childhood in 1920s Isle of Wight'	Dr Charles LANSLEY

There will be no meeting in August.

Monday 3 rd September	Searching for my Grandfather's Great War Grave in Belgium	Geoff BANKS
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For an up-to-date list of future events go to:

www.isle-of-wight-fhs.co.uk/events

2023 CALENDAR YEAR SUBSCRIPTIONS

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Editorial

Thank you to those members who have contributed to the pages of this Journal. New articles and illustrations are always welcome as are snippets to fill blank spaces.

There has been some confusion regarding communication preferences. If you **withhold** your consent for your contact details being disclosed in journals that information will not be published. If you **withhold** your consent for your contact details being disclosed to members, this only applies to the surnames interest database.

Due to ill health, I will not be able to attend the ODC or AGM this year.

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Isle of Wight Garden Isle

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The deadline for the August Journal is 1st July.

Heritage Resource Centre

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(Address is NOT to be used for correspondence)

Opening Times

Tuesdays	1 pm to 4 pm
Wednesdays	10 am to 1 pm

Enquiries to: research.iowfhs@gmail.com

We can also be available at other times by arrangement with the Librarian, Hazel PULLEN (*see inside front cover*).

The Friends of Northwood Cemetery will have representatives on hand at other times during the week.

We are pleased to be part of the Heritage Resource Centre at the West Chapel, Northwood Cemetery.

Please note: Northwood Cemetery is a working cemetery, managed by the Isle of Wight Council Bereavement Services section. Priority is given to any funeral services and visitors should be respectful of the needs of people attending such services and other visitors to the grounds.

There is very limited parking at the Cemetery. Visitors **must not** use the nearby Medical Centre Car Park. The Park & Ride car park at Somerton is a few 100 metres away (one bus stop). Southern Vectis bus services (Route 1) from Cowes Red Jet Terminal or Newport Bus Station which stop at Cowes Medical Centre (use the service showing '**Park & Ride**'; operates approximately every 15 minutes). Buses showing '**Round House**' use a different route.

A DDA compliant toilet facility is available to visitors.

We have access to the following resources: *Ancestry*, *Findmypast* and *Isle of Wight County Press Archives*.

We have facilities to copy, scan and print materials for personal use (*subject to copyright where applicable*).

The Heritage Resource Centre will be 'free to use' but donations towards our running costs and any materials will be welcomed. Non-members will be asked to become temporary members (just a quick signature and a suggested minimum donation of £1 is all that is required) to enable us to offer access to privileged material available to our full members.

One Day Conference and AGM

Saturday 13th May 2023

At Newport Methodist Church, Quay Street, Newport PO30 5BA

<https://www.isle-of-wight-fhs.co.uk/events/39>

Pulpits, Ponds, Pubs & Power

Agenda

09:30–10:00	Registration
10:00–10:30	Opening
10:30–11:30	Hilary LLOYD talk on Wootton Bridge
11:30–11:45	Short break
11:45–12:30	AGM
12:30–13:30	Lunch
13:30–14:30	Richard SMOUT talk on Carisbrooke
14:30–14:45	Short break
14:45–15:45	Sarah BURDETT talk on East Coves
16:00	Exhibition continues
17:00	Exhibition closes (may close earlier)

Confirmed Exhibitors :

Bembridge Heritage Society
 Cowes Heritage and Community Group
 East Coves Heritage Centre
 Ryde Social Heritage Group
 Yarmouth Town Trust
 R.A. Longley Publications
 Vectis Postcard Club

Essentially, we plan to feature specific village and town histories, ranging across the centuries and across all manner of aspects of Island life. Sources for exploring the rich history of the Island with an emphasis on family histories will be presented.

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Membership Secretary's Report

I wish a warm welcome to those of you who have joined or returned to our Society in the past three months.

If you have not already done so, please take the time to have a look around our website and familiarise yourself with the self-managed aspects of My Account. Advice and guidance can be found from our Home page under the Help and Membership > Membership Information tabs and as always, you are welcome to either email or write to me for assistance.

The membership subscription renewal date is 1st January each year. An automated facility in our membership database allows payments to be made for the following year from 1st November onwards. Despite confusing messages, the prompt at the beginning of November is to remind everyone to make the payment for next year's subscription. We are aware of the incorrect message saying that you have already paid.

We are keen to continue to use our fantastic resource of volunteers who undertake research for us. If you would like to contribute some time to a project, do let Hazel PULLEN or Sharon BEDDARD know. It would be mainly transcription work which can be done remotely.

Should you be reading this Journal before 13th May, there are still tickets available for our Annual Conference and AGM. If you are intending to attend and have not yet purchased tickets, please email direct to book.

Could you join our Committee and help to keep the Society going? We are always looking for new faces and have a number of Committee roles which would benefit from extra help. The roles of Vice Chairman and Programme Secretary will be vacant from 13th May 2023.

Gerry NEWBERRY (IWFHS Member: 2189)

Membership Secretary

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From the Desk at Coles Manning



You may be reading this at the time of the IWFHS annual conference. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend this year but I know it will be an excellent day, as usual. Thanks go to all those whose hard work makes these events possible.

Most of my time recently has been spent finishing a book that has been commissioned by the publishers Pen and Sword www.pen-and-sword.co.uk, who are well known for their family history and military history output. I am now allowed to announce that it will be called *Marginalised Ancestors*, with chapters about researching criminals, the poor, the illegitimate and several more. It has been great fun to do, especially as each chapter concludes with a case study. Don't hold your breath though as it will be the end of the year before it is available.

I have also been working, again, on my mother's SMITH ancestors from London. A common name in a large urban area is always difficult to track down but even more unusual names get confusing if you are tracing them in the 'home' location. Think of the URRYs, the JOLLIFFES, the DOWNERS and other surnames that have significant concentrations on the island for example.

Last quarter I hinted at a website to tell the stories of my own personal ancestry. 'Not quite there yet' would be a fair assessment. It has had to take a back seat to various other projects including creating an online course on Migratory Ancestors for Pharos Teaching and Tutoring www.pharostutors.com.

I had an enjoyable time at this year's Rootstech www.familysearch.org/rootstech, attending virtually. There are so many great presentations, there's bound to be something for everyone and the recordings are there online for you to access at your leisure, along with some from previous years. Some of us were hoping for a repeat of a live Rootstech event in the UK but there are no plans for this, which is a shame. Still, virtual attendance is free and easier on the feet as well as the budget.

I am very excited to have been accepted as a contributor to the Mass Observation Project www.massobs.org.uk. Recording everyday life is so important. I was asked to send in a biography 'it can be as long or as short as you like', read the instructions. I am not sure that they actually meant this. I resisted the temptation to send my 80,000 word as yet unfinished (and not just unfinished because I am still alive and kicking) autobiography. It is really difficult to condense your life into what ended up being six pages and decide what is significant enough to include. It is an interesting exercise and one all family historians should do, to preserve their own story. Think how pleased you would be if your relatives had done this. I tried to give a balanced portrait but the need to be selective means that the account is inevitably biased to some extent. Would someone writing about me have come up with something similar? I suspect that they would. So that is this quarter's challenge, sum up your life in 3000 words. Good luck.

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Vice Chairman and Programme Secretary Wanted

If you live on the Isle of Wight and have some spare time, perhaps you could fill one or both of these posts. Hazel PULLEN who currently holds both posts will be standing down at the AGM but will be continuing as the Librarian.

For further information contact chairman.iowfhs@gmail.com

IWFHS Pedigree Index

Journal number 4, Winter 1986/1987 – saw the introduction of the PI by Hilary LLOYD (IWFHS Member:14). Journal number 10, August 1988 – the PI was taken over by former IWFHS Member, Mr K HERRIDGE who was the Publicity Officer. Journal number 48, August 1998 – the PI index by this time had been held for some time in abeyance. The PI was taken over by the late IWFHS Members Don and Wendy HAYWARD.

In 2014 Wendy HAYWARD passed away. Don HAYWARD continued to run the PI until 2020 when he passed away. Control of the PI was taken over by Carol FURZE (IWFHS Member: 3408).

In February 2023 control of the PI was taken over by Mike HOAR (IWFHS Member: 3735) who writes:



As you may have noticed if you look at the Pedigree Index page on our web site, management of the PI has been transferred to me. As part of the transference process, I have started looking at the ownership details of the trees in the collection.

This collection started before we had a web site. The ownership records have been maintained in a spreadsheet. However, I have spotted a number of owners for whom the contact details are an email address for a no longer functioning email service, such as *freeserve*, *orange*, *wanadoo*. In some cases, this email address is the only contact information. This means that for any enquiries I receive for people who might possibly be in a tree owned by these persons I cannot investigate further.

