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Cover photograph: Croydon Clock Tower (submitted by Rita Russell)

The deadline for the September Journal is 1st August (10.00 a.m.)

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

From the Chairman

Joanna Grant [9040]

I am writing this when I have been in the 'hot seat' for less than two weeks; the AGM was just over a week ago.

My first duty must be to thank everyone involved in the organisation beforehand and on the day with the Open Day and AGM. These things do not just happen. So a very big thank you to those who brought, set up and manned the bookstall, sat at help desks, set up the equipment and hall, arranged the speakers, booked the hall, served teas, etc. I hope that I have not missed out anything or anybody.

There were three interesting talks that were well attended, as was the actual AGM.

Those who were unable to be there should, if they get the chance, go to hear Geoff Swinfield on DNA. This could be a heavy subject but he makes it amusing and easy to understand; and as he has a degree in genetics and teaches family history, he is well qualified to speak on the subject.

Brenda Hawkins, having served three years as Chairman plus two years before on the committee, has had to stand down. She joined the ESFHS in the early 80s with a wealth of knowledge, so she is a hard act to follow. Thank you Brenda, enjoy the extra free time you will have, though I expect you will still be a frequent Saturday visitor to TNA and be involved in East Surrey and FFHS.

On the inside cover you will see the changes to the committee. Brian Hudson (our Webmaster) joins it again, plus Peter Heather who helps man the Society Research and Advice Centre at Lingfield. Both work hard for the Society already and I sure will be an asset to the committee. Welcome. Sue Adams was already a member of the committee when she offered to stand in as Secretary last year, and I am pleased to say that she was elected at the AGM as Secretary. It is a very important role.

My interest in Family History started when my brother thought it would be a birthday surprise for my aunt's 90th, in 2002, to find when our Grants came south from Scotland. I still have not found out though I have got back to my three-times-great-Grandfather Grant's birth in Buckinghamshire in 1782. His mother was Margaret Grant but there is no record of a father. I joined the Society in September 2004, became chairman of Sutton in 2006 and a committee member in May 2008. Now in April 2010 I am Chairman!

A swift climb, but it all just seemed to happen!

Projects Report

Rita Russell [7123]

We have been continuing with the St Mary Lambeth Parish Registers and the second (and final) set of baptisms will be out soon. The marriages are also coming along and I have to check exactly where we are with the burials. Many of the burials are transcribed, I just need to sort out the queries. I hope to finish the checking of Carshalton Parish registers this summer, a job that should have been done ages ago.

The Society has moved towards assisting our more 'local' archives. We are providing financial support for Sutton Heritage Service to scan their local directories so they will be available online.

I have visited Croydon Local Studies and we are now involved in transcribing following over the next year –

Workhouse Creed Registers – 20 volumes

Workhouse Infirmary Creed registers – 6 volumes

St John's Parish Church – last burial register – 1852-1861. This includes burials after the closure date interred in existing plots.

In addition, the burial registers for Cane Hill Asylum are, as I write this at the end of April, with the conservators. Once they are available, their transcription will be added to the above list. Also, we shall be able to transcribe the Admission registers for the Workhouse.

To do this work, we have to be at the archives in Croydon Library as the records are difficult to photograph. We have our dedicated laptop there and we work a rota system, typing and checking. A team is required to do this, of course, so if there are any members who can help on a regular basis please do contact me. A few hours a week or fortnight would be greatly appreciated.

The Society will be able to publish all these records on CD and through our Super Name Index. The Local Studies centre will have hard copy and CDs available to visitors.

My local history group has been given the chance to transcribe the Monumental Inscriptions in Lingfield churchyard. We shall be starting this summer and as usual would be grateful for any help. The Society will be able to purchase and sell copies of the CD.

I failed to make contact with Tandridge District Council to get agreement to transcribe Caterham Cemetery MIs but I will put this right this year. My apologies to the few members who offered to help.

Group meetings

June

- Thu 3 “Upstairs, Downstairs” —
A talk about domestic service Ian Waller Sutton
Ian is an Author and a Family Historian
- Wed 23 Members meeting Lingfield
Were there any surprises in the 1911 census and have you any new and interesting family research to share?
- Mon 28 Mapping your ancestors:
maps, migration, mobility, demography John Hanson Southwark
John is a lecturer, writer and teacher of family history and a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists

July

- Thu 1 Tracing a Merchant Seaman Dr Chris Watts Sutton
Chris is an author and a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists
- Tue 20 Postcards, an entertaining source of local history Peter Lawrence Croydon
Peter Lawrence is an historian, not of words, but of images. He collects and studies old photographs, postcards, and other popular images
- Wed 28 Writing up your Family History Roy Stockdill Lingfield

August

- Thu 5 My family and famous people Chris Pocock Sutton
Chris is Secretary of the Sutton Group of the East Surrey Family History Society and teaches family history for the Sutton Branch of the University of the Third Age
- Mon 9 Members' Meeting — Getting stuck with Family History Southwark
mutual help and discussion, with special reference to Metropolitan Surrey and the Southwark parishes. Bring notes & family trees

Southwark Local History Library

The Library is back at 211 Borough High Street, at the rear of the John Harvard Library, and all the archives, reference books, maps, illustrations, microfilm readers, etc. are available once more.

Please note that the telephone number is now 020 7525 0232; the website is local.history.library@southwark.gov.uk and opening hours have changed to: Mon & Thu 10 – 7, Tue & Fri 10 – 5, Wed & Sun closed, Sat 10 – 4.

September

- Thu 2 Beneath the City streets- London's unseen history Peter Lawrence Sutton
Peter is a local historian specialising in London and Essex
- Tue 21 Members' evening Croydon
- Wed 22 Smithfield and St Barts John Neal Lingfield

October

- Tue 19 Bribery & corruption: the unreformed Richard Harvey Croydon
electoral system & its records
Richard is a retired librarian: He worked at Guildhall Library for 34 years and is currently doing a PhD on an aspect of London Tramways at the Institute of Historical Research (nothing to do with family history!). The talk relates to the means of conducting Parliamentary elections prior to the introduction of universal suffrage in the C20, and the records it produced, notably poll books
- Mon 25 'Police' prosecutions in the 1820s Peter Shilham Southwark
and the latest on Workhouse transcriptions & indexes
Peter is the compiler of the SELON [S East LONDON] Index

November

- Tue 11 The Great Exhibition of 1851 Anne Carter Croydon
Anne originally trained at the Italia Conti Stage School. The acting skills subsequently acquired in repertory theatre still prove useful when she performs her one woman show (in costume) "An Audience with Queen Victoria". She worked at Rochester Cathedral for 11 years in The Education and Visits Department, after which she became Head of Drama and Elocution at Gads Hill School, a post from which she has now retired.

Ensure you check the day of the week carefully as not all Groups meet on the same evening or at the same time (see below for times of meetings).

- Croydon: United Reformed Church (small hall), Addiscombe Grove, Croydon, 8.00 p.m.
Secretary: Mary Gill (020 8405 0598)
- Lingfield: Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield, 2.30 p.m.
Secretary: Rita Russell (01342 834648)
- Richmond: Vestry House, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond, 2.30 p.m.
Secretary: David Carter (020 8642 6437)
- Southwark: Southwark Local History Library, behind John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High Street, London, SE1, 12 noon
Secretary: Sheila Gallagher (020 8337 8580)
- Sutton: St Nicholas's Church Hall, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton, 8.00 p.m.
Secretary: Chris Pocock (020 8642 6789)
- Doors usually open 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.*

33rd Annual General Meeting held on 17TH APRIL 2010
at St Nicholas Church Hall, Sutton

1. Paul Blake, ESFHS President, welcomed members and guests
2. Apologies for absence: Peter Spooner, Derek & Jean Tooke, Daniel Doherty, Peter Heather, David Carter and Robert Wadey
3. Minutes of 32nd AGM held on 18th April 2009 – these were not available but the President was delegated to sign them
4. Matters arising – none
5. Chairman's address presented by Brenda Hawkins

Executive Committee

The executive committee met six times in the year. Mary Gill and Chris Pocock have both had to step down because of personal commitments. We are grateful to both of them for their hard work. Sue Adams stepped into the breach as Secretary and has kindly agreed to continue in this post if re-elected at the AGM.

Membership

Our membership at 31 December 2009 was 1763, compared with 1894 in 2008. Ann Turnor has continued to put in a great deal of hard work, particularly regarding members who pay by standing order and have not yet got round to revising the figure.

WDYTYA–Live!

Thank you to everyone who has helped at this event. It is the major showcase of the year for us and we are kept busy on all three days with sales and enquiries.

Bookstall 2009

We continue to manage to attend various fairs and Open Days. I am perfectly happy to continue to house the bookstall, but we do really need someone with strong arms and a driving licence to ferry it about. This isn't an arduous or time-consuming task. It is great fun attending fairs, but as a non-driver, I am limited to the amount I can take on the train.

Postal sales

Our sales of CDs have continued to do well in 2009, thanks to the continued hard work of Sue Adams & Maureen Burton.

Projects Report 2009

We now offer no fewer than 34 titles on CD. A great deal of work is involved, not merely in the transcription and checking, but also in finally getting the data in a uniform, searchable format on CD. Thanks go to Rita and her team for their considerable efforts.

Research Centre

The Centre has continued to be busy in 2009. There have been a good number of visitors and the postal and email enquiries have kept the team of Beryl Cheeseman, Peter Heather, Don Wormald and Rita very busy.

