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The deadline for the June 2021 Journal is 10.00 a.m. on 1 May

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

43rd Annual General Meeting

of the East Surrey Family History Society

Please join us, via Zoom, on Saturday 17 April for an afternoon talk followed by the AGM.

2.00 p.m. The Gentleman's Magazine *with Julian Pooley*

This talk introduces the magazine, explores its value for family and local historians and uncovers hidden stories of Surrey people and the county's history throughout the Georgian period.

3.00 p.m. Break with Help Desk available

3.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting

Nominations for committee membership

Thank you to all who have put themselves forward to serve on the committee. If you are still considering whether this is something you would like to do, please contact either

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All nominations need to be lodged in writing with the Secretary by 24 March 2021.

Please email Monica (on secretary02@eastsurreyfh.s.org.uk) with the name of the Nominee, the Proposer, and the Secunder.

You must supply the membership number and contact details for each of these.

Please state if the nominee is volunteering for an officer or committee member post.

If you do not use email or Zoom, but would like a list of nominees or the phone number to hear the talk and AGM, please write to Mrs Monica Polley, Weir Cottage, Church Road, Copthorne, West Sussex RH10 3RD.

A message from the committee

We hope that you are still enjoying the new way of listening to talks via Zoom so that we can all keep in contact.

Well, it is not the same as an actual meeting, but it does mean that many members from far and wide can attend and enjoy the speakers' talks, plus have a bit of a chat after the Q&A session. Our grateful thanks go to all those who have made this happen and work hard behind the scenes before and on the day of the talks. Do check the website for details of the talks, as some have been repeated at different times so members further afield can enjoy them at a more suitable time.

The Annual General Meeting, by Zoom, is on Saturday 17 April preceded by a talk – details are on the previous page and updated on the website, so keep checking. We have been practicing how to vote on Zoom at the AGM, which will be new to most of us.

Something else new are online family history shows. On Saturday 10 April there is the FHF *Really Useful Family History Show*. Look for details of this and other upcoming events online and on the East Surrey FHS website. Most shows have Early Bird Tickets offers, so do check this out.

There has been a good response to the request in the last Journal for new committee members, but there other ways that members can help the society; so if you would like to help in any way or have suggestions do get in contact.

The snowdrops are appearing in gardens and winter cyclamen have been flowering for about a month and cheering us up and so we hope Spring is round the corner and we can all get out and enjoy warmer weather, socially distanced of course!

Look after yourselves.



2021 Renewal Subscriptions

Ann Turnor, Membership Secretary [827]

Thank you to all members who have been prompt in paying their 2021 renewals. It is much appreciated as it enables me to make sure our database is correct and up-to-date as early in the year as possible. If you have not yet paid this year's subscription, this will be the last journal that you will receive.

I appreciate it when members let me know of any changes to their contact details. We are currently hosting online Zoom presentations and unless I have your up-to-date email address I will be unable to send an invitation for you to join us. 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.

If you have previously signed for Gift Aid and are now no longer able to gift this, would you please let me know? If you are unsure as to whether you have subscribed to pay Gift Aid please refer to your journal envelope, which will state G/aid together with your membership number.

Finally, thank you to all those members who have elected to receive their journals via email.



Research Centre

Although our centre has been closed for twelve months, we have handled a number of enquiries received via the website. They have usually been a joint effort of the regular team. Most of the queries have come from abroad, but a couple of very tricky ones were more local and made the little grey cells go into overdrive.

One lady wanted to find parish registers pre 1066 but unfortunately we couldn't help her! We did manage to meet up at the centre once during the summer and collected some records for transcribing and indexing so we are making some progress, albeit slowly.

Burial Database

Sylvia Dibbs (Catholic Family History Society)

The Catholic Family History Society is hoping to set up a database to which the general public can add any sightings of Roman Catholic/Papist/Recusant burials in Anglican Parish Church registers or perhaps spotted on monumental inscriptions. The last of these may only be recognised by symbols such as an anchor.

During the period of about 200 years, from the middle of the sixteenth century until the late eighteenth century, when the practice of the Roman Catholic faith was illegal in what is now the United Kingdom, Catholics had no churches and so no official burial grounds. Even well into the nineteenth century this was the

case. Many Catholics were buried in the local Anglican churchyard, as there was usually nowhere else. This can make finding burials difficult for family historians looking for the graves of Catholics or even just a record of their deaths.

More thorough vicars would indicate the religious affiliation of the deceased in the burial register.

The database is still in development, so if, in the course of researching your own families, you notice such an entry, please could you send the details (name, age, dates, abode, location and anything else of interest) to catholicfhsrecords@gmail.com?

Thank you!



How long have you been searching for your ancestors?

Do you have any tips for other family history researchers?

The Editor (contact details inside the front cover) welcomes any articles or stories for the Journal.

GENUKI: What is it and what can you do with it?

Malcolm Austen

This is the title of a talk given by Malcolm Austen at a meeting held via Zoom on 14 December 2020, reported by Hilary Blanford.

Malcolm began his talk by introducing himself, skipping through his career at Oxford University Computing Centre, and launching into the history of GENUKI, pausing long enough to discuss the pronunciation of the word. Nowadays most people pronounce it as a 3-syllable-word; Gen, to rhyme with gem, and then 'uuh' followed by key, but originally it was pronounced as Gen, followed by UK as in the abbreviation of the United Kingdom, and then the letter I.

He was involved with GENUKI from its start in 1995, as he and Rosemary Lockie of FidoNet worked their way through the Public Record Office handbooks in Chancery Lane, digitising them, as the PRO had no website. The other Founding Fathers were Phil Stringer, Brian Randell, Vivienne Dunstan, Alan Stanier and John Woodgate, using university computers, while David Hawgood wrote the book about GENUKI. Although the core data of GENUKI was held on the server at Manchester University, most

counties maintained their local information on university computers, totalling between 40 and 50 maintainers. It was all free, but today the service is hosted (for a fee) by Mythic Beasts and uses a content management system.

Malcolm then took us on a route-march through the site, explaining that the links on the left side of the Home page were for the regions, defined as England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland (all of it), the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, using pre-1974 or earlier boundaries for England. On the right-hand side are links to the Contents and Site Map, Search GENUKI, Gazetteer, Church database, Societies, Frequently Asked Questions, Guidance for first-time users, Getting started in genealogy, Genealogical events, Who are we?, GENUKI service status and a Privacy Notice.

Next, we sashayed through the *Contents and Site Map* page, noting that the headings could be used to take us back to the 'front door' (or Home Page in computer speak), or to a drop-down menu

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for the UK and Ireland, or to the Gazetteer, Structure or Events. The Site Map was displayed below these headings, which appear on all pages so one cannot possibly get lost in the site, and here we were on home ground, for the Site Map looks just like a family tree! Think of the Home Page as your gt-gt-grandfather and you'll never look back.

The *Channel Island* pages subdivide into Islands, then parishes, while the UK and Ireland divide into counties, then towns and parishes as single pages, which have an introduction at the top of the page, and possibly a map. Further searches may be made by clicking on the maps or other links and I have found that it may be necessary to go back higher up the hierarchy to cross the Irish Sea. Each of the country pages has an impressive alphabetical list of categories and I'll leave it to you to explore further.

There are several things to note; firstly, that the 'triangle with a dot in' symbol means that the information that you are seeking is on a page further up in the hierarchy, or to put it in genealogical terms, if you can't

find what you are looking for at your parents' level, you may need to look at your grandparent or gt-grandparent level. Secondly, a large fat arrow indicates that information is available for the whole hierarchy, and thirdly, if you find an error or, even better, would like to add a piece of information, please report it using the link at the bottom of the relevant page.

As mentioned earlier, GENUKI was maintained on a large number of University computers and while the computers are no longer used for storage, the team of maintainers continues to exist. Using a direct page link enables you to communicate with the maintainer of that particular page.

