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The 1914-18 memorial at Brookwood

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The Society **Research & Advice centre** is at Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield. It is open every month (except August and December) on the second Saturday from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., and on the fourth Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

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The deadline for the March Journal is 10.00 a.m., 15th January
All contributions should be sent to the Editor, whose contact details appear opposite

Group meetings

December

- 7 Entertainment in Elizabethan England Sarah Doig Sutton
Music, dance, literature, sport and pastimes
This meeting will be followed by our Christmas social gathering.
- 11 Christmas Lunch Southwark
Contact Southwark Secretary

January

- 13 Christmas meeting Richmond
Bring along a family letter from yesteryear
- 16 A Quaker family Antony Barlow Croydon
- 24 Corsets and cameras Jane Lewis Lingfield
19th century costume for dating old photographs. Jane is from the Surrey History Centre
- 24 Visit to the SoG Southwark
Group visit to the Library of the Society of Genealogists. Numbers are limited: contact the Southwark Secretary

February

- 20 Calico workers on the Wandle Mick Taylor Croydon
- 26 Researching photographic history Michael Pritchard Southwark
Dr Pritchard is the Chief Executive of the Royal Photographic Society. Members are invited to bring old photographs to the meeting (note: this is not a costume dating talk!).
- 28 Shopkeeper ancestors Sue Gibbons Lingfield

March

- 10 to be advised Richmond
- 20 Adoption Louise Taylor Croydon
- 28 Great Exhibition 1851 Ian Bevan Lingfield

Group meetings

April

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| 9 | The story of Borough High Street
<i>Lionel is a local historian and his talk will include bridges, battles and bailiffs</i> | Lionel Wright | Southwark |
| 25 | Early 20 th century migration
<i>. . . to, from and within the British Isles</i> | Paul Blake | Lingfield |

May

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| 15 | Penge | Nick Barber | Croydon |
| 23 | Parish registers | Lady Teviot | Lingfield |

June

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| 19 | Croydon High Street and researches for WDYTYA | Carol Roberts | Croydon |
| 27 | Making the most of FindMyPast | Peter Christian | Lingfield |

Croydon: United Reformed Church (small hall), Addiscombe Grove, Croydon CR0 5LP
3rd Tuesday (except August and December); 8.00 p.m.

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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.

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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.

A date for your diary

Saturday 21 April 2018, 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, KT17 1UF.

People and Transport in the Nineteenth Century

An all-day event with three speakers, including Celia Heritage, speaking on Nineteenth Century Migration within the UK.

This will be followed by the ESFHS AGM. Our Bookstall and Help Desk will also be present.

Some East Surrey Monumental Inscriptions

John Seaman [3290]

The *Natural History and Antiquities of the County of Surrey* by John Albury was edited and published in five volumes after his death by Dr Richard Rawlingson in 1718-1719. It contains many monumental inscriptions: most, but not all, are associated with the great and the good. An example is,

Richard Yeomans a farmer of Waddon Courte who had 3 wives and 9 children; 5 by the first, 2 by the next and 2 by the last was remembered at Croydon.

Some of the places recorded in eastern Surrey are listed opposite: the figure is the volume number.

Volume 5 also contains some records of payments to charities and the names of some recusants in Surrey and Berkshire.

Facsimile copies to borrow, or consult for reference, are at some public libraries in Surrey.

Some East Surrey Monumental Inscriptions

Addington 2; Ashted 2

Bansted 2; Barnes 1; Battersea 1, 5; Bedington 2; Bermondsey 5; Betchworth 4; Buckland 4; Burstow 4

Camberwell 1; Carshalton 2; Caterham 3; Chaldon 2; Charlwood 4; Cheam 2, 5; Chelsham 3; Chipsted 4; Clapham 1, 5; Coulsdon 2; Croydon 2, 5; Crowhurst 3, 5; Cuddington 2

Dulwich College 1, 5

Ebbisham alias Epsom 2; Ewell 2, 5

Farley 3

Gatton 4; Godstone 3

Ham 1; Headley 2; Horley 4

Kew 5; Kingston upon Thames 1, 5

Lambeth 5; Leatherhead 2; Leigh 4; Limpsfield 3; Lingfield 5; Long Ditton 1

Malden 1; Merton 1, 4, 5; Merstham 4; Mickelham 2; Mitcham 2; Morden upper 2; Mortlake 1

Newchapel 3; Newington Butts 5; Newdigate 4; New-Parke 1; Nutfield 4

Oxted 3

Petersham 1; Putney 1, 5

Reigate (Reigate) 4, 5; Richmond 1, 5; Roehampton 1; Rotherhithe 5

Sandersted 2; Sheen 1, 5; Smallfield 3; Smitham bottom 2; Southwark 5; Streatham 1; Sutton 2

Tanridge 3; Tatsfield 3; Thames Ditton 1; Tooting 1; Titsey 3, 5

Wandsworth 1; Warlingham 3; Walton on the Hill 2; Wimbledon 2, 5; Willey 2; Woodcote 2; Woodmanstone 2



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Tech Topic

Brian Hudson

Searching files in Windows 10

Do you need to find a file or files that contain a particular name, a place, or date? The answer is, of course, to search your files; but, by default, when a search is instigated Windows 10 File Explorer does not look inside files but only in the file names. The secret is to click in the File Explorer search box. A Search Tools tab will appear on the top left, next to the View tab. Click on Search and a whole range of features can now be seen.

To search inside a file, click on Advanced options and then on the File Contents box and a tick should appear. Now make sure that you have selected the appropriate directory or subdirectory to be searched, enter the search word or term in the search box and press Return.

If the resultant list is too long then consider changing the search parameters to narrow the search.



Henry Harridance, briefly a clerk at the GRO

Veronica McConnell

My grandfather Elihu Burritt Lane obtained a position as Index Compiler at Somerset House in October 1869, and was still there in December 1874 [see Veronica's article in the September issue of the Journal] when a Government notice in the *London Gazette* announced that Henry Harridance, then nearly 20 years old, had recently been appointed to a position in the General Register Office at Somerset House, under the heading of Index Compilers and Statistical Abstractors. Whereas Burritt's career in the GRO would span nigh on 40 years, Henry would move on much sooner.

In the *London Gazette* of 29 December 1876, under the heading of Civil Service Commissions, Henry Harridance was listed at no. 2 in Order of Merit in the 'recent Open Competition for Clerkships in the Lower Division of the Civil Service'. Henry had sat the examination in London; some other candidates did so in Dublin. The list in the *London Gazette* showed the first fifty-one places, so Henry perhaps was going to be a high flyer. The paper of 2 February 1877 recorded that Henry was appointed a Clerk of the Lower Division at the War Office, where he remained for an even shorter period than he had at the GRO.

The *London Gazette* of 2 April 1878 announced that Henry Harridance was to be a book-keeper in the Accounts' Branch of the India Office, and the 1881 census indicated he was still there at that time. Henry's career appears to have stabilised, but there is apparently change in the status of his family. Henry, the clerk, was now the head of the family household. Henry (unmarried), his parents and younger brother, also two boarders and a visitor, are all crammed into 10 Clifton Terrace, Camberwell.

So where did Henry come from, and what provided the catalyst to make Henry the head of the household in 1881, when his parents were both still living?

Henry Harridance, this clerk at the GRO for only two years, was the third generation to have the name.

His grandfather (1794-1859), Corn and Coal Merchant of Maldon, Essex, had been a prominent citizen all his life, serving on the local council and being involved with the bringing of railways to the area.

In the *London Gazette* of Tuesday 16 February 1858, listed under 'Bankrupts', were Henry Harridance, jun., and James Butler, Maldon Essex, corn merchants (among others). According to the little I can see on www.newspapers.com, the partnership appears to have had capital

Henry Harridance, a clerk at the GRO

of £5,000 compared to creditors of £9,829 – not ideal! The third Henry, the subject of my tale, was only three years old in 1858.

