

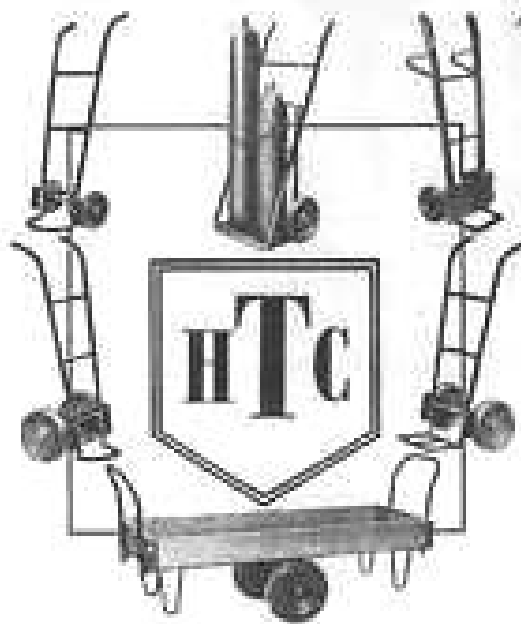
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From the Editor.....



I do hope you enjoy reading this issue of *Hertfordshire People*.

The AGM took place on 28 May, again via Zoom, but also simultaneously in person at Woolmer Green. The introduction of hybrid meetings has proved to be a technological challenge, but we hope that once established this will be the standard way in which we conduct our talks programme.

Over the lockdown period where we have been unable to have face to face meetings at Woolmer Green, we have engaged with our wider membership via Zoom. There are only a small percentage of our members who can travel to mid Hertfordshire for a meeting, whilst for others the medium of Zoom is easier and if you live too far away from Hertfordshire to be a regular attender, a way of being more involved with the Society and enjoy our varied talks programme.

Following the AGM there are vacancies for someone to take over as Secretary and Membership Secretary over the next 12 months shadowing the present incumbent in the interim. All our Committee meetings are conducted via Zoom, so there is no requirement for you to live in or within striking distance of Hertfordshire. We would particularly like to hear from younger members and those who would also be interested in joining the Committee - we welcome fresh ideas. If you would be interested in taking on these important Society roles, or joining the Committee, please contact the Secretary on secretary@hertsfhs.org.uk to discuss further.

This June we also celebrate the remarkable achievement of a Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen. Can any of our members remember the Coronation in 1953? Perhaps you would like to contribute your memories for inclusion in *Hertfordshire People*, especially if you were living in Hertfordshire. Did you watch on a television? Did you go to London and join the crowds? Did you attend a Street Party? Did you get a commemorative memento and have you still got it?

In this issue we have the final contribution from our ‘winners’ from the 2021 biennial competition. Look out for an announcement in the September issue regarding the theme for the 2023 competition. We look forward to receiving your entries early next year.

I am always happy to receive your articles, snippets, research queries and Post Bag items either by e-mail, post or in person at a Woolmer Green meeting (when we can meet there again safely) - *your* contributions make *Hertfordshire People* the award winning journal that it is.

Jane

Subscriptions

Don't forget that Subscriptions are due at the beginning of March.

The renewal form can be found in the middle of the December issue of Hertfordshire People. It is the yellow insert.

If you haven't done so yet, please send your remittance to the Membership Secretary:

Mrs. C. Hill
134 Beechwood Avenue
St. Albans
Hertfordshire AL1 4XY

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Thank you!

Christine

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OBITUARY

Rosemary Cooper 1940 – 2022



Rosemary was a country girl who spent her childhood in Cole Green and she enjoyed life on the Panshanger estate about which she was to become very knowledgeable and give talks in later life but she was also a bookworm from an early age. Rosemary excelled at Ware Girls Grammar School, where she discovered a love of history and became an enthusiastic amateur archaeologist. She was the first in the family to go to university where she studied history at Reading and Liverpool and obtained her postgraduate Diploma in Archive Administration.

Her first job after graduating was at Hertfordshire Record Office, where she helped to catalogue the papers from the Panshanger Estate, where her grandfather had been the estate Wheelwright. One of the documents was her grandfather's apprenticeship papers. She then took a job at Somerset Record Office in Taunton, where a colleague introduced her to her brother Chris whom she married. They later returned to Hertfordshire where she talked herself back into her old job in the Record Office at County Hall. In his spare time Chris was a keen motorsports enthusiast and Rosemary was a willing co-driver and navigator on some of his rallies. She had the ability to read maps while at speed over rough ground, without being sick.

Between 1970 and 1975 Rosemary and Chris produced their two daughters Jo and Kate and a son Andrew who sadly died in December 1987 at the age of only 16. Whilst the children were young, Rosemary stayed at home, but in the 1980s she returned to work part time and started a second career in the transport studies team at County Hall. But then a third career drew her back to full time employment as a Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, based in St Albans. She became the Superintendent Registrar for St Albans District, which she loved and maintained until her retirement at the age of 65, having enjoyed it so much that she extended her working life by 5 years. In 2008 and 2011 Rosemary was blessed with two lovely grandchildren, Eleanor and Imogen.

Rosemary was very involved with Chris's Welwyn Hatfield Rotary Club, taking part in medical missions to Peru for 3 years in a row, where a team spent several weeks providing doctors and equipment for clinics in the mountains. She later joined the Rotary Club in her own right, serving as Secretary, and then later President of Hatfield Rotary Club.

In her retirement, she particularly enjoyed supporting her daughter Jo and her partner Paul in their book selling business, selling military and historical books at shows across the country for almost fifteen years. History remained part of her passion and Rosemary joined Hertfordshire FHS and ran the Society's bookstall at our monthly meetings from 2011 until the Covid lockdown in 2019. Rosemary also arranged the postal distribution of the Society journal from her home of the Society's quarterly journal.

She lived in Watton-at-Stone for over 20 years until she suffered a stroke early in 2021 and was then unable to drive. When her health declined further, Rosemary moved into

Hampden Hall Care Centre in Aylesbury in December to be nearer her daughters and grand-daughters. Always sociable, she was a great favourite at the Centre, but she sadly passed away in April this year. She will be missed by all who knew her, but will live on as part of everyone's own history.

*Adapted by JRVP mostly from **Rosemary's History** with kind permission of Rosemary's daughters*

John Seabrook 1932 – 2022



John was descended from the local families of **Seabrook** and **Halsey**, both from Redbourn. The Seabrooks farmed lands from Redbourn in the west to Wheathampstead in the east, while the Halseys were timber merchants at some point based on Hatching Green. John was born in Harpenden the same year his parents moved from Hatching Green to newly-built Longfield Road and grew up in what was then called the Bowling Alley. Although he believed his parents' generation had known hard times during the depression and lean years of WW2 and the 1940s, he felt that his own early years of boyhood and employment developed mostly during a long period of prosperity, so his generation benefitted from better health and education and even an ability to afford to buy a house. Whereas, later generations, including his and wife Liz's children, though healthy, have found it much harder in regard to getting on the housing ladder.

John produced ***The Best of Times: 1920s to 1960s – Harpenden in Living Memory*** a compilation of comments, stories and recollections that he was given by local people who had read his two previous autobiographical books, ***Bowling Alley Boyhood*** and ***The View from Church Green: Memories of The Harpenden Free Press 1936 - 60***. John joined as a reporter for the paper in 1949, and in this book he relates his own account of what made news in Harpenden over 50 years ago. This book, published 2012, was reviewed in the Spring issue of *Hertfordshire People* in 2013.

His latest book, ***Her Father's Name***, was reviewed in the Spring issue of *Hertfordshire People* only this year. Meant as a work of fiction said John, it centres on the life and times of his grandmother in Harpenden in the latter years of the 19th century. It is a really good example of how family history research should be done, especially with sources not yet found on the internet.

John served on the committee of Hertfordshire FHS in the early years of this century and was the Society's Secretary from 2004 to 2006, a task he fulfilled with typical conscientiousness. Then he and Liz moved from Hitchin to Poole in Dorset, a regular holiday retreat they hoped would be good for their health. They returned to live in Hitchin a few years ago to be nearer their family. But, more recently, John's health was failing and he passed away in March.

*With acknowledgement to reporters and book reviewers in St Albans & Harpenden Review, Harpenden Local History Society and our own Janet Pearson.
JRVP*

Secretary's Jottings

by Tracy Turner



It was lovely to see some of you back at Woolmer Green recently for our AGM and talk. It was also great to be able to continue including those of you who are more geographically remote or still isolating, on Zoom. This was our first try at a 'hybrid' set up, and the AGM worked well, though we still have some tweaking to do to improve the set up for our monthly talks. Please bear with us. If we can get the set up right we can also add captioning/subtitling to the Zoom talks. Where we have permission from the speaker we also record the talks and these are placed in the closed members area for a period of around 2 weeks following the talk, so do check there if you miss a talk.

This is my last year as Honorary Secretary as I believe that it is good to have a regular refresh of faces and ideas, in time for someone new to take on the job at the next AGM. Please do get in touch with me if you would like to have a chat about what is involved. Predominantly it is about arranging the Executive Committee meetings and providing paperwork for these and the Society AGM and minuting decisions. The post is one of the Trustees of the Society, but don't be daunted by this as there is lots of guidance provided by the Charity Commission on how to be an effective Trustee, and you have the support of the other Trustees and the rest of the Executive. The Executive now meets on Zoom and so there really is no requirement for the post holder to be local to Hertfordshire and it could be done from anywhere. At the moment I do organise the Zoom interface and set these meetings up, plus links with Eventbrite, but I am happy to continue doing this in the future if an incoming post holder doesn't want to.

The other position we do need urgently is a Membership Secretary. This post is most busy when the subscriptions are due, but we are looking into easier ways for members to renew online, which should reduce some of the administration in future. Again, if you are interested please get in touch for a chat and we can ease a new post holder into office gently.

The Society relies on people coming forward to keep the wheels running. We would really welcome new members to put themselves forward so that the Society can stay relevant and appealing to a younger audience. If you have ideas to improve what we do, or the ways that we do it, please let us know and help us to keep going. We are not the only Society facing these issues and it is a topic for discussion amongst the Family History Federation to which we affiliate.

Happy researching.

Tracy
secretary@hertsfhs.org.uk

Coronation Festivities in Baldock

From Maddren, Maureen (ed) *Baldock Voices* (1991), pp.135-137

‘Well done, Baldock! Was the unanimous verdict of everyone at the closing of the Baldock Coronation Festivities.

What a week it was! A tea-party for 184 elderly people, presentation of souvenirs to over 1,000 schoolchildren, street tea parties for the children, competitions, a motor-car treasure hunt, sports, a swimming gala, open air dancing, in fact there was so much going on that it was almost impossible to see everything.

One high spot of the week’s celebrations was the Soap Box Derby, organised in the market place. This, of course , was an event for the younger male element of the town, but I believe that some father’s put up a good show too.

