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From the Editor



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

I received a lovely email from Frances Francis (3187) after the publication of the last issue of HP.

Frances said 'Just a quick note to say how pleased I was when the recent copy of *Herts People* arrived and I could actually read its contents comfortably without resorting to a magnifying glass to supplement my glasses. The new layout and type size is a great improvement, thank you'.

Thank you Frances. Font size is something we have been working on with the new format HP, with a clearer choice of font, and a bigger size.

The last issue was the first one I had put together using the new Adobe InDesign program and to be honest it was a steep learning curve. I enjoy the creative work of journal editing but I couldn't do it without the lovely articles and regular contributions from everyone.

For the last issue I set up the master pages and templates, tried a few different sized fonts to see how they looked when in printed form, A5 size, and

also experimented with coloured boxes and image boxes. All very different to MS Publisher! I can now do footnotes, but can see that I need to layout any articles with footnotes as single column, not two!

For this issue I have made a few adjustments and corrected a few bloopers that had crept in that a few eagle eyed readers pointed out to me - thankyou all for your feedback. I can only improve.

I am always happy to receive your articles, snippets and research queries. It is *your* contributions that make *Hertfordshire People* the great journal that it is.

Jane

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Membership Secretary

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geneva.weald.org.uk/doku.php

From the Chair

What a **HOT** summer! It's never too hot for Family History but it has not been a good summer for gardening.



Traditional green lawns are suffering and patio plant pots have been moved to shady corners. Hydrangeas are true to their name, acting as hygrometers, and asking for water.

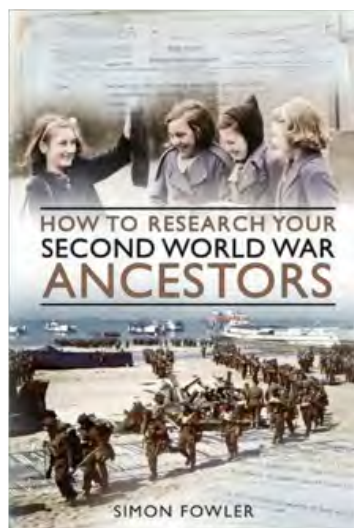
Herts Archives and Local Studies (HALS) is a place of refuge from the heat and holds our county records. Like many county record offices, it continues to amass data, requires more storage space and needs to move to bigger premises. Chris Bennett, the recent County Archivist, has overseen plans that are in an advanced stage to do that, before he moved to Lambeth Archives. Relocating HALS requires considerable preparations and rarely used items are being packed. One very special item, a 1060 Charter witnessed by Edward the Confessor, Queen Edith and Earl Harold, has been out on display at HALS before being dispatched to join the Bayeux Tapestry exhibition at the British Museum.

Our new website is alive and well, but like many plants in our gardens, needs attention. Our two Secretaries have worked hard. The last one succeeded in getting it up and running – thank you Tracy. The current one has been working flat out ironing out the wrinkles so that talks and an AGM could be organised using the new website – thank you Anna. Small details still need amending and then the website will continue to grow.

It is now much easier to book and get links for talks and just a click reaches GenFair to order our many publications or a subscription. In the members' area, 'Items of Interest' contains a variety of information, and much more is planned.

The plant theme continues on our website because our logo represents a family tree by combining two Hertfordshire emblems: the purple Pasque flower and the head and antlers of a Hart. A modified logo will appear soon to advertise our 50th birthday in 2027.

Talks have covered WWII, DNA and gardeners providing topics providing help with research in the 20th, 19th and 18th centuries. More details can be found in Simon Fowler's recent WWII publication, in



Family Tree Magazine where Karen Evans has a DNA advice column, or by visiting Luton Hoo Estate Walled Garden.

Providing you with the Talks and Speakers, is not easy. Please send us suggestions for topics and speakers. There are also vacancies for either organising talks and events or assisting. There's no requirement to live in Hertfordshire - we meet quarterly by Zoom!

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"Pedlar" Palmer and the Cricket Umpire

By Janet Sutton

Following my article "Ashfield School Football team 1919/1920", printed in *Hertfordshire People* March 2025, I decided to look at the two gentlemen in the photograph. They are named as "Pedlar" **Palmer** (back row on the right) and Frank **Chester** (Referee). (back row, on the left). Two very different individuals.



(c) Bushey Museum Trust

"Pedlar" Palmer

The first question is - Why "Pedlar" Palmer?

A Google search gives "Pedlar" **Palmer** as a boxer. Thomas "Pedlar" Palmer was a former bantam weight boxer (1876-1949). In the 1890s. In 1907 he was sent to prison for the manslaughter of Robert **Choate** on a train to Epsom. – Maybe this could be why this gentleman was referred to by this nickname "Pedlar". On the 1921 census, there are at least four possible Palmer candidates living in Bushey :-

George Thomas **Palmer** – in 1921, he was 35, born in London and a motor mechanic by trade. He was employed by the National Omnibus and Transport Company of Watford. He was living at 15 Sparrows Herne, Bushey with his wife Frederica Charlotte Christie PALMER, a son George Christopher aged 10 and a daughter. Ellen Elizabeth aged 12.

George **Palmer** – aged 50, born Aylesbury, living at 9 Primrose Gardens, School Lane, Bushey, a painter, with his wife, Elizabeth, aged 49, born at Toddington, 2 sons William aged 21, George aged 17 and a daughter Mary aged 8.

Norman St Clair **Palmer** – He was born about 1882 and in 1921 was living at The Poplars, Clay Hill, Bushey. He was an unmarried motor engineer. Forward to 1939, his birth date was 9 April 1882, and his occupation was a Ceylon Tea planter/hotel manager retired at Chanctory, Sussex. He married in 1922 to Eleanor Thirza **Nixon-Lawrence**.

Robert William **Palmer** born 1889, born Lewisham/New Cross area. In 1921, he is living at 28 Highfield Road, Bushey with his wife Edith. Robert was an overseer at Sun Engraving. Tracing him back to 1911, he and Edith are living at the same address, and he is an artist's copperplate engraver. There are no children. Forward to 1939, his birthdate is 7 April 1881, living at 61 Belmont Road, Bushey. He is noted as a representative for Sun Engraving.