The 1859 probate entry for grandfather Henry Harridance tells that his effects were ‘under £10,000’. His son Henry Harridance of London Road, Maldon, Corn Merchant, was one of three executors. Some of the fortune had been set aside as a Trust for the education of a Henry James Richmond, son of William Richmond of Maldon, so not all this money came the way of Henry Harridance Jun.

In the 1861 census Henry Harridance (jun., listed as bankrupt only three years earlier), appears to still be managing a comfortable existence in the outer London suburb of Norwood. At Derwent Lodge in Thurlow Place, in the parish of Saint Mary Lambeth, the household consisted of Henry Harridance, Corn Merchant, employing six, his wife Rosalie, their young sons Henry (6) and Frank (1), Henry’s sister in law, another female visitor (aged 61, ‘fund-holder’), and three servants, a cook, housemaid and nursemaid.

Surrey Electoral Registers show Henry Harridance of Derwent Lodge, Thurlow Place, Lower Norwood, qualified to vote in the years 1865 to 1868. ‘Henry Harridance Esq’ was also

listed at this address in the Post Office Directory for 1867. By mid-February 1869, this middle Henry Harridance is described as of 10 Victoria Road, Clapham, in a notice in the London Standard, concerning a Meeting of his Creditors.

In the 1871 census this family of four (Henry, Rosalie, Henry and Frank) no longer have live-in servants, and are sharing the house at 9 Alma Terrace, Kensington, with George Holgate, a builder, and his family.

In 1873 and 1875 London Electoral registers, ‘Henry Harridance’ was qualified to vote by his occupation of 94 Abingdon Road, in Town District of Kensington. This must be the bankrupt Henry, as his son was only about 17 years old as this time. In 1874, at age 18, young Henry joined the staff at the GRO. On Ancestry, in the 1878 London Post Office Directory, I find the only Henry Harridance is at 15 West Terrace, Evelina Road, Peckham, SE.

By 1881 the seemingly now successful son, the third Henry Harridance aged 25, a Government employee at the India Office, seems to come to the rescue of his parents, and moves into the position of head of the family. As well as Henry the clerk, the household at 10 Clifton Terrace in Camberwell, is made up of his parents,

Henry Harridance, a clerk at the GRO

his brother, two male boarders and a male visitor.

In the 1891 census Henry's occupation is shown as '2nd Class Clerk India Office' (someone later pencilled in 'Civ.C'). He was aged 35, still single. With Henry at 4 Worcester Gardens, off Grandison Road (parish of West Battersea, parliamentary division of Clapham) were his brother James and their father Henry Harridance, retired Corn Merchant. Their mother Rosalie is found lodging in Tideswell Road in Eastbourne; perhaps she was having a spring holiday.

Nearly ten years passed, and Henry's mother Rosalie died in 1900. She was buried in Norwood Cemetery on 30 October; her husband had died in 1898. Both deaths were registered in Wandsworth.

I next came across Henry in the 1901 census, and saw that there had

apparently been no promotion and no marriage as, aged 45, he is still '2nd class clerk India Office', and it is now just him and brother Frank ('commercial traveller in horse hair and other fibres') at 4 Worcester Gardens. From 1890 until 1905, occupation of that address qualified Henry and Frank both to vote in elections in the Borough of Wandsworth.

On 5 August 1908 Henry Harridance, of 4 Worcester-gardens Grandison-road, Clapham Common, Surrey, died aged 53. He was buried in Morden Cemetery. Probate was awarded to his younger brother Frank (a commercial traveller) and to John William Clough (a civil servant) on 10 September that year, Henry's effects amounting to £3526 0s 2d.

Henry's younger brother Frank died in 1925.



Marriage update

It is always nice when somebody takes the trouble to respond to an article that one has written (see the September 2017 Journal, page 11) and the thought of a groom becoming a widower if the

bride expired at the time of her marriage is an interesting concept! I appreciate the interest shown, as I trust the readership does.



The Lizzy line and Bedlam burial ground

Brian Hudson

The Elizabeth line (already affectionately known as the Lizzy line) will provide a new 60-mile rail route through London from Reading and Heathrow in the west, to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east; it is scheduled to open in 2018. The building of this line has provided a unique opportunity to look into the past and the construction company Crossrail has undertaken one of the UK's largest archaeological programmes, unearthing finds of London's history and prehistory spanning 55 million years.

A full story of the archaeology with videos and a virtual exhibition can be found at www.crossrail.co.uk/sustainability/archaeology.

The database can be found on the Crossrail Liverpool Street page at www.crossrail.co.uk/sustainability/archaeology/liverpool-street.

In the course of the construction large burial areas were uncovered, one of which was at Liverpool Street station. The Bedlam burial ground lies beneath the eastern ticket hall with an estimated 20,000 Londoners buried during the 16th and 17th centuries. Examining parish burial registers across the City of London, a team of volunteers identified over 5,000 Londoners buried on the site. These records have been transcribed and entered into a free-to-search database of names and backgrounds.



Have you come up against a

Brick Wall?

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

News from Surrey Heritage

Julian Pooley (Public Services and Engagement Manager)

Surrey History Centre has been awarded Archive Service Accreditation. This is the UK quality standard which recognises good performance in all areas of archive service delivery. Achieving accredited status demonstrates that we have demonstrated that we meet clearly defined national standards relating to management and resourcing; the care of our unique collections and the service we offer to our entire range of users. All archive services across the country are expected to seek accreditation, in particular those which have been appointed to hold public records.

Applicants have to complete a very detailed and lengthy application form and provide supporting evidence designed to show how the service is performing in all areas. We submitted our portfolio, on which we had been working for many months, in early April, had a day long inspection visit in June and received the good news that the UK Archive Service Accreditation Committee had approved our application in July. We hope to arrange a formal presentation of our certificate later in the year.

Seeking Surrey Ancestors Blog

Visitors to Surrey History Centre and many of those who contact us by letter, email or telephone are likely to have been helped by Jane Lewis. Jane is a Heritage Assistant and a key member of my team who welcome people to the searchroom, assist with their research and reply to written enquiries. She is also a qualified genealogist, having successfully completed the Genealogical, Palaeographical and Heraldic Studies distance-learning course offered by Strathclyde University. Her courses and talks on all aspects of family history both

at the History Centre and across the county are immensely popular and now Jane has launched a regular blog about family history on our *Exploring Surrey's Past* website. The aim is to explore some of the basic sources that provide the building blocks for family history research, share useful tips and techniques, and also suggest some less familiar source material that might help you with your own research. Recent posts have included researching Welsh ancestors, school records, and maps for genealogy.

Full details and future blog post will be found on the Seeking Surrey Ancestors page on <http://www.exploringsurreyspast.org.uk/category/ssa/>.

Surrey History Centre: The March of the Women

In June we were awarded HLF funding for a new project *The March of the Women: Surrey's Road to the Vote*. The project will mark the 2018 centenary of the 1918 Representation of the People Act which gave the vote to some women over the age of 30, by exploring Surrey's hugely significant role in the long campaign for women's suffrage.

From the 1870s onwards Surrey was home to suffragists, suffragettes (militant activists) and groups on all sides of the fierce debate. Pro-suffrage organisations and notable activists, included Mary Seton Watts, wife of the famous Compton artist GF Watts, and Dame Ethel Smyth, the Woking composer who was imprisoned for her suffragette activities. Surrey also witnessed key moments in the long-running campaign, including Emily Davison's death after stepping out in front of the King's horse at the 1913 Epsom Derby and the blowing up, at the instigation of Emmeline Pankhurst, of a

house in Walton-on-the-Hill being built for Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd George.

