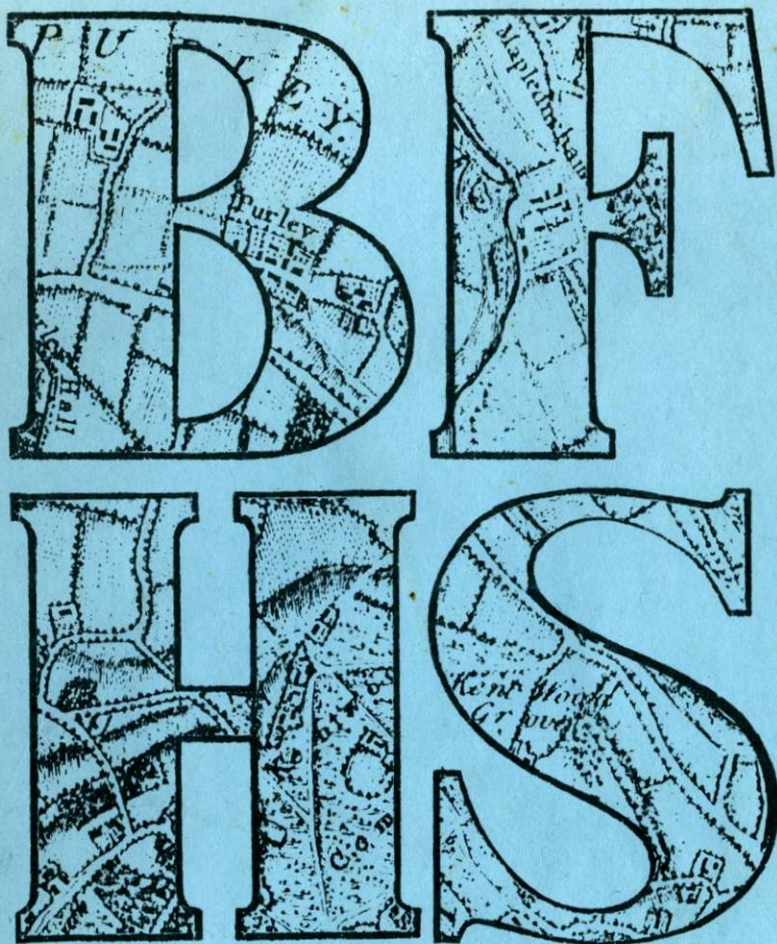




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Parish registers on microfilm

Following a recent programme of microfilming undertaken in the Record Office by the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the majority of parish registers are now available on microfilm. In order to ensure the long term preservation of the original registers, the County Council, with the agreement of the diocesan and archdeaconry authorities, has decided that these shall be withdrawn from public use in normal circumstances. Readers are therefore asked to request the appropriate microfilm in place of the original register; the reference number of the film will be found in the parish catalogues.

The County Archivist may authorise the production of original registers only in exceptional cases, in particular if an incumbent or PCC member requires to inspect them. Readers are however asked to cooperate in protecting and preserving these heavily used records by using microfilm in all normal circumstances.

Amanda J E Arrowsmith
County Archivist

Climbing the family tree

WHAT'S in a name? Quite a lot, according to Mr Robert Massey, of Enstone in Oxfordshire. And he should know. A professional genealogist, he specialises in tracing family trees.

LAST week at Twyford the newly-formed Reading Amateur Genealogists Society sat enthralled as Mr Massey explained the best way to find out whether great-great-grandad was a king or a clockmaker.

And they heard that he had traced his own family back to the year 793, on his mother's side. But then her folks came from Holland, and the Dutch keep pretty good records.

Nearer home, the picture's not so bright. "Berkshire's one of the most difficult counties in England," said Mr Massey. "And Oxfordshire's even worse. They don't have a lot of gentry, and they were mostly farm labourers. Very few merchants."

"People used to move from parish to parish seeking work. I've just been working on a case where a man had nine children in nine different parishes in nine successive years."

There was a word of cheer, however, for those of farming stock. If you go back far enough, you'll quite likely get to an earl or a baron.

The first place to start looking is — your own home. Dig out that family Bible, said Mr Massey, they're almost always accurate. Ask your parents some searching questions.

The next step is St Catherine's House, Aldwych, and Somerset House. Birth and marriage certificates will get you back to the mid 1800s, with luck.

Excited

After that, try your parish records, wills and old newspapers — you never know your luck. One old soul asked Mr Massey to help her, and because he was fascinated by the size of her nose, he did.

Next day he rang her — at 2am and told her she was descended from the Duke of Wellington. She was so excited that she sounded the

fire alarm in her old folk's home, woke everybody up and told them.

The Duke of Wellington you see, had a notable nose himself.

Mr Massey was formerly an archivist to one of the big City of London livery companies. Came the coronation and he was asked, as he says, to "pick up the pieces."

He then became personal assistant to Sir Anthony Wagner, present Garter King of Arms, and he sits on the council of the Association of Garter and Record Agents.

Climb down his family tree and you'll find Sir Walter Raleigh. Look across it and there's Raymond Massey, the TV actor.

And then there's the meaning of surnames. Your Mr Green tended to live beside the village green, your Mr Lee on the lee of a hill.

I couldn't resist the question. "Brown? Your ancestor, like many others, was probably a dark-skinned gentleman."

Mr Massey is a man devoted to his job. He rarely gets to bed before 3am and he's at his desk at 8.15. Currently he's engaged on a labour of love — extracting every marriage he can find from Oxfordshire parish records and collating them. He reckons it'll take him 20 years.

"And then, if they haven't buried me first, I shall start on Berkshire."

PETER BROWN

This article covering the meeting of 27-9-74 at Twyford is reprinted by kind permission of the Evening Post, Reading

Susan Mary Willmott

It is with the deepest regret that I have to report the death of our founding secretary, Sue Willmott. It was Sue who, together with Jackie Blow, put that first 'small ad' in the local newspaper, aimed at anyone interested in genealogy and family history. Twyford's Jubilee Hall served their purpose well; as did Robert Massey, whom they had invited to address that first main meeting, back in 1974, of the Reading Amateur Genealogical Society. Sue's secretarial prowess, together with Jackie's tea, kept our embryo group together through those early, pre-magazine, days as we worked out the first constitution, costed the proposed magazine, vetted any local halls in respect of their costs and facilities and totted up and vainly tried to balance those very tentative budgets for the new venture, on top of which there were all those other back-room jobs that Sue coped with . . . But her work did not stop there - that was just phase I. Phase II began with the emergence of the BFHS just over a year later, in the Autumn of 1975, at its first venue in Woodley Hill House. WHH also housed Reading's first family history class; again thanks to Sue, who was instrumental, and persistent enough to succeed, in getting it put onto the list of Adult Education Classes offered there. Her tireless endeavours for the society continued throughout its first year, as any founder members who took part in her first two years' programmes will remember. It was only after she had seen the society into its second year, that she was obliged to retire from her post as secretary, though many of our newer members will know her through several articles on her Minter ancestors which have appeared in these pages. The society, first as RAGS and now as BFHS, to which she gave so much of her time and energy during those formative years, has much to be grateful for and I am sure you will all wish to join me in sending our kindest thoughts to her family, especially to her two young children, Kim and Darren, at this very sad time.

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A PRELIMINARY REPORT

by Polly Lawrence

Project Co-ordinator

From the Project Detail Forms which have already been returned it is obvious that there are keen and interested members, living throughout Britain who are anxious to help with BFHS projects.

With this support behind us the committee has decided to re-awaken the project to transcribe and index the 1851 census for Berkshire. Further information in the next issue.

In the meantime, many more helpers have been enlisted for the Overseers' Document Project. (See vol 6 no 1; but please note that enquiries regarding any entries in the currently available sections should be sent to Jean Debney whose address is on the back cover.) This is a very worthwhile project which will make available unique information, particularly, but not exclusively, of the poorer levels of society.

We also hope to organise some 'work-ins' during the winter, further details, dates and venues can be had from me (tel Wantage 4798). If anyone would be prepared to hold a 'work-in' at their home (main requirements table, chairs and coffee!) please let me know.

Everyone, however limited their time for research, and wherever it is based, can help their fellow-members by keeping an eye open for Berkshire 'strays'. Details should be sent to our strays co-ordinator, Jean Debney. Do please make sure that an adequate reference to the source is given with all such strays to ensure that any potential leads can be followed up.

One final plea - if you have not already returned your Project Detail Form please send it now.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS BOOKLET

As mentioned in the previous issue, the Members' Interests Booklet is to be published about March 1982. The pre-publication price to members is 75p and to take advantage of this price it will be necessary to complete the order form, enclosed with this magazine, and to return it to the treasurer by the closing date, 28th February 1982. After that date the price will be £1.00.

The booklet will contain all the entries contained in the Members' Interests Index on the 31st December 1982 - for members whose subscription is up to date of course.