Another possible candidate could be Claude Harold Albany **Palmer**. He was the son of Ricardo Palmer (Born Rathmines, Dublin, Ireland 1845, died 25 February 1927, of Ivy House, Bushey) and Mary Verena nee **Barrington** (1852-1931). The couple married in Wexford in 1871. Ricardo was a member of the stock exchange. Altogether Ricardo and wife had 13

children, 5 of which had died (1911 Census). Two of their sons were Norman St Clair Palmer and Claud Harold Albany Palmer.

Claud was born 27 July 1878 at Clay Hill, and baptised at St James, Bushey on 4 September 1878. The family were still at Clay Hill in 1881. By 1891, the family with 9 children, had moved to Claybury, Bushey, with Ricardo as a Stock and share dealer/agent. According to the Harrow School Register 1894, Claud entered Harrow School in September 1892. The entry shows in brackets, the name of Mr **Colbeck**, who was possibly his housemaster.

From 1900 to 1931, there are entries for Claud in the Stock Exchange Register. This gives details of a member's home and business addresses, who they banked with, telephone number, stand number at the Stock exchange, and who they were in partnership with.

In 1901, Claud is still living at home (Claybury, Sparrows Herne, Bushey). By 1911. Ricardo had retired from the Stock Exchange. With him and his wife were 3 of their children, and four servants – cook, parlourmaid, house maid and kitchen maid. Claud is noted as a stock share dealer.

Claud did not marry until he was 38, on 11 April 1917, at St Pauls Clifton, Bristol, to Evelyn Margaret **Morgan**, who was only 23. Their son Philip Claud was born in 1917. On the 1921 census Claud was residing at home, along with his brother Norman (a motor engineer). Evelyn and Philip were staying at 4, Esplanade, Burnham, Somerset. On checking with the GRO website, Claud and Evelyn also had a daughter, Patricia Mary, born on 15th January 1922, at The Poplars, Clay Hill, Bushey. By 1923 (according to the Stock Exchange Register), the family were living at Yew Tree Cottage, Aldenham Rd, Bushey.

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19 17. Marriage solemnized at S. Paul's Church in the parish
of Clifton in the County of Bristol.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
25	April 11 th	Claud Hulse Albany Palmer	38	Bachelor	Master of the St. Paul's Church Lane	"Clayton" Buckley St. Hts.	Ricard Palmer	Retired
	1917.	Elizabeth Margaret Morgan	23	Spinster	—	6 Malvern Road Clifton.	Lillian Morgan	no occupation (deceased)

Married in the S. Paul's Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Anglican Church by me,
after ban by me,
W E Haight Vicar

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Claud Hulse Albany Palmer in the Presence of us, Elizabeth Margaret Morgan Py Jones Ricard Palmer

Any Correctional Notes must be written in this Margin.

P. J. Dunn

(c) Claud Palmer

Claud died 1 November 1933 at Peace Memorial Hospital, Watford, aged 55, and was of of Yew Tree Cottage, Aldenham Road, Bushey, a Stock jobber, The cause was 1(a) Peritonitis, 1 (b) appendicitis (operation) No P.M. – certified by **W W Shackleton** M.D. Informant was his brother Norman Palmer of Ommaroo, Jersey, Channel Islands. His parents are buried at St James churchyard, Bushey, although I do not know where Claud was buried. Incidentally Claud's son Philip Claud Palmer was in the Sherwood Foresters regiment in the Second World War.

Frank Chester - Referee

Frank Chester was a much easier person trace. If you read my article "The Body in the Villa" in an earlier issue of *Hertfordshire People*, there is a brief mention of him as a witness in the case.

"Frank **Chester**, railway clerk at Watford, stated that he saw Cyril **Bliss**, an acquaintance of the deceased on the evening of Feb 9th, eighty to a hundred yards from the villa where the body was fund. This was shortly after seven o'clock. Cross



examined, witness stated that he would be surprised to know that four witnesses stated that Bliss was at home at the time".

(*Derby Daily Telegraph* 3rd Match 1921)

Frank's cricketing life has been well documented, especially in newspapers, and he wrote a book about his life as a cricket umpire. However, there is very little genealogical information in

his book which concentrated on cricketers, cricket teams and cricket matches!

Frank was one of 6 children born to George Henry **Chester** (born London) and Amelia (nee **Hulance** born Gloucestershire), He was born on 20th January 1895 at Park Road, Bushey. He, along with three of his siblings were baptised on 14th April 1895 at Bushey.

No. 148	(Born March 2 nd 1895)					
1895.	14 April	Eliza Rose	George Henry + Amelia	Chester	Bushey	Clerk
No. 149	(Born Nov. 21 st 1896)					
1895.	14 April	Fredrick Harold	George Henry + Amelia	Chester	Bushey	Clerk
No. 150	(Born Jan. 13 th 1897)					
1895.	14 April	Arthur Joseph	George Henry + Amelia	Chester	Bushey	Clerk
No. 151	(Born Dec. 21 st 1899)					
1895.	14 April	Frank	George Henry + Amelia	Chester	Bushey	Clerk
No. 152	(Born Jan. 21 st 1895)					



In 1901, the family were living at Hawthorn Villa, Falconer Road, Bushey. By the time of the next census, Frank was now a budding cricketer at the age of 16. According to later newspaper reports, he first played cricket at Bushey where he was spotted by Alec **Hearne** an all-round cricketer for Kent.

From there Frank joined the Worcestershire cricket side and showed great ability as an “aggressive batsman and off spin bowler”.

In 1911, he was a visitor at 2 Kinloch Villas, Sandip Road, Barbourne, Worcestershire, occupation cricketer.