We care for many significant letters, books and documents which shed light on how the battle for the vote was fought and ultimately won. The project will give us the opportunity to bring many of these unique items to a wider audience, through detailed investigation, cataloguing and online publication on our Exploring Surrey's Past website. Volunteers will have the opportunity to learn archive conservation and packaging skills to help make the precious records accessible to the public. At the same we will be working with five Surrey museums to investigate and promote their local suffrage collections through a travelling exhibition. Drawing on all these sources and new discoveries, the gripping tale will be told to the public through a range of events and different media and in locations across Surrey.

If you'd like to know more about the project do take a look at our dedicated project web page <http://www.exploringsurreyspast.org.uk/themes/people/activists/road-to-the-vote/>. You can also follow our project blog at <http://www.exploringsurreyspast.org.uk/the-march-begins/>. If you'd like to volunteer for the project in any way, tell us about a suffrage project you'd like us to know about, or have information about any aspect of the suffrage campaign in Surrey, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Di Stiff, Surrey Heritage's Collections Development Archivist, email di.stiff@surreycc.gov.uk or tel 01483 518740.

Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers

As part of our project to record the many ways that the First World War impacted upon the people and county of Surrey, our tremendous team of volunteers are carefully indexing twelve local newspaper titles from July 1914 to the end of 1922. The first batch of these indexes has now been uploaded to www.surreyinthegreatwar.org.uk/ and comprises over 36,000 entries. If you scroll down the home page and click on the icon for 'Newspapers' you will find a list of all the Surrey newspapers and a link to a list of those we have indexed so far. Some years of these local titles have already been published online by the British Newspaper Archive, which is free to use at Surrey History Centre and in all Surrey libraries. The rest have been digitised as part of this project and DVDs are available to use free of charge at Surrey History Centre, Redhill Library and Caterham Valley Library.

Do please treat yourself to a 'test drive' of this incredibly rich resource. For

example, if you click on the 'More Options' tab at the top right corner of the page, then click on the list of datasets, select WW1 Newspaper Indexes, and search for Dorking, you will retrieve 931 results relating to Dorking in the Great War, including a report of a Red Cross charity event in Dorking reported in the Surrey Times and County Express, Issue No. 4559, 1 November 1918, Page 07, Col c. If you then click on the link from 4559 you will see all the other references to casualties, fatalities, and the effects of the war on Surrey's home front that were reported in this single issue of the newspaper.

You can search by subject, too. You can select from the indexed terms by clicking on the down arrow on that drop box on the left hand side of the page. A search for *Women's War Work*, for example, finds 575 articles about this in the newspapers we have indexed so far.

For full details on using this newspaper index, see the website <http://www.surreyinthegreatwar.org.uk/resources/newspapers/>.

Surrey History Centre: New Accessions

- 5189add6 St Nicholas Church, Wisley with Pyrford: additional registers, comprising burial register, 1937-2012; register of burial of cremated remains, 1971-1999; marriage register, 2010-2015 1937-2015.
- 7403add2 St Lawrence, Effingham: additional parish records, including marriage licences, 1816-1941; papers relating to the sale of the vicarage, 1979; collected items relating to the history of the church 1816-2002.
- 9735add1 Gwendolen Vere-Hodge (née Walters; 1895-1997), artist and author of Farnham and Guildford: additional family papers and photographs 19th cent-21st cent.
- 9780/- 19th Surrey Rifle Volunteers: newspaper cuttings, 1867-1868.
- 9781/- Gainsford Thomas of Chobham Place, Chobham: account book, 1697-1702.
- 9786/- The Woking Electric Supply Company Ltd: agreements for supply of electricity, 1903-1916.
- 9789/- Caterham Court Lodge and Red-Hall Farms, the property of Henry Rowed: map, 1736.
- 9790/- Greenacre School, Banstead: records, 1930s-2017.
- 9792/- Thomas Henry Farrer (1819-1899), 1st Baron Farrer of Abinger Hall: additional correspondence and papers, c.1845-1899.
- 9797/- Greenfield School, Woking: records, 19th cent-21st cent.
- 9799/- Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water: alphabetical index to male case books, 1885-1919.
- 9800/- St Nicholas, Godstone: additional parish records, including banns registers, 1939-2005, and service registers, 1983-1999; St Stephen, Godstone: service registers, 1959-1994.
- 9801/- Lt Col Les M B Wilson MBE, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment: collected research papers with particular reference to military bands and drums and regimental silver; publications, papers re the Doyle Report. 1999-2000; photographs, original artwork and illustrations; correspondence re soldiers and research into particular individuals; memoirs of former soldiers; press cuttings, programmes, 5th Battalion QRR annual dinner cards and copy records including service papers, 1846-2011.

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- 9803/- Drew family of Ashtead Lodge, Ashtead: photograph album, 1910-1930.
- 9804/- John Evelyn School, Wotton: log book, 1967-1970; and letter books kept by J V Moore as clerk of Wotton Parish Council and secretary to the trustees of Wotton charities, 1901-1905.
- 9808/- All Saints', Warlingham with St Leonard's, Chelsham and St Mary's, Farleigh: additional records including PCC, APCM, vestry and standing committee minutes, parish news, confirmation register and service register of All Saints', and marriage registers of St Leonard's (2001-2011), 1951-2011.
- 9809/- St Mary the Virgin, Ewell: additional parish records, including service registers, 1981-1997, APC minutes, 2005-2008, and PCC minutes, 2007-2012.
- CC1265/- St Michael's Infant School, Mickleham: log books, admission registers, punishment book, inventory and accident book, 1863-2002.

Surrey History Centre will be closed for our annual stock-check between Monday 4 December and Monday 18 December.

Our Christmas and New Year opening times are as follows:

- Tuesday 19 December to Friday 22 December open as usual
- Saturday 23 December to Tuesday 26 December CLOSED
- Wednesday 27 December to Friday 29 December open as usual
- Saturday 30 December to Monday 1 January CLOSED
- Tuesday 2 January to Saturday 6 January 2018 open as usual.

Throughout 2018 we will be celebrating our seventieth anniversary as Surrey County Council's archive service, the twentieth anniversary of Surrey History Centre and the tenth birthday of our website, Exploring Surrey's Past. Do keep an eye on the Heritage Events page of our website for all of the talks and events we have planned.

News from Surrey Heritage – future events

The Delights and Dismays of Historical Biography: a talk by Jenny Uglow

Celebrated historian Jenny Uglow will discuss the challenges of historical biography, and her own experience of writing lives of subjects from the past - from Charles II and William Hogarth to Elizabeth Gaskell and, most recently Edward Lear - and considers the role of group biographies, like her work on the Lunar Society, and on the people of Britain during the Napoleonic Wars.

Tickets £10. The event will be held at Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND on Saturday 10 March, 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. This is a Surrey History Trust event in support of Surrey Heritage.

Six-week Family History Course

Spring 2018: 9 February, 16 February, 23 February, 2 March, 9 March, 16 March.

Autumn 2018: 14, 21, 28 September, 5, 12, 19 October.

Each course is 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and takes place on a Friday. The cost is £80 for the complete 6-week course, which will be held at the Surrey History

Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND.

Run by professional genealogists and archivists, the course will cover all you need to know to enhance your research as well as providing many tips of the trade.

If you wish to book a place on any of these events please book online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents, in person at Surrey History Centre or any Surrey Library, or phone 01483 518737.