Meetings

Croydon's experiment with meetings every other month led to a decided downturn in attendance. We have returned to our old format of nine meetings a year and I am pleased to say that has seen the numbers rising again. Lingfield and Sutton both see good attendances. Southwark had been fraught with problems as the refurbishment of the John Harvard Library took considerably longer than we were originally led to believe. On one occasion, the library neglected to tell Sheila that the room would not be available and she, the speaker and the prospective audience turned up, to be told on the door that they *could* travel over to Peckham. It is very disheartening, when you have put in a great deal of work beforehand. This month will finally see a return to the old venue, and it is to be hoped that the wait will have been justified. Richmond meetings have problems at the moment. Rail improvements ahead of the Olympics mean there is currently difficulty getting to Richmond by public transport and some of the recent meeting have been poorly attended. We try to cater for as many of our members as possible, with a variety of day and evening meetings. All those who organise groups put in thought and effort to endeavour to provide members with a lively and interesting programme. I'm preaching to the converted here, because everyone prepared to stay on for the AGM is interested in attending meetings. But if you think we ought to be doing other things, then tell us. The society is for you.

Journal

Probably few people noticed that we changed printers during 2009. As the result of putting the journal out to tender, we found a new printer. This has brought printing costs down, to offset the ever-spiralling postage costs. Chris Green continues to soldier on, but he does need a stream of new articles, particularly if you have a nice colour image that could go on the front of the journal!

Website

I am delighted to see that Brian Hudson has agreed to come back on to the committee. I use the website constantly, to check the most up to date details of meetings, see what the research collection holds or look at the Members' Interests. The March 2010 DMI is now available, so if you haven't done so already, check it out!

FFHS

I attended meetings at Kew and Nottingham representing your society. The Federation has just issued the third edition of the National Burial

Index, a copy of which will be available at the Research Centre. May I remind you that they issue a bi-monthly E-zine? Subscription is free and you can access it from the Federation's website.

And finally . . .

Thank you to everyone. I am retiring from the committee, having completed five years in office. It has been a roller-coaster ride in a rapidly evolving hobby. Five years ago, I could not have envisioned the number of records that are available without stirring from my seat. However, I know that my enjoyment of this hobby has been enriched by the friendships I have made within the society and that personal contact has made all the difference between genealogy and family history. I wish the new committee all the best in the coming year.

A vote of thanks to Brenda was echoed by all at the meeting. Paul Blake remarked that it had been a very interesting five years and questioned where we would be in another five. He wanted to know any ways in which the Society should be moving or things not doing then let us know. Paul said that Brenda had done a fantastic job.

6. Treasurer's report presented by Gill Hyder

I am presenting the financial statements for 2009. As you can see, from a small loss in 2008, the Society had an income in 2009 that was £6500 in excess of expenditure. This was mainly because of the increase in subscriptions, agreed by the AGM in 2008, as the interest that we received on our savings was less than a quarter of what it was the previous year. The increase in subscriptions has caused a lot of extra work for the Membership Secretary. While most members updated their standing orders, thank you, a significant number did not and this is an ongoing problem in the second year of the increase. From talking to people in other family history societies we realised that this is a common problem. The committee has discussed ways of spending some of the capital. Two years ago we gave a donation to the Surrey History Centre to help them conserve some fragile documents. This seems like a good way to help local archives provide the information that our members want in their research. The committee agreed to a donation to Sutton Libraries to help in preserving and digitising directories. The committee agreed to consider helping to finance similar work planned by other local libraries and archives. If there are any questions about the report, I will try to answer them.

A new member questioned the amount of money and where it was. The Treasurer replied that it was in a charity account but was making very little interest. We would like to attend more fairs/open days but this is not possible without a Bookstall Manager. Paul Blake said that the committee was happy to have suggestions as to how to spend the money for the good

of the members. Brenda Hawkins remarked that we needed more money to cover the journal costs.

Paul Sandford, chairman of the Bourne Society, said that the Bourne Society was in the same situation. They had sent their journal to India to be digitalised but we have already done this. He also suggested buying stamps in advance to save money.

Sheila Gallagher said comparing the costs of the journal to the costs of meetings was out of proportion when the journal goes to all members but few, in comparison, come to meetings. Sheila does not want to stop meetings but questioned the worth of going on organising meetings but when few people attend.

Georgina Inwards suggested making a donation to cover the costs of premises as people coming to meetings are subsidised. Our charity status means that we cannot charge for meetings.

Another suggestion was to distribute the journal at meetings to save postage costs. This has been tried previously but proved to be too much hassle and not effective.

An online journal was also suggested and although this is offered to those abroad, again there are difficulties with changes in email addresses as well as members reverting to a paper copy in mid season.

Chris Pocock said that people will come to meetings with good speakers though these can be expensive.

Veronica Crellin suggested some journals to be sent to each group to give out free to non-members to encourage joining.

Other ideas included spending more money on advertising and advertorials e.g. paying for a page advert in a newspaper.

It was noted that all the meetings are not always listed in the Journal.

Report proposer: Colin Powell, seconded: Paul Blake – carried

7. Appointment of Examiner

Graham Moore, the present examiner was recommended to continue.

Proposer: Colin Powell, seconded: Joanna Grant – carried

8. Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee

Chairman: Joanna Grant

Proposer: Executive Committee, seconded: Shelia Gallagher – carried

Secretary: Sue Adams

Proposer: Joanna Grant, seconded: Brenda Hawkins – carried

Peter Heather and Brian Hudson as new Committee members

Gill Hyder, Rita Russell, Ted Scott and Ann Turnor as existing Committee members

Proposer; Sheila Gallagher, seconded: Colin Powell - carried

9. Any other business

Rita Russell, our Projects Organiser, is looking for more help with transcribing and checking records. This needs to be done on either an Excel spreadsheet or Word table to make indexing easier. Just a few hours are needed, not necessarily all year – the size/time to suit. New projects will include transcribing the burial registers of Cane Hill Hospital and the baptisms from Croydon Infirmary. These will be done in conjunction with Croydon Archives. Please contact Rita if you have some time to give to these worthwhile projects.

Sheila Gallagher thought that some volunteers might need help with Excel or putting the data into the right format. Rita sends out guidance notes as well as completing the first few lines of the spreadsheet. She offered help at the Research Centre in Lingfield when it is open.

Veronica Crellin asked if the Society had a digital projector. Yes, there is one available to all groups. Contact the Secretary with dates when it will be required.

Mary Grisdale asked if the London Maze still exists. It should be held this year but usually the publicity is very late.

Georgina Inwards remembered a very useful Beginners' Day held a few years ago and asked if there were any plans for another day. It is possible that this may be held next year. Brenda Hawkins said that the Society helps with WDYTIA events at local libraries etc. The Bourne Society is having a WDYTIA day in conjunction with the Caterham festival.

Dennis Hepworth queried the Society's view on copyright. He wrote an article for one society and then had his knuckles rapped for putting it with another. It was agreed that copyright lies with the creator of the article.

Other suggestions from the floor were to attend open days at churches when records were on view, to tie in with the Heritage weekend in September when other buildings were open and collaboration with the Bourne Society on projects.

The meeting closed at 4.31 p.m.

38 members signed the attendance sheet.

A synopsis of the Accounts appears at pages 34 - 37.

Journal back issues

Back issues may be obtained, subject to availability, from Gill Hyder at 41 Bardsley Close, Park Hill, Croydon, CR0 5PT. Please send 50p per copy to cover the cost of postage.

2010 RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

This is another plea from the Membership Secretary to those members who have so far failed to alter their Standing Order for their annual subscription.

PLEASE could all members who have failed to alter these contact their Bank and adjust their payment from £8.00 to £12.00 This is a Standing Order which needs to be altered by the bank account holder; it is not a Direct Debit. It is necessary for me to have all payments up to date in order for the books to balance.

Ann Turnor – Membership Secretary [827]

2010 Directory of Members' Interests (DMI)

The new DMI is now available on our website. There is guidance available for using the DMI, which includes checking the name interests you have registered with us and how to submit new or amended entries. Anyone without access to the website should contact our DMI co-ordinator, Peter Grant, at the address shown inside the front cover of this journal, with name interest details or queries about names in the Directory. Please include your membership number in any paper or email correspondence. An article about the DMI was published in the September 2009 Journal.

Family revelations using the Internet and other sources

Peter Thompson [3642]

This narrative is about three of my ancestors, Walter Henry **Thompson** (my grandfather), his sister Alice Louisa Thompson and eldest brother James Richard Thompson.

My family originate from the city of York in Yorkshire. James and Mary Thompson first surfaced in Liverpool in 1841 with their four children, Joseph, Ann, Richard and James. The sugar and tobacco industries were very important to the city of Liverpool as these products were directly imported from the West Indies. James senior (my 4xgrandfather) was employed in the sugar industry, whereas his son Joseph (my 3xgrandfather), found work in cigar manufacture.

On the 23 December 1843 Joseph married Mary **Gore**, the daughter of John Gore, a watchmaker in the city. After the birth of their son Joseph, the family moved away to Huddersfield where two girls, Mary and Alice, were born; but by 1852 they had moved to Shoreditch in London, where Mary's brother Joseph Gore now lived.

My great grandfather James Richard was born 16 October 1853. He married Rebecca **Silverthorne** at All Saints, Haggerstone, on 13 April 1879. James had employment as a Druggist Packer, but decided to spread his wings and go south of the Thames to Kennington, not far from Brixton in the Borough of Lambeth. James and Rebecca's family started to expand, to a total of eight children.

The principal people in this narrative are James Richard, the first child; Alice Louisa, the third child and my grandfather Walter Henry, number five in the hierarchy.