Malcolm emphasised that searching for family names rarely returns an answer, although some pages, such as Devon and Yorkshire do contain various transcriptions. GENUKI is intended to act as a guide to help you find information and is not intended to be a list of repositories. He then ended his talk by explaining the role of GENEVA, which is a listing for main events and therefore does not include individual society meetings.

News from Surrey Heritage

Julian Pooley

Writing these reports during a pandemic is not getting any easier. When I last wrote, in early October, cases were increasing in the UK and it was not long before we returned to lockdown and had to close our doors again to the public for much of November. A brief reopening in early December ended just before Christmas and as I write this (in a very empty office!) on New Year's Eve, it does not look likely that we will be reopening very soon. We are, though, very much still here for your research queries. With most of the team working remotely from home and a small staff in the building each day, we are able to maintain our enquiries service and also provide copies of documents if required. In fact, these parts of our service have been busier than usual throughout the past year and demand is not diminishing. We have answered over 5,000 written enquiries from the public this year (up by 1,361 on 2019), 230 of which were requests to view sensitive records, such as mental hospital case file or coroner's inquest papers to which access was restricted. In the few weeks we were open to the public our amazing Document Assistants

produced 10,571 items from our strongrooms for our visitors (and, after three days of quarantine, put them back!).

As I said in my last report we have also added videos and podcasts to a special page on our Exploring Surrey's Past website <https://www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk/surrey-heritage-videos/>. This now includes helpful guides to particular sources for family history, plus features on themes including the First and Second World Wars, Black history, sport, Gypsy, Romany and Traveller history and LGBTQ+ topics and sources. As a result, visits to our ESP website are up by about a third over the year and between March and October our You-Tube views were up nearly 400%.

We also hosted our first online talk in November. Martin Stilwell, one of our volunteers and contributor of several excellent pages to our Surrey in the Great War website, <https://www.surreyinthegreatwar.org.uk/>, gave a fascinating presentation about the importance of St Ebba's Hospital in Epsom for the treatment of shell-shock after the

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war. Feedback about this pilot event was very positive and we are now planning a series of online talks throughout 2021. The full programme is currently being finalised but it is likely to consist of two talks each month, on a weekday afternoon at about 5.00 p.m. so that we can open up the talks to more people, including our ever-increasing number of overseas fans. Many of the talks will be based on our existing list of talks previously delivered to local and family history groups in Surrey, which are listed on our website at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/history-centre/visit/talks-and-tours>. So, if you do not live in Surrey but are nevertheless interested in Surrey ancestors or in learning more about the resources you can use to trace your ancestors, many of

these talks will be very useful to you. If lockdown has had any silver linings, the ability to engage with a wider audience has certainly been one of them. In December I gave a talk about the value of the *Gentleman's Magazine* for family and local historians by Zoom to Kent Family History Society. Nearly 80 of their members tuned in, from as far afield as New Zealand and Delaware, and one of the examples I used (a farmer, murdered by a footpad at Westerham on his way home from the Croydon Fair) turned out to be an ancestor of someone in the audience.

Please join our mailing list at https://customer.surreycc.gov.uk/surrey_heritage_mailing_list or keep an eye on the Events page on our website to be the first to know about these exciting new events.



Surrey History Centre is at 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND.

Please book online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents, in person at Surrey History Centre, or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737.

Recent Accessions to Surrey History centre

Despite or, perhaps because of, lockdown new material is coming in all the time. If you would like to place records in our care please contact us in advance as we only have a few people in the building at any one time and need to ensure an archivist is on hand to take the records from you.

Highlights of our new accessions in October to December included the following:

9247add1

St Luke's church, Whyteleafe: transcript of ashes and burial files and memorial garden and churchyard ground plan diagrams, 2020. Digital files in Excel and PDF format

7650add26

Bagshot Women's Institute: record book, 1923-1938, with transcript and further reports derived from reports sent to the Surrey Advertiser, 1923-1945

8867add3

Chilbrooke Farm and arable land known as Hurst, Downside, Cobham: counterpart of lease of tithes, 1740; lands including parcels in fields called The Marsh and Westcroft, Downside, Cobham: counterpart of lease of tithes, 1740 Messuage and lands, Cobham: lease of tithes, 1753; Cobham Station signal box: photograph, nd [c.1905]

9587add2

Stopes-Roe family of Mickleham and Wallis family of Effingham: additional records, comprising photographs of Givons Grove, Mickleham, 1927, and postcards of Effingham, [?1930s]

9800add2

United Benefice of Godstone and South Godstone and Blindley Heath: additional parish magazines, 1951-2016 and 2004-2020

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10102add

Stanley Arthur Blay, Surrey fireman and soldier in the Queen's Royal Regiment: scrapbook of photographs and papers relating to army reunions and commemorative services, 2000s

10187

Neeld family of Lambeth and Coulsdon: deeds and papers, 1827-1963

10188

Surrey material collected by Professor John Blair in the course of his research, including

- (1) Grant of arms to Thomas Spong of Walton-on-Thames, 1824, with painted shield of arms.
- (2) (2) A packet of sale particulars and related broadsheet posters for Leatherhead, date-range 1850s to 1890s.
- (3) A collection of notes, photocopies, transcripts and other documents relating to the history of Ashtead by the mid 20th-century archaeologist A.W.G. Lowther (who excavated the Ashtead Roman villa).
- (4) An original plan of the timber-framed building at the Old Rising Sun, Fetcham, by the well-known architectural historian John H. Harvey.
- (5) A roll of survey drawings of timber-framed buildings in Leatherhead and Ashtead, made by John Blair in the early 1970s.
- (6) A box of xeroxes of 13th- and 14th-century court rolls in the Archives of Merton College, Oxford, relating to the manor of Thorncroft in Leatherhead.
- (7) Several rolls of maps of Surrey: 1970s OS maps and copies of the first edition,[incomplete] 13th cent. To 1970s

10190

Royal Army Service Corps Regimental Association: minutes of Committee of Management and General Committee, 1927-1937 (mostly signed); signed minutes of Executive Committee, 1933-1938; signed minutes of RASC Officers' Reunion Club Committee, 1948-1961; and signed minutes of RASC Memorial Fund committees, 1947-1954

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10191

Limpsfield Parish Council: records including correspondence and financial material, 1886-1987

10192

Marden Park, Woldingham: aerial photographs taken by RAF Kenley, 1954

10198

Kingfield Players, Woking: photographs and programmes, 1936-1953

10199

St Augustine, South Croydon: additional records, including Baptism register, 1982-1996; banns register, 1972-1994; service registers, 1985-2015; PCC minutes and papers, 1981-2016; and PCC annual accounts, 1956-2003

10200

St Peter, Croydon: additional records including marriage register, 1967-1987; banns register, 1971-1983; and items relating to the Church of England Men's Society, Croydon Federation, 1950-1986

10201

John SL Pulford, local historian, of Walton and Weybridge Local History Society: research papers and collected documents and maps, as itemised on schedule provided by the depositor, 1746-2015

10202

Photograph of John Albert Reed senior with horses at ploughing match, 1930s; photograph of Nigrette, racehorse owned by Ashley and Oliver Slocock, 1950s

10203

Alan Wardle of Woking, former Weights and Measures Inspector and local historian: papers, including news cuttings, photographs and typescript history from 1889 to 1930s, relating to Surrey Trading Standards, 1883-1983; and photographs of cast iron grave markers in Surrey burial grounds, 1992

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10204

Leigh Bennett family of Thorpe Place and elsewhere: additional deeds, letters, genealogical papers and photograph albums, 1392-early 20th cent

10206

Queen's Royal (West Surrey) Regiment: photographs of officers, non-commissioned officers and men, including Captain Allport and 2/Lt J Bare of 'A' Company, and at camps at Seaford, 1925, and Arundel, 1928
1925-1940s