REGIONAL MEETING

Ten people attended the first meeting, at Polly Lawrence's home in Wantage, on Friday 13th (!) November. After a brief welcome to the assembled group, which included members of the Oxfordshire FHS, there was much friendly chatter, over coffee, and it was decided that such meetings would be worthwhile on a regular basis. The next meeting was arranged for Friday 15th January, 1982, at 7-30pm. Please contact Polly in advance on Wantage 4798.

PHOTOGRAPH YOUR OLD PHOTOGRAPHS?

Through the good offices of member Mr Eric George, we have been invited by the Reading Camera Club to an evening of practical 'table top and other indoor photography' on 27th April, 1982, at the Abbey Gateway in Reading.

INCUMBENT

D/P 93 1 Services of the church

- 1/1 Register of baptisms, marriages & burials marriages 1 vol 1662-1773 to 1754; at front, list of "Trophy Mony" collected in 1707; full list of churchwardens and overseers, 1661-1712; names of incumbents, 1662-1773; account of the ownership of the rails in the churchyard, 1711; memo of a case brought against the rector by George Blagrove "in a pique . . . for not keeping a Bull for ye use of ye Parish", 1713; memo of a difference of opinion in 1711 with Mrs. Mary Blagrove, widow, about payment of tithe on a crop of clovergrass; 1714, vicar notes "the sowing of Clover seed is an improvement not long used among us. But once before in my time, kept for an Aftermath"; at end, charitable briefs, 1662-83: including, for "redemption of slaves in Turkey", 1670; "Refining of Sugar in the city of London", 1672; rebuilding St. Paul's, 1678; "for the redemption of the captives in Algiers, Sally etc", 1680; "for the French Protestants", 1681

- 1/2 Register of marriages and banns marriages, 1755- 1 vol 1755-1908 1812; banns, 1755-1908; at front, memorandum of the start of restoration and enlargement of the parish church, 1869

- 1/3 Register of baptisms and burials baptisms & burials 1 vol 1773-1812 mixed until 1789; then baptisms to 1812; burials to 1812; at front, list of persons receiving prayer *books with amount paid, 1802; list of rectors, 1662-1915; memorandum of "the greatest Flood in the River Thames remembered to have happened within the knowledge of the oldest Inhabitants. The water ran into the Church; which is an event of which there is no Tradition ever to have happened before. The water in the Church was ankle deep and continued there for several Hours", March 1774; at end, list of charitable briefs, 1804-1808

CHURCHWARDENS

D/P 93 5 Accounts

- 5/1 Accounts churchwardens' and overseers' accounts 1 vol 1825-1914 mixed, including Poor Rate assessments, 1825-1835; churchwardens' and surveyors' accounts mixed, including rate assessments, 1835-1843

OVERSEERS

- D/P 93 11
& 12 Rates and Accounts see D/P 93/5/1

SURVEYORS

- D/P 93 20
& 21 Rates and Accounts see D/P 93/5/1

* should read " . . . prayer books and bibles, 1802"

The remaining Purley section has had to be held over to next issue.

John Brooks

Arthur Ruffell and I recently transcribed the baptisms and marriages from the register. We did not transcribe the burials which can be examined on microfilm in the Berkshire Record Office.

I have also completed a typescript transcript of the marriages in the earlier parish register (1538-1634), so there is now a complete coverage of Newbury marriages from 1538 to 1746. Transcribing the baptisms for this same period is not being attempted yet because of the finding of the time (the writing being particularly difficult not to mention the sheer size). The number of marriages between 1538 and 1746 was 4345, so taking an average of three baptisms to a marriage, the number must be large.

As we carefully went through each page, a variety of items came to light; because of their value to people with ancestors of Newbury, we decided to give them wider circulation:

Firstly, there is a list of people who were "touched for the King's Evil":-

1685	Feb 22	Sarah d/o John PETHER went to London to be totch
1685/6	Mar 8	Ann d/o Henry HALL went to be totch for the Evil
		Sarah WEST the same time
		Mary COOPER the same time
	May 24	Thomas SEXTON went to be totch
		Jane KALAWAY the same time
1686	Nov 14	Mrs BEACHAM went to be totch for the Evil
		Phillip GREENWOOD, a child at the same time
1686/7	Feb 2	James STRATTON, a child went to be totched
1687	Apr 11	Richard ROTTEN, a child went to be touched for ye evil
	May 2	Elizabeth KIDGELL went to be touched for ye Evil
	Jun 20	Ann d/o Edward LITTEL went to be touched for the Evil
	Jul 18	Alice WHEELIER, widow went to be touched for the Evil
		Edward LITTELL(s) wife ye same time
		Hannah ye dau of Edward LAWRENCE ye same time
	Sep 3	Richard FORTY went to be touched for the Evil
1688	Apr 2	Susanna SMITH went to be touched for the Evil
	Apr 7	Henry BUNIONS child went to be touched for the Evil
	May 4	Mary CARTER went to be touched for the Evil
	May 7	Joseph PETHER went to be touched for the Evil

NB Kings Evil - a name applied to scrofula, a tubercular swelling of the lymph glands, once popularly supposed to be curable by the touch of Royalty. The custom of touching was first adopted in England by Edward the Confessor. The practice was attended by great ceremony and, from Henry VII, sufferers were presented with especially touched coins to be worn as charms. The custom reached its zenith during the Restoration. Charles II is said to have touched more than 90,000 victims between 1660 and 1682. The last "healer" in England was Queen Anne, who touched 200 people in 1712.

Secondly, there is an Excommunication List:-

1683/4	Mar 23	Morris SHIPTON of Andover was excommunicated
		Morris SHIPTON was absolved 1684 Sep 13
1685	Oct 17	John STANSMER of Newbury was Exc
		and John MULFORD at the same time
1687	Mar 27	John HILL, grocer and Richard PAIGE, flexdresser
		of Newbury Exc
1709	Feb 24	Mr Will BURCH & Elizabeth, his wife was exc

1720 Sep 11 Joseph BLAGRAVE was Exc
 1721 Aug 13 Mary MASEY & John COOK & Thomas NORCUTT. All three
 were Exc
 Dec 31 Thomas CLACK. Exc

And lastly, some ancestors who didn't make it into the registers. Varying estimates put non-registration of baptisms, marriages and burials between 2% and 5%. So far as the marriages are concerned, I reckon on about 3%. I arrive at this figure by comparing baptisms against marriages, discovering that although some couples concerned were producing children in their native village, their marriages were nowhere in evidence. Since I now have just about all the marriages for Berkshire for the period 1750-1837, I was able to give a good check, which I was also able to carry out across the borders of Oxford and Hants too. Here are two baptismal entries that speak for themselves:-

Newbury 1737 Aug 9

Was bornd Mary Walter, d/o Richard and Ann WALTER, and baptised in September the following year, but not entered by the clerk

Newbury 1738

John HILL, s/o James HILL and Mary his wife was born Feb 2 1738, and baptised in Newbury Church, as sworn by his father, James HILL, Nov 12 1773, before John Townsend, mayor, but was never entered by the register keeper into the register.

East Hendred, 1746

"Memo: No register has been kept in this parish for almost 20 years till I came to reside here which was in May 1746. G. Woodward.

The reason why so many leaves are left vacant at the beginning of this Book is that they might possibly be filled up hereafter, as I was made to believe that there was an Account kept somewhere but which could not be found and indeed it never was found, for I was afterwards told in direct terms, that none at all has been kept."

note: the missing entries cover the period 1727 to 1747 which, fortunately, is covered by the BTs (which are complete from 1665 to 1835).

Faringdon Marriage Register, 1813-1837

"Thomas Green, batchelor & Mary Tibels, widow sojourner were married Nov 8 1824

NB Mary Tibels was married to George Neate (a fraudulent name), his proper name being George Rodman (which setts aside the legality of the marriage) of the parish of Highworth, Wilts, by licence on 5th May 1814 at Standord Berks - see register.

Neate was baptised at Charlton near Malmsbury by the Rev John Hillinsworth Vicar, but the baptism through neglect was not entered.

He was baptised as 'George, son of Joseph and Ann Rodman'."

And finally an entry the very opposite of missing . . .

St John's Reading, 1882

"William Cordin Napoleon Harold Hastings Hamilton Rupert Percy Douglas the son of William Cordin & Ellen Louisa LAVER . . . "

This editorial has teeth (that's to make sure that you don't miss them). They originated from my recent attendance at the FFHS's Editor's day; who knows how long they'll last? Editorially I still feel they are just milk teeth. Quality, as a concept, has been nudging my conscience for some time now, but I've avoided the issue so far through lack of time, other pressing matters, etc. The apparent upsurge in transcription and indexing, throughout the family history world, could well be the reason for its latest nudging. Well that is not strictly true, of course, but it is certainly re-inforcing my thoughts in that direction, since the thought of transcription without quality is frightening - not simply in respect of any offending transcripts, but because of their "knock-on" effects which could put all transcripts and indexes under at least a cloud, if not a definite blanket of fog.