The major event of the week was the Grand Carnival Procession through the streets of the town, with fancy dress competitions for the children and adults, clowns, decorated cars and lorries, plenty pf music from three bands and the whole impressive array led my the hounds of Puckeridge Hunt with the Master in hunting pink. The winning tableau was presented by St John Ambulance Brigade, and there is no doubt that this was the finest spectacle that has been seen in a local procession for many years.



The Red Cross float passing along Hitchin Street, Baldock

After the distribution of prizes, there was open-air dancing in the car park, Old Time dancing in the Town Hall and celebrations throughout Baldock until finally the week’s revelries were brought to a close by a very impressive tattoo staged in the foreground of the Baldock factory. Singing was led by the Rector of Baldock, Canon L.P. **Smith**. The Chairman of the Council expressed his thanks to all helpers and stated that it was fitting that the finale of the week’s celebrations shod take place in the Kayser Bondor grounds, where Her Majesty the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, had once been a visitor. The proceedings cam to a close with the singing of a hymn and at the sounding of the Last Post - the standards were dipped.’

My Grandfather, William Horton Hill

By John Hill

William Horton Hill was born on 4th August 1871 at The Hill, Northfleet, Kent, to George **Hill** and Elizabeth née **Horton**. George Hill was a builder and carpenter and worked on the barges between Northfleet and Bermondsey on the Thames. William Horton had two older brothers, Charles (1865 to 1961) and Arthur (1868 to 1907), and later a brother George (1872 to 1951) and sister Maude (1875 to 1950). Two of George and Elizabeth's children died in infancy.

It is more than likely that William Horton had childhood illnesses but nothing is known. It is known, however, that he was diagnosed with a heart murmur by the doctor, who suggested that he be moved away from Northfleet because the chalk in the water would make the heart condition worse. The advice was ignored. I can only conclude that William Horton may have been a sickly child but that would have been true of many children born to labouring people in the 1870s. He grew up to be a strong, tough man.

In about 1892. William Horton and his brother George worked in the grocery business together, probably as assistants, in Borough Green, Kent. George got married and so William Horton left the grocery business after nine years to set up his own business as a butcher in Silver Street, Edmonton. 1901 was the same year that he married Nellie **Smith**, a girl from Ramsey, Hunts.

William Horton already had an eye for business and knew what he wanted. He spotted Nellie as a serving girl in a restaurant and noted that she was a hard worker and just what he needed. He got to know her. Nellie invited him to meet her father, Ellis Smith, a farmer. As part of the conversation, William Horton said to Ellis, "She's not much of a looker, your daughter, and she is getting older but I will take her off your hands". A bargain was struck. As a dowry William Horton received 2cwt of potatoes each year until 1936.



William in 1900 at his sister's wedding.

The butchery business in Edmonton went well. William Horton would hawk meat from a cart while Nellie looked after the shop. To attract customers he would sometimes throw in a little extra with a sale such as some sausages. This kept the customers happy and they would be more likely to come back. According to my father, my grandfather used to say that any fool can sell steak but you have to sell the whole beast. Three boys were born at Edmonton, Cyril Horton in 1902, William, my father, in 1904 and Albert in 1907.

In 1908 William Horton moved to Enfield and took the Licence of the *Swan and Pike* Hotel at Enfield Lock, Ponders End. In the 1911 census he is described as a licensed victualler. It was a good move. The Royal Small Arms Factory (RSAF) was nearby and the workers wanted their beer and food. They had three more pubs that they could choose from but the *Swan and Pike* was very popular. There was also the passing trade of bargemen working the river Lee. The hotel provided stabling and food for the horses as

well as allowing the bargemen to sleep in the stables. Nellie did the cooking, assisted by servants. She was so proud to have saved £100 selling meat soup at a penny a plate during her time at the *Swan and Pike*. You could buy a small house for that. My mother said that she was a very good meat cook.

The work was long and hard for both William Horton and Nellie. At the time there was no licensing hours and beer and food could be sold at any time. My father recounts that many a time on a Friday evening, when the RSAF came off shift, pints full of beer would be stacked up on the bar ready for the rush. Often there would be no rest from beer and food until the Sunday evening. In spite of the hard work and the long hours, Nellie gave birth to two more children, Lillian in 1911 and Leonard in 1913.

In May 1915 the *Swan and Pike* and the three other pubs frequented by the RSAF workers had their hours restricted and in February 1916 they were nationalized. It was considered that over-indulgence in alcohol was detrimental to war work. William Horton, as licensee, was forced out by his landlord and he joined with other licensees similarly affected for compensation. The *Swan and Pike* never recovered and closed in 1919, was pulled down in the 1920s and is only remembered now as the Swan and Pike pool.

Bringing up five children when so much time was spent in business and hard work was not easy. The boys as adolescents were full of energy and would get up to mischief. My father recounts how he had found an old bike, with wheels but no tyres and no saddle. They would take turns to push it up and down the street and were making such a racket that neighbours complained. Another incident was when they found an empty house. Thinking it was of no use because it was empty they broke many of the windows. When the enraged owner told William Horton what his boys had done, payment for the damage was negotiated and all the boys got a good belting; not immediately, however, they were left to stew a while. In this day and age, that would be considered cruel but it was par for the course then.

It was usual for William Horton to take a year off after leaving one business and before starting another. He would rent a villa and then look around for something else. Having been a licensed victualler and having made a good deal of money, the pub trade still looked the most attractive. His last public house was the *Canterbury Arms* in the Old Kent Road. The old pub is gone now, replaced by a new pub with the same name. It did a good trade and a dog track was nearby for even more customers. William Horton retired in 1936 and released the licence to his son William.

Newly retired with money in his pocket, William Horton and Nellie spent a holiday in the West Indies. He wrote in a letter how, being a white man, he was treated like a king. That would have been novel for a man who had spent most of his life serving others. One of his sayings was that you could always stoop to pick up sixpence. And many a stoop he must have done in his time. Coming back from the West Indies, William Horton bought a house in Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, south east London.

It was a small but comfortable house and had a garden large enough for flowers and vegetables. He built a shed and worked with metal and wood. The war years from 1939 were not so good. Being in line for the Woolwich Arsenal and the docks, Lee had a lot of bombing. There was one time when William Horton got so tired of his French windows

blowing open because of a bomb blast that he nailed them up. Unfortunately, the next bomb blast blew off his front door and it remained broken off for the duration.

My father, William, left the *Canterbury Arms* when war broke out because he thought he would be called up for military service. He actually served in Air Raid Precautions and became chief warden for his section. He bought a house near to his father's. At least he was close enough to keep an eye on him.

Not that William Horton needed much looking after. He was robust in health and strong minded. At one time during the 1940s, no one could remember quite when, William Horton broke his arm. To make it strong again he rigged up a rope and pulley to exercise it every day. That was the sort of man he was. On reaching his 80th year, he suffered from bad circulation in his feet. This resulted in an infection in his toes that turned to gangrene. The doctor suggested that he have one foot taken off. William Horton's sharp response was that he came into this world with two feet and would go out with two. Using surgical spirit and clean linaments, he bathed his feet each day and exercised his leg. Some toes did fall off but the foot became gangrene free; the pain must have been immense. But that was the sort of man he was.

William Horton and Nellie were a complimentary couple. William had good eyesight but was fairly deaf. Nellie had diabetes and injected insulin daily and her eyesight was very poor. As a couple, Nellie could hear the doorbell and William could read her the newspaper.



William & Nellie Hill at their Golden Wedding in 1951

Because we only lived across the road, my mother insisted I do granddad's shopping every Saturday morning. The shops were local. I would be given a list by granddad of what to buy with the prices to pay and the money to do it. On my return, hopefully with everything, the prices were checked and queried if not as expected. The change had to be penny perfect. If all went well, I got a sixpence. He was, to the end, an intimidating man, not someone you would like to meet down a dark alley at night. His children said that he was tough on them but, after all, he was a man of his age. He did his duty as a good provider and worked hard to do it. From my personal point of view, I am glad I knew him.

William Horton's final illness in 1959, when he was 87 years old, was bronchitis that turned into bronco-pneumonia. He ended up in Lewisham Hospital. My father William told me that the old man was a most unruly patient. "If you are any son of mine," he said, "you will get me out of here. If I'm going to die, I'll die at home." And die at home he did. Nellie died the next year in 1960.

When sorting out his things we found a Webley revolver with ammunition. Life might get unruly in pubs and, where there was money, there were thieves. We only found five rounds when there should have been six. Maybe he used it.

Sources:

Ancestry and Findmypast to confirm the dates.

Census records for 1901 and 1911 to check occupations

Kelly's Directory for 1910.

<https://royalarmouries.org/stories/enfield-nationalised-pubs>

Family recollections generally confirmed.

From The Gentleman's Magazine.....

August 1793

Richard **Waring**, who married a daughter (not a sister) of Dr. **Wall**, had 17 children (besides his wife having once mis-carried); namely, Sampson, Catharine, Richard, William, Ann, Edward, Thomas, Sarah, Elizabeth, Cecil, Walter (who died within the month), Mary, Walter, Rebecca, John, Jane, and Dorothy; all of whom are now deceased except Walter (now residing at Barnet), Jane (now at Maidstone, widow of the late Rev. Mr **Waterhouse**, of that place), and Dorothy (also of Barnet, who remains unmarried). My having married a great Grand-daughter of the said Richard Waring enables me to give you this information.'

What is the largest number of children you have come across in your family history research? Editor

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An oddity from the Walkern parish register

By Pam Brown

I have been working to find my elusive James **Bray** for 30 years and have been looking at all the Bray families starting in Walkern. This has become a massive project extending the whole of the A10 corridor and over to Little Hallingbury in Essex. I have had some success and found a connection from my Enfield family to Little Hallingbury in the early 1700s, but still no sight of James!

Whilst looking at the Walkern parish register I came across these items written on the back page and thought reader may find them of interest.

On the back page

Eclipse of the Sun March 15 1858

O! Mother, Mother where's the sun?
O tell me where 'tis gone,
When I to school this morn did run,
I'm sure it brightly shone!

“My dear, my dear go ask the moon,
I'm sure I cannot tell;-
I feel so queer, I soon shall swoon,
And to the ground she fell.

Our National school

Epigram of the Solar Eclipse March 15 1858

Two luminaries began disputing,
The Sun, the moon deriding,
His insolence the moon refuting,
She gave him “a good hiding”

Our public school.

Stanza upon the death of JOHN STARKINS age 25 years

Late of the Hertfordshire constabulary, who was barbarously murdered,
while on duty near Stevenage 30 October 1857

Oh! Starkins, Starkins, why so rash?
A “carpenter” to tackle,
And at his hands make such a dash,
Your enemy to shackle,
Without a sword, without a staff,
The combat scarce was fair,
Your sturdy foe, would almost laugh
At victory so rare,
The struggle o’er, your life is gone,
Our deeds we can’t recall;
Discretion leads sage warriors on
And saves an early fall

St Albans November 1857

There is more information about PC Starkins at www.hertspastpolicing.org.uk.