Walter Henry Thompson (1890 – 1977)

My grandfather Walter was born on 3 December 1890 at 80 Cowley Road, Kennington. A book has been written by Tom Hickman based on notes from my grandfather's memoirs. Walter writes that he had an elementary education, and that he liked sports especially football, in fact he played as an amateur for Clapton Orient Football club, later renamed the Leyton Orient Football club.

In 1910 an incident occurred that changed the direction of his life. At that time he was working as a stock keeper. Whilst walking through Brixton market he saw a man trying to hit a policeman with some wood, Walter waded in and helped the policeman arrest the man, he was later presented with a pocket watch from the policemen at the police station, in gratitude of his

help. It was from this incident that consequently led him to join the London Metropolitan Police on the 9 October 1911 as PC 164 F stationed at Paddington Green police station in the Edgware Road, London.

Walter wanted to get on in his chosen career, and worked hard at evening classes to enhance his education. One evening parade in the police station it was announced that “thirteen places were available in CID”, the Criminal Investigation Department section of the Metropolitan Police so Walter applied and was accepted. He was a successful officer and joined the Special Branch as a Protection Office (or bodyguard as they are generally known); where he was detailed to look after visiting Royalty, foreign dignitaries, and Government Ministers, including David Lloyd George. He was promoted to Police Sergeant on the 20th January 1920. The most influential person on Walter's life was to be Winston Churchill. In February 1921 he was told to go to see Winston Churchill (who was known to be ‘difficult’), regarding a short term protection assignment for two weeks, or so he thought. Winston Churchill found Walter efficient and so good at his job, that he retained him for the next 18 years. Grandfather was later promoted to Detective Inspector, retiring from the London Metropolitan Police in 1935, and started a grocery business in South Norwood, south London.

On 25 August 1939 the British government made an agreement with Poland, that in the event that Hitler invaded Poland, Great Britain would declare war on Germany. Winston Churchill anticipated this would probably happen, so three days before this agreement was signed (22 August 1939) Winston Churchill sent a telegram to my grandfather which read as follows:-

“Meet me Croydon Aerodrome 4.30 pm Wednesday Stop Churchill”

Walter met Winston Churchill at Croydon Aerodrome, consequently from this meeting Churchill asked Walter to come out of retirement and to become his Personal Bodyguard again. Walter rejoined the Metropolitan Police for a second time and was with Churchill throughout the Second World War. All the details of granddad's life in the Metropolitan Police and with Churchill have been fully documented. A TV programme was screened on the BBC channels in 2005¹, accompanied by a book written by Tom Hickman².

Granddad eventually retired for the second time after the war and went to live at Littlestone, Kent, where he ran a garage with my father Harold. After selling this business he moved to Castle Cary in



*Granddad Walter Thompson
outside 10 Downing Street*

Somerset. Walter wrote four books on his life in the Met⁵, and went on tours in the USA giving talks on his time with Churchill. He died in Wincanton hospital on the 18 January 1977 aged 87.

Alice Louisa Elliott (née Thompson)

Alice was James and Rebecca's third child and second daughter; she was born in Kennington in 1887. She married Henry Owen **Elliott** (born 1888 St Saviours, London) in Lambeth in 1910. The 1911 census shows Henry and Alice living at 15 Arthur Rd. Brixton, London, Henry was employed as a Departmental Legal Manager with a Furniture Manufacturer. Family contacts informed me that they had emigrated from the UK to Canada.

Out of interest, some years ago, I spent many hours at the National Archives at Kew trawling through boxes and boxes of Passenger Ship Lists for any information on an ancestor travelling to Australia, but to no avail, although, it was an interesting exercise! Using the internet and the recently available Passenger Ship Lists information from Kew, I managed to track down the movements of the Elliott family. In 1911 the family emigrated from Great Britain to Canada⁴ with a Henry Elliott born 1888 leaving Liverpool for Quebec. The published Canadian Census for 1916⁵ was very helpful, for Henry, Alice and baby Bernard were living at 724 Leipton St. in Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, the census also revealed that they belonged to the Congregational Church and their nationality was Canadian, so, they must have taken out Canadian citizenship. Henry was by now in Public Publishing.

WW1 had started in 1914. I pondered why Henry had not been called up to serve in the armed forces, and I can only assume that he was in a reserved occupation or was medically unfit. In 1915 at the height of the war in France, the family made a trip back to the UK⁶ on the American Line Steamship SS Philadelphia embarking on the 13 June 1915 from New York to Liverpool. The family chose to travel from the USA and not Canada, as Canada was at war with Germany and Canadian ships would be liable to be sunk by the German Navy. The family stayed for nearly a year before returning to Canada, so on the 12 May 1916 they sailed from Liverpool on the SS Metagaina to Montreal. A little mystery here as Henry said that he was a Farmer, not in Publishing as stated later in the 1916 Canadian census, but there is a photograph of the family on their farm during WW2.

The Elliott family had grown over the years with the addition of Gwenda born 1916 and Donavon born 1918. Alice's parents James and Rebecca, back in the UK were getting older, so another trip home to all the grandparents was taken. Again the Ships Passenger Lists were helpful, showing the SS Xerxta departing St John New Brunswick on the 1 April 1924 the Elliott

family with their three children, their son Bernard (10), Gwenda (8) and Donavon (6), outward bound to the UK again. Alice was staying at 21 Venner Rd. in Sydenham, south London with the children whilst Henry stayed with his parents at Bramah Rd. Brixton, London. One piece of information from the Ship Passenger List baffles me, why did the family state that their intended residence was the Irish Free State; many of the passengers on the ship had also claimed this Nationality? By 1924 Rebecca, Alice's mother was going blind; this visit would be the last time that Alice would see her mother, who died later that year on 1 December 1925. My father can remember this visit as a nine year old; it was only after I obtained this information late 2009 that my father (who was 94) remembered quite clearly his auntie and cousins visiting.

The house in Venner Rd. was owned by my grandfather Walter, and was used by most of the Thompson family for family "get-togethers" but also as a "staging post". Although the house was large three stories, an attic and a basement; living in the house were my grandfather, my grandmother Kate, my dad Harold (9), his brother Frederick (7) his young brother Harvey (5) and his sister Grace (4), plus my great grandparents James and Rebecca. The house was quite full, but Auntie Alice and the youngsters were squeezing in. Later when my parents married they also lived at 21 Venner Rd. where I was born. The Elliott family returned to Canada on the 13 April 1924, after a very quick visit; a very long way to come, for such a short visit, less than two weeks!

At the present time, I haven't been able to track the family any further, except that they were alive in the mid 1940s. It would be nice to have contact with any ancestors of the Elliott family.

¹ Television series "Churchill's Bodyguard" © 2005 Negus / Martin Production Ltd.

² Churchill's Bodyguard: the authorised biography of Walter H. Thompson based on his complete memoirs by Tom Hickman, pub Headline Book Publishing, ISBN 0 7553 1448 4

³ Walter Henry Thompson. Books Published: 1) Guard From The Yard; pub Jarrold, London 1938; 2) I Was Churchill's Shadow; pub Christopher Johnson London 1951; 3) 60 minutes with Churchill; pub Christopher Johnson, London 1951; 4) Assignment: - Churchill; pub Farrar, Strauss and Young, New York.

⁴ Findmypast.co.uk: Passenger Leaving the UK 1890 - 1960

⁵ Ancestry. ca: Canadian Census for 1916 Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta

⁶ Ancestry.co.uk website: Passenger Ship Lists Incoming 1870 – 1960

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Lincoln Family History weekend

St Firmin's Thurlby

St John the Baptist , Baston

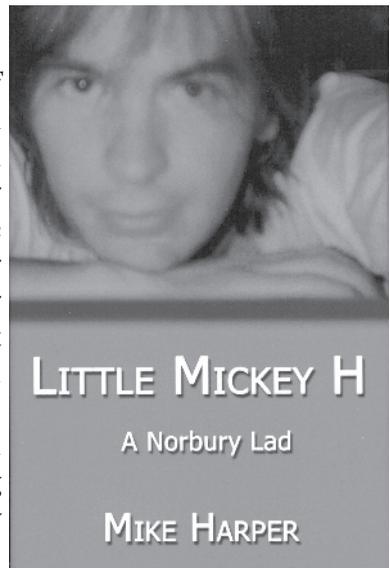
St Michael & All Angels, Langtoft

As part of a Family History Weekend being held in the above parishes each church will have their original registers and items from the Parish Chest (normally held at the Lincoln Archives) available for family research on the weekend of the 26th / 27th June. Help and advice will be available on researching family history, along with many others displays relating to the village, its people and its buildings. Further details from Mary Trumble (01778 423500 or mary.trumble2@googlemail.com).

Bringing one's Family History to life

A new book by Mike Harper about growing up in Norbury has recently been published by AuthorHouse. *Little Mickey H: A Norbury Lad* describes the author's upbringing over the twenty years between 1964 and 1984, providing a valuable document of what life was really like for a family of six children, growing up in a London suburb. The book focuses heavily on Norbury itself and contains further chapters on school, church, sport, television, music and girls!

The book is a humorous reminder too of what life was like before computers and mobile phones became so ubiquitous, and will appeal not only to those who can remember those more carefree times, but also to those who don't. But it also covers some darker shadows from Mike's childhood, as one or two seemingly normal acquaintances turn out to be anything but. He comments, "I had a couple of demons that needed exorcising. Writing the full details of what happened helped provide closure on these disturbing incidents, things that I would not want my own children to experience".



Mike, who now lives in Lancaster, is a keen family historian and remains in close touch with his London roots. He regrets that he has been unable to find a similar document of family life written by one of his own forebears. “That is something that would provide fascinating insights into my own ancestors’ daily lives. I wanted my own children and their children’s children to have an accurate, informative and most of all, a relevant description of what our lives were really like in the late twentieth century. I felt I had to write it all down now before I forgot too much of it”.

