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The deadline for the June Journal is 10.00 a.m., 1st May

All contributions should be sent to the Editor, whose contact details appear opposite

From the Chairman

Anne Ramon

We have plenty to look forward to in the coming months.

The Who Do You Think You Are? Show is at the NEC in Birmingham again this year, and our Society will have its stand and bookstall there for all three days – Thursday 7th to Saturday 9th April inclusive. This is a great opportunity for us to meet and help members who aren't based in our ancestral homeland of London and East Surrey and we're hoping that the good rail and road connections into the NEC will make it an easy journey for you. We will bring our research database, a range of publications about East Surrey sources and places, and of course, our local knowledge. See <http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/> for more information about the event.

Saturday 23rd April 2016 is the Society's Open Day and AGM and we hope you will bring your family and friends to Bourne Hall to hear about researching family history in the twentieth century. Recent times but some tough problems to crack! We are particularly delighted that members of the British Deaf History Society <http://www.bdhs.org.uk/> will be attending the Open Day and we have arranged for all three talks to be signed so this event might be of particular interest to your friends or family familiar with sign language. Please get in touch if you'd like further information about this.

The Society's 39th Annual General Meeting will follow the Open Day and we hope members will stay to hear the reports and vote as necessary. Please think about standing as a Committee Member! Our Society depends on your help and without your support we will be unable to offer the range of Meetings and services we all currently enjoy. I have to stand down as your Chairman at this AGM as I have completed five years on the Committee and our Constitution requires a change of



From the Chairman

hands. Fresh ideas and fresh faces are always welcome; please come forward to help keep East Surrey FHS alive!

My sincere thanks to the Executive Committee and all the people who help run ESFHS for making my term of office so enjoyable, and, I hope, fruitful. I'd particularly like to thank Sylvia and Liz for their help, support and guidance over the past five years as they are also retiring from the Committee.

Thank you to You, the Membership! I've enjoyed meeting and talking with you and getting your emails. I hope we will keep in touch and I look forward to receiving your contributions for the monthly e-newsletters.



Members Interests – keeping your list updated

Peter Grant (ESFHS Members Interests Co-ordinator)

For the last 12 months I have been asking all members who have entries on the DMI and dated pre 2010 for their updates. Thank you to the more than 200 members who have responded to my requests for updating, but this still leaves many members' lists which are many years old. I shall now keep the DMI master list open until the end of 2015 for any late updates. Please remember that from 1st January I shall again be sending reminder emails to members whose lists are more than three years old, asking for updates.

Also please remember that from the end of April 2016 any list of interests that are more than three years old will be deleted from the DMI master list. I know that many members do not have an email address, but you can always contact me by letter; my contact details are printed on the inside front cover of each Journal.

If you do not want your list of interests deleted from the online DMI then please respond to the request.



Group meetings

March

- 3 Creating Family Heirlooms Sue Gibbons Sutton
Heirlooms, artefacts and original documents
- 12 How can memorabilia help with Family History? Elizabeth Owen Richmond
- 15 Napoleonic soldier Shornecliffe Trust Croydon
Shorncliffe Trust is a charity for the preservation and conservation and development and improvement of features of historic interest at Shorncliffe. Our speaker, Christopher Shaw, is an acknowledged expert on Shorncliffe and the Napoleonic War
- 23 The human aspects of Waterloo Jane le Cluse Lingfield
The story of the people behind the battle and not just those involved in the actual fighting

April

- 7 Members meeting Sutton
Following Sue Gibbons' March talk – discussing Family Heirlooms: also, problem-solving discussion and suggestions
- 11 Disease and Public Health in Victorian cities tbc Southwark
- 27 Had you thought of looking at . . ? Hilary Blandford Lingfield
A look at some unusual sources and ideas to add some flesh to the bones of your ancestors

May

- 5 DNA Tests for Family Historians Dr G. Swinfield Sutton
What genetic tests are available and what they can tell you about your ancestry
- 14 Members' meeting Richmond
Members and visitors are requested to bring a family item(s) and a related story, to share round the table

Group meetings

- 17 Mending bodies, saving lives Ian Waller Croydon
Victorian medical practices, hospitals & treatment of disease & injury. Ian is a retired genealogist with over thirty years experience in English research, and is now an author and speaker.
- 25 Surrey roads – from turnpike to motorway Gordon Knowles Lingfield
Gordon explores the history behind how the road network in Surrey developed

June

- 2 Agricultural unrest and the Swing Riots in Surrey Dr July Hill Sutton
- 13 Mayhem on the Midland Chris & Judy Rouse Southwark
An accident, a suicide, and a murder – using railway and other records to investigate railway ancestors
- 22 Turning your tree into a tale Kathy Chater Lingfield
Writing up your family history

Croydon: United Reformed Church (small hall), Addiscombe Grove, Croydon CR0 5LP
3rd Tuesday (except August and December); 8.00 p.m.
Secretary: Liz Moss 020 8686 8962 croydon@eastssurreyfh.org.uk

Lingfield: Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield RH7 6AB
4th Wednesday (except August and December); 2.30 p.m.
Secretary: Rita Russell 01342 834648 lingfield@eastssurreyfh.org.uk

Richmond: Vestry House, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond TW9 1SA
2nd Saturday of alternate months; 2.30 p.m.