So what really brought on this rash of teeth? Well Purley was probably the last straw (of many), though that is not Purley's fault. Having got the BRO catalogue sheet for the parish through my typewriter, my thoughts turned to the list of transcripts and indexes for the village, mainly in the Reading Reference Library, whose index levels would need checking ready for the next spell of typing - but that's all on another page. Whilst I was skipping through the indexes (looking at their style) I was tempted to compare the Emma Thoyts' manuscript with the printed Phillimore version - the differences were *evident* - but the *errors were not* - and there lies the problem. How can I, and any other members of the rapidly growing ranks of family historians for that matter, know if an index is to be trusted? If it can't, or even if I simply *don't know that it can*, then I'm forced back to the original - and the whole point of the transcript/index programme is lost. I shall definitely look into the accuracy question I've hung over the Thoyts and Phillimore transcripts by reference to the originals in the BRO and publish the findings as soon as possible. The only known statistics I have at the moment have already been used in these columns but will help to underline my point. The transcript was of 103 households in 1851 (ie very recent so not too much of a handwriting problem for the transcriber) - it had 25 incorrect surnames (some being multiple occurrences of course), nine errors in first names (three missed out too) the worst of them (Henry instead of Fanny!) being compounded by being accompanied by a move of the age from the female column to the male one in order, presumably, to make sense of the (mis)interpretation!

How then can we come to terms with this problem of transcript accuracy, and of their indexes too? Some of us may know of a transcriber whose quality we would trust, but that is probably based on local knowledge. If only that local knowledge could be transmitted to the transcript's audience the transcript's value must be increased; similarly if the checks involved in the production and validation of any transcript could be 'audited' then we may be able to move towards a kind of seal of approval to help us all to sort out the sheep from the goats. I do believe in transcripts and indexes, I enjoy helping to create them too, but above all I believe in quality! Without this built-in quality then any transcript is worthless and the time spent in creating it and, most important, the *time spent in using it and in trusting it* is completely *wasted*!

With only a very small number of us doing the Overseers' Document abstracting then obviously our progress will be relatively slow but I hope that its quality will be sure. Quality must also be an integral part of our census project, or any other 'work for posterity' - it is in our hands!

Naturally, our thoughts are on 1881 at this time, so this seemed to be a good opportunity to give wider publicity to the 'plea from the PRO' on census indexing. Micro-film of the 1881 returns for Berkshire has been ordered by the Reading Reference Library, no firm delivery date is available as yet, but I know that Miss Phillips will make them available as soon as possible for research purposes once they are on the Library's premises. Without wishing to step down from my post as 'number 1 fan of the BRO', I must applaud the RRL for adding the 1881 census to those for 1841, 1851 and 1861 which are already in its collection (what a pity they can't afford the 1841 set yet), especially in respect of their ready availability in the middle of town (9-30 to 5 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays; 9-30 to 7 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays). As they only have two readers, do phone in advance if travelling is involved.

As a very mild alternative for those members who will have to wait for their summer holidays before they can hope to see the 1881 returns, I have been given permission to reprint the 1801 and 1811 lists of households for the parish of Brightwell, as preserved among the parish's records, deposited in the BRO. The two lists give the answers to the government's three questions in those early censuses. I regret that these Brightwell returns are very sparse by comparison to those for Binfield in 1801, printed in full in an earlier volume, but useful as lists of households of their periods.

Like Mother Hubbard, my cupboard is again bare, except for the perennial Hungerford School Admissions Register and the Purley material which did not quite make this issue. The next issue is due out in March '82, which gives all members their Christmas Holiday (which I hope you will all find very enjoyable, and fruitful) in which to pen a series of mini-masterpieces for submission by February 1982.

Finally, I would like to thank the 'Evening Post' for granting permission for our reprinting, on page 32, of the article from their issue of Tuesday, October 1st, 1974, covering Reading Amateur Genealogical Society's meeting at Twyford.

Alf Ison

ps Good hunting and all the very best for 1982.

C E N S U S I N D E X I N G

A Plea from the PRO

As anyone who has used Census Returns will know, we only have street indexes for places with a population of over 40,000. The PRO staff endeavour, when time permits, to index more places, but time is scarce. We would be most grateful if anyone compiling a street index of their area could provide us with a copy to make available to other searchers - with due acknowledgement to the compiler. We have a few name indexes that have very kindly been donated in this way and would appreciate more.

In this connection we feel it would be desirable to adopt a universal method of referencing, such as that used in the Census Room so that anyone quoting a reference or giving one to us for a photocopy order, or for help in deciphering entries, would be talking the same 'language'. We frequently have to ask searchers to return to their Local Record Office and look again at the film to find the references we require since the information they give us is insuff-

icient to locate the precise entry here. This wastes their time considerably and searchers are confused by individual methods of indexing. Whilst local methods are adequate in the smaller context of a Local Record Office they are inadequate when applied to the holdings we have in the PRO.

All the original enumerator's books are foliated before being microfilmed which means one can go straight to the page required but frequently the folio numbers are disregarded by indexers.

To place an order for photocopies or to refer to the page required, or to find it in the first place, you need to know the full reference number including:-

1841 - the book number and the folio number e.g. HO 107/195 book 2, folio 3.

1851-1871 - the folio number and the page number:
 for example - 1851 - HO 107/1595 folio 243 page 29
 1861 - RG 9/1053 folio 136 page 1
 1871 - RG 10/ 653 folio 122 page 6

A page with no folio number is the back of the previous page and therefore it shares the same folio number when quoted for reference. The folio numbers are stamped on the top right hand corner of every other page of the books on the film.

The page numbers are printed on each page and on the 1851 census are centrally placed on the top of the page, and in the 1861 and 1871 in the top corner of the page. 1841 is slightly different in that a reference for this year will need to include a book number also. To find this when you have located your page and noted its folio number, turn back to folio one of that sequence and look there for a number generally handwritten in the form of a fraction: with the Piece number above and the Book number below.

An ideal index therefore should list streets (say) and in some cases individual large houses followed, for the years 1851, 1861 and 1871, by two columns of figures:

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Folio nos.</u>
Wells Court	RG 9/10	125
Wells Street	RG 9/10	123-145

or, in the case of 1841, by three columns of figures:

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Folio nos.</u>
Wells Court	HO 107/49	6	12
Wells Street	HO 107/49	6	12-14

(from: Mrs Lumas, Census Room, Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London WC2)

P A R I S H O F B R I G H T W E L L

(hamlets of Brightwell, Mackney & Sladend)

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Both lists are held in the Brightwell overseers' papers, under BRO reference no D/P 25 18/1. Each is four pages long and the pair are printed in full on the following pages. The 1801 list, printed first, is only dated on its final page in the footnote.

County of Berks - Parish of Brightwell - Hundred of Monston - P. 1.

Hamlet of Brightwell Houses		In each House			Employed in		
		Males	Females	Total	Agriculture	Trade	Otherwise
Names of Occupiers		Families					
The Rector M. Wintle	1	3	3	6	—	—	6
M. William Tovey	1	5	5	10	4	—	6
Thomas Goodey	1	5	4	9	—	3	6
David Keyte	1	2	2	4	—	1	3
William Palmer	1	2	1	3	2	—	1
William Tuck	1	1	4	5	4	—	1
Robert Weston	1	2	2	4	3	—	1
John Sayer	1	1	4	5	5	—	—
Richard Cox	1	3	6	9	4	—	5
Joseph Cooper	1	6	3	9	1	1	7
Robert Absalom	1	4	2	6	2	—	4
Thomas Edinborough	1	3	2	5	1	2	2
Elizabeth Wells	1	3	2	5	2	—	3
James Snell	1	1	6	7	1	—	6
Charles Collier	1	2	4	6	2	—	4
Isaac Cox	1	1	2	3	2	—	1
John Cox & Wm. Ward	2	3	3	6	2	1	3
Jonathan Cox	1	2	2	4	2	—	2
James Barr	1	2	1	3	1	—	2
William Greenaway	1	1	1	2	2	—	—
Thomas Clark	1	3	1	4	2	—	2
William Hake	1	3	3	6	3	—	3
William Leaver	1	2	1	3	1	1	1
William Castle	1	1	1	2	2	—	—
John Cotterell	1	3	4	7	3	—	4
Thomas Greenaway	1	2	3	5	4	—	1
James Almond	1	3	2	5	2	—	3
Ann Batten	1	1	5	6	2	—	4
William Bunce	1	1	1	2	1	—	1
James Bother	1	1	—	1	—	1	—
Thomas Butcher	1	1	1	2	—	1	1
Joseph Deadman	1	1	3	4	—	2	2
Mary Marsh	1	—	1	1	—	—	1
Robert Eglington	1	6	1	7	6	1	—
James Butcher	1	4	2	6	—	3	3
Mary Frewin	1	—	1	1	—	—	1
		84	89	173	66	17	90

Continuation of the Hamlet of Brightwell							
1 st Question Houses	2 ^d Question		3 ^d Question		Employed in		
Names of Occupiers	Families	Males	Families	Tot.	Agriculture	Trade	Otherwise
Thomas Swadling	1	2	1	3	3	—	—
John Hewett	1	2	1	3	—	1	2
Henry Whithorne	1	1	1	2	2	—	—
Edward Gardner	1	2	1	3	1	2	—
Elijah Saunders	1	5	6	11	5	1	5
Mark Smith	1	3	3	6	5	—	1
John Allnatt	1	1	2	3	—	2	1
James Blackman	1	2	2	3	3	—	—
Thomas Fuller	1	1	1	2	2	—	—
James Leaver	1	1	3	4	1	—	3
Richard Willson	1	3	4	7	3	—	4
Richard Cox Gardner	1	1	2	3	—	1	2
Joseph Owen	5	5	9	14	10	"	4
Jonathan Cooke	1	1	—	1	1	—	—
John Eggleton	2	9	4	13	3	6	4
Widow Collins	1	—	1	1	—	—	1
William Harper	1	1	1	2	—	—	2
John Willmst	1	1	2	3	2	—	1
John George	1	3	1	4	1	—	3
John Eggleton	1	4	3	7	2	1	4
Francis Whithorne	1	3	2	5	4	1	—
57 Houses & — one uninhabited mark thus	63	50	50	100	40	15	37

13. Three Questions were proposed by the Act of Parliament, in substance as above intimated, to be answered by the Parish Officers; and Answers were returned agreeably to this Copy.