It was certain to be a great career, but the First World War broke out. It appears that Frank enlisted in the R F A, service number 89578 on 3 May 1915. According to his medal Index card, Frank entered a theatre of war on 7 September 1915. He served in France and was later drafted to Salonika. There was a medical report, from 28 General hospital, Keni, Salonika. Frank, (when part of the 12th Corps Labour battalion), was admitted 25 July 1917 with a fracture of the right radius and ulna, a result of wounds received. Ether was used as anaesthetic. He was then transferred to 42 General Hospital, and he had part of his right arm amputated. He was returned to England in January 1918, having two further operations before he was discharged on 30 August 1918. He was entitled to the 1915-star, British War Medal, Victory Medal and a silver war badge.

In 1919, Frank married Elsie Edith **Little** in the Watford Registration district. Their son Baron Stanley Henry **Chester** was born on 20 August 1919 at Clarendon Garage, Station Road, Watford. His father's occupation was given as Army pensioner. Frank tried playing cricket with a hook at the end of his false arm. Later someone suggested umpiring. His book says “*during the winter (1919) I did some soccer refereeing*”. Frank was first appointed as a Test umpire in 1924 and officiated in every series in England since, as 1st class umpire for 28 seasons (excluding war years).

On the 1921 census, Frank, Elsie and Stanley were living with Frank's widowed mother at 58 Falconer Road, Bushey. He is

noted as a “pensioner, disabled soldier”. Earlier that year, Frank had been a witness at the inquest into the death of Henrietta **Weightman** when he was said to be employed by the North Western Railway.

On the 1939 register, Frank was living at 12 Herkomer Close, Bushey, occupation given was First Class cricket umpire. With him were his wife and son (whose occupation was given as invoice clerk at a brewery. An additional note on the register says “Gunner 341 battery 86 Field, Herts Yeomanry”).

Frank retired from cricket umpiring due to health reasons in 1955 – a stomach ulcer. He died on 8 April 1957 at 12 Herkomer Close, Bushey. – his occupation was given as professional cricket umpire retired. Cause of death - 1(a) coronary thrombosis 1(b) coronary atheroma. The Informant was his son S B H Chester of 118 Bournehall Road, Bushey. Probate was 31 May 1957, Effects - £7150 13s 6d, He was buried at St James Bushey (Headstone with kerbs) -

“ In Loving memory of a dear husband and father Frank Chester died April 6th, 1957, aged 62. And Elsie Edith, wife and mother died October 4th, 1995, aged 98”

Sources

Ancestry.co.uk

Find my Past

London, England, Stock Exchange Membership Applications, 1802-1924,

“How’s That” by Frank Chester (Hutchinsons 1956)

GRO Certificates

Herts F H S – Monumental inscriptions – Bushey Part 1

Researching in Canada

If you have a genealogical interest in Canada (Canada has 10 provinces and 3 territories), thanks to one of our Canadian members, below are a selection of websites, which may be of interest. Some are free to browse and some charge fees.

Library and Archives Canada is where to find census, immigration, and military records for all of Canada. Free to browse. <https://www.canada.ca/en/library-archives.html>

Immigration Canada has more recent immigration records. Some records may be restricted.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/immigration-citizenship.html>

Below is the direct page to Ontario Archives vital statistics: birth, marriage, and death records. Free to browse. <https://www.archives.gov.on.ca/topic/birth-marriage-and-death/#Search-archived-registrations-online>

The following websites centre on the Quebec area:

Généalogie Québec. "Genealogy Quebec is a subscription-based genealogy research platform that helps you trace your family history in Quebec (and beyond). It brings many collections together in one place and helps you find ancestors faster with a powerful search engine, helpful filters, and access to original record images when available. Genealogy Quebec is designed to be used by both French and English speakers. The entire website is available in English, from the menus to the tutorials to the various search engines and databases. Most original documents will only be available in their original language, but they will often be accompanied

by a readout of the important information contained in the record, which is available in both French and English.” <https://www.genealogiequebec.com/en/>

Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ) “holds digitized parish registers from 1621 to 1916, available for online. These include Catholic and non-Catholic church records, but are not indexed, so manual browsing by year and parish is required.” <https://www.banq.qc.ca/>

Some websites in Quebec have English translation. Your browser may offer to translate each page as you browse.

Here are a couple of other resources. These sites charge fees.

Kawartha Ancestral Research Association (KARA) in Peterborough, Ontario has been helpful with our member’s research. They focus on the Kawartha region, but they were also helpful with her search in other Ontario regions. Sylvia is the full-time researcher.

CAN \$55 per year. <https://kawarthagenealogy.ca/>

The Ontario Genealogical Society has small interest groups based on county regions and based on migration groups.

CAN \$63 per year + small fees for interest groups. <https://ogs.on.ca/>

From Old Hertfordshire Calendar.....

Harvest Horns were blown in the fields to mark the time for meals, a custom still kept within living memory.

There were seven traditional harvestman's meals or 'break times'

1) **First Breakfast** (pronounced 'Brestfust') - before 6am - a little bread and cheese, or apple pie, with a draught of small beer or pint of strong ale before setting off from home.

2) **Breakfast**, or **Eight o'Clock** - at 8am in the fields - Boiled milk crumbled with bread, bread and cheese or apple pasty, or hashed and minced meat left over from the day before.

3) **Beaver** or **lunch** - at 10 or 11am - Bread, cheese and beer.

4) **Dinner** - at 12 or 1pm - Could include broad beans and bacon or pork, beef with carrots, turnips or cabbage, cucumbers or potatoes and beer to wash it down.

5) **Cheesing time**, or **fours** - at 4pm - sometimes, beer, bread and cheese.

6) **Sixes**, or **Tea** - at 6pm - beer, or cold tea, bread and cheese.

7) **Supper** - about 8pm - usually at the farmhouse, in the 18 century there were typically 'messes of new milk crumbed with bread, or fat bacon or pickled pork boiled hot with broad beans'.

Research Hints

Using HALS Online

Hertfordshire **A**rchives and **L**ocal **S**tudies library (HALS) holds information about Hertfordshire for researchers interested in Architecture, Businesses, Estates, Places etc. It is also a very rich source of information about People and their Family History and maintains a strong link with Hertfordshire Family History Society.