‘October 1857 – 25yr old Police Constable 13 John **Starkins** goes missing whilst on duty at Stevenage. His body is found three days later near Six Hills. He is the first officer of the Hertfordshire Constabulary to be killed on duty. A local man named Jeremiah **Carpenter** is charged with Starkins’ murder but is later acquitted.’

There was a book written about the murder case by the late Special Sergeant Dave Stewart called *Diary of a Stevenage Murder*.

Postbag

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E-mail: editor@hertsfhs.org.uk

WANTED

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Baldock Cemetery MI

We recently received an email from Laraine Charter from Canada asking if anyone could take a photograph of the gravestone of her Great-Grandmother Jane **Paul** nee **Charter** situated in Baldock Cemetery.

The Editor, who lives in Baldock, was happy to walk up to the cemetery and take photographs of the gravestone for Laraine. Not only does it commemorate Jane Paul, who died in 1924, but also her sister and her husband, Mary and William **Head**. Jane Paul and her husband John used to run *The Boot* pub in Baldock.



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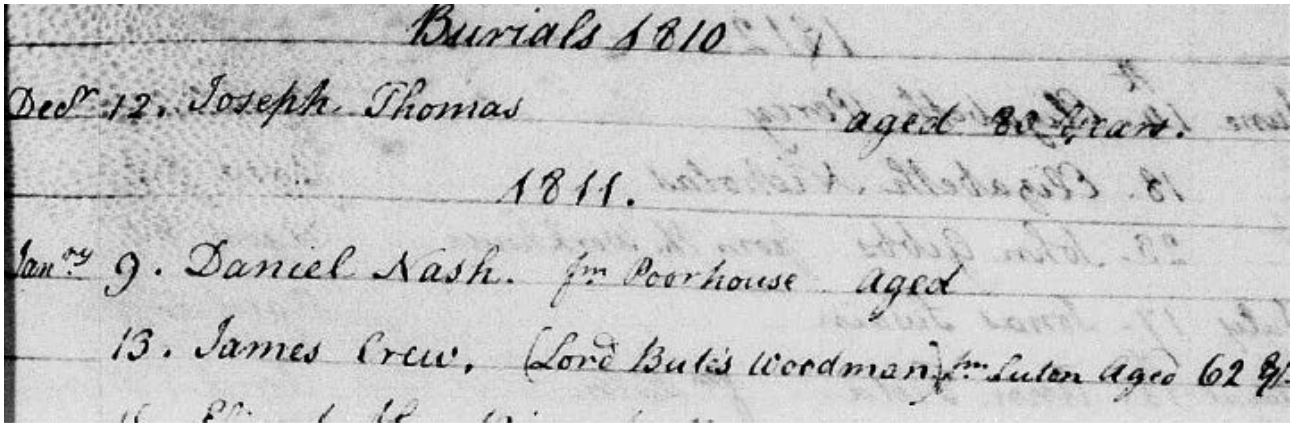
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James Crew 1745-1811 and Moss connections

Researched by Felicity Brimblecombe

James Crew (1745-1811) was a Gardener/Woodman at Luton Hoo. James was born at Kimpton, Hertfordshire in about 1745 and was the son of William & Mary (née **Groom**) Crew. His burial entry at Kimpton in 1811 confirms his employment as a woodman for Lord Bute in Luton.



He would have been about 20 when Capability Brown started to make plans for the extensive landscaping of Luton Hoo for the new owner John Stuart, 3rd Earl of Bute in 1764. Brown was involved with this project for 16 years and many trees would have been planted or moved.

One of the very few documents recording the work done in the park and gardens after all the landscaping had been completed was for the 'Labourers under the care of James Crew'.

It is for the week from 18th to 25th April in 1801. The work sheet lists 18 men at a total cost of £3/16/- and itemises some of the tasks undertaken.

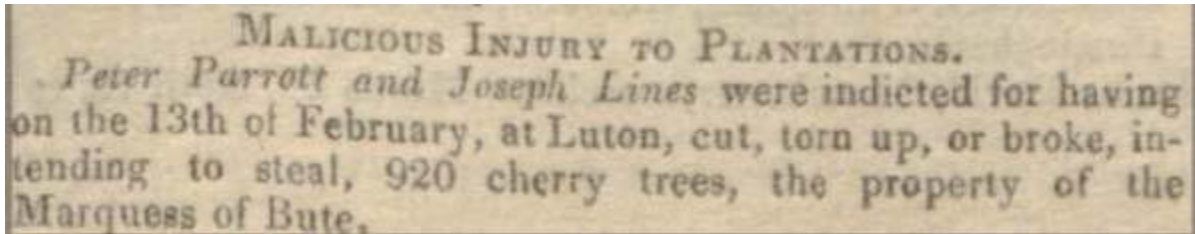
One of the workers was Thomas Crew who was the son of James. He was also a woodman and lived in a cottage owned by the Marquis of Bute as listed in the Land tax records for 1813.

County of Hertford
 20 April
 for the Hamlet of North Hyde
 in the parish of Luton
 in the said County
 for the service of the year 1798 and made perpetual by an
 other act passed in the 38 year of the reign of his present
 Majesty and also in pursuance of an other act passed in 39 year
 of said Majesty for continuing and granting to his Majesty a duty on
 pensions offices and personal estates for the year 1801

In assessment made in pursuance
 of an act passed in the 38 year
 of His Majesty King George the 3rd
 an aid to his Majesty by a land
 tax to be raised in Great Britain

Occupiers James L. M.D.			
Most Noble Marquis Bute for the woods & tythes of the Hamlet	Himself	31	0 0
Delto a ferme	William Goudley	60	0 0
Delto a ferme	Mary Lines	17	2 6
Delto a ferme	John Harris	16	8 0
Delto a ferme	Walter Scott	10	4 6
Delto Land	Samuel Hodgson	6	13 10
Delto Land	John Hopwood	0	10 0
Delto a Mill & Land	Edwards Braum	4	5 0
Delto Land	Thomas Cook	1	12 6
Delto a Cottage	Thomas Wood	0	10 0
Delto a Cottage	Thomas Crew	0	8 0
Delto a Cottage	Thomas Perkins	0	2 0
John Crawley Esq. Messuage	Mary Abbott	0	4 0
Head of Hall vicarial tythes	William Parr	2	7 4
Mr M. Hale Esq. a ferme	Himself	0	8 0
Grace Queny a ferme	William Roberts	10	10 4
Mrs Case Land	Thomas Bridger	4	18 0
Mrs E. Bridges Land	Mary Swinman	0	6 0
James Gubbidge Land	John Higgins	0	12 6
Thomas Cookson Cottages	Himself & others	2	10 0
Enumerated		170	8 0
William Beaman a ferme	James Gubbidge	8	15 0
Mr & Sonnet Messuage	Themselves	0	19 0
Francis Gynn Esq. Land	Namrah Young	0	15 0
Walter Scott assessor		180	17 6
	Geo Washburn		
	A. Douvert		
	W. P. McTherrell		

Thomas Crew may have planted some of the 920 cherry trees in Kidney Wood that were stolen in 1833 by Peter **Parrott**. The court case was reported in the newspapers and Parrott was transported to Australia.



MALICIOUS INJURY TO PLANTATIONS.
Peter Parrott and Joseph Lines were indicted for having on the 13th of February, at Luton, cut, torn up, or broke, intending to steal, 920 cherry trees, the property of the Marquess of Bute.



Later Thomas Crew 1777-1854 was in the London Lodge (1841) and in Luton as impoverished woodman in 1851.

The Crew family are unusual in that they worked on the estate for many generations under several different owners.

In the family tree all those with their names in capital letters were employed at Luton Hoo. The often married into other Luton Hoo Estate families.

Further research:

Is there a connection between the gardeners and woodmen in the **Crew** family who worked at Luton Hoo and the large number of gardeners in the **Moss** family?

The possible link has resulted from research into an enquiry to Herts Gardens Trust about Francis **Moss** who emigrated to Australia: Mossmont Nurseries was established in 1853 in the gold mining area of Bunninyong near Ballarat in Victoria. Francis Moss who established the nursery arrived from Kent England in search of his fortune, but then saw the need to supply fresh vegetable to the miners. He also started growing fruit trees for the farmers in the surrounding districts. www.mossmontnurseries.com.au

Both the Moss and Crew families have strong connections to Kimpton in Hertfordshire. The families intermarried (also shown on the family tree). Capability Brown was consulted at both Luton Hoo and Kimpton Hoo in the 1760s which implies that well trained gardeners were employed on both landscapes.

For Gardeners to travel around the UK and gain employment suggests that they were well trained. For example, Abednego Moss (father of Francis):

- Baptised in Kimpton in 1804
- Married in Hurworth, County Durham 1831
- Tenant at Hurworth of late Bishop Jonathan Featherstone 1838 (see below)
- Cheltenham, Gloucestershire in 1841 census
- Presteigne?, Radnorshire 1845 when son born
- Norton, Radnorshire (near Presteigne) 1848 when son born
- In Hereford, Herefordshire in 1851, 1861, 1871 census

John CREW 1690-1758 m 1708 Sarah GUTTERIDGE c1690-1756		CREW FAMILY TREE with links to the Moss family NB not all siblings are on this tree <u>Key</u> First Names in Bold Capitals - workers at Luton Hoo Estate Surnames in Bold Capitals - Luton Hoo Estate families Place of Birth/Place of Death <i>Occupations</i>						
William CREW 1712-65 Kimpton Kimpton/Kimpton m Mary Groom								
JAMES CREW 1745-1811 Kimpton Kimpton/Kimpton <i>Gardener/Woodman</i> m 1770 Mary Bedford		John Crew 1740-1819 Kimpton Kimpton/Kimpton <i>Dairyman?</i> m 1761 Mary Young		James MOSS ?-1823 Kimpton ?/Kimpton <i>Sawyer</i> m Susanna Gooding				
THOMAS CREW 1777-1854 Kimpton/Luton <i>Woodman</i> m Mary TOYER		Ephraim Crew 1763-1853 Kimpton/Kimpton <i>Tailor</i>		married Elizabeth Moss 1762-1810 n Kimpton/Kimpton		Thomas Moss 1767-1835 Kimpton/Watford <i>Gamekeeper</i> m Hannah Stepney		
JOHN 1807-71 Luton/Luton <i>Woods/Game</i> m Mary Armitage	JAMES 1814-93 Luton/Luton <i>Woods/Ag Lab</i> m2 Sarah Holdstock	WILLIAM 1816-88 Luton/Luton <i>Ag Lab</i> m Ann Day	John Stepney Moss 1793-1857 Kimpton/Stanmore Gardener	Francis 1796- Kimpton Gardener	William 1798-1868 Kimpton/Kent Gardener	George 1800- Kimpton/USA Gardener	Abednego 1803-71 Kimpton/Herefordshire Gardener	
GEORGE 1825- Luton/Luton <i>Ag Lab</i> m Frances	WILLIAM 1833- Luton/Luton <i>Ploughman</i> m Maria	JAMES 1847-1927 Luton/Luton <i>Ag Lab</i> m Ellen	FREDERICK JAMES 1861-1929 Luton/Luton <i>Head Woodsman</i> m Rebecca	Francis 1834-1916 Durham/Australia Nurseryman Mossmont	Thomas 1837- Durham	William 1845- Wales	Edwin 1848- Wales <i>Draper?</i>	Charles 1852- Hereford/Australia <i>Gardener</i>
FENSOM	Munn	Simpson	Horn					
JAMES 1857-1934 <i>Ag Lab</i> m Emma HUNT	THOMAS 1849-1917 <i>Farm Lab</i> m Mary Troop							
Nelly 1880- m Stephen Tomsett	GEORGE HENRY 1882-1934 m Nellie Chambers	JOHN 1895-1915 died WW1	WALTER 1889-1923 m Bertha HOWARD	Bertie 1899-1965 m Bertha Snowden				