Secretary: Veronica McConnell 01372 363015 richmond@eastssurreyfh.org.uk

Southwark: Southwark Local History Library, behind John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1JA

Second Monday of alternate months; 12 noon (except August when the meeting dates will vary – see the Journal and the Society website). There will be no meeting in December.

Secretary: Hilary Blanford 01346 685219 southwark@eastssurreyfh.org.uk

Sutton: St Nicholas's Church Hall, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton SM1 2RG
1st Thursday; 8.00 p.m.

Secretary: Gillian Alford 020 8393 7714 sutton@eastssurreyfh.org.uk

Doors usually open 30 minutes before the start of the meeting. Please check the Society website www.esfhs.org.uk for future meetings and last-minute alterations.

East Surrey Family History Society

Open Day and AGM, Saturday 23 April 2016

Sources for 20th century research

A free event at Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF

Speakers, ESFHS Help Desk and Bookstall plus displays and help from:

- Epsom & Ewell Local & Family History Centre
- Banstead Local History Centre
- Kingston History Centre
- Sutton Archives
- The British Deaf History Society

BSL (British Sign Language) interpreters will be provided for the three speakers. If you are a member of ESFHS and will be staying for the AGM, please advise the treasurer by email on treasurer01@east.surreyfhs.org.uk so that interpreters can be arranged.

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| 10.00 | Doors open |
| 10.40 | Welcome from Chairman |
| 10.45 | Myko Clelland, findmypast
<i>Using 20th century sources including electoral registers and the 1939 Register</i> |
| 11.45 | Break |
| 12.00 | Geoff Swinfield
<i>Tracing Living Relatives and Missing People</i> |
| 13.00 | Lunch
<i>Visit the Help Desk and other stalls</i> |
| 14.00 | Abby Matthews, Project Officer
<i>The Past on Glass: Digitising the Knights-Whittome Photography Collection at Sutton Archives</i> |

Open Day and AGM

15.00	Break
15.30	AGM of East Surrey Family History Society
16.15	Doors close

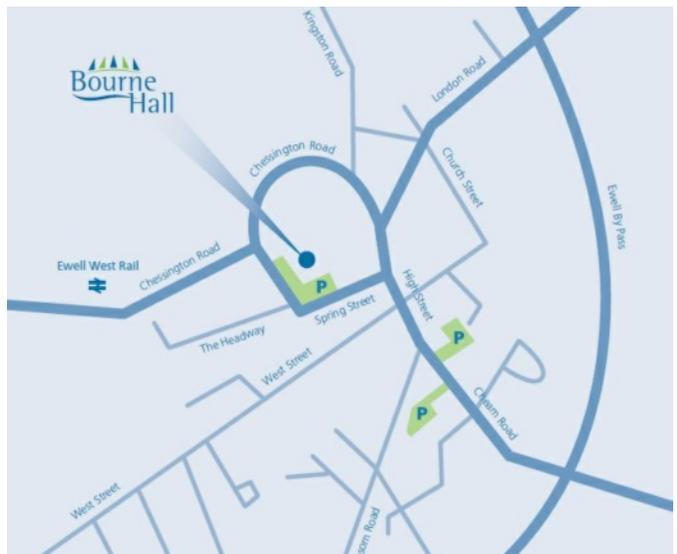
Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available throughout the day. There is a café at Bourne Hall, and other places to eat close by in Ewell Village.

Bourne Hall is 5 minutes' walk from Ewell West train station (direct trains from Waterloo, Clapham Junction, Wimbledon, Dorking and Guildford).

Pay and display parking is available in Ewell, including at Ewell West station (£2 for all-day Saturday parking). Please note that parking at Bourne Hall itself is limited to up to 4 hours.