10207

Badingham College, Fetcham Park, Leatherhead: panoramic photographs of staff and pupils, 1964-1965

10208

Anthony George Hill (1928-1983), Headmaster of Pierrepont School, Frensham: personal records including birth certificate, school records and Order of Service, 1928-1983

10209

Mr Eddie Samuel, mental health nurse at Netherne Hospital: photographs of Netherne Hospital and of Earlswood Hospital, 1990s

10210

Eleanour Sinclair Rohde, horticulturist of Reigate: plant catalogue and published book, 'Uncommon Vegetables. How to grow and How to cook', 1945-1946

10211

Enid Brown of Crofton Park, London: reminiscences of wartime evacuation to Limpsfield and Oxted, 1939-c.1943

Recent Accessions to Surrey History centre

10212

Commonplace book, compiled by Joseph Hibberd (c1826-1909), police constable of Chertsey and Walton-on-Thames, 1850-1891

ABadd

St James, Abinger Common: burial register, 1877-2019

ESR/25add69

Company Quarter Master Sergeant Alfred Thomas Swatton Linney (1875-1941), 1/6th East Surrey Regiment: personal papers, including army service papers, 1908-1919, photograph albums, 1914-1918, letters to his son, 1917-1918, and photographs of 52nd Surrey Home Guard (Surbiton), 1940s 1899-1950s

ESR/25add70

Private Charles Henry Shephard (1924-1945), 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment: personal papers including army service papers, 1942-1945, family correspondence, 1942-1945, and photographs, 1940s-1950s

ESR/25add71

Private Charles Marlow (1889-1964), 4th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment: photographs, 1915

ESR/25add72

Private William Leslie Smith (1919-1988), 1/6th Bn, East Surrey Regiment (later Army Catering Corps): personal papers including army service records, 1939-1946, photographs, 1940s, and Dunkirk veterans' medal, c.1970s

ESR/25add73

Private Walter Charles Napier Fookes (1894-1917), 7th Bn, East Surrey Regiment: personal papers, including photographs, 1914-1917, and War Office correspondence to Mrs Fookes, 1918-1919

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ESR/25add74

Private Nelson James Pilley (1887-1948), 1st Bn, East Surrey Regiment: copy photographs and service papers, 1914-1918

ESR/25add75

Private Edmund James Kiddell (1885-1934), 2nd Bn, East Surrey Regiment: photographs and postcards, 1914-1918; Driver Robert James Kiddell (1923-2009), RASC: army service papers and photographs, 1942-1947

QRWS/30ad83

Private John Bryder Aylward (1896-1974), 1/5 Bn, Queen's Royal (West Surrey) Regiment: photographs and postcards, 1914-1918

QRWS/30ad84

Private Thomas John Golden (1923-2017), 2/6th Bn, Queen's Royal (West Surrey) Regiment: personal papers, including photographs, 1940s, service papers, 1942-1947, and two copies of The WEF Weekly, unofficial newspaper of the 2/6th Queen's Royal Regiment, 1945-1946

QRWS/30ad85

Private Thomas James, 2/4th Bn, Queen's Royal (West Surrey) Regiment: personal papers, including photographs, 1914-1918, and papers of the 2/4th Queen's Old Comrades' Association, 1937-1961

QRWS/30ad86

Private Charles George Wynn (1897-1944), 8th Bn, Queen's Royal (West Surrey) Regiment: personal papers, including correspondence, 1916-1918; army service papers, 1916-1918; and Old Comrades' Association papers, 1935-1940

Recent Accessions to Surrey History centre

QRWS/30ad87

Company Quartermaster Sergeant Frederick George King (1905-1980), 1/5 Bn, Queen's Royal (West Surrey) Regiment: personal papers, including Infantry Record Office correspondence, 1944, and Old Comrades' Association membership card, 1947

QRWSadd9

Photograph of soldiers on jeep. Captioned on reverse, 'On patrol in West Berlin. Front entrance to Displace Persons Camp. Myself & Pte Frazier? 1948.'

SGW/22

Lang Propeller Ltd of Riverside Works, Weybridge, and Addlestone: copies of photographs from an album containing 50 images depicting the factories, staff and manufacturing processes, c.1913-1918

SGW/23

George Heriot Pitt (1898-1979), Royal Garrison Artillery, and later medical doctor, (whose family were of Walton on Thames from c.1925): memoir of service in World War I, letters and photographs, and papers relating to his later life, and to his father Dr George Newton Pitt. With transcripts of the memoir and letters and annotated research article 'A theatre of war', by Paula Gerrard, c.1890s-1930s

Z/677add1

St Mary and St Nicholas, Leatherhead: copy transcript of memorial inscriptions, with additional notes. Poplar Road School, Leatherhead: collected reminiscences, (1952)-2014

Z/739

'C' Company, 1st Surrey Bn Home Guard (Camberley): photographs, 1940

Z/740

Sayers Croft, Ewhurst: records including minutes, reports, attendance lists, photographs and remembrances, 1939-1950s

Did you have family in the Anglo-Boer War?

If so, would you be willing to share your research with George Ross Tanton, who is currently researching a book on veterans of the Anglo-Boer War? Mr Tanton has contacted the Society asking if members can assist him.

Mr Tanton writes, “I am enquiring whether any of your members have, and would like to share with me, any information regarding family members who returned from the fighting in South Africa during the years 1899 to 1902. I am especially interested in any primary documents your members may wish to share which reveal information about the lives of their ancestors after the Boer War.

“The sort of things I would like to know are;

- what their Boer War ancestors did after their return to civilian life

- whether they served again in WW1
- what life was like for them after leaving the Army or Navy

“This would be a fantastic opportunity for your members to contribute to the research of a niche social history. They, as well as your organisation, would be credited and acknowledged for their assistance in the final copy of the book. All sources they may provide will also be acknowledged to them personally.”

If you are able to help, please contact george.ross.tanton@outlook.com



1921 England and Wales Census

Anne Ramon [4730] aramon@virginmedia.com

FindMyPast have been awarded the contract for digitising the 1921 England and Wales Census and they are planning to release it in January 2022.

The 1921 Census for England and Wales, Scotland, the Channel Islands and Isle of Man was due to take place on the night of Sunday 24 April 1921 but was postponed to Sunday 19 June because of the Black Friday strike by coalminers, transport and railway workers. This was summer, of course, and significant groups of people were away from home and at holiday destinations. There was a clash with the Macclesfield industrial holiday, for instance, and the populations of Blackpool and Southend-on-Sea showed striking increases.

Family historians beware! Your family may not have migrated permanently to the seaside, or taken up running a B&B – they could be on holiday! Father or mother may be alone at home, but the children may be at a relative's house enjoying the sunshine.

The official census website www.1921census.org.uk tells us the census questions asked for each person in the household, and these appear on the next page.

The question on whether a child's parents were alive or dead is particularly poignant for family history as this census was taken soon after the First World War and followed the 'flu pandemic of 1918-19. This census is also the first to capture if a marriage had been dissolved by divorce ('D').

The enumerator who collected the form was also responsible for recording the number of 'living rooms' at the premises.

Unfortunately, those helpful questions included in the 1911 Census about the length of the present marriage, and the total number of children born and the number still living, were omitted in 1921. Instead, the question asks how many children or stepchildren the family had, and how many were still alive.

Roll on January 2022!