If you have submitted a tree to the PI then could you please send me an email with your current contact information as the PI is only as good as the information in it, which includes owner contact info.

It is my intention to simplify use of the PI by converting it to a searchable database, initially for my own use in managing the index and later by putting some of the information on the web (members only access). This will NOT be done without obtaining the owner's consent and I will be contacting owners at a later date. If and when this becomes actual.

Mike HOAR (IWFHS Member: 3408)

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Talk to Our Members at Arreton About the WI

Hazel BREACH gave a great talk in February about the Women's Institute (WI) inspiring women. She is the County Federation Treasurer and has been in post for the last 9 years a Member of Carisbrooke WI. There are 30 Federations on the Isle of Wight with some 8,000 nationally in England,

It all started many years ago in 1897 in Canada. Adelaide HOODLESS had a young son who died at 14 months of age, from contaminated milk and she started a campaign to do something about this problem, with food hygiene, domestic science and homecraft lessons. She mirrored herself on what the young farmers were doing at the time. With an audience of 101 young wives and mothers turning out for this first meeting, the WI was formed. She became one of the most prominent and influential women in Canada at that time. Adelaide died in 1910.

Nora PHILLIPS made enquiries about a Gentlemen's club in London and in 1913 the 2nd WI was formed with the help of the London Borough Council, courses in domestic science were held for the benefit of women.

Hats became a huge problem in the early years, so that hat pegs were introduced in the entrance to most venues. Some of the women were complaining that they could not see the speakers.

Lady DENMAN served from 1917–1946 and formed a residential school at her home in Oxfordshire.

Many small clubs were formed to help during the war years The Rabbit and Pig club, jam factories and egg collecting. Socks were knitted for the troops. Trades done in the past by the men were taken up by the women whilst the men were at war.

The famous WI markets were started in Wales in 1916 and in 1918 a Magazine known as the Landswoman was introduced, the WI wanted their own so the birth of the current WI Life was born.

Ningwood opened in 1919 in the afternoon followed in the evening by Wootton Bridge. So Ningwood became the first WI on the Island.

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Talk to Our Members on 6th March at Arreton

We had a full house for the talk by Dr Paul BINGHAM on 6th March. We had a few non-members and it was lovely to welcome them to our monthly meeting. Paul talked about TB on the Island and the hospitals that were involved with these cases. Mainly Ventnor and also Havenstreet.

In the 17th through to the 19th Century TB killed 20% of the adult population of Europe. It was not till 1944 that the first antibiotic was found and reduced the death rate and by 2021 there were only 1,600,000 deaths worldwide from TB. TB is spread through droplets and originated in animals; Paul showed us some hot spots of the TB epidemic throughout the world.

In 1880 Sir James CLARK wrote a book about the influence of climate on the disease, he felt there was no need to spend money on cures, the climate in the Undercliff area of Ventnor and St Lawrence would be perfect.

The Ventnor Hospital was founded in 1867 by Arthur Hill HASSEL but sadly this hospital was not open to Islanders. They had to use the local hospital in Havenstreet at Longford House.

Patients, both Islanders and Overners, had to go through a rigorous programme to get themselves admitted to the Hospitals. They had to have a Governor's recommendation to get a medical certificate then come to the Island to be seen by a Medical referee. They could not move straight to the Hospital and had to have a personal referee.

In 1911 we saw the introduction of the Insurance Act and by 1921 local councils became responsible for patients in their areas. Free milk and eggs were given to all TB patients.

Before entry to the relevant Hospitals overnight sheds were placed in the grounds. Even when they got themselves into the hospitals, they spent the days and sometimes the nights on the verandas.

The BCG vaccine was introduced in 1953 and used throughout till 2005. A TB van arrived on the Isle of Wight in the 1960s to check for TB patients and left at the end of the year, never to return.

Longford Hospital in Havenstreet was closed in 1955 and Ventnor was closed in 1968.

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Jane NORGATE was my Great Grandmother

My family connections are to four of the Island's families – SCOVELL, SMITH, TEASDALE and FRAMPTON families and NORGATE.

Both my parents were born and brought up on the Isle of Wight. A sibling and I were also born and lived in Ryde for our very early years.

The name I have been concentrating on lately is that of **NORGATE**. The NORGATE family has a long history in Hampshire reaching back to 1626 and John NORCUTT of Winchester. Sometime before the birth of his son James NORGATE in 1651, John NORCUTT moved from Winchester to Cheriton and the family expanded into the areas of Alresford, Beauworth, Abbotstone, Itchen Stoke. I am the 11th generation descended from that line.

Who WAS Jane NORGATE and what was her relationship to the Isle of Wight? All I knew was that she was my paternal great grandmother. I began searching for her because my grandmother never talked about her. It has taken many years of research to piece together her life and St James Church, Beauworth, Alresford, Hampshire, England



Jane NORGATE was the seventh child of 8 children born to James NORGATE and Jane TULL. All baptized at Beauworth Church. She was born on 2nd October 1875 and baptized on 5th December 1875 in St James Church, Beauworth.

My 2nd great grandfather James NORGATE was born to Richard NORGATE (1797-1853) and Jane ALEXANDER (1804-1877) in Tichborne, Hampshire. James was the fourth of ten children born to Richard and Jane.

James was an agricultural labourer and shepherd throughout his life. James married Jane TULL on 14th April 1860 in Beauworth, Hampshire. The parents of Jane TULL were Isaac TULL (1794-1866) of East Meon and Mary GOODALL (1794-1873) of Beauworth.

James and Jane NORGATE had eight children: James (1860-1942) wed widow Charlotte SHORNEY, no children (George 1862-1944) wed Lucy Jane BENNETT, two daughters Mary (1864-1891) wed Fred HAWKINS, no children Isaac (1867-1934) - unmarried. Henry (1870-1923) wed Jane Ann JORDAN, no children. Rose 1873-1960 wed 1st cousin, James, son of William and Anne NORGATE. Alice (1878-1958) – unmarried **Jane, (1875-?)**

In 1881 Jane was living with her family and seven siblings in Itchen Stoke. On 9th April 1890, a child named Fred identified as grandson of James and Jane NORGATE was born. His parentage is unknown but it is possible that he was the first child of Jane NORGATE. Jane would have been around fifteen. All we know of Fred's beginnings is that he was living with his grandparents, James and Jane NORGATE at Itchen Stoke from 1891 until 1908.

In 1908 aged 18 he joined the Royal Navy, ending as a Chief Petty Officer in 1930. Fred became a Bank Manager living with his wife, Frances Beatrice MITCHELL whom he had married in 1917 and two daughters.

Fred re-joined the Royal Navy in 1939 serving on *HMS Transylvania*. The ship came under German fire and sank taking Fred and 33 other sailors with it.

NORGATE, Fred, Chief Petty Officer, P/239946, RN. AMC *Transylvania*. He died 10th August 1940, aged 50. Buried in Kilchattan Old Churchyard, Colonsay & Olonsay, Scotland (CWGC).

The first child that we know was definitely Jane NORGATE's was William Henry NORGATE born in April 1893 in Alresford, Hampshire.

In 1901, he was living as 'adopted son' with Jane's brother Harry/Henry and his wife in Chatham, Kent. Harry/Henry born in 1870 had joined the Infantry prior to the 1891 Census. He married Jane Ann JORDAN in 1891 in Chatham William Henry joined the Royal Navy on 9th September 1912, ending his career on 31st December 1928 as a Leading Seaman Stoker.

In 1917 he married widow May Victoria PEARCE. They had 3 daughters and two sons.

Jane's daughter, Charlotte Jane NORGATE, aka Jane, was born 15th August 1897 in Beauworth, Hampshire. No father's name is recorded. Charlotte Jane, (1897-1982), married Albert James STAPLES, (1901-1987), at Winchester in 1922. About 1899-1900, Jane moved from Alresford to the Isle of Wight.

She was employed by Miss Theodora WIGSTON, of Ryde On 5th October 1902, Jane gave birth to Maude Frances NORGATE, (1902-1983), on the Isle of Wight. As recorded in the Register of Baptism at St Agatha, Portsea, Hampshire.

Maude Frances NORGATE was baptised on 22nd October 1902. Her biological mother's name was registered as Jane NORGATE. On the same day as the Baptism occurred, Maude Frances NORGATE was formally adopted by Mrs Maude Frances CASE, (née SOUTHCOTT), of 13 Farlington Road, Buckland, wife of Chief Petty Officer RN Charles CASE.

The child's birth was registered as Maude Frances CASE. Mrs CASE died in 1907. It is unknown what happened to baby Maude Frances NORGATE from the time of her 'adoption' until the 1911 Census.