But his work is far from complete. Mike hopes to cover the births, marriages and deaths elements of his family history in more detail in a further volume currently in production. He adds, “Family history is such a rewarding pastime. It would be nice to complete my own family history, as far as such a document could be completed given the eternal nature of one’s ancestry, before my own parents pop off their mortal coil. There is so much information out there now to help the family historian, and it can put you in touch with so many like-minded people around the world, all interested in the same information as you”.

Little Mickey H: A Norbury Lad is available from the AuthorHouse website www.authorhouse.co.uk, priced at £15.99 (hardback) and £9.99 (paperback).

Proved! Thanks to the London Gazette

Yvonne Masson

In the September 2009 issue of this journal two articles appeared, one by myself on one of my **Dearlove** one-name study characters, and another on the London Gazette, its history and recently-available web archive.

In my article I set forth the problem of proving that a certain John Dearlove, who died in February 1829 and was buried at St John the Evangelist Waterloo, his residence cited as Bazing Place, Lambeth, was the same man who had earlier lived in Harrogate, Yorkshire. I had traced connections between him and various people who had obvious Yorkshire connections, but I still felt the actual proof that he too came from Yorkshire was not quite nailed down. Another John Dearlove had been mentioned in the Times Index of 1801 as being a hackneyman and bankrupt and living at Manor Row, Walworth – could this also be the same man?

Soon after submitting my article, I searched the name Dearlove in the (absolutely free!) online London Gazette, and amongst many useful items

about various Dearloves were two crucial entries. The first, dated 18th January 1803 (issue 15551), reads: 'The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against John Dearlove now or late of Manor Row, Walworth and of Lambeth in the County of Surrey, Corn dealer, Hackneyman, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on 15th February next at 11am at Guildhall, London to make a dividend of the estate and effects of the said Bankrupt . . .', going on to say that any Creditors of the bankrupt should come along to prove their debts. This was exciting enough: so John Dearlove of Manor Row, Walworth did also have premises in Lambeth. But then a short entry dated 2nd June 1829 (issue 18581) was even more exciting. It simply reads: 'James Lund Dearlove, formerly of St James Street and of Trinity Street, Leeds, Yorkshire, Bottle Ale and Porter Merchant, and late of Bazing Place, Waterloo Road, Surrey, out of business'. James Lund Dearlove was the son of the Yorkshire John: born to John and Ann Dearlove, he was baptised on 24th September 1796 at St John the Evangelist, Smith Square, Westminster. In 1828, he appears in a Leeds trade directory as a Porter Merchant. In 1851, he is a clerk, living in lodgings in Macclesfield, Cheshire, along with theatrical people. George Lund Dearlove, parents John and Ann, was baptised on 5th February 1789 at Harrogate Parish Church and later became a hosiery and glove manufacturer, residing in the parish of St Peter, Leeds. Robert Dearlove, parents John and Ann, was baptised 20th March 1791 at Harrogate, married in 1819 at Isleworth, Middlesex, and in later censuses is described as a Scene Painter. His wife died at an address in Lambeth in 1840. One of Robert's sons was baptised John Thomas Lund Dearlove. Other children were born to John and Ann and baptised at Harrogate. In 1754 a John Dearlove had married an Ann Lund at Knaresborough, near Harrogate, presumably the grandparents of these children.

So a few months after John Dearlove died while residing at Bazing Place, James Lund Dearlove of London and Yorkshire is living at Bazing Place, and there can now be no doubt that John of Lambeth was the John of Harrogate and the father of James and his siblings. James's own business has apparently foundered. Perhaps he came down to London when his father became ill. Perhaps he was hoping for help from his father's will, made just before John's death, but the will makes no provision for any family, all John's possessions going to a female acquaintance whose connection with him is a mystery still to solve.

Doesn't this also point up the sheer mobility of people in the past: that they, particularly the better off, could apparently move easily and frequently between places as far apart as London, Leeds and Harrogate – well before

the advent of the railways? I do wonder what the usual mode of travel was, and suspect that the packet boats, which plied down the North Sea coast from the north of England to the Thames, were much used.

So thanks to all those who digitised and indexed the many issues of the London Gazette and made it so freely available online. And anyone who thinks that some dry items, couched in legal terms, about bankruptcies and dissolved partnerships and businesses, could not give much useful family information, should think again! Just go to www.london-gazette.co.uk/search then click 'Advanced Search'.

Occam Productions seeks information

We're a production company based in SE23 starting to research a documentary project about V1 and V2 attacks during World War 2.

Did you or someone in your family live through WW2 in SE London? We are particularly keen to receive V1 or V2 related stories: see <http://bit.ly/aavU9N> or www.occamproductions.co.uk.

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News from Surrey Heritage

Julian Pooley (Team Leader, Heritage Public Services)

After a very quiet January, when cold weather and difficult travelling conditions deterred many people from visiting us, February, March and April have been very busy indeed. Our public searchroom has been full, with many new visitors coming to explore our collections; and the number of written enquiries that we receive has also increased.

This may, of course, be due to the three very successful and enjoyable days that we spent at the *Who Do You Think You Are? – Live* show at Olympia at the end of February. It was the first time that Surrey History Centre had been represented at the show and it will not be the last. With over 14,000 visitors over the three days, it was an excellent chance to promote our service and Surrey's historic records to family historians and researchers from all over the UK. Many of the questions we were asked related to ancestors in Surrey's regiments, or people who had been in Surrey's asylums, but there were plenty of other queries about house history, school records and the

usual confusion about records from parishes in northern Surrey that are now part of Greater London.

New Accessions

New accessions of records continue to be received at a steady rate, including some of great interest. We were delighted to take in a further set of watercolours by Edward Hassell, the accomplished son of the artist John Hassell, to add to the significant collection of Hassell paintings we already hold. The newly deposited watercolours (ref CHID) depict St Mary's church, Chiddingfold, both the interior and the exterior, and were executed in 1828-1830. The Bronze Statue Foundry in Thames Ditton, established in 1874 as Cox and Sons, and between 1900 and 1933 under the management of A B Burton, was a celebrated Surrey business responsible for the casting of many celebrated statues. We have now taken in a set of plans, photographs and papers relating to the great gantry crane on the site and its recent restoration (ref 8645). We have also extracted a series of plans of public houses from licensing files maintained by North-West and South-West Surrey Petty Sessional Divisions. The plans span eight decades, from the 1920s to the 1990s, and are a very useful source for the transformation of pubs over this period (ref 8652). The charity *Surrey Roumania Aid* has also deposited its records (ref 8654). The charity was established after the Romanian Revolution of 1989 when the plight of children in the country's orphanages, hospitals and care homes, was brought to the attention of the world and the records provide a full account of the charity's work in raising awareness and delivering aid. We have long held the older historic records of Surrey County Cricket Club but were delighted to add to these through the donation of the club's 1899 yearbook (ref 8649). The volume is packed with information, including names of committee members, rules, an annual report for 1898, match reports, and an analysis of players' batting and bowling from 1881. Finally, we have also taken in a fine set of correspondence relating to the Wolfe family of Cranleigh between 1814 and 1857 (ref 8657). Robert Barbor Wolfe was interned in France during the Napoleonic Wars and then served as Rector of Cranleigh until his death in 1843. The bulk of the letters are from his wife Margaret to her son Robert Cope Wolfe who also entered the church, via Winchester College and Cambridge University, and they contain many illuminating insights into life in Cranleigh in the first half of the 19th century.

Recently completed lists

My colleague Margaret Griffiths has now completed her list of the papers of the Glyn family of Ewell. These were originally purchased by Epsom and Ewell Borough Council in three portions: some came from Leigh Vaughan

Henry, inheritor of the wealth of Miss Margaret Glyn, in 1958; others came from a Surbiton antiques dealer to whom the documents had been sold for making lampshades from the parchment; and the rest were acquired through gift from local historians and benefactors.

Most of the documents relate to Glyn family property in Ewell, but they also deal with estates in London, Dorset and Glamorgan. One of the most significant items is a 16th century copy of a survey and rental of the manor of Ewell, 1408 (-/1/1/1). The Glyn family were rectors of Ewell in the 19th century and therefore much of the collection relates to parish matters, such as the erection of Rectory House (later Glyn House) in the 1830s and the rebuilding of the parish church in 1846-1847, for which the architect was Henry Clutton of London. Papers relating to parish charities are included in the collection, as well as papers which are, strictly speaking, Ewell parish records.

The Vision – Tales from Ockenden

Readers may remember the announcement of our Heritage Lottery Funded project to catalogue the records of the famous Woking based refugee charity, the Ockenden Venture, later Ockenden International, founded by Joyce Pearce, Margaret Dixon and Ruth Hicks in the 1950s. The catalogue is now nearing completion and will provide a superb entry point for those interested in the history of the charity and the reception of refugees into the UK in general. In addition the funding has allowed us to record the memories of around thirty people who worked for or were helped by Ockenden, including boat people escaping from Vietnam and Tibetans fleeing oppression, and we have also worked with Woking Community Play Association to celebrate the legacy of Ockenden through a spectacular community drama, *The Vision*. As I write, the play is being performed at Winston Churchill School in Woking.