1921 England and Wales Census

- name of person
- relationship to head of household
- age - now required as years and completed months, rather than just years as in previous censuses
- sex
- if age 15 or over, whether single, married or divorced
- if under age 15, whether parents are living, "both alive", "father dead", "mother dead" or "both dead"
- birthplace, county and town or parish (or country plus state, province or district for persons born abroad)
- if born abroad, nationality
- whether attending school or another educational establishment
- trade
- employer
- place of work
- number and ages of living children or stepchildren under 16



Mr. Godard's Horses

Bernice Bell Mistrot (4245)

My 3rd gt-grandfather, John 'Stoddard' Godard (1784-1862), son of James Mason Godard Sr. (1748-1836) and Hannah Powell (1754-1806), was born on 22 Jun 1784 and baptized at St Mary's, Rotherhithe on 14 Jul 1784. 73 years later he recorded his memoirs, said to be in three volumes, though only the first volume of some 151 typewritten pages has survived. Most of it covers the period June 1800 to July 1802, describing his sailing adventures during the wars of that period in great detail. The excerpts below are from the few pages not included in the travelogue. Minor typos have been corrected, and paragraph breaks added, but otherwise the spelling and punctuation are original.

[page 1] My father was a Brewer, and had a very handsome property left him by his grandfather, by whom he was brought up, together with a brother and two sisters, they having lost both their parents in the same year, my father being only five years of age when that melancholy event took place.

According to the chronicles of my family, I first saw the light on the 22nd June, 1783 *[sic]* . . . I was the fourth of a hopeful progeny of six, having a brother and two sisters before me . . . The next was Maria, the most fortunate of all the family, then beloved Hannah . . . My native place was called Rotherhithe in the County of Surrey, my father's brewery stood on the banks of the Thames, and quite within the sound of the great

Bell at Bow, so I am what they call a hedge cockney.

My father, poor man, was twice ruined by fire, which was the chief cause of his immigrating to Canada, which took place in the Spring of the year 1790; he went alone, not willing to take so large a family across the Ocean to a strange country without knowing whether he could establish himself properly in business or not, but meeting with great encouragement at Quebec, he wrote for my mother to follow with the family to join him as soon as possible; and just about a year after he left England we embarked on board the same vessel that conveyed him out, the noble ship called the "Queen," Captain Dawson . . .

Mr. Godard's Horses

[page 115] I've often heard my father tell a story which he used to relate with great glee about two horses that he had bought at a Government sale. These fine animals are sometimes condemned as unfit for the service merely from some trifling blemish, and so it proved in this case. The one named Boxer was so hard in the mouth that there was no keeping him in his proper place in the ranks, directly any trumpets or bugles sounded. And Smiler, the other, was thought not to be quite smart enough for a trooper, so they were both sold. My father was a good horseman and had tried them both and gave the preference to the former on account of his being the smartest of the two.

Shortly after this, and when I was quite a boy, a grand review of the regular troops, accompanied by the Artillery and Cavalry, took place on this same common [described in previous pages as 'Black Heath', which 'lies in the county of Kent, five miles distant from the City of London']. Old George the Third with his Queen and all the Royal Family were there, attended by a great number

of the nobility in their splendid equipages, so that in fact such a grand turnout had not been seen for many a year. A trumpeter mounted on a state [sic] erected for the purpose blew a great blast to announce that the King with all attendants had arrived on the ground. This was answered by innumerable bugles which set everything in motion but none more so than Master Boxer, who with father on his back dashed off in spite of whip and spur, for there was no reining him in, so poor Dad was obliged to act the part of a second Johnny Gilpin in spite of him, for he was carried right in amongst all the Lords and Ladies, Dukes and Counts, and I don't know who all besides.

Presently after this the Duke of York's beautiful band struck up the well known air of God Save the King. Well, no one seemed to know it better than Boxer for he kept up such a dancing and prancing that father was almost crazy with vexation. At length one of the troopers was sent to his assistance, who took the creature by the bridle and led him away, advising father when he left him to quit the field as soon as possible, "for if you

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don't Sir" says the man "he will surely take you right into the ranks, for I perceive you are mounted on an old trooper." An old devil, you mean, says father, for I never met with any horse yet but what I could manage except this chap. Well I see you are a pretty good rider, said the man, but bless you Sir, don't you see that the horse has no more mouth than a pig, and that's been the reason why he was sold. So then, this was the blemish which caused poor Boxer to be dismissed from His Majesty's service and to be engaged in the more humble employment of drawing about porter and small beer. Father made the best of his way home, and shifting the saddle to the back of the more quiet Smiler, returned to the field to see the end of this fine review.

But master Smiler had some queer tricks about him too, and because he was such a gentle, mild creature, the brewhouse clerk always rode on him when he went into the country money hunting, and some of our customers lived six miles off. This young man was very abstemious and would never drink anything himself but would call for a pot of porter and give it

to the horse, who got quite fond of it. This was done in compliance with a custom of calling for something to drink so as to treat the landlord whenever he paid his bill.

One day a Captain of a ship came in and asked father to lend him a kind, quiet going horse, as he wished to take a short ride in the country and as he was a good customer father willingly obliged him. So, Smiler was saddled and bridled and brought to the door. The Captain mounted and rode away but happened to take the same road which the clerk used to travel on when he went about with his bills. He had scarcely gone a couple of miles when the animal suddenly turned and carried him up to the door of a public house, which stood about twenty yards from the road. Halloo, says the Captain, what the deuce are you about; I'm not dry yet.

But if he wasn't, Smiler was, and on the Captain trying to urge him forward he only went round and round like a horse in a mill or a circus, and as he was like most sailors not very expert at riding he was afraid to make use of violence; so he was forced to submit to

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these round about evolutions 'till the landlord came out and asked him what was the matter. Well, I don't know myself, he replied. I want to go ahead but this chap I'm on will keep boxing the compass in this strange fashion. If I mistake not, said the man, that's Mr. Godard's horse. Well, so it is, what then, said the rider. Why then, Sir, he won't go ahead, as you call it, until he gets a pot of porter. Then give it to him, for pity's sake, he cried, for I don't want to be turning to windward here all day. The porter was brought and after he had drunk it, went along as quiet as a lamb.

But there were more houses on the road which the Captain never dreamt of and where Smiler had had many a drop in former days and at all of these the poor astonished seaman had to pay the piper. At last when he got back in the afternoon to return the horse, father asked him how he liked the creature, and whether he did not find him very gentle. "Why, yes," he replied, "he's very gentle but not very simple, for I'm blessed but he knows how to take care of number one; only think, I might almost just as well have hired a horse, he cost me so much for porter."



Unwanted certificates in my possession

Michael Butcher [5414] (email bhivem@gmail.com)

James Hubbard, born Peckham 13 April 1888

(father George, mother Annie Hubbard formerly Blount)

Susan Hubbard, born Guildford 10 April 1946

(father James, mother Elizabeth June Hubbard formerly Harley(?))

John Richard Moss, born Redhill 1 March 1952

(father Sydney William, mother Edna Eleanor Moss formerly Hubbard)

BIRTHS

Unwanted certificates in my possession

MARRIAGES

Alfred Hubbard & Camelia Sherrington (?) *married at Upper Norwood, 21 March 1880*

Alfred James Hubbard & Alice Butcher *married in Plaistow, 24 April 1887*

William Edward Ede & Annie Willett *married at Leigh, 31 July 1897*

Ronald Edward Hubbard & Phyllis Nellie Farley *married in Sidcup, 20 October 1945*

Ronald Hubbard & Peggy Nolan *married in Croydon, 26 February 1949*

Ronald Edward Hubbard & Marjorie Doreen Law *married in Margate, 17 October 1949*

Leon Arthur Hewer & Susan Maureen Hubbard *married in Wallington, 5 February 1972*

DEATHS

William Hubbard, aged 7, parentage unknown
died at North Surrey Industrial School, Penge, on 8 July 1857

Thomas Walker, aged 70
died in Croydon 20 September 1934

Amelia Hubbard, aged 68, widow of Peter Charles Hubbard,
died in Canvey Island 24 May 1957

Millie Davis, aged 71, wife of Isaac Davis
died in Clapton, 26 November 1959

If you believe that any of these certificates relate to your family,
please contact me directly.