In 1911 she was living with George and Edith HUNNYBUN. Described as their 'niece' we know that they were neighbours of Jane NORGATE.

Maude Frances married Hugh Arthur Scovell SMITH, (1904-1946) on 16th February 1924 on the Isle of Wight. She was my grandmother and loved by us all.

On 1st February 1905, Jane NORGATE gave birth to a daughter at midday in Claremont, The Strand, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

The child died soon after birth. There was an inquest on Saturday, 4th February 1905. Reported in the *'Isle of Wight Observer and Isle of Wight County Press*. it was also reported in *the Portsmouth Evening News*,

Acknowledgement to IWFHS Inquest Reports

It is possible that in 1911 Jane NORGATE was working for a family named LOE in Brading, Isle of Wight. After that the trail runs cold. We have never been able to discover if she ever married, had more children or when and where she died.

Postscript:

Anecdotal advice from two of my Aunties was that when they were young 'Nanny NORGATE' as Jane was known did visit them. As they were born in 1930 and 1934 Jane would have been in her late fifties to early sixties.

My father didn't mention his grandmother. Maybe as he was older than his sisters he would probably have been already working.

The Aunties did mention that as 'Nanny NORGATE' lived on the mainland, (they thought it may have been Southampton), it did take a long time for her to journey to the Isle of Wight. If she was in domestic service, she may have only had the occasional day off with enough time to travel to the Island. The cost of travel may have been an issue as well!

I would like to thank all those who have assisted me in this research. Your help has been invaluable.

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Island Railway People in the 1921 Census

With the announcement of its Premium subscription plan last autumn, *Findmypast* (FMP) introduced the option of unlimited access to the 1921 Census of England and Wales. It is now possible to do serious research into the Census without worrying about the escalating cost of pay-per-view.

Offering more detail than any previous census, the 1921 Census not only asked individuals about their age, birthplace, occupation and residence but also their place of work and employer information. In theory it should be easy to find all Island residents who were employees of the four main Isle of Wight railway companies in 1921, should it not? Well, let us take a look.

The first difficulty arises with FMP's 'Location in 1921' search field which presents itself at the top of options after name and birth year. Selecting the obvious value, 'Isle of Wight, England' does not give the results you might expect.

The reason can be deduced from FMP's small print which explains '...this search field works by means of an underlying geo-coded gazetteer, so you can search for places within a certain radius of a search term. For example, you can enter Pershore as a search term and you will then see search results for all individuals who meet your search criteria within that distance of Pershore.' The default radius is 5 miles.

It is a very helpful facility but does not work well for the Isle of Wight as it only returns results for hits within 5 miles of FMP's assumed centre point of the Island, wherever that is. Good luck if you are looking for someone in Bembridge or Freshwater. Increasing the radius to 10 miles (the next increment) does not help that much as mainland answers pollute the results.

I have complained to FMP and received an acknowledgement that they understand the difficulty with respect to the Island but it seems unlikely they will change anything since it is 'working as designed'.

Fortunately there is an easy bypass to this problem; a long way down the search page is the 'Registration district' field. Select 'Isle of Wight' in this field (or Registration district number 93) and do not be tempted to use the clever geo-coded 'Location in 1921' field at the top of the list when searching for Island residents.

In 1921 the pre-printed census schedules were filled out by the head of each household to contain details of every resident person alive at

midnight on the night of Sunday 19th June; this had been delayed from 24th April as a result of difficulties caused by the Black Friday strike. Because of the delay, Island boarding houses were already full of happy summer holidaymakers.

The written instructions were comprehensive, complicated and clearly well beyond the intellectual capability of many heads of household. It is relatively unusual to find a form filled in correctly. The enumerators who collected the completed forms early next day had the unenviable task of interrogating residents to correct inaccurate or incomplete answers and determining the occupation and employment type of workers to determine the correct codes (see URLs below) which were added later in green ink.

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/1921-census---employment-industry-codes>

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/1921-census---occupation-codes>

Many forms were completed in indecipherable handwriting and this, together with the amendments made by enumerators, often resulted in a cats-cradle of corrections and crossings-out. As a result, the task facing FMP's team of transcribers was difficult and it's perhaps not surprising that there are transcription errors.

There are various strategies for finding railway employees; for example, they can be found by inserting text strings (*railway*, *rly* etc) in the Occupation and Employer fields or by using railway Occupation Codes (900 series) and the Employer Code for railways (530). The results have to be filtered to remove railway workers from the mainland who were on the Island for various reasons; for example, holidaying in a guest house, being treated for consumption at the TB hospital or incarcerated at Parkhurst.

I quickly discovered 562 (and still counting) Island railway workers and started to extract their particulars but it was soon obvious that I could not rely on the FMP transcriptions for this purpose and had to verify details by examining the image of the original record.

I found 58 discrepancies in the transcribed names of the 562 railway workers which equates to an error rate of in excess of 10%. And this only includes local people who could easily be verified against registrations in the IWFHS birth and marriage databases. The total error rate will be larger if people originally from the mainland are included. It seems there was little

intelligence, artificial or otherwise, applied to the transcription process and clearly no local knowledge of unusual names.

By the time all family members were included there were over 150 name errors. FMP provides a simple mechanism for reporting transcription errors under 'More actions'. I submitted corrections and all were fixed by FMP within a couple of days followed by a cheery email; 'Thanks again for bringing this to our attention. If you spot any other transcription errors, do let us know.'

Let us take a quick look at three typical transcription errors.

When Edwin Walter COOMBES completed the 1921 Census, he stated that he was 56 years old and lived with his wife Gertrude Mary. He was born in Ryde and she was a native of St Helens. Edwin described himself as a mariner working at Brading Harbour and the enumerator coded his occupation as 735/6; 'petty officers, seamen and deck hands' / 'not working at home'. He worked for the Isle of Wight Railway Company which was coded as 551; 'Shipping services - railway other'.

NAME and SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Household	AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE or CIVIL PARTNERSHIP	BIRTHPLACE and NATIONALITY
<i>Edwin Wallacorcks</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Ryde, Hampshire</i>
<i>Gertrude Mary</i>	<i>wife</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>St. Helens, Lancs.</i>

Even with the name variants flag set, a search for Edwin or Gertrude would not have found their entry in the Census because FMP transcribed their surname as WALLACORCKS. Looking at the first line of the form it's easy to see how this happened. But there's really no excuse for the error because Edwin's signature at the bottom of the form is clear enough and on the reverse side of the form the enumerator has written his name tidily as well as their address, Bellevue, Lower Green Road, St Helens. As a further confirmation, since Edwin forgot to write in his wife's surname, the enumerator has added it clearly.

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Registration District.	Registration Sub-District.	Enumeration District.
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Name of person responsible for making the return.) <i>Edwin Walter Coombes</i>		
Postal Address <i>Bellin Lane Lower Green P.</i> <i>St. Helens 200</i>		

Henry SHEPARD, age 62, was a pork butcher and lived at Castle Hurst, Carisbrooke with his extended family including his daughter Ethel and her husband Charles MATTHEWS who was a railway guard with the Isle of Wight Central Railway at Newport. The FMP transcription for Ethel, Charles and their son Gerald incorrectly gave them her father's surname SHEPARD.

Samuel John URRY, age 53, was the station master at Freshwater for the Freshwater, Yarmouth and Newport Railway Company. With his wife Ada Annee (sic) and daughter Sylvia Kathleen age 12 he lived at Mount Prospect, Church Road, Freshwater. FMP managed to transcribe their surname incorrectly as BERRY for which there is no real excuse because while Samuel's neat handwriting is difficult to decipher the enumerator's script on the back of the form is very clear.

Of the 562 railway employees found so far, 20 were female including refreshment room waitresses, crossing gate keepers, a lady carriage cleaner, booking clerks and the Watchingwell station mistress whose husband was a platelayer maintaining the permanent way from the same address.

Among the male employees there were 20 engine drivers with 18 firemen, 18 signalmen and 23 station masters plus a couple of station foremen and assistant station masters. 27 were porters and many labourers were employed moving and heaving coal at Medina Wharf. Various engineering tradesmen and apprentices worked at the Ryde St Johns workshops.

Elsie Louisa KNAPP the 'lady carriage cleaner' with the Isle of Wight Central Railway seems to have got herself enumerated twice...at both

Wroxall and Newport. A special lady who it appears was in two places at the same time.