The following buses stop at Ewell Village:

- 293: Morden tube to/from Epsom
- 406: Kingston to/from Epsom
- 467: Hook to/from Epsom
- E16: Stoneleigh and Worcester Park to/from Epsom
- 470: Colliers Wood via Morden, Sutton and Cheam to/from Epsom



Pinmakers in Southwark

Sheila Gallagher

Further research was needed to establish that Southwark was an important centre for pinmaking and that women played a larger part than in most other trades. Also desirable was a definition of the area meant by 'Southwark' and what jurisdiction the City of London authorities and the Worshipful Company of Pinmakers had over it; this was complicated by the fact that Southwark was the largest suburb of the City whilst also being the largest town in the County of Surrey. The latter topics are complex and need separate consideration, as in David Johnson's *Southwark and the City, My Ancestors were Freemen of the City of London* by Vivienne Aldous and various leaflets from London Metropolitan Archives ⁱ.

Southwark's area varied from year to year from just 'The Borough' to include nearby parishes, as in a petition to the City from the Master of the Pinmakers' Company that: '*. . . their foreign members using the pinmakers' trade who live in Southwark or other parts without the libertie of the City may be admitted into the freedom of the City by redemption*' (purchase).

A Pinmakers or Pinner's Gild existed c1376 ⁱⁱ and the London Pinmakers' Company was incorporated by Charter in 1609. The trade was probably always small and poor: in about 1607 Gloucester Corporation incorporated a Company of Metalworkers to include pinmakers among eight '*trades, of late much decayed*'. A draft Act of Parliament of 1690 survives '*for encouraging the Art of Pinmaking & keeping and setting poor pinmakers to work*'. Most references to the Company occur in the 17th and early 18th centuries and it was defunct by the early 19th century. This decline affected many of the City Companies from the later 17th century, when industry spread beyond the city and company membership became less relevant; this continued into the 18th century. The industry survived in provincial towns ⁱⁱⁱ and in Southwark, where pinmaking factories existed from the early 19th century. Stephen Humphrey says that almost every industry existed in Southwark at some time but were subsidiary to the well-known giants – cargo-handling and shipbuilding, engineering, hats, hops, leather, brewing and food-processing.

The most useful sources for pinmakers are the Company's records, (1356-1723) held among Guildhall Library MS at LMA, ref: 184-5, 3621, 6526: Cliff Webb abstracted and indexed 343 apprenticeship records from the Court

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Minutes ^{iv}. The abstracts are limited to the name of the apprentice, his father's name and, if deceased, his father's parish and occupation, the name of the master and the date of the indenture. They do not give the term (usually seven years) nor the fee paid. Some master pinmakers' parishes are included but not enough to establish how many were resident in 'Southwark' – this information and identification of particular individuals may sometimes be found by cross-referencing other sources. I estimate that more than half of the apprentices lived in Southwark and other Surrey parishes, mostly in Southwark St Saviour and Bermondsey, then from London and Middlesex with some from more distant counties. These conclusions are only approximate as an accurate list would require going through the whole index. These apprenticeships were private arrangements; for parish/pauper apprenticeships see below.

Up to about 1650 members of a Livery Company generally practised that Company's trade but subsequently it became more common to practise another trade. Not all apprentices took up their Freedom. Later some persons became Livery Company members by patrimony (derived from their father's membership) or by payment of a fee (redemption).

The question of how many boys and girls, men and women were apprentices and masters can be estimated. Cliff Webb notes that 'this Company has a much higher proportion of girls being apprenticed than normal and the average social status of the fathers is low'. I think there is just a few, probably under 10, more girls than boys. About a fifth of the apprentices were bound to fathers or mothers who were also pinmakers. Approximately a quarter of the masters were women and of these the majority were widows, with one spinster. Women could be Free of the City if single or a widow but lost Freedom on marriage. Non-free widows of City Freemen obtained Freedom herself 'by courtesy' on her husband's death so that she could continue his business. She was not formally admitted to freedom, so no records exist ^v: except, of course in these apprenticeship records

Analysis of Bermondsey parish apprenticeship records [1742-1799] shows children were bound to pinmakers during the 18th century with a fee of 20s. This is almost certainly much lower than a parent would pay for a Company apprenticeship. Of 16 apprentices, 11 were girls. Their 17 masters included

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four women. Two masters (a labourer and a gardener) were not pinmakers, with notes that the girls were to 'learn pinmaking' & "'earn housewifery and pinsticking', presumably from their wives. One girl, 'a poor child' of Bermondsey, is included in the Pinmakers index. Few Surrey parish apprenticeship records survive early enough to include pinmakers but it is possible that the indentures for Southwark St Saviour, [1714-1807] ref. LMA/P92/SAV/2305-2349 (with a few gaps) may do so amongst the large total of 586 apprenticeships. I haven't been able to examine them.

Other records not consulted are: Surrey parish registers, vestry minutes, & the publications: Kingston Apprentices, Surrey Apprentices. Surrey Quarter Sessions include only: Martha White, a poor child of Rotherhithe, apprenticed to William Hayward of St Leonard Shoreditch MDX, ref. SHC/QS2/6/1747/Eas/10.