Francis Moss' brothers have not been traced successfully. Edwin seems to have been apprenticed as a draper. Some of the others could have emigrated to Australia but there are too many Moss emigration papers to be sure. One Charles Moss, who emigrated and arrived in Melbourne in 1870, had his occupation listed as gardener.

Tithe details for Abednego Moss:

Landowner » Tithe Records » Full	
Relationship to Landowner	Trustees of
Landowner	The Late Bishop Jonathan Featherstone
Occupier	Abednego Moss
Parish	Hurworth-On-Tees
County	County Durham
Original Date	29th September 1838
Description of Land	Garden
Quantities In Statute Measure	2,0,32
Plot	131
Reference	IR 29/11/146

LANDOWNERS	OCCUPIERS	Number subdiv to the Plot	NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AND PREMISES	STATE OR CULTIVATION	QUANTITIES OR STATUTE MEASURE		Amount of Rent-Charge appertaining upon the several Lands and Premises to the Mosses		REMARKS		
					Acres	Roods	Pence	Farthings			
Master Joseph Featherstone and others	William Thorne	87	Handson Lane Field	Grass	6	2	12	-	-	A	
		88	Tuffel Field	Arable	12	-	3	-	-	A	
		89	Arnd do	do	10	2	13	-	-	A	
		90	Quashe do	do	12	2	11	-	-	A	
		91	Wining Pasture	Grass	12	2	11	-	-	A	
		92	Seafford Hill	Arable	11	1	11	-	-	A	
		97	Little Cow Pasture	do	7	3	-	-	-	A	
		98	Elbow Field	do	7	3	35	-	-	A	
		99	Cow Pasture	Grass	17	-	23	-	-	A	
		100	Lane Field	do	10	-	24	-	-	A	
		101	Garden	do	-	-	35	-	-	A	
		102	do	do	1	1	22	-	-	A	
		103	Three Pasture	Grass	10	2	24	-	-	A	
		106	Bank Field	do	10	1	9	-	-	A	
		108	Lane Field	do	9	-	35	-	-	A	
		107	Little Ploughing Field	Arable	3	3	27	-	-	A	
							√	143	3	3	10
Trustees of the late Jonathan Featherstone	Themselves	116	Two Bank	Plantation	2	3	84	-	-		
		130	do do	do	3	-	5	-	-		
					√	5	3	89	-		
	Hudal Thorne	117	Ring	Arable	7	-	12	2	5	6	A
		118	do	do	10	1	24	3	10	-	A
		119	Two Holms	do	11	1	16	14	10	-	A
		120	Horse Pasture	Grass	8	-	34	2	-	-	A
		120a	Plantation	Wood Land	-	3	36	-	-	-	
		121	do	Homechad	-	2	5	-	-	-	
		122	Grath	Grass	11	-	14	1	2	-	A
		124	Lane Close	do	10	1	17	2	25	-	A
		125	Lane Field	do	11	2	41	2	17	-	A
		128	Lodge Lane	Arable	8	1	22	2	-	-	A
129	Garden Field	do	6	1	39	2	12	-	A		
					√	80	2	54	57	6	
Sunfield George and John		122	Garage	do	1	1	12	-	-		
		126	Lane	do	-	-	17	-	-		
		127	Lane	do	-	-	14	-	-		
		132	Lodge Cottage	do	-	-	6	-	-		
					√	2	2	7	-		
Miss Abednego		131	Garden	do	2	-	32	1	-	-	A
							√	2	-	32	1

Source: National Archives and The Genealogist

Other sources: Ancestry, Find My Past, Hertfordshire Archives, Bedfordshire Archives

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Favourite Family Photo



Pictured outside 12 Wellington Street, Hertford is Arthur Charles **Allen** who was born on 4 Jan 1886 in South Lane, Hertford, together with his wife Daisy Maria **Easter** who was born on 11 Nov 1885 at Woodside Green, Little Hallingbury, Essex.

Arthur and Daisy married at Christ Church, Bengoe on 30 Sept 1911. They raised five children, one of whom was the mother of member Malcolm **Turner**.

If any other members have photographs of Hertfordshire ancestors they would like featured in *Hertfordshire People*, but perhaps haven't got enough information for an article, I would be delighted to include them. They can either feature on the cover, or within the pages.

I look forward to receiving emailed scans of your photos, with a short biography of the person, or people, in the photo. Please email me on editor@hertsfhs.org.uk

Editor

Introduction to the Parish Church of St Michael and All Saints, Woolmer Green

Up until 1900, residents had to travel to Welwyn or Datchworth to worship. Woolmer Green was part of Welwyn Parish at that time and did not have its own church. This was something that Edwyn **Hoskyns** was keen to address when he became curate at St Mary's in Welwyn in 1875. Due to his efforts a chancel was added to the school in 1878. However, the wish of Woolmer Green residents was to have their own church. Lord Lytton solved the issue of where a new church could be built when he presented a plot of land on the corner junction of London Road and Mardleybury Road to the church authorities.

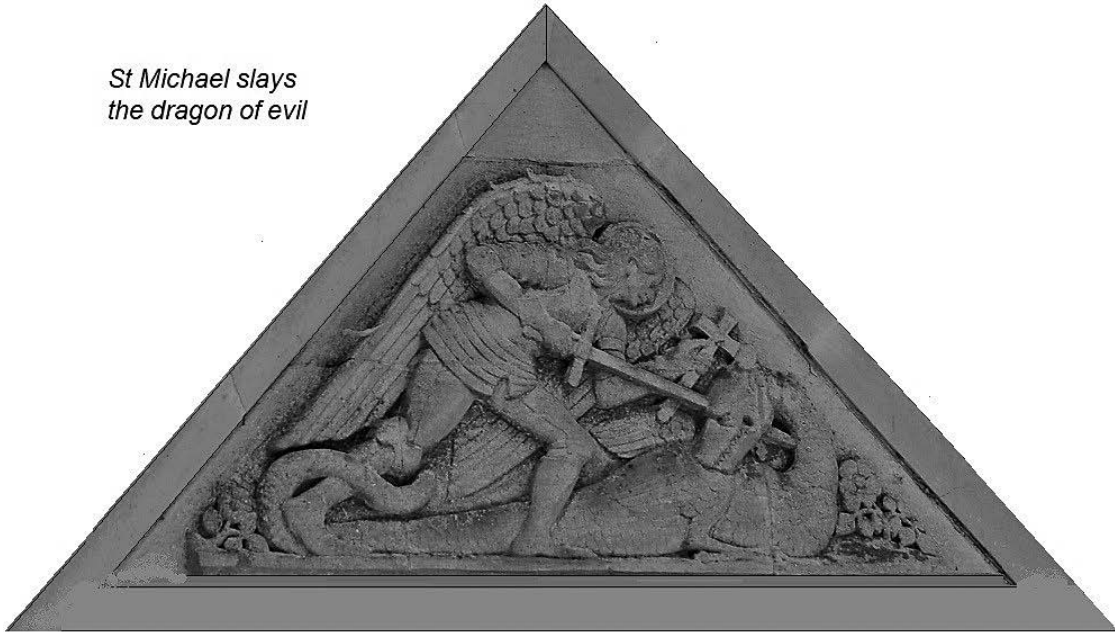
By August 1899 the cost of building the church was £2,500 but, despite much fund raising, the Woolmer Green Church Building Fund stood at £1,200 ... "exclusive of the takings at the fete at Danesbury" ... so was still insufficient. The committee "arranged that only the walls and the roof of the church shall be built, the internal fittings being left to be proceeded with as money was received". The foundation stone of St. Michael and All Angels church in Woolmer Green was laid on Saturday 16th September 1899 by Lady Lytton and the building was completed in 1900, but without a tower as originally planned. The church of St. Michael's and All Angels and its burial ground were consecrated on 3rd November 1900. So now Woolmer Green villagers could be married in their own church and laid to rest in their own cemetery. Fundraising continued and by January 1908 it was reported that "The debt of £100 upon Woolmer Green church has now been entirely cleared off". The Tower Fund continued, but that never did achieve its target and eventually the tower project was abandoned.

The church was designed by Scottish architect, Robert Weir **Shultz** who went on to design the chapel of St Andrew and the Saints of Scotland in Westminster Cathedral. Almost all his buildings have Historic England listed status, including Woolmer Green church which is of the Arts and Crafts design.



It is a red brick building with a plain tiled roof and a gabled porch. Above the porch door is a carving of St. Michael fighting a dragon.

*St Michael slays
the dragon of evil*



Inside the church the lower walls are panelled, a decorative rood screen which depicts naturalistic leaves and fruit, and the font are also in the Arts and Crafts style. The church also contains a wooden carving of Jesus on the cross which was carved by Harry **Macdonald**, the famed Woodcarver of Woolmer Green. At the southern end of the church there are three narrow stained-glass windows dedicated to Captain Guy Carleton **Vaughan** who was killed in WW1.

The Vaughan family originated from the west country but, by the 1890s, Captain Vaughan's Uncle Reginald was living in Woolmer Green and he became a Church Warden. He had one daughter, Maria Louise, who married her cousin, Captain Guy Carleton Vaughan, in the church at Woolmer Green during the summer of 1915. Tragically, Captain Vaughan was killed at the Somme, less than a year later, on 20th July 1916. The Welwyn Parish magazine of the time lamented "It is hard to look back only a few months to that happy wedding last summer in the little church of St. Michael's, Woolmer Green and to realise the sorrow that now has fallen upon the lives of our friends."