The Railways Act of 1921 grouped most of the railways on the Island into the Southern Railway (SR) but this didn't come into effect until 1 Jan 1923 so at the time of the Census, workers were mostly employed by one of four railway companies; Isle of Wight Central Railway, Isle of Wight Railway, LB&SC and L&SW (Joint Railway) and Freshwater, Yarmouth and Newport Railway.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Railways_on_the_Isle_of_Wight

Today, the Island still has the vestiges of a railway system now known as the Island Line, very much reduced in size after nationalisation in 1948 from the 55-mile network that was being operated in 1921.

<https://www.southwesternrailway.com/destinations-and-offers/island-line>

At Havenstreet the Isle of Wight Steam Railway, recently awarded the title 'HRA Heritage Railway of the year 2023', is a beautifully restored line operating through five miles of unspoilt Island countryside between Wootton and Smallbrook Junction. It does an excellent job recapturing the days of the 1921 sleepy branch line railway. You might call it a jewel in the crown of Island tourism.

<https://iwsteamrailway.co.uk/heritage/history-of-the-islands-railways/>

The 1921 Census is a rich source of detailed information for family historians who will have to accept for now the limitations of FMP's inaccurate transcriptions. While it doesn't take much effort to correct any errors found, I have to admit to being somewhat disgruntled that they haven't done a better job.

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Against

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Proposed by Mike HOAR

Seconded by Claire WILLIS

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Against

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Claire WILLIS

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Seconded by Gerry NEWBERRY

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Membership Secretary

Gerry NEWBERRY

Proposed by Sharon BEDDARD

Seconded by Mike HOAR

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Against

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Programme Secretary

Vacant

Others (vote en bloc)

Sharon BEDDARD

Peter SPENCER

Mike HOAR

John PULLEN

Hazel PULLEN

For

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Proposers (P) and Seconders (S) for these are:

Sharon BEDDARD: (P) Geoff ALLAN: (S): Gerry NEWBERRY

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John PULLEN: (P): Geoff ALLAN (S): Claire WILLIS

Hazel PULLEN: (P): Sharon BEDDARD (S):Mike HOAR

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Information about the candidates

Chairman – Geoff ALLAN who lives on the Island, has been the Chairman since 2013. He has been the Webmaster since 2008. He has an interest in War Memorials and Monuments. He has been a member of the Society since 1991.

Vice Chairman – *Vacant*

Secretary – Gillian GLASBEY who lives on the Island, has been the Secretary since 2019. She has been a member of the Society since 2005

Treasurer – Claire WILLIS who lives on the Island, has been the Treasurer since 2021. She has been a member of the Society since 2011.

Programme Secretary – *Vacant*

Membership Secretary - Gerry NEWBERRY who lives on the Island, has been the Membership Secretary since 2022. She has been a member of the Society since 2010.

Sharon BEDDARD who lives on the Island, has been the Heritage Resource Centre Education Officer since 2019. She has been a member of the Society since 2010.

Peter SPENCER who lives in Wiltshire, has been the Journal Editor since 2010. He is also the Publicity Manager and the founder of Society's Facebook group. He has been a member of the Society since 2006.

Mike HOAR who lives on the Island, has been Systems Development Officer since 2019. He has been a member of the Society since 2017.

John PULLEN who lives on the Island, has been the Friends of Northwood Cemetery Liaison Officer since 2018. He has been a member of the Society since 2008.

Hazel PULLEN who lives on the Island, has been Librarian and Strays Coordinator since 2013. She is one of the regular volunteers at the Heritage Resource Centre. She has been a member of the Society since 2008.



In His Own Words

Voyage from England to Australia 1927

Note: All quotes are from the personal diary of **William Arthur John WOODFORD (1911-1985)**, the author's father, written between 21st September 1927 and 18 November 1927. He had been born and lived the first sixteen and a half years of his life on the Isle of Wight, mostly in East Cowes. His story after his arrival in Australia was told in the article *The Dreadnought Boys* that was published on page 27 of the May 2016 Journal Number 121.

It is only natural as a sixteen-year-old leaving home for the first time and realising that it may be many years before an opportunity would arise to return (if ever), that I would find myself absorbed in ruminations of a gloomy nature. Thus were 'the absorbing conditions of my thoughts and feelings on the eve of my departure for Australia and leaving home, friends and all appertaining thereto. I must confess that my spirits are badly in need of a stimulant.' I had, in fact, been so absorbed by my thoughts that upon my arrival in London for the very first time I 'immediately committed a breach of etiquette by entering St Paul's Cathedral without removing my hat.'

However, like any adventurous teenage boy, the excitement and buzz of my immediate surroundings and the potential future opportunities soon overtook me as on Thursday 22nd September 1927.

I left St Pancras Station for the Tilbury Docks at 10:20am and after a delay succeeded in boarding the *Beltana*. My feelings have now undergone a strange metamorphosis for who could witness this strange scene without being interested to the exclusion of all else? Everywhere is bustle & noise, hurrying people seeking friends or relatives to say a last farewell, steam winches rattling as they haul aboard a last and late consignment of cargo, ship's stewards shouting directions, officers and crew going swiftly and efficiently about their manifold duties and above all, the novelty of everything. Then, last but not least, as a gentle throbbing denotes the moving of the screws as they thresh the water, comes the reaction, as one fully realizes that the last tie is broken, we are Outward Bound.



Tilbury Docks 1927 <http://www.pandosnco.co.uk/tilbury.html>



Beltana From the Woodford Diary

Eager for adventure and a life far from the limited employment opportunities available to me at home on the Isle of Wight, I answered an advertisement for the Farm Apprentices Scheme through Australia House in London and was accepted. Other boys from my school had also planned to come but each found a reason to pull out until I was the only one left. It was a gigantic step to take alone but one I was determined to make.

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I kept a daily diary of shipboard life, our ports of call and my thoughts and feelings from the first day I arrived in London on Wednesday 21st September 1927 until my arrival in Sydney on Tuesday 22nd November 1927. It is always good to look back on memories and perhaps I will share my experiences at some stage down the track with friends and family.

I shared a third-class cabin with others who had also applied for the Farm Apprentices Scheme or the Dreadnought Boys, as we were known. It was good to have company, even though at first, we were unacquainted. We shared a dream of adventure, of a future life in sunny Australia with its wide-open spaces and warmth.

Most of us shared similar backgrounds and had left family and friends far behind us. That first day I met **Jack** and **George**. I also met **Les BOWN** who, like me, was destined for the Grafton Agricultural College and who would become my closest friend.

Of course, it did not take long before our first experience of life at sea made its presence felt as I awoke the next morning acutely conscious of a growing indisposition (mostly in the abdominal regions) and remembered tales of the drastic nature of seasickness but was not the only one affected, for out of approximately 60 people in our saloon only two others and myself were at breakfast. A steward then cheerfully informed us that we could either indulge in that loathsome dish of 'tripe and onions' or 'bloaters'¹, whereat we rose as one from the table and silently thanked 'Le Bon Dieu' that, at least, we were not compelled to eat.

The weather was bad as we made our way along the coast of Devonshire. We experienced plenty of rain and a choppy sea. The wind was high as we headed towards the Bay of Biscay. On Sunday 25th September we came in sight of the Spanish coast at 9:15am and passed out of the Bay of Biscay about noon – weather fine so far and I retired about 10pm. Monday, 26 September, was a glorious day – have acquired an enormous appetite, put that down to the invigorating sea air. We have traversed approximately 1,063 miles of our voyage.

We all settled into shipboard life. There were over 60 young men and boys between the ages of 15 and 19 travelling in the third-class section of the ship. Some were with their families and some, like me, were part of the Scheme which had long since been arranged between the British and Australian Governments to provide much-needed agricultural labour in Australia.

There were a number of regular shipboard occurrences to which we all soon became accustomed such as the captain's daily inspection of the ship. All cabins must be vacated and left 'shipshape' by 10am when the 'Old Man', (to use a nautical expression) escorted by the 1st and 2nd mates, begins his rounds and we are not allowed to enter our cabins for the ensuing hour. Another feature of the day's routine is the life-boat drill in which all and sundry are compelled to take part. A bell violently rung at some period of the day summons everyone to take their respective places beside their allotted lifeboat wearing the regulation lifebelt with which all

¹ Herrings which have been soaked in brine and smoked whole to give them a strong, 'gamey' flavour.

are issued. This is always kept in readiness beside one's bunk so as to be at hand whenever the alarm is given.

Not all the shipboard activities were mundane, however. On Monday 10th October, in bad weather with the sea simply heaving, a Fancy Dress Ball was held on the main deck in the evening, plenty of partners, fairly good band and very good costumes. A dance would be in full swing with the floor packed when suddenly the ship would catch a heavy sea broadside, keel right over and all the dancers would be forcefully precipitated onto the rail amid shrieks from the fair sex, laughing from the men and (I could not help noticing) much hugging and squeezing in the frantic endeavours to right themselves. The dance would, I have no hesitation in saying, be unanimously declared a success.