New members and members' interests

New members

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New members and members' interests

Surname interests in Surrey

BROWN	Charlwood	18c	10511
CRANICE	Rotherhithe	18-19c	10516
CROUCH	All	18-19c	10511
DERVIN	Croydon	18-19c	10504
DERVIN	Chipstead	18-19c	10504
DEVON	All	All	10505
DUDLEY	Southwark	1870-1918	7924
FARINDON	All	All	10505
FARMER	Southwark	1879-1915	7924
FELLS	Southwark	19-E20c	7924
HARTFIELD	All	18-19c	10511
HUGHES	All	18-19c	10511
HUMPHRIE(Y)S	Mitcham	18c	10511
JAY	Southwark	1820+	10513
JAY	Carshalton	1820+	10513
JOHNSON	Rotherhithe	17-20c	10516
JOICE	Godalming	All	10511
JORDAN	Rotherhithe	18-19c	10516
JOYCE	Guildford	All	10511
KING	Southwark	18-19c	10511
KING	St Saviours	18-19c	10511
KING	St Place	18-19c	10511
KING	St George	18-19c	10511
LANE	All	Pre 20c	10505
LISTER	Carshalton	1905-1920	10513
LISTER	Croydon	1905-1920	10513
LOADER	Guildford	17-19c	10511
LOADER	STOKE	17-19c	10511
LOCK	All	18-19c	10511
MARRIOTT	Rotherhithe	17-20c	10516
PARSONS	Charlwood	18c	10511
PEGRAM	Rotherhithe	18-19c	10516
SCOTT	Southwark	18c	10511
SCOTT	Lambeth	18c	10511

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SCOTT	St Mary Newington	18c	10511
SCOTT	Merton	18c	10511
SCRVEN(S)	Croydon	18-19c	10504
SCRVEN(S)	Chipstead	18-19c	10504
SEYMOUR	Lambeth	18-19c	10508
SEYMOUR	Marylebone	18-19c	10508
SIMMONDS	Lambeth	18-19c	10508
SPARROW	Rotherhithe	18-19c	10516
STAGG	Southwark	L19-20c	7924
THYNNE	All	All	10505

Surname interests in other English counties

BOAK	Oakingham	BRK	16-19c	10511
BOAK	Binfield	BRK	16-19c	10511
BROCK	All	DEV	All	10505
CRANICE	Wyndham	NFK	18-19c	10516
DARTNALL	All	All	All	10505
DEVON	All	MDX	All	10505
FELLS	All	LON	19-E20c	7924
GOLDSMITH	All	SFK	18-19c	10511
GOLDSMITH	All	ESS	18-19c	10511
HALL	Bethnal Green	MDX	18-19c	10511
HALL	Oakingham	BRK	17-18c	10511
HALL	Binfield	BRK	17-18c	10511
HARRIS	Shoreditch	MDX	19-20c	10511
HEATH	All	All	All	10505
JORDAN	St. Maws	CON	18-19c	10516
LYNN	All	All	All	10505
MINTER	Great Horkesley	ESS	18-19c	10511
MINTER	Little Horkesley	ESS	18-19c	10511
MONTAGUE	St Leonard, Colchester	ESS	18-19c	10511
PEGRAM	Roydon	ESS	18-19c	10516
PINSENT	All	DEV	All	10505
PITE	All	MDX	All	10505

New members and members' interests

PLAYER	West Ham	ESS	18-19c	10511
STAGG	All	LON	L18-20c	7924
THORNTON	West Ham	ESS	18-19c	10511
THYNNE	All	MDX	All	10505
WACKETT	Essenden	HRT	18-20c	10511
WOODFIELD	Shoreditch	MDX	18-19c	10511

Surname interests in other countries

none

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Researching relatives who served in WW1

Peter Moulin [6101]

Looking back 100 years inevitably takes us to the battle for Passchendaele that I mentioned last time. When we look back on the First World War, we tend to concentrate on the disasters on the Western Front. In December 1917, however, the British army was celebrating a great victory as it marched into Jerusalem.

The Battle of Jerusalem occurred during the British 'Jerusalem Operations' against the Ottoman Empire, when fighting for the city developed from 17 November, continuing after the surrender of the city until 30 December 1917, to secure the final objective of the Southern Palestine Offensive during the Sinai and Palestine Campaign of WW I.

Private James John Morley died during this campaign on 21st December 1917. Christmas that year must have been very sad for his parents Emily and Robert James Morley living at 5 Stuart Road in Thornton Heath. James was serving in "C" Company of 2/4th Battalion The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) and is buried in Jerusalem War Cemetery. It was not unusual for men from East Surrey to serve in The Queen's. James is listed in *Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919*. He was 21 when he died, and is shown as being killed in action. The Birth Register shows he was born in the first

quarter of 1896; I also managed to find census entries for him in 1901 and 1911. In 1901 his father is shown as a 'Blacking Factory Foreman', and he has a younger brother. By 1911 his father is shown as a 'Manager' and his younger brother has become his twin (according to the FindMyPast transcription). When I checked the original form I realised the transcription was incorrect and that James' brother Ralph was two years younger. There is no evidence of Ralph serving in the armed forces, but he died in June 1918.

I suspect that Ralph was one of the many victims of the flu pandemic of 1918-1920. This was an unusually deadly pandemic, involving the H1N1 influenza virus. It infected 500 million people around the world, and resulted in the deaths of 50 to 100 million, making it one of the deadliest natural disasters in human history. Most influenza outbreaks disproportionately kill juvenile, elderly, or already weakened patients but the 1918 pandemic predominantly killed previously healthy young adults like Ralph. Studies have tended to show that it was the war which enabled the virus to spread so far and wide. Emily and Robert Morley must have been very sad to lose both their sons.

November 2017 marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of the

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Women's Royal Navy Service (WRNS), or Wrens. The idea for the Service is widely attributed to Lady Rocksavage. She is said to have invited Sir Eric Geddes to drinks in 1917 and, upon hearing of the heavy losses the Royal Navy had suffered in the first three years of the war, said "The Army uses women for shore jobs, why not the Navy?" The conversation led to the creation of the WRNS in November 1917 with the aim of replacing male sailors serving onshore with women.

The Admiralty set about recruiting 3,000 women but decided that they could only do 'suitable' work, for example domestic tasks, waiting at tables, cleaning and cooking. However, during its 19-month existence the

number of Wrens grew to over 6,000, with the range of jobs broadening, many of which had previously been considered too difficult for women.

The Service was disbanded at the end of World War I but was reformed at the outbreak of war in 1939.

If you have an ancestor who was a Wren, you will find their service records in the National Archives. I found that the easiest way to search was to do a name search on FindMyPast, choose the military records and then use the link to TNA to go to the record you are looking for. This is easier than going to the TNA site and then doing a search. The record can be downloaded for £3.50.

I found an interesting name of a Wren which is recorded on Panel 9 of the

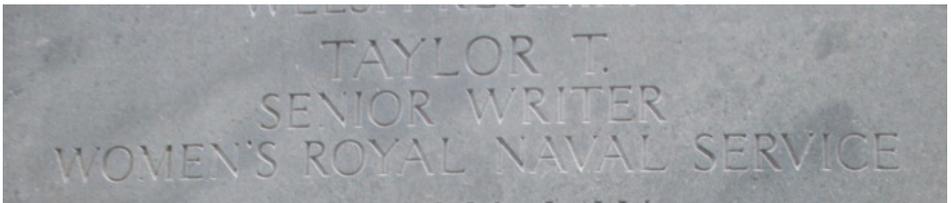


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1914-1918 Memorial at Brookwood in Surrey: Trinnette Taylor. She is shown to have died on Saturday 26 October 1918 aged 28, and was a Senior Writer, service number G/5184. I managed to download her record and found that her date of enrolment in the London Division was 21 October 1918. In the remarks section it was stated 'Did not take up duty on account of illness and was discharged with no pay'. I suspect she was also a victim of the influenza epidemic. Her mother was shown as Trinnette Taylor of 3 Golders Green Road, Golders Green.