Reginald Vaughan went on to become Chairman of the Woolmer Green War Memorial Committee after residents agreed they wanted a memorial of their own rather than join with one for the whole Parish. The monument is made from Bramley Fall Stone and the cost of £120 was paid for by contributions from villagers and local dignitaries. It was unveiled by Col. Sir Charles Longmore KBC on Sunday 26th September 1920.

The local benefice is known as The Welwyn Team and is comprised of six local Anglican churches. These are St Mary's at Welwyn; St Michael's and All Angels at Woolmer Green; St Giles at Codicote; St Peter's at Ayot St Peter; All Saints at Datchworth; St Peter's at Tewin.

The most frequent surnames found in our survey (ie. those with four or more separate memorials) that are still to be found in the churchyard are as follows: **Bennett** (4), **Blake** (4), **Deards** (4), **Fletcher** (9), **Gregory** (6), **Harradence** (5), **Harris** (4), **Jackson** (8), **Johnson** (5), **Lloyd** (4), **Monk** (4), **Moss** (4), **Nutting** (4), **Smith** (6), **Tucker** (7), **Turner** (4), **Young** (4).

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Social Media and Hertfordshire Family History Society

Recently the society has been reaching a bigger audience by using Facebook, Twitter and Zoom Talks. Not everyone wants to participate with any, or all, of these options but they provide a useful way to promote the society in our county, country and worldwide. Especially as many people around the world have ancestors who originated in Hertfordshire!

Our Facebook page is viewable by everyone. It posts information daily about either the society's events, Hertfordshire, or general family history information.

Messages are received regularly asking for help with tracing Hertfordshire (and occasionally Herefordshire!) ancestors. Sometimes the question is answered privately, or the query is put on the society's Facebook page which then allows others to help too. If nobody else adds any comments, then some suggestions are researched and added by the volunteer administrator running the page.

An example with a pleasing result started with the following message in 2018. The original enquiry was copied onto our page:



Hertfordshire Family History Society

24 June 2018 · 🌐



HELP REQUIRED from: Shirlene Paterson

Hello Hertfordshire historians, I wonder if anyone has any links I can go to for more information about our Paterson family from Hertfordshire. We would love photos or stories. I do not know where they moved to from Hertfordshire or when they moved. They would have been our only Paterson cousins. When Robert Paterson was born on 27 January 1867 in Old Kilpatrick, Dunbartonshire, his father, Robert, was 39 and his mother, Ann (nee Wallace), was 28. He married Margaret McCall Slimmon on 1 April 1895 in Saint Albans, Hertfordshire. They had one child during their marriage (Robert). They lived at Oak farm St Albans. Robert senior died on 28 March 1913 in Hertfordshire at the age of 46. Their son, Robert Paterson apparently married Eva Arthur and they lived at Oak farm and then in 1959 • High Oaks Road, Garden City, Hertfordshire, England. They had 2 son's according to Margaret Slimmon's will. I have one photo believed to have Margaret in it that was shared by the Slimmon family in America. I can share if that is any help. Thanks in advance. (from New Zealand)

Sadly, nobody added any information about the Paterson family. So, the HFHS volunteer researched Oak Farm using the National Library of Scotland website, one of the best sources of online maps for Great Britain, and added the following details:



Author

Hertfordshire Family History Society

Oak Farm NW of St Albans <https://maps.nls.uk/view/102343346>



Often, we hear no more about how the research has progressed. So, it was very nice to receive the following recently, four years after the original query. In March 2022 a comment was added:



Shirlene Paterson

Thanks so much... We have found this line of our family now. Cheers.



Currently, on Facebook, HFHS has just over 800 people who like our public page plus nearly 1000 followers. The format is such that nobody other than an administrator can add a new post on the page and if they try, unfortunately, nobody sees it. This is because our page is aimed, deliberately, at being viewable by all. It is not a closed group to which people have to apply and then, once accepted, can post queries and interact with a restricted audience.

At the moment, only one HFHS volunteer actively runs the society's Facebook page. Anybody else (not necessarily living in Hertfordshire) who would like to act as an administrator would be much appreciated.

Hertfordshire FHS also have a Twitter presence. Twitter works differently to Facebook whereby on this account we notify members and followers of new talks, meetings and posts relating to genealogy and family history. We also re-tweet posts which we think will interest viewers and followers with genealogical and local history content for Hertfordshire. The number of Twitter followers is increasing all the time.

The way in which Family History Societies communicate with members and potential members has changed. We still have our members journal, but increasingly communication is by social media as well as websites and emails.

Zoom talks are reaching many people with a maximum audience so far of about 170. Attendees have joined those from Hertfordshire and around the UK from more distant locations such as America, Canada, Australia, Europe, and South Korea to name just a few.

Social Media

Hertfordshire Family History Society is active on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.



www.facebook.com/HertfordshireFamilyHistorySociety/



[@Herts_FHS](https://twitter.com/Herts_FHS) - Hertfordshire People

Do follow the accounts to keep in touch with the HFHS Talks programme, open to all, and posts relevant to local and family history with an emphasis on Hertfordshire.

You can post queries on Facebook too.

Virtual Family History Events can be very helpful – do you use them?

Four HFHS members represented the society at the recent, free, virtual fair organised by the East Surrey Family History Society on 7th May 2022.

In the morning, Janet and Felicity had a long conversation with Trevor who visited us by zoom from Sydney. He had successfully completed most of his Hertfordshire ancestry. However, sharing screen images showed him how to look up more details using entries on Herts Names Online (available from the Hertfordshire Archives website).

Discussion about Quaker marriages provided information that the names of the wedding guests can be found on some marriage entries. We shared a screen similar to the one below for the marriage of John Adams in 1777. This is just one of over 90,000 marriages documented in the extensive Quaker entries online in Find my Past:

John Adams in 1777

England & Wales, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Marriages 1578-1841

Baldock, Royston, Hertfordshire, England

View original record Add to tree Print More actions

Transcript of John's record Copy to clipboard

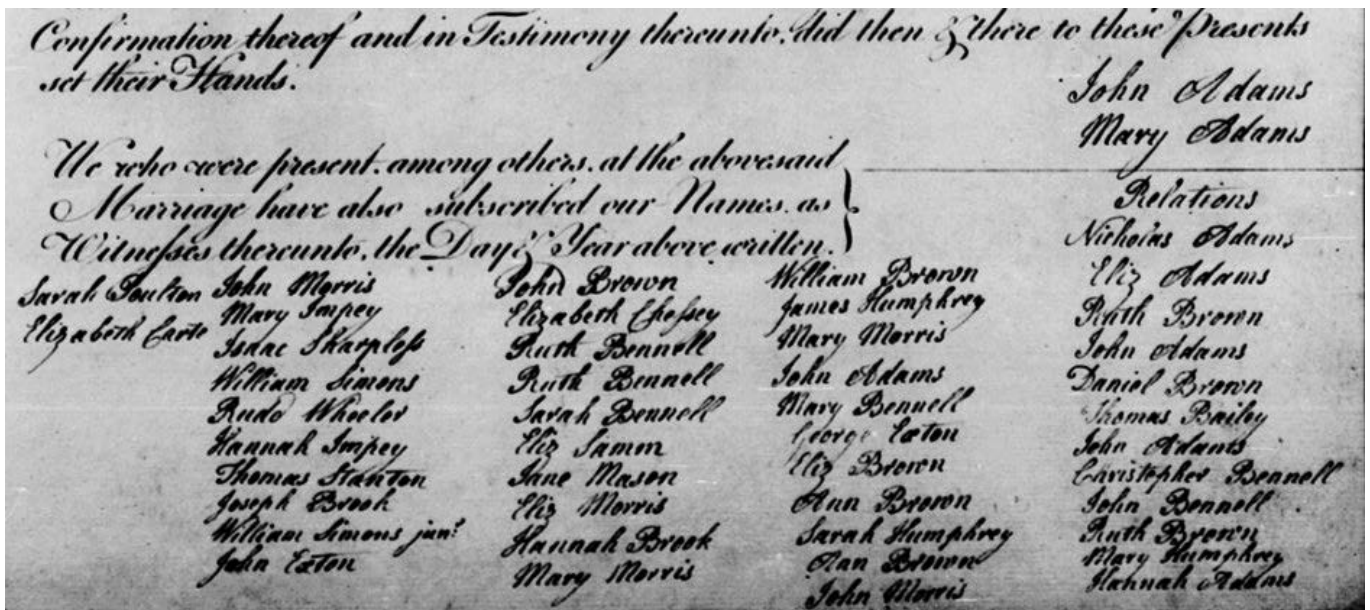
First name(s)	John	Monthly meeting	Hitchin
Last name	Adams	Quarterly meeting	Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire
Marriage year	1777	County	Hertfordshire
Marriage date	13 Jun 1777	Country	England
Marriage place as transcribed	Amphill	Archive reference	RG6/163
Marriage county as transcribed	Bedford	Description	BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE: Monthly Meeting of Hitchin: Baldock, and Baldock and Royston: Marriages
Father's first name(s)	Richard	Record set	England & Wales, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Marriages 1578-1841
Father's last name	Adams	Category	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records
Spouse's first name(s)	Mary	Subcategory	Parish Marriages
Spouse's last name	Adams	Collections from	Great Britain, England
Meeting place	Baldock, Royston		

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The page long document begins:

Whereas John Adams Grasier in Upper Heyford in Northamptonshire Son of Richard Adams of Lower Heyford deceased and Grace his Wife now Surviving and Mary Adams Daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Adams of Milbrook in the County of Bedford

It concludes with the list of those present at the wedding and the relations! The afternoon HFHS team, Tracy and Jane, had more visitors and questions. Someone



who posted a query in *Hertfordshire People* some time ago wanted further help, a visitor from America asked questions, etc.

Popping into other family history societies for a chat proved very useful.

Gloucestershire provided new sources which might help with some dead ends. Visiting North Kent produced information about where to look up more details about ancestors associated with the ship building. A specific query was about an occupation recorded in a baptism in Deptford in 1821: What is a treenail mooter?



They sent a useful link a couple of days later [Treenail - Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust \(thedockyard.co.uk\)](http://thedockyard.co.uk) which provided this picture of a treenail described as:

A treenail that has been used. It has been shaped to fit, and a small wedge inserted at one end to hold it in place. A treenail or "tree-nail" was a round piece of wood used as a nail to hold the hull timbers together and to secure the planking. They were preferred to metal nails or spikes because they did not rust; and also because the shipwright could shape the timber after they had been fitted. In the first instance treenails were made by 'treenail mooters', generally aged shipwrights who were unable to do the heavier work. Each was cut to an eight - sixteen sided section and issued to the shipwrights and only when it was ready to use was it trimmed to a rounded shape and banged into the appropriate hole.

We recommend visiting virtual fairs as an excellent, extra option to attending in person.