This ball was not the only entertainment along the way. On Saturday 22nd October we 'attended a concert in the evening and discovered that we have quite a bit of 'talent' aboard for they gave quite an enjoyable programme.' Monday 31st October saw 'a Carnival Dance on deck at night.' We also had the occasional lecture such as the one on Wednesday 26th October 'on the "South Sea Islands" by Reverend **HUTCHINSON** in the evening.' The Reverend also conducted church services on board – twice on Sundays.

The various stops *en route* also gave intermittent relief to the daily boredom of shipboard life. On 28th September we stopped at Las Palmas, an island of the Canary Group, about 5pm and soon the native people were all around us in their small crafts loaded with fruit, tobacco and hosts of other stuff – had quite an amusing hour or two but we had, alas, to be off again at 8pm so that my knowledge of the Canary Isles did not benefit much from the visit.

As we neared the Equator the heat became oppressive. At 2:15pm on Saturday, 1st October, we sighted Cape Verde on the Western Coast of Africa – *Beltana* achieved a record run for day with a distance of 310 miles. I slept on deck for the first time that night. Sleeping on deck became the norm for some days before and after we crossed the 'line' at 5:30pm on Wednesday 5th October.

Friday 14th October was a fine warm morning – sighted Southwest Coast of Africa about 12am. Cape Town sighted at 6pm nestling at the foot of Table Mountain, a truly glorious spectacle with the brightly coloured roofs of the town standing out conspicuously in the fading light against the more sombre hues of the tree-studded mountainside. Went into Cape Town,

spent a pleasant evening and had a gorgeous supper – turned in at 1:30am.

The following morning, I breakfasted at 6am and put in the rest of the day in town sightseeing until 5pm. Left port at 5:30pm.

Sunday 16th October was a fine sunny morning but high wind and sea rough. We are I think about to experience some of the boisterous seas for which the Cape of Good Hope is world renowned. We are told to watch out at night for a sight of the ‘Phantom Ship’ or ‘Flying Dutchman’ a phantom square rigger of the old sailing days which is supposed to sail about the Cape seas in bad weather. In the small hours of the following morning our cabin was absolutely swamped by water coming in through the portholes which we had neglected to close before going to sleep. We all declare that it shall not occur again (*Experientia docet* - experience teaches).

I experienced many new things on board the *Beltana*. It was not long until I accomplished a feat that I have never before attempted, namely, washed some clothes. ‘Mother, if only you could see the colour of some of my shirts as they hang from the stays on the fore well deck billowing out with the fierce westerly gale.’ This thought comes as I stand in readiness to dash to the assistance of the above-mentioned shirts should they show the slightest sign of breaking loose from the stay which is utilised as a clothesline. The wind is not the only means of losing one’s clothing – Les has had some wearing apparel spirited away. Suspicion fastens on an old steward who attends us, he has the run of the cabin and is the possessor of a very criminal appearance. We have long since named him ‘Crippen’... he has a very receding forehead, a prominent hooked nose, a chin that turns up as if to meet the aforesaid nasal organ and a furtive air. He also has a knack (which displeases us) of turning up silently when least expected. An altogether unprepossessing character!

On Wednesday 26th October I went on deck at 5am as the ship came upon the little island of New Amsterdam situated about mid-way between Cape Town and Australia. It is uninhabited but provisions are always kept there for the benefit of any persons being shipwrecked in that vicinity. In the event of survivors of a shipping calamity reaching there they would probably be quickly rescued as the island is on the direct shipping route. The island is nothing more than the crater of an extinct volcano.

Sunday, 30th October, was a grand sunny morning – sea is disturbed by a large swell. It delights me, when there is such a swell on the water, to sit

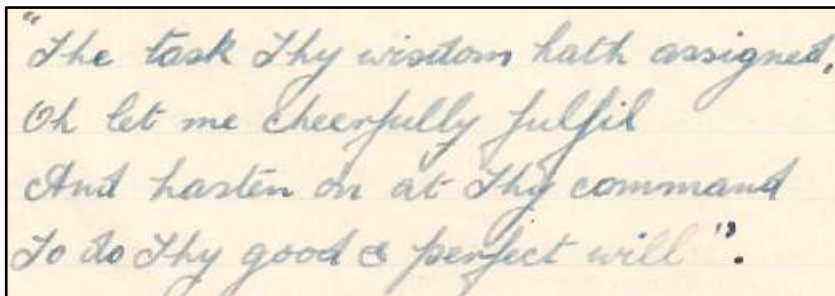
as far back in the ship as possible and watch the motion. One minute the fore part of the vessel seems to tower right above one as the bow is raised on a gigantic wave and the next minute one can look right down on it so that it seems as if the ship can never rise in time to prevent the next one breaking over her the while a shudder runs through the whole frame from stem to stern (or rather vice versa) as the screws thresh the air while they are for a second or two above the surface.

A fine, calm day on Tuesday 1st November when we sighted Rock Point Lighthouse off the West Coast of Australia at 3:40pm. Light is twenty miles from Fremantle – sighted mainland about 4pm. Went into harbour at 10pm and went ashore for a while. Lovely hot day spent in Fremantle on the 2nd – attended a wonderful dance at night, plenty of partners, good music and ripping floor – got hopelessly lost on the way back to the *Beltana* and eventually retired about 1:30am. The 3rd was very hot again, we had another glorious day ashore. In the evening met two charming Australians who entertained us right royally. Left port about 7am on Friday 4th November.

After sailing on a mostly calm sea for a few days through the Great Australian Bight, on Wednesday 9th November we sailed into Adelaide Harbour about 8pm. After being inspected by a doctor we went ashore where we found a dance in full swing, needless to say, we went no further that night.

The following day we spent sightseeing in town – after tea another dance hall claimed us for the rest of the night. Life seems to be just one dance after another now but as we are soon to go ‘bush’ we are endeavouring to ‘make hay while the sun shines’.

As we departed Port Adelaide at 8am on the 11th I find I am just experiencing another attack of nostalgia or homesickness and am wondering why on earth I ever undertook this enterprise but I suppose that my destiny was mapped out for me and after all one is only born to work out one’s destiny whether it lies in the desired path or not, still I find a little consolation in the repetition of one of my favourite verses Variation on Text by Charles WESLEY (1707-1788):
(See next page)



"The task Thy wisdom hath assigned,
Oh let me cheerfully fulfil
And hasten on at Thy command
To do Thy good & perfect will."

Sunday 13th November saw us enter the Melbourne Docks. We 'spent the day looking around the town – it is a beautiful place.' We remained in port until 7.30am on the 16th. The day before we 'said goodbye to Jack and George – two fellows who shared our cabin. They have to leave ship here and proceed up country to sheep stations. We have been very good friends and I'm rather sorry they have gone for I suppose we shall not meet again.'



On Friday 18th November we entered Sydney Harbour about 6am. What a harbour! I think it must easily be the most beautiful haven for ships in the world. I cannot possibly describe it for my pen is not sufficiently talented therefore I will not try but the wonderful spectacle that it makes at this early hour is a lovely culmination to what has been on the whole (excluding the 'blue' moments) a pleasant voyage.

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Evelyn Jessie Mary BLACK-BARNES – (1869–1940)

In the early part of 2022 Hazel PULLEN gave a talk to the IWFHS about the Voluntary Aid Detachment volunteers on the Island during WW1 and the research that she and other volunteers had put together. Towards the end of her talk Hazel mentioned the name of Evelyn Jessie Mary BLACK-BARNES and said that unfortunately they did not have much information on this lady. Now there are days when I cannot remember what I did yesterday but I can remember names and this was one of them! Nothing to do with me at all but I offered to find out more about her for Hazel.

If we digress a little, in 1985 the diaries of Maud BERKELEY (née TOMLINSON) were adapted by Flora FRASER and published by Secker & Warburg, London. Maud was the youngest daughter of Mr TOMLINSON – a retired maths master of St Peter's School, York and his wife and the diaries, beautifully illustrated throughout, dated from 1888 to 1901. They cover, amongst other things, her life in Sandown, trips to family and friends in York, Datchet and London.

They also cover her courtship, marriage and arrival of her first child. She was 29 years old when she started the diaries, companion to her elderly parents and unmarried. Maud spent a lot of her time with the BLACK-BARNES family of Collingbourne Lodge, Sandown and the BOUCHER family of Lyndhurst, Brading. A very good friend of Maud's was Lillian Black-Barnes and Evelyn was Lillian's younger sister.