The Surrey Tithe Project

The Surrey Tithe Project is now well under way. This volunteer project in collaboration with Surrey Archaeological Society and Surrey Wildlife Trust aims to transcribe into spreadsheet format the tithe apportionments for all the tithe districts within the modern county (excluding Spelthorne Borough at present). The transcribed apportionments and high resolution images of the related tithe maps will then be made available to researchers at the History Centre and Archaeological Society Library and it will also be possible to purchase CDs containing the map and apportionment for a single parish. The pilot stage of the project is almost complete and the next group of apportionments is about to go out to volunteers. Although there are 103 apportionments to transcribe, many very lengthy, we are hopeful that by the

end of 2010 the majority will have been completed and one of the fundamental sources for the history of the county, its people and communities, will be far more accessible than has ever been the case before.

Chertsey Board of Guardians

If you are searching for an elusive Surrey ancestor, a new online name index to the Chertsey Board of Guardians admission and discharge registers, 1894-1932, might help. It has been created by our volunteers Kathryn and Philip Bennett, who have faithfully transcribed the names and other details included in the 14 admission and discharge registers that we hold for this Union. The Chertsey Workhouse was built in 1836 in Murray Road, Ottershaw, those admitted to the Workhouse being either the destitute or the sick and admitted by either the Master of the Workhouse or medical personnel. The parishes covered by Chertsey Poor Law Union were Addlestone, Bagshot, Bisley, Byfleet, Chertsey, Chobham, Horsell, Lyne, Pyrford, Walton on Thames including Hersham, Weybridge, Windlesham and Thorpe.

Further details regarding the information included in the admission and discharge registers and the online name index itself can be found on the Surrey History Centre's website: www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistorycentre. CDs of the index are also available for sale, price £5.00 each (plus £2.00 postage and handling), from the Surrey History Centre foyer.

Dates for your diary

Please check the Heritage Events page on our website for further details: www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistorycentre

June is Romany Gypsy Traveller History Month. Look out for a display in our foyer relating to travellers in Surrey and for Gypsy Day at Bourne Hall Museum, Ewell, on 19th June.

Saturday 5 June Visit our stand at the 'Where Do You Think You Live?' Local History Fair at Staines Methodist Church

26 and 27 June Visit us at Celebrating Surrey, a large-scale outdoor festival celebrating the best of the county's music, art, community, performance, food and drink at Loseley Park, Artington, near Guildford

7 Jul Family History Advice session at Tattenhams Library

17 July Lewis Carroll event at Surrey History Centre

19 August at 7.30 Talk and book signing at Christ Church, Woking by Philippa Gregory on her latest historical novel, *The Red Queen*, based on the life of Lady Margaret Beaufort of Woking Palace. Tickets £5.00, available from us at 01483 518737.

Surrey Heritage Events

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Surrey History Centre is open Tues, Fri 9.30 - 5.00;

Wed, 10.15 – 5.00; Thurs 9.30 - 7.30; Sat 9.30 - 4.00

Identification and Recording of Finds

Second Saturday of each month, 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. at Guildford Museum. For further information contact 01483 444750. As part of the Portable Antiquities Scheme, come along to Guildford Museum and see David Williams, Surrey Finds Liaison Officer. For metal detectorists and other finders of objects of archaeological interest.

Chertsey Poor Law Union admission and discharge registers

Are you searching for that elusive Surrey ancestor? Could they have been a workhouse inmate? Now available online, indexes to the Chertsey registers contain vital information, including names, dates of admission and discharge (or death). The indexes, 1894-1932, are a valuable finding aid for the Chertsey workhouse registers held at Surrey History Centre. You can look at the indexes online or purchase CDs from the Surrey History Centre shop, price £5.00 (plus £2 postage and handling).

Woking Palace

A second season of excavations on this important Medieval Manor and Tudor Palace in Old Woking is expected to run from Wednesday 14 July to Saturday 31 July, with an Open Day for the public on Sunday 1 August.

Celebrating Arts

26-27 June 2010 at Loseley Park, near Guildford; see Surrey Heritage at the *Celebrating Surrey* Festival in June.

Celebrating Surrey is a large-scale outdoor festival celebrating the best of the county's music, art, community, performance, food and drink. The event has something for all the family, including live acts, art workshops and places to simply sit, enjoy the surroundings of a stately home and sample some of the county's finest food and drink. For more information please visit: www.surreycc.gov.uk/celebratingsurrey or find us on Facebook under www.facebook.com/surreyarts

Alice in Wonderland and the Legacy of Lewis Carroll

17 July 2010 at Surrey History Centre, 2.00 – 4.30 p.m.

An afternoon of multi-media talks and presentations in partnership with the Lewis Carroll Society. Full details to follow.

Open Weekend – Behind the scenes at Surrey Heritage

Saturday 24 July at Surrey History Centre

A day of events at the Surrey History Centre including, talks tours and a behind the scenes look in Archaeology and Conservation. Look out for more details in the next events list.

Surrey Heritage on Flickr

Follow the link to look and comment on photographs of Surrey Heritage activities and events <http://www.flickr.com/photos/surreycountycouncil/collections/72157622887549383/>.

Family and Local History Events in Surrey Libraries

Family History on the Internet Workshops

These workshops are for newcomers to family history research and for those more experienced researchers who have not yet used the internet. The workshops will introduce you to some useful websites to assist your research as well as online catalogues, the Surrey History Centre Collections catalogue, census data and military records. Non-library members are most welcome but basic keyboard and mouse skills are needed for these workshops.

Duration: 1½ hours. Ticket price £5. Advance booking is essential for these workshops, either by phone on 0300 200 1001 or by visiting the library.

Dorking Library	Friday 26 February
Godalming Library	Monday 22 March
Camberley Library	Tuesday 20 April
Horley Library	Friday 14 May
Walton Library	Tuesday 27 July

Who Do You Think You Are?

Have you met a problem in researching your family history? If so, then free advice from experts from Surrey Heritage can be obtained between 10 – 11am and 11.30 a.m. -12.30 p.m. at these drop-in events:

Dittons Library	Tuesday 8 June
Tattenhams Library	Wednesday 7 July.

Vouchers for sale

The Society keeps the following vouchers for sale (all £5 each):

Findmypast (was 1837 Online) and 1911 Census

If you would like to purchase any of the above, please send a cheque (payable to “East Surrey FHS”) and an SAE to Sue Adams, 10 Cobham Close, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 9DS.

News from Sutton Local Studies & Archives Centre

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As part of Sutton Council's *Take Part Take Pride* festivities there will be a free guided local history walk around Cheam village on Thursday 15 July. Meet outside Whitehall, 1 Malden Road, Cheam, at 7.30 p.m.

We will also be holding a surgery on how to trace the history of your Belmont house and street on Saturday 17 July from 9.30-4.30 p.m. in the Local Studies & Archives Centre, Central Library. Local author and historical Belmont researcher Roland Sparkes will be on hand to provide advice.

IT news: for those of you with London Borough of Sutton library tickets the Times Digital Index is now available to search from home along with Who's Who and Who Was Who. The DNB which has been mentioned before is also available – all useful genealogical tools especially if your ancestor was an important person in the case of the DNB or Who's Who. The databases can be accessed from the Library's catalogue page once you've logged in at www.sutton.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=7351.

As mentioned in the last Journal, the St Helier Estate Memory Bank project is underway. The Heritage Lottery Funded project will set up a Community Archive containing documents and media as well as oral histories from the community. Local volunteers are currently researching the construction of the estate through the archives held at LMA and Sutton, and recording the memories of its oldest residents, many of whom moved to the area when it was newly built. A dedicated community archive website will be set up providing an opportunity for those living at a distance to contribute their memories and photos. If you've got suggestions/comments/histories to contribute please contact the Memory Bank at memorybank09@googlemail.com.

New accessions to the Archive Collection include ARP papers of Charles James Penny, ARP warden for Sutton & Cheam throughout the war, and the research notes of Mr Alan Dyke who for many years researched the history of horse racing with particular attention to Surrey. The latter is not yet available for public use but enquiries are welcome to local.studies@sutton.gov.uk.

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Book reviews

Brenda Hawkins [785]

Military Photographs and How to Date Them

Neil Storey: published by Countryside Books 3 Catherine Road, Newbury, Berkshire: ISBN 978 1 84674 152 4; 192pp; £12.99

This book is an eye-opener. I always vaguely thought that all you could really tell from a military photograph was whether you were looking at a soldier or a sailor, and if you were really lucky, and the cap was in focus, the regiment or the ship. How naïve could I be! In military as in civilian life, styles change to suit new circumstances. There were aprons for kilts, gorblimey caps, battledress blouses. The author is using every clue available: weapons, greatcoats, colour of cap, shoulder titles, even the location of the photographer to make a correct identification. There are over two hundred photographs and all are well chosen to illustrate a particular point.

As someone who doesn't know her puttees from her Sam Browne, I would have been helped by a glossary, but there is a good select bibliography to help on various aspects. Military matters have always seemed an impenetrable mystery to me. They still do. But suddenly I want to look at my small collection of photos, to see what extra clues I have been missing all these years. For a book to inspire me like that, I have to say it is well worth looking at!

Essential Maps for Family Historians

Charles Masters: published by Countryside Books, 3 Catherine Road, Newbury, Berkshire: ISBN 978 1 84674 098 5: 127pp: £12.99

I adore maps, so this book is preaching to the converted, but it is amazing what variety of maps are useful to family historians. Because they are well covered elsewhere, Ordnance Survey maps only get a passing mention here. There is a nice clear example of each sort of map described, with comments on its accuracy and where such maps are to be found. I could wish that a binding margin had been provided, so I could see every last detail of each illustration without damaging the book, but that is only because the maps are so fascinating. In particular, my fad of the moment, the Valuation Office maps and field books are well covered, demonstrating how much you can discover about even the poorest of our ancestors. This is definitely a book to set you off considering new sources.