The Archive can be used in person and online. Although our members in other continents visit occasionally, and we offer quarterly in person help sessions, this article provides a guide to what is in the records and how to start using them online.

Start practising now so you know what to do when HALS closes for the big move (not imminent and no date finalised).

The website [Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies | Hertfordshire County Council](#) provides various options.



What's in the
archives?

Books and pamphlets	>
Cemetery and burial records	>
Census returns	>
Coroner's records	>
Crime and punishment records	>
Electoral registers and poll books	>
Historical birth, death and marriage records	>
History of Hertfordshire's gardens and parks	>
Hospital records	>
Houses and buildings	>
Maps	>
Military records	>
Newspapers	>
Nonconformist records	>
Parish registers: Baptism, Marriages and Burials	>
Photographs and illustrations	>
Poor law records and workhouses	>
School records	>
Trade directories	>
Vehicle licence records	>
Wills	>

The list shows the wide variety of family history data that is available.

Searching NAMES ONLINE automatically looks for a specific WORD (not necessarily a surname) in most of the sections listed above and also in the Archive Catalogue.



Search the
archive catalogue



Search
Hertfordshire
Names Online

Keywords:

Surname (exact):

24 Matches were listed for Ellcock: 19 Tithe, 2 Newspaper and 3 marriages as shown below.

Groom	Bride	Parish	Source	Date
William Ellcock of St Pancras Middlesex	Eleanor Merchant of Braughing	Braughing	marriage register	16 Jul 1855
Daniel Ellcock of Little Hadham	Elizabeth Merchant of Braughing	Braughing	marriage register	25 Dec 1856
Nathan Merchant of Braughing	Naarah Ellcock of Little Hadham	Little Hadham	marriage register	5 Jul 1853

Why where no records shown in the in the Archive Catalogue? Perhaps the search engine did not recognise Ellcock as a surname? Repeating the search with Ellcock as a key word, not a surname, produced 6 results.

Doc type (ref)	Parish	Details
Personal and miscellaneous (D/EX432/F1-3)	Little Hadham	Daniel Ellcock, carpenter; personal account book; small watercolour portrait; rubbing made by him of memorial brass in Little Hadham Church
Personal and miscellaneous (D/EX432/F4)	Little Hadham	Extracts from Parish registers concerning the Ellcock, and related, families
Personal and miscellaneous (D/EX79/Z1)	Little Hadham	Probate, Daniel Ellcock, builder and farmer, Little Hadham
Personal and miscellaneous (D/Ex79/Z2)	Little Hadham	Notes on Ellcock family
Maps and plans (D/EX79/Z3)	Much Hadham	Sketch Map of Hadham cross, showing where the Ellcocks lived
Personal and miscellaneous (D/EX79/Z2)	Much Hadham	Notes on Ellcock family



The descriptions could be more accurate, but that did not matter. It led me to an unknown family archive deposited by a branch of my family some time ago including a picture of my 4th great grandfather, a butler, born 1766 in Suffolk and buried 1852 in Little Hadham.

Searching in the HALS Archive directly is harder to master but an alternative way to search is via the National Archives [Discovery | The National Archives](#). Use 'Explore the catalogue' and then 'Advanced search' to find information at HALS.

Grant	
Papers, including Manorial Records, Title Deeds, Family papers and Estate Records of the Lytton family...ESTATE PAPERS.KNEBWORTH. John Honyng, parson of Northburgh [Northants] (1); William Dardes and John Whyt of Knebworth (2). Lands etc which John Honyng had of the gift of	
Held by:	Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies
Date:	October 1408
Reference:	DE/K/154

I still have not looked at this document at HALS!

Best wishes for your research in 2026.

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Warners of Walkern

By Samantha Ward



Caroline **Warner** was born on 25 March 1851 in Walkern, Hertfordshire, to John **Warner** (1817–1883) and Emma **Draper** (1822–1895), both natives of Walkern.

Caroline, my second great-grandmother, was one of twelve siblings residing in a modest cottage on Totts Lane, Walkern.



In the 1861 census of Walkern, Caroline and her sister Ester, aged ten and seven respectively, were enrolled in school.

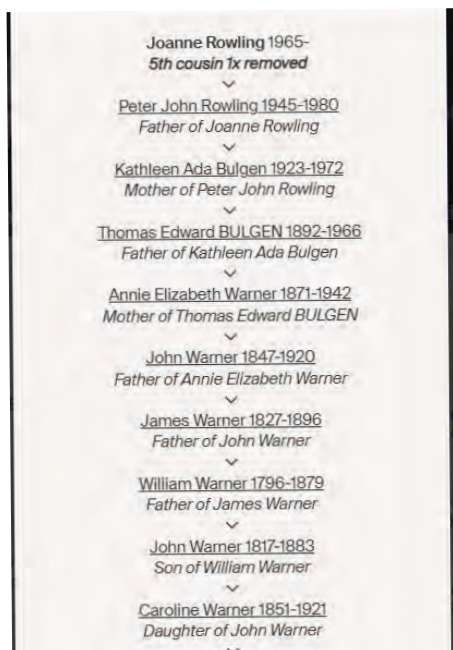
Their father, John **Warner**, was employed as a woodman, while their mother, Emma, worked as a plaiter. Caroline's brothers, John and Joseph, served as plough boys at ages fourteen and twelve, and her youngest brother, Noah, was just two years old.

1861 England, Wales & Scotland Census Transcription

Household Members

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Gender	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
John	Warner	Head	Married	Male	44	1817	Woodman	Walkern, Hertfordshire, England
Emma	Warner	Wife	Married	Female	38	1823	Plaster	Walkern, Hertfordshire, England
John	Warner	Son	-	Male	14	1847	Pough Boy	Walkern, Hertfordshire, England
Joseph	Warner	Son	-	Male	12	1849	Pough Boy	Walkern, Hertfordshire, England
Caroline	Warner	Daughter	-	Female	10	1851	Scholar	Walkern, Hertfordshire, England
Ester	Warner	Daughter	-	Female	7	1854	Scholar	Walkern, Hertfordshire, England
Naah	Warner	Son	-	Male	2	1858	-	Walkern, Hertfordshire, England

Caroline's grandfather, William **Warner** (1796-1897), was a thatcher from Walkern with eight siblings. He married Sophia **Cock** (1794-1864) at St Mary's Church, Walkern.