Evelyn Jessie Mary BARNES was born in the last quarter of 1869 to William Black BARNES and his wife Mary Flower BARNES (née RAXWORTHY) in Binfield, Berkshire. Their seventh child and fourth daughter, her siblings were:

Edith Marion born 1860.

Augustus William Black born 1861.

Arthur Bertie born 1863.

Francis William Black born 1864.

Rosalie Lilian Maud Mary born 1865.

Mabel Elisa Black born 1868.

Harold Charles Edward born 1872.

In the 1871 Census the family were living at Pope Wood House, Binfield, Berkshire. Within the next year or so, they had moved to the Isle of Wight and in 1873 Mary Flower died, aged 37. William remarried in 1878 to Elizabeth ROACH.

In May 1880 her eldest brother Augustus sailed on the Steam Ship *Northumberland* to Sydney, New South Wales.

In the 1881 Census the family were living at Collingbourne Lodge, Station Road, Sandown, Evelyn was aged 11. Edith, Evelyn's oldest sister, married Henry PIGEON in Sandown in 1882.

Various members of the family were still at Collingbourne Lodge in the 1891 Census. On 28th December 1891, Elizabeth died at home aged 67.

Lilian married her long-time beau Fred BOUCHER in 1893.

In April 1900, William died at home after a long illness aged 67. A public-spirited man, he was a sidesman and church warden of St. John's Church and a member of the Local Board rendering much useful public service.

In the 1901 Census, Evelyn was staying with George WAY and his family at St. Helena, Sandown. Her brothers, Augustus, a mining engineer, was at 24 Station Road, Sandown and Arthur was at 18 Station Road, Sandown.

In 1911, Evelyn now aged 41, was in charge of the house for the time being. This was Stanbrook, Victoria Road, Sandown. She was single and had no occupation.

Evelyn trained as a nurse at the West London Hospital and in December 1914 was appointed a nurse at the Gatcombe Red Cross Hospital. Later she was appointed sister at the Braborough Court VAD Hospital, near Tunbridge Wells, Kent and was finally transferred to the Red Cross Auxiliary Hospital at The Castle, Ryde, where she remained as Matron until the end of the war. She was mentioned for valuable services and on 30th August 1919, the honour of the Royal Red Cross (Second Class) was conferred upon her.

A keen golfer, Evelyn was a member of the Isle of Wight Ladies Gold Club. Evelyn resided with her brother Harold since the 1920's at Naivasha, Grove Road, Sandown. In the 1939 Register she was a patient at Whitcroft Mental Hospital and died at the Scio Hospital, Shanklin, in February 1940 and was interred at Christchurch, Sandown. Harold died in April 1940.

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Sources:

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Findmypast

Ancestry.com

British Newspapers Archives

Isle of Wight County Press Archives.

The Diaries of Maud BERKELEY – Secker & Warburg

George Thomas HEWETT & Margaret HANRATTY

George Thomas HEWETT was born on 24th August 1884 and died on 4th April 1952 on the Isle of Wight. George's parents were Robert HEWETT, seaman and Emily Gibson HEWETT (née AMERY).

When did Robert and Emily marry, did they have other children, when did they die and where are they buried?

George HEWETT married Margaret HANRATTY in 1910 in Edinburgh. Margaret's parents being Peter HANRATTY and Elizabeth JOHNSTONE.

The 1911 Census for Gosport, Hampshire, lists George 25 years, merchant seaman and Margaret, 20 years residing at 6 Bevis Square, Nevis Street, Gosport. Is anything known about George's merchant seaman record?

In the 1921 Census at 76 North Street, Gosport, George is working on his own account as a fish fryer with his wife Margaret. Do these premises still exist? The couple appear to be living over the shop. Although the couple had married in 1910 no children are listed as residing with them? Did George and Margaret ever have any children?

I have been advised by a fellow researcher that George and Maggie HEWETT ran a pub called The George, Newport, Isle of Wight for over 20 years. Are there any photographs or stories about them?

In the 1939 Register for the Isle of Wight, George aged 54 years is registered as a licensed victualler. His wife Maggie is with him aged 48 years.

Ed: they were living at the George Inn, St James Street, Newport

George Thomas HEWETT died on 25th April 1952. Via Probate George left his widow Margaret nearly £3,000. The address being Glaisdale, Medina Avenue, Newport. Does this property still exist?

On 3rd May 1952 the *Isle of Wight County Press* covered George's funeral. George was aged 66 years a native of Gosport, who ran the George public house until April 1951. George was recorded as being a member of the Licensed Victualler's Association. Are there any records of his membership?

Equally George Thomas HEWETT was a member of the Freemasons, Albany Lodge. Members of the Lodge attended his funeral. Are there any pictures of George and the Lodge?

Mary Taylor ALLISON (née HANRATTY) (Maggie's sister) attended George's funeral.

Margaret HEWETT (née TORLEY/HANRATTY) died on 5th March 1972 on the Isle of Wight. Probate granted in London on 26th April 1972 in respect of Margaret for over £800. The address given as 11 Mayfield Road, East Cowes. Does this property still exist? Does anyone know who might have inherited Margaret's money?

George and Maggie HEWETT had a niece/great niece called Minnie Graham JARVIE (née TAYLOR) who was married to an Edward Campbell THOMSON in Glasgow in 1965. Campbell was born on Benbecula, Outer Hebrides, Scotland. Minnie and Campbell lived in Barton Manor, Mews Cottage near Osborne House, Isle of Wight (owned by Lady Eva SMITH) Minnie it is believed had a child and grandchild, from her previous marriage.

Minnie Graham JARVIE (née TAYLOR) died on 21st December 2001 on the Isle of Wight. Where are she and Cameron buried? Is there a gravestone?

I would love to know where George Thomas HEWETT and his wife Margaret are buried. Do they have a gravestone?

If any of the HEWETT or associated families etc have any further information, I would love to hear from them.

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Emma DENNETT: Floral Artist of Carisbrooke - Update

In the February IWFHS Journal article about the floral paintings of Emma DENNETT, I asked if anyone knew more of the READ family which might shed light on their ownership of the paintings and their subsequent donation to the Carisbrooke Castle Museum. I was soon contacted by Alan DINNIS (IWFHS Member: 1350) who provided the following information:-

"I was very interested to read your article in the IWFHS Journal about Emma DENNETT's wonderful flower paintings and the possibility that the book was owned by Joan READ. I know a bit about Joan because she was a (sort of) aunt of mine. You will see why I include the brackets when you read on.

In 1939 Joan READ married my mother's younger brother, Francis William Seymour WARSAP (not WARRAP as on the IWFHS database). Francis, known as Frank, was the younger son of James Lovell WARSAP who for many years managed the West Medina Cement Mill at Dodnor. Sadly, the marriage did not last, probably due to Francis being in the forces and Joan spending long hours running the Wheatsheaf Hotel in Newport with her brother James (Jimmy). Jimmy was the Engineering Manager of J Samuel White's Boat Shop. Although the marriage failed, the rest of the WARSAP family remained friendly with Joan and were often found in the bar of the Wheatsheaf. Although Joan and my uncle were divorced before I was born, I grew up knowing her as "Auntie Joan." I still have the cuff studs she gave me for my 21st birthday.

Joan married again in 1951, this time to a Francis BRIDGE but this marriage soon failed too. After that, Joan was always known as Mrs Joan READ.

Upstairs in the main dining room at the Wheatsheaf were some framed flower paintings that were claimed to be by Queen Victoria but your article now makes me doubt this. In addition to the flower pictures in the upstairs dining room there was an original cartoon by the famous First War cartoonist Bruce BAIRNSFATHER in the bar room. I was told he did it while staying at the Wheatsheaf.

I believe that at various times during their history the READ family had been at both the Wheatsheaf and the Bugle Hotel in Newport.

The Wheatsheaf was a fascinating pub. There was no bar and drinks were served by the barmaid (her name was Ina) from a sideboard. Pints were drawn straight from the barrel in a back room. The inner bar area was very small with few chairs but there was an upholstered bench, known as “the woosack”, after the Speaker’s seat in the House of Lords. It was so called because of the regular locals who often sat pontificating about local and national issues.

I can’t remember exactly when the READs left the Wheatsheaf but Joan and Jimmy retired to live in a house in Baring Road, Cowes, not far from the Round House.