Peter Grant – Members’ Interests co-ordinator

Rita Russell

Some years ago when the Society was looking for a new Treasurer, our then Members’ Interests co-ordinator, Chris Green, stepped in and this then left another vacancy. We had the great fortune to have a volunteer in the name of Peter Grant. Living in Norfolk was not a problem with this position and Peter has quietly carried out this position for the Society since January 2005, with his first entries in the March Journal that year.

At the time the Journal included an average of seven pages of names with Peter liaising with Ann Turnor, our Membership Secretary, throughout all these years.

Now Peter has decided the time has come for him to retire and we must thank him most sincerely for all the time he has spent on behalf of the Society and its members.



Oops!

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Stockport Hyde Chapel</u> in the County of <u>Cheshire</u> in the Year 18 <u>34</u>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
18	<i>James</i>	<i>son of Mary Holland of Werneth Dowl of Joseph & Alice Holland born November 3rd 1834 & bapt. Dec^r 3rd 1834</i>				
No. 1145.						
	<i>Charles Smith</i>	<i>son of</i>				
	<i>born 20 July 1834 bapt. 26th Dec^r 1834</i>					
No. 1146.		<i>Bapt. by Rev. Mr. Smith of Stockport who forgot to ask the names of Parents</i>				

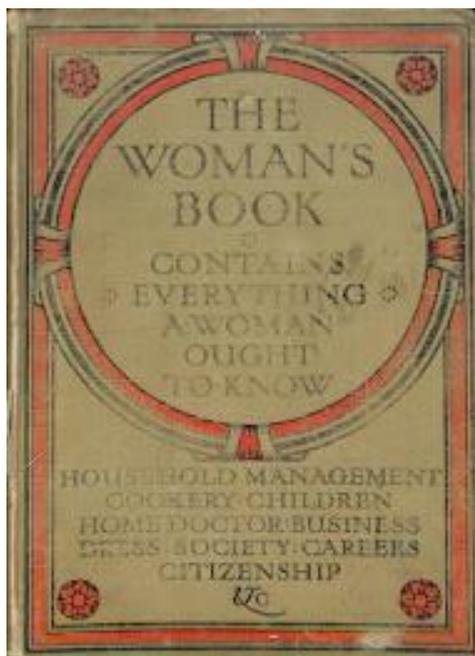
Spring Cleaning 1911 style

Anne Ramon [4730] aramon@virginmedia.com

'Spring Cleaning' was always a major exercise when I was young. We lived in a small terraced house, but it still took Mum a couple of days to 'vac' and dust the rooms, scrub the lino floors, and clean the kitchen cupboards. She washed the windows and steeped the net curtains in 'blue'. No 'home help' for her.

I recently dipped into my 1911 copy of *The Woman's Book: Contains Everything a Woman Ought to Know*. This is a mighty tome of 734 pages, edited by Florence B Jack, 'late Principal of the School of Domestic Arts, Edinburgh'. I looked for the advice she gave in 1911 for Spring Cleaning, and I wasn't disappointed. There were four full pages, and here are some highlights to make you grateful for modern appliances.

The book recommends early May as the best time for cleaning 'as the fires are required less regularly'. I imagine coal fires were the source of a lot of the dust and smuts, and the brighter light of May days would help show up the grubby and worn parts of furnishings. The housewife might do the cleaning herself, or supervise a maid, or employ a charwoman, and she would plan what services might be needed such as the chimney sweep or a



plumber or joiner. The writer recommends it best to avoid undue inconvenience for the man of the house such as his evening meal becoming so haphazard that he 'might seek refuge in the comfort and cheerful society to be found at his Club'.

A good supply of cleaning materials was essential and these

Spring Cleaning 1911 style

included: carbolic soap; soft soap; soda, soap powder; borax; ammonia; methylated spirits and bees-wax; plus a sufficiency of towels, cloths, dusters and brushes. There was a specific brush for every purpose. The 'tweeny' might have a handy rack to store them all in her room.

As to the process itself, the writer recommends starting at the top of the house and working downwards and, if possible, first emptying out the contents of the room completely. The order of

work was: turn out all the cupboards; lift the carpets; clean; brush; dust and burn the dust at once on the fire; then sweep the chimney; get any repairs done and do any painting needed. Then dust the walls; black-lead the grate; wash the woodwork and furniture. Then polish the brasses and replace (put down) the carpet. Put up fresh curtains; add cushions and any 'dainty' touches. Finally, replace the contents.

And repeat for the next room!



Southwark Group News

Hilary Blanford, Secretary

The Southwark group has continued to meet on alternate Mondays, in the months when we are not having talks on Zoom.

As we were unable to go across the road from the John Harvard Library and have our annual Christmas lunch at Nelsons, we decided to hold an online Christmas party on 21 December. We started with a YouTube recording of *God rest you merry, Gentlemen* made by the BuPyeong

Methodist Church Hand Bell Choir Team. I couldn't find a Christmas recording of an English team but this is the nearest in style, although a little flamboyant. The chime bars and conductor are not part of the English tradition!

We used the 'breakout rooms' facility on Zoom to have a quiz for two teams and I discovered that, when I was screen sharing, I couldn't share the quiz simultaneously with both teams

Southwark Group News

and nor could I use the host facility of moving between rooms, so I was trapped in the system! Jackie Revell had produced the quiz, which was on chocolate and sweets. One team had the questions and struggled to find the answers, while the other team made a list of all the chocolates and sweets they could think of and then fitted their answers to the questions afterwards.

Peggy, one of our group, found a beautiful recording of *Light a candle (Zünde eine Kerze an)* made by Martin Buchholz & friends. Although it is sung in German, there are English subtitles. We felt that it expressed our current situation with Covid perfectly.

We had a silly quiz, which involved guessing which Christmas carols were represented by a series of pictures, and then moved on to 100 Christmas cracker jokes found by Peggy, I think from the

Independent, and we had a go at some of the least awful ones. After several groans (from the jokes), Jane Beeley recited Hilaire Belloc's cautionary tale *Rebecca* from memory, followed by a quiz akin to *What's my Line?* She was dressed in red, green and white clothes and after somebody suggested Suffragette, we eventually guessed that she was a Suffragist.

Brian Beeley was next. He first gave us a brief glossary and explanation, and then read the words of the 19th century folk song *Wor Nanny's a mazer*, which has four verses of twenty lines each, with a short chorus between each verse, in broadest Geordie.

My thanks to all the Southwark members who contributed to an enjoyable event.

I am pleased to report that, so far, all members of the group are safe and only one of our group has had Covid-19.

God rest you merry (*BuPyeong Methodist Church Hand Bell Choir Team*):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4kzxL2YHCY>

Light a candle (*Martin Buchholz*)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DP_90vWFOLQ&list=RDDP_90vWFOLQ&start_radio=1



Website round up

Brian Hudson

www.ancestryhour.co.uk/about.html

For Twitter users here is @AncestryHour. It is described as a Twitter base for everyone and anyone with an interest in Genealogy and Family History. The idea is that you can meet, exchange tips, ask questions, etc., and join in with an international

ancestral community. Participants are expected to reciprocate by following other Twitter contributors. There is a short video explaining how it works. Currently the group gets together on Twitter every Tuesday evening from 7.00 - 8.00 p.m.

<https://billiongraves.com>

A new addition to Findmypast this year was the England Billion Graves Cemetery Index, although a closer look shows that at the moment there are only 600,000 entries in this particular English record set.

Each entry has a transcript plus a link to an image of the headstone with precise location details. The information varies, but most of the records include at

least the following information: First name(s), last name, death date, cemetery, city, county and an image link.

So where does the Billion come in? The explanation from billiongraves.com is that they are striving to capture images of headstones worldwide; if 100,000 users uploaded 10,000 images then they could reach that goal.