It is from this couple that a link is shown to the famous Author Joanne **Rowling**, if my Research is correct!

By 1871, Caroline (21) left Totts Lane Cottage to work as a domestic servant in Wallington, Hertfordshire, where she married Edward **Ward** on 15 October 1871.

In 1881, they lived at Hall Farm Cottage, Throcking, with five children: Friend Ellen Rose, Albert Edward, Alice Louisa, Alfred Robert, and Anniss Elizabeth. By 1891, the family had moved to Mill End Farm, Sandon, where Edward farmed and they had seven children living with them: Albert, Alice, Alfred, Anness, Frederick, Francis, and Dasie.

By 1898 The Ward family had moved to Lye End Farm, Sandon, as this plea for their Son Frederick to return home was found in *Herts & Cambs Reporter & Royston Crow* 15 April 1898.



It is said that an oak tree was planted there for each of their children.

In the Newspaper archives of the time there are a few of interest.

Caroline gave a character reference for a man accused of stealing an Egg!

Mrs. Caroline Ward, wife of Mr. Edward Ward, of Lye End Farm, Sandon, gave evidence as to the fetching of the milk, eggs, and butter by the prisoner from the farm on the day of the alleged theft. She said she had known the prisoner as a very respectable man, and should not have thought him capable of such a paltry theft.

Mr. Elizabeth Lyle of Chipping was called

In October 1904 a Family Wedding reception was held at Lye End Farm, Sandon.

SANDON.

**MARRIAGE OF Mr. HARRY STRICKLAND
AND Miss ALICE WARD.**

A pretty wedding, favoured by lovely autumn sunshine, was solemnized in the Parish Church on Wednesday, October 12th, the contracting parties being Mr. Harry Strickland, eldest son of Mr. John and Mrs. Strickland, and Alice, the second daughter of Mr. Edward and Caroline Ward, of Lye End Farm, Sandon. The bride looked well in a dress of ivory crepoline, trimmed with chiffon and orange blossom, and she wore a veil and wreath of orange blossom and white heather, and carried a shower bouquet composed of white chrysanthemums and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids were Miss Daisy Ward, sister of the bride, and Miss Jessie Strickland, sister of the bridegroom, and they wore dresses of cream nuns veiling, and tangerine sashes, with white felt hats, trimmed with autumn foliage and tangerine velvet, and wore gold brooches, and carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums and roses, the gifts of the bridegroom. The Rev. F. W. Low officiated, and Mrs. Low kindly presided at the organ. The service was choral. A reception was afterwards held at Lye End Farm, and attended by many family friends.

The following is the list of wedding presents :—

And another Wedding in 1905.

SANDON.

WEDDING.—On Monday, a very pretty wedding took place, the contracting parties being Miss Anness E. Ward, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward, of Lye End Farm, Sandon, and Mr. Harry Whitby, third son of Mr. William Whitby, of Chipping. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in crepple, trimmed with chiffon and lace, veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of narcissus and maiden hair fern. The bridesmaids in attendance were Miss Dorothy Ward and Miss Olive Whitby. They were prettily attired in white silk dresses, and wore wreaths of forget-me-nots, and carried baskets of forget-me-nots, and wore pearl necklaces, the gift of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. Joseph Whitby, (brother of the bridegroom). The hymn, "How welcome was the Call," was played by Mrs. Bonfield, in the absence of Mrs. Low, and the Wedding March was played as the wedding party left the Church. After the ceremony, a reception was held at Lye End Farm, there being about 40 present. Later in the day, the happy couple, amidst showers of confetti, and the good wishes of numerous friends, left for their home at Tooting. The bride's going away costume, consisted of navy blue satin cloth trimmed with lace and silk, with hat to match. The presents which numbered over 40, were both useful and beautiful.

In 1911 Caroline and Edward were living at Lye End Farm with four of their children. That same year on 18th September Caroline Passed away at home age 70 with Her family by her side from congestion of the Lungs.

1911 England, Wales & Scotland Census Transcription

Household Members

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Sex	Occupation	Age	Birth year	Birth place
Edward	Ward	Head	Married	Male	Farmer	65	1846	Herts Parish of Sandon
Caroline	Ward	Wife	Married	Female	-	61	1850	Herts Parish of Walkern
Frederick William	Ward	Son	Single	Male	Farmer's Son Working On Farm	26	1883	Herts Parish of Cottered
Daisie Agnes	Ward	Daughter	Single	Female	Mother's Help	21	1890	Herts Parish of Sandon
Frances Sidney	Ward	Son	Single	Male	Farmer's Son Working On Farm	20	1885	Herts Parish of Cottered
Christopher James	Ward	Son	Single	Male	Farmer's Son Working On Farm	18	1887	Herts Parish of Sandon
Dorothy Maud	Ward	Daughter	Single	Female	None	15	1896	Herts Parish of Sandon
Ethel Blanche	Hayes	Visitor	Single	Female	Herts County Council Teacher	31	1885	Northumberland New Castle on Tyne

Another wedding in 1912, Daisie Agnes **Ward** 1899- 1977 and Ernest Henry Victor **Boniwell** 1887- 1978 at Lye End Farm, Sandon.



In 1913 Edward **Ward** had his watch Stolen!

CHILDREN'S COURT.

Albert Milner, aged 13½ years, living with his step-father (Geo. Anderson) at Chipping Lane, Sandon, was charged with stealing a watch and chain, the property of Mr. Edward Ward, at Sandon, on Sept. 29th.