Regrettably, no East Surrey members produced pinmaker ancestors but Diana very kindly sent Richard Harper of St. Olave, SRY, pinmaker, 1682, ref. Prob4/17326, found in Surrey Probate Inventories, 16th – 19th centuries, which cross-references with his PCC will. Please keep looking!

I should like to thank the staff of Southwark LSL, Elsa Churchill & Ginny Gilman of the Society of Genealogists, & Stephen Humphrey for their help.

ⁱ Johnson, D.J. *Southwark & the City* OUP for The Corporation of London (1967)
Aldous, V.E. *My Ancestors were Freemen of the City of London* Society of Genealogists (1999) *City Freedom Archives* LMA Information Leaflet No.14
Searching for members or those apprenticed to members of City of London Livery Companies LMA Information Leaflet No.16

ⁱⁱ Megson, B. (Ed) *The Pinner and Wiresellers Book 1452-1611*, accounts transcribed & published by London Record Society (vol.44, 2009). It includes 30 Wills and a list of wardens.

ⁱⁱⁱ Critchley Bros archives at Gloucester RO, ref: D4331/

^{iv} London Livery Company Apprenticeship Registers, vol. 9: Needlemakers Co, 1664-1801, Pinmakers Co. 1691-1723.

^v *City Freedom Archives* LMA Information Leaflet No.14



An accent makes all the difference

Anne Ramon

How do you pronounce and write a 'naturalised' Spanish surname? Anyway you want to I suppose, but I've always been curious about my married name **Ramon**. The recent family have always said Ra(h)-mon, equally stressed syllables or Ra(y)-mon and have written 'Ramon' with no accent but what did Grandfather Amadeo (A(h)mad- e(y)o with equal stress) and his Spanish family say? Amadeo was born in 1887 in a small town called Ejea de los Cabelleros near Saragoza in Aragon, in north-east Spain, to parents José and Dolores (source: Naturalisation Certificate dated 29 August 1947 TNA ref HO334/328/6610).

Family memory is that Amadeo moved to Paris as a young man and trained as a chef. I can pick up his movements from 1918, however, when he was an Assistant Cook in the British Merchant Navy and later when he was an Entrée Chef and then Master Chef on the Atlantic Cruise Liners. He appears in the Crew Lists; always 'Spanish' and interestingly of different heights – anything between 5' 2" and 5' 9". He married Jane Crewe in 1918 in Aston, Birmingham and they later settled in Winchester. He was naturalised as a British Citizen in 1949 under the name Amadeo Ramon with no accent on his name.

The 1939 Register, now available from FindMyPast at <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/1939register> and The National Archives www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/, has provided a major clue on the surname. Amadeo and wife Jane are listed at their home in Stuart Crescent, Winchester, and, wonderfully, the person who transcribed their names into the Register has written the surname with an accent – Ramón – hopefully faithfully recording the information provided by Grandfather Amadeo.

This will be very helpful if I ever get round to researching the Ramón family ancestry as Ramon and Ramón are two very different surnames in Spain, so a big thank you to Find My Past and the National Archives!



Skilton – appeal for information

Brian Hudson [7324]

Last year our Members' Interests co-ordinator passed me an email that he had received from a non-member, Eric Skilton, who had found my **Skilton** name interest on the ESFHS website. Eric and I soon established that our particular interests were not connected, although he sent an unrelated part of the Skilton family tree that showed a possible line of enquiry for me.

Although I couldn't help Eric, he did ask if I could pass on his enquiry to other members in the hope that someone can solve his mystery. His story is shown below. If anyone thinks they may be able to help Eric, he can be contacted at ericskilton@hotmail.com.

Eric Skilton's story:

"My father was a Skilton, but his upbringing is a complete mystery and despite 50 years of searching I have not found a definitive proof of who he was or his background. He was brought up as a young child with what I think was a younger brother. Strangely, that brother Joseph was brought up in later life with the surname **Marshall**. The two ladies in charge of him were an Emily Lay and a much older Emily Marshall. They have been positively identified in the 1911 census living in Hove, where he and Joseph (both named as Skiltons at that time) went to school and where I too was born. How I wish I had asked him more questions when I was young.

"He is Albert Victor Skilton and the only clue is that he told my sister he was a Victor and we always celebrated his birthday on 17 April. This matches a baptism record in a Wimbledon Church in 1902 when he was recorded as being two years old; he was baptised along with a younger brother Kenneth who died a few months later. The father was listed as Albert Henry Skilton and the mother Annie Skilton. I have traced all recorded Albert Henrys and the one who married my grandmother Annie **Holman** appears to have died in 1895. I cannot reconcile this inconsistency. I have never been able to establish how Emily Lay and Emily Marshall came to take care of the boys. I have found an entry in the 1901 census with the ladies living in Hanover Gardens, Lambeth, as visitors. No sign of any children."