<https://lyfelynes.com>

This is a blog 'Helping budding genealogy fans to blossom'. The English-born author lives in Australia and is a professional genealogist with 35 years of experience. One article that may

be of use to many of us is 'Genealogy Brick Walls – Never Give Up!' How true. Find it at <https://lyfelynes.com/genealogy-brick-walls-never-give-up/>

Website round up

www.olivetreegenealogy.com/index.shtml

I stumbled across this while researching items for this column. It's a treasure trove of twenty headings that lead on to many links for registers, records, lists and rolls (paper, not bread). Many have been transcribed and are on the website for free. There are a lot of adverts and books for sale on Amazon (many by the owner of the website), but looking past those there is a great deal of potentially useful information in there.

The headings include:

Palatine Genealogy

New Netherland

Loyalists

Book Nook

Photo Albums,

Almshouses

Huguenots and Mennonites

Subtopics include:

Return of Destitute Poor Removed from England to Ireland 1860-1862 with 1,544 name entries.

Peter Robinson Settlers from Ireland to Quebec. Peter Robinson was asked by the British government to manage an emigration scheme that would settle impoverished Irish families in Upper Canada, now Ontario. There were two waves of emigration, one in 1823 and the second in 1825.

<http://ebc.byu.edu/Pages/Home>

The Early British Census (EBC) project brings the numerous disparate pre-1841 census records into one searchable database.

There are over 800 surviving household or individual schedules from the 1801, 1811, 1821, and

1831 censuses. Because the household and individual schedules were never submitted to a central government entity, the original returns remain in dozens of local archives across the UK.

Website round up

www.cheshirearchives.org.uk/what-we-hold/what-we-hold.aspx

Two sets of railway related records are to be found in the Cheshire Archives. One is of the 25,000 employees of the railway companies covering parts of Cheshire, Shropshire, Herefordshire and Wales from c1869 to c1950. They would be the Cambrian, Great Western and London and North Western railways.

The second database is the transcription of 15 surviving registers of employees of the railway works at Crewe, held at the Cheshire Record Office. These registers include staff employed at the works in 1890 and staff

entering the works between 1890 and 1928.

Although it looks antiquated the search facility does work well on both databases. What is interesting are the job titles of employees such as

the white metallor
premium apprentice
helper
machine lad
number taker
an extra breaksman
a telephone boy
a time taker
an under goods shunter.

www.casus-belli.co.uk

The Register of the Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902 is a pay-per-view site with a database of over 340,000 entries that lists men and women who served in the British Imperial

Forces during the Boer War and includes soldiers, sailors, nurses and civilians as well as a revised casualty list with 60,500 records.



Past Census Dates

Anne Ramon [4730] aramon@virginmedia.com

1841	6 June 1841
1851	30 March 1851
1861	7 April 1861
1871	2 April 1871
1881	3 April 1881
1891	5 April 1891
1901	31 March 1901
1911	2 April 1911
1921	19 June 1921

The 1939 Register was compiled on 29 September 1939, just after the outbreak of the war, and excludes military personnel.

Financial report for 2020

Peter Heather — Treasurer

Although we were not able to hold an AGM during 2020 because of the Coronavirus restrictions, an online AGM will be held next month, as you will read elsewhere in the Journal. The financial report for 2020 cannot be circulated to members on the day, as in the past, so it is being published here in order that members have the opportunity to read it before the meeting. The Financial Report has been independently examined by Lesley Barker and approved by the Trustees.

The restrictions imposed because of the Coronavirus have meant that no physical meetings have been possible for much of 2020. That is clearly unwelcome, but it

has had a significant positive effect on the Society's finances that was not possible to foresee at the beginning of the year.

Financial report for 2020

Cancellation of physical meetings since March has resulted in savings of £1,318 on accommodation. Expenditure on speakers' fees has remained fairly constant, as the Society has run online meetings to try to fill the gap. However, with no attendance at fairs or an Open Day, bookstall takings have collapsed, although online sales have held up. The good news is that reverting to four issues of the journal with the new printer has still cost less than the three issues in 2019.

Although it was not anticipated at the beginning of the year, I am pleased to say that the bottom line has shown further improvement this year. We have had a surplus of income over expenditure of £5,111, compared with a surplus of £1,706 in 2019, and once again it has not been necessary to take money from the reserves to pay for running the Society.

While our finances are looking much healthier than expected at the beginning of the year, it is hoped that physical meetings can

resume as soon as possible in 2021. Many members live too far away to attend group meetings and the Journal is the only contact that they have with the Society. The online meetings have therefore been particularly welcomed by members living further away from east Surrey. The Committee is keen to continue this facility and hopes to hold at least one Zoom meeting a month alongside physical meetings. This will incur additional expenditure on speakers' fees of nearly £1,000 compared to a 'normal' year.

In addition, membership numbers continue a slow decline in line with other family history societies. We are therefore unlikely to make a surplus this year and keeping a tight control on expenditure cannot be over emphasised.

I will try to answer any questions regarding the financial report at the AGM, but if you have any, you are also welcome to contact me at the address inside the front cover and I'll try to answer them as best I can.



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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020	2019
INCOME			
Subscriptions	2	8,410	9,175
Gift aid tax rebate		1,394	1,509
Bookstall & publications	3	118	846
Donations		790	825
Pay per view & searches		76	88
Journal sales & advertising		0	0
Misc.		0	431
Bank interest		435	528
		<u>11,221</u>	<u>13,402</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Bookstall & publications	3	29	-54
Journal costs	4	3,274	4,116
Meetings & events		1,440	5,316
Projects		0	60
Research centre		481	1,063
Website, cd-rom & software		305	50
General running costs:			
Secretarial, stationery		141	174
Equipment repairs and renewals		0	69
Advertising		32	57
Insurance	5	<u>0</u>	<u>214</u>
		173	515
Affiliation fees, royalties	5	399	444
Independent examiner's fee		0	0
Depreciation		10	63
Donations		0	0
Misc.		0	122
		<u>6,110</u>	<u>11,696</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		5,111	1,706
General fund brought forward		51,564	49,858
General fund carried forward		<u>56,675</u>	<u>51,564</u>

East Surrey Family History Society

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020	2019
<u>Fixed assets</u>			
Tangible assets	6	519	35
Current assets			
Publication stock	7	1,262	1,262
Debtors	8	854	2,666
Bank and cash	9	54,596	47,599
		<u>56,712</u>	<u>51,527</u>
Creditors: falling due within one year	10	<u>557</u>	<u>0</u>
Net current assets		56,155	51,527
Net assets		<u>56,675</u>	<u>51,562</u>
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>			
General fund:			
Balance brought forward		51,564	49,858
Excess of income over expenditure for the year		5,111	1,706
Balance carried forward		<u>56,675</u>	<u>51,564</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) – Accounting and Reporting by Charities; and the Charities Act 1993.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 20 January 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Trustee: *Peter Heather*

Peter Heather
Treasurer

Trustee: *Sue Adams*

Sue Adams
Committee member

East Surrey Family History Society

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting:

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE), the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and reporting by charities (SORP2005) and the Charities Act 1993.

Income recognition:

Subscriptions, sales, fees, donations and other similar types of income are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income. Tax claims on donations are included in the SOFA in the same accounting period as the donation.

Expenditure and liabilities:

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Tangible fixed assets:

Depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life: Equipment, fixtures & fittings - 20% on a straight line basis.

Stock:

Publication stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items.