Royal Jubilee

This year marks the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. How many of us, in our family history collections, have mementoes of Royal occasions of the past?

I have memories of four of Her Majesty's Jubilees, Silver, Golden, Diamond and now Platinum. Can any of our readers remember what you or your family did in Coronation year? Did you go to London? Did you attend a Street Party? Have you memories of the Silver Jubilee?

I have always been interested in Kings and Queens. Some of my first books were the Ladybird books on historical figures like Warwick the Kingmaker and Richard the Lionheart. From this my interest expanded to royal genealogy in general. In 1977, Silver Jubilee year, my class did a project on the royal family tree and also our own family tree. My family tree, going back to my great grandparents, was chosen to go on the wall for parents evening, and as they say, the rest is history.

The Royal genealogy has always fascinated me. All those intermarriages. All the strategic and political alliances sealed with dynastic marriages. So called 'commoners' who rose higher up the social ladder with marriages to heiresses, land acquisition and being in the right place at the right time. Social mobility can of course go the other way too. Younger sons from second or third marriages of knights may have been apprenticed to a trade and their sons may have fallen on hard times. Such is the stuff of family history.

One of the best books I have which illustrates these royal genealogical connections is *Lines of Succession: Heraldry of the Royal Families of Europe* (1981). Then there is the *Plantagenet Roll of the Blood Royal, being a complete table of all the descendants now living of Edward III, King of England* (1905) and *The Royal Daughters of England, and their representatives : together with genealogical tables of the Royal Family from the Conquest to the present time* (1911). There have of course been books on specific kings, queens and nobles written over the centuries, some based on original research which elaborate on politics, espionage and court life.

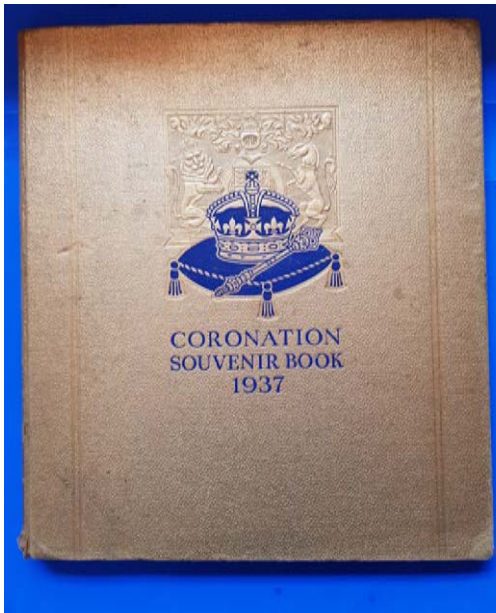
Did our ancestors celebrate royal events? My grandparents could remember Jubilees where shops were bedecked with the Union Flag and Royal Coats of Arms, and there was a special tea for the children. My parents could vividly remember the Coronations of 1937 and 1953. My Dad purchased his first television for the 1953 Coronation, inviting friends and neighbours to watch together.

The oldest royal item we have in the family is a mug that was given to my maternal grandmother on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897 which were given to all the children in Hitchin. My Mum was given a Bible from her sisters commemorating the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935 and, with all the children in Hitchin, received a book and a commemorative teaspoon on the Coronation of King George VI in 1937.

My paternal Aunt Nellie was a great Royalist and kept scrapbooks of cuttings from newspapers and magazines of all things royal from the late 1930s - personalities,

fashion, royal children and the Coronation. I was the grateful recipient of her scrapbooks and newspapers, which are fascinating, not just for the Royal event and photographs, but also for the other happenings and advertisements within the newspapers.

Over the years I have collected many commemorative items on Royal genealogy, Coronations, Jubilees and Funerals, from mugs to printed books and magazines. The oldest book I have is a small tome entitled *A Coronation Souvenir* (1911), a book for children explaining the significance of a Coronation - 'The Coronation of the King is an event, not only in the Life of the Nation, but also in that of every individual member of it'. A lucky find in a junk shop many years ago. My latest acquisition is *The Story of Seventy Momentous Years: The Life and Times of King George V 1865-1936*, recently purchased for £1 at a local charity book sale.



Some published commemorative books such as the *Coronation Souvenir Book 1937*, would have been expensive. Published by the *Daily Express* the introduction states that 'This volume tries to portray the pageant of fifteen stirring months as



objectively as possible, neither with prejudice nor sentiment, but as they unfolded themselves to the world at the time'. The death of George V, the Abdication and then Coronation, another year of 3 Kings, like 1066. There were also souvenir guides such as the *Official Programme of the Jubilee Procession* (1935) and *The Coronation of Their Majesties King George VI & Queen Elizabeth* (1937) which would have been more affordable at the price of a shilling. I have similar souvenirs for the marriage of The Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer and later royal marriages which cost me under £5.

Royal Jubilees, Funerals and Coronations were photographed from the late nineteenth century with these photographs appearing in newspapers and other printed books and ephemera. From Queen Victoria onwards photographs have survived of our royal family members. The advent of the moving picture made the monarch and their family more visible to the general public. Via newsreels at the cinema, moving images of the monarch and other members of the royal family at an event made them more 'accessible' to the general public. During the Second World War the King and Queen visiting ordinary people in the aftermath of bombing raids also made the national figurehead more visible.

In 1953 the whole Coronation event was televised for the first time, a somewhat controversial venture at the time. Although the Coronation ceremony has largely remained unchanged since before the Norman Conquest, the pomp and pageantry has evolved and changed over the years.

In my lifetime souvenir records, videos and CDs of Royal events and documentaries have been produced and more recently HM The Queen has granted the access to her home movies for commemorative documentaries in which we can glimpse the royal family acting just like any other family with a cine camera.

With the advent of television and streaming services participation in a Royal event is available to all. Anyone who wishes to can enjoy the event from home, with most probably a better view than if you actually went to London. There is a flavour of the event captured, but it is never the same as actually being there with the palpable buzz, soldiers, horses, noises, smells and the electric atmosphere.

I'd love to hear about your memories of royal events. Contact the Editor on editor@hertsfhs.org.uk.

Hertfordshire as a County has many connections with the Royal family, if you want to find out more see *Royal Hertfordshire: Murders and Misdemeanours* (2010). There is also a section on Herts Memories on Jubilees and Coronations - [Jubilees and Coronations | Herts Memories](#).

Did you know.....

‘Great Wymondley manor was held of the king in chief by grand serjeanty for the service of rendering the king a silver-gilt cup at his coronation feast. This service was performed by the lords of the manor until the coronation of George IV. Since that date the state banquet has been dispensed with, and the lords of the manor have been exempt from their service.’

[Parishes: Great or Much Wymondley | British History Online \(british-history.ac.uk\)](#)

Never miss an online talk again!

As well as the links in the Members' Area of the website, Hertfordshire Family History Society now have an Eventbrite page where you can follow us and register for a free ticket for our talks and be sent the talk link automatically via Eventbrite - www.eventbrite.co.uk

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What's new at Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies?

By Sheila White

Visiting HALS

There is no longer any requirement to book in advance to visit either the reading room or the local studies library and documents can again be requested on the spot. However, it is always a good idea to order in advance so that documents are ready for you when you arrive. Neither room is now being closed at lunchtime for cleaning and the coffee machine in the foyer is back in service. Some precautionary measures are still in place, however, such as screens on enquiry desks and hand sanitiser stations; visitors are encouraged to wear a face-covering (unless exempt) and maintain a respectful distance.

HALS Events

Book online or see contact details below

Next steps in Family History (online event)

Tuesday 12 July 2022 at 7.30pm (1 hour); online event; cost £7; book in advance.

Exploring sources to help track down your missing family, looking at records that cover the workhouse, the armed forces, crime and travel overseas.

Herts Memories – Jubilees and Coronations

Articles and photographs recalling Jubilee and Coronation celebrations in many towns and villages across Hertfordshire can be found on www.hertsmemories.org.uk.

Did you know?

The earliest document held at HALS is a Charter of Edward the Confessor granting 10 hides in Wheathampstead to the Convent of Westminster, dated 1060.

Contact details for HALS

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Website: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hals

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First Tuesday evening of the month only, 5pm -7:30pm, and only by appointment

Wednesday 9am – 5.00pm

Thursday 9am – 5.00pm

Friday 9am – 12.30pm

Saturday 10am – 2pm first and third Saturdays of the month only and only by appointment

Sunday Closed

Useful links

www.findmypast.co.uk Hertfordshire parish registers, school logbooks, historic newspapers & the 1939 National Register searchable online (subscription site, normally free to use at HALS and Hertfordshire libraries)

www.thegenealogist.co.uk Hertfordshire tithe maps and apportionments searchable online (subscription site)

www.workhouses.org.uk the story of the workhouse with information about workhouses in Hertfordshire and across the country

www.hertfordshire-genealogy.co.uk Genealogy in Hertfordshire

www.hertsmemories.org.uk history, memories and photos of Hertfordshire

www.halh.org.uk Hertfordshire Association for Local History, with links to local history societies' websites. Details of free online local history talks can be found on the home page.

www.hertspastpolicing.org.uk Herts Past Policing: crime and policing in Hertfordshire through the ages

www.hertsatwar.co.uk Community led project to commemorate the diverse experiences of Hertfordshire during WW1

www.prisonhistory.org Database of prisons, prison records and lock-ups in England, searchable by county

maps.nls.uk/os Historic Ordnance Survey maps, including of Hertfordshire, at the National Library of Scotland

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk The National Archives (TNA)
The National Archives at Kew re-opened on 27 April by appointment only; more on their website. Downloadable files are still being available at no charge (usually £3.50). These include PCC wills, navy and marine records, New Poor Law correspondence (Bishops Stortford Poor Law Union only for Herts) and title deeds.



Research Queries

Are you stuck? Don't forget you can still call on the help of fellow members. Send your research questions to: The

Editor, 53 Hitchin Street, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 6AQ. editor@hertsfhs.org.uk

Ponsbourne / Punsborne & Tudor Courtiers

Do any readers have any information about Ponsbourne/Punsborne Manor before it had the house rebuilt in Newgate street? The original house was further north in the park next to where the Farm is. Has any research been done on this. There are a few records at HALS, but not much. The manor was at one time in the hands of Thomas **Seymour** (VCH) and I wonder if there are any records of his time there or his household in Punsbourn. There are no records in the Hatfield House archive.

There were several important residences in Hertfordshire in Tudor times belonging to royalty and prominent courtiers. Has anyone done any research on this? Is there anyone locally who can suggest where I can find out more about the households of Tudor courtiers in the area. I am particularly interested in any papers that might include the households of these families during the 16th and early 17th centuries.

Has anyone researched the **Clarke** family of Hatfield?

Florence Beetlestone
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Wortham

I live in Melbourn, near Royston, and have an interest in family history.