Parish of Brightwell - Hamlet of Mackney -

P. 3.

Name of Occupiers of the Houses	1 st Question		2 ^d Question		3 ^d Question		
	Inhabitants	Males	Females	Total	Agriculture	Employed in Trade	Otherwise
Court Farm Willm Church	1	5	3	8	3		5
John Steel	1	4	5	9		1	8
James Fuller	1	4	3	7	3		4
William Hathaway	1	4	2	6	3		3
Joseph Butler	1	1	1	2	2		
Paul Radband	2	1	3	4	4		
Richard Gunter	1	1	1	2	1		1
Robert Collins	1	5	3	8	5		3
John Willson	1	4	6	10	3		7
William George	1	2	4	6	3		3
Richard Collins	1	1		1	1		
Richard Swadling	1	1	1	2	2		
Jane Field	1	1	2	3	1		2
Richard Absolom	1	4	1	5	3		2
Richard Parsons	1	6	2	8	4		4
John Collier	1	1		1	1		
Richard Cox	1	1	1	2	2		
William Smith	1	4	3	7	2	1	4
John Meysoner	1	2	1	3	2		1
James Whitthorne	1	2	1	3	1		2
John Swadling	1	5	2	7	5		2
Jane Simmons	2	8	3	11	1		2
Edward Turner	1	1	3	4	1		3
23 Houses and two uninhabited marked	25	60	51	111	53	2	56

p. 4. Parish of Brightwell-Hamlet of Sladend -							
1 st Question		2 ^d Question			3 ^d Question		
Names of Occupiers of the Houses —	No. of Families	Males	Females	Tot.	Agriculture	Trade	Otherwise
Anthony Birch	1	3	6	9	1	—	0
Elijah Woodbridge	1	2	2	4	—	1	3
Samuel Woodbridge	1	1	2	3	—	1	2
William Turner	1	4	4	8	4	—	4
Charles Taylor	1	7	6	13	3	—	10
Will ^m Mesinger	1	3	3	6	3	1	2
Richard Young	1	1	1	2	—	—	2
William Park	1	3	6	9	4	—	5
Jonathan Shorter	1	4	1	5	3	—	2
Thomas Pest	1	1	1	2	2	—	—
Richard Tuck	1	3	3	6	4	—	2
Mary Heaks	1	—	2	2	—	—	2
William Turner-Shepherd	1	2	5	7	1	—	6
John Waters & James Isleton	2	3	1	4	1	1	2
John Eltham	1	1	1	2	2	—	—
John Wells	1	3	5	8	2	—	6
Hepler Bartlett	1	2	4	6	1	1	4
John Butcher	1	1	—	1	—	1	—
Maria Deadman	1	—	1	1	—	1	—
Martha Martin	1	1	3	4	2	—	2
Richard Wetherall	1	4	1	5	5	—	—
21 Houses and two uninhabited marks	22	49	58	107	38	7	62
From p. 1 & 2-57 Houses	p. 1	84	89	173	66	17	90
- p. 3 - 23 -	p. 2	50	50	100	48	15	37
- p. 4 - 21 -	p. 3	60	51	111	53	2	56
101 inhabited	Tot.	243	248	491	205	41	245
with 5 uninhabited and — 22							
63							
25							
Tot. 110 families							

NB. These are the Numbers of y^e Houses Families & Inhabitants of the Parish of Brightwell taken by y^e Rector & Parish Officers on y^e 10th of March 1801 according to y^e Order of Government

County of Berks - Parish of Brightwell		Hundred of Moneton - 1811. - P. 1.					
Somlet of Brightwell Houses. Names of Occupiers	First Question In each House Families		Second Question Males Females		Third Question Employed in Agriculture Trade Otherwise		
				Total			
The Rector - W ^m Wintle	1	4	4	8	—	—	1
W ^m William Toovey	1	4	6	10	1	—	—
Elijah Sanders junr.	2	3	2	5	2	—	—
Thomas Goodey	1	3	1	4	—	1	—
William Fuller	1	2	4	6	1	—	—
William Tuck	1	1	2	3	1	—	—
Robert Weston	1	1	2	3	1	—	—
John Sayer	1	1	3	4	1	—	—
Thomas Weston	1	1	3	4	1	—	—
Joseph Cooper	1	4	2	6	1	—	—
Robert Absolon	1	3	1	4	1	—	—
Giles Edensorough	1	2	1	3	—	1	—
Elizabeth Wells	1	1	2	3	1	—	—
Joseph Neale & Ann Batten	2	1	3	4	2	—	—
Jane Cox	1	0	1	1	—	—	1
John Cox	1	1	0	1	—	—	1
Jonathan Cox	1	2	2	4	1	—	—
James Blackman	3	5	5	10	2	1	—
William Greenaway	1	1	1	2	1	—	—
Edward Turner	1	4	4	8	1	—	—
John Castle } Jane Clark }	2	3	2	5	—	1	1
Elizabeth Heaps	1	2	4	6	1	—	—
William Leaver	2	5	3	8	1	1	—
Thornab Cottonell	1	1	2	3	1	—	—
Thomas Greenaway	1	2	1	3	1	—	—
James Fuller	1	3	3	6	1	—	—
Thomas Goodey junr.	1	1	1	2	—	1	—
		61	65	126	23	6	4

p.c.	Continuation of the Hamlet of Brightwell.				2 ^d Question			
	1 st Question Names of Occupiers Houses	Families	Males	Females	Total	Agriculture	Employed in Trade	otherwise
	William Bunce —	1	1	2	2	1	—	—
	Mary Bosher —	1	—	1	1	—	—	1
	James Butcher —	1	7	3	10	—	1	—
	Thomas Butcher —	1	1	1	2	—	1	—
	Joseph Deadman —	1	2	3	5	—	1	—
	John Hewett —	1	3	1	4	—	1	—
	Thomas Swadling —	1	2	1	3	1	—	—
	John Alcock —	1	2	2	4	—	1	—
	Elizabeth Barr —	1	1	2	3	1	—	—
	James Leaver —	1	1	3	4	1	—	—
	James Almond —	3	6	6	12	3	—	—
	William Canning —	1	2	2	4	1	—	—
	William Taylor —	1	5	3	8	—	1	—
	John George —	1	4	4	8	1	—	—
	James Cotterell —	1	2	4	6	—	1	—
	Joseph Elham —	1	2	1	3	1	—	—
	Sarah Cox —	1	—	1	1	—	1	—
	William Hermon —	1	1	2	3	1	—	—
	John Eggleton —	1	5	1	6	—	1	—
	Richard Eggleton —	1	4	2	6	—	1	—
	Robert Abbotson junr. —	1	1	1	2	1	—	—
	Richard Cox —	1	1	5	6	—	1	—
	Richard Willson —	1	1	2	3	1	—	—
	Mark Smith —	1	1	2	3	1	—	—
	John Messinger —	1	2	1	3	1	—	—
	Elizah Saunders —	1	4	5	9	1	—	—
	John Smith —	1	2	1	3	—	1	—
	William Wetherall —	1	2	1	3	1	—	—
	Robert Eggleton —	1	3	1	4	—	1	—
	William Ward —	1	2	3	5	1	—	—
	Mary Cox —	1	—	2	2	—	—	1
	<i>Tot. of all pages</i>	66	70	68	138	10	13	2
	Inhabited Houses in Brightwell Hamlet	58						
	Uninhabited Do	8						