Spring Park Farm Estate – a Family affair

Ray Wheeler [6188]

I was most interested to read Sylvia's article on the development of Spring Park Farm Estate in the September 2015 issue of the Journal. I too live in a 'Gower' house but one built post-war in 1952, when the developers returned to finish a number of houses in parts of the estate that they owned.

Readers may be interested to know that Spring Park had been part of the great Monks Orchard Estate in the possession of Lewis Loyd (of the Banking house, Jones, Loyd & Co later taken over by Westminster Bank Ltd). On the death of the last of the Loyd family the Monks Orchard estate was sold in stages, with Spring Park Farm purchased by Samuel Amos Worskett in 1924 for £7,000. Samuel Worskett was a glove and hosiery dealer who, according to the 1911 census, resided in Lubbock Road, Chislehurst.

In 1929 he sold the estate for £15,000 to three developers: namely Alfred Temple Bennett, James Oswald (of Bromley), and Herbert Ferris Worskett, the son of Samuel. The principal developer was the first, Bennett. Although there was some local confusion he was no relation to the Bennett family of Shirley who were famed for the making of besom brooms.

A T Bennett was born 25 January 1879 and baptised 1 June 1879 at St Jude's, Kensal Green (near Paddington), one of eight children born to John and Georgina Bennett. They lived at 11 Second Avenue, Paddington. By 1891 the family were living in Green Lanes, West Green (situated where Turnpike Lane tube station is now), and John's occupation was a Coal Merchant and Corn Dealer. According to the 1891 census, visiting the family was James Oswald age 23, an engineer, born in Pimlico. By the age of 23 Bennett had set up in business as an engineer and the records of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers (available on Ancestry) give a resumé of his education and early engineering career. He was manufacturing automatic fog signals for Trinity House in 1902 and later producing aircraft parts during the First World War. In 1922 he diversified into 'pirate' bus operations, running vehicles under the 'Admiral' name from Wood Green to Winchmore Hill in north London. Within the family concerns were a coal merchants' business, which his father first began, and a taxi firm. Bennett was also one of the principal directors of the Marshalsea Group of companies based in Taunton.

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He married Gertrude Morris in 1906 and they lived at first in 56 Park Avenue North, Hornsey, later moving to 'Garydene', 147 Green Dragon Lane in Winchmore Hill. They had three sons: Douglas Temple, Colin and Stuart Morris.

Alfred Bennett was an active freemason, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, and became Deputy Chair of Edmonton Petty Sessional Division in 1950.

James Oswald was the brother-in-law of A T Bennett, having married Margaret Chapman Bennett on 5 June 1894. There is a further record of James in the 1891 census, which shows him residing at Havelock Terrace in Battersea, and there is also a record of him being recorded as a 'Visitor' at Green Lanes, West Green. His parents John and Ellen Oswald came from Scotland as did John and Georgina Bennett. The 1871 census records both sets of parents residing in Caledonia Street, Pimlico – the Oswalds at number 7 and the Bennetts at number 9.

Herbert Ferris Worskett was also the son-in-law of James Oswald, having married the daughter, Nellie Simpson Oswald (A T Bennett's niece) on 9 October 1929. James Oswald died in 1932 so Alfred Bennett's son, Stuart Morris Bennett, became a partner. In the same year Alfred Bennett, Herbert Worskett and Stuart Bennett formed Gower Builders (London) Ltd incorporated 3 October 1932 with the first registered office situated at 37 Gower Street, London.

Many of the roads were named after the Bennett family members: for example Bennetts Way, Stuart Crescent, Colin Close, Douglas Drive, and Temple Avenue. Eversley Way and The Grange were named after districts in Winchmore Hill, and Pleasant Grove was named after A T Bennett's parental home, Pleasant Villa in Green Lanes, West Green. Ferris Avenue was named after Herbert Ferris Worskett. Palace View was so named as the Crystal Palace could be seen clearly on the Norwood Hills(although the Crystal Palace was destroyed by fire in November 1936 before the houses were erected). Today Canary Wharf dominates the northern horizon from Palace View.

Alfred Temple Bennett died in May 1969 at his home in Green Dragon Lane, Winchmore Hill. Unfortunately Stuart Morris Bennett died in May 1963 age 50

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from an overdose of aspirin and other painkillers. As yet I haven't traced any living relatives but if any member has further information of the family please let me know.

Further information about the development of Spring Park Farm Estate can be found in my book *Shirley & Addington*, published by The History Press in their *Images of England* series ISBN 9780752426839. Page 78 shows a photograph of Alfred Temple Bennett.