A notable family in the area carried the name **Wortham**, they appear to originate in the Hertfordshire village of Ardeley, but spilled into Cambridgeshire.

I have accumulated some information about the family which I would be happy to share with other Wortham researchers.

Peter Jackson
peterjackson.lh@gmail.com

WANTED: FACEBOOK VOLUNTEER

Hertfordshire FHS is looking for someone who is familiar with the workings of Facebook to help our coordinator with posting interesting items to the feed, answering queries from followers and news from Herts FHS regarding forthcoming talks.

Could this be you? Contact the Editor if interested.

We could do with some more
Research Queries for
Hertfordshire People.

Don't forget to send them
in!

Society Talks

Reports on main meetings

January 2022

The 1921 Census presented by Mary McKee

Following on from the talk we had at the end of January, I continued searching for my Great Grandmother, her second husband and their four children.

I had already found my Great Grandmother and one of her children but when hovering over the image (and transcription image) the third name shown was not a name I recognized as another of the children. It also said there were six other people in the household. When I tried to search for her husband, or the three remaining children, I could not find them, which indicated they were not at the same location.

Mary McKee recommended using the detailed search option screen and I tried entering only the 'Location in 1921' along with the name of my Great Grandmother in the 'Other household member's first name(s)' and 'Other household member's last name'. It was successful in that I found all the nine residents in the household but unfortunately, I did not recognize five of the 'six other people'.

I see a trip to The National Archives, at Kew, on the horizon as the search continues for the missing members of the family. It may be a possibility that the missing husband died between 1911 and 1921 but I know all three children were alive in 1939 and beyond.

I have now made a visit to Kew and although I have found some other people of interest, I am still no further in finding the missing people above. There is an obvious reason as to why I cannot find them and which may hinder my search for some time to come. I mean, of course, mis-transcription. I have come across a few but the best so far concerns my first cousin, once removed, Frederick Ben **Lanham** (born 1906). I was not looking for him but came across him when I searched for my Great Grandfather, William **Jackson** (born 1852). On the original document, William had listed himself, his wife and his Grandson with their respective ages of 69 years one month, 68 years 7 months and 15 years 3 months. On the transcript, Ben's surname had been transcribed as 'Lenham' and his year of birth had been noted as 1856?? William's was listed as 1852 (which is correct). Had I been looking specifically for Ben, like my other missing family members, I probably would not have found him either.

In case anyone is planning to visit The National Archives and wants to use their own laptop, or other mobile device, as opposed to using the equipment on site, to access records free of charge, this is possible. When in the research area, use the 1921 internet access link and then, using your choice of search engine, search for the 'Free Find My Past' website. It is then possible to download copies of images of the 1921 Census, although transcripts can only be 'screen printed'.

Sue Jackson (Member 4469)

February 2022

Following in Family Footsteps presented by Andy Browning

Our very engaging speaker told us a tale of how an old sepia photograph inspired a three month adventure following family footsteps through the mountains and deserts of East Africa. There were 46 people in attendance at this Zoomed talk.

Our speaker described himself as a 'outdoorsy person' with a background as a geographer and exhibition leader, his family history journey started with a photograph on his grandmother's wall of a man in a pith helmet with a bicycle at a train station, his great grandfather Reuben John **Head**. The young Andy had many questions - who is the man with the bicycle? Where was it taken? From the age of 11 he was fully focussed on the place, person and trying to find out as much as he could about him. Family legend stated that he had been in the Sudan with Andy focussed on his aim of visiting the area as his ancestor had done - train to Liverpool, a boat to Alexandria and the tarin and boat down the Nile to Khartoum.

Andy detailed how he was at one stage working in Tanzania and decided to spend sometime travelling to Sudan during a break from work. We heard about his Visa issues, the geographical features, architecture, history, and his attempt to approach the area with no preconceived idea of what it would be like. With minimal language skills, finding a place to stay was a challenge but with the welcome from local people the trip was a success. The local man who befriended Andy and his colleague advised on things to do, and see. There was a mix of traditional old buildings, colonial age buildings, road networks and a modern financial centre. The river Nile features prominently as a transport link between Khartoum and the Mediterranean and is the life force of the area.

Andy took with him photographs and postcards of Khartoum taken in the 1930s and tried to find the places to match up with these images. Reuben was stationed in the War Office in Khartoum Palace in the second world war with Andy's grandma having the vague memories of a three year old. This building is now off-limits to foreigners but Andy managed to get a photo from the other side of the river. Similarly the Post Office is now used by the MoD in Khartoum. Of the two railway stations, the Old Station is the one which features in the photo which set Andy on his journey, and is now in the middle of a residential area. Andy's guide, Aziz, arranged a meeting the Archivist and Chief Engineer who provided a tour of the old railway and rolling stock and located the width of the tracks and more or less where the original picture had been taken. The hospitality shown to Andy and his colleague was unimaginable. The original photograph was recreated with Andy in it, even down to an rusty metal bicycle.

The remainder of the trip was spent touring and exploring Khartoum, including the Museum of Colonial History housed in an old church where Andy saw a photograph of the Consultative Council for the North of Sudan in 1944. in which was a familiar face, Reuben.

Further research back in the UK at the University of Durham which holds an archive about the Sudan, a 'phenomenal resource'. Reuben's working life in Africa was discovered by using Passenger Lists, Employment History and the records of

Government departments. R.J. Head started out in Agriculture and Forests in 1926 and ended up as an Accountant in various departments in 1946. Travelling from the UK to Africa was a challenge, boat from Liverpool to Egypt via Gibraltar, Italy and then a train to his destination. Andy also found the travelling challenging, from the Pyramids in the Sudan in the Royal City to the Valley of the Kings in Egypt, to Cairo, Alexandria and a plane home as there were no boats available.

This talk was engaging and thought provoking and there were many questions afterwards, including members and guests questions about relations who also worked in foreign places. An excellent presentation. More information can be found at andyexplores.com or [@andyexplores](https://twitter.com/andyexplores). *JT.*

March 2022

Getting the best out of Family Search presented by Ian Waller

Our speaker gave an overview of what is contained in Family Search, essentially Family Trees and Historical Record Sets to the 68 people attending the Zoomed talk.

Family Trees

It is simple to start using Family Search.

1. Create a free account
2. Start your family tree
3. Connect your tree to the Family Tree, a central storage clearing house for people's family trees, some of which are not referenced properly.

Family Tree is a collaborative family tree so anyone can contribute. This can be frustrating as the tree is not 'your' family tree as anyone can add and amend.

Ian noted that the software developers are always tweaking the system so original content can often be 'messed up'.

Why use a shared tree? You could discover new information, you could build your family tree with ease, connect with descendants and collaborate with others through the tree. With connected trees you only see deceased relatives, but the personal trees section enables you to add living relatives.

The individualised landing page shows information relevant to your ancestry with both landscape and portrait view, fan chart facility, a find menu, 'recents' i.e. people you have looked at in the last month, and a person summary card which shows information about an individual. Other useful features are 'timelines', 'collaborators' and 'memories' boxes, which show photographs and newspaper articles. Sources such as census and certificates can be added digitally but prevent amendments to the tree. You can also 'follow' your ancestors so you are alerted if there are any changes or additions. The light bulb icon in the bottom right hand corner accesses the 'Tips' feature. Record 'Hints' offer possible connections, the Correct a Relationship icon allows you to edit and remove duplicate entries.

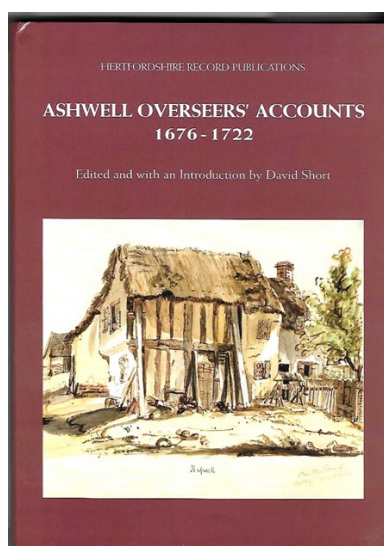
Searching **Historical Records** can be approached from either Location or Collection angle. Records can be attached to your family tree. These are Collections arranged by location, date, source and type of record.

- Record Sets - are indexed with digital images
- Genealogies - links to specific genealogical sources, such as the IGI
- Catalogue - the Family History Library
- Books
- Family History Centre or Affiliate Library
- GEDCOM - Can be put in 'Genealogies' or added to Pedigree Resource Files
- There are extensive 'Help' pages and supportive Family Search community
- WIKI - Useful information on Countries

Problems can also be reported.

I am sure that many of us will approach Family Search with fresh eyes in future. *JT*

Book Reviews.....



Short, David (ed) *Ashwell Overseers' Accounts 1676 – 1722*. Hertfordshire Record Society, Volume XXXVII, 2021. ISBN: 978-0-9501741-3-6. Non-Members: £22.00 Members: £17.50 (+£3.80 p&p). Available from Hertfordshire Record Society - www.hrsociety.org.uk

How many people, when searching parish registers, bother to take time to look at the Overseers' Accounts. These are sometimes kept in separate books, or can be hidden at the back of parish registers.

I have found that these can often reveal useful items that make a family tree come alive.

For instance, one of my ancestors, Sarah **Mole**, is recorded in the late 1700s as being an early 'home help'. She was paid by the parish to care for an elderly couple enabling them to stay together in their own home.

This gives me a picture of a caring woman wanting to be useful after her own children were adults.

These early Ashwell accounts reveal the work of the overseers helping out the local people who fell on hard times. It could be by paying their rent, or providing clothing for teenagers being apprenticed. Many items refer to illness and paying for medicine.

David Short has analysed his findings in this book, giving three useful chapters at the end.

1. Listing all the Overseers up to 1780. This includes, by the late 1720s, several women who held this office.
2. Biographies of Parish Officers and Village Notables. Many sources have been examined here giving details of their marriages, children baptised and even house size by number of hearths.
3. Biographies of some of the Poorer Families. These are the families of **Reed**, **Swaine**, **Barwell** or **Varwell**. Most names at this time came with a variety of spellings.

The book's end papers show useful maps of Ashwell.

This latest publication, by the Hertfordshire Record Society, is useful in two ways, one is an insight into life in Ashwell in late Stuart times. The other is a broader look at the way people were living at that time.

I think Ashwell was a normal small town with a cross section of people settled there. It would not have had the problems associated with the London parishes, but it is typical of the way our Hertfordshire ancestors lived.

Other Books of interest

Jones-Baker, Doris (ed) *Hertfordshire in History: Papers presented to Lionel Munby*. Hertfordshire Publications, 2004.

A collection of 18 papers that illustrate aspects of Hertfordshire from the 13th to the latter part of the 20th centuries. Subjects include medieval bishops and clergy, population studies of the Elizabethan and Jacobean parishes of Aldenham and Cheshunt, Hertford in the 17th & 18th centuries, Hertfordshire's family and place-name associations with New England, Industrial Schools and much more.