Parish of Brightwell		Hamlet of Mackney			3 ^d Question		13.	
First Question - Houses		2 ^d Question			Employed in			
Names of Occupiers		Families	Males	Females	Total	Agriculture	Trade	Otherwise
Court-farm John Withersall		1	3	3	6	1	—	—
George Parson		1	5	2	7	1	—	—
Richard Denton		1	2	1	3	1	—	—
Richard Cox		1	2	3	5	1	—	—
William Looker		1	4	5	9	1	—	—
John Swadling		1	1	1	2	1	—	—
William Butler		1	1	4	5	1	—	—
Richard Day		1	4	3	7	1	—	—
Henry Whitthorne		1	1	1	2	1	—	—
Richard Collins		1	3	1	4	1	—	—
William George		1	2	4	6	1	—	—
John Willson		1	2	6	8	1	—	—
Thomas Hewell		1	2	2	4	1	—	—
John Pitchcock		1	2	7	9	1	—	—
Elizabeth Piddard		1	—	3	3	1	—	—
William Hathaway		1	3	1	4	1	—	—
John Brooker		2	4	3	7	2	—	—
Inhabited Houses		18	41	50	91	18	—	—
in Mackney								
Uninhabited								

Parish of Brightwell	1 st Question Names of Occupiers	2 ^d Question Families of Dead				3 ^d Question Agriculture	4 th Question Employed in Trade	5 th Question Otherwise
		Families	Males	Females	Total			
	James Evans	1	2	2	4	1	—	—
	John Cox	1	3	1	4	1	—	—
	John Eltham	2	2	4	6	2	—	—
	Ann Wells	1	2	3	5	1	—	—
	Joseph Harding	1	1	5	6	1	—	—
	Richard Lewington	1	2	3	5	1	—	—
	William Hazel	1	3	2	5	1	—	—
	Richard Wetherall	2	2	2	4	2	—	—
	Richard Tuck	1	1	5	6	1	—	—
	Thomas Post	2	2	1	3	2	—	—
	Jonathan Porter	1	2	3	5	1	—	—
	William Park	1	2	4	6	1	—	—
	James Hazel	1	3	7	10	1	—	—
	Richard Young	1	1	3	4	—	—	1
	William Mepinger	2	4	3	7	2	—	—
	Charles Taylor	1	6	7	13	1	—	—
	William Turner	1	2	5	7	1	—	—
	Samuel Woodbridge	1	4	3	7	—	1	—
	John Turner	1	1	1	2	1	—	—
	Anthony Birch	1	3	6	9	—	1	—
	Inhabited Houses in	24.5	40	70	110	21	2	1
	Dead & Buried } 20.	18.11	61	165	126	23	6	4
	Uninhabited } 2	66.11	70	68	138	10	13	2
	Uninhabited } 2	10.0.0	41	50	91	10	21	7
	In Maesbury	17	2	253	473	—	—	—
	In Brightwell	58	2	—	—	—	—	—
	Of inhabited Houses	95	6	—	—	—	—	—
	Dead & Buried	2	6	—	—	—	—	—

AB. Such are the Total Numbers of H. Houses Families, Inhabitants, males & females, &c. of the parish of Brightwell, taken by the Rector & parish Officers on 27th of May 1811, according to the Order of Government.

Hungerford

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National School Admissions Register
(continued)

HUNTLEY

- 501 Amelia (6) Hungerford (8-4-1823)
John, labourer
entry signed by Elizth
- 1054 Ann (5) Hungerford (4-4-1834)
William, labourer
- 917 Eliza (6) Hungerford (8-4-1831)
W^m, labourer, & Sar^h
- 1291 Emily (6) Hungerford (6-10-1837)
William, lab., & Anne
- 482 Hannah (6) Hungerford (5-11-1822)
W^m
- 143 Hart (9) Hungerford (1-10-1816)
E., widow
- 1565 Henry (8) Hungerford (5-2-1841)
Thomas, lab, & Charlotte
- 1683 Henry (11) Hungerford (1-11-1844)
Thomas, lab, & Charlotte
- 2087 Jane (6) Moon Lane (5-4-1854)
Joseph, lab, & Helen
- 486 John (8) Hungerford (3-12-1822)
John, labourer
- 508 John (8) - no other details
- 229 Jn^o (9) Bagshot (7-7-1817)
Tho^s, labourer
- 931 Mark (5½) Hungerford (1-7-1831)
William, labourer
- 592 Mary (5) Hungerford (20-11-1824)
W^m, labourer
- 1887 M.A. (8) Hungerford (6-3-1850)
Thos, lab, & Charlotte
- 2116 Rebecca (6) Moon Lane (3-1-1855)
Thomas, lab, & Charlotte
- 1289 Sarah (13) Hungerford (6-10-1837)
William, lab, & Anne
- 132 Susⁿ (7) Hungerford (1-10-1816)
Jn^o HUNTLY, labourer
- 238 Tho^s (7) Bagshot (7-7-1817)
Tho^s, labourer
- NB father's name changed at end
to Will and entry there is
signed (x) by Sarah
- 1920 Thomas (7) Hungerford (3-7-1850)
Thomas & Charlotte
- 2168 Thomas (8)
Moon Lane (5-12-1855)
- 2167 Walter (7)
Thomas & Emma
- 479 W^m (7) Hungerford (5-11-1822)
W^m, labourer
entry signed (x) Sarah

Huntley (continued)

- 563 W^m (8) - (4-5-1824)
Eliz
entry signed (x) Eliz SHEARMAN

HUNTLY

- 1886 Charlotte (6) Hungerford (6-3-1850)
Joseph, lab, & Ellen
- 278 Joseph (8)
Hungerford (2-6-1818)
- 279 Susan (8)
J., labourer
& E. (only at end of book)
- 983 Thomas (9)
Hungerford (4-5-1832)
- 982 Walter (6)
William, labourer

HUTCHINS

- 1644 Thomas (12) Froxfield (6-1-1843)
Ann, widow

HYSOM

- 1889 George (7) Cold Harbour (6-3-1850)
Maria, widow

ILETT

- 1373 Sarah Anne (8) Hungerford (6-4-1838)
John, lab, & Phoebe
- 1422 William (7) Hungerford (5-10-1838)
John, lab, & Phebe

ILSLEY

- 593 John (6)
Froxfield (20-11-1824)
- 594 Lucy (8)
William, labourer
entry signed (x) by Rebecca
- 1323 Maria (7) Chilton (2-2-1838)
William, lab, & Rebecca

IRESON

- 549 Isaac (6) Cold Harbour (2-3-1824)
W^m, labourer
- 644 Martha (6) Cold Harbour (7-3-1826)
William, labourer
- 513 Mary (8) Cold Harbour (8-4-1823)
W^m, labourer
entry signed (x) by Letitia

JAMES

- 2245 Fanny (6)
Down Pits (2-11-1857)
- 2246 Edward (5)
Thos, engine driver, & Eliz
- 2192 William (8) Froxfield Rd (5-3-1856)
Martha
(Mr Popham's lodger)

JANNAWAY

- 1022 George (7) Hungerford (7-6-1833)
Briant, lab, & Ann
288 John (6) Chilton (2-6-1818)
J., labourer
& M. (only at end of book)

JEFFERIES

- 1605 Charles (5) Cow Lane (2-7-1841)
Elizth, widow
1752 Louisa (7) Hungerford (6-2-1846)
Elizabeth (single)

JEFFRIES

- 1347 Elizabeth (6) Hungerford (6-4-1838)
Elizabeth, widow
1693 Fanny (11) Newtown (3-1-1845)
Jason, lab, & Eliza
1149 George (6) Hungerford (5-6-1835)
Elizabeth, widow
1466 Sarah (8) Hungerford (5-7-1839)
Elizabeth, widow

JENER

- 1159 Anne (-) - (2-10-1835)
James, travelling man, & Sarah

JENNAWAY

- 2152 Ann Maria (11) Marsh (7-11-1855)
2150 Thomas (7) Briant, lab, & Ann
2129 William (9) - (7-2-1855)
Hannah HEDGES

JENNER

- 1254 Amelia (5) Froxfield (5-5-1837)
James, lab, & Sarah
1642 Amelia (10) Marsh Gate (2-12-1842)
James, lab, & Sarah
1189 Charlotte (11) Marsh (13-5-1836)
James, lab, & Sarah
935 Charlotte (6) Hungerford (1-7-1831)
James, labourer
2186 Elizabeth (7) Marsh (6-2-1856)
John, widower, labourer
1761 Harriet (8) Marsh (3-4-1846)
James, lab, & Sarah
2120 James (5) Marsh (3-2-1855)
John, lab, & Jane
754 John (5) Hungerford (7-12-1827)
James, labourer
entry signed by Sarah
2187 Joseph George (5) Marsh (6-2-1856)
John, widower, labourer

Jenner (continued)

- 2121 Mary (5) Marsh (3-1-1855)
John, lab, & Jane
1762 Sarah (6) Marsh (3-4-1846)
James, lab, & Sarah

JENNEWAY

- 189 Wm (7) Chilton (2-12-1816)
Josh, lab (or Jash)

JENNOWAY

- 1474 James (6) Hungerford (5-7-1839)
Briant, lab, & Ann
1933 William (8) Hungerford (5-2-1851)
Bryant, lab, & Ann