A rabble-rouser of an ancestor

Mary Gill

continued from March Journal, page 19

The following are extracts from a few of George's columns:

"Some of Mr – I beg pardon – 'General' Booth's pious supporters in Worthing are inclined to fancy in their fetish that I stand almost alone in my denunciation of the tricks in the new business concern of which the "General" is the head. The author of an admirable little Brochure entitled "John Bull and his Island" stands an equal chance of receiving the "General's" anathema. "I cannot imagine" he says, "why the General (Booth) has not invented a 'Celestial Mixture' or 'Salvation Pills'. He might insert in the 'War Cry' testimonials something in the style of the following:

Dear General, On Saturday night I took one of your marvellous – I should say miraculous- pills. I went to bed a hardened sinner; I woke up converted. A few more pills and I shall be a saint. Everyone ought to have some of these pills in his bedroom. You may make what use you please of this letter, I enclose a P.O.O. for 2s,6d., and beg you to send a box of 'Salvation Pills' for my poor wife."

I was talking to a pessimist ratepayer the other day about the great scarcity of water, when he suggested that the National Anthem should be prayerfully sung, because, he said, we wanted someone "long to rain over us." And then he suggested that some of those townsmen who are ever ready to petition the Chairman of our Local Board, should cause a public enquiry to be made as to whether we are likely to run dry. I asked him what he meant by "running dry"? and he said he was anxious to know how the town was off for water. I reminded him that there was always some ridiculous agitation going forward. A few years back everyone was enquiring "How are you off for soap?" now it is "How are you off for water?" He said that he had been told by a competent authority that there is plenty of water in the Worthing well and if there is not a well full, we must consider it wilful.

I don't know how far the Temperance party can be held responsible for this scarcity of water. They have just induced people to take the clear crystal from the springs, and now that which springs from it is dry springs. I think, seeing the Worthing Local Board has plenty of water, it might make capital; say, it exchanges daily with Manchester a hundred gallons of water for a hundred gallons of beer. This would wonderfully assist the Temperance party in the North whilst there are many men in Worthing who would exchange water for beer and make the sacrifice with magnanimity.

Talk about petitions; it is rumoured that the boy, Theodore Malone, who was the "Salvation" prosecutor in today's proceedings at the Bench, is going to petition the magistrate's for further protection. They had shewn such consideration to the heads", that it is thought they may be asked to look after the "poor feet". Theodore seems to have had a poor understanding, so he certainly ought to be looked after. Thus, probably, the commiseration of the Bench was excited, when they fined one "Skeleton" 18s., and sent two to prison for two weeks for "hustling" the poor boy at a time when he was solemnly engaged in the saintly procession. Poor Theodore in reply to the Magistrates, said he had his red jersey, but "he never had nothing else on," so he showed his colours if he couldn't show any intellect; and of course, the Bench must protect the jersey. But there, we must have religion, and we must have justice: all we have to do is to try and understand the religion as taught by the Salvationists, and justice as administered by the Justices.

From the Worthing Gazette 7 January 1886:

The inhabitants of Madeira Road have memorialized the Board for a lamp. They say the road is the constant haunt of tramps after dark. It's really too bad of the Madeira inhabitants to be so hard upon tramps. The poor mortals must go somewhere; and no doubt they know how high gas is in Worthing, and as they don't pay paving and lighting rates, they modestly go where there are no pavements or gas. Besides, I dare say their clothes are shabby, and they don't like to be seen in the brilliantly lighted streets of the town.

I don't like making personal allusions on this matter, only I was so surprised to hear the Town Surveyor's office compared to a hay loft. I should have thought, judging from the growth and general appearance of that official, that his office had been the most healthy of the lot. But you never can tell, some people can thrive on hay, especially if a little chaff is mixed with it.

Dr. Kelly has furnished us with another good report; he has given us 327 babies during the year, and reports the death of 178 persons; this is 149 to the good. I am sure we ought to feel much indebted to Dr. Kelly, and as long as he is able to increase the population in this manner, he shall be counted a benefactor. There is only one thing I wish the Doctor would do, - that is give

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the rich people more babies and the poor less; I am sure that would make his death rate considerably lower, - beside it would give more employment to nursery governesses, which is sadly wanted.

From the Worthing Gazette – 1884:

I should think the temperance advocates must be greatly delighted with the number of pledges taken. If the Worthing people go on signing at this rate the teetotal talkers will have no one left to talk to. Some of the temperance advocates seem more fond of talking than moderate men do of drinking and it strike me the pleasure they lose by abstaining is more than compensated by the pleasure they find in talking about it. Certainly during the week the blue ribbon has been more perceptible. I don't know whether the "old blues" have bought new ribbons for the occasion, or whether it has been donned by converts. But there is no doubt that, until this week, the old blue ribbons had faded.

There is no doubt the "specials" will be pleased to learn that they are to get five shillings each for their public services. But I question if either one (with few exceptions) would again perform the same office for a like amount. The longer their services the, the stronger their sympathies. They went out to uphold law and order. The law they did uphold, but all order was lost, because they were instructed not to interfere with the "Salvationists", and it is a well known fact that the army breaks up all order, and sends the "pieces" to the great General, who alone knows perfectly well what to do with them.

From the Worthing Gazette 13 November 1884:

On 4 February 1858, George Henry French married Clara Fuller, a dressmaker, at the Parish Church in Broadwater.

They had four children: Clara Evelyn, born 1859 who became a lodging house keeper in Bedford Road Worthing; Francis Sawyer: born 1860, a printer who married a lady called Ann Mercer. Their children were named Naomi, Francis Harold, Vernon and Dorothy – all born in Worthing between 1884 and 1892.

One of Francis Sawyer's grandson's, Keith Vernon French (b.1922) writes as follows:

The family has its roots in Worthing.

My great-great grand father was Peter French, he died in 1863. He is variously said to have been a carpenter, a collector of taxes and the founder and editor of the "Worthing Times" He is buried in the church yard of Broadwater Church in Worthing. According to the Vicar of the time, it caused a stir because the band at the head of the coffin burst and it plunged headfirst into the grave. He was 49 when he died.

My grand father was, Francis Sawyer French, b. 1861, died in 1896. He left four young children to be looked after by his widow Ann (nee Mercer): Naomi (Queenie), b. 1884; Harold b. 1885; Vernon b. 1887; Dorothy b. 1891. Their ages at that time were thus 12, 11, 9, and 5. respectively.

To allow the family to survive my grandmother, Ann, setup a boarding house on an apartment basis. The lodgers produced food, my grandmother prepared it and generally looked after them.

Money was short and conditions were grim; cooking was on a coal fired range which also provided the only source of hot water. It was drawn from a tap on the water tank beside the range and had to be carried in jugs to the bed rooms. This was still going on when I first went to stay with them in about 1926.

My father at the age of 9 or 10 earned a little money by humping buckets of coal up to bedrooms in this and other boarding houses or hotels. This damaged his back which later resulted in him being rejected as unfit when he volunteered for the army in 1914. . So he was in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He acquired the rank of Sergeant.

The family survived, my father had a job as a clerk in Worthing council offices. Around 1914 he got a better job in the surveyors department in Finchley, where he lived for a time in a Toc H hostel.

George and Clara's third child was Peter Ernest (my husband's great grandfather) born 1863.

And finally, George James; born about 1864 – a cabinet maker. George Henry French died on the 14 September 1889 at 3 Ambrose Place Worthing. The cause of death was, unsurprisingly, cirrhosis of the liver. Clara, however, lived on until 6 May 1909, when she died of liver cancer at 14 Bedford Row in Worthing.

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Using Joomla! for a family history website

Edwina Higgins (www.edwina.org.uk)

First of all, my thanks to Brian Hudson for publicising my family history website in the last issue of the journal. If any of you followed the link he included in his article, you will know that I have a site called 'Edwina's Family History Pages'. People viewing it for the first time sometimes comment on how professional it looks, and they presume that I am a highly skilled computer geek who knows how to write all kinds of complicated programming code.

This is not so. The secret behind Edwina's Family History Pages is a website template produced by Joomla!

Joomla! provides free-to-download templates and add-ons for website builders. It is also an online community. People who genuinely do have programming skills have collaborated to produce the templates. Sometimes they experiment with new add-ons or new templates as a way of developing their own skills or to try and solve common online problems. All these ideas are shared freely. If you need online help for Joomla! there is a thriving forum where people post questions, suggestions and answers. I have looked at all these pages, and I must say, even the helpful suggestions have often been beyond either my comprehension or beyond anything I dare do!

So how do I use Joomla!?! I beaver away in my own little corner of the forest, doing the simple things I already know how to do.

My son, who has a reasonable amount of computer knowledge, suggested it would be easier for me to find an online template than for him to teach me a programming language. An online search took him to the Joomla! pages. If you want to find Joomla! just click on the tiny link next to the copyright message at the very bottom of every page on my site.

The most difficult thing was customising the template once I had found one. I had to decide which of the possible page layouts to use and which to abandon. I had to understand how to identify the various components on the page. The template does not really work entirely on a 'fill in the blanks' principle, so I had to learn the difference between static content manager and global configuration. I had to work out what content was, what a section was and what a category was. I also learned the word 'mambot' - which seems to be a little parcel of ready programmed something that you can call upon to do a specific task. The very hardest thing of all was customising and importing the actual title box. But don't be too alarmed by all this. Once I had set the pages up and become familiar with a few basic routines, I was able to

relax and start doing what I enjoy best - writing my articles.

How did I choose my page layouts? This was good fun. It really made me think about why I wanted a website. I decided the main purpose was to put old family photos in a public place that could be enjoyed by my children, sisters, parents and cousins. Every photograph would need a caption, which could then develop into an article. I could also keep people updated on my latest discoveries. I just wish we had more old photos in the family.