The Brookwood 1914-1918 Memorial (pictured on the previous page) was opened only in 2015. Many of the names are of newly-recognised war casualties, whose details were omitted from official records produced during and after the

First World War. The missing names mostly relate to soldiers and officers who died of their injuries away from the battlefield. Many died while still in service. Casualties who were discharged as unfit because of their injuries and subsequently died, often in the care of their families, are recorded and are also eligible for commemoration. The cases are coordinated and presented to the CWGC by families, historians and researchers, but particularly by a group of dedicated volunteers of the 'In From the Cold' Project. Each case is evaluated and forwarded to the relevant government for a final decision. The memorial has been designed so that new names can be added as the task of commemoration continues.



Trinnette's name engraved on Panel 9

Really Useful Australasian Information Leaflet

To celebrate National Family History Month in Australasia, the Federation of Family History Societies has updated *Our Australasian Really Useful Information Leaflet*. You can download it for free, at <http://www.ffhs.org.uk/tips/RUL-Aus-2017-0809.pdf>.

The FFHS has produced the leaflet in association with the Society of Australian Genealogists and Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations.

The leaflet focuses on how to research your ancestors, and is a very useful resource if you live in Australasia. It is also a great resource for UK family historians who may have had ancestors who went to Australasia, either because of forced transportation or due to emigration. The leaflet gives a long list of websites and has a how-to guide. It also lists family history societies that can help with your research.

You may also find the link to the FFHS website <http://www.ffhs.org.uk/tips/guides.php> helpful.



From the Editor

The ESFHS committee has agreed that future issues of the Journal are to be proof-read, and a couple of volunteers for this task have been identified.

In order to allow the additional time required for this process, the deadline for the March issue (and, until further notice, all following issues) has been brought forward by two weeks. You can find the deadline for the next magazine at the foot of page 1.

This seems to be a good time to remind you that any material is welcome for publication in these pages: why (or how) I started Family History (as page 26); a brief review of your favourite software (page 22); a biographical article (page 7); or even a plea for help (p30 ff). If each member of the Society wrote a brief piece (as a rough guide each page contains about 400 words) just once a year then that would provide more than enough material to fill a magazine double this size.

It's over to you.



Website round up

Brian Hudson

<http://surname-society.org>

The Surname Society was established in 2014 and is a not-for-profit organisation founded by genealogists. It aims to connect like-minded people with a view to sharing data and knowledge. Membership is online only and costs £5 pa.; it includes a newsletter, the use of chat rooms and YouTube videos and all the main social media sites which are employed by the society. I searched for 20 different surnames without success but hopefully you may be more fortunate.

<http://forebears.co.uk/england/surrey>

Forebears is described as a genealogy portal, and is basically an indexed directory of sources for family history research. The links will take you to a range of sites: some well-known, such as Ancestry and Find My Past, and others not so well known. Ultimately the information may be free, but generally they are paid-for sites. By producing an indexed list, this site provides the chance to look at the wide range of available sources which may include some you have not considered before. For example, did you know for that for Surrey there is an index of Jury-Qualified Freeholders and Copyholders 1696-1824 or how about the Pedigrees of Surrey Families 1066-1837?

One section particularly worth a look is Surrey maps. There are some maps I had not seen before and the reproduction quality of the historical maps is very good e.g. the 1874 Trigonometrical Map of Surrey.

Although I have concentrated on Surrey the comments above equally apply to other counties.

Finally, for this website look at the About page <http://forebears.co.uk/about> for Genealogical Resources, Surname Meanings and Genealogy News.



Using *Kith & Kin Pro* and *TreeDraw* Programs

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In the Journal for June 2017 Brian Hudson addressed the use of FTM for windows and Mac PCs. I would like to suggest alternatives such as the SpanSoft programs. It seems quite possible to run Windows applications on a Mac computer although I do not have a Mac so cannot check whether my Windows KKP database would transfer readily. I am using desktop Windows 7 and laptop 8 Pro, both 64-bit.

I started searching my for my Fry ancestors about 1975, and with the addresses found in the census returns I was able to locate the birth parish of my great-grandfather as Dorset. That's when the task became more complex, and eventually after listing all the Fry births, marriages and burials from the original registers (allowed in those days!) in a notebook I was able to make a start in hand-drawing a tree. The 15 pages of A4 became somewhat unwieldy and difficult to correct, so it was a sense of relief that came with a computer in 1995 and the location of two British programs Pedigree and Kith&Kin Pro. I quickly selected the Kith&Kin (KKP) with its associated graphics application, TreeDraw (TD), as it produced a tree just like my hand-drawn descendant tree with the associated person data, i.e. occupation, baptism, marriage and

burial dates where available including parishes.

It has a helpful forum and is being used in other countries by many genealogists. I preferred it as it was geared to British presentation and documents. The program KKP when I first began using it was running on Win 3.1; I now have it running on Win 8, 64-bit, but it will also run on Win 10, of course. The originator of the program (in Scotland) has provided a number of useful additional utilities such as conversion programs to convert from earlier versions, a free TD viewer so that copies of one's tree can be sent to relatives without them requiring to purchase the main program, and also GEDCOM data. Various reports and trees can also be exported as PDF files.

Kith and Kin Pro

The program has many features listed on the main web site, which can be found at <http://www.spansoft.org/>.

Some that are important to me are the facilities to identify all your source reference material, to view and print a large variety of report types and to be able to interact with the relational database via the automatically produced tree layout. This type of database allows the user to make various types of search to collate data in different ways. I have

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only some 550 names in my main database, contained within some 180 families. To make it easier to handle person and family tree data I have exported from this main database groups of families all linked to the original ancestor, Tho Fry, and his two marriages in 1787 and 1802. I have done a similar thing with my Surrey ancestors.

Some screen images are shown typical of the facilities in KKP. The Report Control dialogue window has twelve tabs covering the types of reports one might wish to have. For each tab there are various types of details that can be selected for inclusion.

TreeDraw

This program also has many features listed on <http://treedraw.spansoft.org/>. The program will allow the user to produce the tree layout in various ways, such as descendant from an ancestor, ancestral going upwards, or even (if you want) a wheel chart. The only one that is of interest to me is the descendant drop-line tree; because the tree is produced from the KKP database any changes can be automatically replaced in the tree from database updates. I especially like the ability to add additional notes, page numbers and revision numbers to a tree image – this image can be very large, covering many