JESSET

- 334 Francis (7) Hungerford (4-5-1819)
Francis, labourer
& Eliz (only at end of book)

JESSETT

- 2082 Alfred (5) Eddington (1-3-1854)
George, fisherman, & Jane
1846 Emily (5) Edington (3-11-1848)
George, fisherman, & Jane
1394 Emma (6) Hungerford (4-5-1838)
James, gardener, & Mary
1904 Esther (11) Hungerford (5-6-1850)
James, gardener, & Mary
1845 George (6) Edington (3-11-1848)
George, fisherman, & Jane
1874 Henry (13) Hungerford (7-11-1849)
James Gardener, & Mary
1508 Louisa (6) Edington (6-2-1840)
Elizabeth & John, haybinder
1393 Selina (9) Hungerford (4-5-1838)
James, gardener, & Mary

JILES

- 1641 Edward (6) Froxfield (7-10-1842)
John, lab, & Hanna

JOHNSON

- 2057 Augustus Josh (10)
2058 Eliza Mary (7) High Street
2056 George (11) (6-4-1853)
George, police-man, & Mary Ann

JOICE

- 66 Wm (9) Chilton (1-10-1816)
Wm, labourer

JONES

- 2048 Harriett (6) Church Lane (2-3-1853)
Henry, lab, & Mary
- 2076 Henry Dan^l (7) - (7-11-1853)
Thos Henry, butler, & Eliza
(father unknown where)(sic)
- 558 Mary (5) Marlbro' (6-4-1824)
Wm, labourer
entry signed (x) by Mary
- 2047 Mary (7)
- 2046 Sarah Ann (9) Church Lane (2-3-1853)
Henry, lab, & Mary
- 452 Thomas (7) Chilton (3-9-1822)
orphan
entry signed (x) Ann BARRETT

JORDAN

- 65 Ezra (11) Chilton (1-10-1816)
Wm, tailor

JOYCE

- 1890 Charles (6)
- 1892 Eli (5) sm Green (6-3-1850)
- 1891 Maryann (10)
Wm, lab, & Sarah

KEMPSTER

- 1370 Jonathan (7) Kintbury (6-4-1838)
Antony, lab, & Mary Anne

KENT

- 1541 Charles (7) Edington (2-10-1840)
Cha^s, ironfounder, & Mary Anne
- 803 Eliza (6) Hungerford (5-12-1828)
Cha^s, labourer
- 866 James (5) Cow Lane (7-5-1830)
Cha^s, labourer
- 1035 James (8) Hungerford (1-11-1833)
Charles, ironfounder
(suspended for misconduct -
re-admitted 6-7-1835)
- 1834 Marianne (6) Hungerford (7-3-1834)
Charles, lab, & Mary
- 1540 Martha Maria (9) Edington (2-10-40)
Cha^s, ironfounder, & Mary Ann
- 1971 Rachel (11) Hungerford (5-11-1851)
Charles, ironfounder, & Mary

KIMBER

- 339 Eliza (6) Hungerford (1-6-1819)
Jn^o, labourer
& Sarah () at end of book
- 82 Elizth (6) Hungerford (1-10-1816)
Jn^o, labourer

Kimber (continued)

- 69 Edw^d (9) Chilton (1-10-1816)
Mary, widow
- 227 Sarah (11) Chilton (5-5-1817)
Thos, labourer
& Mary added at end of book
- 25 Thos (8) Hungerford (1-10-1816)
Jno, labourer

KING

- 1958 Alice (6) Hungerford (3-9-1851)
James, saddler, & Ann
- 28 Ann (5) Hungerford (1-10-1816)
Wm, carpenter
- 647 Cha^s (-) Hungerford (7-3-1826)
Cha^s, labourer
- 1957 Charles (4) Hungerford (3-9-1851)
James, saddler, & Ann
- 1867 Eliza Ann (6) Cow Lane (7-3-1849)
Wm, carpenter, & Eliza
- 295 Elizth (5½) Hungerford (4-8-1818)
Wm, carpenter
& Sarah at end of book
- 650 Joseph (5) Hungerford (7-3-1826)
Wm, labourer
- 2023 Joseph (5) High Street (6-10-1852)
Wm, carpenter, & Eliza
- 537 Mary (5) Hungerford (7-10-1823)
Cha^s, labourer
- 1866 Richard (9) Cow Lane (7-3-1849)
Wm, carpenter, & Eliza
- 651 Ursula (6) Hungerford (7-3-1826)
Wm, labourer
- 369 William (6) Hungerford (4-4-1815)
William, carpenter

KNACKSTONE

- 152 F. (7)
- 151 Jos (5) died Hungerford (1-10-1816)
F., labourer

KNIGHT

- 1199 Charles (7) Shalbourne (8-7-1836)
George, servant, & Ann
- 700 James (6) Hungerford (3-10-1826)
Homer, lab, & Mary ()
(gone to free school)
- 946 James (12) Hungerford (13-1-1832)
Homer, lab, & Mary ()
- 1942 Mary (4)
- 1941 Richard (7) Marsh (2-4-1851)
James shoemaker, & Sarah
- 844 Richard (5) Hungerford (2-10-1829)
Homer, sawyer

Knight (continued)

- 701 Thomas (5) Hungerford (3-10-1826)
Homer, lab, & Mary
1209 Tho^s (9) Shalbourne (7-10-1836)
Ge, lab, & Ann

KNOCK

- 924 Mary (6) Hungerford (6-5-1831)
Thomas, labourer

LAD

- 1308 George (6) Chilton (3-11-1837)
William, lab, & Jane
928 Jane (6) Hungerford (1-7-1831)
William, labourer

LADD

- 1543 Ann (6) Hungerford (2-10-1840)
W^m, lab, & Jane
675 Charles (5) Hungerford (6-6-1826)
W^m, lab, & Jane ()
1156 William (6) Hungerford (11-9-1835)
Will^m, lab, & Jane

LAKE

- 1475 Elizabeth (6) Hungerford (15-7-1839)
Stephen, lab, & Sarah
1349 Henry (9) Hungerford (6-4-1838)
Stephen, lab, & Sarah

LAMB DIN

- 914 Chas^s (9)
915 John (7) Kintbury (8-4-1831)
John, shoemaker
(who signed his name LAM DIN)

LAMBOURN

- 788 Absolom (6) Hungerford (6-6-1828)
Rich^d, lab, & Hannah (x)
425 Amelia (7) Hungerford (6-11-1821)
Sarah (x), widow
2043 Edward (10) High Street (2-2-1853)
Joseph, lab, & Mary Jane
113 Geo (8) Hungerford (1-10-1816)
Tho^s, labourer
325 Jas^s (5) Hungerford (6-4-1819)
Rich^d, labourer
2115 James (6) Marsh (6-12-1854)
Thomas, lab, & Helen
494 John (8) Hung. Barracks (3-3-1823)
Tho^s, labourer
2044 Richard (7) High Street (2-2-1853)
Joseph, lab, & Mary Jane

Lambourn (continued)

- 100 Tho^s (5) Hungerford (1-10-1816)
Rd, labourer
114 Tho^s (6) Hungerford (1-10-1816)
Tho^s, labourer
2131 William (8) - (7-3-1855)
John, shoemaker, & Martha

LAMBOURNE

- 1560 Arthur (6) Hungerford (4-12-1840)
Charles, lab, & Charlotte
337 Cathrⁿ (7-8) Hungerford (1-6-1819)
Elizth
(but Sarah instead at end)
1320 Charles (5) Hopgrass Marsh (1-12-37)
Richard, lab, & Hannah
1841 Cha^s (5) Stangrove Hill (7-7-1848)
Cha^s, lab, & Charlotte
2091 Charles (7) Marsh (3-5-1854)
Thomas, lab, & Helen
1835 Edward (5)
1834 Eliza (7) Hungerford (4-2-1848)
Joseph, lab, & Jane
2221 Elizabeth (8) Church Lane (5-11-56)
John, shoemaker, & Martha
1840 Ellen (7) Stangrove Hill (7-7-1848)
Cha^s, lab, & Charlotte
1252 George (6) Hungerford (5-5-1837)
Charles, lab, & Charlotte
1513 George (6) Hungerford (6-3-1840)
Mary, spinster
2222 Joseph (5) Church Lane (5-11-1856)
John, shoemaker, & Martha
1487 Mary Anne (7) Hungerford (1-11-1839)
Charles, lab, & Charlotte
564 Rob^t (8) Hungerford (4-5-1824)
Tho^s, labourer
619 Stephen (6) Hungerford (3-5-1825)
Tho^s, labourer

LAM DIN - see LambdinLAWRENCE

- 910 George (7) Hungerford (4-3-1831)
Sarah, widow
1318 John (6) Hungerford (1-12-1837)
Isaac, post boy, & Amelia
1928 Stephen (8) Eddington (5-2-1851)
Jemima MARSHALL (by her
former husband)
1319 Thomas (5) Hungerford (1-12-1837)
Isaac, post boy, & Amelia