Stray baptism

John Henderson hjr.henderson262@btinternet.com

Having recently traced my **Aynscomb** ancestors back across the border from Kent into Surrey, I found the following entry in the parish registers for Gatton St Andrew:

"Francis a blackeamore Sr John Thompson's servt was baptized April 27 . 1684 . a younge man about 16."



2016 Renewal Subscriptions

Ann Tumor [827] (Membership Secretary)

Thank you to those all members who have been very prompt in paying their 2016 renewals. I do appreciate this as it enables me to make sure our database is correct and up to date as early in the year as possible.

It is also appreciated when members let me know of any changes to their address and email.

If any member has so far not paid this year's subscription, this will be the last journal to be received.

Another thank you also to members who very kindly send a donation, for which we are extremely grateful, and for all the signed Gift Aid contributions. These really do help the Society and the committee would like to add their thanks to mine.



Tech Topic – Tablet Tips

Brian Hudson [7324]

Most features of a PC are available on a tablet; it is a small matter of finding out where they are hiding. Here are a couple for the iPad (also applies to the iPhone and iPod touch).

To take a screenshot: Simultaneously press and release the **Sleep/wake** and **Home** buttons. The screenshot is then added to **Photos**.

If you find a webpage that is worth keeping then, in the Safari browser: Tap  in the upper right corner of the screen, then tap "Save PDF to iBooks" to convert the page to PDF and add it to your bookshelf.

Similar features may be available on Android tablets but it will depend on the version of Android.



Family Tree Maker retired

Brian Hudson [7324]

Last year Ancestry.com announced that Family Tree Maker software would no longer be available for purchase as from December 31 2015, but they will continue to support existing users through 2016.

This will be a blow to users of this popular package, but Ancestry say that they have '... taken a hard look at the declining desktop software market and the impact this has on being able to continue to provide new content, product enhancements and support that our users need.' It is probably also driven by the fact that Ancestry has an online Family Tree that requires a subscription. Personally, I like to have a copy of my family tree on my own PC equipment without having to go online.

There are now many unhappy people who have used the software for years, but the good news is that the software does not stop working just because it has been retired, and it will still give many years of service. The other good news is that most publishers of genealogy software are taking advantage of the retirement of Family Tree Maker with special offers to entice you to buy their product.



Researching Relatives in the First World War

Peter Moulin [6101]

Looking back to 1916, most people associate the Battle of the Somme with futile casualties, certainly in the early stages. I will return to that in later editions of the Journal, but on this occasion I shall concentrate on the Battle of Jutland, and the wider battle at sea.

The Battle of Jutland was fought from 31 May to 1 June 1916, when some 100 ships from the German High Seas Fleet clashed with 150 ships of the British Grand Fleet, the culmination of twenty years of naval rivalry. The German fleet lost 62,000 tons of shipping when 11 of their ships were sunk and 2,551 men were killed, whereas the British fleet lost 111,000 tons of shipping when 14 ships were sunk and 6,097 men killed. The point is that as soon as the Germans realised that the entire British fleet was after them, they fled for home. The German fleet never put to sea again until it was surrendered.

Commemorative events for Jutland in 2016 start in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on 24 May with the formal opening of an exhibition '36 hours: Jutland 1916, The Battle That Won The War'. There will also be a commemoration in the Orkneys where the Royal Navy's Grand Fleet was anchored at Scapa Flow.

I covered researching Royal Navy ancestors in the December 2014 Journal. Service records are at TNA in the series ADM196 and ADM188. We should not forget that Britain had a huge merchant navy, and records of this may be more difficult to find. The case study I have included here is of a stewardess who worked for P&O, and usefully the records of this company are on permanent loan to the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich. There are registers of officers, engineers, stewards and petty officers, but not pursers. Because the P&O liner sank after hitting a mine, the other useful source of information I have been able to use is newspapers of the time (by searching on the ship's name).

Findmypast has an index of 'Deaths at sea 1781-1968' which includes those lost during the First World War.

This story demonstrates that it was not only men who perished from enemy action, and that civilians could also suffer.

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Esther Seymour (née Bell)

Esther was born in London in 1876, and appears in the 1891 census as the daughter of Richard **Bell**, wharf foreman. In 1897 she married Eustace **Seymour** who is shown in the 1901 census as a straw hat warehouseman. They had two sons by this time. Eustace died in 1906, and in the 1911 census both sons are shown as boarders at the Warehouseman Clerks and Drapers School in Croydon, while Esther was staying with her in-laws. This arrangement would have allowed Esther to work away for long periods as a stewardess for P & O.