My family are thrilled that I research the family history, but their eyes glaze over when I start to explain the details. So I decided I had to give them bite-sized chunks, little anecdotes about either my research experience or about family characters. The static panel on the right hand side of every page was originally headed 'Newsflash' on the template, so I decided to use it for that purpose. I post a few sentences about my latest discovery, or a 'Hello' to the latest cousin to have made contact with me through the website.

I have tried to be very careful throughout about personal privacy. For this reason I soon abandoned any idea of posting a family tree or spelling out what the family interconnections were. On the Joomla! site, I did however find a template similar to my own which had a family tree programme bolted on to it. It was very impressive, and shows that it can be done.

I have sometimes recognised Joomla! templates being used on professional websites, so there is no shame in using something straight off the shelf, as it were, rather than starting from scratch.

Oh, one final tip! After every new posting I have to try and remember to view my picture or article in every web browser I can think of, and preferably on more than one monitor. Some browsers are more fussy than others about re-sizing photographs and formatting text than others. Something that looks fine in Firefox sometimes does not display properly in IE without some adjustment! The resolution setting of the monitor and the difference between wide screen or traditional monitor screens can also affect the way the page displays. However, Joomla! is not alone in giving this problem. I had to contact The National Archives webmaster when I first got my own wide screen monitor to tell him I could not view the pages properly.

My advice to anyone thinking of building their own website would be, 'Joomla! is great, but have someone with some computer savvy somewhere nearby if you possibly can, especially in the early setting up stage, when you will need to hop back and forth from the Joomla! help forums.' With good luck and a bit of patience, I think you will like the results.

Tech Topic – File types - Part 3

Brian Hudson [7324]

.xls

.xlsx

The traditional file extension for a workbook* produced with the popular Microsoft Excel spreadsheet* program is .xls. However starting with Excel 2007, a new default file format was introduced with extension .xlsx. Documents can still be saved as .xls to maintain compatibility with older versions of Excel.

Like the word processing programs mentioned in the previous Journal there are many spreadsheet programs available. Some are free and many come as part of an 'Office' package. See the March 2010 Journal for details and for 'Word' read 'Excel'.

Although spreadsheets were originally designed for financial information and calculations they are often used like a database to store information; for family historians this could be records of documents, people, research schedules etc. Along with other many societies East Surrey uses spreadsheets as a means of collecting data from transcriptions before it is converted into other formats.

*What are spreadsheets, worksheets and workbooks? A spreadsheet simulates a paper worksheet and displays a grid of rows and columns with multiple cells. Text and/or numbers can be entered into each cell. In Excel a spreadsheet page is called a worksheet and, by default, three worksheets are loaded when a new file, or workbook is opened.

Bucks. Open Day

Bucks FHS will be holding its Open Day on Saturday 24th July 2010, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., at the Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7NH (south east of town between A413 and A41).

There will be many attractions for researchers including full Bucks FHS library and databases, talks, guest societies and commercial suppliers.

Free admission and free car parking at the school.

Further information can be found at www.bucksfhs.org.uk.

East Surrey Family History Society

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2009

Note	2009		2008	
		£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions	2	19,884		15,404
Gift aid tax rebate		3,048		2,572
Bookstall & publications	3	5,144		4,630
Donations & searches		872		1,147
Pay per view		60		140
Magazines		132		128
Journal sales & advertising		52		38
Bank interest		580		2,394
		29,771		26,452
EXPENDITURE				
Bookstall & publications	3	2,236		2,974
Magazines		114		111
Journal costs	4	10,990		13,158
Meetings & events		4,810		4,647
Projects		211		196
Research centre		800		702
Website, CD-ROM & software		309		62
General running costs:				
Secretarial, stationery, room hire		572		734
Advertising		-		35
Federation		-		91
Insurance	5	180		152
			752	1,012
Affiliation fees, royalties	5	906		929
Independent examiner's fee		400		400
Depreciation		1,657		1,042
Loss on disposal of old equipment		-		737
		23,185		26,969
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		6,586		518
General fund brought forward		53,075		53,593
General fund carried forward		59,661		53,075

East Surrey Family History Society

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2009

Note		2009		2008	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		1,824		2,631
Current assets					
Publication stock	7	2,429		3,060	
Debtors & prepayments	8	2,900		200	
Bank and cash	9	52,981		47,584	
			58,310		50,844
Creditors falling due within one year	10	473		400	
Net current assets			57,837		50,444
			59,661		53,594
Unrestricted funds					
General fund:					
Balance brought forward			53,075		53,593
Excess of income over expenditure for the year		6,586		-518	
Balance carried forward			59,661		53,075

This is not a complete financial statement. Any member who wishes to receive a full set of Financial Statements relating to the year ended 31st December 2009 should send a self-addressed stamped envelope (size C4) to the Treasurer, whose details appear inside the front cover of the Journal.

East Surrey Family History Society

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2009

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:

Tangible fixed assets costing at least £100 are capitalised at cost. 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	2009	2008
United Kingdom	18,505	14,236
Overseas	1,379	1,168
	19,884	15,898
3. Bookstall publications		
Sales and on-line publications	4,360	4,211
Vouchers	784	419
Less: Purchases and costs	1,605	789
Stock movement	631	2,185
	2,907	1,656
4. Journal costs		
Printing	6,274	9,189
Packing & mailing	4,716	4,006
	10,990	13,195
Less sales and advertising income	-52	-38
	10,938	13,158

5. Affiliation fees and insurance		
Insurance	180	152
Subscription	906	929
	1,086	1,082
6. Tangible fixed assets		
Equipment, fixtures and fittings		
Cost		
at 1 st January 2009	16,126	24,698
additions	850	-
disposals	-	8,572
at 31 st December 2009	16,976	16,126
Depreciation		
at 1 st January 2009	13,495	19,288
eliminated on disposal	-	-7,835
charge for the year	1,657	2,042
at 31 st December 2009	15,152	13,495
Net Book Value at 31 st December 2009	1,824	2,631
Net Book Value at 31 st December 2008	2,631	5,410
7. Publication Stock		
Books, CD-ROMs, publications	2,310	2,858
Vouchers	119	202
	2,429	3,060
8. Debtors and prepayments		
Gift Aid rebate	2,900	-
Prepayments	-	200
	2,900	200
9. Bank and cash		
Bank current account	7,221	2,402
Cash floats	405	405
Charities deposit fund	45,335	44,776
	52,981	47,584
10. Creditors due within one year		
Accruals	473	400
	474	400

Website round-up

Brian Hudson [7324]

www.google.co.uk/help/maps/streetview If you haven't used it yet you may at least have read or heard about Google Street View. Concerns about invasion of privacy were in the news when the service was first launched and they are still raised from time to time. Several countries have had or are having visits from camera cars or trikes; this includes a large part of the UK. For family historians it is a chance to see where ancestors once lived or worked, without travelling. Coverage is not 100%, some properties are missing, and property numbers may not be totally accurate; however these are minor quibbles. To see Street View in action visit the East Surrey website Meetings page where each Group has a Google Street View link. As an example of the problems that can occur, look at the Sutton Groups Street View – no pictures have been taken of the stretch of road in front of the church hall.

www.archive.org - an archive of websites

Would you like to see the contents of a website from a few years ago? Then try the Wayback machine at the Archive website where you can browse through over 150 billion web pages archived from 1996 to a few months ago. Just type in the web address of a site or page and see what results you get. It is by no means infallible, for some reason the archives of the East Surrey website finish in 2008. Hopefully this has now been rectified and the site will start to be archived again.

William Faden's map of London

Andrew MacNair ADMacnair@aol.com

Members may be interested in a new website with details of a digital redrawing of William Faden's 1788 map of London and its environs. The site is at www.fadensmapoflondon.co.uk. A similar map of Norfolk at www.fadensmapofnorfolk.co.uk has been of great value to local, social and agricultural historians, archaeologists and family historians.

The Norfolk map and the new London map have been noted in short articles in Local History News No. 93 (Autumn 2009) and the Local History Magazine No. 126 (November 2009).

If you would like a sample relevant to your area please contact me.

Clark / Webster

Shirley Cannell [19974]

I have been trying to trace my granddad Alfred Charles Clark. He married my grandmother, Ellen Webster, on 27th May 1912 aged 28 at St Mary's Church, Rotherhithe. He gave his residence as 41 Princes Street, Rotherhithe.

This was my grandmother's family home (according to the 1911 census. He was not living there at this time.) His father's name was Charles (he was a labourer).

He died in 1951 in Bermondsey age 67. I have not been able to find a birth record for him. I applied to Southwark Reg and Southport without any luck. I have joined the Surrey FHS with hopes of further information. Can anyone help me, please?

Eaton / Hill / Ordish

Michael Brown michaelalanbrown@ntlworld.com

My grandmother was called Lucie Eaton. The only information I can find out about her is that she was a "young servant girl" when she gave birth to Gwendoline Eaton in May 1916. At the time she was living in Rossiter Road, in Balham. Needless to say there is no father on the birth certificate. I have discovered that the Electoral registers only give the occupants of the house who were eligible to vote, but as there was a property qualification and women were not able to vote then the registers only showed the home-owner or principal rent-payer, not servants. The 1914 register shows William Richard Legg and Alfred Hewland as living at 86 Rossiter Road and in 1915 it is just William Richard Legg on the register.

The child, I am led to believe, was 'unofficially and informally' adopted by a friend of the family. Their name I suspect may be Hill.

During my research I have come across the following facts which, although they may be coincidental, are too coincidental to ignore.