LAY

- 761 Eliza (6) Hungerford (1-2-1828)
Matthew, lab, & Mary (x)

Lay (continued)

- 507 Elizth (6) Hungerford (8-4-1823)
Matt, labourer
- 1994 Elizabeth (5) Stanham Gn (7-4-1852)
William, lab, & Mary Ann
- 426 Harriet (6) Hungerford (6-11-1821)
Matw, labourer
entry signed (x) by Mary
- 1180 HV (10) Hungerford (11-3-1836)
MW, horsekeeper, & Mary
- 2109 Jane (4) Stanham Green (1-11-1854)
William, lab, & Mary Ann
- 590 Wm (5) Hungerford (2-11-1824)
Matt:, labourer

LEADER

- 1415 Charles (7) Kintbury (6-7-1838)
Thos, lab, & Harriet
- 335 Hart (6) Eddington (4-5-1819)
Josh, labourer
(mother is Cath at end of
book where entry signed
by Eliz DAY (x))
- 40 Matilda (7) Hungerford (1-10-1816)
Josh, labourer

LEMON

- 347 George (8) Hungerford (7-9-1819)
- 348 Wm (6)
Aquila, excise officer
entry signed by ----? ()

LEOPARD

- 832 Margaret (5) Hungerford (5-6-1829)
Richd, servant
entry signed (x) Rebecca

LEWINGTON

- 2227 Ann (6) Stanham Green (5-11-1856)
John, carter, & Amelia
- 2228 Frederick (6) Kingsclere (5-11-1856)
William, widower, shepherd

LEWIS

- 719 Elizth (5) Hungerford (3-4-1827)
Josh, lab, & Martha
- 579 Hannah (8) Hungerford (6-7-1824)
Hannah, widow
- 437 John (8) Hungerford (5-2-1822)
John, labourer
entry signed (x) Hannah
- 600 John (6) Hungerford (1-2-1825)
John, labourer
entry signed (x) Martha

LIDDIARD

- 780 Ann (7) Hungerford (11-4-1828)
Thos, sawyer, & Fanny
- 645 Anne (7) Hungerford (7-3-1826)
Thos, labourer
- 1719 Eliza (8) Hungerford (4-4-1845)
William, lab, & Elizabeth
- 629 George (5) Hungerford (5-7-1825)
Thos, labourer
entry signed (x) Sarah
- 42 Helen (10) Hungerford (1-10-1816)
Edwd, gardener
- 1610 Henry (7) the Barracks (8-10-1841)
Wm, lab, & Elizth
- 43 Jane (6) Hungerford (1-10-1816)
Edwd, gardener
- 734 John (8) Chilton (1-6-1827)
John, labourer
- 523 Joseph (9) Hung. Barrow (3-6-1823)
Thos, sawyer
entry signed (x?) Martha
- 1121 Louisa (8) Newtown (3-4-1835)
Thomas, lab, & Sarah
- 1003 Mary (9) Chilton (1-2-1832)
Marianne, widow
- 1833 Sarah (11) Newtown (4-2-1848)
Sarah, widow
- 514 Sarah Elizabeth (9) Chilton (8-4-23)
Thos, labourer
- 833 Stephen (9) Chilton (6-5-1829)
Stephen, labourer
- 321 Thos (8) Chilton (2-2-1819)
Thos, carpenter ()
- 975 Thomas (9) Kintbury (4-5-1832)
George, blacksmith
entry signed (x) Maria
- 1700 Thomas (9) Froxfield (7-2-1845)
John, lab, & Hannah
- 41 Wm (7) Hungerford (1-10-1816)
Edwd, gardener

LOAD

- 799 Thomas (6) Hungerford (7-11-1828)
Wm, lab, & Jane

LOCKEY

- 1628 George (10) Chilton (7-1-1842)
William, lab, & Ann

LOOKER

- 1820 Alfred (8) Hungerford (5-11-1847)
Leah
- 2028 Eliza (12) Church Lane (3-11-1852)
Joseph, lab, & Sarah
- 1821 Eliza Cokes (6) Hungerford (5-11-47)
Josef, lab, & Sarah

(to be continued)

Since I last wrote we have had two Friday evening meetings. In September, Howell Green described how he has succeeded in filling out the historical background to the Boer War diary kept by his grandfather in 1900 when he was sent in a unit of the St John's Ambulance Brigade to South Africa. The slide presentation, accompanied in part by tapes of old music hall songs of the period seemed to evoke that bygone age. I was interested to learn that Boer War relics are housed in the Army Museum in Chelsea Hospital. (The Imperial War Museum in Lambeth is for 1914 and later.) Talk, illustrations, accompanying sound effects and the details of the detective work involved were quite thrilling and a good time was had by all. Perhaps some of us will be inspired to do something similar!

Our October meeting was addressed by Alf Ison - 'Mainly with Beginners in Mind' but to which a lot of non-beginners came along too! The basic workings of St Catherine's House were demonstrated with excellent wall charts. Another point Alf made is that there is usually an element of truth in family legend, which he illustrated by one in his own family. A grandpa who was a 'bridge builder' (and here one imagines another Brunel) turned out to have been a brickie on the railways - which are known, of course, to have several bridges.

By two Friday meetings I meant, of course, those in Reading. The inaugural one at Wantage is covered elsewhere in this issue as I was not able to attend it.

An enormous amount of interest was generated by the Open Day held on 24 October at which 15 new members were enrolled. May of us put in a lot of hard work, but none of it would have been to any avail had it not been for the excellent publicity organised by David Field. Several people said they came as a direct result of hearing our event mentioned on Radio 210 in the morning or after reading about it in the local paper.

Besides these 15 new members there have been another fifty or more since the beginning of August. One of them, Gary Denton (477) wrote, "Greetings from a Berkshire Stray from down under". He says later in his letter that his wife "doesn't share his enthusiasm for chasing up dead relatives and prefers to visit live ones (of which there seems to be an endless supply)". However, she has agreed to help him with some research in the Berkshire RO when they have a lengthy stay in the UK this winter. Then Gary writes, "In return I hope to show her some of Berkshire's beautiful countryside, in particular the Cholsey and Brightwell area. Let's hope it is not raining." As they are arriving in November I would have added - and not snowing, icy, foggy, etc. either.

In response to my request for reports of 'dilute' cousins discovered in BFHS membership, here are two more: 7th cousins (no less!) Mrs Hills (393) and Robert Newland (9). She says he has researched the Bance family back to their common ancestor John, b 1655, and his second wife Jane. So Mr Moss (116) and Miss Roberts (183) who have Lennard/Leonard ancestors in common cannot claim the 'Remotest Cousins Award' as Mr Moss had hoped!

Mr Moss makes another interesting point. "What puzzles me most about genealogy is the sheer number of our ancestors. I read that the population of England in 1086, at the time of Domesday, was approximately 1,250,000 . . . Assuming the average generation gap to be 30 years, and starting from 1981, back in 1861 (120 years) we could expect to have 16 ancestors and so on; in about 30 generations, say to 1081, we could have as many as 1,073,741,824 ancestors! - that is if my arithmetic is right, and my calculator doesn't want a new battery. Where did they all come from . . . ?

Well, I suppose that if you know that your family came from a particular area

of the country, I think it would be fairly certain that you would be distantly related to other such families; but not so likely to be related to families settled at great distances, eg Northumberland and Sussex. It's not only Mr Moss and I who would like to know about this. Does anyone know of a satisfactory explanation? Bearing this in mind, who else can report other 'dilute' cousins? Please let me know.

Cheerio for now.

footnote:

Without wanting to make matters seem worse for Mr Moss (or Liz), the large figure he gives for ancestors after 30 generations is the THEORETICAL NUMBER OF PARENTS in that 30th generation back - the number of ancestors would be almost double that figure, ie 2,147,483,646, (to include everyone from his own parents back). Liz's original question is, in its own way, the answer to the latest one. Though I'm sure that Gilbert and Sullivan must have covered this problem, and its solution, elsewhere in a much more mellifluous and entertaining manner, you will have to settle for mine - until some other member answers the call. If the parents of Bill (say) were second cousins, the eight great-great-grandparents on his father's side of the family and the eight on his mother's side would be only 14 individuals, instead of the theoretical 16. The 'missing' pair (and any degree of cousinship, with its sharing of grandparents, will give rise to such missing pairs), when extended back over the remaining 26 of Mr Moss's thirty generations, give rise to a 'missing 134,217,728 parents' in that 30th generation (or to put it another way - 268,435,454 ancestors). That's waved goodbye to one in eight of that gargantuan 'potential number of parents'. If, on the other hand, Bill's parents had been third cousins, we would have lost one in sixteen. This basic principle can (must) be applied in respect of all cousin-marriages, which must have been fairly common in the small communities of earlier centuries; but I'll leave that for you to get to grips with...