2 Subscriptions	2020	2019
United Kingdom	7,875	8,521
Overseas	534	654
	<u>8,410</u>	<u>9,175</u>

3 Bookstall publications	2020	2019
Sales and on-line publications	118	846
Less: Purchases and costs	29	140
Less: Stock movement	0	-193
	<u>29</u>	<u>-54</u>
Bookstall profit	<u>89</u>	<u>900</u>

4 Journal costs	2020	2019
Printing	2,254	2,557
Packing & mailing	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,560</u>
	3,274	4,116
Less: sales and advertising income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>3,274</u>	<u>4,116</u>

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Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

5 Affiliation fees and insurance	2020	2019
Insurance	0	214
Subscription	399	444
	<u>399</u>	<u>659</u>
6 Tangible fixed assets	2020	2019
Equipment, fixtures & fittings		
Cost at 1/01/20	20,167	20,167
Additions	494	0
Disposals	16,922	0
Cost at 31/12/20	<u>3,740</u>	<u>20,167</u>
Depreciation		
At 1/01/20	20,132	20,069
Eliminated on disposal	16,922	-
Charge for the year	10	63
At 31/12/20	<u>3,220</u>	<u>20,132</u>
Net book value at 31/12/20	<u>519</u>	<u>35</u>
Net book value at 31/12/19	<u>35</u>	<u>98</u>
7 Publication stock	2020	2019
Books, CD-ROMs, publications	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,262</u>
8 Debtors	2020	2019
Prepayments	854	1,157
Gift Aid	0	1,509
	<u>854</u>	<u>2,666</u>
9 Bank and cash	2020	2019
Bank current account	8,514	1,853
Cash floats	235	335
Bank deposit accounts	45,846	45,412
	<u>54,596</u>	<u>47,599</u>
10 Creditors due within one year	2020	2019
Subscription prepayments	557	0
	<u>557</u>	<u>0</u>

A Baptismal muddle

Ruth Tucker [3894]

John **Allen** married Mary **Haines** on 31 December 1821 in Aldwinckle¹. Their first child, Catherine, (probably named after Mary's mother) was baptised on 4 August 1822, also in Aldwinckle². By 1825 John and Mary had moved to Woodford where they went on to have eight more children³:

Mary Ann, baptised 03 April 1825;

William, baptised 08 July 1827;

John, baptised 03 April 1831;

Lucy, my 3 x gt-grandmother, b c. 1832;

Joseph, b 10 July 1837 and bapt 04 August 1837;

Emma, b c1840 and bapt 27 May 1855 aged '16 years';

Benjamin, bapt 23 November 1846 and bur two days later;

Charlotte, b c1843 and bapt 09 July 1854.

The only child I have been unable to find a baptism for is my direct ancestor Lucy. She was recorded as aged 9 with her parents and siblings William, John, Joseph and

Emma in Bakehouse Lane, Woodford for the 1841 census⁴. It is possible that they simply forgot to have her baptised as a baby, as may have been the case with Emma and Charlotte who were baptised much later, or perhaps it was missed out of the parish register.

There is, however, a baptism for Mary Anne Allen, daughter of John and Mary, on 7 April 1833⁵. This is odd, as they already had a daughter Mary Ann, who was baptised in 1825, and there is no record of her having died; indeed there is a marriage of Mary Anne Allen and John **Palmer** in Woodford on 14 October 1844⁶. In the marriage register, Mary Anne is described as 'under age' which would fit with her being about 19 at the time, her father is John, a labourer, and one of the witnesses is Catherine Allen,^{7*} all strong evidence that this is the right Mary

¹Northamptonshire Record Office; Register Type: *Parish Registers*; Ref: 9P/4

²Northamptonshire Record Office; Register Type: *Bishops Transcripts. Aldwinckle.*

³Identified from the censuses and Woodford Baptism Registers.

⁴1841 England, Wales and Scotland census, www.findmypast.co.uk, original data: HO 107/803/24/12/18, The National Archives, accessed 16 January 2021.

⁵Northamptonshire Record Office; Register Type: *Parish Registers*; Ref: 371P/34

⁶Northamptonshire Record Office; Register Type: *Parish Registers*; Ref: 371P/8

⁷Northamptonshire Record Office; Register Type: *Parish Registers*; Reference Numbers: 179P/7

A Baptismal muddle

Anne. So is it possible that this second baptism of a Mary Anne Allen in 1833 should in fact be the baptism of Lucy Allen?

There were six baptisms in Woodford on 7 April 1833, probably because it was Easter Day⁸. The custom of baptising on Easter Day is a tradition which dates back to the early church, and both Mary Anne and John Allen were baptised on Easter Day in 1825 and 1831 respectively (coincidentally, both times the date fell on 3 April). The six baptised on Easter Day in 1833 were Thomas **Tidbury**, James **Hawes**, Henry **Beeby**, Lucy **Jolly**, Mary Anne Allen and William **Ivens**⁹. Could it be that the Christian names of Lucy and Mary Anne were written the wrong way round in the register?

In 1841 George and Elizabeth Jolly and their family were in Woodford, including Mary, their

daughter aged 9¹⁰. The age of Mary would fit with being baptised in 1833. There is no trace of a Lucy Jolly in Woodford, no burial and no appearance on a census. Sadly, there is a burial of Mary Ann Jolly on 25th July 1847, aged 14, in Woodford¹¹.

It seems likely that a clerical error has resulted in the baptisms of Lucy Allen and Mary Anne Jolly being muddled, and I feel confident that Lucy was baptised in Woodford on 7 April 1833. Lucy went on to marry William **Clipston**; she had seven children and lived out her life in Woodford, dying in June 1917. Her oldest child was Mary Ann – perhaps named after her sister, but was she also thinking of the Mary Anne with whom she shared a baptism birthday and may have played with as a child before her untimely death?



* Catherine Allen may have married John REYNOLDS in Isham on 24 November 1844, so she was still unmarried for Mary Anne's wedding.

⁸GENUKI, <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/easter> accessed 16 January 2021 ⁹Northamptonshire Record Office; Northampton, England; Register Type: *Parish Registers*; Ref: 371P/34

¹⁰1841 England, Wales and Scotland census, www.findmypast.co.uk, original data: HO 107/803/24/6/7, The National Archives, accessed 16 January 2021

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This tells of research into an enquiry about a lady who moved around London during her nursing career, and whose mother and sister lived in Melville Road, Barnes, for some years, possibly from 1940 to 1955. The sister is said to have died in January 1948, possibly in tragic circumstances. The enquirer would like to find anyone who might remember the family.

The start of the period of interest being 1940, I began my research with the 1939 Register. On *findmypast.co.uk* I searched the 1939 Register records, putting in 'Melville Road' and 'Barnes' in the appropriate boxes.

I found George F Hartright (or **Hartwright?**), born 1 July 1898, at 4 Melville Road, with his wife (whose first name I couldn't decipher). George's occupation was 'motor haulage contractor'. After a while searching, I found a marriage in 1930, registered in Richmond South (Surrey) of a George F Hartwright (note: he definitely has a 'w' in the middle of his name in this record) to an Iris A. **Prentice**. I also found a birth

registration for George E. Hartwright, which shows his mother's maiden name as Prentice.

Next, I found George F Hartwright in the 1964 Register of Electors, showing he was still at 4 Melville Road. With him were Felicity Hartwright and George E Hartwright. Were these two a couple? or brother and sister, maybe? An *ancestry.co.uk* transcription of electoral registers of 2003-2005 gave me George E. Hartwright and Ms Felicity Hartwright in Purley. I am now thinking likely brother and sister.

The Hartwrights' 1964 neighbours were as shown in the box below.

Occupants of Melville Road, Barnes, in 1964

- 2: Elizabeth and Humphrey Moyniham
- 4: George F. & Felicity Hartwright
- 6: Brian C. Joseph and Valerie S. Joseph
- 8: Patrick C. Carnegy and Mary E. Winkler

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Perhaps I have sparked some memory in you, the reader? If so, ESFHS would be so pleased to hear from you.

I found that in 1964 Brian and Valerie **Joseph** had fairly recently moved in to 6 Melville Road, as in 1962 they were in Brunswick Court (or House?) in Balcombe Road, NW1 (in Marylebone). They had two daughters: Lucy born in 1963, registered in Kensington, and Annabel born in 1971, registered in Richmond upon Thames. I wonder if Lucy and/or Annabel are reading this, or are known to anyone who is? What might they have been told about the people who lived in Melville Road where they lived when young?

Though the residence dates of the Joseph family are after the interest period of 1940-55, perhaps they heard from neighbours about the death of a young woman who had lived in their house.