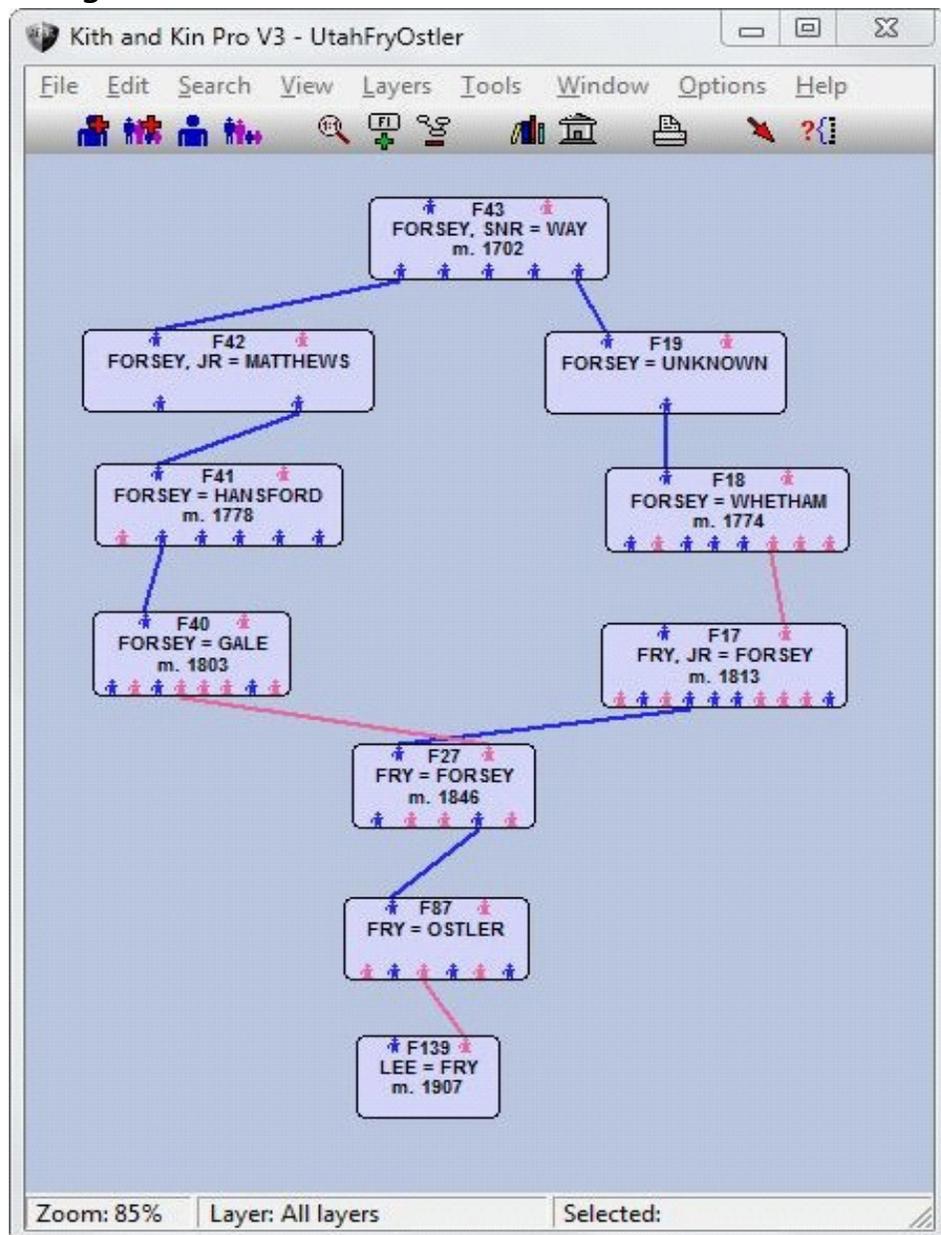
A4 pages (or other defined page dimensions) as one needs. In fact the greatest advantage is that every graphical item in the tree can be moved, altered and revised, e.g. fonts can be changed, colours added, lines and styling added and moved, ellipses and rectangles positioned anywhere, etc. One can put a rectangle round a person or family, but this just clutters the tree in my opinion. The tree on the screen can show page margins for your printer: then by clicking on one or more pages they will be printed on separate pages. I then put a thin glue line on one edge and finally have a tree of some six pages, which I find convenient to fold and use. I have sent TD files to one of the web sites that will produce trees on large format, continuous, 30" wide paper rolls – this can be stuck to a wall if you wish!

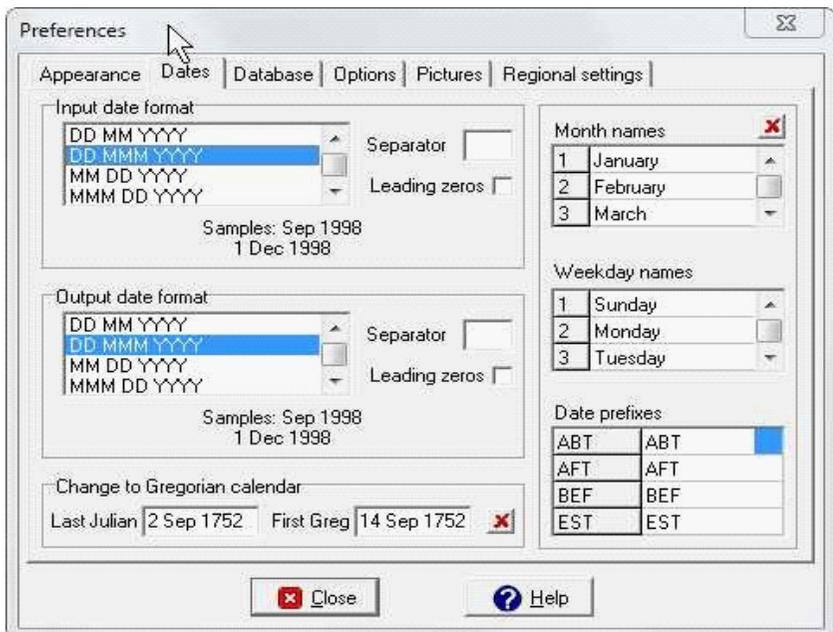
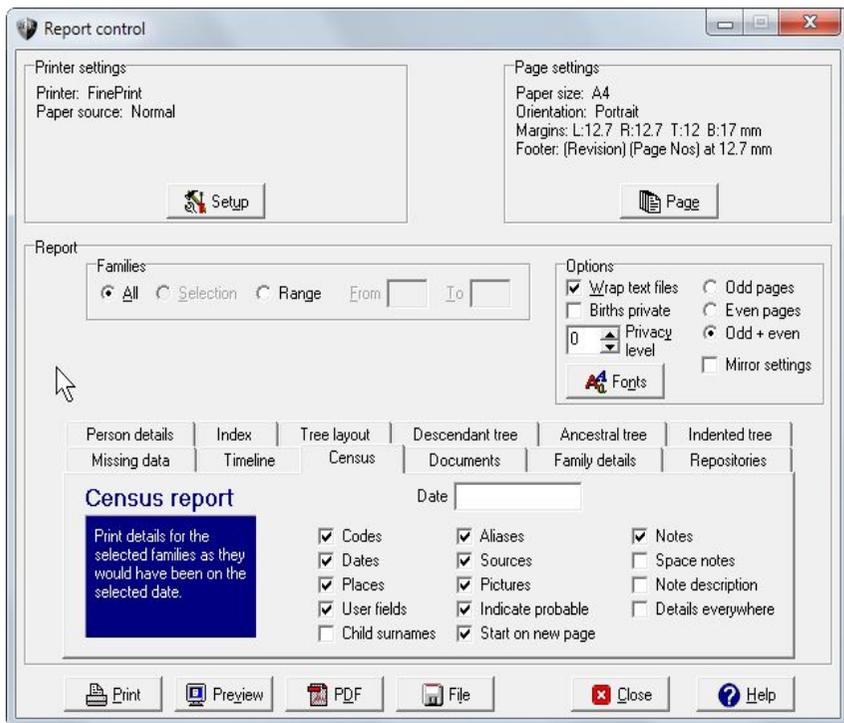
It is not practical to show a tree on the A5 pages of this journal, but they can be seen on the web page, or from the trial program if downloaded.

I am a happy user of these two programs. They have many features, which I have not used so far, such as inserting photo images in the tree.

The figure on the following page shows a small family tree from KKP, while the figures overleaf show the Report Control selection window, and the selection widow for date formats.

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Why did I start researching my family history?

Peter Grant [7505]

I was born on 24 October 1940, in Barnet, Hertfordshire.

When I was young, birthdays came and went. My father, John, worked on a farm and then for the Milk Marketing Board; my mother, Mary, did cleaning for various people to bring in a little more money. I guess we were the same as many families during and just after the second world war. My parents did their best for myself and my brother Ian. I was always closer to my father, and my brother closer to his mother. I knew my mother was Scottish, but never thought to ask why or how she came to England. Growing up, I remember some Scottish relatives coming to visit, but never thought about it or was told anything about family history.

My interest in my family history started some 37 years ago. In October of that year my father died in Australia. My brother, who was living out there, sorted out our father's papers and sent me a copy of his death certificate. The first thing we noticed was that my father's full name was 'John Edgar Grant (formerly Drewery)': it also showed his father was Arthur Drewery, and his mother Lucy Hoskins. Why was his father's name Drewery, but our family name was Grant? I checked with my brother in Australia to see if his name on his birth certificate was Grant or

Drewery; it showed his name as Grant. Why and when was the family name changed from Drewery to Grant?