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Reciprocal (or free) research offered

- 490 Mrs E M F Dickson a part time volunteer in Dorset County Museum library, 9 Came View Close would be willing to look up and pass on any information Dorchester Dorset there. Her father was Ernest LEGGE (sea captain b 1874, m 1919, d 1838) youngest of six children of Frederick of 133 Ock St, Abingdon. Due to his late marriage, and long absences at sea, she has no personal anecdotes regarding her grandparents. Frederick was she has no personal anecdotes regarding her grandparents. Frederick was married in 1862 to Sarah Ann SMART, whose father William was a hempdresser. The LEGGES apparently owned a jute mill off Ock St and an uncle, William LEGGE, was twice mayor of Abingdon and had a butcher's shop in Ock Street. Help with them and their forebears please.
- 494 Mr E S H Clode a retired local government officer will research reciprocally in London. He has some information, gleaned from a Portuguese booklet published in Funchal in 1966, about ancestor John who was mayor of Windsor several times between 1825 and 1855. Any details about him, or his forebears, will be welcomed.
- Mrs P H Clode a retired nurse will research in the London area.
(add as above) BLACKALL Goosey, Wantage.
- 497 Mrs Dorothy Beck helps at a local mu and would be happy to look up
- 497 Mrs Dorothy Beck helps at a local museum and would be happy to look up Golden Age Villa information there and in the local Town Hall where some 27 Station Road archives are kept. She has an index to BACKs in Kent. Lydd Help please with the BESLEE family C18 and earlier in Romney Marsh Abingdon. Top priority is the birth/baptism of Thomas Kent TN29 9ED BESLEE c 1715 (who later married and settled in Kent).
- 498 Mrs M A Bell a librarian, will freely research from locally available 6 Owain Close records. She is making a study of the Windsor Forest Cyncoed Cardiff Fencible Regiment of Cavalry formed 1794 and disbanded S Glam CF2 6HN 1800 and is interested in fencible regiments in general.
- 499 Mr F H Dennis a building surveyor for Kent C.C. is interested in E Kent 62 Archers military history. He says there were blacksmiths, carpenters and soldiers in his family. He has a list of PICKETTS Court Road of Sth Leigh, Oxon & GRIGGS of E Kent. He will be prepared Whitfield to search freely for members in E Kent. Dover Kent CLEMENTS Blewbury, HORNIMAN Abingdon 1730, HUGHES Reading 1745, LEE Clewer 1836, PITHER Hagbourne 1680, TITCOMB Hagbourne 1715, WILL-MOTT Cholsey 1710.
- 504 Mr G G H Brien a land manager, will research in Avon and North Somerset. 161 Moorland Road DENTON Abingdon C17-C19. Weston super Mare Avon BS23 4HY

- 505 Mr R C Bowers retired from RAF says that there were traditionally comb-
Road End Cottage makers and brewers in his family. He has an embryo list
Stackland of about 150 names of combmakers. He has an account
Honiton (1627) of the hospital of Christ and the Brotherhood of
Devon the Holy Cross, Abingdon. He will be prepared to research
EX14 9LJ freely for members in Exeter and East Devon.
- 506 Mr H A Druett retired from the Scientific Civil Service will re-
Greenacre Idmiston search in Salisbury.
Salisbury Wilts SP4 0AN DRUETT/DREWETT Cholsey Brk, Berson Henley Oxf.
- 513 Mr D G W Disbury a postal executive, will research in Berkshire London or
44 Hythe Park Rd Alnwick. He has a comprehensive list of officers who
Egham Surrey served in the Civil War. He is very interested in the
TW20 8YA history of the Vale of the White Horse.
DISBURY Brk pre 1760, KIMEREY Brk/Oxf Cl8 and earlier.
- 519 Mr C Chaney a bank clerk, will research locally and is interested in
48 Bean Oak Road the history of Wokingham. HARRIS Aldermaston and Reading
Wokingham (connected with BUY, APPELGARTH, WICKENS, MORRIS, VALPY),
RG11 1DN CHANEY W Woodhay & W Hanney, HUGGINS Blewbury & Reading.
- 526 Mrs Joan A Frazier has been researching for about ten years. She will re-
The White House search reciprocally in Nottingham. She has records of
Manor Park the WARD and PAYN families since 1767. The families
Ruddington came from Faringdon and Maidenhead respectively. Also
Nottinghamshire of interest are the SCUDAMORES who may have come from
NG11 6OS Berkshire too.
- 538 Mrs J S Dobson writes that the PYE family she is tracing comes from Hef,
Dunelm but "pre 1811 the trail runs cold". She says, "I am try-
Black Dyke Lane ing to trace a Lady Georgina PYE and her cousin (name not
Upper Poppleton known) who were at the court of George I (or at least I
York think that would be the monarch, judging from the dresses
of the two ladies in the portraits belonging to the fam-
ily). . . . Faringdon churchyard is said to be haunted by the headless
ghost of Hampden PYE, an officer in Cl8 Royal Navy. His step-mother bribed
his captain to have his head blown off in a naval engagement. Soon after,
his headless ghost appeared to sit beside his step-mother in her coach. His
spectre also haunted the captain. . . . In 1790 Hampden's cousin, Henry
James FYE of Faringdon Hall, became Poet Laureate to George III." She
wonders whether the Hef branch are related to the Brk one? She would also
be very interested to hear from any member if they are willing to help. She
has access to the Borthwick Institute in York.

General

- 41 Mrs Mary Biggs writes that her house was built by Alexander Theophilix
1 Forest End House ELAKELEY in 1868 as recorded on the foundation stone.
Sandhurst Berks If any member knows of anyone living in Berkshire of
that name she would like to know please. She is hoping
to develop family trees for successive owners of the house.
- 344 Mr B Y Baker writes that he has been researching his wife's mother's
12 Pearsons Close ancestors - the PRINCEs of North Heath, Winterbourne
Rotherham near Newbury. In particular he is stuck for the baptism
3 Yorks S65 3BU of Jeremiah bc 1806. And where did he and his son James
go after 1847? (Some of Jeremiah's children were in the
Newbury workhouse in 1851.)

- 347 Mrs Diana Wetherell says that she is compiling an index of JOSEYS (and
28 Betchworth Avenue variants) mainly in Berks but would gratefully accept
Earley any references to this name. She wants the baptism
Reading of Timothy JOSE c 1660 and also the marriage of his
Berkshire parents, Timothy and Mary.
- 457 Mr Bernard & (Bernard is a bank official) are searching their own
Mrs Janet Bitmead name, including many variants in spelling, such as
184 West Drayton Road BIDMEAD etc. Mary BITMEAD baptised about 1770 (but
Hillingdon Middlesex where?) married William COCK at Lewknor in 1805. His
UB8 3LL baptism too please. Neither were baptised there.
When and where did they die? He writes, "I then hope
to connect her and her children, born to her as Bitmead, to the main family
tree. It is from her first son, William, that our 'relatives' in Australia
are descended".
- 470 Mr M J C Copus a genealogist and record agent, will research profession-
17 Oakdale Road ally. He has many indexes relating to the Tunbridge area
Tunbridge Wells including the 1851 census and to Kent non-conformists.
Kent FERRIS, FERRIER, etc. pre 1680, COPUS pre 1900, ANDERSON
TN4 8DS Wallingford pre 1800, KING Wokingham pre 1800 and PORTER
Reading pre 1820.
- 478 Mr G E Perrett a curator, hopes soon to have a book published on his
3 Hetling Court family and their old family home in Wiltshire. Some of
Bath Avon the PERRETTs may have strayed into Berkshire, any ref-
BAL 1SH erences to them will be welcomed.
- 491 Mr & Mrs J F W Waters are interested in their name especially from Great
8 Colyton Way Bedwyn, Wiltshire.
Purley Park Reading Mr Waters is a telephone engineer.
- 493 Mrs Alexis Parisotto wants to discover the birth of Eliza CLEWETT (her
P O Box 670 great-great-great-grandmother) c 1856 whose parents
Ayr were Edwin and Emily but she doesn't know Emily's
North Queensland maiden name. Edwin was a station master - where?
Australia Help please!
- 496 Mr Philip A D Davies a school teacher has Kintbury connections:
30 Cefn Lane Glyncoch late C18 - CRIPPS, CASBOURNE and INGE, and
Pontypridd Mid Glamorgan mid C19 PONTIN(G).
- 501 Mr E A George is a retired sales manager.
3 Shinfield Rise GEORGE, LAMBOURNE both Reading pre 1840.
Reading RG2 8EA
- 503 Mrs Iris F E Lloyd wife and mother, voluntary worker and company secretary
Iden House of a family business, may do some research for members
Hermitage on a professional basis from time to time. She is
Newbury interested in the local history of Hermitage and Curr-
RG16 9RG idge. Her ancestors came from London and West Country.
- 509 Mrs J Giacchetto a secretary, has interests in Somerset, Dorset
5 Goodwin Close and Northamptonshire.
Calcot Reading RG3 5ZW
- 520 Mr R J Strike a data manager has been researching his own name
48 Pinkneys Road for about a year. They came from Winkfield.
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