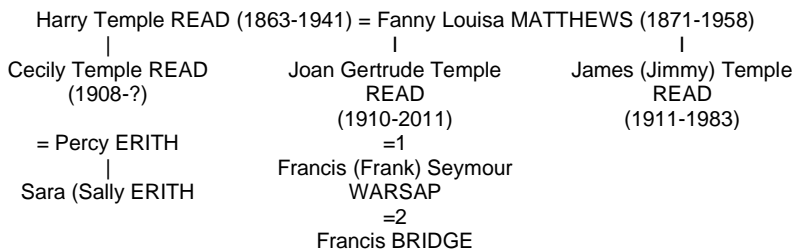
Jimmy died in 1983. I believe he had a heart attack while alighting from a yacht in the River Medina. As well as her brother, Joan had a sister Cicely who married Percy ERITH who was headmaster of the old Newport Grammar School in Lower St James Street. They had a daughter Sara (known as Sally).

Not long after Jimmy’s death Joan went to live with her niece Sally in Melbourne, Australia. Remarkably, her move was helped by the sale of an old teapot that had lived a charmed life in a corner cupboard of the bar room in the Wheatsheaf. It was sold at auction for many thousands of pounds. Joan died in Melbourne on 1st April 2011 at the remarkable age of 101.

I hope the above helps. It has been written directly from memory and while mostly accurate, I can’t guarantee total accuracy of it all.”

In a subsequent note, Alan pointed out that Joan READ’s mother was Fanny Louisa (née MATTHEWS) not Joan as mentioned in my article.

I have put together a brief family tree to illustrate Alan’s notes:



To sum up what we now know of the life of the Emma DENNETT paintings. After the death of Emma's siblings in the 1890s, the book passed into the READ family of the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Newport. We know that they had the book in 1913 when Harry Temple READ wrote his name and the year.

The running of The Wheatsheaf was carried on by two of Harry Temple READ's children, the longest surviving one being Joan Gertrude Temple READ who went to live with a niece in Australia in the 1980s, presumably leaving Emma's paintings in this country. In 2017 they were donated to the Carisbrooke Castle Museum.

There are understandably still gaps in the trail of ownership of the collection of paintings. However, the most interesting detail that we have gained from Alan's tale, as far as the floral paintings is concerned, is that there may possibly be more examples of Emma's paintings out there. So, if any members are aware of other possible paintings, framed or otherwise, from the book, I would be interested to know.

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Brading – Butchers of High Street, Ryde



In the 1871 Census George BRADING was recorded at 143, High Street. He was married, aged 53, a butcher, born in Ryde. With him that night were his wife, Emily Mary, 55, daughter also Emily Mary, 24, son George 21, a butcher, daughter-in-law, Dinah, 21 and 16-month-old Oscar Henry BRADING.

George BRADING had married Emily Mary COLEMAN at St Thomas, Ryde, in 1850, possibly after young Emily's birth. They

appear to have had just the two children.

Their son, George had married Dinah VANNER in 1869 at St James', Ryde. In 1878 Emily Mary married William James HILLIER at the George Street Chapel. HILLIER was also a High Street butcher but it seems the brothers-in-law did not get on.

The *Isle of Wight Observer*, 19th April 1879, reported a tragic event. It had all started with young George BRADING coming to blows with his brother-in-law, William HILLIER, not for the first time. The previous week George junior had been fined for being drunk in charge of a horse and cart. Both events greatly upset George senior, who was a total abstainer.

Emily BRADING said she had witnessed her son's fight and being frightened, had called Mr TURTLE for assistance. Her husband had been odd afterwards but they had a cup of tea and went for a walk. They had supper upstairs and went to bed. She was woken by a severe hailstorm in the night and realized her husband was also awake but she didn't hear him get up. The BRADINGS had a new live-in servant, Nelly ELKINSON. She had been with them for just five weeks. She saw her master at 20 to 8 on the evening of the row and heard him go downstairs the next morning at a ¼ to 6.

Frank GATRELL, a butcher who had been employed by BRADING for 12 years, arrived at the shop to open up as usual. He found George BRADING hanged and immediately called a young man, William BONE, to help cut him down but it was too late.

They all gave evidence at the subsequent inquest. George BRADING junior was also in court to give evidence at the inquest, saying he was fine when sober but when drunk, would set upon his best friend. The verdict was suicide, while temporarily insane caused by his son's actions.

George and Dinah, who was the youngest daughter of Thomas VANNER, were living in Prince Street, Ryde by 1881 and were still there in 1891. They had six children living at home, including Oscar, by then also a butcher and Victor, 16, a grocer's assistant.

In the summer of 1892, the *Isle of Wight Observer* reported on Albert FLEMING, a drayman of Haylands, assaulting George BRADING for selling him frozen meat, instead of the fresh English meat he thought it was. The set-to happened in the Beehive in Newport Street, Ryde and it seems that BRADING struck first. The case was dismissed.

Things came to a head on New Year's day 1894. The *Isle of Wight County Press* reported it on 13th January. George BRADING had been working as a butcher for the Union Steam Ship Company and had allowed his wife money twice a month. He then took a situation in Littlehampton but the wages were too low to send anything home. He said he was not wanted in the house, which his daughter, Elsie, confirmed belonged to her mother. Dinah was then an invalid in hospital. Oscar and Victor kept house together.

On New Year's Day George turned up drunk, assaulted Oscar and threatened to smash the windows, so the brothers screwed them down. George said the furniture was his and Dinah had the bedclothes and furniture that his mother had left him. His children gave him a mattress and neighbours took him in. He was fined £10 to keep the peace and told to keep away from the house. Dinah BRADING died on 1st October 1895, aged 45. A man called George BRADING was in court at Southampton for a string of offences during 1899. He died there on 13th September, aged 48.

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St Catherine's Point - 1952

"We've entered the Channel," my taciturn Scottish father whispered excitedly in my ear at about 6am. We were aboard *RMS Queen Mary*, sailing from New York to Southampton via Cherbourg 25th-30th June 1952. I slipped on my clothes and joined him on deck. I had just turned 15.



RMS Queen Mary

I could not see any land in the morning haze but indeed, the ship felt different. The swell was shorter. The feel of a ship was important to my father. He had been a marine engineer, sailing from Liverpool before immigrating to the United States in 1923.

About 9:45, we arrived in Cherbourg. I leaned over the rail and listened to people speaking French, the first time I'd ever heard the language. We had lunch and set sail for Southampton. As France faded astern, a tiny speck appeared on the horizon and ever so slowly grew larger. It was St Catherine's Point, my first sight of England.

Little did I know at the time but we sailed passed St Lawrence, the home of my ancestors, Ventnor where cousins still lived, around Dunnose, passed Shanklin where my great grandmother had died and where my mother's two sisters lived.

The ship had cut her speed to prevent a wash against the shore. Two tugboats met us as we entered the Solent and guided us up Southampton Water to the dock. The gangway seemed very steep but I do not remember anything about passport control.

My mother's elder sister Clare and younger sister Rosie met us. We boarded a ferry to Ryde where we took a train to Shanklin and then a taxi to 50 High Street. My father and the taxi driver carried our bags up the narrow steep steps between shops and then we were on top of the shops and there was No 50 higher up the hill, a two-story house.

We had a little something to eat in the dining room. Night fell and Aunt Clare gave me a candle to light my way up the stairs to the box room. While there was electricity on the ground floor, there was only gas for the two bedrooms upstairs and nothing for the box room or the toilet. I found this hard to take in. It was 1952! I came from New York which had dispensed with gas lighting (at least in my neighbourhood) 40 years earlier. There was no water upstairs either, except for the toilet. In the morning, Aunt Clare brought up a pitcher of hot water and I washed in a large bowl. I emptied the bowl into the toilet. It all seemed very primitive to me.

However, the sun was shining. It was a new day and I was in England, the land of my mother's ancestors, at last. I heard lots of stories between my mother and her sisters. I was lucky to hear them. Years later, I joined the Isle of Wight FHS in 1989, shortly after it began in 1985.

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Island Parishes – Brighstone

The village of Brighstone, originally one long street, dotted with thatched cottages, now has many modern roads and houses built in and around it. The parish, also consisting of the hamlets of Limerstone and Thorncross, was once part of the parish of Calbourne. Both Roman and Saxon remains can be found in the area.

In the *History of the Isle of Wight*, 1795, the village was described as one of the largest in the area, with a good clean road, two small inns but no wine and plenty of whiting, lobsters, prawns and shrimps.

The Five Bells is no longer an inn and the New Inn has been re-named The Three Bishops, as three of Brighstone's rectors, KEN, WILBERFORCE and MOBERLEY, all became bishops.

Samuel WILBERFORCE, son of the reformer William, came to the parish in 1830, to live in the large rectory behind the church, with a stipend of £500. Samuel's father enjoyed visiting but his father-in-law thought it was a place notorious for villainy and loose living due to the influence of the barracks and smugglers.