Edward Ward said he lived at Sandon and was a farmer. On Sept. 29th the boy came to his house for some milk. It was about 5.30 in the evening. A watch and chain was in the pocket of a waistcoat which was hanging on a mangle just inside the wash-house door. Witness hung his waistcoat up there about five o'clock. About seven o'clock witness went to take up his waistcoat and put it on, but did not miss the watch and chain until about 8 o'clock, when he wanted to wind the watch up. The boy's home was about a mile from witness's house. On the following Tuesday morning the police brought a watch and chain to him, which he identified as his property. He valued the watch and chain at £2 12s. 6d.

P.c. Burrows said on Monday, Sept. 29th, he received a report from the son of the last witness, and in consequence of that, on the following day he saw the defendant in the presence of his mother. He asked defendant if he knew anything about a watch and chain stolen from Lya End. Defendant said he knew nothing about it, but afterwards said "I have hid it." Defendant went with witness to a barn at the rear of the house, and from under some sacks and hay the boy took out the watch. Subsequently the prosecutor identified the watch and chain as his property.

George Anderson said he was the boy's step-father, and in reply to the usual questions said he would rather have the case settled at that Court.

The boy, in reply to the Chairman's questions, said he was guilty of stealing the watch. He took it because his uncle told him to take everything he could see.

George Anderson said the boy's uncle used to live with him, and it was through him the boy was there. He (witness) had now turned the boy's uncle out of the house.

The Chairman said it was a very serious thing to steal, and he would go to prison if he continued to do such things. His step-father had very kindly asked that he should not be sent to prison. His step-father would be bound over in the sum of £5 for the good behaviour of the boy. If the boy did anything of the kind again he would have to come up for judgment in this case as well, and would probably be sent right away to some Industrial Home. He would be placed under the supervision of Mr. Andrews for the period of 12 months.

The boy thanked the Bench, and promised to be of good behaviour in future.

Edward Lived till the 9th August 1925. Edward and Caroline are buried together at All saints church, Sandon.





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Did you know?

Volunteers at HALS added an astonishing 38,257 records to the HALH archive catalogue last year. Search the online catalogue from the homepage of the HALS website. The catalogue can also be searched via the 'Hertfordshire Names Online' page. There is always something new.

Events at HALS

1060 and Beyond: Early treasures in the Archives

An illustrated talk about some of HALS' oldest documents from 1060 to the late medieval period.

Tuesday, 8 September, 7:00pm

£7; booking essential

Keepers of the Charter

The story of the discovery of the 1060 charter and its connections to the Wittewronge family.

Tuesday, 6 October, 7:00pm

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Exhibiting the Bayeux Tapestry

A talk by Michael Lewis FSA MCIfA, Curator of the Bayeux Tapestry Exhibition at the British Museum

Tuesday 3 November, 7:00pm

£7; booking essential

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Wednesday, 9 September, 2:00pm – 3.00pm.

Thursday, 12 November, 11:00am – 12pm.

Free event; booking essential

And, if you are looking after children over the October half-term holiday ...

Create your own charter

The chance to create an illuminated charter inspired by some of the amazing works in the HALS collection and to seal it with wax. Suitable for 5 – 11 year olds.

Tuesday, 27 October, 10:00am

£4; booking essential

HALS on the move ... new opening hours

A reminder that to accommodate the work needed to prepare for the move to the Hertford Fire Station site, HALS is no longer open on Friday mornings and open only on the first Saturday of each month (by appointment) but no longer the third Saturday. All other HALS services continue as usual from the County Hall site.

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Tuesday 9am – 5pm

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

Wednesday 9am – 5pm

Thursday 9am – 5pm

Friday Closed

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

Sunday Closed

Please be aware that there are no longer any facilities for
buying hot drinks or snacks at HALS. You are advised to take
your own refreshments which can be consumed in the foyer. It
is a ten minute walk into Hertford with quite a climb back up.

Useful links

www.findmypast.co.uk Hertfordshire parish registers,
school logbooks, historic newspapers & the 1939 National
Register searchable online (subscription site, free to use at
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www.workhouses.org.uk the story of the workhouse with information about workhouses in Hertfordshire and across the country

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

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

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

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

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

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk The National Archives (TNA) Entrance to The National Archives at Kew is free and there is no need to book although visitors are encouraged to do so and to order documents in advance. A reader's card is required to view original documents and this can be ordered online. More on the website. At the time of writing, downloadable files were still available at no charge (usually £3.50). These include PCC wills, navy and marine records, New Poor Law correspondence (Bishops Stortford Poor Law Union only for Herts) and certain deeds.

HFHS Online Query Sessions

These hour long sessions are designed to help with brick walls, give an opportunity to share your research stories and interesting sources you have used with other members and for members to get to know each other and the Committee. Our helpful members will be on hand to help you with any family history queries. The sessions are inclusive and welcoming to members and occasionally non members too.

Information about joining will be sent out by the registrar and we will also publicise on social media. Query sessions start at 14.30pm (UK time) and last for about an hour, unless otherwise stated.

Dates for 2026

Saturday 10 October - online at 14.30pm

More Query sessions are planned for 2027

Society Talks

June 2026

Quick and Dirty Trees presented by Karen Evans

June saw the return of the engaging Karen Evans to talk about research trees that can be created to link between DNA matches and your own family tree research and find a link with your most recent common ancestor.

The important point Karen made was to encourage your living relatives to take a test to add to the available data. Once you have found a common ancestor it is advisable to check out each sibling by going back, out and down using genealogical research methods.

Karen allowed us to record her informative talk and it is available in our members area. If any member has a specific query, Karen is happy to help if she can - dnahelp@family-tree.co.uk

July 2026

Growing a Tree from an 18th century Root presented by Felicity Brimblecombe

Our Chair has a Masters degree in Garden History and the Walled Garden at Luton Hoo and its gardeners have been close to her heart for many years. She has used her genealogical research skills to investigate the men on the WW1 War Memorial, who worked on the Estate, and the history of the Estate gardeners further back in time.