I had only a 'small' version of my own birth certificate, and the only details were my name, sex, date of birth, and registration district (Barnet). Why did I not have a full certificate showing my parents' names and other information? Although I was living in Suffolk, my work took me to Hertfordshire once a month, and I decided to go along to the Register Office to get a new full-size birth certificate. After a short wait I was shown in to see the registrar. I explained that I would like a copy of my birth certificate, I needed it, as I had a business trip coming up and had to send away for my passport. He searched back through the records, he looked at me and said, "You will only want a small certificate." As I already had the small one, I asked the question "Why would I not want a full certificate with all the details?" "No," he said "a small one will be all you will want." After some discussion he told me that the full certificate would show that my mother and father were not married. My immediate answer was "I will have a full certificate, please."

The certificate arrived shortly in the post. Kathleen, my wife, and I studied my new birth certificate: sure enough, it

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showed my mother and father were not married when I was born. It was many years later that Kathleen discovered a marriage for my parents. They had married in 1952 while my brother and I were at school, but they had told us nothing. Why had they waited until 1952 to marry? The answer to this came later. Their marriage certificate also showed my father's name as Grant, where did the name Drewery come from? So many questions!

We decided to enrol in genealogy evening classes that were being run at our local high school. We found these to be well worth the time and money spent, very good value. We now knew where to look and what to look for.

The only clues we had were that my father had mentioned that he did have a brother and two sisters, but he had lost touch with them. His elder sister had written to him until he was seven years old. He also told us he was brought up by a family in Norfolk. With the information given on Dad's death certificate we knew he was born in Croydon, Surrey. Our next move was to go to Croydon to see if we could find my father's birth certificate. We made an appointment was made with the Registrar and we headed for Croydon. We were shown the original records and found my father's entry, John Edgar

Drewery, also his brother George and one sister Bertha, both Drewery We ordered the certificates, and paid our dues. Feeling pleased with ourselves, as we had found three of the four children, we headed for home and for the next week or so we waited for the postman.

When the certificates arrived they gave us few more clues. Each certificate showed that my grandfather was a labourer. After a lot more searching we found the birth certificate of Dorothy, who had been born in Portsmouth in 1898, also in Portsmouth the marriage of my paternal grandparents, Arthur Drewery and Lucy Hoskins. Both these certificates showed that my grandfather was a seaman in the Royal Navy. The only other piece of information which was to be important was on George's birth certificate: his Christian names were George William Grant.

We decided that we needed to look at the 1901 census, and went to Surrey Record Office to see if we could find the family. We had the addresses to look at, which we took from the birth certificates of George and his sister Bertha. George was born 1 May 1900 at 2 Stalisfield Terrace, 18 Dominion Road, Croydon. Bertha Grace and father John were both born at 20 Cross Road, Croydon. Bertha had been born 7 April 1902 and father John 3 August 1904. At the Dominion

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Road address we found the family not as Drewery, as expected, but as Grant: mother Lucy, father Arthur, Dorothy and George. Now we didn't know if we were looking for the Grant family or the Drewery family. With snippets of information which my father had told us over the years, we knew he had been put into a home, and had been brought up in Norfolk by a family in Garboldisham, but from what age? What other homes and where?

By now we had joined the East Surrey Family History Society, and information from other members suggesting we look at the Croydon Workhouse records. This turned out to be very worthwhile. The records of the Croydon workhouse show admission and discharge dates for people taken into the workhouse. We found that Dad was first admitted to the workhouse at about three years of age and it seems that Uncle George had already been admitted. The records show that both the boys were admitted for various lengths of time over the next few years. The school they attended was Ecclesbourne Road infants school. The last discharge date for George was 1 May 1914, his 14th birthday, and he left the area. My dad's last shown discharge date was 25 April 1911; he would have only been seven years old. The address given for the boys was given as Pawson Home.

Pawson Road had houses which were used to house children, mainly boys, from the Croydon Union. These buildings are a very short distance from the workhouse.

We decided that a visit to the family in Garboldisham may give us some more information. We found the family, took a chance and knocked on the door. We explained who we were and were made welcome. We learnt that my father was brought up by the family, but from what age we didn't find out. We were told that he left the family aged about 15 and went to work in Barnet in Hertfordshire. We have been unable to confirm if he lived in Barnet from the age of 15 until I was born there in 1940. Dad would have then been 36, giving us a big gap of about 20 years where we have no information on him.

So it was then back to grandfather Arthur. Why had he changed his name? From Dorothy's birth certificate we knew Arthur was in the Royal Navy, and decided his naval record may be of help. We enlisted the help of a professional researcher who sent us the records we asked for. At the bottom of his record it had the word 'RUN': what did this mean? When the reply to our question came back it shed some light onto what may well have happened. He had deserted from the navy in 1898, just after the birth

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of Dorothy. We can only guess that he then took the family to Croydon to avoid the authorities. We have been unable to find any more information on him.

Uncle George remained a mystery for many years, and we had almost given up hope of finding him. We were not sure if he kept the name Drewery or Grant. We searched many records, ships passenger lists, marriage and death records, and had found nothing. I had joined *The Genealogist* online and had used them during my searches. At the end of the second year in 2010 I had a few credits left and was looking through the death indexes, more to use up the last few credits than hope of finding anything when – bingo! – a death for a Drewery G.W.G. in Cheshire. The name was right, and so were the initials. We sent away for the death certificate, which came back to us in a few days. The death of George had been solved – things were looking up. I looked at the index to find that the informant had been one of George's sons and found a death for him. Again there was a few days wait for the certificate to arrive. With this we now had an address of the informant to write to. I wrote a letter, giving some information about George, and then waited to see if we received a reply. About two weeks later the reply came, and it was all positive: we had

found uncle George after looking for about 25 years. They had his birth certificate, which proved he was the right person, and best of all they had photographs of George and his family, but they had very little information about him and knew nothing of his early years. We were able and pleased to pass on all the information we had. We still have a gap from when he left the workhouse aged 14 until his marriage aged 21. The only additional clue we now have is that the occupation on his marriage certificate is given as miner. His grandson told us he believed George had spent some time in Solva, South Wales. We will follow this up if we can.

With the birth certificates of my father and his siblings we had a name for their mother, Lucy Hoskins. On the marriage certificate of Lucy and Arthur, the age given for Lucy was 23, which would make her birth date 1874. Before we had a computer and records were easier to access, the only Lucy Hoskins we had found after a lot of searching was born in 1868 in Chardstock, Devon. Had Lucy lied about her age? We had found Lucy's family in Dorset and she had a sister Sophia, which later on proved to us we had the right Lucy. She had a very short life. dying aged just 42 of cancer. When she died in Lingfield (Sussex), she had been living with her sister Sophia

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and her family. Also living with her were her two daughters, Dorothy and Bertha, but not the two boys. Taking all the dates and information we have, we guess that the family broke up about 1907, as this was when my father first appeared at the Croydon Workhouse. We cannot find a death for Lucy's husband Arthur. On Dorothy's marriage certificate in 1921 Arthur is a sailor. On George's in 1921 Arthur is a fitter. On Bertha's marriage certificate in 1925 Arthur is a ship's steward and on my dad's marriage certificate his father's name is just

crossed through. Where and when he died will remain a mystery. We have also been in contact with, and met, the son of Bertha, who told us he had no idea his mum had two brothers. Meeting him filled in the family history of Dad's two sisters, The two sisters were brought up, married and lived their lives in the Sussex and Surrey areas. What a pity they couldn't all have met up while still alive.

My Mum's family history, now that's another long story.