WILBERFORCE tried to mould the villagers into a good Christian community, being against the non-conformists almost to the point of persecution. At one stage the Bible Christians of the parish were forced to meet in the open air out on the Downs.

The parish church of St Mary the Virgin dates from 1190 but underwent considerable restoration in about 1850. On the porch is a sundial, dated 1721, which records the churchwardens' names W JOLLIFFE and Richard WOODFORD. Set in the churchyard wall is an old tombstone to Jane, wife of John LO, who died in 1626.

Being a coastal parish meant the threat of enemy landings were always present. The parish gun was kept at the church, until apparently cast into one of the church bells in 1740. A watch was kept at the shore, with two men under the command of Captain URRY in 1638. Later, in about 1705, the householders of the village had to keep watch, under Captain BUCKETT.

The proximity of the sea, only three quarters of a mile away from the village itself, meant great potential for smuggling.

William RUSSELL was one famous smuggler of the village, who invented a tale of a ghost in Moortown Lane, to keep prying eyes away whilst he moved his contraband. Smugglers could be sure of sanctuary in any cottage that had a sailing ship carved into a stone on the wall. One can still be clearly seen on a cottage called Casses.

Great profits could also be had from wrecks of which there were many due to the notorious Brighstone Ledge. The position of the village meant that one of the Island's first lifeboats, the *Rescue*, was stationed at Grange Chine, in 1860. The first rescue was the crew and the convict passengers of the *Cederine*. The convicts were escorted to Parkhurst Barracks but not before drinking the pubs dry.

Doubtless the most famous of the Brighstone lifeboats was the *Worcester Cadet*, in service from 1880, due to the rescue of the crew of the *Sirenia* eight years later.

Tombstones in the churchyard bear testimony to the heroism of the crew, of whom Moses MUNT and Thomas COTTON were lost.

It was decided to close the lifeboat station in 1915. During its period of operation there had been three coxswains, James BUCKETT, Moses MUNT and James COTTON. These families had long been connected with the area.

In the Hearth Tax returns of 1664, a William MUNT was assessed on four hearths in Brixton and Susann BUCKETT, widow, on one at Limerstone.

The parish records for Brighstone are particularly rich. In June 1731 John GILBERT was paid 13 shillings 5 pennies for ironwork about the poor house. The next entry is 8 shillings 6 pennies paid to John BULL for work about the poor house.

Hopefully Eleanor EDGING and Ann HURST avoided spending time there when their rents of 15 shillings each were paid in October of the same year. In January John BULL received 3 pennies for sweeping the parish chimney.

In 1731 Thomas WHILLER's wife was paid 8 pennies for schooling but it was not until the Rev DIGBY gave some land in 1780 that provision could be made for the education of 20 poor children of the parish and three from neighbouring Mottistone. The school was built in 1835 and later enlarged.

One schoolmaster of nearly 40 years, 1860-1899, George PARSONS, is commemorated by a plaque in the church. His wife, Jane, was the schoolmistress, with William DAY as pupil teacher.

Brighstone Mill, said to date from the 16th Century and its cluster of buildings, is tucked away down a side lane. Until the installation of a turbine, it worked by an over-shot water wheel. It was owned for some time by the WOODFORD family and more recently by the FISKs, it is now disused.

Nearby is the thatched farmhouse of Waytes Court, farmed for several generations by the ARNOLDS. Their tombstones can be seen in the churchyard, from Richard ARNOLD of Waytes Court, died 1778, to Winifred ARNOLD who died in 1884.

Along the coast runs the Military Road, constructed in the 1860s to help in the movement of troops in case of foreign invasion. When it was later re-constructed, bricks made at Grange Chine were used to build a viaduct to carry the road.

Away from the coast, where the road leads up onto the Downs, a cottage bears a plaque. It was once the home of the MITCHELL family, one of their descendants, Maria, became a well-known astronomer in America, having a comet named after her in 1847.

The nearby hamlet of Limerstone, now scarcely more than a farm, is on the road to Newport. Once there was an oratory there, dedicated to the Holy Spirit, founded by the TICHBOURNE family.

In the Church is an altar stone which may have come from Limerstone. Also in the church is a lectern donated by Edward WAY who lived at Limerstone at the end of the 19th century and was a churchwarden for nearly 50 years.

Source: IWFHS Journals 10 (August 1988) and 55 (November 1999)

Island Parishes – Brook

The BOWERMAN family owned the manor of Brook for over 300 years, from 1450. In return for the hospitality shown him during a visit to the family Henry VII gave Joan BOWERMAN a drinking horn and the right to a buck from his estates each year.

When Charles SEELY came to the Island in the 1850s, he bought Brook House from John HOWES and then continued to build up his estate.

GARIBALDI planted an oak tree in the grounds during his visit to the Island, much to the displeasure of Queen Victoria.

Charles, later Sir Charles, succeeded to the estate. He became a well-loved benefactor to the Island as a whole. Not only was he involved with the RNLI but he also encouraged reading rooms, supplying them with books. He offered the Council money to build a central library and technical institute.

In 1902 his eldest daughter, Florence, laid the foundation stone of the building at Node Hill, Newport.

When Sir Charles died in 1917, he left Island homes for his three sons. The eldest, Charles, had Gatcombe, the more recently built Brook Hill House was left to Frank and the youngest son, Jack, inherited the family home of Brook House.

Even though Jack had not spent a lot of his early life on the Island he became a member of Brook lifeboat crew at the age of 17 and continued his connection with it eventually becoming the coxswain.

Whilst fighting in the Boer War he, due to the efforts of his wife, was elected Tory MP for the Isle of Wight in the by-election of 1900.

By 1904 he had crossed the floor of the House and stood as Liberal candidate for Liverpool in the General Election.

After fighting in the First World War, being mentioned in despatches four times, he settled at Brook. In 1926 he moved to Mottistone and was created Lord Mottistone in 1933.

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, set apart from the village on an ancient site, was rebuilt after a fire in 1862 which destroyed the previous building.

Inside is a board which lists the rescues made by the local lifeboat, stationed at Brook Green.

The first being the 21 lives saved from the *Cassandra* in 1871 by the *George & Annie* and ending with the assistance given to the *SS Roumelian* in 1932.

The School, at the nearby hamlet of Hulverstone, was created from a barn in 1870, for the children of both Brook and Mottistone.

In 1895 Sir Charles SEELY paid for an extra classroom and a playground, giving room for 160 children.

White's Directory for 1859 lists the following tradesmen in the village:

Shoemaker – Henry HART

Shop and smith – R HAYTER

Blacksmith - James HOOKEY

Wheelwright – William NEWBERY

Saddler - Charles WOLFE

Farmers - Benjamin JACOBS, George KINGSWELL and William SELBY

Henry MURSELL was running the Sun Inn at Hulverstone.

There was also a Primitive Methodist Chapel in the village.

The parish registers date from 1653.

Source: IWFHS Journals 11 (November 1988) and 56 (February 2000)

Help Wanted

Thomas & Margaret RILEY

I am looking for information on the RILEY family, who ran the White Lion in Arreton from the 1930s (not quite sure how long they were there). I believe their names were Thomas and Margaret RILEY and their children Maurice, Dennis & Myrtle.

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- *1938 Electoral Roll lists Ann Margaret RILEY and Thomas Maurice RILEY at the White Lion Hotel, Arreton*
- *BMD index - Thomas Maurice RILEY died in 1939*
- *1939 Register lists Margaret A RILEY, born 14th February 1897, living at White Lion Arreton.*
- *BMD index lists a marriage in 1944 PASLEY-DIROM Thomas Marischal to RILEY, CALLENDER Margaret Anne at Register Office, Newport*
- *GRO index lists Margaret Ann CALLENDER born in the March quarter of 1897 in South Shields, mother's maiden name being STEPHENSON. GRO reference Volume 10A Page 787*
- *Findmypast lists a marriage in 1928 in Lambeth, Surrey between Thomas M RILEY and Margaret CALLENDER*

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Website: <http://www.fatag.co.uk/>

Friends of East Cowes Cemetery

Website: <https://www.friendsofeastcowes.co.uk/>

Friends of Newport & Carisbrooke Cemeteries

Website: <https://foncc.org.uk/>

Friends of Northwood Cemetery

Website: www.friendsofnorthwoodcemetery.org.uk

The Isle of Wight History Centre

Website: <https://www.iwhistory.org.uk/>

Ryde Social Heritage Group

Website: <https://www.rshg.org.uk/>

Shalfleet Local and Family History Sources

Website: <http://www.sources.shalfleet.net/>

Ventnor Heritage Centre

Website: <https://ventnorheritage.org.uk/>

Family History Federation

Website: <https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/>

The National Archives

Website: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>



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