This talk centered on case studies on two of the ‘gardeners’ from Luton Hoo, William **Ireland** and Archibald **Thomson**. Both gardeners were working at Luton Hoo at the time when ‘Capability’ Brown was designing and working on landscaping Luton Hoo’s grounds. Ireland was Brown’s Foreman and Thomson was his Botanical advisor. Both men are important in the story of Luton Hoo,

William **Ireland** was born about 1744 and died in 1824 at the age of 80. He has connections with Wandsworth in Surrey and Southill in Bedfordshire. He left a PCC Will where he mentions sons Robert, Thomas William and William and daughter Sarah. who was made executrix.

Archibald **Thomson** was born in Edinburgh in about 1752 and married Martha **Gutteridge** at Park Street Baptist Chapel in Luton on 26 January 1781. Their children were baptised nonconformist in Luton where Archibald was described as a Nuseryman and hailing from the parish of Bromley in Middlesex. He ran the Mile End Nursery and was an expert in plants and botany. The poet James Thomson was believed to be a relative. He ws connected with James **Gordon**, gardener to Lord **Petre**, in Mile End and Thomas **Dermer**, as seedsman who was related to the Gutteridge family. Gordon and Dermer were Seedsman of Fenchurch Street, London and Nurserymen at Mile End.

Felicity showed us how the family trees and careers of both men could be researched by using parish registers, Wills, newspapers, Sun Alliance Fire policies, the London Lives website and extracts from secondary sources. By using primary sources, such as Wills, it was discovered that some entries in respected sources, such as the D.N.B. have proved to be erroneous. Felicity states that is always best to check the original sources as mistakes can be repeated in other publications and then quoted as ‘facts’.

The Search for Richard Parkyns of Bushey (b. 1692)

By Anna (HFHS Member 4767)

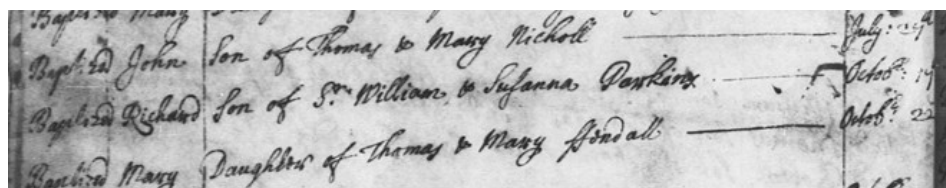
In the world of family history, we are often told to trust the indexes. But what happens when the master databases fall silent, yet the original parchment holds the ultimate truth?

For years, researchers tracking the aftermath of the 1696 Jacobite Plot have focused on the dramatic demise of Sir William **Parkyns** (1649–1696). Following his execution, his property at Bushey Manor was subject to crown forfeiture. However, local historians know that two-thirds of the estate was saved from total forfeiture through a mortgage involving the **Blackwell** and **Parkins** families. The family remained, shrouded in financial survival, until the eldest son, Blackwell Parkyns, finally sold the manor in 1715.

Yet, a major brick wall has emerged regarding the youngest son of Sir William Parkyns: Richard Parkyns.

Standard online indexes and county databases show no trace of Richard's early life or his subsequent movements in southwest Hertfordshire. However, a deep dive into the original, unindexed parish register images reveals a beautifully preserved baptism entry from St James, Bushey, dated 17 October 1692:

"Baptized Richard Son of Sr William & Susanna Parkins".



To assist fellow researchers, here are the key established facts regarding Richard's early life and family context:

- **17 October 1692:** Baptised at St James, Bushey, as the youngest of six children born to Sir William and Susanna Parkyns.
- **April 1696:** Left fatherless at age three following Sir William's execution.
- **1703:** Confirmed living locally during his childhood; contemporary records place his mother, Susanna, residing for a period in nearby Watford at the household of Peter **Colborne (Coulbourne)**.
- **October 1713:** Reached his legal age of majority (21), legally qualifying him to sign deeds or handle property.
- **1715:** The final execution and sale of Bushey Manor by his older brother, Blackwell Parkyns, who subsequently relocated to Leicester Grange in Leicestershire, where he resided until his death on 17 July 1721.

Based on this timeline, Richard likely remained anchored to the Bushey or Watford area well into his adulthood. His subsequent steps, however, remain an unsolved puzzle. He cannot have simply vanished without a trace, and finding contemporary records from this Hertfordshire enclave is essential to reconstruct his line.

When looking through local records, it is critical to note that the family surname appears frequently across three distinct variants in contemporary documents: **Parkyns, Parkins, and Perkins**. This phonetic fluidness often misleads transcription algorithms, compounding the difficulty of tracking this line.

Because standard baptismal and Poor Law indexes fail to pick up this elite, politically sensitive family, I am launching a local

research appeal to the readers of *Hertfordshire People*.

Can you help break this wall?

I am urgently seeking any information regarding the adult life of Richard Parkyns after 1713, with a particular focus on records of his marriage, as well as the births and baptisms of his children. I am looking for any surviving clues, mentions, property transactions, tax assessments, or legal documents concerning his person, or the wider Blackwell and Parkins families, from 1696 onwards into the early decades of the 18th century. I would be deeply grateful for any leads found within private transcriptions, unindexed vestry minutes, local land/window tax lists, or manorial court rolls for Bushey, Watford, Aldenham, or Rickmansworth.

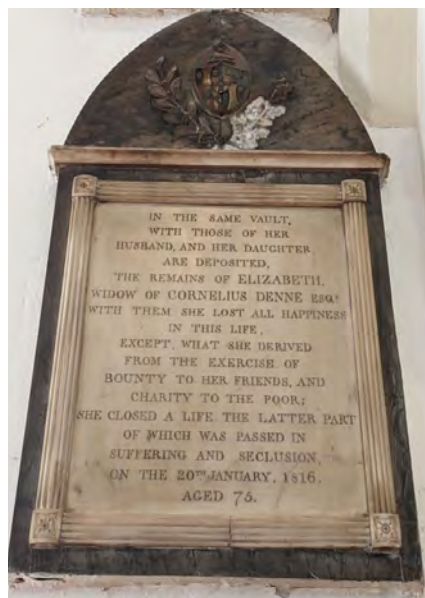
If you have encountered this family under any of the three spelling variations in your own southwestern Hertfordshire reconstructions, or if you hold private transcripts of land disputes involving the Blackwells, please contact the author via the HFHS Editor. Let us bring Richard's adult footprints back into the light.