A fascinating book, with contributions from professionals and amateurs 'following the tradition of earlier times when Local History and Family History were subjects of study for the leisured antiquary'.

Have you seen any new books with a Hertfordshire theme or content? Would you like to write a review for inclusion in a future edition of *Hertfordshire People*?

I am always happy to receive notices of forthcoming publications and information on new books or online sources on all aspects of Hertfordshire history and topography.

Editor.

A Hertfordshire Heraldic Miscellany

By John J. Tunesi of Liongam, MSc, FSA Scot, Hon FHS, QG

58) The Marital Arms of Hubert Carlisle Pilkington, of Little Offley in the County of Hertfordshire and his wife, Ruth Honor Leslie.

Found within the churchyard of the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene at Little Offley is the burial plot of the **Pilkington** family. With this grave lies the mortal remains of Hubert Carlisle Pilkington, his wife Ruth Honor Pilkington (née **Leslie**).

The burial plot also acts a cenotaph for both their eldest son, Mark Leslie Pilkington and their youngest son, Charles Leslie Pilkington both of whom were killed in action serving in the army and air force respectively during the Second World War.

Hubert Carlisle Pilkington (born 23rd October 1879 died 17th June 1942) was the seventh son of George Pilkington, of Stoneleigh, Woolton in the County of Lancashire and his wife, Frances Elizabeth **Carlisle**. Hubert married Ruth Honor Leslie (born 5th Jan 1891 died 4th November 1975) at the Parish Church of St Margaret, Westminster in the County of London on the 18th February 1913. Ruth was the eldest daughter of Charles Frederick Henry Leslie, of Epcombs, Hertingfordbury in the County of Hertfordshire and his wife, Maud **Foster**.

As mentioned, the grave at Offley also commemorates Hubert and Ruth's two sons: Mark Leslie Pilkington (born 12th January 1914 died 18 November 1942) when Mark was killed in action. He was a Captain in The Life Guards attached to the Long Range Desert Group (LRDG) which was a precursor the Special Air Service

(SAS). Prior to his death in North Africa, Mark had served Palestine, Abyssinia, and Transjordan. He had also been awarded the Military Cross (MC) during his service during the war.

Mark's younger brother, Charles Leslie Pilkington (born 11th February 1922 died 11th March 1942) at the time of his death was serving as a Flying Officer in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (RAFVR) with 149 Squadron Royal Air Force, a night bomber squadron, within Bomber Command that flew the Short Sterling bomber aircraft.

He was lost along with his crew on the evening of 11th March 1942 whilst returning to their base at RAF Mildenhall in Suffolk after a bombing raid over Essen in Germany. Although Charles along with his crew has no known grave, Mark's grave today is found within the Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery at Tripoli in Libya.

Their deaths were tragic for their mother who also lost husband, Hubert, the boy's father the same year as it must have been for her two surviving sons, Ronald Charles Leslie Pilkington (born 4th February 1916) and Gerald Hubert Leslie Pilkington (born 10th March 1918), the 2nd and 3rd sons of their parents' marriage.

After the deaths of her husband and two sons, Ruth must have been anxious for her two surviving sons as both were serving in the army at the time: Ronald as a Major with the Hertfordshire Regiment and Gerald as a Second Lieutenant with the 60th Rifles (he was a prisoner of war from 1941 to 1945). Fortunately for Ruth, both came out of the war unscathed.

Out of the two brothers who fell in the Second World War only Mark married. He married Susan Violet **Henderson** (born 3rd December 1916 died 5th December 2003) at the Parish Church of St Margaret, Westminster aforesaid on the 25th February 1936.

Susan was the eldest daughter of The Honourable Alec Puleston Henderson, of Windlesham Park in the County of Surrey and his second wife, Gladys Rhoda **Maclean**. Her grandfather was Sir Alexander Henderson who was created Baron Faringdon, of Buscot Park in the County of Berkshire within the Peerage of the United Kingdom on the 24th January 1916. He had earlier been created a Baronet of the United Kingdom, styled 'of Buscot Park' on the 5th August 1902.

After Mark's death, Susan married secondly Flying Officer (later Flight Lieutenant) Charles **Pretzlik**, RAFVR (born 1914 died 27th October 2006), of Millers House, Isington in the County of Hampshire on the 30th April 1943. He was the son of Charles Pretzlik, of Lowfield Park, Crawley in the County of Sussex.

The marital arms as carved upon the Pilkington memorial in the churchyard of St Mary Magdelene may be blazoned as follows:

Arms:

(on the dexter) *Argent a cross flory gules voided of the field between five roses in saltire of the second barbed and seeded proper* (for **Pilkington**)

(on the sinister) *Azure a harp between three oval buckles or* (for **Leslie**)

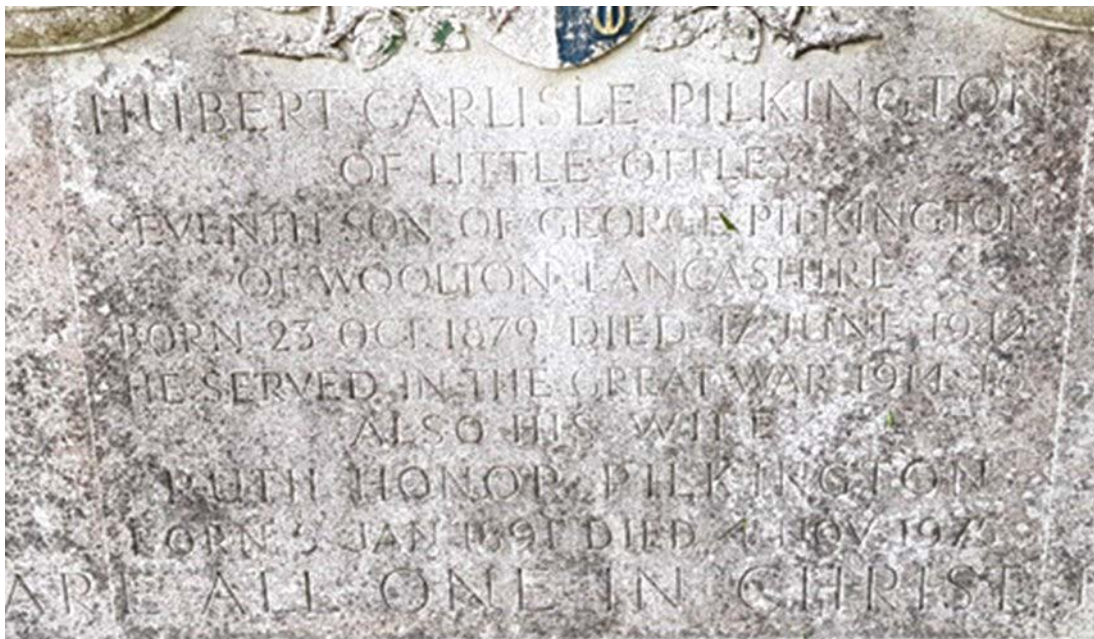
Crest: *Upon a mount between two tufts of grass vert a mower habited per pale argent and gules holding a scythe proper.*



The family of Pilkington of Offley stem originally from James Pilkington, of Sharples in the County of Lancashire, a collateral branch of the Pilkingtons, of Nether Bradley in the County of Yorkshire, one of whom, Thomas Pilkington was the Bowbearer to Queen Elizabeth I.

Further back in the family's pedigree, the Pilkingtons descend from Sir Alexander de Pilkington who held the Manor of Pilkington within the Hundred of Salford in the County of Lancashire during the reign of King John. A most ancient lineage indeed!





Hubert Carlisle Pilkington and his wife Ruth Honor



Mark Leslie Pilkington of the Life Guards



Charles Leslie Pilkington, Flying Officer RAFVR



The Pilkington plot at Offley Churchyard

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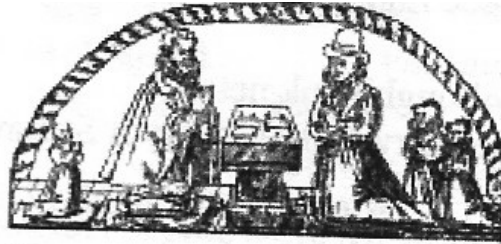
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SOCIETY PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS: Projects are ongoing and volunteers for transcribing, checking etc are always welcome. If you would like to know more, contact the **Projects Co-ordinator: Mr John Pearson - johnwelburn@talktalk.net**

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MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Apart from the new listings in each issue of *Hertfordshire People*, a free search facility is available, to members only, on family names that they may be researching, from our database of Members Interests. The names searched for will be completely up to date with the membership details held. Email correspondence preferred, but if by post enclose a s.a.e. For all enquiries, the Registrar will liaise with the submitter so that contact may be made. The points of contact are as follows:

By email: registrar@hertsfhs.org.uk

By post: The Registrar, 134 Beechwood Avenue, St. Albans, AL1 4XY.

JOURNAL DISTRIBUTION: if there is any problem with the delivery of your copy of *Hertfordshire People*, please contact **Christine Hill, Membership Secretary - registrar@hertsfhs.org.uk**

UNWANTED GRO CERTIFICATES: Can be donated to the Society, making them available to other members. **MEMBERS' FAMILY TREES** or family histories are also welcome additions to the library. Please make clear what surname they relate to, what location in Hertfordshire the family comes from, and keep them compact! Contact the Secretary.

OTHER MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Reference Box: Would you like to take responsibility for bringing our reference books to meetings? If so, please contact the Secretary.

HOUSE GROUPS: At present, one House Group is active.

Hoddesdon Area Group – Organiser: Mrs Janet Pearson - johnandjanet@ntlworld.com
Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Methodist Church Hall, Middlefield Road, Hoddesdon. 2 - 4pm. New members welcome.

The Society would be pleased to help set up further House Groups – contact the Secretary if you would like to help to start one near where you live.

HFHS SEARCH SERVICES

Our Society is always looking for ways to help members with their researches. We use income from our search services to provide further research material and in this way we hope to expand our services in the future.

The Hertfordshire Burial Index 1800-1851

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Hertfordshire Family History Society Meetings Programme 2022

**Our talks programme
will be virtual via Zoom for the beginning of 2022 with a gradual
move to Live talks with Zoom link.**

Speaker 2.30pm (UK time)

Please check our website News & Events page and our social media platforms
for the latest changes to the programme.

- Jun 25** **Birth and Death: The Hidden Secrets of Registration**
(uncovering the hidden information in these essential records)
Anthony Marr
- Jul 23** **Marriages in Hertfordshire 1558 - 1754** Ken Griffin
- Aug 20** **Help Session**
- Sept 24** **My ancestor was a liar - ignorance, half-truths or wilful
deceit?** David Annal

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