Back in the 1939 Register, at 8 Melville Road was Winifred F **Harold**, a widow, born 23 June 1887. Perhaps she was your granny, or great-aunt, perhaps someone in your family knew her.

At 10 Melville Road, was Sophia A. **Collett**, unmarried, born 17 March 1873, with (I am thinking) her brother Edward F. C. Collett, born 21 April 1875, Retired Clerk, Jute trade.

Appearing further down the page of the 1939 Register, next to the entry for 24 Melville Road, I found 12 Kitson Road, Barnes, where the **Simmons** family was listed. The son, Clifford Simmons, born 13 June 1918, an unmarried Medical Student, is the youngest person on this 1939 Register page for the even numbers of Melville Road in Barnes.

Perhaps a look at the Simmons family would be helpful. I found the marriage of Thurza A **Powlesland** and Clifford Simmons in Kensington in the 3rd quarter of 1947.

Back in 1939 at 8 Cromwell Street in Swansea a student, Thurza Powlesland (born 19 October 1919), was living with J. G. Powlesland, Trade Union Organiser, and Agnes Powlesland (born 2 February 1896), Unpaid Domestic duties, which must have been the most frequently occurring occupation in 1939. Thurza's entry has the additional information of a

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marriage to Simmons on 15 August 1947.

Finding the name Thurza interesting, and thinking that it might have struck a chord with others, I researched her some more.

Between 2004-2008 Electoral Registers list a Thurza Simmons at Flat 52, Broadwater Court, 79 Palace Gardens Terrace, London W8 4EF. For 2008-9 I found a Thurza Simmons, b. 1918-20, at 122 Peters Court, Porchester Road, W2 5DS. In the 2003-04 registers I found a Mr Clifford Simmons, b. 1918-20, at the same address. *Ancestry.co.uk* provides transcriptions for electoral registers only for 2003-04 and 2004-2008, so I will have to search more, hopefully finding Thurza and Clifford together in these years.

Still searching on *Ancestry.co.uk*, I found a death registered in Kensington of a 92-year-old Thurza Simmons (i.e. born about 1919) who had died on 17th January 2012. I found also that she was buried at Brompton Cemetery, in Kensington.

Well, I have rambled through parts of a few lives in these paragraphs and am hoping some memories may have been sparked about a mother and two daughters who lived at 6 Melville Road from about 1940 until about 1955, one of the daughters pursuing a nursing career for many years, the other daughter's life cut short in 1948.

Do please get in touch with ESFHS with any memories or information about any of these three. Many thanks.



ESFHS DNA and Family History SIG

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Have you heard about our Special Interest Group (SIG) on DNA and Family History? It's quite new, with the inaugural meeting (in person) in August 2019, and two further meetings at three-month intervals and then, of course, everything stopped with the COVID pandemic.

We re-organised ourselves and a Zoom meeting was held at the end of October 2020 with a further one planned for 30 January 2021.

The Meeting Group has been formed as an opportunity to learn about DNA testing and how it can help to research family history, to share experiences and to discuss possibilities and results. This is a fast-moving area of family history and there's a lot to understand; so what better than a group of fellow family historians to share experiences and knowledge on how to make best use of these new tools in our research?

The Group is lucky to have the help of one of the leading speakers and researchers in the DNA and Family History field – Donna Rutherford. Donna has spoken at

many family history events including RootsTech and at the Society of Genealogists, and she is the force behind the DNA Help for Genealogy (UK) Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AncestryUKDNA/>

[This is a closed (restricted access) Facebook Group but you can ask to join.]

There is a Help page on the Society website. Choose 'Resources' from the menu on the Home Page and then choose 'DNA and Family History' from the drop-down list. Here you will find some of Donna's YouTubes and three Powerpoint presentations I gave to the Group while we were still meeting in person. There's also some recommended reading and useful Facebook Groups.

The SIG meetings are advertised on the website's Meetings Page and everyone is welcome. This is a friendly place to discuss, and hopefully resolve, your problems in this very new field of family history research.



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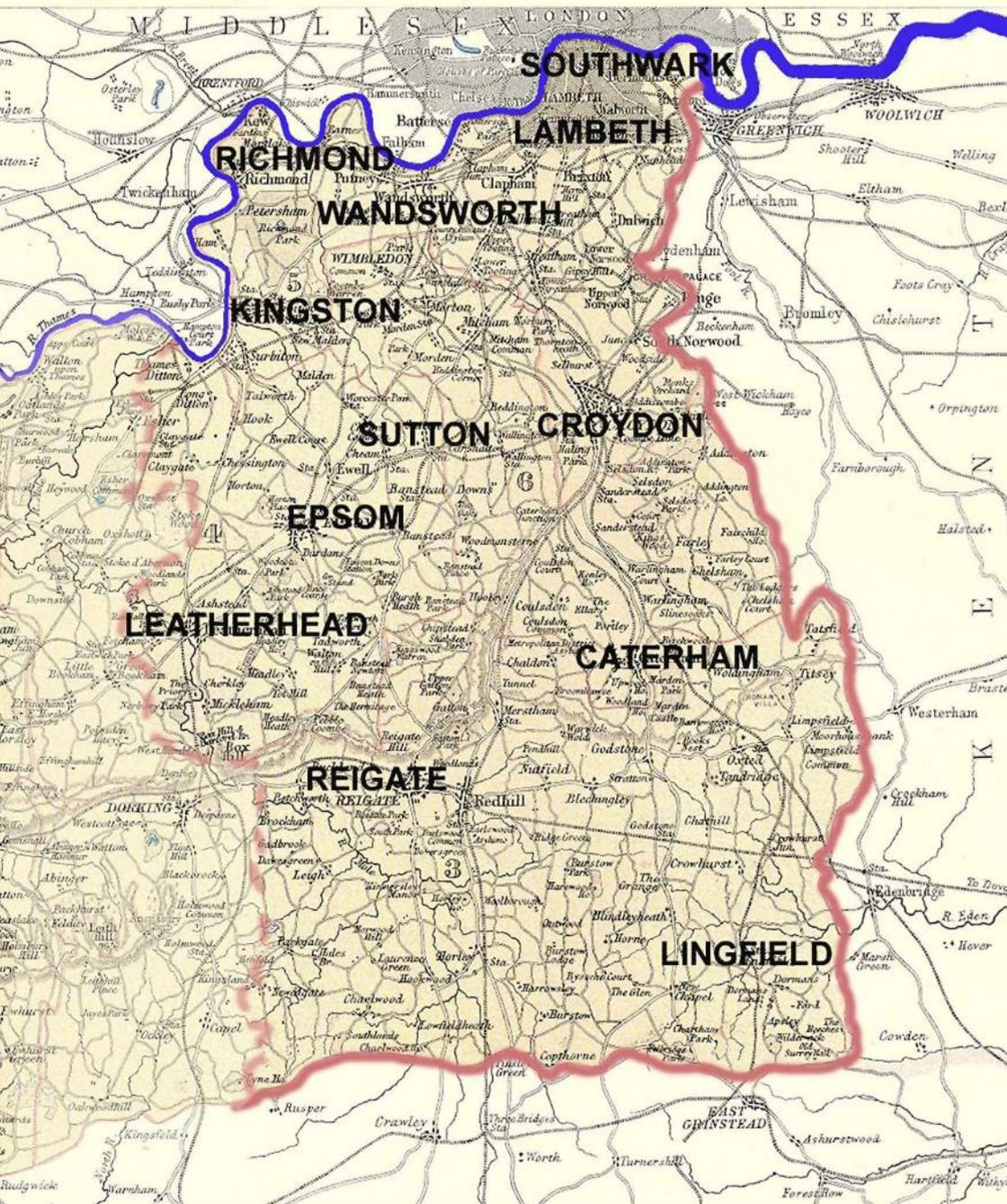
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