A Hertfordshire Heraldic Miscellany

By John J. Tunesi of Liongam

75) The Marital Arms of Cornelius Denne and Elizabeth Neave

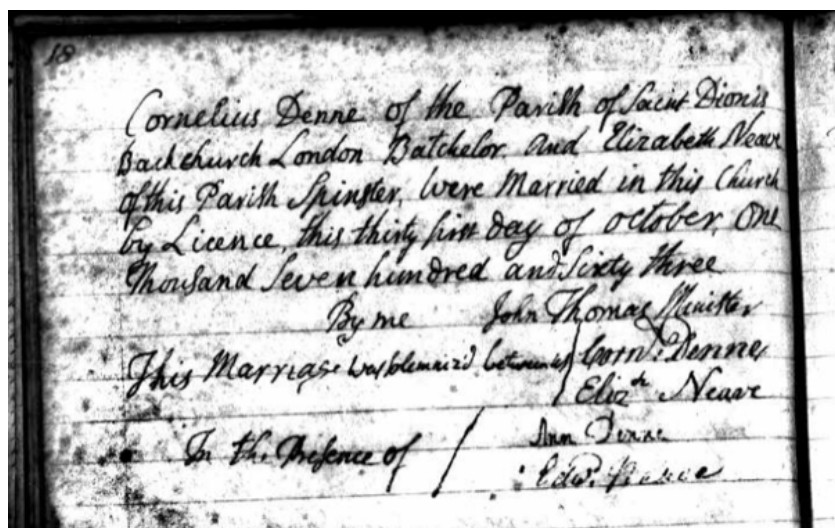
Found within the Parish Church of St. Mary, Watford in the County of Hertfordshire are two armorial mural monuments commemorating the lives of Cornelius **Denne** and his wife, Elizabeth **Neave**.



Cornelius (born January 1737 died 14th April 1809), banker of Curzon Street, Mayfair in the County of Middlesex and formerly of Strand in the same county is believed to be the second and only surviving son of John Denne, brewer of Spitalfields¹ in the County of Middlesex, situated upon the eastern edge of the City of London, and his wife, Ann **Carpender** (born 1713 died

15th November 1790), whilst Elizabeth (born 21st November 1740 died 20th January 1816) was a eldest daughter and co-heiress of Edward **Neave**², soapmaker of the Parish of St. Botolph Aldgate the City of London and his wife, Jane **Hudson**.

Cornelius and Elizabeth were married at the Parish Church of St. Mary, East Molesey in the County of Surrey on the 31st October 1763.



The Marriage Entry of Cornelius Denne and Elizabeth Neave in the Register of the Parish Church of St. Mary, East Molesey, Co. Surrey – 31st October 1763.

Given the evidence of these two mural monuments, together with one for Cornelius' mother, Ann (died 1790), the Denne family undoubtedly resided in the town of Watford but whether of long standing is not presently known.



The marital arms of Denne and Neave may be blazoned as follows:

Arms: Quarterly 1st and 4th Argent two flanches sable each charged with a leopard's face of the first³ (for Denne) 2nd Azure three covered cups argent (for Butler) and 3rd Paly of six argent and gules on a chevron azure three cross crosslets or (for Carpenter) and upon an escutcheon of pretence Argent on a cross sable five fleurs-de-lis or (for Neave)

Crest: A stag lodged (proper?) (for Denne)

Although it is not known for certain, the Dennes, of Middlesex and later of Hertfordshire may have been able to claim a putative descent from the family of Denne who recorded their arms and a multi-generation pedigree of the Heralds' Visitation of the County of Kent that took place in the year 1619. This pedigree stems from a John Denne de Denne, East Kent living during the reign of King John. The arms being recorded as 'Argent two flanches each charged with a leopard's face or'. There was no crest recorded at this visitation.

Notes

1. John was in partnership with Sir Benjamin **Truman**. When John died on the 27th October 1741, he left an estate worth £30,000, a veritable fortune at the time which would make John a millionaire many times over today.

2. Edward was the eldest son of Richard Neave, of St. Botolph Bishopsgate in the City of London and wife, Elizabeth **Bradford**. Edward's nephew, the second son of his younger brother, James Neave (born 7th August 1700 died 1764), of London and Walthamstow in the City of London, Richard Neave (born 22nd November 1731 died 28th January 1814) served as Governor of the Bank of England (1783 – 85)) was created as a Baronet within the Baronetage of Great Britain on the 13th May 1795 styled 'of Dagnam Park in the County of Essex', the estate he acquired in 1772. He also served as the High Sheriff of Essex for the year 1794.

3. If this blazon is correct, the 'leopards' faces' differ in being 'argent' rather than 'or' as recorded for a family of Denne as recorded in the Heralds' Visitation of the County of Kent of 1619, as cited above.

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Hertfordshire Family History Society

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All our talks are online via Zoom.
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Please check our website News & Events page and our social media platforms for any last minute changes to the programme.

September 26 - Rev.Henry Small and the Missing £20,000 presented by **Jon Mein**. Elected rector of the Abbey parish in St Albans in 1817, Small embezzled some £20,000 from the locals. The ensuing scandal made the national headlines and questions were raised in Parliament. To understand why Small did what he did, this talk considers his difficult family history and the state of the Church of England in the late Georgian period.

October 24 - Using a Research Methodology for Family History presented by **Phil Isherwood**. The sources we rely on for our family histories provide information, but the analysis of that information and formulation into proof requires a structured method. Our speaker will discuss methodologies, and show how they can be used to successfully solve complex cases.

November 28 - Jewish Genealogy presented by **Jeanette Rosenberg OBE**.

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