The Maloja was the newest and largest vessel in the P & O fleet, being built by Harland and Wolff in Belfast in 1911. It set sail from London on Saturday 26th February 1916, bound for India. On Sunday morning it struck a mine between Folkestone and Dover and sank after about half an hour. Its demise was viewed by crowds on the seafront at Dover, and many small craft raced to the scene to rescue the passengers and crew. The weather was intensely cold, and some deaths from exhaustion occurred on board the rescue vessels. The cutting shown from the *Hull Daily Mail* gives the total number of casualties.

The inquest was opened and adjourned in Dover on 29th February with only 14 bodies identified. The *Dover Express*

SS MALOJA DEATH ROLL

Last night the P. and O. Company issued, with a list of survivors among the passengers and European crew of the ill-fated liner Maloja, the following notification:-

The numbers who embarked on board the Maloja, and of those known to have been saved, are as follows:

	Saved.	Missing.	Total.
Passengers	72	49	121
European crew	92	20	112
Native crew	137	85	223
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	301	155	456

Hopes, after two days have passed, of any further lives having been saved can be but small, and it is to be feared that with the great vessel no fewer than 155 persons have gone down.

Fifty-two bodies are now lying within the Market Hall at Dover, the improvised mortuary, and but few have been identified.

Hull Daily Mail 29 February 1916

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of 13th March reported on the funerals. The Europeans were buried in St Mary's cemetery on Monday 6th March, although 23 had been removed by friends or family to be buried elsewhere. The Lascar crew were buried in the nonconformist portion of the same cemetery on Friday 10th March. The funeral procession was headed by the band of the East Surrey Regiment.

There was some confusion over Esther's resting place for many years, with the CWGC having no record of a grave and her name appearing on the Tower Hill Memorial. Recent research has shown that she is buried in Hampstead Cemetery and a CWGC headstone will be placed there. In *Deaths at Sea* Esther's address is shown as 3, Achilles Road, West Hampstead.

The final piece of information was Esther's probate record. Probate was granted on 27th March 1916 with only one beneficiary, Florence Lamb (wife of Frederick Robert Lamb). I can find no obvious connection. The value of the estate was £290 15s 9d, about £27,000 at today's prices.

George Baker

George was born on 20th September 1893. By the 1901 census his father, George Edward **Baker** (senior) was a widower living at 7 High Street, Merton; he was 37 years old and working in 'Paper making'. He had two daughters, Lily aged 17 and Bertha aged 10, and a son George aged 7. Later in 1901 George Edward Baker (senior) married Emily (née **Ward**).

George (junior) had his elementary education at Singlegate School, Mitcham, and started at Rutlish Science School on 13th September 1906. He had been granted a Scholarship for three years, leaving on 27th July 1909.

George Edward Baker enlisted into the Royal



Postcard of HMS Black Prince

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Navy on 8 April 1913 for 12 years, after previously being employed as an outdoor porter (his school record says 'Some industrial occupation'). He was 5 feet 3 inches tall, had a chest measurement of 33½ inches, brown hair, grey eyes, with a fair complexion and a large scar on the left side of his face. In the First World War he was Stoker 1st Class K/18664 serving in HMS *Black Prince* during the Battle of Jutland. *Black Prince* was an armoured cruiser of 13,500 tons, launched 8 November 1904.

On the night of 31 May /1 June *Black Prince* was struck by many shells, and she sank within four minutes. There were no survivors. Because no bodies were recovered for burial, George is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. He is also commemorated on the St Mary's Churchyard Memorial, Ewell, as well as on the Rutlish School memorial.



George Baker's name on the memorial at Portsmouth



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Saturday 23rd July 2016, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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The East Surrey Family History Society website

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www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk

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The Society website



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with links for Home, Shop, Research, Meetings, Events, and Members. The Members section is highlighted. Below the navigation, there is a '2016 Renewal' section with a 'Membership Renewal' link. A 'Login Form' is visible with fields for Username (containing '9999') and Password, a 'Remember Me' checkbox, and a 'Log in' button. To the right, there are two oval portraits of a man and a woman. Below the portraits, the heading 'MEMBERS SERVICES' is followed by text describing the quarterly email and monthly e-newsletter.

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I hope you will enjoy the resources we are building on the Members area and please help us.



Website round up

Brian Hudson [7324]

www.londonroll.org – An online project has been creating a free searchable database of membership information from the records of the City of London's Livery Companies. It will include details from their earliest records up to about 1900. The project started in 2008 with The Clothworkers' Company Apprenticeship and Freedom records; then, in 2010, the records of The Drapers' Company and The Goldsmiths' Company were added, followed by those of The Mercers' Company (2012) and the Bowyers', Girdlers', Salters', Musicians' and Tallow Chandlers' Companies in 2014. The records of apprenticeship bindings total 87,705; freedom admissions 56,384, and those of named individuals 366,275. More records will be released in the future.

http://ezitis.myzen.co.uk – The website title is *Lost Hospitals of London*: it has a very long list of hospitals, each with a link to a comprehensive article describing it. Although the title is 'Lost' a number of the hospitals are still in use, and, despite the reference to 'London', quite a few of the locations are well out into the London suburbs. Some of the links within the articles have not been updated and do not lead anywhere, but nevertheless this is a substantial website with many places in East Surrey. The records for many of these places are held at the London Metropolitan archives

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lma.