Can you help?

Maurice Robinson [7958] {maurice@robinsonfamily.me.uk}

My grandmother was born in 1885. Her birth certificate shows her parents as husband and wife but they were, in fact, not married.

It appears that soon after her birth they gave the child into the care of an unrelated family, until she married in 1910. The parents then left the country.

Having spoken to my half-brother it appears, certainly until the 1960s, that grandmother was collected by a member of her 'adopted' family to be taken to

London to receive monies. This apparently happened on a regular basis.

It is assumed that money was being held on trust somewhere and it is thought that the money would be held by a firm of solicitors.

I am trying to discover if the trust would be recorded, and if there is a way of tracing the solicitors? One pointer may be that one of the 'adopted' family's daughters married a gentleman who was or became a solicitor's clerk.



Can you help?

Chasmer

Godfrey Chasmer [4256]

My 3xgt-grandfather was Thomas Chasmer. My query is to find his DOB, place of birth or parents' names.

He lived his adult life in the Bermondsey area. He married Ann Robertson (née Willis), a widow, on 3 December 1810 at St James, Paddington. Ann was born 11 February 1776 in Bermondsey.

Thomas died on 16 October 1834 and was buried on 26 October at St John Horsleydown, Bermondsey. The death certificate gives his age as 55, so if this info is accurate he was born between 16 October 1779 and 15 October 1780.

Thomas and Ann had four children, but nothing in their birth or marriage information gives any guide as to Thomas's birth details (including that of Sarah Ann, which was registered at the Protestant Dissenters' Registry).

Thomas was convicted of larceny; and amongst the court documents is one dated 5 October 1821 that gives Thomas's age as 41. If this is accurate then his birthdate was between 5 October 1780 and 4 October 1781: so from the death certificate and larceny document his DoB was between 5 and 15 October 1780.

I have found little evidence of Chasmers in Bermondsey before the 19th century. However, there is a large group of families in and around the Benenden and Tenterden areas of Kent from the 1500s onwards, where the name CHASMER is often recorded as CHASMAR or with other variations.

A Thomas CHASMER, son of Thomas Chasmer and Ann Primer, was baptised on 11 May 1781 in Benenden. I can find no other life information (DoB, marriage, death, etc.) for this Thomas, so he could have been born within the window of dates I have for the Thomas in Bermondsey. In neither case is there any mention of another Christian name.

Thomas (of Kent) has siblings but Catherine was the one born before him, having been christened on 11 February 1780. Catherine was buried later that month on 19 February, so it is possible that the birth was shortly before the christening. So this does not discount Thomas being born between 5 and 15 October 1780, although the dates are tight.

So back to my query. Can anyone help finding a link between these two Thomases, or find birth information on the Thomas of Bermondsey?

Can you help?

Norris – biological father?

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Dorothy Lillian Rich was born 1931 in Lambeth in the counties of Surrey and London. Her mother, Katherine (sometimes referred to as Kathleen) Rich, worked as a domestic servant to Henry Mark Norris. On Dorothy's birth certificate no father is listed; however, the address was 28 South Side, Streatham Common, SW16, which was the same address as Henry Norris.

Dorothy remembers meeting Henry and his wife Maude Frances (Lockwood), when she was very young. They would visit Dorothy and her mother, and also bring presents. Dorothy also has photos of them in later life.

Henry would have been about 56 when Dorothy was born. Dorothy's mother Katherine (or Kathleen) was 15

or 16. Dorothy has never been told who her biological father is, but she bears a striking resemblance to Mr Norris.

We know that Katherine (or Kathleen) stayed in the Hampstead Hostel for Mothers and Babies at 7 Fitzjohn Avenue for some time after Dorothy was born, as she clearly remembers it.

The above suggests that Henry Mark Norris is the biological father. However, nothing is confirmed. This article is written without malice and is not intended to cause any upset. We merely wish to find the answer to an elderly lady's quest to find her real father.

If you have any information, I look forward to hearing from you.



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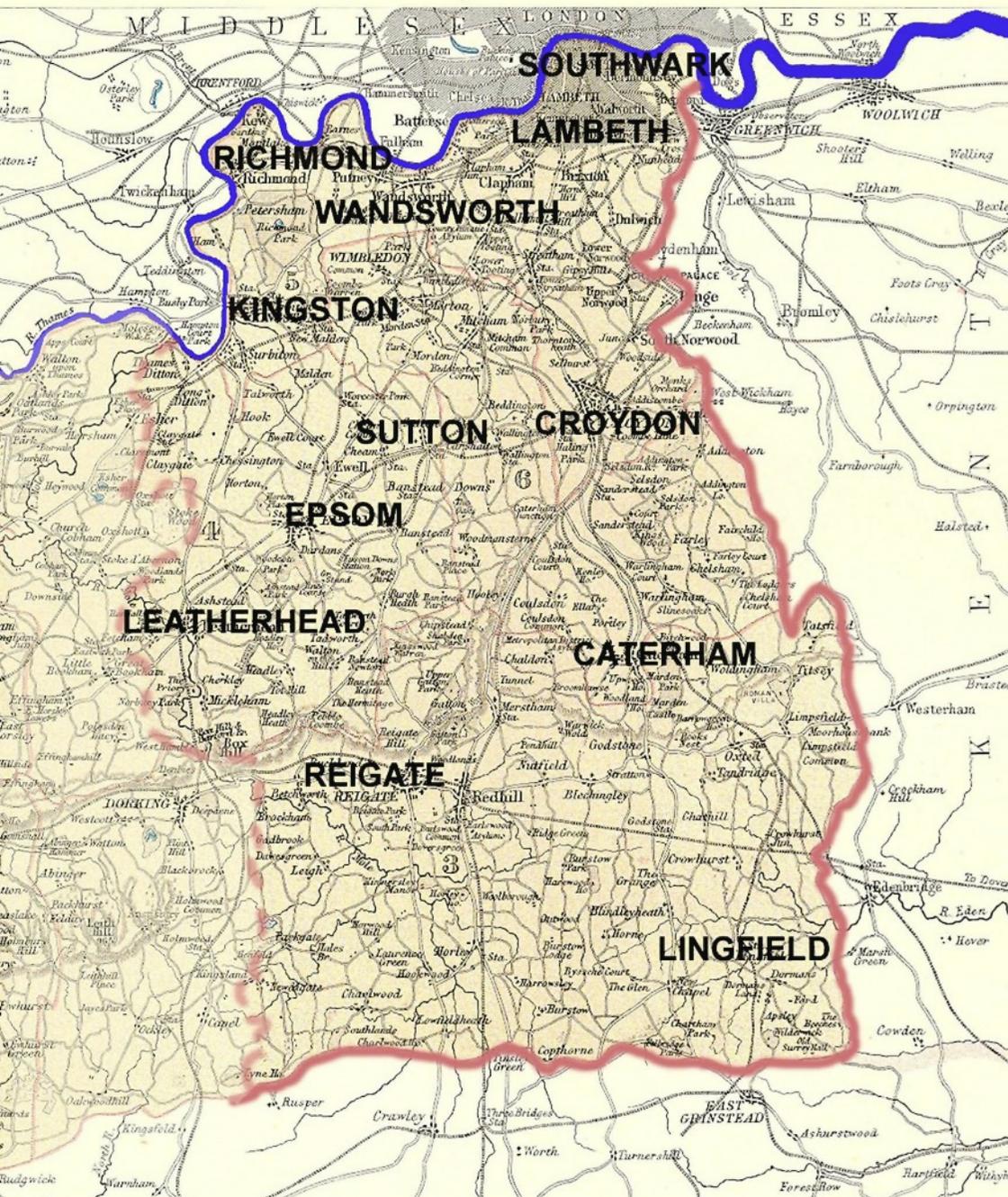
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