I have found a marriage record for one Lucie Eaton and Francis P Ordish (St Martin 1925). I have found a death record for one Lucie Eaton. Her age is

Vouchers for sale

The Society keeps the following vouchers for sale (all £5 each):

Findmypast (was 1837 Online) and 1911 Census

If you would like to purchase any of the above, please send a cheque (payable to "East Surrey FHS") and an SAE to Sue Adams, 10 Cobham Close, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 9DS.

shown as 82 years and her date of birth is shown as 04 May 1895. This death was recorded in Wandsworth. I have a death record for one Francis P Ordish. His age is shown as 84 years and his date of death is shown as 1958. This death was also recorded in Wandsworth. Researching backwards from the death certificate, I have found a birth record for a Lucie Eaton. This is recorded 2nd Quarter 1895.

As you can see, they are all extremely local and my request is that, as the names and / or spellings are quite unusual, would it be too much to ask if any of your members have come across the names and / or addresses during their research? I would stress this is not a research or 'look up' request (I wouldn't have a clue where to look with such minimal information); it is more a 'do these names ring bells?' request.

Fowles / Clapp

Barbara Bunton [5931] wilbar@impulse.net.au

I am seeking information about the life of Sarah Ann Clapp née Fowles, my 4 x grandmother born in Croydon, Surrey. I have her marriage certificate of 1844 to Charles Clapp, and some census records of this couple and their family, e.g. 1851 Clapham and 1861 Lambeth with their six children. But then the 1871 census for Harrow has Sarah working as a cook, one of eight servants, at Lancaster House, with no mention of husband Charles. Where was he? And what is/was Lancaster House?

By the 1881 census Charles Clapp was an inmate of the Lambeth Workhouse, and Sarah was up in Horwich, Lancashire, working for William (Howarth?) of Wallsuches Bleach Works, as a nurse-cum-domestic, one of six servants.

By the 1891 census Charles Clapp, Sarah's husband, was still an inmate of the Lambeth Workhouse, Renfrew Road, but no trace of Sarah Ann. She possibly went back to the Lambeth area, but I have no idea when she or Charles died. Can anyone help?

Has there been a write-up of the history of the Lambeth Workhouse?

Lockhart / Marchant

June White [84]

Henry Lockhart and Elizabeth Mary Marchant had six children: Henry, b1837 West Ham; Alfred, b/d1840; Emily, b1842 Pimlico; Frederick, b1846 Camden Town; Myra, b1851 Worcestershire; and Rosa b1854 Clapham.

Henry worked for a railway company; he died in Clapham in 1866. His

widow Elizabeth moved to Pool Valley, Brighton, to be with her three unmarried daughters who, in 1911, were listed as Corset Makers.

I have been unable to trace a marriage between Henry and Elizabeth. Can anyone help me to fill this gap?

Lucas

Jean M. Fincher [9909]

My father's name was Frederick John Lucas, and he was born on 20th June 1922. I am trying to trace his early life. I know that he lived at the Lady Henry Somerset Home at Duxhurst until around 1936, but it wasn't always called by that name, and I think that it changed hands several times whilst my father was there.

After that I found out from his army record that he lived in the "Southwark Boys Hostel" in Pocock Street, Southwark. In 1938, aged 15, he signed up to join the Territorial Army. I do wonder if this was somehow tied up to the home to give the boys somewhere to get into when old enough to work.

I would value any information that anyone has on the above two places. Perhaps someone had a relative who was at either place. Another name from my father's past is that of 'Skipper' Fagg. He was married with three daughters; I think that he had something to do with looking after my father whilst he was a teenager. As I said, any information would be very much appreciated.

Mayne / Proudfoot

Maureen Thomas [9907]

For over fifty years I have been attempting to find out what happened to my grandmother Jesie Clarissa Mayne and the Mayne family of Sutton and Croydon.

She was born on the 22nd August 1893 at Chapel Road Mitcham to Henry Charles Mayne and Marjory McDougall Proudfoot. There were three other children: Edith, Henry Charles and Ethel.

Sometime before 1901 her parents separated and her father went to live with another partner, Agnes Leonard, in Croydon. They had three children within this relationship: Harry, Doris and Kathleen.

In 1912 Jessie married my grandfather, Frank Reed, at Paddington. They were divorced in 1920.

I would be so grateful if anyone has any knowledge about these families or their descendants.

Peck / Harland

Shaun Bunce [9784]

I am seeking information on the following Peck family.

Richard Peck born 1798/99 Kensington London married Mary Harland 21st April 1827 at St Martins-in-the Field, Westminster. Mary was born 8th Jan 1805 at St Bartholomews the Great, London, the daughter of William Harland varnish manufacturer of Phipps Bridge, Merton.

In 1841 Richard Peck was an Innkeeper at the Swan Tavern, Old Brompton, Kensington and in 1851 a licensed victualler living in Old Brompton, in 1861 he's a retired wine merchant living in Mitcham Road, Tooting.

On the 23rd Feb 1869 he died at his home, Sunnyside Lower Tooting, his wife Mary died 23 Jan 1880 aged 75 also at Sunnyside Tooting, she's buried in the Harland plot at St Peter & St Paul, Mitcham.

Richard and Mary had 8 children all born Brompton, Middlesex; (1) Richard born 1828, in 1867 he was the landlord of the Salisbury Arms, Weston-Place, Kingscross.

Child (2) Mary born 1833, married James Wharram he was born 1827 The Strand, W.C. they had 3 children Maud born 1862 Hackney, Harry born 1863 Hackney and Frederick 1864 Hackney.

Child (3) Sarah Isabella born 1834 married Robert Harland in 1855 he's the Gt Grandson of William Harland of Phipps Bridge, Robert was born 1835 Mitcham.

Robert took over the varnish business of William Harland & Son from his father Samuel Robert Harland and continued to run it up to his death in 1892 aged 59. Robert and Sarah spent there married life living at Homefield, Phipps Bridge, Merton, there was no children to take over the varnish business. Sarah eventually moved to Kent and spent the rest of her life living at Greatbounds, Tunbridge Wells she died 29th May 1925 aged 91, she's buried at St Peter & St Paul Church Mitcham with her husband Robert.

Child (4) Harland born 1837, he died 25th Jul 1855 in a boating accident at Lake Michigan U.S.A aged 22. Child (5) Jane born 1838 (know nothing of this Child).

Child (6) George born 1842 married my Gt. Gt. Grandmother Agnes 29th Nov 1880 at St Margarets Parish Church, Westminster she was born 21st Oct 1852. George took over the varnish business from Robert Harland when he died in 1892 and continued to run it until his death in 1920.

The business then passed to his wife Agnes, she ran it up to her death in 1939. When George took over the business he changed his surname from PECK to HARLAND-PECK, he and his wife Agnes spent there married life

living at 9 Belgrave Square, George was known throughout the world for his art collection and he helped to purchase several paintings for the National Portrait Gallery. George and Agnes are both buried at Putney Vale Cemetery. Child (7) Robert born 1843, No information. The 8th Child Clara born 1847 married William H. Peake 1869 Wandsworth, William was born 1842 Middlesex, they had 3 Children Arthur born 1871 Tooting, Walter born 1872 Tooting and Ethel 1874 Tooting. William H. Peake was a goldsmith in London.

I do hope somebody can link to this information and get me over this brick wall.

Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton

Colin Sim colinsim@yahoo.co.uk

I am trying to confirm that a relative of mine was a patient in the Children's Infirmary, Carshalton, when the census was taken in 1911. The Infirmary was later renamed Queen Mary's Hospital for Children.

In carrying out research on my family history, I have often come across lists of people in prison, workhouses and other institutions and I assume therefore that the census would have included patients in hospitals. However, despite my efforts, I have yet to find the Children's Infirmary in the 1911 census.

Has any member has come across this establishment during research they may have been doing? I should be most grateful for any help as to where to search for it in, for example, "Findmypast.co.uk".

Tadgell / Stephens

Josie Aslett [9645]

My mother, Florence Tadgell, was born in 1915. She was orphaned at the age of 4, her mother and sister dying in the 1918 'flu epidemic and her father falling from a ladder after serving in the Boar War and the First World War.

I have not been able to find out where she went, but between 1920 and 1930 she had a dreadful accident that caused her to lose a leg and spinal damage.

Mother ended up at Chailey Orphanage until 1936, where I believe she worked as a children's nanny to pay for her keep.

On leaving Chailey she found lodgings and went to work in Lyons Toy Factory in Wimbledon as a machinist.

She used to pass my father, George Stephens, on her way to work each day and eventually he asked her out. They married in 1941; I was born in 1942 and couldn't have had more loving parents. Unfortunately father lost his hearing and sight in the early 1950s, but that didn't stop them from

going out. Father used to push the wheelchair and Mother would guide it.

The reason I started Family History was to find out if my mother had any family.

I have since found out she had a half-brother and -sister from her mother's previous marriage, but can't find out what happened to them; she also had an uncle who only lived about 5 minutes away from us, and I would pass his house every day on my way to school.

I am still unable to find out what happened to my mother but I suppose I will have to wait for the 1921 census. I have got newspaper reports about her father, Edward Tadgell, but nothing about Florence.

If anyone has any ideas I would be most grateful.

2010 RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

This is another plea from the Membership Secretary to those members who have so far failed to alter their Standing Order for their annual subscription.

PLEASE could all members who have failed to alter these contact their Bank and adjust their payment from £8.00 to £12.00 This is a Standing Order which needs to be altered by the bank account holder; it is not a Direct Debit. It is necessary for me to have all payments up to date in order for the books to balance.

Ann Turnor – Membership Secretary [827]