Have you come up against a

Brick Wall?

Send your request for help to the Editor for publication in the next issue.

Can you help?

Perot / Thompson

Maurice Robinson [7581] maurice@robinsonfamily.me.uk

I have not so much a brick wall, more a lack of concrete.

After many years of research into my paternal ancestors I had learnt that the father named on my birth certificate was in fact not so.

Based on information gleaned from my new brother it appears that my father was illegitimate. His mother was Harriet Marie Perot, born 1885 in Surbiton, Surrey. Her birth certificate shows her parents to be James Adolphus Perot and Rosalie Thompson but I can find no record of their marriage. Harriet was cared for by an unrelated family in Surbiton from soon after birth until her marriage in 1910.

James Perot is well recorded on various internet sites as being from British Guiana (now Guyana) and part of an extensive family. He is shown on my grandmother's birth certificate as a Foreign and Colonial Merchant. James's father, Adolphus William Perot, was a founding director of the Hand in Hand Insurance Co. in 1865. These Perots appear to be Huguenots who went to New York, then spread to Bermuda and then Guyana.

A search for Rosalie Thompson finds her on the 1881 Census as a scholar at Holm Elms, Gladstone Road, Wimbledon, b. 1864, Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana. Holm Elms is apparently a privately-run college. I have made enquiry of Wimbledon History Museum, who were unable to supply any useful information about the college or Rosalie.

Unfortunately the connection to the above mentioned is supposition and lacks documentary evidence.

I am looking for assistance.

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Surname interests in other English counties

AYLING	Rogate	SSX	18-20c	10418
BRAMLEY	All	LON	18-19c	10418
BROOKWELL	West Ham	ESS	19-20c	9125
BROOKWELL	Bexley	KEN	19-20c	9125
BULLOCK	Marlmesbury	WIL	18-19c	10429
CAPEROE	Bethnal Green	MDX	M19-E20c	5771
CURTAIN	New Cross	KEN	1850-1950	9724
DEAR	All	DEV	All	10257
DEAR	All	CON	All	10257
DEE	All	CON	All	10257
DEE	All	DEV	All	10257
DEEKS	Deptford	KEN	All	9724
FENTUM	Winchmore Hill	LON	18-20c	10429
FIRMINGER	Crayford	KEN	19c	10425
GODIN	All	LON	17-20c	10418
GRAY	Longbridge Deverill	WIL	18-19c	10418
GRAY	Marylebone	LON	18-19c	10418
HAI(Y)NES	Bexley	KEN	1900+	9724
HAYNES	Deptford	KEN	All	9724
HILLS	Margate	KEN	18-19c	10429
HOBDEN	Lambeth	LON	18-20c	10418
KIELY	All	LON	19-20c	10418
MOCKLER	East Acton	MDX	18-20c	10429
RAWE	All	LON	19-20c	10418
READ	All	HRT	17-18c	9125
SIMPSON	All	LON	18-19c	10418
WILLIAMS	Stanway	ESS	17-20c	10418
WILTON	Deptford	KEN	All	9724

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BULLOCK	Southwark	19-20c	10425
CHAPMAN	Southwark	19c	9125
FERGUSSON	Southwark	19c	9125
FIRMINGER	Walworth	1890-1914	10425
HOBDEN	Lambeth	18-20c	10418
KEYSE	Camberwell	19c	9125
MALHAM	Bermondsey	All	9724
MANKTELOW	Southwark	19c	5771
NICHOLSON	Bletchingley	1907-1914	10425
OLROG	Richmond	19-20c	5771
OLROG	Kew	19-20c	5771
PEPPER	Rotherhithe	1867-1900	3865
READ	Southwark	19c	9125
READ	Croydon	19c	9125
REGGLER	Rotherhithe	All	9724
SEARS	Rotherhithe	1800-1900	3865
SHAW	Rotherhithe	1800-1886	3865
SIMPSON	Lambeth	19-20c	10418
STANFORD	Richmond	19-20c	5771
STANFORD	Kew	19-20c	5771
TUBBS	Guildford	18-20c	10418
WALDEN	Croydon	All	10257
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WILLIAMS	Lambeth	19-20c	10418
WILTON	Rotherhithe	All	9724